



# TRENDS

## THE TASMANIAN LABOUR MARKET REVIEW



August 2018

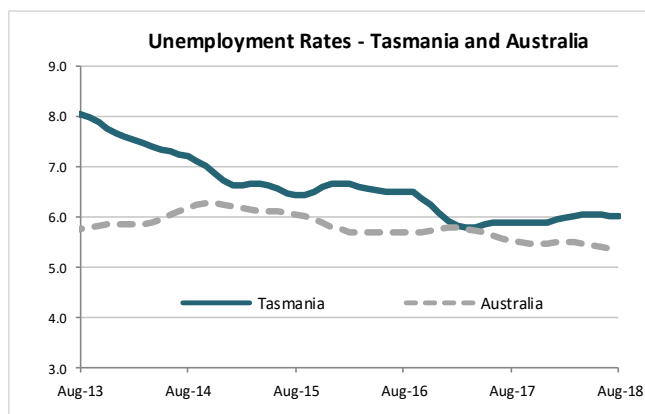
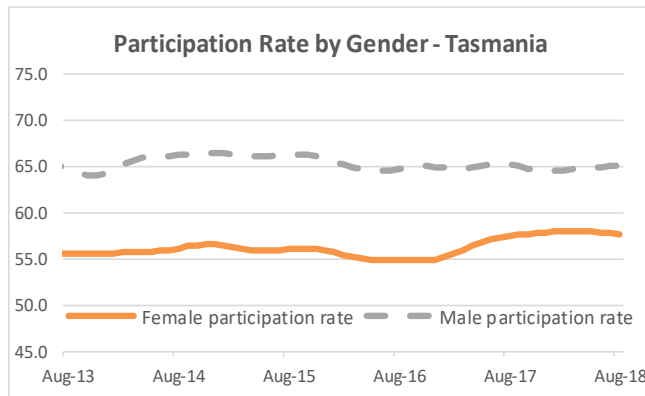
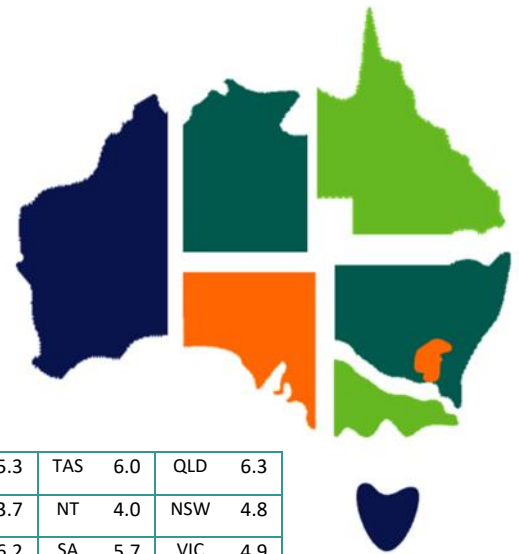
### Monthly highlights for August

- 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

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.

### Unemployment Rates States and Territories



AUST	5.3	TAS	6.0	QLD	6.3
ACT	3.7	NT	4.0	NSW	4.8
WA	6.2	SA	5.7	VIC	4.9

	Aug-2018	Jul-2018	Aug-2017
<b>Employment (000s)</b>			
Male	130.0	129.8	128.3
Female	120.3	120.4	119.3
Full-time	156.8	157.0	154.7
Part-time	93.6	93.2	92.9
Persons	250.3	250.2	247.6
<b>Unemployment (000s)</b>			
Male	8.3	8.4	8.6
Female	7.8	7.7	6.8
Persons	16.1	16.1	15.4
<b>Labour Force (000s)</b>			
Male	138.4	138.2	136.9
Female	128.1	128.1	126.1
Persons	266.5	266.3	263.0
<b>Unemployment Rate %</b>			
Male	5.9	6.1	6.4
Female	6.1	6.0	5.4
Persons	6.0	6.0	5.9
Youth*	14.9	14.8	14.4
<b>Participation Rate %</b>			
Male	65.1	65.1	65.2
Female	57.7	57.8	57.5
Persons	61.3	61.3	61.3

\*unadjusted data (12 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.

Trends is available on the Labour Market Office website: <http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/Publications/LabourEconomicsOfficeLEORReports/Tasmania>

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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)

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