

# Labour force

March 2023 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	142 054	13 883 084
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.7%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↑5.1%	↑3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑4.0%	↑4.2%

In March 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.7% to 142,054 persons. Part-time employment increased by 0.9% and full-time employment increased by 0.6%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.3% and part-time employment remaining flat.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 5.1% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.1% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to March 2023, Territory employment increased by 4.0%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 5.3%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 0.5%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.2%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.8%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.1	↓0.4

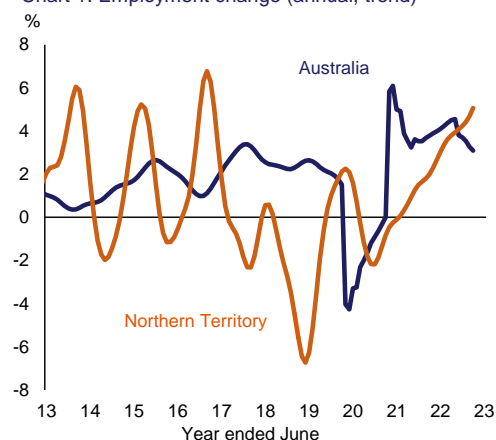
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.8% in the month of March 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	75.6%	66.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.4	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑2.8	↑0.3

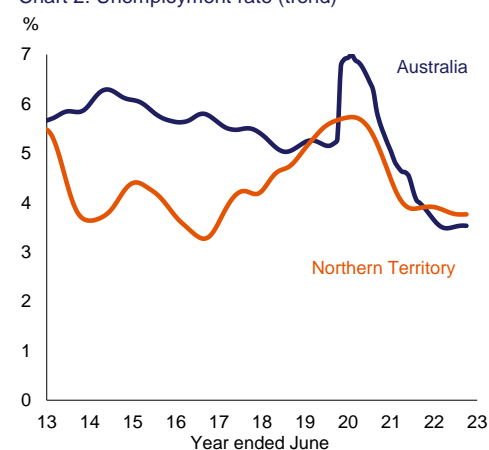
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.4 percentage points to 75.6% in March 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.8% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



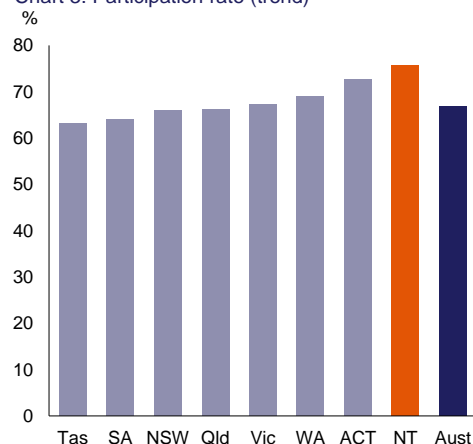
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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		
	Mar 22	Feb 23	Mar 23	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	135 217	143 212	142 940	-0.2%	5.7%	4.0%
– full-time	104 146	110 725	109 976	-0.7%	5.6%	5.3%
– part-time	31 071	32 487	32 964	1.5%	6.1%	-0.5%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.6%	3.4%	- 1.2 ppt	- 0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	72.9%	77.0%	75.8%	- 1.2 ppt	2.9 ppt	
Labour force	141 061	150 130	148 014	-1.4%	4.9%	3.7%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	134 240	141 743	141 905	0.1%	5.7%	
– full-time	103 620	109 443	109 358	-0.1%	5.5%	
– part-time	30 620	32 299	32 546	0.8%	6.3%	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.5%	3.5%	- 1.0 ppt	- 0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	72.3%	76.1%	75.2%	- 0.9 ppt	2.9 ppt	
Labour force	139 973	148 487	146 981	-1.0%	5.0%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	135 203	141 135	142 054	0.7%	5.1%	
– full-time	104 455	108 904	109 531	0.6%	4.9%	
– part-time	30 748	32 231	32 523	0.9%	5.8%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	72.8%	75.2%	75.6%	0.4 ppt	2.8 ppt	
Labour force	140 701	146 654	147 612	0.7%	4.9%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	13 470 721	13 898 188	13 912 725	0.1%	3.3%	4.2%
– full-time	9 274 696	9 791 178	9 746 084	-0.5%	5.1%	5.6%
– part-time	4 196 026	4 107 010	4 166 641	1.5%	-0.7%	1.0%
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.9%	3.8%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.7%	67.2%	67.0%	- 0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	14 058 480	14 457 403	14 456 919	0.0%	2.8%	3.1%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	13 446 746	13 831 431	13 884 437	0.4%	3.3%	
– full-time	9 279 430	9 676 615	9 748 858	0.7%	5.1%	
– part-time	4 167 317	4 154 816	4 135 579	-0.5%	-0.8%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.4%	66.7%	66.7%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 995 196	14 340 046	14 391 481	0.4%	2.8%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 467 487	13 851 350	13 883 084	0.2%	3.1%	
– full-time	9 312 740	9 699 152	9 729 193	0.3%	4.5%	
– part-time	4 154 746	4 152 198	4 153 892	0.0%	0.0%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	66.7%	66.8%	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	14 016 970	14 359 276	14 391 592	0.2%	2.7%	

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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