

# Labour force

June 2023 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	141 140	14 045 788
Monthly change (trend)	↓0.1%	↑0.3%
Annual change (trend)	↑3.6%	↑3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑4.0%	↑4.2%

In June 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.1% to 141,140 persons. Part-time employment decreased by 0.4%, while full-time employment was flat. Nationally, employment increased by 0.3%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.4% and part-time employment increasing by 0.1%.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 3.6% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.1% over the same period (Chart 1). In 2022-23, Territory employment increased by 4.0%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 4.9% and an increase in part-time employment of 1.0%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.2%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.3%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.6	↓0.1

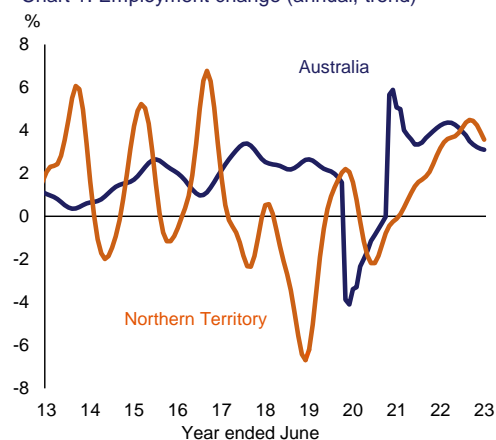
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.3% in the month of June 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.3%	66.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.3	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.2	↑0.1

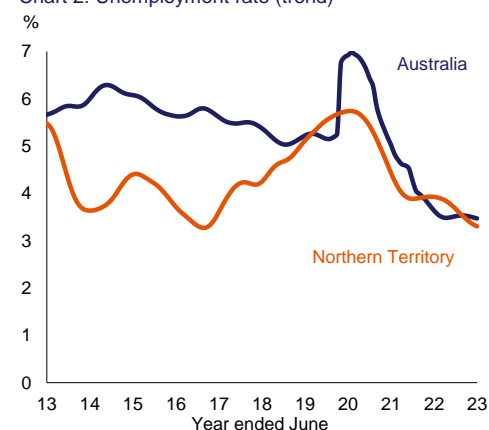
The trend participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 74.3% in June 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.8% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



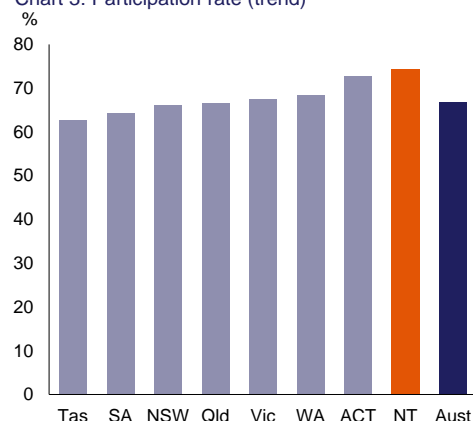
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Jun 22	May 23	Jun 23	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	132 316	142 354	136 339	-4.2%	3.0%	4.0%
– full-time	102 497	107 046	105 389	-1.5%	2.8%	4.9%
– part-time	29 819	35 308	30 950	-12.3%	3.8%	1.0%
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.9%	3.1%	0.2 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	70.7%	74.8%	71.7%	- 3.1 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Labour force	137 231	146 679	140 727	-4.1%	2.5%	3.7%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	133 578	142 392	137 768	-3.2%	3.1%	
– full-time	104 989	107 770	108 211	0.4%	3.1%	
– part-time	28 589	34 623	29 556	-14.6%	3.4%	
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.1%	3.3%	0.2 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	71.6%	75.0%	72.6%	- 2.4 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Labour force	138 904	146 954	142 503	-3.0%	2.6%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	136 271	141 278	141 140	-0.1%	3.6%	
– full-time	105 689	109 072	109 074	0.0%	3.2%	
– part-time	30 582	32 206	32 066	-0.4%	4.9%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	0.0 ppt	- 0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	73.1%	74.6%	74.3%	- 0.3 ppt	1.2 ppt	
Labour force	141 842	146 164	145 962	-0.1%	2.9%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	13 673 469	14 102 888	14 083 732	-0.1%	3.0%	4.2%
– full-time	9 485 677	9 835 557	9 866 085	0.3%	4.0%	5.4%
– part-time	4 187 792	4 267 331	4 217 646	-1.2%	0.7%	1.6%
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	66.9%	67.3%	66.9%	- 0.4 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	14 164 383	14 614 815	14 571 875	-0.3%	2.9%	3.4%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	13 636 189	14 013 457	14 046 079	0.2%	3.0%	
– full-time	9 489 266	9 829 595	9 868 937	0.4%	4.0%	
– part-time	4 146 923	4 183 862	4 177 142	-0.2%	0.7%	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	66.8%	66.9%	66.8%	- 0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	14 142 206	14 528 730	14 550 486	0.1%	2.9%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 623 456	14 006 825	14 045 788	0.3%	3.1%	
– full-time	9 469 430	9 829 131	9 864 490	0.4%	4.2%	
– part-time	4 154 026	4 177 694	4 181 298	0.1%	0.7%	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	66.7%	66.8%	66.8%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	14 138 044	14 513 832	14 551 243	0.3%	2.9%	

ppt.: percentage point

<sup>1</sup> Compares the latest month with the previous month.<sup>2</sup> Compares the latest month with the same month in the previous year.<sup>3</sup> Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.

\* Due to rounding, percentage changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

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