

# Labour force

July 2024 | Economic brief

## Seasonally adjusted

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	140 963	14 469 571
- Monthly change	↑1.4%	↑0.4%
- Annual change	↑4.1%	↑3.2%
- Year-on-year change	↑1.9%	↑2.9%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.2%
Participation rate	73.6%	67.1%

In July 2024, employment in the Territory increased by 1.4% to 140,963 persons. Part-time employment increased by 1.5% and full-time employment increased by 1.4%. Nationally, employment increased by 0.4%, with full-time employment increasing by 0.6%, partly offset by part-time employment decreasing by 0.1%.

Annually<sup>†</sup>, employment increased by 4.1% in the Territory (Chart 1). In the year to July 2024<sup>‡</sup>, Territory employment increased by 1.9%, reflecting an increase in full-time employment of 3.2%, partly offset by a decrease in part-time employment of 3.2%.

In July 2024, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points (ppt) to 4.3% (Chart 2). Nationally, the monthly unemployment increased by 0.1 ppt to 4.2%. The participation rate in the Territory increased by 0.7 ppt to 73.6%. This is the highest rate of the jurisdictions, and well above the national rate of 67.1%.

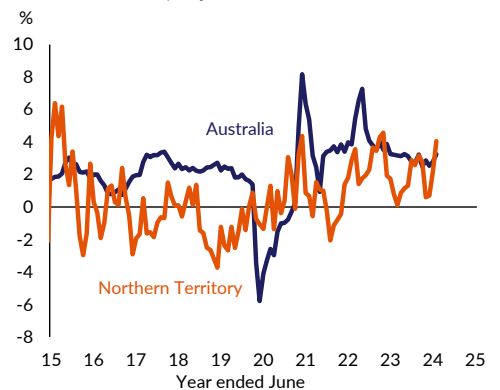
## Trend

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	140 073	14 462 084
- Monthly change	↑0.2%	↑0.3%
- Annual change	↑2.9%	↑2.9%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.2%
Participation rate	73.1%	67.1%

In July 2024, employment in the Territory increased by 0.2% to 140,073 persons. Full-time employment increased by 0.4%, partly offset by part-time employment which decreased by 0.5%. Annually<sup>†</sup>, employment increased by 2.9% in the Territory (Chart 3).

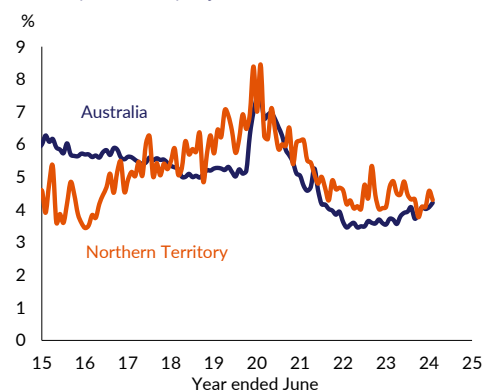
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Chart 1: Employment change (annual, seasonally adjusted)



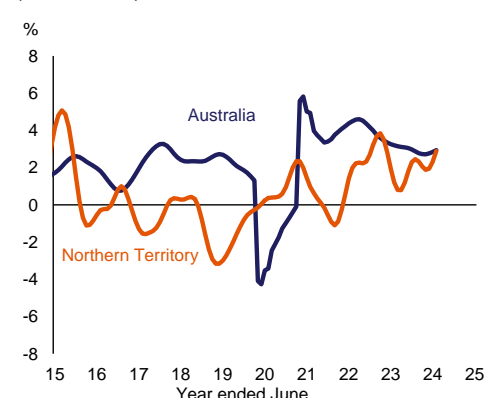
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Chart 2: Unemployment rate (monthly, seasonally adjusted)



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

Chart 3: Employment change (annual, trend)



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<sup>†</sup> Compares the latest month with the same month in the previous year.

<sup>‡</sup> Compares the 12 months up to the latest month with the previous 12 months.

Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Monthly change <sup>1</sup>	Annual change <sup>2</sup>	
	Jul 23	Jun 24	Jul 24	%	%	No.
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	135 466	138 978	140 963	1.4%	4.1%	5 497
– full-time	108 477	110 336	111 879	1.4%	3.1%	3 402
– part-time	26 989	28 641	29 084	1.5%	7.8%	2 095
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.6%	4.3%	-0.3 ppt	-0.4 ppt	
– Unemployed	6 693	6 677	6 338	-5.1%	-5.3%	- 355
Participation rate	72.1%	72.9%	73.6%	0.7 ppt	1.5 ppt	
Labour force	142 159	145 655	147 301	1.1%	3.6%	5 142
Trend						
Employment	136 133	139 777	140 073	0.2%	2.9%	3 941
– full-time	108 472	110 580	111 009	0.4%	2.3%	2 538
– part-time	27 661	29 197	29 064	-0.5%	5.1%	1 403
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%	0.1 ppt	-0.2 ppt	
– Unemployed	6 468	6 176	6 250	1.2%	-3.4%	- 218
Participation rate	72.3%	73.0%	73.1%	0.1 ppt	0.8 ppt	
Labour force	142 601	145 953	146 323	0.3%	2.6%	3 722
<b>Australia</b>						
Seasonally adjusted						
Employment	14 014 194	14 411 333	14 469 571	0.4%	3.2%	455 378
– full-time	9 799 917	9 950 054	10 010 581	0.6%	2.1%	210 664
– part-time	4 214 276	4 461 279	4 458 990	-0.1%	5.8%	244 714
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
– Unemployed	542 204	613 185	637 074	3.9%	17.5%	94 869
Participation rate	66.6%	66.9%	67.1%	0.2 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Labour force	14 556 398	15 024 518	15 106 645	0.5%	3.8%	550 247
Trend						
Employment	14 048 074	14 414 244	14 462 084	0.3%	2.9%	414 010
– full-time	9 814 206	9 955 633	9 996 505	0.4%	1.9%	182 299
– part-time	4 233 867	4 458 611	4 465 579	0.2%	5.5%	231 712
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	
– Unemployed	534 063	618 412	627 894	1.5%	17.6%	93 832
Participation rate	66.7%	67.0%	67.1%	0.1 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Labour force	14 582 136	15 032 656	15 089 978	0.4%	3.5%	507 842

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.

\* Due to rounding, changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

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