

Labour force

April 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	134 040	13 401 684
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.2%	flat
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.4%	↑2.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑0.5%	↑3.6%

In April 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 2.2% to 134,040 persons. Full-time employment increased by 2.6% and part-time employment increased by 1.0%. Nationally, employment was flat, with full-time employment increasing by 1.0%, and part-time employment decreasing by 2.1%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 2.4% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.9% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to April 2022, Territory employment increased by 0.5%, reflecting a 1.1% increase in full-time employment, partly offset by a 1.5% decrease in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.6%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.1%	3.9%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.2	↓1.5

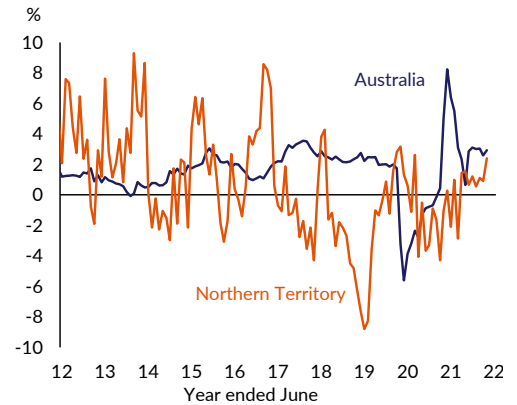
The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.0% in March 2022 to 4.1% in April 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.9%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	73.7%	66.3%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑1.7	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.8	↑0.4

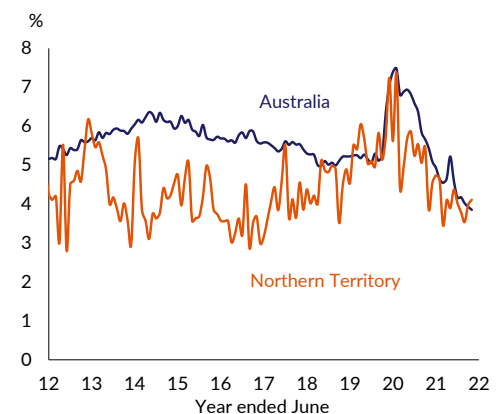
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 1.7 percentage points to 73.7% in April 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.3% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



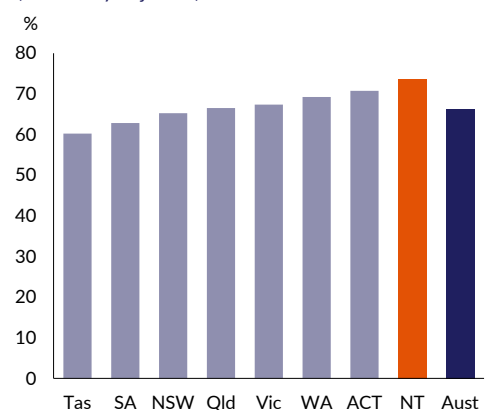
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Apr 21	Mar 22	Apr 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	131 034	132 092	134 211	1.6%	2.4%	0.5%
– full-time	101 027	101 927	104 878	2.9%	3.8%	1.1%
– part-time	30 008	30 166	29 333	-2.8%	-2.2%	-1.5%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	0.2 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	72.1%	72.6%	73.9%	1.3 ppt	1.8 ppt	
Labour force	136 593	137 768	140 234	1.8%	2.7%	-1.0%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	130 907	131 126	134 040	2.2%	2.4%	
– full-time	100 266	101 410	104 026	2.6%	3.7%	
– part-time	30 641	29 716	30 015	1.0%	-2.0%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	0.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	71.9%	72.0%	73.7%	1.7 ppt	1.8 ppt	
Labour force	136 152	136 557	139 785	2.4%	2.7%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 035 543	13 400 832	13 413 885	0.1%	2.9%	3.6%
– full-time	8 845 210	9 240 699	9 309 464	0.7%	5.2%	4.6%
– part-time	4 190 334	4 160 134	4 104 421	-1.3%	-2.1%	1.6%
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.2%	3.9%	- 0.3 ppt	- 1.6 ppt	
Participation rate	66.1%	66.6%	66.4%	- 0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 796 223	13 981 137	13 959 920	-0.2%	1.2%	1.3%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	13 020 152	13 397 710	13 401 684	0.0%	2.9%	
– full-time	8 877 642	9 250 559	9 342 926	1.0%	5.2%	
– part-time	4 142 510	4 147 151	4 058 758	-2.1%	-2.0%	
Unemployment rate	5.4%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	- 1.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	66.4%	66.3%	- 0.1 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 768 285	13 945 736	13 938 749	-0.1%	1.2%	
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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