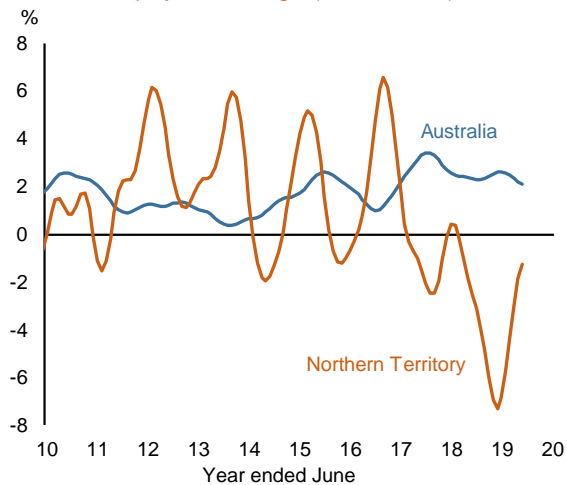
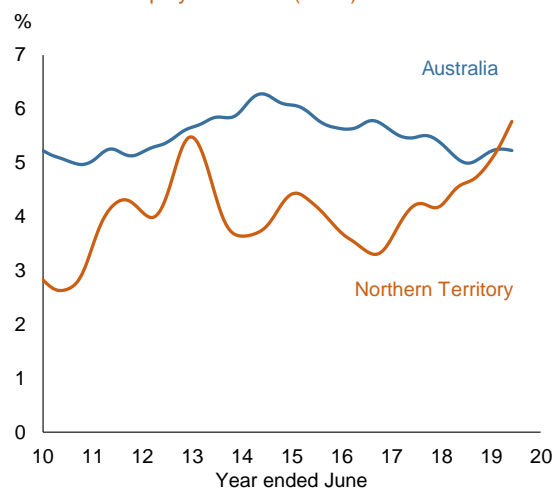


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



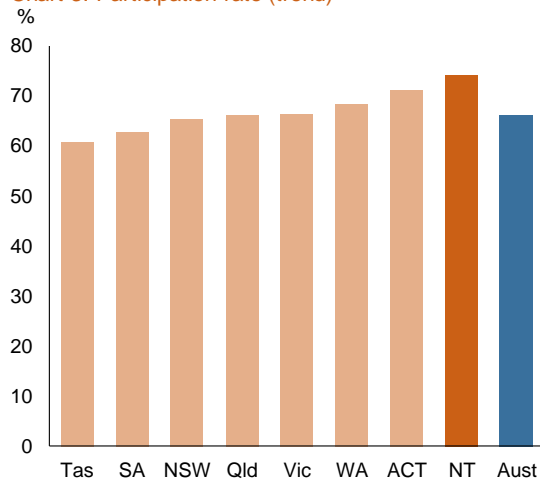
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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)	131 458	12 962 037
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.2%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↓1.2%	↑2.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓4.5%	↑2.3%

In November 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.2% to 131 458 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the fourth lowest result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 0.1 per cent to 12 962 037.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 1.2 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the only decrease of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.1 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to November 2019, Territory employment decreased by 4.5 per cent. This was the largest year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 6.4 per cent decline in full-time employment, partly offset by a 2.9 per cent increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.3 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	5.8%	5.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.2	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.2	↑0.2

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate increased to 5.8 per cent in November 2019 (Chart 2). This was the fourth highest rate of the jurisdictions equal with Western Australia. Other jurisdictions ranged from 3.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.4 per cent in Queensland. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.2 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.2%	66.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.3	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.2	↑0.5

The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.3 percentage points to 74.2 per cent compared to the previous month. The Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 66.1 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force November 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Nov 18	Oct 19	Nov 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	134 888	131 441	134 058	2.0%	-0.6%	-4.5%
– full-time	107 771	100 327	104 675	4.3%	-2.9%	-6.4%
– part-time	27 117	31 114	29 382	-5.6%	8.4%	2.9%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.6%	5.3%	- 0.3 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	75.3%	74.0%	75.3%	1.4 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	141 996	139 169	141 504	1.7%	-0.3%	-3.8%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	133 098	131 202	131 458	0.2%	-1.2%	
– full-time	105 723	102 008	102 469	0.5%	-3.1%	
– part-time	27 374	29 194	28 988	-0.7%	5.9%	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.6%	5.8%	0.2 ppt	1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	74.0%	73.9%	74.2%	0.3 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	139 522	139 002	139 504	0.4%	0.0%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 740 428	12 901 044	12 996 482	0.7%	2.0%	2.3%
– full-time	8 724 799	8 798 426	8 870 933	0.8%	1.7%	2.5%
– part-time	4 015 629	4 102 617	4 125 549	0.6%	2.7%	2.0%
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.1%	4.8%	- 0.3 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	65.7%	65.9%	0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 375 160	13 587 995	13 651 959	0.5%	2.1%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 699 521	12 914 584	12 954 440	0.3%	2.0%	
– full-time	8 692 558	8 833 106	8 837 264	0.0%	1.7%	
– part-time	4 006 963	4 081 478	4 117 176	0.9%	2.8%	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.3%	5.2%	- 0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	66.0%	66.0%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 385 071	13 639 472	13 662 544	0.2%	2.1%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 693 118	12 944 669	12 962 037	0.1%	2.1%	
– full-time	8 702 804	8 835 252	8 843 596	0.1%	1.6%	
– part-time	3 990 315	4 109 417	4 118 441	0.2%	3.2%	
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.3%	5.2%	0.0 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	66.1%	66.1%	0.0 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 365 395	13 662 133	13 678 310	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.

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.

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

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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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