

Labour Force

April 2016

Editorial

- There is CONSIDERABLE disagreement on the veracity and appropriateness of the ABS Labour Force survey methodology amongst [some] analysts. [See 2.4.1]
- Wherever possible, I supply the TREND figures, and will provide quarterly and yearly updates to avoid monthly “sensationalism”.
- **Caution** with any *monthly* results is always advised.

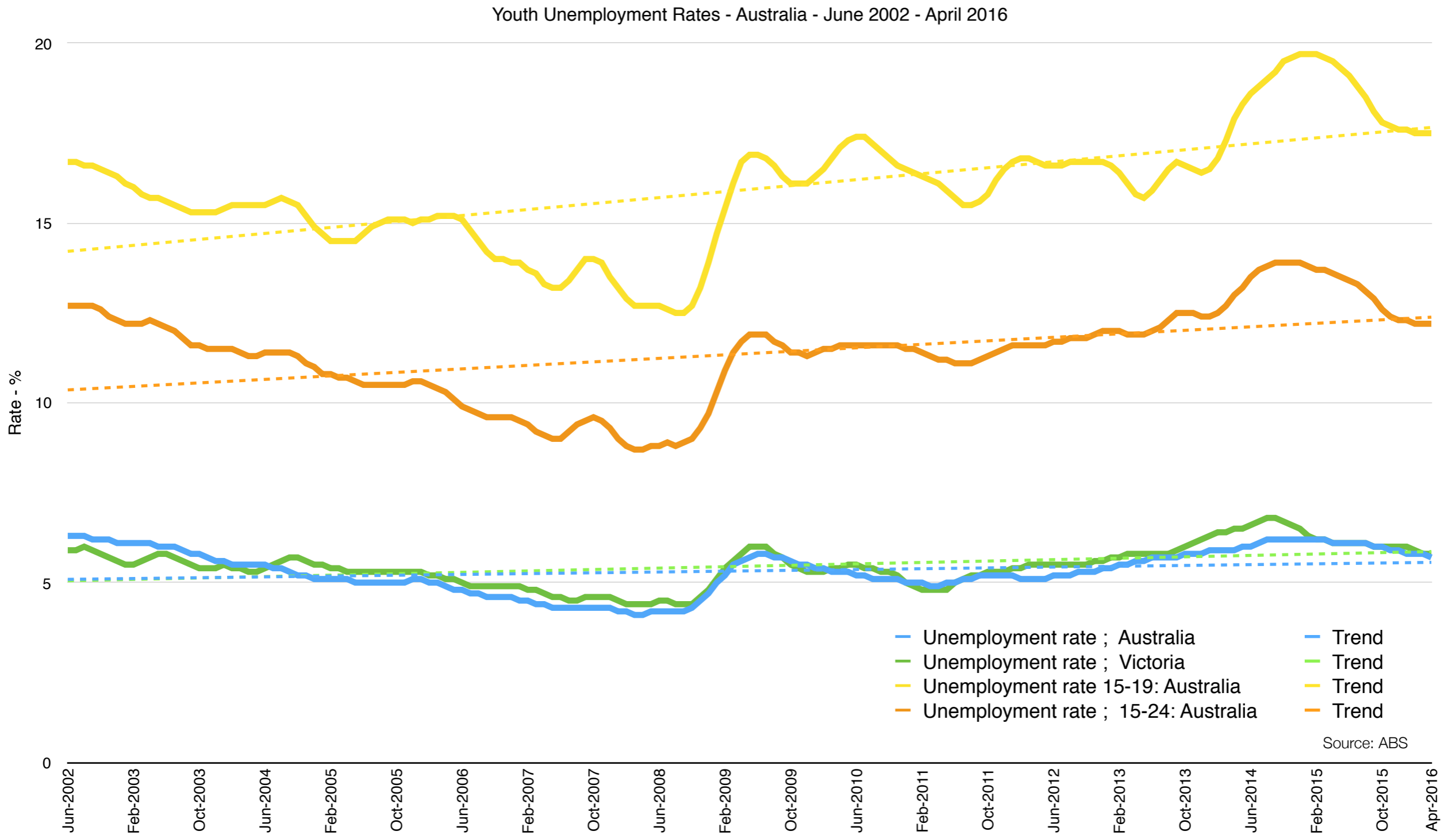
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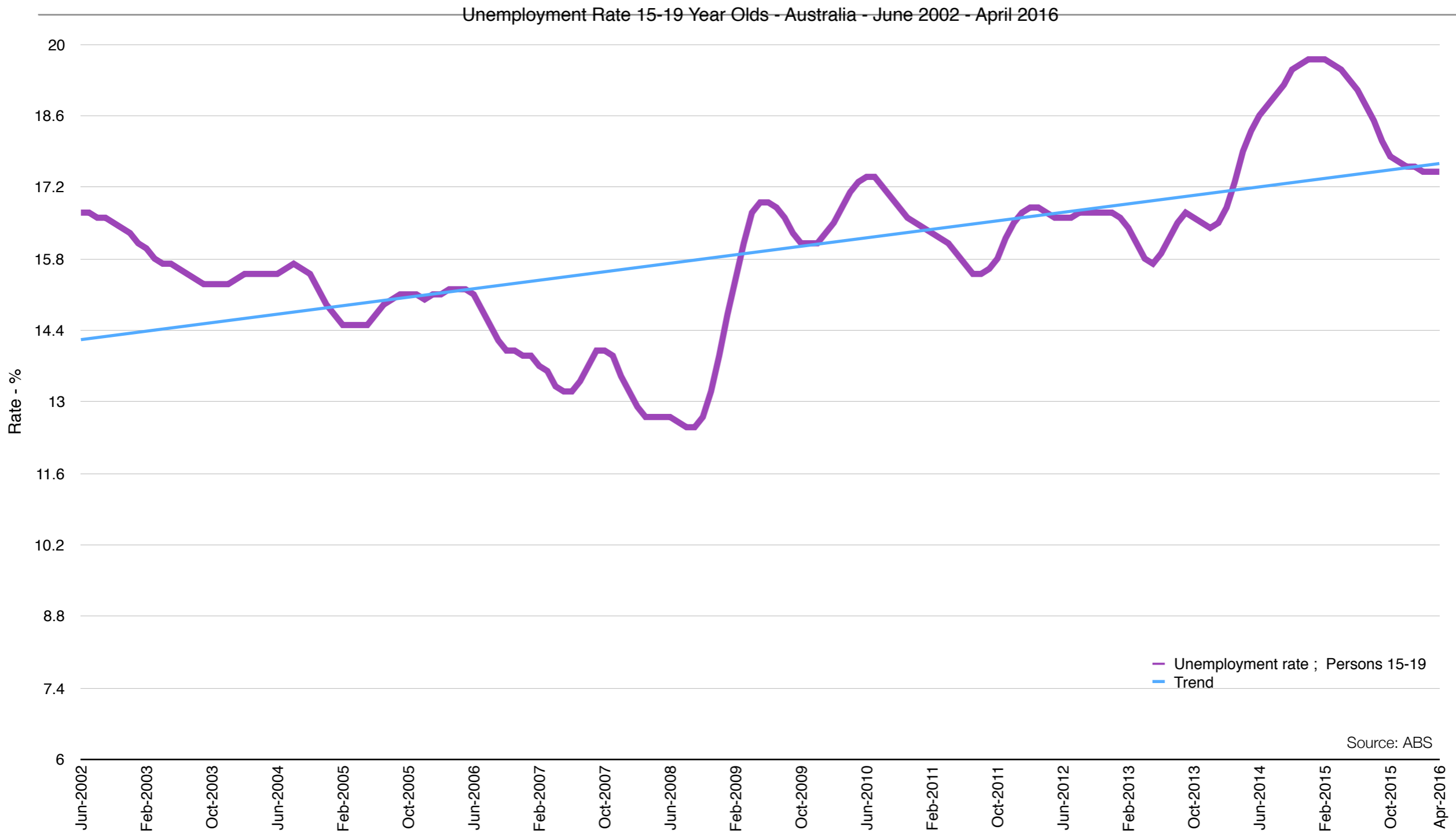
April 2016: Labour Force Australia

- Australian unemployment rate **decreased** less than 0.1% to **5.7%**. [Trend] ✓
- **TREND** Employment over 12 months is **2%** - **ABOVE** 20 Year average of **1.8%** ✓
- Australian participation rate **decreased** by 0.1% to 64.9%. ✗
- **Part-Time** employment growth **increased** for **11th consecutive month** [10,000+]
- **Full-Time** employment growth **decreased** for 3rd consecutive month [- 6400] ✗
- Victorian unemployment rate **remained** at **5.8%** [Trend]
- Victoria Trend employment growth strongest in Australia up 5,200 persons ✓
- Australian Youth Unemployment 15-19 rate **remained** at **17.5%** [3rd consecutive month]
- Australian Youth Unemployment 15-24 rate **remained** at **12.2%** [3rd consecutive month]
- Australian 15-24 Employment to Population Ratio remained **unchanged** at **58.7%**

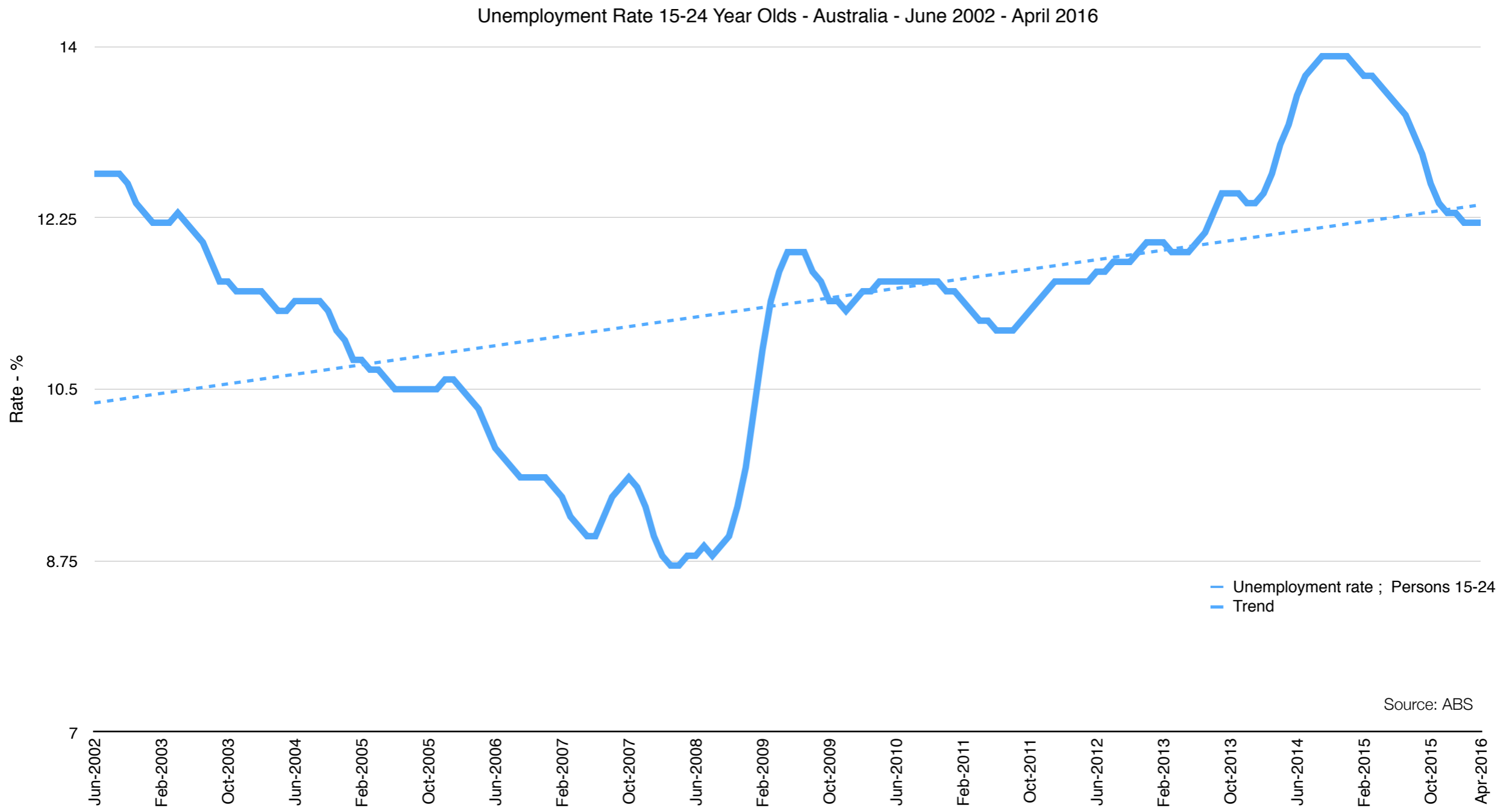
Youth Unemployment Australia - April 2016



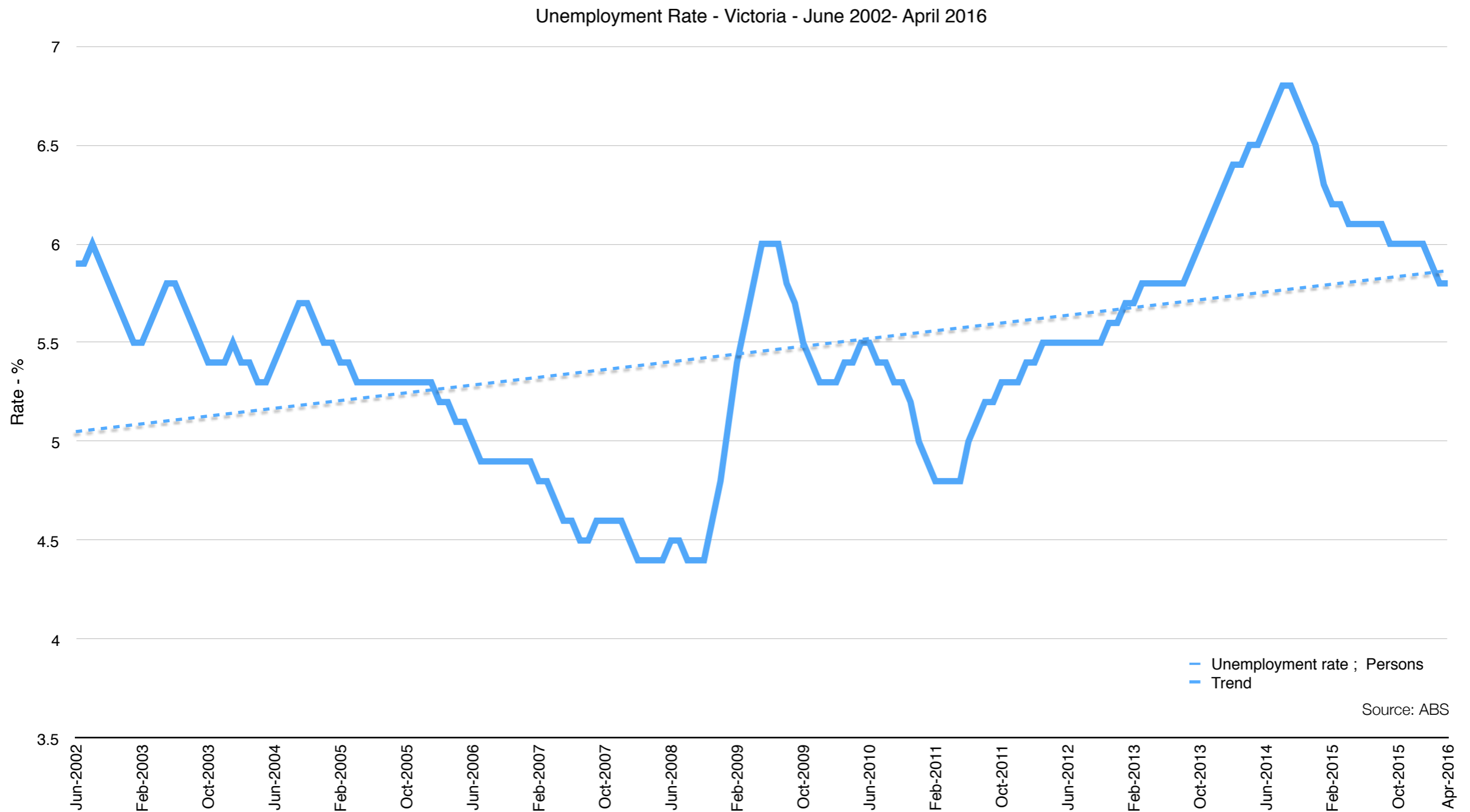
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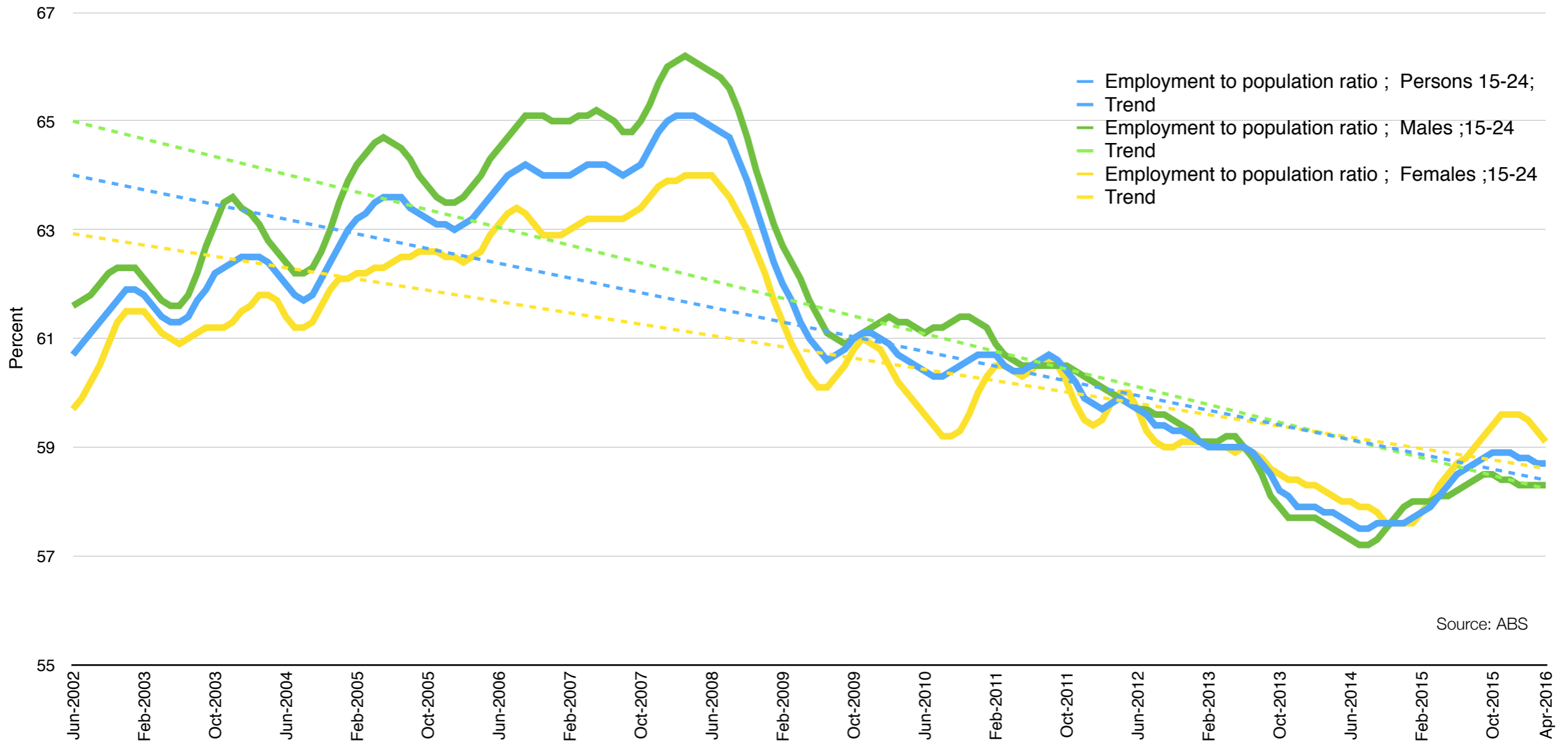
Unemployment Victoria - April 2016



Employment-to-Population Ratios - 2016

- Employment-to-population ratios for young people **collapsed** since the GFC - Early Improvement for Females appears to be falling away
- **15-19 Year** Old ratios are **abysmal**, [Not shown] **Males 40.9%** [Unchanged] **Females 47.2%** [getting worse since Sept 2015]
- 15-24 Year Olds, slightly better at approx 58.7% [Falling since August 2015 after some increases]

Employment to Population Ratio - Males and Females - Australia - June 2002 - April 2016



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