# Key Message

In August 2018, the Territory continues to hold the second lowest unemployment rate and the highest participation rate of all the jurisdictions. Employment levels fell marginally, and falling job vacancies indicate employment may be weak 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 decreased by 0.5 to 137,245 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12,640,791 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.6 to 110,811 persons.   

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8,645,769 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 0.1 to 26,434 persons.   

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 per cent to 3,995,022 persons.  



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In September 2018, there were 137 245 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 733 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 700 to 110 811 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 33 persons to 26 434 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 26 401 to 12 640 791 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 21 469 to 8 645 769 persons and part-time employment increased by 4931 to 3 995 022 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 increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.1 per cent.
Row three indicates the unemployment rate for Australia remained unchanged at 5.2 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In September 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 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 (3.6%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.1%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.2% 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 decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 75.3 per cent.   
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent.


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In September 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 75.3% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.6%) and then Western Australia (68.5%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 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:
Queensland is 6.1 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.1 per cent. 
Tasmania is 5.9 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.6 per cent. 
Victoria is 4.7 per cent. 
New South Wales is 4.5 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.1 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 3.6 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 75.3 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 70.6 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.5 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.8 per cent. 
Victoria is 65.6 per cent. 
New South Wales is 65.1 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.3 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.9 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 decreased by 0.5 per cent to 143,183 persons.   
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.1 per cent to 13,329,264 persons.   
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population remained unchanged at 190,128 persons.   
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20,325,829 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In September 2018, the Territory’s labour force was 143 183 persons, a decrease of 676 from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 15 871 to 13 329 264 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 August 2017; and year to date to August 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to August 2018 commencements increased by 16.1 per cent, from 1510 to 1753. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to August 2018 completions decreased by 11.6 per cent, from 619 to 547.


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

* In the year to date to August 2018, there were 1753 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 16.1% (243) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to August 2018, there were 547 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 11.6% (72) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 August 2018, there were 3405 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 (August 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 Clerical and administrative workers increased by 1.3 per cent to 397 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Managers occupation increased by 0.4 per cent to 227 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Professionals occupation increased by 0.2 per cent to 504 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Sales Workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 119 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Community and Personal Service Workers occupation decreased by 1.3 per cent to 178 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Technicians and Trade Workers occupation decreased by 1.3 per cent to 309 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 2.6 per cent per cent to 110 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 3.8 per cent per cent to 133 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 1.1 per cent to 1859 vacancies.  


*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In August 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.1% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Clerical and administrative workers, Managers, and Professionals.
* In August 2018, internet job vacancies for Labourers reported the largest monthly decrease (3.8%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (2.6%), and Technicians and trade workers (1.3%).
* In regional NT, most occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Machinery operators and drivers, Technicians and trade workers, Managers, and Professionals. Labourers reported the largest increase (6.2%), followed by Community and personal service workers (1.5%), and then Clerical and administrative workers (0.5%).
* In the Darwin region, the largest monthly decrease was reported for Sales workers (7.1%), followed by Managers (6.5%), then Technicians and trade workers (6.1%).

**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 7.1 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT remained unchanged.  
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin decreased by 5.7 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 1.5 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 6.5 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT decreased by 1.2 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin decreased by 1.2 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 1.1 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 6.1 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT decreased by 7.0 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 0.7 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 0.5 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 0.3 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 6.2 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 3.0 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT decreased by 7.1 per cent.


*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*