# Key Message

In November 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 six consecutive months. Slightly higher job vacancies indicate employment conditions may stabilise in the short term.

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## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In November 2018, there were 133 669 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 343 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 265 to 107 131 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 78 persons to 26 538 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 28 782 to 12 694 806 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 19 275 to 8 692 550 persons and part-time employment increased by 9507 to 4 002 256 persons.
* Territory employment levels have fallen six consecutive months, down about 4600 jobs since May 2018.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In November 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate increased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.0%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the fourth lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.4%), New South Wales (4.4%), and Victoria (4.6%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.3%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.1% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In November 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 74.0% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.0%) and then Western Australia (68.9%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point 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 November 2018, the Territory’s labour force was 140 588 persons, a decrease of 110 from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 25 737 to 13 379 157 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)



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

* In the year to date to October 2018, there were 2092 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 16.5% (296) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to October 2018, there were 712 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 9.3% (73) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 October 2018, there were 3284 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 (November 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In November 2018, internet job vacancies increased by 0.1% in the Territory, with most occupation groups increasing except for Labourers, Community and personal service workers, and machinery operators and drivers.
* In November 2018, internet job vacancies for Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest monthly increase (1.3%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (0.9%), and Managers (0.7%).
* In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded increases in the month, while the other half decreased. Sales workers reported the largest increase (21.2%), followed by Managers (6.8%), and Labourers (0.6%). Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest decline (-9.9%), followed by Community and personal service workers (-6.4%).
* In the Darwin region, most occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Professionals. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (-10.6%), followed by Sales workers (-6.6%), then Clerical and administrative workers (-6.4%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*