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

- Total employment increased by 14,998 (1.0%) to 1.54 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has increased by 22,127 (1.4%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 2,558 (-4.7%) to 54,408 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.4%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 1,917 (3.5%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 2,639 (-1.8%) to 148,166 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.3%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 10,413 (7.0%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.5 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 387,055 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 55,463 (10.3%) and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 134,992 (9.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 14,998 (1.0%) to 1.54 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Western Australia has increased by 22,127 (1.4%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

![Employed Total: Western Australia & Australia](image1)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Western Australia decreased by 10,220 (-1.0%) to 1.06 million in July, and has increased by 10,657 (1.0%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms increased by 20,354 (4.3%) to 476,990 in July. Part-time employment has increased by 10,699 (2.2%) over the last year.

![FULL AND PART–TIME EMPLOYMENT: WA](image2)
Unemployment

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 2,558 (-4.7%) to 54,408.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 1,917 (3.5%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

Unemployed Total: Western Australia & 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 3.4%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has increased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%

Unemployment Rate: Western Australia & Australia

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

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia remained steady at 3.9%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females remained steady at 3.1%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Western Australia has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.

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

- The participation rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 68.4%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

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

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 5.9%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 82 (-0.1%) to 93,759 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 8,496 (9.1%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July remained steady at 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 3,924 (-0.4%) to 929,868.

[Graphs showing underemployment rates and total underemployed individuals over time]
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.3%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 2,639 (-1.8%) to 148,166.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has increased by 10,413 (7.0%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million.
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 515,533 (-0.2%) to 218.77 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has increased by 8.42 million (3.9%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

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