

Internet job vacancy report

May 2022 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth National Skills Commission (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 are reported in trend terms.

NSC 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	↓0.2%	↓3.0%
Annual change	↑24.9%	↑27.7%

Monthly change

In May 2022, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 0.2% to 3,277. The largest decrease was in 'sales' (down by 4.6%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'labourers' and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 10.7% and 7.7% respectively) (Chart 1).

All jurisdictions aside from Tasmania experienced a larger decrease in internet job vacancies than the Territory. The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) reported the largest decrease (down by 5.1%), while Tasmania reported the only increase (up by 10.3%). Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 3.0% to 301,545.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 24.9%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'sales' (up by 43.0%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 35.1%). The Territory reported the fourth smallest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a 15.5% increase in the ACT to a 40.5% increase in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 27.7% (Chart 2).

Regional vacancies (original)

NSC 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 2022, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 6.1% to 2,288 (compared with April 2022) (Chart 3), with 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 12.4%) and 'labourers' (up by 11.9%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 25.6%.

The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 4.2% to 950, with 'managers' (up by 11.6%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 8.1%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 21.1%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry

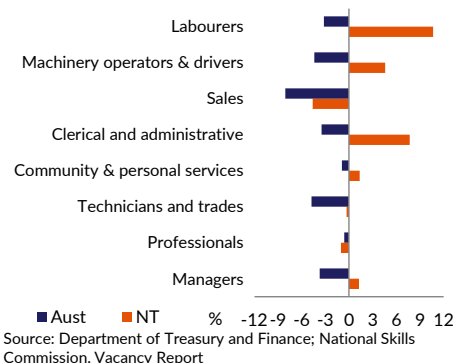


Chart 2: Internet job vacancies (annual % change, trend)

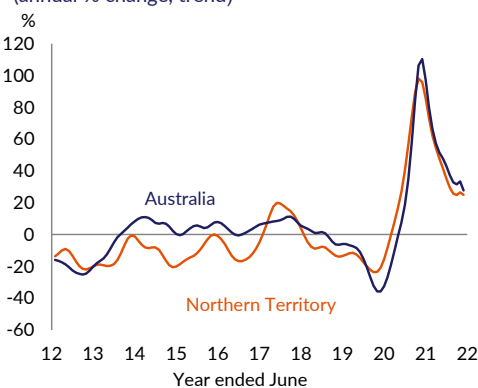


Chart 3: Regional job vacancies (three month moving average, original)

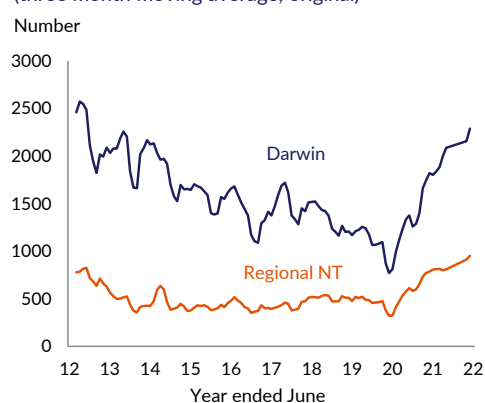


Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	May 21	Apr 22	May 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 624	3 285	3 277	-0.2%	24.9%
- managers	298	346	351	1.3%	17.7%
- professionals	668	876	867	-1.0%	29.7%
- technicians and trades	463	531	530	-0.3%	14.4%
- community and personal services	271	347	352	1.4%	29.8%
- clerical and administrative	360	452	487	7.7%	35.1%
- sales	167	251	239	-4.6%	43.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	192	207	217	4.6%	12.6%
- labourers	205	218	241	10.7%	17.5%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	1 821	2 157	2 288	6.1%	25.6%
- Regional NT*	784	912	950	4.2%	21.1%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	236 065	310 738	301 545	-3.0%	27.7%
- managers	25 202	33 601	32 357	-3.7%	28.4%
- professionals	67 693	82 468	81 981	-0.6%	21.1%
- technicians and trades	33 435	42 653	40 628	-4.7%	21.5%
- community and personal services	23 599	34 714	34 399	-0.9%	45.8%
- clerical and administrative	36 129	48 956	47 253	-3.5%	30.8%
- sales	17 981	27 263	25 058	-8.1%	39.4%
- machinery operators and drivers	12 497	16 541	15 814	-4.4%	26.5%
- labourers	18 553	25 414	24 605	-3.2%	32.6%

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: National Skills Commission, 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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