

# Labour market brief – June 2017

## Key Message

In June 2017, the Territory's unemployment rate continued to be the lowest in Australia and maintains the highest participation rate, despite softening labour market conditions over the past four months with falling employment levels.

## Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↓ 0.1 ppt	3.1%
	Australia	↓ 0.1 ppt	5.6%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2017, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.1%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the lowest of the jurisdictions with the Australian Capital Territory second (4.4%), while South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 7.0%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.6% from the previous month's revised figure.

## Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↓ 1.0%	136 711
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 160 060
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 1.2%	105 930
	Australia	↑ 0.4%	8 318 727
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.2%	30 781
	Australia	↓ 0.1%	3 841 333

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2017, there were 136 711 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 1312 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment decreased by 1240 to 105 930 persons, while part-time employment decreased by 72 to 30 781 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 26 415 to 12 160 060 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 29 973 to 8 318 727 persons while part-time employment decreased by 3557 to 3 841 333 persons.

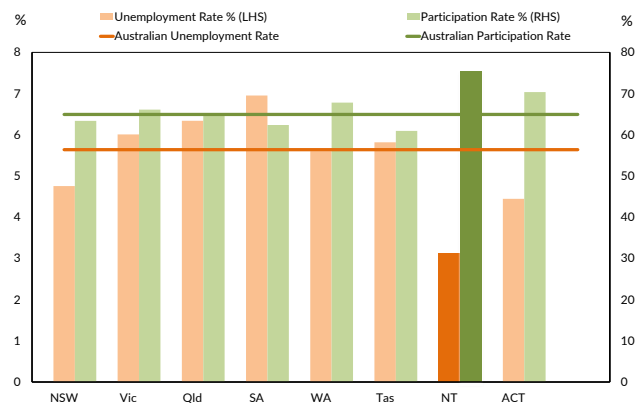
## Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↓ 0.8 ppt	75.4%
	Australia	▬ 0.0 ppt	64.9%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2017, the Territory's labour force participation rate decreased by 0.8 of a percentage point to 75.4% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.4%) and Western Australia (67.8%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 64.9% from the previous month's revised figure.

## Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates



Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

## Labour Force

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Labour Force	NT	↓ 1.0%	141 114
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 886 830
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.2%	187 339
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 852 155

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2017, the Territory's labour force decreased by 1456 to 141 114 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 22 730 to 12 886 830 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to May 2016	Year to Date to May 2017
Commencements	↓ 19.0%	1206	977
Completions	↓ 7.8%	398	367

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to May 2017, there were 977 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 19.0% (229) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to May 2017, there were 367 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 7.8% (31) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 May 2017, there were 3277 apprentices and trainees in training.

Caution should be exercised in the use of this data as training data has a natural lag (up to 6 months after the commencement date) and are subject to future revisions.

## Internet Job Vacancies (May 2017)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 1.4%	489
Managers	↑ 0.9%	198
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 0.1%	284
Labourers	↓ 0.5%	112
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 0.8%	186
Sales Workers	↓ 1.4%	119
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 1.5%	83
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 3.4%	422
Total	↑ 0.6%	1745

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In May 2017, internet job vacancies increased by 0.6% in the Territory, but with decreases recorded across most occupation groups.
- In May 2017, internet job vacancies for Professionals reported the largest monthly increase (1.4%), followed by Managers (0.9%).
- Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest decrease (3.4%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers' occupation (1.5%), and then Sales workers (1.4%).

### Notes

Employment figures refer to Territory residents that are employed and do not capture persons working in the Territory that normally reside outside the Territory.

All data referred to in the brief are in trend terms, except for the apprentice and trainee data, which are in original terms.

Current labour market briefs are available online at: <https://business.nt.gov.au/business-and-economic-data/labour-market-information/nt-labour-market-information>

For information on the data sources used and a glossary of labour market terms please see Labour Market Terms and Information at the above link. Please note that changes to geographical standards and population re-benchmarking have resulted in revisions to labour market estimates. For further information please go to: [www.abs.gov.au/](http://www.abs.gov.au/)

### Data Sources

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue Number 6202.0

Australian Government Department of Employment, Vacancy Report

Northern Territory Government Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

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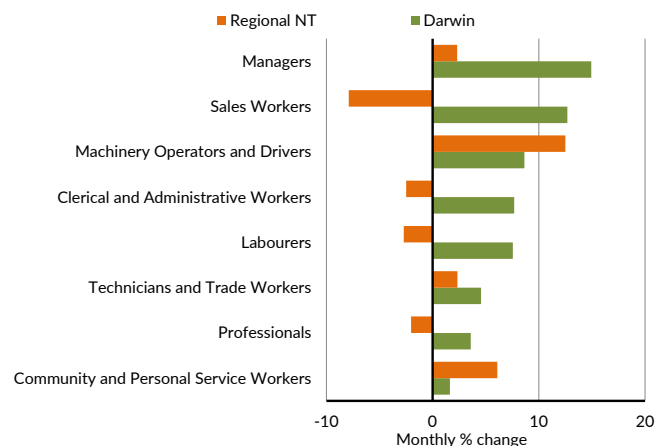
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- In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Machinery operators and drivers which increased to 12.5%, followed by Community and personal service workers at 6.1%, followed equally by both Managers, and Technicians and trade workers increasing to 2.3%. Sales workers reported the largest decrease (7.9%), followed by Labourers (2.7%), then Clerical and administrative workers (2.5%).
- In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded increases. The largest monthly increase was reported for Managers (14.9%), followed by Sales Workers (12.7%), and then Machinery operators and drivers (8.6%).

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)