Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 152 (-0.1%) to 264,093 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Tasmania has increased by 2,423 (0.9%).
- Total unemployment increased by 3,554 (26.1%) to 13,640 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 4.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 970 (-7.1%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 6,587 (19.4%) to 34,016 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 2.2 percentage points to 12.2%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 4,570 (-13.4%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 1.8 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 Tasmania decreased by 152 (-0.1%) to 264,093 people.
- Compared with August last year, total employment in Tasmania has increased by 2,423 (0.9%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.

*Employed Total: Tasmania and Australia*

*Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)*

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Tasmania decreased by 2,475 (-1.5%) to 169,104 in August, and has increased by 7,553 (4.5%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Tasmania, in original terms increased by 949 (1.0%) to 95,072 in August. Part-time employment has decreased by 5,081 (-5.3%) over the last year.

*FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: TAS*

*Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)*

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

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

- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Tasmania increased by 3,554 (26.1%) to 13,640.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 970 (-7.1%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people.

Unemployed Total: Tasmania 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 Tasmania increased by 1.2 percentage points to 4.9%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Tasmania has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Tasmania 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 Tasmania increased by 1.7 percentage points to 5.1%.
- Compared with August last year male unemployment in Tasmania has increased by 0.8 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females increased by 0.7 percentage points to 4.7%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 1.7 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: TAS

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

- The participation rate increased by 0.7 percentage points to 61.3%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in August increased by 0.2 percentage points to 66.6%.

**Participation Rate: Tasmania and Australia**

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

- The underemployment rate increased by 1.0 percentage points to 7.3%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 3,034 (14.9%) to 20,376 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 3,600 (-17.7%).
- 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): Tasmania and Australia

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

Underemployed Total: Tasmania and Australia

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 2.2 percentage points to 12.2%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 6,587 (19.4%) to 34,016.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Tasmania has decreased by 4,570 (-13.4%).
- 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: Tasmania and Australia**

[Graph showing underutilisation rate over time for Tasmania and Australia]

**Underutilised Total: Tasmania and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

[Graph showing underutilised total over time for Tasmania and Australia]

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 1.08 million (3.1%) to 34.96 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Tasmania has increased by 897,211 (2.6%).
- 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: Tasmania and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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