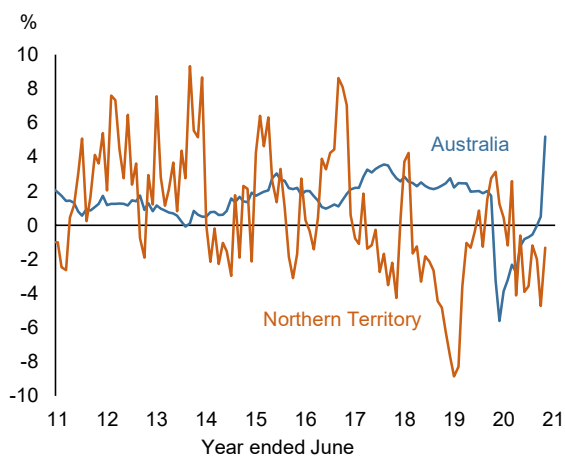
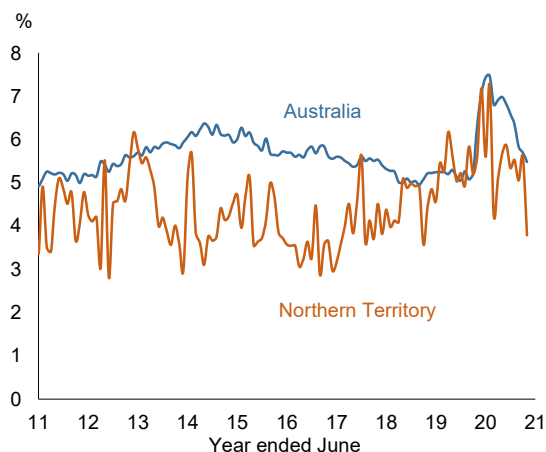


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



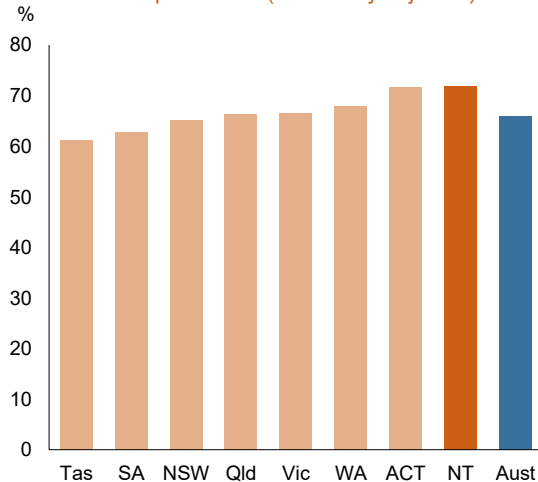
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (season. adjusted)	130 764	13 040 392
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↑1.4%	↓0.2%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↓1.3%	↑5.2%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.6%	↓1.3%

In April 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 1.4% to 130,764 persons. Full-time employment and part-time employment both increased by 1.4%. Nationally, employment decreased by 0.2%, with part-time employment decreasing by 1.5% and full-time employment increasing by 0.4%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment decreased by 1.3% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 5.2% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to April 2021, Territory employment decreased by 1.6%, reflecting a 3.4% decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 4.6% increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 1.3%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	3.8%	5.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓1.8	↓0.2
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.8	↓0.9

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.8% in April 2021 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons decreased from 7,666 to 5,141, reflecting increased employment and decreased participation. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased to 5.5%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	72.0%	66.0%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.4	↓0.3
Annual change (ppt)	↓2.3	↑2.5

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 72.0% in April 2021. This is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.0% (Chart 3).

Labour force April 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Apr 20	Mar 21	Apr 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	132 336	130 211	130 535	0.2%	-1.4%	-1.6%
– full-time	102 225	99 183	100 667	1.5%	-1.5%	-3.4%
– part-time	30 111	31 028	29 868	-3.7%	-0.8%	4.6%
Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.8%	4.1%	- 1.7 ppt	- 2.0 ppt	
Participation rate	74.6%	73.2%	72.1%	- 1.1 ppt	- 2.5 ppt	
Labour force	140 893	138 161	136 065	-1.5%	-3.4%	-1.4%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	132 510	129 010	130 764	1.4%	-1.3%	
– full-time	101 910	99 025	100 364	1.4%	-1.5%	
– part-time	30 600	29 985	30 400	1.4%	-0.7%	
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.6%	3.8%	- 1.8 ppt	- 1.8 ppt	
Participation rate	74.3%	72.4%	72.0%	- 0.4 ppt	- 2.3 ppt	
Labour force	140 437	136 676	135 905	-0.6%	-3.2%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 411 846	13 082 728	13 053 338	-0.2%	5.2%	-1.3%
– full-time	8 605 713	8 846 222	8 854 446	0.1%	2.9%	-1.5%
– part-time	3 806 134	4 236 507	4 198 893	-0.9%	10.3%	-0.8%
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.0%	5.5%	- 0.5 ppt	- 0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	63.6%	66.6%	66.1%	- 0.5 ppt	2.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 262 325	13 915 465	13 816 515	-0.7%	4.2%	0.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 396 386	13 070 985	13 040 392	-0.2%	5.2%	
– full-time	8 639 902	8 855 718	8 889 487	0.4%	2.9%	
– part-time	3 756 484	4 215 267	4 150 905	-1.5%	10.5%	
Unemployment rate	6.4%	5.7%	5.5%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	63.5%	66.3%	66.0%	- 0.3 ppt	2.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 237 247	13 860 840	13 796 617	-0.5%	4.2%	
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 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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