

Nationally, media analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey (LFS) is concentrated on seasonally adjusted data. Due to the high standard errors and volatile nature of seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory LFS, the ABS only publishes data in original and trend terms. The following analysis is based on trend series data unless stated otherwise.

## Summary

Trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.4 per cent in July 2018. The Territory's trend unemployment rate was 4.0 per cent and the trend participation rate was 77.2 per cent in the month.

## Employment

	NT	AUST
Employment numbers (trend)	140 616	12 581 612
Change in the month (trend)	▲0.4%	▲0.2%
Annual change (trend)	▲3.5%	▲2.4%
Year on year (original)	▼0.6%	▲3.0%

In July 2018, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.4 per cent to 140 616 persons, compared to the previous month.

The Territory recorded the strongest monthly increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 0.1 per cent in Tasmania and South Australia to 0.3 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria. Nationally, trend employment growth was 0.2 per cent in the month.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 3.5 per cent in the Territory compared to July 2017, reporting the strongest annual growth of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.4 per cent over the same period (Chart 1).

In the year to July 2018, Territory employment decreased by 0.6 per cent. This was the only year on year decline of the jurisdictions. Year on year employment growth ranged from 2.1 per cent in South Australia to 4.0 per cent in Queensland. Nationally, year on year employment grew by 3.0 per cent.

## Unemployment

	NT	AUST
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.0%	5.4%
Change in the month (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	▲0.4	▼0.2

\*ppt = percentage point

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.0 per cent (Chart 2). This was the second lowest trend unemployment rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.6 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.2 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate also remained unchanged at 5.4 per cent.

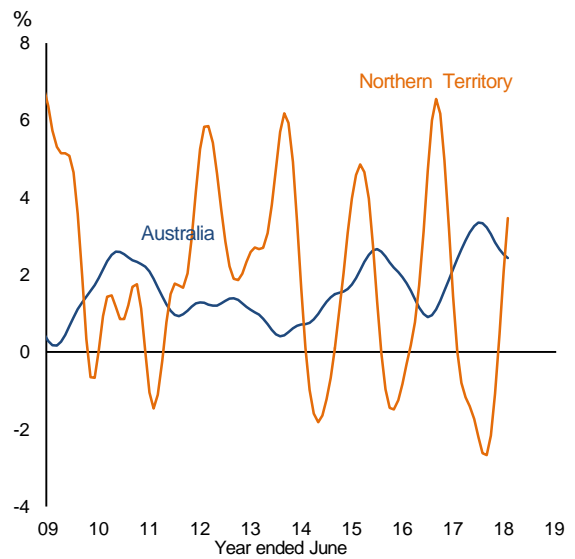
## Labour Force Participation

	NT	AUST
Participation rate (trend)	77.2%	65.5%
Change in the month (ppt)	▲0.2	flat
Annual change (ppt)	▲2.5	▲0.3

\*ppt = percentage points

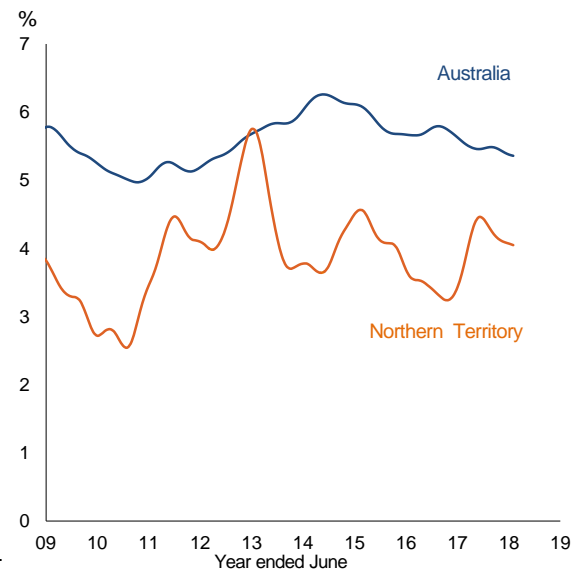
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.2 percentage points to 77.2 per cent in the month. This remains the highest monthly trend participation rate of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 65.5 per cent (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Trend Employment (annual % ch.)



Source: DTF; ABS Cat No . 6202.0

Chart 2: Trend Unemployment Rate



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

Chart 3: Trend Participation Rate



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

## Labour Force Statistics\*

	Jul 17	Jun 18	Jul 18	change		
				monthly <sup>1</sup>	annual <sup>2</sup>	year on year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
original						
employment	133 786	141 251	140 108	-0.8%	4.7%	-0.6%
- full time	106 520	113 477	114 733	1.1%	7.7%	-0.2%
- part time	27 266	27 774	25 375	-8.6%	-6.9%	-2.4%
unemployment rate	3.5%	4.3%	3.9%	- 0.4 ppt	0.4 ppt	
participation rate	73.4%	77.7%	76.8%	- 1.0 ppt	3.4 ppt	
labour force	138 590	147 633	145 786	-1.3%	5.2%	0.2%
seasonally adj						
not published for the Northern Territory						
trend <sup>5</sup>						
employment	135 911	140 030	140 616	0.4%	3.5%	
- full time	106 703	112 531	113 178	0.6%	6.1%	
- part time	29 208	27 499	27 438	-0.2%	-6.1%	
unemployment rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.0%	0.0 ppt	0.4 ppt	
participation rate	74.7%	77.0%	77.2%	0.2 ppt	2.5 ppt	
labour force	141 215	145 995	146 597	0.4%	3.8%	
<b>Australia</b>						
original						
employment	12 272 176	12 610 658	12 573 917	-0.3%	2.5%	3.0%
- full time	8 416 856	8 550 032	8 613 997	0.7%	2.3%	3.2%
- part time	3 855 320	4 060 626	3 959 920	-2.5%	2.7%	2.6%
unemployment rate	5.5%	5.2%	5.2%	0.0 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
participation rate	65.1%	65.7%	65.5%	- 0.3 ppt	0.4 ppt	
labour force	12 985 794	13 298 864	13 263 560	-0.3%	2.1%	2.8%
seasonally adj <sup>4</sup>						
employment	12 274 861	12 579 051	12 575 163	0.0%	2.4%	
- full time	8 392 766	8 568 190	8 587 490	0.2%	2.3%	
- part time	3 882 096	4 010 861	3 987 672	-0.6%	2.7%	
unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	0.0 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
participation rate	65.2%	65.7%	65.5%	- 0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
labour force	13 005 809	13 290 766	13 281 146	-0.1%	2.1%	
trend <sup>5</sup>						
employment	12 282 420	12 554 689	12 581 612	0.2%	2.4%	
- full time	8 403 615	8 562 989	8 581 153	0.2%	2.1%	
- part time	3 878 805	3 991 700	4 000 459	0.2%	3.1%	
unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
participation rate	65.2%	65.5%	65.5%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
labour force	13 008 101	13 269 057	13 294 654	0.2%	2.2%	

\* Due to rounding, percentage changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

ppt = percentage point

1 compares the latest month with the previous month.

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

3 compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.

4 seasonal adjustment removes from 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. Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and is highly volatile.

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

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