# 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

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 0.5 to 140,103 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12,562,828 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory increased by 0.7 to 111,850 persons.  

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8,556,693 persons.  

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 0.7 to 28,253 persons.   

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.3 per cent to 4,006,135 persons.  


*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

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 4.1 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.4 per cent.


*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

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 increased by 0.2 percentage points to 76.9 per cent. 
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent. 


*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** This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
Western Australia is 6.2 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.3 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.6 per cent. 
Victoria is 5.3 per cent. 
New South Wales is 4.8 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.1 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 3.5 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 76.9 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 71.0 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.6 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.8 per cent. 
Victoria is 65.4 per cent. 
New South Wales is 65.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.8 per cent. 
Tasmania is 61.4 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 0.5 per cent to 146,146 persons.   
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13,281,850 persons.   
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 189,922 persons.   
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20,237,073 persons.  


*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)

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 May 2017; and year to date to May 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to May 2018 commencements increased by 14.1 per cent, from 1030 to 1175. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to May 2018 completions decreased by 11.9 per cent, from 388 to 342.


*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)

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 Professionals increased by 1.3 per cent to 504 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Sales workers occupation remained decreased by 0.1 per cent to 132 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 0.2 per cent to 221 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 0.2 per cent to 195 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 0.2 per cent to 135 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 0.6 per cent to 388 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent per cent to 341 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 2.6 per cent per cent to 153 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations increased by 0.5 per cent to 1971 vacancies.  


*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**

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 17.6 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 7.3 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 1.0 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 4.7 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 10.4 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 14.2 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 6.6 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT increased by 3.7 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin increased by 5.0 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 7.9 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 5.4 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 15.2 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin increased by 0.9 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 2.5 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin increased by 9.6 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 35.8 per cent. 

*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*