

Labour force

May 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	135 760	13 510 888
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.0%	↑0.5%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑3.9%	↑2.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑1.0%	↑3.4%

In May 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 1.0% to 135,760 persons. Part-time employment increased by 4.6%, partly offset by a decrease in full-time employment of 0.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.5%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.7%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 0.2%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 3.9% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.9% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to May 2022, Territory employment increased by 1.0%, reflecting a 1.7% increase in full-time employment, partly offset by a 1.2% decrease in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.4%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.1%	3.9%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.4	↓1.2

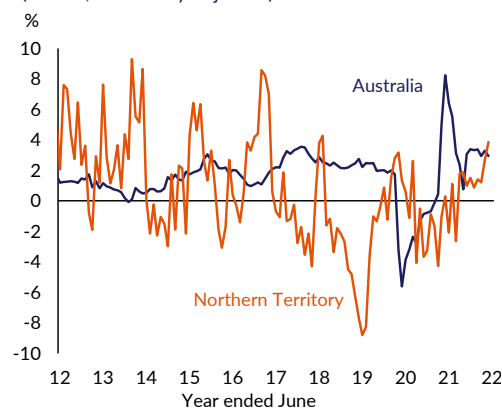
The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was flat at 4.1% in the month of May 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was also flat at 3.9%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	74.3%	66.7%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.6	↑0.3
Annual change (ppt)	↑2.0	↑0.5

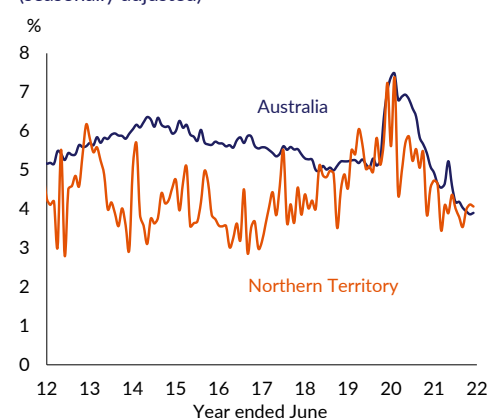
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.6 percentage points to 74.3% in May 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.7% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



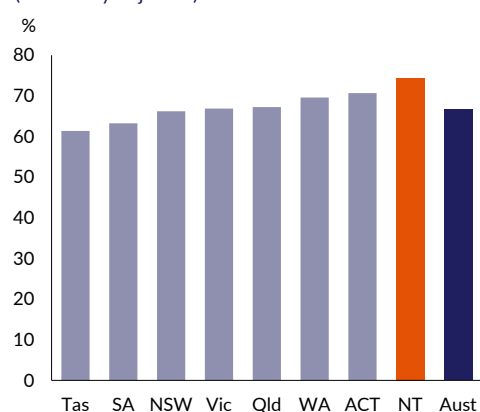
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	May 21	Apr 22	May 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	130 725	134 600	135 710	0.8%	3.8%	1.0%
– full-time	98 582	105 140	103 111	-1.9%	4.6%	1.7%
– part-time	32 143	29 459	32 599	10.7%	1.4%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%	- 0.5 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	72.1%	73.9%	74.1%	0.2 ppt	2.0 ppt	
Labour force	136 575	140 648	141 091	0.3%	3.3%	-0.3%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	130 718	134 429	135 760	1.0%	3.9%	
– full-time	99 650	104 285	104 221	-0.1%	4.6%	
– part-time	31 067	30 144	31 539	4.6%	1.5%	
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	72.3%	73.7%	74.3%	0.6 ppt	2.0 ppt	
Labour force	136 936	140 197	141 512	0.9%	3.3%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 204 343	13 462 639	13 589 105	0.9%	2.9%	3.4%
– full-time	8 958 555	9 340 485	9 432 848	1.0%	5.3%	4.7%
– part-time	4 245 788	4 122 154	4 156 257	0.8%	-2.1%	0.4%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	3.9%	3.8%	- 0.1 ppt	- 1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	66.5%	67.0%	0.5 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 896 579	14 011 959	14 127 368	0.8%	1.7%	1.2%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	13 124 747	13 450 267	13 510 888	0.5%	2.9%	
– full-time	8 969 309	9 374 033	9 443 384	0.7%	5.3%	
– part-time	4 155 438	4 076 234	4 067 503	-0.2%	-2.1%	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	- 1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.2%	66.4%	66.7%	0.3 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 828 716	13 990 572	14 059 019	0.5%	1.7%	
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.

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