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List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AAWI	Average annualised wage increase
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings
AWOTE	Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings
C4	Engineering Association Level I, <i>Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award 1998</i> ; from 1 January 2010 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010</i> ; and from 29 May 2020 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020</i>
C10	Engineering Tradesperson Level I, <i>Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award 1998</i> ; from 1 January 2010 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010</i> ; and from 29 May 2020 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020</i>
C14	Engineering/Production Employee Level 1, <i>Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award 1998</i> ; from 1 January 2010 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010</i> ; and from 29 May 2020 the <i>Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020</i>
COE	Characteristics of Employment
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
CPI	Consumer Price Index
EEH	Employee Earnings and Hours
FMW	Federal Minimum Wage
FOB	Free on board
FT	Full time
FWCFB	Fair Work Commission Full Bench
GDP	Gross domestic product
GVA	Gross value added



IMF	International Monetary Fund
JSP	JobSeeker Payment
LCI	Living Cost Index
n/a	Not available
NMW	National minimum wage
NSA	Newstart Allowance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PT	Part time
PL	Poverty line
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
ppt	Percentage point
Pw	Per week
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RNNDI	Real net national disposable income
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
WAD	Workplace Agreements Database
WPI	Wage Price Index



Overview

Indicator	Measure	Latest	5-year average
		Dec qtr 2022	
GDP	Annual % change	2.7	2.3
RNNDI	Annual % change	4.0	3.6
GDP per capita	Annual % change	0.8	1.1
RNNDI per capita	Annual % change	2.2	2.4
Labour productivity	Annual % change	-3.5	0.4
Labour productivity (market sector)	Annual % change	-5.2	0.4
Real unit labour costs	Annual % change	-1.8	-1.4
Household saving ratio	Proportion	4.5	10.2
Profits	Annual % change	16.0	12.1
Non-mining profits	Annual % change	2.2	5.7
Profits share	%	31.8	29.2
Wages share	%	50.0	51.3
AAWI	%	3.0	2.7
AWOTE	Annual % change	2.2 [^]	2.7 [^]
		Mar qtr 2023	
WPI	Annual % change	3.7	2.4
CPI	Annual % change	7.0	3.3
Underlying inflation	Annual % change	6.2	2.8
LCI employee	Annual % change	9.6	3.1
		2021–22	
Non-mining investment (market sector) [#]	Annual % change	14.0	4.6
		April 2023	
Employment	Annual % change	2.9	2.1
Full-time employment	Annual % change	3.7	2.6
Part-time employment	Annual % change	1.0	1.0
Hours worked	Annual % change	7.4	2.5
Unemployment rate	%	3.7	5.0
Underemployment rate	%	6.1	8.2
Participation rate [*]	%	67.0	66.5
Participation rate (age-adjusted) ^{**}	%	68.2	67.2
Employment to population ratio [*]	%	64.5	63.2
Employment to population ratio (age-adjusted) ^{**}	%	65.6	63.8
Youth unemployment rate	%	8.6	11.2

Note: [#]Calculated as percentage change in non-mining (market) gross fixed capital formation. ^{*} The 5-year averages are calculated based on the data in Chart 6.2. Data are in original terms for March 2023. ^{**}The age-adjusted participation rate and employment to population ratio are calculated using 10-year age groups for March 2023, with the proportion of the population held fixed at March 2018. The 5-year averages are calculated based on the data in Chart 6.2. Data are in original terms. [^] November 2022.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022; ABS, *Australian System of National Accounts, 2021–22 financial year*; ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Business Indicators, Australia*, December 2022; ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023; ABS, *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022.

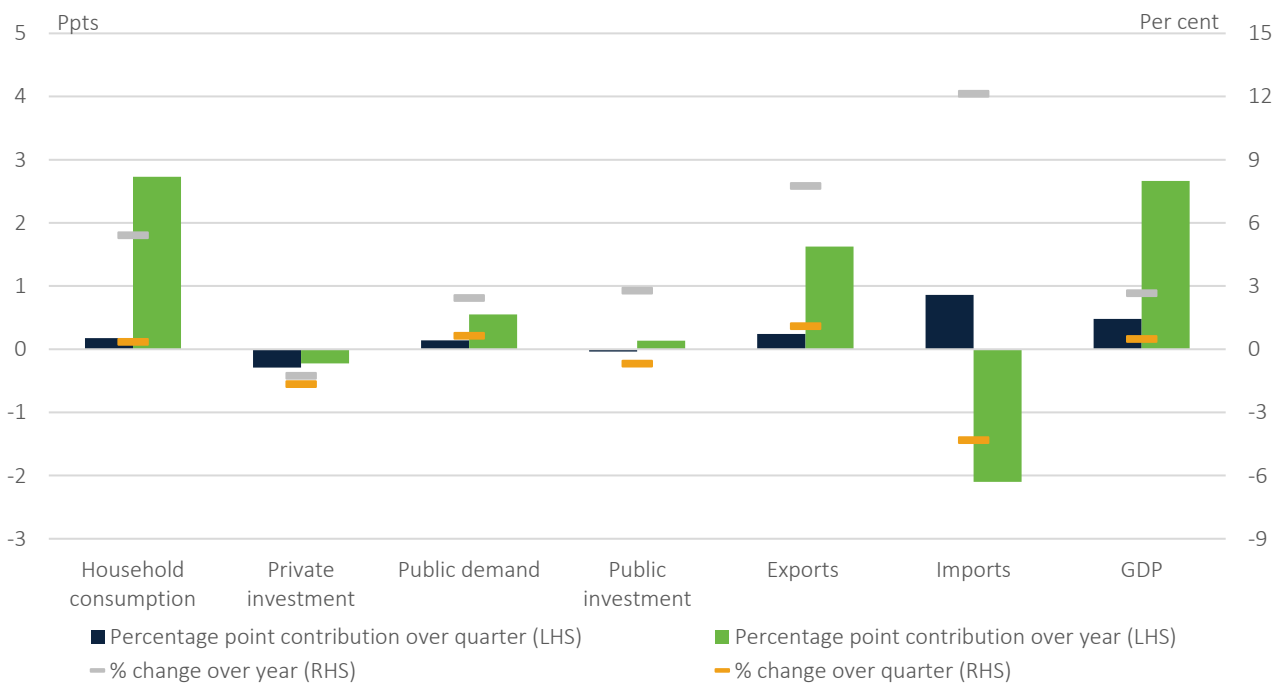
1. Economic growth

Chart 1.1: Economic growth, annual and quarterly growth rates



Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.

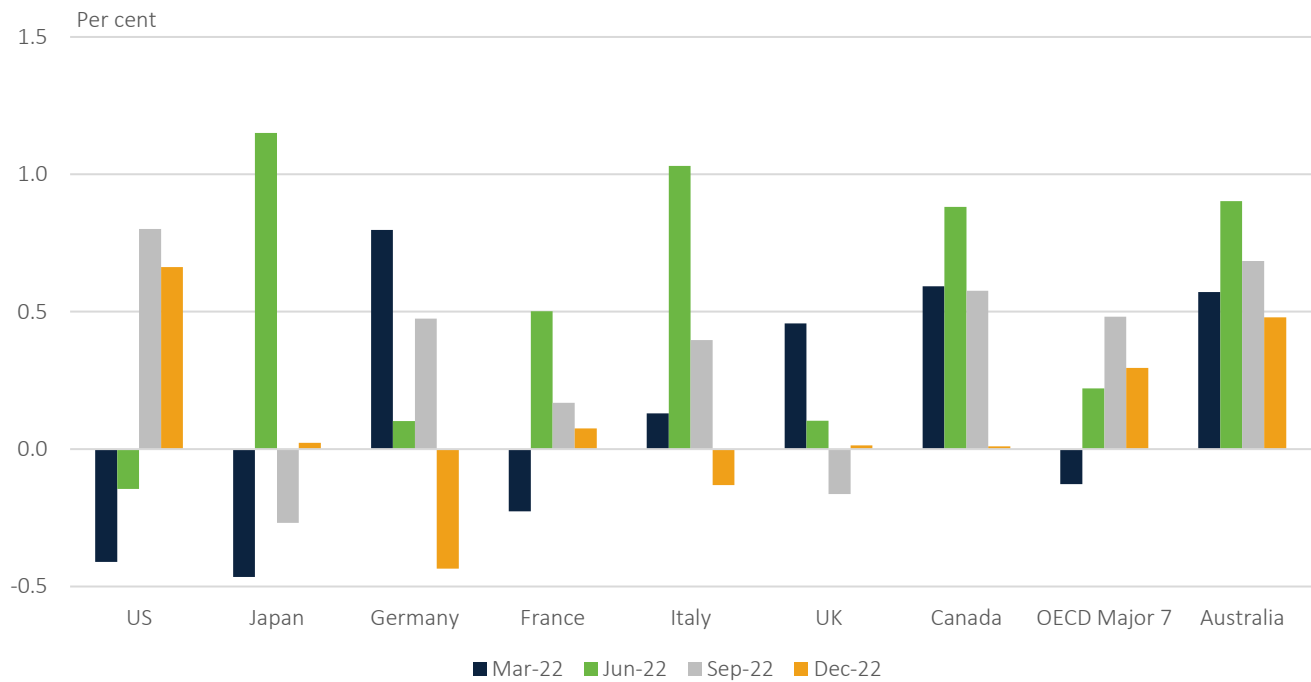
Chart 1.2: Components of GDP growth, December quarter 2022



Note: Household consumption refers to 'Household final consumption expenditure', Investment refers to 'Gross fixed capital formation', and Public demand refers to 'General government final consumption expenditure'. Contributions may not add to total GDP growth due to rounding.

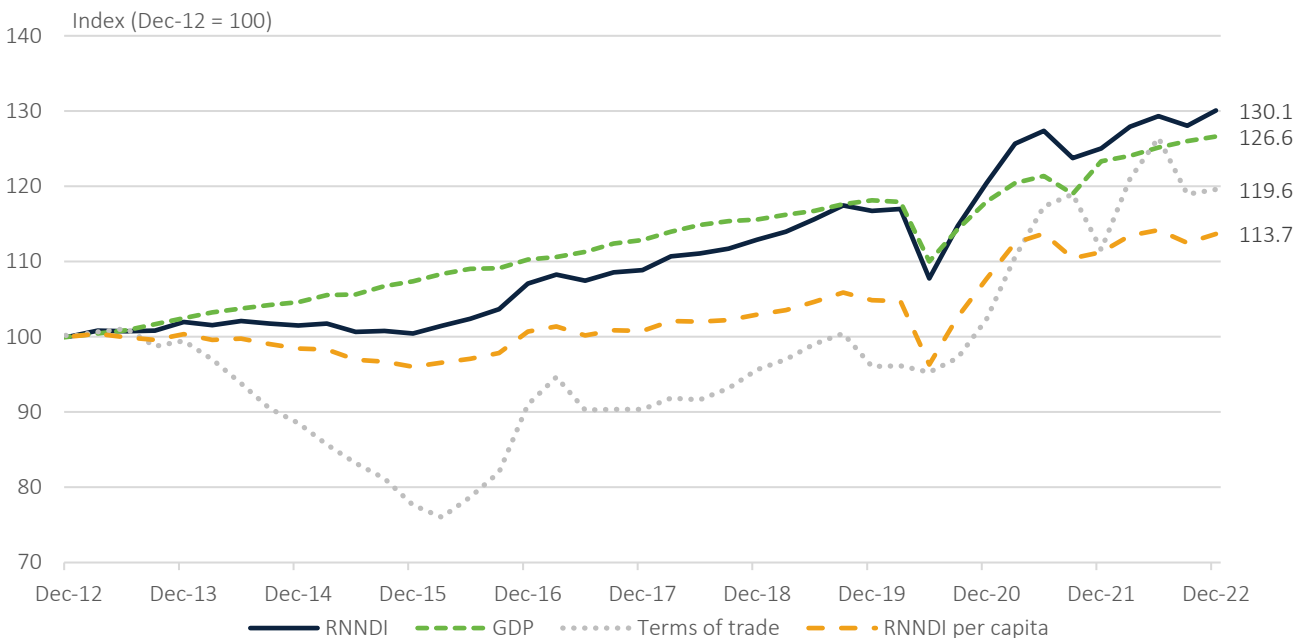
Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.

Chart 1.3: International comparisons of quarterly GDP growth rates



Source: OECD (2023), *Quarterly GDP (indicator)*, viewed 18 May 2023, <<http://data.oecd.org/gdp/quarterly-gdp.htm>>.

Chart 1.4: Real net national disposable income, real GDP and the terms of trade, index

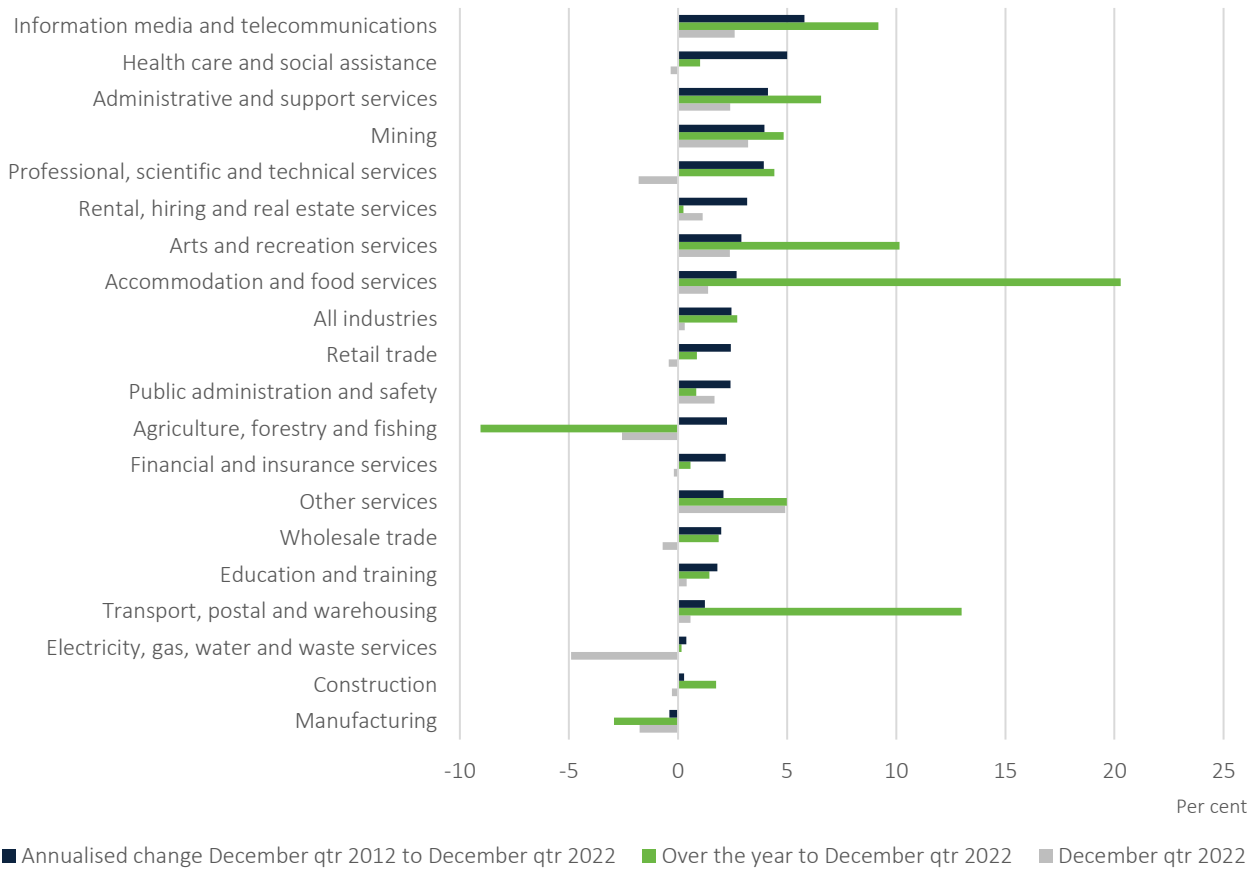


Note: Real net national disposable income (RNNDI) takes into account the impact of changes in prices of exports relative to imports, the real impact of income flows between Australia and the rest of the world, and the consumption of fixed capital. Income flows between Australia and the rest of the world are fairly smooth over time and changes tend to have little impact on short-term movements in RNNDI. The consumption of fixed capital tends to stall growth in RNNDI but, for the most part, the impact on short-term movement is small. See ABS, *Real net national disposable income - a new national accounts measure*, Feature article in ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2001.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



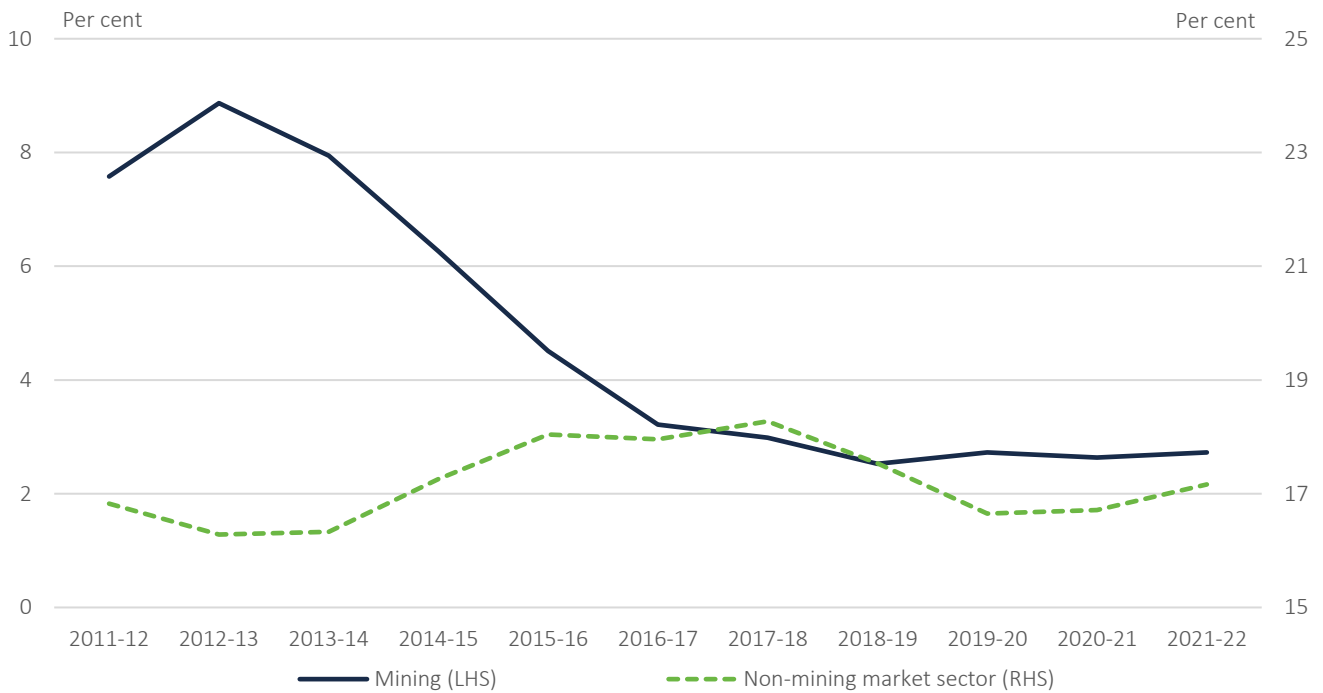
Chart 1.5: Gross value added by industry, average annual growth over decade, growth over year to the December quarter 2022 and growth in the December quarter 2022



Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



Chart 1.6: Gross fixed capital formation share of GDP



Note: All data are expressed in nominal and annual terms. Non-mining market sector excludes Education and training, Public administration and safety, Health care and social assistance and Mining, but includes ownership of dwellings.

Source: ABS, *Australian System of National Accounts*, 2021–22 financial year.



Table 1.1: Gross value added, by industry

	December qtr 2021	September qtr 2022	December qtr 2022
	(\$m)	(\$m)	(\$m)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15 795	14 742	14 364
Mining	55 637	56 517	58 330
Manufacturing	29 772	29 414	28 896
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	11 556	12 171	11 574
Construction	38 275	39 055	38 945
Wholesale trade	20 729	21 265	21 115
Retail trade	23 629	23 936	23 832
Accommodation and food services	10 192	12 093	12 259
Transport, postal and warehousing	22 798	25 615	25 761
Information media and telecommunications	12 239	13 024	13 362
Financial and insurance services	40 269	40 577	40 501
Rental, hiring and real estate services	15 474	15 340	15 513
Professional, scientific and technical services	39 612	42 124	41 360
Administrative and support services	18 704	19 466	19 931
Public administration and safety	28 331	28 096	28 567
Education and training	25 361	25 625	25 726
Health care and social assistance	41 815	42 383	42 240
Arts and recreation services	3991	4294	4396
Other services	8871	8877	9313
All industries	507 440	519 628	521 201

Note: All industries also includes Ownership of dwellings (not included in table).

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.

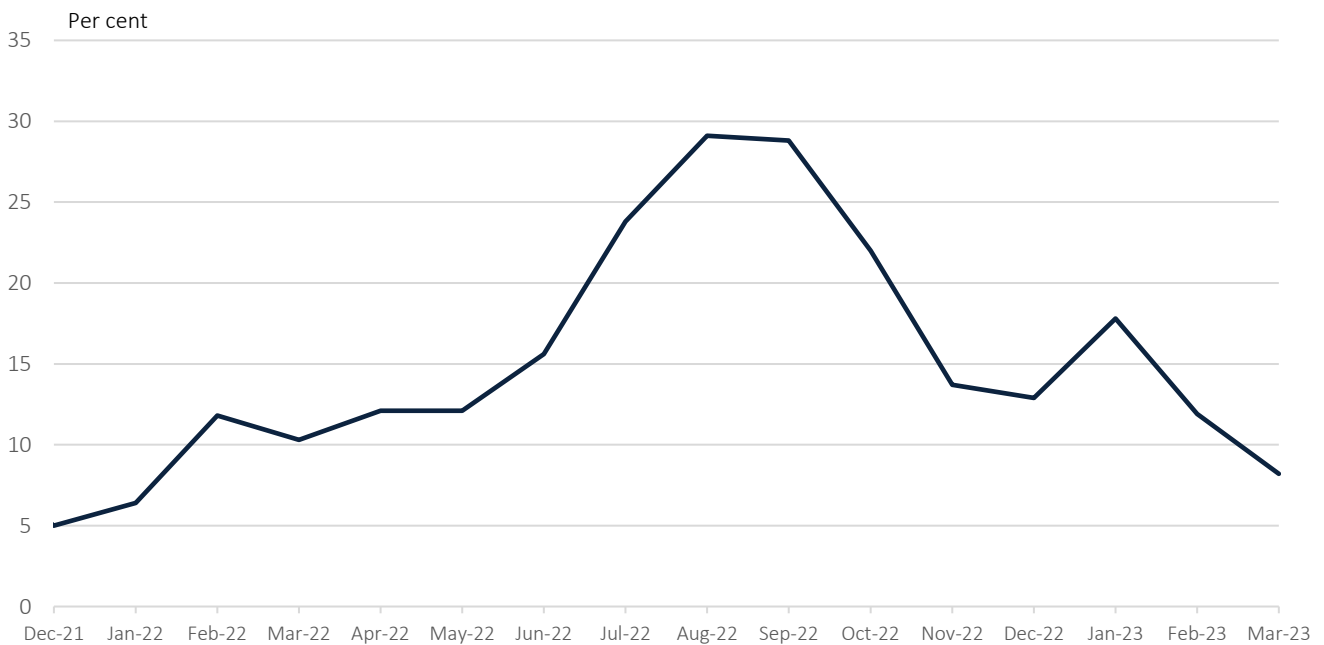


Chart 1.7: Household savings ratio



Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.

Chart 1.8: Household spending, annual growth, current price, calendar adjusted

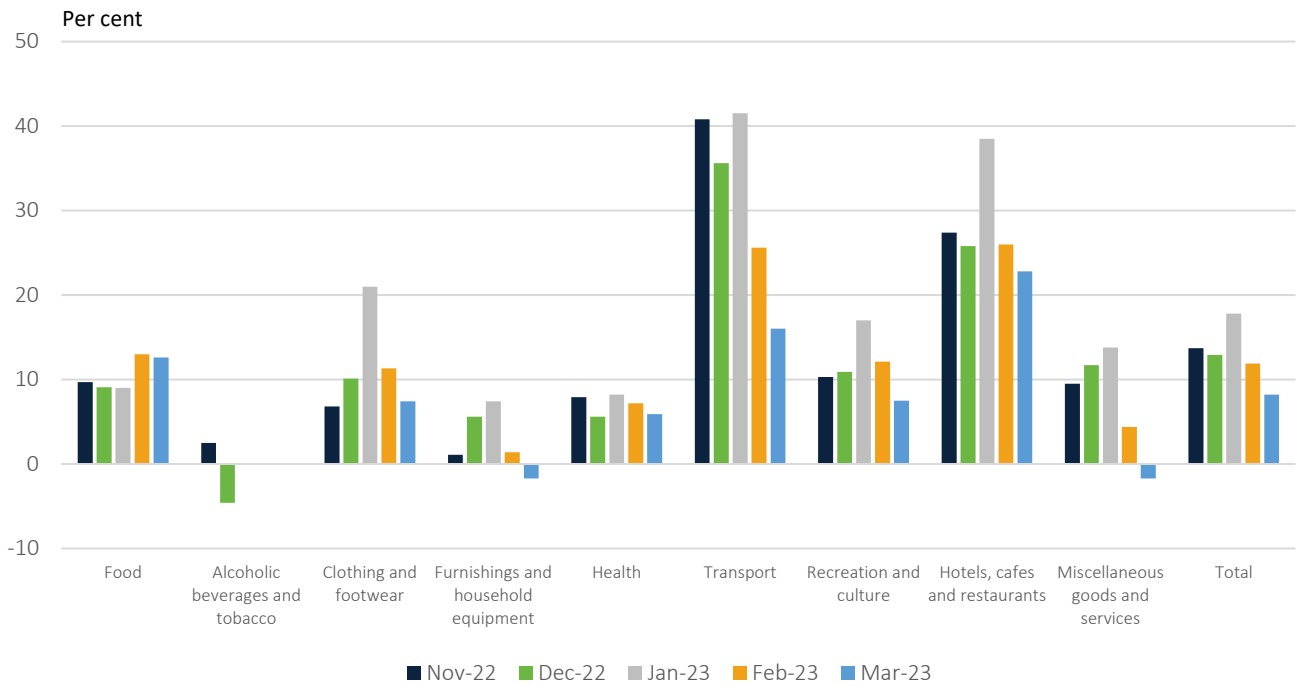


Note: Calendar adjusted estimates account for trading day impacts and length of month. As the indicator time series lengthens, seasonally adjusted estimates will become available.

Source: ABS, *Monthly household spending indicator*, March 2023.



Chart 1.9: Household spending by spending category, annual growth, current price, calendar adjusted



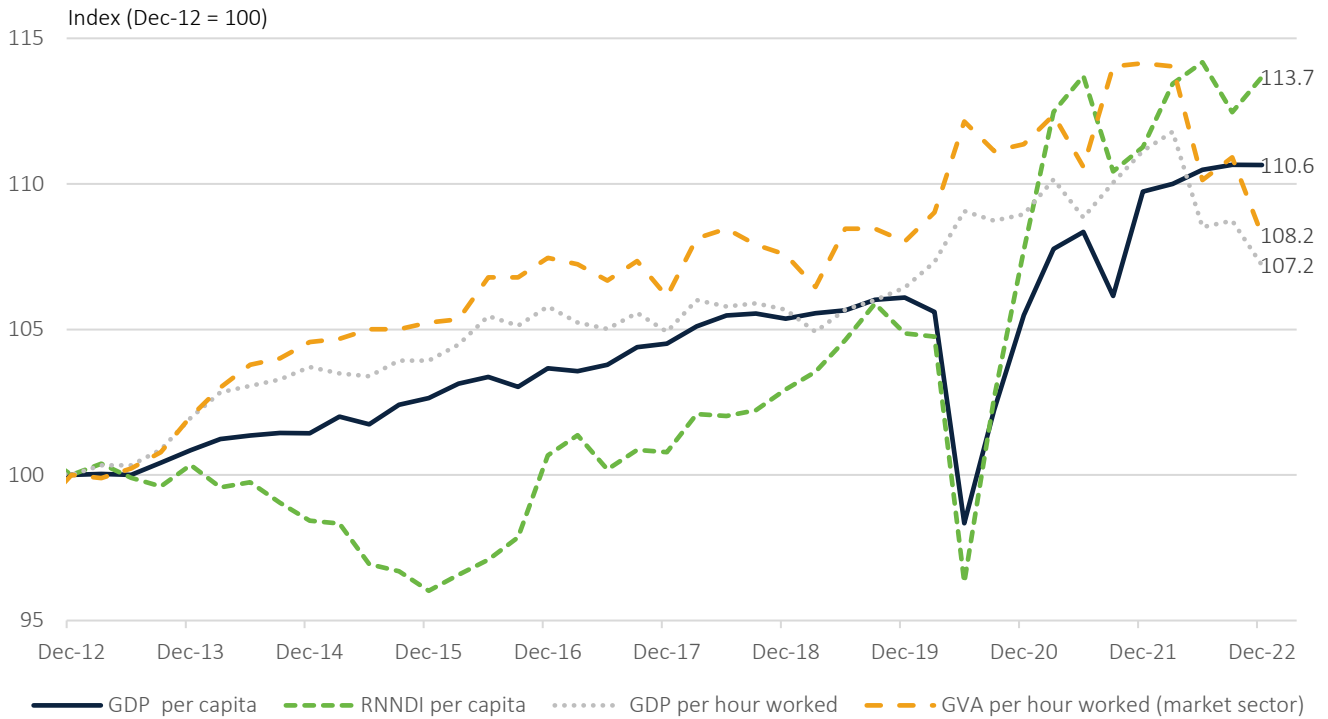
Note: Calendar adjusted estimates account for trading day impacts and length of month. As the indicator time series lengthens, seasonally adjusted estimates will become available. Until such time, it is advised to focus on the through the year movements. Data for the most recent three months was not published for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco but is included in the totals.

Source: ABS, *Monthly household spending indicator*, March 2023.



2. Productivity

Chart 2.1: Measures of productivity, indexes—Dec-12 = 100



Note: Labour productivity is measured as real GDP per hour worked. Gross value added measures the value of output at basic prices minus the value of intermediate consumption at purchasers' prices. The market sector includes all industries except for Public administration and safety, Education and training and Health care and social assistance.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



Table 2.1: Measures of productivity, growth rate over the year

	GDP per capita	RNNDI per capita	GDP per hour worked	GVA per hour worked—market sector
Quarter	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)
Dec-12	1.0	-1.8	2.1	3.7
Dec-13	0.9	0.3	2.0	2.0
Dec-14	0.6	-1.9	1.7	2.5
Dec-15	1.2	-2.4	0.2	0.6
Dec-16	1.0	4.8	1.8	2.1
Dec-17	0.8	0.1	-0.8	-1.2
Dec-18	0.8	2.1	0.7	1.4
Dec-19	0.7	1.9	0.7	0.4
Dec-20	-0.6	2.7	2.4	3.1
Dec-21	4.0	3.3	2.0	2.5
Dec-22	0.8	2.2	-3.5	-5.2

Note: The percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.

Table 2.2: Productivity growth and its components, growth rate over the year

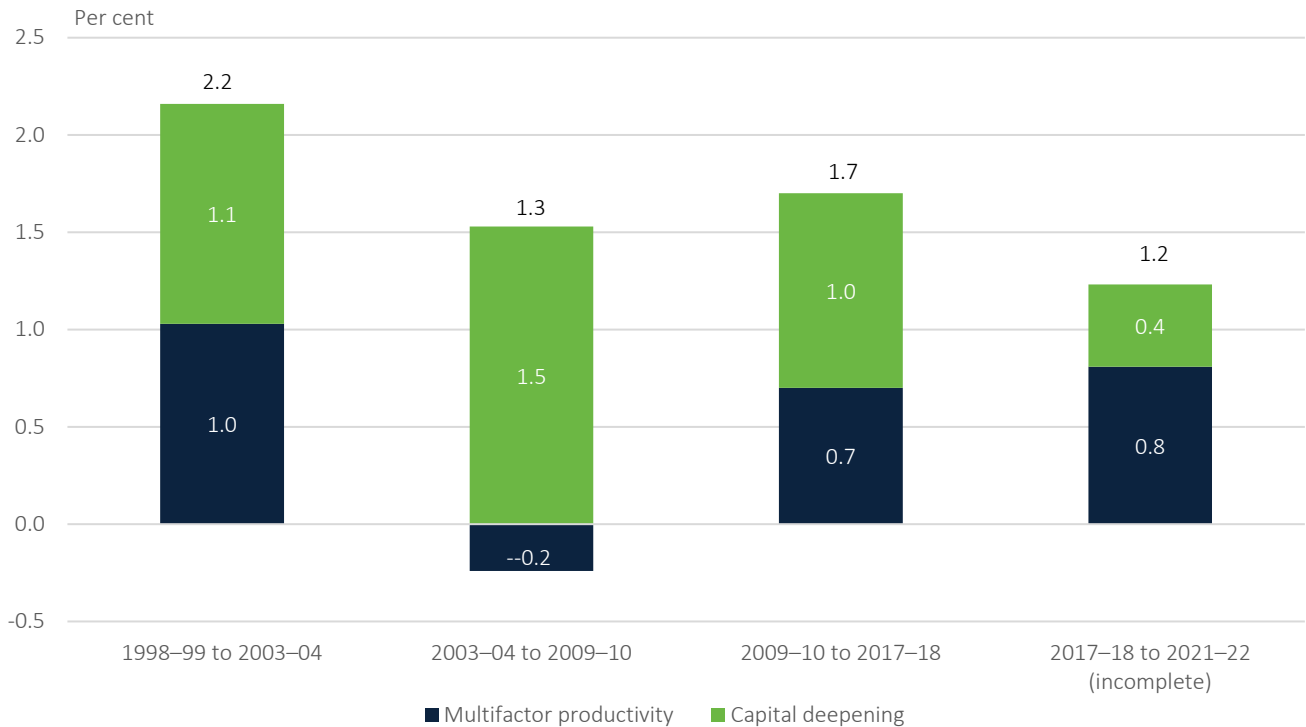
Quarter	National Accounts						Labour Force
	Total			Market Sector			Hours worked (quarterly)
	GDP	Hours worked	GDP/hour worked	GVA	Hours worked	GVA/hour worked	
(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	
Dec-12	2.8	0.8	2.1	3.6	-0.1	3.7	0.5
Dec-13	2.5	0.4	2.0	2.4	0.3	2.0	0.5
Dec-14	2.1	0.3	1.7	2.2	-0.2	2.5	0.2
Dec-15	2.7	2.5	0.2	2.6	2.0	0.6	2.7
Dec-16	2.7	0.8	1.8	2.1	-0.1	2.1	0.9
Dec-17	2.4	3.2	-0.8	2.5	3.8	-1.2	3.2
Dec-18	2.4	1.7	0.7	2.0	0.6	1.4	1.8
Dec-19	2.2	1.4	0.7	1.9	1.5	0.4	1.5
Dec-20	-0.1	-2.3	2.4	-1.2	-4.1	3.1	-2.0
Dec-21	4.6	2.4	2.0	5.3	2.7	2.5	2.5
Dec-22	2.7	6.5	-3.5	3.2	8.9	-5.2	6.7

Note: The percentage changes are calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Chart 2.2: Productivity cycles, average annual growth in the market sector



Note: Multifactor productivity is measured as output per combined unit of labour and capital. Capital deepening is the component of labour productivity growth which is due to the increase in the amount of capital that each unit of labour has to work with. Labour productivity is represented by the numbers above the bars and is the sum of multifactor productivity and capital deepening. Due to rounding, the sum of multifactor productivity and capital deepening may not equal labour productivity. The current productivity cycle from 2017-18 is incomplete.

Source: ABS, *Australian System of National Accounts*, 2021-22 financial year; ABS, *Estimates of Industry Multifactor Productivity*, 2021-22 financial year.



Table 2.3: Average annual change in labour and multifactor productivity by industry

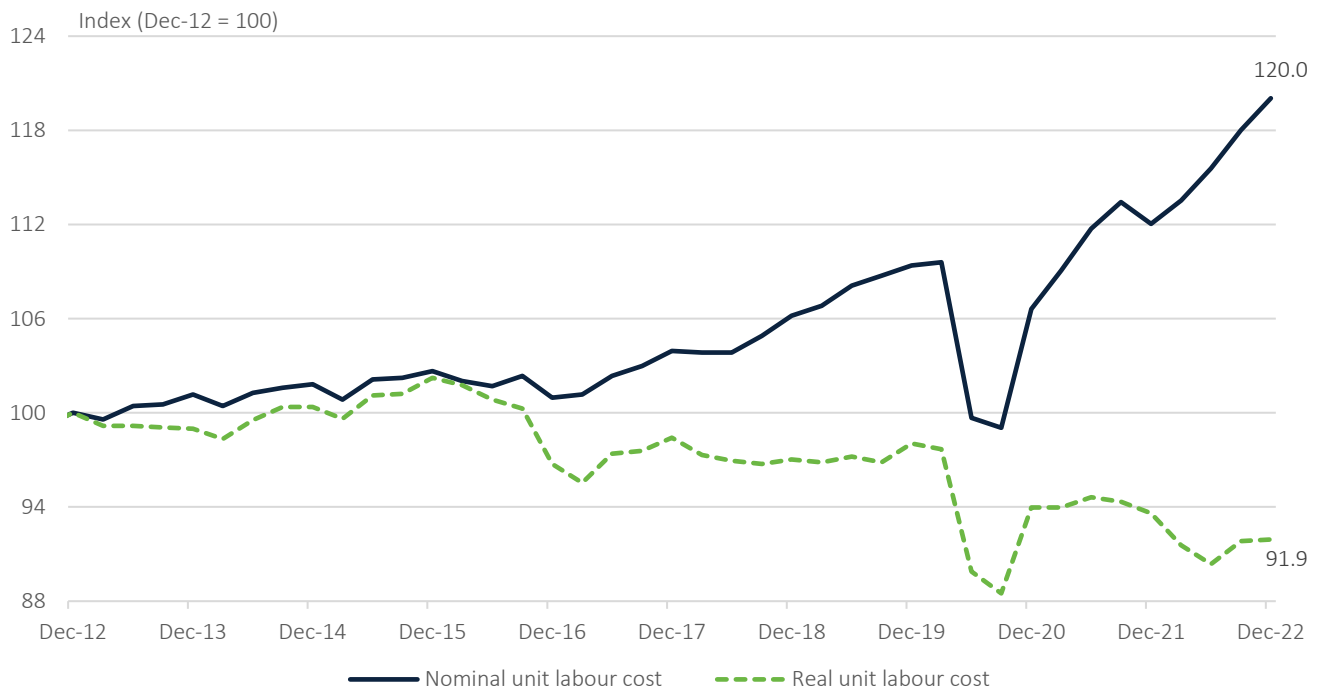
	2009–10 to 2017–218		2017–18 to 2021–22	
	Labour productivity	Multifactor productivity	Labour productivity	Multifactor productivity
	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.7	0.5	5.6	5.9
Mining	3.1	–0.9	–1.4	0.0
Manufacturing	0.6	0.4	–0.1	0.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	0.6	–0.9	–1.9	–2.0
Construction	0.9	0.2	–1.2	–1.5
Wholesale trade	2.5	1.9	2.2	1.4
Retail trade	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.1
Accommodation and food services	0.7	0.9	1.6	0.9
Transport, postal and warehousing	0.9	0.1	–0.3	–1.8
Information, media and telecommunications	4.1	2.1	4.1	2.7
Financial and insurance services	1.3	1.4	–1.1	1.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1.4	1.3	2.9	1.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.5
Administrative and support services	0.3	0.3	3.8	3.7
Arts and recreation services	1.4	0.4	1.9	0.8
Other services	0.1	–0.7	1.0	–0.1
Market sector industries	1.7	0.7	1.2	0.8

Note: Data are expressed in original terms. The market sector includes all industries except for Public administration and safety, Education and training and Health care and social assistance.

Source: ABS, *Estimates of Industry Multifactor Productivity*, 2021–22 financial year.



Chart 2.3: Unit labour costs, index

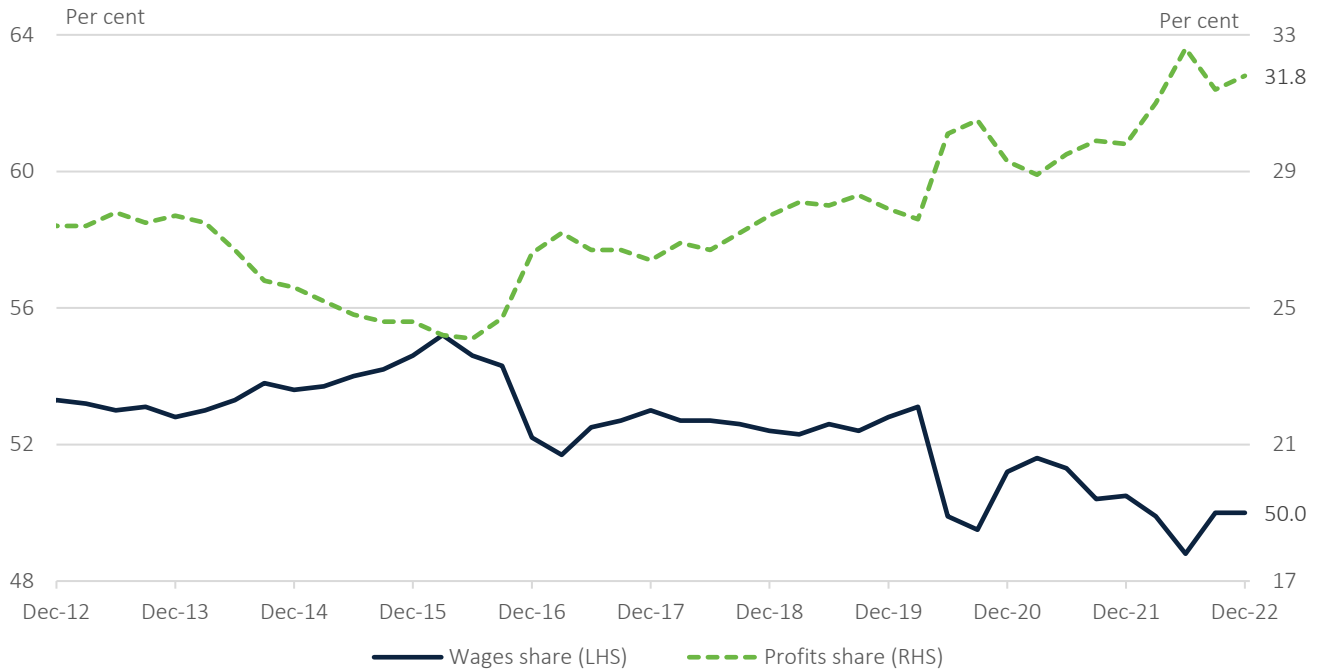


Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



3. Business competitiveness and viability

Chart 3.1: Profits and wages shares of total factor income



Note: Profits share represents the returns to capital in the process of production and is expressed as total corporation gross operating surplus as a proportion of total factor income. Wages share represents the returns to labour in the process of production and is expressed as total compensation of employees as a proportion of total factor income.

Source: ABS, Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product, December 2022.



Table 3.1: Profits and wages shares of total factor income, year on year growth rates

	Wages share of total factor income	Total compensation of employees	Profits share of total factor income	Total corporation gross operating surplus	Gross mixed income	Gross mixed income
Quarter	(%)	(% change)	(%)	(% change)	(%)	(% change)
Dec-12	53.3	4.3	27.4	-3.9	8.7	-2.2
Dec-13	52.8	3.5	27.7	5.8	8.7	5.3
Dec-14	53.6	2.9	25.6	-6.4	9.7	13.3
Dec-15	54.6	3.1	24.6	-2.9	9.4	-1.8
Dec-16	52.2	2.1	26.6	15.7	10.0	12.7
Dec-17	53.0	5.2	26.4	3.0	9.3	-2.9
Dec-18	52.4	4.8	27.7	11.3	8.9	0.8
Dec-19	52.8	5.3	27.9	5.2	8.3	-2.2
Dec-20	51.2	2.8	29.3	11.0	9.2	17.1
Dec-21	50.5	5.4	29.8	8.8	9.6	12.3
Dec-22	50.0	10.4	31.8	18.9	8.6	-0.5

Note: Wages share is the compensation of employees expressed as a proportion of total factor income. Compensation of employees is defined as the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by an enterprise to an employee in return for work done by the employee. Compensation of employees is not payable in respect of unpaid work undertaken voluntarily, including the work done by members of a household within an unincorporated enterprise owned by the same household. Compensation of employees excludes any taxes payable by the employer on the wage and salary bill (e.g. payroll tax).

Profits share represents the returns to capital in the process of production and is expressed as total corporation gross operating surplus as a proportion of total factor income. Gross operating surplus is defined as the operating surplus accruing to all enterprises, except unincorporated enterprises, from their operations in Australia. It is the excess of gross output over the sum of intermediate consumption, compensation of employees, and taxes less subsidies on production and imports. It is calculated before deduction of consumption of fixed capital, dividends, interest, royalties and land rent, and direct taxes payable, but after deducting the inventory valuation adjustment. Gross operating surplus is also calculated for general government and is equal to general government's consumption of fixed capital.

Gross mixed income is defined as the surplus or deficit accruing from production by unincorporated enterprises. It includes elements of both compensation of employees (returns on labour inputs) and operating surplus (returns on capital inputs).

The percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



Table 3.2: Wages share of total factor income, mining and non-mining industries

	Mining		Non-mining	
	(%)	(% change)	(%)	(% change)
Jun-12	21.0	3.8	55.8	-0.2
Jun-13	25.6	4.7	55.7	-0.2
Jun-14	23.1	-2.5	56.1	0.4
Jun-15	28.1	5.0	55.8	-0.3
Jun-16	29.7	1.6	56.3	0.5
Jun-17	19.7	-10.0	55.7	-0.6
Jun-18	18.2	-1.5	56.2	0.5
Jun-19	15.4	-2.8	57.0	0.8
Jun-20	15.4	0.0	56.5	-0.4
Jun-21	14.2	-1.2	55.6	-1.0
Jun-22	11.1	-3.1	56.7	1.1

Note: Wages share is the compensation of employees expressed as a proportion of total factor income.

Source: ABS, *Australian System of National Accounts*, 2021–22 financial year.

Table 3.3: Company gross operating profits, mining and non-mining industries, growth rates

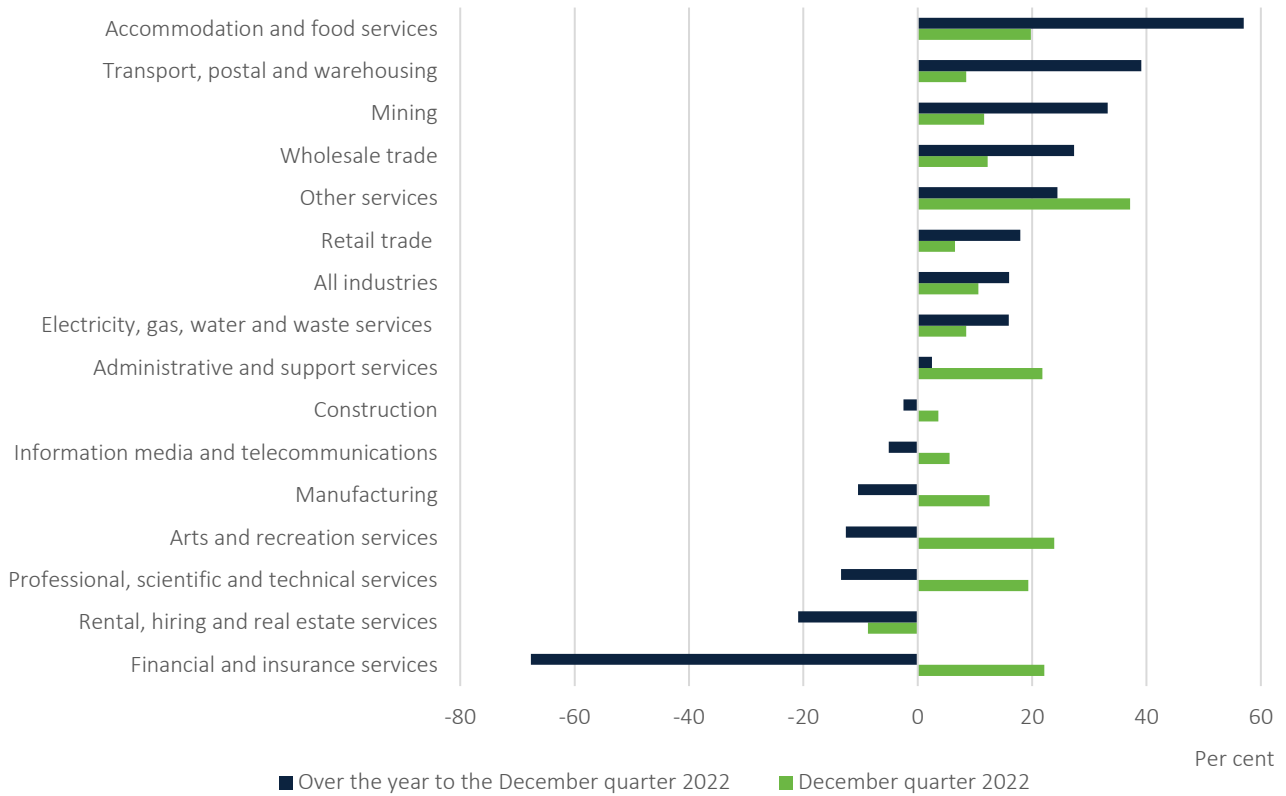
	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Dec-12	-27.1	3.5	-7.4
Dec-13	37.0	1.3	11.2
Dec-14	-20.5	1.3	-6.2
Dec-15	-16.1	2.4	-3.0
Dec-16	78.2	10.7	27.7
Dec-17	2.4	6.3	4.9
Dec-18	28.2	2.9	11.6
Dec-19	8.0	0.9	3.7
Dec-20	3.6	23.5	15.3
Dec-21	37.3	0.7	14.2
Dec-22	33.2	2.2	16.0
5 years to Mar-22*	21.3	5.7	12.1
10 years to Mar-22*	15.9	5.0	9.1

Note: *Annualised growth rates.

Source: ABS, *Business Indicators, Australia*, December 2022.



Chart 3.2: Growth in gross operating profits, current prices, by industry



Note: Excludes Agriculture, forestry and fishing. Data are only for the private sector and are not available for Public administration and safety, Education and training and Health care and social assistance.

Source: ABS, *Business Indicators, Australia*, December 2022.



Table 3.4: Gross operating profits, current prices, by industry

	December quarter 2021	September quarter 2022	December quarter 2022
	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mining	56 490	67 428	75 245
Manufacturing	12 505	9948	11 198
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	3949	4219	4577
Construction	7017	6604	6843
Wholesale trade	8580	9736	10 926
Retail trade	5568	6164	6566
Accommodation and food services	1204	1578	1890
Transport, total and warehousing	5921	7592	8235
Information media and telecommunications	4680	4207	4442
Financial and insurance services	2098	556	679
Rental, hiring and real estate services	7175	6215	5673
Professional, scientific and technical services	7980	5790	6911
Administrative and support services	1413	1189	1448
Public administration and safety	n/a	n/a	n/a
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health care and social assistance	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arts and recreation services	1092	771	955
Other services	1725	1565	2146
All industries	127 398	133 561	147 734

Note: n/a = not available.

Source: ABS, *Business Indicators, Australia*, December 2022.



Table 3.5: Profit margins, small and all businesses

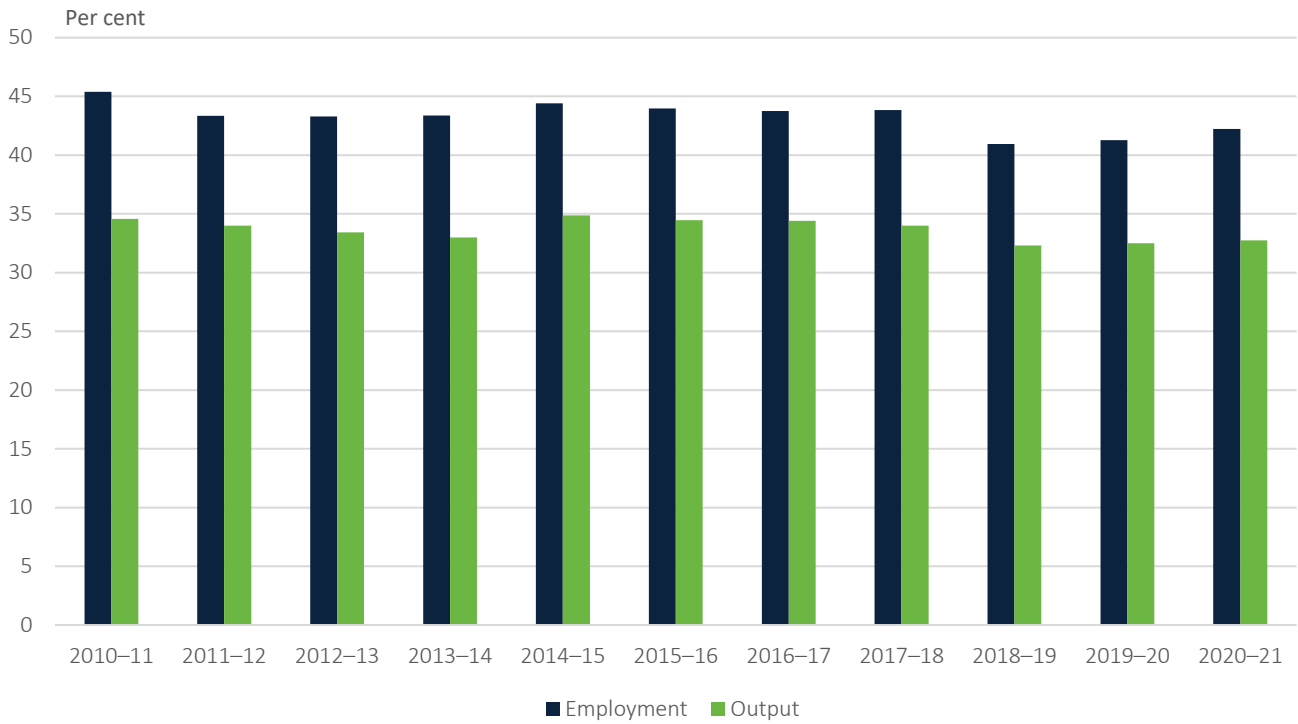
	5 years to 2020–21 (annualised)		2020–21	
	Small	All	Small	All
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	18.6	16.2	18.2	16.0
Mining	7.3	26.2	10.7	28.4
Manufacturing	10.3	7.5	12.8	7.6
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	10.5	11.7	12.0	12.0
Construction	14.4	10.3	16.8	11.2
Wholesale trade	4.1	4.0	6.1	4.6
Retail trade	7.5	4.7	9.2	6.2
Accommodation and food services	6.8	7.4	7.7	8.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	15.2	7.7	16.3	7.1
Information media and telecommunications	14.8	5.2	21.0	4.8
Financial and insurance services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rental, hiring and real estate services	57.5	50.0	54.5	43.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	21.6	25.9	23.5	26.8
Administrative and support services	17.3	8.2	19.0	9.6
Public administration and safety (private)	13.6	7.5	14.7	9.0
Education and training (private)	23.0	14.7	24.1	11.8
Health care and social assistance (private)	39.7	22.3	40.4	20.7
Arts and recreation services	24.8	13.4	32.0	16.3
Other services	18.2	13.6	17.6	14.4
Total selected industries	18.1	12.7	19.3	13.3

Note: Profit margins are operating profits before tax divided by sales and service income. Small businesses employ less than 20 people (including non-employing businesses). Total selected industries excludes Financial and insurance services. n/a = not available.

Source: ABS, *Australian Industry*, 2020–21 financial year.



Chart 3.3: Small business share of private sector output and employment

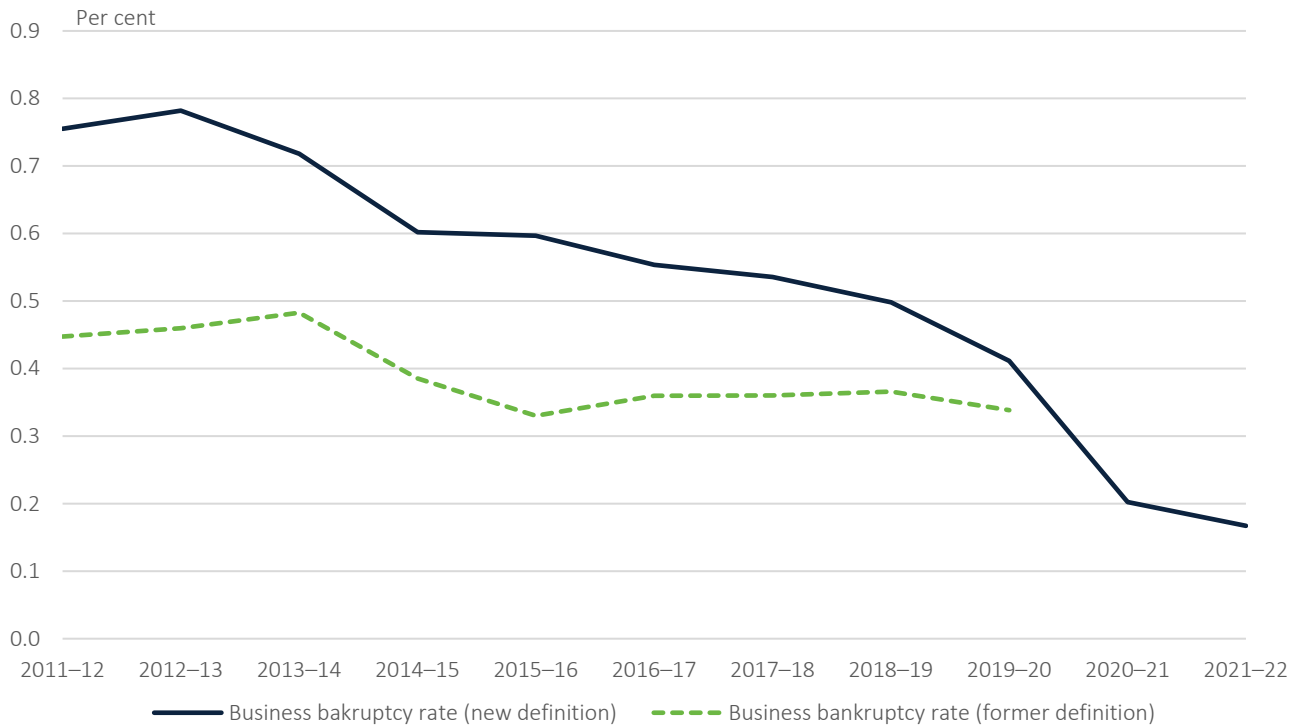


Note: Small businesses are those that employ less than 20 employees (including non-employing businesses).

Source: ABS, *Australian Industry*, 2020-21 financial year.



Chart 3.4: Business bankruptcy rates



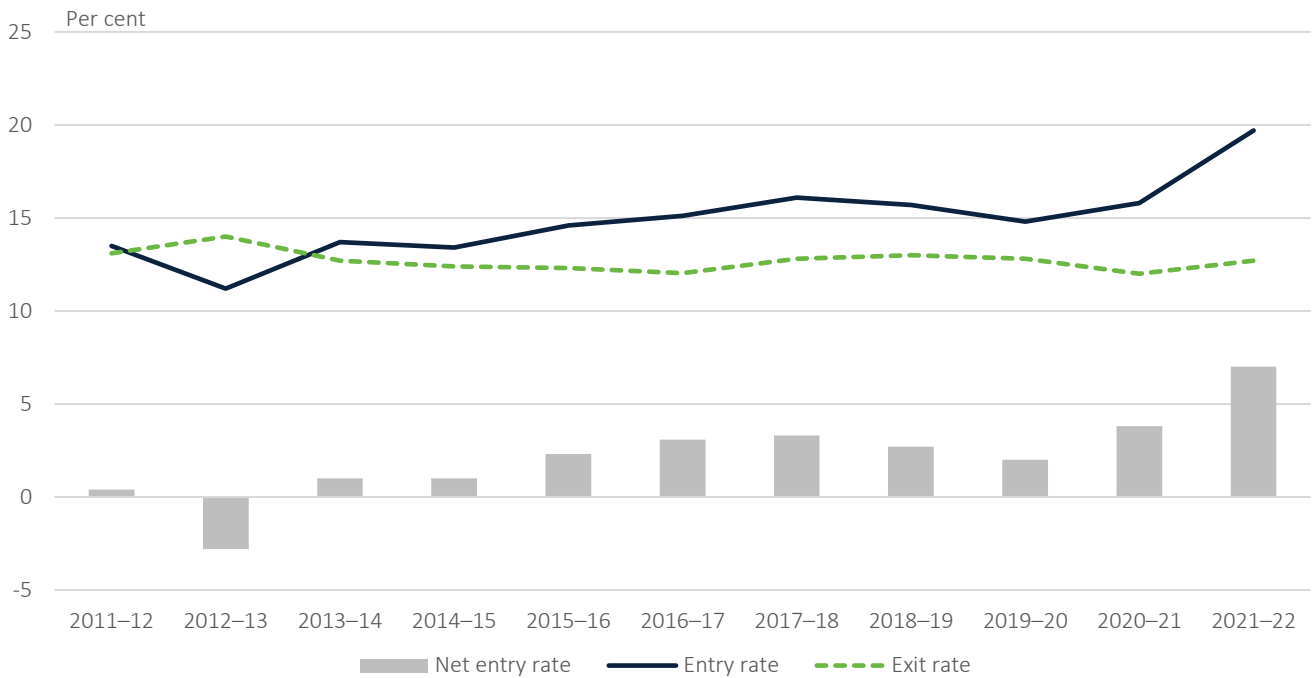
Note: The bankruptcy rate is calculated as the number of business-related bankruptcies divided by the number of owner managers of an unincorporated enterprise and is adopted from Bickerdyke I, Lattimore R, and Madge A (2000), *Business Failure and Change: An Australian Perspective*, Productivity Commission Staff Research Paper, Ausinfo, Canberra. Data are expressed in original terms.

A business-related bankruptcy was previously identified if the *main cause* of bankruptcy was from a business-related case. From 2020, a business-related case can be reported as *one of many* reasons causing bankruptcy and the debtor must have operated a business in the last 5 years.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023; Australian Financial Security Authority, *Quarterly personal insolvency statistics*, December quarter 2022, <<https://www.afsa.gov.au/about-us/statistics/quarterly-personal-insolvency-statistics>>.



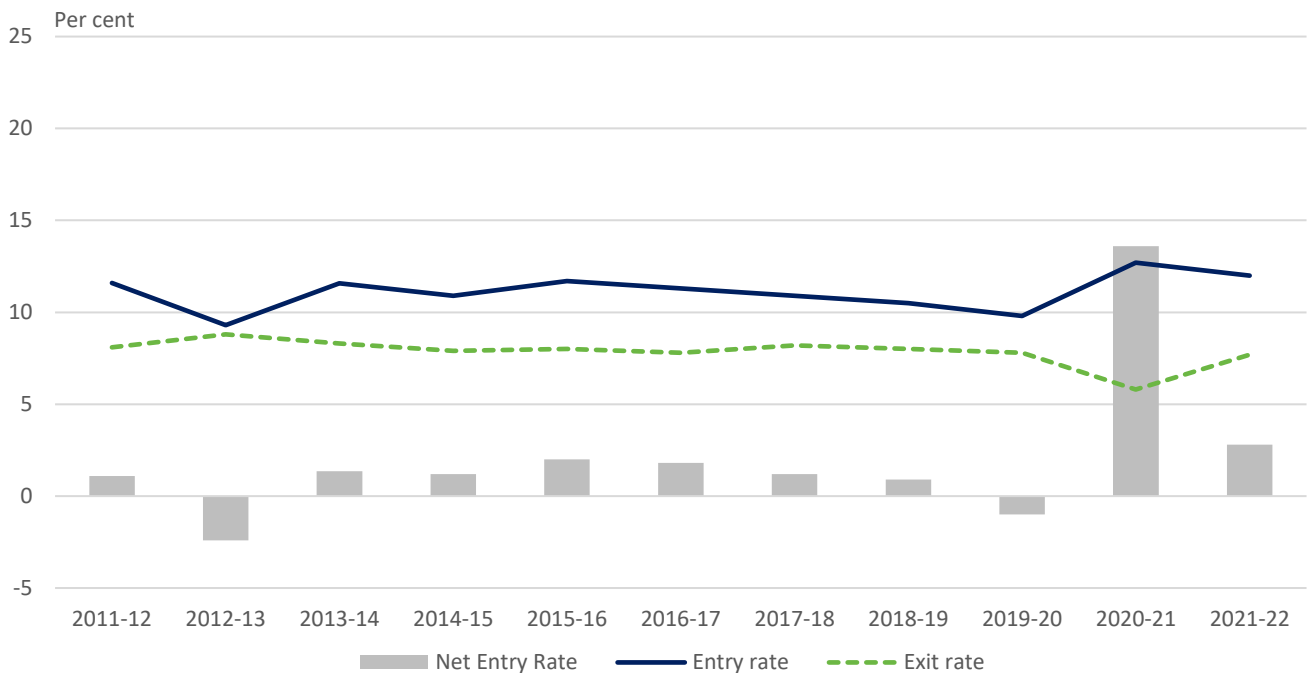
Chart 3.5: Business entry, exit and net entry rates



Note: Entry rates are business entries in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Exit rates are total business exits in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Net entry rates are the difference between the entry and exit rates and represent the percentage growth in the number of businesses over the respective financial year.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, various.

Chart 3.5a: Business entry, exit and net entry rates, employing businesses

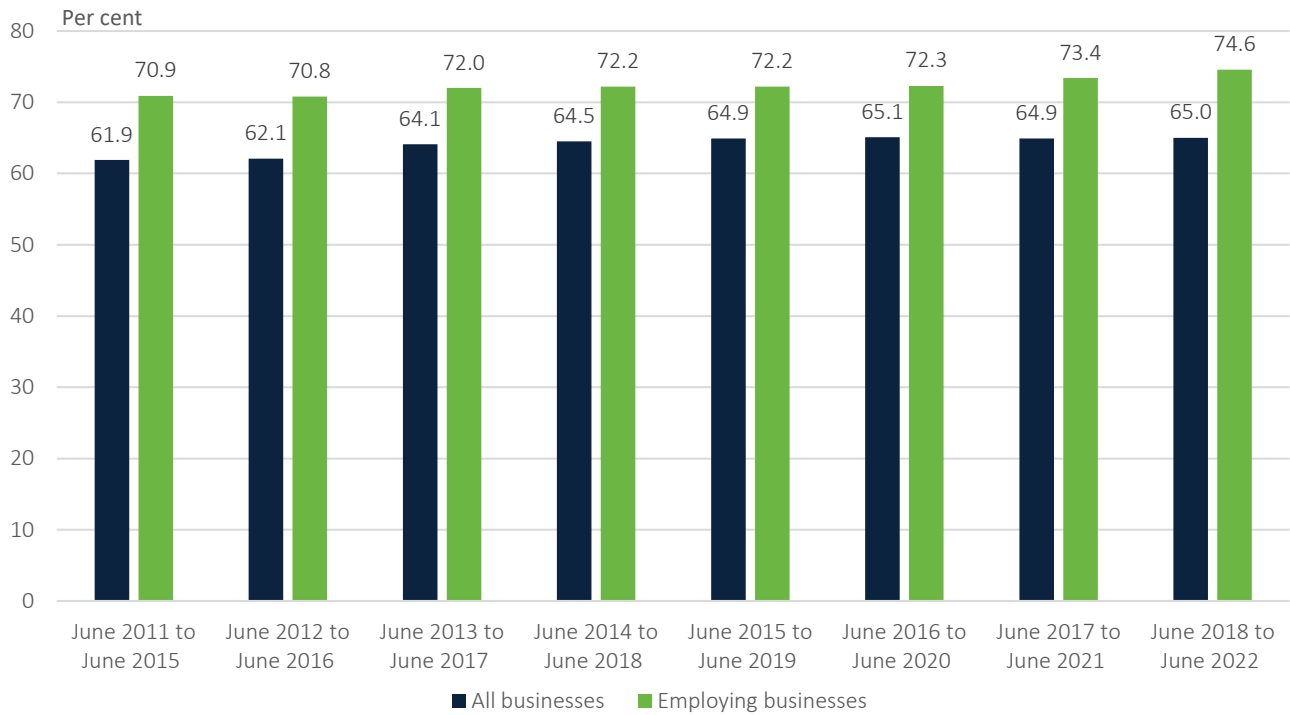


Note: Net entry rate represents the net rate of change in the total number of employing businesses over the respective financial year. These include new businesses and existing businesses that have moved from a non-employing business to an employing business, as well as business exits and business that have moved from an employing to a non-employing business.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, various.



Chart 3.6: Business survival rates



Note: A surviving business is defined as a business which was actively trading in the first period and continued to be trading in the second period.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, various.



Table 3.6: Business entry and exit rates by industry

	2018–19			2021–22		
	Proportion of businesses (June 2019)	Entry rate	Exit rate	Proportion of businesses (June 2022)	Entry rate	Exit rate
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	7.6	6.9	7.8	6.8	9.1	7.8
Mining	0.4	11.9	11.5	0.3	15.2	10.5
Manufacturing	3.7	12.0	11.2	3.6	16.3	10.8
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	0.3	17.2	12.4	0.3	17.9	11.9
Construction	17.3	16.5	14.2	17.3	21.6	13.5
Wholesale trade	3.5	13.9	12.7	3.3	15.7	12.7
Retail trade	6.0	14.9	13.5	6.1	20.3	13.2
Accommodation and food services	4.4	17.6	16.3	4.3	19.4	14.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	8.4	27.5	19.5	8.3	29.7	21.3
Information media and telecommunications	1.0	18.6	14.8	1.0	19.4	14.0
Financial and insurance services	4.6	15.4	12.6	4.7	18.2	12.0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	11.4	10.9	9.2	11.2	14.2	9.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	13.0	16.6	13.2	12.9	18.0	12.7
Administrative and support services	4.3	21.3	15.9	4.8	31.1	16.4
Public administration and safety	0.3	19.1	18.0	0.3	24.7	16.6
Education and training	1.5	18.8	13.7	1.6	22.0	12.8
Health care and social assistance	6.2	13.4	8.7	6.8	18.2	9.1
Arts and recreation services	1.3	17.3	13.1	1.4	23.0	13.0
Other services	4.6	16.9	12.8	5.0	25.3	12.3
All industries	100.0	15.7	13.0	100.0	19.7	12.7

Note: Entry rates are business entries in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Exit rates are total business exits in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Data for those business that were not able to be classified to an industry are not presented but are included in the all industries total. Of all businesses that were actively trading as at June 2019 and June 2022, 0.2 per cent and 0.1 per cent, respectively, were not classified to an industry.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, July 2015 to June 2019; ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, July 2018 to June 2022.



Table 3.6a: Business entry and exit rates by industry, employing businesses

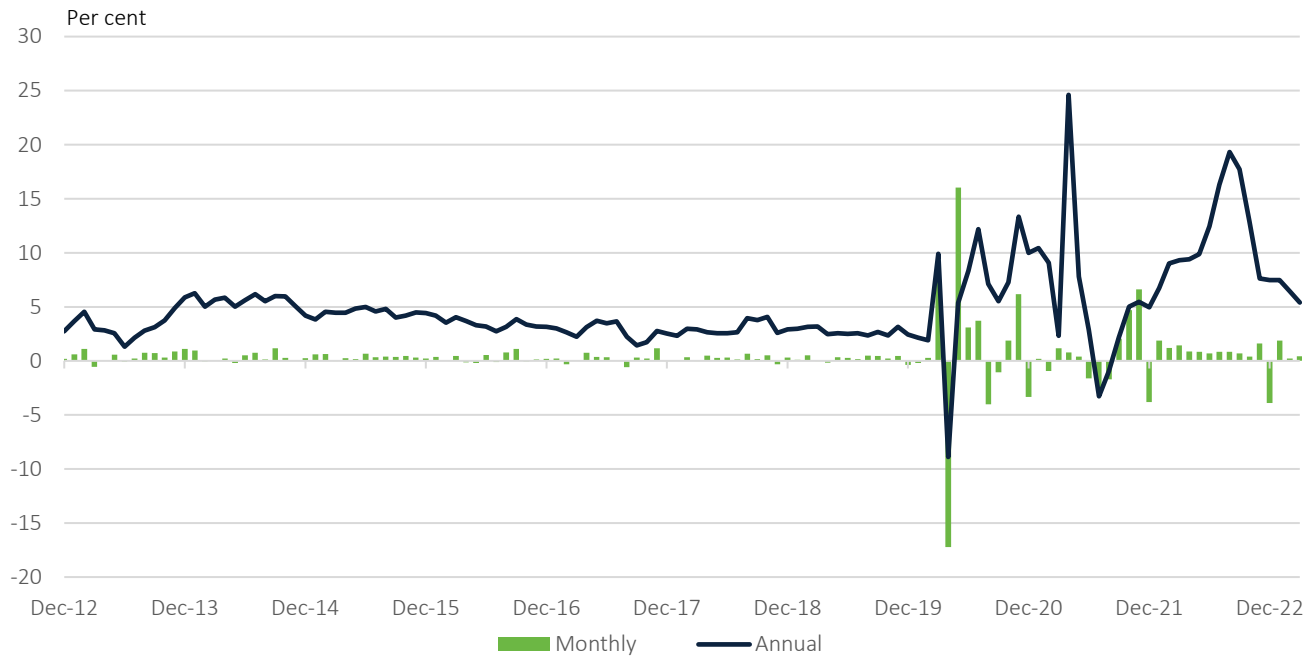
	2018–19			2021–22		
	Proportion of businesses (June 2019)	Entry rate	Exit rate	Proportion of businesses (June 2022)	Entry rate	Exit rate
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.7	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.7	4.0
Mining	0.4	8.4	5.1	0.4	9.9	6.0
Manufacturing	5.4	7.8	6.1	4.9	9.3	6.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	0.4	12.7	7.3	0.4	11.1	7.6
Construction	18.2	11.1	8.1	18.3	12.4	7.8
Wholesale trade	4.7	9.1	6.5	4.2	9.0	7.2
Retail trade	8.3	9.4	9.0	8.2	11.2	8.4
Accommodation and food services	7.7	15.1	13.8	8.0	15.1	11.7
Transport, postal and warehousing	4.6	10.7	9.2	4.6	13.9	8.8
Information media and telecommunications	1.0	12.6	7.5	1.0	12.3	8.5
Financial and insurance services	3.9	9.9	6.6	3.8	11.7	6.9
Rental, hiring and real estate services	4.1	9.1	6.6	4.1	10.7	6.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	14.4	11.3	7.0	15.0	11.9	6.9
Administrative and support services	4.6	13.3	9.7	4.9	14.4	9.5
Public administration and safety	0.4	11.9	10.5	0.4	13.2	10.7
Education and training	1.7	11.9	7.6	1.9	13.6	7.2
Health care and social assistance	6.9	8.4	5.5	7.3	12.5	5.6
Arts and recreation services	1.2	12.6	8.5	1.4	13.3	8.5
Other services	6.2	11.5	8.9	6.6	13.4	8.2
All industries	100.0	10.5	8.0	100.0	12.0	7.7

Note: Entry rates are employing business entries in the financial year as a proportion of total employing businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Exit rates are total employing business exits in the financial year as a proportion of total employing businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Data for those employing businesses that were not able to be classified to an industry are not presented but are included in the all industries total. Of all employing businesses that were actively trading as at June 2019 and June 2022, 0.1 per cent were not classified to an industry in both periods.

Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, July 2015 to June 2019; ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, Including Entries and Exits*, July 2018 to June 2022.

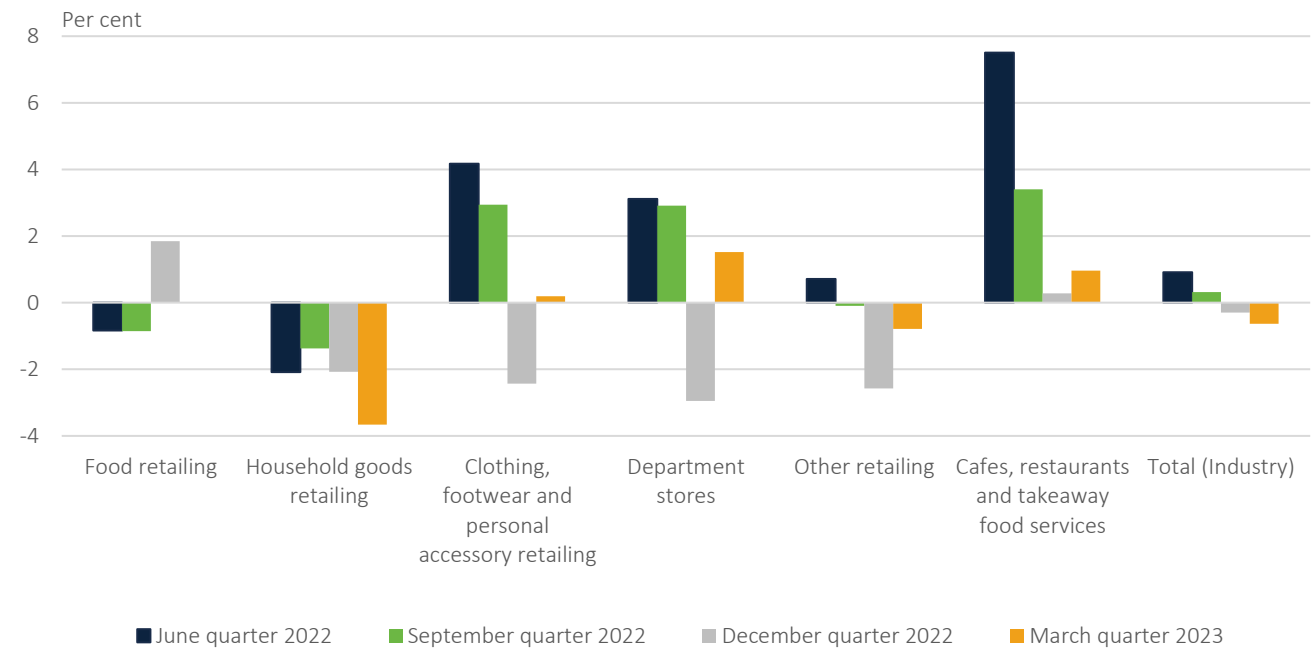


Chart 3.7: Monthly retail turnover growth, current prices



Source: ABS, *Retail Trade, Australia*, March 2023.

Chart 3.8: Change in quarterly retail turnover, by industry group

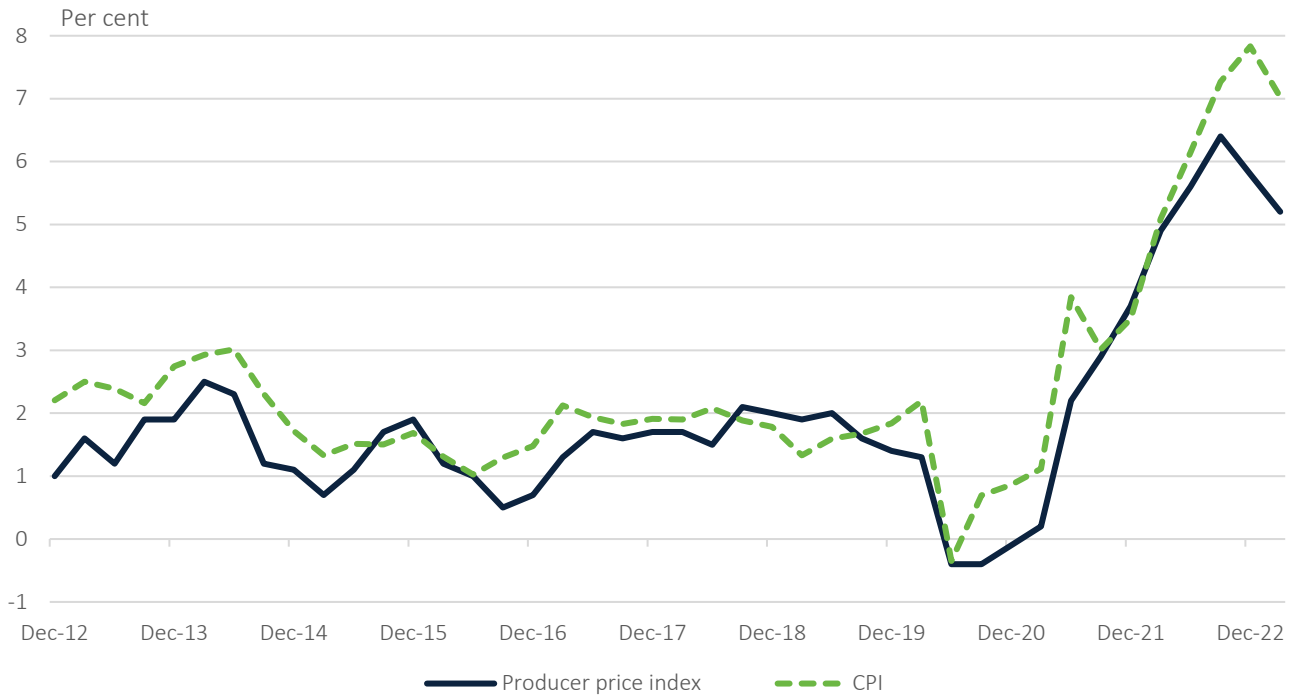


Note: Data are expressed in chain volume terms.

Source: ABS, *Retail Trade, Australia*, March 2023.



Chart 3.9: Producer Price Index (final demand) and Consumer Price Index, annual growth



Note: Producer Price Indexes measure price change from the perspective of the industries that produce goods and services. Other measures, such as the CPI, measure price change from the perspective of consumers. Final demand measures the price change of products (goods and services) consumed with no further processing.

Source: ABS, *Producer Price Indexes, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



Table 3.7: The first time a company enters external administration or has a controller appointed, number of businesses

Month	Base level	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Jul	752	846	373	425	715
Aug	780	778	275	353	692
Sep	656	685	298	314	643
Oct	673	741	279	326	473
Nov	669	748	306	432	655
Dec	532	614	462	419	625
Jan	444	397	192	263	359
Feb	614	667	342	353	692
Mar	720	683	439	464	830
Apr	606	410	389	463	-
May	769	429	431	560	-
Jun	724	364	449	540	-

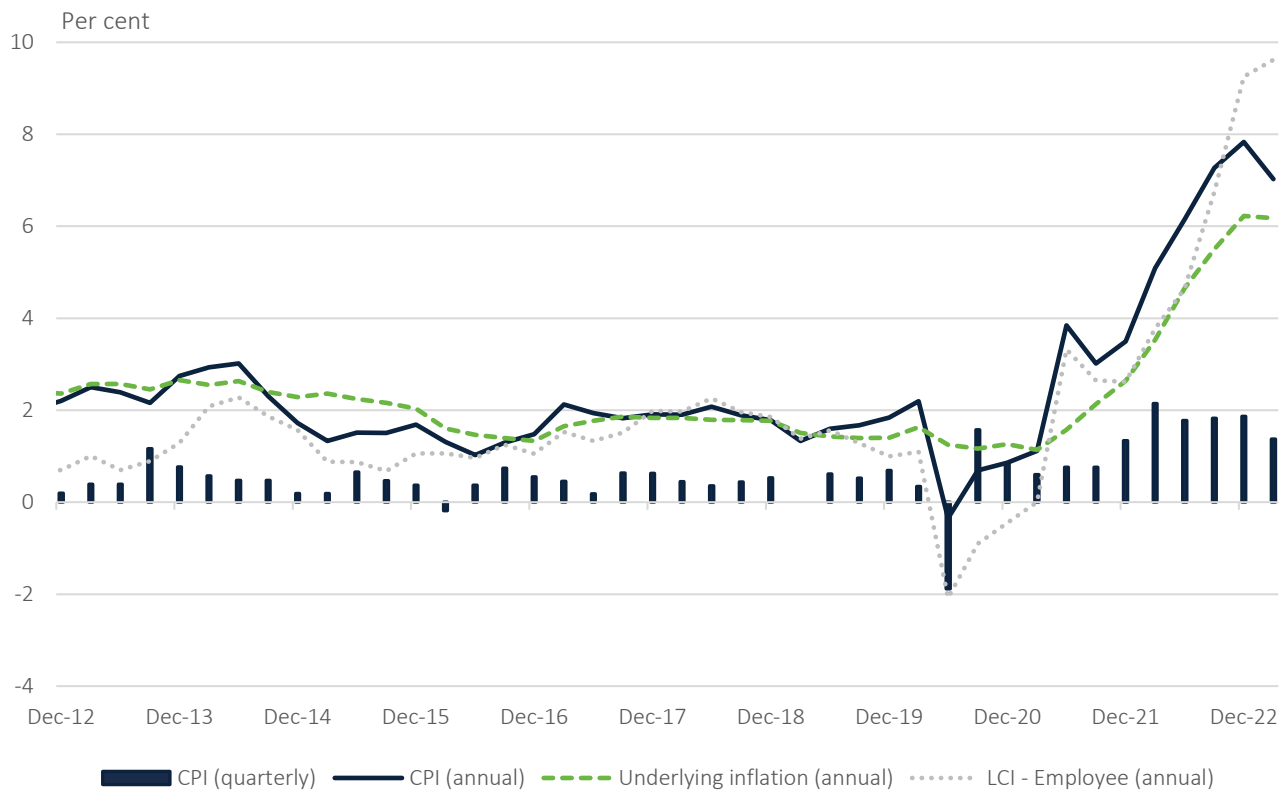
Note: Base level is the average of financial years 2016–17, 2017–18 & 2018–19.

Source: Australian Securities & Investments Commission (2023), *Australian insolvency statistics*, <https://asic.gov.au/regulatory-resources/find-a-document/statistics/insolvency-statistics/>



4. Inflation

Chart 4.1: Measures of inflation—Consumer Price Index, underlying inflation and Living Cost Index for employee households, growth rates



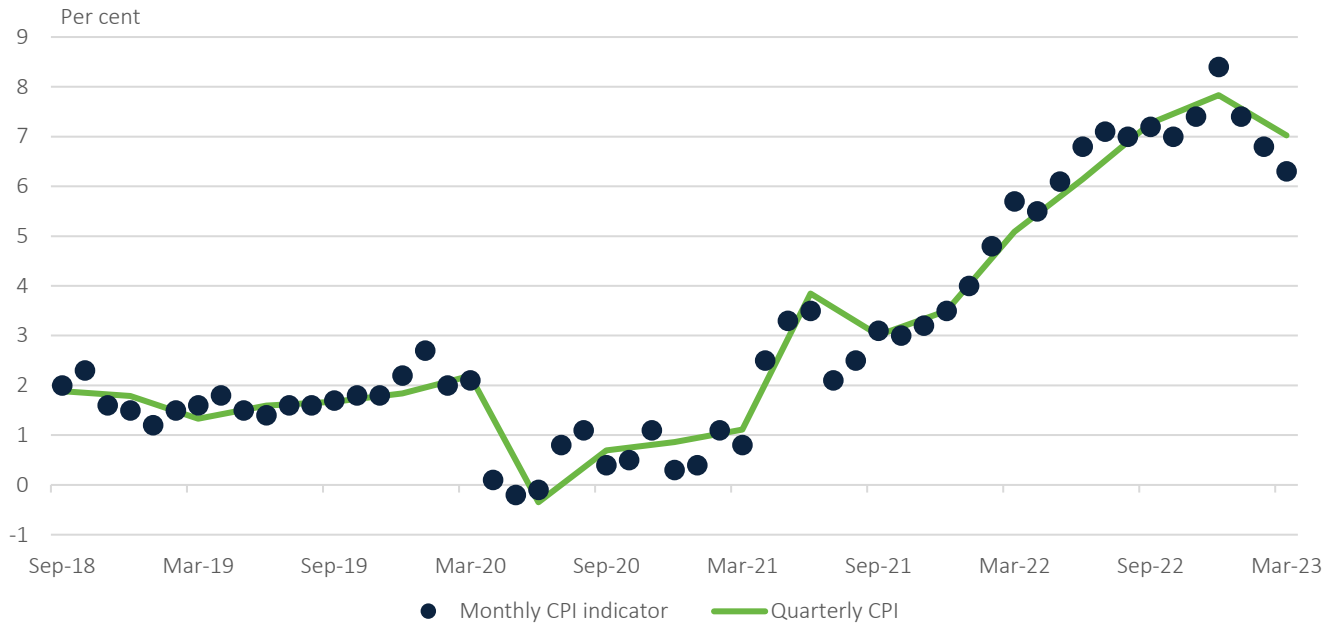
Note: Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). The Living Cost Index (LCI) for employee households measures the change in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which is based on the expenditure of employee households whose principal source of income comes from wages and/or salaries. CPI and LCI data are expressed in original terms.

Underlying inflation is calculated as the average of the trimmed mean and weighted median. The trimmed mean is calculated by ordering the CPI expenditure class components by their price change in the quarter and taking the expenditure weighted average of the middle 70 per cent of these price changes. The weighted median is the price change of the component in the middle of this ordering.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia*, March 2023.



Chart 4.2: Measures of annual CPI growth, monthly and quarterly series



Note: Data are expressed in original terms. The monthly CPI indicator represents up-to-date prices for between 62 and 73 per cent of the weight of the CPI basket.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Monthly Consumer Price Index Indicator*, March 2023.

Table 4.1: Consumer Price Index, underlying inflation, Living Cost Index for employee households, index and growth rate over the year

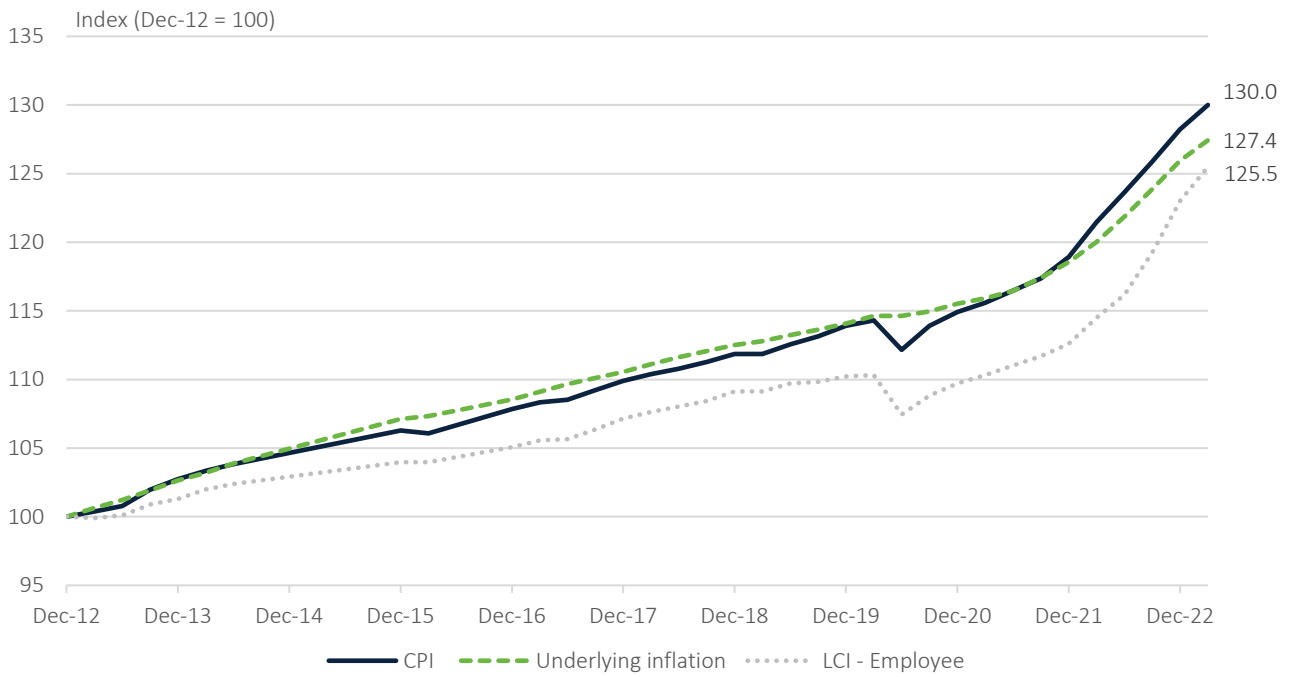
Quarter	Consumer Price Index (Index)	Consumer Price Index (% change)	Underlying inflation (Index)	Underlying inflation (% change)	Employee LCI (Index)	Employee LCI (% change)
Dec-12	100.0		100.0		100.0	
Dec-13	102.7	2.7	102.7	2.7	101.3	1.3
Dec-14	104.5	1.7	105.0	2.3	102.9	1.6
Dec-15	106.3	1.7	107.1	2.0	104.0	1.1
Dec-16	107.8	1.5	108.6	1.3	105.1	1.0
Dec-17	109.9	1.9	110.5	1.8	107.1	2.0
Dec-18	111.9	1.8	112.5	1.8	109.1	1.9
Dec-19	113.9	1.8	114.1	1.4	110.2	1.0
Dec-20	114.9	0.9	115.5	1.3	109.7	-0.5
Dec-21	118.9	3.5	118.6	2.6	112.6	2.6
Dec-22	128.2	7.8	125.9	6.2	123.0	9.3
Mar-23	130.0	7.0	127.4	6.2	125.5	9.6

Note: CPI and the LCI data are expressed in original terms. The percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter in the previous year. Underlying inflation is the average of the trimmed mean and weighted median.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia*, March 2023.



Chart 4.3: Consumer Price Index, underlying inflation and Living Cost Index for employee households, cumulative growth rates



Note: CPI and the LCI data are expressed in original terms. Underlying inflation is the average of the trimmed mean and weighted median.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia*, March 2023.

Table 4.2: Measures of underlying inflation, growth rates over the year

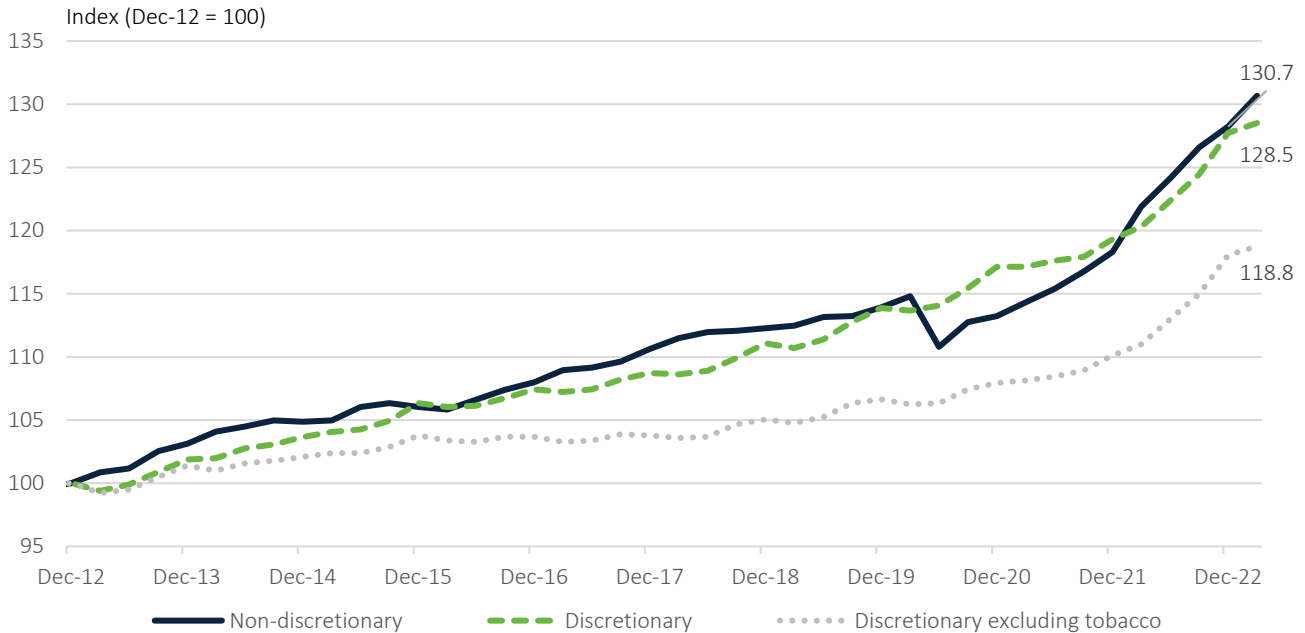
Quarter	Trimmed mean	Weighted median
	(% change)	(% change)
Dec-12	2.2	2.6
Dec-13	2.7	2.6
Dec-14	2.2	2.4
Dec-15	2.1	2.0
Dec-16	1.5	1.2
Dec-17	1.7	2.0
Dec-18	1.8	1.8
Dec-19	1.5	1.3
Dec-20	1.2	1.3
Dec-21	2.7	2.6
Dec-22	6.9	5.6
Mar-23	6.6	5.8

Note: The trimmed mean is calculated by ordering the CPI expenditure class components by their price change in the quarter and taking the expenditure weighted average of the middle 70 per cent of these price changes. The weighted median is the price change of the component in the middle of this ordering. The percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



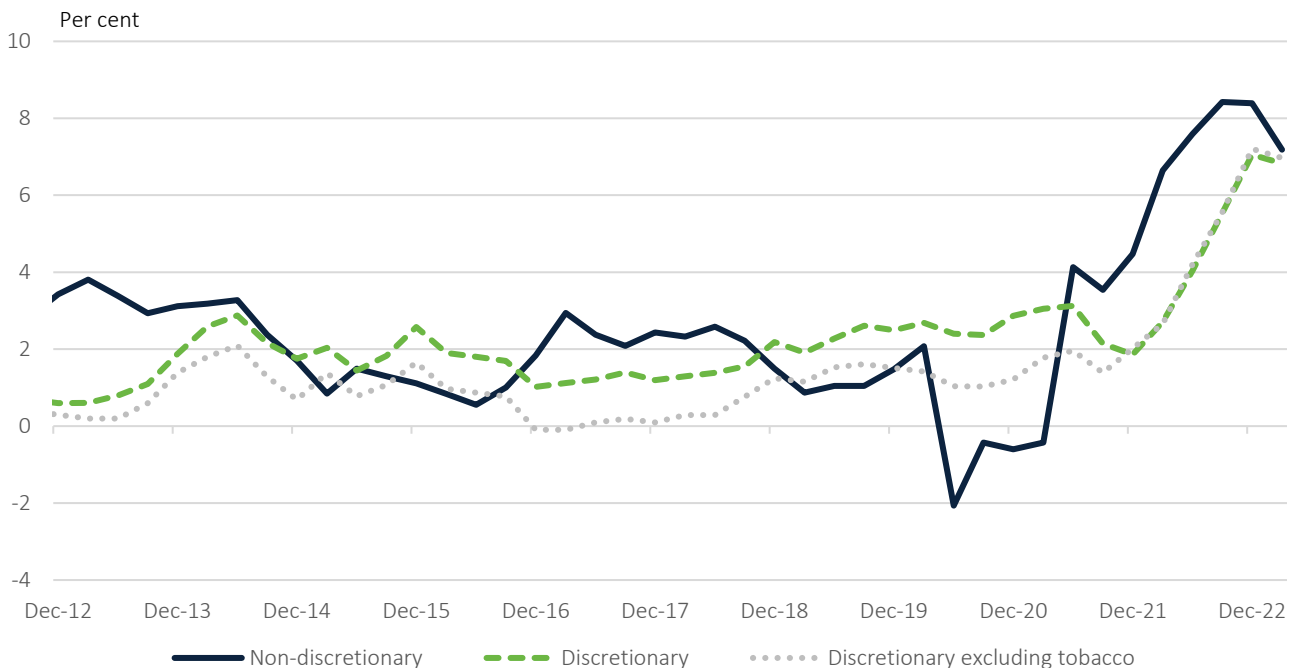
Chart 4.4: Non-discretionary and discretionary inflation, cumulative growth rates



Note: Non-discretionary expenditure refers to goods or services purchased because they meet a basic need (food, shelter, healthcare), are required to maintain current living standards, or are a legal obligation. Discretionary expenditure includes purchases that could be considered as 'optional'.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.

Chart 4.5: Non-discretionary and discretionary inflation, annual growth rates



Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



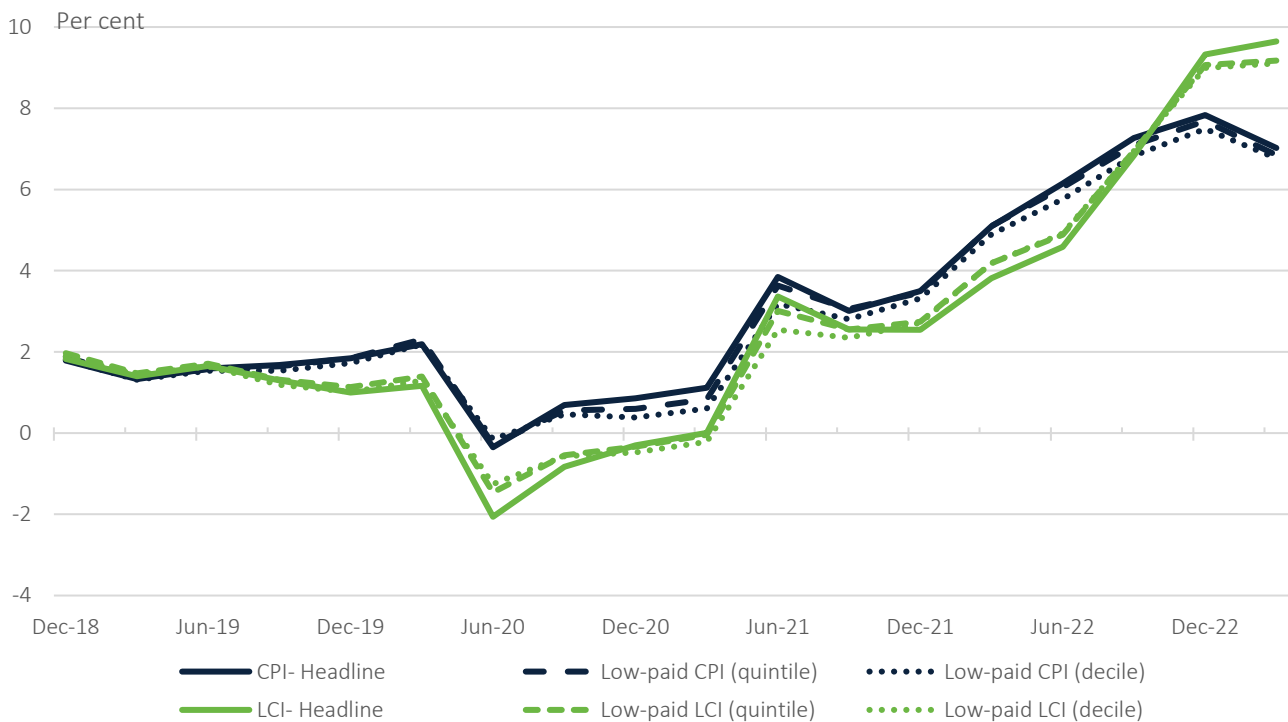
Table 4.3: Non-discretionary and discretionary inflation, growth rates over the year

Quarter	Non-discretionary	Discretionary	Discretionary excluding tobacco
	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)
Dec-12	3.4	0.6	0.3
Dec-13	3.1	1.9	1.4
Dec-14	1.7	1.7	0.7
Dec-15	1.1	2.6	1.7
Dec-16	1.8	1.0	-0.1
Dec-17	2.4	1.2	0.1
Dec-18	1.5	2.2	1.2
Dec-19	1.5	2.5	1.5
Dec-20	-0.6	2.9	1.2
Dec-21	4.5	1.9	2.0
Dec-22	8.4	7.1	7.2
Mar-23	7.2	6.8	7.0

Note: The ABS define non-discretionary expenditure as goods or services that are purchased because they meet a basic need (food, shelter, healthcare), are required to maintain current living standards, or are a legal obligation. Discretionary expenditure includes goods or services that could be considered as 'optional' purchases.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.

Chart 4.6: CPI and LCI for low-paid employee households, annual growth



Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; Yuen K & Rozenbes D (2022), *Experimental estimates of a Consumer Price Index for low-paid employee households*, Fair Work Commission Research Report 1/2022.



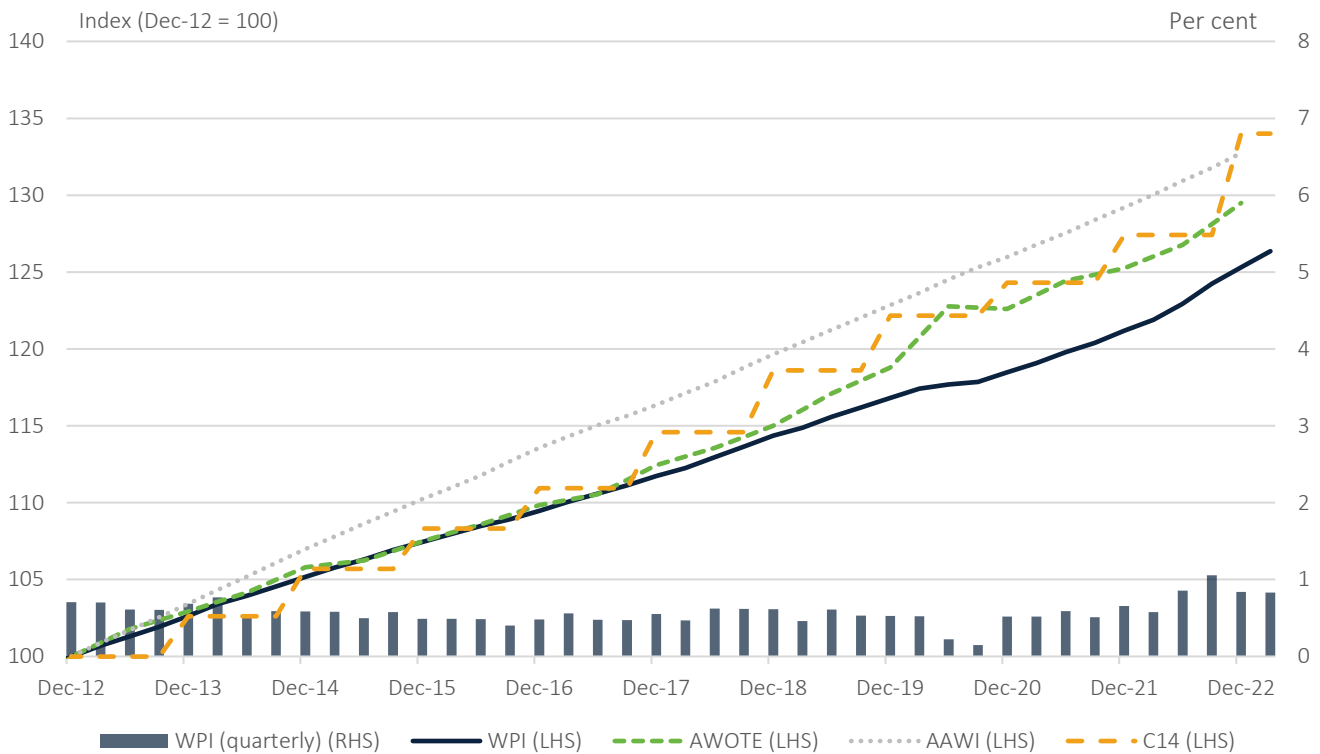
Table 4.4: Contributions to the CPI index

CPI subgroup/expenditure class	June quarter 2022	September quarter 2022	December quarter 2022	March quarter 2023
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	16.8	17.2	17.0	17.1
Alcohol and tobacco	8.8	7.9	7.8	7.8
Clothing and footwear	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3
Housing	23.6	22.3	22.3	22.4
Furnishings, household equipment and services	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.7
Health	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3
Transport	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.9
Communication	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Recreation and culture	8.5	10.8	11.2	11.1
Education	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5
Insurance and financial services	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.

5. Wages

Chart 5.1: Measures of nominal wages growth, quarterly and cumulative growth rates, index



Note: The Wage Price Index (WPI) is an index for total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses that is unaffected by changes in the quality or quantity of work performed. Average weekly ordinary time earnings (AWOTE) is calculated by dividing estimates of weekly ordinary time earnings by estimates of the number of employees. Ordinary time earnings refer to earnings attributable to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It is calculated before taxation and other deductions such as superannuation. It also excludes payments which are not related to the reference period such as overtime, leave loading and redundancy payments. AWOTE estimates refer to full-time adult employees, where an adult is defined as those who are 21 years or over as well as employees who, although under 21 years of age, are paid at the full adult rate for their occupation. AWOTE data are published half-yearly in May and November and a quarterly series has been derived. AWOTE data are expressed in original terms. Average annualised wage increase (AAWI) measures the average percentage increase in the base rates of pay across federal enterprise agreements approved in each quarter. It does not take into account payments such as allowances, bonuses and increases linked to productivity. The AAWI index is calculated by first deriving a quarterly rate. The C14 and the C10 are minimum award rates set under the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010* and the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*. AENA is average earnings in the National Accounts, represented by Average compensation per employee.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022, <<https://www.dewr.gov.au/enterprise-agreements-data/trends-federal-enterprise-bargaining>>; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*, *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*; ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



Table 5.1: Measures of nominal wages growth, growth rate over the year

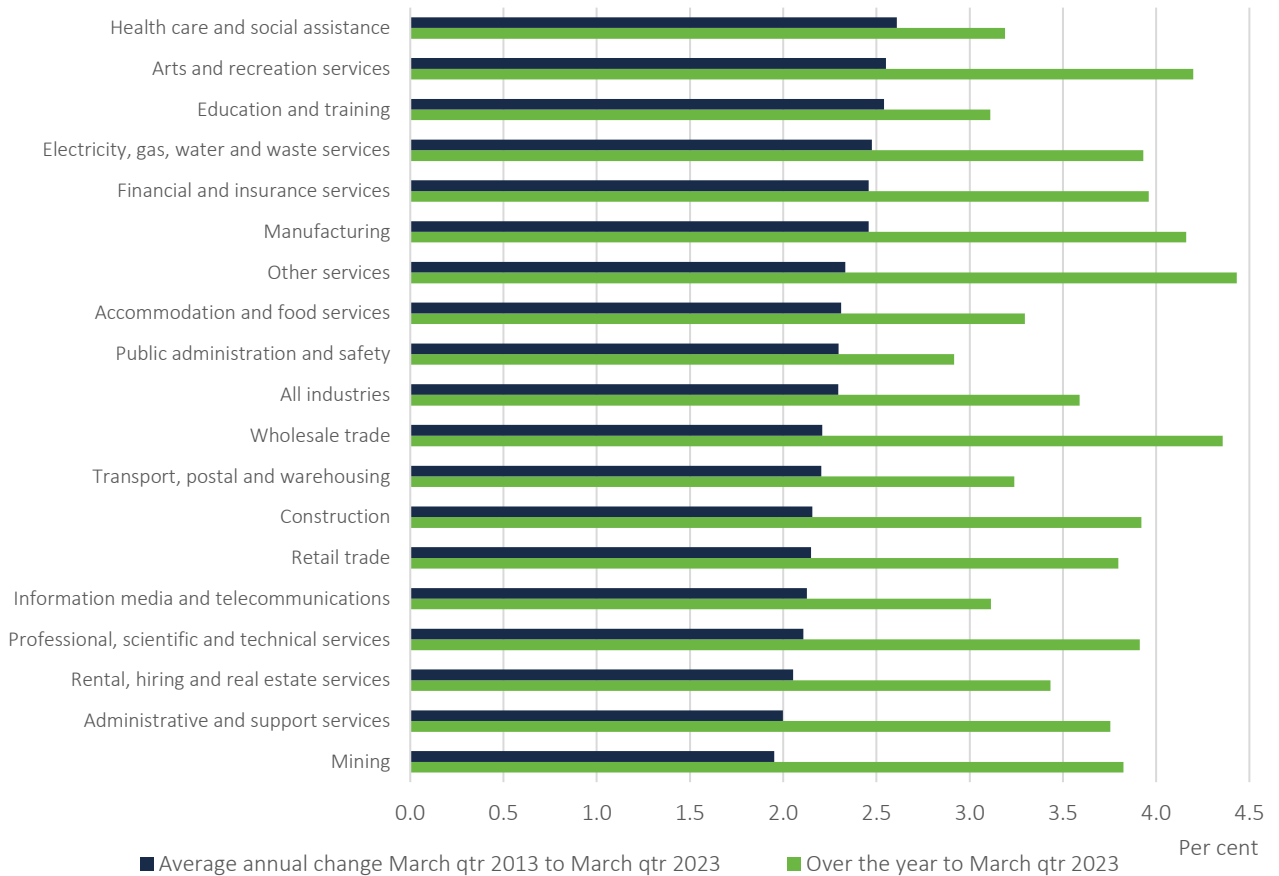
Year ended (Quarter)	WPI (% change)	AWOTE[^] (% change)	C14 (% change)	C10 (% change)	AAWI (% change)	AENA (% change)
Dec-12	3.4	5.0	2.9	2.9	3.2	1.9
Dec-13	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.6	3.4	3.2
Dec-14	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.0
Dec-15	2.2	1.6	2.5	2.5	3.0	0.6
Dec-16	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4	3.1	0.3
Dec-17	2.1	2.4	3.3	3.3	2.5	2.0
Dec-18	2.3	2.3	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.2
Dec-19	2.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.2
Dec-20	1.3	3.2	1.8*	1.8*	2.2	3.7
Dec-21	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.6	3.0
Dec-22	3.4	3.4	5.2	4.6	3.0	4.4
Mar-23	3.7	n/a	5.2	4.6	n/a	n/a

Note: See Chart 5.1 for information on each measure of nominal wages growth. n/a = not available. * Actual increase was 1.75 per cent. ^ Data are presented for November of each year.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022, <<https://www.dewr.gov.au/enterprise-agreements-data/trends-federal-enterprise-bargaining>>; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*, *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*; ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022.



Chart 5.2: Wage Price Index by industry, annualised growth over decade and growth over year to December quarter 2022



Note: Data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



Table 5.2: Average hourly total cash earnings for full-time non-managerial employees paid at the adult rate, by industry and method of setting pay, May 2021

	Award only	Collective agreement	Individual arrangement	Ratio of average hourly earnings in Award only to Collective agreement	Ratio of average hourly earnings in Award only to Individual arrangement
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(%)	(%)
Mining	29.30	61.20	66.90	0.48	0.44
Manufacturing	28.50	43.30	40.30	0.66	0.71
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	32.60	53.60	57.40	0.61	0.57
Construction	32.50	53.30	43.80	0.61	0.74
Wholesale trade	27.30	36.50	43.10	0.75	0.63
Retail trade	28.70	29.50	38.50	0.97	0.75
Accommodation and food services	29.60	31.10	35.50	0.95	0.83
Transport, postal and warehousing	33.50	46.40	40.00	0.72	0.84
Information media and telecommunications	32.90	47.50	57.90	0.69	0.57
Finance and insurance services	36.10	49.30	59.30	0.73	0.61
Rental, hiring and real estate services	30.40	43.40	40.90	0.70	0.74
Professional, scientific and technical services	34.00	47.00	55.10	0.72	0.62
Administrative and support services	32.00	44.70	46.00	0.72	0.70
Public administration and safety	49.30	49.80	48.40	0.99	1.02
Education and training	40.80	52.50	44.10	0.78	0.93
Health care and social assistance	42.30	51.10	41.40	0.83	1.02
Arts and recreation services	28.60	37.90	47.00	0.75	0.61
Other services	32.00	42.30	37.50	0.76	0.85
All industries	35.20	48.80	46.80	0.72	0.75

Source: ABS, *Employees Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021.



Table 5.3: Contributions to the WPI, by method of setting pay

	Enterprise agreement	Individual arrangement	Award	Total increase (original)	Total increase (seasonally adjusted)
Quarter	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
June 2022	0.21	0.38	0.00	0.59	0.86
September 2022	0.39	0.80	0.21	1.40	1.07
December 2022	0.29	0.46	0.07	0.82	0.85
March 2023	0.36	0.40	0.01	0.77	0.84
Sum over year	1.25	2.04	0.29	3.58	

Source: ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



6. Labour market

Table 6.1: Employment, monthly hours worked and unemployment

Year ended	Employed persons	Monthly hours worked	Unemployed persons	Unemployment rate	Employed persons	Monthly hours worked	Unemployed persons	Unemployment rate
(Month)	('000s)	('000s)	('000s)	(%)	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)	(ppt change)
Dec-12	11395.5	1603581.1	654.8	5.4	1.5	1.0	6.3	0.2
Dec-13	11417.1	1605850.1	716.2	5.9	0.2	0.1	9.4	0.5
Dec-14	11595.4	1601777.0	754.4	6.1	1.6	-0.3	5.3	0.2
Dec-15	11902.8	1651365.4	725.5	5.7	2.7	3.1	-3.8	-0.4
Dec-16	12030.6	1673774.9	745.6	5.8	1.1	1.4	2.8	0.1
Dec-17	12441.5	1720599.1	740.1	5.6	3.4	2.8	-0.7	-0.2
Dec-18	12705.5	1748707.9	672.5	5.0	2.1	1.6	-9.1	-0.6
Dec-19	12960.8	1784073.0	692.1	5.1	2.0	2.0	2.9	0.0
Dec-20	12853.0	1750973.7	907.0	6.6	-0.8	-1.9	31.1	1.5
Dec-21	13287.6	1825769.6	579.4	4.2	3.4	4.3	-36.1	-2.4
Dec-22	13769.8	1888446.2	503.6	3.5	3.6	3.4	-13.1	-0.7
Apr-23	13882.1	1974295.2	528.0	3.7	2.9	7.4	-2.4	-0.2

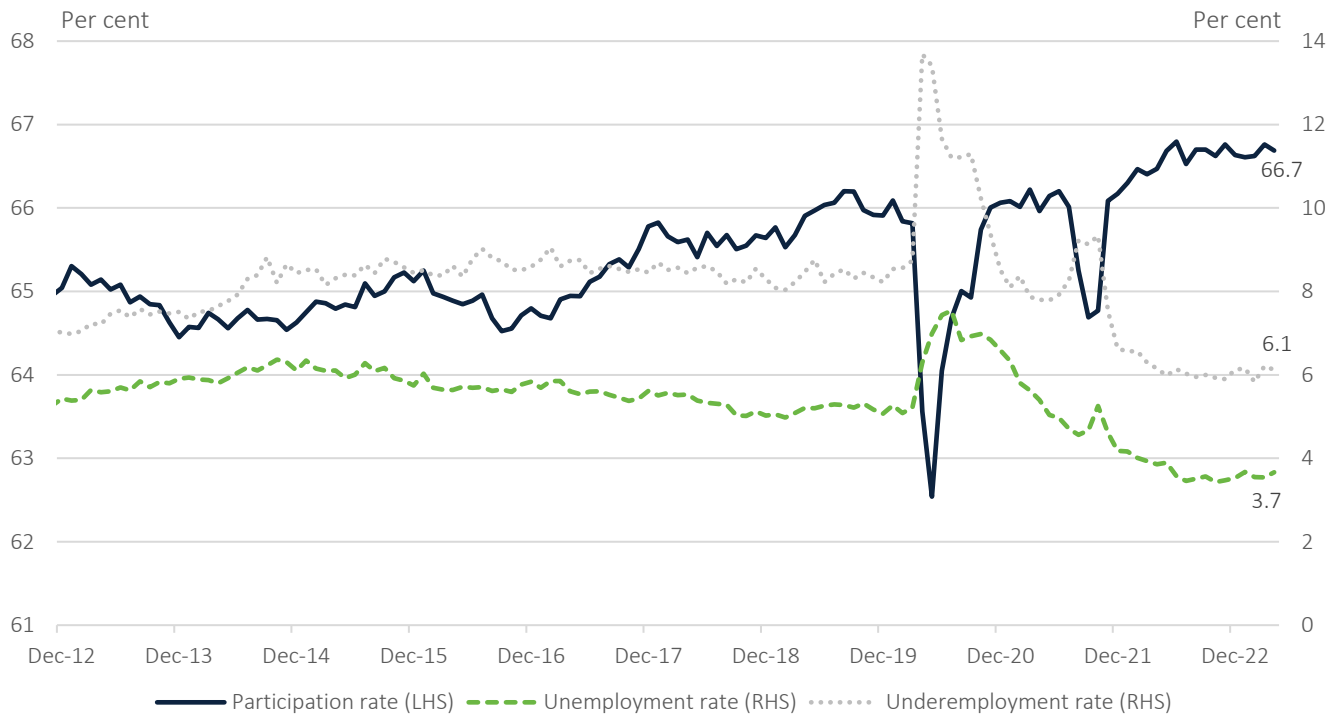
Note: The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. All measures are calculated for persons aged 15 years and over. The percentage change and percentage point (ppt) change are calculated in relation to the corresponding month in the previous year.

Given large month-to-month changes during the COVID-19 pandemic period, resulting in multiple trend breaks, the ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates during this period. Therefore, seasonally adjusted data are presented in this chapter.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

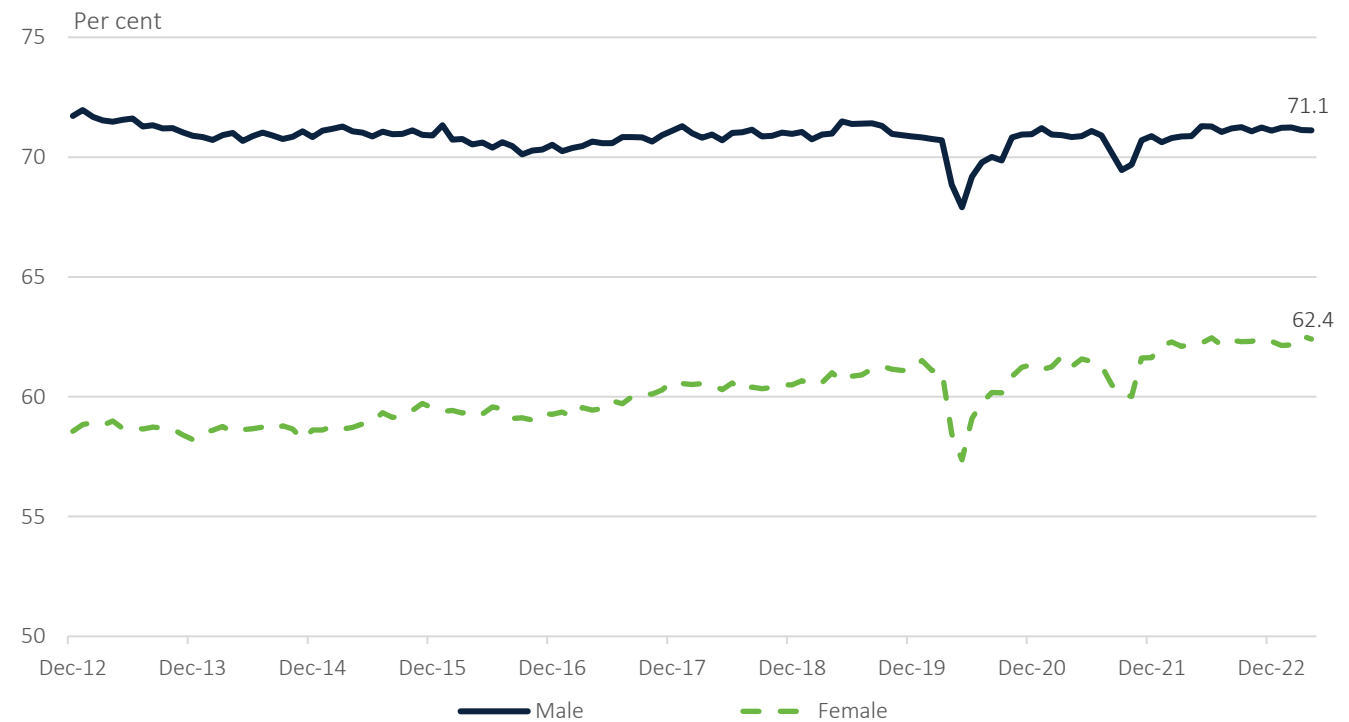


Chart 6.1: Participation, unemployment and underemployment rates



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

Chart 6.1a: Participation rates by gender



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

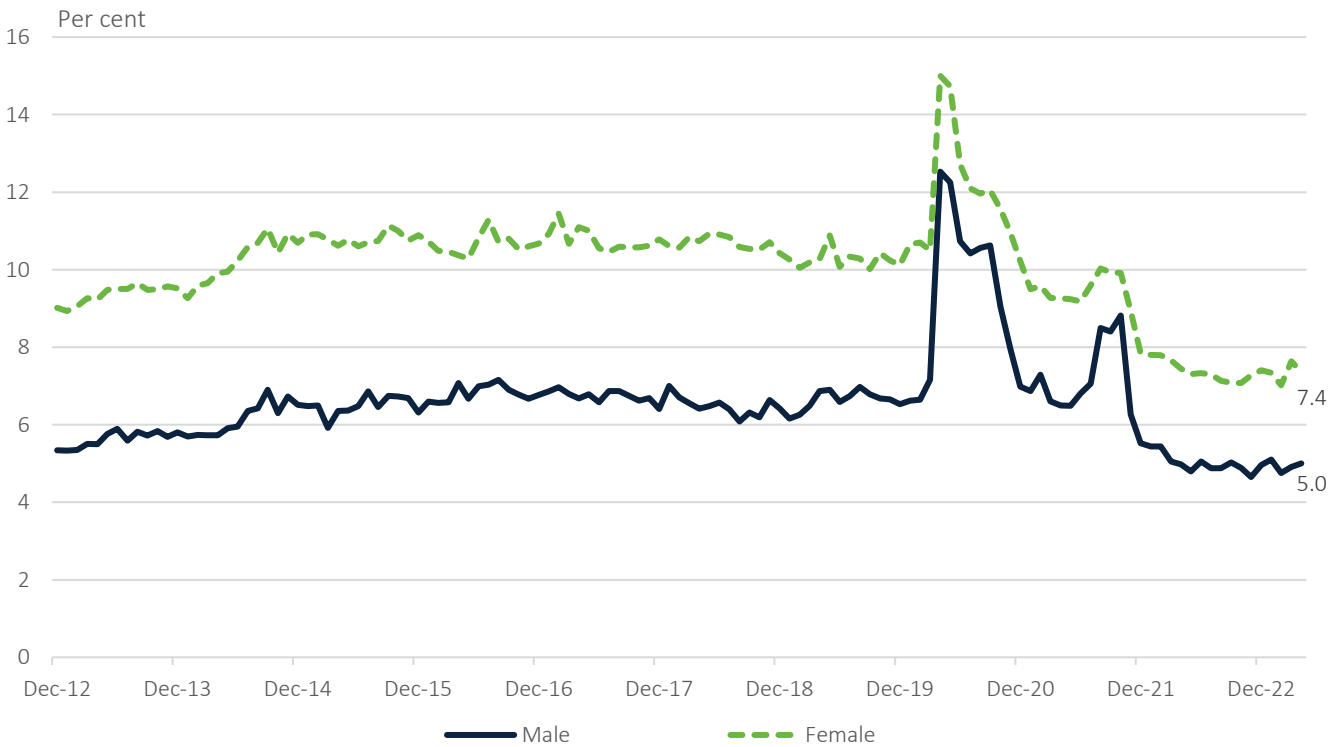


Chart 6.1b: Unemployment rates by gender



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

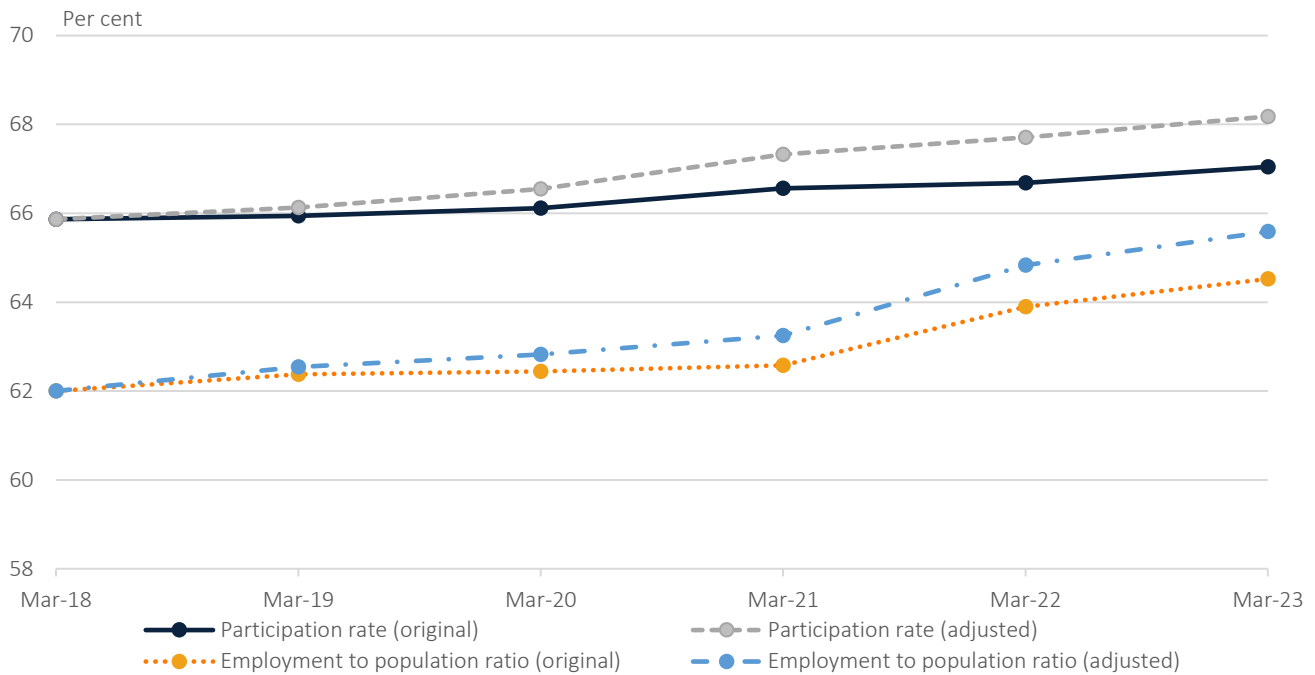
Chart 6.1c: Underemployment rates by gender



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



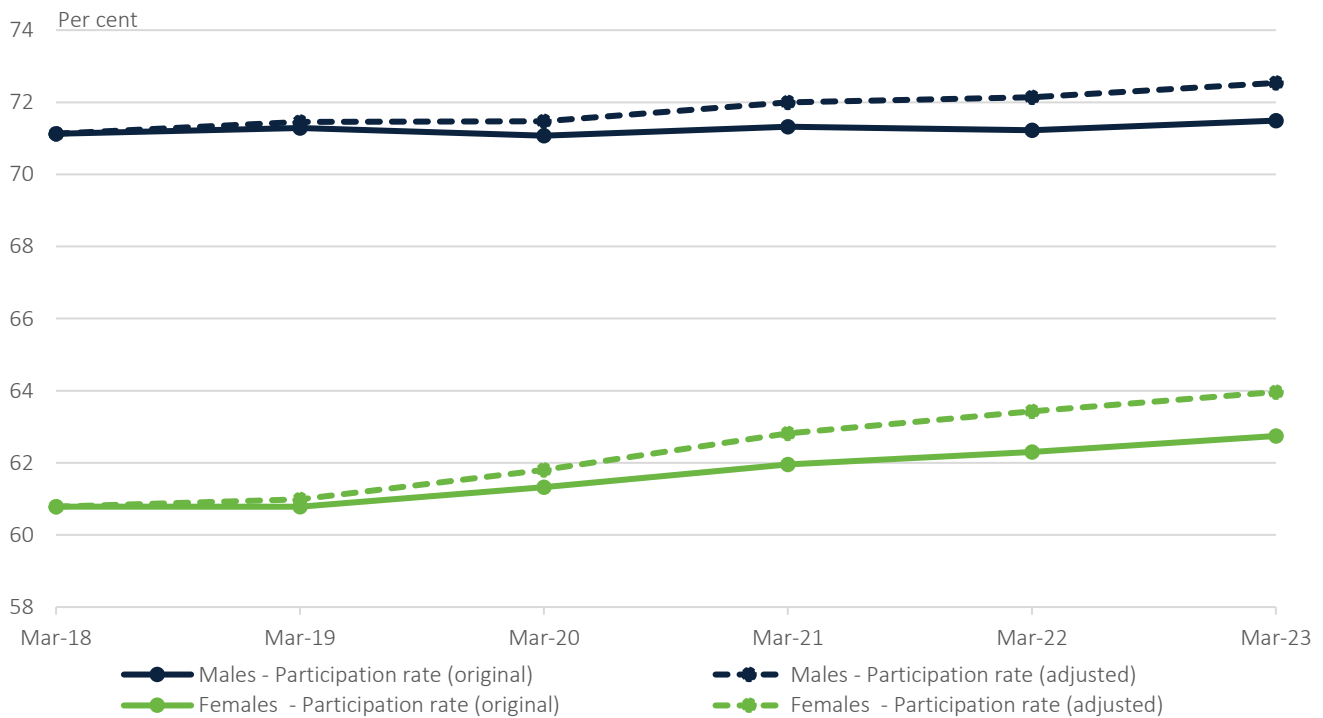
Chart 6.2: Age-adjusted participation rate and age-adjusted employment to population ratio



Note: Data are expressed in original terms with only the March figure of each year shown. The age-adjusted participation rate is calculated using 10-year age groups, with the proportion of the population in each age group held fixed at March 2018 levels.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.

Chart 6.2a: Age-adjusted participation rate, by gender

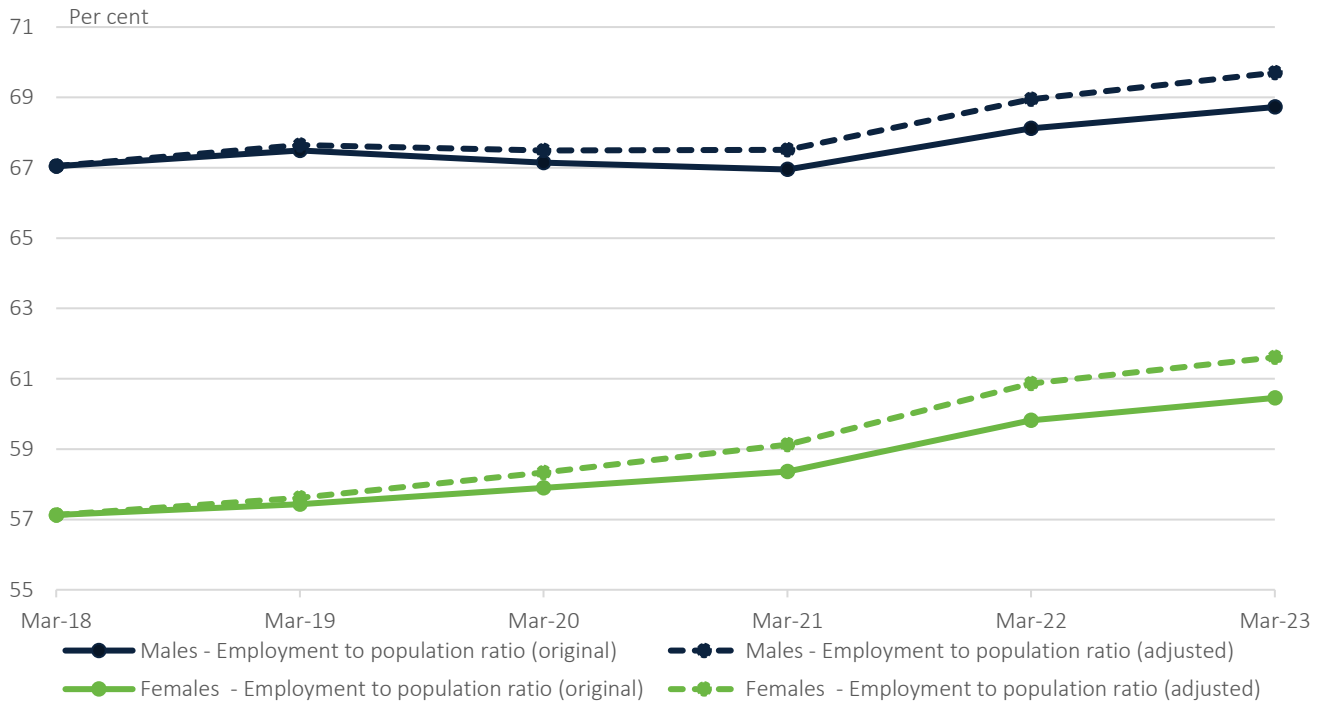


Note: Data are expressed in original terms with only the March figure of each year shown. The age-adjusted participation rate is calculated using 10-year age groups, with the proportion of the population in each age group held fixed at March 2018 levels.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.



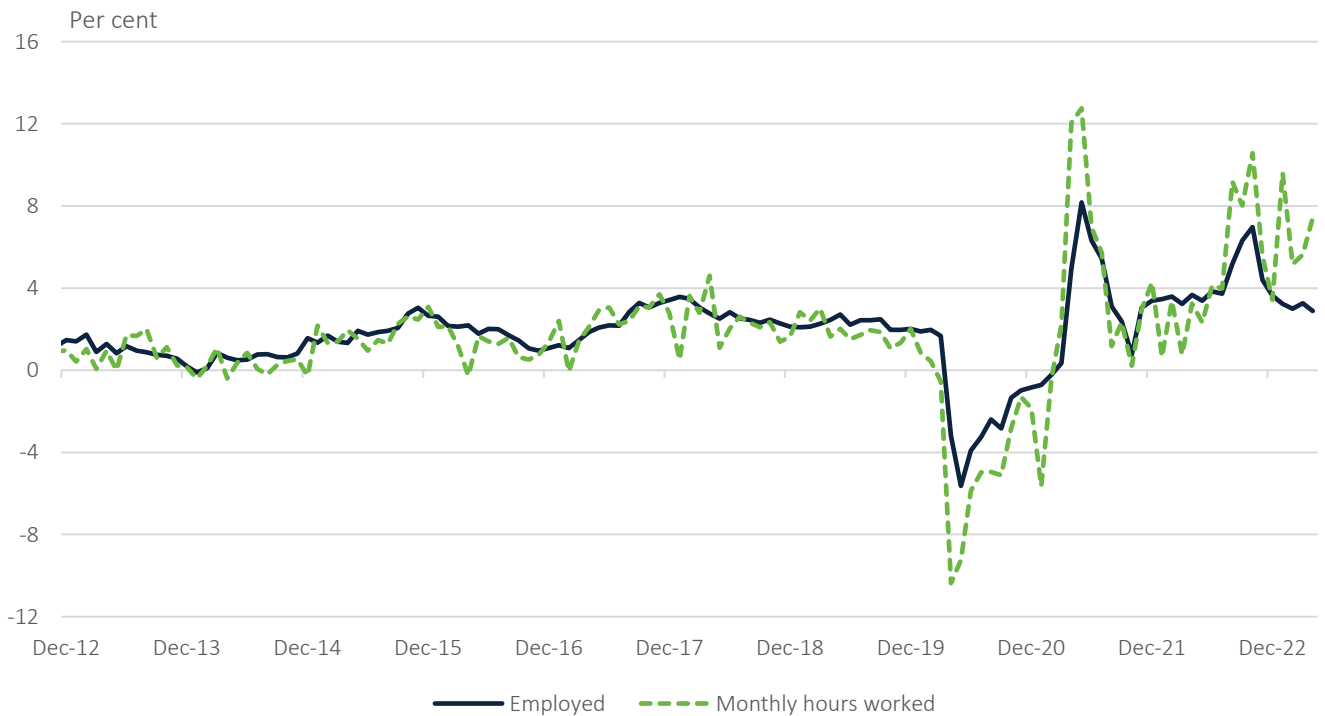
Chart 6.2b: Age-adjusted employment to population ratio, by gender



Note: Data are expressed in original terms with only the March figure of each year shown. The age-adjusted participation rate is calculated using 10-year age groups, with the proportion of the population in each age group held fixed at March 2018 levels.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.

Chart 6.3: Employed persons and monthly hours worked, growth rate over the year



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Chart 6.3a: Employed persons by gender, growth rate over the year



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

Chart 6.3b: Monthly hours worked by gender, growth rate over the year



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Table 6.2: Average monthly hours worked, by full-time/part-time status, change over the year

Month	Full-time	Change	Part-time	Change
Dec-12	170.5	-0.7	70.5	0.1
Dec-13	171.3	0.8	71.6	1.1
Dec-14	167.6	-3.7	71.9	0.3
Dec-15	168.5	0.9	72.4	0.5
Dec-16	169.8	1.3	73.2	0.8
Dec-17	168.4	-1.4	72.9	-0.3
Dec-18	167.1	-1.3	74.0	1.1
Dec-19	167.5	0.4	73.7	-0.3
Dec-20	165.5	-2.0	74.3	0.6
Dec-21	165.7	0.2	75.6	1.3
Dec-22	164.1	-1.5	74.3	-1.3
Apr-23	170.1	6.9	76.9	2.3

Note: The change in average hours is calculated in relation to the corresponding month in the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

Table 6.2a: Average monthly hours worked, by gender and full-time/part-time status, change over the year

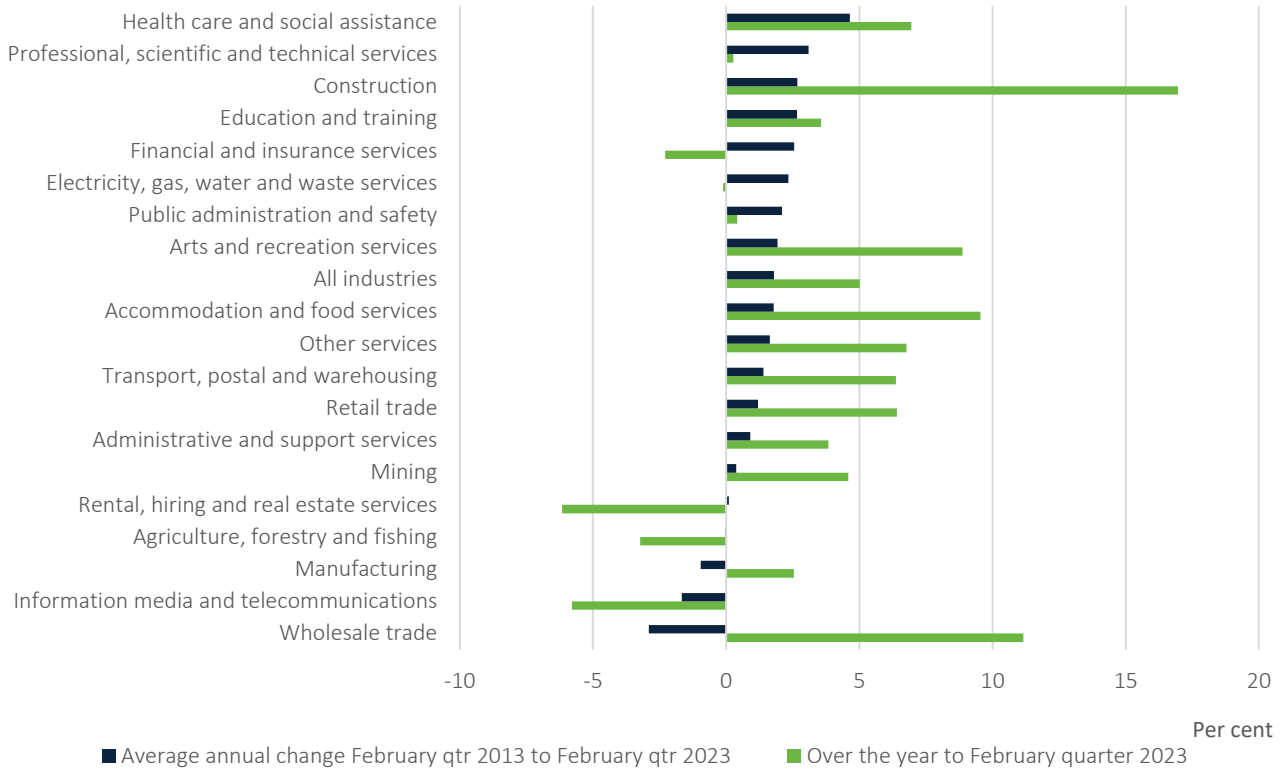
Month	Full-time				Part-time			
	Male	Change	Female	Change	Male	Change	Female	Change
Dec-12	176.2	-1.0	159.8	0.0	67.8	-0.6	71.7	0.3
Dec-13	177.0	0.7	161.0	1.2	71.2	3.4	71.8	0.0
Dec-14	173.8	-3.2	156.4	-4.6	71.1	-0.1	72.2	0.4
Dec-15	174.3	0.5	158.4	2.0	71.4	0.3	72.8	0.6
Dec-16	176.0	1.7	159.0	0.6	71.5	0.2	73.9	1.1
Dec-17	174.7	-1.3	157.5	-1.5	71.0	-0.6	73.8	-0.2
Dec-18	172.7	-2.0	157.6	0.1	72.0	1.0	75.0	1.2
Dec-19	173.2	0.5	158.2	0.5	71.9	-0.1	74.6	-0.4
Dec-20	170.7	-2.5	156.9	-1.2	72.7	0.8	75.1	0.5
Dec-21	170.1	-0.5	158.4	1.4	73.2	0.5	76.8	1.7
Dec-22	169.4	-0.7	155.8	-2.5	73.2	0.0	74.8	-2.0
Apr-23	174.5	6.5	163.4	7.7	72.5	-0.7	79.0	3.7

Note: The change in average hours is calculated in relation to the corresponding month in the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Chart 6.4: Hours actually worked, by industry, annualised growth over decade and growth over year to February quarter 2022



Note: All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Table 6.3: Employment by industry for selected periods

Industry	Employed persons (‘000s)					Annualised growth rates (%)	Annual growth rates (%)			Filled jobs (‘000)
	Feb-13	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-13 to Feb-23	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Dec-22
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	297.5	332.6	336.2	303.5	300.9	0.1	1.1	-9.7	-0.9	453.3
Mining	268.2	248.7	262.7	291.4	290.8	0.8	5.6	10.9	-0.2	206.7
Manufacturing	917.5	911.2	892.0	854.3	870.7	-0.5	-2.1	-4.2	1.9	924.4
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	135.3	132.2	147.3	166.8	163.4	1.9	11.4	13.3	-2.1	133.0
Construction	1006.2	1188.2	1157.6	1175.9	1322.1	2.8	-2.6	1.6	12.4	1370.8
Wholesale trade	444.0	392.2	392.8	330.0	355.7	-2.2	0.1	-16.0	7.8	609.4
Retail trade	1202.5	1242.2	1307.5	1285.9	1359.3	1.2	5.3	-1.7	5.7	1452.0
Accommodation and food services	793.9	923.2	837.6	892.9	937.1	1.7	-9.3	6.6	4.9	1244.7
Transport, postal and warehousing	601.5	653.5	676.6	674.9	683.3	1.3	3.5	-0.3	1.2	701.2
Information media and telecommunications	214.8	209.4	195.9	203.8	197.1	-0.9	-6.5	4.1	-3.3	200.7
Financial and insurance services	413.6	466.7	469.5	547.5	530.7	2.5	0.6	16.6	-3.1	512.9
Rental, hiring and real estate services	199.8	217.1	210.6	238.1	219.8	1.0	-3.0	13.0	-7.7	303.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	913.5	1143.4	1186.6	1241.5	1249.8	3.2	3.8	4.6	0.7	1304.8
Administrative and support services	386.3	438.1	385.4	412.0	415.3	0.7	-12.0	6.9	0.8	1056.5
Public administration and safety	717.5	833.4	862.7	901.5	888.7	2.2	3.5	4.5	-1.4	749.3
Education and training	910.2	1129.6	1087.6	1147.6	1164.8	2.5	-3.7	5.5	1.5	111.3
Health care and social assistance	1375.9	1790.0	1801.1	2015.3	2112.6	4.4	0.6	11.9	4.8	1994.8
Arts and recreation services	202.8	245.2	239.3	225.7	242.7	1.8	-2.4	-5.7	7.5	242.1
Other services	448.0	489.7	508.0	515.2	523.1	1.6	3.7	1.4	1.5	538.9
All industries	11 436.0	13 005.1	12 981.3	13 446.3	13 850.8	1.9	-0.2	3.6	3.0	15 110.7

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Detailed*, February 2023; ABS, *Labour Account Australia*, December 2022.



Table 6.3a: Employment by industry for selected periods, by gender

Industry	Employed persons ('000s)									
	Feb-13		Feb-20		Feb-21		Feb-22		Feb-23	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	94.7	201.1	116.4	226.1	120.7	225.7	99.7	213.1	105.4	205.0
Mining	36.9	227.5	41.0	203.1	47.4	209.9	57.6	227.6	55.6	229.2
Manufacturing	243.1	680.7	261.1	652.8	264.5	630.1	244.7	612.0	229.1	643.9
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	30.1	105.2	30.4	106.9	33.5	120.0	44.9	129.2	41.0	130.1
Construction	127.3	887.2	147.2	1038.5	155.8	998.2	151.8	1020.1	175.5	1142.7
Wholesale trade	148.9	306.5	128.0	258.0	129.0	256.8	106.3	217.0	110.1	237.6
Retail trade	677.3	524.9	710.0	549.6	715.5	610.6	702.8	601.4	760.6	618.0
Accommodation and food services	435.8	348.9	511.2	415.3	456.4	386.8	513.6	386.8	511.5	434.4
Transport, postal and warehousing	136.9	467.4	131.3	536.9	142.5	548.5	166.7	521.7	165.9	530.7
Information media and telecommunications	87.5	129.3	87.6	121.7	83.5	113.6	85.8	120.2	80.8	118.6
Financial and insurance services	219.4	194.1	237.6	231.9	228.4	242.1	267.0	280.6	258.2	272.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	96.4	100.4	104.4	108.9	98.6	108.2	107.0	126.7	103.3	112.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	402.4	509.1	512.9	647.4	518.6	687.9	564.0	698.6	557.1	713.0
Administrative and support services	200.6	191.7	227.5	222.4	198.2	196.9	209.1	213.2	218.1	207.7
Public administration and safety	326.4	389.5	388.1	447.3	426.6	436.6	424.1	478.6	436.6	452.6
Education and training	595.5	273.7	779.7	316.2	769.8	287.6	805.5	311.7	825.7	310.6
Health care and social assistance	1085.2	294.5	1399.7	402.1	1414.9	399.1	1547.7	483.2	1617.7	511.4
Arts and recreation services	89.6	110.6	124.2	125.2	117.0	126.4	109.8	119.9	116.3	130.7
Other services	192.8	256.3	222.0	272.7	237.2	276.0	226.2	294.7	227.2	301.6
All industries	5226.6	6198.7	6160.2	6882.9	6158.2	6861.0	6434.2	7056.5	6595.9	7302.3

Note: All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Detailed*, February 2023.



Table 6.3b: Employment by industry for selected periods, by gender

Industry	Annualised growth rates (%)		Annual growth rates (%)					
	Feb-13 to Feb-23		Feb-21		Feb-22		Feb-23	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.1	0.2	3.7	-0.2	-17.4	-5.6	5.7	-3.8
Mining	4.2	0.1	15.6	3.4	21.5	8.5	-3.5	0.7
Manufacturing	-0.6	-0.6	1.3	-3.5	-7.5	-2.9	-6.4	5.2
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	3.1	2.1	10.2	12.2	34.0	7.7	-8.6	0.7
Construction	3.3	2.6	5.9	-3.9	-2.6	2.2	15.7	12.0
Wholesale trade	-3.0	-2.5	0.8	-0.4	-17.6	-15.5	3.6	9.5
Retail trade	1.2	1.6	0.8	11.1	-1.8	-1.5	8.2	2.8
Accommodation and food services	1.6	2.2	-10.7	-6.9	12.5	0.0	-0.4	12.3
Transport, postal and warehousing	1.9	1.3	8.6	2.2	17.0	-4.9	-0.5	1.7
Information media and telecommunications	-0.8	-0.9	-4.7	-6.6	2.7	5.8	-5.7	-1.4
Financial and insurance services	1.6	3.4	-3.8	4.4	16.9	15.9	-3.3	-3.0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	0.7	1.1	-5.5	-0.6	8.5	17.1	-3.4	-11.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	3.3	3.4	1.1	6.3	8.8	1.6	-1.2	2.1
Administrative and support services	0.8	0.8	-12.9	-11.5	5.5	8.3	4.3	-2.6
Public administration and safety	3.0	1.5	9.9	-2.4	-0.6	9.6	3.0	-5.4
Education and training	3.3	1.3	-1.3	-9.0	4.6	8.4	2.5	-0.4
Health care and social assistance	4.1	5.7	1.1	-0.8	9.4	21.1	4.5	5.8
Arts and recreation services	2.6	1.7	-5.8	0.9	-6.2	-5.2	5.9	9.1
Other services	1.7	1.6	6.8	1.2	-4.7	6.8	0.5	2.3
All industries	2.4	1.7	0.0	-0.3	4.5	2.8	2.5	3.5

Note: All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Detailed*, February 2023.



Table 6.4: Employment by occupation, '000s

		Feb-13	Feb-14	Feb-15	Feb-16	Feb-17	Feb-18	Feb-19	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23
Managers	Total	1422.3	1483.2	1552.8	1557.8	1568.5	1529.3	1529.9	1626.0	1694.8	1789.4	1860.0
	Males	928.8	968.7	991.3	1006.5	990.3	966.4	967.0	1003.0	1033.2	1107.3	1098.9
	Females	493.5	514.5	561.5	551.3	578.2	562.9	562.9	623.1	661.6	682.0	761.1
Professionals	Total	2503.8	2565.0	2655.7	2739.2	2884.2	2988.1	3101.5	3190.7	3317.7	3525.2	3596.1
	Males	1188.8	1192.5	1236.6	1249.8	1307.9	1355.9	1399.9	1412.5	1483.5	1589.4	1621.9
	Females	1315.0	1372.5	1419.1	1489.4	1576.3	1632.1	1701.6	1778.2	1834.2	1935.8	1974.2
Technicians and trades workers	Total	1666.1	1681.5	1707.6	1727.0	1674.0	1810.8	1817.9	1813.1	1780.5	1821.7	1906.3
	Males	1429.9	1444.5	1461.5	1471.2	1447.7	1525.8	1540.0	1524.4	1478.6	1510.1	1586.1
	Females	236.2	237.0	246.1	255.8	226.3	285.0	277.9	288.7	301.9	311.6	320.2
Community and personal service workers	Total	1143.1	1140.9	1200.4	1230.7	1244.2	1323.2	1387.7	1430.6	1383.1	1437.7	1548.8
	Males	355.8	366.1	382.0	383.6	396.4	399.3	417.1	428.0	452.4	445.7	474.2
	Females	787.3	774.8	818.3	847.1	847.8	923.9	970.7	1002.6	930.6	992.0	1074.6
Clerical and administrative workers	Total	1690.7	1622.9	1657.7	1708.4	1672.0	1634.3	1770.1	1751.2	1701.1	1778.4	1764.7
	Males	408.5	390.0	424.1	429.2	411.1	413.3	469.4	481.7	424.9	461.6	468.9
	Females	1282.1	1232.9	1233.6	1279.1	1260.9	1221.1	1300.6	1269.5	1276.2	1316.8	1295.8
Sales workers	Total	1060.8	1086.1	1078.4	1135.6	1086.1	1152.7	1103.2	1126.3	1106.5	1112.7	1081.5
	Males	414.7	426.2	427.0	445.4	440.8	440.3	412.2	434.8	452.9	448.8	454.0
	Females	646.1	659.9	651.4	690.2	645.3	712.3	691.0	691.4	653.6	664.0	627.6
Machinery operators and drivers	Total	789.0	748.7	742.5	714.9	744.6	835.2	861.2	828.3	855.8	848.4	877.4
	Males	721.6	685.2	669.5	649.5	678.5	757.4	778.9	741.8	768.3	736.7	768.7
	Females	67.4	63.5	73.0	65.4	66.1	77.8	82.3	86.5	87.5	111.7	108.7
Labourers	Total	1149.5	1136.2	1129.1	1162.3	1229.0	1251.2	1221.1	1276.9	1179.7	1177.2	1263.4
	Males	750.5	748.7	742.1	783.1	809.0	806.1	810.4	856.7	767.1	757.0	829.8
	Females	399.1	387.5	387.0	379.2	420.0	445.1	410.7	420.3	412.6	420.3	433.6

Note: All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Detailed*, February 2023.



Table 6.5: Employment by occupation, annual percentage changes

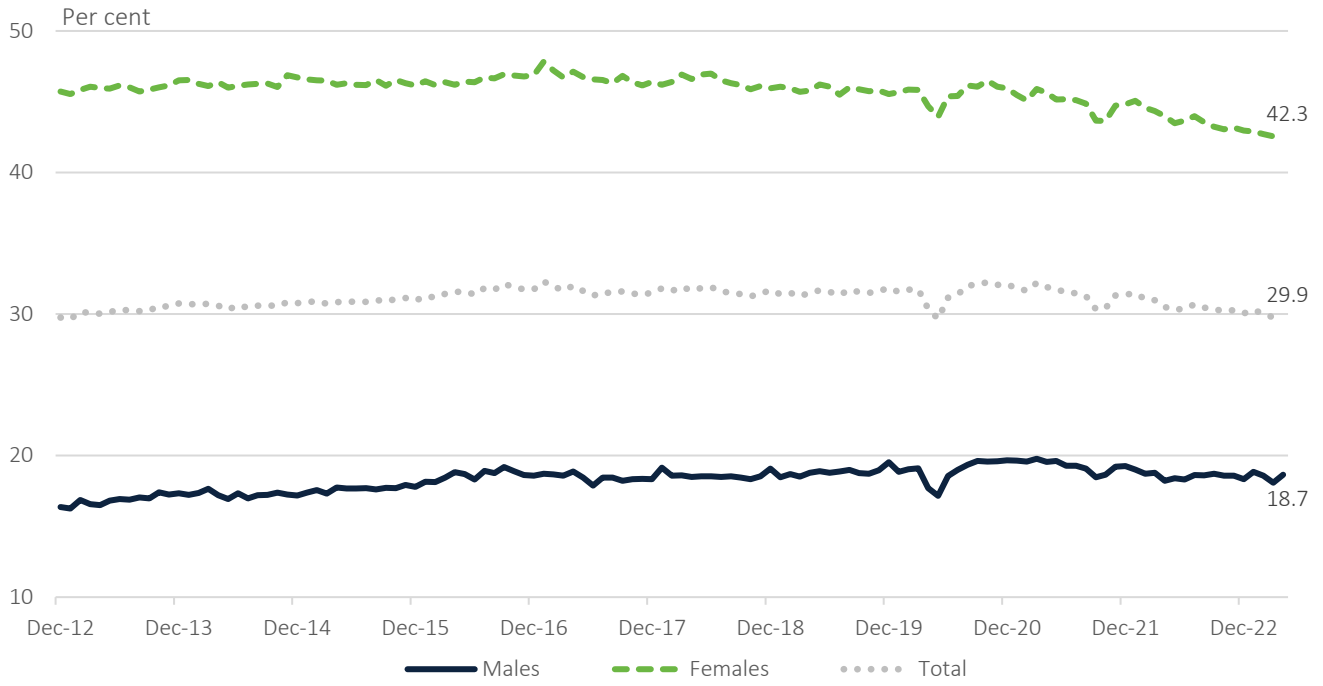
		Feb-14	Feb-15	Feb-16	Feb-17	Feb-18	Feb-19	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23
Managers	Total	4.3	4.7	0.3	0.7	-2.5	0.0	6.3	4.2	5.6	3.9
	Males	4.3	2.3	1.5	-1.6	-2.4	0.1	3.7	3.0	7.2	-0.8
	Females	4.2	9.1	-1.8	4.9	-2.6	0.0	10.7	6.2	3.1	11.6
Professionals	Total	2.4	3.5	3.1	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.9	4.0	6.3	2.0
	Males	0.3	3.7	1.1	4.6	3.7	3.2	0.9	5.0	7.1	2.0
	Females	4.4	3.4	4.9	5.8	3.5	4.3	4.5	3.1	5.5	2.0
Technicians and trades workers	Total	0.9	1.6	1.1	-3.1	8.2	0.4	-0.3	-1.8	2.3	4.6
	Males	1.0	1.2	0.7	-1.6	5.4	0.9	-1.0	-3.0	2.1	5.0
	Females	0.3	3.9	3.9	-11.5	25.9	-2.5	3.9	4.6	3.2	2.8
Community and personal service workers	Total	-0.2	5.2	2.5	1.1	6.3	4.9	3.1	-3.3	4.0	7.7
	Males	2.9	4.4	0.4	3.3	0.7	4.5	2.6	5.7	-1.5	6.4
	Females	-1.6	5.6	3.5	0.1	9.0	5.1	3.3	-7.2	6.6	8.3
Clerical and administrative workers	Total	-4.0	2.1	3.1	-2.1	-2.3	8.3	-1.1	-2.9	4.5	-0.8
	Males	-4.5	8.7	1.2	-4.2	0.5	13.6	2.6	-11.8	8.6	1.6
	Females	-3.8	0.1	3.7	-1.4	-3.2	6.5	-2.4	0.5	3.2	-1.6
Sales workers	Total	2.4	-0.7	5.3	-4.4	6.1	-4.3	2.1	-1.8	0.6	-2.8
	Males	2.8	0.2	4.3	-1.0	-0.1	-6.4	5.5	4.1	-0.9	1.2
	Females	2.1	-1.3	6.0	-6.5	10.4	-3.0	0.1	-5.5	1.6	-5.5
Machinery operators and drivers	Total	-5.1	-0.8	-3.7	4.2	12.2	3.1	-3.8	3.3	-0.9	3.4
	Males	-5.0	-2.3	-3.0	4.5	11.6	2.8	-4.8	3.6	-4.1	4.3
	Females	-5.8	14.9	-10.4	1.1	17.7	5.8	5.1	1.1	27.7	-2.7
Labourers	Total	-1.2	-0.6	2.9	5.7	1.8	-2.4	4.6	-7.6	-0.2	7.3
	Males	-0.2	-0.9	5.5	3.3	-0.4	0.5	5.7	-10.5	-1.3	9.6
	Females	-2.9	-0.1	-2.0	10.8	6.0	-7.7	2.3	-1.8	1.9	3.2

Note: The annual percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding quarter in the previous year. All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.

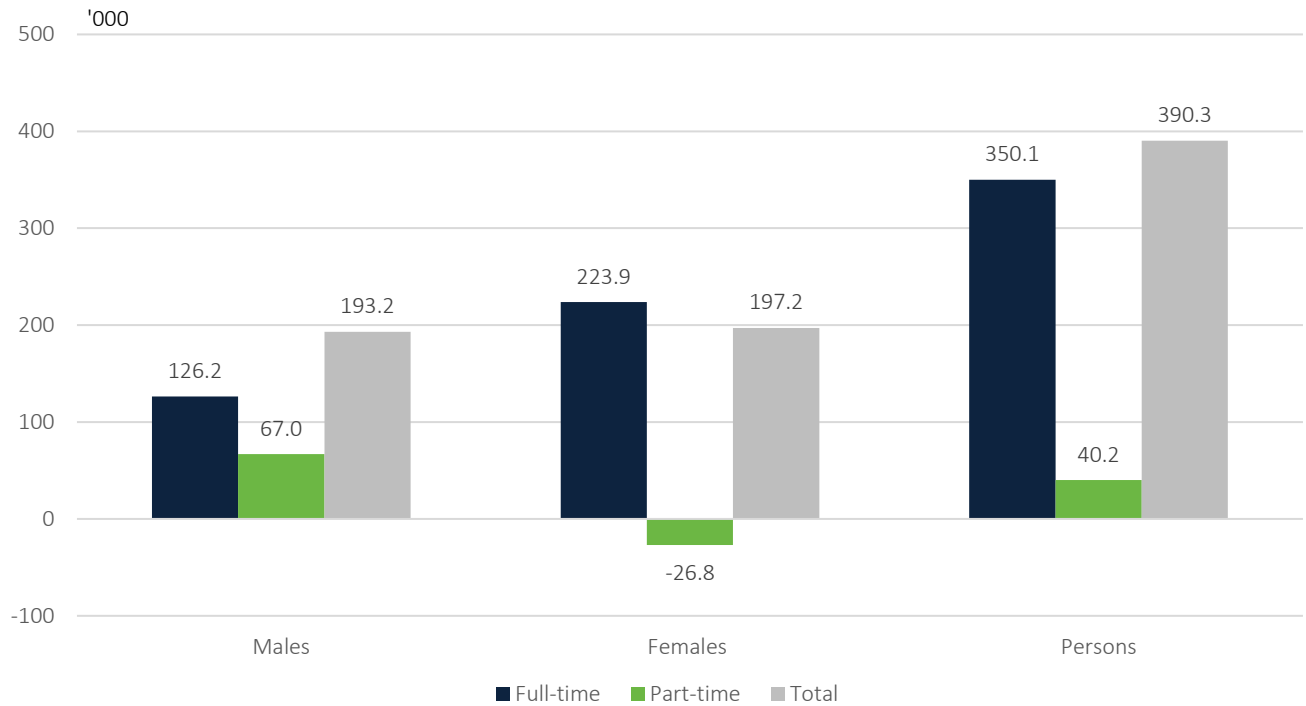


Chart 6.5: Proportion working part-time hours, all employed persons and by gender, December 2012 to April 2023



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

Chart 6.6: Change in full-time, part-time and total employment by gender, April 2022 to April 2023



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Table 6.6: Employment to population ratio, total and by full-time/part-time status, persons 20–64 years

Month	Full-time	Change over year (ppts)	Part-time	Change over year (ppts)	Total	Change over year (ppts)
Dec-12	56.1		19.5		75.6	
Dec-13	54.9	-1.2	20.0	0.4	74.8	-0.8
Dec-14	55.2	0.3	20.0	0.0	75.2	0.3
Dec-15	55.7	0.5	20.3	0.3	76.0	0.8
Dec-16	55.0	-0.6	20.9	0.6	75.9	-0.1
Dec-17	56.0	1.0	21.1	0.2	77.2	1.2
Dec-18	56.2	0.2	21.3	0.1	77.5	0.3
Dec-19	56.5	0.4	21.4	0.2	78.0	0.5
Dec-20	55.8	-0.8	21.4	0.0	77.2	-0.8
Dec-21	58.2	2.4	21.2	-0.2	79.4	2.3
Dec-22	60.4	2.3	20.0	-1.3	80.4	1.0
Mar-23	60.0	1.9	20.5	-0.9	80.5	1.0

Note: The employment to population ratio is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population. Change over year (ppts) calculates the percentage point change from the corresponding month in the previous year. All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.

Table 6.7: Employment to population ratio for males, total and by full-time/part-time status, 20–64 years

Month	Full-time	Change over year (ppts)	Part-time	Change over year (ppts)	Total	Change over year (ppts)
Dec-12	72.5		10.1		82.6	
Dec-13	70.8	-1.7	10.5	0.4	81.3	-1.3
Dec-14	71.2	0.4	10.4	-0.1	81.6	0.3
Dec-15	71.3	0.0	10.9	0.5	82.2	0.5
Dec-16	70.4	-0.9	11.4	0.5	81.8	-0.4
Dec-17	71.1	0.7	11.6	0.1	82.6	0.8
Dec-18	70.9	-0.2	11.9	0.4	82.8	0.2
Dec-19	70.6	-0.3	12.3	0.4	82.9	0.1
Dec-20	69.6	-1.0	12.3	0.0	81.9	-1.0
Dec-21	72.0	2.5	11.9	-0.4	83.9	2.0
Dec-22	73.8	1.8	11.0	-0.8	84.8	0.9
Mar-23	73.4	1.6	11.3	-0.7	84.6	0.9

Note: The employment to population ratio is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population. Change over year (ppts) calculates the percentage point change from the corresponding month in the previous year. All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.



Table 6.8: Employment to population ratio for females, total and by full-time/part-time status, 20–64 years

Month	Full-time	Change over year (ppts)	Part-time	Change over year (ppts)	Total	Change over year (ppts)
Dec-12	39.9		28.9		68.7	
Dec-13	39.2	-0.7	29.3	0.4	68.5	-0.3
Dec-14	39.4	0.2	29.5	0.2	68.8	0.4
Dec-15	40.3	1.0	29.6	0.2	69.9	1.1
Dec-16	40.0	-0.4	30.2	0.6	70.2	0.2
Dec-17	41.3	1.3	30.5	0.3	71.8	1.7
Dec-18	41.8	0.5	30.4	-0.1	72.2	0.4
Dec-19	42.8	1.0	30.4	0.0	73.2	0.9
Dec-20	42.2	-0.6	30.4	0.0	72.5	-0.6
Dec-21	44.6	2.4	30.5	0.1	75.0	2.5
Dec-22	47.3	2.7	28.8	-1.7	76.1	1.1
Mar-23	46.8	2.1	29.6	-1.1	76.4	1.0

Note: The employment to population ratio is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population. Change over year (ppts) calculates the percentage point change from the corresponding month in the previous year. All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.

Table 6.9: Participation rate by gender, 20–64 years

Month	Participation rate - male	Participation rate - male (ppt change)	Participation rate - female	Participation rate - female (ppt change)	Participation rate - total	Participation rate - total (ppt change)
Dec-12	86.4		72.0		79.1	
Dec-13	85.8	-0.6	71.9	0.0	78.8	-0.3
Dec-14	85.8	0.0	72.5	0.6	79.1	0.3
Dec-15	86.2	0.4	73.6	1.1	79.8	0.7
Dec-16	86.0	-0.2	73.7	0.1	79.8	0.0
Dec-17	86.7	0.6	75.2	1.5	80.9	1.1
Dec-18	86.4	-0.3	75.3	0.1	80.8	-0.1
Dec-19	86.6	0.2	76.2	0.9	81.3	0.5
Dec-20	86.9	0.3	76.7	0.5	81.7	0.4
Dec-21	86.9	0.0	77.6	0.9	82.2	0.4
Dec-22	87.4	0.5	78.2	0.7	82.8	0.6
Mar-23	87.5	0.4	78.9	0.8	83.2	0.6

Note: The participation rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population. The percentage point change is calculated in relation to the corresponding month in the previous year. All data are expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.



Table 6.10: Long-term unemployment

Month	Long-term unemployed	Change over year	Long-term unemployment ratio
	('000s)	(%)	(%)
Dec-12	120.4	9.3	18.4
Dec-13	153.9	27.9	21.5
Dec-14	175.0	13.7	23.2
Dec-15	158.0	-9.7	21.8
Dec-16	174.2	10.3	23.4
Dec-17	176.2	1.2	23.8
Dec-18	150.6	-14.5	22.4
Dec-19	176.8	17.4	25.6
Dec-20	199.1	12.6	22.0
Dec-21	148.4	-25.4	25.6
Dec-22	111.7	-24.8	22.2
Mar-23	100.4	-26.5	19.8

Note: The long-term unemployed refers to the number of persons unemployed for 52 weeks or more. The long-term unemployment ratio refers to the number of long-term unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the total unemployed population. The percentage change is calculated in relation to the corresponding month in the previous year.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.

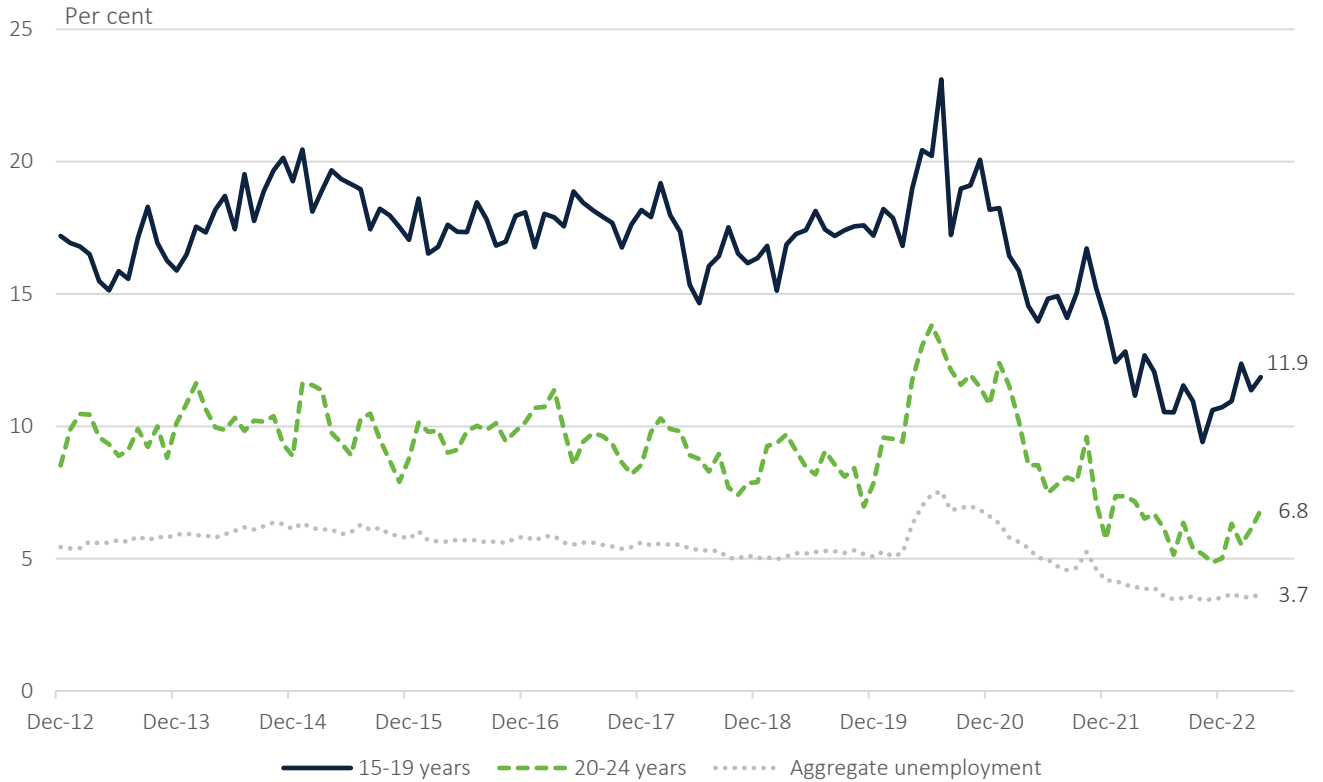
Table 6.10a: Long-term unemployment, by gender

Month	Males			Females		
	Long-term unemployment	Change over year	Long-term unemployment ratio	Long-term unemployment	Change over year	Long-term unemployment ratio
	('000s)	(%)	(%)	('000s)	(%)	(%)
Dec-12	66.8	15.2	18.9	53.5	2.8	17.7
Dec-13	95.9	43.5	24.2	58.0	8.4	18.2
Dec-14	97.7	1.9	24.5	77.2	33.2	21.8
Dec-15	89.4	-8.5	23.5	68.6	-11.2	19.9
Dec-16	100.5	12.5	25.3	73.7	7.4	21.2
Dec-17	97.4	-3.1	24.4	78.8	7.0	23.1
Dec-18	87.9	-9.8	24.9	62.7	-20.4	19.7
Dec-19	95.8	9.0	25.4	81.0	29.2	25.8
Dec-20	105.6	10.2	21.8	93.5	15.4	22.2
Dec-21	80.5	-23.8	26.3	67.9	-27.4	24.9
Dec-22	68.3	-15.1	25.9	43.3	-36.2	18.1
Mar-23	61.8	-23.0	22.3	38.6	-31.5	16.7

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.



Chart 6.7: Unemployment rates for 15–19 year olds and 20–24 year olds

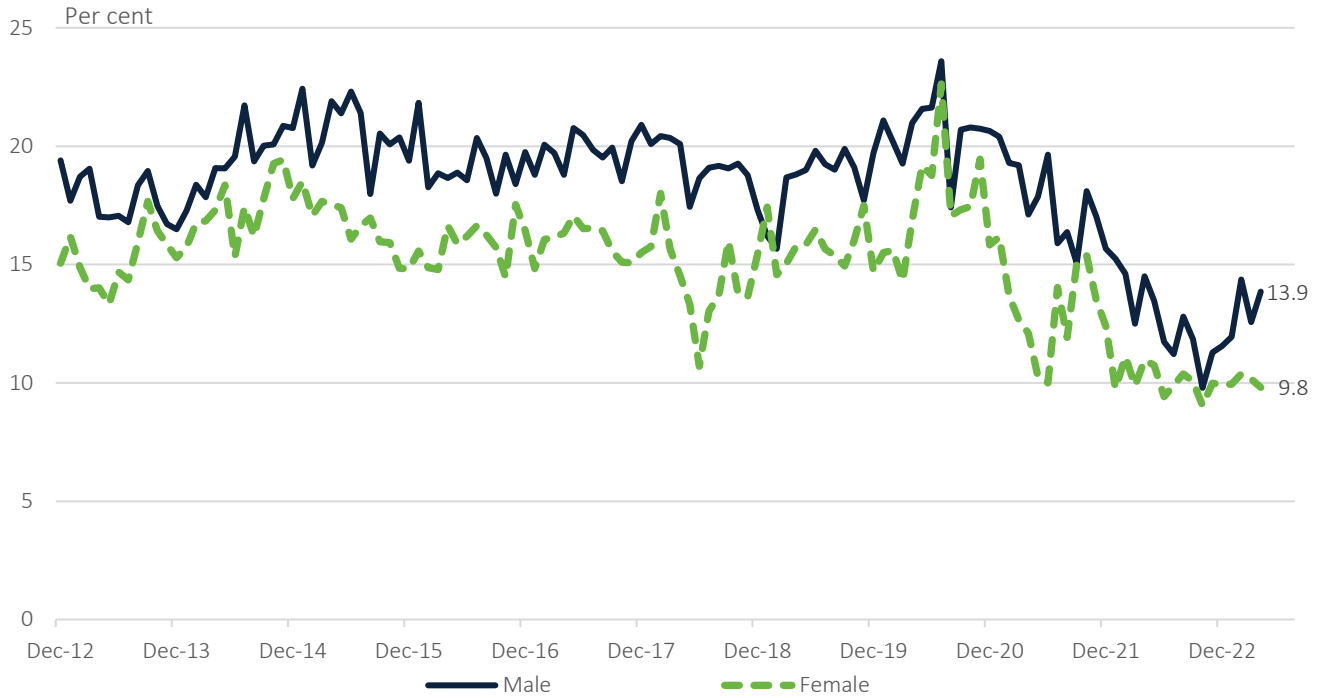


Note: Aggregate unemployment and the unemployment rate for 15–19 year olds are expressed in seasonally adjusted terms. The unemployment rate for 20–24 year olds is expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



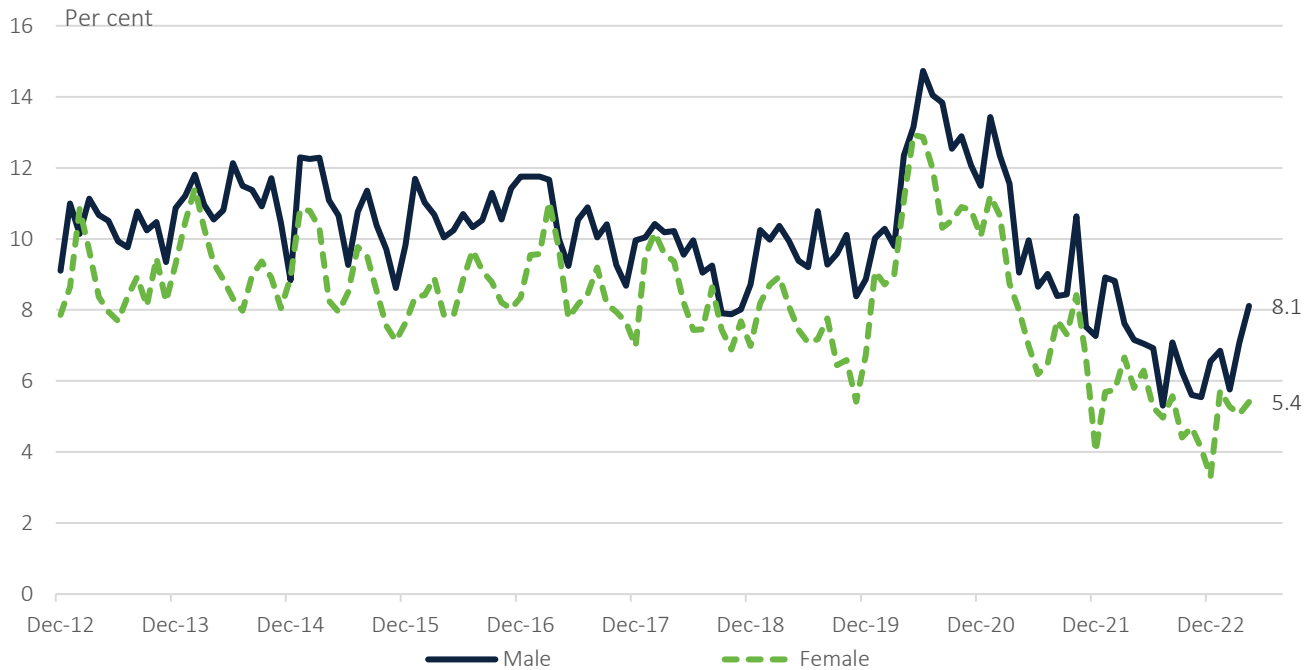
Chart 6.7a: Unemployment rates 15–19 year olds, by gender



Note: The unemployment rate for 15–19 year olds is expressed in seasonally adjusted terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.

Chart 6.7b: Unemployment rates 20–24 year olds, by gender

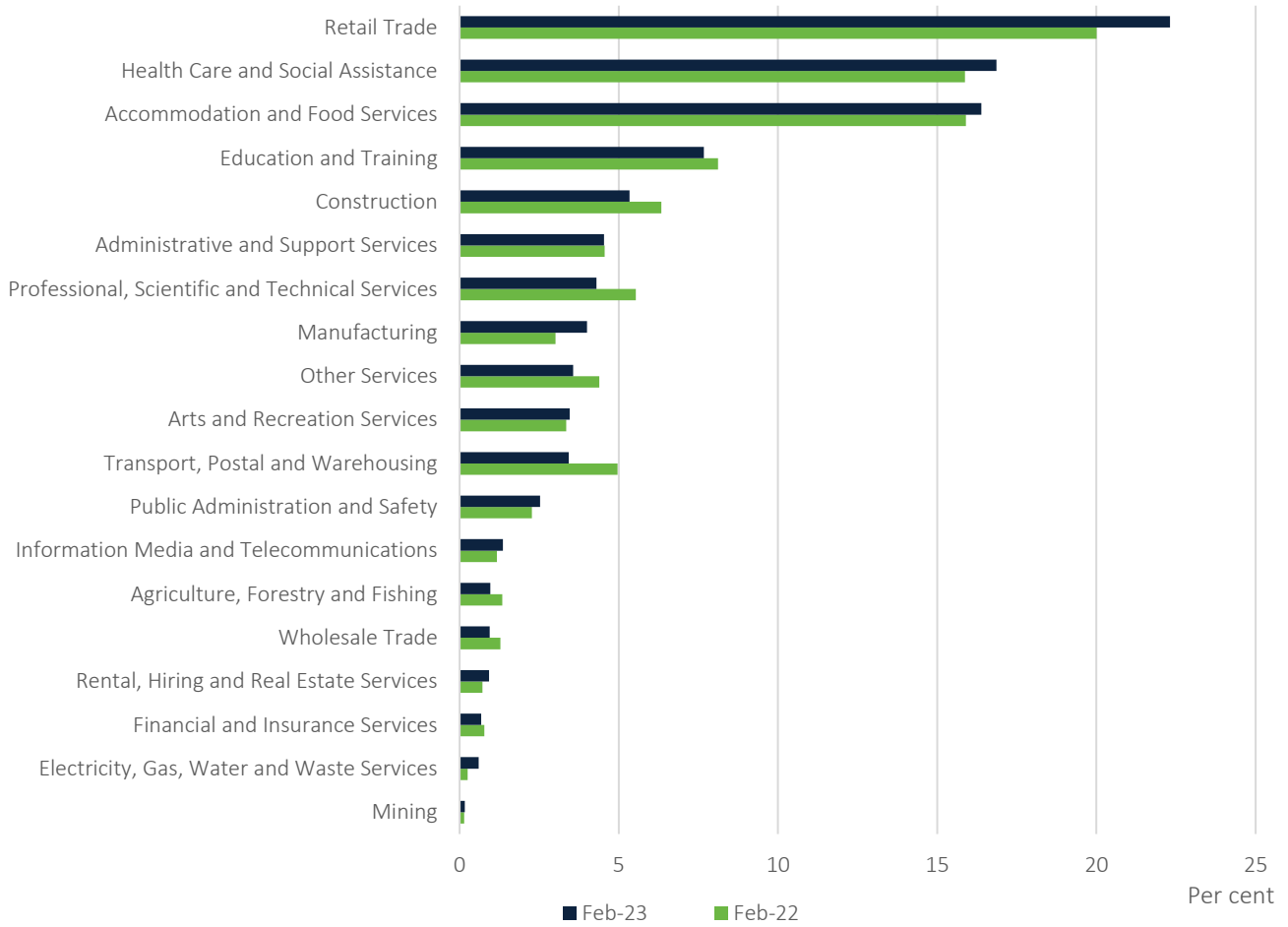


Note: The unemployment rate for 20–24 year olds is expressed in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, April 2023.



Chart 6.8: Proportion of all underemployed persons, by industry, February 2023

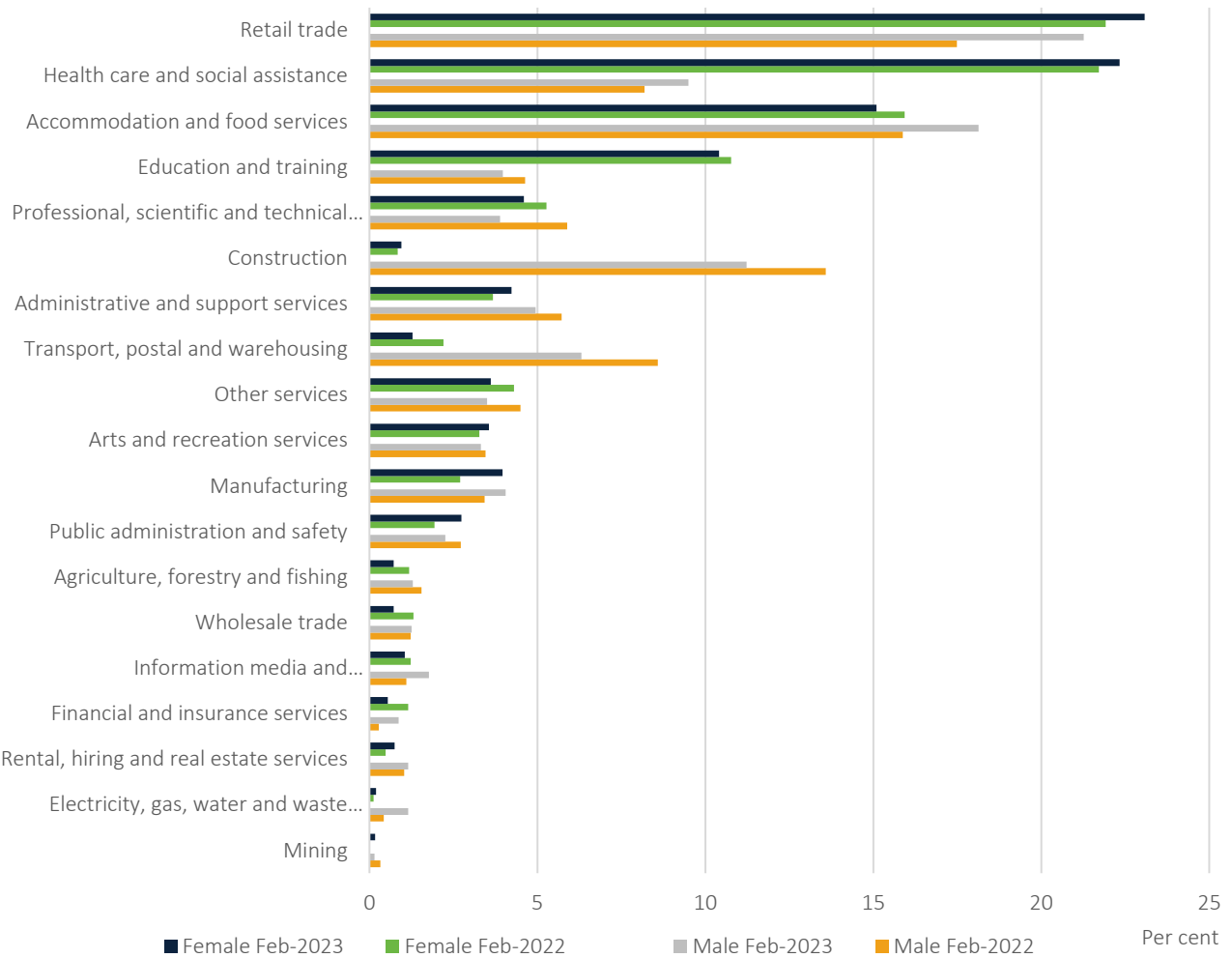


Note: Data are in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 6.8a: Proportion of all underemployed persons, by industry and gender, February 2023

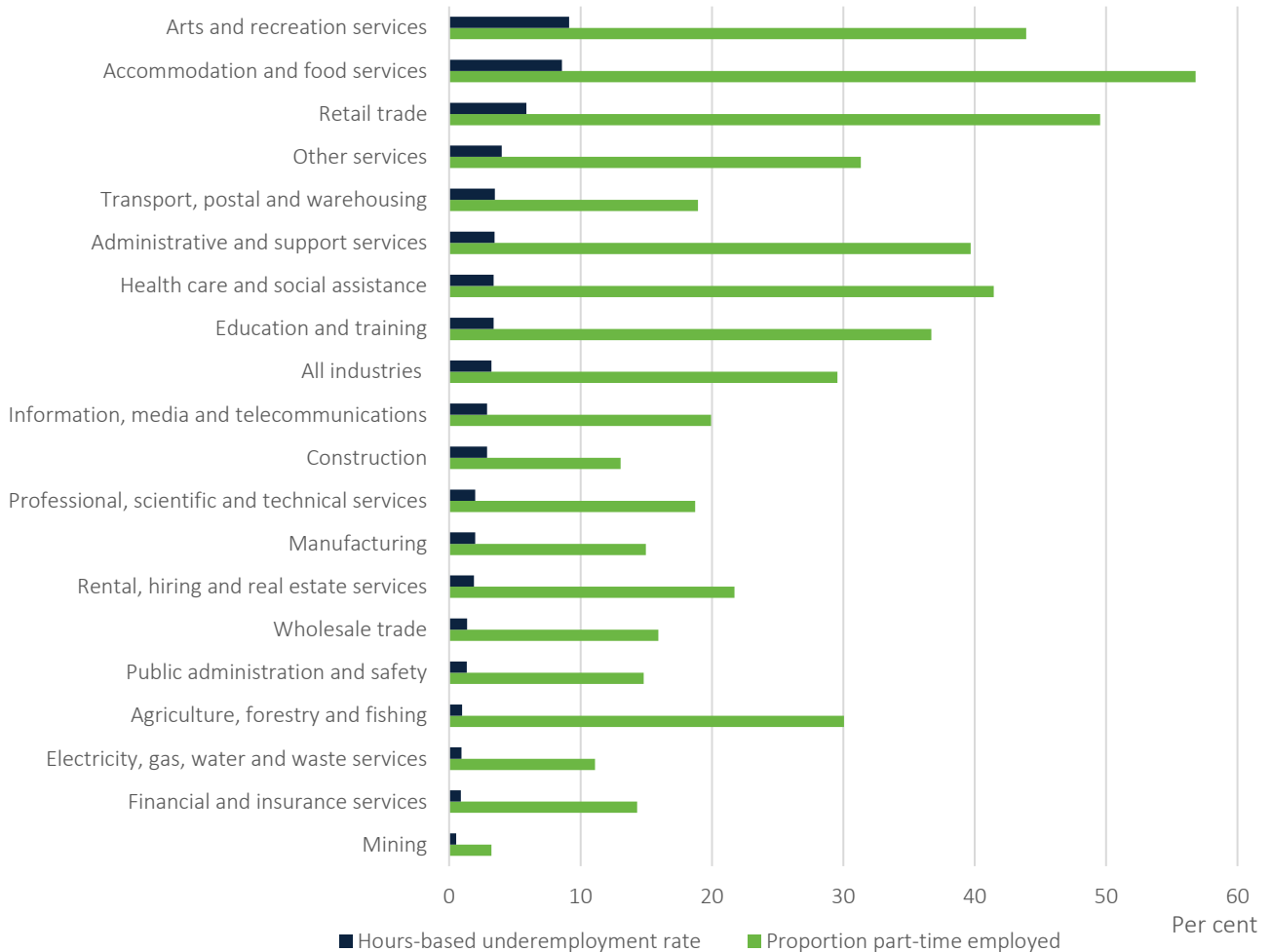


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Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, March 2023.



Chart 6.9: Hours-based underemployment rate and proportion employed part time, by industry, 2021–22

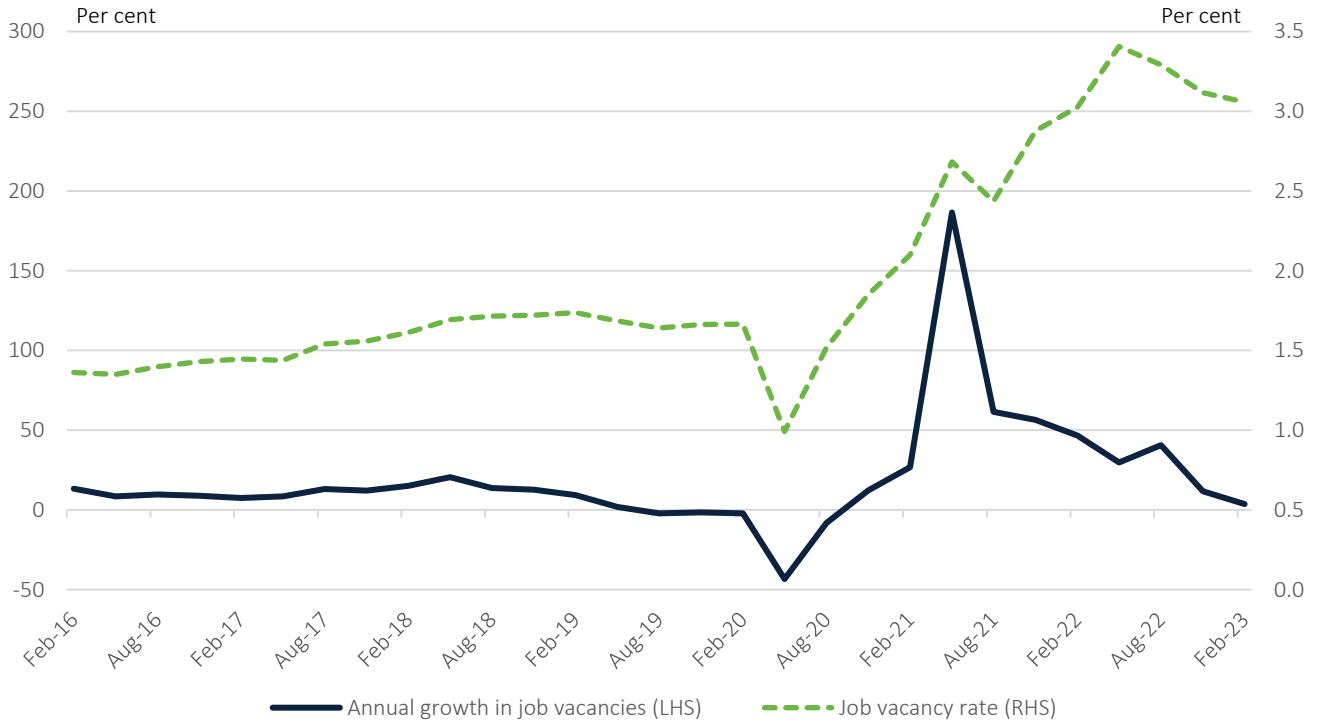


Note: The hours-based underemployment rate is calculated as the number of additional hours sought by underemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the total available hours of labour supply. The total available hours of labour supply are defined as the number of hours actually worked in all jobs plus the number of hours sought by the underemployed persons. Hours sought by unemployed persons are not included. Hours sought but not worked is taken from the Labour Force Survey. Proportion of those employed part-time by industry is calculated at the May quarter 2022.

Source: ABS, *Labour Account Australia*, December 2022; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 6.10: Job vacancies, annual growth and job vacancy rate

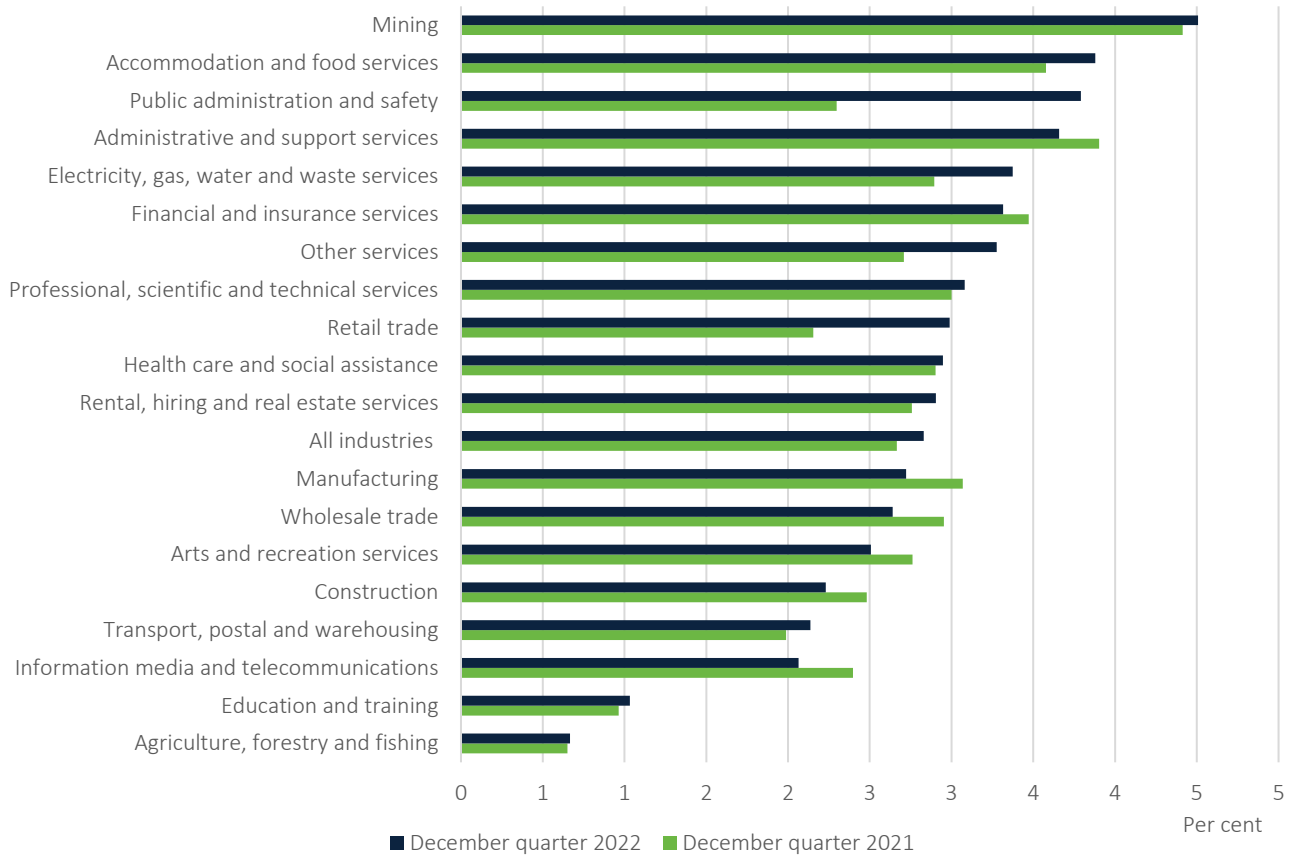


Note: The ABS define the job vacancy rate as job vacancies as a proportion of the labour force.

Source: ABS, *Job Vacancies, Australia*, February 2023; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia*, March 2023.



Chart 6.11: Proportion of vacant jobs (job vacancy rate), by industry, December quarters 2021 and 2022

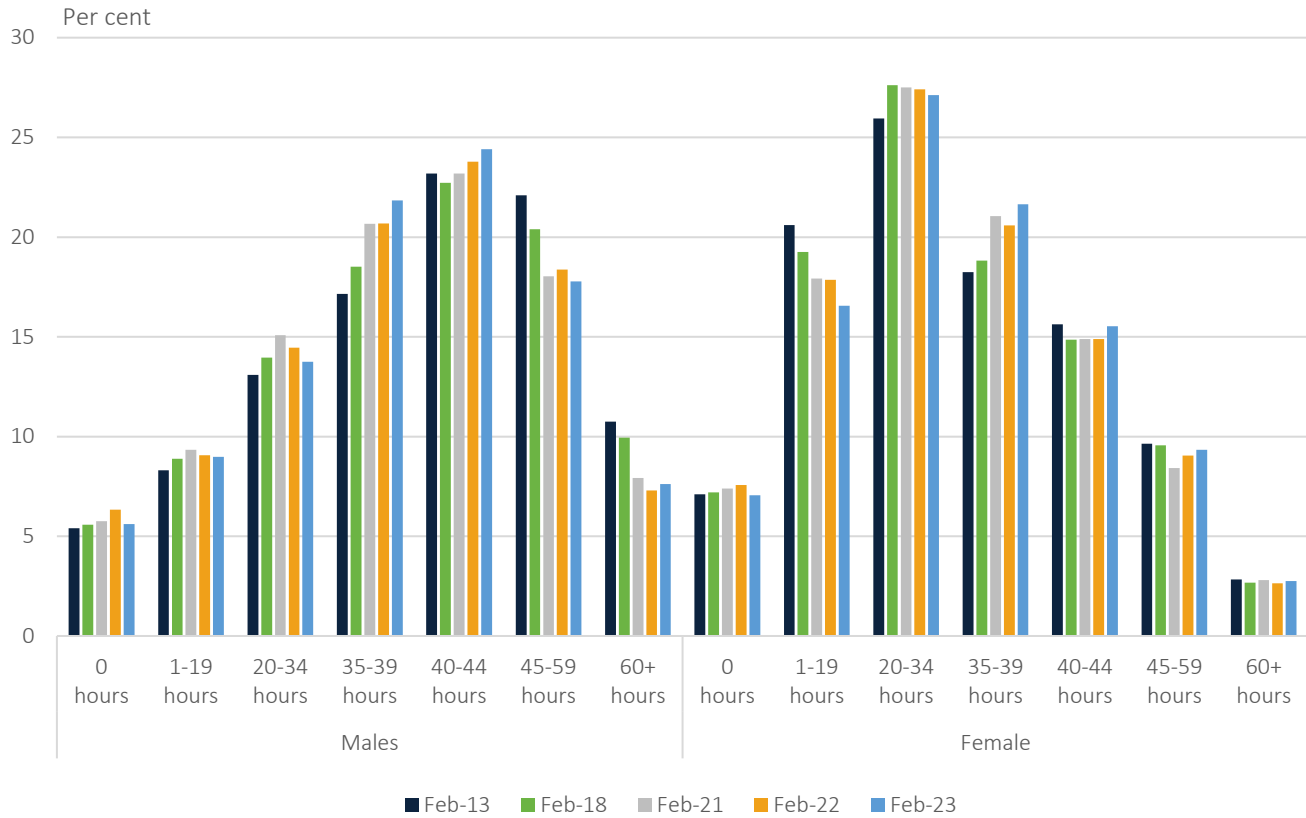


Note: The proportion of vacant jobs is defined as the number of 'unfilled jobs' as a proportion of the number of 'total jobs'.

Source: ABS, *Labour Account Australia*, December 2022.



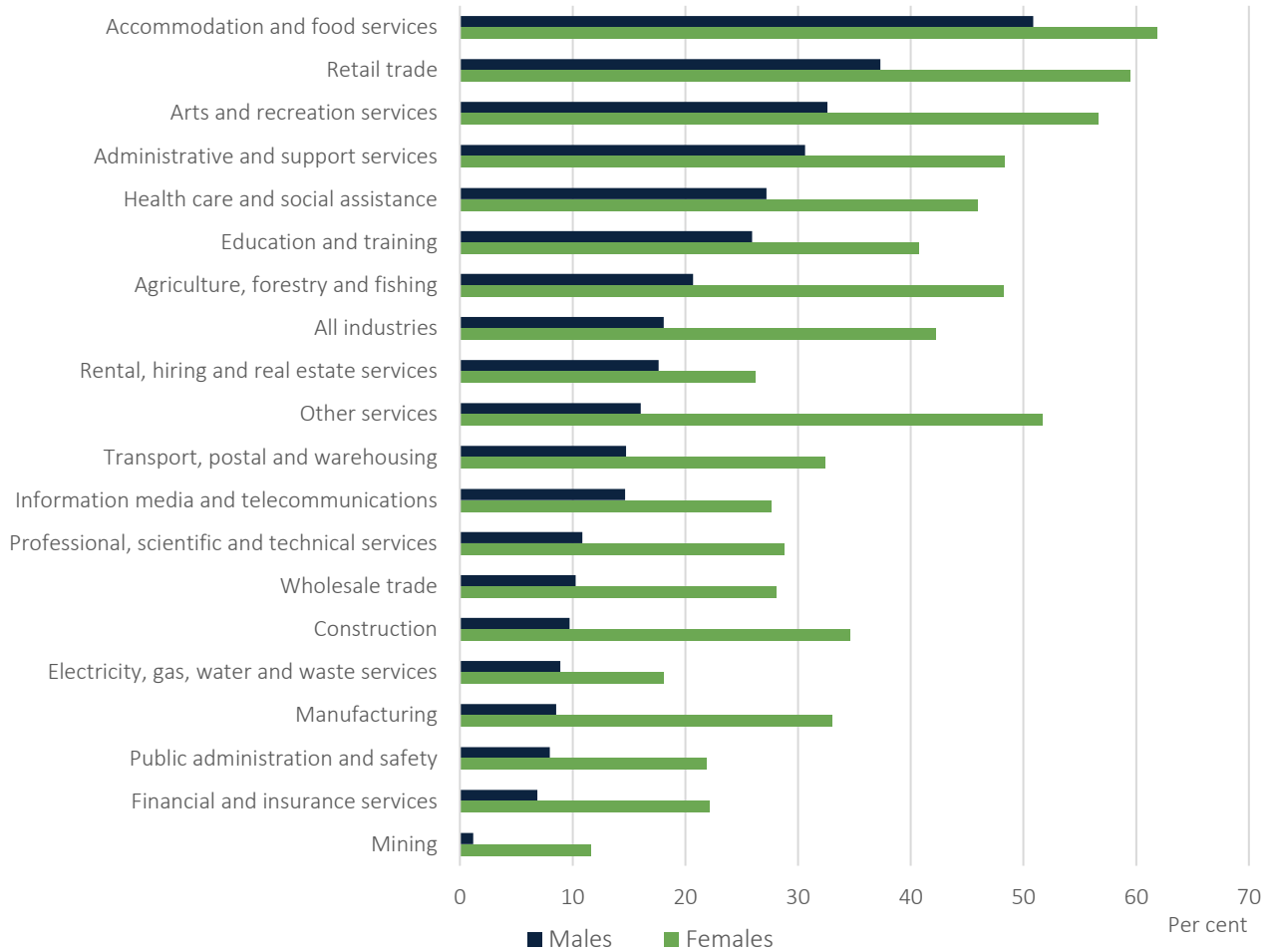
Chart 6.12: Actual hours worked, proportion of employed persons by gender



Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 6.13: Proportion employed part time, within industry by gender, February 2023



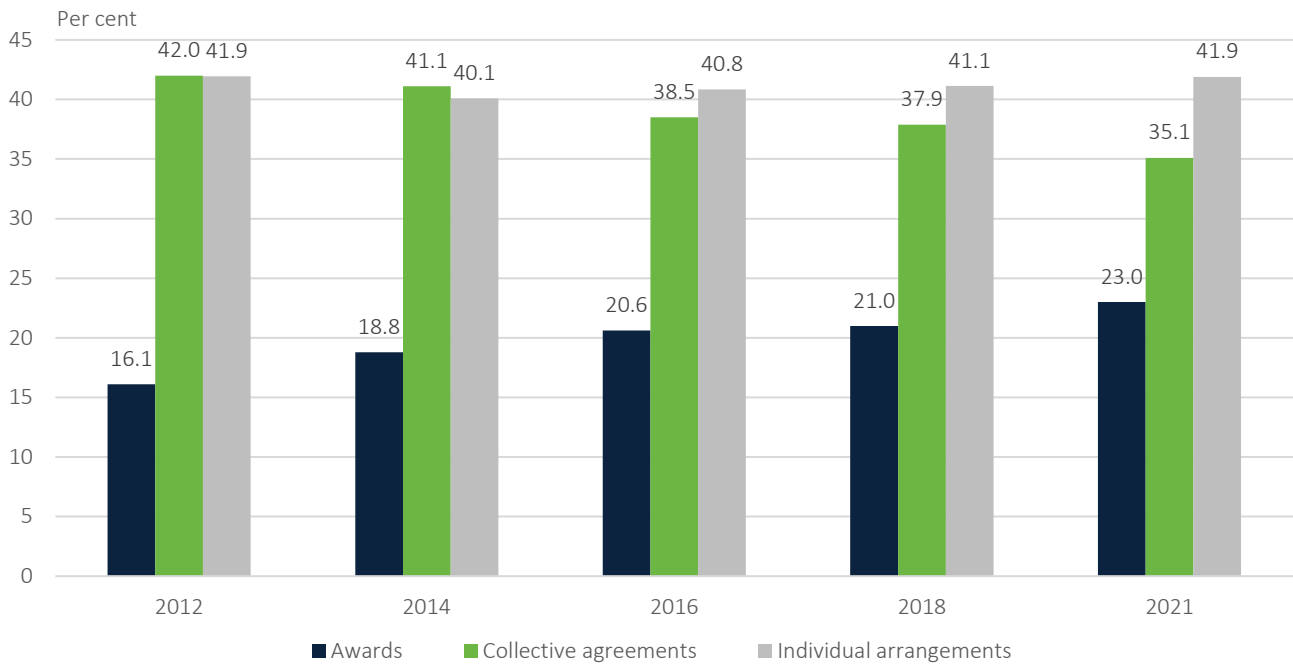
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Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



7. Award reliance

Chart 7.1: Method of setting pay



Note: Awards refers to the proportion of employees in an industry that are paid exactly the award rate and are not paid more than that rate of pay. As defined by the ABS, individual arrangements include registered or unregistered individual agreements and owner managers of incorporated businesses. Estimates of the proportion of employees on awards and collective agreements in 2016 have been revised on the basis of the 2018 conceptual treatment of these methods of payment. Owner managers of incorporated businesses comprised the following proportion of all employees: 2012 = 3.3%; 2014 = 3.4%; 2016 = 3.6%; 2018 = 3.8%; 2021 = 4.1 %.

Source: ABS, 'A Guide to Understanding Employee Earnings and Hours Statistics', Feature Article, in *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2018; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various.



Table 7.1: Award reliance by industry

	2012 (%)	2014 (%)	2016* (%)	2018* (%)	2021 (%)
All industries	16.1	18.8	22.4	22.5	23.0
Mining	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.9	1.1
Manufacturing	11.3	15.7	17.7	20.8	19.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	4.3	6.9	6.5	4.1	5.8
Construction	10.6	13.7	19.7	16.6	13.4
Wholesale trade	8.1	11.9	16.8	16.1	10.0
Retail trade	25.6	28.5	34.5	30.1	29.6
Accommodation and food services	44.8	42.8	42.7	44.9	60.4
Transport, postal and warehousing	7.3	10.9	11.9	12.7	12.6
Information media and telecommunications	5.7	5.2	5.5	7.1	7.3
Financial and insurance services	4.7	5.0	3.6	5.2	5.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	20.9	22.1	27.2	29.4	22.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	6.0	9.9	9.3	8.0	5.7
Administrative and support services	29.0	37.3	42.0	41.3	42.4
Public administration and safety	6.9	12.8	15.2	10.9	13.0
Education and training	6.8	5.1	8.5	10.0	7.8
Health care and social assistance	19.0	22.3	27.8	31.7	33.3
Arts and recreation services	19.7	22.0	26.2	22.5	26.6
Other services	24.6	25.1	34.3	38.1	38.1

Note: * Only presented for non-managerial employees in 2016 and 2018 as data for all employees by method of setting pay and industry are not available. Estimates of the proportion of employees on awards and collective agreements in 2016 have been revised on the basis of the 2018 conceptual treatment of these methods of payment.

Award reliance refers to the proportion of employees in an industry that are paid exactly the award rate and are not paid more than that rate of pay.

Source: ABS, 'A Guide to Understanding Employee Earnings and Hours Statistics', Feature Article, in *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2018; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various.



Table 7.2: Economic indicators by award-reliant industries

	Accommodation and food services	Administrative and support services	Other services	Health care and social assistance	Retail trade	All industries
Percentage of employees reliant on award wages, May 2021 ^a	60.4	42.4	38.1	33.3	29.6	23.0
Gross value added: percentage growth over the year to December quarter 2022	20.3	6.6	5.0	1.0	0.9	2.7
Company gross operating profits: percentage growth over the year to December quarter 2022 ^b	57.0	2.5	24.4	n/a	17.9	16.0
Business entry rate, over year to June 2022	19.4	31.1	25.3	18.2	20.3	19.7
Business exit rate, over year to June 2022	14.6	16.4	12.3	9.1	13.2	12.7
Wage Price Index: percentage growth over the year to March quarter 2023 ^a	3.3	3.8	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.6
Percentage annual wage growth under new collective agreements December quarter 2022	2.8	2.7	3.5	2.4	3.6	3.0
Employment: percentage increase over the year to February quarter 2023	4.9	0.8	1.5	4.8	5.7	3.0
Hours worked: percentage increase over the year to February quarter 2023	9.5	3.8	6.8	7.0	6.4	5.0

Note: (a) All industries excludes Agriculture, forestry and fishing; (b) All industries excludes Education and training, Health care and social assistance and some subdivisions of Finance and insurance services. n/a = not available.

The award-reliant industries selected are the five industries with the highest proportion of employees reliant on award rates of pay according to the Employee Earnings and Hours 2021 survey. The WPI and actual hours worked data are expressed in original terms. Due to a temporary suspension in the trend series, employment data are expressed in seasonally adjusted terms.

Entry rates are business entries in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year. Exit rates are total business exits in the financial year as a proportion of total businesses operating at the start of the financial year.

Source: ABS, *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product*, December 2022; ABS, *Business Indicators, Australia*, December 2022; ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, July 2018 to June 2022; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021; ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023, ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022, <<https://www.ag.gov.au/industrial-relations/enterprise-agreements-data/Pages/trends-in-federal-enterprise-bargaining.aspx>>.



Table 7.3: Award reliance by occupation

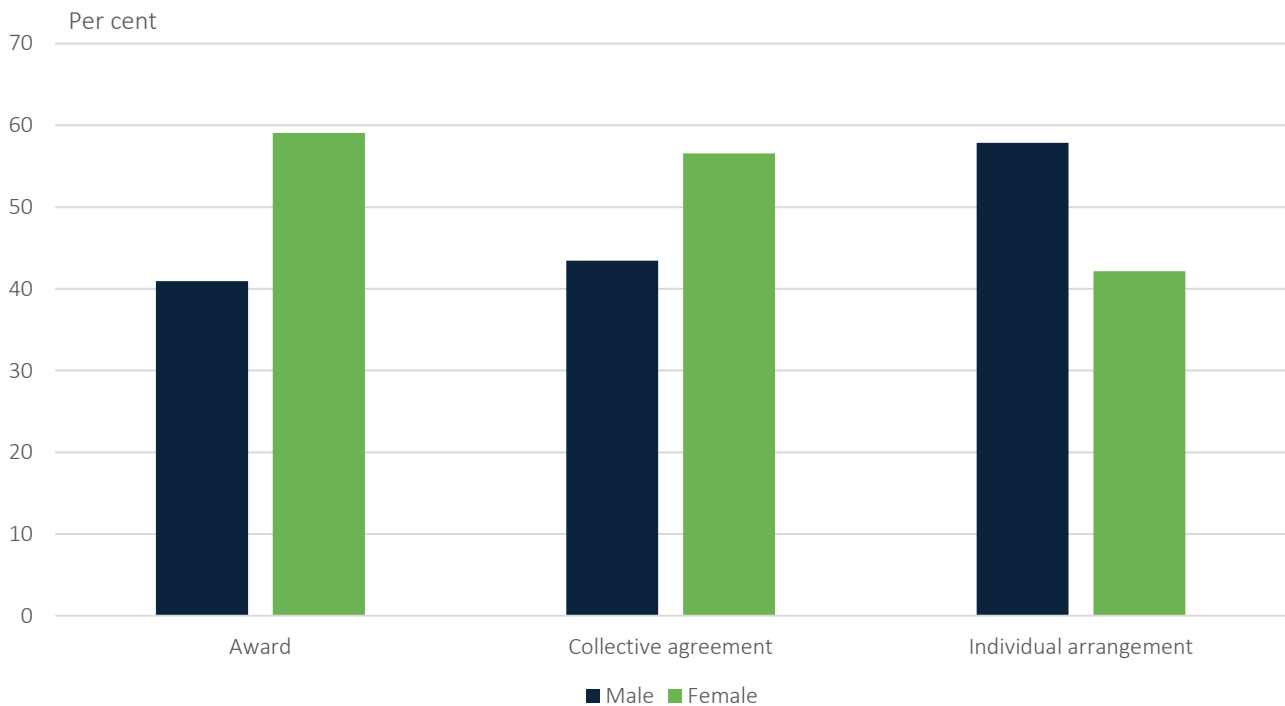
	2012 (%)	2014 (%)	2016* (%)	2018* (%)	2021 (%)
All occupations	16.1	18.8	24.5	22.5	23.0
Managers	2.8	7.1	9.8	8.1	4.9
Professionals	7.1	6.9	15.8	9.9	8.7
Technicians and trades workers	17.6	21.8	23.4	22.1	23.3
Community and personal service workers	28.8	34.2	39.2	38.6	44.4
Clerical and administrative workers	11.4	12.3	17.0	16.5	16.2
Sales workers	25.8	29.7	31.0	30.4	33.8
Machinery operators and drivers	13.2	16.4	20.2	20.5	19.7
Labourers	29.0	31.4	37.0	34.6	41.6

Note: * Only presented for non-managerial employees in 2016 and 2018 as data for all employees by method of setting pay and industry are not available.

Award reliance refers to the proportion of employees in an industry that are paid exactly the award rate and are not paid more than that rate of pay.

Source: ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various.

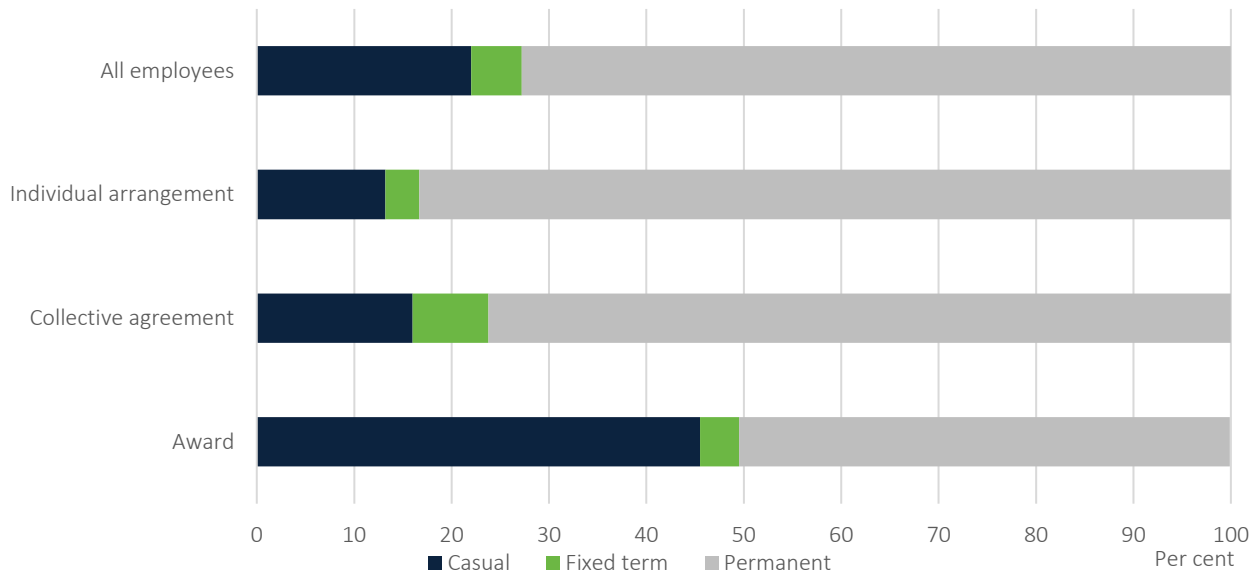
Chart 7.2: Method of setting pay by gender, 2021



Source: ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021.



Chart 7.3: Proportion of employees by method of setting pay and employment type, 2021



Source: ABS, *Microdata and TableBuilder: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*.

Table 7.4: Characteristics of modern award-reliant and all employees, all rates of pay, May 2021

	Modern award-reliant employees	All employees	Proportion of characteristic that is modern award-reliant
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Male	41.9	49.6	17.3
Female	58.1	50.4	23.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	-
Full time	34.8	59.8	11.9
Part time	65.2	40.2	33.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	-
Casual	49.7	21.1	48.3
Permanent/fixed term	50.3	78.9	13.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	-
Low paid*	36.1	12.1	56.2
Average age (years)	34.8	40.1	-

Note: Proportions may not sum to 100.0 per cent due to rounding. * Low paid defined as those earning less than 2/3 of median average hourly ordinary time earnings, adjusted to remove casual loading, across employees on adult rates of pay only (\$23.60).

Source: Yuen K & Tomlinson J (2023), *A profile of employee characteristics across modern awards*, Fair Work Commission Research Report 1/2023, March; ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*.



Table 7.5: Modern award reliance, employer size, low paid and junior rates of pay

	Modern award-reliant employees	Not modern award-reliant	All employees
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Rate of pay			
Share of employees on junior rates of pay	10.5	2.1	3.8
Business size			
Small (1–19 employees)	35.6	23.2	25.7
Medium (20–199)	38.6	24.3	27.2
Large (200+)	25.8	52.5	47.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Low paid*			
Share of employees who are low paid	36.1	6.8	12.1

Note: * Low paid defined as those earning less than 2/3 of median average hourly ordinary time earnings, adjusted to remove casual loading, across employees on adult rates of pay only (\$23.60).

Source: Yuen K & Tomlinson J (2023), *A profile of employee characteristics across modern awards*, Fair Work Commission Research Report 1/2023, March; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021; ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021.

Table 7.6: Characteristics of award-reliant employees, numbers and proportions, 2012 to 2021

	2012	2014	2016*	2018	2021
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)
Full time	603.0	758.9	941.5	847.8	994.0
Part time	941.1	1101.9	1334.6	1387.7	1665.4
Permanent or fixed term	825.4	1031.0	1252.6	1173.3	1449.3
Casual	718.7	829.7	1023.5	1062.6	1210.2
Total	1544.1	1860.7	2276.1	2234.4	2659.4
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Full time	39.1	40.8	41.4	37.9	37.4
Part time	60.9	59.2	58.6	62.1	62.6
Permanent or fixed term	53.5	55.4	55.0	52.5	54.5
Casual	46.5	44.6	45.0	47.5	45.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Data for 2018 from Tablebuilder may not sum total. * Data in 2016 available for non-managerial employees only.

Source: ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various; ABS, *TableBuilder: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2018.



8. Relative living standards

Table 8.1: NMW relative to median weekly earnings of full-time employees

Month	NMW	Median earnings of full-time employees in main job	Ratio of NMW to median earnings in main job
	(\$)	(\$)	(%)
Aug-12	606.40	1150	52.7
Aug-13	622.20	1153	54.0
Aug-14	640.90	1208	53.1
Aug-15	656.90	1233	53.3
Aug-16	672.70	1250	53.8
Aug-17	694.90	1284	54.1
Aug-18	719.20	1344	53.5
Aug-19	740.80	1380	53.7
Aug-20	753.80	1430	52.7
Aug-21	772.60	1500	51.5
Aug-22	812.60	1525	53.3

Note: Median earnings refers to the level of earnings that divides the distribution into two groups of equal size, one having earnings above and the other below that amount. The median is less affected by outliers and skewed data than the mean. The median earnings data reflects revised estimates as result from a rebenchmarking of estimates. Median earnings are presented to the nearest dollar.

Source: ABS, *Characteristics of Employment, Australia*, various; Fair Work Australia/ Fair Work Commission decisions.



Table 8.2: Two-thirds of median weekly earnings

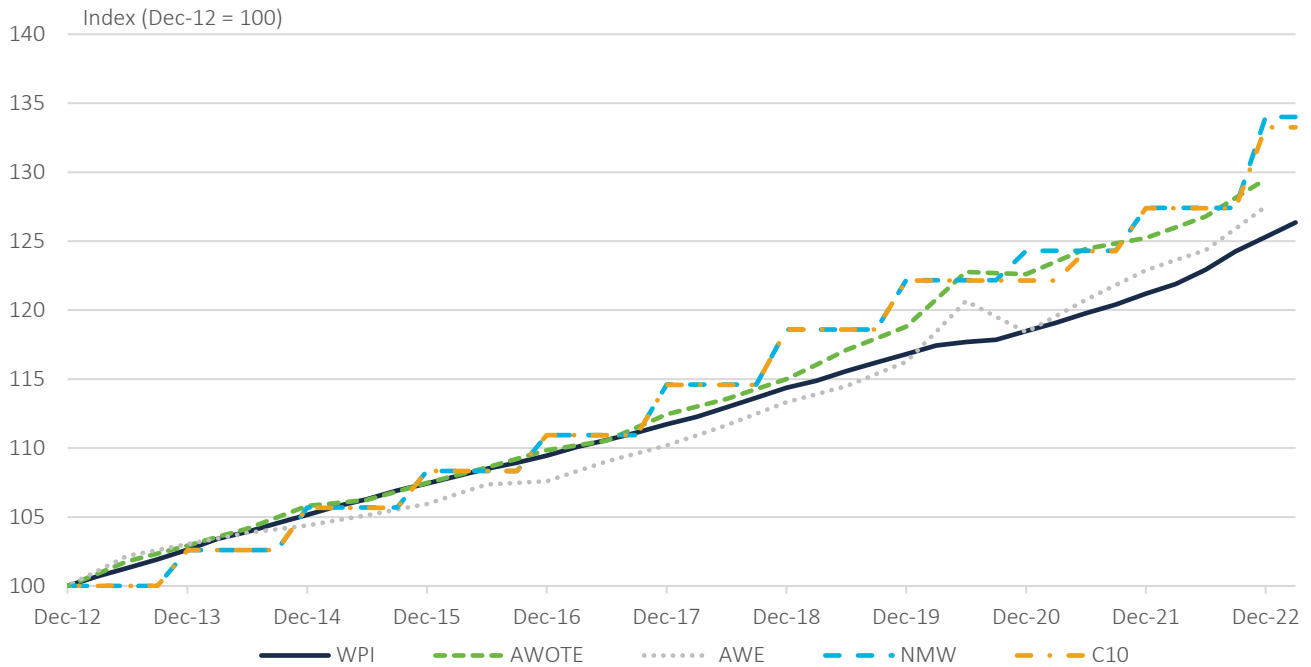
Year	COE (\$)	EEH (\$)
2012	766.67	808.00
2013	768.67	n/a
2014	805.50	879.33
2015	822.10	n/a
2016	833.33	917.33
2017	856.00	n/a
2018	896.00	973.33
2019	920.00	n/a
2020	953.33	n/a
2021	1000.00	1062.00
2022	1016.67	n/a

Note: Data for both measures of median weekly earnings include amounts salary sacrificed. Weekly earnings from the COE are earnings in the main job for full-time employees and are for August of each year. Weekly earnings from the EEH are weekly total cash earnings for full-time non-managerial adult employees. The figures are for May of each year. n/a = not available.

Source: ABS, *Characteristics of Employment, Australia*, various; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various.



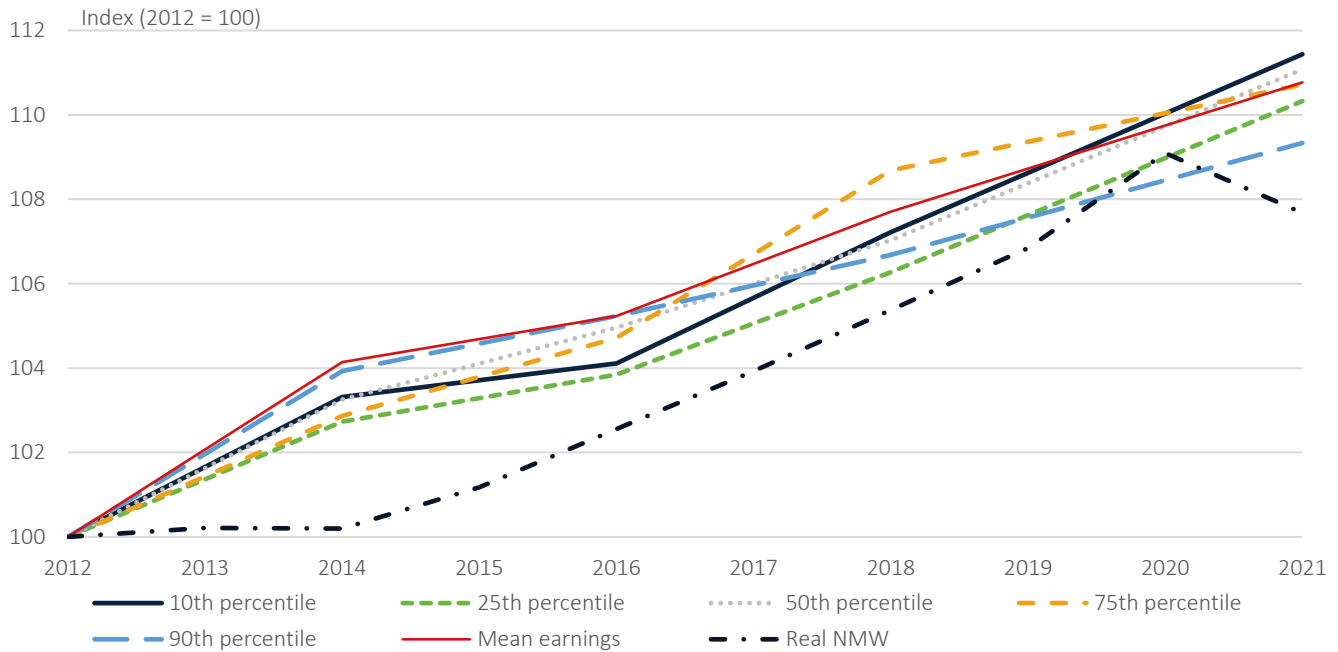
Chart 8.1: Growth in NMW, C10, AWOTE, AWE and WPI, index



Note: See Chart 5.1 for information on the WPI and AWOTE. Average weekly earnings (AWE) is the gross (before tax) earnings of employees (excluding salary sacrifice). AWOTE and AWE are published half-yearly for May and November, hence, a quarterly series has been derived. AWOTE and AWE data are expressed in original terms. The C10 are minimum award rates set under the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*. In the Annual Wage Review 2019–20, the operative date of the variation to the C10 rate was on 1 November 2020.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Wage Price Index, Australia*, March 2023; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*.

Chart 8.2: Real weekly total earnings (full-time adult non-managerial employees) by percentile and the real NMW, index



Note: Earnings data for 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021 are based on full-time non-managerial employees paid at the adult rate.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*.

Table 8.3: Ratio of selected percentiles to the mean and median of real weekly total earnings (full-time adult non-managerial employees)

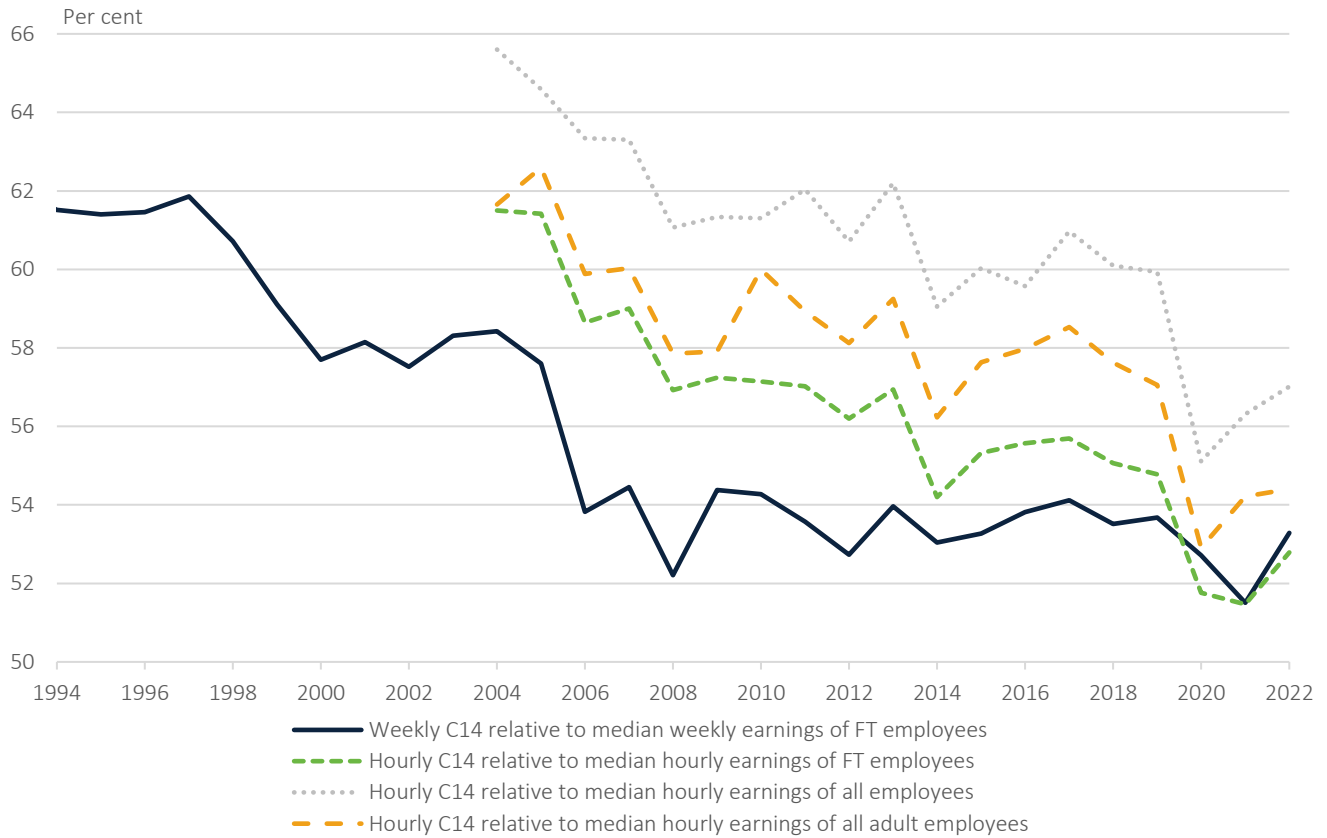
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021
Ratio of selected percentiles to mean real earnings					
10 th percentile	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.56	0.56
25 th percentile	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68
50 th percentile	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.88
75 th percentile	1.19	1.18	1.18	1.20	1.19
90 th percentile	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.56	1.55
Ratio of selected percentiles to median real earnings					
10 th percentile	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.64
25 th percentile	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.76	0.76

Note: Earnings data for 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021 are based on full-time non-managerial employees paid at the adult rate. Median earnings refer to the level of earnings that divides the distribution into two groups of equal size, one having earnings above and the other below that amount. The median is less affected by outliers and skewed data than the mean.

Source: ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, various.



Chart 8.3: C14 rate relative to median earnings of employees in main job



Note: Median earnings are measured in August of each year. Following the amendments to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (Cth) taking effect in 2006, the Federal Minimum Wage (FMW) was set at \$12.75 per hour, equivalent to \$484.50 per week. The C14 rate in 2020 reflects the amount as at 1 November 2020 (\$753.80). Earnings are for employees including owner managers of incorporated enterprises.

Median earnings from 2004 onwards are taken from the COE survey, with median hourly earnings of adult employees sourced from unpublished COE data. The median earnings data reflect revised estimates as a result of rebenchmarking.

Source: ABS, *Characteristics of Employment, Australia*, various; ABS, *Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia*, various; ABS, *Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution), Australia*, various; *Metal, Engineering and Associated Industries Award 1998*; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*.



Table 8.4: Nominal disposable income of selected NMW-reliant households

Household type	Disposable income	Change		
	July 2022	July 2021 to July 2022	July 2021 to July 2022	July 2017 to July 2022
	(\$pw)	(\$pw)	(%)	(%)
Single adult	717.34	12.04	1.7	15.0
Single parent working FT, 1 child	1000.37	21.94	2.2	13.4
Single parent working PT, 1 child	673.07	29.10	4.5	13.7
Single parent working FT, 2 children	1115.03	25.86	2.4	12.9
Single parent working PT, 2 children	787.73	33.02	4.4	13.0
Single-earner couple (with NSA/JSP)	942.18	8.73	0.9	16.8
Single-earner couple	728.11	8.84	1.2	14.1
Single-earner couple, 1 child (with NSA/JSP)	1138.69	15.79	1.4	14.5
Single-earner couple, 1 child	1000.37	21.94	2.2	13.4
Single-earner couple, 2 children (with NSA/JSP)	1260.31	19.71	1.6	14.5
Single-earner couple, 2 children	1115.03	25.86	2.4	12.9
Dual-earner couple	1123.64	32.04	2.9	15.7
Dual-earner couple, 1 child	1312.38	33.58	2.6	12.9
Dual-earner couple, 2 children	1427.04	37.50	2.7	12.5
CPI			6.1	13.9

Note: The percentage change in the CPI over July 2021 to July 2022 and July 2017 to July 2022 were calculated with reference to the June quarter. CPI data are expressed in original terms.

Assumptions: Single-earner households earn 100 per cent of the weekly NMW. Single parents working part time (PT) earn 50 per cent of the weekly NMW, those working full time (FT) earn 100 per cent. Dual-earner households comprise one partner earning 100 per cent of the NMW, the other earns 50 per cent. Applicable NMW rates per week are: \$694.90 in July 2017; \$772.60 in July 2021 and \$812.60 in July 2022.

Tax/transfer parameters as at July each year. Disposable income includes all available income transfers, unless otherwise specified. Children are aged 8–12 years and attending primary school. Households paying sufficient rent to receive maximum Rent Assistance where applicable. From 20 March 2020 the Newstart Allowance (NSA) was replaced by the JobSeeker Payment (JSP). Single-earner couples are modelled in two scenarios: 1) the non-earning partner is in the labour force and receiving proportional rates of NSA or JSP and 2) the non-earning partner is not in the labour force and therefore not in receipt of NSA or JSP. Single-parent households and secondary earners in dual-earner households are not seeking further work and not in receipt of income support.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; Fair Work Commission modelling.



Table 8.5: Modelling the 2022 NMW increase, wage increase retained and components of change in disposable income of selected NMW-reliant households, July 2022

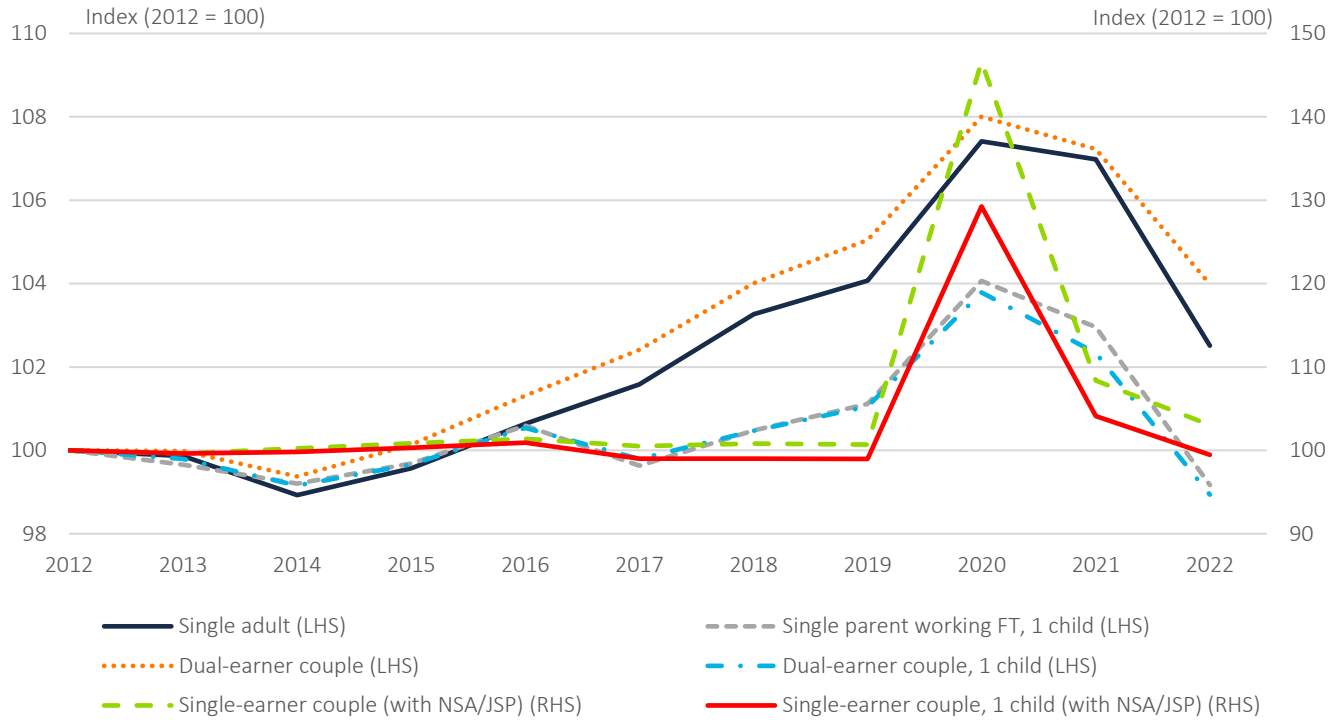
Household type	Change in disposable income	Components of change			NMW increase retained
		Wage increase	Taxes	Transfers	
		(\$ pw)	(\$)	(\$)	
Single adult	29.60	40.00	-10.40	0.00	74.0
Single parent working FT, 1 child	30.40	40.00	-9.60	0.00	76.0
Single parent working PT, 1 child	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	100.0
Single parent working FT, 2 children	30.40	40.00	-9.60	0.00	76.0
Single parent working PT, 2 children	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	100.0
Single-earner couple (with NSA/JSP)	5.60	40.00	-10.40	-24.00	14.0
Single-earner couple	26.40	40.00	-13.60	0.00	66.0
Single-earner couple, 1 child (with NSA/JSP)	9.11	40.00	-11.68	-19.21	22.8
Single-earner couple, 1 child	30.40	40.00	-9.60	0.00	76.0
Single-earner couple, 2 children (with NSA/JSP)	9.11	40.00	-11.68	-19.21	22.8
Single-earner couple, 2 children	30.40	40.00	-9.60	0.00	76.0
Dual-earner couple	49.60	60.00	-10.40	0.00	82.7
Dual-earner couple, 1 child	33.64	60.00	-10.40	-15.96	56.1
Dual-earner couple, 2 children	33.64	60.00	-10.40	-15.96	56.1

Note: Tax/transfer parameters as at July 2022. The NMW increase retained is calculated as the change in disposable income as a proportion of the wage increase. Other assumptions as per Table 8.4.

Source: Fair Work Commission modelling.



Chart 8.4: Growth in real weekly household disposable income for selected NMW-reliant households, index



Note: Tax/transfer parameters and NMW rate as at July of each year. Other assumptions as per Table 8.4. Between July 2013 and July 2014, the income-free threshold for NSA/JSP increased. Real weekly household disposable income is adjusted with reference to the June quarter CPI.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; Fair Work Commission modelling.



Table 8.6: Ratio of disposable income of selected households earning various wage rates to a 60 per cent median income poverty line

Household type	December 2017					December 2021					December 2022				
	60% median income PL	Disposable income as a ratio of 60% median income PL				60% median income PL	Disposable income as a ratio of 60% median income PL				60% median income PL	Disposable income as a ratio of 60% median income PL			
	(\$ pw)	C14	C10	C4	AWOTE	(\$ pw)	C14	C10	C4	AWOTE	(\$ pw)	C14	C10	C4	AWOTE
Single adult	539.40	1.16	1.30	1.49	2.21	632.04	1.12	1.27	1.46	2.12	638.35	1.12	1.26	1.45	2.11
Single parent working FT, 1 child	701.22	1.26	1.37	1.50	1.87	821.65	1.19	1.31	1.44	1.79	829.86	1.21	1.30	1.44	1.79
Single parent working PT, 1 child	701.22	0.84	0.92	1.02	1.35	821.65	0.79	0.86	0.96	1.29	829.86	0.82	0.88	0.97	1.28
Single parent working FT, 2 children	863.04	1.15	1.24	1.35	1.62	1011.26	1.08	1.18	1.28	1.55	1021.36	1.10	1.18	1.28	1.55
Single parent working PT, 2 children	863.04	0.81	0.87	0.95	1.22	1011.26	0.75	0.81	0.89	1.16	1021.36	0.77	0.83	0.90	1.16
Single-earner couple (with NSA/JSP)	809.10	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.47	948.06	0.99	1.02	1.03	1.43	957.53	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.43
Single-earner couple	809.10	0.79	0.87	0.99	1.47	948.06	0.76	0.85	0.97	1.43	957.53	0.76	0.84	0.97	1.43
Single-earner couple, 1 child (with NSA/JSP)	970.92	1.03	1.03	1.08	1.35	1137.67	0.99	1.02	1.04	1.29	1149.03	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.29
Single-earner couple, 1 child	970.92	0.91	0.99	1.08	1.35	1137.67	0.86	0.94	1.04	1.29	1149.03	0.87	0.94	1.04	1.29
Single-earner couple, 2 children (with NSA/JSP)	1132.74	0.97	0.98	1.02	1.24	1327.28	0.94	0.96	0.98	1.18	1340.54	0.96	0.97	0.98	1.18
Single-earner couple, 2 children	1132.74	0.87	0.94	1.02	1.24	1327.28	0.82	0.90	0.98	1.18	1340.54	0.83	0.90	0.98	1.18
Dual-earner couple	809.10	1.20	1.36	1.56	2.32	948.06	1.15	1.32	1.52	2.26	957.53	1.17	1.32	1.52	2.24
Dual-earner couple, 1 child	970.92	1.20	1.29	1.40	1.93	1137.67	1.13	1.23	1.33	1.88	1149.03	1.15	1.23	1.33	1.87
Dual-earner couple, 2 children	1132.74	1.12	1.19	1.29	1.66	1327.28	1.05	1.14	1.21	1.62	1340.54	1.07	1.14	1.21	1.60



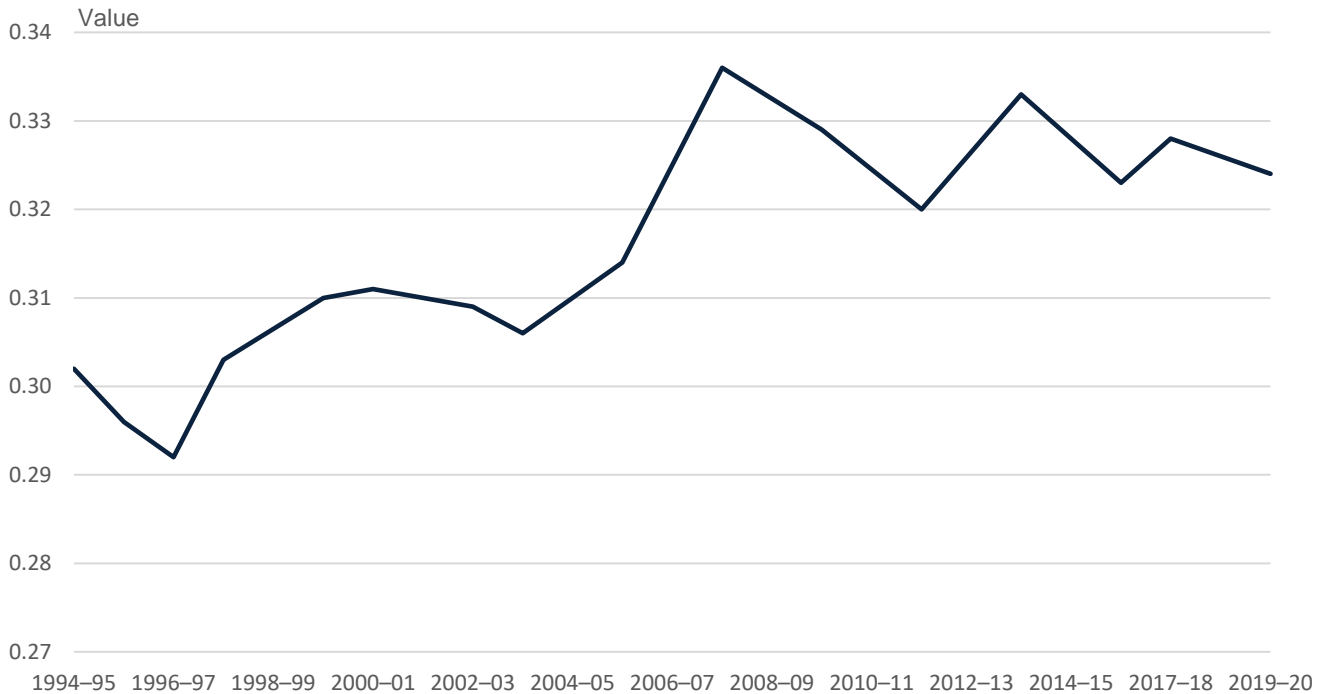
Note: Poverty lines are based on estimates of median equivalised household disposable income in 2017–18 for September 2017 and 2019–20 for September 2021 and September 2022, adjusted for movements in household disposable income per head as calculated by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research and for household composition using the modified OECD equivalence scale. C14, C10 and C4 are minimum award rates set under the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*. AWOTE data are expressed in original terms. The increase of \$420 to the low and middle income tax offset has been included for December 2021.

Assumptions: Tax-transfer parameters as at December 2017, December 2021 and December 2022. Wage rates for 2017: C14 = \$694.90 pw, C10 = \$809.10 pw, C4 = \$971.90 and AWOTE of full-time adult employees = \$1569.60 pw. Wage rates for 2021: C14 = \$772.60 pw, C10 = \$899.50 pw, C4 = \$1080.60 pw and AWOTE of full-time adult employees = \$1748.40. Wage rates for 2022: C14 = \$812.60 pw, C10 = \$940.90 pw, C4 = \$1130.30 pw and AWOTE of full-time adult employees = \$1807.70. Other assumptions as per Table 8.4.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Household Income and Wealth, Australia*, 2017–18 financial year; ABS, *Household Income and Wealth, Australia*, 2019–20 financial year; Fair Work Commission modelling; *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2020*; Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, *Poverty Lines: Australia*, December quarter 2022.



Chart 8.5: Gini coefficient of equivalised household disposable income



Note: Estimates presented for 2007-08 onwards are not directly comparable with estimates for previous cycles due to improvements made to measuring income introduced in the 2007-08 cycle. Estimates for 2003-04 and 2005-06 have been recompiled to reflect those improvements; however, not all components introduced in 2007-08 were available for earlier cycles.

Source: ABS, *Household Income and Wealth, Australia*, 2019-20 financial year.

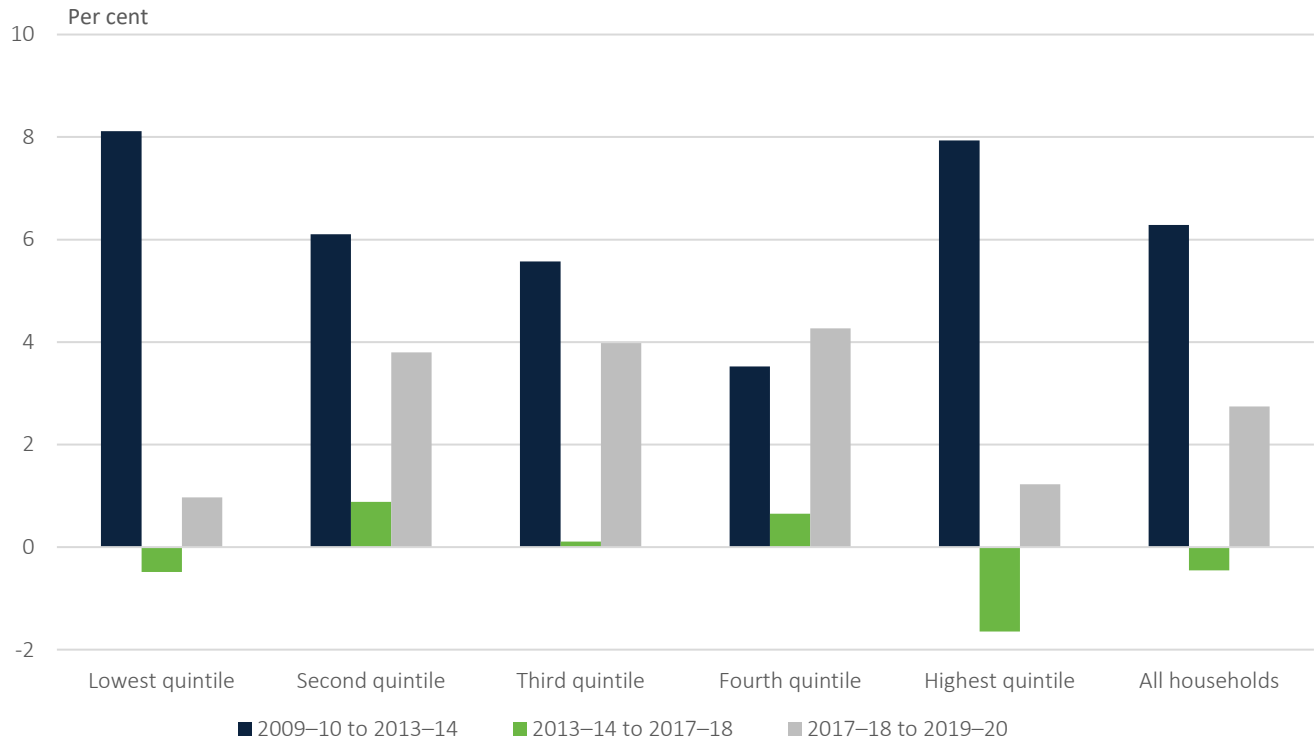
Table 8.7: Growth in real weekly equivalised household disposable income, by selected percentiles

	2009-10 to 2013-14	2013-14 to 2017-18	2017-18 to 2019-20
	(% change)	(% change)	(% change)
10 th percentile	9.6	0.7	3.3
50 th percentile (median)	6.7	-0.4	3.6
90 th percentile	5.3	-1.6	3.9

Source ABS, *Household Income and Wealth, Australia*, 2019-20 financial year.



Chart 8.6: Growth in real weekly equivalised household disposable income, by quintile



Source: ABS, *Household Income and Wealth, Australia*, 2019-20 financial year.



Table 8.8: Characteristics of low-paid adult employees, 2021

	Low-paid adult employees	Higher-paid adult employees
	(%)	(%)
Personal characteristics		
Gender		
Male	45.6	51.2
Female	54.4	48.8
Age Group		
21-24	24.2	6.9
25-29	17.0	13.6
30-49	37.6	50.0
50-64	17.3	26.5
65 and over	3.9	3.1
Region		
Metropolitan	61.5	72.2
Regional	38.5	27.8
Highest level of education achieved		
Year 12 and below	45.3	22.2
Advanced diploma or Certificate III/IV	34.8	33.2
Bachelor degree or above	19.9	44.6
Currently studying		
Studying full-time or part-time	21.1	10.9
Not studying	78.9	89.1
Country of birth		
Australia	75.3	70.3
Main English Speaking	7.7	11.0
Other	17.0	18.7
Marital status		
Married	33.2	52.9
De facto	18.1	18.3
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	8.3	8.1
Never married and not de facto	40.4	20.7
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin		
Yes	5.0	2.7
No	95.0	97.3
Has long-term health condition, disability or impairment		
Yes	22.4	16.6
No	77.6	83.4
Employment characteristics		
Full-time/Part-time status		
Full-time	55.7	75.1
Part-time	44.3	24.9



	Low-paid adult employees	Higher-paid adult employees
	(%)	(%)
Employment type		
Casual	50.0	12.1
Permanent	50.0	87.9
Method of setting pay		
Award only	43.7	16.5
Collective agreement	23.2	35.4
Individual arrangement	33.1	48.1
Union membership		
Yes	7.3	21.0
No	92.7	79.0
Number of jobs		
One	89.6	92.3
More than one	10.4	7.7
Work schedule		
Regular daytime schedule	80.6	81.1
Regular evening or night shift	6.3	4.3
Rotating shift, split shift, on call, irregular schedules	13.0	14.6
Independent contractor		
Yes	2.4*	2.3
No	97.6	97.7
Underemployed		
Yes	16.1	5.0
No	83.9	95.0
Business characteristics		
Sector		
Private	90.2	71.3
Public	9.8	28.7
Business size		
1-19 employees	48.6	26.6
20-199 employees	38.3	43.8
200+ employees	13.1	29.6

Note: Low-paid adult employees were defined as those paid below two-thirds of median hourly earnings in the HILDA data. Adult employees earning less than \$23.64 per hour are considered low paid (14.7 per cent of adult employees). Proportions for each characteristic sum to 100.

Individuals that reported both collective agreement and individual arrangement as their method of setting pay were reclassified to individual arrangement. * Relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent and should be used with caution.

Source: *Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey, Wave 21.*



Table 8.9: Disposable income when receiving the C10 rate, relative to budget standards

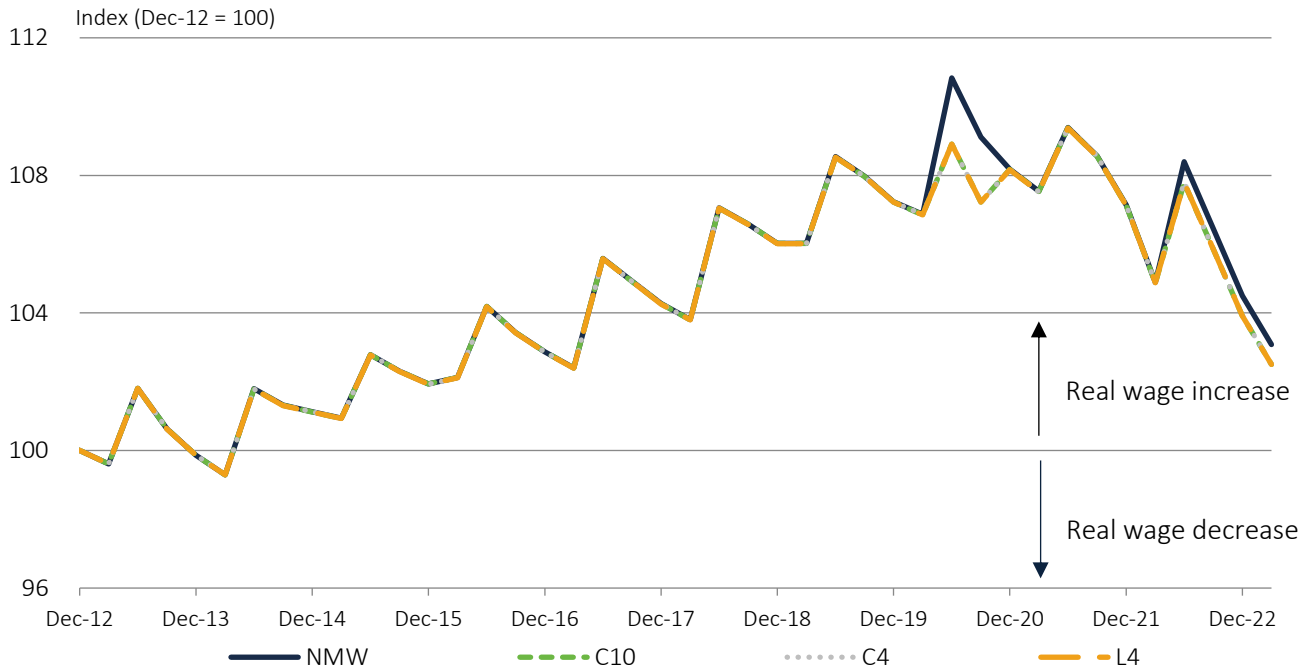
	Disposable income when receiving C10 (July 2022)	Budget			C10 disposable income as % of budget	
		Excluding housing & discretionary	Housing	Discretionary	Including Housing	Including housing & discretionary
Single adult	\$805	\$377	\$426	\$89	100	90
Single parent, FT, 1 child	\$1079	\$579	\$461	\$96	104	95
Single parent, PT, 1 child	\$728	\$559	\$461	\$87	71	66
Single parent, FT, 2 child	\$1201	\$756	\$495	\$109	96	88
Single parent, PT, 2 child	\$842	\$719	\$495	\$100	69	64
Single-earner couple (JSP for second adult)	\$953	\$608	\$461	\$165	89	77
Single-earner couple	\$805	\$596	\$461	\$156	76	66
Single-earner couple, 1 child (JSP for second adult)	\$1152	\$814	\$461	\$167	90	80
Single-earner couple, 1 child	\$1079	\$762	\$461	\$158	88	78
Single-earner couple, 2 children (JSP for second adult)	\$1274	\$998	\$495	\$178	85	76
Single-earner couple, 2 children	\$1201	\$888	\$495	\$169	87	77
Dual-earner couple	\$1264	\$608	\$461	\$165	118	102
Dual-earner couple, 1 child	\$1405	\$814	\$461	\$167	110	97
Dual-earner couple, 2 children	\$1520	\$998	\$495	\$178	102	91

Note: See assumptions in Table 8.4. C10 rate is \$940.90 per week.

Source: Bedford M, Bradbury B & Naidoo Y (2023), *Budget Standards for Low-Paid Families*, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales, report prepared for the Fair Work Commission, March, p. 50; Fair Work Commission modelling.

9. Real wages and the cost of living

Chart 9.1: Real value of the NMW and selected award rates of pay, index



Note: The L4 rate is from the *Professional Employees Award 2020*. A weekly rate is calculated by dividing the annual salary by 365 and multiplying by 7.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; Fair Work Australia/Fair Work Commission decisions.

Table 9.1: Real national minimum wage and percentage change, December quarter 2022 dollars

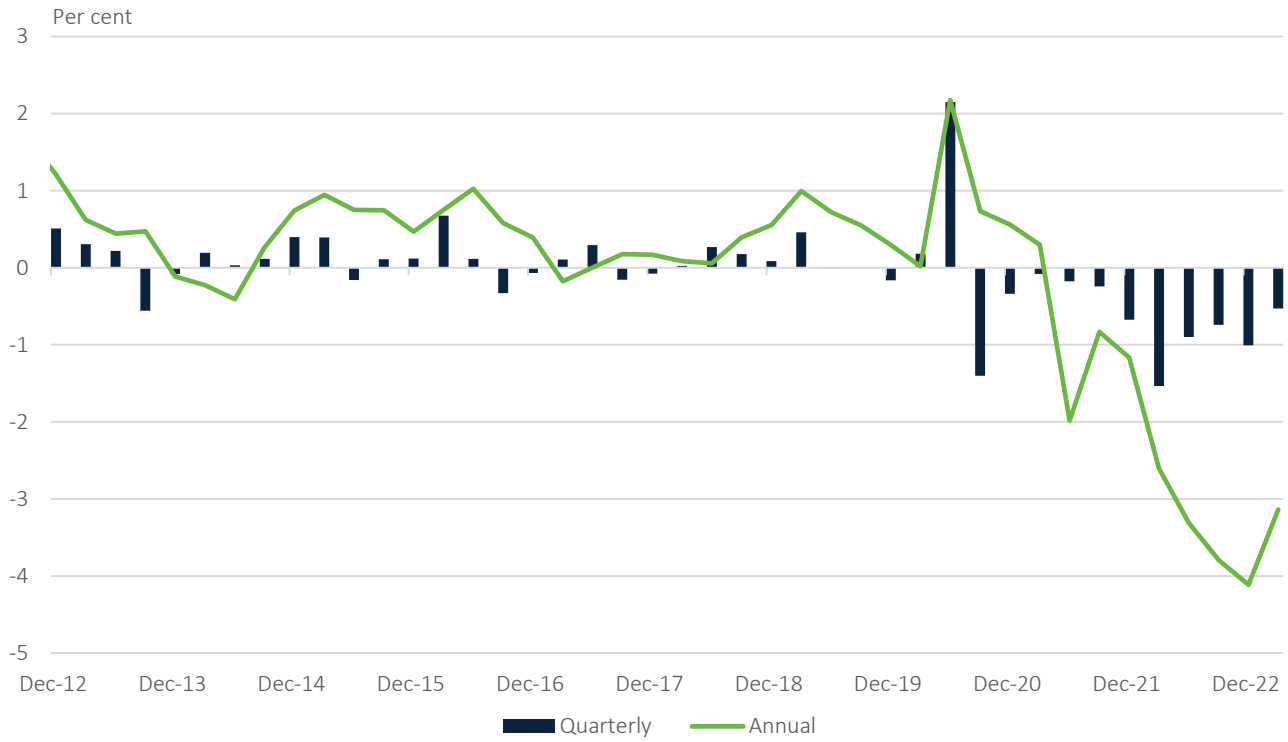
Year	Real national minimum wage (\$)	Year on year change (%)
Dec-12	777.62	0.7
Dec-13	776.56	-0.1
Dec-14	786.40	1.3
Dec-15	792.64	0.8
Dec-16	799.90	0.9
Dec-17	810.82	1.4
Dec-18	824.46	1.7
Dec-19	833.88	1.1
Dec-20	841.27	0.9
Dec-21	833.11	-1.0
Dec-22	812.60	-2.5
Change over decade	34.98	4.5

Note: Real minimum wage calculated from NMW and CPI (original data) for the December quarter of each year.

Source: ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, December 2022; Fair Work Australia/ Fair Work Commission decisions.



Chart 9.2: Real WPI growth

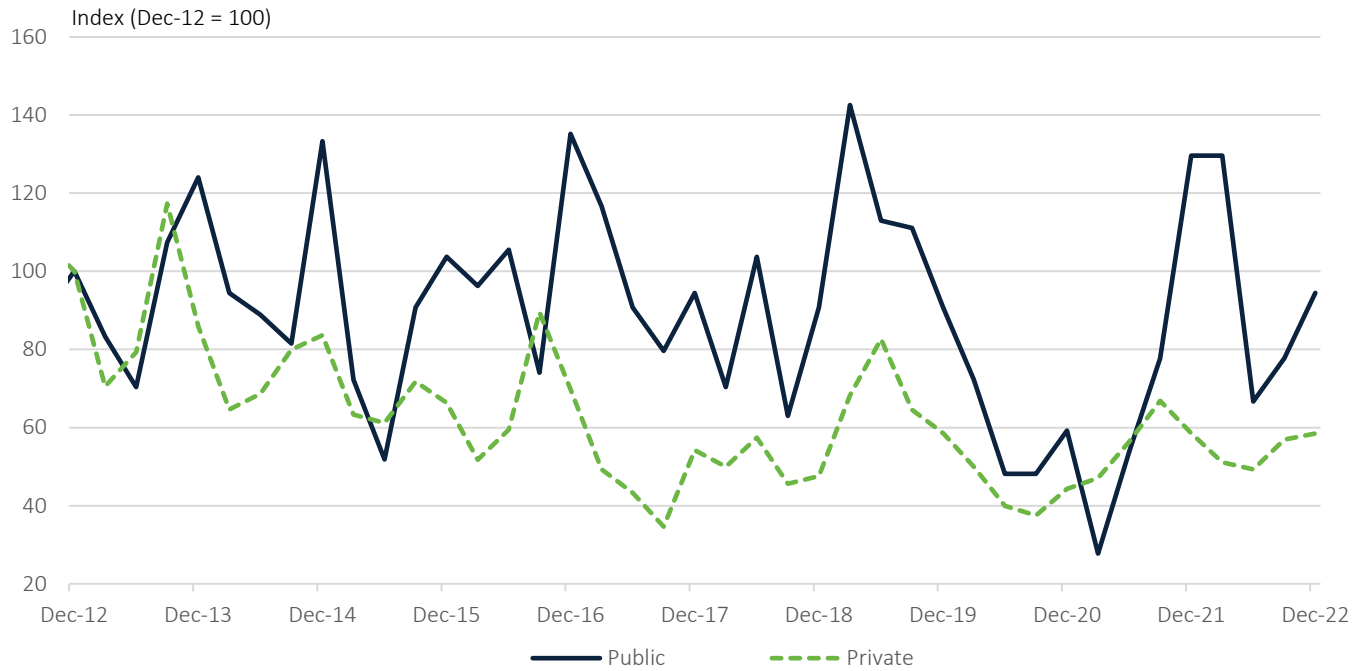


Source: ABS, *WagePrice Index, Australia*, March 2023; ABS, *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, March 2023.



10. Enterprise bargaining

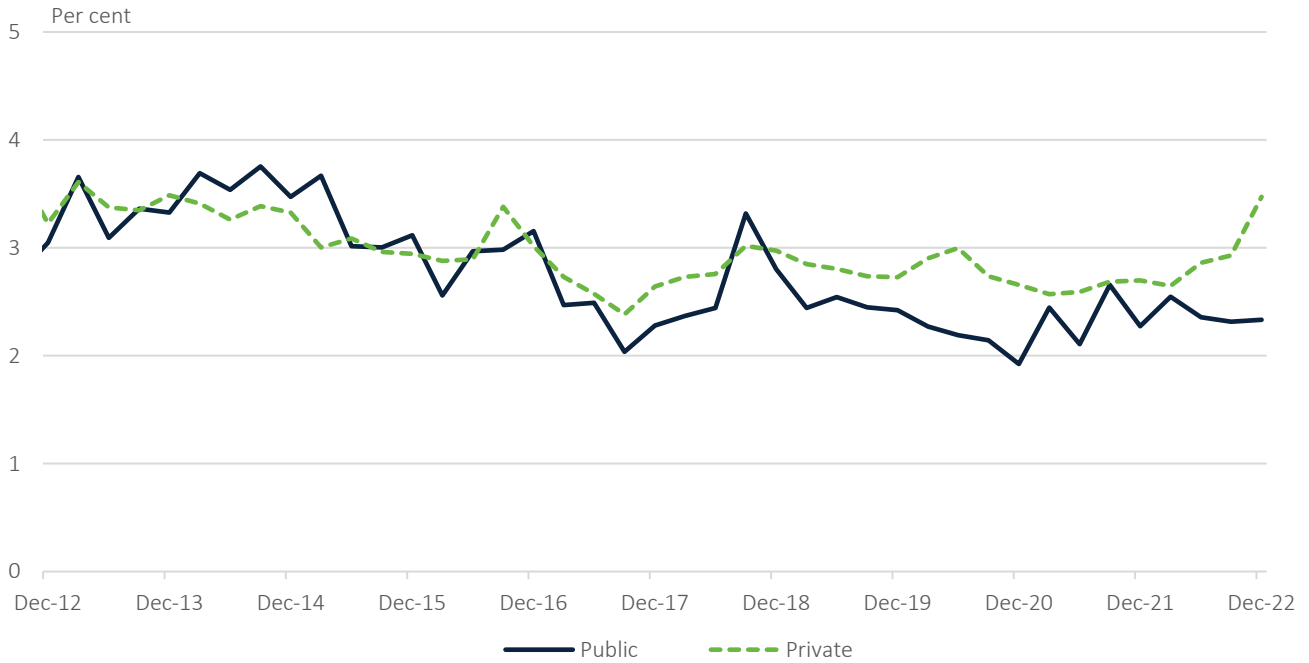
Chart 10.1: Number of agreements approved in the quarter by sector, index



Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022, <https://www.dewr.gov.au/enterprise-agreements-data/trends-federal-enterprise-bargaining>.

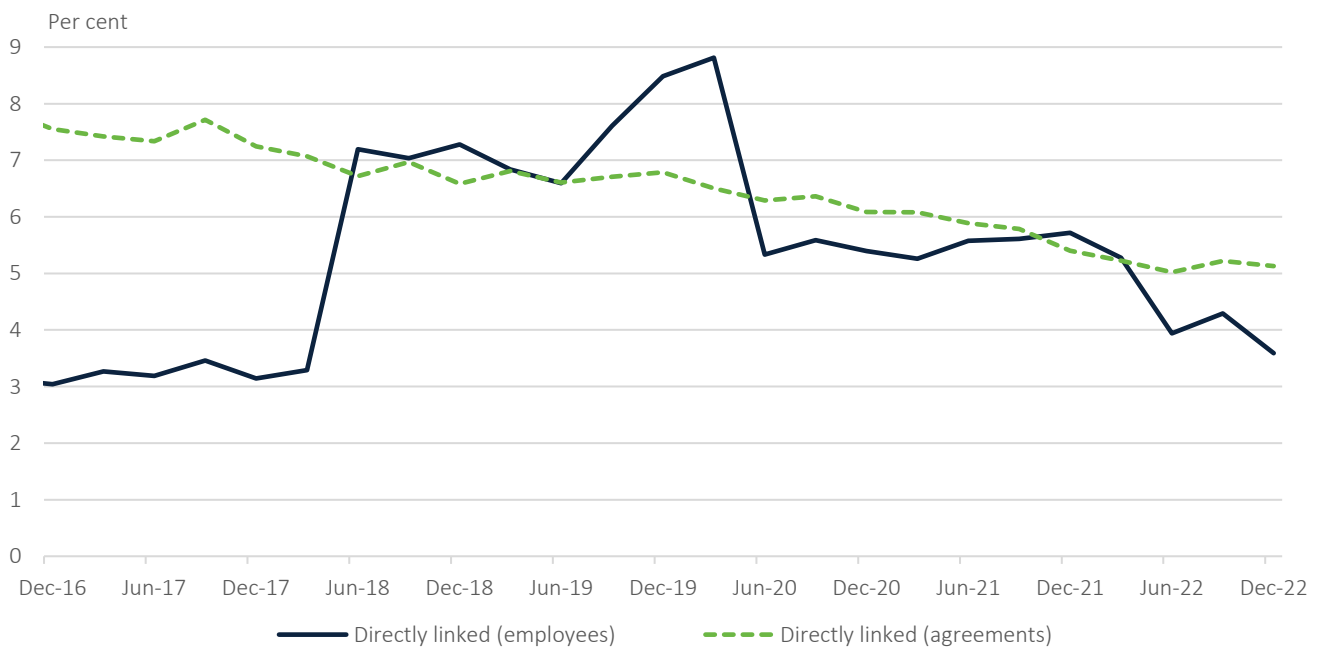


Chart 10.2: AAWI for agreements approved in the quarter by sector



Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022, <https://www.dewr.gov.au/enterprise-agreements-data/trends-federal-enterprise-bargaining>.

Chart 10.3: Proportion of employees covered by current agreements which are directly linked to the Annual Wage Review decision



Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Workplace Agreements Database*, December quarter 2022.



Table 10.1: Number of enterprise agreements and employees covered, 2018 to 2022

	Number of enterprise agreements approved	Employees covered ('000s)
2018	3864	668.5
2019	5284	933.7
2020	3281	521.5
2021	4362	546.7
2022	4166	913.6

Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*, December quarter 2022.



11. Gender equality

Table 11.1: Estimates of the gender pay gap

Measure	Male earnings	Female earnings	Gender pay gap
	(\$)	(\$)	(%)
<i>Weekly</i>			
AWOTE (November 2022)	1906.20	1650.80	13.3
EEH adult ordinary time cash earnings, non-managerial full-time (May 2021)	1809.10	1617.10	10.6
<i>Hourly</i>			
EEH adult ordinary time cash earnings, adjusted for casual loading* (May 2021)	45.50	39.42	13.4
EEH modern award-reliant employees, total cash earnings, adjusted for casual loading*# (May 2021)	28.05	27.55	1.8

Note: AWOTE refer to full-time adult employees. The gender pay gap is calculated as the difference between female's and male's earnings, expressed as a percentage of male's earnings. * Adult rate of pay employees with earnings deflated by a casual loading of 25 per cent. # Total cash earnings include overtime.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022; ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021; ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021.



Table 11.2: Gender differences, modern award-reliant employees, 2021

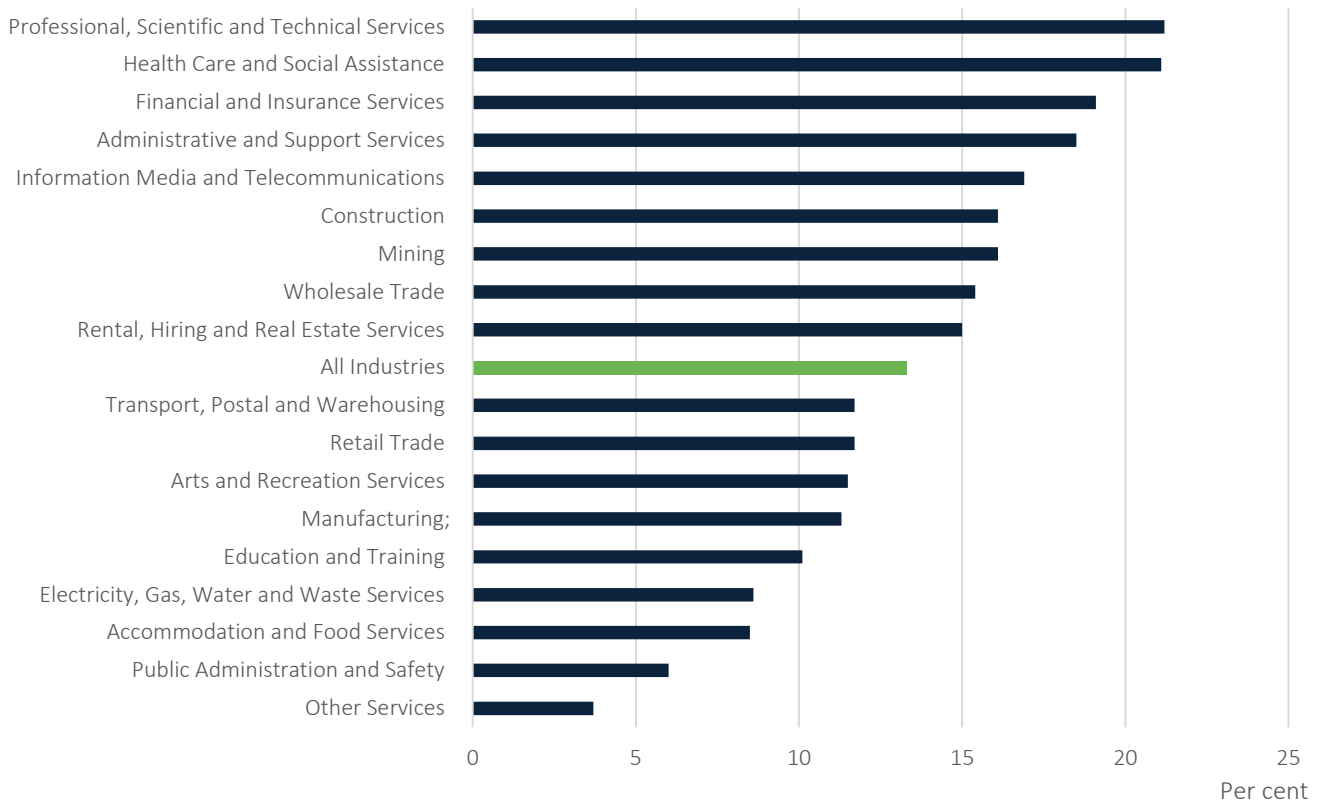
	Gender pay gap based on total hourly cash earnings	Gender hours paid for gap	Females as a share of modern award-reliant employees in industry
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mining	np	np	np
Manufacturing	1.7	12.0	33.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	4.6	25.2	20.9
Construction	14.6	19.1	22.0
Wholesale trade	3.1	17.4	56.3
Retail trade	4.2	22.5	57.6
Accommodation and food services	6.8	16.2	61.4
Transport, postal and warehousing	17.5	26.5	30.7
Information, media and telecommunications	6.2	0.6	52.5
Financial and insurance services	13.8	20.2	67.4
Rental, hiring and real estate services	0.0	0.0	66.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	18.2	29.7	61.3
Administrative and support services	2.5	18.3	56.1
Public administration and safety	8.2	11.8	27.6
Education and training	9.2	-24.6	74.5
Health care and social assistance	3.3	9.6	79.3
Arts and recreation services	2.1	9.7	57.7
Other services	1.3	14.0	72.2
All industries	1.8	18.7	60.4*

Note: The gender pay gap is calculated as the difference between average male and average female earnings, as a share of average male earnings. Total hourly cash earnings include overtime hours paid for and is adjusted for casual loading. Industry estimates are based on individuals on adult rates of pay only. Gap in hours paid for is calculated as the difference between male and female average hours paid for per week (male minus female) expressed as a percentage of male hours paid for. n/a = not available in the EEH. np = not published due to insufficient observations in the survey. * Females as a share of modern award-reliant employees across all rates of pay is 58.1 per cent.

Source: ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021.



Chart 11.1: Gender pay gap by industry, AWOTE, November 2022

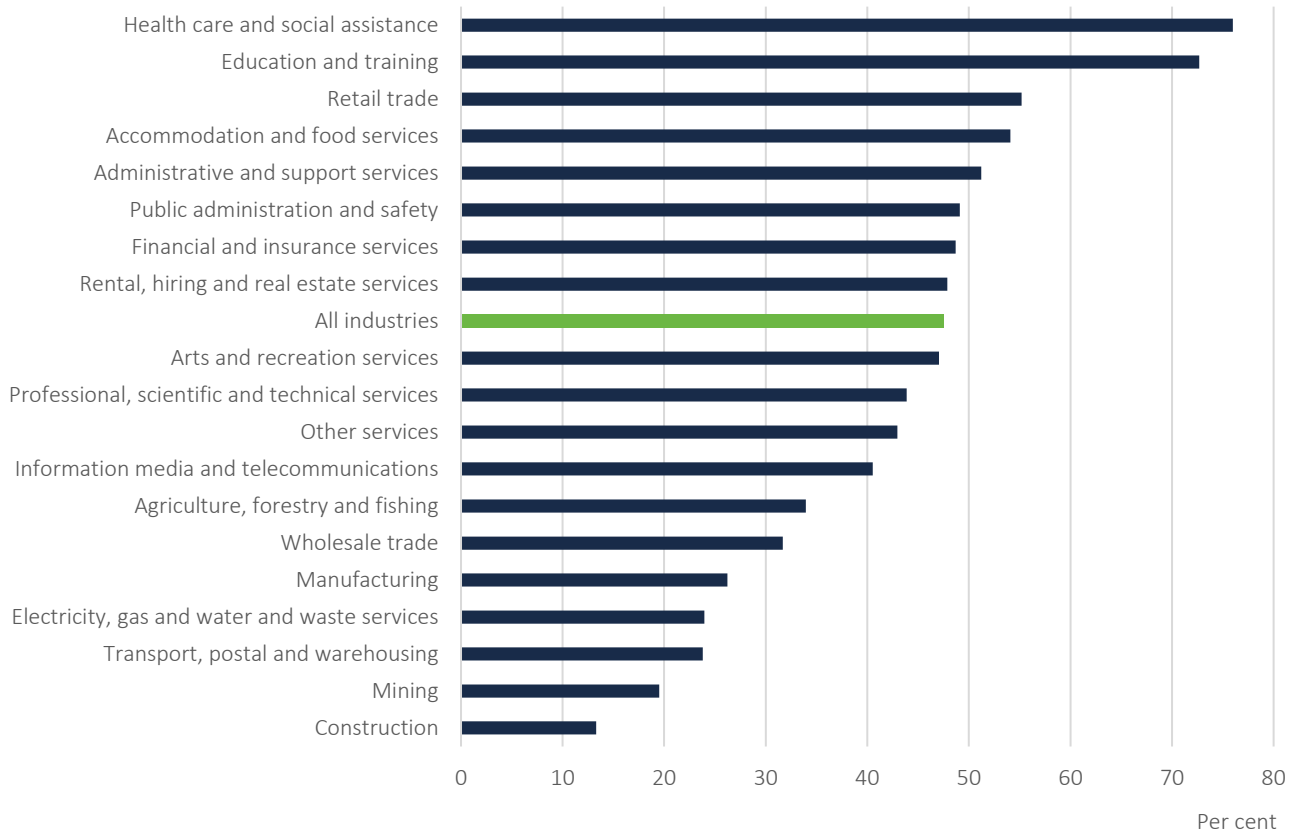


Note: AWOTE refer to full-time adult employees. The gender pay gap is calculated as the difference between average male and average female earnings, as a share of average male earnings.

Source: ABS, *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia*, November 2022.



Chart 11.2: Female composition of total employment, by industry, February 2023

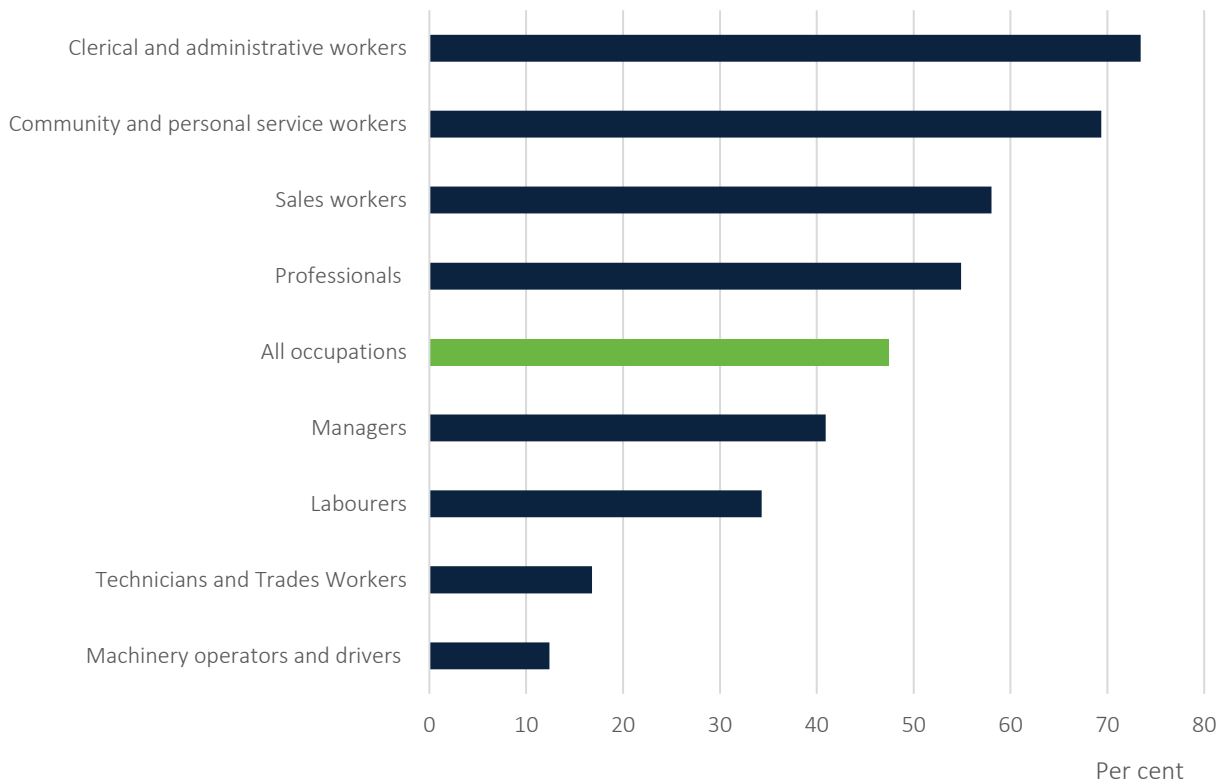


Note: Data are in original terms.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 11.3: Female composition of total employment, by occupation, February 2023



Note: Data are in original terms

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 11.4: Change in total wages, by gender, 14 March 2020 to 15 April 2023



Note: Wages data are more sensitive to period-to-period changes in reporting than jobs data and are therefore subject to greater revisions over time. They are also subject to a greater degree of seasonality. Records where the characteristic is unknown (i.e. sex) are included in the all persons index total and can result in independent movement from the component indexes. Employers with less than 20 employees began transitioning to Single Touch Payroll on 1 July 2019. Any reporting concessions that were made available for these employers ended on 30 June 2021.

Source: ABS, *Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia*, Week ending 15 April 2023.

Chart 11.5: Change in payroll jobs, by sex, 14 March 2020 to 15 April 2023

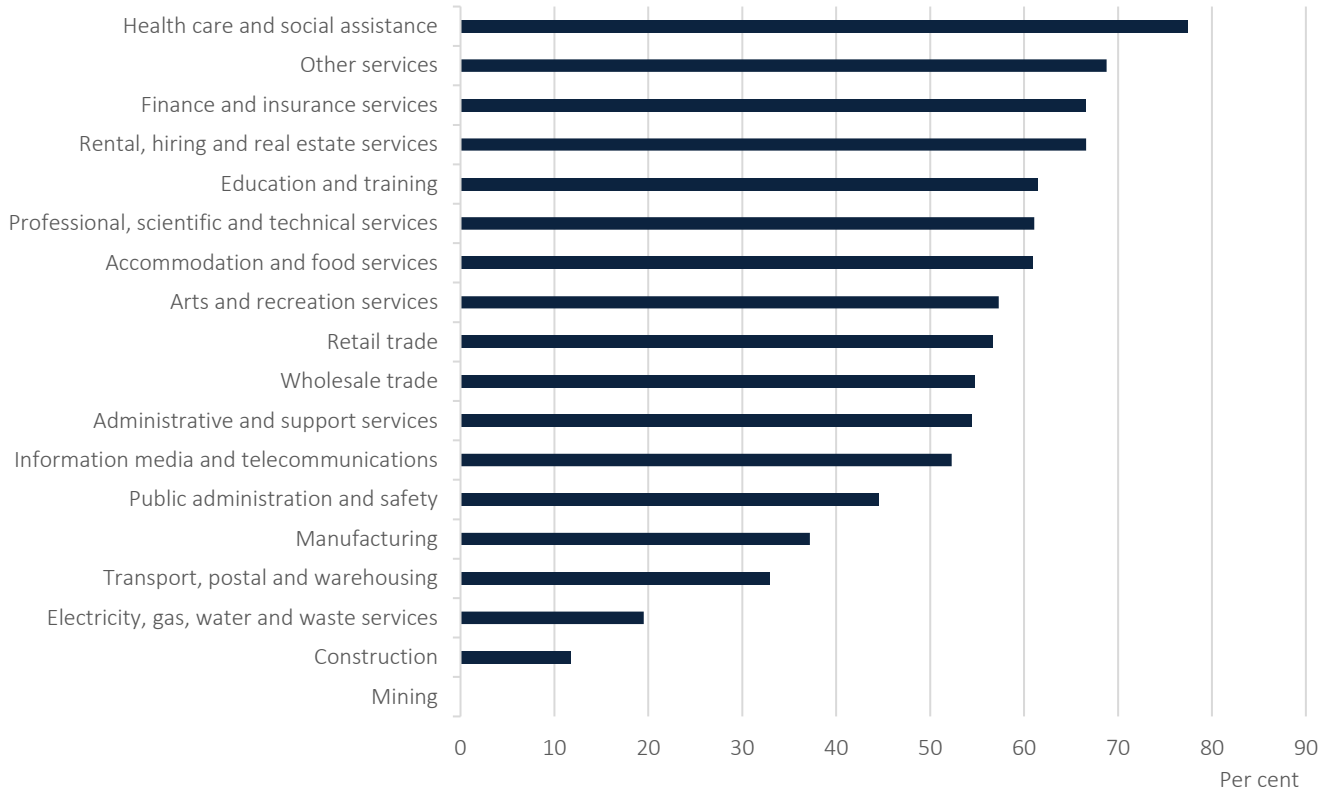


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Source: ABS, *Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia*, Week ending 15 April 2023.



Chart 11.6: Female award-reliant employees by industry, 2021



Source: ABS, *TableBuilder: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*.



Table 11.7: 10 most common modern awards, female employees, 2021

	Female employees	Proportion of employees on award that are female
	(No.)	(%)
<i>General Retail Industry Award 2020</i>	174 300	67.0
<i>Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010</i>	172 300	69.3
<i>Hospitality Industry (General) Award 2020</i>	148 600	65.8
<i>Fast Food Industry Award 2020</i>	113 900	60.8
<i>Children's Services Award 2010</i>	108 500	96.1
<i>Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2020</i>	83 000	91.2
<i>Restaurant Industry Award 2020</i>	79 300	61.4
<i>Clerks – Private Sector Award 2020</i>	73 900	80.8
<i>Cleaning Services Award 2020</i>	45 200	60.0
<i>Vehicle Repair, Services and Retail Award 2020</i>	22 900	27.8
All modern awards*	1 377 000	58.1

Note: Based on employees on adult rates of pay only. Table ranked by total number of female employees on each modern award. *Does not include employees in Agriculture, forestry and fishing (not in scope of the EEH survey).

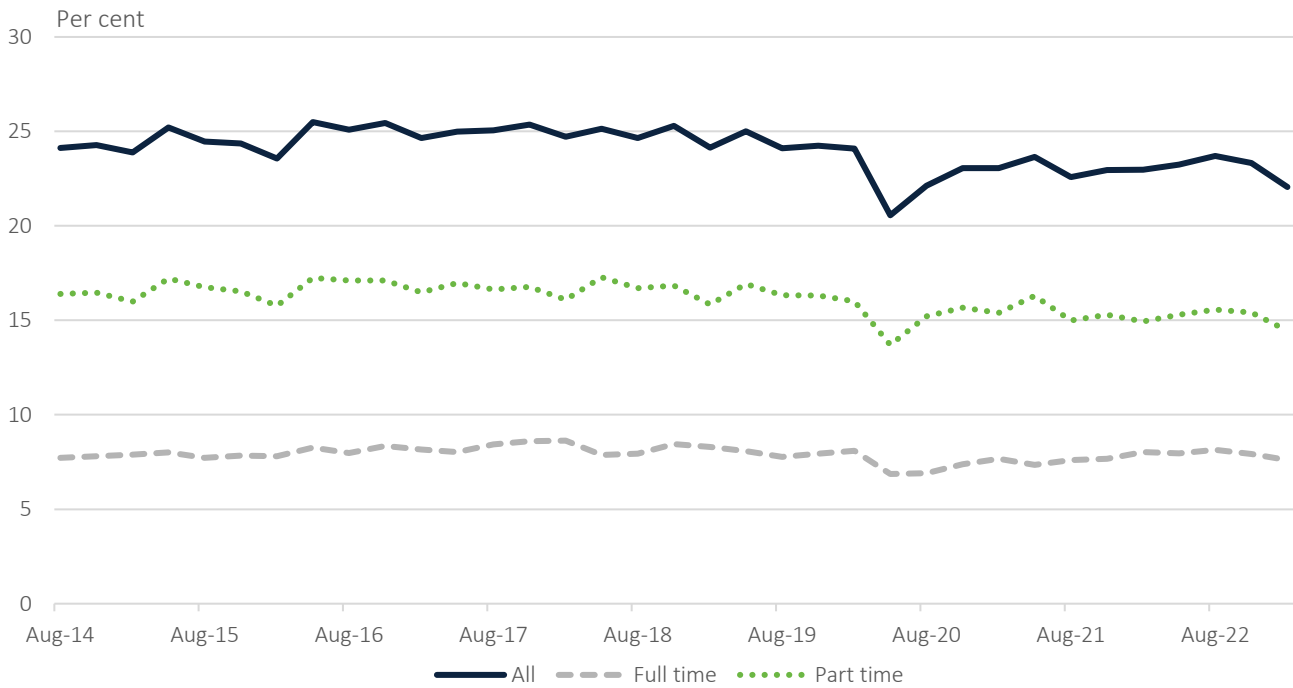
Source: ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia*, May 2021; Australian Government submission, 31 March 2023, Table 5.1; Yuen K & Tomlinson J (2023), *A profile of employee characteristics across modern awards*, Fair Work Commission Research Report 1/2023, March.



12. Indicators of secure work

Chart 12.1: Proportion of employees without paid leave entitlements, 2014 to 2023

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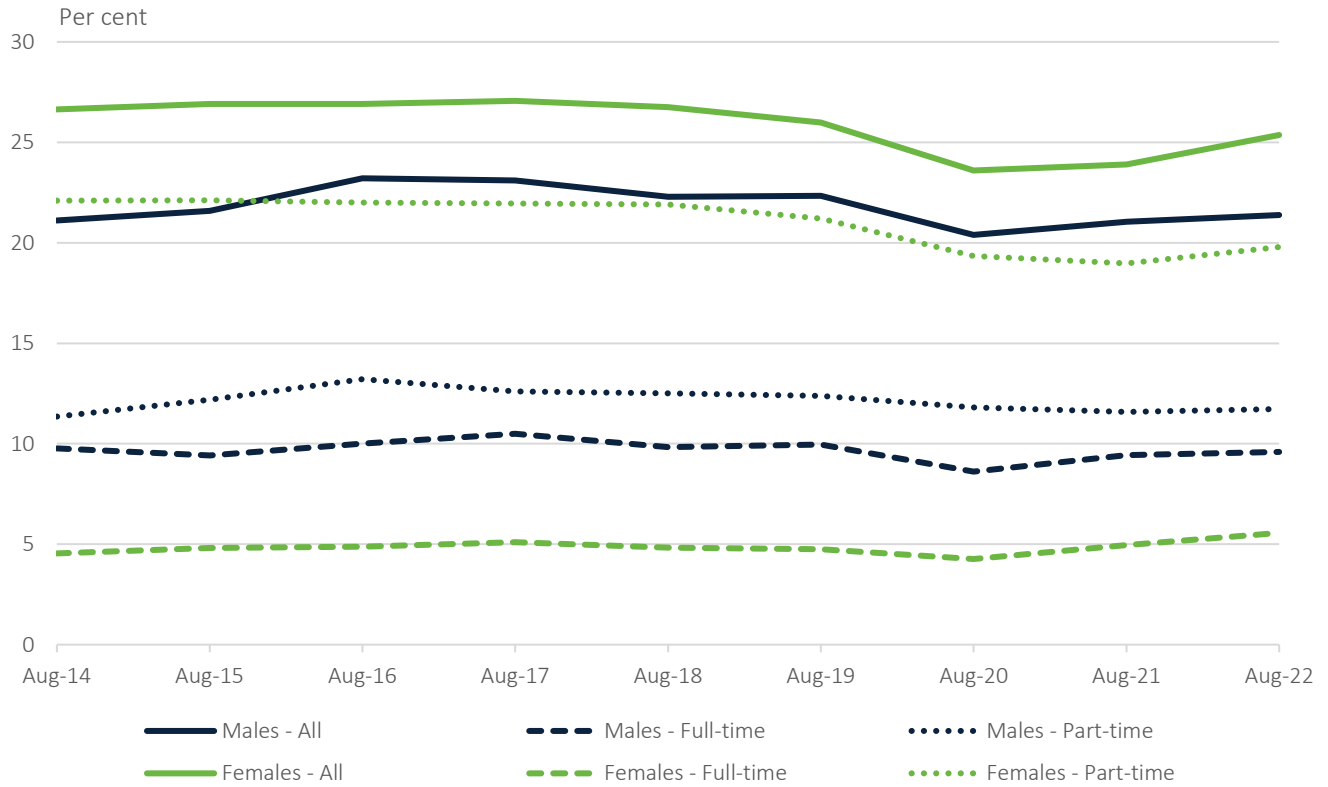


Note: Data are quarterly.

Source: ABS, *Labour Force, Detailed*, February 2023.



Chart 12.1a: Proportion of employees without paid leave entitlements, by gender 2014 to 2022



Note: Data are at August of each year.

Source: ABS, *TableBuilder: Characteristics of Employment*, August 2022.



Table 12.1: Proportion of employees that are casual, by industry and gender

Industry	Modern award-reliant employees		Award-reliant employees		All employees	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Accommodation and food services	67.2	79.6	67.9	79.8	49.8	69.8
Arts and recreation services	67.3	73.6	65.9	70.2	33.6	45.9
Transport, postal and warehousing	48.9	68.5	48.2	68.1	18.1	21.6
Retail trade	44.0	63.6	43.5	63.2	25.8	35.7
Financial and insurance services	53.7	57.3	58.7 [#]	60.6	5.7	7.2
Wholesale trade	43.7	57.0	45.0	56.0 [#]	9.9	16.1
Education and training	53.5	54.0	38.5 [#]	50.7	19.9	15.3
Public administration and safety	42.6	53.2	19.4	11.9	8.0	8.2
Administrative and support services	47.0	49.9	47.2	50.0	43.3	42.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	31.4 [*]	49.9	30.5 [#]	52.4	7.0	12.4
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	37.4	39.8 [*]	37.8	43.3 [#]	5.1	3.6
Manufacturing	30.3	39.7	32.0	38.2	9.8	18.6
Other services	26.9	38.6	26.1	38.0	13.4	26.6
Information, media and telecommunications	46.0	38.4 [*]	43.9	41.0	8.9	13.2
Health care and social assistance	37.4	33.2	26.6	25.8	17.5	18.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	41.6	32.1	43.3	33.5	16.9	13.4
Construction	13.9 [*]	23.5 [*]	14.5	20.0 [#]	13.6	6.1
Mining	np	0.0 [*]	28.5 [#]	0.0 [#]	5.9	2.1

Note: np = not published. Table ranked by percentage of casual employees for female modern award-reliant employees. * Estimate has a relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent and should be interpreted with caution. # Estimate is likely to have a relative standard error of 25 per cent or greater and should be interpreted with caution.

Source: ABS, *Microdata and TableBuilder: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*.



Table 12.2: Proportion of employees that are casual, by industry

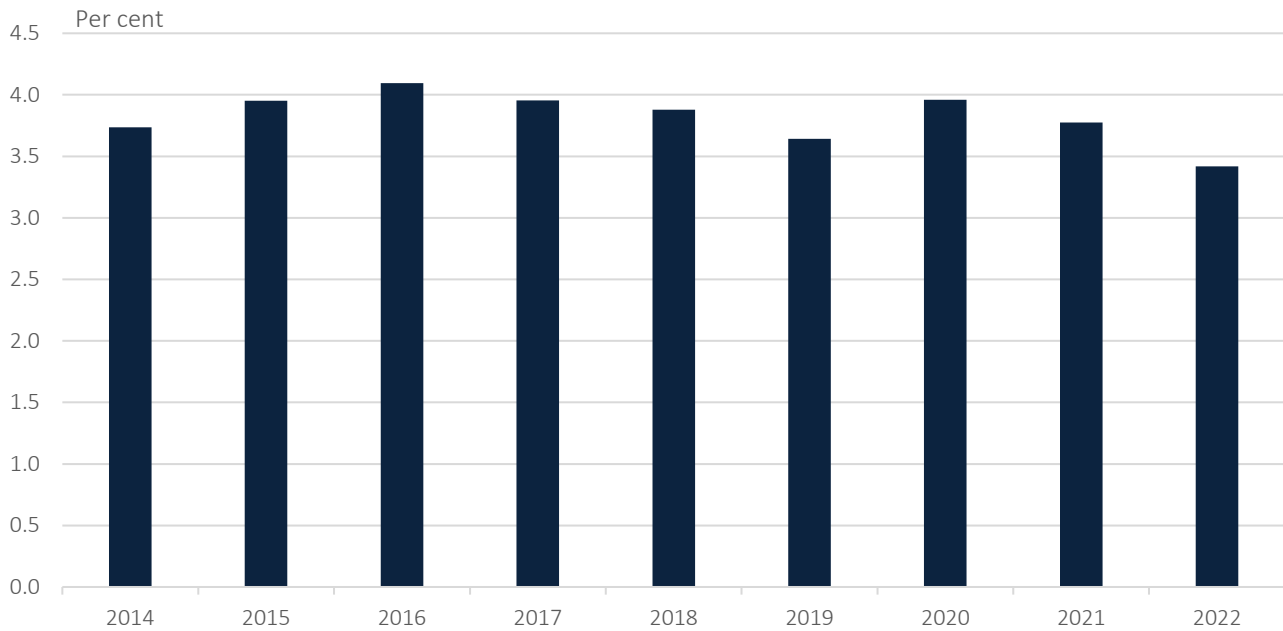
Industry	Modern award-reliant employees	Award-reliant employees	All employees
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Accommodation and food services	74.7	75.1	60.6
Arts and recreation services	70.8	69.1	40.3
Financial and insurance services	56.1	63.1	6.5
Transport, postal and warehousing	55.2	55.1	18.9
Retail trade	55.1	54.9	31.2
Education and training	53.9	46.3	16.6
Wholesale trade	50.9	50	11.8
Administrative and support services	48.6	48.6	42.8
Public administration and safety	45.5	16.1	8.0
Professional, scientific and technical	42.7	40.3	9.3
Information, media and telecommunications	42.0	40.8	10.7
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	37.9	37.8	4.7
Rental, hiring and real estate services	35.4	37.2	14.9
Other services	34.8	35.4	21
Health care and social assistance	34.1	26.0	17.9
Manufacturing	33.8	34.2	12.2
Construction	15.0	15.9	12.4
Mining	np	28.1	5.5

Note: Casual employees are defined as those not entitled to paid sick or annual leave. Modern award-reliant employees are those paid a minimum rate of pay in a modern award. Award-reliant employees are paid a minimum rate in an award by federal or state tribunals. np = not published due to insufficient observations in the survey.

Source: ABS, *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*; ABS, *Microdata: Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2021*.



Chart 12.2: Proportion of employees that are fixed-term employees, 2014–2022

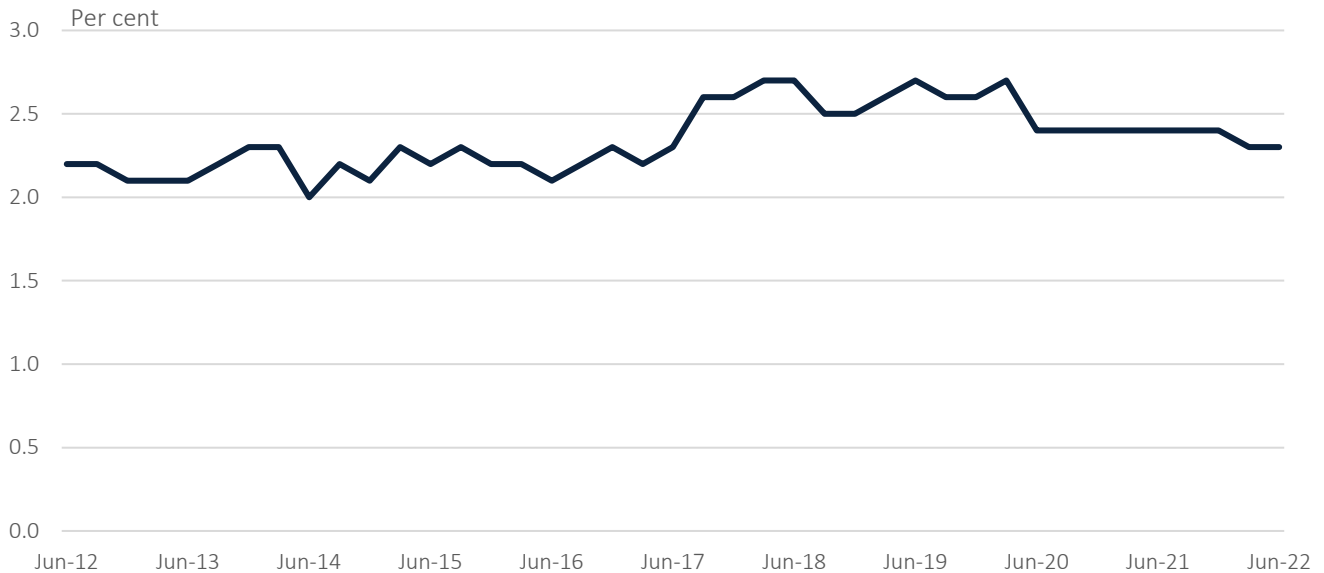


Note: Fixed term employees are employed for a specified period of employment and may be entitled to paid leave.

Source: ABS, *Characteristic of Employment*, August 2022.



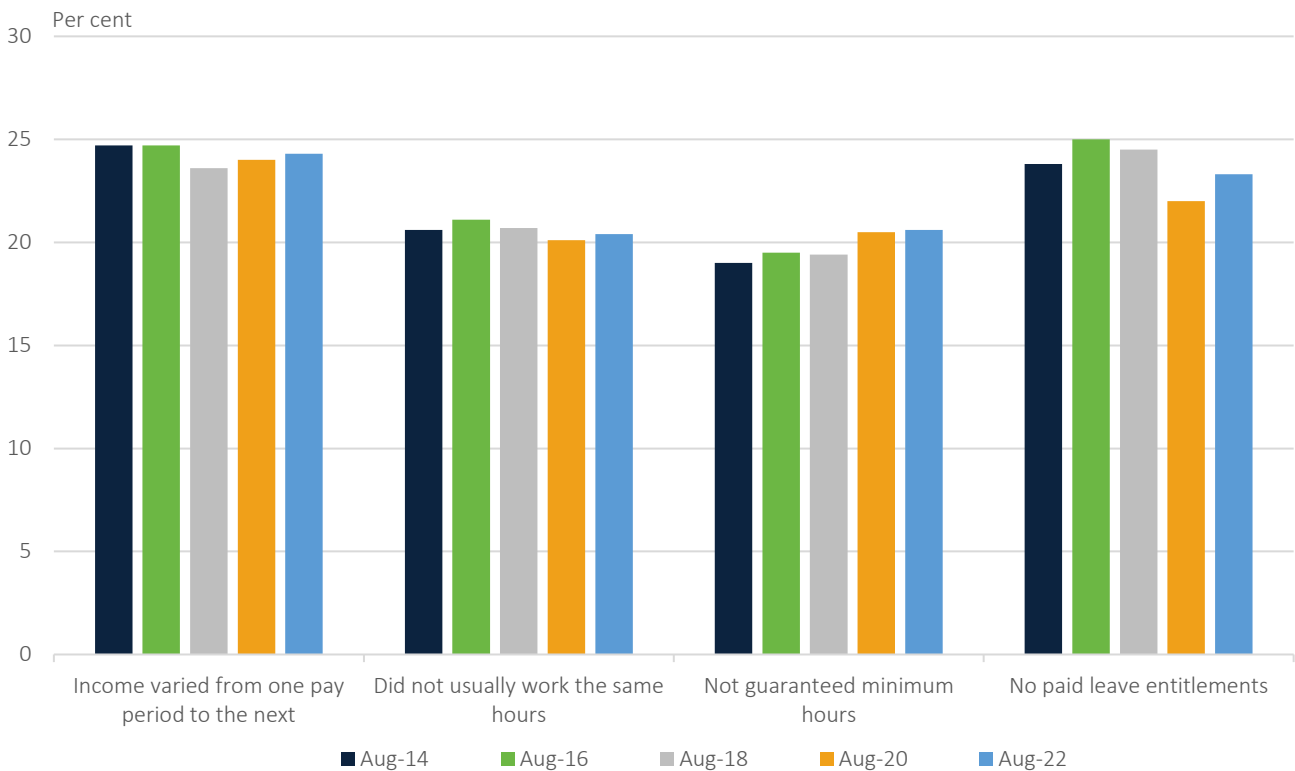
Chart 12.3: Share of employed people working in Labour supply services, 2012–2022



Note: Businesses that provide labour hire services, and their employees, are classified to the industry class *Labour supply services*.

Source: ABS, *Labour hire workers*, December 2022.

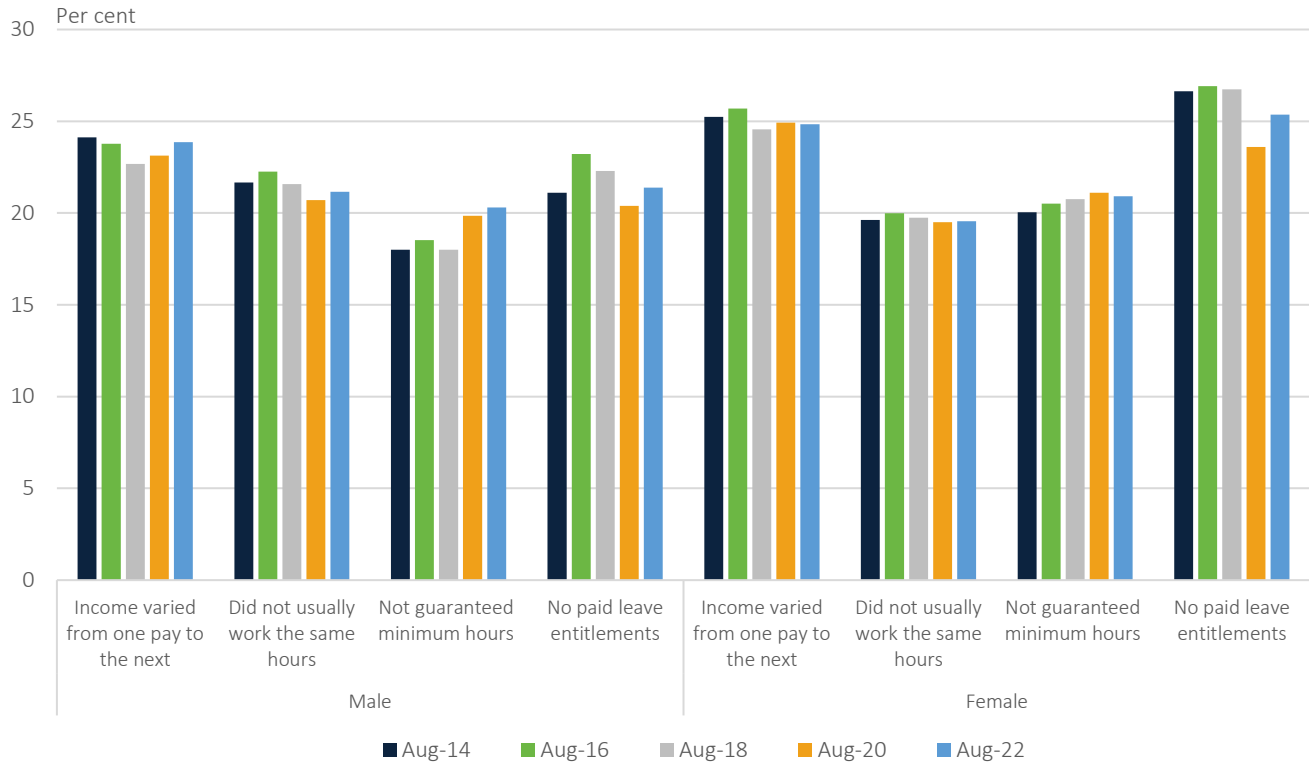
Chart 12.4: Variation in hours and pay, proportion of employees, 2014 to 2022



Source: ABS, *Working Arrangements, Australia*, August 2022.

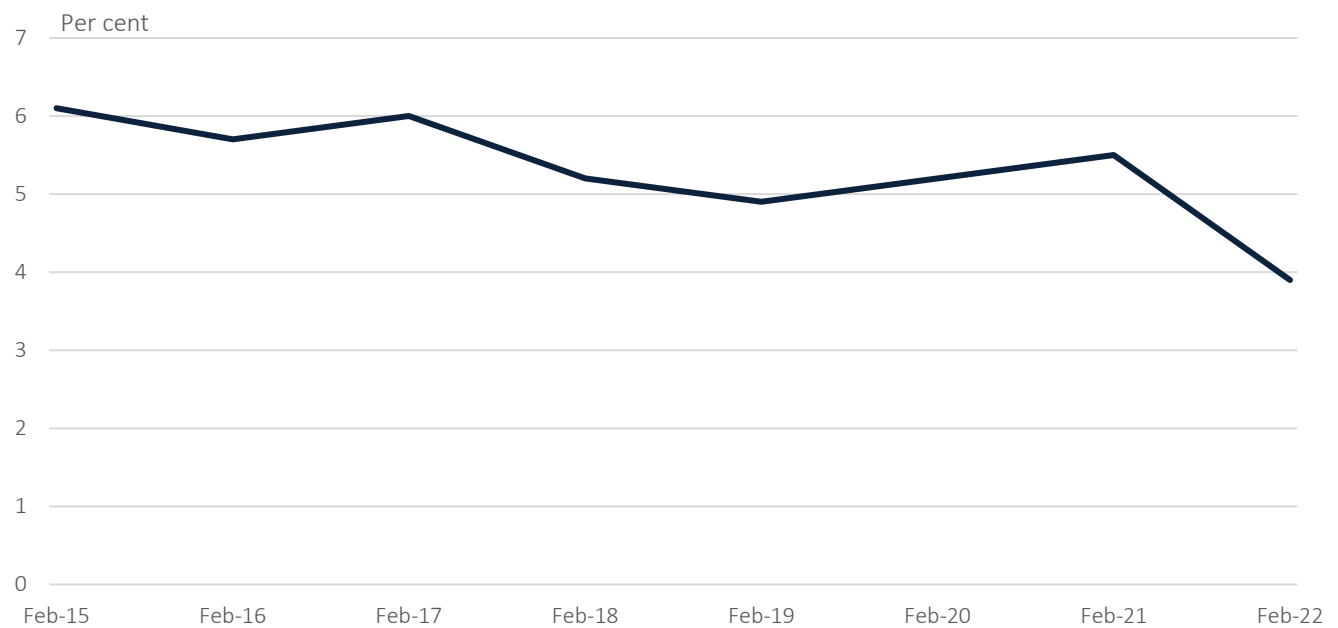


Chart 12.4a: Variation in hours and pay, by gender, proportion of employees, 2014 to 2022



Source: ABS, *Working Arrangements, Australia, August 2022*.

Chart 12.5: Rate of involuntary job separations, 2015–2022

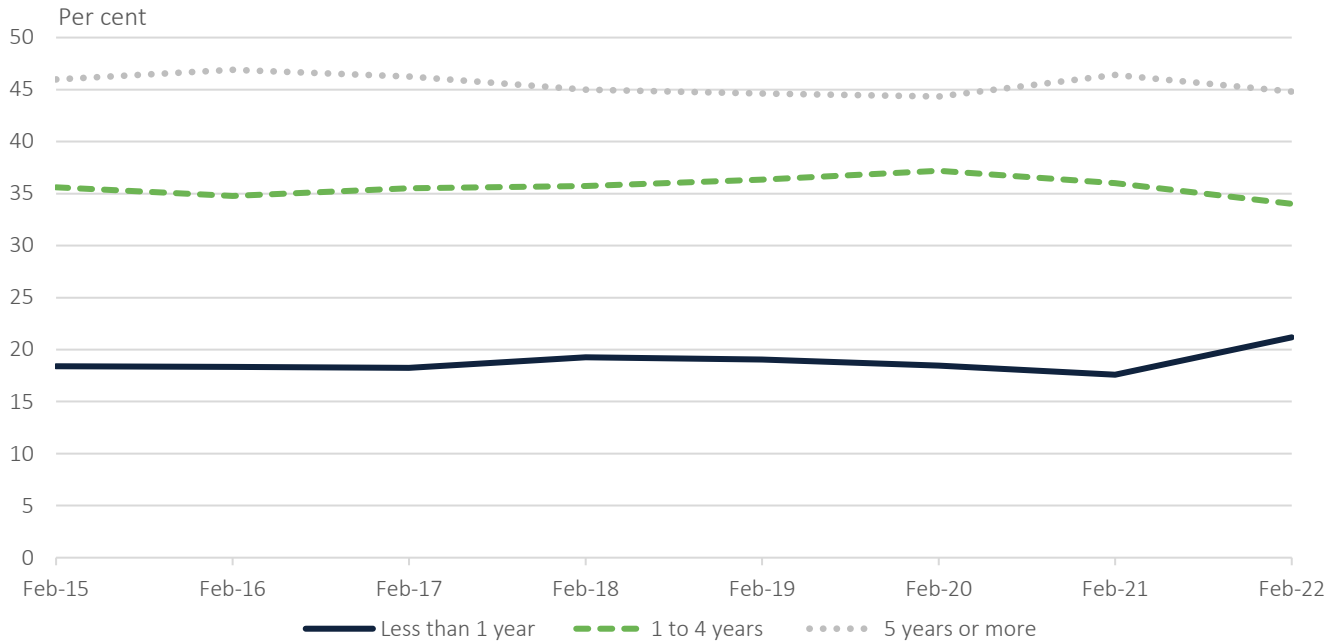


Notes: Rate of involuntary job separation includes retrenched, dismissed, job ended was temporary or seasonal and losing a job due ill health or injury.

Source: ABS, *Participation, Job Search and Mobility, Australia, February 2022*.



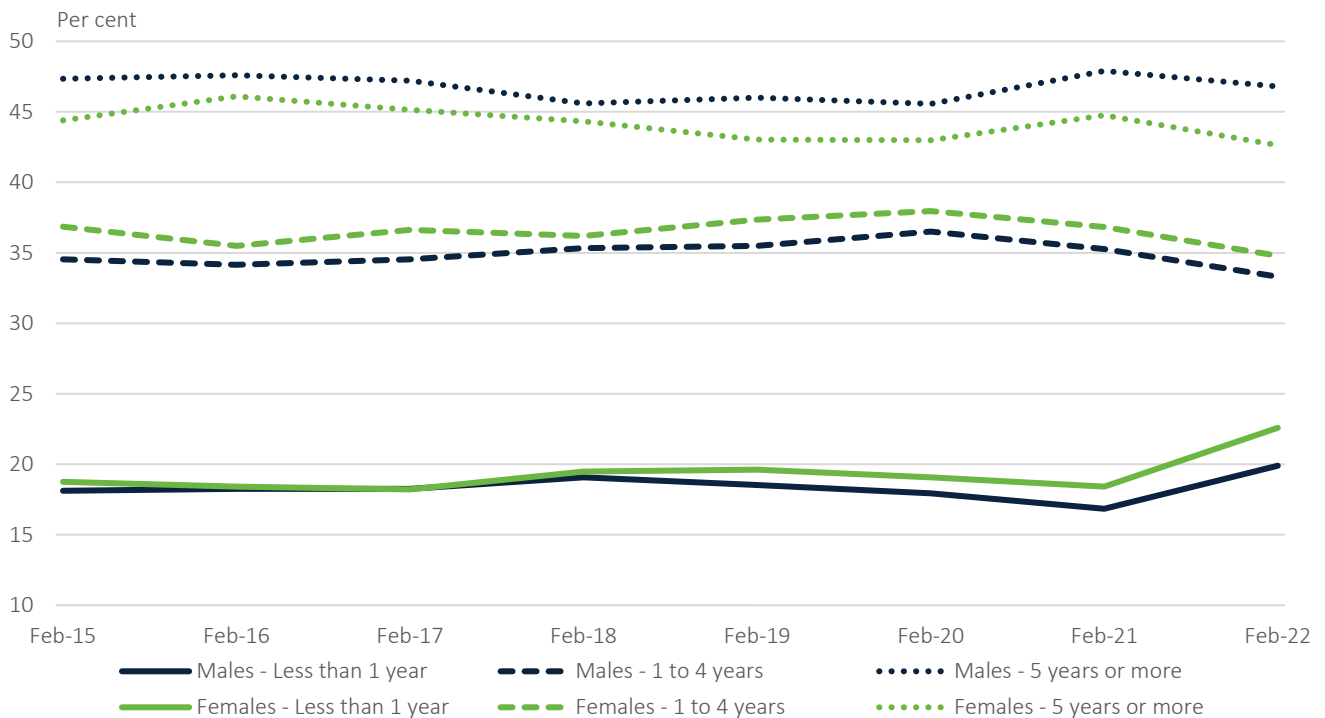
Chart 12.6: Duration of employment in current main job, all employees, February 2022



Note: Data are at February of each year.

Source: ABS, *Participation, Job Search and Mobility*, February 2022.

Chart 12.6a: Duration of employment in current main job, all employees, by gender



Note: Data are at February of each year.

Source: ABS, *Participation, Job Search and Mobility*, February 2022.



13. Indicators of financial stress

Table 13.1: Financial stress experienced by all employee households

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Financial stress indicators	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unable to raise \$3000/\$4000* in a week for something important	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.6	3.8
Could not pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time	7.3	7.4	7.4	4.9	5.2
Could not pay the mortgage or rent on time	2.9	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.1
Pawned or sold something	2.2	2.5	2.8	1.9	1.6
Went without meals	1.6	2.0	2.3	1.4	1.7
Could not afford to heat home	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.0	1.1
Sought assistance from welfare/community organisation	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.0
Sought financial help from friends or family	6.1	7.3	7.3	3.9	4.6
Any stress	13.4	14.7	15.2	12.1	11.1
Low stress (1–2)	9.9	10.5	10.7	9.6	8.2
Moderate stress (3–4)	2.6	3.1	3.5	1.8	2.2
High stress (5 or more)	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.7
Observations	5011	4988	5117	4970	4883

Note: Employee households are those households whose main source of income is from wages or salary. Both partners in a couple family household, the lone parent in a lone parent household and the lone person of a lone person household must report financial stress for that particular household to be considered as such. Observations from multi-family households, other related family households and group households are excluded. *Amount is \$3000 for Waves 17 to 19, and \$4000 for Wave 20 and 21.

Source: *Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey, Waves 16–21.*



Table 13.2: Financial stress experienced by low-paid employee households

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Financial stress indicators	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unable to raise \$3000/\$4000* in a week for something important	12.9	13.3	12.2	9.6	8.3
Could not pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time	14.6	15.4	16.4	10.0	10.7
Could not pay the mortgage or rent on time	5.6	7.9	9.6	6.1	6.2
Pawned or sold something	4.5	4.7	6.4	4.8	3.2
Went without meals	2.8	3.8	5.5	3.1	3.4
Could not afford to heat home	3.4	4.1	3.9	2.2	2.0
Sought assistance from welfare/community organisation	2.6	3.9	2.6	3.8	2.9
Sought financial help from friends or family	11.3	13.9	14.2	9.0	8.2
Any stress	28.2	29.0	31.6	24.0	20.3
Low stress (1–2)	20.2	18.1	20.3	18.3	14.1
Moderate stress (3–4)	6.0	7.8	9.1	3.6	4.5
High stress (5 or more)	2.0	3.1	2.2	2.1	1.7
Observations	1023	981	1022	1011	987

Note: Employee households are those households whose main source of income is from wages or salary. Both partners in a couple family household, the lone parent in a lone parent household and the lone person of a lone person household must report financial stress for that particular household to be considered as such. Observations from multi-family households, other related family households and group households are excluded. Low-paid employee households are defined as those households in the bottom quintile of equivalised disposable household income for employee households. Disposable household income is equivalised using the 'modified OECD' method where each person in the household is given a score (1 for the first adult, 0.5 for subsequent adults and 0.3 for each child under the age of 15) and the income is divided by the sum of these scores. *Amount is \$3000 for Waves 16 to 19, and \$4000 for Wave 20 and 21.

Source: *Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey*, Waves 16–21.



14. Forecasts

Table 14.1: 2023–24 Budget, international GDP growth forecasts

	2022 (outcomes)	2023 (forecasts)	2024 (forecasts)	2025 (forecasts)
World	3.4	2¾	3	3½
Major trading partners	3.0	3¼	3¼	3½

Note: World and other East Asia growth rates are calculated using GDP weights based on purchasing power parity (PPP), while growth rates for major trading partners are calculated using Australian goods and services export trade weights.

Source: Australian Government (2023), *Budget 2023–24, Budget Paper No. 1*, May, p. 44.

Table 14.2: IMF real GDP growth projections

	2022 (outcomes)	2023 (projections)	2024 (projections)
Australia	3.7	1.6	1.7
Advanced economies	2.7	1.3	1.4
World	3.4	2.8	3.0

Note: Year-on-year percentage changes shown. World and domestic economy growth rates are calculated using GDP weights based on PPP. n/a=not available.

Source: IMF (2023), *World Economic Outlook*, April, < <https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2023/04/11/world-economic-outlook-april-2023>>.



Table 14.3: 2023–24 Budget, domestic economy forecasts^(a)

	Outcomes		Forecasts	
	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
Real gross domestic product	3.7	3¼	1½	2¼
Household consumption	3.7	5¼	1½	2½
Dwelling investment	2.9	–2½	–3½	–1½
Total business investment ^(b)	6.1	3	2½	2
Mining investment	8.4	0	2	1½
Non-mining investment	5.4	4	2½	2
Private final demand ^(b)	4.3	4	1	2¼
Public final demand ^(b)	6.5	1¼	1½	2
Change in inventories ^(c)	0.1	0	0	0
Gross national expenditure	5.1	3¼	1	2¼
Exports of goods and services	–0.3	8	6	3½
Imports of goods and services	7.0	9	4	3½
Net exports ^(c)	–1.3	0	½	0
Nominal gross domestic product	11.0	10¼	1¼	2½
Prices and wages				
Consumer price index ^(d)	6.1	6	3¼	2¾
Wage price index ^(d)	2.6	3¼	4	3¼
GDP deflator	7.0	7	–¼	¼
Labour market				
Participation rate ^(e)	66.6	66½	66¼	66¼
Employment ^(d)	3.6	2½	1	1
Unemployment rate ^(e)	3.8	3½	4¼	4½
Balance of payments				
Terms of trade ^(f)	11.9	1½	–13¼	–8¼
Current account balance (per cent of GDP)	2.0	3/4	–2½	–3½
Net overseas migration ^(g)	184 000	400 000	315 000	260 000

Note: The exchange rate is assumed to remain around its recent average level — a trade-weighted index of around 60 and a \$US exchange rate of around 67 US cents. Interest rates are informed by the Bloomberg survey of market economists. World oil prices (Malaysian Tapis) are assumed to remain around US\$87/barrel. Population growth is forecast to be 2.0 per cent in 2022–23 and 1.5 per cent in 2024–25.

(a) Percentage change on preceding year unless otherwise indicated.

(b) Excluding second-hand asset sales from the public sector to the private sector.

(c) Percentage point contribution to growth in GDP.

(d) Through-the-year growth rate to the June quarter.

(e) Seasonally adjusted rate for the June quarter.

(f) Key commodity prices are assumed to decline from current elevated levels over four quarters to the end of the March quarter 2024: the iron ore spot price is assumed to decline from a March quarter 2023 average of US\$117 per tonne to US\$60 per tonne; the metallurgical coal spot price is assumed to decline from US\$342 per tonne to US\$140 per tonne; the thermal coal spot price is assumed to decline from US\$260 per tonne to US\$70 per tonne; and the LNG spot price is assumed to decline from US\$16 per tonne to US\$10/mmBtu. All bulk prices are in free-on-board (FOB) terms.

(g) Net overseas migration is forecast to continue at 260 000 in 2025–26 and 2026–27.

Source: Australian Government (2023), *Budget 2023–24, Budget Paper No. 1*, May, p. 58.



Table 14.4: RBA economy forecasts, growth rates

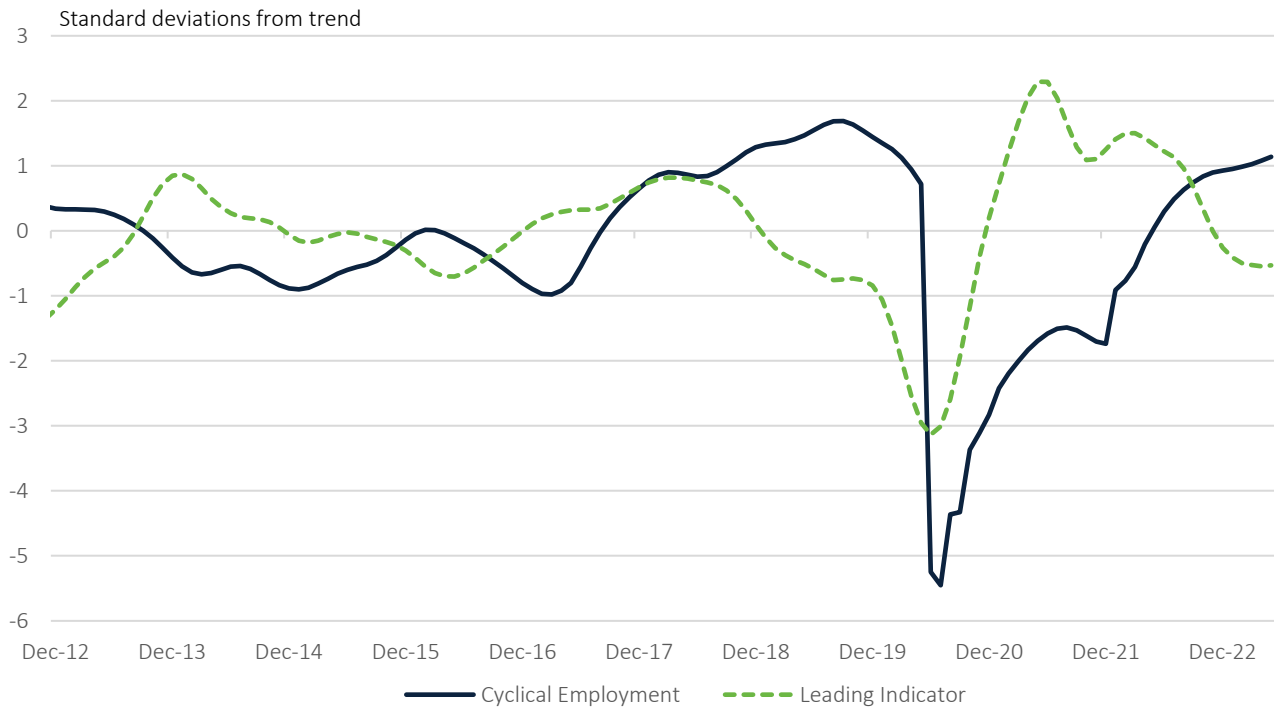
	Dec-22	Jun-23	Dec-23	Jun-24	Dec-24	Jun-25
Gross domestic product	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.1
Household consumption	5.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.4
Dwelling investment	-3.7	0.3	0.2	-2.4	-3.0	-0.5
Business investment	3.1	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.9	2.6
Public demand	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.4
Gross national expenditure	3.2	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.1
Imports	12.1	3.3	7.0	5.0	3.4	2.7
Exports	7.7	7.3	6.1	4.0	3.0	2.5
Real household disposable income	-3.3	-2.5	0.0	0.4	1.8	3.0
Terms of trade	7.2	-7.0	-4.5	-5.0	-4.1	-3.7
Major trading partner (export-weighted) GDP	2.3	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.7
Unemployment rate*	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
Employment	5.0	2.5	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.1
Wage price index	3.3	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7
Nominal (non-farm) average earnings per hour	2.5	4.2	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.1
Trimmed mean inflation	6.9	6.0	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.9
Consumer price index	7.8	6.3	4.5	3.6	3.2	3.0

Note: Percentage changes over the year to the quarter. Forecasts finalised on 1 May. Forecast assumptions—the cash rate is assumed to peak at around 3¼ per cent before declining to around 3 per cent by mid-2025; trade-weighted index of 60, Australian dollar at US\$0.66, Brent crude oil price at US\$78 per barrel, population growth is assumed to be in line with forecasts from the Australian Government’s Centre for Population. Forecasts are rounded to the first decimal point. Lighter shaded regions are historical data. *Average rate in the quarter.

Source: RBA (2023), *Statement on Monetary Policy*, May, Appendix: Forecasts.



Chart 14.1: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Leading Indicator of Employment, May 2023



Note: The leading indicator has been transformed with revisions to the historical data.

Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Leading Indicator of Employment – May 2023*, <https://www.dewr.gov.au/employment-research-and-statistics/leading-indicator-employment-monthly-reports/leading-indicator-employment-latest-release>.



15. Costs of child care services

In its statement of 1 November 2013 in relation to the research program for the Annual Wage Review 2013–14, the Expert Panel noted that:

The Statistical Report will also refer to data on costs of child care services by providing a link to the relevant chapter in the ‘Report on Government Services’ produced by the Productivity Commission. [2013 FWCFB 8514, Attachment A, p. 3]

A link to Part B, *Child care, education and training*, from the latest Report on Government Services 2022 is provided here: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2023/child-care-education-and-training>



16. Minutes of the Monetary Policy Meetings of the Reserve Bank Board and Statements on Monetary Policy

Minutes of 2 May 2023 Monetary Policy Meeting

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Minutes of 4 April 2023 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2023/2023-04-04.html>

Minutes of 7 March 2023 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2023/2023-03-07.html>

Minutes of 7 February 2023 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2023/2023-02-07.html>

Minutes of 6 December 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2022/2022-12-06.html>

Minutes of 1 November 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2022/2022-11-01.html>

Minutes of 4 October 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

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Minutes of 6 September 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

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Minutes of 2 August 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2022/2022-08-02.html>

Minutes of 5 July 2022 Monetary Policy Meeting

<https://www.rba.gov.au/monetary-policy/rba-board-minutes/2022/2022-07-05.html>

Statement on Monetary Policy—May 2023

<https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/smp/2023/may/>

Statement on Monetary Policy—February 2023

<https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/smp/2023/feb/>



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Commission

Statement on Monetary Policy—November 2022

<https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/smp/2022/nov/>

Statement on Monetary Policy—August 2022

<https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/smp/2022/aug/>

Financial Stability Review, April 2023

<https://www.rba.gov.au/publications/fsr/2023/apr/pdf/financial-stability-review-2023-04.pdf>



17. Business surveys

In the Annual Wage Review 2015–16 Decision, the Expert Panel noted that:

Official statistics on the situation of small business come with a substantial time lag. We accept that in these circumstances, the information provided by business surveys is useful. In particular, we note the assessment by the Australian Government and the RBA that information from the main business surveys (by ACCL, NAB and Sensis) have proved to be quite reliable predictors of output and employment growth. [2016 FWCFB 3500 at para. 298]

A link to each business survey referenced above is provided below:

NAB Quarterly Business Survey—March 2023

<https://business.nab.com.au/nab-quarterly-business-survey-march-2023-59603/>

NAB Quarterly Business Survey—December 2022

<https://business.nab.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/NAB-Quarterly-Business-Survey-Q4-2022.pdf>

NAB Quarterly Business Survey—September 2022

<https://business.nab.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/NAB-Quarterly-Business-Survey-Q3-2022.pdf>

Australian Chamber-Westpac Survey of Industrial Trends—March 2023

<https://www.australianchamber.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/AusChamberWestpacSurvey2023Q1.pdf>

Australian Chamber-Westpac Survey of Industrial Trends—December 2022

https://www.australianchamber.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/AusChamberWestpacSurvey2022Q4_Draft_Dec12th.pdf

Australian Chamber-Westpac Survey of Industrial Trends—September 2022

[AusChamberWestpacSurvey2022Q3_Sep21.pdf \(australianchamber.com.au\)](https://www.australianchamber.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AusChamberWestpacSurvey2022Q3_Sep21.pdf)



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