

Internet job vacancy report

August 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	↑ 1.5%	↑ 0.6%
Annual change	↑ 13.8%	↓ 3.5%

Monthly change

In August 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 1.5% to 3,428. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 2.1%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 1.9%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 0.3%) and 'clerical and administrative' (down by 0.1%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the equal largest increase of the jurisdictions tied with New South Wales, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 1.3% in South Australia to an increase of 1.0% in Victoria. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 0.6% to 284,423.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 13.8%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 40.8%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 11.1%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 18.0%) and 'sales' (down by 5.6%). The Territory reported the largest increase of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 7.4% in Victoria to an increase of 3.5% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 3.5% (Chart 2).

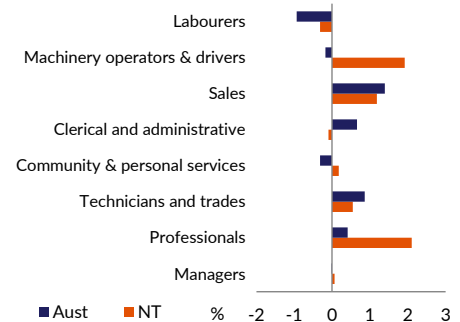
Regional vacancies (original)

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 August 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 0.8% to 2,399 (compared with July 2023) (Chart 3), with 'sales workers' (up by 7.8%) and 'professionals' (up by 3.3%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 6.7%.

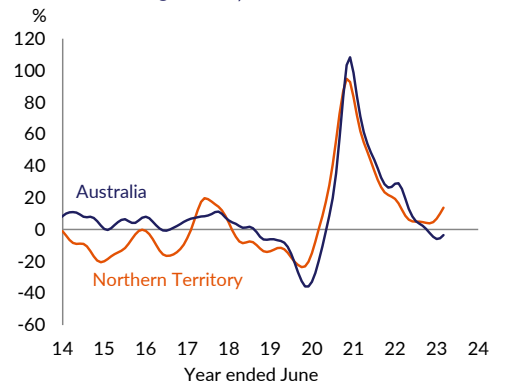
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 2.7% to 1,077, with 'clerical and administrative workers' and 'professionals' (both up by 4.8%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 22.5%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



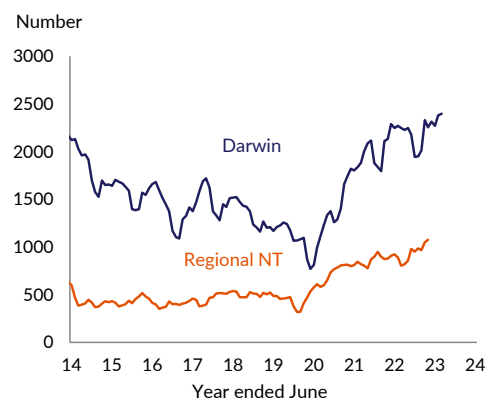
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Aug 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 012	3 378	3 428	1.5%	13.8%
– managers	344	368	368	0.1%	7.1%
– professionals	826	1 139	1 163	2.1%	40.8%
– technicians and trades	473	481	484	0.5%	2.3%
– community and personal services	322	349	350	0.2%	8.5%
– clerical and administrative	414	460	460	-0.1%	11.1%
– sales	212	198	200	1.2%	-5.6%
– machinery operators and drivers	193	200	204	1.9%	5.7%
– labourers	217	178	178	-0.3%	-18.0%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
– Darwin*	2 247	2 380	2 399	0.8%	6.7%
– Regional NT*	879	1 049	1 077	2.7%	22.5%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	294 881	282 744	284 423	0.6%	-3.5%
– managers	31 736	31 933	31 929	0.0%	0.6%
– professionals	79 906	84 796	85 146	0.4%	6.6%
– technicians and trades	39 066	38 577	38 909	0.9%	-0.4%
– community and personal services	34 187	31 197	31 098	-0.3%	-9.0%
– clerical and administrative	46 447	42 794	43 076	0.7%	-7.3%
– sales	23 949	21 375	21 673	1.4%	-9.5%
– machinery operators and drivers	15 718	14 892	14 866	-0.2%	-5.4%
– labourers	23 544	17 598	17 433	-0.9%	-26.0%

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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