Northern Territory Labour Market
March 2021

Monthly change (unless otherwise specified)

Total resident population: 246,500
Quarterly change (September 2020): 30.3%
Aboriginal (Census data): 59.1%
Live in greater Darwin area: 1.0%

Working age population 15+ years:
- 188,685 persons
- 72.7% in labour force
- 21.8% part time
- 5.6% unemployed

Population pyramid:
- Available Northern Territory
- Northern Territory
- Australia

Employed:
- 129,500 persons
- 1551 persons unemployed

Unemployed:
- 7641 persons
- 853 persons part time
- 0.7 ppt

National unemployment rate: 5.6%

Youth unemployment:
- 2511 persons
- 15.4%
- 142 persons
- 2.4 ppts

Job vacancies:
- 0.0% NT change
- 2.6% Australia change

Regional unemployment rates:
- Northern Territory: 6.8%
- Australian Capital Territory: 6.5%
- Darwin: 6.9%
- Alice Springs: 4.2%
- Daly: 8.8%
- Yulara: 8.8%
- Katherine: 6.1%
- East Arnhem: 6.9%
- West Arnhem: 6.9%
- Barkly: 8.8%

Top 5 industries:
- Public administration and safety: 16.7%
- Health care and social assistance: 18.7%
- Construction: 8.4%
- Retail: 8.4%
- Education and training: 7.3%

Employment growth by industry:
- Mining: 2900, 33.2%
- Electricity, Gas, Water: 2100, 15.2%
- Health care and social assistance: 22600, 13.6%
- Public Administration: 22700, 9.7%
- Education and training: 13100, 5.6%

Wage price index:
- NT change in price of wages: 0.7%
- NT change in private sector: 0.4%
- NT change in public sector: 1.3%
- National change in price of wages: 0.5%

Employment and participation rates:
- Northern Territory participation rate: 66.3%
- National participation rate: 63.7%
- Aboriginal participation rate: 37.3%
- NT Aboriginal participation rate (2016): 41.0%

Top 5 top 5 NT change in price of wages: 0.7%
NT change in private sector: 0.4%
NT change in public sector: 1.3%
National change in price of wages: 0.5%

Youth unemployment rate:
- Northern Territory: 6.8%
- Australia: 2.6%

Median age:
- Northern Territory: 33.2 years
- Australia: 37 years

Education and training:
- 7.3%

Northern Territory:
- 25.7 million
- 20% of national population

Health care and social assistance:
- 18.7%

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