# Key Message

In July 2018, the Territory continues to hold the second lowest unemployment rate and the highest participation rate of all the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased with growth in full-time employment more than offsetting a fall in part-time employment.

## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2018, there were 140 616 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 586 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 647 to 113 178 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 61 persons to 27 438 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 26 922 to 12 581 612 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 18 164 to 8 581 153 persons and part-time employment increased by 8759 to 4 000 459 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 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 (3.6%). Tasmania 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



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 77.2% 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 to 65.5% from the previous month’s revised figure.

**Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates** *Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 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)



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

* In the year to date to June 2018, there were 1318 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 10.5% (125) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to June 2018, there were 398 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 14.8% (69) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 30 June 2018, there were 3281 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 (June 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In June 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 0.2% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, Managers, and Clerical and administrative workers.
* In June 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.3%), followed by Labourers (1.8%), and Sales workers (0.8%).
* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Sales workers and Community and administrative workers. Labourers reported the largest increase (18.8%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (9.7%), and then Professionals (2.0%).
* In the Darwin region, the largest monthly decrease was reported for Labourers (14.2%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (2.3%), then Technicians and trade workers (1.7%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*