

# 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	flat	↓0.9%
Annual change	↑9.3%	↓8.9%

## Monthly change

In January 2024, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory was flat at 3,402. The largest increases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 3.1%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 1.4%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'professionals' (down by 1.5%) and 'sales' (down by 0.6%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the third highest result of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 2.2% in New South Wales to an increase of 2.5% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 0.9% to 255,107.

## Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 9.3%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 27.9%) and 'professionals' (up by 17.3%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'sales' (down by 8.5%) and 'labourers' (down by 1.5%). The Territory reported the second largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 15.8% in Victoria to an increase of 15.6% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 8.9% (Chart 2).

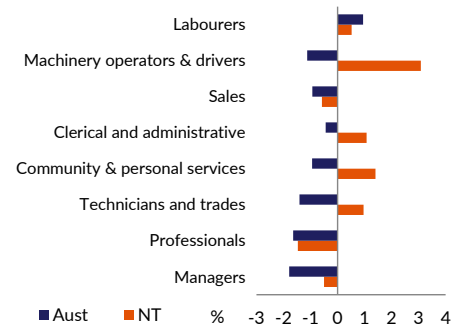
## Regional vacancies (original)

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 January 2024, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 1.1% to 2,039 (compared with December 2023) (Chart 3), with 'managers' (down by 5.9%) and 'professionals' (down by 5.4%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 4.5%.

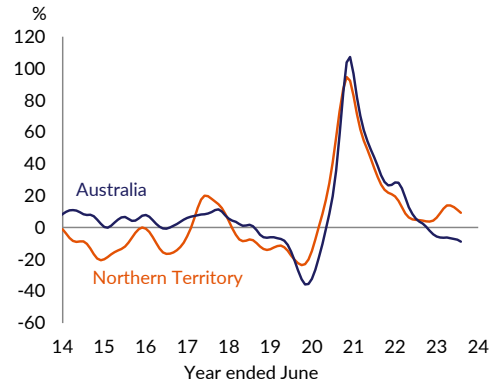
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month decreased by 4.3% to 1,009, with 'professionals' (down by 9.4%) and 'sales workers' (down by 6.9%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 23.2%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



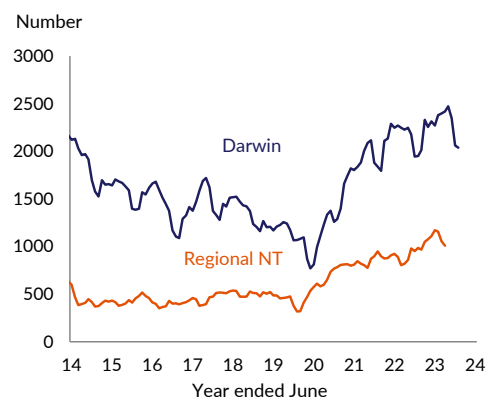
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Jan 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	3 112	3 401	3 402	0.0%	9.3%
- managers	361	402	400	-0.5%	10.8%
- professionals	919	1 094	1 078	-1.5%	17.3%
- technicians and trades	478	520	525	1.0%	9.8%
- community and personal services	344	357	362	1.4%	5.2%
- clerical and administrative	402	465	470	1.1%	16.9%
- sales	189	174	173	-0.6%	-8.5%
- machinery operators and drivers	183	227	234	3.1%	27.9%
- labourers	196	192	193	0.5%	-1.5%
<b>Northern Territory regions</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
<b>Original</b>					
- Darwin*	1 951	2 062	2 039	-1.1%	4.5%
- Regional NT*	819	1 055	1 009	-4.3%	23.2%
<b>Australia</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	280 071	257 304	255 107	-0.9%	-8.9%
- managers	31 028	29 127	28 606	-1.8%	-7.8%
- professionals	81 011	77 214	75 948	-1.6%	-6.2%
- technicians and trades	37 503	35 425	34 926	-1.4%	-6.9%
- community and personal services	31 591	28 414	28 148	-0.9%	-10.9%
- clerical and administrative	43 047	38 776	38 605	-0.4%	-10.3%
- sales	21 031	19 138	18 960	-0.9%	-9.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 115	13 480	13 329	-1.1%	-11.8%
- labourers	20 121	15 414	15 560	0.9%	-22.7%

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.

JSA advises the sum of the categories in trend terms may not equal the reported total due to the methodology behind the trend data series.

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