



AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKETS

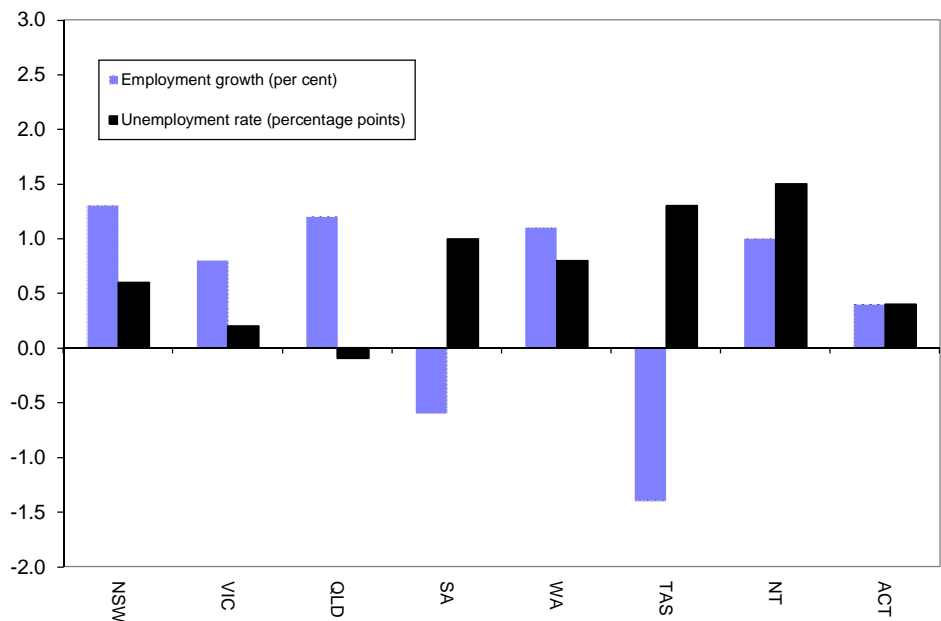
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2013

State/Territory labour market developments

MAIN FINDINGS

Employment rose in the majority of the States and both Territories over the year to the September quarter 2013. The largest increases in employment (in percentage terms) were recorded in New South Wales (up by 1.3 per cent), Queensland (up by 1.2 per cent), Western Australia (up by 1.1 per cent) and the Northern Territory (up by 1.0 per cent). By contrast, employment fell in Tasmania (down by 1.4 per cent) and South Australia (down by 0.6 per cent). Over the year to the September quarter 2013, the unemployment rate increased in all States and Territories, with the exception of Queensland, where it fell by 0.1 percentage points to 5.7 per cent. The largest increases in the unemployment rate were recorded in the Northern Territory (up by 1.5 percentage points to 4.9 per cent), Tasmania (up by 1.3 percentage points to 8.0 per cent) and South Australia (up by 1.0 percentage points to 6.3 per cent).

**CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2012 TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2013**



Developments at the ABS Labour Force Region Level

Employment rose in 57.5 per cent of regions over the year to the September quarter 2013, while 33.8 per cent of regions recorded a decline in their unemployment rate over the period. Regions recording a significant decrease in their unemployment rate over the year to the September quarter 2013 included:

- Sunshine Coast in Queensland, down by 2.6 percentage points to 5.4 per cent; and
- Darling Downs-South West in Queensland, down by 2.5 percentage points to 3.2 per cent.

On the other hand, regions that recorded a significant increase in their unemployment rate over the period included Central Western Sydney (up by 4.4 percentage points to 9.4 per cent) and Remainder-Balance WA (up by 4.4 percentage points to 7.8 per cent).

LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGION
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State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Employment rate (a)		Participation rate	
	'000	Annual change (%)	'000	Annual change (%)	%	Annual change (% pts)	%	Annual change (% pts)	%	Annual change (% pts)
New South Wales	3661.3	1.3	214.4	14.8	5.5	0.6	71.1	0.2	63.6	0.4
<i>Sydney</i>	2393.8	1.1	138.5	22.9	5.5	0.9	72.0	-0.1	65.9	0.5
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	335.7	-2.7	15.7	39.4	4.5	1.3	77.9	-1.6	71.7	-2.0
Inner Sydney	231.8	-2.9	12.5	63.7	5.1	2.0	79.7	-1.2	75.0	-1.7
Inner Western Sydney	103.8	-2.2	3.3	-11.1	3.0	-0.3	74.0	-2.3	65.3	-2.6
Eastern Suburbs	156.4	7.5	7.3	81.2	4.4	1.8	77.9	-0.3	70.8	5.2
St George-Sutherland	259.2	0.3	6.7	-30.8	2.5	-1.1	78.2	-0.3	66.6	-1.5
Canterbury-Bankstown	150.5	9.2	9.0	-24.8	5.7	-2.4	64.4	4.4	58.0	2.8
Fairfield-Liverpool/ Outer South Western Sydney	289.4	2.9	23.5	7.5	7.5	0.3	63.7	2.1	61.3	1.1
Fairfield-Liverpool	161.6	-0.1	16.0	15.8	9.0	1.1	59.1	0.0	57.8	-0.1
Outer South Western Sydney	127.8	7.0	7.6	-6.7	5.6	-0.8	70.8	5.3	66.7	3.0
Central Western Sydney	152.6	-6.7	15.8	84.3	9.4	4.4	62.4	-4.9	59.6	-2.1
North Western Sydney	324.2	1.2	25.1	48.9	7.2	2.2	71.5	-0.1	68.5	1.5
Lower Northern Sydney	191.7	4.5	7.5	35.8	3.8	0.8	77.5	0.3	70.3	2.7
Central Northern Sydney	242.9	1.1	13.7	43.6	5.3	1.5	73.7	-0.5	67.9	0.9
Northern Beaches	144.1	-0.8	4.6	20.8	3.1	0.5	79.5	-0.1	70.1	-1.1
Gosford-Wyong	147.1	0.0	9.6	0.6	6.1	0.0	68.8	-1.1	57.8	-0.8
<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>	1267.5	1.7	75.9	2.5	5.6	0.0	69.5	0.7	59.7	0.2
Hunter	327.3	4.5	16.4	-6.1	4.8	-0.5	71.0	0.0	62.3	1.5
Newcastle	272.2	3.1	14.2	3.7	5.0	0.0	69.9	-1.6	61.9	1.1
Illawarra and South Eastern	307.8	-0.1	19.1	-8.7	5.8	-0.5	69.5	1.7	58.8	-1.2
Illawarra	202.5	5.5	15.6	-4.1	7.1	-0.7	67.5	2.3	58.8	1.9
Wollongong	134.9	3.6	11.6	-5.8	7.9	-0.7	66.8	2.2	59.0	0.8
South Eastern	105.3	-9.4	3.5	-24.7	3.2	-0.6	73.7	0.9	58.8	-7.4
Richmond-Tweed/ Mid-North Coast	241.6	2.7	15.8	6.9	6.2	0.2	66.6	1.6	54.3	0.8
Northern/ Far West-North Western/ Central West	247.4	1.0	16.5	9.4	6.3	0.5	69.2	1.2	60.7	0.1
Murray-Murrumbidgee	143.2	-1.2	8.0	39.4	5.3	1.5	71.8	-2.8	64.3	-0.7
Victoria	2903.8	0.8	173.5	5.0	5.6	0.2	71.5	-0.5	64.7	-0.4
<i>Melbourne</i>	2154.9	0.4	134.4	11.7	5.9	0.6	71.5	-0.9	65.5	-0.5
Outer Western Melbourne	360.5	5.7	25.7	0.7	6.7	-0.3	69.2	1.1	66.2	2.3
North Western Melbourne	160.9	-0.8	12.1	81.0	7.0	3.0	68.3	-3.4	63.7	0.4
Inner Melbourne	206.2	-5.0	14.7	37.8	6.7	2.0	73.3	-6.7	73.4	-3.6
North Eastern Melbourne	257.2	-0.6	12.7	-11.2	4.7	-0.5	71.4	-3.6	65.4	-1.9
Inner Eastern Melbourne	324.0	-3.0	18.1	15.0	5.3	0.8	69.8	-1.7	60.3	-2.4
Southern Melbourne	247.5	1.8	13.4	0.6	5.1	-0.1	77.2	2.1	67.9	0.0
Outer Eastern Melbourne	240.7	4.7	11.3	11.8	4.5	0.3	76.4	1.9	69.2	2.1
South Eastern Melbourne	218.0	-1.3	16.8	5.1	7.1	0.4	68.3	-0.3	63.7	-1.6
Mornington Peninsula	139.7	0.7	9.6	21.1	6.4	1.0	71.5	1.2	61.8	0.0
<i>Balance of Victoria</i>	748.9	2.1	39.2	-13.1	5.0	-0.8	71.6	0.6	62.4	-0.3
Barwon-Western District	201.9	-3.2	10.6	-18.1	5.0	-0.9	71.0	-3.1	62.1	-3.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera	115.8	7.5	4.0	-31.1	3.3	-1.8	76.9	6.7	65.9	2.4
Loddon-Mallee	147.9	7.7	8.9	-7.5	5.7	-0.9	70.0	1.0	64.8	3.0
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray	158.0	5.3	8.9	-12.6	5.3	-1.0	72.0	1.2	62.0	1.4
All Gippsland	125.2	-3.3	6.7	3.3	5.1	0.3	69.8	0.1	57.7	-2.8

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Queensland	2371.4	1.2	142.7	-0.8	5.7	-0.1	72.5	-0.2	65.8	-0.6
<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>1089.3</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>60.8</i>	<i>-7.4</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>-1.1</i>
Brisbane City Inner Ring	288.2	-0.1	13.4	-11.7	4.5	-0.6	74.3	-3.5	70.9	-2.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring	343.2	2.7	19.3	-0.2	5.3	-0.1	74.2	0.1	68.5	0.3
South and East Brisbane Balance	198.7	0.7	14.1	11.3	6.6	0.6	71.3	0.5	66.6	-0.5
North Brisbane Balance	180.9	1.3	8.3	-32.1	4.4	-2.0	74.1	2.3	62.4	-1.8
Ipswich City	78.3	-2.7	5.6	-8.4	6.7	-0.4	69.2	-2.8	65.7	-3.5
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	<i>1282.1</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>82.0</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>71.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>64.5</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Gold Coast	295.0	-1.2	17.0	2.8	5.4	0.2	70.9	-1.8	62.5	-1.9
Sunshine Coast	170.9	11.3	9.7	-27.1	5.4	-2.6	72.5	3.2	64.1	3.7
West Moreton	38.5	3.4	3.4	57.6	8.0	2.6	69.2	5.9	62.6	2.5
Wide Bay-Burnett	116.8	-10.5	11.7	9.5	9.1	1.5	62.4	-3.6	50.8	-6.2
Darling Downs-South West	157.3	11.2	5.2	-38.7	3.2	-2.5	79.6	6.5	70.1	4.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West	231.2	1.3	12.9	56.9	5.3	1.8	75.3	-3.4	71.7	0.8
Northern-North West	136.9	0.4	9.6	118.2	6.6	3.4	73.1	1.3	67.6	1.3
Far North	135.4	-1.7	12.4	-14.2	8.4	-1.1	67.9	-0.5	65.7	-3.3
South Australia	806.0	-0.6	54.3	20.0	6.3	1.0	70.2	-0.8	61.9	-0.4
<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>597.0</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>39.7</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>70.6</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>62.2</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Northern Adelaide	173.6	-1.9	14.5	-4.6	7.7	-0.2	66.4	0.1	59.5	-1.9
Western Adelaide	108.1	0.6	8.5	58.6	7.3	2.5	70.2	-0.3	60.1	1.4
Eastern Adelaide	133.5	6.0	6.5	41.4	4.6	1.1	72.9	-1.5	65.3	3.8
Southern Adelaide	181.8	-3.8	10.3	13.6	5.3	0.8	73.7	-1.5	64.1	-2.7
<i>Balance of South Australia</i>	<i>208.9</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>14.6</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Northern and Western SA	74.1	-0.1	5.4	25.0	6.8	1.3	64.4	-1.5	57.6	0.2
Southern and Eastern SA	134.8	-2.0	9.2	35.2	6.4	1.7	71.6	-0.7	63.3	-0.8
Western Australia	1323.0	1.1	64.7	23.8	4.7	0.8	74.4	-1.6	68.0	-1.0
<i>Perth</i>	<i>1000.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>41.5</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>75.3</i>	<i>-2.0</i>	<i>68.6</i>	<i>-1.3</i>
Central Metropolitan	89.1	1.3	2.7	16.1	3.0	0.4	73.1	-4.9	65.8	-1.1
East Metropolitan	172.8	4.7	7.6	40.9	4.2	1.1	76.5	-1.1	70.7	1.6
North Metropolitan	310.7	2.0	10.5	-7.1	3.3	-0.3	77.3	-0.7	70.2	-1.2
South West Metropolitan	203.9	-2.7	9.2	4.3	4.3	0.3	73.8	-3.6	67.1	-4.0
South East Metropolitan	223.9	0.7	11.5	22.1	4.9	0.8	74.0	-1.6	67.6	-1.2
<i>Balance of Western Australia</i>	<i>322.7</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>23.2</i>	<i>54.5</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>66.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Lower Western WA	171.2	3.0	10.4	7.2	5.7	0.2	70.9	0.3	62.8	-0.1
Remainder-Balance WA	151.4	-1.0	12.8	140.7	7.8	4.4	73.2	-1.3	70.7	0.3
Tasmania	228.7	-1.4	19.8	18.6	8.0	1.3	66.9	-0.9	59.7	-0.3
Greater Hobart-Southern	116.7	-0.8	8.5	13.4	6.8	0.8	67.7	-2.1	60.7	-0.2
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>-2.2</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>68.8</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>61.0</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
Northern	64.6	-3.5	6.1	23.1	8.6	1.7	67.3	-1.0	60.2	-1.3
Mersey-Lyell	47.4	-0.1	5.2	22.6	9.9	1.7	64.8	1.8	57.0	0.7
Northern Territory	128.9	1.0	6.6	45.9	4.9	1.5	76.1	-0.9	75.3	0.4
Australian Capital Territory	209.9	0.4	8.4	11.4	3.9	0.4	78.0	-1.1	71.5	-0.9
AUSTRALIA	11,632.8	0.9	684.5	10.0	5.6	0.4	71.9	-0.4	64.8	-0.3
<i>Metropolitan Australia (b)</i>	<i>7335.7</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>421.7</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>72.3</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
<i>Non-metropolitan Australia (b)</i>	<i>4297.1</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>262.9</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>71.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>-0.1</i>

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(b) The ABS defines metropolitan as those regions located within the State capital cities. Non-metropolitan is defined as those regions located outside the State capital cities as well as the two Territories.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The regional labour market estimates presented in this brochure are three-month averages derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Monthly Labour Force Survey. These estimates are not adjusted to take account of seasonal and other variations and can exhibit irregular movements. They should therefore be used with caution.

Related information

Users may wish to refer to the Department of Employment's *Small Area Labour Markets, Australia* publication, which is available, free of charge, at <http://www.employment.gov.au/salm> (in PDF format). This publication contains quarterly estimates of unemployment rates and levels for approximately 1400 Statistical Local Areas.

Next issue

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