

Hours Worked (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: April 2018

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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 increased 1.9 per cent in the year to April 2018 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated aggregate hours worked increased by 2.3 per cent in the same period. The Tasmanian employment level was estimated to have increased by 3.2 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

The ABS estimated that Tasmanian average hours worked per week decreased by 1.2 per cent, to 30.3 hours per week, in the year to April 2018 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated average hours worked decreased by 0.6 per cent to 31.8 hours per week.

Aggregate hours worked in Tasmania decreased from mid-2011 to late 2013, before growing strongly to early 2015. Aggregate hours worked in Tasmania has fluctuated since early 2015, but has generally increased modestly over the past year (Chart 1).

In the year to April 2018, the estimated aggregate hours worked by full-time employed Tasmanians increased by 0.7 per cent compared to the previous year and aggregate hours worked by part-time employed persons increased by 6.9 per cent in the same period.

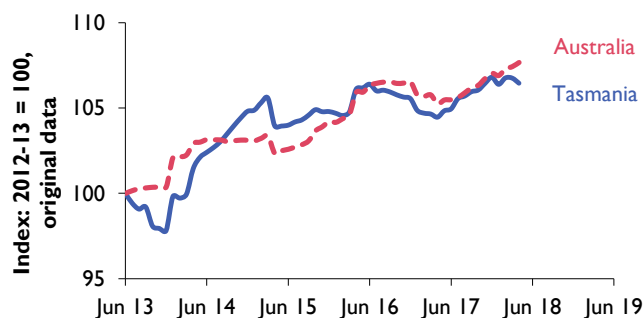
In the year to April 2018, the number of aggregate part-time hours worked by Tasmanians represented 20.5 per cent of all hours worked, compared to 16.7 per cent of all hours worked nationally. This difference is due to a higher share of part-time employment in Tasmania.

Table 1: Average hours worked, employment and aggregate hours worked percentage change by jurisdiction, April 2018, 12-month moving average original data

Original	Average		Aggregate
	Hours Worked	Employment	Hours Worked
NSW	-0.1	2.7	2.6
Vic	-1.2	3.0	1.7
Qld	-0.4	3.9	3.5
SA	-0.4	2.0	1.6
WA	-0.6	2.3	1.8
Tas	-1.2	3.2	1.9
NT	-2.4	-2.1	-4.4
ACT	0.0	3.0	3.0
Aus	-0.6	2.9	2.3

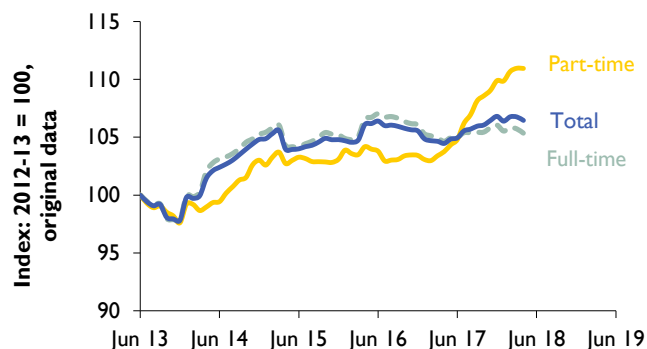
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Chart 1: Aggregate hours worked, Australia and Tasmania, 12-month moving average original data



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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			
	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
Total hours ('000)	7 319	7 480	7 479	7 458	385 162	392 637	393 122	394 016
year-to change (%)	-1.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	-0.6	1.5	1.6	2.3
Full-time total hours ('000)	5 890	5 956	5 951	5 931	320 597	327 077	327 354	328 093
year-to change (%)	-1.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	-1.3	1.5	1.6	2.3
Part-time total hours ('000)	1 429	1 524	1 528	1 528	64 564	65 560	65 767	65 923
year-to change (%)	-0.4	7.5	7.3	6.9	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.1

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

Year-average original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
Total average hours	30.7	30.4	30.4	30.3	32.0	31.9	31.8	31.8
year-to change (%)	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.9	-1.1	-1.2	-0.6
Full-time average hours	38.6	38.8	38.7	38.5	39.1	38.8	38.8	38.8
year-to change (%)	0.0	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.5	-1.4	-1.5	-0.9
Part-time average hours	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8
year-to change (%)	-2.6	-0.9	-0.6	0.0	-1.0	-0.5	-0.6	0.0

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