# Key Message

In February 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.4%), and the highest participation rate (76.1%) of the jurisdictions. However, labour market conditions continue to remain soft. Employment levels increased marginally with part-time employment offsetting a fall in full-time employment.

## 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 136,035 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12,480,477 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.2 to 106,061 persons.  

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 to 8,519,074 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 1.3 per cent to 29,974 persons.  

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.3 per cent to 3,961,404 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In February 2018, there were 136 035 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 222 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 171 to 106 061 persons, and part-time employment increased by 393 persons to 29 974 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 19 330 to 12 480 477 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 7730 to 8 519 074 persons and part-time employment increased by 11 600 to 3 961 404 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 decreased by 0.1 to 4.4 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.5 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In February 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.4%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions behind the Australian Capital Territory (4.1%). South Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.2%.
* 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 76.1 per cent.   

Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia increased by 0.1 to 65.7 per cent. 


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In February 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 76.1% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (72.8%) and Western Australia (68.2%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased marginally 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 5.7 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.1 per cent. 
South Australia is 6.2 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.0 per cent. 
Tasmania is 5.8 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.4 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 4.1 per cent. 
Australia is 5.5 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 64.6 per cent.
Victoria is 65.8 per cent. 
Queensland is 66.2 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.9 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.2 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.9 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 76.1 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 72.8 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 0.1 per cent to 142,277 persons.   

Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13,209,970 persons.   

Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population remained unchanged at 186,864 persons.   

Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 20,127,687 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In February 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 74 to 142 277 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 23 677 to 13 209 970 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 January 2017; and year to date to January 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to January 2018 commencements increased by 20.3 per cent, from 172 to 207. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to January 2018 completions decreased by 31.1 percent, from 61 to 42.


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

* In the year to date to January 2018, there were 207 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 20.3% (25) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to January 2018, there were 42 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 31.1% (19) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 January 2018, there were 3087 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 (January 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 1.7 per cent to 526 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation increased by 1.2 per cent to 202 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 0.1 per cent to 235 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Sales Workers occupation decreased by 0.7 per cent to 135 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 0.8 per cent to 126 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 0.8 per cent to 126 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 1.1 per cent per cent to 163 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 1.4 per cent per cent to 409 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations increased by 0.7 per cent to 2,064 vacancies.  


*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In January 2018, internet job vacancies increased by 0.7% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for the Professionals and Community and personal service workers, which increased by 1.7% and 1.2 respectively%.
* In January 2018, internet job vacancies for Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest monthly decrease (1.4%), followed by Labourers (1.1%), and Machinery operators and drivers (0.8%).
* In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded decreases in the month. Sales workers reported the largest decrease (22.8%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (14.6%), and then Managers (7.1%).
* In the Darwin region, half of the occupation groups recorded decreases. The largest monthly decrease was reported for Labourers (19.3%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (18.8%), then Sales workers (15.4%).

**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 decreased by 15.4 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT decreased by 22.8 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 1.2 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 21.4 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 1.2 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT decreased by 7.1 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 5.4 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 4.0 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 0.3 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 7.3 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 0.3 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 3.5 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 19.3 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 33.8 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 18.8 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT decreased by 14.6 per cent.


*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*