

# Internet job vacancy report

August 2024 | Economic brief

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

| Internet vacancies (trend) | NT    | Aust   |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Monthly change             | ↑0.2% | ↑1.4%  |
| Year-ended change          | ↓7.4% | ↓16.3% |

## Northern Territory (trend)

In August 2024, the number of new jobs advertised in the Territory increased by 0.2% to 3,138. The largest increases were in the categories of 'labourers' (up by 1.7%) and 'technicians and trades' (up by 0.9%), while the largest declines were in the categories of 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 1.1%) and 'community and personal services' (down by 0.6%) (Chart 1). 'Professionals' were the highest demanded category with 962 new jobs advertised.

The Territory reported the fourth weakest result of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 0.9% in the Australian Capital Territory to an increase of 1.6% in Victoria. Nationally, the number of new jobs advertised increased by 1.4%.

Over the year to August 2024, the number of new jobs advertised in the Territory declined by 7.4%. The largest declines were in the categories of 'professionals' (down by 16.8%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (down by 12.5%), while the largest increase was in the category of 'labourers' (up by 0.6%).

The Territory reported the third smallest decline of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decline of 23.7% in Victoria to a decline of 6.4% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of new jobs advertised declined by 16.3% (Chart 2).

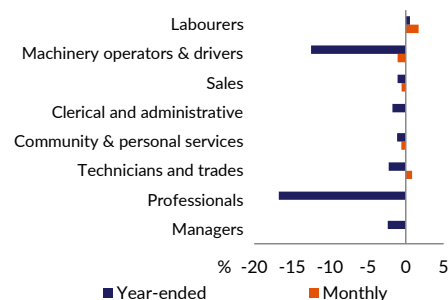
## Regional jobs advertised (original)

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

Over the year to August 2024, the number of new jobs advertised in the Darwin region declined by 8.9% (Chart 3), with 'professionals' (down by 16.4%) and 'community and personal service workers' (down by 10.6%) reporting the largest declines.

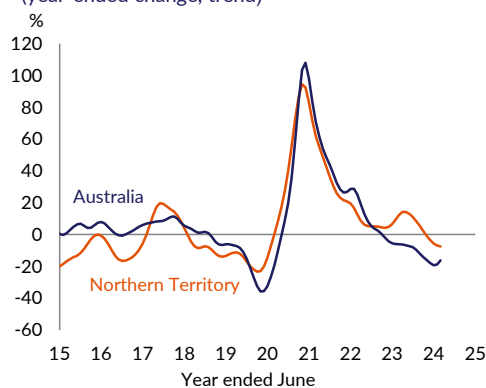
The number of new jobs advertised across regional Northern Territory declined by 8.4% over the year to August 2024, with 'sales workers' (down by 20.7%) and 'professionals' (down by 18.1%) reporting the largest declines.

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



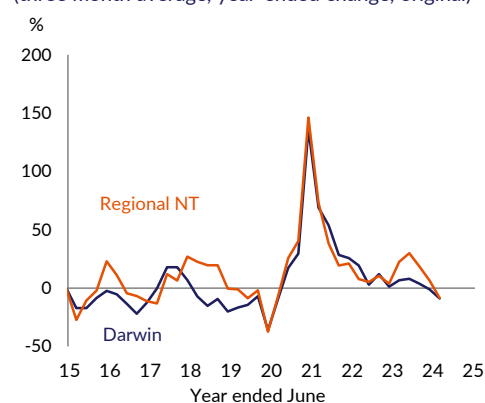
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

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, year-ended change, original)



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

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

|                                   | Period  |         |         | Change               |                         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                   | Aug 23  | Jul 24  | Aug 24  | Monthly <sup>1</sup> | Year-ended <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Northern Territory</b>         |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| <b>Number</b>                     |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| Trend                             | 3 389   | 3 132   | 3 138   | 0.2%                 | -7.4%                   |
| - managers                        | 380     | 371     | 371     | 0.0%                 | -2.4%                   |
| - professionals                   | 1 156   | 963     | 962     | -0.1%                | -16.8%                  |
| - technicians and trades          | 485     | 470     | 474     | 0.9%                 | -2.3%                   |
| - community and personal services | 346     | 344     | 342     | -0.6%                | -1.2%                   |
| - clerical and administrative     | 454     | 446     | 446     | 0.0%                 | -1.8%                   |
| - sales                           | 184     | 183     | 182     | -0.5%                | -1.1%                   |
| - machinery operators and drivers | 208     | 184     | 182     | -1.1%                | -12.5%                  |
| - labourers                       | 177     | 175     | 178     | 1.7%                 | 0.6%                    |
| <b>Northern Territory regions</b> |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| <b>Number</b>                     |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| Original                          |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| - Darwin*                         | 2 399   | 2 233   | 2 185   | n.p.                 | -8.9%                   |
| - Regional NT*                    | 1 077   | 996     | 986     | n.p.                 | -8.4%                   |
| <b>Australia</b>                  |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| <b>Number</b>                     |         |         |         |                      |                         |
| Trend                             | 276 282 | 228 220 | 231 309 | 1.4%                 | -16.3%                  |
| - managers                        | 31 166  | 27 433  | 27 635  | 0.7%                 | -11.3%                  |
| - professionals                   | 82 967  | 66 614  | 66 512  | -0.2%                | -19.8%                  |
| - technicians and trades          | 37 684  | 32 005  | 32 561  | 1.7%                 | -13.6%                  |
| - community and personal services | 30 244  | 24 979  | 24 999  | 0.1%                 | -17.3%                  |
| - clerical and administrative     | 41 720  | 34 719  | 35 122  | 1.2%                 | -15.8%                  |
| - sales                           | 20 490  | 18 172  | 18 317  | 0.8%                 | -10.6%                  |
| - machinery operators and drivers | 14 409  | 12 281  | 12 351  | 0.6%                 | -14.3%                  |
| - labourers                       | 16 713  | 14 247  | 14 458  | 1.5%                 | -13.5%                  |

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.

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