

# Internet job vacancy report

March 2023 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (NSC) 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	↑ 1.4%	↑ 0.4%
Annual change	↑ 4.7%	↓ 1.5%

## Monthly change

In March 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 1.4% to 3,197. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 2.3%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 2.1%). (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the fourth largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 0.3% in New South Wales to an increase of 2.9% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 0.4% to 280,885.

## Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 4.7%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 17.6%) and 'professionals' (up by 15.2%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'sales' (down by 15.6%) and 'labourers' (down by 6.7%). The Territory reported the fourth largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 6.7% in Victoria to an increase of 16.2% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies decreased by 1.5% (Chart 2).

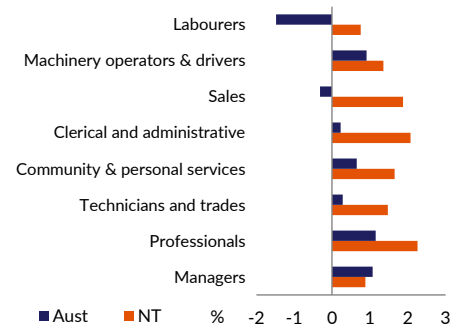
## Regional vacancies (original)

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 March 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 15.8% to 2,329 (compared with February 2023) (Chart 3), with 'labourers' (up by 23.0%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 19.3%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 10.4%.

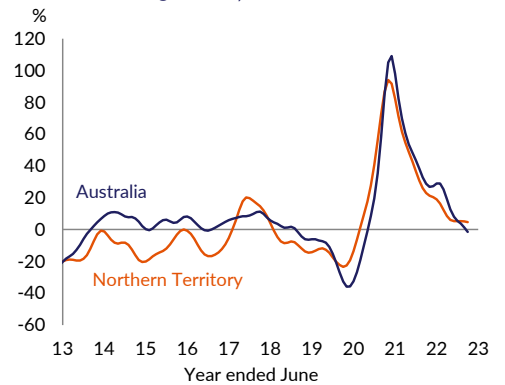
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 14.3% to 981, with 'managers' (up by 24.3%) and 'technicians and trades workers' (up by 23.9%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 12.4%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



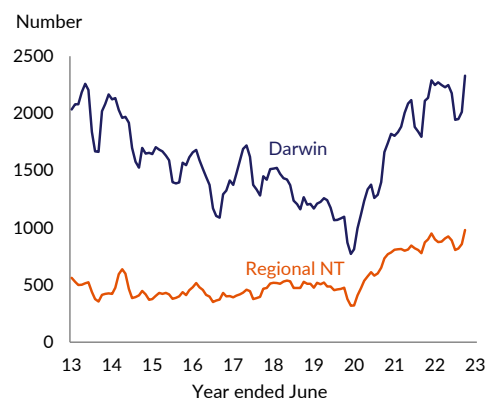
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Mar 22	Feb 23	Mar 23	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	3 054	3 153	3 197	1.4%	4.7%
- managers	337	363	366	0.9%	8.6%
- professionals	827	932	953	2.3%	15.2%
- technicians and trades	499	490	497	1.5%	-0.4%
- community and personal services	315	364	370	1.7%	17.6%
- clerical and administrative	425	402	410	2.1%	-3.6%
- sales	226	188	191	1.9%	-15.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	197	186	189	1.4%	-4.2%
- labourers	222	206	207	0.8%	-6.7%
<b>Northern Territory regions</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 110	2 012	2 329	15.8%	10.4%
- Regional NT*	872	858	981	14.3%	12.4%
<b>Australia</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	285 175	279 627	280 885	0.4%	-1.5%
- managers	30 341	30 732	31 061	1.1%	2.4%
- professionals	76 993	80 577	81 504	1.1%	5.9%
- technicians and trades	38 798	37 637	37 742	0.3%	-2.7%
- community and personal services	31 935	31 347	31 551	0.7%	-1.2%
- clerical and administrative	44 399	42 882	42 980	0.2%	-3.2%
- sales	23 778	20 337	20 272	-0.3%	-14.7%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 374	15 100	15 237	0.9%	-0.9%
- labourers	23 680	19 897	19 603	-1.5%	-17.2%

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. For the underlying data used in this publication, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.jobsandskills.gov.au/work/internet-vacancy-index>

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