Labour Market Brief
Western Australia

Summary

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

- Total employment increased by 6,397 (0.4%) to 1.47 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has increased by 59,167 (4.0%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 2,981 (-6.1%) to 49,065 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.2%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 18,214 (-37.1%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 8,011 (-6.1%) to 131,007 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 8.6%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 39,038 (-29.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.9 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 398,516 (2.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 167,597 (-35.4%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 470,788 (-35.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.5 percentage points.
Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 6,397 (0.4%) to 1.47 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Western Australia has increased by 59,167 (4.0%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.

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

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Western Australia increased by 3,354 (0.3%) to 1.02 million in July, and has increased by 69,975 (6.9%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms decreased by 4,170 (-0.9%) to 452,408 in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 10,564 (-2.3%) over the last year.

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

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

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

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 2,981 (-6.1%) to 49,065.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 18,214 (-37.1%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people.

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

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.2%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%

Unemployment Rate: Western Australia and Australia

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

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.0%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.5%.
- Compared with July 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, July 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 69.4%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.9 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 66.4%.

Participation Rate: Western Australia and Australia

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

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 5.4%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 5,030 (-6.1%) to 81,942 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 20,824 (-25.4%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 17,012 (-2.0%) to 840,010.
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 8.6%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 8,011 (-6.1%) to 131,007.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has decreased by 39,038 (-29.8%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million.

Underutilisation Rate: Western Australia and Australia

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

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

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.71 million (1.3%) to 202.78 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has increased by 7.64 million (3.8%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July decreased by 15.58 million (-0.8%) to 1,840 million.

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

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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