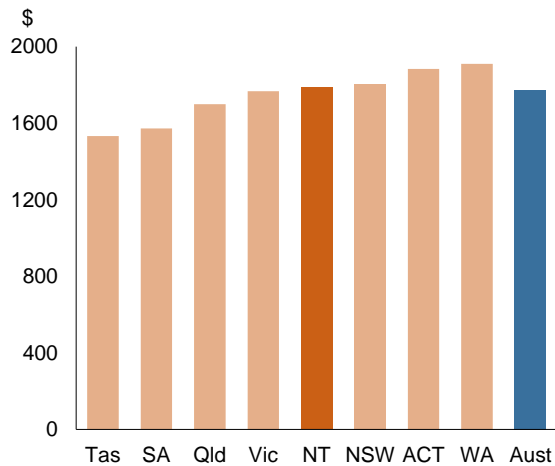


# Average weekly full-time earnings

May 2020

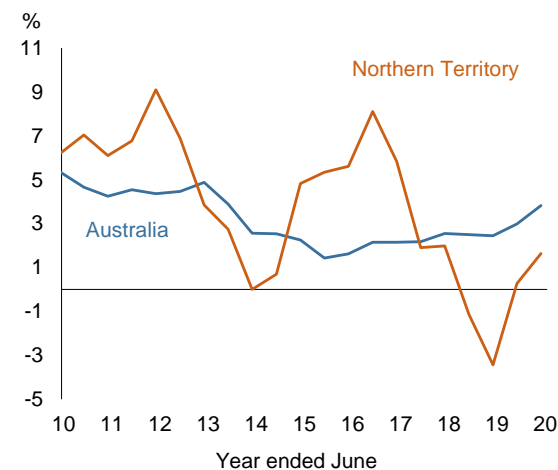
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Chart 1: Average weekly full-time earnings (biannually, seasonally adjusted)



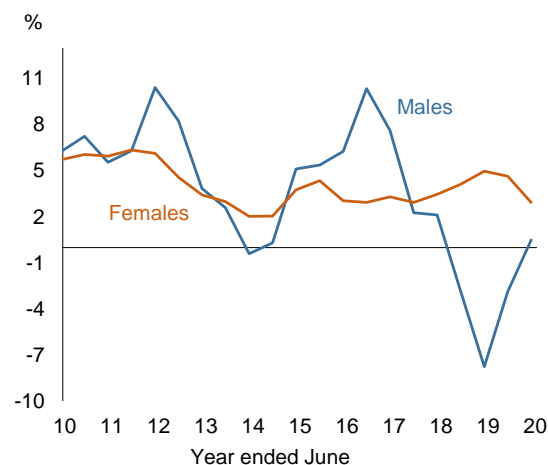
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Chart 2: Average weekly full-time earnings (year-on-year percentage change, original)



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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 that JobKeeper payments are not included in average weekly full-time earnings.

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)	\$1 786	\$1 771
Six monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↑0.8%	↑3.0%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑0.6%	↑4.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↑1.6%	↑3.8%

## Biannual result

In the six months to May 2020, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE in the Territory was \$1786. This was the fourth highest level of all the jurisdictions, behind Western Australia (\$1911), the Australian Capital Territory (\$1884) and New South Wales (\$1805). Nationally, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE was \$1771 (Chart 1).

The seasonally adjusted AWFTE in the Territory increased by 0.8 per cent, reflecting an increase in female AWFTE of 2.2 per cent to \$1645, and an increase in male AWFTE of 0.3 per cent to \$1911.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted AWFTE increased by 3.0 per cent to \$1771. This reflected an increase in male AWFTE of 2.9 per cent to \$1893, and an increase in female AWFTE of 3.2 per cent to \$1578.

## Year-on-year result

In the year to May 2020, the Territory AWFTE increased by 1.6 per cent (Chart 2), the weakest of the jurisdictions. AWFTE growth in other jurisdictions ranged from 1.8 per cent in Western Australia to 5.5 per cent in Victoria. Nationally, AWFTE increased by 3.8 per cent.

AWFTE in the Territory increased by 0.5 per cent for males and by 2.9 per cent for females (Chart 3). Nationally, male AWFTE increased by 3.8 per cent and by 4.1 per cent for females.

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### Average weekly full-time earnings

	May-19	Nov-19	May-20	Change		
				6 months <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
Original	1 775	1 773	1 786	0.8%	0.6%	1.6%
– male	1 921	1 906	1 911	0.3%	-0.5%	0.5%
– female	1 608	1 609	1 645	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Seasonally adjusted	1 775	1 773	1 786	0.8%	0.6%	
– male	1 921	1 906	1 911	0.3%	-0.5%	
– female	1 608	1 609	1 645	2.2%	2.3%	
Trend						
– Average Weekly Earnings trend series suspended from the May 2020 release						
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
Original	1 695	1 723	1 769	2.7%	4.4%	3.8%
Seasonally adjusted	1 697	1 720	1 771	3.0%	4.3%	
Trend						
– Average Weekly Earnings trend series suspended from the May 2020 release						
<b>Seasonally adjusted data</b>						
<b>Value (\$)</b>						
New South Wales	1 729	1 748	1 805	3.3%	4.4%	
Victoria	1 668	1 705	1 767	3.6%	5.9%	
Queensland	1 634	1 663	1 700	2.2%	4.0%	
South Australia	1 528	1 559	1 573	0.9%	3.0%	
Western Australia	1 858	1 859	1 911	2.8%	2.8%	
Tasmania	1 503	1 516	1 533	1.1%	2.0%	
ACT	1 834	1 857	1 884	1.5%	2.7%	

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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