Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 24,643 (-0.6%) to 4.35 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in New South Wales has increased by 108,207 (2.5%).
- Total unemployment increased by 16,048 (10.9%) to 147,411 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.3%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in New South Wales has increased by 2,110 (1.4%), and the unemployment rate has remained steady at 3.3%.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 7,911 (1.9%) to 421,424 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 16,724 (4.0%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.2 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 387,055 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 55,463 (10.3%) and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 134,992 (9.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
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Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in New South Wales decreased by 24,643 (-0.6%) to 4.35 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in New South Wales has increased by 108,207 (2.5%).
- Nationally, employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in New South Wales decreased by 17,556 (-0.6%) to 3.10 million in July, and has increased by 138,415 (4.5%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in New South Wales, in original terms decreased by 24,543 (-2.0%) to 1.24 million in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 28,515 (-2.3%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in New South Wales increased by 16,048 (10.9%) to 147,411.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in New South Wales has increased by 2,110 (1.4%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

Unemployed Total: New South Wales & Australia
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Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in New South Wales increased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in New South Wales has remained steady at 3.3%.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in New South Wales remained steady at 3.2%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.1%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in New South Wales has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
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Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 65.8%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has remained steady at 65.8%.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

Participation Rate: New South Wales & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 8,138 (-3.0%) to 274,013 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 14,614 (5.3%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July remained steady at 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 3,924 (-0.4%) to 929,868.

Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): New South Wales & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Underemployed Total: New South Wales & Australia

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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 7,911 (1.9%) to 421,424.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in New South Wales has increased by 16,724 (4.0%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
**Hours Worked**

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 7.63 million (1.2%) to 613.50 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in New South Wales has increased by 32.04 million (5.2%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

**Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: New South Wales & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)