# 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

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 remained unchanged at 129 105 persons.  
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12 875 747 persons.  
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.1 to 100 746 persons.  
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8 816 194 persons.  
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 0.6 to 28 359 persons.  
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.3 per cent to 4 059 553 persons.  


*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

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 4.6 per cent.
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia remained unchanged at 5.2 per cent.


*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

Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate. 
Row two indicates the participation rate in Northern Territory decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 71.0 per cent. 
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.0 per cent.


*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**

This chart indicates the following unemployment rates for each jurisdictions:
Tasmania is 6.7 per cent. 
Western Australia is 5.9 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.3 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.9 per cent. 
Victoria is 4.7 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.6 per cent.
New South Wales is 4.5 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.4 per cent. 
Australia is 5.2 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 71.0 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 70.4 per cent.
Western Australia is 68.3 per cent. 
Victoria is 66.2 per cent. 
New South Wales is 65.9 per cent.
Queensland is 65.8 per cent. 
South Australia is 63.3 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.2 per cent. 
Australia is 66.0 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 135 288 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13 577 399 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 189 021 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20 586 402 persons.  



*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

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 May 2018; and year to date to May 2019.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to May 2019 commencements increased by 9.9 per cent, from 1206 to 1325.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to May 2019 completions decreased by 10.0 per cent, from 360 to 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

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 Professionals increased by 2.2 per cent to 535 vacancies.   

Row three indicates the Community and personal service workers increased by 0.2 per cent to 182 vacancies.   

Row four indicates the Sales workers occupation decreased by 0.8 per cent to 118 vacancies.   

Row five indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 1.0 per cent to 273 vacancies.   

Row six indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 1.5 per cent to 201 vacancies.   

Row seven indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 2.7 per cent to 119 vacancies.   

Row eight indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 3.3 per cent to 100 vacancies.   

Row nine indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 5.7 per cent to 349 vacancies.   

Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 1.1 per cent to 1762 vacancies.  




*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**

This chart indicates the following increase and decrease of job vacancies in Darwin and regional NT across all occupations:
Sales workers in Darwin decreased by 5.8 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 2.7 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 9.6 per cent.  
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT decreased by 0.5 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin increased by 0.2 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 10.8 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin increased by 20.5 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 4.6 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin increased by 6.3 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT increased by 0.5 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin decreased by 10.5 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT decreased by 0.5 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin increased by 1.3 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT decreased by 4.3 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin increased by 0.5 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 2.7 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.*