

Internet job vacancy report

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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	↓0.1%	↓2.2%
Annual change	↑6.7%	↓13.0%

Monthly change

In February 2024, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 0.1% to 3,373. The largest decreases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' and 'professionals' (both down by 0.8%). The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 1.3%) and 'sales' (up by 1.1%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the smallest decline of the jurisdictions, with Tasmania reorting the only increase of 1.2%. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 2.2% to 246,476.

Annual change

In trend terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 6.7%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 15.1%) and 'managers' (up by 15.0%), while the only decrease was in 'sales' (down by 1.7%). The Territory reported the second largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 19.9% in Victoria to an increase of 12.7% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 13.0% (Chart 2).

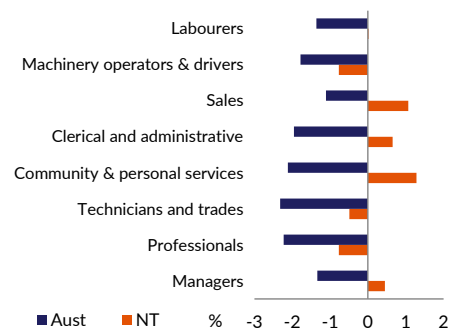
Regional vacancies (original)

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 February 2024, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 2.4% to 2,088 (compared with January 2024) (Chart 3), with 'sales workers' (up by 10.1%) and 'clerical and administrative workers' (up by 8.6%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 3.8%.

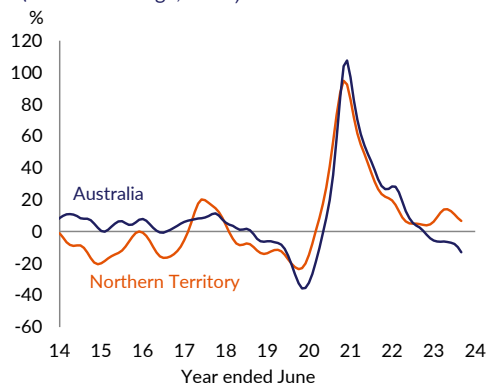
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in February increased by 0.6% to 1,016, with 'technicians and trades workers' (up by 12.1%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 7.5%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 18.4%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



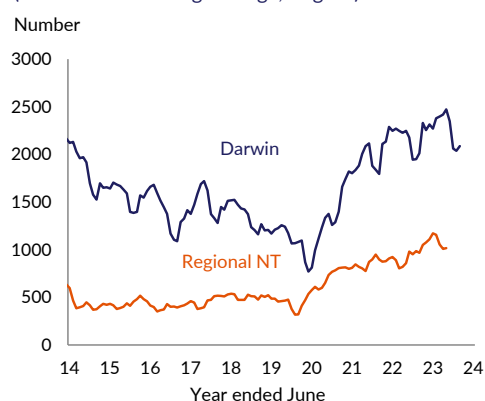
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Feb 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 161	3 377	3 373	-0.1%	6.7%
– managers	363	415	417	0.5%	15.0%
– professionals	945	1 073	1 064	-0.8%	12.6%
– technicians and trades	481	511	509	-0.5%	5.9%
– community and personal services	347	360	365	1.3%	5.1%
– clerical and administrative	413	472	475	0.7%	15.1%
– sales	191	186	188	1.1%	-1.7%
– machinery operators and drivers	186	207	206	-0.8%	10.5%
– labourers	194	195	195	0.0%	0.7%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
– Darwin*	2 012	2 039	2 088	2.4%	3.8%
– Regional NT*	858	1 009	1 016	0.6%	18.4%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	283 264	252 125	246 476	-2.2%	-13.0%
– managers	31 425	28 736	28 353	-1.3%	-9.8%
– professionals	82 219	74 640	72 977	-2.2%	-11.2%
– technicians and trades	38 233	34 769	33 964	-2.3%	-11.2%
– community and personal services	31 699	27 494	26 912	-2.1%	-15.1%
– clerical and administrative	43 429	38 184	37 437	-2.0%	-13.8%
– sales	20 900	18 739	18 531	-1.1%	-11.3%
– machinery operators and drivers	15 240	13 095	12 861	-1.8%	-15.6%
– labourers	19 836	15 200	14 992	-1.4%	-24.4%

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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