

## Key Message

The Northern Territory continues to have the second lowest unemployment rate in Australia of 4.5%, behind the Australian Capital Territory (4.1%). Although the NT continues to maintain the highest participation rate (73.8%) of all jurisdictions, the NT labour market continues to show signs of moderation. Despite an increase in full-time employment in April, total employment has decreased 10 consecutive months, and lower newspaper job advertisements suggest further slowing in employment activity in the Territory in the short term is likely.

## Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↑ 0.1 ppt	4.5%
	Australia	↓ 0.1 ppt	5.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In April 2016, the Territory's unemployment rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.5%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions after the Australian Capital Territory (4.1%), while South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 7.0%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.7% in the month from the previous month's revised figure.

## Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	130.9
	Australia	- 0.0%	11 910.8
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.3%	107.1
	Australia	↓ 0.1%	8 174.4
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 1.8%	23.8
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	3 736.4

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In April 2016, there were 130 880 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 80 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 350 to 107 110 persons, while part-time employment decreased by 440 to 23 760 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 4100 to 11 910 760 persons.
- National full-time employment decreased by 6430 to 8 174 390 persons while part-time employment increased by 10 530 to 3 736 370 persons.

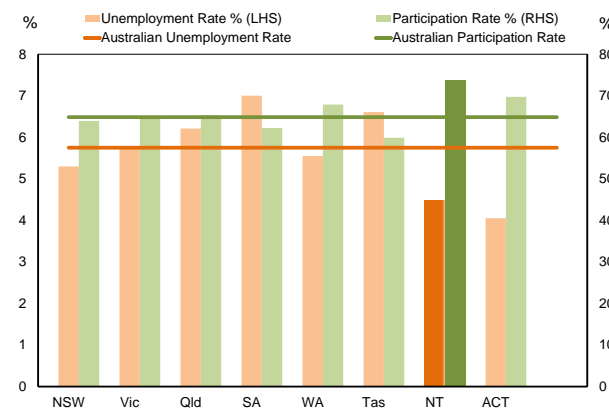
## Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	- 0.0 ppt	73.8%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	64.9%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In April 2016, the Territory's labour force participation rate was unchanged at 73.8% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate in Australia (73.8%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.7%) and Western Australia (67.9%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate was unchanged at 64.9% 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%	137.0
	Australia	- 0.0%	12 637.4
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.2%	186.0
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 494.1

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In April 2016, the Territory's labour force increased by 60 to 137 030 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 2210 to 12 637 390 persons.

## ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

		Monthly Change	Number of Job Ads
ANZ Job Ads	NT	↓ 1.5%	230
	Australia	↓ 3.0%	2 530

Source: ANZ Job Advertisement Series

- In April 2016, ANZ newspaper job ads decreased by 1.5% to 230 job ads in the Territory.
- Newspaper job ads decreased in all jurisdictions in the month, with monthly declines ranged from 8.6% in Western Australia to 0.9% in Victoria.
- Compared to April 2015, newspaper job ads decreased by 29.1% in the Territory, with all other jurisdictions also recording declines. The decreases ranged from a 58.8% fall in Western Australia to a 0.5% decline in New South Wales.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Mar 2015	Year to Date to Mar 2016
Commencements	↓ 22.5%	933	723
Completions	↓ 1.4%	217	214

Source: Northern Territory Department of Business

- In the period 1 January to 31 March 2016, there were 723 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 22.5% (210) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the period 1 January to 31 March 2016, there were 214 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 1.4% (3) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 March 2016, there were 3674 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: <https://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: <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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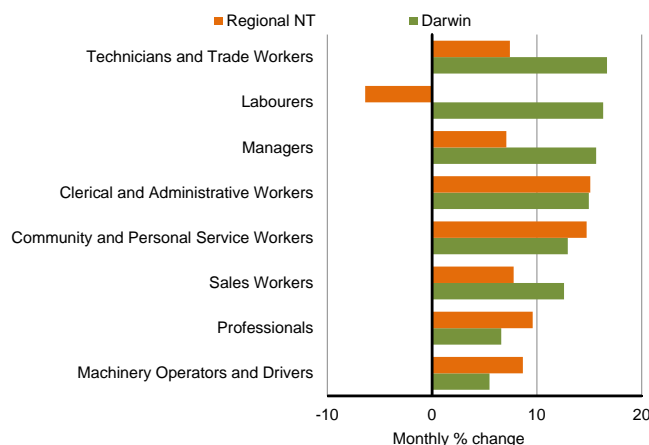
## Internet Job Vacancies (March 2016)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Technicians and Trade Workers	↑ 16.7%	273
Labourers	↑ 16.3%	118
Managers	↑ 15.7%	185
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 15.0%	254
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 13.0%	166
Sales Workers	↑ 12.6%	107
Professionals	↑ 6.6%	397
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↑ 5.5%	69
Total	↑ 12.4%	1 569

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In March 2016, internet job vacancies increased by 12.4% in the Territory, with increases recorded across all occupation groups.
- In March 2016, internet job vacancies for Technicians and trade workers reported the largest monthly increase (16.7%) and Machinery operators and drivers reported the smallest monthly increase (5.5%).
- In regional NT, increases were recorded across all occupation groups, except for Labourers which decreased by 6.4%.

### Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)