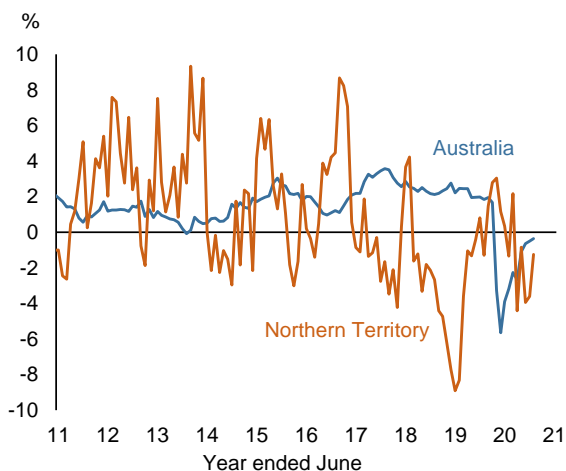
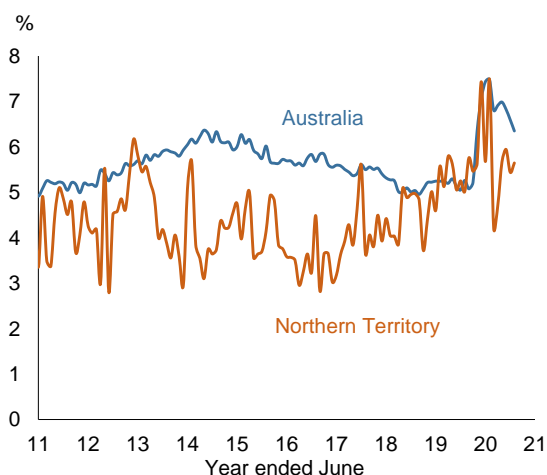


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



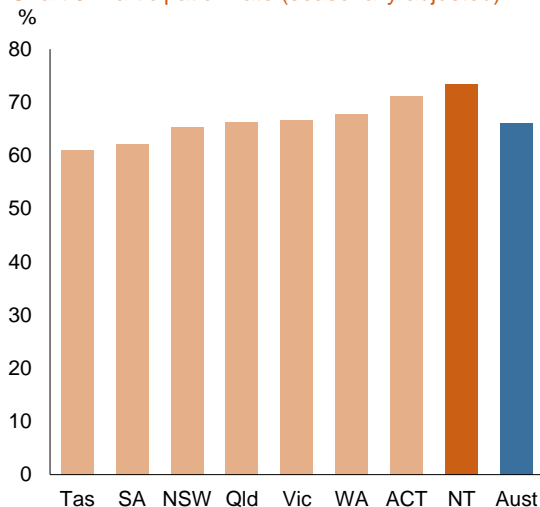
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Employment

| | NT | Aust |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Employed persons (season. adjusted) | 130 623 | 12 939 905 |
| Monthly change (season. adjusted) | ↑1.1% | ↑0.2% |
| Annual change (season. adjusted) | ↓1.2% | ↓0.4% |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↓0.4% | ↓1.7% |

In January 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 1.1 per cent to 130 623 persons. Full-time employment increased by 4.4 per cent, however part-time employment decreased by 8.9 per cent. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2 per cent, with full-time employment increasing by 0.7 per cent and part time employment decreasing 0.7 per cent.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment decreased by 1.2 per cent in the Territory. Nationally, employment fell by 0.4 per cent over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to January 2021, Territory employment decreased by 0.4 per cent, reflecting a 2.3 per cent decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 6.5 per cent increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 1.7 per cent.

Unemployment

| | NT | Aust |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| Unemployment rate (season. adjusted) | 5.6% | 6.4% |
| Monthly change (ppt) | ↑0.2 | ↓0.2 |
| Annual change (ppt) | ↑0.6 | ↑1.1 |

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.6 per cent in January 2021 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons increased from 7434 to 7819, reflecting increased labour force participation. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased to 6.4 per cent.

Participation

| | NT | Aust |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Participation rate (season. adjusted) | 73.4% | 66.1% |
| Monthly change (ppt) | ↑1.0 | ↓0.1 |
| Annual change (ppt) | ↓0.5 | flat |

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 1.0 percentage points to 73.4 per cent in January 2021. This is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.1 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force January 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

| | Period | | | Change | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jan 20 | Dec 20 | Jan 21 | Monthly ¹ | Annual ² | Year-on-year ³ |
| Northern Territory | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | |
| Employment | 131 142 | 131 036 | 129 471 | -1.2% | -1.3% | -0.4% |
| – full-time | 103 757 | 99 016 | 101 353 | 2.4% | -2.3% | -2.3% |
| – part-time | 27 385 | 32 020 | 28 118 | -12.2% | 2.7% | 6.5% |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3% | 4.9% | 6.0% | 1.1 ppt | 0.7 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 73.5% | 73.0% | 73.0% | 0.0 ppt | - 0.5 ppt | |
| Labour force | 138 435 | 137 718 | 137 702 | 0.0% | -0.5% | 0.4% |
| Seasonally adjusted⁴ | | | | | | |
| Employment | 132 271 | 129 173 | 130 623 | 1.1% | -1.2% | |
| – full-time | 103 820 | 97 234 | 101 523 | 4.4% | -2.2% | |
| – part-time | 28 451 | 31 939 | 29 100 | -8.9% | 2.3% | |
| Unemployment rate | 5.0% | 5.4% | 5.6% | 0.2 ppt | 0.6 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 73.9% | 72.4% | 73.4% | 1.0 ppt | - 0.5 ppt | |
| Labour force | 139 257 | 136 608 | 138 442 | 1.3% | -0.6% | |
| Trend⁵ | | | | | | |
| – labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release | | | | | | |
| Australia | | | | | | |
| Original | | | | | | |
| Employment | 12 827 426 | 13 028 386 | 12 770 871 | -2.0% | -0.4% | -1.7% |
| – full-time | 8 867 481 | 8 907 521 | 8 785 309 | -1.4% | -0.9% | -1.6% |
| – part-time | 3 959 945 | 4 120 865 | 3 985 562 | -3.3% | 0.6% | -1.8% |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7% | 6.3% | 6.9% | 0.6 ppt | 1.2 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 65.5% | 66.6% | 65.6% | - 1.0 ppt | 0.1 ppt | |
| Labour force | 13 602 455 | 13 904 275 | 13 711 691 | -1.4% | 0.8% | -0.2% |
| Seasonally adjusted⁴ | | | | | | |
| Employment | 12 985 523 | 12 910 777 | 12 939 905 | 0.2% | -0.4% | |
| – full-time | 8 883 319 | 8 761 448 | 8 820 411 | 0.7% | -0.7% | |
| – part-time | 4 102 203 | 4 149 329 | 4 119 493 | -0.7% | 0.4% | |
| Unemployment rate | 5.3% | 6.6% | 6.4% | - 0.2 ppt | 1.1 ppt | |
| Participation rate | 66.1% | 66.2% | 66.1% | - 0.1 ppt | 0.0 ppt | |
| Labour force | 13 707 149 | 13 822 767 | 13 817 545 | 0.0% | 0.8% | |
| Trend⁵ | | | | | | |
| – labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release | | | | | | |

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.

4 Seasonal adjustment removes a series influences that are systemic and calendar related.

5 Trend series represents the underlying series remaining after removing seasonal effects from the original data and smoothing out the irregularities.

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

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

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