

# Regional Labour Markets (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: August 2017

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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.

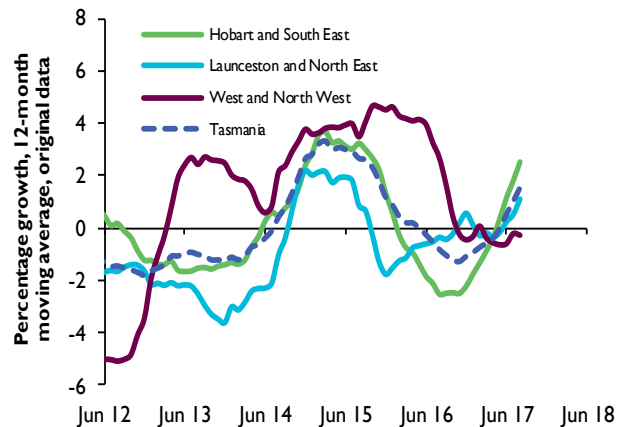
## Recent performance

The ABS estimated that employment increased by 1.5 per cent (in original percentage terms) overall in Tasmania in the year to August 2017, compared to the previous year. In the year to August 2017, the Hobart and South East region recorded an increase (up 2.5 per cent or 3 100 persons), as did the Launceston and North East region (up 1.1 per cent or 700 persons), while the West and North West region (down 0.3 per cent or 200 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 August 2017, 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 in the West and North West and the Hobart and South East regions (both down 0.2 of a percentage point) (Chart 2).

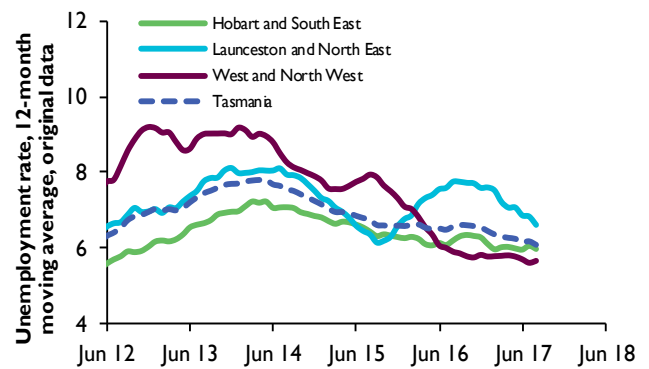
The ABS estimated that in the year to August 2017, the overall participation rate in Tasmania increased by 0.2 of a percentage point compared to the previous year. The participation rate decreased in the West and North West region (down 0.7 of a percentage point) and in the Launceston and North East region (down 0.4 of a percentage point), while the Hobart and South East region (up 0.9 of a percentage point) increased in the same period (Chart 3).

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



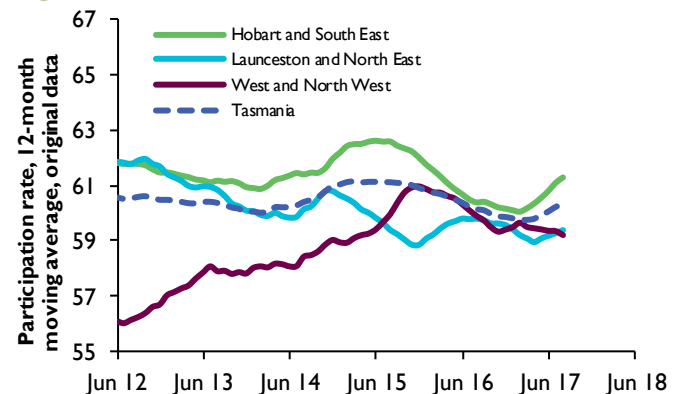
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**Chart 2: Regional unemployment rates, 12-month moving average, Tasmania, original data**



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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>	<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>
<b>Employment ('000)</b>				
Hobart and South East	120.1	122.1	122.6	123.2
Launceston and North East	65.4	65.6	65.8	66.1
West and North West	52.7	52.6	52.7	52.5
Tasmania	238.2	240.3	241.0	241.8
<b>Employment, change from prev year average ('000)</b>				
Hobart and South East	-3.2	1.4	2.2	3.1
Launceston and North East	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.7
West and North West	1.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Tasmania	-2.0	1.2	2.3	3.6
<b>Employment, change from prev year average (%)</b>				
Hobart and South East	-2.5	1.2	1.8	2.5
Launceston and North East	-0.3	0.2	0.5	1.1
West and North West	2.7	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3
Tasmania	-0.8	0.5	1.0	1.5
<b>Participation rate (%)</b>				
Hobart and South East	60.4	60.8	61.1	61.3
Launceston and North East	59.8	59.2	59.3	59.4
West and North West	59.9	59.3	59.3	59.2
Tasmania	60.1	60.0	60.2	60.3
<b>Participation rate, pp change from prev year</b>				
Hobart and South East	-2.2	0.1	0.6	0.9
Launceston and North East	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4
West and North West	0.0	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7
Tasmania	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	0.2
<b>Unemployment rate (%)</b>				
Hobart and South East	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.0
Launceston and North East	7.8	6.9	6.8	6.6
West and North West	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7
Tasmania	6.6	6.1	6.2	6.1
<b>Unemployment rate, pp change from prev year</b>				
Hobart and South East	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Launceston and North East	1.4	-0.7	-0.8	-1.2
West and North West	-2.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2
Tasmania	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5

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