

Labour force

April 2025 | Economic brief

Seasonally adjusted

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	139 706	14 642 696
- Monthly change	↓0.4%	↑0.6%
- Year-ended change	↑0.4%	↑2.7%
- Year-average change	↑0.9%	↑2.4%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.1%
Participation rate	72.4%	67.1%

Employment in the Territory declined by 0.4% to 139,706 persons in April 2025. Full-time employment declined by 1.8%, partly offset by part-time employment which increased by 5.1%. The Territory reported the second weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 0.4% in South Australia to an increase of 0.9% in Queensland and Victoria. Nationally, employment increased by 0.6%. Employment in the Territory increased by 0.4% over the year to April 2025 (Chart 1). This was the second weakest result of the jurisdictions.

The Territory's unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points (ppt) to 4.0% in April 2025 (Chart 2). The Territory reported the fourth highest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.8% in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory to 4.2% in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. Nationally, the monthly unemployment was flat at 4.1%. The Territory's unemployment rate declined from 4.1% to 4.0% over the year to April 2025.

The participation rate in the Territory was flat at 72.4%. This is the second highest rate of the jurisdictions and is 5.3 ppt above the national rate (67.1%). The Territory's participation rate declined from 72.9% to 72.4% over the year to April 2025.

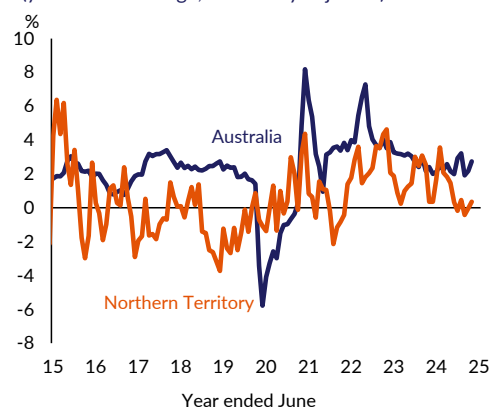
Trend

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	140 440	14 622 074
- Monthly change	↑0.3%	↑0.2%
- Year-ended change	↑0.7%	↑2.5%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%
Participation rate	72.8%	67.0%

Employment in the Territory increased by 0.3% to 140,440 persons in April 2025. Part-time employment increased by 0.4% and full-time employment increased by 0.3%. Employment increased by 0.7% in the Territory over the year to April 2025 (Chart 3).

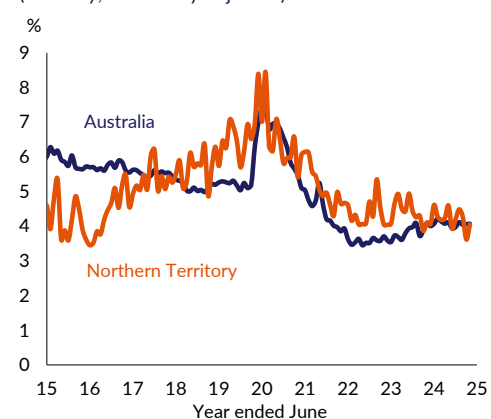
The Territory's unemployment rate was flat at 4.1% in April 2025, however declined by 0.1 ppt over the year. The participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.1 ppt to 72.8%, however declined by 0.3 ppt over the year.

Chart 1: Employment change
(year-ended change, seasonally adjusted)



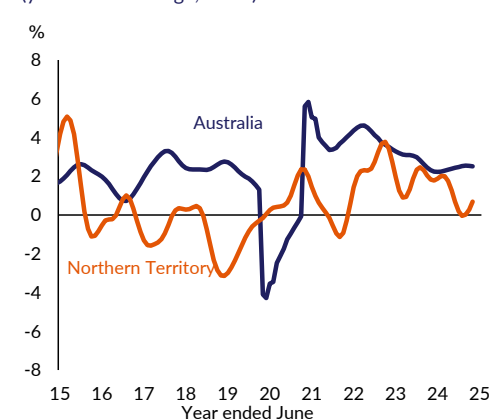
Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Chart 2: Unemployment rate
(monthly, seasonally adjusted)



Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Chart 3: Employment change
(year-ended change, trend)



Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Monthly change ¹	Year-ended change ²	
	Apr 24	Mar 25	Apr 25	%	%	No.
Northern Territory						
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	139 215	140 240	139 706	-0.4%	0.4%	491
– full-time	109 662	111 850	109 857	-1.8%	0.2%	195
– part-time	29 554	28 390	29 849	5.1%	1.0%	295
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%	0.4 ppt	-0.1 ppt	
– Unemployed	5 962	5 256	5 894	12.1%	-1.1%	- 68
Participation rate	72.9%	72.4%	72.4%	0.0 ppt	-0.5 ppt	
Labour force	145 178	145 496	145 600	0.1%	0.3%	423
Trend						
Employment	139 482	139 966	140 440	0.3%	0.7%	958
– full-time	110 101	110 354	110 722	0.3%	0.6%	621
– part-time	29 380	29 612	29 718	0.4%	1.1%	338
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 ppt	-0.1 ppt	
– Unemployed	6 068	6 000	5 978	-0.4%	-1.5%	- 90
Participation rate	73.1%	72.7%	72.8%	0.1 ppt	-0.3 ppt	
Labour force	145 550	145 966	146 418	0.3%	0.6%	868
Australia						
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	14 252 910	14 553 746	14 642 696	0.6%	2.7%	389 786
– full-time	9 819 014	10 014 841	10 074 318	0.6%	2.6%	255 304
– part-time	4 433 896	4 538 905	4 568 378	0.6%	3.0%	134 482
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
– Unemployed	607 468	614 728	621 071	1.0%	2.2%	13 603
Participation rate	66.7%	66.8%	67.1%	0.3 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	14 860 378	15 168 474	15 263 767	0.6%	2.7%	403 389
Trend						
Employment	14 263 561	14 595 726	14 622 074	0.2%	2.5%	358 513
– full-time	9 834 881	10 051 987	10 063 730	0.1%	2.3%	228 849
– part-time	4 428 679	4 543 739	4 558 343	0.3%	2.9%	129 664
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	
– Unemployed	594 190	616 539	618 616	0.3%	4.1%	24 425
Participation rate	66.7%	67.0%	67.0%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	14 857 751	15 212 265	15 240 689	0.2%	2.6%	382 938

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.

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

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Labour force*

Table 2: Unemployment rates by jurisdiction (%)

	April 2025		Ranking (highest to lowest)	
	Seasonally adjusted	Trend	Seasonally adjusted	Trend
States				
NSW	3.9	3.9	6	5
Vic	4.2	4.4	1	1
Qld	4.2	4.1	2	3
WA	4.2	3.8	3	7
SA	3.9	4.0	5	4
Tas	3.8	3.8	8	6
ACT	3.8	3.1	7	8
NT	4.0	4.1	4	2
Australia	4.1	4.1		

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Labour force*

Term	Definition
Employment	Work for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers)
Employed full-time	Employed people who usually work 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who usually work less but worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
Employed part-time	Employed people who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) or were not at work in the reference week.
Unemployed	People aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week and had actively looked for full time or part time work.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
Labour force	For any group, people who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Year-ended change	Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year
Year-average change	Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 12 month period
Seasonally adjusted	A seasonally adjusted series involves estimating and removing the cyclical and seasonal effects from the original data. Seasonally adjusting a time series is useful if you wish to understand the underlying patterns of change or movement in a population, without the impact of the seasonal or cyclical effects.
Trend	A trend series is a seasonally adjusted series that has been further adjusted to remove irregular effects and 'smooth' out the series to show the overall 'trend' of the data over time.

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