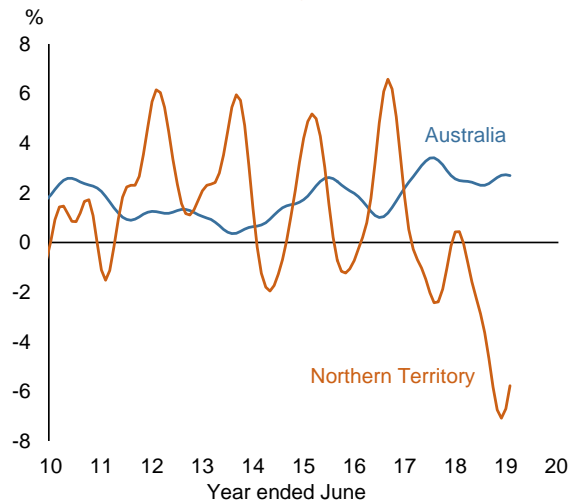
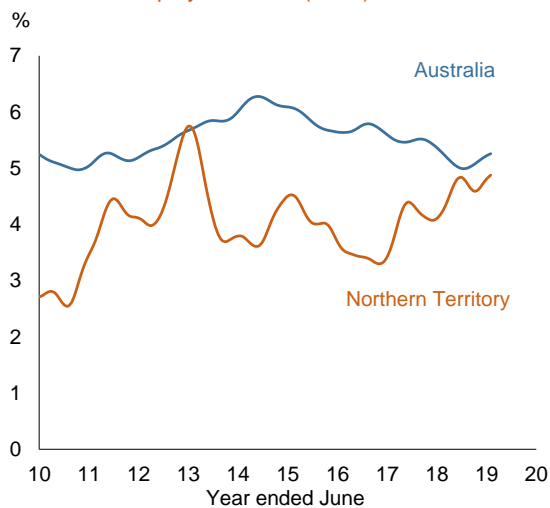


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



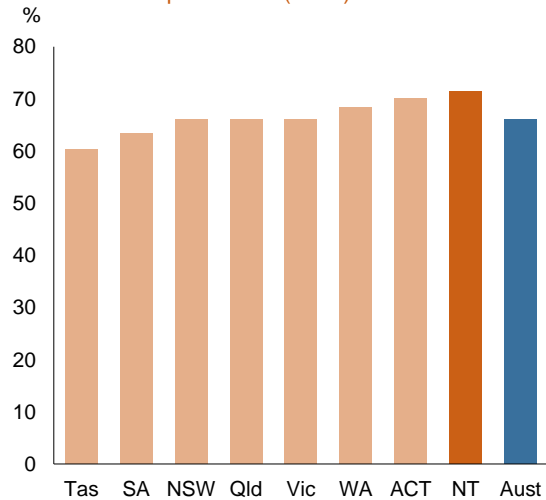
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	129 189	12 915 217
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.2%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓5.8%	↑2.7%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓4.4%	↑2.4%

In July 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.2 per cent to 129 189 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the third highest growth of the jurisdictions, equal with Queensland. Nationally, trend employment grew by 0.2 per cent to 12 915 217.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 5.8 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the lowest annual result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.7 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to July 2019, Territory employment decreased by 4.4 per cent. This was the largest year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 5.2 per cent decline in full-time employment and a 1.2 per cent decline in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.4 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.9%	5.3%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.7	flat

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate increased to 4.9 per cent in July 2019 (Chart 2). This was the fourth lowest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.5 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.7 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.3 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	71.3%	66.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.2	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓4.2	↑0.6

The trend participation rate in the Territory declined 0.2 percentage points to 71.3 per cent compared to the previous month. Despite this fall, the Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 66.1 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force July 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Jul 18	Jun 19	Jul 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	139 771	128 499	128 193	-0.2%	-8.3%	-4.4%
– full-time	114 530	100 964	99 101	-1.8%	-13.5%	-5.2%
– part-time	25 241	27 535	29 092	5.7%	15.3%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.4%	5.3%	0.9 ppt	1.4 ppt	
Participation rate	76.7%	71.1%	71.6%	0.5 ppt	- 5.1 ppt	
Labour force	145 416	134 460	135 376	0.7%	-6.9%	-4.0%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	137 096	128 905	129 189	0.2%	-5.8%	
– full-time	110 248	99 722	99 555	-0.2%	-9.7%	
– part-time	26 848	29 183	29 634	1.5%	10.4%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.8%	4.9%	0.1 ppt	0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	75.5%	71.5%	71.3%	- 0.2 ppt	- 4.2 ppt	
Labour force	143 244	135 391	135 720	0.2%	-5.3%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 574 452	12 907 535	12 907 970	0.0%	2.7%	2.4%
– full-time	8 613 330	8 795 651	8 869 534	0.8%	3.0%	2.7%
– part-time	3 961 123	4 111 884	4 038 437	-1.8%	2.0%	1.8%
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	66.1%	66.0%	- 0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 264 469	13 600 214	13 611 695	0.1%	2.6%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 575 547	12 867 042	12 908 169	0.3%	2.6%	
– full-time	8 591 513	8 812 632	8 847 106	0.4%	3.0%	
– part-time	3 984 034	4 054 410	4 061 063	0.2%	1.9%	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	66.0%	66.1%	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 274 440	13 579 174	13 621 091	0.3%	2.6%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 576 040	12 890 577	12 915 217	0.2%	2.7%	
– full-time	8 592 499	8 834 420	8 849 475	0.2%	3.0%	
– part-time	3 983 542	4 056 157	4 065 741	0.2%	2.1%	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.2%	5.3%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	66.0%	66.1%	0.1 ppt	0.6 ppt	
Labour force	13 280 126	13 599 539	13 630 784	0.2%	2.6%	

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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Nationally, media analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey (LFS) is concentrated on seasonally adjusted data. Due to the high standard errors and volatile nature of seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory LFS, the ABS only publishes data in original and trend terms.

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