

# Labour force

November 2024 | Economic brief

## Seasonally adjusted

|                       | NT      | Aust       |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| Employed persons      | 138 027 | 14 535 502 |
| - Monthly change      | ↓0.4%   | ↑0.2%      |
| - Year-ended change   | ↑0.6%   | ↑2.4%      |
| - Year-average change | ↑2.0%   | ↑2.5%      |
| Unemployment rate     | 3.9%    | 3.9%       |
| Participation rate    | 71.6%   | 67.0%      |

In November 2024, employment in the Territory declined by 0.4% to 138,027 persons. Part-time employment declined by 1.5% and full-time employment declined by 0.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.5%, partly offset by part-time employment decreasing by 0.4%. Over the year to November 2024, employment increased by 0.6% in the Territory (Chart 1).

In November 2024, the Territory's unemployment rate declined by 0.7 percentage points (ppt) to 3.9% (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment declined by 0.2 ppt to 3.9%. The participation rate in the Territory declined by 0.9 ppt to 71.6%. This is the second highest rate of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 67.0%.

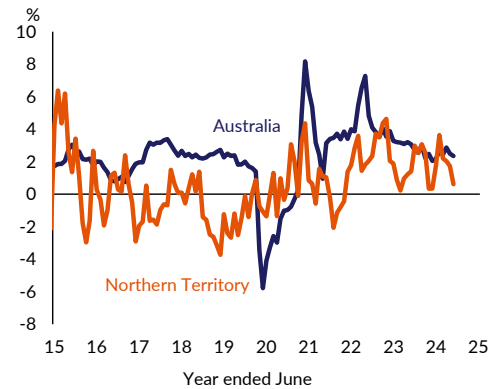
## Trend

|                    | NT      | Aust       |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
| Employed persons   | 138 178 | 14 544 165 |
| - Monthly change   | ↓0.2%   | ↑0.2%      |
| - Annual change    | ↑0.4%   | ↑2.8%      |
| Unemployment rate  | 4.4%    | 4.0%       |
| Participation rate | 72.0%   | 67.1%      |

In November 2024, employment in the Territory declined by 0.2% to 138,178 persons. Full-time employment declined by 0.4% partly offset by part-time employment which increased by 0.3%. Over the year to November 2024, employment increased by 0.4% in the Territory (Chart 3).

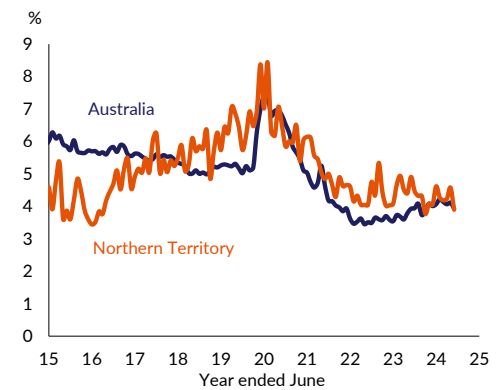
In November 2024, the Territory's unemployment rate increased by 0.1 ppt to 4.4%. The participation rate in the Territory declined by 0.2 ppt to 72.0%.

Chart 1: Employment change (year-ended change, seasonally adjusted)



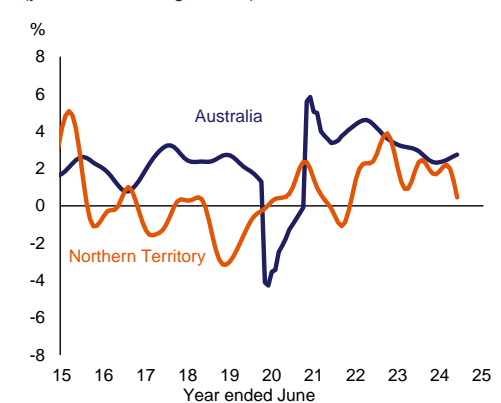
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (monthly, seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Employment change (year-ended change, trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

|                           | Period     |            |            | Monthly change <sup>1</sup> |           | Year-ended change <sup>2</sup> |  |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
|                           | Nov 23     | Oct 24     | Nov 24     | %                           | %         | No.                            |  |
| <b>Northern Territory</b> |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Seasonally adjusted       |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Employment                | 137 183    | 138 649    | 138 027    | -0.4%                       | 0.6%      | 844                            |  |
| – full-time               | 110 167    | 108 471    | 108 312    | -0.1%                       | -1.7%     | - 1 855                        |  |
| – part-time               | 27 016     | 30 178     | 29 714     | -1.5%                       | 10.0%     | 2 698                          |  |
| Unemployment rate         | 4.9%       | 4.6%       | 3.9%       | - 0.7 ppt                   | - 1.0 ppt |                                |  |
| – Unemployed              | 7 083      | 6 655      | 5 599      | -15.9%                      | -20.9%    | - 1 484                        |  |
| Participation rate        | 72.8%      | 72.5%      | 71.6%      | - 0.9 ppt                   | - 1.2 ppt |                                |  |
| Labour force              | 144 266    | 145 304    | 143 626    | -1.2%                       | -0.4%     | - 640                          |  |
| Trend                     |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Employment                | 137 560    | 138 489    | 138 178    | -0.2%                       | 0.4%      | 618                            |  |
| – full-time               | 110 363    | 108 907    | 108 503    | -0.4%                       | -1.7%     | - 1 860                        |  |
| – part-time               | 27 198     | 29 582     | 29 675     | 0.3%                        | 9.1%      | 2 478                          |  |
| Unemployment rate         | 4.5%       | 4.3%       | 4.4%       | 0.1 ppt                     | - 0.1 ppt |                                |  |
| – Unemployed              | 6 433      | 6 242      | 6 312      | 1.1%                        | -1.9%     | - 121                          |  |
| Participation rate        | 72.7%      | 72.2%      | 72.0%      | - 0.2 ppt                   | - 0.7 ppt |                                |  |
| Labour force              | 143 993    | 144 731    | 144 490    | -0.2%                       | 0.3%      | 497                            |  |
| <b>Australia</b>          |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Seasonally adjusted       |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Employment                | 14 201 016 | 14 499 889 | 14 535 502 | 0.2%                        | 2.4%      | 334 486                        |  |
| – full-time               | 9 840 019  | 10 015 525 | 10 068 096 | 0.5%                        | 2.3%      | 228 077                        |  |
| – part-time               | 4 360 997  | 4 484 364  | 4 467 406  | -0.4%                       | 2.4%      | 106 409                        |  |
| Unemployment rate         | 3.9%       | 4.1%       | 3.9%       | - 0.2 ppt                   | 0.0 ppt   |                                |  |
| – Unemployed              | 580 527    | 622 317    | 595 273    | -4.3%                       | 2.5%      | 14 746                         |  |
| Participation rate        | 67.0%      | 67.1%      | 67.0%      | - 0.1 ppt                   | 0.0 ppt   |                                |  |
| Labour force              | 14 781 543 | 15 122 206 | 15 130 775 | 0.1%                        | 2.4%      | 349 232                        |  |
| Trend                     |            |            |            |                             |           |                                |  |
| Employment                | 14 154 849 | 14 508 686 | 14 544 165 | 0.2%                        | 2.8%      | 389 315                        |  |
| – full-time               | 9 793 380  | 10 031 031 | 10 056 198 | 0.3%                        | 2.7%      | 262 818                        |  |
| – part-time               | 4 361 469  | 4 477 655  | 4 487 967  | 0.2%                        | 2.9%      | 126 498                        |  |
| Unemployment rate         | 3.9%       | 4.0%       | 4.0%       | 0.0 ppt                     | 0.1 ppt   |                                |  |
| – Unemployed              | 567 799    | 609 679    | 605 828    | -0.6%                       | 6.7%      | 38 029                         |  |
| Participation rate        | 66.7%      | 67.1%      | 67.1%      | 0.0 ppt                     | 0.4 ppt   |                                |  |
| Labour force              | 14 722 649 | 15 118 365 | 15 149 993 | 0.2%                        | 2.9%      | 427 345                        |  |

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.

\* Due to rounding, changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

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| Term                | Definition  |
|---------------------|---|
| Employment          | Work for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers)   |
| Employed full-time  | Employed people who usually work 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who usually work less but worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.   |
| Employed part-time  | Employed people who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) or were not at work in the reference week.   |
| Unemployed          | People aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week and had actively looked for full time or part time work.  |
| Unemployment rate   | For any group, the number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.   |
| Participation rate  | For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.  |
| Labour force        | For any group, people who were employed or unemployed, as defined.  |
| Year-ended change   | Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year   |
| Year-average change | Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 12 month period   |
| Seasonally adjusted | A seasonally adjusted series involves estimating and removing the cyclical and seasonal effects from the original data. Seasonally adjusting a time series is useful if you wish to understand the underlying patterns of change or movement in a population, without the impact of the seasonal or cyclical effects. |
| Trend               | A trend series is a seasonally adjusted series that has been further adjusted to remove irregular effects and 'smooth' out the series to show the overall 'trend' of the data over time.  |

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