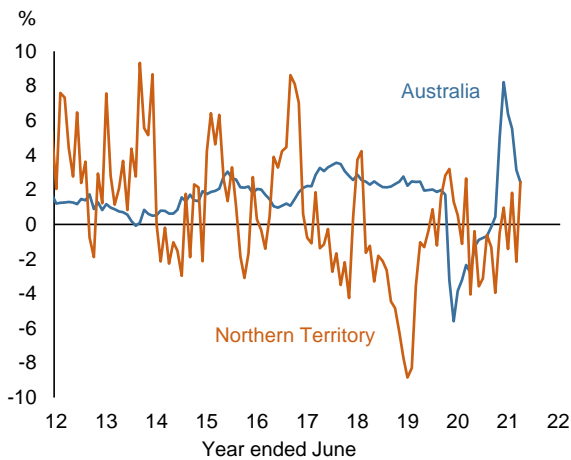
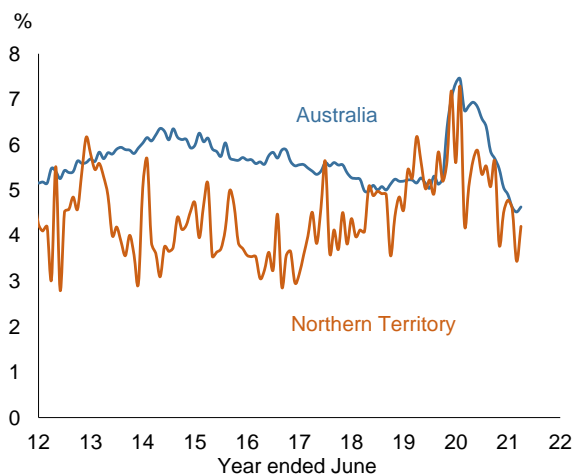


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



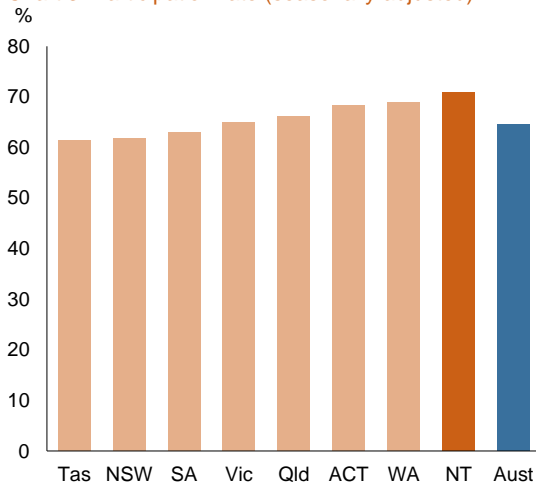
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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 (seasonally adjusted)	129 977	12 884 600
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓0.4%	↓1.1%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.4%	↑2.4%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.0%	↑2.2%

In September 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.4% to 129,977 persons. Full-time employment increased by 2.2% while part-time employment decreased by 8.0%. Nationally, employment decreased by 1.1%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.3%, and part-time employment decreasing by 4.1%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 2.4% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.4% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to September 2021, Territory employment decreased by 1.0%, reflecting a 2.2% decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 2.8% increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 2.2%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.2%	4.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.8	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.9	↓2.3

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 3.4% in August to 4.2% in September 2021 (Chart 2). The increase in the unemployment rate reflects the twin impacts of almost 500 employed persons transitioning to unemployed in the month, and people entering the labour market (reflected in the higher participation rate). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate increased from 4.5% to 4.6%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	70.9%	64.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.2	↓0.7
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.4	↓0.3

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.2 percentage points to 70.9% in September 2021. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 64.5% (Chart 3).

Labour force September 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Sep 20	Aug 21	Sep 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	126 660	128 965	129 734	0.6%	2.4%	-1.0%
– full-time	96 255	97 230	99 174	2.0%	3.0%	-2.2%
– part-time	30 406	31 735	30 560	-3.7%	0.5%	2.8%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	3.3%	4.2%	0.9 ppt	- 0.8 ppt	
Participation rate	70.4%	69.8%	70.7%	0.9 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	133 382	133 348	135 365	1.5%	1.5%	-1.7%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	126 877	130 483	129 977	-0.4%	2.4%	
– full-time	96 994	97 860	99 967	2.2%	3.1%	
– part-time	29 883	32 623	30 010	-8.0%	0.4%	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.4%	4.2%	0.8 ppt	- 0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	70.5%	70.7%	70.9%	0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	133 661	135 131	135 683	0.4%	1.5%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 567 114	12 956 179	12 866 358	-0.7%	2.4%	2.2%
– full-time	8 498 193	8 877 676	8 938 217	0.7%	5.2%	1.8%
– part-time	4 068 921	4 078 503	3 928 140	-3.7%	-3.5%	3.1%
Unemployment rate	6.7%	4.6%	4.6%	0.0 ppt	- 2.1 ppt	
Participation rate	64.6%	64.9%	64.4%	- 0.5 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 475 831	13 576 122	13 480 780	-0.7%	0.0%	1.7%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 581 136	13 022 597	12 884 600	-1.1%	2.4%	
– full-time	8 540 427	8 956 533	8 983 218	0.3%	5.2%	
– part-time	4 040 710	4 066 063	3 901 382	-4.1%	-3.4%	
Unemployment rate	6.9%	4.5%	4.6%	0.1 ppt	- 2.3 ppt	
Participation rate	64.8%	65.2%	64.5%	- 0.7 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 507 007	13 639 708	13 510 624	-0.9%	0.0%	
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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