Labor Market Brief
Australian Capital Territory

Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 330 (-0.1%) to 234,547 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,835 (-0.8%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 782 (-10.4%) to 7,555 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.1%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 849 (-11.2%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 810 (-4.3%) to 18,829 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 7.8%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 3,401 (-18.1%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 1.3 percentage points.

Nationally in April:

- Total employment increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 381,532 (2.8%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 211,068 (-39.3%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 441,226 (-31.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.3 percentage points.
Employment

- In April, seasonally adjusted employment in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 330 (-0.1%) to 234,547 people.
- Compared with April last year, total employment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 1,835 (-0.8%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in Australian Capital Territory increased by 374 (0.2%) to 173,720 in April, and has increased by 1,713 (1.0%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in Australian Capital Territory, in original terms decreased by 582 (-1.0%) to 61,081 in April. Part-time employment has decreased by 3,644 (-6.0%) over the last year.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Derived)
Unemployment

- In April, the total number of unemployed people in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 782 (-10.4%) to 7,555.
- Compared with April last year, unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 849 (-11.2%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in April decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people.

Unemployment Rate

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.1%.
- Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.9%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Australian Capital Territory decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.4%.
- Compared with April last year male unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 0.8 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 2.8%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 0.1 percentage points.
Participation Rate

- The participation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 70.7%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in April decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.3%.

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

• The underemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.7%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 28 (-0.2%) to 11,273 people.
• Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 2,552 (-22.6%).
• Nationally, the underemployment rate in April decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 32,615 (-3.8%) to 852,474.

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

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

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 7.8%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 810 (-4.3%) to 18,829.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Australian Capital Territory has decreased by 3,401 (-18.1%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in April decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million.
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 810,278 (2.5%) to 32.36 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Australian Capital Territory has increased by 1.72 million (5.3%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April increased by 22.96 million (1.3%) to 1,833 million.

MONTHLY HOURS WORKED IN ALL JOBS: ACT & AUS
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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