Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Queensland released in June for May showed that in trend terms:

- Total employment increased by 11,337 (0.4%) to 2.84 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Queensland has increased by 70,824 (2.5%).
- Total unemployment increased by 655 (0.6%) to 114,888 people, and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 148 (-0.1%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 2,314 (0.7%) to 309,908 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 10.5%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 13,089 (4.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.2 percentage points.

Nationally in May:

- Total employment increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 426,578 (3.0%).
- Total unemployment increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 14,514 (-2.8%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.8%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 31,067 (2.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
Labour Market Brief

**Employment**

- In May, trend employment in Queensland increased by 11,337 (0.4%) to 2.84 million people.
- Compared with May last year, total employment in Queensland has increased by 70,824 (2.5%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.

**Full and Part Time Employment**

- Full-time employment in Queensland increased by 8,479 (0.4%) to 1.98 million in May, and has increased by 52,552 (2.7%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Queensland, in original terms increased by 17,112 (2.0%) to 874,980 in May. Part-time employment has increased by 21,709 (2.5%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In May, the total number of unemployed people in Queensland increased by 655 (0.6%) to 114,888.
- Compared with May last year, unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 148 (-0.1%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in May increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people.

Unemployment Rate

- In May, the trend unemployment rate in Queensland remained steady at 3.9%.
- Compared with May last year, the unemployment rate in Queensland has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.5%.

Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In May, the trend unemployment rate for males in Queensland remained steady at 4.0%.
• Compared with May last year male unemployment in Queensland has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
• In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females in increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.8%.
• Compared with May last year female unemployment in Queensland has remained steady at 3.8%.
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.5%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in May remained steady at 66.8%.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 6.6%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 1,659 (0.9%) to 195,019 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 13,238 (6.8%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in May increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.3% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 7,017 (0.8%) to 907,542.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 10.5%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 2,314 (0.7%) to 309,908.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Queensland has increased by 13,089 (4.2%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in May remained steady at 9.8%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.04 million (0.5%) to 397.34 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Queensland has increased by 16.19 million (4.1%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in May increased by 7.22 million (0.4%) to 1,944 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 19, Trend)