

Average weekly full-time earnings

May 2023 | Economic brief

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) advises JobKeeper payments are not included in average weekly full-time earnings data.

Average weekly full-time adult earnings (AWFTE) data should be viewed with caution as it can be a volatile measure of wage growth, affected by the overall labour force composition such as:

- occupational distribution within and across industries
- distribution of employment between industries
- proportion of male and female employees.

| Average weekly full-time earnings | NT | Aust |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| AWFTE (trend) | \$1,886 | \$1,908 |
| Six monthly change (trend) | ↑1.8% | ↑1.7% |
| Annual change (trend) | ↑2.8% | ↑3.8% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↑2.7% | ↑3.7% |

Biannual result

In the six months to May 2023, the trend AWFTE in the Territory was \$1,886. This was the fourth lowest level of the jurisdictions. Nationally, the trend AWFTE was \$1,908 (Chart 1).

The trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 1.8%, reflecting an increase in male AWFTE of 2.6% to \$2,061 and an increase in female AWFTE of 0.3% to \$1,680.

Nationally, the trend AWFTE increased by 1.7% to \$1,908. This reflected an increase in female AWFTE of 2.1% to \$1,715 and an increase in male AWFTE of 1.6% to \$2,035.

Annual result

Through the year to May 2023, the trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 2.8% (Chart 2), the fourth strongest result of the jurisdictions. AWFTE growth in other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 1.9% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 5.3% in Western Australia.

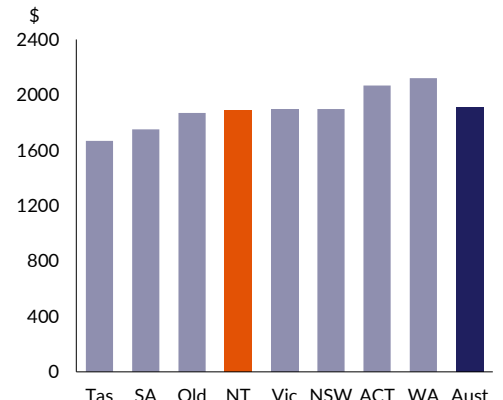
AWFTE in the Territory increased by 5.0% for males, partially offset by a decrease of 0.5% for females (Chart 3). Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.8%, reflecting an increase of 3.6% for males and 4.5% for females.

Year-on-year result

In the year to May 2023, the Territory AWFTE increased by 2.7%. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.7%.

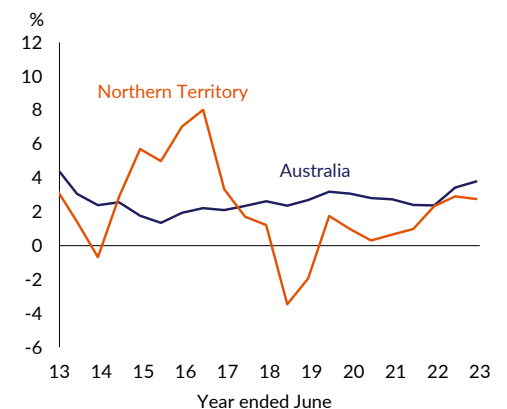
AWFTE in the Territory increased by 4.9% for males and increased by 0.1% for females. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.6% for males and increased by 4.4% for females.

Chart 1: Average weekly full-time earnings (May 2023, trend)



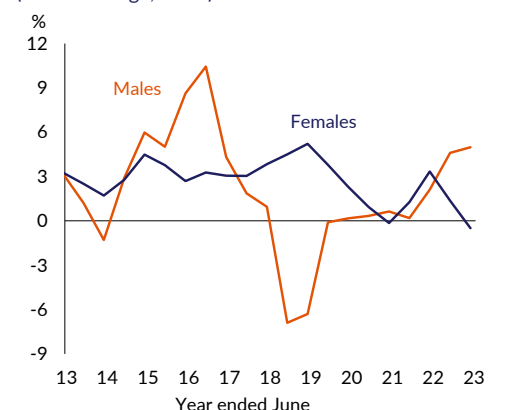
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 6302.0

Chart 2: Average weekly full-time earnings (annual percentage change, trend)



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Chart 3: Territory average weekly full-time earnings (annual change, trend)



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| | Period | | | Change | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | May 22 | Nov 22 | May 23 | 6 months ¹ | Annual ² | Year-on-year ³ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | | |
| Value (\$) | | | | | | |
| Original | 1 846 | 1 844 | 1 891 | 2.6% | 2.4% | 2.7% |
| – male | 1 969 | 2 004 | 2 064 | 3.0% | 4.8% | 4.9% |
| – female | 1 704 | 1 662 | 1 686 | 1.4% | -1.1% | 0.1% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 1 846 | 1 844 | 1 891 | 2.6% | 2.4% | |
| – male | 1 969 | 2 004 | 2 064 | 3.0% | 4.8% | |
| – female | 1 704 | 1 662 | 1 686 | 1.4% | -1.1% | |
| Trend | 1 836 | 1 853 | 1 886 | 1.8% | 2.8% | |
| – male | 1 963 | 2 008 | 2 061 | 2.6% | 5.0% | |
| – female | 1 688 | 1 674 | 1 680 | 0.3% | -0.5% | |
| Australia | | | | | | |
| Value (\$) | | | | | | |
| Original | 1 835 | 1 879 | 1 907 | 1.5% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| – male | 1 962 | 2 005 | 2 034 | 1.4% | 3.6% | 3.6% |
| – female | 1 638 | 1 683 | 1 714 | 1.8% | 4.6% | 4.4% |
| Seasonally adjusted | 1 836 | 1 878 | 1 907 | 1.6% | 3.9% | |
| – male | 1 962 | 2 005 | 2 034 | 1.4% | 3.6% | |
| – female | 1 639 | 1 682 | 1 714 | 2.0% | 4.6% | |
| Trend | 1 838 | 1 876 | 1 908 | 1.7% | 3.8% | |
| – male | 1 964 | 2 003 | 2 035 | 1.6% | 3.6% | |
| – female | 1 641 | 1 680 | 1 715 | 2.1% | 4.5% | |
| Trend data | | | | | | |
| Value (\$) | | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 1 851 | 1 876 | 1 898 | 1.1% | 2.5% | |
| Victoria | 1 845 | 1 861 | 1 894 | 1.7% | 2.6% | |
| Queensland | 1 786 | 1 836 | 1 870 | 1.9% | 4.7% | |
| Western Australia | 2 014 | 2 068 | 2 121 | 2.6% | 5.3% | |
| South Australia | 1 689 | 1 723 | 1 751 | 1.6% | 3.7% | |
| Tasmania | 1 627 | 1 645 | 1 668 | 1.4% | 2.5% | |
| ACT | 2 029 | 2 048 | 2 068 | 1.0% | 1.9% | |

1 Compares the latest month with the period six months ago.

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

3 Compares the year average with the previous year average.

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

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