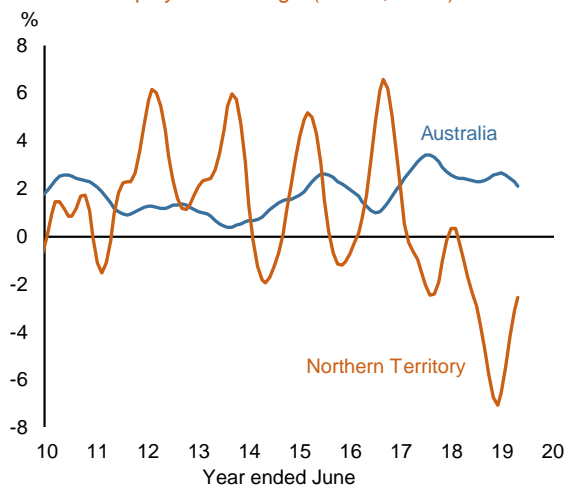
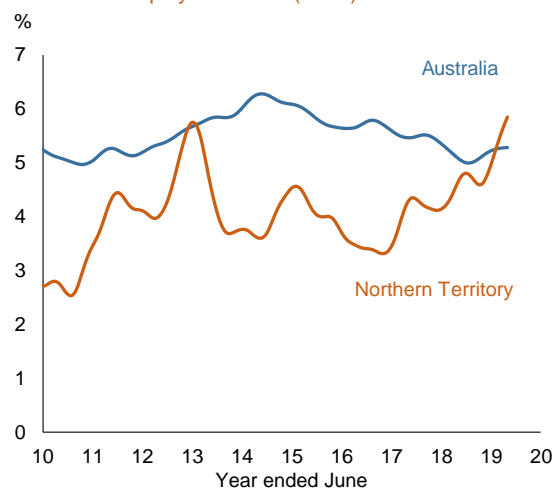


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



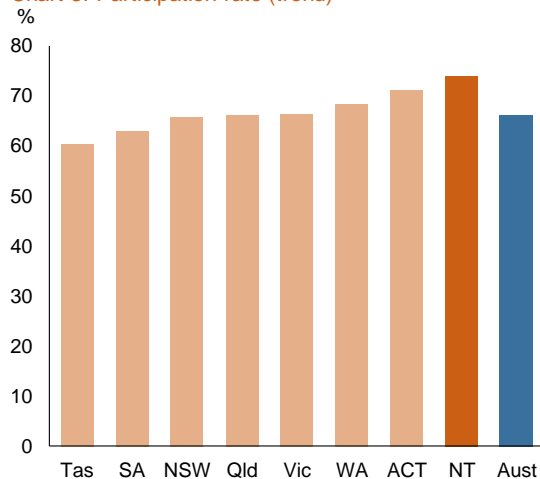
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	130 388	12 935 694
Monthly change (trend)	flat	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↓2.5%	↑2.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓4.5%	↑2.4%

In October 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory was unchanged at 130 388 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the second lowest result of the jurisdictions, equal with New South Wales. Nationally, trend employment grew by 0.1 per cent to 12 935 694.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 2.5 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the only decrease of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.1 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to October 2019, Territory employment decreased by 4.5 per cent. This was the largest year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 6.1 per cent decline in full-time employment partly offset by a 1.9 per cent increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.4 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	5.9%	5.3%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.2	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑1.2	↑0.2

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate increased to 5.9 per cent in October 2019 (Chart 2). This was the fourth highest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.3 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.5 per cent in Queensland. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.3 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	73.9%	66.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.5	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.4	↑0.5

The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.5 percentage points to 73.9 per cent compared to the previous month. The Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 66.1 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force October 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Oct 18	Sep 19	Oct 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	133 674	132 085	131 631	-0.3%	-1.5%	-4.5%
– full-time	105 038	102 444	100 468	-1.9%	-4.4%	-6.1%
– part-time	28 637	29 642	31 163	5.1%	8.8%	1.9%
Unemployment rate	4.9%	6.2%	5.5%	- 0.7 ppt	0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	74.4%	74.6%	74.0%	- 0.6 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Labour force	140 621	140 808	139 357	-1.0%	-0.9%	-3.8%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	133 784	130 332	130 388	0.0%	-2.5%	
– full-time	106 717	100 233	100 290	0.1%	-6.0%	
– part-time	27 068	30 099	30 099	0.0%	11.2%	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.7%	5.9%	0.2 ppt	1.2 ppt	
Participation rate	74.3%	73.3%	73.9%	0.5 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Labour force	140 157	138 018	138 377	0.3%	-1.3%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 654 771	12 926 718	12 902 524	-0.2%	2.0%	2.4%
– full-time	8 662 110	8 805 517	8 797 627	-0.1%	1.6%	2.5%
– part-time	3 992 661	4 121 200	4 104 897	-0.4%	2.8%	2.0%
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	65.3%	65.9%	65.7%	- 0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 288 756	13 619 498	13 589 182	-0.2%	2.3%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 667 361	12 938 232	12 919 195	-0.1%	2.0%	
– full-time	8 698 125	8 844 136	8 833 813	-0.1%	1.6%	
– part-time	3 969 236	4 094 096	4 085 382	-0.2%	2.9%	
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.2%	5.3%	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	66.1%	66.0%	- 0.1 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 335 947	13 647 239	13 645 294	0.0%	2.3%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 667 181	12 923 380	12 935 694	0.1%	2.1%	
– full-time	8 680 460	8 829 818	8 835 647	0.1%	1.8%	
– part-time	3 986 721	4 093 562	4 100 047	0.2%	2.8%	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	66.1%	66.1%	0.0 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 345 980	13 643 962	13 658 084	0.1%	2.3%	

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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