Summary

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

- Total employment increased by 3,409 (1.4%) to 236,806 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 4,428 (1.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 1,450 (-22.0%) to 6,601 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 2.7%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,851 (-28.0%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.8 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 143 (0.8%) to 17,198 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 7.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 8,737 (-50.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.7 percentage points.

Nationally in August:

- Total employment increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 570,298 (4.2%).
- Total unemployment increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 132,543 (-27.2%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 564,784 (-42.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 4.4 percentage points.
Employment

- In August, seasonally adjusted employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 3,409 (1.4%) to 236,806 people.
- Compared with August last year, total employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 4,428 (1.9%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.

Employed Total: Australian Capital Territory and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 1,784 (1.0%) to 178,423 in August, and has increased by 3,598 (2.0%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Australian Capital Territory, in original terms increased by 3,801 (6.4%) to 59,294 in August. Part-time employment has increased by 742 (1.3%) over the last year.

FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: ACT
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)
**Unemployment**

- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 1,450 (-22.0%) to 6,601.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,851 (-28.0%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people.

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

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

![Graph of unemployment index]

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*

**Unemployment Rate**

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 2.7%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.8 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.

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

![Graph of unemployment rate]

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with August last year male unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 2.1%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1.1 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: ACT

Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 70.9%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in August increased by 0.2 percentage points to 66.6%.

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

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*
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Underemployment

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.7 percentage points to 4.4%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 1,593 (15.0%) to 10,598 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 6,886 (-65.0%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in August decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.9% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 7,245 (-0.9%) to 832,727.

Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Australian Capital Territory and Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Underemployed Total: Australian Capital Territory and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 7.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 143 (0.8%) to 17,198.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 8,737 (-50.8%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in August remained steady at 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 6,802 (0.5%) to 1.32 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 1.27 million (3.9%) to 32.16 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 771,907 (2.4%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in August increased by 14.50 million (0.8%) to 1,854 million.

Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Australian Capital Territory and Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)