

# Labour Force (ABS Cat No 6202.0)

Latest month: January 2018

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All data referred to in the commentary below are trend data, which are recommended for smaller jurisdictions like Tasmania. However, seasonally adjusted and original data have been presented in some tables of this release for comparative purposes.

Due to rounding, the sum of some estimates, such as changes in full-time and part-time employment, may not sum to the aggregate estimates.

## Features

Tasmanian employment was estimated to have increased by 200 persons (0.1 per cent) from the previous month to 246 200 persons in January 2018. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2 per cent over the same period.

The estimated level of employment in Tasmania in January 2018 was 6 500 persons (2.7 per cent) above the level recorded in January 2017.

Full-time employment was estimated to have remained unchanged at 152 300 persons in January 2018 compared to the previous month but was 1 300 persons (0.9 per cent) above the level one year earlier.

Part-time employment was estimated to have increased by 200 persons (0.3 per cent) to 93 900 persons in January 2018 compared to the previous month and was up 5 100 persons (or 5.8 per cent) from the level in January 2017.

The number of unemployed persons in Tasmania was estimated to have decreased by 200 persons (1.7 per cent) to 14 800 persons in January 2018 compared to the previous month and was 400 persons (2.8 per cent) lower than in January 2017.

The estimated unemployment rate in Tasmania was 5.7 per cent in January 2018, down 0.1 of a percentage point from the previous month and 0.3 of a percentage point below the level one year earlier (Chart 2). Tasmania's estimated trend unemployment rate was 0.2 of a percentage point higher than the national rate in January 2018.

**Table 1: Labour force, Tasmania and Australia, January 2018, trend and seasonally adjusted data**

Trend	Tas	Aus
Level of employment ('000)	246.2	12 446.6
Monthly employment growth	0.1	0.2
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	5.5
Participation rate (%)	60.9	65.6
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>		
Level of employment ('000)	246.2	12 453.5
Monthly employment growth	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	5.5
Participation rate (%)	60.6	65.6

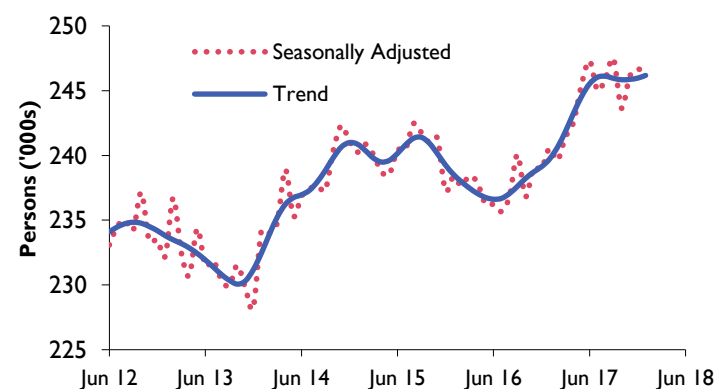
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**Table 2: Labour force by jurisdiction, January 2018, trend data**

Trend	Emp cf Dec 17 (%)	UR (%)	PR (%)
NSW	0.2	4.8	64.4
Vic	0.1	5.7	66.1
Qld	0.1	6.0	66.1
SA	0.1	6.0	62.3
WA	0.1	6.0	68.4
<b>Tas</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>60.9</b>
NT	0.2	4.6	76.2
ACT	0.3	4.0	72.9
<b>Aus</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>65.6</b>

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**Chart 1: Tasmanian employment, trend and seasonally adjusted data**



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Tasmania's estimated unemployment rate in January 2018 was equal fourth lowest in the country, with Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia all being higher (at 6.0 per cent) and Victoria also at 5.7 per cent.

The estimated participation rate in Tasmania was 60.9 per cent in January 2018, unchanged from December 2017, but 1.0 percentage point higher than the rate in January 2017. In January 2018, the gap between the Tasmanian and national participation rates was 4.7 percentage points (Chart 3). Some of this gap is due to Tasmania's older population structure.

Tasmania's labour force was estimated to have remained unchanged at 261 000 persons in January 2018 compared to the previous month but was 6 000 persons higher than the level one year earlier.

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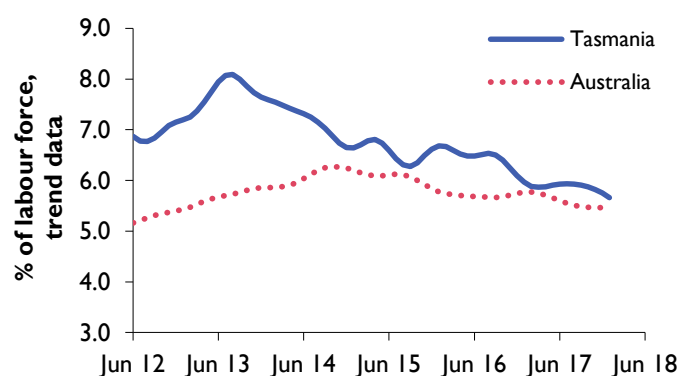
The total estimated trend employment level increased from June 2016 to August 2017, mostly due to increasing female employment. However, the level of total employment has remained steady since that time.

Through the year to January 2018, total male employment decreased by 0.7 per cent (800 persons), due to a decrease in male full-time employment (down 3 500 persons to 97 400 persons). Male part-time employment increased (by 2 600 persons) to 28 800 persons over that period.

Total female employment increased by 6.5 per cent (7 300 persons) through the year to January 2018, due to an increase in both female full-time employment (up 4 800 persons to 54 900 persons) and female part-time employment (up 2 500 persons to 65 100 persons) over the same period.

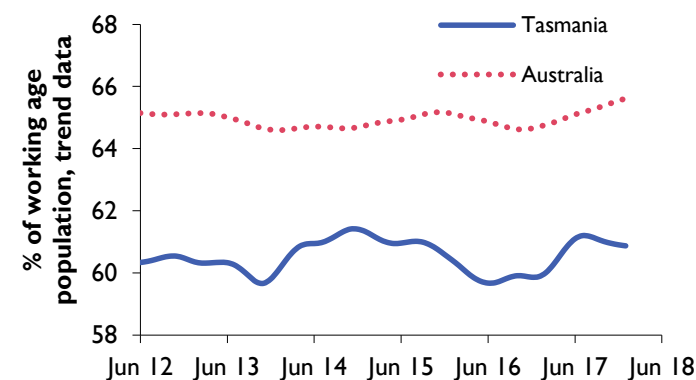
The male participation rate in Tasmania was down 0.8 of a percentage point through the year to January 2018 to 64.0 per cent, while the female participation rate increased by 2.8 percentage points to 57.9 per cent over the same period.

Chart 2: Unemployment rates, Tasmania and Australia, trend data



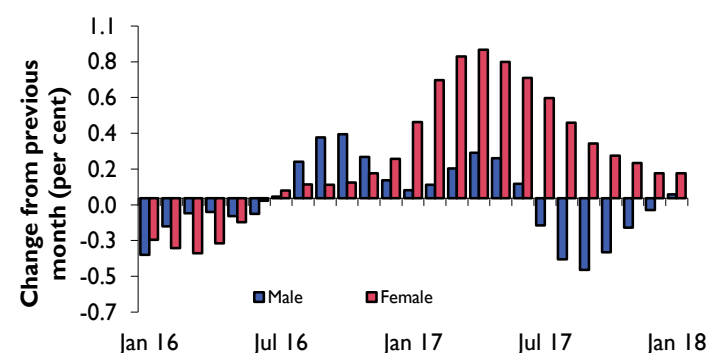
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Chart 3: Participation rates, Tasmania and Australia, trend data



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Chart 4: Growth in male and female employment, Tasmania, trend data



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Table 3: Key labour force data, Tasmania and Australia

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Jan 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Jan 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18
<b>Employment, trend ('000)</b>	239.7	245.9	246.0	246.2	12 051.7	12 395.2	12 423.6	12 446.6
monthly change ('000)	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	25.8	31.3	28.4	23.0
monthly change (%)	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
annual change (%)	0.5	3.0	2.9	2.7	0.9	3.2	3.3	3.3
<b>Employment, sa* ('000)</b>	240.5	246.1	246.7	246.2	12 050.2	12 404.0	12 437.5	12 453.5
monthly change ('000)	1.6	2.4	0.6	-0.5	15.8	62.7	33.5	16.0
monthly change (%)	0.7	1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1
annual change (%)	0.9	2.9	3.2	2.4	1.0	3.2	3.3	3.3
<b>Employment, original+ ('000)</b>	238.0	243.8	244.4	244.9	11 994.5	12 214.7	12 248.8	12 282.9
year-average change (%)	-0.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.4
<b>Unemployment, trend ('000)</b>	15.2	15.2	15.0	14.8	738.2	715.9	717.6	720.2
monthly change ('000)	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	5.0	0.8	1.7	2.6
<b>Unemployment, sa* ('000)</b>	14.4	15.0	16.1	13.8	724.2	709.2	731.7	723.8
monthly change ('000)	-1.7	-0.6	1.1	-2.3	-14.9	5.2	22.5	-7.9
<b>Unemployment, original+ ('000)</b>	16.3	15.3	15.3	15.2	722.7	726.3	725.7	725.9
year-average change (%)	-3.1	-7.8	-7.3	-6.4	-4.7	0.3	0.0	0.4
<b>Unemployment rate, trend (%)</b>	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.5
monthly change (pp)	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unemployment rate, sa* (%)</b>	5.7	5.7	6.1	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.5
monthly change (pp)	-0.6	-0.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1
<b>Unemployment rate, original+ (%)</b>	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
year-average change (pp)	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Participation rate, trend (%)</b>	59.9	61.0	60.9	60.9	64.7	65.5	65.5	65.6
monthly change (pp)	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Participation rate, sa* (%)</b>	59.9	60.9	61.3	60.6	64.6	65.5	65.7	65.6
monthly change (pp)	0.0	0.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
<b>Participation rate, original+ (%)</b>	59.9	60.7	60.8	60.9	64.8	65.1	65.1	65.2
year-average change (pp)	-1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4

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**Table 3: Key labour force data, Tasmania and Australia (continued)**

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Jan 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Jan 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18
<b>Labour force, trend ('000)</b>	254.9	261.1	261.0	261.0	12 789.9	13 111.0	13 141.2	13 166.8
monthly change (%)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
annual change (%)	-0.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.9	3.0	3.0	2.9
<b>Labour force, sa* ('000)</b>	255.0	261.0	262.8	260.0	12 774.4	13 113.3	13 169.2	13 177.4
monthly change (%)	0.0	0.7	0.7	-1.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1
annual change (%)	-0.1	2.3	3.1	2.0	0.6	2.8	3.1	3.2
<b>Labour force, original+ ('000)</b>	254.2	259.1	259.7	260.2	12 717.2	12 941.0	12 974.6	13 008.8
year-average change (%)	-1.1	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.2	1.9	2.1	2.3
<b>Participation rate, trend (%)</b>								
<b>Male</b>	64.8	64.3	64.1	64.0	70.3	70.8	70.9	70.9
monthly change (pp)	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
annual change (pp)	-0.6	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6
<b>Female</b>	55.1	57.7	57.8	57.9	59.3	60.3	60.4	60.5
monthly change (pp)	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
annual change (pp)	-0.6	2.9	2.9	2.8	-0.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
<b>Employment, trend ('000)</b>								
<b>Full-time</b>	150.9	152.5	152.3	152.3	8 203.0	8 475.3	8 486.4	8 495.2
monthly change (%)	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
annual change (%)	-2.7	0.8	1.0	0.9	-0.2	3.7	3.7	3.6
share of employed persons (%)	63.0	62.0	61.9	61.8	68.1	68.4	68.3	68.3
<b>Part-time</b>	88.8	93.4	93.7	93.9	3 848.6	3 919.9	3 937.2	3 951.4
monthly change (%)	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
annual change (%)	6.5	6.8	6.1	5.8	3.4	2.1	2.4	2.7
share of employed persons (%)	37.0	38.0	38.1	38.2	31.9	31.6	31.7	31.7
<b>Male</b>	127.0	126.3	126.2	126.2	6 440.0	6 589.3	6 600.0	6 608.1
monthly change (%)	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
annual change (%)	0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	0.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
share of employed persons (%)	53.0	51.3	51.3	51.3	53.4	53.2	53.1	53.1
<b>Female</b>	112.7	119.6	119.8	120.0	5 611.7	5 805.8	5 823.6	5 838.5
monthly change (%)	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
annual change (%)	0.1	6.9	6.8	6.5	1.2	3.8	4.0	4.0
share of employed persons (%)	47.0	48.7	48.7	48.7	46.6	46.8	46.9	46.9

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