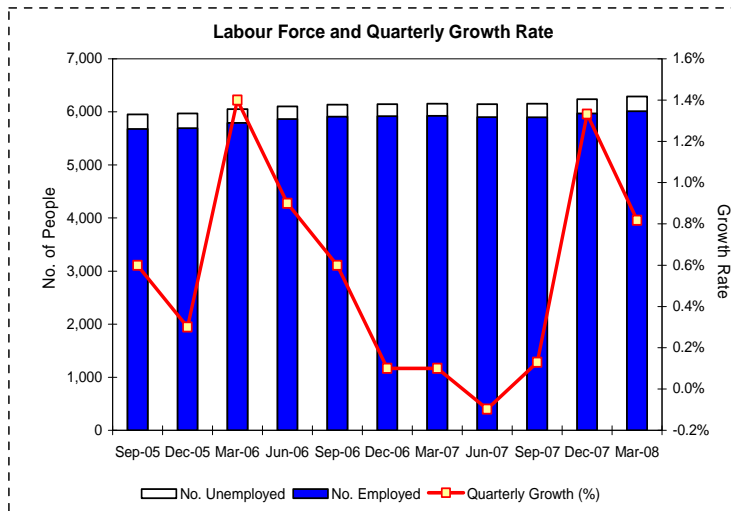




Regional Statistical Summary

Gascoyne Labour Force – March Quarter 2008



Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The labour force (total persons employed and unemployed aged 15 and above) in the Gascoyne Region, for the March quarter 2008, amounted to 6,289 people. This represented a growth rate of 0.8 per cent from the previous quarter when there were 6,238 in the Region's labour force. Since September 2005, the Region's labour force has increased by 5.6 per cent.

There were 6,015 people employed in the Region in the March quarter 2008 and 274 unemployed.

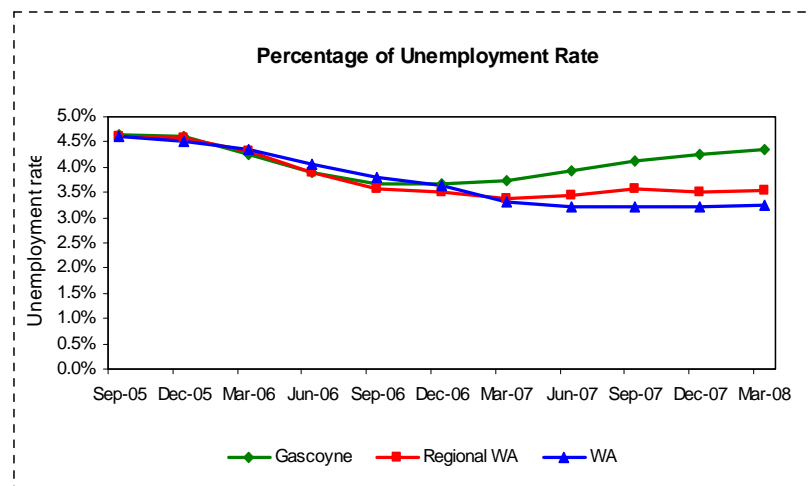
Quarter	Sep-05	Dec-05	Mar-06	Jun-06	Sep-06	Dec-06	Mar-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07	Mar-08
No. Employed (#)	5,678	5,695	5,793	5,866	5,914	5,923	5,925	5,906	5,902	5,973	6,015
No Unemployed (#)	277	275	258	237	225	225	229	242	254	265	274
Labour Force (#)	5,955	5,970	6,051	6,103	6,139	6,148	6,154	6,148	6,156	6,238	6,289
Quarterly Growth (%)	0.6%	0.3%	1.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	1.3%	0.8%

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and DLGRD.

When compared to the same quarter in the previous year, employment increased from 5,925 to 6,015, a 1.5 per cent increase. The number of unemployed, over the same period, increased from 229 to 274 people, a rise of 19.7 per cent.

The unemployment rate in the Gascoyne followed a similar trend to regional WA and the State during the period September 2005 through to December 2006, constantly decreasing over the period.

The unemployment rate reached its lowest point (for the graphed period) of 3.7 per cent in December 2006. While both the regional and State rates were fairly steady since December 2006, the unemployment rate in the Gascoyne went from the 3.7 per cent to 4.4 per cent in March 2008 (a 21.8 per cent increase).



Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Unemployment Rate (%)

Quarter	Sep-05	Dec-05	Mar-06	Jun-06	Sep-06	Dec-06	Mar-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07	Mar-08
Gascoyne	4.7%	4.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%
Regional WA	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
WA	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.