# Key Message

In August 2018, the Territory continues to hold the second lowest unemployment rate and the highest participation rate of all the jurisdictions. Employment levels fell marginally, but have been growing since the beginning of this year.

## Employment



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In August 2018, there were 139 613 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 107 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 61 to 112 553 persons, and part-time employment decreased by 46 persons to 27 060 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 28 970 to 12 620 720 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 20 939 to 8 616 250 persons and part-time employment increased by 8031 to 4 004 471 persons.

## Unemployment Rate



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In August 2018, the Territory’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the second lowest of the jurisdictions, after the Australian Capital Territory (3.7%). Queensland reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.3%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased 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 August 2018, the Territory’s labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 76.7% 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 (68.5%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 65.6% from the previous month’s revised figure.

**Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates** *Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In August 2018, the Territory’s labour force was 145 612 persons, no substantial change from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 26 259 to 13 332 586 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)



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

* In the year to date to July 2018, there were 1495 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 11.7% (156) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to July 2018, there were 482 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 11.6% (63) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 31 July 2018, there were 3327 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 (July 2018)



*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In July 2018, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.1% in the Territory, with most occupation groups decreasing except for Professionals, Clerical and administrative workers, and Managers.
* In July 2018, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly decrease (2.3%), followed by Labourers (1.8%), and Sales workers (0.8%).
* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Technicians and trade workers, Community and personal service workers, and Sales workers. Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest increase (7.6%), followed by Managers (2.5%), and then Professionals (2.4%).
* In the Darwin region, the largest monthly decrease was reported for Community and personal service workers (5.4%), followed by Sales workers (3.6%), then Labourers (3.1%).

**Chart 2: Northern Territory Job Vacancies**



*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*