

# Labour force

June 2025 | Economic brief

## Seasonally adjusted

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	144 078	14 619 307
- Monthly change	↓0.2%	flat
- Year-ended change	↑1.4%	↑2.0%
- Year-average change	↑1.3%	↑2.3%
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.3%
Participation rate	72.6%	67.1%

Employment in the Territory declined by 0.2% to 144,078 persons in June 2025. Part-time employment declined by 2.2%, partly offset by full-time employment which increased by 0.3%. The Territory reported the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 0.5% in Queensland and Western Australia to an increase of 0.8% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, employment was flat. Employment in the Territory increased by 1.4% over the year to June 2025 (Chart 1). This was the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions.

The Territory's unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage points (ppt) to 3.9% in June 2025 (Chart 2). The Territory reported the third lowest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.6% in the Australian Capital Territory to 4.6% in Victoria. Nationally, the monthly unemployment increased by 0.2 ppt to 4.3%. The Territory's unemployment rate declined by 0.7 ppt over the year to June 2025.

The participation rate in the Territory declined by 0.4 ppt to 72.6%. This is the highest rate of the jurisdictions, and is 5.5 ppt above the national rate (67.1%). The Territory's participation rate declined by 0.6 ppt over the year to June 2025.

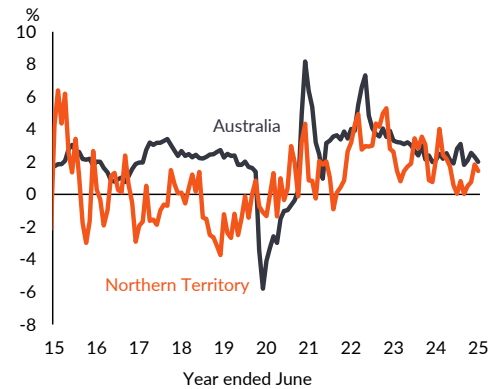
## Trend

	NT	Aust
Employed persons	144 409	14 637 768
- Monthly change	↑0.1%	↑0.2%
- Year-ended change	↑1.3%	↑2.1%
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.2%
Participation rate	72.8%	67.0%

Employment in the Territory increased by 0.1% to 144,409 persons in June 2025. Full-time employment increased by 0.3%, partly offset by part-time employment which declined by 0.5%. Employment increased by 1.3% in the Territory over the year to June 2025 (Chart 3).

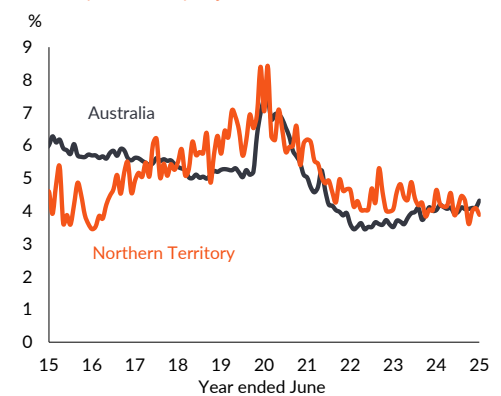
The Territory's unemployment rate was flat at 4.0% in June 2025, however declined by 0.1 ppt over the year. The participation rate in the Territory was flat at 72.8%, however declined by 0.3 ppt over the year.

Chart 1: Employment change (year-ended change, seasonally adjusted)



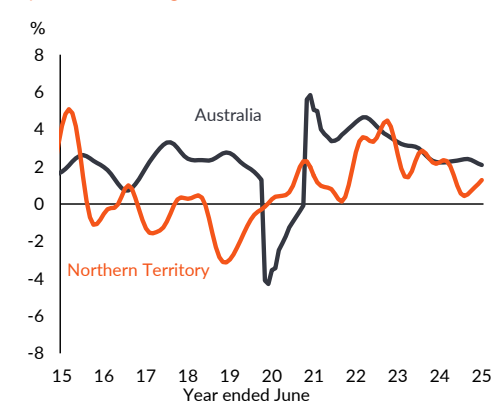
Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (monthly, seasonally adjusted)



Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Chart 3: Employment change (year-ended change, trend)



Source: DTF; ABS, Labour Force

Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Monthly change <sup>1</sup>		Year-ended change <sup>2</sup>	
	Jun 24	May 25	Jun 25	%	%	No.	
<b>Northern Territory</b>							
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>							
Employment	142 036	144 423	144 078	-0.2%	1.4%	2 042	
– full-time	112 948	115 036	115 331	0.3%	2.1%	2 384	
– part-time	29 089	29 387	28 747	-2.2%	-1.2%	- 342	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.1%	3.9%	- 0.2 ppt	- 0.7 ppt		
– Unemployed	6 915	6 150	5 818	-5.4%	-15.9%	- 1 097	
Participation rate	73.2%	73.0%	72.6%	- 0.4 ppt	- 0.6 ppt		
Labour force	148 951	150 573	149 896	-0.4%	0.6%	945	
<b>Trend</b>							
Employment	142 588	144 248	144 409	0.1%	1.3%	1 821	
– full-time	113 126	114 858	115 153	0.3%	1.8%	2 026	
– part-time	29 461	29 391	29 256	-0.5%	-0.7%	- 205	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0 ppt	- 0.1 ppt		
– Unemployed	6 108	5 945	5 941	-0.1%	-2.7%	- 167	
Participation rate	73.1%	72.8%	72.8%	0.0 ppt	- 0.3 ppt		
Labour force	148 696	150 194	150 350	0.1%	1.1%	1 654	
<b>Australia</b>							
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>							
Employment	14 332 998	14 617 323	14 619 307	0.0%	2.0%	286 309	
– full-time	9 896 090	10 101 386	10 063 184	-0.4%	1.7%	167 094	
– part-time	4 436 908	4 515 937	4 556 123	0.9%	2.7%	119 215	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%	0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt		
– Unemployed	601 898	625 972	659 582	5.4%	9.6%	57 684	
Participation rate	66.8%	67.0%	67.1%	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt		
Labour force	14 934 896	15 243 295	15 278 889	0.2%	2.3%	343 993	
<b>Trend</b>							
Employment	14 338 663	14 614 919	14 637 768	0.2%	2.1%	299 105	
– full-time	9 897 671	10 070 455	10 086 298	0.2%	1.9%	188 626	
– part-time	4 440 992	4 544 464	4 551 470	0.2%	2.5%	110 478	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt		
– Unemployed	608 101	631 058	639 504	1.3%	5.2%	31 403	
Participation rate	66.9%	67.0%	67.0%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt		
Labour force	14 946 764	15 245 977	15 277 272	0.2%	2.2%	330 508	

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.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Labour force*

Table 2: Unemployment rates by jurisdiction (%)

	June 2025		Ranking (highest to lowest)	
	Seasonally adjusted	Trend	Seasonally adjusted	Trend
<b>States</b>				
NSW	4.4	4.2	2	2
Vic	4.6	4.5	1	1
Qld	4.1	4.0	4	5
WA	4.1	4.0	5	4
SA	4.4	4.2	3	3
Tas	3.8	3.8	7	7
ACT	3.6	3.5	8	8
NT	3.9	4.0	6	6
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>		

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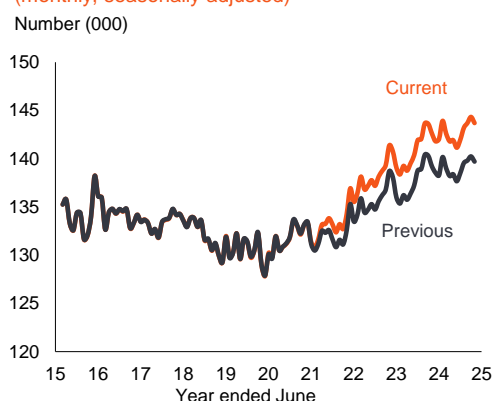
Term	Definition
Employment	Work for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers)
Employed full-time	Employed people who usually work 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who usually work less but worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
Employed part-time	Employed people who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) or were not at work in the reference week.
Unemployed	People aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week and had actively looked for full time or part time work.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
Labour force	For any group, people who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Year-ended change	Compares the latest month with the same month last year
Year-average change	Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 12 month period
Seasonally adjusted	A seasonally adjusted series involves estimating and removing the cyclical and seasonal effects from the original data. Seasonally adjusting a time series is useful if you wish to understand the underlying patterns of change or movement in a population, without the impact of the seasonal or cyclical effects.
Trend	A trend series is a seasonally adjusted series that has been further adjusted to remove irregular effects and 'smooth' out the series to show the overall 'trend' of the data over time.

## Revisions to labour force data

In the May 2025 release, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has updated its methodology for estimating interstate migration, with revisions made to interstate migration estimates from September quarter 2021 onwards. The revisions have resulted in an overall improvement to the Territory's population estimates.

The labour force series from July 2021 onwards has been revised to reflect the updated population estimates. Territory employment is around 4,000 persons higher in April 2025 compared to the former series (Chart 4). The Territory participation rate has reported an overall improvement while the Territory unemployment rate is inline with the last release.

Chart 4: Employed persons (monthly, seasonally adjusted)



Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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