# 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

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 0.1 to 139,613 persons.   

Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12,620,720 persons.   

Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.1 to 112,553 persons.   

Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8,616,250 persons.   

Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory decreased by 0.2 to 27,060 persons.   

Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 per cent to 4,004,471 persons.  


*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

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 remained unchanged at 4 per cent.
Row three indicates the unemployment rate for Australia decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.3 per cent.


*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

This table illustrates the participation rate in the Northern Territory and Australia. 
Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate.  
Row two indicates the participation rate in the Northern Territory remained unchanged at 76.7 per cent.   
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent.


*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** This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
Queensland is 6.3 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.2 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.7 per cent. 
Victoria is 4.9 per cent. 
New South Wales is 4.8 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.0 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 3.7 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 76.7 per cent. 
Australian Capital Territory is 70.4 per cent. 
Western Australia is 68.5 per cent. 
Queensland is 66.0 per cent. 
Victoria is 65.6 per cent. 
New South Wales is 65.2 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.5 per cent. 
Tasmania is 61.3 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 remained unchanged with 145,612 persons.   
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13,332,586 persons.   
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population remained unchanged at 190,122 persons.   
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20,300,178 persons.  


*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)

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 July 2017; and year to date to July 2018. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to June 2018 commencements increased by 11.7 per cent, from 1339 to 1495. 
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to July 2018 completions decreased by 11.6 per cent, from 545 to 482.


*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)

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 Professionals increased by 1.3 per cent to 514 vacancies.   
Row three indicates the Clerical and Administrative Workers occupation increased by 0.6 per cent to 226 vacancies.   
Row four indicates the Managers occupation increased by 0.6 per cent to 226 vacancies.   
Row five indicates the Sales Workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 122 vacancies.  
Row six indicates the Community and Personal Service Workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 184 vacancies.   
Row seven indicates the Technicians and Trade Workers occupation decreased by 1.8 per cent to 316 vacancies.   
Row eight indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 3.4 per cent per cent to 143 vacancies.   
Row nine indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 3.8 per cent per cent to 108 vacancies.   
Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 1.1 per cent to 1879 vacancies.  


*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**

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 3.6 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT decreased by 1.4 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin decreased by 5.4 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT decreased by 4.7 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 2.2 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 2.5 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 3.2 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT increased by 2.4 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 2.7 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT decreased by 7.6 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 5.1 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 0.5 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 3.1 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 0.7 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 0.3 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 7.6 per cent.


*Source: Department of Employment (Australian Government)*