

Internet job vacancy report

August 2026 | Economic brief

The Commonwealth Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) Vacancy Report is based on a count of newly lodged online job advertisements in August 2026 on Seek, CareerOne, and Workforce Australia. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↓0.1%	↑1.1%
Year-ended change	↓5.9%	↑1.3%

Northern Territory (trend)

Internet jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 0.1% in August 2026. The largest declines were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (down by 3.2%) and 'professionals' (down by 1.2%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'technicians and trades' (up by 0.9%) and 'clerical and administrative' (up by 0.4%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the only decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from no change in South Australia to an increase of 1.9% in Victoria. Nationally, the number of new internet jobs advertised increased by 1.1%.

Internet jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 5.9% in year-ended August 2026. The largest declines were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (down by 20.2%) and 'professionals' (down by 11.5%), while the largest increases were in the categories of 'technicians and trades' (up by 3.7%) and 'labourers' (up by 2.1%).

The Territory reported the largest decline of the jurisdictions, which otherwise ranged from a decline of 3.3% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 6.7% in Western Australia. Nationally, the number of internet job vacancies increased by 1.3% (Chart 2).

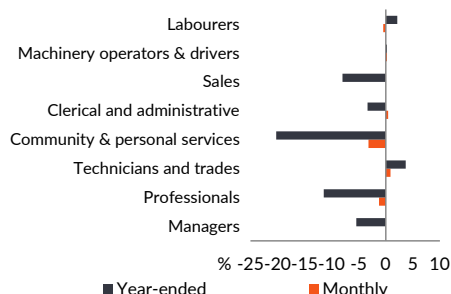
Regional vacancies (original)

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 13.3% in year-ended August 2026 (Chart 3), with 'community and personal service workers' (down by 25.5%) and 'professionals' (down by 18.4%) reporting the largest declines.

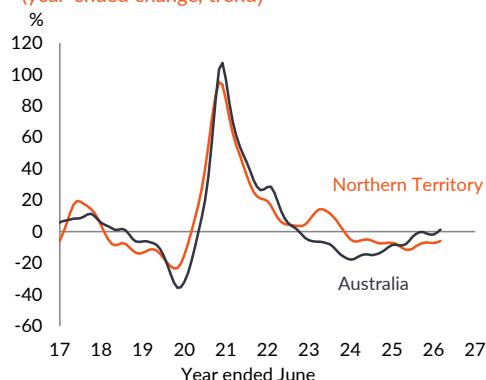
Internet jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory increased by 1.3% in year-ended August 2026, with 'labourers' (up by 26.5%) and 'technicians and trades workers' (up by 21.3%) reporting the largest increases.

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



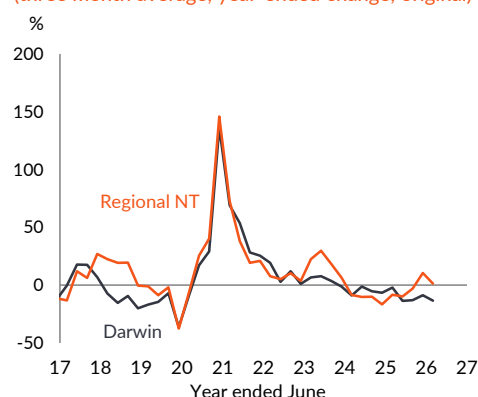
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Report

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)



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Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Aug 25	Jul 26	Aug 26	Monthly ¹	Year-ended ²
Northern Territory					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	117.7	110.8	110.7	-0.1%	-5.9%
– managers	150.2	142.0	142.0	0.0%	-5.5%
– professionals	263.9	236.5	233.6	-1.2%	-11.5%
– technicians and trades	99.9	102.7	103.6	0.9%	3.7%
– community and personal services	129.5	106.7	103.3	-3.2%	-20.2%
– clerical and administrative	115.6	111.2	111.7	0.4%	-3.4%
– sales	71.4	65.7	65.7	0.0%	-8.0%
– machinery operators and drivers	93.8	93.8	94.0	0.2%	0.2%
– labourers	42.5	43.6	43.4	-0.5%	2.1%
Northern Territory regions					
Index (May 2010 = 100)					
Original					
– Darwin*	82.5	71.3	71.5	n.p.	-13.3%
– Regional NT*	100.5	100.8	101.8	n.p.	1.3%
Australia					
Index (Jan 2006 = 100)					
Trend	98.1	98.3	99.4	1.1%	1.3%
– managers	118.9	122.5	123.6	0.9%	4.0%
– professionals	123.9	123.5	123.8	0.2%	-0.1%
– technicians and trades	120.6	125.3	127.3	1.6%	5.6%
– community and personal services	159.9	156.2	157.1	0.6%	-1.8%
– clerical and administrative	75.8	72.2	72.5	0.4%	-4.4%
– sales	69.3	69.8	70.5	1.0%	1.7%
– machinery operators and drivers	96.3	107.3	108.8	1.4%	13.0%
– labourers	47.5	49.2	49.9	1.4%	5.1%

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
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 has updated the terminology used in the economic brief publications when referencing growth. The table below outlines the changes to 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

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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