

Hours Worked (ABS Cat No 6291.0.55.001)

Latest month: **October 2018**

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Monthly original hours worked estimates are sensitive to the timing of the Labour Force Survey, particularly around the New Year and Easter holidays. Hours worked data are reported in 12-month moving averages so that year-on-year comparisons can be made that are not greatly affected by the timing of the Survey.

Recent performance

The ABS estimated that Tasmanian aggregate hours worked increased by 0.7 per cent in the year to October 2018 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated aggregate hours worked increased by 2.3 per cent in the same period. The Tasmanian employment level was estimated to have increased by 2.0 per cent in the same period (Table 1).

The ABS estimated that Tasmanian average hours worked per week decreased by 1.3 per cent, to 30.2 hours per week, in the year to October 2018 compared to the previous year. Nationally, estimated average hours worked decreased by 0.6 per cent to 31.7 hours per week.

Aggregate hours worked in Tasmania grew strongly from late 2013 to early 2015. However, since mid 2015 aggregate hours worked in Tasmania has fluctuated, with modest increases followed by periods when the number of hours worked remained steady or eased slightly (Chart 1).

In the year to October 2018, the estimated aggregate hours worked by full-time employed Tasmanians increased by 0.2 per cent compared to the previous year and aggregate hours worked by part-time employed persons increased by 2.7 per cent in the same period.

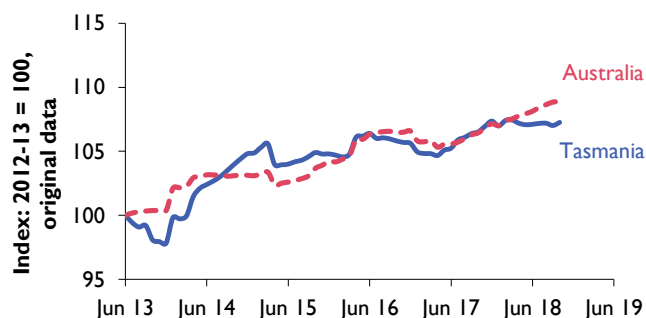
In the year to October 2018, the number of aggregate part-time hours worked by Tasmanians represented 20.5 per cent of all hours worked, compared to 16.9 per cent of all hours worked nationally. This difference is due to a higher share of part-time employment in Tasmania.

Table 1: Average hours worked, employment and aggregate hours worked percentage change by jurisdiction, October 2018, 12-month moving average original data

Original	Average		Aggregate
	Hours Worked	Employment	Hours Worked
NSW	-0.3	3.6	3.3
Vic	-0.2	2.6	2.4
Qld	-1.2	3.2	1.9
SA	-0.8	2.0	1.3
WA	-1.1	1.9	0.8
Tas	-1.3	2.0	0.7
NT	1.5	-0.6	0.9
ACT	0.8	2.6	3.4
Aus	-0.6	2.9	2.3

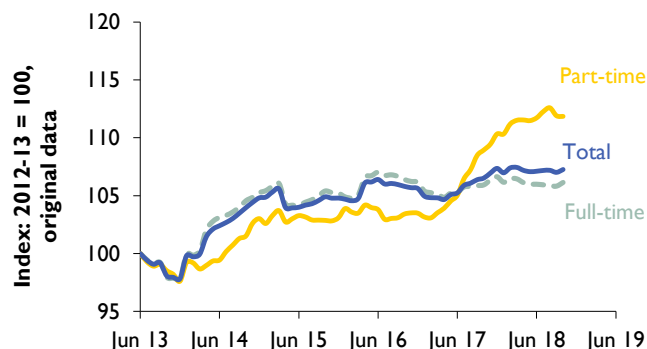
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Chart 1: Aggregate hours worked, Australia and Tasmania, 12-month moving average original data



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Chart 2: Aggregate hours worked by employment status, Tasmania, 12-month moving average original data



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Table 2: Aggregate hours worked per week, Tasmania and Australia, year-average original data

Year-average original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Oct 17	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Oct 17	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18
Total hours ('000)	7 463	7 510	7 497	7 515	389 494	397 549	398 292	398 457
year-to change (%)	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	2.5	2.4	2.3
Full-time total hours ('000)	5 963	5 959	5 956	5 974	324 272	330 600	331 111	331 199
year-to change (%)	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.4	2.5	2.3	2.1
Part-time total hours ('000)	1 500	1 550	1 541	1 540	65 222	66 948	67 182	67 258
year-to change (%)	5.3	5.0	3.2	2.7	1.8	2.7	3.0	3.1

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Table 3: Average hours worked per week, Tasmania and Australia, year-average original data

Year-average original data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Oct 17	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Oct 17	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18
Total average hours	30.5	30.2	30.1	30.2	31.9	31.8	31.8	31.7
year-to change (%)	-2.0	-1.3	-1.4	-1.3	-1.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
Full-time average hours	38.9	38.3	38.2	38.2	38.9	38.7	38.7	38.6
year-to change (%)	0.3	-1.4	-1.8	-1.7	-2.0	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Part-time average hours	16.5	16.7	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.9
year-to change (%)	-3.5	1.0	0.5	0.6	-0.7	0.0	0.3	0.4

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