

# Internet job vacancy report

April 2023 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (NSC) 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 is reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↑0.6%	↑2.8%
Annual change	↑2.1%	↑1.3%

## Monthly change

In April 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 0.6% to 3,170. The largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 2.9%) and 'sales' (up by 2.3%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 0.6%) and 'community and personal services' (down by 0.1%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the lowest growth of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from an increase of 1.4% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 4.1% in Victoria and Western Australia. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 2.8% to 296,080.

## Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 2.1%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 12.0%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 7.3%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'sales' (down by 13.0%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 11.7%). The Territory reported the fourth lowest growth of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 4.6% in New South Wales to an increase of 16.1% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 1.3% (Chart 2).

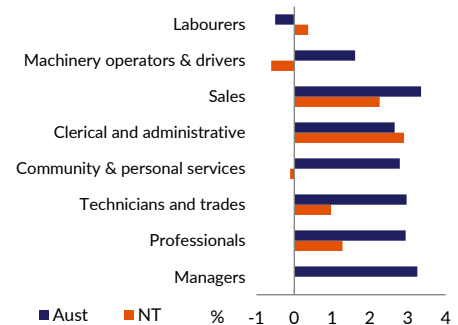
## Regional vacancies (original)

JSA 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 a three month moving average to smooth some of this volatility, though seasonal variations will remain.

In April 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 3.2% to 2,254 (compared with March 2023) (Chart 3), with 'managers' (down by 6.6%) and 'technicians and trades workers' (down by 6.0%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 5.6%.

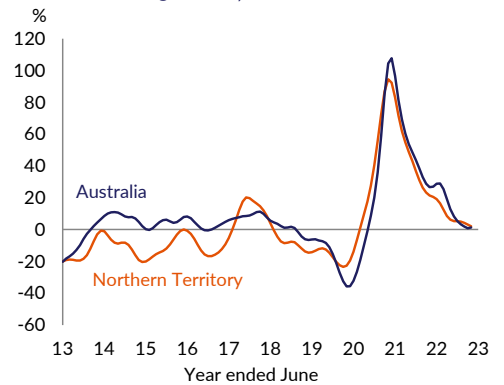
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month decreased by 3.1% to 950, with 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 8.6%) and 'labourers' (down by 8.0%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 5.9%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



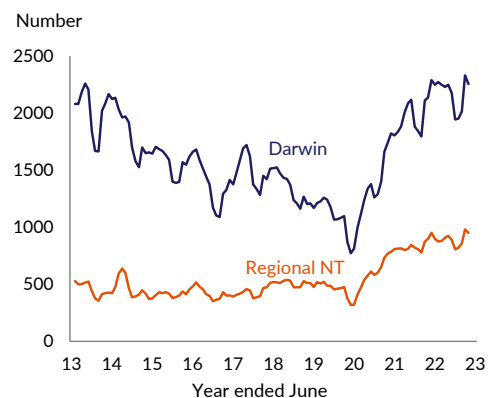
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Apr 22	Mar 23	Apr 23	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	3 106	3 153	3 170	0.6%	2.1%
- managers	342	358	358	0.0%	4.5%
- professionals	839	928	940	1.3%	12.0%
- technicians and trades	502	489	494	1.0%	-1.7%
- community and personal services	323	347	347	-0.1%	7.3%
- clerical and administrative	427	422	434	2.9%	1.7%
- sales	227	193	198	2.3%	-13.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	203	180	179	-0.6%	-11.7%
- labourers	224	207	208	0.4%	-7.2%
<b>Northern Territory regions</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 135	2 329	2 254	-3.2%	5.6%
- Regional NT*	897	981	950	-3.1%	5.9%
<b>Australia</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	292 405	288 083	296 080	2.8%	1.3%
- managers	31 019	32 297	33 348	3.3%	7.5%
- professionals	78 521	84 202	86 678	2.9%	10.4%
- technicians and trades	39 562	38 947	40 102	3.0%	1.4%
- community and personal services	33 148	32 626	33 536	2.8%	1.2%
- clerical and administrative	45 721	44 129	45 300	2.7%	-0.9%
- sales	24 297	21 450	22 170	3.4%	-8.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 677	15 476	15 725	1.6%	0.3%
- labourers	24 234	19 784	19 685	-0.5%	-18.8%

1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.

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

\* Three month moving average.

Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report.

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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