

Labour Market and Related Payments Profile

Latest month: July 2017

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The Profile reports statistical information on the various types of labour market payments to job seekers delivered by the Department of Human Services on behalf of the Department of Social Services.

Long-term job seekers are defined as those who have been receiving income support payments for 12 months or longer.

Recent performance

The number of job seekers receiving income support in Tasmania increased by 0.4 per cent in July 2017 compared to the previous month. Nationally, the number of job seekers decreased by 0.4 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

Compared to the same period in the previous year, half of the jurisdictions recorded an increase in the number of job seekers receiving income support in July 2017. In percentage terms, Western Australia recorded the highest increase (up 14.0 per cent), followed by the Northern Territory (up 6.7 per cent), while the largest decrease was recorded in South Australia (down 5.6 per cent) in this period (Table 1).

The number of Tasmanian job seekers receiving income support accounted for 6.0 per cent of Tasmania's labour force in July 2017, compared to 4.0 per cent nationally (Table 2). Tasmania had the second highest rate of job seekers receiving income support of all jurisdictions as a proportion of its labour force in this period, behind the Northern Territory.

The number of Tasmanian job seekers receiving income support in July 2017 comprised around 3.0 per cent of the State's population, compared to 2.1 per cent nationally.

Table 1: Number of job seekers by jurisdiction, July 2017, original data

<i>Original</i>	Number ('000s)	monthly change (%)	annual change (%)
NSW	132.5	-0.1	-2.7
Vic	108.9	-0.5	-2.1
Qld	122.8	-1.1	0.4
SA	43.3	-1.1	-5.6
WA	70.3	0.9	14.0
Tas	15.5	0.4	2.0
NT	13.8	-0.8	6.7
ACT	4.3	-1.0	-4.4
Aus	511.3	-0.4	0.3

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LABOUR AND RELATED PAYMENTS PROFILE: TABLE 5

Table 2: Number of job seekers as a proportion of the population and labour force by jurisdiction, July 2017, original data

<i>Original</i>	As a proportion of population (%)	As a proportion of labour force (%)
NSW	1.4	3.3
Vic	1.7	3.3
Qld	2.5	4.8
SA	2.5	4.9
WA	2.7	4.9
Tas	3.0	6.0
NT	5.6	10.1
ACT	1.0	1.9
Aus	2.1	4.0

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LABOUR AND RELATED PAYMENTS PROFILE: TABLE 5 AND LABOUR FORCE, ABS CAT NO 6202.0: TABLE 12

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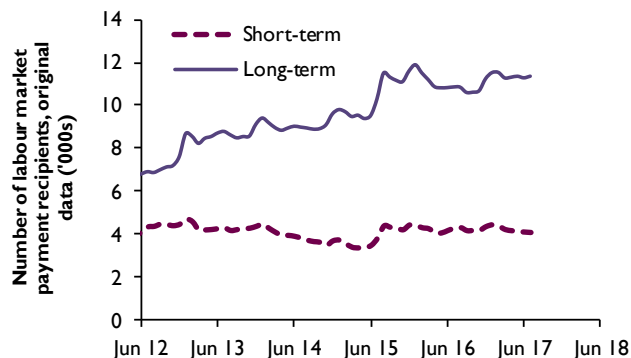
In Tasmania, the number of short-term job seekers receiving income support payments decreased by 0.5 per cent in July 2017 compared to the previous month, while long-term job seekers receiving income support increased by 0.7 per cent in the same period (Chart 1).

At a regional level, the number of job seekers receiving income support increased by 1.4 per cent in the West and North West region and by 0.6 per cent in the Hobart and South East region in July 2017 compared to the previous period. The Launceston and North East region decreased by 0.7 per cent in the same period.

Analysis

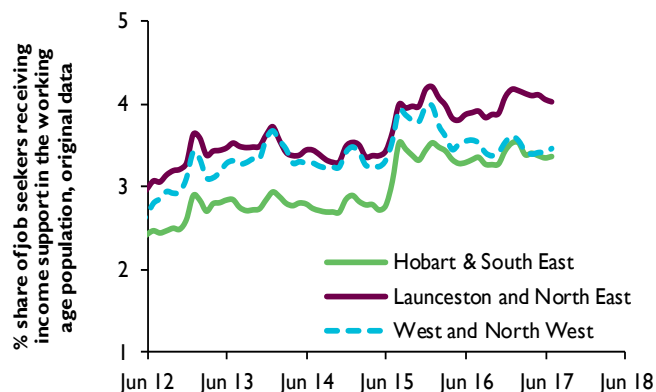
The data on labour market payments differ from the unemployment estimates from the ABS *Labour Force Survey* due to different definitions and enumeration methods. While the estimates are not directly comparable, the series tended to move together prior to July 2009 but diverged from late 2011 to mid-2015 (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Number of job seekers by duration of benefits, Tasmania, original data



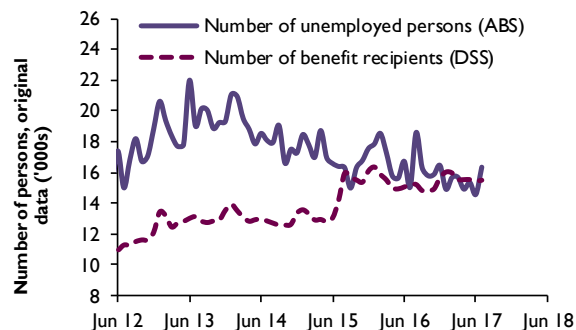
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Chart 2: Share of the working age population classified as job seekers by region, original date



SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LABOUR AND RELATED PAYMENTS PROFILE: TABLE 7 AND LABOUR FORCE DETAILED, ABS CAT NO 6291.0.55.001, TABLE 16

Chart 3: Number of income support payments and level of unemployment, Tasmania, original data



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Table 3: Key Data – Number of job seekers receiving income support payments, Tasmania, original data

	Jul 16	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17
NUMBER OF JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS				
Total	15 161	15 508	15 410	15 465
By region*				
Hobart & South East	7 056	7 210	7 157	7 197
Bridgewater	1 161	1 200	1 200	1 202
Glenorchy	1 880	1 962	1 962	1 987
Hobart	1 780	1 776	1 749	1 769
Huonville	490	502	477	478
Rosny Park	1 745	1 770	1 769	1 761
Launceston and North East	4 632	4 912	4 847	4 815
West and North West	3 340	3 217	3 222	3 266
Burnie	1 699	1 644	1 655	1 687
Devonport	1 641	1 573	1 567	1 579
Other	66	79	78	79
By duration of income support payments				
Short-term job seekers	4 305	4 154	4 130	4 109
Long-term job seekers	10 856	11 354	11 280	11 356
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH				
Total	0.9	0.0	-0.6	0.4
By region				
Hobart & South East	1.1	-0.8	-0.7	0.6
Bridgewater	-3.7	0.7	0.0	0.2
Glenorchy	2.4	-0.8	0.0	1.3
Hobart	2.6	-1.6	-1.5	1.1
Huonville	3.6	-1.0	-5.0	0.2
Rosny Park	1.0	-1.0	-0.1	-0.5
Launceston and North East	0.7	0.2	-1.3	-0.7
West and North West	0.4	0.6	0.2	1.4
Burnie	0.1	-0.3	0.7	1.9
Devonport	0.7	1.5	-0.4	0.8
By duration of income support payments				
Short-term job seekers	2.4	-0.9	-0.6	-0.5
Long-term job seekers	0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.7

* The breakdown of job seekers by region may not add to the total due to rounding.

SOURCE: AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LABOUR AND RELATED PAYMENTS PROFILE : TABLES 5 & 7

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