

Labour force

June 2022 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	130 316	13 599 310
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓4.0%	↑0.7%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑2.8%	↑3.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑1.4%	↑3.1%

In June 2022, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 4.0% to 130,316 persons. Full-time employment decreased by 2.4% and part-time employment decreased by 9.3%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.7%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.6% and part-time employment increasing by 0.9%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 2.8% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.3% over the same period (Chart 1). In 2021-22, Territory employment increased by 1.4%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 2.3%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 1.2%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 3.1%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.7%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.4	↓0.4
Annual change (ppt)	↓1.0	↓1.4

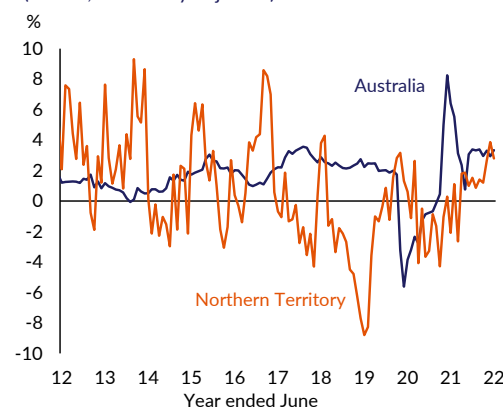
The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 4.1% in May 2022 to 3.7% in June 2022 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased from 3.9% to 3.5%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	71.1%	66.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓3.2	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.8	↑0.6

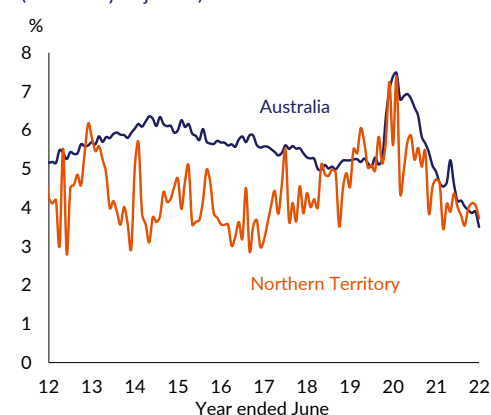
The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 3.2 percentage points to 71.1% in June 2022. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.8% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



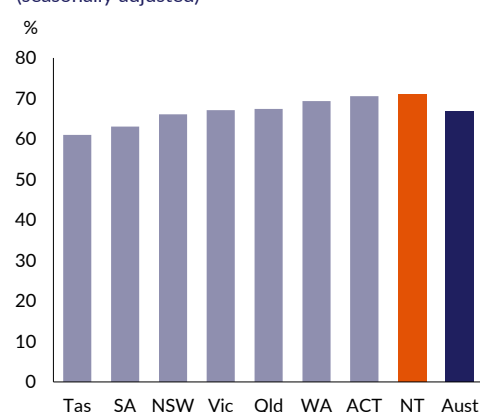
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Jun 21	May 22	Jun 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	126 108	135 710	129 519	-4.6%	2.7%	1.4%
– full-time	95 506	103 111	100 455	-2.6%	5.2%	2.3%
– part-time	30 602	32 599	29 064	-10.8%	-5.0%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.8%	3.6%	- 0.2 ppt	- 1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	69.8%	74.1%	70.5%	- 3.6 ppt	0.7 ppt	
Labour force	132 123	141 091	134 293	-4.8%	1.6%	0.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	126 779	135 760	130 316	-4.0%	2.8%	
– full-time	96 573	104 221	101 719	-2.4%	5.3%	
– part-time	30 206	31 539	28 598	-9.3%	-5.3%	
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.1%	3.7%	- 0.4 ppt	- 1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	70.3%	74.3%	71.1%	- 3.2 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Labour force	133 078	141 512	135 358	-4.3%	1.7%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 185 741	13 589 105	13 618 348	0.2%	3.3%	3.1%
– full-time	8 998 298	9 432 848	9 466 257	0.4%	5.2%	4.7%
– part-time	4 187 442	4 156 257	4 152 091	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.3%
Unemployment rate	4.8%	3.8%	3.4%	- 0.4 ppt	- 1.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.3%	67.0%	66.8%	- 0.2 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 853 710	14 127 368	14 102 242	-0.2%	1.8%	1.0%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	13 161 272	13 510 888	13 599 310	0.7%	3.3%	
– full-time	9 023 750	9 443 384	9 496 317	0.6%	5.2%	
– part-time	4 137 522	4 067 503	4 102 993	0.9%	-0.8%	
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.9%	3.5%	- 0.4 ppt	- 1.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.2%	66.7%	66.8%	0.1 ppt	0.6 ppt	
Labour force	13 843 652	14 059 019	14 093 165	0.2%	1.8%	
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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