

Northern Territory (trend, number in the month, annual % change)

Employed Persons ('000)	110.8	↑ 3.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	↓ 1.7ppt

Note: level and percentage changes may vary from those calculated from the publication due to greater detail provided in ABS spreadsheets used to create this brief. Also, the ABS does not publish seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory.

In July 2008, Territory trend employment increased by 0.1 per cent to 110 814 from (a revised) 110 679 in June 2008. The trend unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 2.9% in July 2008, compared to June 2008. The trend participation rate decreased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 71.8% in July 2008, and is the second highest of the jurisdictions behind the ACT. (The ABS acknowledges there is extreme volatility in monthly Territory labour force figures).

In annual terms, Territory trend employment increased by 3.7%, the second highest growth rate of the jurisdictions behind Tasmania (see Chart 3). In comparison to July 2007:

- Trend full-time employment decreased by 0.9% to 84 984;
- Trend part-time employment increased by 22.3% to 25 830;
- The trend participation rate decreased by 0.7 of a percentage point to 71.8%.
- The trend unemployment rate decreased by 1.7 percentage point to 2.9% (see Chart 2).

The Territory has the second lowest trend unemployment rate of the jurisdictions behind the ACT. The high standard errors reported for the Territory unemployment rate (0.4 percentage points, measured in original terms) mean that the 95% confidence interval in which the original unemployment rate lies is between 2.1% and 3.7%. As such, monthly changes should be treated with caution.

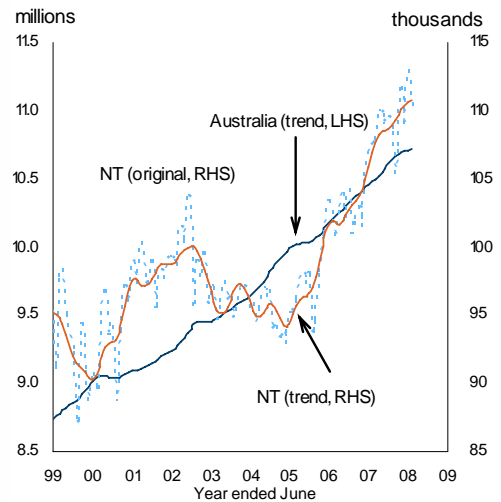
Year on year, Territory employment increased by 5.7% in July 2008, consistent with ANZ job ads (up by 14.1%), business surveys, employment agency forecasts and anecdotal evidence.

Australia (seasonally adj, number in the month, annual % ch)

Employed Persons ('000)	10 721	↑ 2.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	unchanged

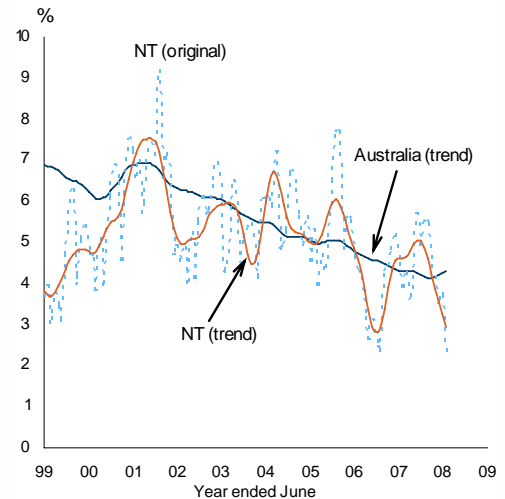
In annual terms, seasonally adjusted data report employment increased by 2.4% (see Chart 1) and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.3% (see Chart 2). Year on year, employment increased by 2.7%, while ANZ job ads decreased by 5.6%.

Chart 1: Employment



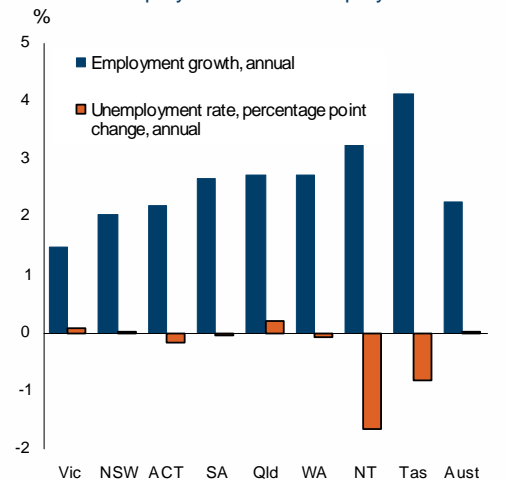
Source: ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment Rate



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Chart 3: Employment and Unemployment Rate¹



¹Trend
Source: ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

Labour Force Statistics

	July	June	monthly ¹	change annual ²	year on year ³
Northern Territory					
original					
employment	110 160	113 016	-2.5%	2.5%	5.7%
- full time	84 611	86 595	-2.3%	-3.3%	4.2%
- part time	25 549	26 421	-3.3%	28.2%	11.7%
unemployment rate	2.2%	3.7%	- 1.5 ppt	- 1.7 ppt	
participation rate	70.8%	73.9%	- 3.1 ppt	- 1.5 ppt	
labour force	112 616	117 372	-4.1%	0.7%	6.3%
seasonally adj					
<i>not published for the Northern Territory</i>					
trend					
employment	110 814	110 679	0.1%	3.7%	
- full time	84 984	85 665	-0.8%	-0.9%	
- part time	25 830	25 015	3.3%	22.3%	
unemployment rate	2.9%	3.2%	- 0.3 ppt	- 1.7 ppt	
participation rate	71.8%	72.1%	- 0.3 ppt	- 0.7 ppt	
labour force	114 166	114 377	-0.2%	1.9%	
Australia					
original					
employment	10 738 817	10 726 398	0.1%	2.4%	2.7%
- full time	7 744 975	7 614 969	1.7%	2.9%	2.8%
- part time	2 993 842	3 111 429	-3.8%	1.0%	2.4%
unemployment rate	3.9%	4.1%	- 0.2 ppt	0.0 ppt	
participation rate	65.1%	65.3%	- 0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
labour force	11 175 698	11 188 007	-0.1%	2.4%	2.4%
seasonally adj					
employment	10 721 507	10 710 586	0.1%	2.4%	
- full time	7 718 408	7 664 660	0.7%	2.9%	
- part time	3 003 099	3 045 926	-1.4%	1.0%	
unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
participation rate	65.3%	65.3%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
labour force	11 202 643	11 186 072	0.1%	2.4%	
trend					
employment	10 718 794	10 712 857	0.1%	2.3%	
- full time	7 688 769	7 676 248	0.2%	2.3%	
- part time	3 030 025	3 036 608	-0.2%	2.2%	
unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	
participation rate	65.3%	65.3%	0.0 ppt	0.3 ppt	
labour force	11 200 457	11 189 585	0.1%	2.3%	

¹ compares the latest month with the previous month

² compares the latest month with the same month last year

³ compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period

ppt = percentage point

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ANZ Newspaper Job Advertisements

	July	June	monthly ¹	change annual ²	year on year ³
Northern Territory					
original	391	405	-3.5%	-2.0%	14.1%
seasonally adj	379	384	-1.4%	-2.1%	
Australia					
original	15 866	16 033	-1.0%	-21.8%	-5.6%
seasonally adj	15 739	16 593	-5.1%	-21.7%	

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