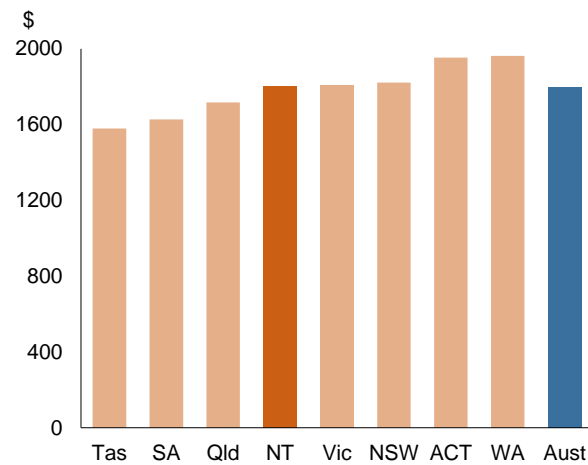


Average weekly full-time earnings

May 2021

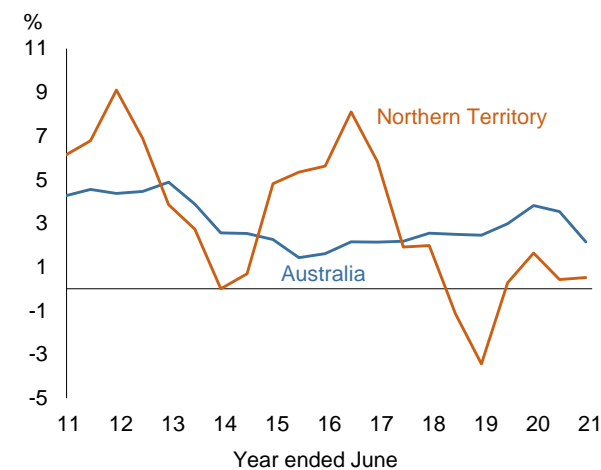
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Chart 1: Average weekly full-time earnings (May 2021, seasonally adjusted)



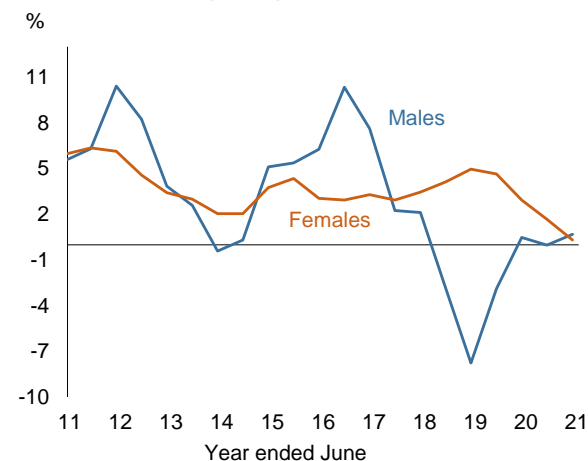
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Chart 2: Average weekly full-time earnings (year-on-year percentage change, original)



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Chart 3: Territory average weekly full-time earnings (year-on-year change, original)



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The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) advises JobKeeper payments are not included in average weekly full-time earnings data.

Average weekly full-time adult earnings (AWFTE) data should be viewed with caution as it can be a volatile measure of wage growth, affected by the overall labour force composition such as:

- occupational distribution within and across industries
- distribution of employment between industries
- proportion of male and female employees.

Average weekly full-time earnings	NT	Aust
AWFTE (seasonally adjusted)	\$1,801	\$1,798
Six monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑1.4%	↑1.6%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑0.8%	↑1.6%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑0.5%	↑2.2%

Biannual result

In the six months to May 2021, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE in the Territory was \$1,801. This was the fourth lowest level of the jurisdictions. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE was \$1,798 (Chart 1).

The seasonally adjusted AWFTE in the Territory increased by 1.4%, reflecting an increase in female AWFTE of 0.7% to \$1,637, and an increase in male AWFTE of 0.8% to \$1,929.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE increased by 1.6% to \$1,798. This reflected an increase in female AWFTE of 0.9% to \$1,598 and an increase in male AWFTE of 1.9% to \$1,921.

Annual result

Through the year to May 2021, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE in the Territory increased by 0.8%. This reflects a 0.9% increase in male AWFTE, partly offset by a decrease of 0.4% in female AWFTE. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 1.6%.

Year-on-year result

In the year to May 2021, the Territory AWFTE increased by 0.5% (Chart 2), the weakest of the jurisdictions. AWFTE growth in other jurisdictions ranged from 0.7% in Queensland to 3.5% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 2.2%.

AWFTE in the Territory increased by 0.7% for males and by 0.3% for females (Chart 3). Nationally, females AWFTE increased by 2.4% and by 2.0% for males.

Average weekly full-time earnings May 2021

Average weekly full-time earnings

	Period			Change		
	May 20	Nov 20	May 21	6 months ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory						
Value (\$)						
Original	1 786	1 777	1 801	1.4%	0.8%	0.5%
– male	1 911	1 914	1 929	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
– female	1 645	1 626	1 637	0.7%	-0.4%	0.3%
Seasonally adjusted	1 786	1 777	1 801	1.4%	0.8%	
– male	1 911	1 914	1 929	0.8%	0.9%	
– female	1 645	1 626	1 637	0.7%	-0.4%	
Trend						
– Average Weekly Earnings trend series suspended from the May 2020 release						
Australia						
Value (\$)						
Original	1 769	1 770	1 797	1.5%	1.6%	2.2%
Seasonally adjusted	1 770	1 770	1 798	1.6%	1.6%	
Trend						
– Average Weekly Earnings trend series suspended from the May 2020 release						
Seasonally adjusted data						
Value (\$)						
New South Wales	1 805	1 815	1 822	0.4%	0.9%	
Victoria	1 767	1 766	1 804	2.2%	2.1%	
Queensland	1 701	1 673	1 716	2.6%	0.9%	
Western Australia	1 911	1 908	1 962	2.8%	2.7%	
South Australia	1 573	1 584	1 627	2.7%	3.4%	
Tasmania	1 532	1 539	1 579	2.6%	3.1%	
ACT	1 885	1 919	1 952	1.8%	3.6%	

1 Compares the latest month with the period six months ago.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.

3 Compares the year average with the previous year average.

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Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

Although all due care has been exercised in the preparation of this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

ABS changed the release of Average Weekly Earnings data from quarterly to biannually (May and November of each year). As a result of the break in the quarterly series, seasonally adjusted and trend data is only available from May 2012, therefore time series displayed in this brief is based on original data.

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