Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 1,233 (-0.5%) to 260,701 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Tasmania has increased by 2,998 (1.1%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 1,931 (-18.8%) to 10,257 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.8%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 6,267 (-61.1%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 2.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 1,883 (-6.5%) to 29,039 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 10.7%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 11,382 (-39.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.0 percentage points.

Nationally in April:

- Total employment increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 381,532 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 211,068 (-39.3%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 441,226 (-31.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.3 percentage points.
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Employment

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• Compared with April last year, total employment in Tasmania has increased by 2,998 (1.1%).
• Nationally, employment increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.

![Graph showing employment trends in Tasmania and Australia, index (Base: January 2017 = 100)]

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

Full and Part Time Employment

• Full-time employment in Tasmania increased by 3,168 (1.9%) to 171,087 in April, and has increased by 11,084 (6.5%) over the year.
• Part-time employment in Tasmania, in original terms decreased by 2,036 (-2.2%) to 91,204 in April. Part-time employment has decreased by 8,002 (-8.8%) over the last year.

![Graph showing full and part-time employment trends in Tasmania, index (Base: January 2017 = 100)]

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Derived)
**Unemployment**

- In April, the total number of unemployed people in Tasmania decreased by 1,931 (-18.8%) to 10,257.
- Compared with April last year, unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 6,267 (-61.1%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in April decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people.

**Unemployment Rate**

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Tasmania decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.8%.
- Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in Tasmania has decreased by 2.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.9%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Tasmania remained steady at 4.3%.
- Compared with April last year male unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 2.1 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in Tasmania decreased by 1.4 percentage points to 3.2%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 2.4 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 − Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 60.2%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in April decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.3%.

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

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.9%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 48 (0.3%) to 18,782 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 5,115 (-27.2%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in April decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 32,615 (-3.8%) to 852,474.

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

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 10.7%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 1,883 (-6.5%) to 29,039.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Tasmania has decreased by 11,382 (-39.2%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in April decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million.

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

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 105,476 (-0.3%) to 33.35 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Tasmania has decreased by 554,782 (-1.7%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April increased by 22.96 million (1.3%) to 1,833 million.

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