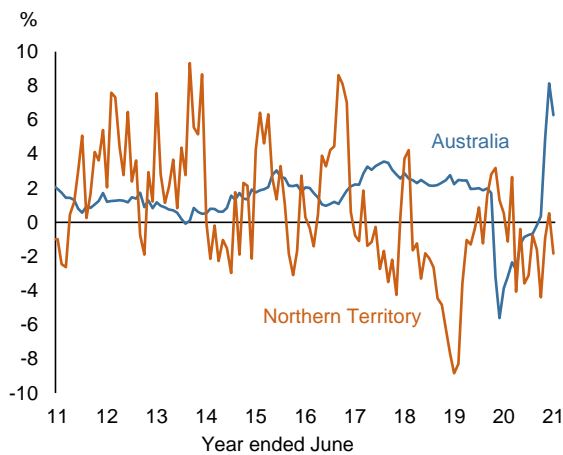
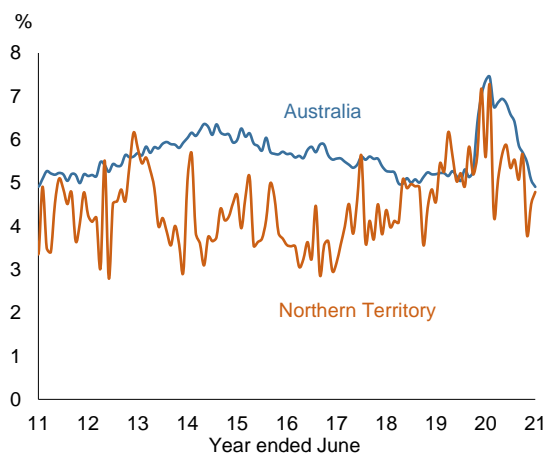


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



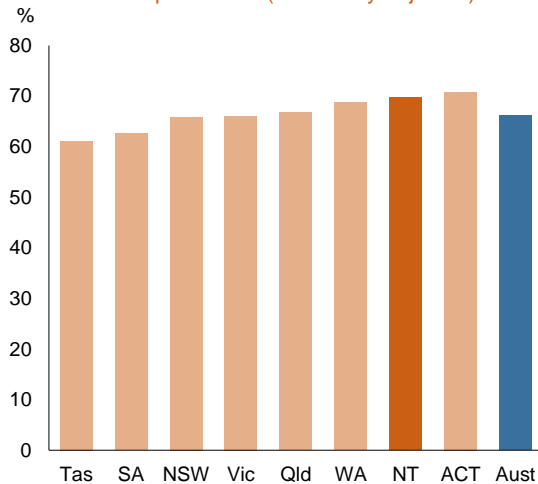
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Due to the timing of when the Labour Force Survey is conducted, the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown in Greater Darwin and Alice Springs is not captured in the June 2021 labour force data.

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (season. adjusted)	126 180	13 154 235
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↓3.9%	↑0.2%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↓1.8%	↑6.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.6%	↑0.6%

In June 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 3.9% to 126,180 persons. Full-time employment fell by 4.1% and part-time employment declined by 3.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full time employment increasing by 0.6%, partly offset by a 0.5% decrease in part-time employment.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment decreased by 1.8% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 6.3% over the same period (Chart 1). In 2020-21, Territory employment decreased by 1.6%, reflecting a 3.0% decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 3.2% increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 0.6%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	4.8%	4.9%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.3	↓0.2
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.8	↓2.5

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.8% in June 2021 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons increased from 6,198 to 6,351, reflecting decreased employment. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased to 4.9%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	69.7%	66.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓2.7	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓2.2	↑2.1

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 2.7 percentage points to 69.7% in June 2021. This is the second highest of the jurisdictions, and above the national rate of 66.2% (Chart 3).

Labour force June 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Jun 20	May 21	Jun 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	128 901	130 985	126 504	-3.4%	-1.9%	-1.6%
– full-time	96 789	98 702	95 759	-3.0%	-1.1%	-3.0%
– part-time	32 112	32 283	30 745	-4.8%	-4.3%	3.2%
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.3%	4.6%	0.3 ppt	- 0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	71.9%	72.1%	69.7%	- 2.4 ppt	- 2.2 ppt	
Labour force	136 154	136 870	132 572	-3.1%	-2.6%	-1.9%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	128 535	131 286	126 180	-3.9%	-1.8%	
– full-time	96 871	99 998	95 867	-4.1%	-1.0%	
– part-time	31 664	31 288	30 313	-3.1%	-4.3%	
Unemployment rate	5.6%	4.5%	4.8%	0.3 ppt	- 0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	71.9%	72.4%	69.7%	- 2.7 ppt	- 2.2 ppt	
Labour force	136 155	137 484	132 531	-3.6%	-2.7%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 391 596	13 187 421	13 168 269	-0.1%	6.3%	0.6%
– full-time	8 498 421	8 943 820	8 981 354	0.4%	5.7%	-0.3%
– part-time	3 893 175	4 243 601	4 186 916	-1.3%	7.5%	2.4%
Unemployment rate	7.2%	5.0%	4.8%	- 0.2 ppt	- 2.4 ppt	
Participation rate	64.1%	66.5%	66.2%	- 0.3 ppt	2.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 357 985	13 879 466	13 835 639	-0.3%	3.6%	1.2%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 376 374	13 125 149	13 154 235	0.2%	6.3%	
– full-time	8 529 618	8 965 190	9 016 802	0.6%	5.7%	
– part-time	3 846 756	4 159 958	4 137 433	-0.5%	7.6%	
Unemployment rate	7.4%	5.1%	4.9%	- 0.2 ppt	- 2.5 ppt	
Participation rate	64.1%	66.2%	66.2%	0.0 ppt	2.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 359 226	13 826 286	13 833 380	0.1%	3.5%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						

ppt.: percentage point

1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month in the previous year.

3 Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.

4 Seasonal adjustment removes a series influences that are systemic and calendar related.

5 Trend series represents the underlying series remaining after removing seasonal effects from the original data and smoothing out the irregularities.

* Due to rounding, percentage changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

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