Labour Market Brief
Queensland

Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Queensland released in September for August showed that in seasonally adjusted terms:

- Total employment increased by 1,361 (0.0%) to 2.78 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Queensland has increased by 136,666 (4.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 15,823 (-17.1%) to 92,656 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.2%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 50,892 (-54.9%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 2.0 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 20,755 (-7.5%) to 277,041 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 9.7%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 109,425 (-39.5%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.2 percentage points.

Nationally in August:

- Total employment increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 570,298 (4.2%).
- Total unemployment increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 132,543 (-27.2%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 564,784 (-42.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.4 percentage points.
Employment

- In August, seasonally adjusted employment in Queensland increased by 1,361 (0.0%) to 2.78 million people.
- Compared with August last year, total employment in Queensland has increased by 136,666 (4.9%).
- Nationally, employment increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.

Employed Total: Queensland and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Queensland increased by 11,855 (0.6%) to 1.92 million in August, and has increased by 126,576 (6.6%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Queensland, in original terms decreased by 12,395 (-1.5%) to 850,777 in August. Part-time employment has increased by 8,711 (1.0%) over the last year.

FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: QLD

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Derived)
Unemployment

- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Queensland decreased by 15,823 (-17.1%) to 92,656.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 50,892 (-54.9%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people.

Unemployed Total: Queensland and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

Unemployment Rate

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Queensland decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.2%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Queensland has decreased by 2.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Queensland and Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Queensland decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 3.4%.
- Compared with August last year male unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 1.9 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in Queensland decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.1%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 1.9 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: QLD

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
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**Participation Rate**

- The participation rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 66.5%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.5 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in August increased by 0.2 percentage points to 66.6%.

*Participation Rate: Queensland and Australia*

![Graph showing participation rate from 1 Aug 2017 to 1 Aug 2022.](image)

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

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.4%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 4,932 (-2.7%) to 184,385 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 58,532 (-31.7%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in August decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.9% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 7,245 (-0.9%) to 832,727.

Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Queensland and Australia

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

Underemployed Total: Queensland and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 9.7%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 20,755 (-7.5%) to 277,041.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Queensland has decreased by 109,425 (-39.5%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in August remained steady at 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million.

Underutilisation Rate: Queensland and Australia

Underutilised Total: Queensland and Australia

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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
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Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 6.53 million (1.7%) to 381.42 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Queensland has increased by 32.05 million (8.4%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in August increased by 14.50 million (0.8%) to 1,854 million.

Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Queensland and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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