Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for Northern Territory released in June for May showed that in trend terms:

- Total employment increased by 928 (0.6%) to 144,334 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Northern Territory has increased by 8,476 (5.9%).
- Total unemployment decreased by 64 (-1.3%) to 4,993 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.3%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 574 (-11.5%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has decreased by 100 (-0.9%) to 11,095 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.4%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 2,642 (-23.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.3 percentage points.

Nationally in May:

- Total employment increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 426,578 (3.0%).
- Total unemployment increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 14,514 (-2.8%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.8%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 31,067 (2.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
Employment

• In May, trend employment in Northern Territory increased by 928 (0.6%) to 144,334 people.
• Compared with May last year, total employment in Northern Territory has increased by 8,476 (5.9%).
• Nationally, employment in increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

• Full-time employment in Northern Territory increased by 555 (0.5%) to 110,506 in May, and has increased by 5,207 (4.7%) over the year.
• Part-time employment in Northern Territory, in original terms increased by 3,691 (10.5%) to 35,308 in May. Part-time employment has increased by 1,832 (5.2%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In May, the total number of unemployed people in Northern Territory decreased by 64 (-1.3%) to 4,993.
- Compared with May last year, unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 574 (-11.5%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in May increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people.

![Unemployed Total: Northern Territory & Australia](chart)

Unemployment Rate

- In May, the trend unemployment rate in Northern Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.3%.
- Compared with May last year, the unemployment rate in Northern Territory has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.5%

![Unemployment Rate: Northern Territory & Australia](chart)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In May, the trend unemployment rate for males in Northern Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.6%.
- Compared with May last year male unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females in Northern Territory remained steady at 3.1%.
- Compared with May last year female unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 76.2%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 3.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in May remained steady at 66.8%.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 4.1%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 36 (-0.6%) to 6,102 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 2,068 (-33.9%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in May increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.3% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 7,017 (0.8%) to 907,542.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.4%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 100 (-0.9%) to 11,095.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Northern Territory has decreased by 2,642 (-23.8%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in May remained steady at 9.8%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million.
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 207,229 (1.0%) to 20.48 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Northern Territory has increased by 1.01 million (4.9%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in May increased by 7.22 million (0.4%) to 1,944 million.

![Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: Northern Territory & Australia](image)

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 19, Trend)