

Labour market brief – November 2018

Key Message

In November 2018, the Territory continued to report the highest participation rate of all jurisdictions, although labour market conditions have softened over the past six months. Unemployment has risen six consecutive months and employment levels have fallen six consecutive months. Slightly higher job vacancies indicate employment conditions may stabilise in the short term.

Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↓ 0.3%	133 669
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 694 806
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.2%	107 131
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 692 550
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.3%	26 538
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	4 002 256

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In November 2018, there were 133 669 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 343 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment decreased by 265 to 107 131 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 78 persons to 26 538 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 28 782 to 12 694 806 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 19 275 to 8 692 550 persons and part-time employment increased by 9507 to 4 002 256 persons.
- Territory employment levels have fallen six consecutive months, down about 4600 jobs since May 2018.

Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	5.0%
	Australia	↓ 0.1 ppt	5.1%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In November 2018, the Territory's unemployment rate increased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.0%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the fourth lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.4%), New South Wales (4.4%), and Victoria (4.6%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.3%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.1% from the previous month's revised figure.

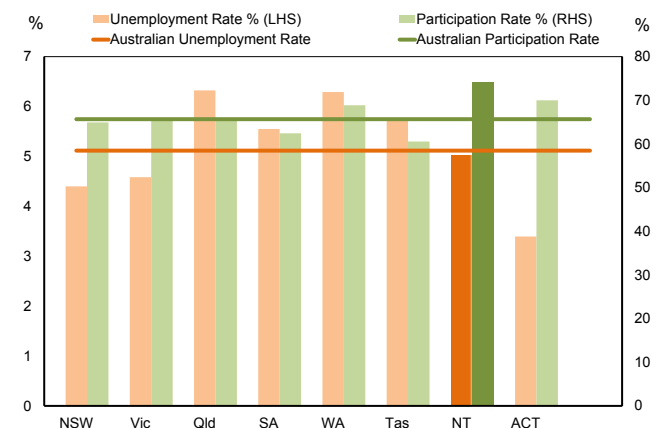
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↓ 0.3 ppt	74.0%
	Australia	↑ 0.1 ppt	65.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In November 2018, the Territory's labour force participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 74.0% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.0%) and then Western Australia (68.9%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.7% 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	↓ 0.1%	140 588
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 379 157
Civilian Population	NT	↓ 0.1%	188 994
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	20 364 632

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In November 2018, the Territory's labour force was 140 588 persons, a decrease of 110 from the previous month's revised figure.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 25 737 to 13 379 157 persons.

Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Oct 2017	Year to Date to Oct 2018
Commencements	↑ 16.5%	1796	2092
Completions	↓ 9.3%	785	712

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to October 2018, there were 2092 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 16.5% (296) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to October 2018, there were 712 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 9.3% (73) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 October 2018, there were 3284 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 (November 2018)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 1.3%	413
Technicians and Trade Workers	↑ 0.9%	312
Managers	↑ 0.7%	233
Sales Workers	↑ 0.3%	116
Professionals	↑ 0.1%	486
Labourers	↓ 0.4%	121
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 1.1%	168
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 2.2%	98
Total	↑ 0.1%	1829

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In November 2018, internet job vacancies increased by 0.1% in the Territory, with most occupation groups increasing except for Labourers, Community and personal service workers, and machinery operators and drivers.
- In November 2018, internet job vacancies for Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest monthly increase (1.3%), followed by

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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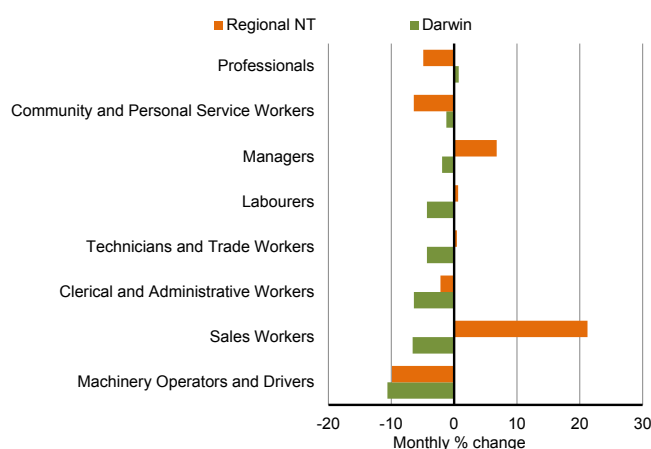
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Technicians and trade workers (0.9%), and Managers (0.7%).

- In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded increases in the month, while the other half decreased. Sales workers reported the largest increase (21.2%), followed by Managers (6.8%), and Labourers (0.6%). Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest decline (-9.9%), followed by Community and personal service workers (-6.4%).
- In the Darwin region, most occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Professionals. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (-10.6%), followed by Sales workers (-6.6%), then Clerical and administrative workers (-6.4%).

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)