

Labour force

April 2023 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	143 569	13 878 929
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.8%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↑5.9%	↑2.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑4.2%	↑4.1%

In April 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.8% to 143,569 persons. Full-time employment increased by 1.0% and part-time employment increased by 0.2%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.2% and part-time employment being flat.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 5.9% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.6% over the same period (Chart 1).

In the year to April 2023, Territory employment increased by 4.2%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 5.4% and an increase in part-time employment of 0.1%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.1%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.6%	3.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.3	↓0.2

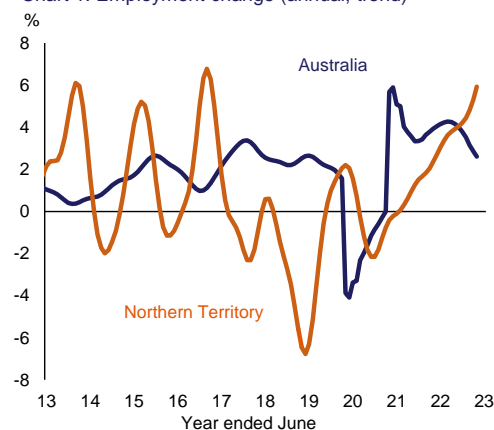
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.6% in the month of April 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.6%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	76.1%	66.7%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.4	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑3.2	↑0.1

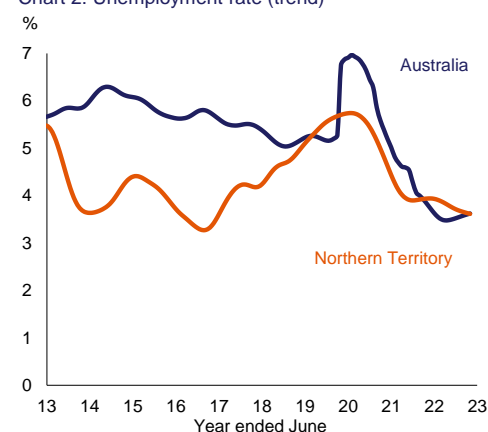
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.4 percentage points to 76.1% in April 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.7% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



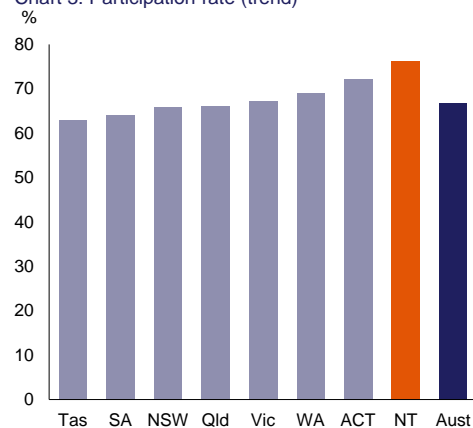
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Apr 22	Mar 23	Apr 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	137 309	142 940	144 710	1.2%	5.4%	4.2%
– full-time	107 199	109 976	113 068	2.8%	5.5%	5.4%
– part-time	30 110	32 964	31 641	-4.0%	5.1%	0.1%
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.4%	3.5%	0.1 ppt	- 0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	74.1%	75.8%	76.6%	0.8 ppt	2.5 ppt	
Labour force	143 556	148 014	149 899	1.3%	4.4%	3.8%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	136 416	142 196	143 560	1.0%	5.2%	
– full-time	105 675	109 579	111 305	1.6%	5.3%	
– part-time	30 741	32 617	32 255	-1.1%	4.9%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.5%	3.4%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	73.5%	75.4%	75.9%	0.5 ppt	2.4 ppt	
Labour force	142 418	147 291	148 557	0.9%	4.3%	
Trend						
Employment	135 535	142 437	143 569	0.8%	5.9%	
– full-time	104 903	110 239	111 297	1.0%	6.1%	
– part-time	30 632	32 199	32 272	0.2%	5.4%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	72.9%	75.7%	76.1%	0.4 ppt	3.2 ppt	
Labour force	141 092	147 812	148 952	0.8%	5.6%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 490 923	13 912 725	13 879 426	-0.2%	2.9%	4.1%
– full-time	9 344 389	9 746 084	9 693 468	-0.5%	3.7%	5.5%
– part-time	4 146 534	4 166 641	4 185 959	0.5%	1.0%	1.2%
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	67.0%	66.7%	- 0.3 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	14 045 176	14 456 919	14 420 250	-0.3%	2.7%	3.1%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	13 491 791	13 886 423	13 882 125	0.0%	2.9%	
– full-time	9 376 408	9 753 675	9 726 543	-0.3%	3.7%	
– part-time	4 115 382	4 132 748	4 155 582	0.6%	1.0%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%	0.2 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	66.8%	66.7%	- 0.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	14 032 983	14 396 051	14 410 133	0.1%	2.7%	
Trend						
Employment	13 525 922	13 854 943	13 878 929	0.2%	2.6%	
– full-time	9 372 355	9 700 768	9 723 584	0.2%	3.7%	
– part-time	4 153 567	4 154 175	4 155 345	0.0%	0.0%	
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.6%	66.7%	66.7%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	14 063 823	14 372 483	14 400 765	0.2%	2.4%	

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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