

TRENDS – The Tasmanian Labour Market Review

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- Employment in Tasmania increased to 250,348
- The unemployment rate remained stable at 6.0 per cent
- The participation rate remained stable at 61.3 per cent

Note: All Labour Force estimates are from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Labour Force Survey and are Trend estimates unless otherwise stated.

Employment in Tasmania is 1.1 per cent higher than a year ago. Full-time employment increased by 1.3 per cent over the year to 156,778 persons, while part-time employment increased by 0.7 per cent over the same period.

The Tasmanian unemployment rate of 6.0 per cent is higher than the rate of 5.9 per cent recorded the previous year. The participation rate of 61.3 per cent in August 2018 is the same as recorded in August 2017.

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Employment (000s)						
Male	Aug-18	130.0	Jul-18	129.8	Aug-17	128.3
Female	Aug-18	120.3	Jul-18	120.4	Aug-17	119.3
Full-time	Aug-18	156.8	Jul-18	157.0	Aug-17	154.7
Part-time	Aug-18	93.6	Jul-18	93.2	Aug-17	92.9
Persons	Aug-18	250.3	Jul-18	250.2	Aug-17	247.6
Unemployment (000s)						
Male	Aug-18	8.3	Jul-18	8.4	Aug-17	8.6
Female	Aug-18	7.8	Jul-18	7.7	Aug-17	6.8
Persons	Aug-18	16.1	Jul-18	16.1	Aug-17	15.4
Labour Force (000s)						
Male	Aug-18	138.4	Jul-18	138.2	Aug-17	136.9
Female	Aug-18	128.1	Jul-18	128.1	Aug-17	126.1
Persons	Aug-18	266.5	Jul-18	266.3	Aug-17	263.0

Unemployment Rate (%)						
Male	Aug-18	5.9	Jul-18	6.1	Aug-17	6.4
Female	Aug-18	6.1	Jul-18	6.0	Aug-17	5.4
Persons	Aug-18	6.0	Jul-18	6.0	Aug-17	5.9
Youth*	Aug-18	14.9	Jul-18	14.8	Aug-17	14.4
Participation Rate (%)						
Male	Aug-18	65.1	Jul-18	65.1	Aug-17	65.2
Female	Aug-18	57.7	Jul-18	57.8	Aug-17	57.5
Persons	Aug-18	61.3	Jul-18	61.3	Aug-17	61.3
*unadjusted data twelve month average						

Please note that as the calculations of change presented in the table are taken from more detailed data, results obtained by manually calculating change may not exactly match those in the table, due to rounding.

(Graph in original shows unemployment rates for all states and territories for August 2018).

(Graph in original shows Tasmanian Participation Rates by Gender from 2013 to 2018).

(Graph in original shows unemployment rates for Tasmania and Australia from 2013 to 2018).

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ECONOMIC MEDIA REPORTS

AUGUST 2018

North-west Tasmania

Construction for the \$56 million BIOMar fish feed mill at Wesley Vale has been approved. During the construction phase 250 people are expected to be employed, with a team of 55 people to be employed at the mill. The facility will sell the feed within Tasmania and export to the mainland and New Zealand.

(The Advocate, 16 August 2018)

State-wide

Seven jobs will be lost at WIN News Tasmania as the network prepares to end locally produced bulletins on Friday. Of the current seven journalist positions, only four would remain. One camera operator and three production staff would be made redundant.

(The Mercury, 14 August 2018)

Tasports and Tasmanian State Government Infrastructure Minister Jeremy Rockliff announced \$200 million worth of projects for Tasmania's four main ports over the next 10 to 15 years. The Burnie projects are expected to be undertaken first at a cost of \$80 million, with \$50 to \$60 million expected to be spent at each of the Devonport and Hobart ports; and \$10 million at Bell Bay.

(The Advocate, 17 August 2018)

The Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment state department has established a policy to oversee its relocation of 100 jobs to the state's North and North-West. The roles will be split between Mt Pleasant Laboratories at Prospect and Stony Rise at Devonport. No permanent employee will be forced to relocate as result of the policy, those who apply for voluntary relocation will be supported through a relocation assistance package. Recruitment has already started for Northern positions, with all new department vacancies to be filled in North and North-West unless they can only be done in the South.

(The Advocate, 21 August 2018)