

# Labour market brief - June 2018

## Key Message

In June 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.1%) and the highest participation rate (76.9%) of the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased driven by growth in full-time employment. Growth in employment and job vacancies indicate an improvement in labour market conditions in the short term.

## Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↑ 0.5%	140 103
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 562 828
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.7%	111 850
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 556 693
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.5%	28 253
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	4 006 135

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2018, there were 140 103 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 675 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 824 to 111 850 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 149 persons to 28 253 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 26 898 to 12 562 828 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 13 426 to 8 556 693 persons and part-time employment increased by 13 472 to 4 006 135 persons.

## Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	▪ 0.0 ppt	4.1%
	Australia	▪ 0.0 ppt	5.4%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2018, the Territory's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.1%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.5%). Western Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.2%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% from the previous month's revised figure.

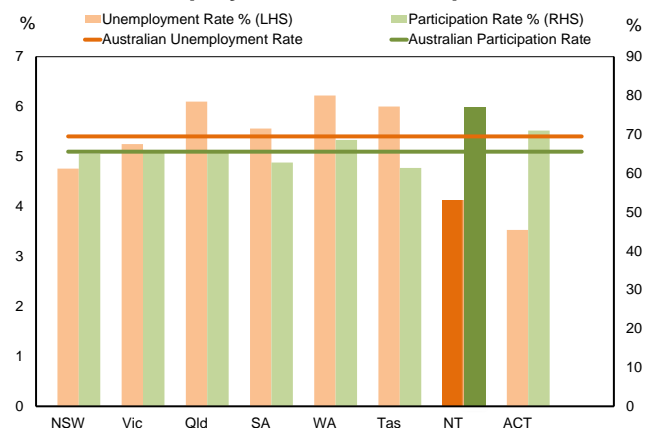
## Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	76.9%
	Australia	▪ 0.0 ppt	65.6%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2018, the Territory's labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 76.9% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (71.0%) and then Western Australia (68.6%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at to 65.6% 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	↑ 0.5%	146 146
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 281 850
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.2%	189 922
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	20 237 073

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2018, the Territory's labour force increased by 669 to 146 146 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 25 663 to 13 281 850 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to May 2017	Year to Date to May 2018
Commencements	↑ 14.1%	1030	1175
Completions	↓ 11.9%	388	342

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to May 2018, there were 1175 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 14.1% (145) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to May 2018, there were 342 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 11.9% (46) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 May 2018, there were 3271 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 2018)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 1.3%	504
Sales Workers	↓ 0.1%	132
Managers	↓ 0.2%	221
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 0.2%	195
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 0.2%	135
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 0.6%	388
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 0.9%	341
Labourers	↓ 2.6%	153
Total	↑ 0.5%	1971

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In May 2018, internet job vacancies increased by 0.5% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, which increased by 1.3%, in the month.

## 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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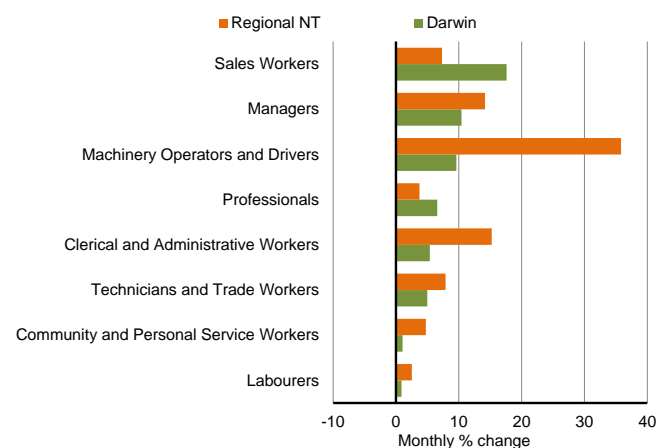
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In May 2018, internet job vacancies for Labourers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.6%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (0.9%), and Clerical and administrative workers (0.6%).

- In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (35.8%), followed by Clerical and administrative workers (15.2%), and then Managers (14.2%).
- In the Darwin region, the largest monthly increase was reported for Sales workers (17.6%), followed by Managers (10.4%), and then Machinery operators and drivers (9.6%).

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)