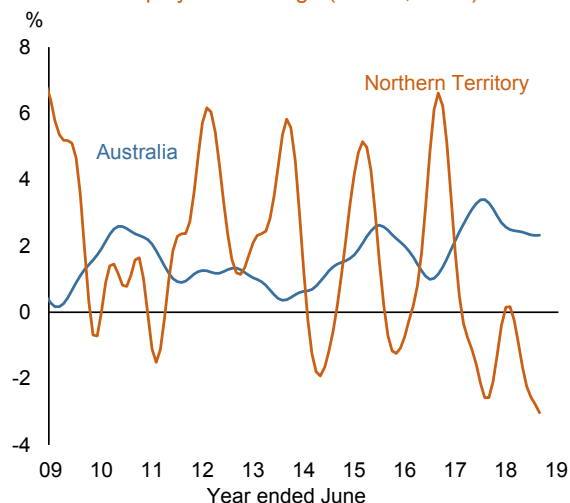
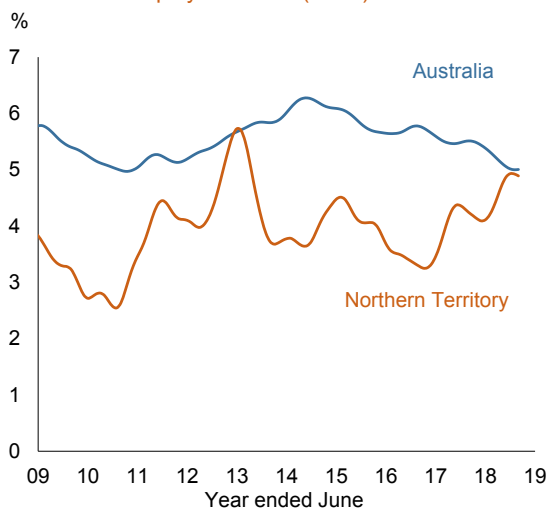


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



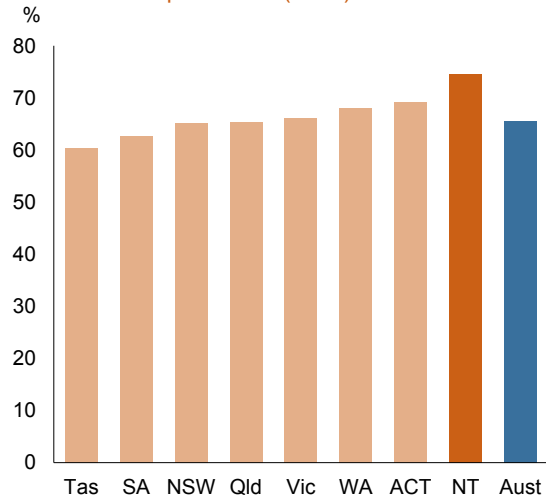
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	133 662	12 762 759
Monthly change (trend)	▲0.1%	▲0.2%
Annual change (trend)	▼3.0%	▲2.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	▼1.1%	▲2.5%

In February 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.1 per cent to 133 662 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the second highest increase of the jurisdictions, equal with the Australian Capital Territory.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 3.0 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the lowest annual result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.3 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to February 2019, Territory employment decreased by 1.1 per cent. This was the only year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 6.6 per cent decline in part-time employment partly offset by an increase of 0.3 per cent in full-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.5 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.9%	5.0%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	▲0.6	▼0.5

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 4.9 per cent (Chart 2). This was the fourth lowest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.5 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.3 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.0 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.5%	65.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	▼1.8	flat

In the month, the trend participation rate in the Territory remained at 74.5 per cent, remaining the highest trend participation rate of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 65.6 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force February 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Feb 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	137 334	133 117	131 731	-1.0%	-4.1%	-1.1%
– full-time	106 917	105 702	104 120	-1.5%	-2.6%	0.3%
– part-time	30 416	27 415	27 611	0.7%	-9.2%	-6.6%
Unemployment rate	4.2%	5.1%	5.0%	- 0.1 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	76.0%	74.4%	73.5%	- 0.9 ppt	- 2.5 ppt	
Labour force	143 365	140 332	138 683	-1.2%	-3.3%	-0.6%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	137 828	133 567	133 662	0.1%	-3.0%	
– full-time	108 597	105 746	105 735	0.0%	-2.6%	
– part-time	29 231	27 821	27 927	0.4%	-4.5%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.9%	4.9%	0.0 ppt	0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	76.3%	74.4%	74.5%	0.0 ppt	- 1.8 ppt	
Labour force	143 926	140 415	140 571	0.1%	-2.3%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 527 676	12 610 318	12 812 290	1.6%	2.3%	2.5%
– full-time	8 623 421	8 743 379	8 836 688	1.1%	2.5%	2.5%
– part-time	3 904 255	3 866 939	3 975 603	2.8%	1.8%	2.5%
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.4%	5.4%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.7 ppt	
Participation rate	66.3%	65.3%	66.1%	0.9 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 333 350	13 337 070	13 539 723	1.5%	1.5%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 479 328	12 758 791	12 763 391	0.0%	2.3%	
– full-time	8 532 661	8 749 956	8 742 684	-0.1%	2.5%	
– part-time	3 946 667	4 008 835	4 020 708	0.3%	1.9%	
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.0%	4.9%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	65.7%	65.6%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 213 047	13 434 759	13 427 682	-0.1%	1.6%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 472 025	12 742 186	12 762 759	0.2%	2.3%	
– full-time	8 524 301	8 731 076	8 743 415	0.1%	2.6%	
– part-time	3 947 724	4 011 111	4 019 344	0.2%	1.8%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	65.6%	65.6%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	13 198 303	13 413 442	13 435 827	0.2%	1.8%	

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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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.

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