

Labour force

November 2023 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	137 539	14 259 008
Monthly change (trend)	↓0.1%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓0.9%	↑3.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.9%	↑3.4%

In November 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.1% to 137,539 persons. Full-time employment decreased by 0.1% partly offset by part-time employment which increased by 0.3%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with part-time employment increasing by 0.5% and full-time employment increasing by 0.1%.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 0.9% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.3% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to November 2023, Territory employment increased by 2.9%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 3.8%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 0.1%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.4%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.4%	3.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.7	↑0.3

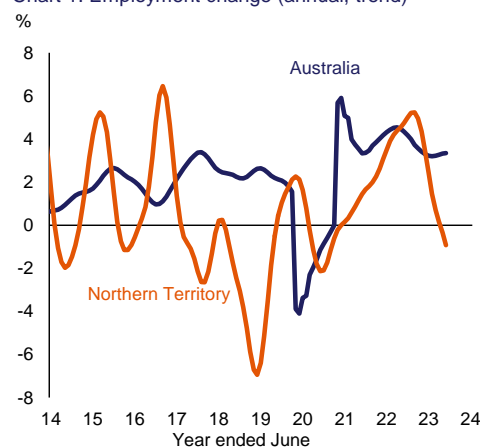
The Territory's trend unemployment rate increased from 4.3% in October 2023 to 4.4% in November 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.8%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	72.9%	67.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.3	↑0.4

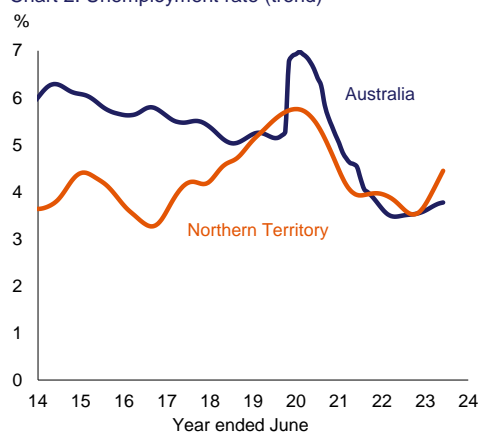
The trend participation rate in the Territory was flat at 72.9% in November 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the second highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 67.1% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



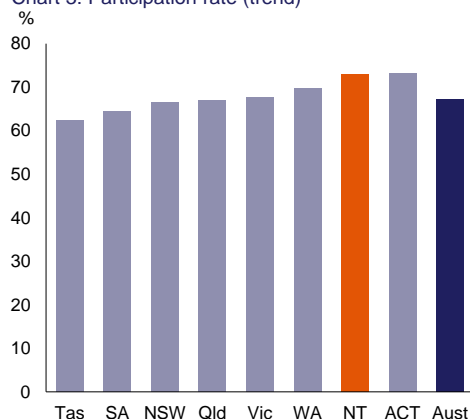
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Nov 22	Oct 23	Nov 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	141 935	140 944	139 233	-1.2%	-1.9%	2.9%
– full-time	110 002	109 371	110 094	0.7%	0.1%	3.8%
– part-time	31 933	31 573	29 139	-7.7%	-8.7%	-0.1%
Unemployment rate	3.3%	4.0%	4.9%	0.9 ppt	1.6 ppt	
Participation rate	75.6%	74.4%	74.2%	- 0.2 ppt	- 1.4 ppt	
Labour force	146 814	146 809	146 434	-0.3%	-0.3%	3.0%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	141 034	139 818	138 420	-1.0%	-1.9%	
– full-time	108 537	109 223	108 660	-0.5%	0.1%	
– part-time	32 497	30 595	29 760	-2.7%	-8.4%	
Unemployment rate	3.1%	4.0%	4.6%	0.6 ppt	1.5 ppt	
Participation rate	75.0%	73.8%	73.5%	- 0.3 ppt	- 1.5 ppt	
Labour force	145 607	145 704	145 149	-0.4%	-0.3%	
Trend						
Employment	138 819	137 617	137 539	-0.1%	-0.9%	
– full-time	107 558	109 131	108 968	-0.1%	1.3%	
– part-time	31 260	28 486	28 571	0.3%	-8.6%	
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.3%	4.4%	0.1 ppt	0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	74.2%	72.9%	72.9%	0.0 ppt	- 1.3 ppt	
Labour force	144 163	143 798	143 942	0.1%	-0.2%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 879 537	14 180 946	14 325 304	1.0%	3.2%	3.4%
– full-time	9 668 828	9 787 662	9 927 400	1.4%	2.7%	4.2%
– part-time	4 210 710	4 393 283	4 397 904	0.1%	4.4%	1.5%
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.9%	66.8%	67.4%	0.6 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	14 339 166	14 709 580	14 861 240	1.0%	3.6%	3.3%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	13 815 959	14 195 987	14 257 461	0.4%	3.2%	
– full-time	9 647 273	9 848 918	9 905 898	0.6%	2.7%	
– part-time	4 168 686	4 347 069	4 351 563	0.1%	4.4%	
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	66.8%	67.0%	67.2%	0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	14 306 978	14 749 201	14 829 436	0.5%	3.7%	
Trend						
Employment	13 797 073	14 223 458	14 259 008	0.2%	3.3%	
– full-time	9 644 218	9 891 885	9 904 469	0.1%	2.7%	
– part-time	4 152 855	4 331 573	4 354 539	0.5%	4.9%	
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	66.7%	67.1%	67.1%	0.0 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	14 295 595	14 778 921	14 818 472	0.3%	3.7%	

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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