

# Labour Force

Latest month: March 2021

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The ABS has suspended the trend series due to the impacts of COVID-19. As such, seasonally adjusted data have been used.

Due to rounding, the sum of some estimates, such as changes in full-time and part-time employment, may not sum to the aggregate estimates.

## Features

Tasmanian employment was estimated to have increased by 400 persons, to 261 600 persons in March 2021, compared to the previous month. Nationally, employment increased by 0.5 per cent over the same period.

The estimated level of employment in Tasmania in March 2021 was 2 800 persons (1.1 per cent) above the level recorded in March 2020.

Full-time employment was estimated to have increased by 1 900 persons (1.2 per cent) to 161 900 persons in March 2021 compared to the previous month, and was 6 100 persons (3.9 per cent) above the level one year earlier.

Part-time employment was estimated to have decreased by 1 400 persons (1.4 per cent) to 99 700 persons in March 2021 compared to the previous month, and was 3 200 persons (3.1 per cent) below the level in March 2020.

The number of unemployed persons in Tasmania was estimated to have increased by 700 persons (4.8 per cent) to 16 400 persons in March 2021 compared to the previous month, and was 3 000 persons (22.3 per cent) higher than in March 2020.

The estimated unemployment rate in Tasmania was 5.9 per cent in March 2021, up 0.2 of a percentage point from the previous month, and was up one percentage point from the level one year earlier. Tasmania's estimated unemployment rate was 0.3 of a percentage point higher than the national rate in March 2021.

**Table 1: Labour force by jurisdiction, March 2021, seasonally adjusted data**

SeasAdj	Emp cf Feb 21 (%)	UR (%)	PR (%)
NSW	0.4	5.4	65.7
Vic	0.2	6.1	66.9
Qld	0.9	5.9	66.6
SA	-0.1	6.3	61.9
WA	2.4	4.8	68.4
<b>Tas</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>61.9</b>
NT	-1.2	5.6	72.7
ACT	-1.1	3.4	70.4
<b>Aus</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>66.3</b>

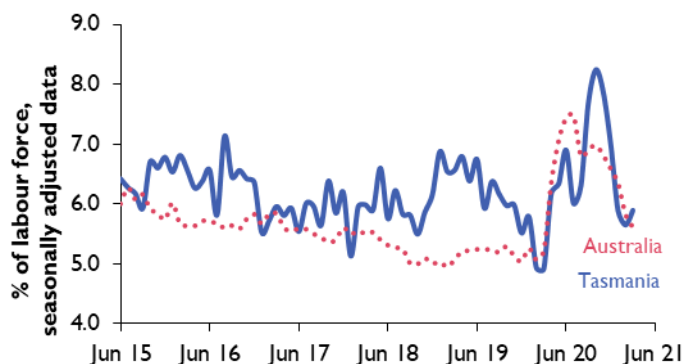
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**Chart 1: Tasmanian employment, seasonally adjusted data**



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**Chart 2: Unemployment rates, Tasmania and Australia, seasonally adjusted data**



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Tasmania's estimated unemployment rate in March 2021 was the fifth lowest in the country, tied with Queensland, and higher than the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

The estimated participation rate in Tasmania was 61.9 per cent in March 2021, up 0.2 of a percentage point from the previous month, and up 0.9 of a percentage point from the rate in March 2020. In March 2021, the gap between the Tasmanian and national participation rates was 4.3 percentage points. Some of this gap is due to Tasmania's older population structure.

Tasmania's labour force was estimated to have increased by 1 200 persons to 278 000 persons in March 2021, compared to the previous month, and was up 5 800 persons from the level of one year earlier.

Monthly hours worked in Tasmania increased by 1.2 per cent in March 2021 compared to the previous month, and were 2.8 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

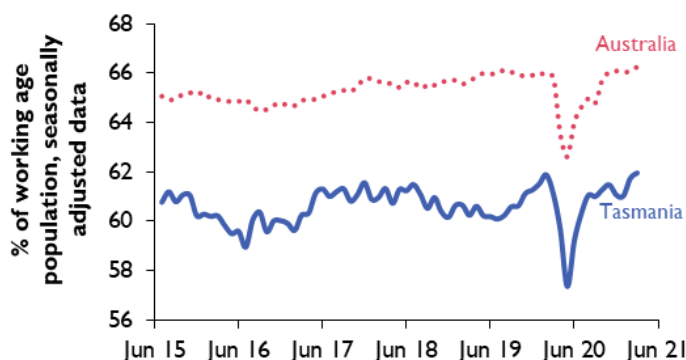
### Male and female labour force outcomes

In March 2021, total male employment increased by 1 800 persons (up 1.3 per cent) from the previous month, with an increase in male part-time employment (up 100 persons to 33 400 persons), and an increase in male full-time employment (up 1 700 persons to 104 900 persons).

Total female employment decreased by 1.1 per cent (down 1 300 persons) in March 2021, compared to the previous month, with a decrease in female part-time employment (down 1 600 persons to 66 300 persons), partially offset by an increase in female full-time employment (up 200 persons to 57 000 persons).

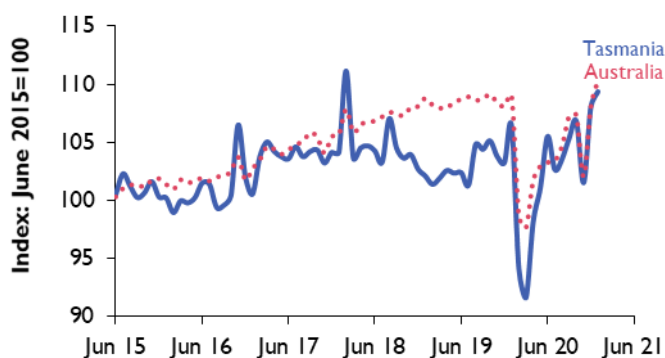
The male participation rate in Tasmania increased by 0.7 of a percentage point to 66.9 per cent in March 2021 compared to the previous month, but the female participation rate decreased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 57.2 per cent in the same period.

**Chart 3: Participation rates, Tasmania and Australia, seasonally adjusted data**



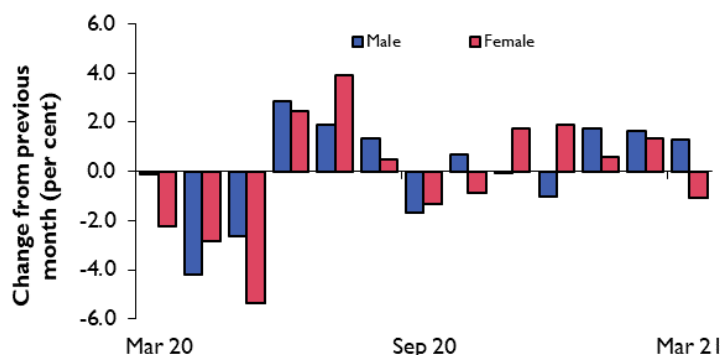
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**Chart 4: Monthly hours worked, Tasmania and Australia, seasonally adjusted data**



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**Chart 5: Growth in male and female employment, Tasmania, seasonally adjusted data**



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Table 2: Key labour force data, Tasmania and Australia

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Mar 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
<b>Employment, sa* ('000)</b>	258.8	257.4	261.2	261.6	13 003.3	12 918.2	13 006.9	13 077.6
monthly change ('000)	-2.9	3.0	3.8	0.4	-5.4	29.5	88.7	70.7
monthly change (%)	-1.1	1.2	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.5
annual change (%)	4.6	-0.1	-0.2	1.1	1.7	-0.6	0.0	0.6
<b>Employment, original<sup>+</sup> ('000)</b>	253.0	252.9	252.9	253.1	12 933.0	12 671.1	12 671.1	12 677.7
year-average change (%)	1.5	0.8	0.3	0.0	2.2	-1.7	-1.9	-2.0
<b>Unemployment, sa* ('000)</b>	13.4	16.1	15.6	16.4	716.0	875.1	805.2	778.1
monthly change ('000)	-0.2	-3.1	-0.4	0.7	20.3	-34.2	-69.9	-27.1
monthly change (%)	-1.4	-16.0	-2.8	4.8	2.9	-3.8	-8.0	-3.4
annual change (%)	-22.9	1.8	15.1	22.3	4.7	21.2	15.7	8.7
<b>Unemployment, original<sup>+</sup> ('000)</b>	16.0	17.5	17.6	17.9	709.8	889.0	898.5	904.1
year-average change (%)	-2.1	4.8	8.1	12.0	3.0	26.2	27.1	27.4
<b>Unemployment rate, sa* (%)</b>	4.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.2	6.3	5.8	5.6
monthly change (pp)	0.0	-1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
annual change (pp)	-1.6	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.1	1.1	0.8	0.4
<b>Unemployment rate, original<sup>+</sup> (%)</b>	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.2	6.6	6.6	6.7
year-average change (pp)	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.0	1.4	1.4	1.5
<b>Participation rate, sa* (%)</b>	61.1	61.0	61.7	61.9	65.9	66.1	66.1	66.3
monthly change (pp)	-0.8	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2
annual change (pp)	0.9	-0.5	-0.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4
<b>Participation rate, original<sup>+</sup> (%)</b>	60.8	60.5	60.5	60.6	66.0	65.0	65.1	65.1
year-average change (pp)	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
<b>Hours worked, monthly, sa* ('000)</b>	33 407	31 888	33 927	34 345	1 778 644	1 664 893	1 762 192	1 800 455
monthly change (%)	3.0	-4.9	6.4	1.2	0.8	-4.9	5.8	2.2
annual change (%)	4.2	-2.2	4.6	2.8	0.2	-5.9	-0.1	1.2

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Table 2: Key labour force data, Tasmania and Australia (continued)

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Mar 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Mar 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
<b>Labour force, sa* ('000)</b>	272.2	273.5	276.8	278.0	13 719.3	13 793.3	13 812.1	13 855.7
monthly change (%)	-1.1	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
annual change (%)	2.8	0.0	0.5	2.1	1.9	0.6	0.8	1.0
<b>Labour force, original<sup>†</sup> ('000)</b>	269.0	270.4	270.5	271.0	13 642.8	13 560.1	13 569.6	13 581.8
year-average change (%)	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.8	2.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Participation rate, sa* (%)</b>								
<b>Male</b>	66.1	65.2	66.1	66.9	70.8	71.2	71.0	70.9
monthly change (pp)	0.0	-0.4	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
annual change (pp)	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
<b>Female</b>	56.3	57.0	57.5	57.2	61.1	61.1	61.4	61.8
monthly change (pp)	-1.4	0.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.4
annual change (pp)	0.2	-1.1	-0.3	0.9	0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.6
<b>Employment, sa* ('000)</b>								
<b>Full-time</b>	155.9	161.9	160.1	161.9	8 876.8	8 805.9	8 895.0	8 874.2
monthly change (%)	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	1.2	-0.1	0.7	1.0	-0.2
annual change (%)	1.8	2.5	1.0	3.9	1.0	-0.9	0.1	0.0
share of employed persons (%)	60.2	62.9	61.3	61.9	68.3	68.2	68.4	67.9
<b>Part-time</b>	102.9	95.5	101.1	99.7	4 126.5	4 112.3	4 111.9	4 203.4
monthly change (%)	-0.4	-1.4	5.9	-1.4	0.2	-0.7	0.0	2.2
annual change (%)	9.2	-4.1	-2.1	-3.1	3.2	0.2	-0.2	1.9
share of employed persons (%)	39.8	37.1	38.7	38.1	31.7	31.8	31.6	32.1
<b>Male</b>	136.2	134.4	136.6	138.3	6 848.6	6 818.1	6 832.6	6 848.0
monthly change (%)	-0.1	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2
annual change (%)	4.4	0.3	0.1	1.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
share of employed persons (%)	52.6	52.2	52.3	52.9	52.7	52.8	52.5	52.4
<b>Female</b>	122.6	123.0	124.6	123.3	6 154.7	6 100.1	6 174.2	6 229.6
monthly change (%)	-2.2	0.6	1.3	-1.1	-0.2	0.0	1.2	0.9
annual change (%)	4.8	-0.5	-0.6	0.6	2.5	-1.0	0.1	1.2
share of employed persons (%)	47.4	47.8	47.7	47.1	47.3	47.2	47.5	47.6

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