

Regional Labour Markets (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: January 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.

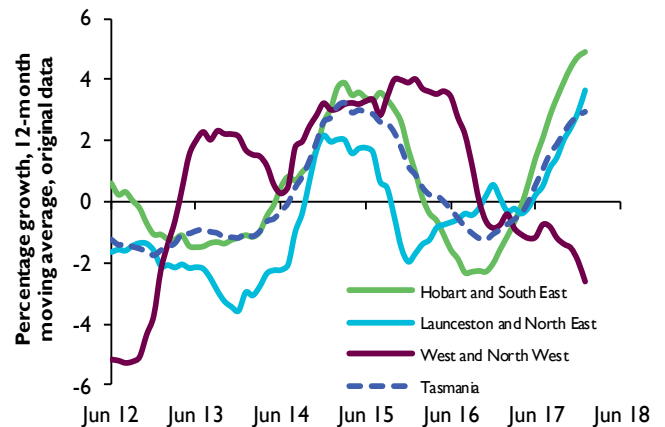
Recent performance

The ABS estimated that employment increased by 2.9 per cent (in original percentage terms) overall in Tasmania in the year to January 2018, compared to the previous year. In the year to January 2018, the Hobart and South East region recorded an increase (up 4.9 per cent or 6 000 persons), as did the Launceston and North East region (up 3.6 per cent or 2 400 persons), while the West and North West region (down 2.6 per cent or 1 300 persons) recorded a decrease compared to the previous year (Chart 1).

The ABS estimated that the year-average unemployment rate declined 0.5 of a percentage point overall in Tasmania in the year to January 2018, compared to the same period one year earlier. The year-average unemployment rate decreased in the Launceston and North East region (down 1.5 percentage points) and in the Hobart and South East region (down 0.3 of a percentage point) (Chart 2), but increased in the West and North West region (up 0.1 of a percentage point) in the same period.

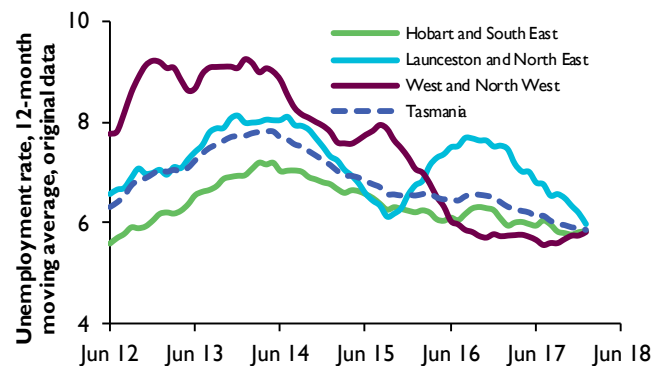
The ABS estimated that in the year to January 2018, the overall participation rate in Tasmania increased by one percentage point compared to the previous year. The participation rate decreased in the West and North West region (down 1.5 percentage points), while Hobart and the South East region (up two percentage points), as well as Launceston and the North East region (up 0.8 of a percentage point), increased in the same period (Chart 3).

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



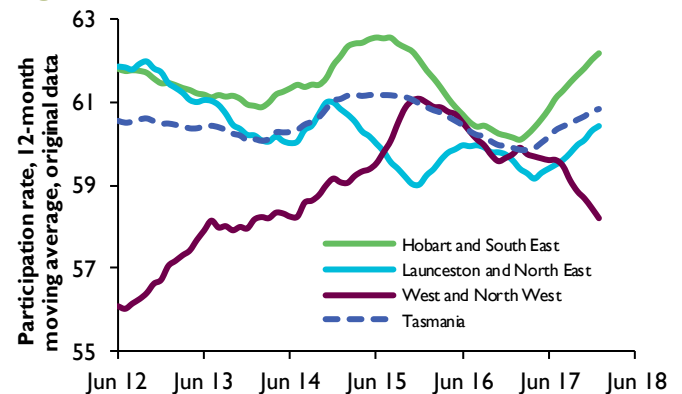
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Chart 2: Regional unemployment rates, 12-month moving average, Tasmania, original data



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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>	Jan 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18
Employment ('000)				
Hobart and South East	121.4	126.5	127.0	127.4
Launceston and North East	65.1	66.8	67.2	67.5
West and North West	51.4	50.5	50.3	50.1
Tasmania	238.0	243.8	244.4	244.9
Employment, change from prev year average ('000)				
Hobart and South East	-2.0	5.3	5.8	6.0
Launceston and North East	0.1	1.6	1.9	2.4
West and North West	-0.4	-0.8	-1.0	-1.3
Tasmania	-2.2	6.1	6.6	6.9
Employment, change from prev year average (%)				
Hobart and South East	-1.6	4.4	4.7	4.9
Launceston and North East	0.1	2.4	2.9	3.6
West and North West	-0.8	-1.5	-1.9	-2.6
Tasmania	-0.9	2.6	2.8	2.9
Participation rate (%)				
Hobart and South East	60.2	61.8	62.0	62.2
Launceston and North East	59.6	60.1	60.3	60.4
West and North West	59.7	58.7	58.4	58.2
Tasmania	59.9	60.7	60.8	60.9
Participation rate, pp change from prev year				
Hobart and South East	-1.6	1.6	1.8	2.0
Launceston and North East	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.8
West and North West	-1.3	-0.9	-1.2	-1.5
Tasmania	-1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0
Unemployment rate (%)				
Hobart and South East	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.8
Launceston and North East	7.5	6.3	6.2	6.0
West and North West	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
Tasmania	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.9
Unemployment rate, pp change from prev year				
Hobart and South East	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3
Launceston and North East	0.8	-1.3	-1.3	-1.5
West and North West	-1.4	0.1	0.0	0.1
Tasmania	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5

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