

## Labour Market Brief Western Australia

### Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for **Western Australia** released in October for September showed that in **seasonally adjusted** terms:

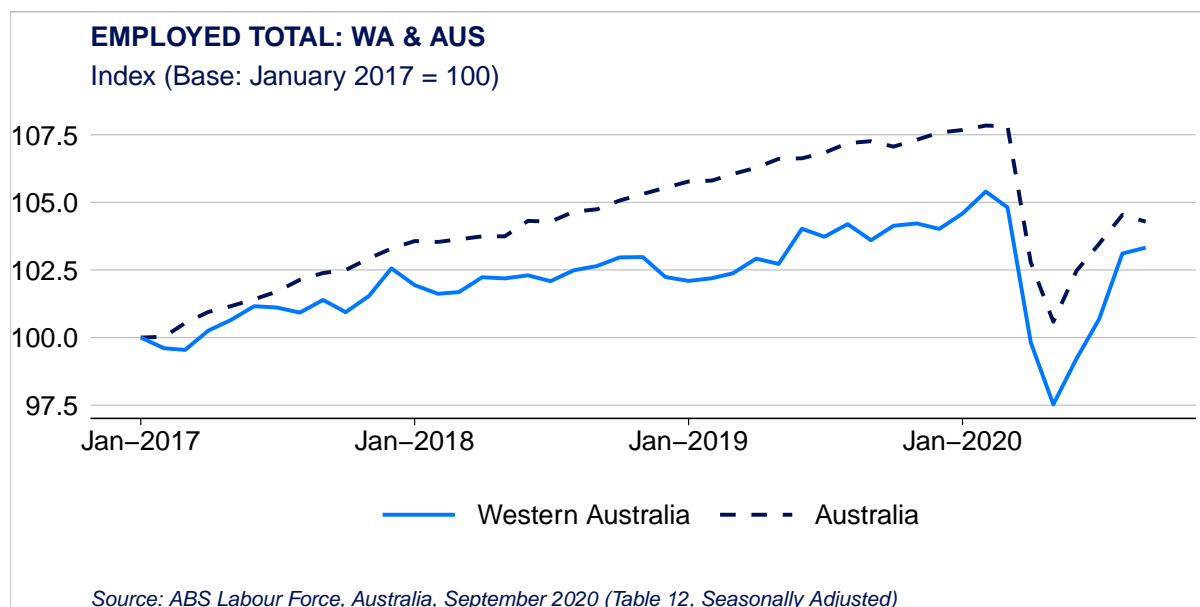
- Total *employment* increased by 2,888 (0.2%) to 1.35 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has decreased by 3,582 (-0.3%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 5,266 (-5.4%) to 96,990 people, and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 14,284 (14.7%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* has decreased by 10,144 (-4.4%) to 231,545 people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 16.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 12,719 (5.5%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.8 percentage points.

**Nationally** in September:

- Total *employment* decreased by 29,539 (-0.2%) to 12.57 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has decreased by 358,360 (-2.9%).
- Total *unemployment* increased by 11,250 (1.2%) to 937,445 people and the *unemployment rate* increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 228,123 (24.3%) and the *unemployment rate* has increased by 1.7 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* increased by 23,085 (0.9%) to 2.47 million people, and the *underutilisation rate* increased by 0.2 percentage points to 18.3%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 629,066 (25.4%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 4.8 percentage points.

## Employment

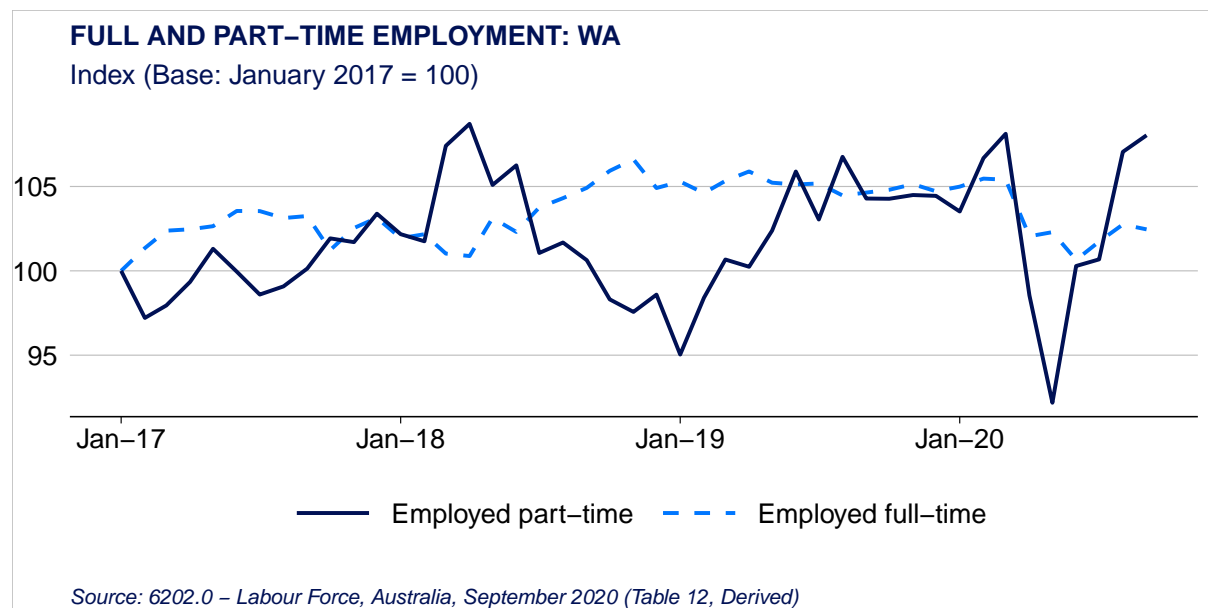
- In September, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 2,888 (0.2%) to 1.35 million people.
- Compared with September last year, total employment in Western Australia has decreased by 3,582 (-0.3%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 29,539 (-0.2%) to 12.57 million people.



## Full and Part Time Employment

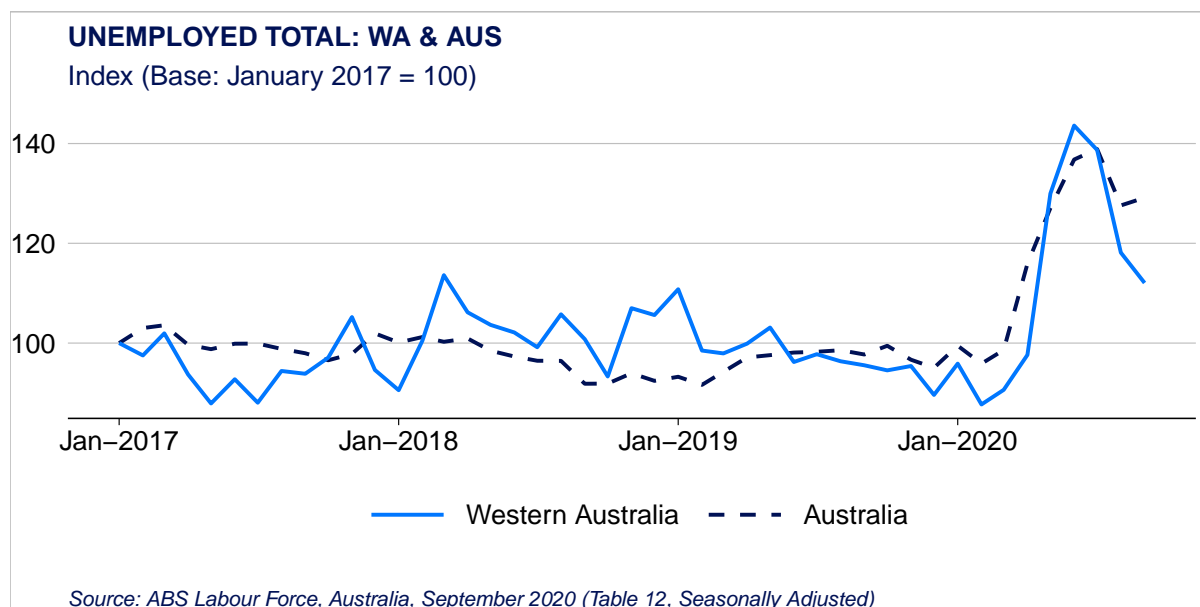
- Full-time employment in Western Australia decreased by 2,545 (-0.3%) to 900,596 in September, and has decreased by 19,179 (-2.1%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms increased by 4,126 (0.9%) to 453,492 in September. Part-time employment has increased by 15,739 (3.5%) over the last year.





## Unemployment

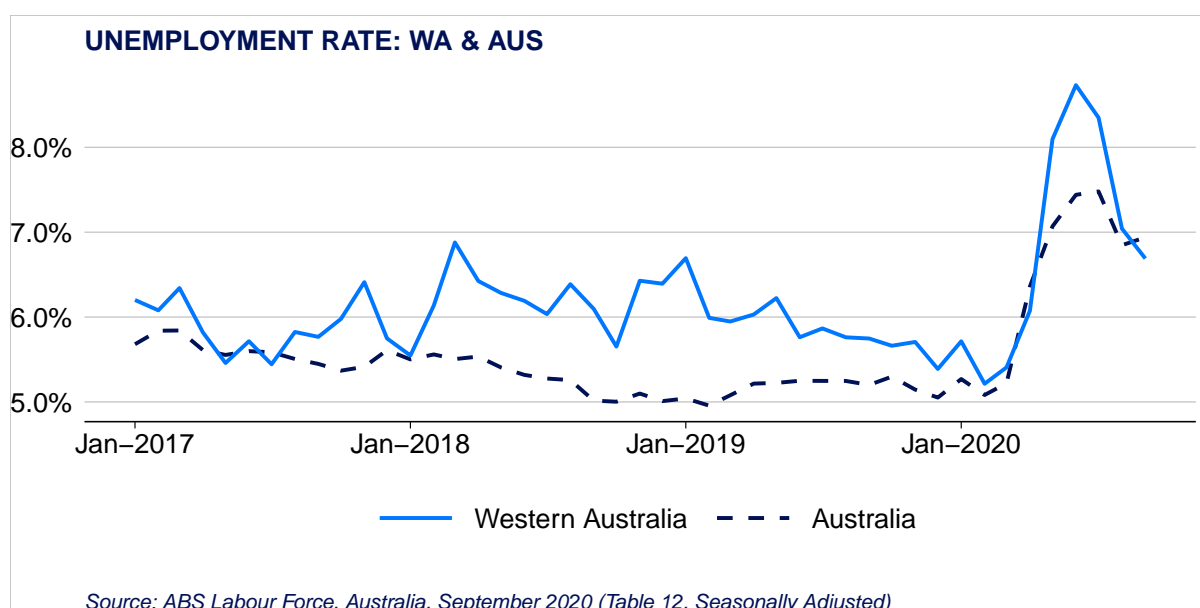
- In September, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 5,266 (-5.4%) to 96,990.
- Compared with September last year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 14,284 (14.7%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in September increased by 11,250 (1.2%) to 937,445 people.



## Unemployment Rate

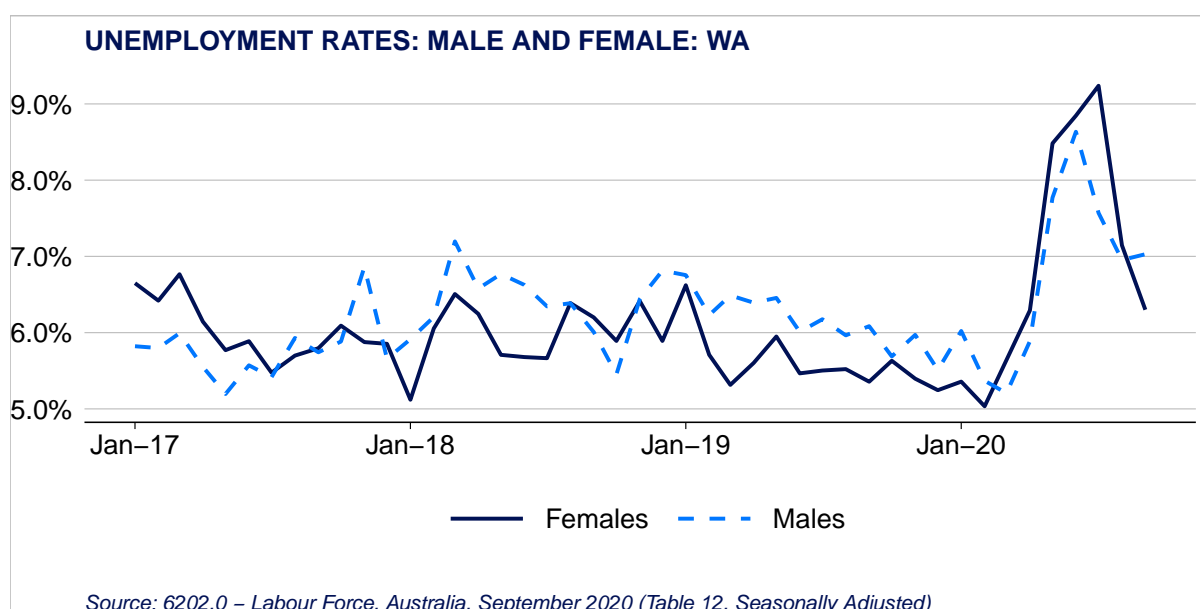
- In September, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.7%.
- Compared with September last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has increased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.9%





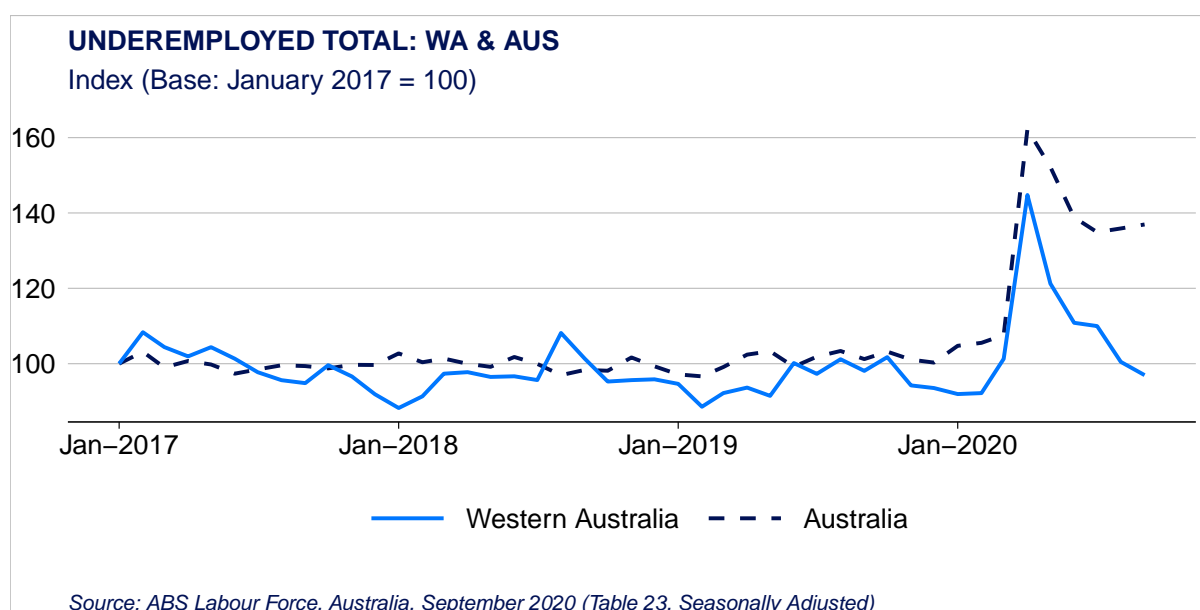
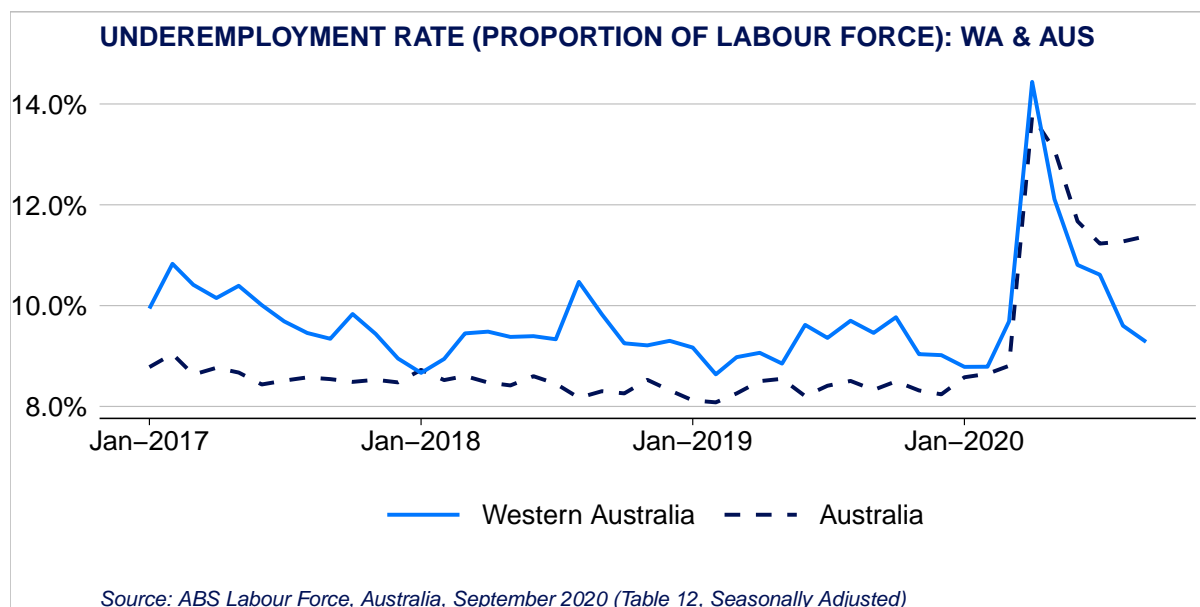
### Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In September, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia remained steady at 7.0%.
- Compared with September last year male unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 0.9 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 6.3%.
- Compared with September last year female unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 0.9 percentage points.



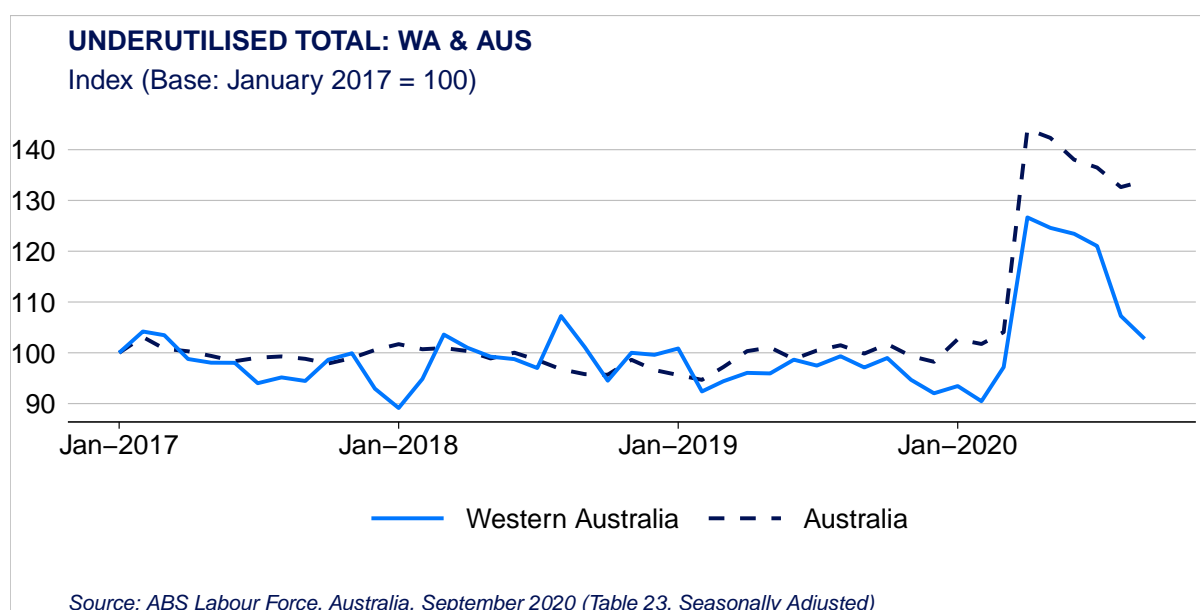
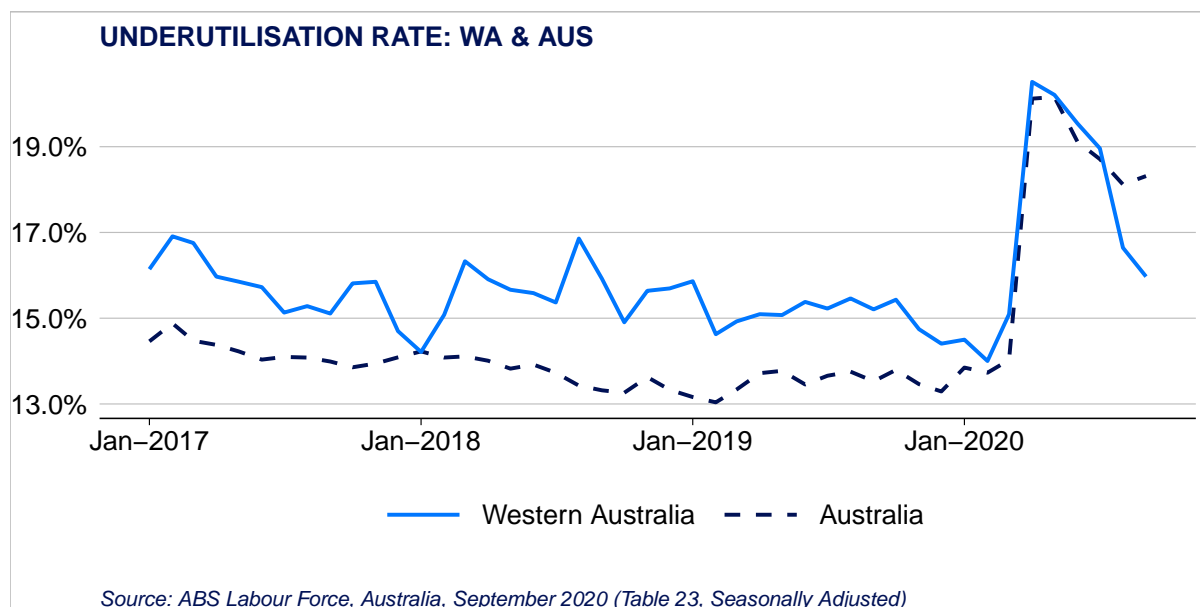
## Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 9.3% . The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 4,878 (-3.6%) to 134,554 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 1,565 (-1.2%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in September increased by 0.1 percentage points to 11.4% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 11,835 (0.8%) to 1.54 million



## Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 16.0%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 10,144 (-4.4%) to 231,545.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has increased by 12,719 (5.5%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in September increased by 0.2 percentage points to 18.3%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 23,085 (0.9%) to 2.47 million.



## Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 192,305 (-0.1%) to 187.97 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has decreased by 2.69 million (-1.4%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in September increased by 8.66 million (0.5%) to 1688.22 million.

