

Internet job vacancy report

September 2024 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) Vacancy Report is based on a count of newly lodged online job advertisements in September 2024 on Seek, CareerOne, and Workforce Australia. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↑0.7%	↑0.6%
Year-ended change	↓6.1%	↓15.3%

Northern Territory (trend)

The number of new jobs advertised in the Territory increased by 0.7% to 3,192 in September 2024. The largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 1.1%) and 'professionals' (up by 0.7%), while the largest declines were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 0.6%) and 'community and personal services' and 'managers' (both down by 0.3%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the second largest increase of the jurisdictions equal with Queensland, which ranged from no change in New South Wales to an increase of 0.8% in Western Australia. Nationally, the number of new jobs advertised increased by 0.6%.

The number of new jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 6.1% over the year to September 2024. The largest declines were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 16.1%) and 'professionals' (down by 15.2%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 2.4%) and 'sales' (up by 1.6%).

The Territory reported the smallest decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 22.6% in Victoria to a decline of 6.6% in Queensland. Nationally, the number of vacancies declined by 15.3% (Chart 2).

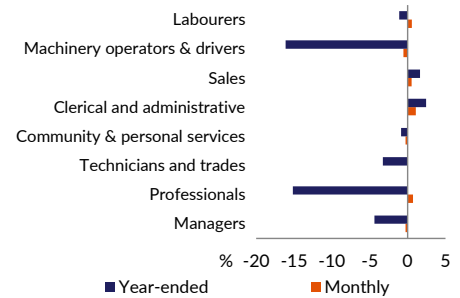
Regional jobs advertised (original)

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

The number of new jobs advertised in the Darwin region declined by 4.1% (Chart 3) over the year to September 2024, with 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 13.2%) and 'professionals' (down by 10.4%) reporting the largest declines.

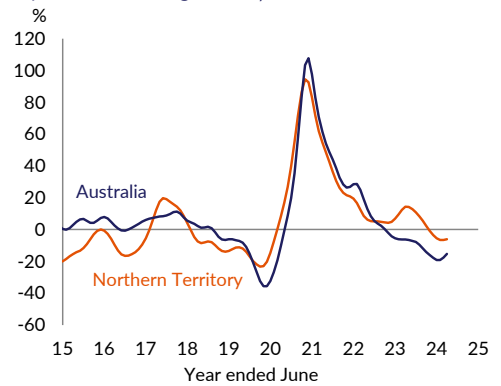
The number of new jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory declined by 8.6% over the year to September 2024, with 'professionals' (down by 19.9%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 9.6%) reporting the largest declines.

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



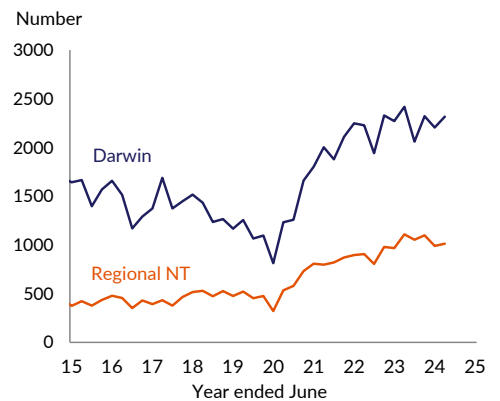
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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



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

Chart 3: Quarterly regional job vacancies (three month average, original)



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

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Sep 23	Aug 24	Sep 24	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 398	3 169	3 192	0.7%	-6.1%
- managers	387	371	370	-0.3%	-4.4%
- professionals	1 153	971	978	0.7%	-15.2%
- technicians and trades	491	475	475	0.0%	-3.3%
- community and personal services	347	345	344	-0.3%	-0.9%
- clerical and administrative	453	459	464	1.1%	2.4%
- sales	183	185	186	0.5%	1.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	211	178	177	-0.6%	-16.1%
- labourers	180	177	178	0.6%	-1.1%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 418	2 185	2 318	n.p.	-4.1%
- Regional NT*	1 110	986	1 014	n.p.	-8.6%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	269 593	226 902	228 343	0.6%	-15.3%
- managers	30 623	27 049	27 137	0.3%	-11.4%
- professionals	81 704	64 439	64 193	-0.4%	-21.4%
- technicians and trades	36 913	32 500	33 073	1.8%	-10.4%
- community and personal services	29 625	24 683	24 644	-0.2%	-16.8%
- clerical and administrative	40 677	34 448	34 591	0.4%	-15.0%
- sales	20 085	18 006	18 112	0.6%	-9.8%
- machinery operators and drivers	14 102	12 251	12 311	0.5%	-12.7%
- labourers	16 165	14 352	14 503	1.1%	-10.3%

n.p.: not published

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
Year-average change	Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period
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.

The Department of Treasury and Finance have updated the terminology used in the economic brief publications when referencing growth. The table below provides a comparison of the updated terminology with the prior terminology. This is a terminology update only and does not impact the definition or growth calculation.

Updated terminology	Prior terminology
Year-ended change	Annual change
Year-average change	Year-on-year change

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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