Summary

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

- **Total employment** increased by 291 (0.0%) to 3.65 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Victoria has increased by 133,460 (3.7%).
- **Total unemployment** decreased by 1,915 (-1.5%) to 131,077 people, and the **unemployment rate** remained steady at 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Victoria has increased by 3,990 (3.0%), and the unemployment rate has remained steady at 3.5%.
- **Total underutilisation** has decreased by 4,573 (-1.2%) to 379,448 people, and the **underutilisation rate** decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 10.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 44,456 (11.7%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.8 percentage points.

**Nationally** in September:

- **Total employment** increased by 6,660 (0.0%) to 14.11 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 394,339 (2.8%).
- **Total unemployment** decreased by 19,771 (-3.8%) to 520,485 people and the **unemployment rate** decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.6%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 11,033 (2.1%) and the unemployment rate has remained steady at 3.6%.
- **Total underutilisation** decreased by 44,038 (-3.0%) to 1.45 million people, and the **underutilisation rate** decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 9.9%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 87,080 (6.0%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
Employment

- In September, seasonally adjusted employment in Victoria increased by 291 (0.0%) to 3.65 million people.
- Compared with September last year, total employment in Victoria has increased by 133,460 (3.7%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 6,660 (0.0%) to 14.11 million people.

![Employed Total: Victoria & Australia](image)

**Employed Total: Victoria & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Victoria decreased by 25,059 (-1.0%) to 2.49 million in September, and has increased by 40,748 (1.6%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Victoria, in original terms increased by 23,686 (2.0%) to 1.17 million in September. Part-time employment has increased by 92,359 (7.9%) over the last year.

![Employed Part-Time and Full-Time](image)

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

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- In September, the total number of unemployed people in Victoria decreased by 1,915 (-1.5%) to 131,077.
- Compared with September last year, unemployment in Victoria has increased by 3,990 (3.0%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in September decreased by 19,771 (-3.8%) to 520,485 people.

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

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

Unemployment Rate

- In September, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Victoria remained steady at 3.5%.
- Compared with September last year, the unemployment rate in Victoria has remained steady at 3.5%.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.6%

Unemployment Rate: Victoria & Australia

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

- In September, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Victoria remained steady at 3.7%.
- Compared with September last year, male unemployment in Victoria has increased by 0.2 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in Victoria decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with September last year, female unemployment in Victoria has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.

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

- The participation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 67.2%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.5 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in September decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 66.7%.

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

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 6.6%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 2,658 (-1.1%) to 248,371 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 40,467 (16.3%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in September decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 24,267 (-2.6%) to 931,291.

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

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 10.0%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 4,573 (-1.2%) to 379,448.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Victoria has increased by 44,456 (11.7%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in September decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 9.9%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 44,038 (-3.0%) to 1.45 million.

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**Underutilisation Rate: Victoria & Australia**

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, September 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)

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**Underutilised Total: Victoria & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, September 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 1.76 million (-0.4%) to 495.51 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Victoria has increased by 19.24 million (3.9%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in September decreased by 8.45 million (-0.4%) to 1,930 million.

Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: Victoria & Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, September 2023 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)