# Key Message

In May 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.0%) and the highest participation rate (76.4%) of the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased with a growth in full-time employment. Growth in employment and falling job vacancies indicate an improvement in labour market conditions 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 0.5 to 139,337 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.1 to 12,522,301 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory increased by 0.8 to 110,527 persons.  

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia remained unchanged at 8,534,162 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 0.8 per cent to 28,810 persons.  

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.3 per cent to 3,988,139 persons.  



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2018, there were 139 337 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 637 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 865 to 110 527 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 228 persons to 28 810 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 15 893 to 12 522 301 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 3958 to 8 534 162 persons and part-time employment increased by 11 935 to 3 988 139 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 4.0 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.5 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.7%). 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 76.4 per cent from last month’s revised figure.

Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.5 per cent.


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 76.4% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.5%) and Western Australia (68.6%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at to 65.5% 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 6.4 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.3 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.2 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.7 per cent. 
Victoria is 5.1 per cent. 
New South Wales is 4.9 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.0 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 3.7 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 76.4 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 70.5 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 64.8 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.9 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 0.4 per cent to 145,213 persons.   

Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.1 per cent to 13,245,975 persons.   

Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 189,497 persons.   

Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20,212,263 persons.  



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 552 to 145 213 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 14 425 to 13 245 975 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 April 2017; and year to date to April 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to April 2018 commencements increased by 19.2 per cent, from 869 to 1036. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to April 2018 completions decreased by 6.9 per cent, from 274 to 255.


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

* In the year to date to April 2018, there were 1036 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 19.2% (167) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to April 2018, there were 255 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 6.9% (19) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 30 April 2018, there were 3327 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 (April 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 Community and personal service workers increased by 0.3 per cent to 204 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Professionals occupation remained unchanged at 485 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 0.6 per cent to 163 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Sales workers occupation decreased by 0.6 per cent to 129 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 344 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 1.2 per cent to 389 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Managers workers occupation decreased by 1.8 per cent per cent to 214 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 2.6 per cent per cent to 125 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 0.1 per cent to 1934 vacancies.  


*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In April 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 0.1% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for the Community and personal service workers, which increased by 0.3%, and Professionals which was unchanged in the month.
* In April 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.6%), followed by Managers (1.8%), and Clerical and administrative workers (1.2%).
* In regional NT, most occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Sales workers reported the largest increase (15.5%), followed by Managers (7.2%), and then Clerical and administrative workers (5.1%).
* In the Darwin region, the largest monthly increase was reported for Community and personal service workers (4.1%), followed by both Labourers (4.0%), and Sales workers (4.0).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**

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