# Key Message

Labour market conditions in the Territory continue to remain soft. The unemployment rate has marginally increased to 4.9%, ranking fourth lowest of all jurisdictions. Employment levels increased slightly in July 2019, with an increase in part-time employment offsetting a fall in full-time employment. However, the year on year employment levels fell. The participation rate continues to trend downwards but remains highest of all jurisdictions.

## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2019, there were 129 189 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 284 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 167 to 99 555 persons, and part-time employment increased by 451 to 29 634 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 24 640 to 12 915 217 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 15 055 to 8 849 475 persons and part-time employment increased by 9585 to 4 065 741 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2019, the Territory’s unemployment rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.9%.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the fourth lowest of the jurisdictions after Victoria (4.8%), New South Wales (4.5%), and the Australian Capital Territory (3.5%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.7%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.3% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate



*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In July 2019, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 71.3% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (70.4%) and then Western Australia (68.3%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.1% 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 2019, the Territory’s labour force was 135 720 persons, an increase of 0.2% from last month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 0.2% to 13 630 784 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)1



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

* In the year to date to June 2019, there were 1466 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 9.3% (125) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to June 2019, there were 393 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 6.2% (26) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 30 June 2019, there were 3618 apprentices and trainees in training.

## Internet Job Vacancies (June 2019)2



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In June 2019, total internet job vacancies decreased by 1.3% (trend) to 1703 in the Territory.
* In June 2019, internet job vacancies decreased for all occupations, except for Professionals, and Community and Personal Service Workers, which increased by 1.0% and 0.6% respectively.
* Clerical and Administrative Workers reported the largest monthly decrease (5.4%) in the Territory, followed by Machinery Operators and Drivers (2.9%), and Labourers (2.9%).
* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Machinery Operators and Drivers, which increased by 5.2%.
* In regional NT, the largest decrease in the month was Professionals (11.9%), followed by Managers (8.6%), and then Clerical and Administrative Workers (6.7%).
* In the Darwin region, almost all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Community and Personal Service Workers, Professionals, and Clerical and Administrative Workers, which increased by 8.2%, 6.9% and 5.8% respectively.
* In the Darwin region, the largest decrease was Technicians and Trade Workers (7.7%), followed by Labourers (4.2%), then Sales Workers (3.5%).3

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*

1. *Caution should be exercised in the use of this data as training data has a natural lag (up to six months after the commencement date) and are subject to future revisions.*
2. *It should be noted that this table provides trend data.*
3. *It should be noted that Darwin and regional NT data are original data with a three month rolling average.*