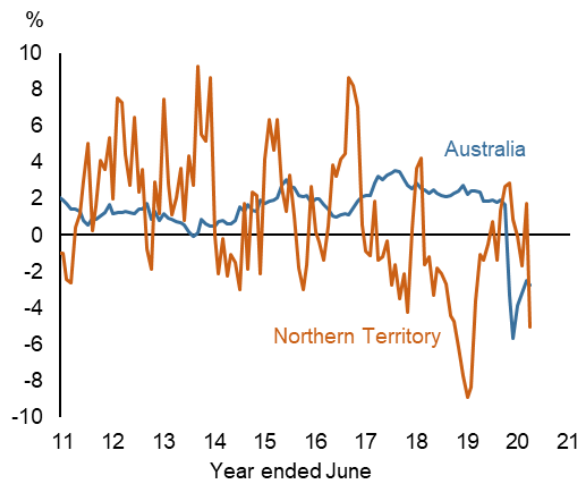
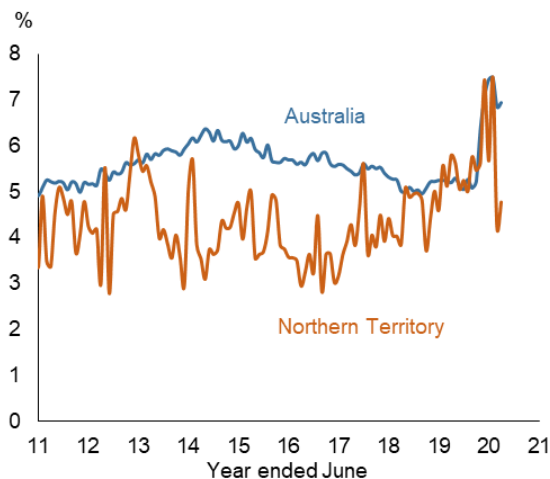


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



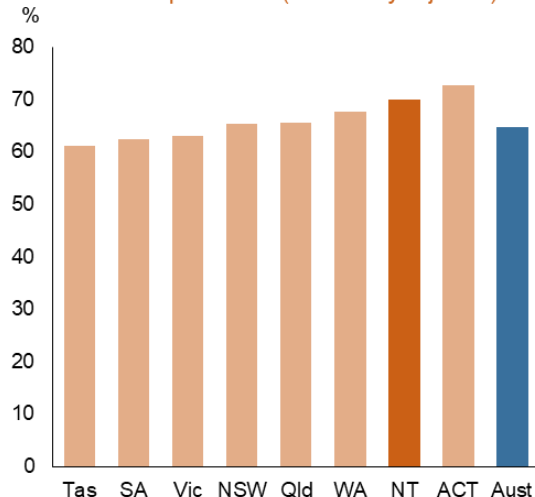
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (season. adjusted)	125 547	12 571 914
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↓5.1%	↓0.2%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↓5.1%	↓2.8%
Year-on-year change (original)	flat	↓0.9%

In September 2020, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 5.1 per cent to 125 547 persons. Full-time employment and part-time employment decreased by 4.2 per cent and 7.9 per cent, respectively. Nationally, employment decreased by 0.2 per cent, with full-time and part-time employment both decreasing by 0.2 per cent.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment decreased by 5.1 per cent in the Territory. Nationally, employment fell by 2.8 per cent over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to September 2020, Territory employment was flat, reflecting a 6.0 per cent increase in part-time employment, and a 1.6 per cent decline in full-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 0.9 per cent.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	4.8%	6.9%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.6	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.0	↑1.7

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.8 per cent in September 2020 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons increased from 5816 to 6302. This increase reflects the decrease in both full-time and part-time employment. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate rose to 6.9 per cent.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	70.0%	64.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓3.3	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓4.4	↓1.3

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 3.3 percentage points to 70.0 per cent in September 2020. The Territory's participation rate is the second highest of the jurisdictions, behind the Australian Capital Territory (72.7 per cent) and well above the national rate of 64.8 per cent (Chart 3).

# Labour force September 2020

Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Sep 19	Aug 20	Sep 20	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	131 988	130 644	125 251	-4.1%	-5.1%	0.0%
– full-time	102 421	99 146	95 221	-4.0%	-7.0%	-1.6%
– part-time	29 567	31 499	30 030	-4.7%	1.6%	6.0%
Unemployment rate	6.2%	4.3%	5.1%	0.8 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	74.5%	72.5%	70.1%	- 2.4 ppt	- 4.5 ppt	
Labour force	140 710	136 489	132 004	-3.3%	-6.2%	0.7%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
Employment	132 268	132 271	125 547	-5.1%	-5.1%	
– full-time	102 834	99 782	95 635	-4.2%	-7.0%	
– part-time	29 434	32 488	29 912	-7.9%	1.6%	
Unemployment rate	5.8%	4.2%	4.8%	0.6 ppt	- 1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	74.4%	73.3%	70.0%	- 3.3 ppt	- 4.4 ppt	
Labour force	140 399	138 087	131 850	-4.5%	-6.1%	
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	12 919 837	12 539 653	12 564 393	0.2%	-2.8%	-0.9%
– full-time	8 803 084	8 492 511	8 504 607	0.1%	-3.4%	-0.7%
– part-time	4 116 753	4 047 142	4 059 786	0.3%	-1.4%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	5.1%	6.9%	6.8%	- 0.1 ppt	1.7 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	64.6%	64.6%	0.0 ppt	- 1.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 611 430	13 465 447	13 477 190	0.1%	-1.0%	0.1%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
Employment	12 930 273	12 601 453	12 571 914	-0.2%	-2.8%	
– full-time	8 841 931	8 560 391	8 540 251	-0.2%	-3.4%	
– part-time	4 088 343	4 041 062	4 031 663	-0.2%	-1.4%	
Unemployment rate	5.2%	6.8%	6.9%	0.1 ppt	1.7 ppt	
Participation rate	66.1%	64.9%	64.8%	- 0.1 ppt	- 1.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 639 596	13 527 648	13 509 359	-0.1%	-1.0%	
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
– 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 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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