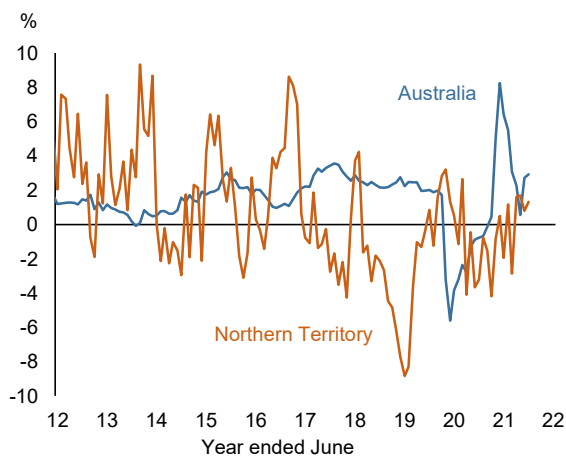
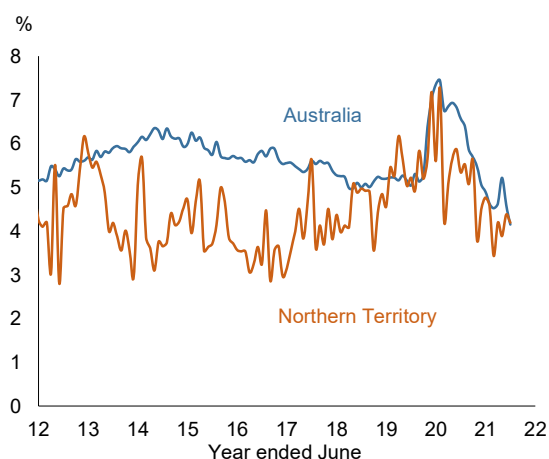


Chart 1: Employment change
(annual, seasonally adjusted)



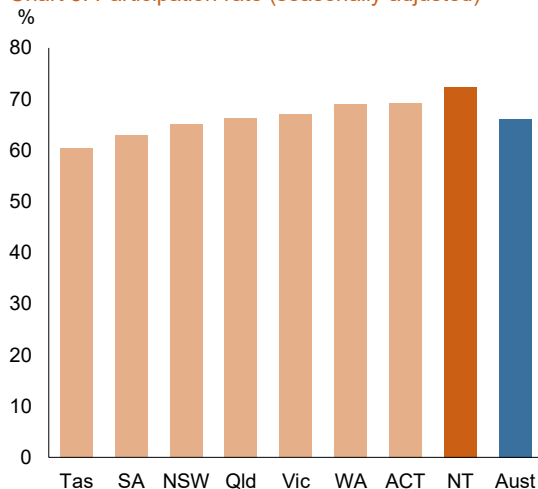
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate
(seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	131 508	13 242 042
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.3%	↑0.5%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.3%	↑2.9%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓0.4%	↑3.0%

In December 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 1.3% to 131,508 persons. Full time employment decreased by 0.8% and part time employment increased by 8.4%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.5%, with full time employment increasing by 0.5%, and part-time employment increasing by 0.6%.

In annual terms, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 1.3% in the Territory, and by 2.9% nationally (Chart 1).

In calendar year 2021, Territory employment decreased by 0.4%, reflecting a 0.6% decrease in full time employment, and no change in part-time employment. Nationally, employment increased by 3.0% in 2021.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.2%	4.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.2	↓0.4
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.1	↓2.4

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 4.4% in November to 4.2% in December 2021 (Chart 2). This is the fourth highest monthly unemployment rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.4% in Western Australia to 4.7% in Queensland. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased from 4.6% to 4.2%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	72.4%	66.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.8	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.1	↑0.3

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.8 percentage points to 72.4% in December 2021. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.1% (Chart 3).

Labour force December 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Dec 20	Nov 21	Dec 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	131 553	130 768	133 266	1.9%	1.3%	-0.4%
– full-time	99 405	101 221	101 060	-0.2%	1.7%	-0.6%
– part-time	32 148	29 547	32 206	9.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.6%	3.8%	- 0.8 ppt	- 1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	73.0%	72.3%	73.0%	0.7 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	138 255	137 055	138 463	1.0%	0.1%	-1.6%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	129 813	129 877	131 508	1.3%	1.3%	
– full-time	97 728	100 204	99 353	-0.8%	1.7%	
– part-time	32 085	29 674	32 155	8.4%	0.2%	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.4%	4.2%	- 0.2 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	72.5%	71.6%	72.4%	0.8 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Labour force	137 145	135 827	137 263	1.1%	0.1%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 995 776	13 230 597	13 377 851	1.1%	2.9%	3.0%
– full-time	8 887 076	9 082 298	9 249 707	1.8%	4.1%	3.2%
– part-time	4 108 700	4 148 299	4 128 144	-0.5%	0.5%	2.6%
Unemployment rate	6.3%	4.3%	4.0%	- 0.3 ppt	- 2.3 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	66.1%	66.6%	0.5 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 867 062	13 819 184	13 930 974	0.8%	0.5%	1.5%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 866 107	13 177 274	13 242 042	0.5%	2.9%	
– full-time	8 737 785	9 052 910	9 094 369	0.5%	4.1%	
– part-time	4 128 322	4 124 364	4 147 674	0.6%	0.5%	
Unemployment rate	6.6%	4.6%	4.2%	- 0.4 ppt	- 2.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.0%	66.1%	66.1%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 772 009	13 813 931	13 816 451	0.0%	0.3%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						

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 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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