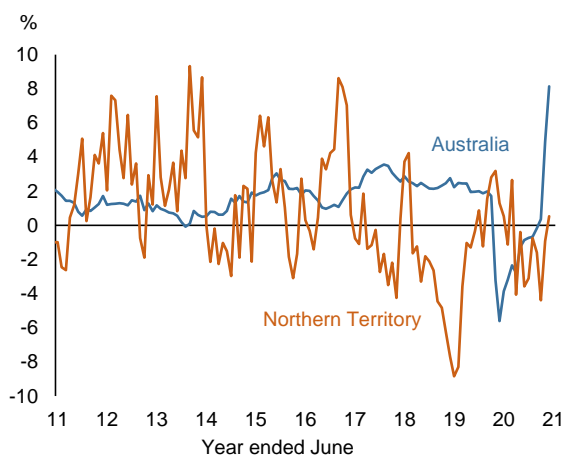
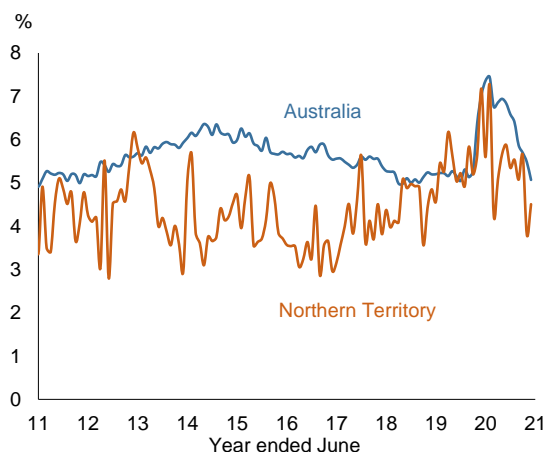


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



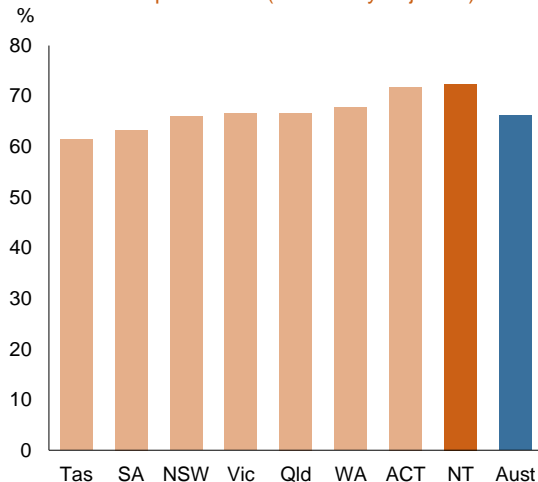
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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 (season. adjusted)	131 286	13 125 149
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↓0.1%	↑0.9%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↑0.5%	↑8.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.4%	↓0.3%

In May 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.1% to 131,286 persons. Full-time employment fell 0.7%, partly offset by a rise in part-time employment of 2.2%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.9%, with full time employment increasing by 1.1% and part-time employment increasing by 0.4%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 0.5% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 8.1% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to May 2021, Territory employment decreased by 1.4%, reflecting a 3.2% decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 4.9% increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 0.3%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	4.5%	5.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.7	↓0.4
Annual change (ppt)	↓2.7	↓1.9

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.5% in May 2021 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons increased from 5,186 to 6,198, reflecting decreased employment and increased participation. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased to 5.1%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	72.4%	66.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.4	↑0.3
Annual change (ppt)	↓2.0	↑3.6

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.4 percentage points to 72.4% in May 2021. This is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.2% (Chart 3).

Labour force May 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	May 20	Apr 21	May 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	130 293	131 131	130 985	-0.1%	0.5%	-1.4%
– full-time	98 744	101 047	98 702	-2.3%	0.0%	-3.2%
– part-time	31 548	30 084	32 283	7.3%	2.3%	4.9%
Unemployment rate	6.8%	4.1%	4.3%	0.2 ppt	- 2.5 ppt	
Participation rate	73.9%	72.1%	72.1%	0.0 ppt	- 1.8 ppt	
Labour force	139 767	136 709	136 870	0.1%	-2.1%	-1.6%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	130 587	131 362	131 286	-0.1%	0.5%	
– full-time	100 045	100 743	99 998	-0.7%	0.0%	
– part-time	30 542	30 619	31 288	2.2%	2.4%	
Unemployment rate	7.2%	3.8%	4.5%	0.7 ppt	- 2.7 ppt	
Participation rate	74.4%	72.0%	72.4%	0.4 ppt	- 2.0 ppt	
Labour force	140 689	136 548	137 484	0.7%	-2.3%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 190 824	13 022 866	13 187 421	1.3%	8.2%	-0.3%
– full-time	8 526 150	8 832 768	8 943 820	1.3%	4.9%	-1.0%
– part-time	3 664 675	4 190 098	4 243 601	1.3%	15.8%	1.4%
Unemployment rate	6.9%	5.5%	5.0%	- 0.5 ppt	- 1.9 ppt	
Participation rate	62.8%	66.0%	66.5%	0.5 ppt	3.7 ppt	
Labour force	13 095 379	13 783 898	13 879 466	0.7%	6.0%	0.8%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 137 917	13 009 956	13 125 149	0.9%	8.1%	
– full-time	8 543 862	8 867 717	8 965 190	1.1%	4.9%	
– part-time	3 594 055	4 142 239	4 159 958	0.4%	15.7%	
Unemployment rate	7.0%	5.5%	5.1%	- 0.4 ppt	- 1.9 ppt	
Participation rate	62.6%	65.9%	66.2%	0.3 ppt	3.6 ppt	
Labour force	13 054 450	13 764 050	13 826 286	0.5%	5.9%	
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.

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