

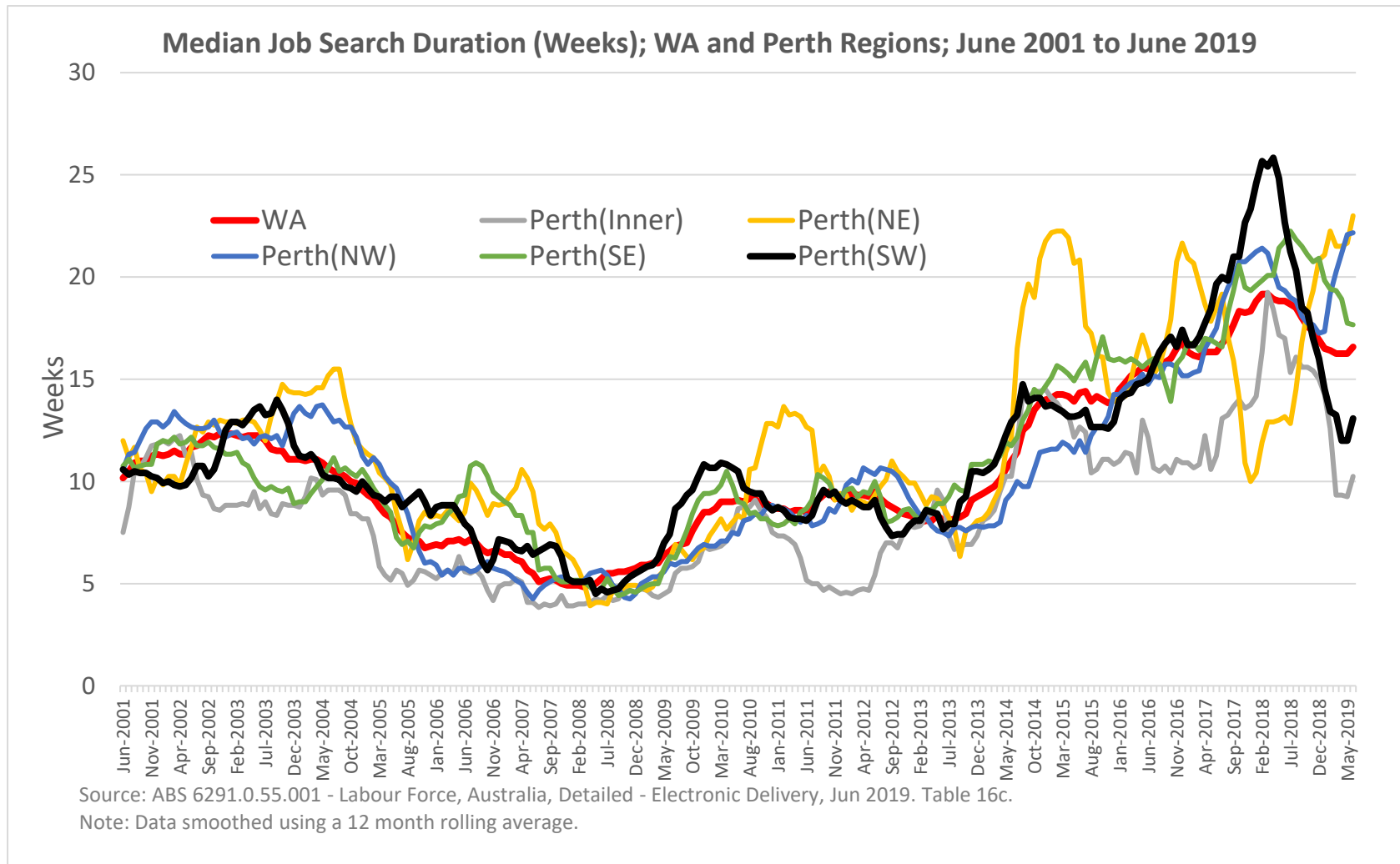
Job Search Duration WA

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Figures 1 and 2 show trends in median job search duration (weeks) in Western Australia between 2001 and 2019 using ABS data for Perth regions and regional WA. Using annual average data and comparing June 2019 with June 2009 (at the time of the Global Financial Crisis), the charts show that:

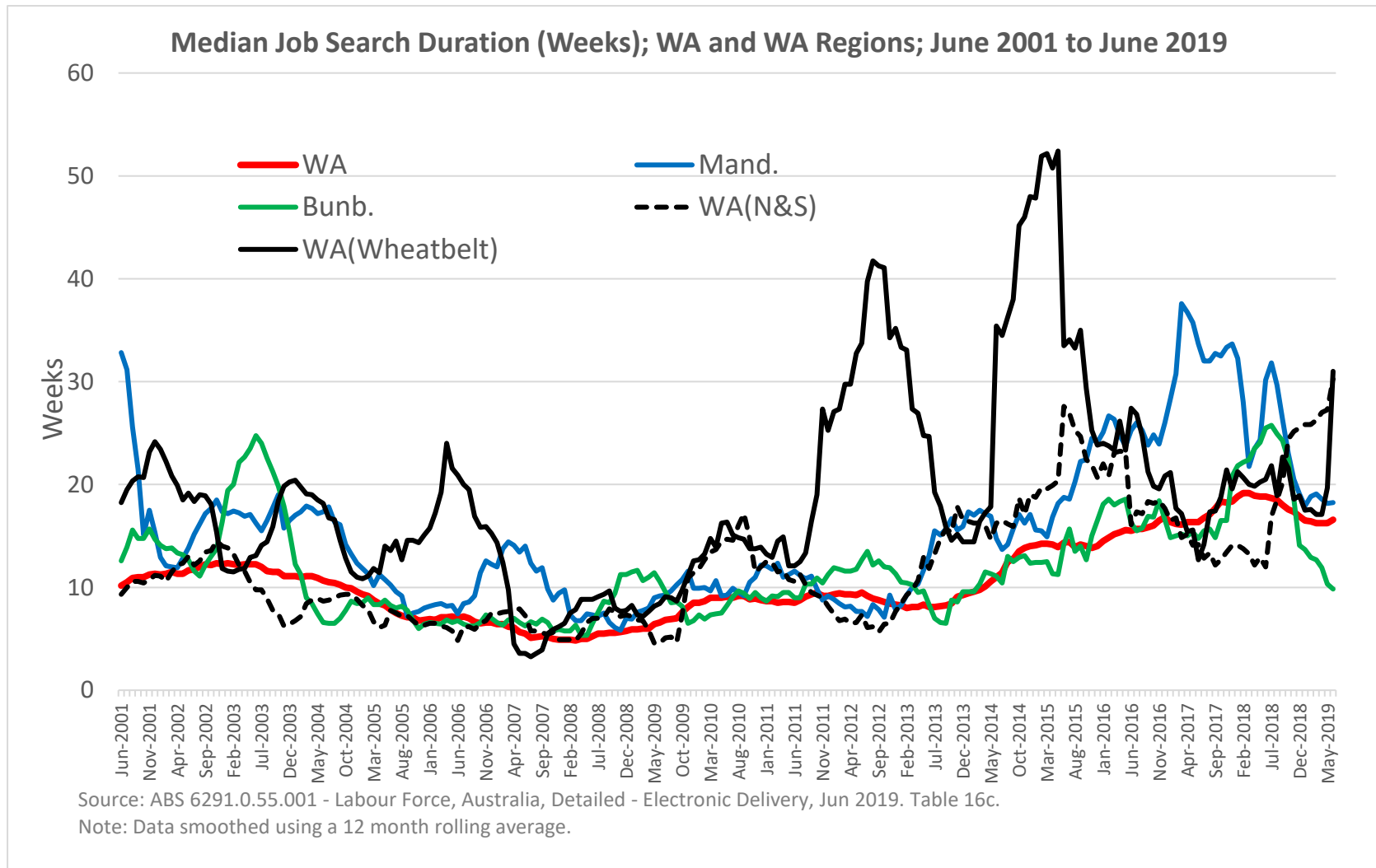
- For WA as a whole there has been a statistically significant increase in the median duration of job search in WA, with the median duration increasing by 10 weeks in the decade to June 2019.
- Within Perth the median duration of job search has varied by regions (see Fig 1). Those experiencing a significant growth in the median weeks of job search include the North East, the North West and the South East with the median weeks of job search duration increasing by 17, 16 and 11, respectively. Whilst the median weeks of job search duration has also increased in inner Perth and the South West of Perth the change in the 10 years to June 2019 is not statistically significant.
- Within the WA regions (Fig 2) there is considerable variation in the job search duration by region with the Wheat Belt followed by Mandurah exhibiting the most volatility. A comparison of the June 2009 and June 2019 data shows that there has been no statistically significant change in the median number of job search weeks in Mandurah and Bunbury. There has, however, been a significant increase within the North & South of Western Australia and in the Wheat Belt with the median number of weeks increasing by 26 and 23 respectively.

Fig 1: Trends in median duration of job search – WA & Perth Regions



Source: ABS data series xxx

Fig 2: Trends in median duration of job search – WA & WA regions



Source: ABS data series 6291.0.55.001 - Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Jun 2019

