DJPR Labour Force Summary

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### Table : Victorian employment summary, June 2021

|  | **Recent trend** | **Current figures** | **Change in past month** | **Change in past year** | **Change during govt** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LAST 3 YEARS | JUN 2021 | SINCE MAY 2021 | SINCE JUN 2020 | SINCE NOV 2014 |
| **Unemployment rate** |  | 4.4% | -0.3 ppts | -2.9 ppts | -2.3 ppts |
| Male unemployment rate |  | 4.0% | -0.4 ppts | -3.0 ppts | -2.7 ppts |
| Female unemployment rate |  | 4.9% | -0.3 ppts | -2.8 ppts | -1.8 ppts |
| Youth unemployment rate |  | 14.1% | -0.7 ppts | 2.3 ppts | -0.5 ppts |
| Regional unemployment rate |  | 3.8% | -0.5 ppts | -0.6 ppts | -2.8 ppts |
| Unemployed persons |  | 160,200 | -13,000 (-7.5%) | -99,300 (-38.3%) | -51,100 |
| **Employed persons** |  | 3.445m | -9,200 (-0.3%) | 172,100 (5.3%) | 523,800 |
| Employed full-time |  | 2.349m | 3,600 (0.2%) | 103,500 (4.6%) | 372,900 |
| Employed part-time |  | 1.096m | -12,800 (-1.2%) | 68,600 (6.7%) | 150,900 |
| Male employment |  | 1.834m | 6,800 (0.4%) | 84,000 (4.8%) | 251,300 |
| Female employment |  | 1.611m | -16,100 (-1%) | 88,000 (5.8%) | 272,500 |
| Youth employment |  | 448,100 | 5,300 (1.2%) | -41,200 (-8.4%) | 5,000 |
| **Participation rate** |  | 66.1% | -0.4 ppts | 1.6 ppts | 1.5 ppts |
| Male participation rate |  | 71.5% | 0.0 ppts | 1.4 ppts | 0.0 ppts |
| Female participation rate |  | 61.0% | -0.8 ppts | 1.8 ppts | 3.0 ppts |
| Youth participation rate |  | 63.8% | 0.5 ppts | -0.9 ppts | -1.7 ppts |
| **Monthly hours worked in all jobs** |  | 435.1m | -39.68m (-8.4%) | 1.763m (0.4%) | 34.994m |
| **Underemployment rate** |  | 10.1% | 2.3 ppts | -3.2 ppts | 0.5 ppts |
| **Underutilisation rate** |  | 14.5% | 2.0 ppts | -6.1 ppts | -1.8 ppts |
| **Employment to population ratio** |  | 63.2% | -0.2 ppts | 3.4 ppts | 2.9 ppts |
| *Sources: ABS Labour Force monthly (latest data is from June 2021) and ABS Labour Force detailed monthly (latest data is from June 2021). Notes: All data seasonally adjusted, other than youth figures, which are smoothed using a 12-month rolling average, and regional figures, which are smoothed using a 3-month rolling average.* | | | | | |

### Table : Victorian employment summary by sex, June 2021

|  | **Recent trend** | **Current figures** | **Change in past month** | **Change in past year** | **Change during govt** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LAST 3 YEARS | JUN 2021 | SINCE MAY 2021 | SINCE JUN 2020 | SINCE NOV 2014 |
| Male employment |  | 1.834m | 6,800 (0.4%) | 84,000 (4.8%) | 251,300 |
| Female employment |  | 1.611m | -16,100 (-1%) | 88,000 (5.8%) | 272,500 |
| Male unemployed people |  | 76,900 | -7,500 (-8.9%) | -55,400 (-41.9%) | -37,700 |
| Female unemployed people |  | 83,300 | -5,500 (-6.2%) | -43,900 (-34.5%) | -13,400 |
| Male unemployment rate |  | 4.0% | -0.4 ppts | -3.0 ppts | -2.7 ppts |
| Female unemployment rate |  | 4.9% | -0.3 ppts | -2.8 ppts | -1.8 ppts |
| Male participation rate |  | 71.5% | 0.0 ppts | 1.4 ppts | 0.0 ppts |
| Female participation rate |  | 61.0% | -0.8 ppts | 1.8 ppts | 3.0 ppts |
| *Sources: ABS Labour Force monthly (latest data is from June 2021).* | | | | | |

### Table : Unemployment rate by state, June 2021

|  | **Recent trend** | **Current figures** | **Change in past month** | **Change in past year** | **Change during govt** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LAST 3 YEARS | JUN 2021 | SINCE MAY 2021 | SINCE JUN 2020 | SINCE NOV 2014 |
| Australia |  | 4.9% | -0.2 ppts | -2.4 ppts | -1.4 ppts |
| Victoria |  | 4.4% | -0.3 ppts | -2.9 ppts | -2.3 ppts |
| New South Wales |  | 5.1% | 0.0 ppts | -1.7 ppts | -1.1 ppts |
| Queensland |  | 5.1% | -0.3 ppts | -2.7 ppts | -1.8 ppts |
| Western Australia |  | 5.1% | 0.5 ppts | -3.4 ppts | 0.1 ppts |
| South Australia |  | 5.3% | -0.5 ppts | -3.4 ppts | -1.3 ppts |
| Tasmania |  | 4.5% | -1.2 ppts | -2.3 ppts | -2.3 ppts |
| *Sources: ABS Labour Force monthly (latest data is from June 2021).* | | | | | |

## Youth

Youth labour market data provides insights into headline figures. Youth labour force data is volatile therefore DJPR smooths the data by using 12-month averages. While this assists in observing underlying trends, it makes large month-to-month changes in underlying conditions less apparent.

### Table : Victorian youth (15-24) labour force status summary, June 2021 (12-month average)

|  | **Recent trend** | **Current figures** | **Change in past month** | **Change in past year** | **Change during govt** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LAST 3 YEARS | JUN 2021 | SINCE MAY 2021 | SINCE JUN 2020 | SINCE NOV 2014 |
| **Youth employment** |  | 448,100 | 5,300 (1.2%) | -41,200 (-8.4%) | 4,100 |
| **Youth unemployment rate** |  | 14.1% | -0.7 ppts | 2.3 ppts | -0.5 ppts |
| Male youth unemployment rate |  | 14.3% | -0.7 ppts | 1.7 ppts | -1.1 ppts |
| Female youth unemployment rate |  | 13.9% | -0.6 ppts | 2.9 ppts | 0.2 ppts |
| **Unemployed young people** |  | 73,200 | -3,200 (-4.2%) | 8,100 (12.4%) | -2,600 |
| **Youth participation rate** |  | 63.8% | 0.5 ppts | -0.9 ppts | -1.7 ppts |
| Participation rate - young people not in full-time study |  | 83.7% | 0.1 ppts | -1.6 ppts | -3.3 ppts |
| *Sources: ABS Labour Force monthly (latest data is from June 2021) and ABS Labour Force detailed monthly (latest data is from June 2021). Notes: Data not seasonally adjusted; smoothed using a 12-month rolling average.* | | | | | |

### Table : Youth (15-24) unemployment rate across Victoria, June 2021 (12-month average)

|  | **Recent trend** | **Current figures** | **Change in past month** | **Change in past year** | **Change during govt** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LAST 3 YEARS | JUN 2021 | SINCE MAY 2021 | SINCE JUN 2020 | SINCE NOV 2014 |
| **Regional Victoria youth unemployment rate** |  | 10.7% | -0.5 ppts | 1.2 ppts | -5.0 ppts |
| Ballarat |  | 12.1% | -1.4 ppts | 0.5 ppts | -1.4 ppts |
| Bendigo |  | 11.4% | -1.0 ppts | 1.8 ppts | -6.4 ppts |
| Geelong |  | 10.4% | 0.0 ppts | 3.2 ppts | -8.1 ppts |
| Hume |  | 12.9% | 0.3 ppts | 2.6 ppts | -0.2 ppts |
| Latrobe - Gippsland |  | 12.8% | -0.1 ppts | 1.6 ppts | 0.4 ppts |
| Shepparton |  | 10.2% | -1.5 ppts | -6.8 ppts | -7.1 ppts |
| Victoria - North West |  | 5.4% | -1.1 ppts | -3.5 ppts | -11.4 ppts |
| Warrnambool and South West |  | 7.8% | 0.0 ppts | 5.8 ppts | -11.0 ppts |
| **Greater Melbourne youth unemployment rate** |  | 15.1% | -0.7 ppts | 2.6 ppts | 0.8 ppts |
| Melbourne - Inner |  | 14.0% | -1.1 ppts | 0.7 ppts | 1.2 ppts |
| Melbourne - Inner East |  | 13.9% | 0.2 ppts | 0.3 ppts | -0.7 ppts |
| Melbourne - Inner South |  | 13.5% | -0.8 ppts | 2.8 ppts | -1.0 ppts |
| Melbourne - North East |  | 13.8% | -0.3 ppts | 3.4 ppts | -1.4 ppts |
| Melbourne - North West |  | 14.6% | -1.6 ppts | 2.3 ppts | -1.2 ppts |
| Melbourne - Outer East |  | 11.2% | -0.9 ppts | 0.7 ppts | -1.3 ppts |
| Melbourne - South East |  | 15.1% | -0.6 ppts | 1.9 ppts | 1.7 ppts |
| Melbourne - West |  | 21.2% | -0.2 ppts | 8.0 ppts | 6.4 ppts |
| Mornington Peninsula |  | 14.4% | -1.2 ppts | 0.8 ppts | -1.9 ppts |
| *Sources: ABS Labour Force detailed monthly (latest data is from June 2021).* | | | | | |

## Regional Victoria

Regional labour force data is volatile, therefore DJPR and other VPS agencies smooth the data by using 3-month averages. While this assists in observing underlying trends, it makes large month-to-month changes in underlying conditions less apparent.