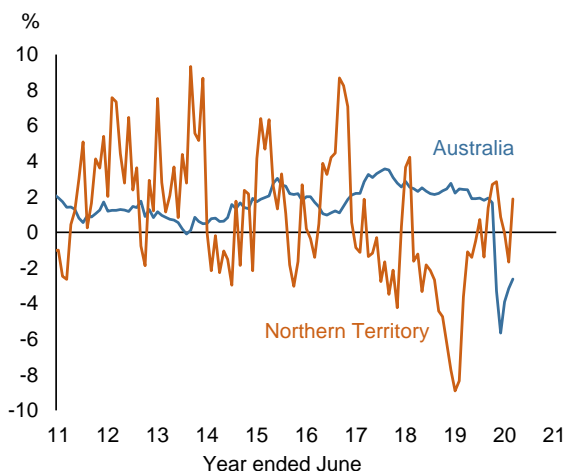
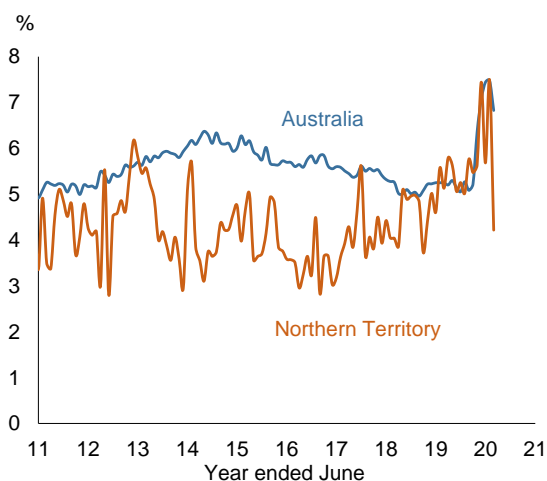


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



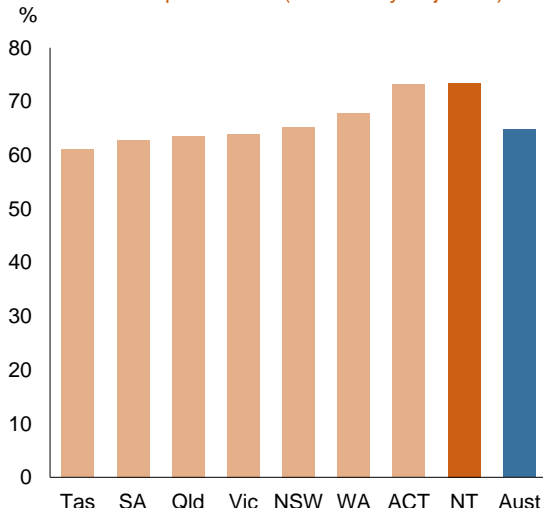
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)



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

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (season. adjusted)	132 461	12 583 405
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↑4.6%	↑0.9%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↑1.9%	↓2.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑0.4%	↓0.5%

In August 2020, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory increased by 4.6 per cent to 132 461 persons. Full-time employment and part-time employment increased by 1.1 per cent and 16.4 per cent (strongest of the jurisdictions), respectively. Nationally, employment increased by 0.9 per cent, with full-time employment increasing by 0.4 per cent.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment increased by 1.9 per cent in the Territory. Nationally, employment fell by 2.6 per cent over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to August 2020, Territory employment increased by 0.4 per cent, reflecting a 6.9 per cent increase in part-time employment, partly offset by a 1.4 per cent decline in full-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 0.5 per cent.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	4.2%	6.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓3.3	↓0.7
Annual change (ppt)	↓0.9	↑1.6

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.2 per cent in August 2020 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons decreased from 10 245 to 5829. This decrease reflects the increase in both full-time and part-time employment. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate fell to 6.8 per cent.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	73.4%	64.8%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.7	↑0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.8	↓1.4

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.7 percentage points to 73.4 per cent in August 2020. The Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and well above the national rate of 64.8 per cent (Chart 3).

Labour force August 2020

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Aug 19	Jul 20	Aug 20	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	128 230	125 758	130 832	4.0%	2.0%	0.4%
– full-time	99 151	97 608	98 278	0.7%	-0.9%	-1.4%
– part-time	29 079	28 151	32 554	15.6%	12.0%	6.9%
Unemployment rate	5.4%	7.1%	4.3%	- 2.9 ppt	- 1.1 ppt	
Participation rate	71.8%	71.9%	72.6%	0.6 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Labour force	135 479	135 431	136 657	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	130 018	126 676	132 461	4.6%	1.9%	
– full-time	100 067	97 863	98 909	1.1%	-1.2%	
– part-time	29 952	28 813	33 552	16.4%	12.0%	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	7.5%	4.2%	- 3.3 ppt	- 0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	72.6%	72.7%	73.4%	0.7 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Labour force	137 046	136 922	138 290	1.0%	0.9%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	12 853 685	12 476 619	12 521 101	0.4%	-2.6%	-0.5%
– full-time	8 745 269	8 567 911	8 516 157	-0.6%	-2.6%	-0.2%
– part-time	4 108 416	3 908 708	4 004 945	2.5%	-2.5%	-1.0%
Unemployment rate	5.3%	7.4%	6.9%	- 0.5 ppt	1.6 ppt	
Participation rate	65.8%	64.6%	64.5%	- 0.2 ppt	- 1.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 568 172	13 471 683	13 442 702	-0.2%	-0.9%	0.4%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	12 921 685	12 472 397	12 583 405	0.9%	-2.6%	
– full-time	8 818 663	8 548 286	8 584 478	0.4%	-2.7%	
– part-time	4 103 022	3 924 111	3 998 928	1.9%	-2.5%	
Unemployment rate	5.2%	7.5%	6.8%	- 0.7 ppt	1.6 ppt	
Participation rate	66.2%	64.7%	64.8%	0.1 ppt	- 1.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 637 247	13 480 698	13 505 186	0.2%	-1.0%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						

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.

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

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