

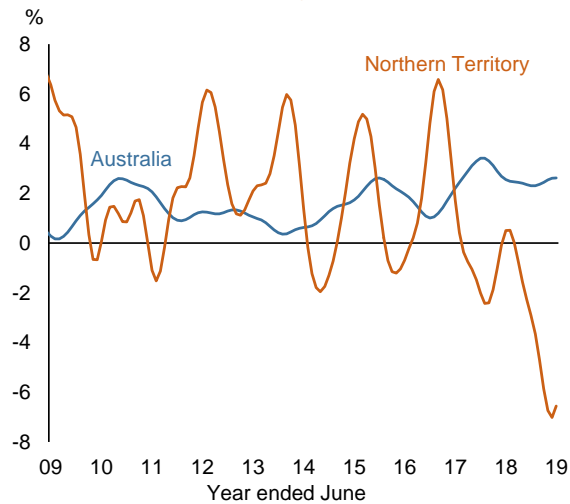
ECONOMIC BRIEF

Labour force

June 2019

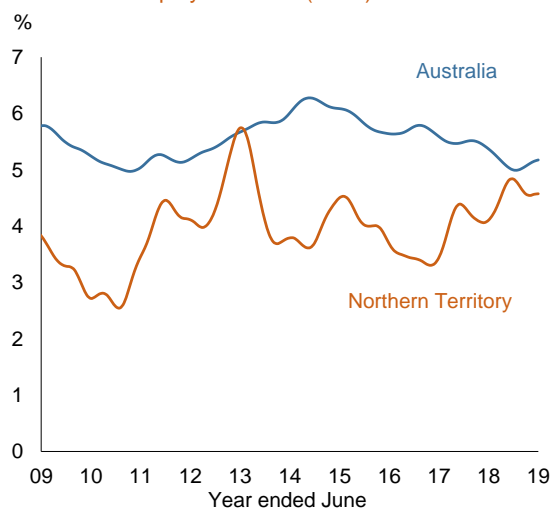
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Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



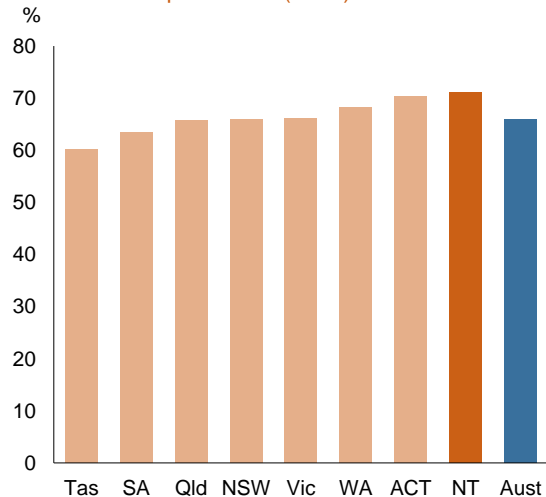
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	129 105	12 875 747
Monthly change (trend)	flat	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓6.6%	↑2.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓3.3%	↑2.4%

In June 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory was stable at 129 105 persons, compared to the previous month. The Territory and Tasmania were the only jurisdictions with no change in employment. Nationally, trend employment grew by 0.2 per cent to 12 875 747.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 6.6 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the lowest annual result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.6 per cent (Chart 1).

In 2018-19, Territory employment decreased by 3.3 per cent. This was the only year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 3.5 per cent decline in full-time employment and a 2.9 per cent decline in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.4 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.6%	5.2%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.5	↓0.2

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 4.6 per cent in June 2019 (Chart 2). This was the third lowest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.4 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.7 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.2 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	71.0%	66.0%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.4	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↓5.1	↑0.4

The trend participation rate in the Territory declined 0.4 percentage points to 71.0 per cent compared to the previous month. Despite this fall, the Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 66.0 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force June 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Jun 18	May 19	Jun 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	140 977	128 659	128 499	-0.1%	-8.9%	-3.3%
– full-time	113 323	98 130	100 964	2.9%	-10.9%	-3.5%
– part-time	27 653	30 529	27 535	-9.8%	-0.4%	-2.9%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.6%	4.4%	- 0.2 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	77.7%	71.4%	71.1%	- 0.3 ppt	- 6.6 ppt	
Labour force	147 319	134 867	134 460	-0.3%	-8.7%	-3.0%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	138 170	129 057	129 105	0.0%	-6.6%	
– full-time	111 147	100 866	100 746	-0.1%	-9.4%	
– part-time	27 023	28 191	28 359	0.6%	4.9%	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.6%	4.6%	0.0 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	76.1%	71.5%	71.0%	- 0.4 ppt	- 5.1 ppt	
Labour force	144 244	135 293	135 288	0.0%	-6.2%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 607 723	12 935 779	12 907 535	-0.2%	2.4%	2.4%
– full-time	8 547 711	8 779 251	8 795 651	0.2%	2.9%	2.7%
– part-time	4 060 013	4 156 527	4 111 884	-1.1%	1.3%	1.9%
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	66.3%	66.1%	- 0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 295 696	13 630 687	13 600 214	-0.2%	2.3%	2.0%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 575 379	12 871 202	12 871 672	0.0%	2.4%	
– full-time	8 569 038	8 794 482	8 815 578	0.2%	2.9%	
– part-time	4 006 341	4 076 720	4 056 095	-0.5%	1.2%	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	66.0%	66.0%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 280 584	13 576 131	13 583 165	0.1%	2.3%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 547 013	12 849 441	12 875 747	0.2%	2.6%	
– full-time	8 567 331	8 801 146	8 816 194	0.2%	2.9%	
– part-time	3 979 683	4 048 295	4 059 553	0.3%	2.0%	
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	0.0 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	65.9%	66.0%	0.1 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 260 261	13 546 411	13 577 399	0.2%	2.4%	

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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Nationally, media analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey (LFS) is concentrated on seasonally adjusted data. Due to the high standard errors and volatile nature of seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory LFS, the ABS only publishes data in original and trend terms.

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