

Key Message

The Northern Territory, for the fourth consecutive month, has recorded the second lowest unemployment rate in Australia of 3.7% behind the Australian Capital Territory (3.6%). The Territory also continues to maintain the highest participation rate (74.8%) of all jurisdictions. Over the past six months, the Territory labour market has been showing signs of improvement with the unemployment rate falling and jobs growth strengthening.

Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↓ 0.2 ppt	3.7%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2016, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.7%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions after the Australian Capital Territory (3.6%), while South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.9%.
- 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%	134.5
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	11 933.4
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.4%	109.2
	Australia	- 0.0%	8 172.2
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 1.0%	25.3
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	3 761.2

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2016, there were 134 460 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 700 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 460 to 109 160 persons, while part-time employment increased by 250 to 25 310 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 8340 to 11 933 420 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 700 to 8 172 250 persons while part-time employment increased by 7630 to 3 761 170 persons.

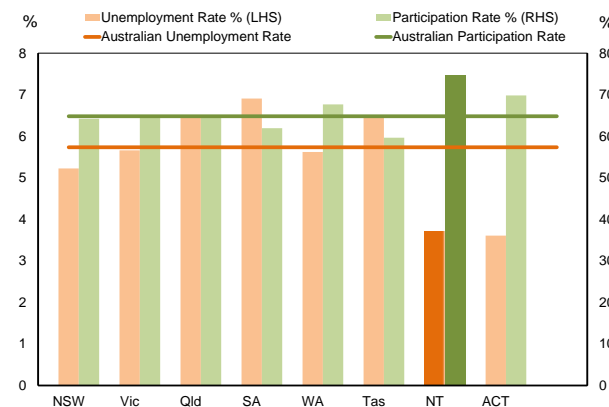
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	74.8%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	64.8%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2016, the Territory's labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 74.8% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate in Australia (74.8%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.8%) and Western Australia (67.7%).
- 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%	139.6
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	12 659.4
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.2%	187.0
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 540.1

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2016, the Territory's labour force increased by 480 to 139 640 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 8140 to 12 659 360 persons.

ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

		Monthly Change	Number of Job Ads
ANZ Job Ads	NT	↑ 6.5%	303
	Australia	↓ 5.5%	2 135

Source: ANZ Job Advertisement Series

- In June 2016, ANZ newspaper job ads increased by 6.5% to 303 job ads in the Territory.
- Newspaper job ads decreased in all jurisdictions in the month except in the Northern Territory.
- Compared to June 2015, newspaper job ads decreased by 3.4% in the Territory, with all other jurisdictions also recording declines. The decreases ranged from a 59.7% fall in Western Australia to an 8.6% decline in Victoria.

Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to May 2015	Year to Date to May 2016
Commencements	↓ 5.0%	1 247	1 185
Completions	↓ 9.2%	390	354

Source: Northern Territory Department of Business

- In the period 1 January to 31 May 2016, there were 1 185 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 5.0% (62) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the period 1 January to 31 May 2016, there were 354 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 9.2% (36) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 May 2016, there were 3 898 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: <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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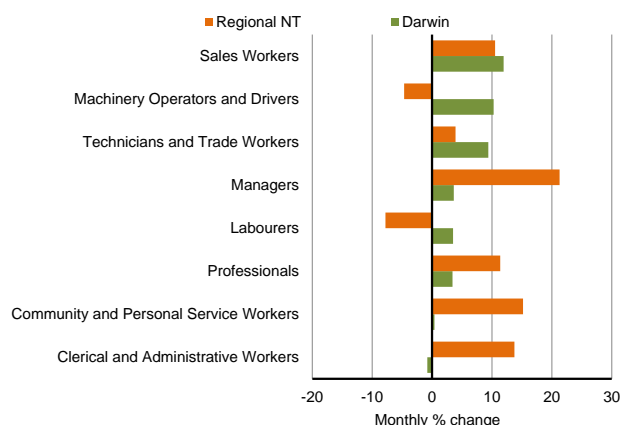
Internet Job Vacancies (May 2016)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Sales Workers	↑ 11.9%	115
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↑ 10.3%	78
Technicians and Trade Workers	↑ 9.4%	298
Managers	↑ 3.6%	192
Labourers	↑ 3.5%	127
Professionals	↑ 3.4%	402
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 0.4%	153
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 0.8%	250
Total	↑ 4.4%	1 616

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In May 2016, internet job vacancies increased by 4.4% in the Territory, with increases recorded across all occupation groups except Clerical and administrative workers.
- In May 2016, internet job vacancies for Sales workers reported the largest monthly increase (11.9%) while Clerical and administrative workers reported the only decrease (0.8%).
- In regional NT, increases were recorded across all occupation groups, except for Labourers which decreased by 7.8%, and Machinery Operators and drivers workers which decreased by 4.7%.

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)