

Internet job vacancy report

September 2026 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) Vacancy Report is based on a count of newly lodged online job advertisements in September 2026 on Seek, CareerOne and Workforce Australia. This differs from the ABS Job Vacancies Survey, which is based on a quarterly survey of selected businesses and measures the number of job vacancies available for immediate filling on the survey reference date. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↓0.5%	↑0.5%
Year-ended change	↓6.5%	↑1.5%

Northern Territory (trend)

Internet jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 0.5% in September 2026. The largest declines were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 2.6%) and 'clerical and administrative' (down by 1.6%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'managers' (up by 0.8%) and 'technicians and trades' (up by 0.7%) (Chart 1).

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Internet jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 6.5% in year-ended September 2026. The largest declines were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (down by 18.2%) and 'professionals' (down by 12.2%), while the only increase was in 'technicians and trades' (up by 7.3%).

The Territory reported the largest decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 1.3% in New South Wales to an increase of 8.7% in Western Australia. Nationally, the number of internet job vacancies increased by 1.5% (Chart 2).

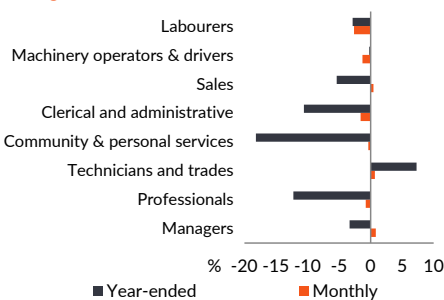
Regional vacancies (original)

JSA reports regional jobs advertised data in original terms, and as a three-month moving average, though seasonal variations remain.

Internet jobs advertised in the Darwin region declined by 11.2% in year-ended September 2026 (Chart 3), with 'community and personal service workers' (down by 24.5%) and 'professionals' (down by 16.1%) reporting the largest declines.

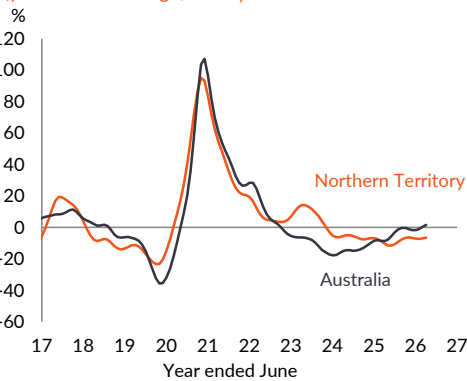
Internet jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory declined by 2.3% in year-ended September 2026, with 'community and personal service workers' (down by 16.2%) and 'sales workers' (down by 12.8%) reporting the largest declines.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry (change, trend)



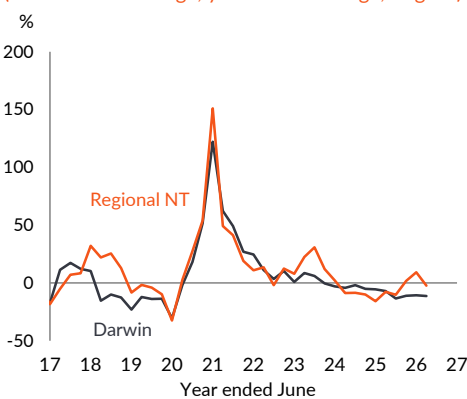
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Report

Chart 2: Internet job vacancies (year-ended change, trend)



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

Chart 3: Quarterly regional job vacancies (three month average, year-ended change, original)



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

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Sep 25	Aug 26	Sep 26	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	116.6	109.6	109.0	-0.5%	-6.5%
– managers	149.8	143.6	144.8	0.8%	-3.3%
– professionals	259.2	229.3	227.5	-0.8%	-12.2%
– technicians and trades	97.3	103.7	104.4	0.7%	7.3%
– community and personal services	128.1	105.2	104.8	-0.4%	-18.2%
– clerical and administrative	117.3	106.6	104.9	-1.6%	-10.6%
– sales	70.7	66.6	66.9	0.5%	-5.4%
– machinery operators and drivers	91.6	92.6	91.4	-1.3%	-0.2%
– labourers	42.1	42.0	40.9	-2.6%	-2.9%
Northern Territory regions					
Index (May 2010 = 100)					
Original					
– Darwin*	83.2	71.5	73.9	n.r.	-11.2%
– Regional NT*	103.9	101.8	101.5	n.r.	-2.3%
Australia					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	97.5	98.5	99.0	0.5%	1.5%
– managers	117.7	121.9	122.5	0.5%	4.1%
– professionals	123.3	123.8	124.3	0.4%	0.8%
– technicians and trades	120.1	124.1	124.0	-0.1%	3.2%
– community and personal services	159.5	155.0	154.4	-0.4%	-3.2%
– clerical and administrative	75.3	72.5	72.8	0.4%	-3.3%
– sales	69.1	69.4	69.8	0.6%	1.0%
– machinery operators and drivers	97.5	108.4	109.4	0.9%	12.2%
– labourers	47.5	49.5	49.8	0.6%	4.8%

n.r.: not reported

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, *Internet Job Vacancy Report*

Term	Definition
Monthly change	Compares the latest month with the previous month
Year-ended change	Compares the latest month with the same month last year
Trend	A trend series is a seasonally adjusted series that has been further adjusted to remove irregular effects and 'smooth' out the series to show the overall 'trend' of the data over time.

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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