

# Labour market brief – August 2016

## Key Message

In August 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 (74.3%) 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	↓ 0.1 ppt	3.5%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2016, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 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 Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.7%.
- 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	↑ 0.1%	134.2
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	11 965.1
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	107.8
	Australia	- 0.0%	8 166.3
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.7%	26.3
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	3 798.9

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2016, there were 134 180 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 110 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment decreased by 80 to 107 840 persons, while part-time employment increased by 190 to 26 340 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 9860 to 11 965 140 persons.
- National full-time employment decreased by 370 to 8 166 270 persons while part-time employment increased by 10 230 to 3 798 870 persons.

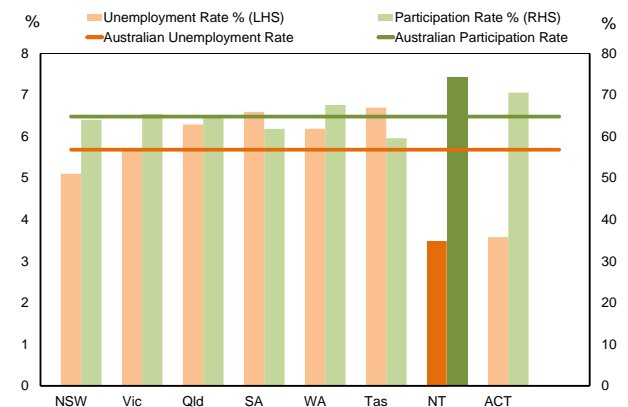
### Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↓ 0.1 ppt	74.3%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	64.8%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2016, the Territory's labour force participation rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 74.3% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate in Australia (74.3%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.6%) and Western Australia (67.6%).
- 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	- 0.0%	139.0
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	12 686.1
Civilian Population	NT	- 0.0%	187.0
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 586.8

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2016, the Territory's labour force decreased by 30 to 139 010 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 9440 to 12 686 140 persons.

## ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

		Monthly Change	Number of Job Ads
ANZ Job Ads	NT	↓ 12.1%	198
	Australia	↓ 7.5%	1 720

Source: ANZ Job Advertisement Series

- In August 2016, ANZ newspaper job ads decreased by 12.1% to 198 job ads in the Territory.
- Newspaper job ads decreased in all jurisdictions in the month, except for the Australian Capital Territory, which increased by 2.0%.
- Compared to August 2015, newspaper job ads decreased by 33.8% in the Territory, with all other jurisdictions also recording declines. The decreases ranged from a 59.9% fall in Western Australia to an 8.9% decline in Victoria.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Jul 2015	Year to Date to Jul 2016
Commencements	↑ 1.4%	1 529	1 550
Completions	↓ 22.3%	654	508

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the period 1 January to 31 July 2016, there were 1 550 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 1.4% (21) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the period 1 January to 31 July 2016, there were 508 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 22.3% (146) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 July 2016, there were 3 815 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: [business.nt.gov.au/publications/nt-labour-market-information](http://business.nt.gov.au/publications/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.

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 Trade, Business and Innovation

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## Internet Job Vacancies - (July 2016)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 9.6%	174
Technicians and Trade Workers	↑ 3.6%	319
Sales Workers	↑ 3.0%	126
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↑ 2.2%	94
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 0.6%	271
Managers	↑ 0.4%	175
Professionals	↓ 0.7%	409
Labourers	↓ 9.1%	113
Total	↑ 1.2%	1 680

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In July 2016, internet job vacancies increased by 1.2% in the Territory, with increases recorded across all occupation groups except Professionals and Labourers.
- In July 2016, internet job vacancies for Community and personal service workers reported the largest monthly increase (9.6%) while Labourers reported the largest decrease (9.1%).
- In regional NT, increases were recorded across all occupation groups except Clerical and administrative workers which decreased by 3.0%. Sales workers reported the largest increase (25.8%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (24.2%).

## Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)