Labour Market Brief
Queensland

Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 6,152 (-0.2%) to 2.77 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Queensland has increased by 117,318 (4.2%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 6,180 (-5.7%) to 108,484 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.8%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 37,765 (-34.8%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.4 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 4,857 (1.6%) to 297,818 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.3%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 65,892 (-22.1%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.7 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 398,516 (2.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 167,597 (-35.4%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 470,788 (-35.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.5 percentage points.
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Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Queensland decreased by 6,152 (-0.2%) to 2.77 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Queensland has increased by 117,318 (4.2%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.

### Employed Total: Queensland and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

[Graph showing employment trends from 1 Jul 2017 to 1 Jul 2022]

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

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Queensland decreased by 13,769 (-0.7%) to 1.90 million in July, and has increased by 99,682 (5.2%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Queensland, in original terms decreased by 6,237 (-0.7%) to 863,220 in July. Part-time employment has increased by 17,907 (2.1%) over the last year.

### FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: QLD

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

[Graph showing employment trends from Jan-17 to Jan-22]

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

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Queensland decreased by 6,180 (-5.7%) to 108,484.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 37,765 (-34.8%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people.

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

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Queensland decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.8%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Queensland has decreased by 1.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%

Unemployment Rate: Queensland and Australia

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

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Queensland decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.2%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 1.7 percentage points.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: QLD**

![Graph showing unemployment rates for males and females in Queensland from January 2017 to January 2022.](image)

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

- The participation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 67.0%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 66.4%.

*Participation Rate: Queensland and Australia*

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

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 6.6%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 11,037 (5.8%) to 189,334 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 28,127 (-14.9%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 17,012 (-2.0%) to 840,010.

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

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

Underemployed Total: Queensland and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.3%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 4,857 (1.6%) to 297,818.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Queensland has decreased by 65,892 (-22.1%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million.

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

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

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

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 7.12 million (-1.9%) to 374.89 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Queensland has increased by 6.85 million (1.8%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July decreased by 15.58 million (-0.8%) to 1,840 million.

**Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Queensland and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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