Labour Market Brief
Western Australia

Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 993 (-0.1%) to 1.53 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has increased by 15,535 (1.0%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 326 (-0.6%) to 57,722 people, and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.6%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 6,912 (12.0%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 288 (0.2%) to 151,327 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.5%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 7,036 (4.6%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.

Nationally in June:

- Total employment increased by 38,963 (0.3%) to 14.05 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 422,332 (3.0%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 1,551 (-0.3%) to 505,456 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 9,132 (-1.8%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 5,663 (0.4%) to 1.43 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.8%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 65,792 (4.6%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.1 percentage points.
Employment

- In June, trend employment in Western Australia decreased by 993 (-0.1%) to 1.53 million people.
- Compared with June last year, total employment in Western Australia has increased by 15,535 (1.0%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 38,963 (0.3%) to 14.05 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Western Australia decreased by 223 (-0.0%) to 1.08 million in June, and has increased by 27,597 (2.6%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms decreased by 23,454 (-5.1%) to 456,636 in June. Part-time employment has decreased by 13,884 (-3.0%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In June, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 326 (-0.6%) to 57,722.
- Compared with June last year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 6,912 (12.0%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in June decreased by 1,551 (-0.3%) to 505,456 people.

Unemployed Total: Western Australia & Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Unemployment Rate

- In June, the trend unemployment rate in Western Australia remained steady at 3.6%.
- Compared with June last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Western Australia & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In June, the trend unemployment rate for males in Western Australia remained steady at 4.0%.
- Compared with June last year male unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 0.7 percentage points.
- In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females in remained steady at 3.2%.
- Compared with June last year female unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 0.1 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 68.5%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 1.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in June remained steady at 66.8%.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.9%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 614 (0.7%) to 93,605 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 124 (0.1%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in June increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 7,214 (0.8%) to 927,181.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 12, Trend)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 23, Trend)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.5%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 288 (0.2%) to 151,327.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has increased by 7,036 (4.6%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in June remained steady at 9.8%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 5,663 (0.4%) to 1.43 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 23, Trend)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 304,535 (0.1%) to 219.37 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has increased by 10.64 million (4.8%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in June increased by 10.28 million (0.5%) to 1,956 million.

![Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: Western Australia & Australia Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)](chart)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, June 2023 (Table 19, Trend)