

# Labour force

January 2024 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	140 109	14 221 885
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.4%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↓0.2%	↑2.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.4%	↑3.2%

In January 2024, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.4% to 140,109 persons. Part-time employment increased by 1.1% and full-time employment increased by 0.2%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with part-time employment increasing by 0.3% and full-time employment was flat.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 0.2% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.6% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to January 2024, Territory employment increased by 2.4%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 3.3%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 0.8%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.2%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.4%	3.9%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.8	↑0.4

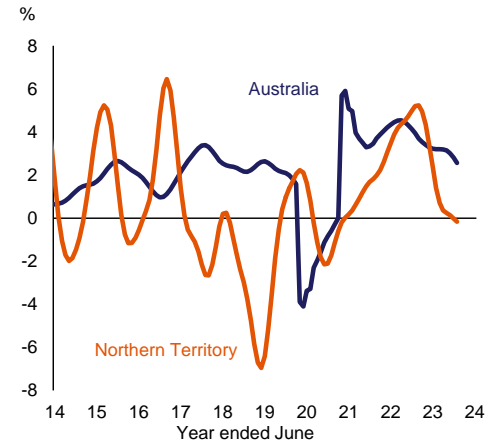
The Territory's trend unemployment rate increased from 4.3% in December 2023 to 4.4% in January 2024 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.9%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.1%	66.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.3	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.6	flat

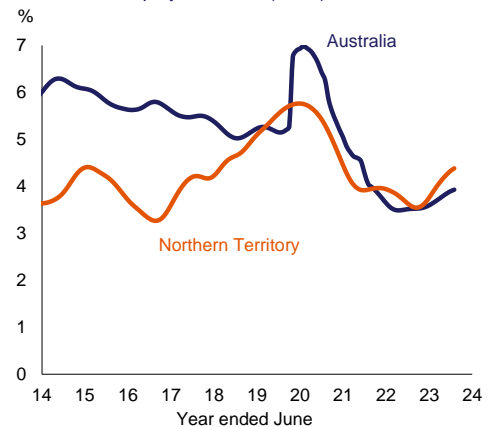
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.3 percentage points to 74.1% in January 2024. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.8% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



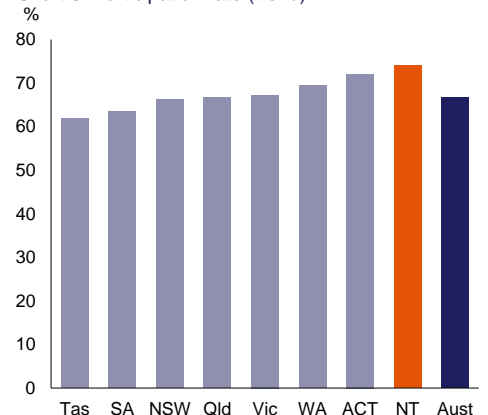
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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		
	Jan 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	138 734	142 343	140 066	-1.6%	1.0%	2.4%
– full-time	107 811	112 389	111 447	-0.8%	3.4%	3.3%
– part-time	30 923	29 953	28 619	-4.5%	-7.5%	-0.8%
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	- 0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	74.4%	75.3%	73.9%	- 1.4 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Labour force	144 818	148 766	146 243	-1.7%	1.0%	2.5%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	139 436	140 162	140 849	0.5%	1.0%	
– full-time	107 190	110 347	110 877	0.5%	3.4%	
– part-time	32 245	29 815	29 972	0.5%	-7.0%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.4%	3.9%	- 0.5 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	74.6%	74.2%	74.1%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Labour force	145 207	146 670	146 527	-0.1%	0.9%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	140 343	139 582	140 109	0.4%	-0.2%	
– full-time	108 479	110 009	110 209	0.2%	1.6%	
– part-time	31 864	29 573	29 899	1.1%	-6.2%	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.3%	4.4%	0.1 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	74.7%	73.8%	74.1%	0.3 ppt	- 0.6 ppt	
Labour force	145 555	145 900	146 531	0.4%	0.7%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	13 630 800	14 343 676	13 968 416	-2.6%	2.5%	3.2%
– full-time	9 578 002	9 937 289	9 686 423	-2.5%	1.1%	3.5%
– part-time	4 052 797	4 406 387	4 281 993	-2.8%	5.7%	2.6%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.8%	4.5%	0.7 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	67.4%	66.0%	- 1.4 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	14 197 657	14 903 093	14 622 423	-1.9%	3.0%	3.3%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	13 844 646	14 200 833	14 201 314	0.0%	2.6%	
– full-time	9 670 203	9 786 724	9 797 784	0.1%	1.3%	
– part-time	4 174 443	4 414 109	4 403 530	-0.2%	5.5%	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%	0.2 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	66.7%	66.8%	66.8%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	14 367 394	14 779 131	14 801 939	0.2%	3.0%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 866 609	14 214 510	14 221 885	0.1%	2.6%	
– full-time	9 712 307	9 829 886	9 825 250	0.0%	1.2%	
– part-time	4 154 302	4 384 624	4 396 635	0.3%	5.8%	
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.8%	66.9%	66.8%	- 0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	14 372 596	14 790 868	14 803 484	0.1%	3.0%	

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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