Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Western Australia released in November for October showed that in trend terms:

- Total employment decreased by 510 (-0.0%) to 1.46 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has increased by 26,471 (1.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 625 (1.2%) to 52,672 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 6,704 (-12.7%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 356 (0.3%) to 140,726 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.3%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 17,570 (-12.5%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.

Nationally in October:

- Total employment increased by 16,847 (0.1%) to 13.62 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 466,797 (3.4%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 2,566 (-0.5%) to 483,829 people and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 153,075 (-31.6%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 3,146 (-0.2%) to 1.32 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 586,890 (-44.3%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.5 percentage points.
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Employment

- In October, trend employment in Western Australia decreased by 510 (-0.0%) to 1.46 million people.
- Compared with October last year, total employment in Western Australia has increased by 26,471 (1.8%).
- Nationally, employment increased by 16,847 (0.1%) to 13.62 million people.

Employed Total: Western Australia and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Western Australia decreased by 1,032 (-0.1%) to 1.01 million in October, and has increased by 45,875 (4.5%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms decreased by 2,710 (-0.6%) to 450,551 in October. Part-time employment has decreased by 10,556 (-2.3%) over the last year.

FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: WA
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Derived)
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Unemployment

• In October, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia increased by 625 (1.2%) to 52,672.
• Compared with October last year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 6,704 (-12.7%) people.
• Nationally, total unemployment in October decreased by 2,566 (-0.5%) to 483,829 people.

Unemployed Total: Western Australia and Australia

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Unemployment Rate

• In October, the trend unemployment rate in Western Australia increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
• Compared with October last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
• Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%

Unemployment Rate: Western Australia and Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In October, the trend unemployment rate for males in Western Australia remained steady at 3.5%.
- Compared with October last year male unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females remained steady at 3.4%.
- Compared with October last year female unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: WA

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 69.0%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in October remained steady at 66.6%.

**Participation Rate: Western Australia and Australia**

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)*
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 5.8%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 269 (-0.3%) to 88,054 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 10,865 (-12.3%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in October remained steady at 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 579 (-0.1%) to 839,934.

![Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Western Australia and Australia](image)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)

Underemployed Total: Western Australia and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Underemployed Total: Western Australia and Australia](image)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 23, Trend)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.3%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 356 (0.3%) to 140,726.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has decreased by 17,570 (-12.5%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in October remained steady at 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 3,146 (-0.2%) to 1.32 million.

**Underutilisation Rate: Western Australia and Australia**

![Graph showing underutilisation rate over time]

**Underutilised Total: Western Australia and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Graph showing underutilised total over time]

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 23, Trend)*
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 669,129 (0.3%) to 203.53 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has increased by 4.35 million (2.1%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in October increased by 2.66 million (0.1%) to 1,864 million.

Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Western Australia and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 19, Trend)