# Key Message

In June 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.1%) and the highest participation rate (76.9%) of the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased driven by growth in full-time employment. Growth in employment and job vacancies indicate an improvement in labour market conditions in the short term.

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## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In June 2018, there were 140 103 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 675 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 824 to 111 850 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 149 persons to 28 253 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 26 898 to 12 562 828 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 13 426 to 8 556 693 persons and part-time employment increased by 13 472 to 4 006 135 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In June 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 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 (3.5%). Western Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.2%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In June 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 76.9% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (71.0%) and then Western Australia (68.6%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at to 65.6% 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 June 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 669 to 146 146 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 25 663 to 13 281 850 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)



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

* In the year to date to May 2018, there were 1175 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 14.1% (145) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to May 2018, there were 342 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 11.9% (46) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 May 2018, there were 3271 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 (May 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In May 2018, internet job vacancies increased by 0.5% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, which increased by 1.3%, in the month.

In May 2018, internet job vacancies for Labourers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.6%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (0.9%), and Clerical and administrative workers (0.6%).

* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (35.8%), followed by Clerical and administrative workers (15.2%), and then Managers (14.2%).
* In the Darwin region, the largest monthly increase was reported for Sales workers (17.6%), followed by Managers (10.4%), and then Machinery operators and drivers (9.6).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*