

Internet job vacancy report

May 2024 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) 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.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↑0.2%	↓0.2%
Annual change	↑0.2%	↓15.1%

Monthly change

In May 2024, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 0.2% to 3,294. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 1.3%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 0.6%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'managers' (down by 0.8%) and 'professionals' (down by 0.6%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the equal largest increase of the jurisdictions, alongside Victoria and Western Australia. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 0.2% to 241,245.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 0.2%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 10.8%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 9.7%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'professionals' (down by 5.2%) and 'technicians and trades' (down by 1.4%). The Territory and Tasmania (up by 6.2%) reported the only increases of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 21.5% in Victoria to a decrease of 5.1% in South Australia. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 15.1% (Chart 2).

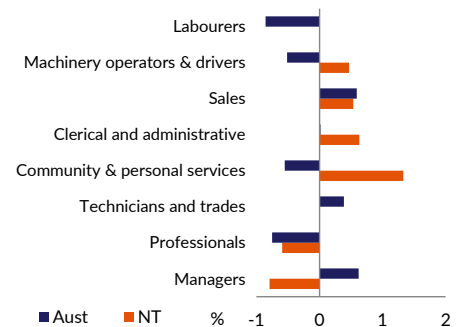
Regional vacancies (original)

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 May 2024, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 1.1% to 2,287 (compared with April 2024) (Chart 3), with 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 13.9%) and 'community and personal service workers' (up by 3.5%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies decreased by 1.2%.

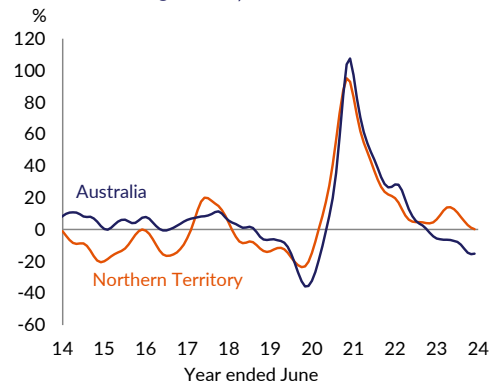
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month decreased by 2.7% to 1,050, with 'clerical and administrative workers' (down by 8.2%) and 'labourers' (down by 6.7%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 6.5%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



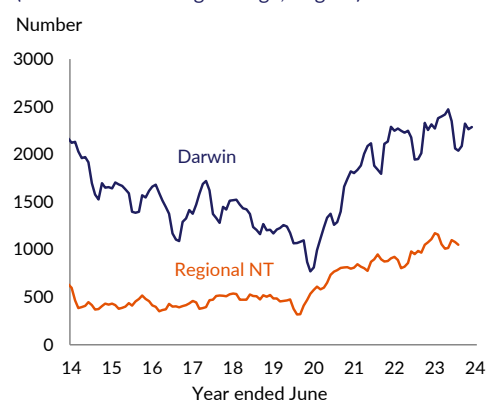
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	May 23	Apr 24	May 24	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 288	3 289	3 294	0.2%	0.2%
- managers	372	379	376	-0.8%	1.1%
- professionals	1 067	1 018	1 012	-0.6%	-5.2%
- technicians and trades	483	476	476	0.0%	-1.4%
- community and personal services	344	376	381	1.3%	10.8%
- clerical and administrative	451	474	477	0.6%	5.8%
- sales	189	187	188	0.5%	-0.5%
- machinery operators and drivers	195	213	214	0.5%	9.7%
- labourers	185	183	183	0.0%	-1.1%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 315	2 263	2 287	1.1%	-1.2%
- Regional NT*	986	1 079	1 050	-2.7%	6.5%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	284 266	241 714	241 245	-0.2%	-15.1%
- managers	31 990	28 621	28 799	0.6%	-10.0%
- professionals	84 549	70 757	70 225	-0.8%	-16.9%
- technicians and trades	38 696	32 982	33 110	0.4%	-14.4%
- community and personal services	31 615	26 872	26 724	-0.6%	-15.5%
- clerical and administrative	43 035	37 076	37 082	0.0%	-13.8%
- sales	20 898	18 992	19 104	0.6%	-8.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 200	12 667	12 602	-0.5%	-17.1%
- labourers	18 415	14 524	14 400	-0.9%	-21.8%

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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