

# Labour force

December 2022 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	141 287	13 765 199
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.3%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↑5.7%	↑3.5%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑4.0%	↑4.1%

In December 2022, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.3% to 141,287 persons. Full-time employment increased by 0.3% and part-time employment increased by 0.2%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.3% and part-time employment being flat.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 5.7% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.5% over the same period (Chart 1). In 2022, Territory employment increased by 4.0%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 5.8%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 1.7%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.1%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.9%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	flat	↓0.8

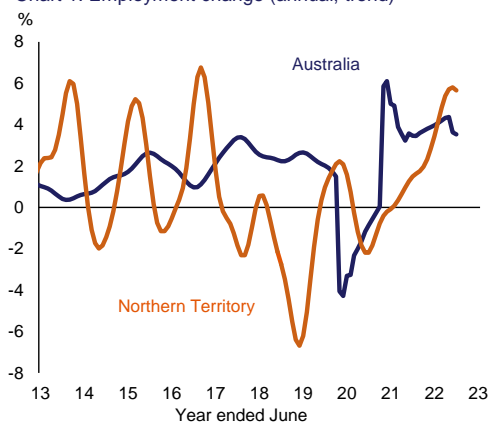
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.9% in the month of December 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.0%	66.7%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.8	↑0.4

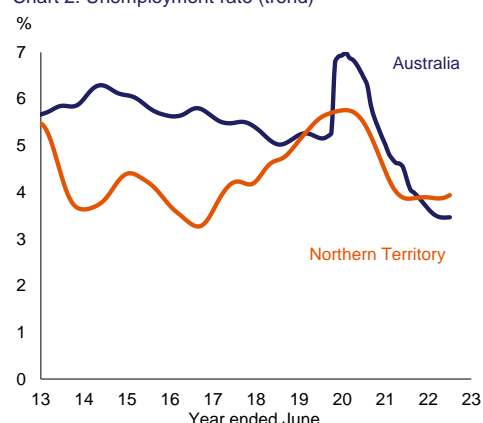
The trend participation rate in the Territory was flat at 74.0% in December 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.7% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



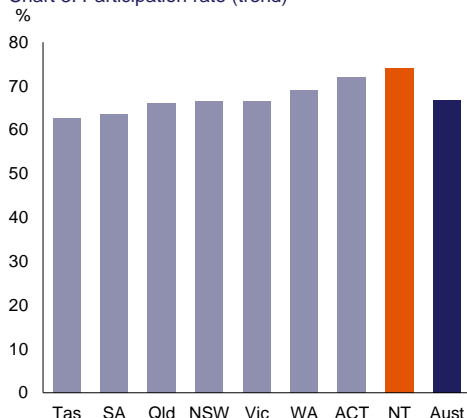
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Dec 21	Nov 22	Dec 22	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	136 042	144 984	144 128	-0.6%	5.9%	4.0%
– full-time	103 110	112 602	112 767	0.1%	9.4%	5.8%
– part-time	32 932	32 382	31 361	-3.2%	-4.8%	-1.7%
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.3%	3.8%	0.5 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	73.4%	75.7%	75.5%	-0.2 ppt	2.1 ppt	
Labour force	141 346	149 984	149 798	-0.1%	6.0%	3.3%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	133 765	143 813	141 638	-1.5%	5.9%	
– full-time	100 957	110 816	110 392	-0.4%	9.3%	
– part-time	32 809	32 997	31 246	-5.3%	-4.8%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.3%	4.0%	0.7 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	72.4%	75.1%	74.4%	-0.7 ppt	2.0 ppt	
Labour force	139 304	148 717	147 546	-0.8%	5.9%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	133 716	140 881	141 287	0.3%	5.7%	
– full-time	102 623	109 834	110 177	0.3%	7.4%	
– part-time	31 093	31 046	31 110	0.2%	0.1%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	72.2%	74.0%	74.0%	0.0 ppt	1.8 ppt	
Labour force	139 094	146 602	147 084	0.3%	5.7%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	13 415 213	13 805 658	13 874 769	0.5%	3.4%	4.1%
– full-time	9 266 831	9 616 244	9 770 457	1.6%	5.4%	5.5%
– part-time	4 148 382	4 189 414	4 104 312	-2.0%	-1.1%	1.2%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.2%	3.3%	0.1 ppt	-0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	66.7%	66.8%	67.1%	0.3 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 970 971	14 262 097	14 354 924	0.7%	2.7%	2.6%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	13 295 098	13 761 724	13 747 084	-0.1%	3.4%	
– full-time	9 122 245	9 601 441	9 619 007	0.2%	5.4%	
– part-time	4 172 853	4 160 283	4 128 077	-0.8%	-1.1%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	-0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	66.2%	66.8%	66.6%	-0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 872 790	14 255 696	14 246 878	-0.1%	2.7%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 295 540	13 738 673	13 765 199	0.2%	3.5%	
– full-time	9 127 494	9 592 823	9 618 503	0.3%	5.4%	
– part-time	4 168 046	4 145 851	4 146 695	0.0%	-0.5%	
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	-0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	66.3%	66.7%	66.7%	0.0 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 890 357	14 231 309	14 259 431	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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