

# Labour force

September 2022 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	134 871	13 608 212
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.1%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↑3.8%	↑3.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.6%	↑3.3%

In September 2022, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.1% to 134,871 persons. Full-time employment increased by 0.2%, partly offset by decreased part-time employment of 0.3%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.1% and part-time employment increasing by 0.1%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 3.8% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.6% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to September 2022, Territory employment increased by 2.6%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 4.2%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 2.7%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.3%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.0%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	flat	↓1.1

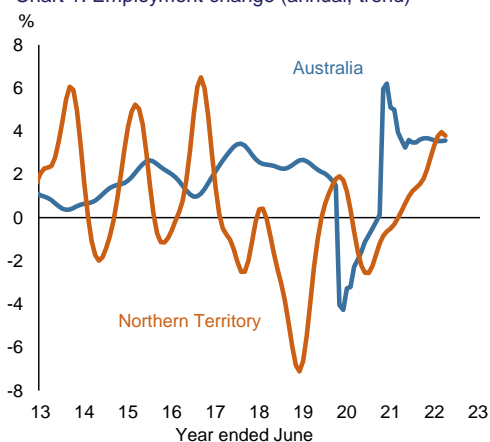
The Territory's trend unemployment rate increased from 3.9% in August 2022 to 4.0% in September 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	72.9%	66.7%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.1	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.5	↑0.9

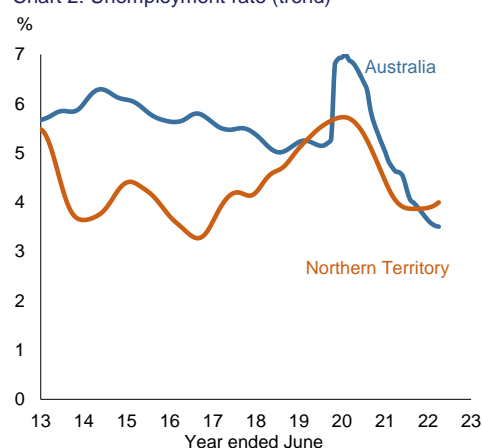
The trend participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 72.9% in September 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.7% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



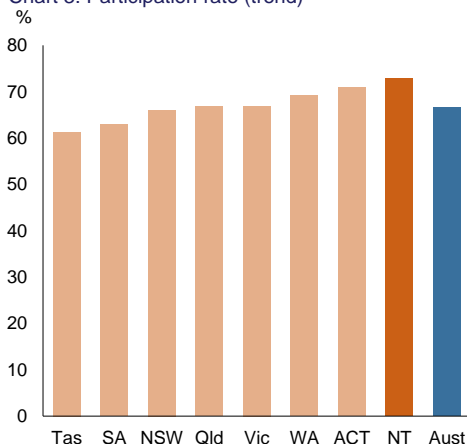
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Sep 21	Aug 22	Sep 22	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	128 812	133 401	135 269	1.4%	5.0%	2.6%
– full-time	98 501	103 836	105 285	1.4%	6.9%	4.2%
– part-time	30 311	29 565	29 984	1.4%	-1.1%	-2.7%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.3%	4.1%	- 0.2 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	70.8%	72.4%	72.8%	0.4 ppt	2.0 ppt	
Labour force	134 386	139 366	140 981	1.2%	4.9%	1.6%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	129 257	135 253	135 702	0.3%	5.0%	
– full-time	99 306	105 416	106 106	0.7%	6.8%	
– part-time	29 951	29 838	29 596	-0.8%	-1.2%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.5%	4.0%	- 0.5 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	71.0%	73.5%	73.0%	- 0.5 ppt	2.0 ppt	
Labour force	134 872	141 554	141 347	-0.1%	4.8%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	129 942	134 789	134 871	0.1%	3.8%	
– full-time	99 058	105 050	105 213	0.2%	6.2%	
– part-time	30 884	29 740	29 658	-0.3%	-4.0%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	71.4%	73.0%	72.9%	- 0.1 ppt	1.5 ppt	
Labour force	135 404	140 325	140 486	0.1%	3.8%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	12 858 827	13 520 050	13 544 456	0.2%	5.3%	3.3%
– full-time	8 932 920	9 386 161	9 424 092	0.4%	5.5%	4.8%
– part-time	3 925 907	4 133 889	4 120 364	-0.3%	5.0%	0.1%
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	64.4%	66.2%	66.3%	0.1 ppt	1.9 ppt	
Labour force	13 473 126	14 006 147	14 028 489	0.2%	4.1%	1.6%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	12 899 618	13 589 926	13 590 850	0.0%	5.4%	
– full-time	8 983 412	9 465 092	9 478 421	0.1%	5.5%	
– part-time	3 916 207	4 124 834	4 112 428	-0.3%	5.0%	
Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	64.7%	66.6%	66.6%	0.0 ppt	1.9 ppt	
Labour force	13 532 003	14 080 494	14 090 258	0.1%	4.1%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 138 834	13 592 831	13 608 212	0.1%	3.6%	
– full-time	8 990 124	9 473 201	9 484 010	0.1%	5.5%	
– part-time	4 148 709	4 119 630	4 124 202	0.1%	-0.6%	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	65.8%	66.6%	66.7%	0.1 ppt	0.9 ppt	
Labour force	13 776 096	14 089 513	14 102 605	0.1%	2.4%	

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.

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

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