

# Labour force

January 2023 | Economic brief

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	142 529	13 753 250
Monthly change (trend)	↑0.4%	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↑6.2%	↑3.1%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑4.4%	↑4.1%

In January 2023, trend resident employment in the Territory increased by 0.4% to 142,529 persons. Part-time employment increased by 1.2% and full-time employment increased by 0.2%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.1%, with full-time and part-time employment both increasing by 0.1%.

Annually, trend resident employment increased by 6.2% in the Territory. Nationally, employment increased by 3.1% over the same period (Chart 1). In the year to January 2023, Territory employment increased by 4.4%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 6.2%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 1.3%. Nationally, year-on-year employment increased by 4.1%.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	3.9%	3.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	flat	flat
Annual change (ppt)	flat	↓0.6

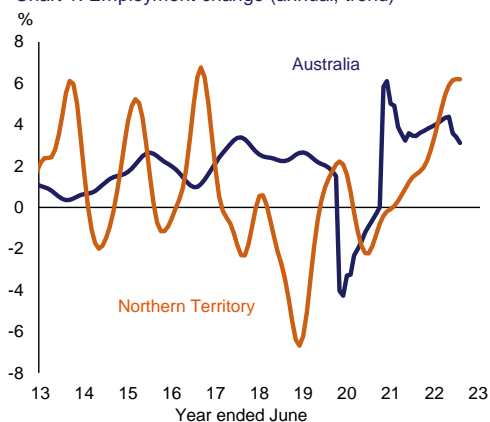
The Territory's trend unemployment rate was flat at 3.9% in the month of January 2023 (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment rate was flat at 3.5%.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	74.5%	66.5%
Monthly change (ppt)	↑0.1	↓0.1
Annual change (ppt)	↑2.1	↑0.3

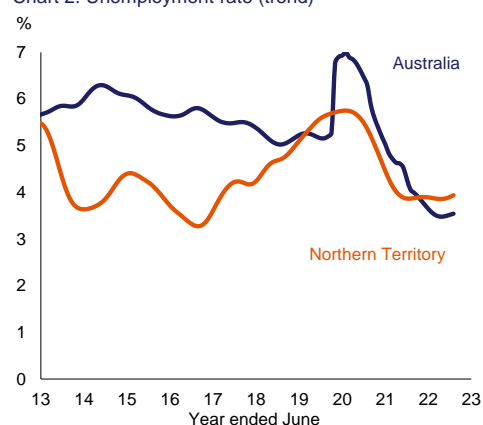
The trend participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.1 percentage points to 74.5% in January 2023. The Territory's participation rate is the highest of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 66.5% (Chart 3).

Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



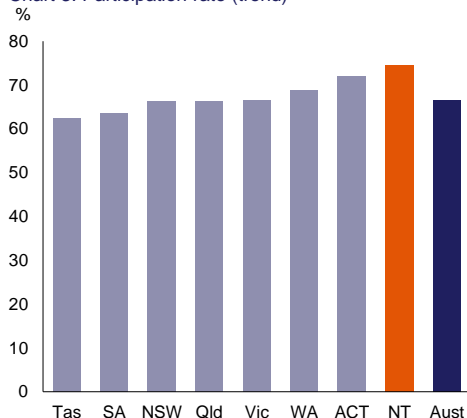
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

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		
	Jan 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	133 640	144 128	141 751	-1.6%	6.1%	4.4%
– full-time	104 076	112 767	110 338	-2.2%	6.0%	6.2%
– part-time	29 564	31 361	31 414	0.2%	6.3%	-1.3%
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%	0.4 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	72.3%	75.5%	74.5%	-1.0 ppt	2.2 ppt	
Labour force	139 360	149 798	147 999	-1.2%	6.2%	3.9%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	134 310	141 745	142 503	0.5%	6.1%	
– full-time	103 457	110 462	109 705	-0.7%	6.0%	
– part-time	30 853	31 283	32 799	4.8%	6.3%	
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Participation rate	72.4%	74.5%	74.7%	0.2 ppt	2.3 ppt	
Labour force	139 638	147 713	148 421	0.5%	6.3%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	134 213	141 964	142 529	0.4%	6.2%	
– full-time	103 160	110 160	110 335	0.2%	7.0%	
– part-time	31 053	31 803	32 194	1.2%	3.7%	
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
Participation rate	72.4%	74.4%	74.5%	0.1 ppt	2.1 ppt	
Labour force	139 609	147 727	148 372	0.4%	6.3%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	13 144 704	13 874 769	13 532 163	-2.5%	2.9%	4.1%
– full-time	9 083 424	9 770 457	9 505 842	-2.7%	4.7%	5.5%
– part-time	4 061 281	4 104 312	4 026 322	-1.9%	-0.9%	1.0%
Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.3%	4.0%	0.7 ppt	-0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	67.1%	65.8%	-1.3 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 765 233	14 354 924	14 092 841	-1.8%	2.4%	2.7%
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>						
Employment	13 327 817	13 733 382	13 721 886	-0.1%	3.0%	
– full-time	9 133 359	9 611 109	9 567 829	-0.5%	4.8%	
– part-time	4 194 458	4 122 273	4 154 057	0.8%	-1.0%	
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.5%	3.7%	0.2 ppt	-0.5 ppt	
Participation rate	66.3%	66.6%	66.5%	-0.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 907 427	14 234 669	14 245 069	0.1%	2.4%	
<b>Trend</b>						
Employment	13 337 982	13 741 916	13 753 250	0.1%	3.1%	
– full-time	9 174 224	9 593 251	9 602 402	0.1%	4.7%	
– part-time	4 163 758	4 148 665	4 150 847	0.1%	-0.3%	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0 ppt	-0.6 ppt	
Participation rate	66.2%	66.6%	66.5%	-0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 902 257	14 243 109	14 258 293	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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