

Average weekly full-time earnings

May 2026 | 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)	\$2,087	\$2,160
Six monthly change (Trend)	↑1.7%	↑1.7%
Year-ended change (Trend)	↑2.6%	↑3.5%

Biannual result

In the six months to May 2026, the trend AWFTE in the Territory was \$2,087. This was the third lowest level of the jurisdictions. Nationally, the trend AWFTE was \$2,160 (Chart 1).

The trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 1.7%, reflecting an increase in male AWFTE of 1.8% to \$2,227 and an increase in female AWFTE of 1.3% to \$1,920.

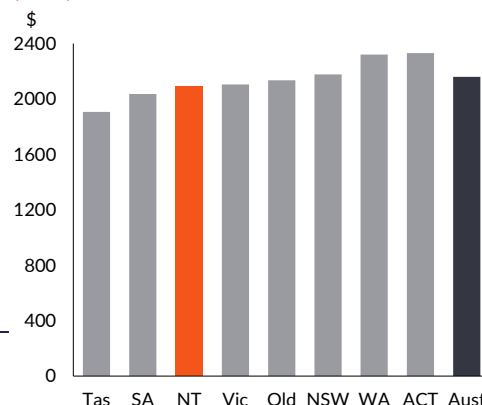
Nationally, the trend AWFTE increased by 1.7% to \$2,160. This reflected an increase in female AWFTE of 1.8% to \$1,964 and an increase in male AWFTE of 1.5% to \$2,287.

Year-ended result

In the year-ended May 2026, the trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 2.6% (Chart 2), the second weakest result of the jurisdictions. AWFTE growth in other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 2.5% in Western Australia to an increase of 3.8% in Queensland.

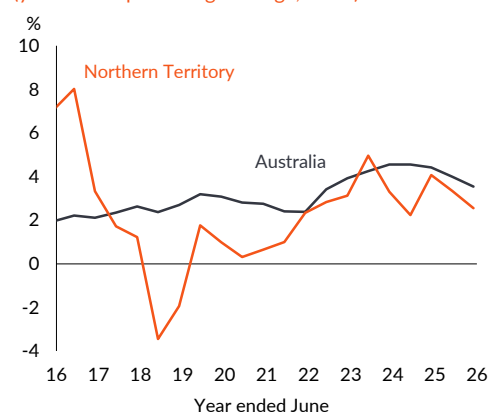
AWFTE in the Territory increased by 2.3% for females and increased by 1.9% for males in year-ended terms (Chart 3). Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.5%, reflecting an increase of 3.7% for females and an increase of 3.4% for males in year-ended terms.

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



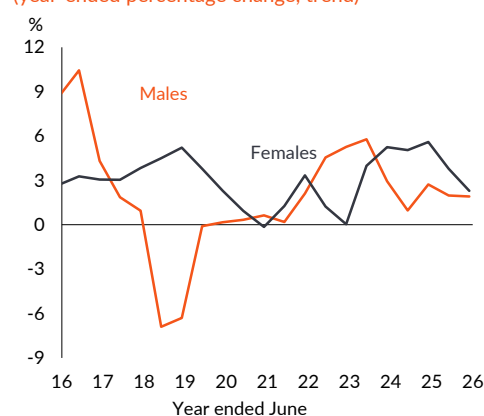
Source: ABS Average Weekly Earnings, Australia; DTF

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	
	May 25	Nov 25	May 26	6 months ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Value (\$)					
Original	2 046	2 044	2 092	2.4%	2.3%
– male	2 201	2 170	2 236	3.1%	1.6%
– female	1 884	1 892	1 923	1.6%	2.0%
Seasonally adjusted	2 046	2 044	2 092	2.4%	2.3%
– male	2 201	2 170	2 236	3.1%	1.6%
– female	1 884	1 892	1 923	1.6%	2.0%
Trend	2 035	2 053	2 087	1.7%	2.6%
– male	2 185	2 187	2 227	1.8%	1.9%
– female	1 877	1 896	1 920	1.3%	2.3%
Australia					
Value (\$)					
Original	2 083	2 129	2 157	1.3%	3.5%
– male	2 208	2 257	2 283	1.1%	3.4%
– female	1 894	1 929	1 963	1.8%	3.7%
Seasonally adjusted	2 087	2 126	2 160	1.6%	3.5%
– male	2 211	2 254	2 286	1.4%	3.4%
– female	1 895	1 928	1 965	1.9%	3.7%
Trend	2 086	2 125	2 160	1.7%	3.5%
– male	2 212	2 252	2 287	1.5%	3.4%
– female	1 894	1 929	1 964	1.8%	3.7%
Trend data					
Value (\$)					
New South Wales	2 109	2 148	2 178	1.4%	3.2%
Victoria	2 029	2 074	2 105	1.5%	3.7%
Queensland	2 057	2 094	2 135	2.0%	3.8%
Western Australia	2 263	2 298	2 321	1.0%	2.5%
South Australia	1 966	2 006	2 036	1.5%	3.6%
Tasmania	1 853	1 886	1 906	1.1%	2.9%
ACT	2 258	2 288	2 332	1.9%	3.3%

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

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

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

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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