Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for New South Wales released in May for April showed that in seasonally adjusted terms:

- Total employment increased by 6,646 (0.2%) to 4.22 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in New South Wales has increased by 122,122 (2.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 16,583 (-10.7%) to 154,674 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 81,922 (-53.0%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 2.0 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 39,978 (-10.1%) to 396,952 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.9 percentage points to 9.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 169,356 (-42.7%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.0 percentage points.

Nationally in April:

- Total employment increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 381,532 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 211,068 (-39.3%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 441,226 (-31.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.3 percentage points.
Employment

- In April, seasonally adjusted employment in New South Wales increased by 6,646 (0.2%) to 4.22 million people.
- Compared with April last year, total employment in New South Wales has increased by 122,122 (2.9%).
- Nationally, employment has increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in New South Wales increased by 19,312 (0.6%) to 2.98 million in April, and has increased by 136,033 (4.6%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in New South Wales, in original terms increased by 1,191 (0.1%) to 1.26 million in April. Part-time employment has decreased by 13,942 (-1.1%) over the last year.
Labour Market Brief

New South Wales

Unemployment

- In April, the total number of unemployed people in New South Wales decreased by 16,583 (-10.7%) to 154,674.
- Compared with April last year, unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 81,922 (-53.0%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in April decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people.

![UNEMPLOYED TOTAL: NSW & AUS](image)

Unemployment Rate

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in New South Wales decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.5%.
- Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in New South Wales has decreased by 2.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.9%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in New South Wales decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 3.7%.
- Compared with April last year male unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 2.3 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in New South Wales decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 1.6 percentage points.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 65.2%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has remained steady at 65.2%.
- Nationally, the participation rate in April decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.3%.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 5.5%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 23,394 (-9.7%) to 242,279 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 87,434 (-36.1%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in April decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 32,615 (-3.8%) to 852,474.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.9 percentage points to 9.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 39,978 (-10.1%) to 396,952.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in New South Wales has decreased by 169,356 (-42.7%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in April decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million.
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 14.18 million (2.4%) to 581.39 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in New South Wales has increased by 18.41 million (3.2%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April increased by 22.96 million (1.3%) to 1,833 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)