

# Internet job vacancy report

September 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	↓ 2.0%	↓ 3.4%
Annual change	↑ 8.1%	↑ 17.1%

## Monthly change

In September 2022, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory decreased by 2.0% to 2,946. The largest decreases were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 4.9%), 'labourers' and 'technicians and trades' (both down by 3.0%). (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the second strongest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 4.0% in Western Australia to a decrease of 1.1% in the Australian Capital Territory. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 3.4% to 283,166.

## Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 8.1%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'sales' (up by 17.6%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 16.4%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'technicians and trades' (down by 4.2%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 1.4%).

The Territory reported the smallest increase of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from an increase of 12.0% in Western Australia to an increase of 32.3% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 17.1% (Chart 2).

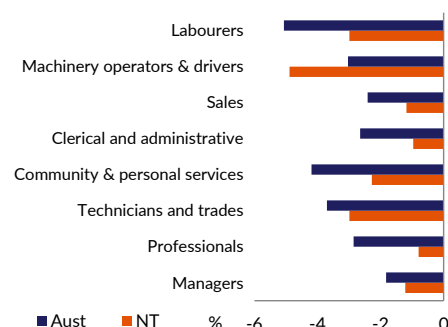
## Regional vacancies (original)

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 September 2022, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region decreased by 0.9% to 2,228 (compared with August 2022) (Chart 3), with 'labourers' (down by 6.4%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 3.8%) reporting the largest decreases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 11.2%.

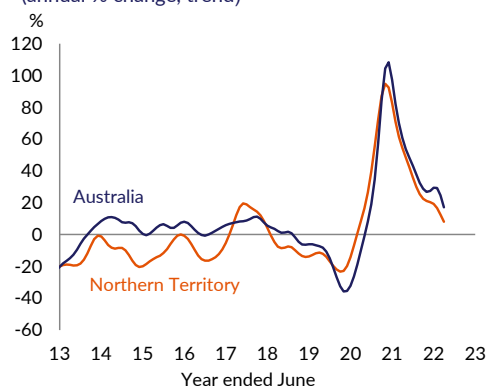
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 3.1% to 906, with 'clerical and administrative workers' (up by 8.2%), 'labourers' and 'community and personal service workers' (both up by 5.6%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 13.5%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



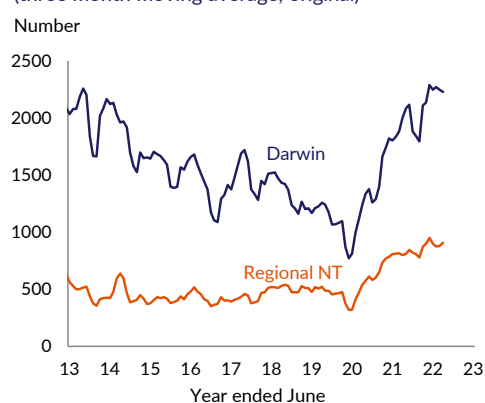
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report

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	
	Sep 21	Aug 22	Sep 22	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	2 726	3 007	2 946	-2.0%	8.1%
- managers	295	340	335	-1.2%	13.5%
- professionals	736	830	823	-0.8%	11.9%
- technicians and trades	471	466	452	-3.0%	-4.2%
- community and personal services	269	321	314	-2.3%	16.4%
- clerical and administrative	389	425	421	-1.0%	8.2%
- sales	184	219	216	-1.2%	17.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	183	190	180	-4.9%	-1.4%
- labourers	209	218	211	-3.0%	1.2%
<b>Northern Territory regions</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 004	2 247	2 228	-0.9%	11.2%
- Regional NT*	799	879	906	3.1%	13.5%
<b>Australia</b>					
<b>Number</b>					
Trend	241 775	293 123	283 166	-3.4%	17.1%
- managers	26 380	31 485	30 912	-1.8%	17.2%
- professionals	69 952	78 711	76 466	-2.9%	9.3%
- technicians and trades	32 081	39 105	37 658	-3.7%	17.4%
- community and personal services	23 599	33 800	32 383	-4.2%	37.2%
- clerical and administrative	37 024	46 436	45 208	-2.6%	22.1%
- sales	19 257	24 224	23 641	-2.4%	22.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	12 747	15 763	15 285	-3.0%	19.9%
- labourers	19 093	23 641	22 444	-5.1%	17.5%

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.

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.

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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