

Labour market brief - July 2018

Key Message

In July 2018, the Territory continues to hold the second lowest unemployment rate and the highest participation rate of all the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased with growth in full-time employment more than offsetting a fall in part-time employment.

Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↑ 0.4%	140 616
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 581 612
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.6%	113 178
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 581 153
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.2%	27 438
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	4 000 459

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2018, there were 140 616 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 586 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 647 to 113 178 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 61 persons to 27 438 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 26 922 to 12 581 612 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 18 164 to 8 581 153 persons and part-time employment increased by 8759 to 4 000 459 persons.

Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↓ 0.1 ppt	4.0%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.4%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2018, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.0%, 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%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.2%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% from the previous month's revised figure.

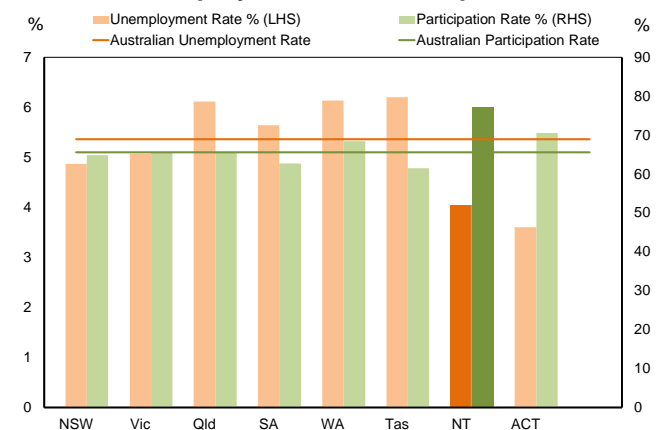
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	77.2%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	65.5%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 2018, the Territory's labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 77.2% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.6%) and then Western Australia (68.5%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 65.5% 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	↑ 0.4%	146 597
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 294 654
Civilian Population	NT	- 0.0%	189 926
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	20 262 720

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In July 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 Jun 2017	Year to Date to Jun 2018
Commencements	↑ 10.5%	1193	1318
Completions	↓ 14.8%	467	398

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to June 2018, there were 1318 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 10.5% (125) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to June 2018, there were 398 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 14.8% (69) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 30 June 2018, there were 3281 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 (June 2018)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 0.8%	499
Managers	↑ 0.5%	224
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 0.1%	389
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 0.4%	193
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 0.6%	337
Sales Workers	↓ 0.8%	125
Labourers	↓ 1.8%	155
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 2.3%	125
Total	↓ 0.2%	1937

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In June 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 0.2% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, Managers, and Clerical and administrative workers.
- In June 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.3%), followed by Labourers (1.8%), and Sales workers (0.8%).

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/

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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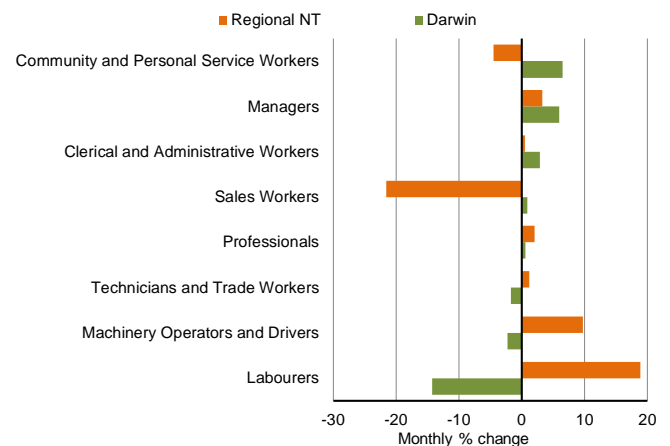
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- In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Sales workers and Community and administrative workers. Labourers reported the largest increase (18.8%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (9.7%), and then Professionals (2.0%).
- In the Darwin region, the largest monthly decrease was reported for Labourers (14.2%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (2.3%), then Technicians and trade workers (1.7%).

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)