

Hours Worked (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: September 2017

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Monthly original hours worked estimates are sensitive to the timing of the Labour Force Survey, particularly around the New Year and Easter holidays. Hours worked data are reported in 12-month moving averages, so year-on-year comparisons can be made that are not greatly affected by the timing of the Survey.

Recent performance

The ABS estimated that Tasmanian aggregate hours worked was unchanged in the year to September 2017 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated aggregate hours worked decreased by 0.4 per cent in the same period. The Tasmanian employment level was estimated to have increased by 1.8 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

The ABS estimated that Tasmanian average hours worked per week decreased by 1.8 per cent, to 30.6 hours per week, in the year to September 2017 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated average hours worked decreased by 2.0 per cent to 32.0 hours per week.

Aggregate hours worked in Tasmania decreased from mid-2011 to late 2013, before growing strongly from early 2014 to early 2015. Since that time, aggregate hours working in Tasmania has fluctuated (Chart 1).

In the year to September 2017, the estimated aggregate hours worked by full-time employed Tasmanians decreased by 1.1 per cent compared to the previous year, while aggregate hours worked by part-time employed persons increased by 4.7 per cent in the same period.

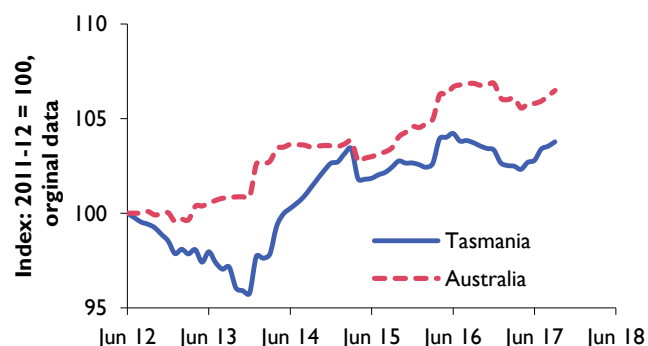
In the year to September 2017, the number of aggregate part-time hours worked by Tasmanians represented 20.0 per cent of all hours worked, compared to 16.8 per cent of all hours worked nationally. This difference is due to a higher share of part-time employment in Tasmania.

Table 1: Average hours worked, employment and aggregate hours worked percentage change by jurisdiction, September 2017, 12-month moving average original data

| Original | Average | | Aggregate |
|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | Hours Worked | Employment | |
| NSW | -2.3 | 0.9 | -1.4 |
| Vic | -2.0 | 3.6 | 1.5 |
| Qld | -2.0 | 0.9 | -1.1 |
| SA | -1.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 |
| WA | -0.7 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| Tas | -1.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| NT | -4.8 | 2.7 | -2.1 |
| ACT | -3.0 | 1.9 | -1.1 |
| Aus | -2.0 | 1.6 | -0.4 |

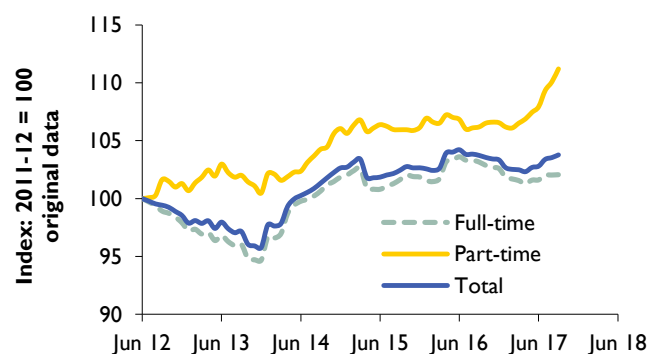
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Chart 1: Aggregate hours worked, Australia and Tasmania, 12-month moving average original data



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Chart 2: Aggregate hours worked by employment status, Tasmania, 12-month moving average original data



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Table 2: Aggregate hours worked per week, Tasmania and Australia, year-average original data

| Year-average original data | Tasmania | | | | Australia | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Sep 16 | Jul 17 | Aug 17 | Sep 17 | Sep 16 | Jul 17 | Aug 17 | Sep 17 |
| Total hours ('000) | 7 415 | 7 391 | 7 401 | 7 418 | 388 556 | 385 172 | 386 161 | 387 189 |
| year-to change (%) | 1.3 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 3.3 | -0.8 | -0.6 | -0.4 |
| Full-time total hours ('000) | 5 996 | 5 930 | 5 931 | 5 932 | 324 758 | 320 405 | 321 268 | 322 271 |
| year-to change (%) | 1.5 | -1.3 | -1.2 | -1.1 | 2.8 | -1.4 | -1.2 | -0.8 |
| Part-time total hours ('000) | 1 419 | 1 461 | 1 471 | 1 486 | 63 798 | 64 767 | 64 893 | 64 917 |
| year-to change (%) | 0.2 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 |

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Table 3: Average hours worked per week, Tasmania and Australia, year-average original data

| Year-average original data | Tasmania | | | | Australia | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Sep 16 | Jul 17 | Aug 17 | Sep 17 | Sep 16 | Jul 17 | Aug 17 | Sep 17 |
| Total average hours | 31.1 | 30.7 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 32.6 | 31.9 | 32.0 | 32.0 |
| year-to change (%) | 2.3 | -1.4 | -1.8 | -1.8 | 1.1 | -2.2 | -2.1 | -2.0 |
| Full-time average hours | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.9 | 39.8 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.0 |
| year-to change (%) | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.6 | -2.0 | -1.9 | -1.9 |
| Part-time average hours | 17.0 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.8 |
| year-to change (%) | 3.5 | -2.7 | -3.1 | -3.0 | 1.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.9 |

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