# 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

This table illustrates the employment status and employment numbers by persons in the Northern Territory and Australia. 

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and number of persons reported in thousands.  

Row two indicates the total employed persons in the Northern Territory increased by 0.2 to 136,711 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.1 to 12,505,151 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory increased by 0.5 to 108,169 persons.  

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 to 8,543,841 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 1.0 per cent to 28,542 persons.  

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 per cent to 3,961,310 persons.  



*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

This table illustrates the unemployment rate in the Northern Territory and Australia.
Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate.
Row two indicates the unemployment rate in the Northern Territory remained unchanged at 4.3 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.5 per cent.


*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

This table illustrates the participation rate in the Northern Territory and Australia. 

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate.  

Row two indicates the participation rate in the Northern Territory remained unchanged at 76.2 per cent from last month’s revised figure.

Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.7 per cent.


*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**

This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
New South Wales is 4.9 per cent.
Victoria is 5.3 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.3 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.9 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.4 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.0 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.3 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 4.0 per cent. 
Australia is 5.5 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 64.7 per cent.
Victoria is 65.4 per cent. 
Queensland is 66.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.9 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.5 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.9 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 76.2 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 72.3 per cent.
Australia is 65.7 per cent.
*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force

This table illustrates the labour force and civilian population numbers by persons in the Northern Territory and Australia.  

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and number of persons reported in thousands.  

Row two indicates the Northern Territory labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 142,861 persons.   

Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.1 per cent to 13,238,438 persons.   

Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 187,105 persons.   

Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20,184,181 persons.  


*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)

This table illustrates the apprentice and trainee commencements, in training and completions numbers in the Northern Territory.  
Row one are the headings: year to date change; year to date to March 2017; and year to date to March 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to March 2018 commencements increased by 12.4 per cent, from 653 to 734. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to March 2018 completions increased by 14.3 per cent, from 210 to 180.


*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)

This table illustrates the Northern Territory's monthly internet job vacancies within eight occupations.  
Row one are the headings: occupation; monthly change; and number of vacancies.  
Row two indicates the Machinery operators and drivers increased by 1.2 per cent to 139 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Labourers occupation increased by 0.8 per cent to 168 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Professionals occupation decreased by 0.4 per cent to 481 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 0.5 per cent to 185 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 0.6 per cent to 353 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Sales workers occupation decreased by 1.3 per cent to 125 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 2.0 per cent per cent to 392 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 2.3 per cent per cent to 217 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations increased by 0.4 per cent to 1,929 vacancies.  


*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**

This chart indicates the following increase and decrease of job vacancies in Darwin and regional NT across all occupations:
Sales workers in Darwin increased by 5.0 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 29.1 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 6.7 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 18.9 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 9.6 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 26.3 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 10.7 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT increased by 5.9 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin increased by 18.3 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 26.3 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 13.7 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 22.8 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin increased by 19.3 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 27.0 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin increased by 24.4 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 29.3 per cent. 

*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*