

Labour force

July 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

| | NT | Aust |
|--|---------|------------|
| Employed persons (seasonally adjusted) | 134 016 | 13 558 365 |
| Monthly change (seasonally adjusted) | ↑2.8% | ↓0.3% |
| Annual change (seasonally adjusted) | ↑3.7% | ↑3.0% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↑1.6% | ↑2.9% |

In July 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 2.8% to 134,016 persons. Full-time employment increased by 2.9% and part-time employment increased by 2.6%. Nationally, employment decreased by 0.3%, with full-time employment decreasing by 0.9%, partly offset by part-time employment increasing by 1.1%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 3.7% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.0% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to July 2022, Territory employment increased by 1.6%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 3.0%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 2.5%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 2.9%.

Unemployment

| | NT | Aust |
|---|------|------|
| Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) | 3.5% | 3.4% |
| Monthly change (ppt) | ↓0.2 | ↓0.1 |
| Annual change (ppt) | ↓1.1 | ↓1.2 |

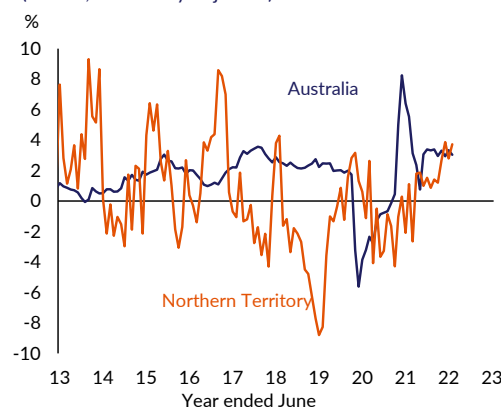
The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 3.7% in June 2022 to 3.5% in July 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased from 3.5% to 3.4%.

Participation

| | NT | Aust |
|--|-------|-------|
| Participation rate (seasonally adjusted) | 72.5% | 66.4% |
| Monthly change (ppt) | ↑1.4 | ↓0.4 |
| Annual change (ppt) | ↑1.0 | ↑0.4 |

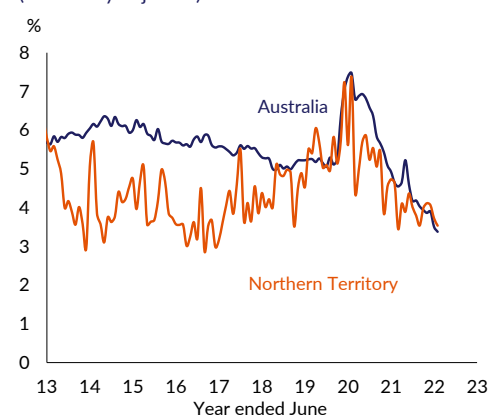
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 1.4 percentage points to 72.5% in July 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.4% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



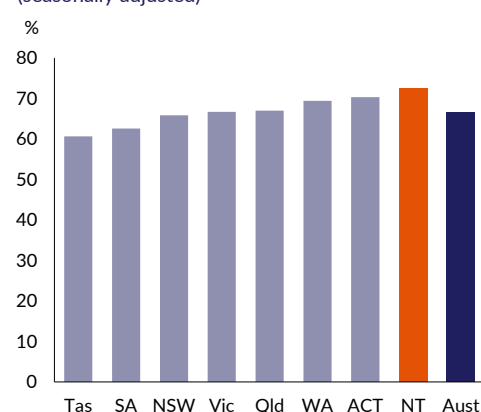
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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 | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jul 21 | Jun 22 | Jul 22 | Monthly ¹ | Annual ² | Year-on-year ³ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | |
| Employment | 127 805 | 129 519 | 132 517 | 2.3% | 3.7% | 1.6% |
| – full-time | 96 794 | 100 455 | 103 660 | 3.2% | 7.1% | 3.0% |
| – part-time | 31 011 | 29 064 | 28 857 | -0.7% | -6.9% | -2.5% |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6% | 3.6% | 3.5% | - 0.1 ppt | - 1.1 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 70.7% | 70.5% | 71.7% | 1.2 ppt | 1.0 ppt | |
| Labour force | 133 909 | 134 293 | 137 322 | 2.3% | 2.5% | 0.4% |
| Seasonally adjusted⁴ | | | | | | |
| Employment | 129 200 | 130 316 | 134 016 | 2.8% | 3.7% | |
| – full-time | 97 683 | 101 719 | 104 687 | 2.9% | 7.2% | |
| – part-time | 31 517 | 28 598 | 29 329 | 2.6% | -6.9% | |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6% | 3.7% | 3.5% | - 0.2 ppt | - 1.1 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 71.5% | 71.1% | 72.5% | 1.4 ppt | 1.0 ppt | |
| Labour force | 135 487 | 135 358 | 138 929 | 2.6% | 2.5% | |
| Trend⁵ | | | | | | |
| – labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release | | | | | | |
| Australia | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | |
| Employment | 13 163 308 | 13 618 348 | 13 564 956 | -0.4% | 3.1% | 2.9% |
| – full-time | 9 034 793 | 9 466 257 | 9 430 485 | -0.4% | 4.4% | 4.6% |
| – part-time | 4 128 515 | 4 152 091 | 4 134 471 | -0.4% | 0.1% | -0.7% |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6% | 3.4% | 3.3% | - 0.1 ppt | - 1.3 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 66.0% | 66.8% | 66.4% | - 0.4 ppt | 0.4 ppt | |
| Labour force | 13 795 932 | 14 102 242 | 14 031 132 | -0.5% | 1.7% | 0.9% |
| Seasonally adjusted⁴ | | | | | | |
| Employment | 13 159 849 | 13 599 310 | 13 558 365 | -0.3% | 3.0% | |
| – full-time | 9 016 514 | 9 496 317 | 9 409 394 | -0.9% | 4.4% | |
| – part-time | 4 143 335 | 4 102 993 | 4 148 971 | 1.1% | 0.1% | |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6% | 3.5% | 3.4% | - 0.1 ppt | - 1.2 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 66.0% | 66.8% | 66.4% | - 0.4 ppt | 0.4 ppt | |
| Labour force | 13 801 093 | 14 093 165 | 14 032 013 | -0.4% | 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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