Summary

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

- **Total employment** increased by 11,626 (0.3%) to 3.50 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Victoria has increased by 71,490 (2.0%).
- **Total unemployment** increased by 5,817 (3.8%) to 152,531 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 4.2%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 43,785 (-28.7%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- **Total underutilisation** has increased by 18,746 (5.0%) to 375,096 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 10.3%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 100,744 (-26.9%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.8 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.
Employment

- In April, seasonally adjusted employment in Victoria increased by 11,626 (0.3%) to 3.50 million people.
- Compared with April last year, total employment in Victoria has increased by 71,490 (2.0%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Victoria increased by 32,359 (1.3%) to 2.41 million in April, and has increased by 95,371 (4.0%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Victoria, in original terms decreased by 18,320 (-1.7%) to 1.09 million in April. Part-time employment has decreased by 23,631 (-2.2%) over the last year.
Unemployment

• In April, the total number of unemployed people in Victoria increased by 5,817 (3.8%) to 152,531.
• Compared with April last year, unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 43,785 (-28.7%) 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 Victoria increased by 0.2 percentage points to 4.2%.
• Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in Victoria has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
• Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.9%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Victoria remained steady at 3.9%.
- Compared with April last year male unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females increased by 0.3 percentage points to 4.5%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 1.1 percentage points.

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

- The participation rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 67.4%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.8 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 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 12,929 (5.8%) to 222,565 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 56,959 (-25.6%).
- 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)

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 10.3%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 18,746 (5.0%) to 375,096.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Victoria has decreased by 100,744 (-26.9%).
- 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 6.89 million (-1.5%) to 468.57 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Victoria has increased by 5.45 million (1.2%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April increased by 22.96 million (1.3%) to 1,833 million.

**MONTHLY HOURS WORKED IN ALL JOBS: VIC & AUS**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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