Summary

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

- **Total employment** decreased by 220 (-0.2%) to 137,981 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Northern Territory has increased by 1,192 (0.9%).
- **Total unemployment** increased by 798 (14.4%) to 5,553 people, and the **unemployment rate** increased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 412 (7.4%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- **Total underutilisation** has increased by 474 (4.6%) to 10,348 people, and the **underutilisation rate** increased by 0.3 percentage points to 7.2%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 2,728 (-26.4%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.0 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 Northern Territory decreased by 220 (-0.2%) to 137,981 people.
• Compared with July last year, total employment in Northern Territory has increased by 1,192 (0.9%).
• Nationally, employment in decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

• Full-time employment in Northern Territory increased by 777 (0.7%) to 108,851 in July, and has increased by 2,512 (2.3%) over the year.
• Part-time employment in Northern Territory, in original terms decreased by 2,842 (-10.1%) to 28,108 in July. Part-time employment has decreased by 1,389 (-4.9%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in Northern Territory increased by 798 (14.4%) to 5,553.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 412 (7.4%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

Unemployment Rate

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Northern Territory increased by 0.6 percentage points to 3.9%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in Northern Territory has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in Northern Territory decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females remained steady at 3.2%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in Northern Territory has decreased by 0.5 percentage points.

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

- The participation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 73.0%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

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

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 3.3%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 323 (-6.7%) to 4,795 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 3,140 (-65.5%).
- 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.

**Underemployment Rate (Proportion Of Labour Force): Northern Territory & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

**Underemployed Total: Northern Territory & Australia**

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 7.2%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 474 (4.6%) to 10,348.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Northern Territory has decreased by 2,728 (-26.4%).
- 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.

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

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 12,817 (0.1%) to 20.33 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Northern Territory has increased by 698,284 (3.4%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

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**Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: Northern Territory & Australia**

*Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)*

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