

Takings

(value in the quarter, annual % change)

Northern Territory	\$52M	↑	11.1%
Australia	\$2 001M	↑	7.2%

Room Occupancy Rates

(rate in the quarter, annual ppt. change)

Northern Territory	64.0%	↑	3.3 ppt
Australia	66.8%	↓	0.1 ppt

Guest Nights ('000)

(number in the quarter, annual % change)

Northern Territory	634	↓	1.8%
Australia	23 620	↑	0.6%

In original terms, decreases were reported in takings, guest nights and the room occupancy rate in the Territory in the December quarter 2007 compared to the September quarter 2007.

In annual terms, Territory takings increased by 11.1%, guest nights decreased by 1.8%, and room occupancy rates increased 3.3 percentage points to 64.0%.

Over the same period guest nights increased by;

- 4.8% in Darwin; and
- 12.5% in Katherine.

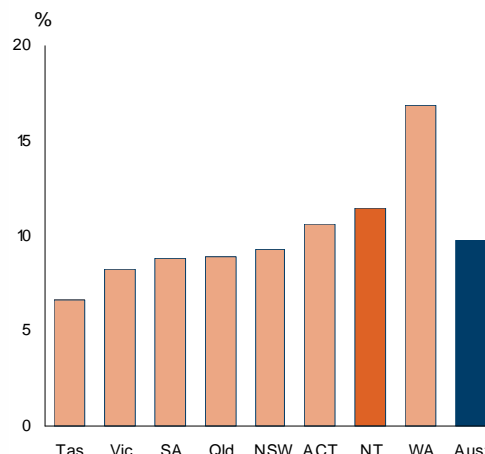
For Alice Springs and the 'Rest of the NT', guest nights decreased by 17.7% and 0.5% respectively.

In 2007, takings in the Territory increased by 11.4%, the second highest growth rate of the jurisdictions and above the national increase of 9.7% (see Chart 1). Within the Territory, takings increased by 12.0% in Darwin, by 5.8% in Alice Springs, by 3.2% in Katherine and by 14.5% in the 'Rest of the NT'. Over the same period, guest nights decreased by 0.2% in the Territory (see Chart 2).

International visitor arrivals to Australia have maintained high levels over the past four years (see Chart 3).

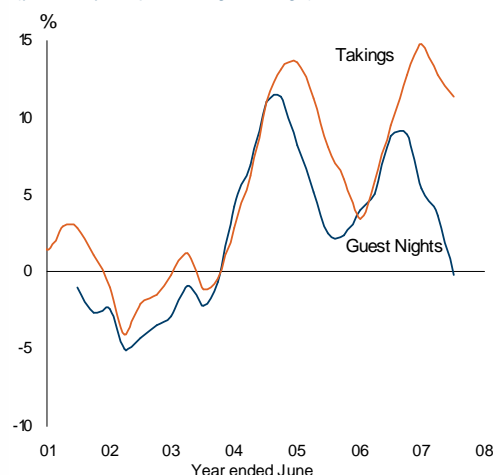
The performance of tourism indicators in the Territory is supported by solid growth in the global economy and the absence of major international risks.

Chart 1: Tourist Accommodation Takings
(year on year percentage change)



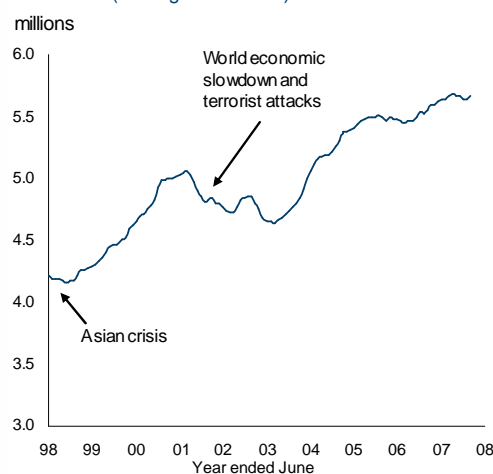
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Chart 2: Territory Tourist Accommodation
(year on year percentage change)



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Chart 3: Short term overseas visitors to Australia
(moving annual total)



Source: ABS Cat. No. 3401

Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments (15 or more rooms)

	December Quarter		change		
	quarter	year to date	quarterly ¹	annual ²	year on year ³
Northern Territory					
original					
<i>takings (\$m)</i>	52	218	-29.1%	11.1%	11.4%
- Darwin	24	107	-37.9%	19.2%	12.0%
- Alice Springs	8	32	-18.5%	6.7%	5.8%
- Katherine	2	9	-27.9%	23.3%	3.2%
- Rest of NT	19	70	-19.2%	3.0%	14.5%
<i>room occup. rate</i>	64.0%	65.1%	-14.1 ppt	3.3 ppt	2.8 ppt
- Darwin	71.7%	73.8%	-18.4 ppt	6.6 ppt	4.0 ppt
- Alice Springs	60.7%	61.4%	-14.1 ppt	0.2 ppt	1.4 ppt
- Katherine	49.9%	52.6%	-14.2 ppt	3.2 ppt	0.1 ppt
- Rest of NT	58.8%	58.0%	-7.4 ppt	1.0 ppt	4.1 ppt
<i>guest nights</i>	633 600	2 665 500	-24.5%	-1.8%	-0.2%
- Darwin	292 485	1 256 962	-27.7%	4.8%	2.9%
- Alice Springs	133 037	547 829	-22.2%	-17.7%	-16.3%
- Katherine	42 070	187 908	-37.1%	12.5%	-1.1%
- Rest of NT	166 008	672 801	-15.5%	-0.5%	11.4%
seasonally adj					
<i>takings (\$m)</i>	57	218	6.8%	10.9%	
<i>room occup. rate</i>	68.7%	65.5%	6.4 ppt	3.2 ppt	
trend					
<i>takings (\$m)</i>	56	216	3.9%	7.4%	
<i>room occup. rate</i>	65.9%	64.8%	3.0 ppt	1.2 ppt	
Australia (original)					
<i>takings (\$m)</i>	2 001	7 443	3.0%	7.2%	9.7%
<i>new south wales</i>	650	2 418	5.6%	5.0%	9.3%
<i>victoria</i>	353	1 341	5.0%	7.0%	8.2%
<i>queensland</i>	552	2 016	-1.4%	7.1%	9.0%
<i>south australia</i>	90	334	11.9%	11.4%	8.8%
<i>western australia</i>	207	748	8.4%	14.5%	16.9%
<i>tasmania</i>	50	178	44.0%	5.3%	6.6%
<i>northern territory</i>	52	218	-29.1%	11.1%	11.4%
<i>act</i>	46	190	-9.8%	0.2%	10.6%

¹ compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter

² compares the latest quarter with the same quarter last year

³ compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarter period

Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile.

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