# Key Message

In January 2018, the Territory had the second lowest unemployment rate (4.6%), and the highest participation rate (76.2%) of the jurisdictions. However, labour market conditions continue to remain soft, with employment marginally increasing by 316 persons.

## 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 per cent to 136 078 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 per cent to 12 446 597 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory remained unchanged at 106 816 persons.   
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 to 8 495 169 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 0.9 per cent to 29 262 persons.   

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.4 per cent to 3 951 428 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In January 2018, there were 136 078 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 316 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 51 to 106 816 persons, and part-time employment increased by 265 persons to 29 262 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 23 007 to 12 446 597 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 8772 to 8 495 169 persons and part-time employment increased by 14 234 to 3 951 428 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 0.2 to 4.6 per cent. 

Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.5 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In January 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.6%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions behind the Australian Capital Territory (4.0%). Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia all reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.0%.
* 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 increased by 0.2 to 76.2 per cent.   

Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent.


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In January 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 76.2% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (72.9%) and Western Australia (68.4%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased marginally 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:
New South Wales is 4.8 per cent.
Victoria is 5.7 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 6.0 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.0 per cent. 
Tasmania is 5.7 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.6 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 4.0 per cent. 
Australia is 5.5 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 64.4 per cent.
Victoria is 66.1 per cent. 
Queensland is 66.1 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.3 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.4 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.9 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 76.2 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 72.9 per cent.
Australia is 65.6 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 0.2 per cent to 142 676 persons.   
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13 166 788 persons.   
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population remained unchanged at 187 245 persons.   

Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 20 082 775 persons.  
*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In January 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 292 to 142 676 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 25 589 to 13 166 788 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 Dec 2016; and year to date to Dec 2017. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to December 2017 commencements decreased by 10.4 percent, from 2262 to 2027. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to December 2017 completions decreased by 4.6 percent, from 1076 to 1027.


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

* In the year to date to December 2017, there were 2027 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 10.4% (235) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to December 2017, there were 1027 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 4.6% (49) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 December 2017, there were 3017 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 (December 2017)

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 Sales workers increased by 0.2 per cent to 142 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 0.4 per cent to 185 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 0.6 per cent to 416 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 0.7 per cent to 225 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Professionals occupation decreased by 0.7 per cent to 483 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 2.6 per cent to 162 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 3.3 per cent per cent to 326 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 6.8 per cent per cent to 107 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 2.3 per cent to 1,875 vacancies.  


*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In December 2017, internet job vacancies decreased by 2.3% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for Sales workers, which increased by 0.2%.
* In December 2017, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (6.8%), followed by Technicians and trader workers (3.3%), and Labourers (2.6%).
* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month. Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest decrease (18.6%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (18.0%), and then Managers (16.4%).
* In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded decreases. The largest monthly decrease was reported for Machinery operators and drivers (27.5%), followed by Labourers (20.9%), then Technicians and trade workers (19.3%).

**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 13.1 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT decreased by 11.4 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin decreased by 14.9 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT decreased by 12.0 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 14.3 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 16.4 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin decreased by 7.3 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 15.8 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 19.3 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT decreased by 18.0 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin decreased by 12.3 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT decreased by 18.6 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 20.9 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT decreased by 12.8 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 27.5 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT decreased by 12.7 per cent.


*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*