

# Labour force

July 2023 | Economic brief

## Employment

|                                | NT      | Aust       |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Employed persons (trend)       | 139 123 | 14 056 136 |
| Monthly change (trend)         | ↓0.3%   | ↑0.2%      |
| Annual change (trend)          | ↑1.8%   | ↑2.9%      |
| Year-on-year change (original) | ↑3.8%   | ↑4.1%      |

In July 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.3% to 139,123 persons. Part-time employment decreased by 1.3% and full-time employment decreased by 0.1%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.2%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.2% and part-time employment increasing by 0.1%.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 1.8% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 2.9% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to July 2023, Territory employment increased by 3.8%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 4.5% and an increase in part-time employment of 1.3%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.1%.

## Unemployment

|                           | NT   | Aust |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| Unemployment rate (trend) | 3.3% | 3.6% |
| Monthly change (ppt)      | flat | flat |
| Annual change (ppt)       | ↓0.6 | flat |

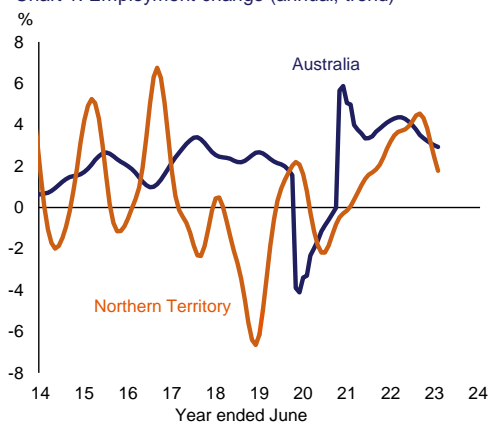
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.3% in the month of July 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.6%.

## Participation

|                            | NT    | Aust  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Participation rate (trend) | 73.2% | 66.8% |
| Monthly change (ppt)       | ↓0.3  | flat  |
| Annual change (ppt)        | ↓0.1  | ↑0.1  |

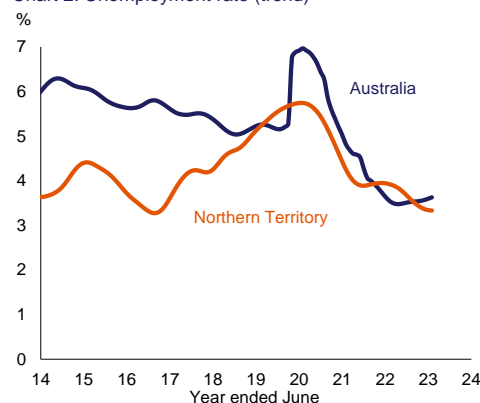
The trend participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 73.2% in July 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.8% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



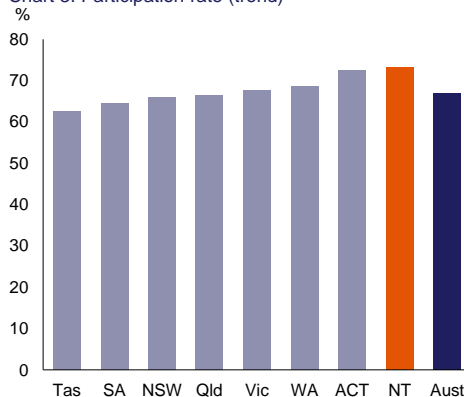
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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               |                     |                           |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | Jul 22     | Jun 23     | Jul 23     | Monthly <sup>1</sup> | Annual <sup>2</sup> | Year-on-year <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>Northern Territory</b>  |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| <b>Original</b>            |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 134 616    | 136 339    | 135 647    | -0.5%                | 0.8%                | 3.8%                      |
| – full-time                | 105 119    | 105 389    | 107 538    | 2.0%                 | 2.3%                | 4.5%                      |
| – part-time                | 29 497     | 30 950     | 28 108     | -9.2%                | -4.7%               | 1.3%                      |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.5%       | 3.1%       | 3.7%       | 0.6 ppt              | 0.2 ppt             |                           |
| Participation rate         | 71.9%      | 71.7%      | 71.7%      | 0.0 ppt              | - 0.2 ppt           |                           |
| Labour force               | 139 487    | 140 727    | 140 803    | 0.1%                 | 0.9%                | 3.5%                      |
| <b>Seasonally adjusted</b> |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 136 789    | 138 201    | 137 981    | -0.2%                | 0.9%                |                           |
| – full-time                | 106 339    | 108 074    | 108 851    | 0.7%                 | 2.4%                |                           |
| – part-time                | 30 450     | 30 127     | 29 130     | -3.3%                | -4.3%               |                           |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.6%       | 3.3%       | 3.9%       | 0.6 ppt              | 0.3 ppt             |                           |
| Participation rate         | 73.1%      | 72.8%      | 73.0%      | 0.2 ppt              | - 0.1 ppt           |                           |
| Labour force               | 141 930    | 142 956    | 143 533    | 0.4%                 | 1.1%                |                           |
| <b>Trend</b>               |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 136 706    | 139 568    | 139 123    | -0.3%                | 1.8%                |                           |
| – full-time                | 106 023    | 108 662    | 108 607    | -0.1%                | 2.4%                |                           |
| – part-time                | 30 683     | 30 907     | 30 517     | -1.3%                | -0.5%               |                           |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.9%       | 3.3%       | 3.3%       | 0.0 ppt              | - 0.6 ppt           |                           |
| Participation rate         | 73.3%      | 73.5%      | 73.2%      | - 0.3 ppt            | - 0.1 ppt           |                           |
| Labour force               | 142 292    | 144 391    | 143 919    | -0.3%                | 1.1%                |                           |
| <b>Australia</b>           |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| <b>Original</b>            |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 13 641 800 | 14 083 732 | 14 028 597 | -0.4%                | 2.8%                | 4.1%                      |
| – full-time                | 9 465 450  | 9 866 085  | 9 850 955  | -0.2%                | 4.1%                | 5.3%                      |
| – part-time                | 4 176 350  | 4 217 646  | 4 177 642  | -0.9%                | 0.0%                | 1.5%                      |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.4%       | 3.3%       | 3.6%       | 0.3 ppt              | 0.2 ppt             |                           |
| Participation rate         | 66.5%      | 66.9%      | 66.7%      | - 0.2 ppt            | 0.2 ppt             |                           |
| Labour force               | 14 116 874 | 14 571 875 | 14 556 715 | -0.1%                | 3.1%                | 3.5%                      |
| <b>Seasonally adjusted</b> |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 13 639 598 | 14 041 297 | 14 026 653 | -0.1%                | 2.8%                |                           |
| – full-time                | 9 453 670  | 9 864 025  | 9 839 787  | -0.2%                | 4.1%                |                           |
| – part-time                | 4 185 928  | 4 177 272  | 4 186 866  | 0.2%                 | 0.0%                |                           |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.4%       | 3.5%       | 3.7%       | 0.2 ppt              | 0.3 ppt             |                           |
| Participation rate         | 66.5%      | 66.8%      | 66.7%      | - 0.1 ppt            | 0.2 ppt             |                           |
| Labour force               | 14 125 093 | 14 546 666 | 14 567 612 | 0.1%                 | 3.1%                |                           |
| <b>Trend</b>               |            |            |            |                      |                     |                           |
| Employment                 | 13 657 189 | 14 028 852 | 14 056 136 | 0.2%                 | 2.9%                |                           |
| – full-time                | 9 500 525  | 9 846 100  | 9 869 118  | 0.2%                 | 3.9%                |                           |
| – part-time                | 4 156 665  | 4 182 752  | 4 187 019  | 0.1%                 | 0.7%                |                           |
| Unemployment rate          | 3.6%       | 3.6%       | 3.6%       | 0.0 ppt              | 0.0 ppt             |                           |
| Participation rate         | 66.7%      | 66.8%      | 66.8%      | 0.0 ppt              | 0.1 ppt             |                           |
| Labour force               | 14 161 501 | 14 552 336 | 14 584 978 | 0.2%                 | 3.0%                |                           |

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.

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

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