Labour Market Brief
Australian Capital Territory

Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Australian Capital Territory released in November for October showed that in trend terms:

- Total employment increased by 679 (0.3%) to 237,489 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 8,183 (3.4%).
- Total unemployment increased by 8 (0.1%) to 7,656 people, and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.1%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,398 (-18.3%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 251 (1.3%) to 18,645 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.6%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 5,384 (-28.9%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.5 percentage points.

Nationally in October:

- Total employment increased by 16,847 (0.1%) to 13.62 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 466,797 (3.4%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 2,566 (-0.5%) to 483,829 people and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 153,075 (-31.6%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 3,146 (-0.2%) to 1.32 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 586,890 (-44.3%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.5 percentage points.
**Employment**

- In October, trend employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 679 (0.3%) to 237,489 people.
- Compared with October last year, total employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 8,183 (3.4%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 16,847 (0.1%) to 13.62 million people.

**Employed Total: Australian Capital Territory and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Graph showing employment trends](image)

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)*

**Full and Part Time Employment**

- Full-time employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 680 (0.4%) to 179,213 in October, and has increased by 8,894 (5.0%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Australian Capital Territory, in original terms increased by 2,996 (4.9%) to 61,196 in October. Part-time employment has increased by 10,568 (17.3%) over the last year.

**FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: ACT**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Graph showing full and part-time employment](image)

*Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Derived)*
**Unemployment**

- In October, the total number of unemployed people in Australian Capital Territory increased by 8 (0.1%) to 7,656.
- Compared with October last year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,398 (-18.3%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in October decreased by 2,566 (-0.5%) to 483,829 people.

**Unemployed Total:** Australian Capital Territory and Australia

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*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)*

**Unemployment Rate**

- In October, the trend unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory remained steady at 3.1%.
- Compared with October last year, the unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%

**Unemployment Rate:** Australian Capital Territory and Australia

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*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)*
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In October, the trend unemployment rate for males in Australian Capital Territory remained steady at 3.5%.
- Compared with October last year male unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females in remained steady at 2.7%.
- Compared with October last year female unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.9 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: ACT

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 71.4%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.9 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in October remained steady at 66.6%.

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)*
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Underemployment

• The underemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.5%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 243 (2.2%) to 10,989 people.
• Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 3,986 (-36.3%).
• Nationally, the underemployment rate in October remained steady at 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 579 (-0.1%) to 839,934.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 12, Trend)

Underemployed Total: Australian Capital Territory and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 23, Trend)
**Underutilisation**

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.6%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 251 (1.3%) to 18,645.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 5,384 (-28.9%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in October remained steady at 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 3,146 (-0.2%) to 1.32 million.

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**Source:** ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 23, Trend)
**Hours Worked**

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 87,315 (0.3%) to 31.99 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 1.26 million (3.9%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in October increased by 2.66 million (0.1%) to 1,864 million.

**Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Australian Capital Territory and Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, October 2022 (Table 19, Trend)