# 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

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 13366900 persons.  
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 1269480600 persons.  
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0 to 10713100 persons.  
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 869255000 persons.  
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 0 to 2653800 persons.  
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 per cent to 400225600 persons.  

*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

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 0.2 percentage points to 5.0 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 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

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 increased to 65.7 per cent and the Northern Territory decreased to 74 per cent.

*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** This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
New South Wales is 4.4 per cent.
Victoria is 4.6 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.3 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.6 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.3 per cent. 
Tasmania is 5.8 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 5.0 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.4 per cent. 
Australia is 5.1 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 64.9 per cent.
Victoria is 65.8 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.7 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.4 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.9 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.6 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 74.0 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 70.0 per cent.
Australia is 65.7 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 0.1 per cent to 14058800 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 1337915700 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population decreased by 0 to 18899400 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 2036463200 persons.

*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)

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 October 2017; and year to date to October 2018.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to October 2018 commencements increased by 16.5 percent, from 1796 to 2092.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to October 2018 completions decreased by 9.3 percent, from 785 to 712.


*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)

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 413 vacancies.  
Row three indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation increased by 0.9 per cent to 312 vacancies.  
Row four indicates the professionals occupation increased by 0.7 per cent to 233 vacancies.  
Row five indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation increased by 0.3 per cent to 116 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Managers occupation increased by 0.1 per cent to 486 vacancies.  
Row seven indicates the Sales workers occupation decreased by 0 to 121 vacancies.  
Row eight indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 0.01 per cent to 168 vacancies.  
Row nine indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 0.02 per cent to 98 vacancies.  
Row ten indicates the total occupations increased by 0.1 per cent to 1829 vacancies.

*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**

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 6.6 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 21.2 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin decreased by 1.2 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT decreased by 6.4 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 1.9 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 6.8 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 0.7 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 4.9 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 4.3 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 0.4 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin decreased by 6.4 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT decreased by 2.2 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 4.3 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 0.6 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 10.6 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT decreased by 9.9 per cent.


*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*