

## Labour Market Brief Western Australia

### Summary

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

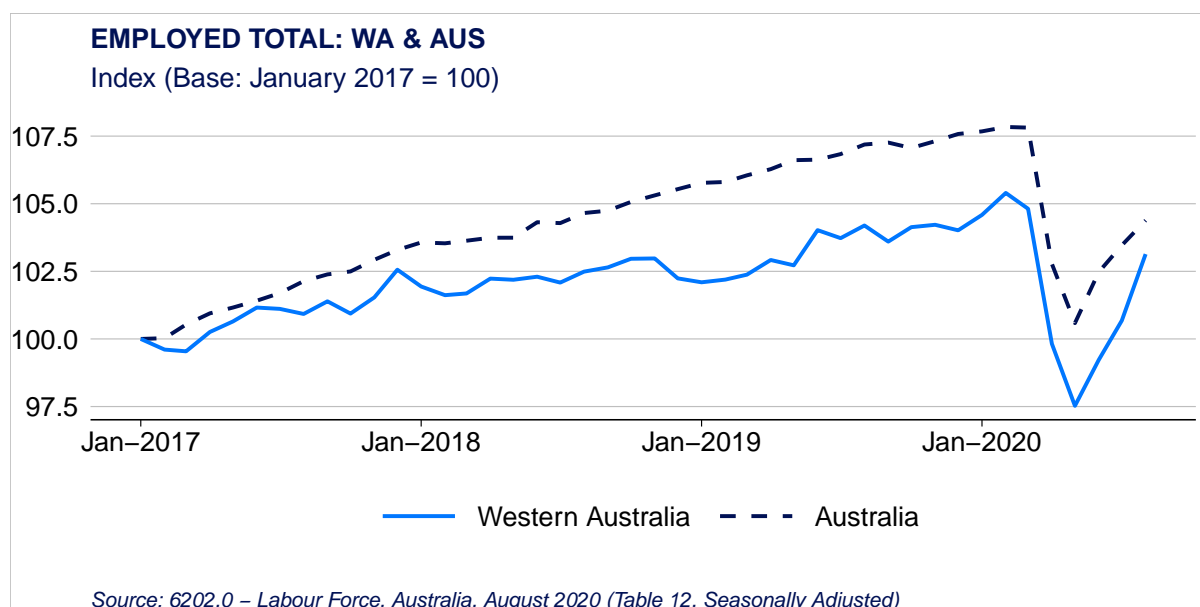
- Total *employment* increased by 32,188 (2.4%) to 1.35 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has decreased by 13,843 (-1.0%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 18,039 (-17.7%) to 102,031 people, and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 1.3 percentage points to 7.0%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 18,630 (18.3%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* has decreased by 30,800 (-12.7%) to 241,900 people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 2.3 percentage points to 16.7%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 18,088 (7.5%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 1.2 percentage points.

**Nationally** in August:

- Total *employment* increased by 111,008 (0.9%) to 12.58 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has decreased by 338,280 (-2.7%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 86,521 (-9.4%) to 921,780 people and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 6.8%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 206,218 (22.4%) and the *unemployment rate* has increased by 1.6 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* decreased by 93,600 (-3.9%) to 2.43 million people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 18.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 553,041 (22.8%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 4.2 percentage points.

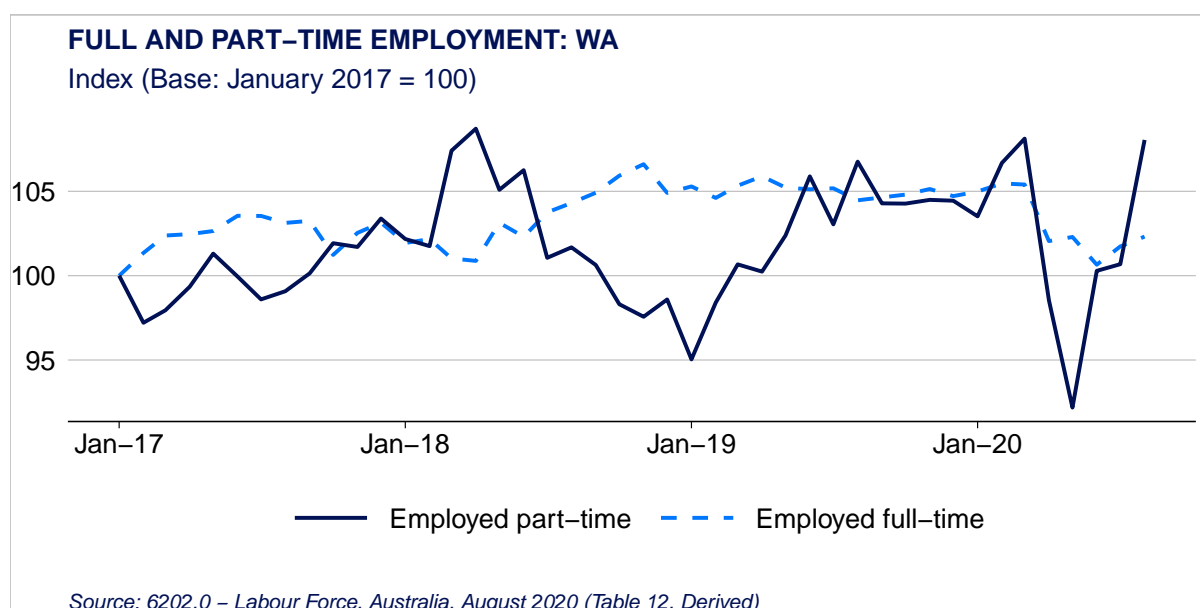
## Employment

- In August, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 32,188 (2.4%) to 1.35 million people.
- Compared with August last year, total employment in Western Australia has decreased by 13,843 (-1.0%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 111,008 (0.9%) to 12.58 million people.



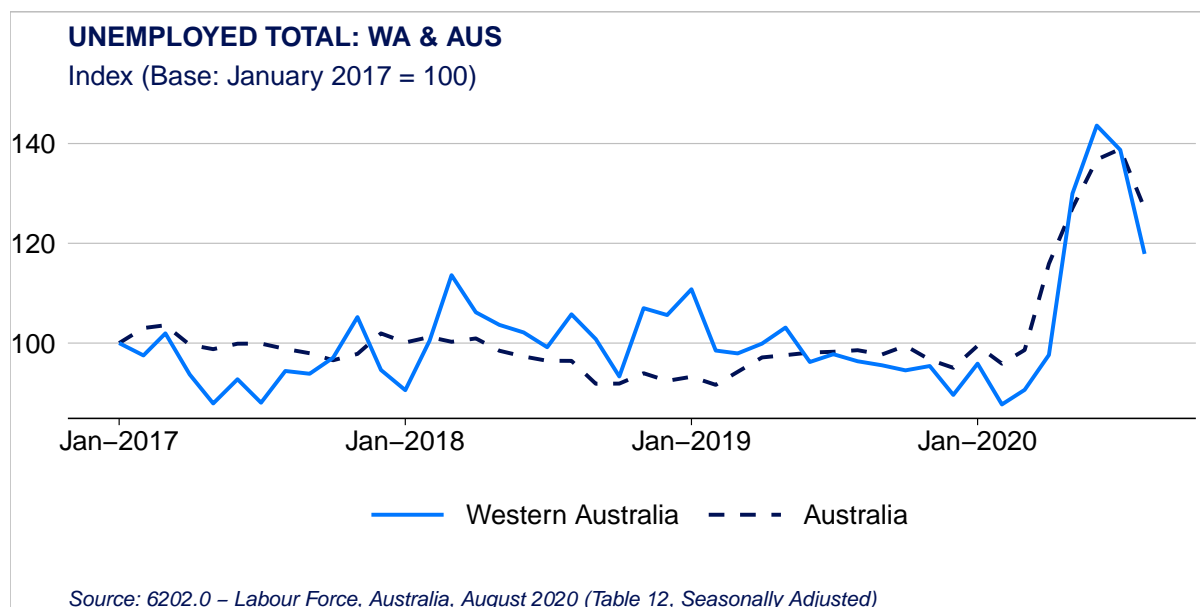
## Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Western Australia increased by 5,130 (0.6%) to 899,348 in August, and has decreased by 18,909 (-2.1%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms increased by 30,925 (6.8%) to 453,539 in August. Part-time employment has increased by 5,410 (1.2%) over the last year.



## Unemployment

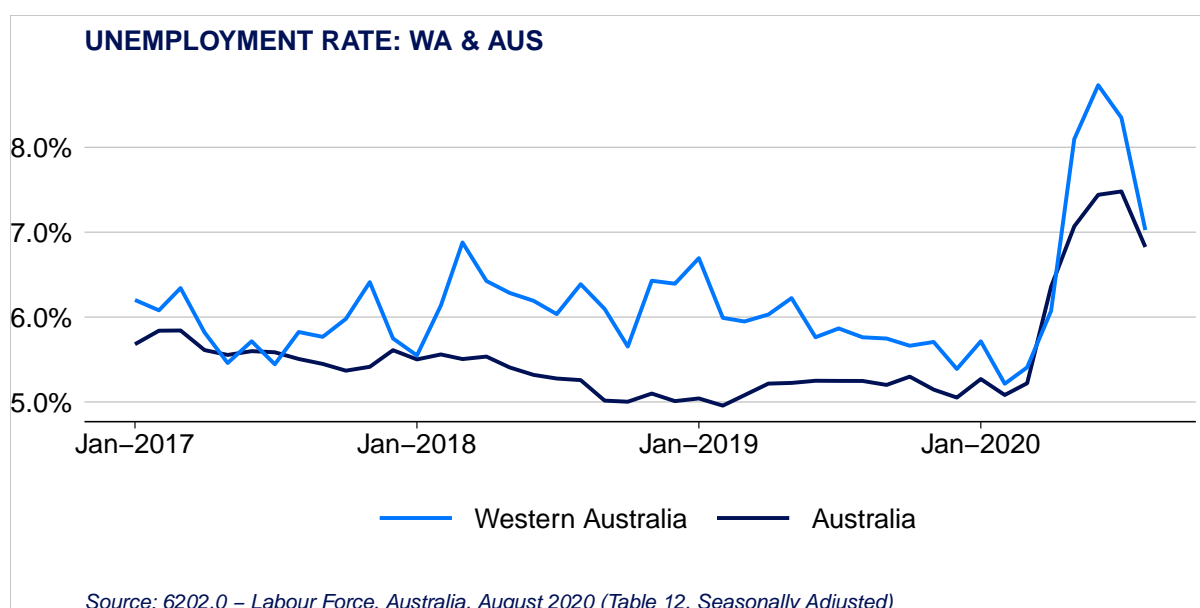
- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 18,039 (-17.7%) to 102,031.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 18,630 (18.3%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August decreased by 86,521 (-9.4%) to 921,780 people.



## Unemployment Rate

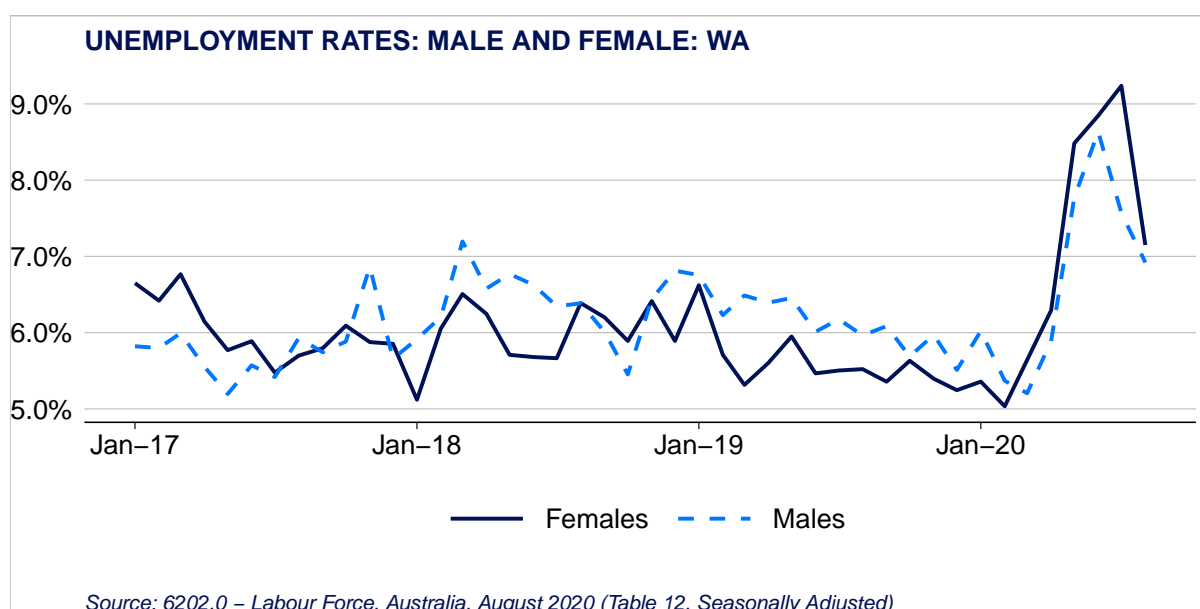
- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased by 1.3 percentage points to 7.0%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has increased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 6.8%





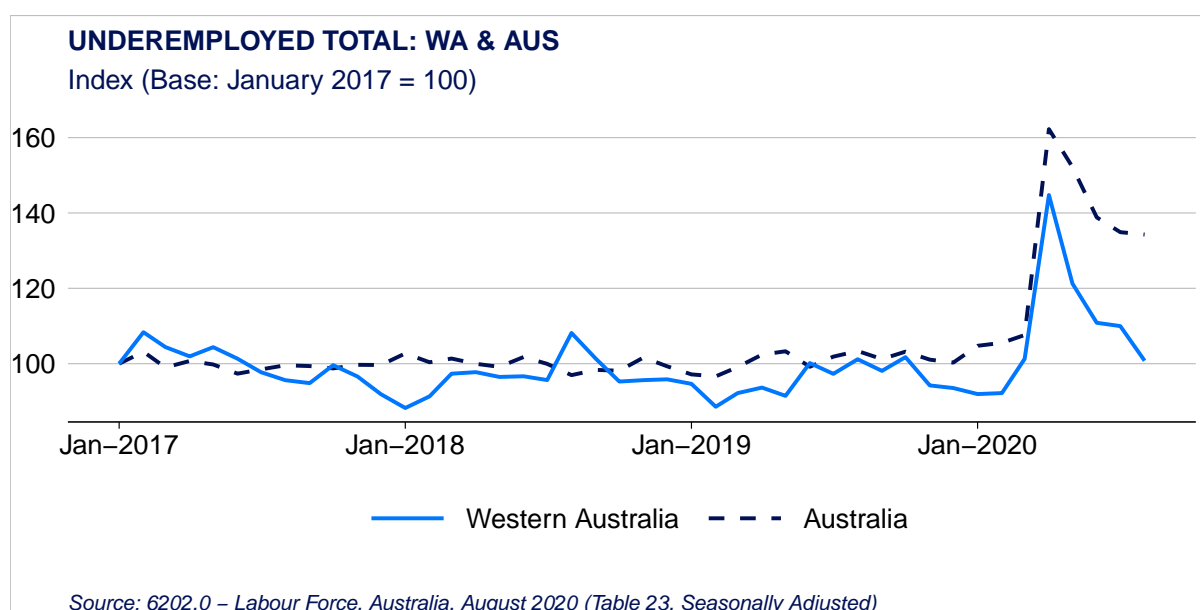
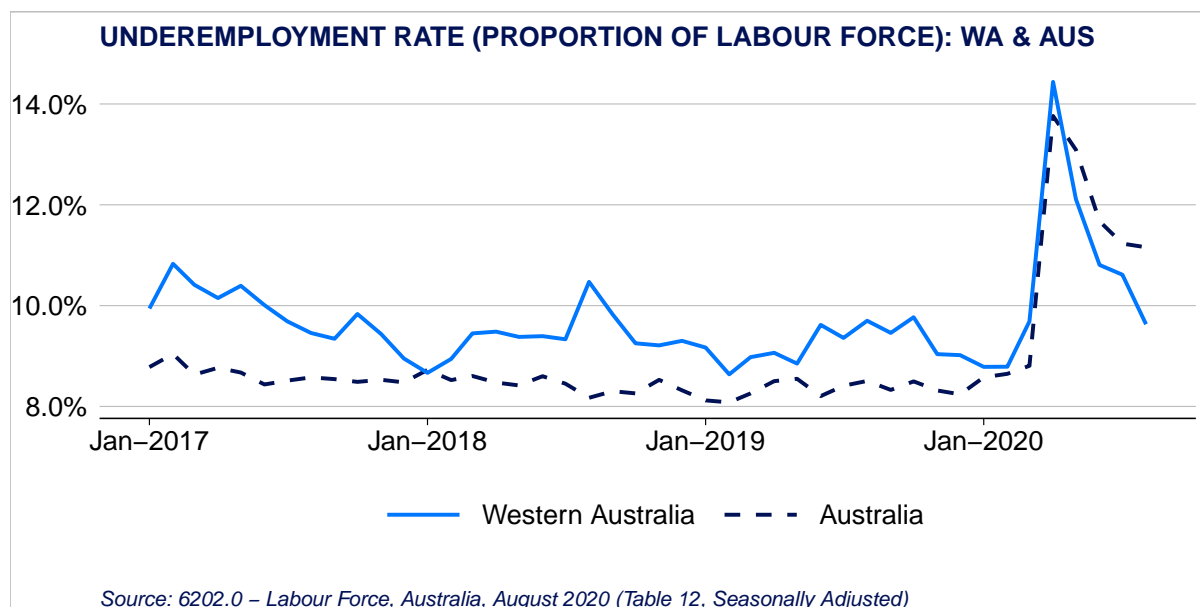
### Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 6.9%.
- Compared with August 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 2.1 percentage points to 7.1%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 1.6 percentage points.



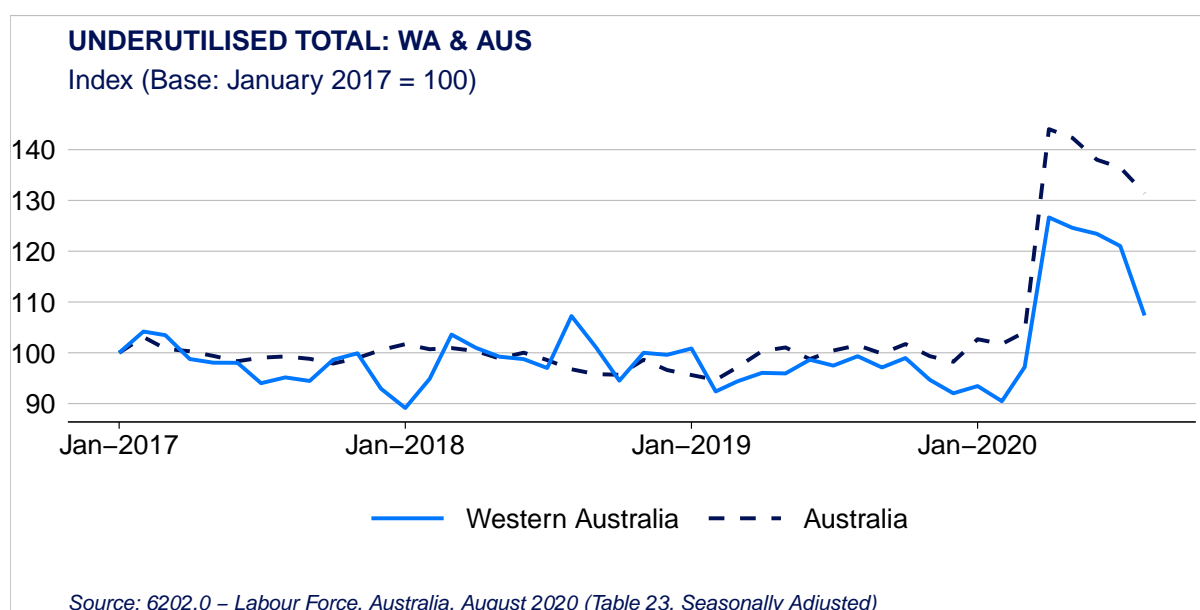
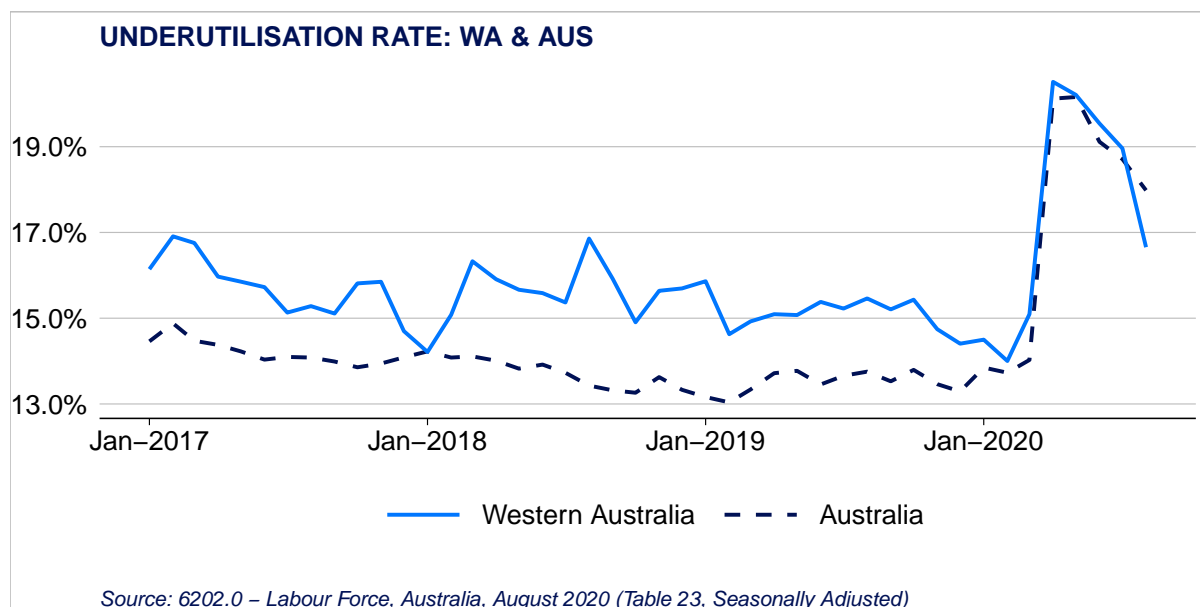
## Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 9.6% . The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 12,761 (-9.1%) to 139,868 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 542 (-0.4%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in August remained steady at 11.2% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 7,079 (-0.5%) to 1.51 million



## Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 2.3 percentage points to 16.7%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 30,800 (-12.7%) to 241,900.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has increased by 18,088 (7.5%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in August decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 18.0%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 93,600 (-3.9%) to 2.43 million.



## Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 6.82 million (3.6%) to 188.27 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has decreased by 4.00 million (-2.1%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in August increased by 1.64 million (0.1%) to 1683.39 million.

