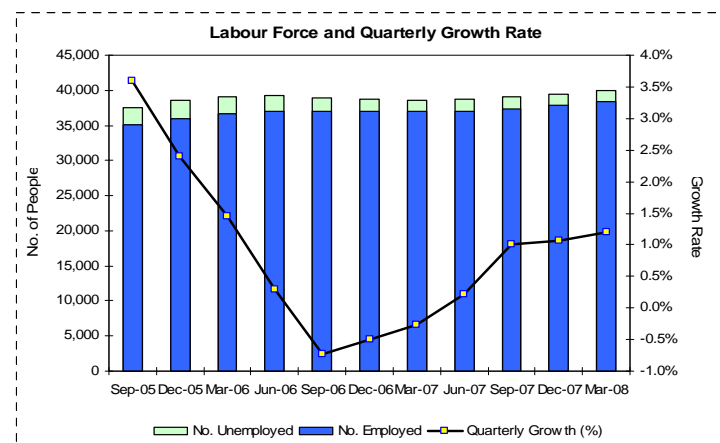




Regional Statistical Summary

Peel Labour Force – March Quarter 2008



Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

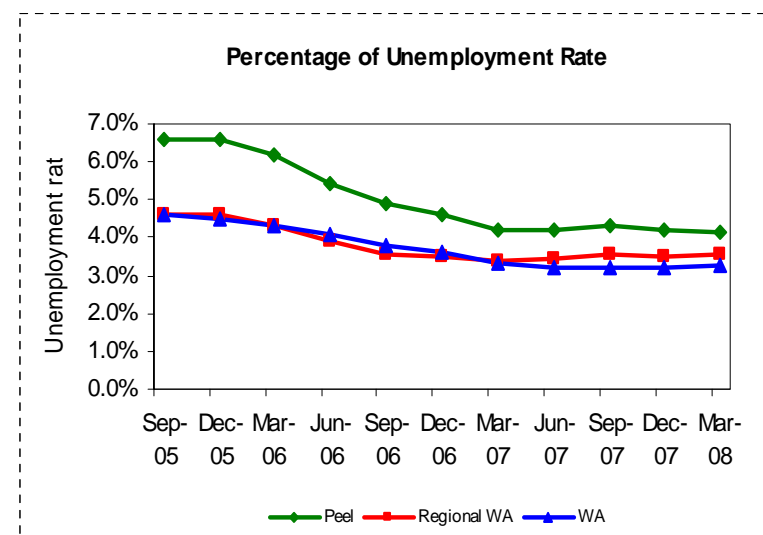
The labour force (total persons employed and unemployed aged 15 and over) in the Peel Region in the March quarter 2008, amounted to 39,967 people, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared to the previous quarter. The labour force in the Peel Region increased by 1,367 people from 38,600 in the March quarter of the previous year.

Out of the total current labour force, there were 38,314 persons employed 1,653 persons 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 (#)	35,131	35,974	36,658	37,047	36,998	36,927	36,973	37,062	37,388	37,839	38,314
No. Unemployed (#)	2,474	2,533	2,411	2,136	1,901	1,779	1,627	1,620	1,686	1,651	1,653
Labour Force (#)	37,605	38,507	39,069	39,183	38,899	38,706	38,600	38,682	39,074	39,490	39,967
Quarterly Growth (%)	3.6%	2.4%	1.5%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.5%	-0.3%	0.2%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%

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

When compared to the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 3.6 per cent, from 36,973 to 38,314 persons. Over the same period the number of unemployed increased by 1.6 per cent from 1,627 to 1,653 persons.



Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The unemployment rate in Peel has always been higher than the State and regional average over the last 3 years. However, this difference is narrowing as the unemployment rate in the Peel continues to decline. In the March quarter 2008, the unemployment rate was 4.1 per cent compared to 4.2 per cent in the previous quarter.

In comparison, the average rate for regional Western Australia and the State, were calculated at 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
Peel	6.6%	6.6%	6.2%	5.5%	4.9%	4.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%
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.