

TRENDS – The Tasmanian Labour Market Review

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Monthly highlights for November 2018

- Employment in Tasmania increased to 249,503
- The unemployment rate remained steady at 5.8 per cent
- The participation rate decreased to 60.6 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 0.6 per cent higher than November 2017. Full-time employment increased by 1.8 per cent over the year to 156,418 persons, while part-time employment decreased by 0.7 per cent over the same period.

The Tasmanian unemployment rate of 5.8 per cent is lower than November 2017. The participation rate of 60.6 per cent is lower than the rate of 61.2 per cent in November 2017.

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Employment (000s)						
Male	Nov-18	130.8	Oct-18	130.7	Nov-17	127.9
Female	Nov-18	118.7	Oct-18	118.8	Nov-17	120.1
Full-time	Nov-18	156.4	Oct-18	156.5	Nov-17	153.6
Part-time	Nov-18	93.1	Oct-18	93.0	Nov-17	94.4
Persons	Nov-18	249.5	Oct-18	249.5	Nov-17	248.0
Unemployment (000s)						
Male	Nov-18	7.6	Oct-18	7.7	Nov-17	8.9
Female	Nov-18	7.7	Oct-18	7.7	Nov-17	6.7
Persons	Nov-18	15.3	Oct-18	15.5	Nov-17	15.6
Labour Force (000s)						
Male	Nov-18	138.4	Oct-18	138.4	Nov-17	136.8
Female	Nov-18	126.5	Oct-18	126.5	Nov-17	126.8
Persons	Nov-18	264.9	Oct-18	264.9	Nov-17	263.7

Unemployment Rate (%)						
Male	Nov-18	5.4	Oct-18	5.5	Nov-17	6.5
Female	Nov-18	6.1	Oct-18	6.1	Nov-17	5.2
Persons	Nov-18	5.8	Oct-18	5.8	Nov-17	5.9
Youth*	Nov-18	15.4	Oct-18	15.1	Nov-17	13.6
Participation Rate (%)						
Male	Nov-18	64.6	Oct-18	64.7	Nov-17	64.7
Female	Nov-18	56.7	Oct-18	56.9	Nov-17	57.7
Persons	Nov-18	60.6	Oct-18	60.7	Nov-17	61.2
*unadjusted data twelve month average						

Please note: 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 November 2018).

(Graph in original shows Unemployment Rates for Tasmania and Australia from 2013 to 2018).

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

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ECONOMIC MEDIA REPORTS

NOVEMBER 2018

North-West Tasmania

AJR Construct has been awarded the second tender to construct demountable units for teens and young adults as part of the Tasmanian Governments Backyard Units initiative. The Backyard Units initiative aims to deliver 40 demountable units state wide by 30 June 2020, at a cost of \$5.6 million. AJR Construct aims to use local suppliers and sub-trades to build each unit within 7-8 weeks. (The Advocate, 8 November 2018)

Devonport Pork has been established, guaranteed by Tasmanian Quality Meats to reopen the Devonport City Abattoir. The facility will be pig-only, twenty of the original one hundred employees have been offered positions. (The Mercury, 16 November 2018)

Southern Tasmania

The Tasmanian based company Taylor Brothers Marine have won a contract to complete maintenance on an off-shore oil rig. The oil rig will be docked in the Derwent River for up to 12 weeks whilst the servicing and repairs are completed. Taylor Brother Marine are collaborating with local companies and expect the tasks to require about 50 additional staff. (The Mercury, 13 November 2018)

Kingborough Council have announced a partnership with Sydney based company 'Traders in Purple' to develop the former Kingston high School site. The Development will include a mix of housing, commercial space and retail areas. The project is expected to create up to 1000 jobs and subject to approval the first stage of construction could begin next year. (The Mercury, 13 November 2018)

Twenty new positions have been created at Coles following the redevelopment of the Bridgewater store. The modernised supermarket in Cove Hill was unveiled on the 29th of November. Four of the new employees are expected to start permanent positions after a four month work experience program with Jordan River Learning Federation concludes. (The Mercury, 30 November 2018)

State-wide

The State Government has announced it will spend \$78 million on upgrading roads in popular tourism areas. The upgrades will aim to improve access to areas such as Three Capes, Bruny Island, the Tarkine and Great Easter Drive. The upgrades will begin this season with a \$2 million contract awarded to build an overtaking lane on the Great Eastern Drive at Cranbrook. (The Mercury, 8 November 2018)

The State Government have committed \$14.9 million to recruiting 42 paramedics across regional Tasmania over the next six years. This will be a progressive recruitment process with three branch station officer team leaders and three extra paramedics at Wynyard Ambulance Station to be employed this financial year; three paramedics will be employed in Dodges Ferry, Bicheno and St Helens next year and the remaining 24 paramedics recruited over the final four years. (The Mercury, 13 November 2018)

Roger David stores in Hobart and Launceston will close in mid-December following voluntary administration in October. The stores employed 15 Tasmanian staff.
(The Mercury, 16 November 2018)

Emergency buildings Works Company Johns Lyng Group will open an office in Hobart following a surge in demand following the May 2018 floods and create on-going work for 60 local contractors.
(The Mercury, 16 November 2018)