

Labour market brief – July 2019

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

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Total Employed	NT	↑ 0.2%	129 189
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	12 915 217
Full-Time Employed	NT	↓ 0.1%	99 555
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	8 849 475
Part-Time Employed	NT	↑ 1.5%	29 634
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	4 065 741

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

		Monthly Change	Rate
Unemployment Rate	NT	↑ 0.1 ppt	4.9%
	Australia	↑ 0.1 ppt	5.3%

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.

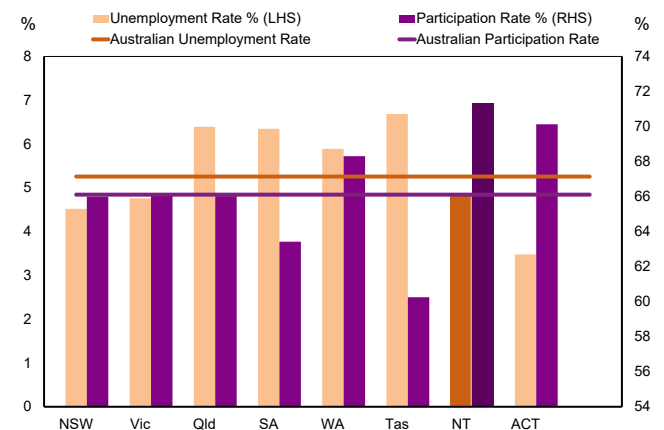
Participation Rate

		Monthly Change	Rate
Participation Rate	NT	↓ 0.2 ppt	71.3%
	Australia	↑ 0.1 ppt	66.1%

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

		Monthly Change	Number of Persons ('000)
Labour Force	NT	↑ 0.2%	135 720
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	13 630 784
Civilian Population	NT	- 0.0%	189 030
	Australia	↑ 0.2%	20 620 780

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

	Year to Date Change	Year to Date to Jun 2018	Year to Date to Jun 2019
Commencements	↑ 9.3%	1341	1466
Completions	↓ 6.2%	419	393

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

Occupation	Monthly Change	Number of Vacancies
Professionals	↑ 1.0%	516
Community and Personal Service Workers	↑ 0.6%	185
Sales Workers	↓ 1.3%	114
Technicians and Trade Workers	↓ 1.9%	254
Managers	↓ 2.0%	195
Labourers	↓ 2.9%	116
Machinery Operators and Drivers	↓ 2.9%	97
Clerical and Administrative Workers	↓ 5.4%	330
Total	↓ 1.3%	1703

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%.

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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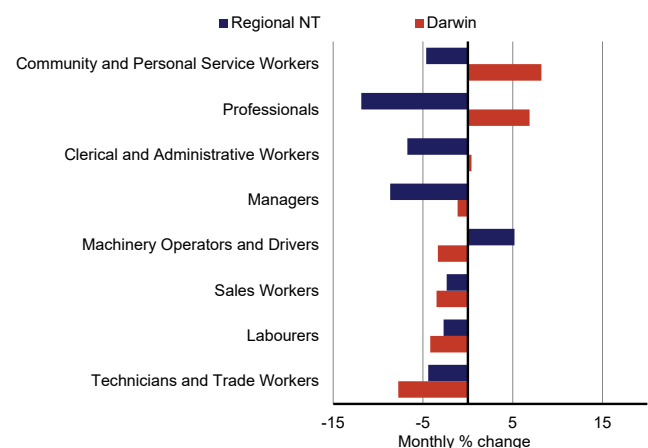
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- In regional NT, the largest decrease in the month was Professionals (11.9%), followed by Managers (8.6%), and then Clerical and Administrative Workers (6.7%).
- In the Darwin region, almost all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except 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.