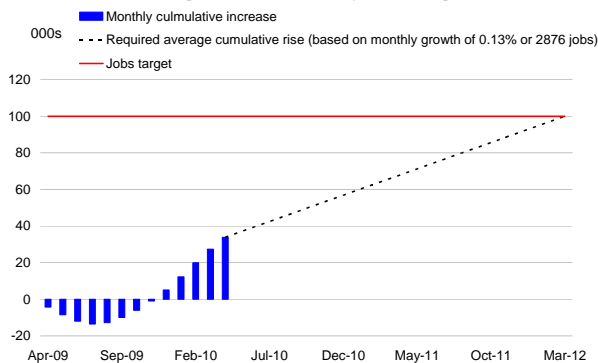


Summary

- Employment increased 6,500 persons in April 2010 and 33,900 persons since March 2009 (see Tables 1 and 2). As a result, to meet the target, an increase of 66,100 persons employed over the next 23 months is required. This represents an average of 2,876 persons per month (Chart 1).
- Monthly growth required to meet the target (0.13%) remains well below the 30-year average (0.25%).
- Full-time employment has risen by 800 persons since March 2009 (see Table 2). However, this has been overshadowed by part-time employment, which has increased by 33,100 persons. The growth in part-time rather than full time employment mirrors the reduction in average hours worked over the period, which has helped cushion the fall in employment during the worst of the downturn. However, so far this year full-time employment has been the major source of jobs growth.
- Since March 2009, male employment has risen more sharply than female employment (20,900 persons compared with 13,000). However, this reflects a recovery from the relatively poorer performance of male employment throughout the worst of the downturn.

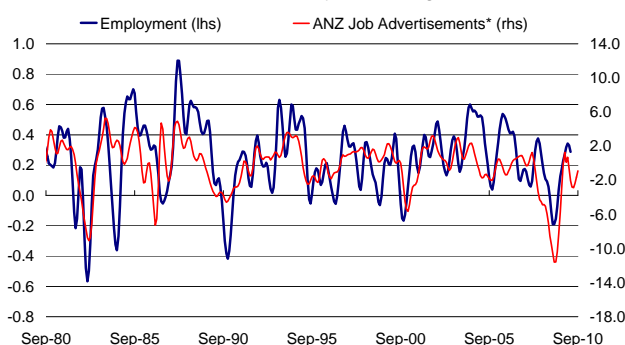
Chart 1: Progress towards jobs target, trend



Analysis and outlook

- Leading indicators of employment demand, along with an emergent recovery in housing and engineering construction as well as business confidence, suggest jobs growth in Queensland should be supported around current rates in the coming months.

Chart 2: ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements and Employment Growth, Queensland
(trend, monthly % change)



* Advanced 5 months
Sources: ABS 6202.0 and ANZ Job Advertisement Series

Table 1: Labour force, April 2010

Monthly Data	Monthly change (number)		% change on a month ago		% change on a year ago	
	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust	QLD	Aust
Trend						
Employment	6,500	18,300	0.3	0.2	1.7	2.2
Full-time	4,500	16,600	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1
Part-time	2,000	1,600	0.3	0.0	5.5	5.1
Unemployed	-600	-1,500	-0.5	-0.2	9.9	-4.0
Labour Force	5,900	16,800	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.9
Seas. Adjusted						
Employment	12,600	33,700	0.6	0.3	2.0	2.2
Full-time	8,400	37,500	0.5	0.5	-0.1	1.1
Part-time	4,200	-3,800	0.6	-0.1	7.3	4.9
Unemployed	1,900	6,500	1.4	1.0	14.3	1.0
Labour Force	14,500	40,200	0.6	0.3	2.6	2.1
Current A month ago A year ago						
Unemploy. Rate						
Trend	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.6
Seas. Adjusted	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.4
Participation Rate						
Trend	67.3	65.2	67.3	65.2	67.6	65.4

Table 2: Employment target statistics, April 2010^{1,2,3}

Trend	March 2009	Current month	Difference	
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(%) ⁴
Employment				
Employment	2,231.4	2,265.3	33.9	1.5
Full-time	1,610.4	1,611.2	0.8	0.0
Part-time	621.0	654.1	33.1	5.3
Male	1,204.2	1,225.1	20.9	1.7
Full-time	1,034.4	1,041.0	6.6	0.6
Part-time	169.8	184.1	14.3	8.4
Female	1,027.2	1,040.2	13.0	1.3
Full-time	576.0	570.2	-5.8	-1.0
Part-time	451.2	470.0	18.8	4.2
Unemployed	114.3	131.6	17.3	15.1
Male	67.3	70.8	3.5	5.2
Female	47.0	60.9	13.9	29.6
Labour Force	2,345.7	2,396.9	51.2	2.2
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.5	na	0.6
Participation Rate	67.7	67.3	na	-0.4
Seasonally Adjusted				
Employment	2,232.3	2,272.5	40.2	1.8
Full-time	1,608.0	1,615.3	7.3	0.5
Part-time	624.3	657.2	32.9	5.3
Male	1,207.7	1,231.8	24.1	2.0
Full-time	1,030.3	1,044.6	14.3	1.4
Part-time	177.4	187.2	9.8	5.5
Female	1,024.6	1,040.8	16.2	1.6
Full-time	577.7	570.8	-6.9	-1.2
Part-time	446.9	470.0	23.1	5.2
Unemployed	115.7	133.9	18.2	15.7
Male	66.1	69.8	3.7	5.6
Female	49.6	64.1	14.5	29.2
Labour Force	2,348.0	2,406.4	58.4	2.5
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.6	na	0.7
Participation Rate	67.8	67.5	na	-0.3

¹ na is not applicable.

² Numbers may not add due to rounding.

³ A person is defined as employed if they worked one or more hours in the reference week. Part-time (full-time) employment is defined as working less than 35 hours (35 hours or more) in the survey week.

⁴ Unemployment rate and participation rate are percentage point changes.

TARGET:

100,000 additional persons employed.

TIMEFRAME:

36 months between March 2009 and March 2012.

INDICATOR:

Total (full-time and part-time) employment monthly trend.

SOURCE:

ABS labour force survey (6202.0).

INTERPRETATION:

The ABS employment estimate is the net count in the level of persons employed.