Summary

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

- Total employment increased by 16,524 (0.5%) to 3.65 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Victoria has increased by 149,315 (4.1%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 2,536 (-1.9%) to 136,852 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.6%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Victoria has increased by 19,425 (14.2%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 10,303 (-2.7%) to 374,983 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 9.9%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 45,808 (12.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.8 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 387,055 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 55,463 (10.3%) and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 134,992 (9.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Victoria increased by 16,524 (0.5%) to 3.65 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Victoria has increased by 149,315 (4.1%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

Employed Total: Victoria & Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Victoria increased by 8,251 (0.3%) to 2.53 million in July, and has increased by 108,058 (4.3%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Victoria, in original terms decreased by 9,329 (-0.8%) to 1.12 million in July. Part-time employment has increased by 40,436 (3.6%) over the last year.

FULL AND PART–TIME EMPLOYMENT: VIC
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Victoria decreased by 2,536 (-1.9%) to 136,852.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Victoria has increased by 19,425 (14.2%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

Unemployed Total: Victoria & Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Victoria decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.6%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Victoria has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%

Unemployment Rate: Victoria & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Victoria increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.9%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Victoria has increased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in Victoria remained steady at 3.4%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: VIC**

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 67.7%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

![Participation Rate: Victoria & Australia](source:image)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
**Underemployment**

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.3%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 7,768 (-3.3%) to 238,131 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 26,383 (11.1%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July remained steady at 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 3,924 (-0.4%) to 929,868.

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**Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Victoria & Australia**

![Graph showing underemployment rate over time for Victoria and Australia](Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted))

**Underemployed Total: Victoria & Australia**

![Graph showing underemployed total index over time for Victoria and Australia](Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted))
**Underutilisation**

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 9.9%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 10,303 (-2.7%) to 374,983.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Victoria has increased by 45,808 (12.2%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million.

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**Underutilisation Rate: Victoria & Australia**

![Graph showing the underutilisation rate for Victoria and Australia from 2017 to 2023.](Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted))

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**Underutilised Total: Victoria & Australia**

*Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)*

![Graph showing the underutilised total for Victoria and Australia from 2017 to 2023.](Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted))
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 1.62 million (-0.3%) to 501.88 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Victoria has increased by 29.23 million (5.8%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

![Graph of Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Victoria & Australia](source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted))