



Regional Statistical Summary

Goldfields-Esperance 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 Goldfields-Esperance Region, in the March quarter 2008, totalled 34,790 people. This represented an increase of 0.8 per cent from the previous quarter when there were 34,506 people.

Out of the total labour force, there were 33,822 people employed in the March quarter and 968 unemployed.

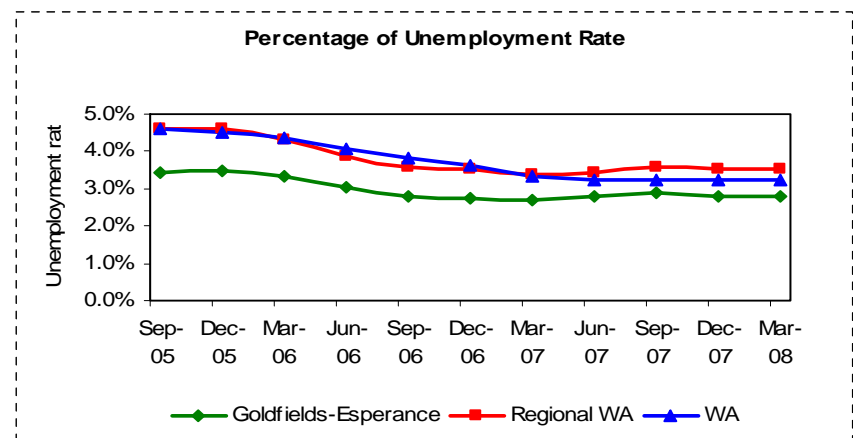
Quarter	Sep-05	Dec-05	Mar-06	Jun-06	Sep-06	Dec-06	Mar-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07	Mar-08
<b>No. Employed (#)</b>	31,806	31,877	32,367	32,742	33,013	33,073	33,117	33,051	33,074	33,546	33,822
<b>No. Unemployed (#)</b>	1,138	1,153	1,108	1,020	951	935	924	958	980	960	968
<b>Labour Force (#)</b>	<b>32,944</b>	<b>33,030</b>	<b>33,475</b>	<b>33,762</b>	<b>33,964</b>	<b>34,008</b>	<b>34,041</b>	<b>34,009</b>	<b>34,054</b>	<b>34,506</b>	<b>34,790</b>
<b>Quarterly Growth (%)</b>	0.6%	0.3%	1.3%	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 period last year, employment increased by 2.1 per cent from 33,117 to 33,822 and unemployed grew by 4.8 per cent from 924 to 968 people.

The unemployment rate in the Goldfields-Esperance Region continues its relatively stable low, fluctuating between 2.7 per cent to 2.9 per cent from September 2006 through to March 2008. This is caused by the current resources boom, which created a strong demand for labour.

At 2.8 per cent the Region's unemployment rate was lower than the State and regional averages for March 2008, which were calculated at 3.3 and 3.5 per cent respectively.



Source: Department of Education, 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
<b>Goldfields-Esperance</b>	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%
<b>Regional WA</b>	4.6%	4.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
<b>WA</b>	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.