# Key Message

In March 2018, the Territory had the lowest unemployment rate (3.9%) and the highest participation rate (76.4%) of the jurisdictions. Employment levels increased with growth in part-time and full-time employment levels.

## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2018, there were 137 342 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 675 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment increased by 414 to 107 361 persons, and part-time employment increased by 261 persons to 29 981 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 14 027 to 12 485 800 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 1153 to 8 524 368 persons and part-time employment increased by 12 875 to 3 961 432 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.9%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the lowest of the jurisdictions, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (4.1%). Western Australia reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.4%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.6% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 76.4% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (72.1%) and Western Australia (68.4%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at to 65.7% 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 March 2018, the Territory’s labour force increased by 591 to 143 090 persons.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 17 549 to 13 220 780 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)



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

* In the year to date to February 2018, there were 469 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 2.2% (10) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to February 2018, there were 121 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, an increase of 5.8% (7) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 January 2018, there were 3181 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 (March 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In March 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 0.4% in the Territory, with all of the occupation groups decreasing except for the Machinery operators and drivers, and Labourers, which increased by 1.2% and 0.8% respectively.
* In March 2018, internet job vacancies for Managers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.3%), followed by Clerical and administrative workers (2.0%), and Sales workers (1.3%).
* In regional NT, all the occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (29.3%), followed by Sales workers (29.1%), and then Labourers (27.0%).
* In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded increases. The largest monthly increase was reported for Machinery operators and drivers (24.4%), followed by Labourers (19.3%), then Technicians and trade workers (18.3%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*