



This publication provides summary data and commentary on the latest ABS Labour Force Cat: 6202.0 release for Western Australia. It also includes brief information on other selective WA labour market indicators. ¹

KEY POINTS²

- Labour market conditions in Western Australia (WA) have strengthened over the year. The level of employment in WA has increased by 34,900 (or 2.7 per cent), to stand at 1,337,800 in November 2017.
 - The level of **full-time employment** has increased by a robust 27,500 (or 3.1 per cent).
 - Part-time employment** has also risen over the year, by 7,400 (or 1.8 per cent).
- The state's **youth unemployment** rate has continued to increase and currently sits at 13.6 per cent. The rate for WA is now at its highest since February 2002.
- The level of **unemployment** in WA has risen by 1,100 (or 1.2 per cent) over the year, to 94,400 in November 2017.
- While the WA **unemployment rate** has fallen, from 6.7 per cent in November 2016, to 6.6 per cent in November 2017, it was the highest rate of any State or Territory in November 2017.

The following November 2017 ABS Labour Force Data were released 14/12/17.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
Employed Persons ('000)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	1,302.9	1,329.2	1,337.8
Australia	12,019.7	12,341.3	12,403.0
Employed ('000) by Employment Type			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
Full time	881.7	898.6	909.2
Part time (Original data)	421.5	430.6	428.6
Participation Rate (%)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	67.6	68.0	68.8
Australia	64.7	65.2	65.5
Unemployed Persons ('000)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	93.3	84.8	94.4
Australia	732.2	703.6	707.7
Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	6.7	6.0	6.6
Australia	5.7	5.4	5.4
Youth Unemployment (15-24yrs, %)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA*	11.5	13.4	13.6
Australia^	12.5	12.8	12.7

TREND			
Employed Persons ('000)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	1,297.9	1,333.5	1,334.6
Australia	12,009.1	12,357.9	12,380.1
WA Employed ('000)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
Full time	874.6	907.5	906.2
Part time (Original data)	421.5	429.4	428.4
Participation Rate (%)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	67.2	68.3	68.4
Australia	64.6	65.3	65.4
Unemployed Persons ('000)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	89.5	86.1	88.9
Australia	727.2	710.2	707.3
Unemployment Rate (%)			
	Nov-16	Oct-17	Nov-17
WA	6.5	6.1	6.2
Australia	5.7	5.4	5.4

* 12 month moving average of original data

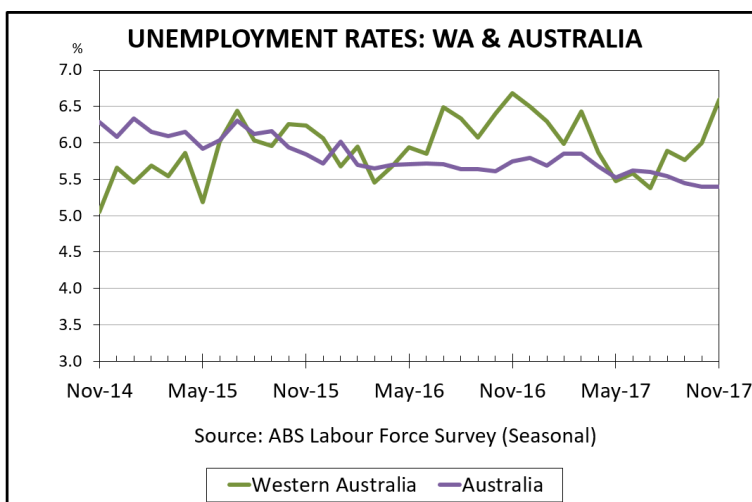
^ Trend data

¹ The Labour Force Survey has been re-benchmarked to reflect both the size and compositional changes to the Australian population evident from the latest 2016 Census

² Seasonally adjusted data

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- The level of unemployment has risen by 1,100 persons (1.2 per cent) over the year and by 9,600 persons (11.3 per cent) per cent over the month.
- State’s unemployment rate has fallen over the year, from 6.7 per cent to 6.6 per cent.
- Over the month the unemployment rate in the state has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
- The national unemployment rate has remained steady at 5.4 per cent.



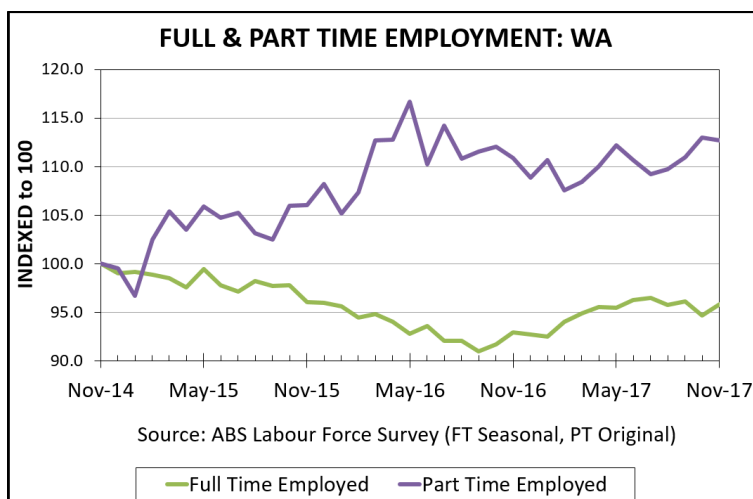
EMPLOYMENT

- Over the year, the level of employment in WA has increased by 34,900 (or 2.7 per cent) to stand at 1,337,800 in November 2017.
- Over the month, total employment rose by 8,500.
- The total number of males employed has increased by 18,200 (or 2.6 per cent) over the year. Females employment increased by 16,900 (or 2.8 per cent) over the same period.
- Over the month male employment decreased slightly (by 0.2 per cent), while female employment declined by 10,500 (1.75 per cent).



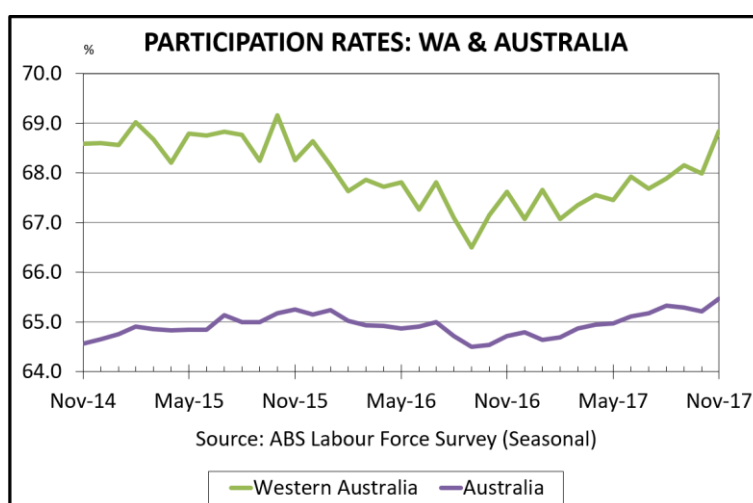
FULL TIME AND PART TIME EMPLOYMENT

- Over the year full-time employment has increased by 27,500 (or 3.1 per cent) over the year, to stand at 909,200 in November 2017.
- Full time employment increased for males by 1.9 per cent and by 5.1 per cent for females.
- Persons in part-time employment has also risen over the period, by 6,900 (or 1.6 per cent), to 428,600.³



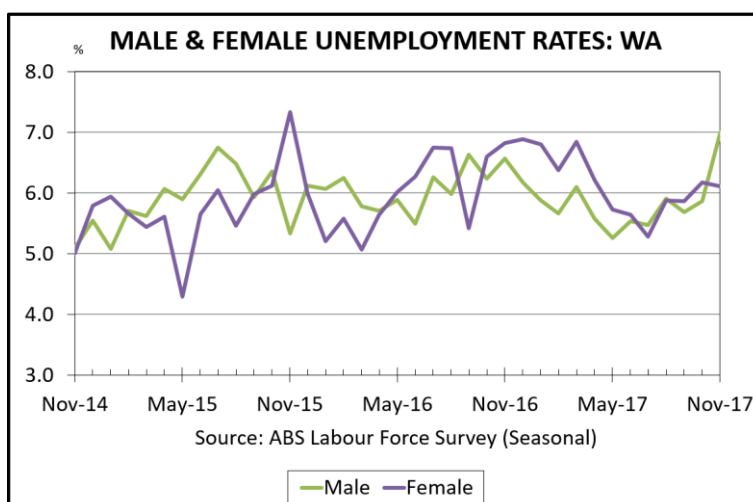
PARTICIPATION RATE

- The participation rate has increased from 67.6 per cent in November 2016, to 68.8 per cent in November 2017, well above the national rate, of 65.5 per cent.
- The male participation rate has increased by 1.7 percentage points over the year, to 75.4 per cent in November 2017.
- The female participation rate has risen by 0.7 percentage points, to 62.4 per cent in November 2017, a record high.
- Nationally, participation rates sit at 70.9 per cent for males and 60.2 per cent for females.



MALE AND FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT

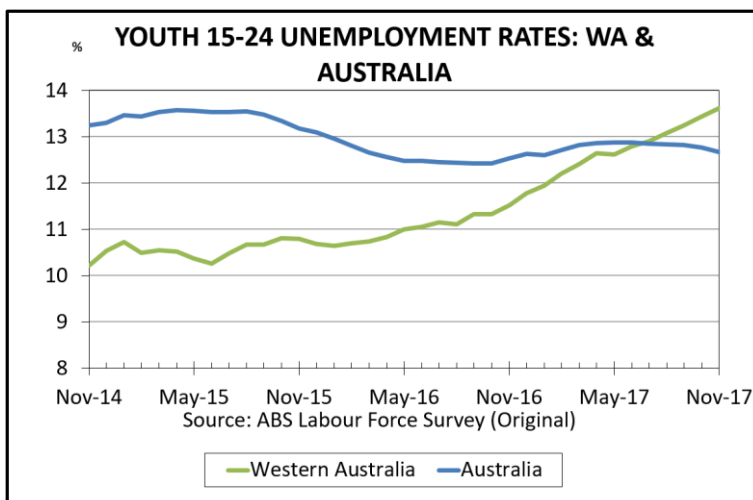
- Over the year, the male unemployment rate has increased by 0.4 percentage points, to 7.0 per cent in November 2017. This is the highest rate recorded since September 2002.
- The female unemployment rate has declined by 0.7 percentage points over the period, to 6.1 per cent in November 2017.
- Nationally male and female unemployment sits at 5.4 per cent.



³ Original data.

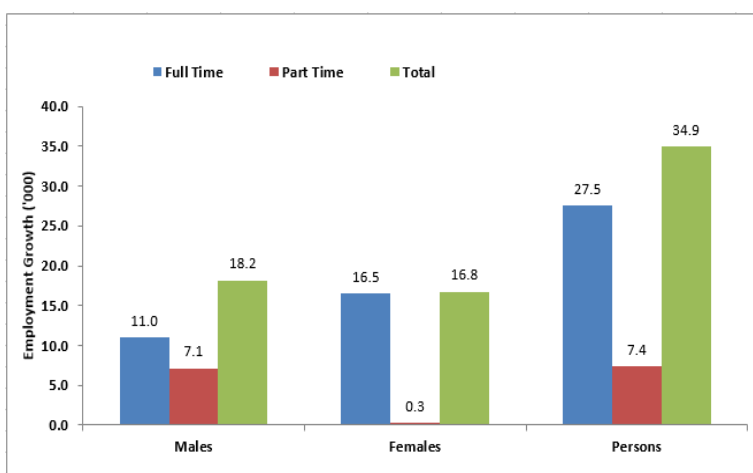
YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT (15-24 YEAR OLDS)⁴

- The WA youth unemployment rate increased by 2.1 per cent over the year to 13.6 per cent. The national rate is 12.7 per cent.
- The rate for WA is now at its highest since February 2002.
- There are currently an estimated 30,100 unemployed young people in WA.



EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY GENDER AND TYPE

- Overall employment in the state has increased by 34,900 over the year. This increase has been driven by an increase in full-time employment.
 - Full-time employment has grown by 27,500 while part-time employment has increased by 7,400.
 - The growth in full-time employment has occurred for both males and females.
 - Part-time employment growth has been driven by males, rising by 7,100 over the year.



⁴ 12 Month moving average of original data. ABS Labour Force Survey estimates for youth unemployment are subject to high levels of sampling error and, as such, should be used with caution.