

Labour force

January 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	131 911	13 254 973
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑0.3%	↑0.1%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑0.5%	↑2.8%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓0.3%	↑3.3%

In January 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.3% to 131,911 persons. Full-time employment increased by 2.1% while part-time employment decreased by 5.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with part-time employment increasing by 0.7%, and full time employment decreasing by 0.2%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 0.5% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.8% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to January 2022, Territory employment decreased by 0.3%, reflecting a 0.4% decrease in full-time employment, while part-time employment remained flat. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.3%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.8%	4.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.4	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.7	↓2.2

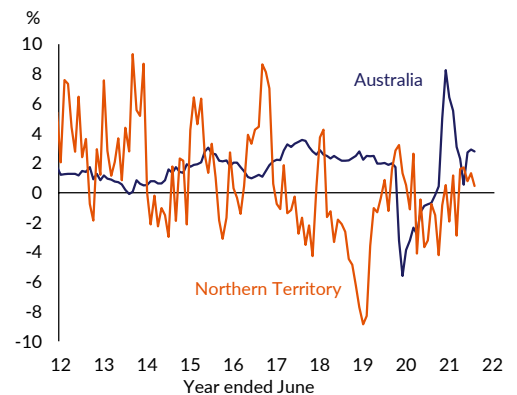
The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 4.2% in December 2021 to 3.8% in January 2022 (Chart 2). The sharp fall in the unemployment rate reflects the twin impacts of 404 people transitioning to employment in the month, and people exiting the labour market (reflected in the lower participation rate). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate remained at 4.2%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	72.3%	66.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.1	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.1	↑0.2

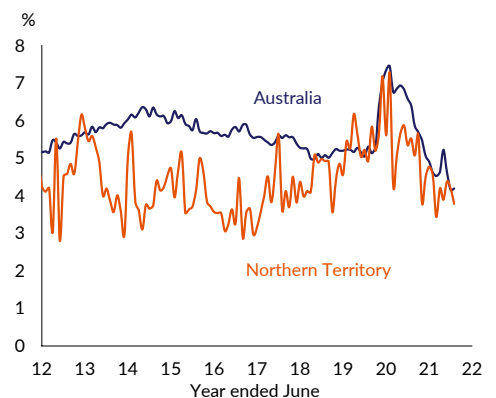
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 72.3% in January 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.2% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)

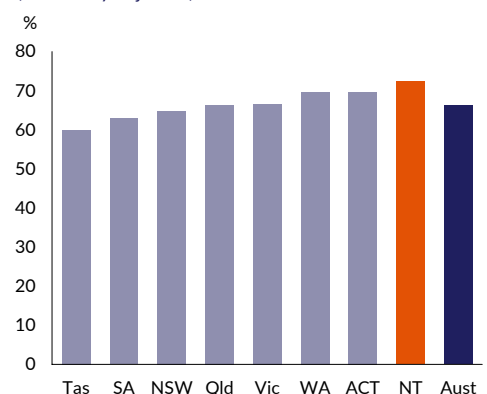


Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Jan 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	130 101	133 266	130 682	-1.9%	0.4%	-0.3%
– full-time	101 843	101 060	101 721	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.4%
– part-time	28 258	32 206	28 961	-10.1%	2.5%	0.0%
Unemployment rate	6.0%	3.8%	4.1%	0.3 ppt	- 1.9 ppt	
Participation rate	73.0%	73.0%	71.9%	- 1.1 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Labour force	138 372	138 463	136 214	-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.7%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	131 315	131 508	131 911	0.3%	0.5%	
– full-time	101 685	99 353	101 397	2.1%	-0.3%	
– part-time	29 630	32 155	30 514	-5.1%	3.0%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.2%	3.8%	- 0.4 ppt	- 1.7 ppt	
Participation rate	73.4%	72.4%	72.3%	- 0.1 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Labour force	138 997	137 263	137 101	-0.1%	-1.4%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 735 153	13 377 851	13 078 125	-2.2%	2.7%	3.3%
– full-time	8 762 898	9 249 707	9 045 357	-2.2%	3.2%	3.5%
– part-time	3 972 254	4 128 144	4 032 768	-2.3%	1.5%	2.7%
Unemployment rate	6.8%	4.0%	4.5%	0.5 ppt	- 2.3 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	66.6%	65.5%	- 1.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	13 671 165	13 930 974	13 693 448	-1.7%	0.2%	1.5%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 895 267	13 242 042	13 254 973	0.1%	2.8%	
– full-time	8 785 956	9 094 369	9 077 334	-0.2%	3.3%	
– part-time	4 109 311	4 147 674	4 177 639	0.7%	1.7%	
Unemployment rate	6.4%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0 ppt	- 2.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.0%	66.1%	66.2%	0.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 776 927	13 816 451	13 835 022	0.1%	0.4%	
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.

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Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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