

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 2024 on Seek, CareerOne, and Workforce Australia. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↑0.9%	↑0.2%
Year-ended change	↓4.4%	↓13.4%

Northern Territory (trend)

The number of new jobs advertised in the Territory increased by 0.9% to 3,240 in October 2024. The largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 1.4%) and 'professionals' (up by 1.3%), while the largest declines were in the categories of 'managers' (down by 2.0%) and 'technicians and trades' (down by 0.3%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the second largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 0.2% in Victoria to an increase of 1.2% in Western Australia. Nationally, the number of new jobs advertised increased by 0.2% to 228,006.

The number of new jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 4.4% over the year to October 2024. The largest declines were in the categories of 'professionals' (down by 12.0%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 11.9%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'clerical and administrative' (up by 5.6%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 2.3%).

The Territory reported the smallest decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 20.1% in Victoria to a decline of 5.0% in Queensland. Nationally, the number of vacancies declined by 13.4% (Chart 2).

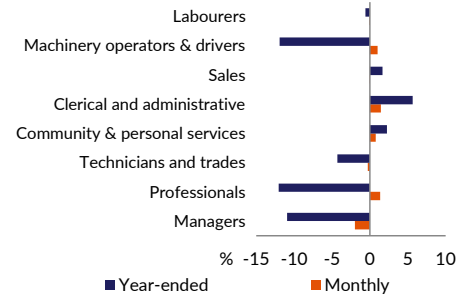
Regional vacancies (original)

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

Over the year to October 2024, the number of new jobs advertised in the Darwin region declined by 3.8% (Chart 3), with 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 15.5%) and 'professionals' (down by 9.4%) reporting the largest declines.

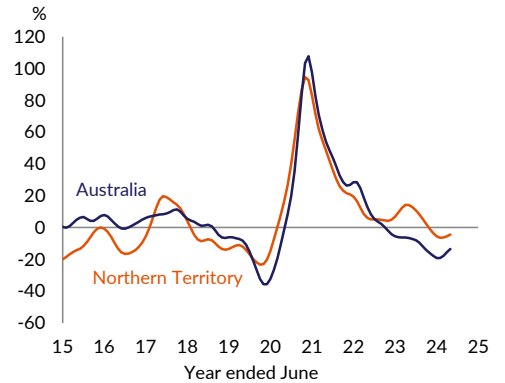
Over the year to October 2024, the number of new jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory declined by 12.0%, with 'professionals' (down by 27.1%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 10.9%) reporting the largest declines.

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



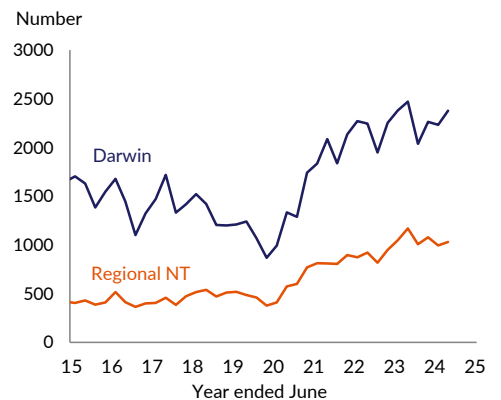
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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	
	Oct 23	Sep 24	Oct 24	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	3 388	3 212	3 240	0.9%	-4.4%
- managers	397	361	354	-2.0%	-10.9%
- professionals	1 134	984	997	1.3%	-12.0%
- technicians and trades	499	479	478	-0.3%	-4.3%
- community and personal services	347	352	355	0.8%	2.3%
- clerical and administrative	452	471	478	1.4%	5.6%
- sales	182	185	185	0.0%	1.7%
- machinery operators and drivers	213	185	187	1.0%	-11.9%
- labourers	183	182	182	-0.1%	-0.6%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	2 471	2 318	2 378	n.p.	-3.8%
- Regional NT*	1 171	1 014	1 031	n.p.	-12.0%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	263 415	227 537	228 006	0.2%	-13.4%
- managers	30 093	26 885	26 960	0.3%	-10.4%
- professionals	80 114	64 639	64 748	0.2%	-19.2%
- technicians and trades	36 153	32 623	32 628	0.0%	-9.8%
- community and personal services	29 065	24 376	24 246	-0.5%	-16.6%
- clerical and administrative	39 645	34 384	34 376	0.0%	-13.3%
- sales	19 665	17 802	17 820	0.1%	-9.4%
- machinery operators and drivers	13 820	12 377	12 465	0.7%	-9.8%
- labourers	15 736	14 392	14 416	0.2%	-8.4%

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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