# 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 thirteen 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 0.1 to 129 704 persons.  
Row three indicates the total employed persons in the Australia increased by 0.2 to 12 856 582 persons.  
Row four indicates the total full-time employed persons in the Northern Territory decreased by 0.5 to 101 177 persons.  
Row five indicates the total full-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.2 to 8 799 787 persons.  
Row six indicates the total part-time employed persons in the Territory increased by 1.5 to 28 528 persons.  
Row seven indicates the total part-time employed persons in Australia increased by 0.4 per cent to 4 056 795 persons.  


*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2019, there were 129 704 people employed in the Territory, a decrease of 125 persons from the previous month’s revised figure.
* Territory full-time employment decreased by 550 to 101 177 persons, and part-time employment increased by 425 to 28 528 persons.
* Nationally, employment increased by 28 353 to 12 856 582 persons.
* National full-time employment increased by 13 875 to 8 799 787 persons and part-time employment increased by 14 478 to 4 056 795 persons.
* Territory employment levels have fallen twelve consecutive months, down about 9178 jobs since May 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 May 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 (4.4%), and then the Australian Capital Territory (3.9%). Tasmania reported the highest unemployment rate of 6.6%.
* 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 by 0.6 percentage points to 71.4 per cent. 
Row three indicates the participation rate in Australia increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.9 per cent.


*Source: ABS**Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2019, the Territory’s labour force participation rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 71.4% from the previous month’s revised figure.
* The Territory had the highest participation rate, followed by the Australian Capital Territory (69.7%) and then Western Australia (68.0%).
* Nationally, the labour force participation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.9% 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 6.6 per cent. 
Western Australia is 6.2 per cent. 
Queensland is 6.0 per cent. 
South Australia is 5.8 per cent. 
Victoria is 4.7 per cent. 
Northern Territory is 4.5 per cent.
New South Wales is 4.4 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 3.9 per cent. 
Australia is 5.1 per cent. 

The following participation rates for each jurisdictions are: 
Northern Territory is 71.4 per cent.
Australian Capital Territory is 69.7 per cent.
Western Australia is 68.0 per cent. 
Victoria is 66.2 per cent. 
New South Wales is 65.7 per cent.
Queensland is 65.7 per cent. 
South Australia is 63.3 per cent. 
Tasmania is 60.4 per cent. 
Australia is 65.9 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 decreased by 0.1 per cent to 135 934 persons.  
Row three indicates the Australian labour force increased by 0.3 per cent to 13 551 742 persons.  
Row four indicates the Northern Territory civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 188 801 persons.  
Row five indicates the Australian civilian population increased by 0.1 per cent to 20 560 471 persons.  



*Source: ABS Cat No 6202.0*

* In May 2019, the Territory’s labour force was 135 934 persons, a decrease of 0.1%.
* Nationally, the labour force increased by 0.3% to 13 551 742 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 April 2018; and year to date to April 2019.
Row two indicates the Northern Territory's year to April 2019 commencements decreased by 6.2 per cent, from 1050 to 985.
Row three indicates the Northern Territory's year to April 2019 completions decreased by 20.0 per cent, from 275 to 220.


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

* In the year to date to April 2019, there were 985 apprentice and trainee commencements in the Territory, a decrease of 6.2% (65) compared to the same period in the previous year.
* In the year to date to April 2019, there were 220 apprentice and trainee completions in the Territory, a decrease of 20.0% (55) compared to the same period in 30 April 2019,
* There were 3558 apprentices and trainees in training.

## Internet Job Vacancies (April 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 Sales workers decreased by 0.2 per cent to 121 vacancies.   

Row three indicates the Machinery operators and drivers occupation decreased by 0.4 per cent to 110 vacancies.   

Row four indicates the Professionals workers occupation decreased by 0.8 per cent to 480 vacancies.   

Row five indicates the Technicians and trade workers occupation decreased by 1.4 per cent to 285 vacancies.   

Row six indicates the Community and personal service workers occupation decreased by 1.5 per cent to 173 vacancies.   

Row seven indicates the Labourers occupation decreased by 2.2 per cent to 121 vacancies.   

Row eight indicates the Managers occupation decreased by 2.9 per cent to 203 vacancies.   

Row nine indicates the Clerical and administrative workers occupation decreased by 5.1 per cent to 375 vacancies.   

Row ten indicates the total occupations decreased by 2.1 per cent to 1752 vacancies.  




*Source: Australian Government Department of Employment*

* In April 2019, total internet job vacancies decreased by 2.1% (trend) in the Territory.
* In April 2019, internet job vacancies for Clerical and administrative workers reported the largest monthly decrease (5.1%) in the Territory, followed by Managers occupation (2.9%), then Labourers (2.2%).
* In regional NT, almost all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Sales workers, Managers, and Machinery operators and drivers, which increased by 9.7%, 4.4%, and 4.2% respectively.
* In regional NT, the largest decrease in the month was Technicians and trade workers (11.3%), followed by Community and personal service workers (9.7%), and then Labourers (7.9%).
* In the Darwin region, all occupation groups recorded decreases in the month, except for Labourers, which increased by 4.0%.
* In the Darwin region, the largest decrease was Managers occupation (8.8%), followed by Sales workers (8.7%), then Professionals (6.9%).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 8.7 per cent. 
Sales workers in regional NT increased by 9.7 per cent. 
Community and Personal Service Workers in Darwin decreased by 3.5 per cent.  
Community and Personal Service Workers in regional NT decreased by 9.7 per cent. 
Managers in Darwin decreased by 8.8 per cent. 
Managers in regional NT increased by 4.4 per cent. 
Professionals in Darwin decreased by 6.9 per cent. 
Professionals in regional NT decreased by 0.6 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in Darwin decreased by 3.5 per cent. 
Technicians and Trade Workers in regional NT decreased by 11.3 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in Darwin decreased by 4.5 per cent. 
Clerical and Administrative Workers in regional NT decreased by 4.4 per cent.
Labourers in Darwin increased by 4.0 per cent.  
Labourers in regional NT decreased by 7.9 per cent.  
Machinery operators and drivers in Darwin decreased by 3.7 per cent. 
Machinery operators and drivers in regional NT increased by 4.2 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.*