

Internet job vacancy report

September 2023 | 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	↑0.3%	↓1.7%
Annual change	↑13.4%	↓6.0%

Monthly change

In September 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 0.3% to 3,378. The largest increases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 3.3%) and 'professionals' (up by 1.0%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (down by 1.9%) and 'clerical and administrative' (down by 1.0%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the largest increase of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 2.3% in Victoria to an increase of 0.2% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 1.7% to 270,702.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 13.4%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 39.5%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 15.2%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 17.8%) and 'sales' (down by 6.0%). The Territory reported the largest increase of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 11.1% in Victoria to an increase of 6.6% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 6.0% (Chart 2).

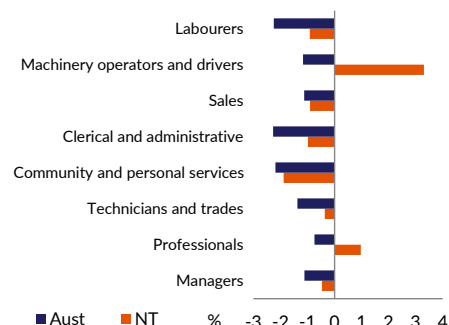
Regional vacancies (original)

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 September 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 0.8% to 2,418 (compared with August 2023) (Chart 3), with 'sales workers' (up by 9.5%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 9.0%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 8.5%.

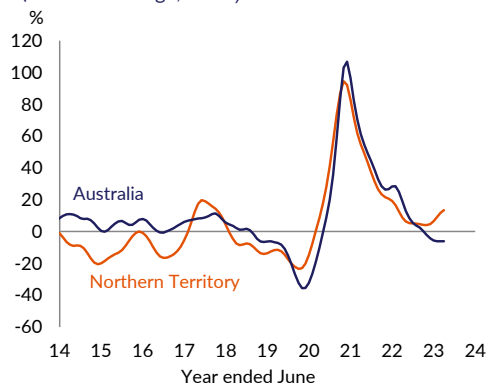
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 3.1% to 1,110, with 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 14.1%) and 'labourers' (up by 11.9%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 22.5%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



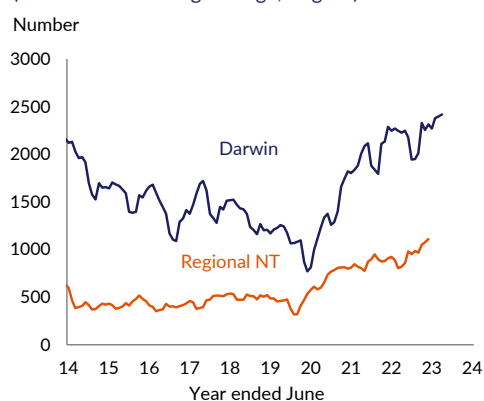
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Sep 22	Aug 23	Sep 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 978	3 369	3 378	0.3%	13.4%
- managers	344	365	363	-0.5%	5.6%
- professionals	835	1 154	1 165	1.0%	39.5%
- technicians and trades	467	477	476	-0.4%	1.7%
- community and personal services	323	336	329	-1.9%	2.2%
- clerical and administrative	404	454	449	-1.0%	11.1%
- sales	202	192	190	-0.9%	-6.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	192	214	221	3.3%	15.2%
- labourers	209	174	172	-0.9%	-17.8%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 228	2 399	2 418	0.8%	8.5%
- Regional NT*	906	1 077	1 110	3.1%	22.5%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	288 132	275 437	270 702	-1.7%	-6.0%
- managers	31 374	30 969	30 624	-1.1%	-2.4%
- professionals	79 482	82 783	82 169	-0.7%	3.4%
- technicians and trades	37 916	37 825	37 305	-1.4%	-1.6%
- community and personal services	33 305	30 128	29 470	-2.2%	-11.5%
- clerical and administrative	45 393	41 423	40 482	-2.3%	-10.8%
- sales	23 115	20 565	20 335	-1.1%	-12.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 448	14 481	14 312	-1.2%	-7.3%
- labourers	22 623	16 865	16 487	-2.2%	-27.1%

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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