

Regional Labour Markets (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: April 2018

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The ABS publishes estimates for Hobart and the South East region separately. They have been combined for the purposes of this release and estimates of the participation rate for this combined region have been derived from other sources.

Monthly original estimates are highly volatile at a regional level and consequently year-average original figures are reported. Trend and seasonally adjusted data are not available for regional labour market data.

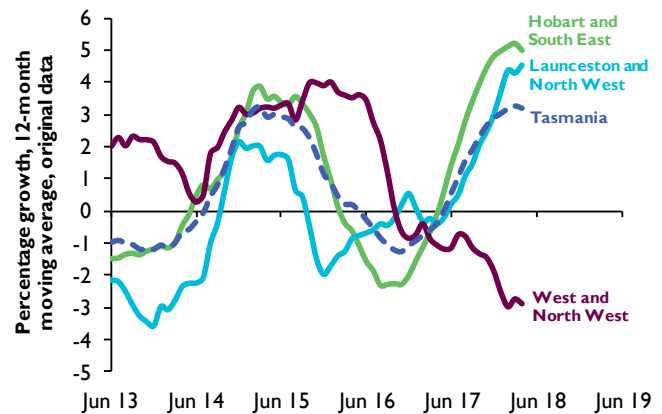
Recent performance

The ABS estimated that employment increased by 3.2 per cent (in original percentage terms) overall in Tasmania in the year to April 2018, compared to the previous year. In the year to April 2018, the Hobart and South East region recorded an increase (up 5.0 per cent or 6 100 persons), as did the Launceston and North East region (up 4.6 per cent or 2 900 persons), while the West and North West region (down 2.9 per cent or 1 400 persons) recorded a decrease compared to the previous year (Chart 1).

The ABS estimated that the year-average unemployment rate declined by 0.3 of a percentage point overall in Tasmania in the year to April 2018, compared to the same period one year earlier. The year-average unemployment rate decreased in the Launceston and North East region (down 1.2 percentage points) and Hobart and South East region (down 0.2 of a percentage point), while the West and North West region (up 0.4 of a percentage point) recorded an increase compared to the previous year.

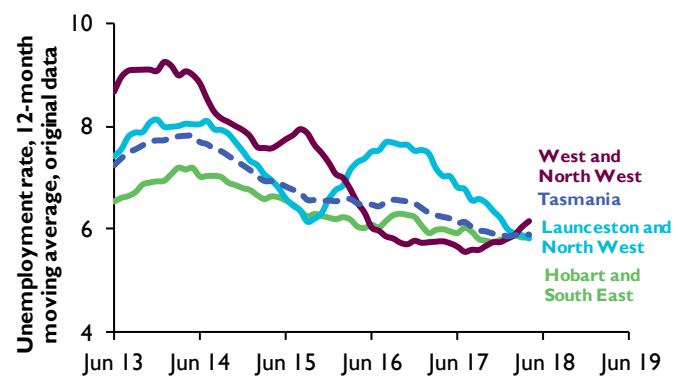
The ABS estimated that in the year to April 2018, the overall participation rate in Tasmania increased by 1.2 percentage points compared to the previous year. The participation rate increased in Hobart and the South East region (up 2.1 percentage points) and Launceston and the North East region (up 1.5 percentage points), while it decreased in the West and North West region (down 1.6 percentage points) in the same period (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Regional employment growth, 12-month moving average, Tasmania, original data



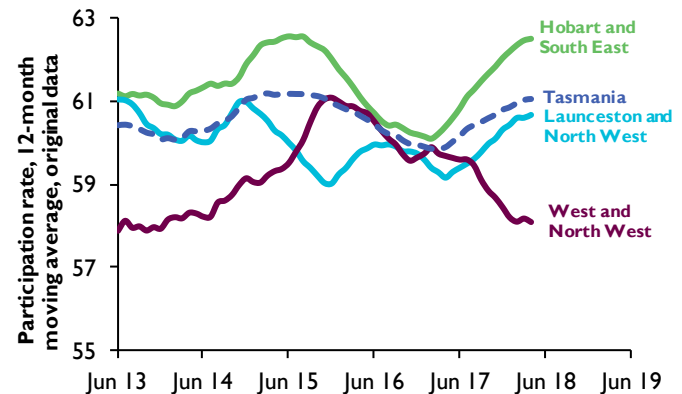
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Chart 2: Regional unemployment rates, 12-month moving average, Tasmania, original data



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Chart 3: Regional participation rates, 12-month moving average, Tasmania, original data



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Table 1: Tasmanian regional labour markets, original data

<i>Original data, year-average</i>	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
Employment ('000)				
Hobart and South East	122.4	127.8	128.2	128.5
Launceston and North East	65.1	67.8	67.9	68.0
West and North West	51.3	50.0	50.0	49.9
Tasmania	238.8	245.6	246.1	246.3
Employment, change from prev year average ('000)				
Hobart and South East	-0.1	6.2	6.3	6.1
Launceston and North East	-0.2	2.8	2.8	2.9
West and North West	-0.6	-1.5	-1.4	-1.4
Tasmania	-0.9	7.5	7.7	7.5
Employment, change from prev year average (%)				
Hobart and South East	-0.1	5.1	5.2	5.0
Launceston and North East	-0.4	4.4	4.3	4.6
West and North West	-1.1	-3.0	-2.8	-2.9
Tasmania	-0.4	3.2	3.2	3.2
Participation rate (%)				
Hobart and South East	60.4	62.4	62.5	62.5
Launceston and North East	59.2	60.6	60.6	60.7
West and North West	59.7	58.1	58.2	58.1
Tasmania	59.9	61.0	61.0	61.1
Participation rate, pp change from prev year				
Hobart and South East	-0.7	2.3	2.3	2.1
Launceston and North East	-0.6	1.2	1.3	1.5
West and North West	-1.1	-1.8	-1.5	-1.6
Tasmania	-0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2
Unemployment rate (%)				
Hobart and South East	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8
Launceston and North East	7.0	5.9	5.9	5.8
West and North West	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.2
Tasmania	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.9
Unemployment rate, pp change from prev year				
Hobart and South East	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Launceston and North East	-0.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.2
West and North West	-0.7	0.1	0.3	0.4
Tasmania	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3

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