# Key Message

In April 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.3%) and the highest participation rate (76.2%) of the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased with a growth in full-time. However, falling job vacancies may point to employers using other methods to advertise their vacancies, or labour market conditions softening in the short term.

## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2018, there were 136 711 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 311 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 589 to 108 169 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 279 persons to 28 542 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 13 750 to 12 505 151 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 5876 to 8 543 841 persons and part-time employment increased by 7874 to 3 961 310 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (4.0%). Western Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.4%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 76.2% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (71.3%) and Western Australia (68.5%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at to 65.7% from the previous month’s revised figure.

**Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates**

*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 261 to 142 861 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 15 141 to 13 238 438 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)



*Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation*

* In the year to date to March 2018, there were 734 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 12.4% (81) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to March 2018, there were 180 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 14.3% (30) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 March 2018, there were 3257 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 (March 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In March 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 0.4% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for the Machinery operators and drivers, and Labourers, which increased by 1.2% and 0.8% respectively.
* In March 2018, internet job vacancies for Managers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.3%), followed by Clerical and administrative workers (2.0%), and Sales workers (1.3%).
* In regional NT, all the occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (29.3%), followed by Sales workers (29.1%), and then Labourers (27.0%).
* In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded increases. The largest monthly increase was reported for Machinery operators and drivers (24.4%), followed by Labourers (19.3%), then Technicians and trade workers (18.3%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*