Labour Market Brief
Tasmania

Summary

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

- Total employment increased by 498 (0.2%) to 291,227 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Tasmania has increased by 9,913 (3.4%).
- Total unemployment increased by 68 (0.6%) to 12,032 people, and the unemployment rate remained steady at 4.0%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Tasmania has increased by 22 (0.2%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 141 (-0.4%) to 34,574 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 2,972 (8.6%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 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.
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Employment

- In May, trend employment in Tasmania increased by 498 (0.2%) to 291,227 people.
- Compared with May last year, total employment in Tasmania has increased by 9,913 (3.4%).
- Nationally, employment has increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.

![Employed Total: Tasmania & Australia](chart1)

**Employed Total: Tasmania & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

1 May 2017 - 1 May 2023

- Tasmania
- Australia

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

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Tasmania increased by 1,100 (0.6%) to 188,306 in May, and has increased by 5,545 (2.9%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Tasmania, in original terms decreased by 5,120 (-5.0%) to 102,039 in May. Part-time employment has decreased by 1,330 (-1.3%) over the last year.

![Full and Part-Time Employment: TAS](chart2)

**FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: TAS**

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Jan–17 - Jan–23

- Employed part-time
- Employed full-time

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Derived)
Unemployment

- In May, the total number of unemployed people in Tasmania increased by 68 (0.6%) to 12,032.
- Compared with May last year, unemployment in Tasmania has increased by 22 (0.2%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in May increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people.

Unemployed Total: Tasmania & Australia

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Unemployment Rate

- In May, the trend unemployment rate in Tasmania remained steady at 4.0%.
- Compared with May last year, the unemployment rate in Tasmania has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Tasmania & Australia

Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In May, the trend unemployment rate for males in Tasmania remained steady at 4.1%.
• Compared with May last year male unemployment in Tasmania has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.
• In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females in remained steady at 3.8%.
• Compared with May last year female unemployment in Tasmania has remained steady at 3.8%.
Participation Rate

- The participation rate remained steady at 62.9%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.3 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 decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.4%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 209 (-0.9%) to 22,542 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 2,951 (13.1%).
- 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)
**Underutilisation**

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 11.4%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 141 (-0.4%) to 34,574.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Tasmania has increased by 2,972 (8.6%).
- 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.

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**Underutilisation Rate: Tasmania & Australia**

![Graph showing underutilisation rate comparison between Tasmania and Australia over time](source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend))

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**Underutilised Total: Tasmania & Australia**

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![Graph showing underutilised total comparison between Tasmania and Australia over time](source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend))
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 184,751 (0.5%) to 38.94 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Tasmania has increased by 2.58 million (6.6%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in May increased by 7.22 million (0.4%) to 1,944 million.

![Graph showing monthly hours worked in all jobs for Tasmania and Australia from 1 May 2017 to 1 May 2023.](Image)

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