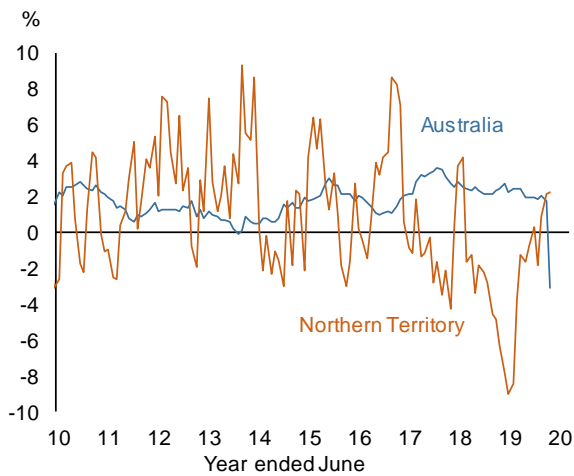
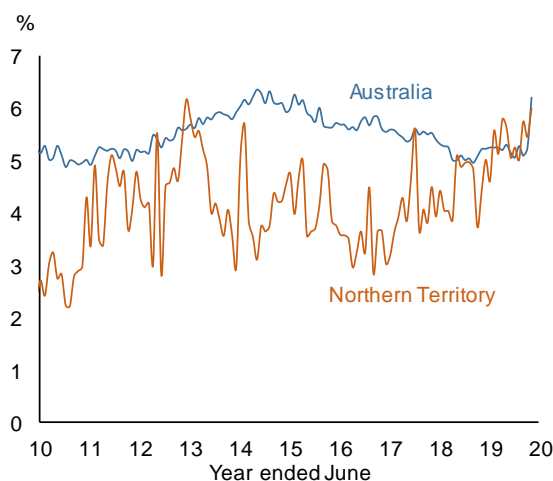


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



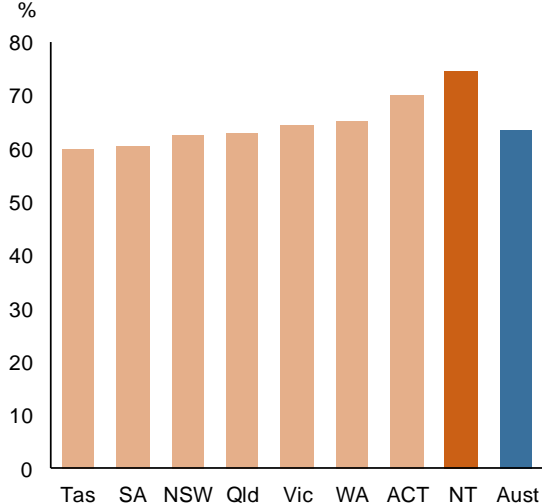
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (season. adjusted)	131 398	12 418 713
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↓2.8%	↓4.6%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↑2.2%	↓3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓2.5%	↑1.7%

In April 2020, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 2.8 per cent to 131 398 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the smallest decrease of the jurisdictions. Nationally, seasonally adjusted employment fell by 4.6 per cent to 12 418 713 persons. Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 2.2 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the largest increase of the jurisdictions. Nationally, seasonally adjusted employment fell by 3.1 per cent (Chart 1). In the year to April 2020, Territory employment decreased by 2.5 per cent. This was the only year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 4.9 per cent decline in full-time employment, partly offset by a 6.8 per cent increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 1.7 per cent.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	6.0%	6.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.5	↑1.0
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.6	↑1.0

The Territory's monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.0 per cent in April 2020 (Chart 2). This was the equal second lowest rate of the jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions ranged from 4.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 7.2 per cent in South Australia. Nationally, the monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 per cent.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	74.6%	63.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓1.7	↓2.4
Annual change (ppt)	↑3.2	↓2.3

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased 1.7 percentage points to 74.6 per cent compared to the previous month. The Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 63.5 per cent (Chart 3).

# Labour force April 2020

Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Apr 19	Mar 20	Apr 20	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	128 225	135 366	131 050	-3.2%	2.2%	-2.5%
– full-time	101 473	103 011	101 534	-1.4%	0.1%	-4.9%
– part-time	26 752	32 356	29 516	-8.8%	10.3%	6.8%
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.3%	6.5%	1.2 ppt	1.7 ppt	
Participation rate	71.5%	76.3%	74.8%	- 1.5 ppt	3.3 ppt	
Labour force	134 634	142 870	140 112	-1.9%	4.1%	-1.5%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
Employment	128 531	135 123	131 398	-2.8%	2.2%	
– full-time	101 254	103 738	101 259	-2.4%	0.0%	
– part-time	27 277	31 385	30 139	-4.0%	10.5%	
Unemployment rate	4.4%	5.5%	6.0%	0.5 ppt	1.6 ppt	
Participation rate	71.4%	76.3%	74.6%	- 1.7 ppt	3.2 ppt	
Labour force	134 459	142 920	139 792	-2.2%	4.0%	
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	12 833 839	13 014 023	12 434 267	-4.5%	-3.1%	1.7%
– full-time	8 746 749	8 854 464	8 622 602	-2.6%	-1.4%	1.7%
– part-time	4 087 091	4 159 559	3 811 665	-8.4%	-6.7%	1.8%
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.6%	6.3%	0.7 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	66.0%	66.2%	63.7%	- 2.5 ppt	- 2.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 548 202	13 782 699	13 266 757	-3.7%	-2.1%	1.9%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
Employment	12 813 772	13 012 993	12 418 713	-4.6%	-3.1%	
– full-time	8 779 944	8 877 437	8 656 923	-2.5%	-1.4%	
– part-time	4 033 827	4 135 556	3 761 790	-9.0%	-6.7%	
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.2%	6.2%	1.0 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	66.0%	63.5%	- 2.4 ppt	- 2.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 519 306	13 731 818	13 241 992	-3.6%	-2.1%	
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
– 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.

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

**Please note**, the labour force survey for March was conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Sunday between the 1st to the 14th of that month, which was before the global pandemic was declared and restrictions in Australia were put in place.

Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile. Although all due care has been exercised in the preparation of this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

Nationally, media analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey (LFS) is concentrated on seasonally adjusted data. Due to the high standard errors and volatile nature of seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory LFS, the ABS only publishes data in original and trend terms.

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