# 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.

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## Employment



*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



*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



*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



*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



*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



*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%).
* 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.*