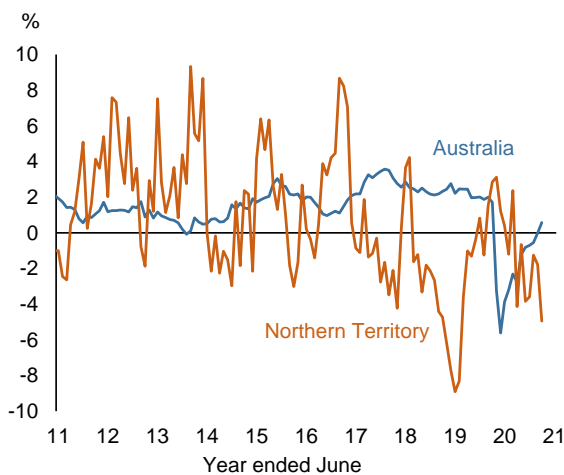
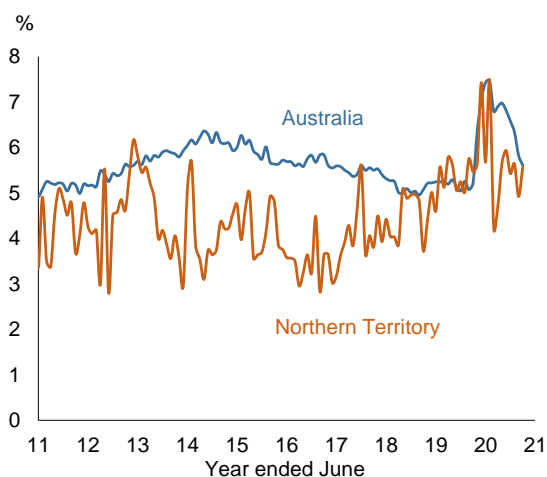


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



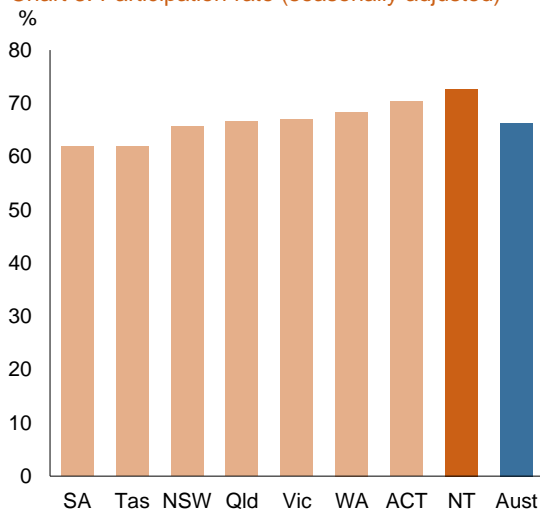
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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)	129 500	13 077 592
Monthly change (season. adjusted)	↓1.2%	↑0.5%
Annual change (season. adjusted)	↓4.9%	↑0.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.2%	↓2.0%

In March 2021, seasonally adjusted resident employment in the Territory decreased by 1.2% to 129,500 persons. Part-time employment decreased by 6.3%, however full-time employment increased by 0.5%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.5%, with part-time employment increasing by 2.2% and full-time employment decreasing 0.2%.

Annually, seasonally adjusted resident employment decreased by 4.9% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 0.6% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to March 2021, Territory employment decreased by 1.2%, reflecting a 3.2% decrease in full-time employment, partly offset by a 5.7% increase in part-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment decreased by 2.0%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (season. adjusted)	5.6%	5.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.7	↓0.2
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.1	↑0.4

The Territory's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.6% in March 2021 (Chart 2), as the number of unemployed persons increased from 6,788 to 7,641, reflecting decreased employment. Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate decreased to 5.6%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (season. adjusted)	72.7%	66.3%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.4	↑0.2
Annual change (ppt)	↓3.6	↑0.4

The seasonally adjusted participation rate in the Territory decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 72.7% in March 2021. This is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.3% (Chart 3).

Labour force March 2021

Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Mar 20	Feb 21	Mar 21	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	136 478	131 088	130 211	-0.7%	-4.6%	-1.2%
– full-time	103 826	99 299	99 183	-0.1%	-4.5%	-3.2%
– part-time	32 652	31 789	31 028	-2.4%	-5.0%	5.7%
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.1%	5.8%	0.7 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	76.3%	73.2%	73.2%	0.0 ppt	- 3.1 ppt	
Labour force	144 055	138 196	138 161	0.0%	-4.1%	-0.7%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	136 232	131 051	129 500	-1.2%	-4.9%	
– full-time	104 559	99 170	99 638	0.5%	-4.7%	
– part-time	31 673	31 881	29 862	-6.3%	-5.7%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.9%	5.6%	0.7 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	76.3%	73.1%	72.7%	- 0.4 ppt	- 3.6 ppt	
Labour force	144 105	137 838	137 141	-0.5%	-4.8%	
Trend⁵						
– labour force trend series suspended from the April 2020 release						
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 004 270	13 053 912	13 082 728	0.2%	0.6%	-2.0%
– full-time	8 853 812	8 985 767	8 846 222	-1.6%	-0.1%	-1.9%
– part-time	4 150 458	4 068 145	4 236 507	4.1%	2.1%	-2.1%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	6.3%	6.0%	- 0.3 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	66.1%	66.7%	66.6%	- 0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	13 769 830	13 928 388	13 915 465	-0.1%	1.1%	-0.4%
Seasonally adjusted⁴						
Employment	13 003 305	13 006 886	13 077 592	0.5%	0.6%	
– full-time	8 876 785	8 895 036	8 874 237	-0.2%	0.0%	
– part-time	4 126 520	4 111 850	4 203 355	2.2%	1.9%	
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%	- 0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	65.9%	66.1%	66.3%	0.2 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	13 719 280	13 812 081	13 855 683	0.3%	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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