# Key Message

In October 2018, the Territory continued to report the highest participation rate of all jurisdictions, although labour market conditions have softened over the past six months. Unemployment has risen six consecutive months and employment levels have fallen, down about 3100 jobs since May 2018. Declining job vacancies indicate weak employment conditions may persist 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 to 13588000 persons.  
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 1266583600 persons.  
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0 to 10910100 persons.  
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.3 to 868122900 persons.  
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 0.1 per cent to 2677900 persons.  
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 per cent to 398460700 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In October 2018, there were 135 880 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 752 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 766 to 109 101 persons, and part-time employment increased by 14 persons to 26 779 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 25 435 to 12 665 836 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 22 923 to 8 681 229 persons and part-time employment increased by 2512 to 3 984 607 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 0.3 percentage points to 4.6 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.1 per cent.



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In October 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate increased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 4.6%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the equal third lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.7%), Victoria (4.5%), and equal with New South Wales (4.6%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.2%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.1% 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 three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent. 


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In October 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 74.7% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.1%) 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:
New South Wales is 4.6 per cent.
Victoria is 4.5 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.2 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.5 per cent. 
Western Australia is 5.9 per cent. 
Tasmania is 5.6 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.6 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.7 per cent. 
Australia is 5.1 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 65.2 per cent.
Victoria is 65.5 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.6 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.3 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.5 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.8 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 74.7 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 70.1 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 decreased by 0.4 per cent to 14239800 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.1 per cent to 1334614600 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population decreased by 0 to 19000300 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 2035271000 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In October 2018, the Territory’s labour force was 142 398 persons, a decrease of 571 from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 17 815 to 13 346 146 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 September 2017; and year to date to September 2018.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to September 2018 commencements increased by 13.1 percent, from 1667 to 1885.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to September 2018 completions decreased by 12.4 percent, from 704 to 617.


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

* In the year to date to September 2018, there were 1885 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 13.1% (218) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to September 2018, there were 617 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 12.4% (87) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 30 September 2018, there were 3344 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 (September 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 Technicians and trade workers increased by 1.3 per cent to 402 vacancies.  
Row three indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation remained unchanged at 140 vacancies.  
Row four indicates the professionals occupation decreased by 0 to 219 vacancies.  
Row five indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 0 to 115 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 0 to 300 vacancies.  
Row seven indicates the Sales workers occupation decreased by 0 to 483 vacancies.  
Row eight indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 0.01 per cent to 173 vacancies.  
Row nine indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 0.02 per cent to 102 vacancies.  
Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 0 to 1798 vacancies.  


*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In September 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.6% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Clerical and administrative workers, and Labourers, which was unchanged.
* In September 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.4%), followed by Community and personal service workers (1.3%), and Professionals (1.3%).
* In regional NT, most occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Technicians and trade workers, and Managers. Sales workers reported the largest increase (26.5%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (11.4%), and then Clerical and administrative workers (9.4%).
* In the Darwin region, most occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Labourers, and Sales workers. Community and personal service workers reported the largest monthly decrease (7.6%), followed by Managers (4.8%), then Technicians and trade workers (3.9%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**

This chart indicates the following increase and decrease of job vacancies in regional NT and Darwin:
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 11.4 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 0.7 per cent. 
Clerical and administrative workers in regional NT increased by 9.4 per cent. 
Clerical and administrative workers in Darwin decreased by 3.3 per cent. 
Labourers in regional NT increased by 3.2 per cent. 
Labourers in Darwin increased by 9.5 per cent. 
Community and personal service workers in regional NT increased by 5.9 per cent. 
Community and personal service workers in Darwin decreased by 7.6 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 26.5 per cent. 
Sales workers in Darwin increased by 0.7 per cent.
Professionals in regional NT increased by 0.9 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin decreased by 3.4 per cent. 
Technicians and trade workers in regional NT decreased by 2.8 per cent. 
Technicians and trade workers in Darwin decreased by 3.9 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT decreased by 2.5 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 4.8 per cent.

*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*