

Wage price index

June quarter 2025 | Economic brief

The wage price index (WPI) measures changes in the hourly price of labour. It reflects changes in awards, enterprise agreements, minimum wage, and individual contracts but does not reflect changes in the composition of the workforce or employee characteristics which may impact the quality and quantity of the work performed.

Territory WPI data are only reported in original terms. Data in this briefing is in original terms unless stated otherwise.

Wage price index	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑0.8%
Year-ended change (original)	↑3.3%	↑3.4%
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Year-ended result

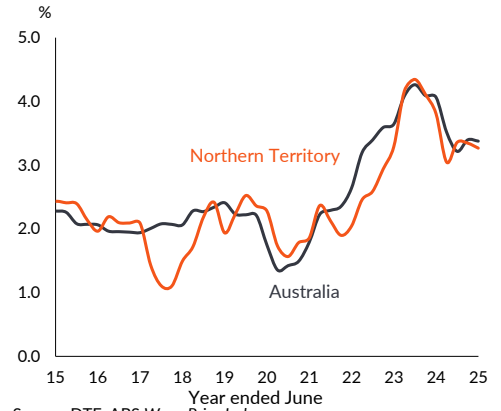
The Territory WPI increased by 3.3% over the year to June quarter 2025 (Chart 1), reflecting an increase of 3.4% in the public sector and an increase of 3.3% in the private sector (Chart 2). This compares to 3.3% growth in the previous quarter.

The Territory reported the third weakest growth of the jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, the change in WPI ranged from 3.1% in Tasmania to 3.7% in Western Australia (Chart 3).

Nationally, the WPI increased by 3.4% over the year to June quarter 2025, with an increase of 3.7% in the public sector and an increase of 3.3% in the private sector.

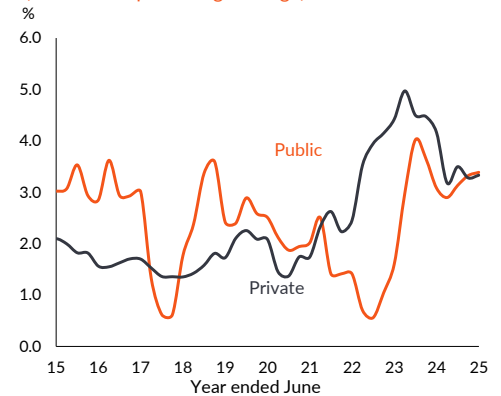
Nationally, the health care and social assistance industry, reported the strongest growth in the private sector, up 4.5%. The industry that experienced the weakest growth in private sector wages in Australia was financial and insurance services, up by 2.6%.

Chart 1: Wage price index (Year-ended percentage change)



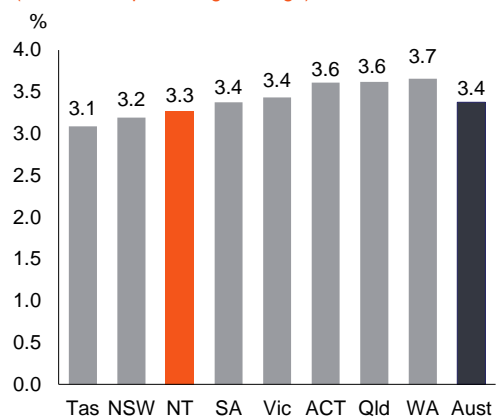
Source: DTF, ABS Wage Price Index

Chart 2: Wage price index, Northern Territory (Year-ended percentage change)



Source: DTF, ABS Wage Price Index

Chart 3: Wage price index by jurisdiction (Year-ended percentage change)



Source: DTF, ABS Wage Price Index

Table 1: Wage price index (hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses)

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Jun qtr 25	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Original	150.0	154.5	154.9	n.p.	3.3%
Public	150.6	155.5	155.7	n.p.	3.4%
Private	150.1	154.4	155.1	n.p.	3.3%
Australia					
Original	151.1	155.3	156.2	n.p.	3.4%
Public	153.3	157.7	158.9	n.p.	3.7%
Private	150.4	154.5	155.4	n.p.	3.3%
Seasonally adjusted	151.5	155.3	156.6	0.8%	3.4%
Public	153.4	157.5	159.0	1.0%	3.7%
Private	150.9	154.7	156.0	0.8%	3.4%

Table 2: Wage price index - Australia industry (hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses, original)

	Period			Change	
	Jun qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Jun qtr 25	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Public					
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	158.3	165.0	167.8	n.p.	6.0%
Professional, scientific and technical services	146.5	150.5	153.7	n.p.	4.9%
Public administration and safety	150.8	154.6	156.4	n.p.	3.7%
Education and training	156.1	161.3	162.0	n.p.	3.8%
Health care and social assistance	153.0	157.3	157.9	n.p.	3.2%
Private					
Mining	151.3	154.5	156.5	n.p.	3.4%
Manufacturing	152.0	156.3	157.3	n.p.	3.5%
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	158.9	163.7	165.3	n.p.	4.0%
Construction	150.5	154.3	155.3	n.p.	3.2%
Wholesale trade	149.6	153.5	154.5	n.p.	3.3%
Retail trade	145.8	149.8	150.1	n.p.	2.9%
Accommodation and food services	147.4	151.5	152.3	n.p.	3.3%
Transport, postal and warehousing	149.4	154.1	154.6	n.p.	3.5%
Information media and telecommunications	143.9	148.3	149.6	n.p.	4.0%
Financial and insurance services	152.8	156.0	156.7	n.p.	2.6%
Rental, hiring and real estate services	144.1	148.0	148.9	n.p.	3.3%
Professional, scientific and technical services	149.8	152.9	154.2	n.p.	2.9%
Administrative and support services	144.4	148.6	149.2	n.p.	3.3%
Public administration and safety	151.3	156.0	156.3	n.p.	3.3%
Education and training	156.9	161.2	162.3	n.p.	3.4%
Health care and social assistance	160.1	166.8	167.3	n.p.	4.5%
Arts and recreation services	152.6	155.6	156.9	n.p.	2.8%
Other services	148.5	152.6	153.2	n.p.	3.2%

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year.

n.p.: not published

Caution is advised when using quarterly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Wage Price Index

Term	Definition
Wage price index	The wage price index measures changes in the price of labour, unaffected by compositional shifts in the labour force, hours worked or employee characteristics

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