

Internet job vacancy report

January 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	↑0.5%	↑0.4%
Annual change	↑2.4%	↑3.6%

Monthly change

In January 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 0.5% to 3,004. The largest increases were in the categories of 'labourers' and 'community and personal services' (both up by 1.5%), while the largest decreases were in 'sales' (down by 1.9%) and 'clerical and administrative' (down by 0.4%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 1.5% in Victoria to an increase of 1.2% in South Australia. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 0.4% to 277,035.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 2.4%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 14.6%) and 'professionals' (up by 13.0%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'sales' (down by 15.8%) and 'clerical and administrative' (down by 10.0%)

The Territory reported the third smallest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 2.2% in Victoria to an increase of 13.8% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 3.6% (Chart 2).

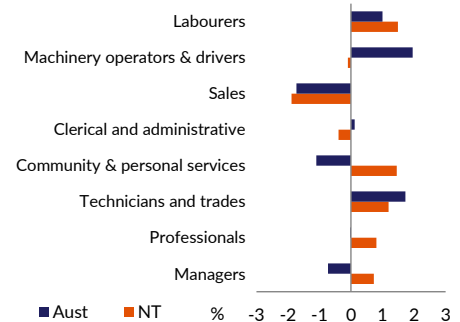
Regional vacancies (original)

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 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 0.4% to 1,951 (compared with December 2022) (Chart 3), with 'labourers' (up by 10.7%) and 'technicians and trades workers' (up by 3.3%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 6.1%.

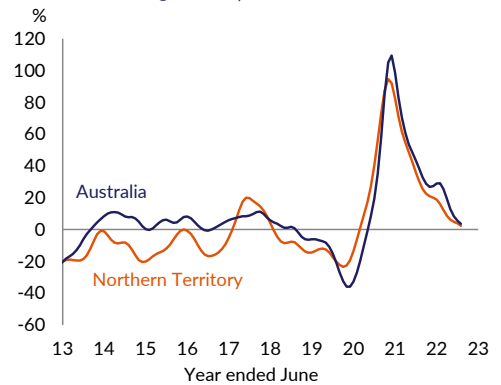
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 1.7% to 819, with 'community and personal service workers' (up by 9.5%) and 'labourers' (up by 5.2%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 1.8%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



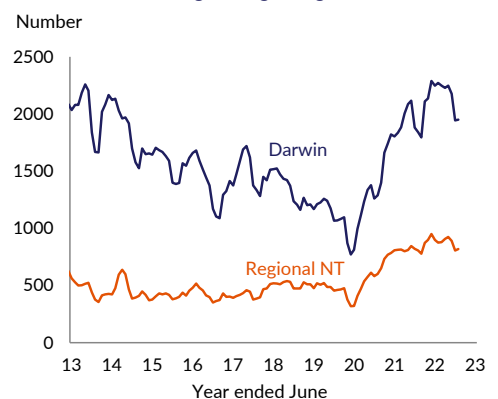
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 934	2 990	3 004	0.5%	2.4%
- managers	321	347	349	0.7%	8.7%
- professionals	783	877	884	0.8%	13.0%
- technicians and trades	491	479	484	1.2%	-1.3%
- community and personal services	298	337	341	1.5%	14.6%
- clerical and administrative	422	382	380	-0.4%	-10.0%
- sales	216	185	182	-1.9%	-15.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	186	182	182	-0.1%	-2.0%
- labourers	222	204	207	1.5%	-6.8%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	1 839	1 944	1 951	0.4%	6.1%
- Regional NT*	805	805	819	1.7%	1.8%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	267 433	275 991	277 035	0.4%	3.6%
- managers	28 632	30 271	30 050	-0.7%	5.0%
- professionals	73 079	79 226	79 208	0.0%	8.4%
- technicians and trades	36 353	36 608	37 239	1.7%	2.4%
- community and personal services	29 405	30 888	30 548	-1.1%	3.9%
- clerical and administrative	41 047	42 703	42 754	0.1%	4.2%
- sales	22 259	21 040	20 675	-1.7%	-7.1%
- machinery operators and drivers	14 580	14 860	15 151	2.0%	3.9%
- labourers	22 613	20 357	20 560	1.0%	-9.1%

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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