# Key Message

The labour market conditions in the Territory remains weak. The unemployment rate has slightly decreased and the employment levels have fallen in annual terms, although there has been a slight pickup in March. The participation rate is lower than a year ago but 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 increased by 0.1 to 133,451 persons.   
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12,789,992 persons.   
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.4 to 104,250 persons.   
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8,781,829 persons.   
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 1.6 per cent to 29,202 persons.   
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.1 per cent to 4,008,163 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2019, there were 133 451 people employed in the Territory, an increase of 83 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 386 to 104 250 persons, and part-time employment increased by 469 persons to 29 202 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 20 716 to 12 789 992 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 17 987 to 8 781 829 persons and part-time employment increased by 2729 to 4 008 163 persons.
* Territory employment levels have fallen seven consecutive months, down about 1003 jobs since September 20018.

## 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 Territory decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.4 per cent. 
Row three indicates the unemployment rate in Australia also remained unchanged at 5.0 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2019, the Territory’s unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.4%, from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory’s unemployment rate is the third lowest of the jurisdictions after New South Wales (4.3%), and then the Australian Capital Territory (3.6%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.5%.
* Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.0% from the previous month’s revised figure.

## Participation Rate

This table illustrates the participation rate in the Northern Territory and Australia. 
Row one are the headings: monthly change; and rate.  
Row two indicates the participation rate in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 73.8 per cent.   
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia remained unchanged at 65.6 per cent.


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2019, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 73.8% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.2%) and then Western Australia (67.8%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate remained unchanged at 65.6% 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 4.6 per cent. 
Queensland is 5.9 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.9 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.1 per cent. 
Tasmania is 6.5 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.4 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.6 per cent. 
Australia is 5.0 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
New South Wales is 65.2 per cent.
Victoria is 66.1 per cent. 
Queensland is 65.5 per cent. 
South Australia is 62.8 per cent. 
Western Australia is 67.8 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.3 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 73.8 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 69.2 per cent.
Australia is 65.6 per cent.


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

## Labour Force

This table illustrates the labour force and civilian population 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 Northern Territory labour force remained unchanged at 139,728 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.2 per cent to 13,465,671 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population remained unchanged at 188,644 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.2 per cent to 20,516,763 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In March 2019, the Territory’s labour force was 139 728 persons, unchanged from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 23 715 to 13 465 671 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 February 2018; and year to date to February 2019.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to February 2019 commencements increased by 10.5 percent, from 513 to 567.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to February 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 February 2019, there were 567 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, an increase of 10.5% (54) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to February 2019, there were 121 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 18.2% (27) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* As at 28 February 2019, there were 3454 apprentices and trainees in training.

## Internet Job Vacancies (February 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 2.6 per cent to 114 vacancies.   

Row three indicates the Sales workers occupation increased by 0.8 per cent to 182 vacancies.   

Row four indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation increased by 0.8 per cent to 182 vacancies.   

Row five indicates the Labourers occupation increased by 0.2 per cent to 130 vacancies.   

Row six indicates the Professionals occupation decreased by 0.9 per cent to 473 vacancies.   

Row seven indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 1.0 per cent to 220 vacancies.   

Row eight indicates the Clerical and administrative workers decreased by 1.8 per cent to 406 vacancies.   

Row nine indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 2.8 per cent to 301 vacancies.   

Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 1.6 per cent to 1800 vacancies.  




*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In February 2019, internet job vacancies decreased by 1.6% (trend) in the Territory, half of the occupation groups increased, except for Professionals, Managers, Clerical and administrative workers, and Technicians and trade workers.
* In February 2019, internet job vacancies for Machinery operators and drivers reported the largest monthly increase (2.6%) in the Territory, followed by Sales workers (1.0%), and then Community and personal service workers (0.8%).
* In regional NT, half of the occupation groups recorded decreases in the month. Managers reported the largest decrease (-14.2%), followed by Sales workers (-7.8%), then Clerical and administrative workers (-7.1%), and then Labourers (-6.1%).3
* In the Darwin region, almost all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Community and personal service workers, which increased to 1.9%. Sales workers remained unchanged. Professionals reported the largest monthly decrease (-9.4%), followed by Technicians and trade workers (-9.2%), and then Machinery operators and drivers (-8.2%). 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 remained unchanged. 
Sales workers in regional NT decreased by 7.8 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin increased by 1.0 per cent.  
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT increased by 1.0 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 5.7 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT decreased by 14.2 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin decreased by 9.4 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT increased by 0.5 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 9.2 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT remained unchanged.  
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin decreased by 7.2 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT decreased by 7.1 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin decreased by 7.4 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT decreased by 6.1 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 8.2 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 11.1 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.*