

Labour force

August 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	135 334	13 592 087
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.0%	↑0.2%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑4.2%	↑4.4%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.3%	↑3.1%

In August 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 1.0% to 135,334 persons. Part-time employment increased by 1.7% and full-time employment increased by 0.7%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.6%, partly offset by part-time employment decreasing by 0.6%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 4.2% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 4.4% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to August 2022, Territory employment increased by 2.3%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 3.8%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 2.7%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.1%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.5%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑1.0	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.1	↓1.0

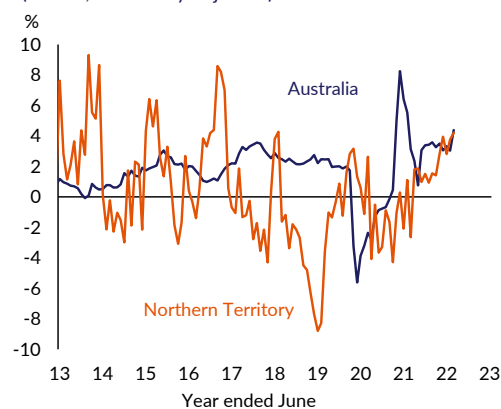
Despite increased employment, the Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 3.5% in July 2022 to 4.5% in August 2022 (Chart 2). This change is largely due to increased participation in the month. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate increased from 3.4% to 3.5%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	73.6%	66.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑1.0	↑0.2
Annual change (ppt)	↑2.7	↑1.4

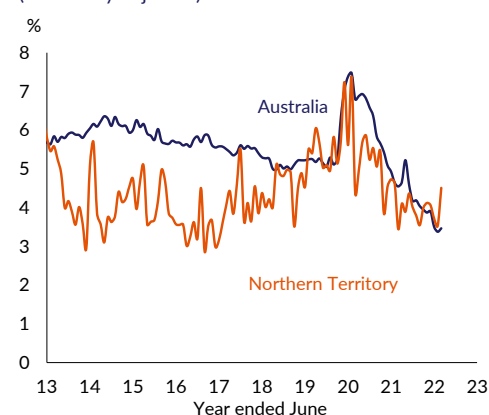
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 1.0 percentage points to 73.6% in August 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.6% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



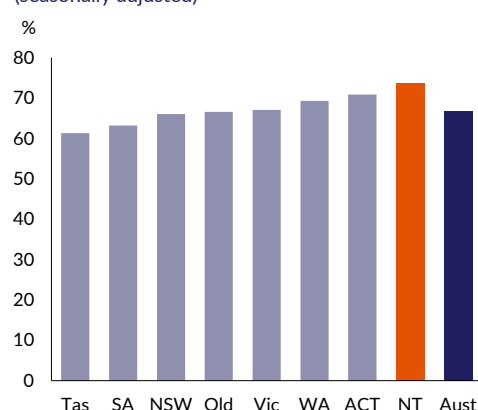
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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		
	Aug 21	Jul 22	Aug 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	128 047	132 549	133 401	0.6%	4.2%	2.3%
– full-time	96 571	103 698	103 836	0.1%	7.5%	3.8%
– part-time	31 476	28 851	29 565	2.5%	-6.1%	-2.7%
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.5%	4.3%	0.8 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	69.8%	71.7%	72.4%	0.7 ppt	2.6 ppt	
Labour force	132 391	137 350	139 366	1.5%	5.3%	1.2%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	129 876	134 049	135 334	1.0%	4.2%	
– full-time	98 088	104 726	105 509	0.7%	7.6%	
– part-time	31 787	29 323	29 825	1.7%	-6.2%	
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.5%	4.5%	1.0 ppt	1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	70.9%	72.6%	73.6%	1.0 ppt	2.7 ppt	
Labour force	134 513	138 957	141 727	2.0%	5.4%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 955 373	13 565 194	13 520 050	-0.3%	4.4%	3.1%
– full-time	8 876 761	9 430 823	9 386 161	-0.5%	5.7%	4.8%
– part-time	4 078 612	4 134 372	4 133 889	0.0%	1.4%	-0.6%
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.3%	3.5%	0.2 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	64.9%	66.4%	66.2%	- 0.2 ppt	1.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 575 685	14 031 359	14 006 147	-0.2%	3.2%	1.2%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	13 021 789	13 558 606	13 592 087	0.2%	4.4%	
– full-time	8 953 276	9 409 734	9 468 530	0.6%	5.8%	
– part-time	4 068 513	4 148 872	4 123 557	-0.6%	1.4%	
Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.4%	3.5%	0.1 ppt	- 1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	65.2%	66.4%	66.6%	0.2 ppt	1.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 642 014	14 032 241	14 079 769	0.3%	3.2%	
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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