

Labour force

February 2023 | Economic brief

Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	141 244	13 831 366
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.7%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↑4.8%	↑3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑3.6%	↑4.2%

In February 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.7% to 141,244 persons. Part-time employment increased by 1.4% and full-time employment increased by 0.4%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.2% and part-time employment being flat.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 4.8% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.1% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to February 2023, Territory employment increased by 3.6%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 5.1%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 1.2%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.2%.

Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.9%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	flat	↓0.5

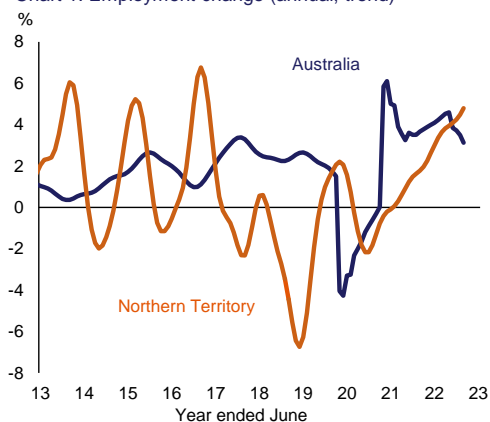
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.9% in the month of February 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	75.4%	66.6%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.4	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑2.8	↑0.2

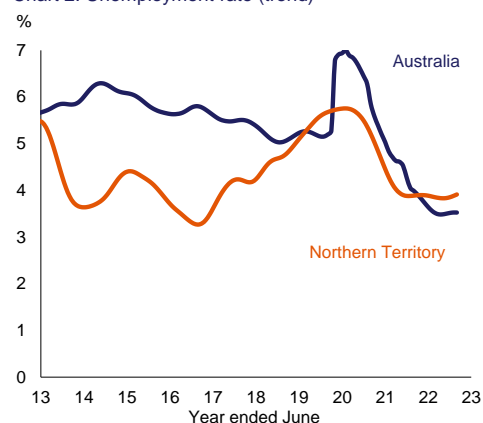
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.4 percentage points to 75.4% in February 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.6% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



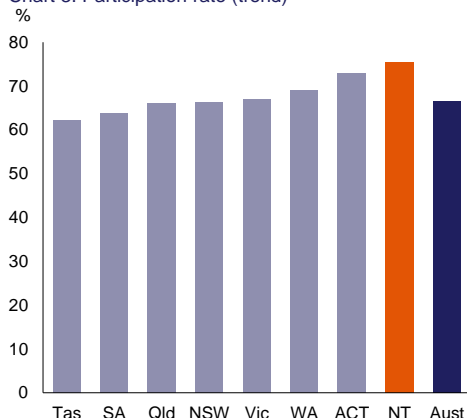
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



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Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



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Table 1: Labour force statistics*

	Period			Change		
	Feb 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Original						
Employment	136 377	138 769	143 212	3.2%	5.0%	3.6%
– full-time	105 501	107 812	110 725	2.7%	5.0%	5.1%
– part-time	30 875	30 957	32 487	4.9%	5.2%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.2%	4.6%	0.4 ppt	0.9 ppt	
Participation rate	73.3%	74.4%	77.0%	2.6 ppt	3.7 ppt	
Labour force	141 553	144 883	150 130	3.6%	6.1%	3.3%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	134 916	139 857	141 566	1.2%	4.9%	
– full-time	104 282	107 553	109 332	1.7%	4.8%	
– part-time	30 634	32 304	32 234	-0.2%	5.2%	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.0%	4.6%	0.6 ppt	1.0 ppt	
Participation rate	72.5%	74.8%	76.0%	1.2 ppt	3.5 ppt	
Labour force	139 966	145 666	148 344	1.8%	6.0%	
Trend						
Employment	134 776	140 332	141 244	0.7%	4.8%	
– full-time	103 963	108 363	108 838	0.4%	4.7%	
– part-time	30 814	31 969	32 406	1.4%	5.2%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	72.6%	75.0%	75.4%	0.4 ppt	2.8 ppt	
Labour force	140 228	145 997	146 996	0.7%	4.8%	
Australia						
Original						
Employment	13 490 712	13 573 656	13 898 188	2.4%	3.0%	4.2%
– full-time	9 368 073	9 531 614	9 791 178	2.7%	4.5%	5.7%
– part-time	4 122 639	4 042 042	4 107 010	1.6%	-0.4%	1.0%
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.0%	3.9%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	67.0%	65.9%	67.2%	1.3 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	14 105 307	14 137 484	14 457 403	2.3%	2.5%	3.0%
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	13 424 428	13 761 652	13 826 211	0.5%	3.0%	
– full-time	9 253 293	9 594 428	9 669 334	0.8%	4.5%	
– part-time	4 171 135	4 167 224	4 156 877	-0.2%	-0.3%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	66.5%	66.5%	66.6%	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Labour force	13 983 486	14 285 661	14 333 705	0.3%	2.5%	
Trend						
Employment	13 411 442	13 811 589	13 831 366	0.1%	3.1%	
– full-time	9 250 052	9 649 995	9 667 926	0.2%	4.5%	
– part-time	4 161 390	4 161 594	4 163 440	0.0%	0.0%	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	- 0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	66.4%	66.7%	66.6%	- 0.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 968 723	14 316 500	14 336 897	0.1%	2.6%	

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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