

Labour market brief – June 2019

Key Message

Labour market conditions in the Territory remain soft. The unemployment rate has remained steady this month, but has increased by 0.5 of a percentage point over the year. Employment levels increased slightly in June 2019, with an increase in part-time employment offsetting a fall in full-time employment. This was the first increase in 14 months. In 2018-19 employment fell by 3.5%, or 4773 people. The participation rate continues to trend downwards but remains highest of all jurisdictions.

Employment

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	- 0.0%	129 105
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 875 747
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	100 746
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 816 194
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 0.6%	28 359
	Australia	↑ 0.3%	4 059 553

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2019, there were 129 105 people employed in the Territory, a marginal increase of 49 persons from the previous month's revised figure.
- Territory full-time employment decreased by 120 to 100 746 persons, and part-time employment increased by 168 to 28 359 persons.
- Nationally, employment increased by 26 306 to 12 875 747 persons.
- National full-time employment increased by 15 048 to 8 816 194 persons and part-time employment increased by 11 258 to 4 059 553 persons.
- Territory employment levels have slightly increased for the first time in 14 months.

Unemployment Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	- 0.0 ppt	4.6%
	Australia	- 0.0 ppt	5.2%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2019, the Territory's unemployment rate remained steady at 4.6%.
- The Territory's unemployment rate is the third lowest of the jurisdictions after New South Wales (4.5%) and the Australian Capital Territory (3.4%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.7%.
- Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.2% from the previous month's revised figure.

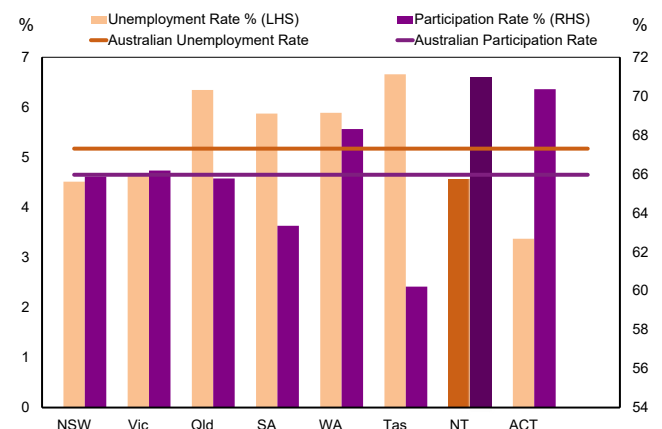
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↓ 0.4 ppt	71.0%
	Australia	↑ 0.1 ppt	66.0%

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2019, the Territory's labour force participation rate decreased by 0.4 of a percentage point to 71.0% 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 66.0% from the previous month's revised figure.

Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates



Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

Labour Force

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Labour Force	NT	- 0.0%	135 288
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 577 399
Civilian Population	NT	↑ 0.1%	189 021
	Australia	↑ 0.1%	20 586 402

Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0

- In June 2019, the Territory's labour force was 135 288 persons, unchanged from last month's revised figure.
- Nationally, the labour force increased by 0.2% to 13 577 399 persons.

Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)¹

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to May 2018	Year to Date to May 2019
Commencements	↑ 9.9%	1206	1325
Completions	↓ 10.0%	360	324

Source: Northern Territory Department of Trade, Business and Innovation

- In the year to date to May 2019, there were 1325 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 9.9% (119) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- In the year to date to May 2019, there were 324 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 10.0% (36) compared to the same period in the previous year.
- As at 31 May 2019, there were 3627 apprentices and trainees in training.

Internet Job Vacancies (May 2019)²

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 2.2%	535
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 0.2%	182
Sales Workers	↓ 0.8%	118
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 1.0%	273
Managers	↓ 1.5%	201
Labourers	↓ 2.7%	119
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 3.3%	100
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 5.7%	349
Total	↓ 1.1%	1762

Source: Australian Government Department of Employment

- In May 2019, total internet job vacancies decreased by 1.1% (trend) to 1762 in the Territory.
- In May 2019, internet job vacancies for Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest monthly decrease (5.7%) in the Territory, followed by Machinery operators and drivers (3.3%), then Labourers (2.7%).
- In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Managers (10.8%), Machinery operators and drivers (2.7%), Sales workers (2.4%), and Technicians and trade workers (0.5%).

Notes

Employment figures refer to Territory residents that are employed and do not capture persons working in the Territory that normally reside outside the Territory.

All data referred to in the brief are in trend terms, except for the apprentice and trainee data, which are in original terms.

Current labour market briefs are available online at: <https://business.nt.gov.au/business-and-economic-data/labour-market-information/nt-labour-market-information>

For information on the data sources used and a glossary of labour market terms please see Labour Market Terms and Information at the above link.

Please note that changes to geographical standards and population re-benchmarking have resulted in revisions to labour market estimates. For further information please go to: www.abs.gov.au/

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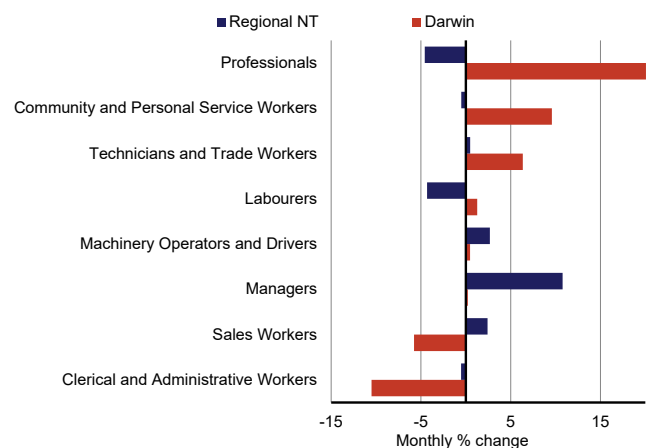
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- In regional NT, the largest decrease in the month was Professionals (4.6%), followed by Labourers (4.3%), and then Clerical and administrative workers (0.5%).
- In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month, except for Clerical and administrative workers, and Sales workers which decreased by 10.5%, and 5.8% respectively.
- In the Darwin region, the largest increase was Professionals occupation (20.5%), followed by Community and personal service workers (9.6%), then Technicians and trade workers (6.3%).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.