Internet job vacancy report

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The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) Vacancy Report is based on a count of newly lodged online job advertisements in October 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	↓0.8%	↓1.5%
Year-ended change	↓7.1%	↓2.0%

Northern Territory (trend)

Internet jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 0.8% in October 2026. The largest declines were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 4.0%) and 'technicians and trades' (down by 2.4%), while the only increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 1.1%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 0.7%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the fourth smallest decline of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 1.4% in Queensland to a decline of 0.1% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, the number of new internet jobs advertised declined by 1.5%.

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The Territory reported the largest decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 4.8% in New South Wales to an increase of 5.1% in Western Australia. Nationally, the number of internet job vacancies declined by 2.0% (Chart 2).

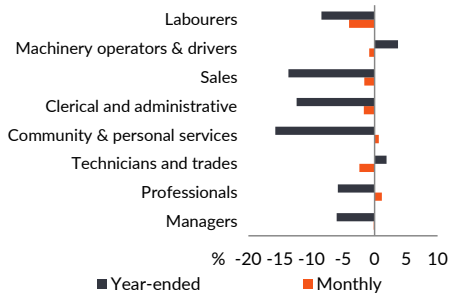
Regional vacancies (original)

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 8.8% in year-ended October 2026 (Chart 3), with 'community and personal service workers' (down by 19.1%) and 'labourers' (down by 14.7%) reporting the largest declines.

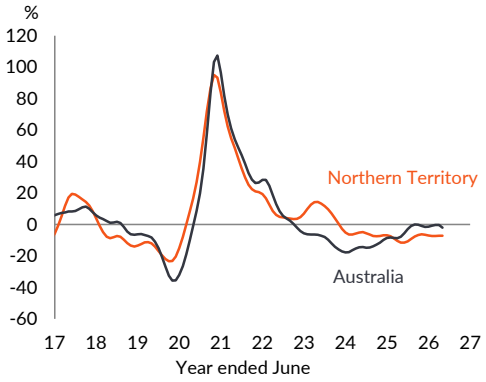
Internet jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory declined by 6.8% in year-ended October 2026, with 'sales workers' (down by 22.6%) and 'community and personal service workers' (down by 17.2%) reporting the largest declines.

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



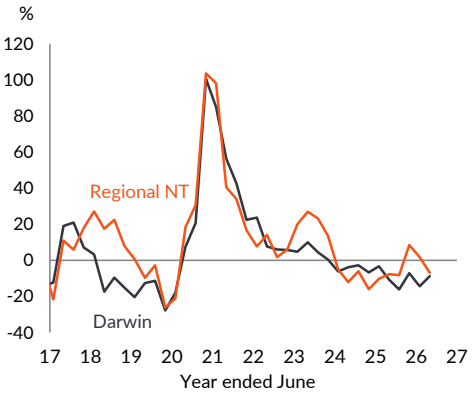
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, *Internet Vacancy Report*

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	
	Oct 25	Sep 26	Oct 26	Monthly[1]	Year-ended[2]
Northern Territory					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	115.5	108.2	107.3	-0.8%	-7.1%
– managers	150.1	141.3	141.1	-0.1%	-6.0%
– professionals	253.5	236.0	238.7	1.1%	-5.8%
– technicians and trades	95.6	99.8	97.4	-2.4%	1.9%
– community and personal services	127.1	106.4	107.1	0.7%	-15.7%
– clerical and administrative	118.1	105.3	103.5	-1.7%	-12.4%
– sales	70.4	61.8	60.8	-1.6%	-13.6%
– machinery operators and drivers	88.8	92.9	92.1	-0.9%	3.7%
– labourers	41.5	39.6	38.0	-4.0%	-8.4%
Northern Territory regions					
Index (May 2010 = 100)					
Original					
– Darwin*	81.9	73.9	74.7	n.r.	-8.8%
– Regional NT*	105.6	101.5	98.4	n.r.	-6.8%
Australia					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	97.3	96.9	95.4	-1.5%	-2.0%
– managers	118.1	120.1	119.4	-0.6%	1.1%
– professionals	123.2	122.2	121.6	-0.5%	-1.3%
– technicians and trades	119.9	119.9	117.6	-1.9%	-1.9%
– community and personal services	159.6	152.0	149.7	-1.5%	-6.2%
– clerical and administrative	75.1	71.5	70.6	-1.3%	-6.0%
– sales	69.4	67.4	66.5	-1.3%	-4.2%
– machinery operators and drivers	99.1	105.4	104.3	-1.0%	5.2%
– labourers	47.7	47.0	46.4	-1.3%	-2.7%

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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