

Labour Market Brief Western Australia

Summary

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

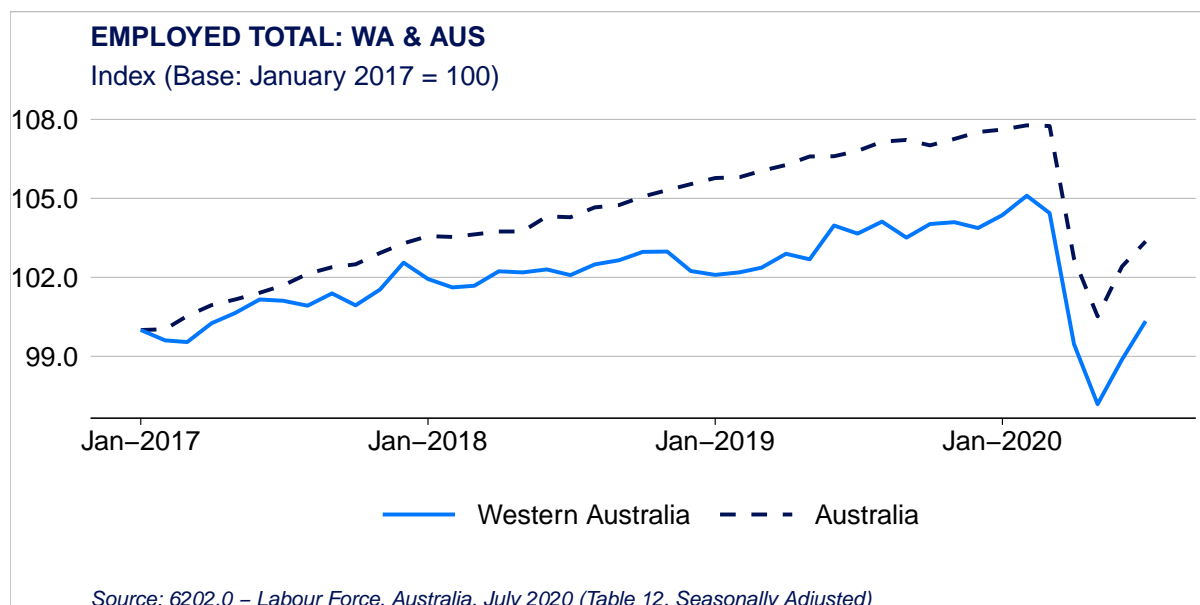
- Total *employment* increased by 19,083 (1.5%) to 1.31 million people.
 - Over the past year, employment in Western Australia has decreased by 43,550 (-3.3%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 4,223 (-3.5%) to 119,681 people, and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 8.3%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 35,106 (29.3%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 2.4 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* has decreased by 5,425 (-2.0%) to 271,800 people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 19.0%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 52,292 (19.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 3.8 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total *employment* increased by 114,716 (0.9%) to 12.46 million people.
 - Over the past year, employment in Australia has decreased by 414,491 (-3.3%).
- Total *unemployment* increased by 15,735 (1.6%) to 1.01 million people and the *unemployment rate* increased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.5%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 296,164 (29.3%) and the *unemployment rate* has increased by 2.3 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* decreased by 30,516 (-1.2%) to 2.52 million people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 18.7%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 664,920 (26.4%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 5.0 percentage points.

Employment

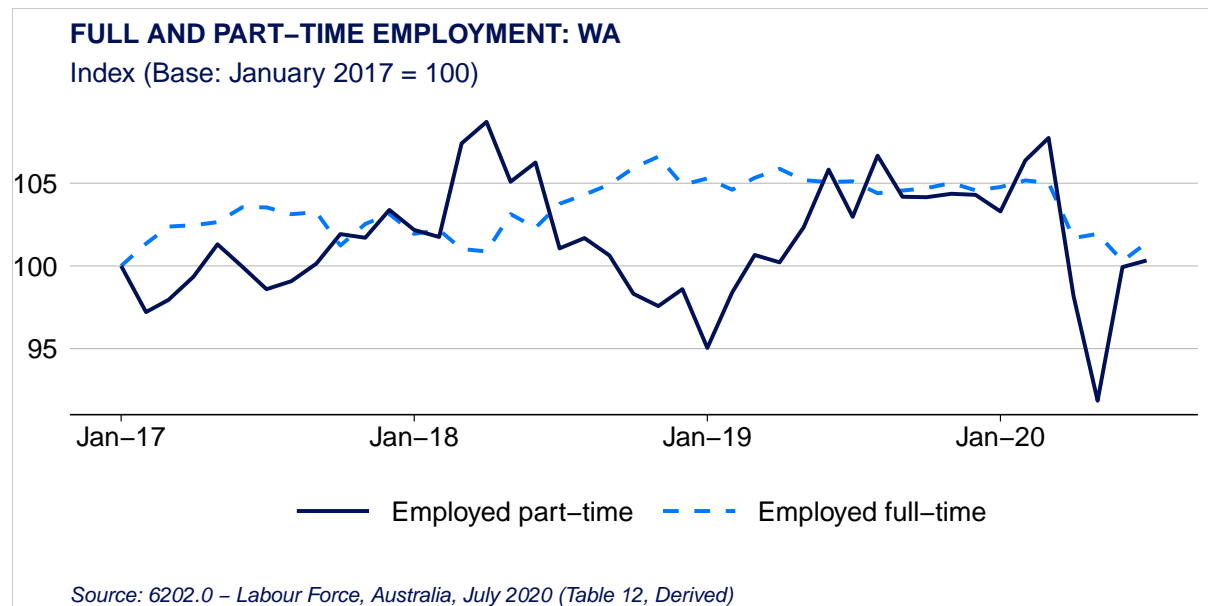
- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Western Australia increased by 19,083 (1.5%) to 1.31 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Western Australia has decreased by 43,550 (-3.3%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 114,716 (0.9%) to 12.46 million people.



Full and Part Time Employment

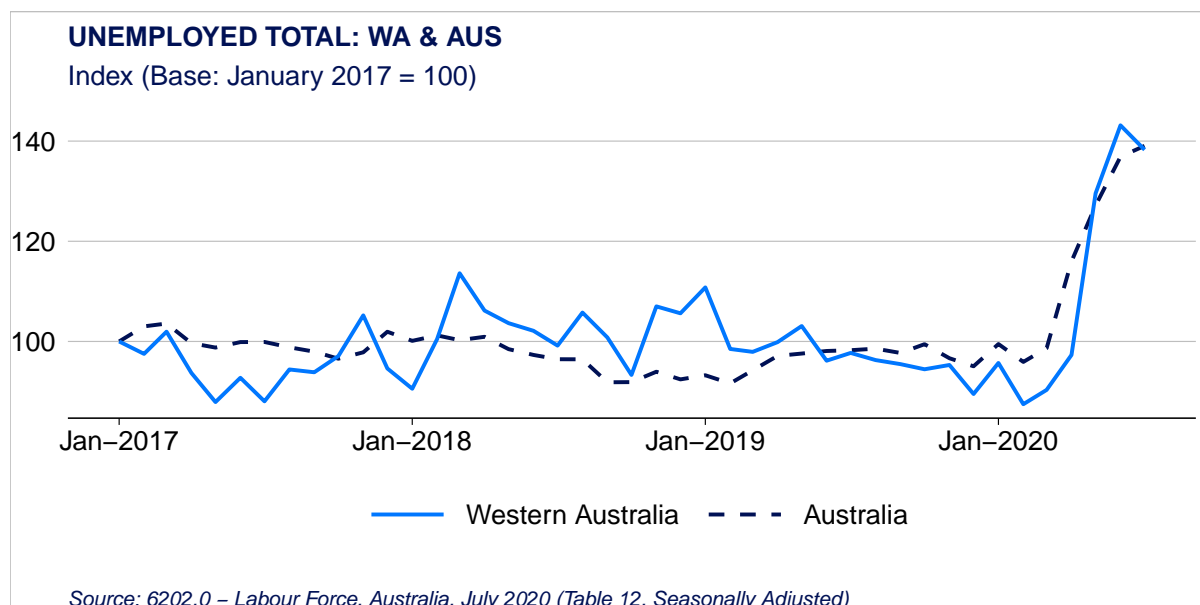
- Full-time employment in Western Australia increased by 9,581 (1.1%) to 891,216 in July, and has decreased by 32,762 (-3.7%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Western Australia, in original terms increased by 1,662 (0.4%) to 421,141 in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 11,086 (-2.6%) over the last year.





Unemployment

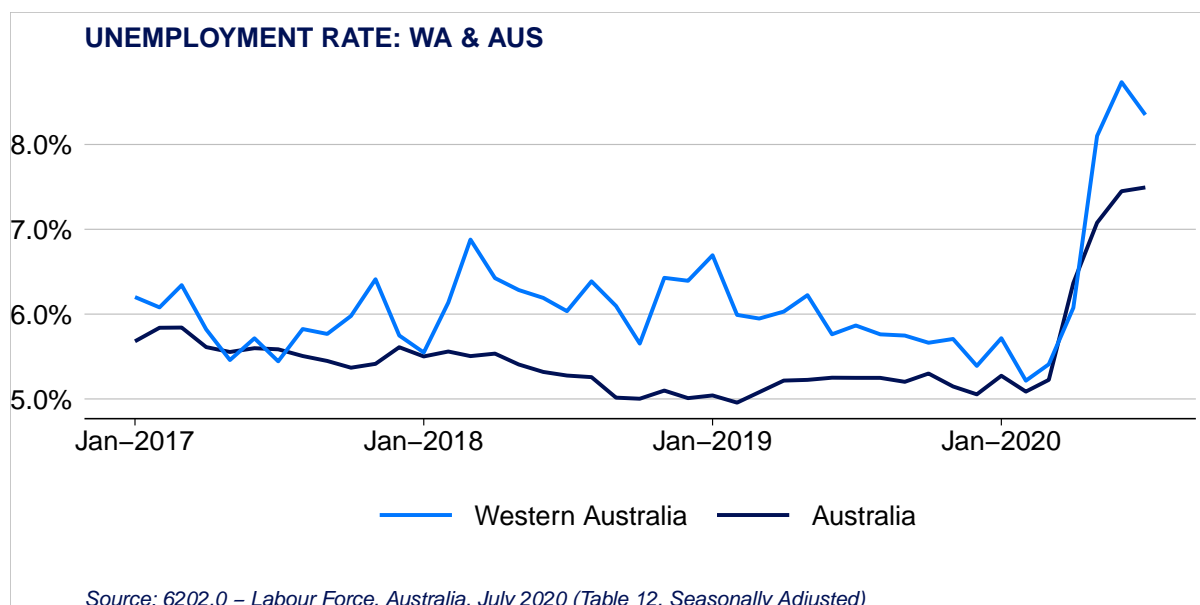
- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Western Australia decreased by 4,223 (-3.5%) to 119,681.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 35,106 (29.3%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 15,735 (1.6%) to 1.01 million people.



Unemployment Rate

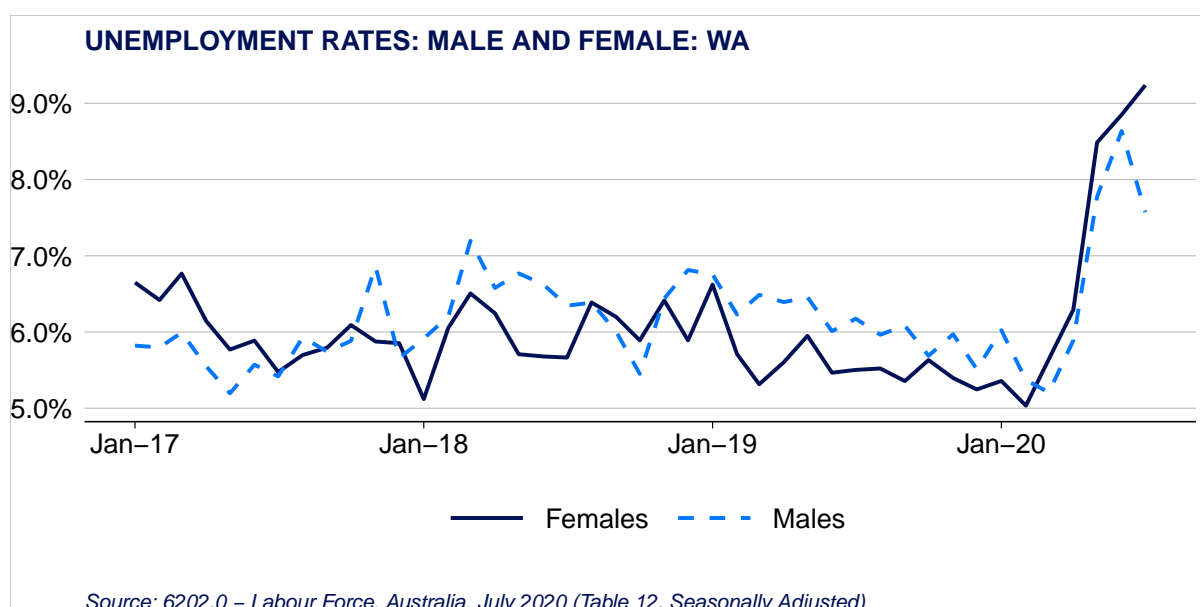
- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Western Australia decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 8.3% .
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Western Australia has increased by 2.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.5%





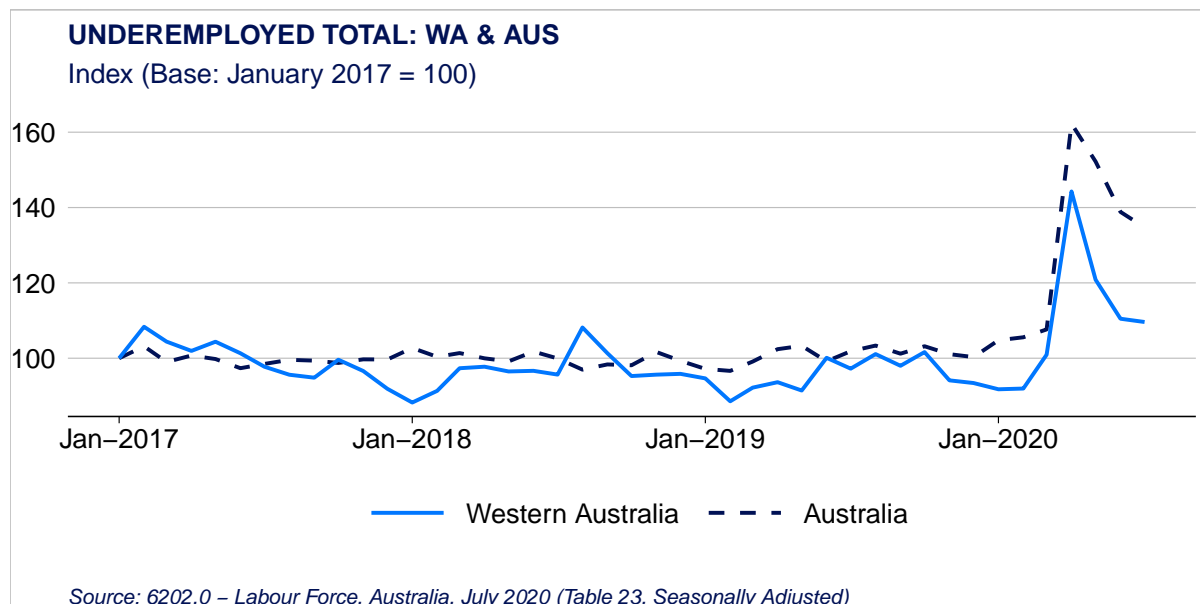
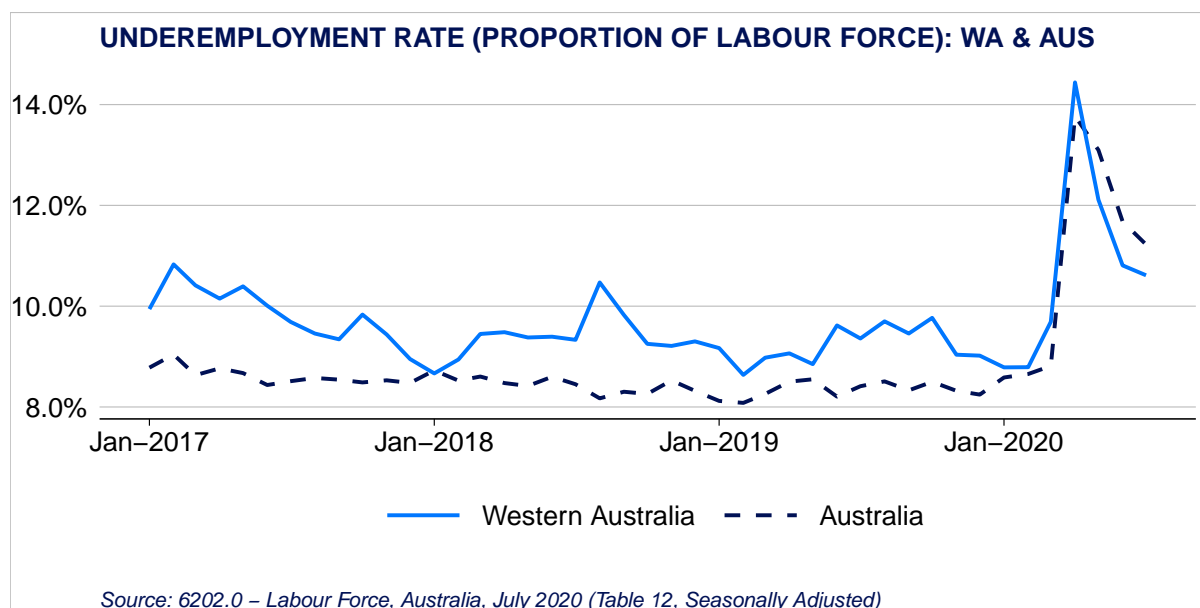
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Western Australia decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 7.6%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 1.4 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in increased by 0.4 percentage points to 9.2%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Western Australia has increased by 3.7 percentage points.



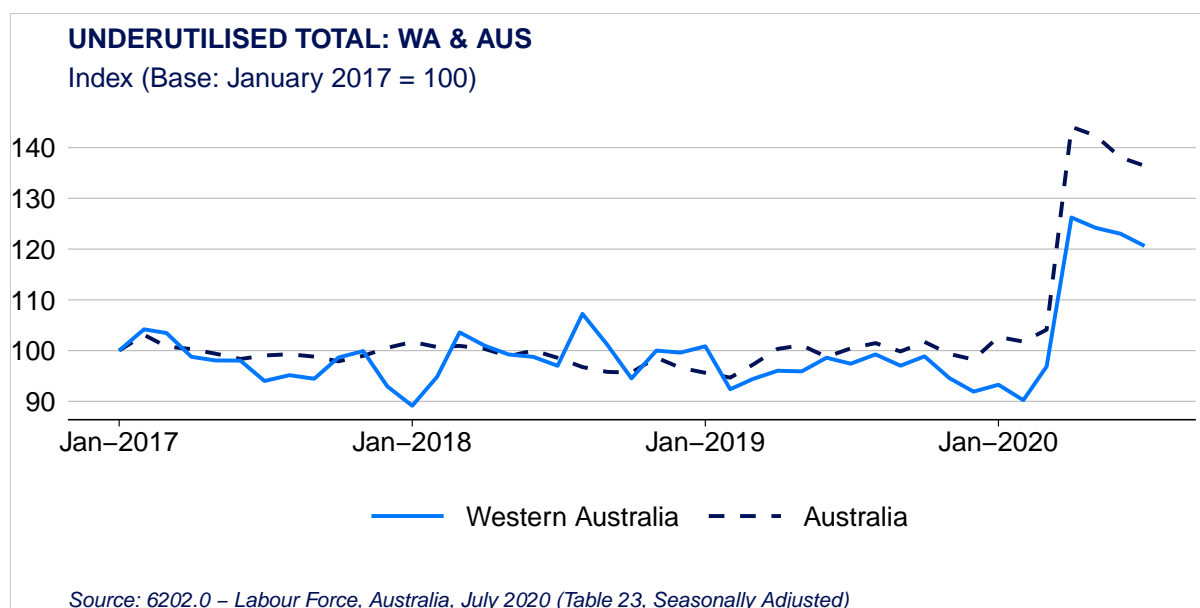
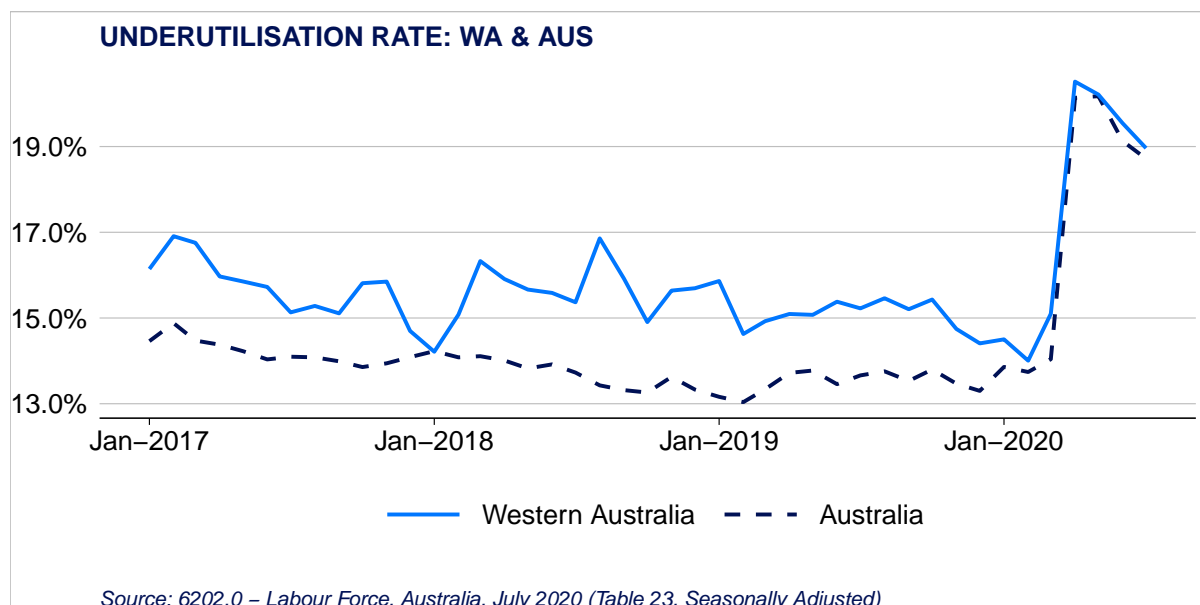
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.6%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 1,202 (-0.8%) to 152,120 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 17,185 (11.3%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 11.2% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 46,251 (-3.1%) to 1.51 million



Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 19.0%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 5,425 (-2.0%) to 271,800.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Western Australia has increased by 52,292 (19.2%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 18.7%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 30,516 (-1.2%) to 2.52 million.



Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 5.06 million (2.8%) to 180.89 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Western Australia has decreased by 11.09 million (-6.1%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 21.69 million (1.3%) to 1681.29 million.

