

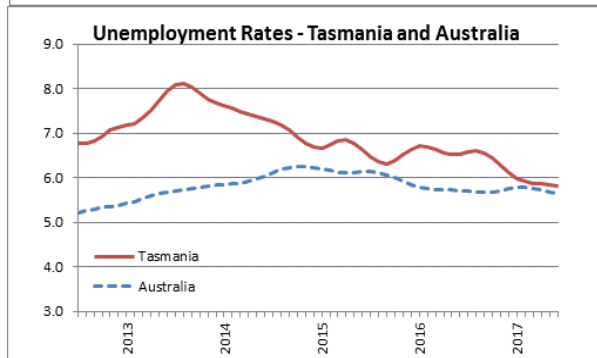
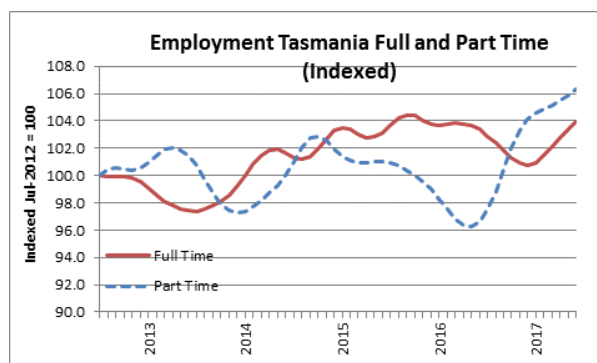
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- The participation rate increased to 61.0 per cent

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 increased during June and is 3.8 per cent higher than a year ago. Full-time employment increased by 0.6 per cent over the year, while part-time employment experienced an increase of 10.0 per cent over the same period.

	Jun-2017	May-2017	Jun-2016
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Employment			
Male	129.1	128.8	126.2
Female	116.5	115.6	110.4
Full-time	155.4	154.6	154.5
Part-time	90.3	89.8	82.0
Persons	245.6	244.4	236.5
Unemployment			
Male	7.9	7.9	9.0
Female	7.2	7.3	7.6
Persons	15.2	15.1	16.5
Labour Force			
Male	137.1	136.6	135.1
Female	123.7	122.9	117.9
Persons	260.8	259.5	253.1
Unemployment Rate %			
Male	5.8	5.8	6.6
Female	5.8	5.9	6.4
Persons	5.8	5.8	6.5
Youth*	14.9	15.0	15.3
Participation Rate %			
Male	64.9	64.7	64.4
Female	57.1	56.7	54.8
Persons	61.0	60.7	59.6
*unadjusted data (12 month average)			

The Tasmanian unemployment rate remained steady at 5.8 per cent and is lower than the rate of 6.5 per cent recorded in June last year. The participation rate experienced an increase to 61.0 per cent and is higher than the rate of 59.6 per cent recorded a year ago.



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 error.

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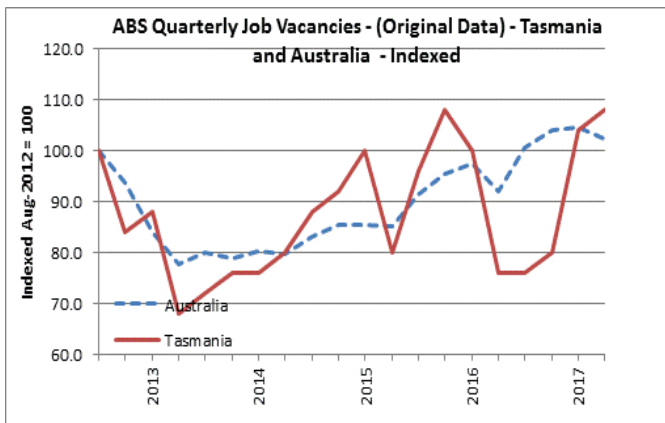
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Job Vacancies

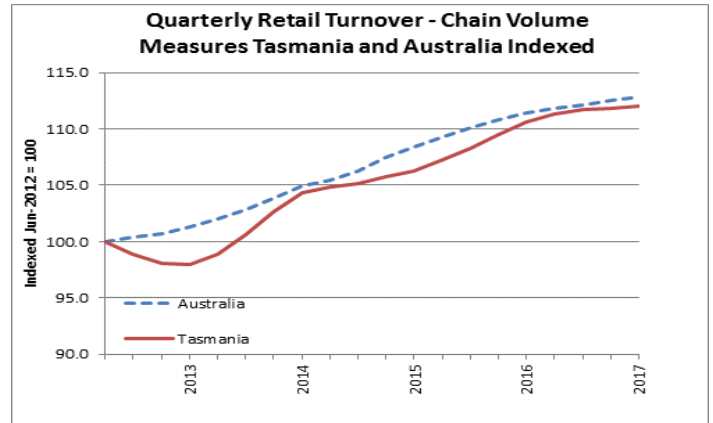
The **Department of Employment Internet Vacancy Index** in Tasmania increased by 0.6 per cent in May 2017 and was the same this time last year. Nationally, the index rose by 1.2 per cent over the month and was 2.7 per cent higher than it was in May 2016.

The **ABS measure of job vacancies** (original data) for May 2017 shows Tasmania increased by 3.8 per cent over the quarter with an increase of 42.1 per cent over the year. Nationally, the series decreased by 2.4 per cent in the May 2017 quarter and increased by 11.2 per cent over the year.



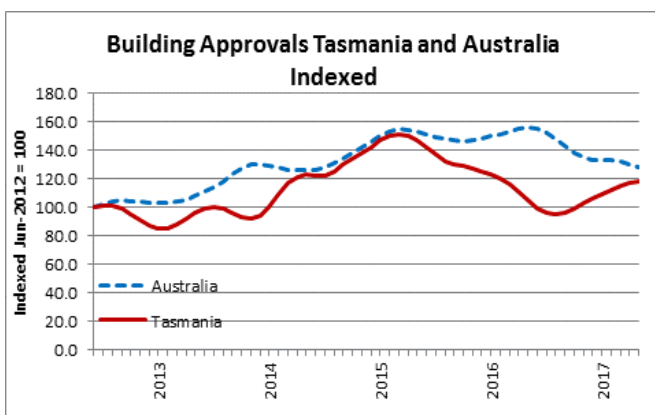
The **Consumer Price Index** (original data) for Hobart increased by 0.8 per cent over the March 2017 quarter and by 2.3 per cent over the year. The national CPI for the March 2017 quarter increased by 0.5 per cent and by 2.1 per cent over the year.

Quarterly Retail Turnover (chain volume measures) increased by 0.1 per cent in Tasmania in the March 2017 quarter and was 1.3 per cent higher than at the same time the year before. Nationally, there was an increase of 0.3 per cent for the March 2017 quarter and an annual increase of 1.4 per cent.



Other Indicators

Building Approvals in Tasmania increased by 1.5 per cent over the month of May 2017 and were 13.0 per cent higher than they were in May last year. Nationally, building approvals decreased by 1.9 per cent over the month and were 18.1 per cent less than in May 2016.



Newstart Recipients & Youth Allowees

Benefit recipients - Tasmania Newstart & Youth Allowances (other)*				
	<12 months	>12 months	Total	% > 12 months
May-2016	4088	10817	14905	72.6%
May-2017	4154	11354	15508	73.2%
Number difference	66	537	603	
% difference	1.6%	5.0%	4.0%	

*Youth allowance (other) those not in full-time education.

Source: Department of Social Services.

ECONOMIC MEDIA REPORTS IN JUNE 2017**North-West Tasmania**

- Jun 3rd Coastal Engineering and Belting of Camdale won a tender for the manufacture of mining truck trays. The company will build 11 trays for 65 tonne mining trucks for Swedish company Atlas Copco, and create four to six jobs in the process. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 9th The Robbins Island wind farm project at Circular Head is poised to proceed. The wind farm is expected to provide about 250 construction jobs, plus more than 50 ongoing jobs. It is expected to cost between \$1.2 billion and \$1.6 billion, and will involve two wind farms. UPC Renewables anticipate the Robbins Island project is targeted to be ready for investment by early 2019. The smaller Jims Plain project was expected to be investment ready by mid-2018, and to provide a smaller number of jobs. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 15th Regional Victorian timber mill, Australian Sustainable Hardwoods, will axe 250 jobs and is beginning negotiations with the Tasmanian Government to send the mill to Burnie. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 20th Seafood producer Craig Mostyn Group (CMG) will expand its scallop production four-fold at the Stanley processing facility for the 2017 season. The company plan to train and employ more than 20 splitters to keep up with strong local demand. The scallop season is scheduled to start mid July and will finish on December 31. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 20th Demolition works at the site of the Circular Head War Memorial Pool have begun at Smithton. Tender details for the site will be released next month. Construction of the new wellbeing centre is expected to commence in September and will cost an estimated \$12 million. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 21st A tin mining expansion project expected to create about 20 jobs has been approved by the West Coast Council. Aus Tin Mining Limited wants to expand its Granville project, north-east of Zeehan. It is expected there would be jobs for supervisory, technical and operational staff, plus roles for local contractors. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 24th Nine programs have been funded with \$656,810 by the State Government's \$1.5 million stimulus package aimed at growing local business and tourism at Circular Head. The nine programs include a Tourism Industry Development Program (\$100,000), Competitive SME Program (\$100,000), Digital Ready Program (\$30,000), Contractors Program (\$31,810), and New Markets Access Program (\$200,000). The remaining funds will be allocated to other projects next month. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 28th Construction on the \$280 million Granville Harbour wind farm will start in September this year with major earthworks to begin by the end of this year. The wind farm will create close to 200 jobs during construction. *(The Advocate)*

Northern Tasmania

- Jun 3rd Scotch Oakburn College's \$10 million centre for science and mathematics has officially opened. Dubbed 'Helix', the multi-storey building features nine new classrooms, four specialist laboratories, preparation rooms, break-out spaces, staff offices and a modern home for the school's year 9 and ten students. *(The Examiner)*
- Jun 4th As a result of the State Government's wilderness tourism initiative, a new Parks and Wildlife Service lease has been issued to take tourists horseriding at Narawntapu National Park. An extra two staff, cleaning contractors and suppliers of horse-related goods would all benefit. Eleven tourism proposals remain in the negotiation stage with more expected to be approved soon. *(Sunday Tasmanian)*
- Jun 6th A \$10 million capital works program will give financial security to contractors and the local economy in the Dorset Council region. The Dorset Council labelled it as the biggest capital works program ever undertaken and will use local contractors where possible. *(The Examiner)*
- Jun 17th Vos Construction and Joinery has been awarded a \$4.4 million tender to undertake a major development at Civic Square as part of the Launceston City Heart Project. Work is expected to start next month and be completed in early 2018. *(The Examiner)*
- Jun 27th The Federal Government will spend \$5 million to relocate defence activities from Launceston's heritage-listed Paterson Barracks to allow for potential development. Defence Minister Marise Payne has also announced a \$250,000 commitment for study on a Defence Innovation and Design Precinct at the Newnham campus of the University of Tasmania. *(The Mercury)*

Southern Tasmania

- Jun 1st Gymnasium Club Salamanca in Hobart will be closing due to declining membership and high running expenses. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 3rd Independent hardware business Clennett's Mitre 10 has bought the trade division of Kemp & Denning Limited in Southern Tasmania. Clennett's will take over three of the K&D trade sites – in Glenorchy, Cambridge and Kingston – and continue to serve all K&D trade account holders. The K&D operation at Kingston will be closed with the Clennett's site in Kingston being retained as the region's centre of operations. A number of K&D Trade employees will transfer with the businesses. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 3rd High-end hotel, MACq01, has officially opened on Hobart's Macquarie Wharf One. The building was developed by Vos Group at a cost of around \$36 million and Federal Group has spent about \$10 million on the hotel fit out. Most of the 100 jobs on offer were filled by Tasmanians with 15 per cent from interstate. *(The Mercury)*

- Jun 7th The State Government, Aurora and Chinese turbine manufacturer Goldwind have reached an in-principle agreement for a \$300 million, 49 turbine wind farm developed at Wild Cattle Hill, near Waddamana, about 50km west of Oatlands in the Central Highlands. Construction is expected to start in September. The project is expected to create 150 jobs during construction and about 10 jobs when completed in 2020. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 12th The Agrarian Kitchen Eatery and Store at Willow Court will be opening on June 17. The owners received grant funding of \$130,000 from the Australian and Tasmanian governments through the Tasmania Jobs and Investment Fund. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 28th Vos Construction and Joinery was awarded the contract to construct a \$1 million public shelter at Mt Mawson ski field in Mt Field National Park. It's hoped the shelter will be ready for use by next winter. *(The Mercury)*

State-wide

- Jun 3rd A new RACT vessel will be built by Richardson Devine Marine to replace the current Gordon River Cruises' vessel. Construction commenced in April and it is expected to be operational early next year. Twenty people are working on the project currently, but that will increase to 50 as the build progresses. *(The Advocate)*
- Jun 7th Midwinter festival Dark Mofo starts tomorrow with an increase in demand for tickets. The event made \$1.4 million in sales last year and organisers hope it will break the \$2 million mark this year. The State Government has backed the mid-winter event for a further five years in a \$10.5 million investment. In return Mona agreed to: boost overall attendance to 500,000 and interstate and overseas visitors to 20,000 a year by 2021; get media exposure and promotion of Tasmania; deliver a regional expansion program every year; and invest \$250,000 in programming and support of local arts based organisations. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 8th The latest International Visitor Survey shows Tasmania recorded the nation's fastest growth in international tourist arrivals over the twelve months to March at 16 per cent. The rise compares with a 9 per cent rise nationally. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 9th RSPCA Tasmania is making cost-cutting measures across the state by reducing public contact hours on weekends and relying more on other animal welfare groups for the rehoming of healthy cats and dogs. All centres will close to the public on Sundays and public holidays. *(The Mercury)*
- Jun 15th Telstra announced plans to cut 1400 jobs nationally, including approximately 11 jobs in Tasmania. Telstra was consulting with staff about which roles would go over the next six months. *(The Mercury)*

Jun 18th New data collected by the short-term rental industry shows travellers are placing extra demand on everything from restaurants to cleaning services. Research commissioned by short-term rental platform Stayz shows the total contribution to the Tasmanian GDP last year was estimated at \$166 million. That comprises \$29.4 million directly related to costs associated with managing the accommodation and a further \$136 million generated indirectly. The extra demand on services led to an estimated extra 1300 full-time-equivalent jobs. The data shows more than 173,000 visitors used short-term rental in Tasmania in 2016 by booking on Stayz and Airbnb. More than 5000 Tasmanians have listed their properties on the short-stay accommodation sites, with 1325 listings on Stayz and about 4000 on Airbnb. The growing sector is expected to expand further from July 1 when the market is deregulated. *(Sunday Tasmanian)*