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 1,556 (-0.7%) to 233,300 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 980 (0.4%).

- Total unemployment increased by 521 (6.5%) to 8,046 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.3%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 2,289 (-28.5%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.

- Total underutilisation has decreased by 1,870 (-11.0%) to 17,041 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 7.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 8,616 (-50.6%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.5 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

- Total employment decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 398,516 (2.9%).

- Total unemployment decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 167,597 (-35.4%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.

- Total underutilisation decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 470,788 (-35.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.5 percentage points.
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Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 1,556 (-0.7%) to 233,300 people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 980 (0.4%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 40,945 (-0.3%) to 13.56 million people.

Employed Total: Australian Capital Territory and Australia
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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 468 (0.3%) to 176,572 in July, and has increased by 7,647 (4.3%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Australian Capital Territory, in original terms decreased by 4,452 (-8.0%) to 55,464 in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 6,600 (-11.9%) over the last year.

FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT: ACT
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Source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, July 2022 (Table 12, Derived)
Unemployment

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Australian Capital Territory increased by 521 (6.5%) to 8,046.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 2,289 (-28.5%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July decreased by 20,208 (-4.3%) to 473,648 people.

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

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

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%

Unemployment Rate: Australian Capital Territory and Australia

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

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Australian Capital Territory increased by 0.8 percentage points to 4.1%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.5 percentage points to 2.5%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: ACT**

![Graph showing unemployment rates for males and females in ACT from Jan-17 to Jan-22](source: 6202.0 - Labour Force, Australia, July 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted))
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Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 70.3%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 66.4%.

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

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

- The underemployment rate decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 3.7%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 2,391 (-26.6%) to 8,996 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 6,327 (-70.3%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 17,012 (-2.0%) to 840,010.

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

![Graph showing underemployment rate]

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

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

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![Graph showing underemployed total]

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

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 7.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 1,870 (-11.0%) to 17,041.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 8,616 (-50.6%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 9.4%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 37,220 (-2.8%) to 1.31 million.

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

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

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

• The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 1.38 million (-4.5%) to 30.88 million.
• Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1.05 million (-3.4%).
• Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July decreased by 15.58 million (-0.8%) to 1,840 million.

Monthly Hours Worked in All Jobs: Australian Capital Territory and Australia
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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2022 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)