

## Key Message

In July 2016, the Northern Territory reported the lowest unemployment rate in Australia of 3.5% followed by the Australian Capital Territory (3.6%). The Territory continues to maintain the highest participation rate (74.9%) of all jurisdictions. The Territory labour market continues to show signs of improvement, with the unemployment rate falling and jobs growth strengthening.

## Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↓ 0.2 ppt	3.5%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2016, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.5%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the lowest of the jurisdictions followed by the Australian Capital Territory (3.6%), while South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.6%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.7% in the month from the previous month's revised figure.

## Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↑ 0.5%	135.2
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	11 955.1
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.3%	109.0
	Australia	- 0.0%	8 167.1
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 1.3%	26.1
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	3 788.0

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2016, there were 135 190 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 660 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 310 to 109 050 persons, while part-time employment increased by 350 to 26 140 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 11 820 to 11 955 110 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 1 240 to 8 167 140 persons while part-time employment increased by 10 580 to 3 787 970 persons.

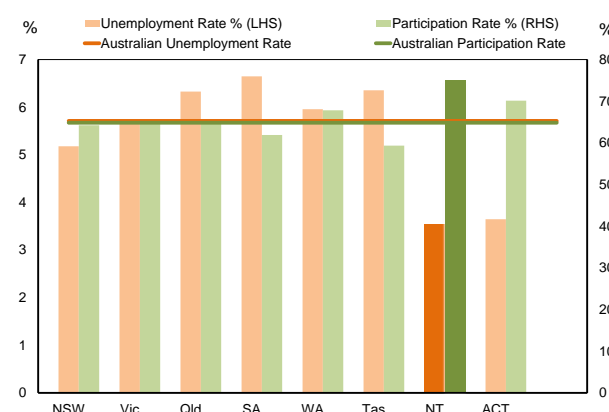
## Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	74.9%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	64.8%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2016, the Territory's labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 74.9% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate in Australia (74.9%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.1%) and Western Australia (67.8%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 64.8% 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	↑ 0.3%	140.1
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	12 679.2
Civilian Population	NT	- 0.0%	187.1
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 564.9

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2016, the Territory's labour force increased by 460 to 140 150 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 10 580 to 12 679 200 persons.

## ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

		Monthly Change	Number of Job Ads
ANZ Job Ads	NT	↓ 1.1%	264
	Australia	↓ 7.1%	1 901

Source: ANZ Job Advertisement Series

- In July 2016, ANZ newspaper job ads decreased by 1.1% to 264 job ads in the Territory.
- Newspaper job ads decreased in all jurisdictions in the month.
- Compared to July 2015, newspaper job ads decreased by 13.1% in the Territory, with all other jurisdictions also recording declines. The decreases ranged from a 58.7% fall in Western Australia to an 8.5% decline in Victoria.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Jun 2015	Year to Date to Jun 2016
Commencements	↑ 0.7%	1 377	1 387
Completions	↓ 15.8%	507	427

Source: Northern Territory Department of Business

- In the period 1 January to 30 June 2016, there were 1 387 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 0.7% (10) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the period 1 January to 30 June 2016, there were 427 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 15.8% (80) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 30 June 2016, there were 3 841 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.*

### 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: <http://www.dob.nt.gov.au/Employment/labour-market/Pages/default.aspx>.

For information on the data sources used and a glossary of labour market terms please see Labour Market Terms and Information.

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

ANZ Banking Corporation Limited, Job Advertisement Series

Australian Government Department of Employment, Vacancy Report

Northern Territory Government Department of Business

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## Internet Job Vacancies (June 2016)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↑ 17.5%	92
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 8.0%	270
Sales Workers	↑ 5.8%	122
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 3.5%	159
Technicians and Trade Workers	↑ 3.2%	308
Professionals	↑ 2.4%	412
Labourers	↓ 2.4%	124
Managers	↓ 9.2%	174
Total	↑ 2.7%	1 660

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In June 2016, internet job vacancies increased by 2.7% in the Territory, with increases recorded across all occupation groups except Labourers and Managers.
- In June 2016, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly increase (17.5%) while Managers reported the largest decrease (9.2%).
- In regional NT, increases were recorded across all occupation groups, with Labourers reporting the largest increase (12.7%), followed by Sales workers (11.0%).

### Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)