

Labour Market Brief – August 2018

Key Message

In August 2018, the Territory continues to hold the second lowest unemployment rate and the highest participation rate of all the jurisdictions. Employment levels fell marginally, but have been growing since the beginning of this year.

Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	139 613
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 620 720
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	112 553
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 616 250
Part-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.2%	27 060
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	4 004 471

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2018, there were 139 613 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 107 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment decreased by 61 to 112 553 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 46 persons to 27 060 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 28 970 to 12 620 720 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 20 939 to 8 616 250 persons and part-time employment increased by 8031 to 4 004 471 persons.

Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	0.0 ppt	4.0%
	Australia	↓ 0.1 ppt	5.3%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2018, the Territory's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 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 (3.7%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.3%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.3% from the previous month's revised figure.

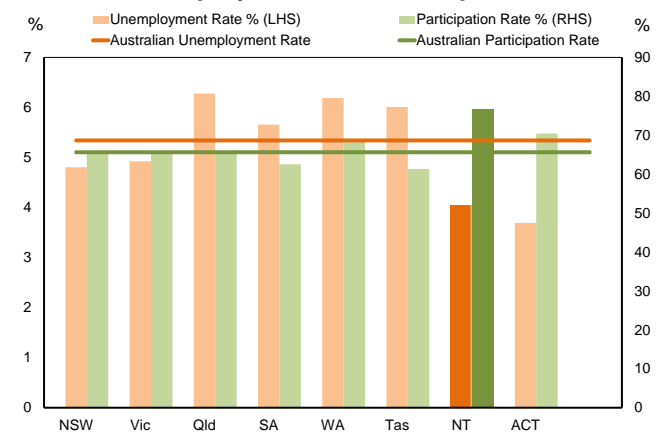
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	0.0 ppt	76.7%
	Australia	0.0 ppt	65.6%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2018, the Territory's labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 76.7% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.4%) and then Western Australia (68.5%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 65.6% 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%	145 612
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 332 586
Civilian Population	NT	0.0%	190 122
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	20 300 178

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In August 2018, the Territory's labour force was 145 612 persons, no substantial change from the previous month's revised figure.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 26 259 to 13 332 586 persons.

Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Jul 2017	Year to Date to Jul 2018
Commencements	↑ 11.7%	1339	1495
Completions	↓ 11.6%	545	482

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to July 2018, there were 1495 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 11.7% (156) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to July 2018, there were 482 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 11.6% (63) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 July 2018, there were 3327 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 (July 2018)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 1.3%	514
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↑ 0.8%	392
Managers	↑ 0.6%	226
Sales Workers	↓ 0.9%	122
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 0.9%	184
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 1.8%	316
Labourers	↓ 3.4%	143
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 3.8%	108
Total	↓ 1.1%	1879

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In July 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.1% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, Clerical and administrative workers, and Managers.
- In July 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly

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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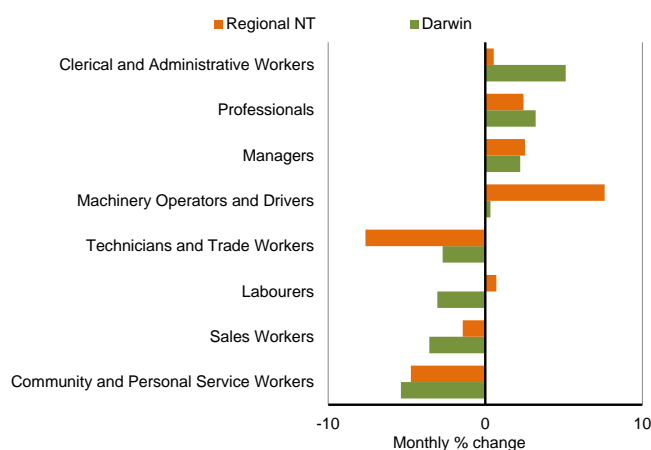
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decrease (2.3%), followed by Labourers (1.8%), and Sales workers (0.8%).

- In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Technicians and trade workers, Community and personal service workers, and Sales workers. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (7.6%), followed by Managers (2.5%), and then Professionals (2.4%).
- In the Darwin region, the largest monthly decrease was reported for Community and personal service workers (5.4%), followed by Sales workers (3.6%), then Labourers (3.1%).

Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)