

## Key Message

The Northern Territory, for second consecutive month, has had the second lowest unemployment rate in Australia of 4.1% behind the Australian Capital Territory (3.8%). The Territory also continues to maintain the highest participation rate (74.8%) of all jurisdictions. Over the past six months, the Territory labour market has been showing signs of improvement with the unemployment rate falling and jobs growth strengthening.

## Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↓ 0.1 ppt	4.1%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.7%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In May 2016, the Territory's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.1%, from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions after the Australian Capital Territory (3.8%), while South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.9%.
- 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	↑ 0.6%	133.7
	Australia	- 0.0%	11 919.4
Full-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.5%	108.3
	Australia	↓ 0.1%	8 156.9
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 1.0%	25.4
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	3 762.6

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In May 2016, there were 133 670 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 740 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment increased by 500 to 108 270 persons, while part-time employment increased by 240 to 25 410 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 3700 to 11 919 420 persons.
- National full-time employment decreased by 8910 to 8 156 860 persons while part-time employment increased by 12 610 to 3 762 560 persons.

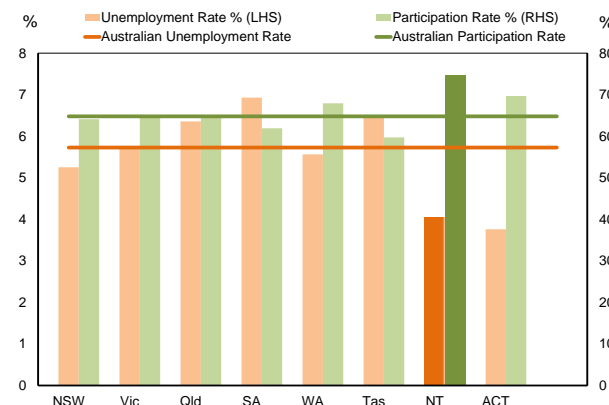
## Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↑ 0.2 ppt	74.8%
	Australia	↓ 0.1 ppt	64.8%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In May 2016, the Territory's labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 74.8% from the previous month's revised figure.
- The Territory has the highest participation rate in Australia (74.8%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.7%) and Western Australia (67.9%).
- Nationally, the labour force participation rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 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	↑ 0.4%	139.3
	Australia	- 0.0%	12 643.7
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.2%	186.6
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	19 518.4

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In May 2016, the Territory's labour force increased by 590 to 139 320 persons.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 1470 to 12 643 680 persons.

## ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

		Monthly Change	Number of Job Ads
ANZ Job Ads	NT	↓ 0.3%	234
	Australia	↓ 4.7%	2 304

Source: ANZ Job Advertisement Series

- In May 2016, ANZ newspaper job ads decreased by 0.3% to 234 job ads in the Territory.
- Newspaper job ads decreased in all jurisdictions in the month except Victoria which increased by 0.2%. Monthly declines ranged from an 8.4% fall in New South Wales to 0.3% in the Northern Territory.
- Compared to May 2015, newspaper job ads decreased by 27.0% in the Territory, with all other jurisdictions also recording declines. The decreases ranged from a 61.2% fall in Western Australia to a 5.6% decline in Victoria.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Apr 2015	Year to Date to Apr 2016
Commencements	↓ 12.5%	1 098	961
Completions	↓ 16.2%	321	269

Source: Northern Territory Department of Business

- In the period 1 January to 30 April 2016, there were 961 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 12.5% (137) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the period 1 January to 30 April 2016, there were 269 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 16.2% (52) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 30 April 2016, there were 3788 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: <http://www.dob.nt.gov.au/Employment/labour-market/Pages/default.aspx>.

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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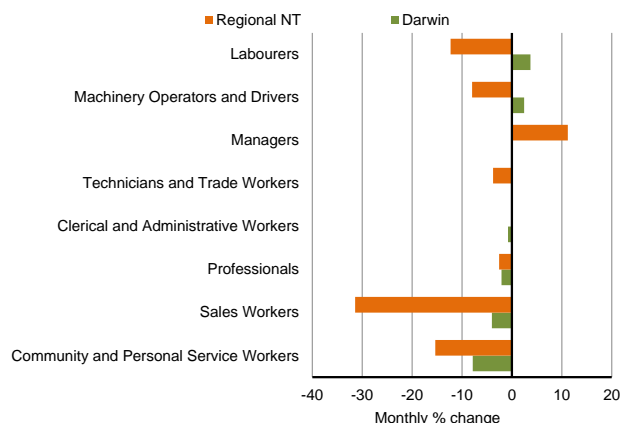
## Internet Job Vacancies (April 2016)

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Labourers	↑ 3.7%	123
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↑ 2.5%	71
Managers	↑ 0.2%	185
Technicians and Trade Workers	- 0.0%	273
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 0.8%	252
Professionals	↓ 2.1%	389
Sales Workers	↓ 4.0%	103
Community and Personal Service Workers	↓ 7.8%	153
Total	↓ 1.4%	1 548

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In April 2016, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.4% in the Territory, with decreases recorded across all occupation groups except Labourers, Machinery operators and drivers, Managers, and Technicians and trade workers.
- In April 2016, internet job vacancies for Labourers reported the largest monthly increase (3.7%) while Community and personal service workers reported the largest monthly decrease (7.8%).
- In regional NT, decreases were recorded across all occupation groups, except for Managers which increased by 11.2%, and Clerical and administrative workers which remained unchanged.

### Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies



Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)