Labour Market Brief
Northern Territory

Summary

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

- Total employment increased by 1,284 (0.9%) to 135,334 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Northern Territory has increased by 5,458 (4.0%).
- Total unemployment increased by 1,485 (23.2%) to 6,393 people, and the unemployment rate increased by 1.0 percentage points to 4.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 1,756 (27.5%), and the unemployment rate has increased by 1.1 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 1,910 (13.6%) to 14,048 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 9.9%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 100 (0.7%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.5 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 Northern Territory increased by 1,284 (0.9%) to 135,334 people.
• Compared with August last year, total employment in Northern Territory has increased by 5,458 (4.0%).
• Nationally, employment in increased by 33,481 (0.2%) to 13.59 million people.

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

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

Full and Part Time Employment

• Full-time employment in Northern Territory increased by 783 (0.7%) to 105,509 in August, and has increased by 7,420 (7.0%) over the year.
• Part-time employment in Northern Territory, in original terms increased by 714 (2.4%) to 29,565 in August. Part-time employment has decreased by 1,911 (-6.5%) over the last year.

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

- In August, the total number of unemployed people in Northern Territory increased by 1,485 (23.2%) to 6,393.
- Compared with August last year, unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 1,756 (27.5%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in August increased by 14,047 (2.9%) to 487,682 people.

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

Unemployment Rate

- In August, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Northern Territory increased by 1.0 percentage points to 4.5%.
- Compared with August last year, the unemployment rate in Northern Territory has increased by 1.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%

Unemployment Rate: Northern Territory and Australia

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 Northern Territory increased by 0.6 percentage points to 4.6%.
- Compared with August last year male unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 1.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in Northern Territory has increased by 1.4 percentage points to 4.4%.
- Compared with August last year female unemployment in Northern Territory has increased by 0.6 percentage points.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: NT**

![Graph showing unemployment rates for males and females in Northern Territory from January 2017 to January 2022](image)

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

- The participation rate increased by 1.0 percentage points to 73.6%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 2.7 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in August increased by 0.2 percentage points to 66.6%.

Participation Rate: Northern Territory and Australia

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

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 5.4%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 425 (5.5%) to 7,655 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 1,656 (-21.6%).
- 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): Northern Territory and Australia

Underemployed Total: Northern Territory and Australia
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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, August 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

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

- The underutilisation rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 9.9%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 1,910 (13.6%) to 14,048.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in Northern Territory has increased by 100 (0.7%).
- 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.

Underutilisation Rate: Northern Territory and Australia

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

Underutilised Total: Northern Territory and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 319,656 (1.6%) to 19.59 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in Northern Territory has increased by 0.95 million (4.9%).
- 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: Northern Territory and Australia

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

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