# Key Message

The labour market conditions in the Territory remain soft. The unemployment rate has remained steady this month, but has decreased by 0.4 percentage points over the year. Employment levels have now fallen for twelve consecutive months. The participation rate continues to trend downwards but remains highest of all jurisdictions.

## 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 0.3 to 130800 persons.  
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12814793 persons.  
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0 to 103200 persons.  
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8793884 persons.  
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory remained unchanged at 27600 persons.  
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 per cent to 4020908 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2019, there were 130 800 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 400 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 400 to 103 200 persons, and part-time employment remained steady at 27600.
* Nationally, employment increased by 20 734 to 12 814 793 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 14 654 to 8 793 884 persons and part-time employment increased by 6080 to 4 020 908 persons.
* Territory employment levels have fallen twelve consecutive months, down about 7900 jobs since April 2018.

## 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 4.5 per cent.
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.1 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2019, the Territory’s unemployment rate remained steady at 4.5%.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the third lowest of the jurisdictions after New South Wales (4.3%), and then the Australian Capital Territory (3.9%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.7%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.1% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate. 
Row two indicates the participation rate in Northern Territory decreased to 72.1 per cent. 
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.7 per cent. 


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2019, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 72.1% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.5%) and then Western Australia (67.9%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 65.7% from the previous month’s revised figure.

**Chart 1: Unemployment and Participation Rates**

This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
New South Wales is 4.3 per cent.
Victoria is 4.8 per cent. 
Queensland is 5.9 per cent. 
South Australia is 6.0 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.1 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.7 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.5 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.9 per cent. 
Australia is 5.1 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 65.4 per cent.
Victoria is 66.0 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.5 per cent. 
South Australia is 63.2 per cent. 
Western Australia is 67.9 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.5 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 72.1 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 69.5 per cent.
Australia is 65.7 per cent.



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and number of persons reported in thousands. 
Row two indicates the Northern Territory labour force remained unchanged at 137100
 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13504409 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 18890 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20542691 persons.  



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In April 2019, the Territory’s labour force was 137100 persons, unchanged from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 26 830 to 13 504 409 persons.

## Apprentices and Trainees (estimate)1

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 March 2018; and year to date to March 2019.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to March 2019 commencements increased by 10.5 percent, from 513 to 567.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to March 2019 completions decreased by 18.2 percent, from 148 to 121.


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

* In the year to date to March 2019, there were 890 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 15.4% (119) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to March 2019, there were 195 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 4.9% (10) compared to the same period in 31 March 2019, there were 3558 apprentices and trainees in training.

## Internet Job Vacancies (March 2019)2

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 Machinery operators and drivers increased by 1.1 per cent to 113 vacancies.   

Row three indicates the Sales workers occupation increased by 0.4 per cent to 123 vacancies.   

Row four indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 177 vacancies.   

Row five indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 1.0 per cent to 126 vacancies.   

Row six indicates the Professionals occupation decreased by 1.3 per cent to 219 vacancies.   

Row seven indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 1.9 per cent to 469 vacancies.   

Row eight indicates the Clerical and administrative workers decreased by 3.3 per cent to 279 vacancies.   

Row nine indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 3.6 per cent to 391 vacancies.   

Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 2.5 per cent to 1752 vacancies.  




*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In March 2019, internet job vacancies decreased by 2.5% (trend) in the Territory, almost all of the occupation groups decreased, except for Machinery operators and drivers, and Sales workers.
* In March 2019, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly increase (1.1%) in the Territory, followed by Sales workers (0.4%).
* In regional NT, all occupation groups recorded increases in the month. Sales workers reported the largest increase (29.9%), followed by Machinery operators and drivers (16.1%), and then Labourers  
  (15.6%).3
* In the Darwin region, all the occupation groups also recorded increases in the month. The largest increase was Machinery operators and drivers (14.2%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (12.8%), then Professionals (11.4%). 3

**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 increased by 9.9 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 29.9 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 5.2 per cent.  
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 9.1 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 7.4 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 11.1 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 11.4 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT increased by 9.7 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin increased by 12.8 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 10.1.  
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin increased by 4.7 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT increased by 6.3 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin increased by 4.1 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT increased by 15.6 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin increased by 14.2 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 16.1 per cent.

*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.*