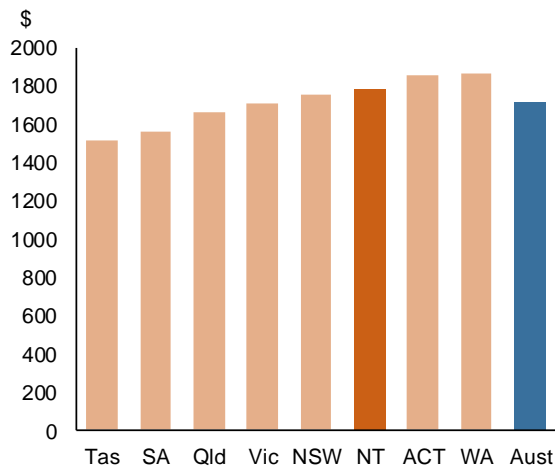


# Average weekly full-time earnings

November 2019

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Chart 1: Average weekly full-time earnings (biannually, trend)



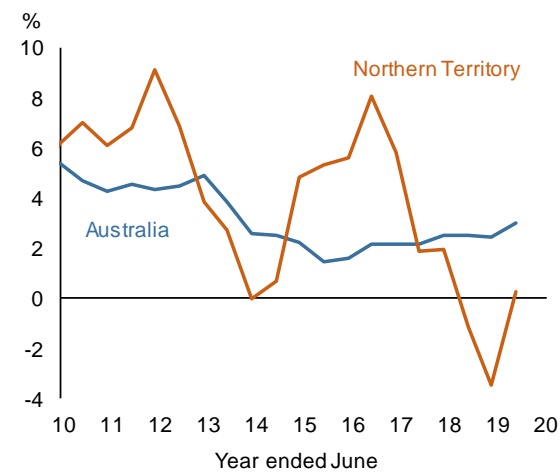
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Average weekly full-time adult earnings (AWFTE) data should be viewed with caution as it can be a volatile measure of wage growth. Changes in the averages may be affected not only by changes in the level of earnings of employees but also by changes in the overall composition of the labour force. This relates to variations in the:

- occupational distribution within and across industries;
- distribution of employment between industries; and
- proportion of male and female employees.

Average weekly full-time earnings	NT	Aust
AWFTE (trend)	\$1 778	\$1 721
Six monthly change (trend)	↑0.7%	↑1.5%
Annual change (trend)	↑1.8%	↑3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑0.3%	↑3.0%

Chart 2: Average weekly full-time earnings (year-on-year percentage change, original)



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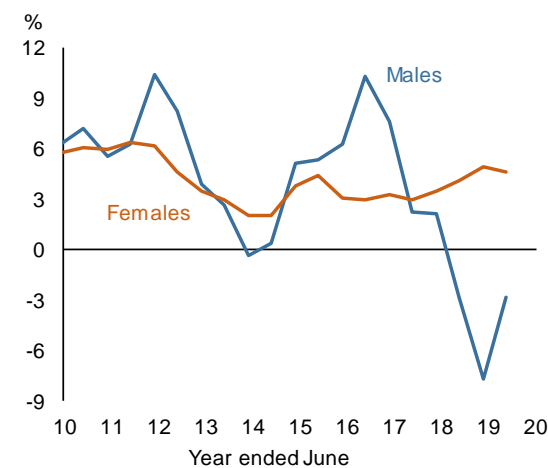
## Biannual result

In the six months to November 2019, the trend AWFTE in the Territory was \$1 778. This was the third highest level of all the jurisdictions, behind Western Australia (\$1 860) and the Australian Capital Territory (\$1 854). Nationally, the trend AWFTE was \$1 721 (Chart 1).

In November 2019, the trend AWFTE in the Territory increased by 0.7 per cent compared to May 2019. The increase in Territory AWFTE was driven by an increase in female AWFTE of 0.9 per cent to \$1 614, and an increase in male AWFTE of 0.2 per cent to \$1 911.

Nationally, the trend AWFTE increased by 1.5 per cent over the past six months to \$1 721. This consists of a 1.5 per cent increase in both male AWFTE (to \$1 840) and female AWFTE (to \$1 529).

Chart 3: Territory average weekly full-time earnings (year-on-year change, original)



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## Year-on-year result

In the year to November 2019, the Territory AWFTE increased by 0.3 per cent (Chart 2), the second lowest of all the jurisdictions, behind the Australian Capital Territory at 0.2 per cent. The AWFTE of other jurisdictions ranged from an increase of 1.4 per cent in Western Australia to an increase of 4.4 per cent in Victoria. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.0 per cent over the same period.

In the year to November 2019, AWFTE for males in the Territory decreased by 2.9 per cent while AWFTE for females increased by 4.6 per cent (Chart 3).

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	Nov-18	May-19	Nov-19	Change		
				6 months <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
Original	1 727	1 775	1 773	-0.1%	2.7%	0.3%
– male	1 878	1 921	1 906	-0.8%	1.5%	-2.9%
– female	1 553	1 608	1 609	0.1%	3.6%	4.6%
Seasonally adjusted	1 727	1 775	1 773	-0.1%	2.7%	
– male	1 878	1 921	1 906	-0.8%	1.5%	
– female	1 553	1 608	1 609	0.1%	3.6%	
Trend	1 746	1 765	1 778	0.7%	1.8%	
– male	1 912	1 907	1 911	0.2%	0.0%	
– female	1 557	1 599	1 614	0.9%	3.6%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
Original	1 668	1 695	1 723	1.6%	3.3%	3.0%
Seasonally adjusted	1 666	1 697	1 720	1.3%	3.3%	
Trend	1 669	1 696	1 721	1.5%	3.1%	
<b>Trend data</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
New South Wales	1 689	1 725	1 750	1.5%	3.6%	
Victoria	1 626	1 667	1 704	2.2%	4.8%	
Queensland	1 629	1 638	1 660	1.3%	1.9%	
South Australia	1 514	1 530	1 557	1.8%	2.9%	
Western Australia	1 843	1 856	1 860	0.2%	0.9%	
Tasmania	1 480	1 501	1 517	1.1%	2.5%	
ACT	1 837	1 838	1 854	0.9%	0.9%	

1 Compares the latest month with the period six months ago.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.

3 Compares the year average with the previous year average.

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Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

Although all due care has been exercised in the preparation of this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) changed the release of Average Weekly Earnings data from quarterly to biannually (May and November of each year). As a result of the break in the quarterly series, seasonally adjusted and trend data is only available from May 2012, therefore time series displayed in this brief is based on original data.

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