

Internet jobs vacancy report

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The Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment's (DESE) Vacancy Report is based on a count of newly lodged online job advertisements on a variety of job search websites. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

DESE advises the sum of the categories in trend terms may not equal the reported total due to the methodology behind the trend data series.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↓0.1%	↑1.3%
Annual change	↑18.2%	↑28.8%

Monthly change

In February 2022, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 0.1% to 2,826 with 'labourers' (down by 0.7%), 'technicians and trades' (down by 0.5%) recording decreases. Demand for all other categories, except 'clerical and administrative' (flat) increased (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the only decrease, with results in other jurisdictions ranging from a 0.8% increase in Victoria to a 3.7% increase in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 1.3% to 264,144.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 18.2%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'sales' (up by 39.6%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 30.6%). The Territory reported the second smallest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a 15.3% increase in the Australian Capital Territory to a 32.1% increase in Victoria. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 28.8% (Chart 2).

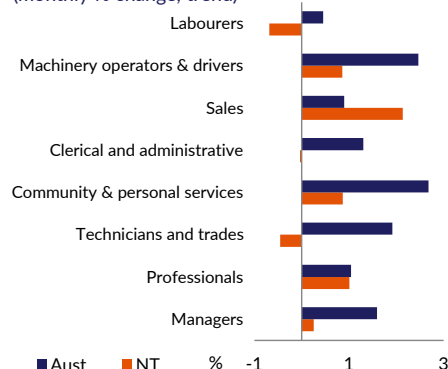
Regional vacancies (original)

DESE only reports regional vacancy data in original terms, which can be volatile on a month-to-month basis. The Department of Treasury and Finance aggregates the data to quarters to smooth some of this volatility, though seasonal variations will remain.

In February 2022, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 2.4% to 1,795 (compared with January 2022) (Chart 3), with 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 8.7%) and 'labourers' (down by 7.3%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 45.5%.

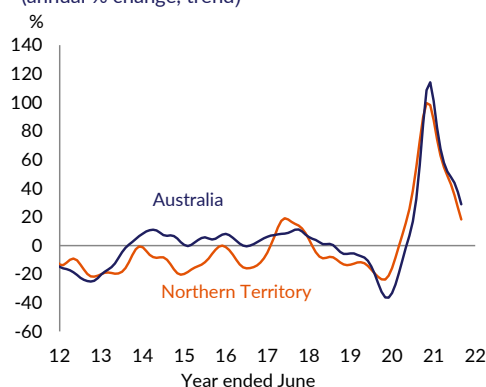
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month decreased by 3.5% to 776, with 'professionals' (down by 9.2%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 8.6%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 44.9%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry (monthly % change, trend)



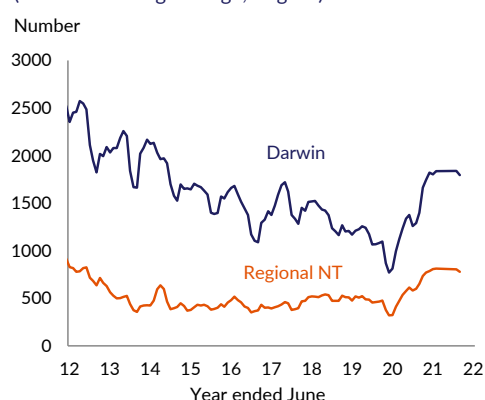
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Internet Vacancy Report

Chart 2: Internet job vacancies (annual % change, trend)



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Chart 3: Regional job vacancies (3 month moving average, original)



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Table 1: Internet jobs vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Feb 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 390	2 828	2 826	-0.1%	18.2%
- managers	258	303	304	0.3%	17.8%
- professionals	616	761	769	1.0%	24.9%
- technicians and trades	426	479	477	-0.5%	11.9%
- community and personal services	259	282	285	0.9%	10.1%
- clerical and administrative	314	411	410	0.0%	30.6%
- sales	149	204	208	2.1%	39.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	176	180	182	0.9%	3.4%
- labourers	189	217	215	-0.7%	13.9%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	1 234	1 839	1 795	-2.4%	45.5%
- Regional NT*	536	805	776	-3.5%	44.9%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	205 143	260 785	264 144	1.3%	28.8%
- managers	21 486	27 822	28 266	1.6%	31.6%
- professionals	59 096	72 050	72 803	1.0%	23.2%
- technicians and trades	30 094	35 555	36 237	1.9%	20.4%
- community and personal services	21 738	28 439	29 202	2.7%	34.3%
- clerical and administrative	30 500	39 894	40 413	1.3%	32.5%
- sales	16 110	21 123	21 313	0.9%	32.3%
- machinery operators and drivers	11 312	14 334	14 687	2.5%	29.8%
- labourers	16 088	22 091	22 192	0.5%	37.9%

1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.

* Three month moving average.

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Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, as it is often derived from small samples and can be highly volatile. Although due care has been exercised in preparing this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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