Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Western Australia released in September for August showed that in seasonally adjusted terms:

- Total employment increased by 879 (0.1%) to 1.47 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has increased by 45,208 (3.1%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 1,615 (-3.4%) to 47,447 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.1%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 17,911 (-37.7%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 6,568 (4.8%) to 137,567 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 9.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 36,019 (-26.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.5 percentage points.

Nationally in August:

- Total employment increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 570,298 (4.2%).
- Total unemployment increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 132,543 (-27.2%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 564,784 (-42.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.4 percentage points.
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**Employment**

- In August, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 879 (0.1%) to 1.47 million people.
- Compared with August last year, total employment in Western Australia has increased by 45,208 (3.1%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.

**Employed Total: Western Australia and Australia**

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**Full and Part Time Employment**

- Full-time employment in Western Australia decreased by 936 (-0.1%) to 1.02 million in August, and has increased by 64,565 (6.3%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms increased by 9,910 (2.1%) to 462,302 in August. Part-time employment has decreased by 18,383 (-4.0%) over the last year.

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

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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

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

- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 1,615 (-3.4%) to 47,447.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 17,911 (-37.7%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people.

Unemployed Total: Western Australia and Australia
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Unemployment Rate

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.1%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Western Australia and Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia increased by 0.4 percentage points to 3.4%.
- Compared with August last year male unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 2.8%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: WA

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

- The participation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 69.3%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in August increased by 0.2 percentage points to 66.6%.

Participation Rate: Western Australia and Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 5.9%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 8,183 (9.1%) to 90,120 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 18,108 (-20.1%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in August decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.9% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 7,245 (-0.9%) to 832,727.

**Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Western Australia and Australia**

![Graph showing underemployment rate over time](source)

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*

**Underemployed Total: Western Australia and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Graph showing underemployment total over time](source)

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.5 percentage points to 9.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 6,568 (4.8%) to 137,567.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has decreased by 36,019 (-26.2%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in August remained steady at 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million.

**Underutilisation Rate: Western Australia and Australia**

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**Underutilised Total: Western Australia and Australia**

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*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)*
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 3.70 million (-1.9%) to 199.08 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has increased by 1.41 million (0.7%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in August increased by 14.50 million (0.8%) to 1,854 million.

**Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Western Australia and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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