



Employment Portfolio

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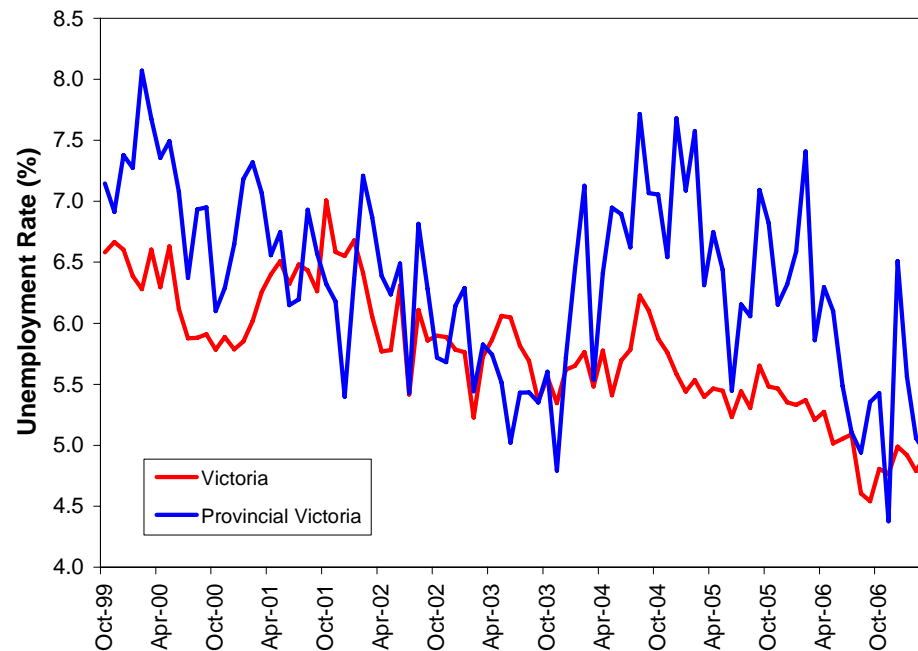
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Victorian Labour Market: Continuing Strong Performance

Unemployment Rate and Job Creation, October 1999 to March 2007



Jobs Growth

(Oct 1999 to March 2007)

- Victoria – 380,900 (17.4%)
- Provincial Victoria – 120,090 (21.5%)

Source ABS Labour Force, Australia, March 2007
Victoria data are seasonally adjusted, Provincial Victoria data are original



Department for Victorian Communities

Laying the Foundations since 1999

- Jobs for Victoria 2003-07 – over 7,200 outcomes
- Victoria's Skilled Migration Strategy 2003-07 – increasing skilled and business migration
- Workforce Participation Taskforce



What we have done in 2006-07 (As at 31 March 2007 unless otherwise indicated)

- Over 1,000 sustainable employment outcomes by Workforce Participation Partnerships
- Over 25% share of Australia's skilled and business migration (2005-06 DIAC data)
- A monthly average of over 56,000 unique visitors to Live in Victoria website
- Over \$600m of investment and over 2,900 jobs through business migration
- Regional Skills Shortages Survey Project



2007-08 Budget (Funding for 2007-08 to 2010-11 unless otherwise indicated)

- Victoria's Skilled Migration Strategy 2008-11 (\$8.4m)
 - Including 2 Overseas Postings in UK and India
- Workforce Participation Partnerships (\$2.5m for 2007-08)
 - Continued efforts to address employers' skills and labour needs
- Experience Counts (\$4.2m)
 - Help 700 retired mature age into areas of skills needs
- Disability Trainee Scheme (\$1.6m)
 - Help 200 people with a disability in public and community sectors
- Connectus (\$0.5m for 2007-08)
 - Premier's Drug Prevention Council initiative to support young people at risk to re-engage with education, training and employment

