

Internet job vacancy report

August 2022 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth National Skills Commission (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	↓ 1.0%	↑ 0.6%
Annual change	↑ 17.8%	↑ 31.9%

Monthly change

In August 2022, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 1.0% to 3,144. Decreases were reported across all categories except 'machinery operators and drivers' (flat), with the largest decreases being 'technicians and trades' (down by 2.5%) and 'sales' (down by 2.0%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the largest decrease of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decrease of 0.8% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 2.2% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of job vacancies increased by 0.6% to 309,130.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 17.8%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 22.3%) and 'sales' (up by 20.8%). The Territory reported the second weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from an increase of 15.3% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 52.6% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 31.9% (Chart 2).

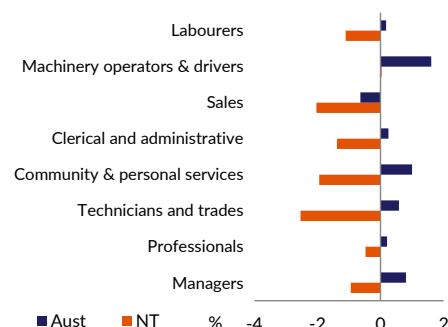
Regional vacancies (original)

NSC 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 2022, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 1.0% to 2,247 (compared with July 2022) (Chart 3), with 'labourers' (down by 4.7%) and 'clerical and administrative workers' (down by 2.9%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 19.3%.

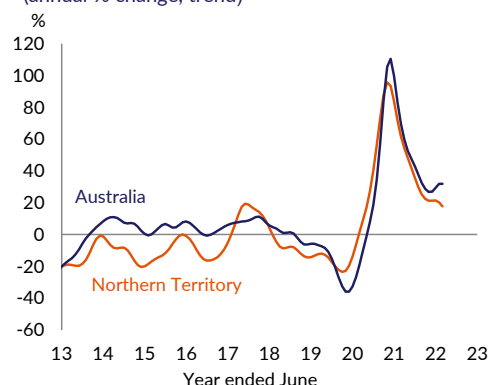
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 0.5% to 879, with 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 10.4%) and 'professionals' (up by 8.1%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 7.8%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



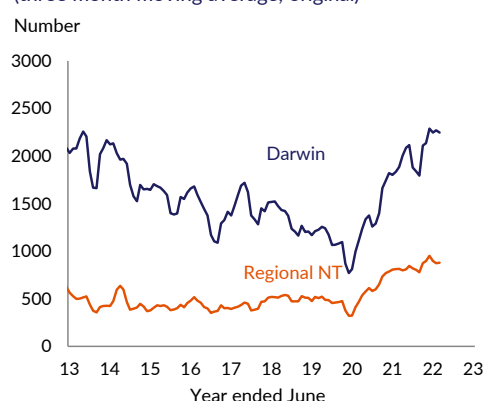
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report

Chart 2: Internet job vacancies (annual % change, trend)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report

Chart 3: Regional job vacancies (three month moving average, original)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Aug 21	Jul 22	Aug 22	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 669	3 175	3 144	-1.0%	17.8%
- managers	293	347	343	-0.9%	17.3%
- professionals	720	849	845	-0.5%	17.3%
- technicians and trades	464	488	475	-2.5%	2.5%
- community and personal services	267	333	326	-1.9%	22.3%
- clerical and administrative	380	429	424	-1.4%	11.5%
- sales	178	220	215	-2.0%	20.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	180	210	210	0.0%	16.7%
- labourers	204	227	225	-1.1%	10.0%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	1 884	2 271	2 247	-1.0%	19.3%
- Regional NT*	815	874	879	0.5%	7.8%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	234 391	307 437	309 130	0.6%	31.9%
- managers	26 126	32 868	33 133	0.8%	26.8%
- professionals	68 990	82 061	82 230	0.2%	19.2%
- technicians and trades	31 213	41 213	41 453	0.6%	32.8%
- community and personal services	22 918	36 487	36 852	1.0%	60.8%
- clerical and administrative	36 005	47 888	48 008	0.3%	33.3%
- sales	18 734	25 145	24 984	-0.6%	33.4%
- machinery operators and drivers	12 393	16 446	16 711	1.6%	34.8%
- labourers	18 094	25 238	25 282	0.2%	39.7%

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: National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report.

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NSC 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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