Labour Market Brief
Australian Capital Territory

Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Australian Capital Territory released in August for July showed that in seasonally adjusted terms:

- Total employment decreased by 476 (-0.2%) to 263,510 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 8,921 (3.4%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 266 (-2.6%) to 10,365 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.8%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 1,896 (18.3%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 106 (-0.4%) to 24,361 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 8.9%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 5,466 (22.4%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 1.7 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 387,055 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 55,463 (10.3%) and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 134,992 (9.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 476 (-0.2%) to 263,510 people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 8,921 (3.4%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

![Employed Total: Australian Capital Territory & Australia](chart)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 2,824 (-1.4%) to 200,925 in July, and has increased by 9,280 (4.6%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Australian Capital Territory, in original terms decreased by 34 (-0.1%) to 60,523 in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 428 (-0.7%) over the last year.

![FULL AND PART–TIME EMPLOYMENT: ACT](chart)
Unemployment

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 266 (-2.6%) to 10,365.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 1,896 (18.3%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

Unemployed Total: Australian Capital Territory & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.8%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%

Unemployment Rate: Australian Capital Territory & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Australian Capital Territory increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.8%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 0.4 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in remained steady at 2.7%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
**Participation Rate**

- The participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 72.7%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

![Participation Rate: Australian Capital Territory & Australia](chart)

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.1%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 159 (1.1%) to 13,997 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 3,570 (25.5%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July remained steady at 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 3,924 (-0.4%) to 929,868.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 8.9%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 106 (-0.4%) to 24,361.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 5,466 (22.4%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million.

Underutilisation Rate: Australian Capital Territory & Australia

Underutilised Total: Australian Capital Territory & Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 314,202 (0.9%) to 36.07 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 2.18 million (6.0%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

![Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Australian Capital Territory & Australia](chart)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)