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OVERVIEW

Seasonally adjusted **employment** fell by 594,300 in April 2020, to stand at 12,418,700. Over the year, employment has fallen by 395,100 (or 3.1 per cent). **Full-time employment** fell by 220,500 in April, to 8,656,900, and is 123,000 (or 1.4 per cent) lower than it was a year ago. **Part-time employment** also decreased, by 373,800 in April, to 3,761,800, and is 272,000 (or 6.7 per cent) below the level recorded a year ago. The **unemployment rate** rose by 1.0 percentage point over the month, to 6.2 per cent in April 2020, and is above the 5.2 per cent recorded in April 2019. The **participation rate** fell sharply over the month, by 2.4 percentage points, to stand at 63.5 per cent in April 2020, the lowest rate recorded since October 2004 and 2.3 percentage points below the rate recorded in April 2019.

Table 1 – Key figures

	Apr-20	Mar-20 to Apr-20		Apr-19 to Apr-20	
		('000)	(%)	('000)	(%)
Employment ('000)	12,418.7	-594.3	-4.6	-395.1	-3.1
Full-time ('000)	8,656.9	-220.5	-2.5	-123.0	-1.4
Part-time ('000)	3,761.8	-373.8	-9.0	-272.0	-6.7
Unemployment ('000)	823.3	104.5	14.5	117.7	16.7
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	-	1.0 pts	-	1.0 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.5	-	-2.4 pts	-	-2.3 pts

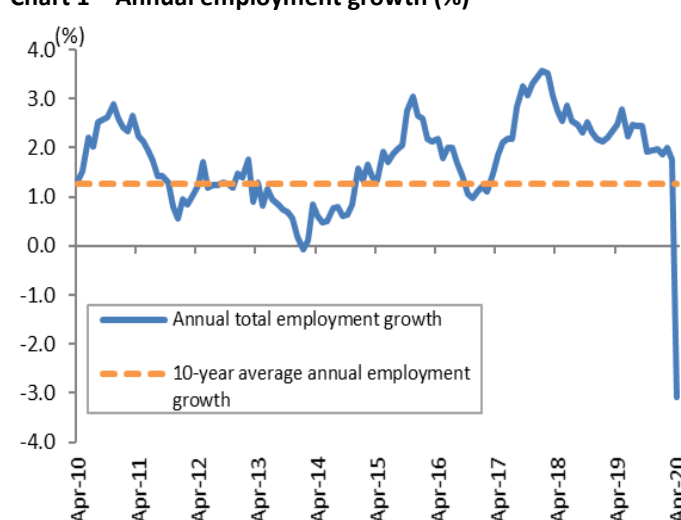
EMPLOYMENT

Table 2 – Employment ('000)

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Persons	12,418.7	-4.6%	-3.1%
Male	6,586.8	-3.9%	-2.8%
Female	5,831.9	-5.3%	-3.4%

- **Employment** fell by 594,300 in April, to stand at 12,418,700, and is 395,100 (or 3.1 per cent) lower than the level recorded a year ago.
- **Full-time employment** fell by 220,500 in April, to stand at 8,656,900. **Part-time employment** also decreased, by 373,800 in April, to 3,761,800.
- Over the last year, **full-time employment** has fallen by 123,000 (or 1.4 per cent), while **part-time employment** has also decreased, by 272,000 (or 6.7 per cent).
- Since September 2013, **employment** has risen by 942,300 (or 8.2 per cent).
- **Female employment** fell by 325,000 in April, to 5,831,900, while **male employment** also decreased over the month, by 269,300, to 6,586,800.

Chart 1 – Annual employment growth (%)



- Over the year, **female employment** has fallen by 205,500 (or 3.4 per cent), while **male employment** has decreased by 189,500 (or 2.8 per cent).

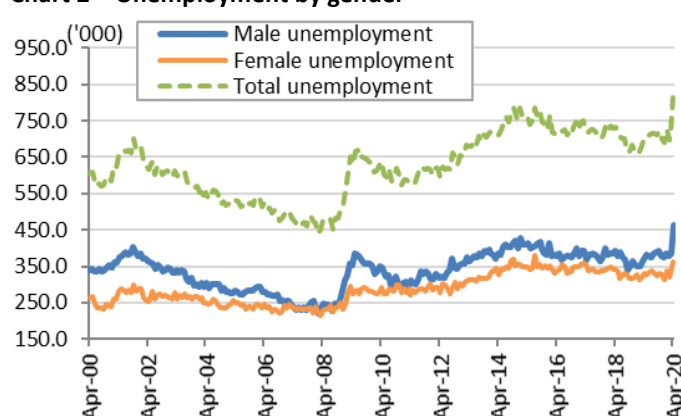
UNEMPLOYMENT

Table 3 – Unemployment ('000)

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Persons	823.3	14.5%	16.7%
Male	462.2	20.1%	23.1%
Female	361.1	8.1%	9.4%

- The level of **unemployment** increased by 104,500 over the month, to 823,300 in April 2020, and has risen by 117,700 (or 16.7 per cent) over the year.
- **Male unemployment** rose by 77,500 over the month, to 462,200 in April 2020, and is now 86,600 (or 23.1 per cent) above the level recorded a year ago.
- **Female unemployment** also rose, by 27,000 over the month, to 361,100 in April 2020, and is 31,100 (or 9.4 per cent) above the level recorded a year ago.

Chart 2 – Unemployment by gender



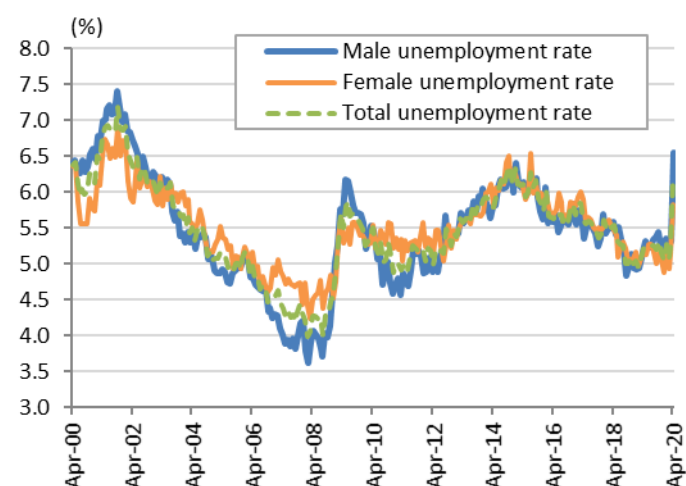
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Table 4 – Unemployment rate (%)

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Persons	6.2	1.0 pts	1.0 pts
Male	6.6	1.2 pts	1.3 pts
Female	5.8	0.7 pts	0.6 pts

- The **unemployment rate** increased by 1.0 percentage point over the month, to 6.2 per cent in April 2020, and is above the 5.2 per cent recorded a year ago.
- The **male unemployment rate** rose by 1.2 percentage points in April 2020, to 6.6 per cent, and is 1.3 percentage points above the rate recorded in April 2019.
- The **female unemployment rate** also increased over the month, by 0.7 percentage points, to 5.8 per cent in April 2020, and is 0.6 percentage points above the rate recorded in April 2019.

Chart 3 – Unemployment rate by gender



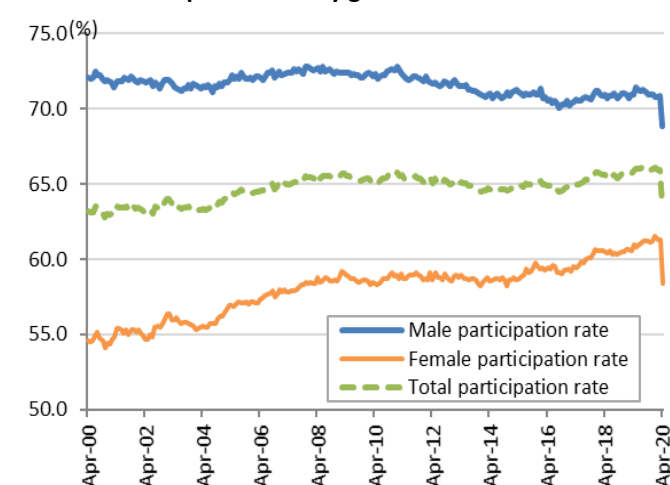
PARTICIPATION RATE

Table 5 – Participation rate (%)

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Persons	63.5	-2.4 pts	-2.3 pts
Male	68.9	-1.9 pts	-2.1 pts
Female	58.4	-2.9 pts	-2.6 pts

- The **participation rate** decreased by 2.4 percentage points in April 2020, to 63.5 per cent, and is 2.3 percentage points below the rate recorded in April 2019.
- The **male participation rate** fell by 1.9 percentage points over the month, to 68.9 per cent in April 2020, and is below the 71.0 per cent recorded in April 2019.
- The **female participation rate** also decreased over the month, down by 2.9 percentage points, to 58.4 per cent in April 2020, and is well below the 61.0 per cent recorded in April 2019.

Chart 4 – Participation rate by gender



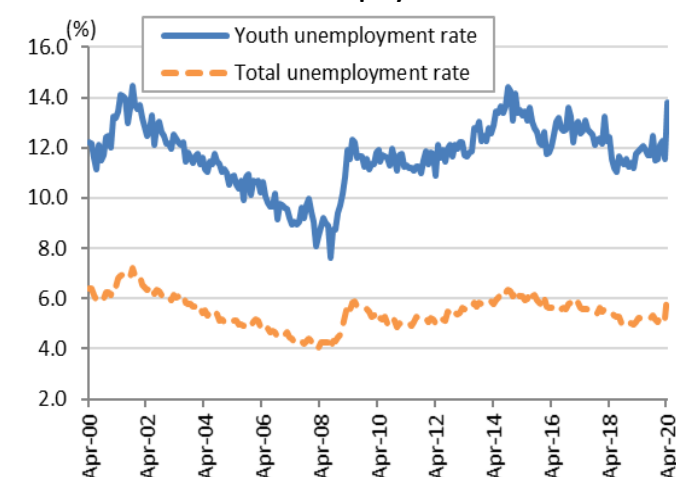
YOUTH (15-24 YEARS)

Table 6 – Key youth labour market indicators

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Youth employment ('000)	1,768.3	-10.8%	-9.5%
Youth unemployment ('000)	283.5	9.5%	7.5%
Youth unemployment rate (%)	13.8	2.2 pts	1.9 pts

- **Youth employment** fell by 213,500 over the month, to 1,768,300 in April 2020, and is 186,400 (or 9.5 per cent) lower than it was a year ago.
- The level of **youth unemployment** increased by 24,600 in April 2020, to 283,500, and is 19,700 (or 7.5 per cent) above the level recorded 12 months ago.
- The **youth unemployment rate** rose by 2.2 percentage points over the month, to 13.8 per cent in April 2020, and is well above the 11.9 per cent recorded in April 2019.

Chart 5 – Youth and total unemployment rate



STATES AND TERRITORIES

Table 7 – Selected State and Territory indicators

	Employment ('000)		Participation rate (%)	
	Apr-20	Monthly change	Apr-20	Monthly change
New South Wales	3,916.2	-221.4	62.6	-2.8 pts
Victoria	3,327.2	-127.1	64.5	-2.0 pts
Queensland	2,432.4	-129.6	62.9	-2.6 pts
South Australia	813.7	-40.8	60.4	-2.5 pts
Western Australia	1,303.6	-62.3	65.2	-2.8 pts
Tasmania	249.3	-8.7	59.8	-1.3 pts
Northern Territory	131.4	-3.7	74.6	-1.7 pts
ACT	231.5	-8.7	70.3	-2.0 pts

- All States and Territories recorded a fall in employment over the month to April. New South Wales recorded the largest decrease in **employment** of all States or Territories in April 2020 (down by 221,400), followed by Queensland (down by 129,600), Victoria (down by 127,100) and Western Australia (down by 62,300).
- South Australia recorded the highest **unemployment rate** of all States and Territories, of 7.2 per cent in April 2020, while the Australian Capital Territory recorded the lowest unemployment rate, of 4.2 per cent.

Chart 6 – State and Territory unemployment rates



- The Northern Territory recorded the highest **participation rate**, of 74.6 per cent in April 2020, while Tasmania recorded the lowest participation rate, of 59.8 per cent.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Table 8 – Underemployment ('000)

	Apr-20	Change over the month	Change over the year
Persons	1,816.1	49.7%	57.9%
Male	896.9	72.0%	81.8%
Female	919.2	33.0%	40.0%

- The level of **underemployment** increased by 603,300 over the month, to stand at a record high 1,816,100 in April 2020, and is 666,100 (or 57.9 per cent) above the level recorded a year ago.
- The **underemployment rate** rose by 4.9 percentage points in April 2020, to 13.7 per cent, also a record high, and is well above the 8.5 per cent recorded in April 2019.
- The **male underemployment rate** increased by 5.5 percentage points over the month, to a record high 12.7 per cent in April 2020, and is well above the 6.9 per cent recorded in April 2019.
- The **female underemployment rate** also increased, up by 4.2 percentage points over the month, to 14.8 per cent (a record high) in April 2020, and is well above the 10.3 per cent recorded 12 months ago.

Chart 7 – Underemployment rate by gender (%)

