

FACT SHEET

Labour Force (all persons aged 15 years and over)

Australia

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	10,658,458 (61.4%)	53.4%	46.6%	9,607,987 (60.4%)	53.9%	46.1%
Employed full-time	6,367,552 (36.7%)	63.9%	36.1%	5,827,433 (36.6%)	64.6%	35.4%
Employed part-time	3,062,974 (17.6%)	32.1%	67.9%	2,685,195 (16.9%)	31.2%	68.8%
Unemployed, looking for work	600,134 (3.5%)	53.3%	46.7%	503,803 (3.2%)	53.5%	46.5%
Population not in the labour force	5,729,308 (33.0%)	40.2%	59.8%	5,271,119 (33.1%)	39.1%	60.9%
Total persons	17,363,696 (100.0%)	49.0%	51.0%	15,918,080 (100.0%)	48.9%	51.1%

- In 2011, 61.4% of persons aged 15 years and over reported being in the labour force. This is similar to 2006 when 60.4% of persons reported being in the labour force.
- In 2011, nearly one third of persons aged 15 years and over reported not being in the labour force. There were 3.5% of persons who reported that they were unemployed and looking for work. These proportions are similar to those reported in 2006.
- Of those who reported being employed full-time, 63.9% were males and 36.1% were females.
- Of those who reported being employed part-time, 32.1% were males and 67.9% were females.



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New South Wales

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	3,334,857 (59.7%)	53.4%	46.6%	3,092,603 (58.9%)	54.0%	46.0%
Employed full-time	2,007,925 (36.0%)	63.3%	36.7%	1,879,628 (35.8%)	63.9%	36.1%
Employed part-time	939,464 (16.8%)	32.9%	67.1%	842,714 (16.1%)	32.3%	67.7%
Unemployed, looking for work	196,525 (3.5%)	53.6%	46.4%	183,158 (3.5%)	54.7%	45.3%
Population not in the labour force	1,933,275 (34.6%)	40.4%	59.6%	1,801,010 (34.3%)	39.3%	60.7%
Total persons	5,585,148 (100.0%)	48.8%	51.2%	5,250,260 (100.0%)	48.8%	51.2%

Victoria

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	2,675,477 (61.4%)	53.4%	46.6%	2,404,605 (60.4%)	53.9%	46.1%
Employed full-time	1,583,266 (36.4%)	64.6%	35.4%	1,445,459 (36.3%)	65.0%	35.0%
Employed part-time	791,837 (18.2%)	31.9%	68.1%	682,604 (17.1%)	30.8%	69.2%
Unemployed, looking for work	144,844 (3.3%)	52.4%	47.6%	130,157 (3.3%)	53.5%	46.5%
Population not in the labour force	1,451,592 (33.3%)	39.6%	60.4%	1,330,370 (33.4%)	38.6%	61.4%
Total persons	4,355,244 (100.0%)	48.7%	51.3%	3,982,038 (100.0%)	48.5%	51.5%



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Queensland

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	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	2,171,074 (62.8%)	53.0%	47.0%	1,915,948 (61.8%)	53.8%	46.2%
Employed full-time	1,302,954 (37.7%)	63.4%	36.6%	1,180,888 (38.1%)	64.5%	35.5%
Employed part-time	611,296 (17.7%)	31.5%	68.5%	530,502 (17.1%)	30.6%	69.4%
Unemployed, looking for work	131,800 (3.8%)	52.9%	47.1%	90,952 (2.9%)	50.2%	49.8%
Population not in the labour force	1,079,302 (31.2%)	40.4%	59.6%	971,829 (31.4%)	39.2%	60.8%
Total persons	3,456,874 (100.0%)	49.1%	50.9%	3,097,997 (100.0%)	49.1%	50.9%

South Australia

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	784,328 (59.9%)	53.1%	46.9%	728,074 (59.0%)	53.7%	46.3%
Employed full-time	445,074 (34.0%)	65.2%	34.8%	426,179 (34.5%)	65.6%	34.4%
Employed part-time	247,599 (18.9%)	31.7%	68.3%	218,542 (17.7%)	30.4%	69.6%
Unemployed, looking for work	44,971 (3.4%)	55.4%	44.6%	38,178 (3.1%)	56.4%	43.6%
Population not in the labour force	466,428 (35.6%)	41.5%	58.5%	441,819 (35.8%)	40.3%	59.7%
Total persons	1,309,637 (100.0%)	48.9%	51.1%	1,233,516 (100.0%)	48.7%	51.3%

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	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	1,152,198 (64.0%)	54.6%	45.4%	972,791 (62.3%)	54.7%	45.3%
Employed full-time	699,414 (38.9%)	65.8%	34.2%	593,674 (38.0%)	66.3%	33.7%
Employed part-time	324,257 (18.0%)	31.0%	69.0%	275,949 (17.7%)	30.2%	69.8%
Unemployed, looking for work	54,317 (3.0%)	52.7%	47.3%	36,659 (2.3%)	51.7%	48.3%
Population not in the labour force	529,554 (29.4%)	38.7%	61.3%	478,245 (30.6%)	37.7%	62.3%
Total persons	1,799,101 (100.0%)	50.0%	50.0%	1,562,653 (100.0%)	49.4%	50.6%

Tasmania

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	232,125 (57.8%)	52.4%	47.6%	219,159 (57.3%)	53.3%	46.7%
Employed full-time	126,467 (31.5%)	65.0%	35.0%	122,813 (32.1%)	65.9%	34.1%
Employed part-time	76,384 (19.0%)	31.2%	68.8%	67,384 (17.6%)	30.2%	69.8%
Unemployed, looking for work	14,826 (3.7%)	57.4%	42.6%	14,420 (3.8%)	55.6%	44.4%
Population not in the labour force	151,378 (37.7%)	42.2%	57.8%	143,106 (37.4%)	40.6%	59.4%
Total persons	401,483 (100.0%)	48.5%	51.5%	382,454 (100.0%)	48.4%	51.6%

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Northern Territory

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	103,965 (63.9%)	53.8%	46.2%	91,183 (62.8%)	54.3%	45.7%
Employed full-time	69,546 (42.7%)	58.7%	41.3%	60,089 (41.4%)	59.6%	40.4%
Employed part-time	20,877 (12.8%)	37.1%	62.9%	20,178 (13.9%)	39.3%	60.7%
Unemployed, looking for work	5,489 (3.4%)	55.9%	44.1%	4,004 (2.8%)	53.7%	46.3%
Population not in the labour force	41,688 (25.6%)	45.0%	55.0%	37,149 (25.6%)	43.1%	56.9%
Total persons	162,802 (100.0%)	51.8%	48.2%	145,291 (100.0%)	51.5%	48.5%

Australian Capital Territory

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	203,207 (69.9%)	51.5%	48.5%	182,490 (69.6%)	51.6%	48.4%
Employed full-time	132,041 (45.4%)	58.4%	41.6%	117,943 (45.0%)	58.9%	41.1%
Employed part-time	51,029 (17.5%)	35.0%	65.0%	47,107 (18.0%)	34.3%	65.7%
Unemployed, looking for work	7,316 (2.5%)	54.6%	45.4%	6,204 (2.4%)	56.5%	43.5%
Population not in the labour force	74,890 (25.7%)	41.5%	58.5%	67,078 (25.6%)	40.5%	59.5%
Total persons	290,876 (100.0%)	49.0%	51.0%	262,106 (100.0%)	48.9%	51.1%



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Sydney

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	2,188,853 (61.7%)	53.5%	46.5%	2,010,009(60.6%)	53.9%	46.1%
Employed full-time	1,358,191 (38.3%)	62.2%	37.8%	1,267,504(38.2%)	62.5%	37.5%
Employed part-time	584,776 (16.5%)	34.3%	65.7%	516,793 (15.6%)	33.4%	66.6%
Unemployed, looking for work	125,587 (3.5%)	52.8%	47.2%	106,482 (3.2%)	54.2%	45.8%
Population not in the labour force	1,149,798 (32.4%)	39.2%	60.8%	1,052,817(31.8%)	38.1%	61.9%
Total persons	3,548,457 (100%)	48.7%	51.3%	3,314,161 (100%)	48.7%	51.3%

Melbourne

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	2,039,382(62.5%)	53.4%	46.6%	1,807,761(61.1%)	53.7%	46.3%
Employed full-time	1,226,135 (37.6%)	63.8%	36.2%	1,102,999(37.3%)	64.1%	35.9%
Employed part-time	587,550 (18.0%)	32.8%	67.2%	502,081 (17.0%)	31.7%	68.3%
Unemployed, looking for work	111,456 (3.4%)	52.0%	48.0%	95,873 (3.2%)	53.4%	46.6%
Population not in the labour force	1,048,662 (32.2%)	39.1%	60.9%	956,631 (32.4%)	38.2%	61.8%
Total persons	3,260,799 (100%)	48.7%	51.3%	2,956,448 (100%)	48.5%	51.5%

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Brisbane

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	1,073,480 (65.0%)	52.7%	47.3%	941,196 (63.8%)	53.2%	46.8%
Employed full-time	654,898 (39.7%)	62.4%	37.6%	589,177 (40.0%)	63.3%	36.7%
Employed part-time	296,515 (18.0%)	32.1%	67.9%	256,446 (17.4%)	30.8%	69.2%
Unemployed, looking for work	62,865 (3.8%)	52.8%	47.2%	41,490 (2.8%)	49.8%	50.2%
Population not in the labour force	493,944 (29.9%)	39.8%	60.2%	443,560 (30.1%)	38.5%	61.5%
Total persons	1,651,496 (100%)	48.8%	51.2%	1,474,169 (100%)	48.6%	51.4%

Adelaide

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	612,225 (60.7%)	52.6%	47.4%	563,777 (59.5%)	53.2%	46.8%
Employed full-time	348,427 (34.5%)	64.2%	35.8%	330,755 (34.9%)	64.7%	35.3%
Employed part-time	193,319 (19.2%)	32.2%	67.8%	170,088 (17.9%)	30.8%	69.2%
Unemployed, looking for work	35,403 (3.5%)	54.9%	45.1%	29,159 (3.1%)	51.3%	48.7%
Population not in the labour force	352,642 (35.0%)	41.0%	59.0%	336,517 (35.5%)	39.8%	60.2%
Total persons	1,008,605 (100%)	48.5%	51.5%	948,072 (100%)	48.3%	51.7%

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Perth

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	900,493 (64.5%)	53.9%	46.1%	757,531 (62.2%)	54.2%	45.8%
Employed full-time	542,260 (38.8%)	65.0%	35.0%	461,072 (37.9%)	65.6%	34.4%
Employed part-time	260,272 (18.6%)	31.3%	68.7%	218,766 (18.0%)	30.4%	69.6%
Unemployed, looking for work	42,861 (3.1%)	52.1%	47.9%	27,957 (2.3%)	51.0%	49.0%
Population not in the labour force	413,912 (29.6%)	38.1%	61.9%	377,748 (31.0%)	37.5%	62.5%
Total persons	1,396,459 (100%)	49.2%	50.8%	1,217,260 (100%)	48.9%	51.1%

Hobart

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	102,768 (59.8%)	51.2%	48.8%	95,722 (58.7%)	51.8%	48.2%
Employed full-time	56,609 (32.9%)	62.7%	37.3%	54,047 (33.2%)	63.2%	36.8%
Employed part-time	34,217 (19.9%)	31.8%	68.2%	29,979 (18.4%)	30.6%	69.4%
Unemployed, looking for work	5,896 (3.4%)	58.2%	41.8%	5,621 (3.4%)	56.6%	43.4%
Population not in the labour force	61,446 (35.7%)	42.2%	57.8%	58,301 (35.8%)	40.8%	59.2%
Total persons	171,885 (100%)	47.9%	52.1%	162,973 (100%)	47.7%	52.3%

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Darwin

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	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	65,395 (68.7%)	53.7%	46.3%	56,188 (68.5%)	54.3%	45.7%
Employed full-time	45,397 (47.7%)	58.8%	41.2%	39,023 (47.5%)	59.8%	40.2%
Employed part-time	12,785 (13.4%)	34.7%	65.3%	11,058 (13.5%)	34.7%	65.3%
Unemployed, looking for work	2,353 (2.5%)	55.9%	44.1%	1,952 (2.4%)	56.1%	43.9%
Population not in the labour force	19,558 (20.5%)	45.7%	54.3%	17,019 (20.7%)	43.0%	57.0%
Total persons	95,206 (100%)	52.5%	47.5%	82,075 (100%)	52.2%	47.8%

Canberra

	2011			2006		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total in labour force	202,876 (69.6%)	51.5%	48.5%	182,126 (69.6%)	51.6%	48.4%
Employed full-time	131,869 (45.4%)	58.4%	41.6%	117,758 (45.0%)	58.9%	41.1%
Employed part-time	50,947 (17.5%)	35.0%	65.0%	47,015 (18.0%)	34.3%	65.7%
Unemployed, looking for work	7,258 (2.5%)	54.6%	45.4%	6,149 (2.4%)	56.5%	43.5%
Population not in the labour force	74,707 (25.7%)	41.5%	58.5%	66,889 (25.6%)	40.5%	59.5%
Total persons	290,304 (100%)	49.0%	51.0%	261,506 (100%)	48.9%	51.1%