

# Labour force

October 2022 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	135 732	13 623 724
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.2%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↑4.1%	↑3.5%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑2.7%	↑3.8%

In October 2022, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.2% to 135,732 persons. Part-time employment increased by 0.4% and full-time employment increased by 0.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.2% and part-time employment flat.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 4.1% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.5% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to October 2022, Territory employment increased by 2.7%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 4.3%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 2.2%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.8%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.0%	3.4%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	flat	↓1.2

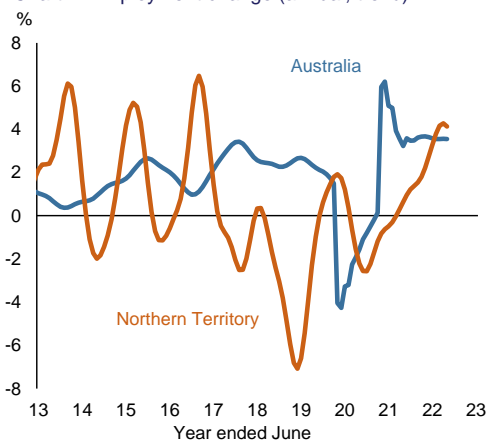
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 4.0% in the month of October 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased from 3.5% to 3.4%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	73.1%	66.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.6	↑0.7

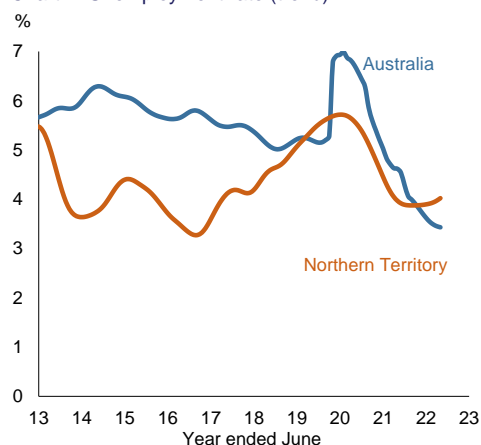
The trend participation rate in the Territory was flat at 73.1% in October 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.6% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



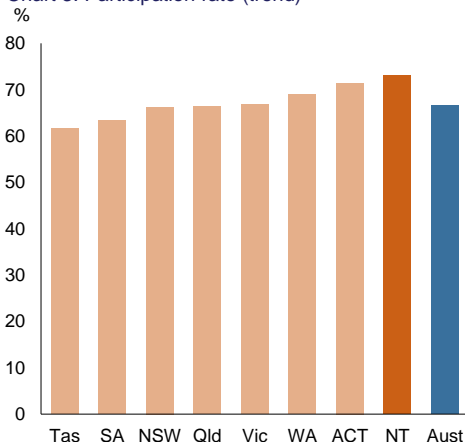
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Oct 21	Sep 22	Oct 22	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	133 496	135 269	138 752	2.6%	3.9%	2.7%
– full-time	101 449	105 285	106 499	1.2%	5.0%	4.3%
– part-time	32 046	29 984	32 253	7.6%	0.6%	-2.2%
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.1%	3.7%	- 0.4 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	73.1%	72.8%	74.4%	1.6 ppt	1.3 ppt	
Labour force	138 872	140 981	144 084	2.2%	3.8%	1.9%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	132 005	135 731	137 227	1.1%	4.0%	
– full-time	101 075	106 034	106 079	0.0%	5.0%	
– part-time	30 930	29 697	31 148	4.9%	0.7%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	72.4%	73.0%	73.6%	0.6 ppt	1.2 ppt	
Labour force	137 405	141 333	142 603	0.9%	3.8%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	130 356	135 508	135 732	0.2%	4.1%	
– full-time	99 646	105 418	105 514	0.1%	5.9%	
– part-time	30 710	30 089	30 218	0.4%	-1.6%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	71.5%	73.1%	73.1%	0.0 ppt	1.6 ppt	
Labour force	135 746	141 114	141 420	0.2%	4.2%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	12 826 298	13 544 456	13 584 170	0.3%	5.9%	3.8%
– full-time	8 899 183	9 424 092	9 470 572	0.5%	6.4%	5.1%
– part-time	3 927 115	4 120 364	4 113 597	-0.2%	4.7%	0.9%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	3.5%	3.2%	- 0.3 ppt	- 1.8 ppt	
Participation rate	64.5%	66.3%	66.3%	0.0 ppt	1.8 ppt	
Labour force	13 504 554	14 028 489	14 038 111	0.1%	4.0%	2.0%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	12 855 936	13 585 689	13 617 927	0.2%	5.9%	
– full-time	8 949 764	9 478 726	9 525 866	0.5%	6.4%	
– part-time	3 906 172	4 106 962	4 092 061	-0.4%	4.8%	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	3.5%	3.4%	- 0.1 ppt	- 1.9 ppt	
Participation rate	64.8%	66.5%	66.5%	0.0 ppt	1.7 ppt	
Labour force	13 569 702	14 083 813	14 095 490	0.1%	3.9%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 156 927	13 606 878	13 623 724	0.1%	3.5%	
– full-time	9 002 476	9 498 588	9 515 427	0.2%	5.7%	
– part-time	4 154 451	4 108 289	4 108 298	0.0%	-1.1%	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.5%	3.4%	- 0.1 ppt	- 1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	66.6%	66.6%	0.0 ppt	0.7 ppt	
Labour force	13 793 831	14 093 273	14 107 553	0.1%	2.3%	

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.

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

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