

Internet job vacancy report

April 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	↓0.3%	↓0.7%
Annual change	↑1.5%	↓15.0%

Monthly change

In April 2024, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 0.3% to 3,299. The largest decreases were in the categories of 'technicians and trades' (down by 1.7%) and 'managers' (down by 1.6%), while 'sales' (up by 1.1%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 0.3%) reported the only increases (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 1.1% in Tasmania to an increase of 0.5% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 0.7% to 243,346.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 1.5%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 7.9%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 6.4%), while 'labourers' (down by 2.1%) and 'technicians and trades' (down by 1.4%) reported the only decreases. The Territory reported the second strongest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 21.9% in Victoria to an increase of 5.6% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 15.0% (Chart 2).

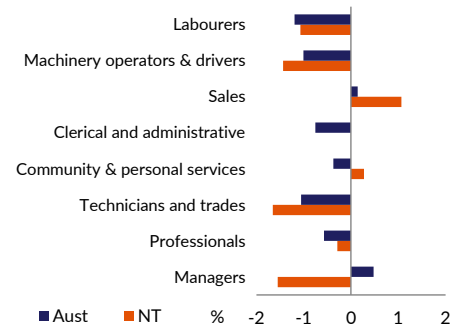
Regional vacancies (original)

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 April 2024, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 2.5% to 2,263 (compared with March 2024) (Chart 3), with 'community and personal service workers' (down by 5.9%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 5.3%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 0.4%.

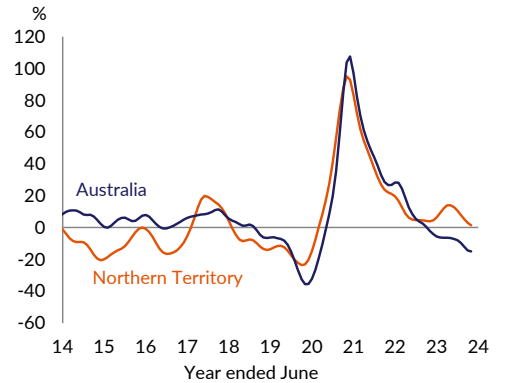
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month decreased by 1.8% to 1,079, with 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 7.1%) and 'managers' (down by 6.2%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 13.6%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



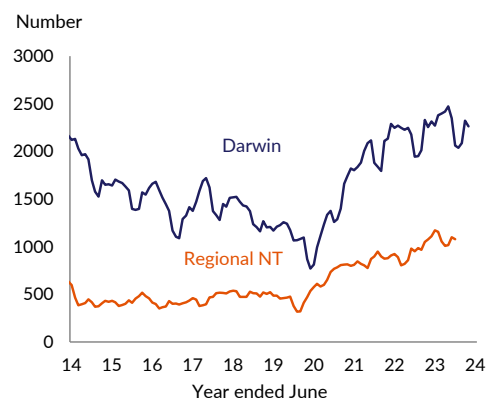
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Apr 23	Mar 24	Apr 24	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 251	3 308	3 299	-0.3%	1.5%
- managers	370	387	381	-1.6%	3.0%
- professionals	1 023	1 039	1 036	-0.3%	1.3%
- technicians and trades	483	484	476	-1.7%	-1.4%
- community and personal services	346	367	368	0.3%	6.4%
- clerical and administrative	442	469	469	0.0%	6.1%
- sales	190	188	190	1.1%	0.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	191	209	206	-1.4%	7.9%
- labourers	189	187	185	-1.1%	-2.1%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 254	2 322	2 263	-2.5%	0.4%
- Regional NT*	950	1 099	1 079	-1.8%	13.6%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	286 206	244 965	243 346	-0.7%	-15.0%
- managers	32 028	28 684	28 821	0.5%	-10.0%
- professionals	84 206	72 566	72 152	-0.6%	-14.3%
- technicians and trades	38 853	33 282	32 931	-1.1%	-15.2%
- community and personal services	31 838	27 478	27 375	-0.4%	-14.0%
- clerical and administrative	43 463	37 440	37 158	-0.8%	-14.5%
- sales	20 913	18 857	18 884	0.1%	-9.7%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 311	12 826	12 697	-1.0%	-17.1%
- labourers	18 911	14 763	14 587	-1.2%	-22.9%

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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