

Average weekly full-time earnings

November 2024 | Economic brief

Average weekly full-time adult earnings (AWFTE) data should be viewed with caution as it can be a volatile measure of wage growth, affected by the overall labour force composition such as:

- occupational distribution within and across industries
- distribution of employment between industries
- proportion of male and female employees.

Average weekly full-time earnings	NT	Aust
AWFTE (Trend)	\$1,978	\$2,043
Six monthly change (Trend)	↑1.1%	↑2.2%
Year-ended change (Trend)	↑1.8%	↑4.5%

Biannual result

In the six months to November 2024, the trend AWFTE in the Territory was \$1,978. This was the third lowest level of the jurisdictions. Nationally, the trend AWFTE was \$2,043 (Chart 1).

The trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 1.1%, reflecting an increase in male AWFTE of 0.2% to \$2,134 and an increase in female AWFTE of 2.5% to \$1,823.

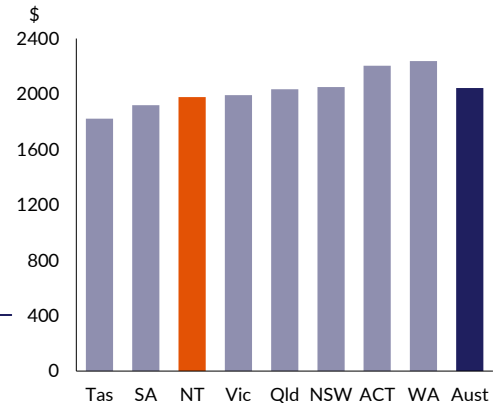
Nationally, the trend AWFTE increased by 2.2% to \$2,043. This reflected an increase in female AWFTE of 2.1% to \$1,851 and an increase in male AWFTE of 2.3% to \$2,168.

Year-ended result

Over the year to November 2024, the trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 1.8% (Chart 2), the weakest result of the jurisdictions. AWFTE growth in other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 3.0% in Western Australia to an increase of 6.7% in South Australia.

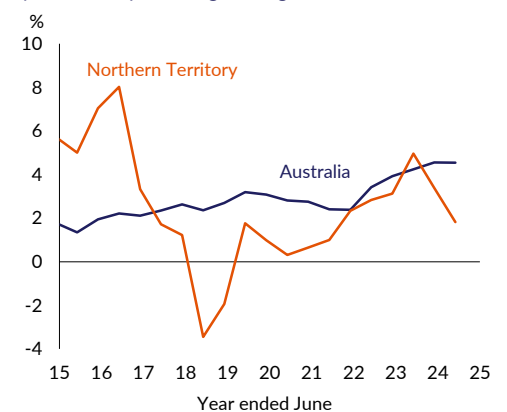
AWFTE in the Territory increased by 4.8% for females and increased by 0.5% for males (Chart 3). Nationally, AWFTE increased by 4.5%, reflecting an increase of 4.4% for males and an increase of 4.7% for females.

Chart 1: Average weekly full-time earnings (November 2024, trend)



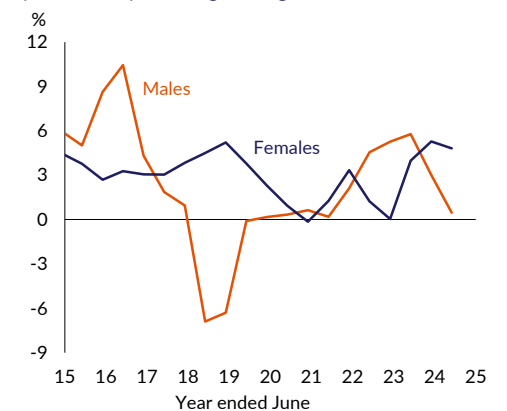
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat. No. 6302.0

Chart 2: Average weekly full-time earnings (year-ended percentage change, trend)



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Chart 3: Territory average weekly full-time earnings (year-ended percentage change, trend)



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	Period			Change		
	Nov 23	May 24	Nov 24	6 months ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Value (\$)						
Original	1 951	1 952	1 981	1.5%	1.5%	2.3%
– male	2 134	2 124	2 136	0.6%	0.1%	1.5%
– female	1 744	1 775	1 825	2.8%	4.7%	5.0%
Seasonally adjusted	1 951	1 952	1 981	1.5%	1.5%	
– male	2 134	2 124	2 136	0.6%	0.1%	
– female	1 744	1 775	1 825	2.8%	4.7%	
Trend	1 943	1 957	1 978	1.1%	1.8%	
– male	2 123	2 129	2 134	0.2%	0.5%	
– female	1 739	1 778	1 823	2.5%	4.8%	
Australia						
Value (\$)						
Original	1 958	1 994	2 047	2.6%	4.5%	4.6%
– male	2 080	2 113	2 172	2.8%	4.5%	4.2%
– female	1 772	1 811	1 854	2.4%	4.6%	5.1%
Seasonally adjusted	1 955	1 998	2 044	2.3%	4.5%	
– male	2 077	2 116	2 170	2.5%	4.4%	
– female	1 769	1 815	1 850	2.0%	4.6%	
Trend	1 954	1 998	2 043	2.2%	4.5%	
– male	2 076	2 118	2 168	2.3%	4.4%	
– female	1 768	1 813	1 851	2.1%	4.7%	
Trend data						
Value (\$)						
New South Wales	1 956	2 003	2 051	2.4%	4.9%	
Victoria	1 919	1 953	1 992	2.0%	3.8%	
Queensland	1 925	1 983	2 034	2.6%	5.7%	
Western Australia	2 173	2 191	2 238	2.1%	3.0%	
South Australia	1 797	1 848	1 918	3.8%	6.7%	
Tasmania	1 733	1 773	1 822	2.8%	5.1%	
ACT	2 120	2 167	2 203	1.7%	3.9%	

1 Compares the latest month with the period six months ago.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.

3 Compares the year average with the previous year average.

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Term	Definition
Average Weekly Full-time Earnings	The average gross (before tax) earnings of employees who usually work full-time. This measure includes regular payments in cash to employees for work done, but excludes amounts salary sacrificed.

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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