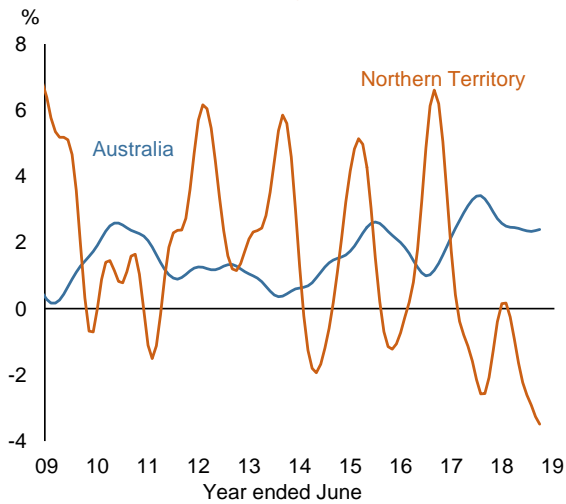
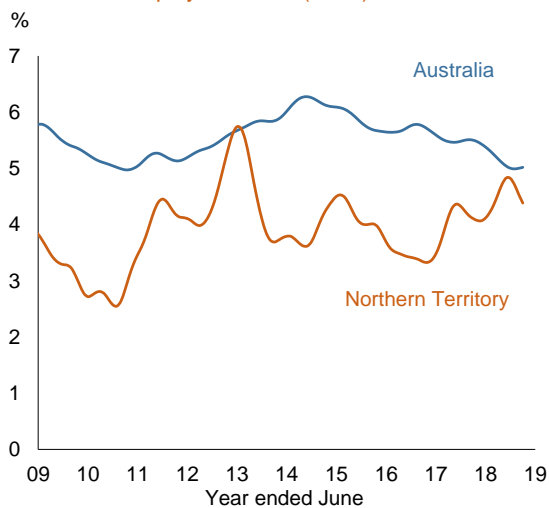


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



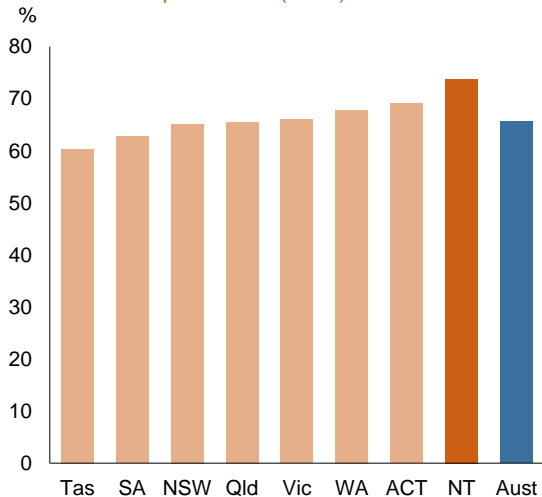
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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)	133 451	12 789 992
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.1%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓3.5%	↑2.4%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.3%	↑2.5%

In March 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.1 per cent to 133 451 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the second highest change of the jurisdictions, equal with South Australia.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 3.5 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the lowest annual result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.4 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to March 2019, Territory employment decreased by 1.3 per cent. This was the only year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 6.5 per cent decline in part-time employment partly offset by an increase of 0.1 per cent in full-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.5 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.4%	5.0%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.2	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.3	↓0.5

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 4.4 per cent (Chart 2). This was the third lowest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.6 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.5 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.0 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	73.8%	65.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.2	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓2.6	flat

In the month, the trend participation rate in the Territory declined to 73.8 per cent. Despite this fall, the Territory's labour force participation remains the highest trend participation rate of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 65.6 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force March 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Mar 18	Feb 19	Mar 19	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	138 877	131 731	132 752	0.8%	-4.4%	-1.3%
– full-time	108 444	104 120	101 842	-2.2%	-6.1%	0.1%
– part-time	30 434	27 611	30 910	11.9%	1.6%	-6.5%
Unemployment rate	3.9%	5.0%	3.7%	- 1.3 ppt	- 0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	76.6%	73.5%	73.1%	- 0.4 ppt	- 3.5 ppt	
Labour force	144 486	138 683	137 851	-0.6%	-4.6%	-0.8%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
Trend⁵						
Employment	138 277	133 368	133 451	0.1%	-3.5%	
– full-time	109 453	104 635	104 250	-0.4%	-4.8%	
– part-time	28 824	28 733	29 202	1.6%	1.3%	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.5%	4.4%	- 0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	76.4%	74.0%	73.8%	- 0.2 ppt	- 2.6 ppt	
Labour force	144 284	139 746	139 728	0.0%	-3.2%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 494 094	12 812 290	12 797 965	-0.1%	2.4%	2.5%
– full-time	8 484 400	8 836 688	8 773 520	-0.7%	3.4%	2.6%
– part-time	4 009 694	3 975 603	4 024 445	1.2%	0.4%	2.2%
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.4%	5.4%	0.0 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.8%	66.1%	65.9%	- 0.2 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 271 910	13 539 723	13 529 739	-0.1%	1.9%	2.1%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 486 836	12 765 859	12 791 514	0.2%	2.4%	
– full-time	8 508 489	8 750 023	8 798 286	0.6%	3.4%	
– part-time	3 978 347	4 015 836	3 993 227	-0.6%	0.4%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.9%	5.0%	0.1 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	65.5%	65.6%	65.7%	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 210 901	13 428 765	13 471 487	0.3%	2.0%	
Trend⁵						
Employment	12 490 892	12 769 276	12 789 992	0.2%	2.4%	
– full-time	8 529 014	8 763 842	8 781 829	0.2%	3.0%	
– part-time	3 961 878	4 005 434	4 008 163	0.1%	1.2%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	65.6%	65.6%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Labour force	13 217 635	13 441 956	13 465 671	0.2%	1.9%	

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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