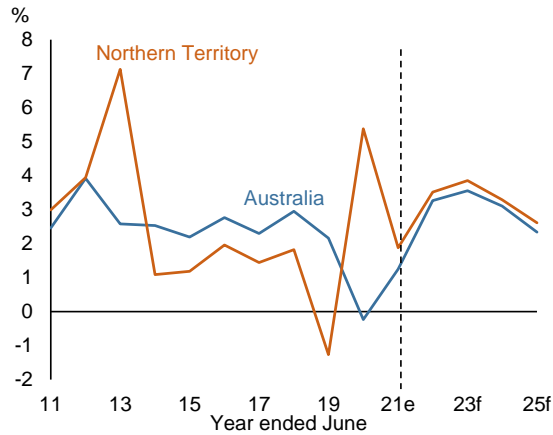
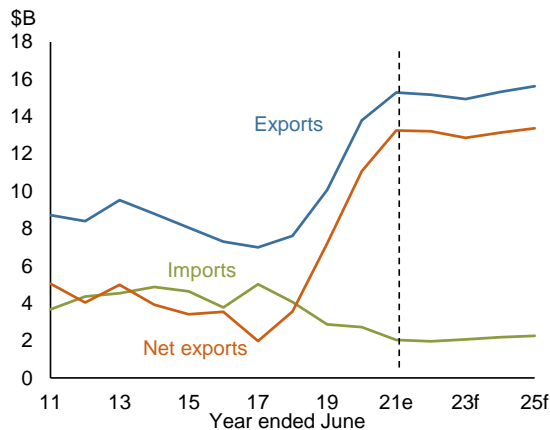


Chart 1: Economic growth  
(year-on-year percentage change)



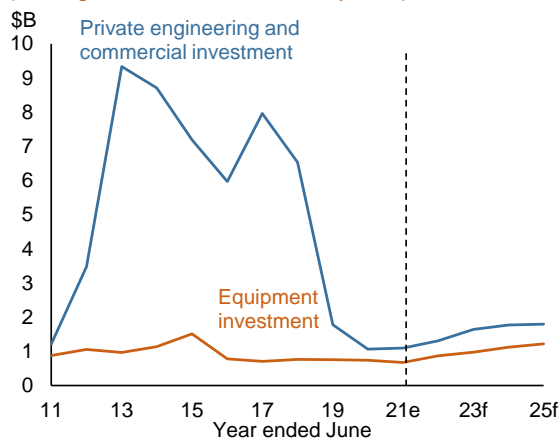
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Chart 2: Territory international trade  
(moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics; Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

Chart 3: Territory private investment components  
(moving annual total, inflation adjusted)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics; Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

## Economic growth

### Economic growth forecasts

	NT	Aust
2020-21 (estimate)	↑1.9%	↑1.2%
2021-22 (forecast)	↑3.5%	↑3.3%
2022-23 (forecast)	↑3.9%	↑3.6%
5 year average annual growth rate (2020-21 to 2024-25)	↑3.0%	↑2.7%

### 2020-21

Deloitte Access Economics (DAE) estimates the Territory economy to grow by 1.9 per cent in 2020-21 (Chart 1). Growth is underpinned by international exports (Chart 2), and is supported by private consumption and housing investment.

The Territory is expected to experience the third strongest gross state product growth of the jurisdictions in 2020-21, which ranges from an estimated decrease of 1.5 per cent in Victoria to a 2.7 per cent increase in Western Australia. Nationally, the economy is estimated to grow by 1.2 per cent in 2020-21.

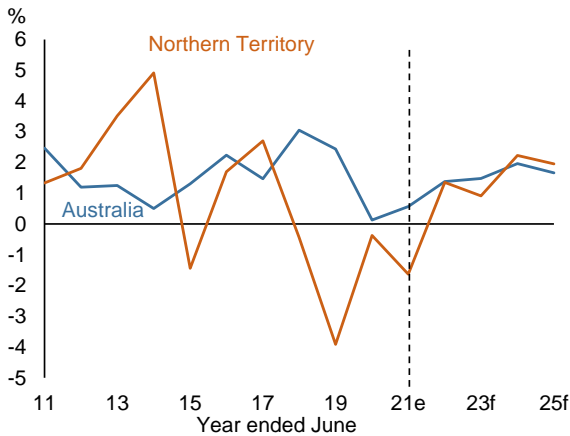
### Outlook

DAE forecasts the Territory economy to grow at an average annual rate of 3.0 per cent over the five years to 2024-25. This is the second highest rate of the jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, the five year annual average economic growth ranges from 2.2 per cent in Tasmania to 3.2 per cent in Queensland. DAE forecasts the national economy to grow at an average annual rate of 2.7 per cent over the five year period.

DAE notes that, looking forward, private investment will be a key driver of the Territory economy. Territory economic growth over the five years to 2024-25 is expected to be supported by:

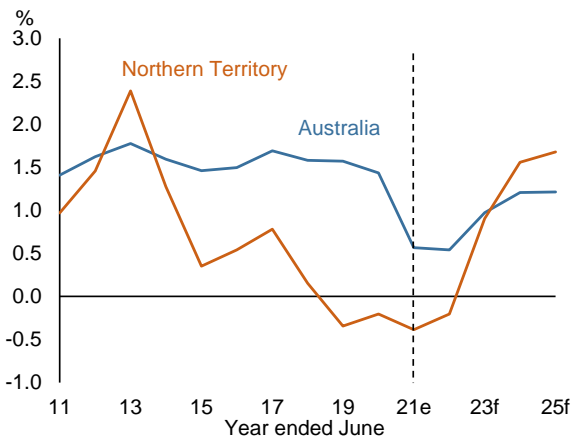
- private engineering and commercial investment, increasing at an average rate of 11.5 per cent per annum (Chart 3)
- private equipment investment, increasing at an average rate of 11.2 per cent per annum
- private housing investment, increasing at an average rate of 3.7 per cent per annum
- private consumption, increasing at an average rate of 3.0 per cent per annum, and
- international goods exports, increasing at an average rate of 2.6 per cent per annum.

Chart 4: Employment  
(year-on-year percentage change)



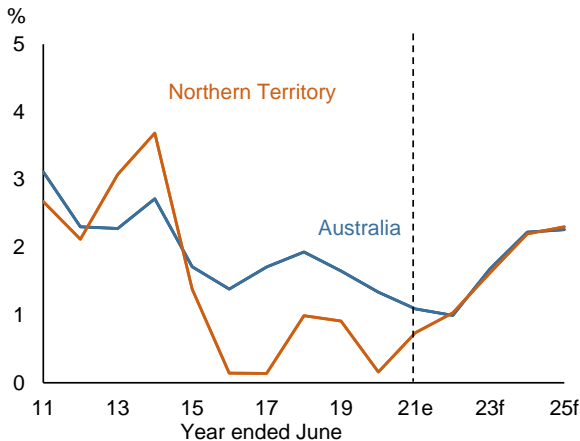
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics and Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

Chart 5: Population  
(year-on-year percentage change)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics and Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

Chart 6: Consumer price index  
(year-on-year percentage change)



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics and Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

## Labour market

Employment change	NT	Aust
2020-21 (actual)	↓1.6%	↑0.6%
2021-22 (forecast)	↑1.4%	↑1.4%
5 year average annual growth rate	↑1.0%	↑1.4%

Territory employment is estimated to decline by 1.6 per cent in 2020-21 (Chart 4).

In the five years to 2024-25, employment growth in the Territory is forecast to average 1.0 per cent per annum. In other jurisdictions employment growth is forecast to range from 0.6 per cent in Tasmania to 1.9 per cent per annum in the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. Nationally, annual employment growth is forecast to average 1.4 per cent per annum over the same period.

The Territory's unemployment rate is forecast to average 5.8 per cent over the five years to 2024-25, just below the national average of 5.9 per cent. In other jurisdictions, the average annual unemployment rate over the five years ranges from 6.5 per cent in Queensland to 3.6 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

## Population

Population change	NT	Aust
2020-21 (estimate)	↓0.4%	↑0.6%
2021-22 (forecast)	↓0.2%	↑0.5%
5 year average annual growth rate	↑0.7%	↑0.9%

DAE estimates Territory population to decrease by 0.4 per cent in 2020-21 (Chart 5). Over the next five years, DAE forecasts Territory population to grow at an average rate of 0.7 per cent per annum, compared to an average of 0.9 per cent per annum nationally.

The five year average annual population growth forecast for the Territory is the second lowest of the jurisdictions, equal with New South Wales. In the other jurisdictions, average annual population growth over the five years to 2024-25 range from 0.4 per cent in South Australia and Tasmania to 1.3 per cent in Queensland.

## Consumer price index (CPI)

CPI growth	NT	Aust
2020-21 (actual)	↑0.7%	↑1.1%
2021-22 (forecast)	↑1.0%	↑1.0%
5 year average annual growth rate	↑1.6%	↑1.7%

Darwin CPI is estimated to increase by 0.7 per cent in 2020-21 (Chart 6). Over the five years to 2024-25, DAE expects growth to average 1.6 per cent per annum, similar to national growth of 1.7 per cent.

# Deloitte Access Economics December quarter 2020

Table 1: Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 year average
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
Gross state product	Constant price (\$M)	26 659	27 597	28 661	29 605	30 378	
	% change	1.9	3.5	3.9	3.3	2.6	3.0
NT as a share of Australian output	%	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	
Real final demand	Constant price (\$M)	24 269	25 458	26 757	27 608	28 289	
	% change	3.2	4.9	5.1	3.2	2.5	3.8
Private consumption	Constant price (\$M)	10 749	11 007	11 428	11 801	12 160	
	% change	2.5	2.4	3.8	3.3	3.0	3.0
Private housing investment	Constant price (\$M)	651	621	711	706	667	
	% change	14.9	-4.6	14.6	-0.8	-5.4	3.7
Private engineering and commercial investment	Constant price (\$M)	1 091	1 304	1 636	1 767	1 797	
	% change	2.6	19.5	25.5	8.1	1.7	11.5
Private equipment investment	Constant price (\$M)	673	866	970	1 122	1 218	
	% change	-8.6	28.6	12.0	15.7	8.5	11.2
International goods exports	Constant price (\$M)	15 286	15 167	14 931	15 310	15 627	
	% change	10.8	-0.8	-1.6	2.5	2.1	2.6
International goods imports	Constant price (\$M)	2 027	1 953	2 067	2 174	2 251	
	% change	-25.3	-3.7	5.9	5.2	3.5	-2.9
Retail turnover	Constant price (\$M)	3 174	3 190	3 312	3 420	3 536	
	% change	2.2	0.5	3.8	3.2	3.4	2.6
Total population	Persons (000)	245	244	246	250	254	
	% change	-0.4	-0.2	0.9	1.6	1.7	0.7
Population aged 15 and over	Persons (000)	193	193	195	199	203	
	% change	-0.1	0.1	1.2	1.9	2.0	1.0
Employment	Persons (000)	130	131	133	136	138	
	% change	-1.6	1.4	0.9	2.2	2.0	1.0
Unemployment	Persons (000)	8	9	9	8	8	
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.8
Consumer Price Index	% change	0.7	1.0	1.6	2.2	2.3	1.6
Average Weekly Earnings	\$	1 483	1 474	1 486	1 508	1 531	
	% change	4.6	-0.6	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.6
Wage Price Index	\$	135	137	139	142	144	
	% change	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.4
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 year average
<b>Australia</b>							
Gross domestic product	Constant price (\$M)	1 972 435	2 036 943	2 109 424	2 174 910	2 225 741	
	% change	1.2	3.3	3.6	3.1	2.3	2.7
International exports	Constant price (\$M)	367 724	388 851	405 621	423 668	436 472	
	% change	-0.9	5.7	4.3	4.4	3.0	3.3
International imports	Constant price (\$M)	339 912	352 356	368 725	386 319	397 708	
	% change	10.4	3.7	4.6	4.8	2.9	5.3
Total population	Persons (000)	25 737	25 876	26 128	26 444	26 765	
	% change	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9
Population aged 15 to 64	Persons (000)	20 957	21 106	21 350	21 654	21 972	
	% change	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.1
Employment	Persons (000)	12 819	12 995	13 187	13 447	13 671	
	% change	0.6	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.4
Unemployment	Persons (000)	919	887	838	763	733	
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	6.4	6.0	5.4	5.1	5.9
Consumer price index	% change	1.1	1.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	1.7
Average weekly earnings	\$	1 326	1 314	1 321	1 340	1 360	
	% change	4.5	-0.9	0.5	1.4	1.5	1.4
Wage price index	% change	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.4
Trade weighted index	Index	61.0	61.6	62.5	62.8	62.1	62.0
Exchange rates	\$US per \$A	60.97	61.59	62.49	62.83	62.09	62.0
	Yen per \$A	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.7
	Euro per \$A	77.30	84.03	84.41	84.16	83.97	82.8
Crude Oil	(Tapis, \$US/barrel)	48.40	56.33	59.98	61.99	63.93	58.13
	% change	-11.5	16.4	6.5	3.3	3.1	3.6

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Australian Bureau of Statistics; Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

# Deloitte Access Economics December quarter 2020

Table 2: Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook forecasts by jurisdiction

	Year-on-year percentage change 2020-21e								
	Australia	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT
GDP/GSP growth	1.2	1.9	2.3	-1.5	1.7	1.5	2.7	1.4	0.7
State final demand	2.7	3.2	2.8	-0.3	5.2	3.7	4.6	3.5	5.4
Population growth	0.6	-0.4	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.8
Employment growth	0.6	-1.6	0.5	-0.8	1.0	1.1	1.8	0.6	2.8
Unemployment rate	6.7	5.8	6.4	6.9	7.5	6.9	6.4	7.2	4.0
CPI	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.6
WPI	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Year-on-year percentage change 2021-22f								
	Australia	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT
GDP/GSP growth	3.3	3.5	2.2	5.2	3.8	3.1	2.2	3.0	1.9
State final demand	3.6	4.9	3.3	5.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.6	3.4
Population growth	0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.8
Employment growth	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.7	1.2	0.1	1.6
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.6	7.0	6.5	6.2	7.0	3.8
CPI	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.1
WPI	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.6	1.1	1.1	1.0
	Five year average annual growth 2020-21 to 2024-25								
	Australia	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT
GDP/GSP growth	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.7
State final demand	3.1	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.4	2.6	3.6	2.4	2.5
Population growth	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.3	0.4	1.0	0.4	1.0
Employment growth	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.9	0.9	1.7	0.6	1.9
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.1	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.4	3.6
CPI	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
WPI	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.6

e: estimate f: forecast

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Australian Bureau of Statistics; Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook

Table 3: Deloitte Access Economics Business Outlook forecasts by jurisdiction, rank

Rank	2020-21e								
	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	
GSP growth	3	2	8	4	5	1	6	7	
State final demand	6	7	8	2	4	3	5	1	
Population growth	8	7	4	1	6	3	5	2	
Employment growth	8	6	7	4	3	2	5	1	
Unemployment rate*	2	3	6	8	5	4	7	1	
CPI*	2	3	1	6	5	8	4	7	
WPI	2	4	1	8	3	7	6	5	
	2021-22f								
	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	
GSP growth	3	6	1	2	4	7	5	8	
State final demand	2	5	1	6	7	8	3	4	
Population growth	8	6	4	1	7	3	5	2	
Employment growth	5	4	3	2	7	6	8	1	
Unemployment rate*	4	2	6	8	5	3	7	1	
CPI*	6	3	7	4	5	1	2	8	
WPI	6	3	8	7	1	5	4	2	
	Five year average annual growth 2020-21 to 2024-25								
	NT	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	
GSP growth	2	7	5	1	6	3	8	4	
State final demand	1	5	4	3	6	2	8	7	
Population growth	5	6	2	1	8	4	7	3	
Employment growth	6	5	4	2	7	3	8	1	
Unemployment rate*	3	2	5	8	6	4	7	1	
CPI*	1	4	2	6	5	7	3	8	
WPI	6	3	4	8	2	5	1	7	

e: estimate f: forecast

Highest = 1 Lowest = 8

\*Ranking reversed

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