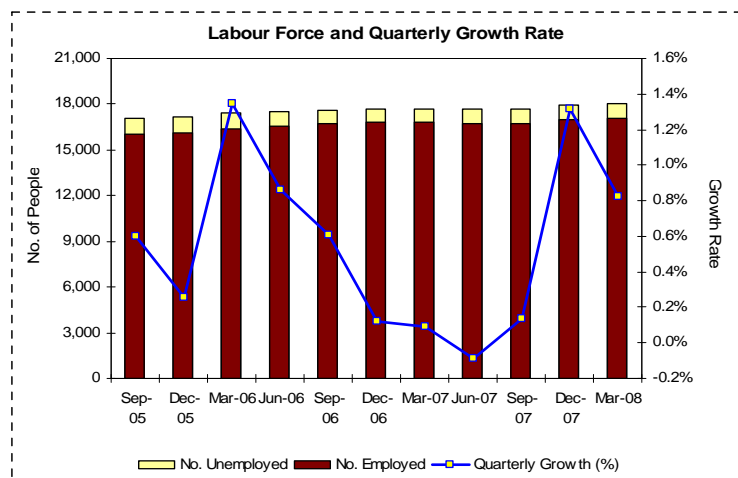




Regional Statistical Summary

Kimberley Labour Force – March Quarter 2008



Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

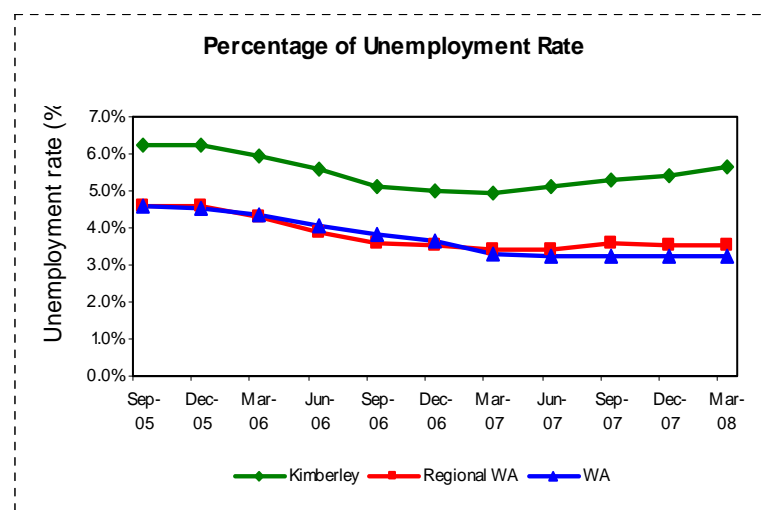
The labour force (total persons employed and unemployed aged 15 and above) in the Kimberley Region amounted to 18,072 people in the March 2008 quarter. This is a quarterly growth of 0.8 per cent compared to December 2007, when there were 17,924 people. The Regions labour increased by 958 people since September quarter 2005.

There were 17,055 persons employed in the Region in the March quarter 2008 and 1,017 unemployed and looking for work.

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 (#)	16,049	16,091	16,360	16,562	16,743	16,780	16,806	16,764	16,750	16,952	17,055
No. Unemployed (#)	1,065	1,067	1,029	977	902	887	877	903	941	972	1,017
Labour Force (#)	17,114	17,158	17,389	17,539	17,645	17,667	17,683	17,667	17,691	17,924	18,072
Quarterly Growth (%)	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 quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.5 per cent from 16,806 to 17,055. The number of unemployed persons increased from 877 to 1,017 people (by 16.0 per cent).



Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The unemployment rate in the Kimberley Region has increased to 5.6 per cent for March 2008, a small but constant increase from the March quarter 2007, where the unemployment rate was 5.0 per cent.

In comparison, the average rate for regional Western Australia and the State was 3.5 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively for the March quarter 2008.

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
Kimberley	6.2%	6.2%	5.9%	5.6%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.4%	5.6%
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.