

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 on a variety of job search websites. Unless stated otherwise, all data are reported in trend terms.

Internet vacancies (trend)	NT	Aust
Monthly change	↑2.3%	↓0.1%
Annual change	↑7.4%	↑0.4%

Monthly change

In February 2023, the number of internet job vacancies in the Territory increased by 2.3% to 3,215. The largest increases were in the categories of 'professionals' (up by 3.7%) and 'community and personal services' (up by 3.6%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'labourers' (down by 2.3%) and 'sales' (down by 0.6%) (Chart 1).

The Territory reported the second largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 0.9% in Victoria to an increase of 2.4% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of job vacancies decreased by 0.1% to 276,510.

Annual change

In annual terms, the number of job vacancies in the Territory increased by 7.4%. The largest increases were in the categories of 'community and personal services' (up by 24.2%) and 'professionals' (up by 21.3%), while the largest decreases were in the categories of 'sales' (down by 18.6%) and 'labourers' (down by 17.8%). The Territory reported the third largest increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a decrease of 4.9% in Victoria to an increase of 15.1% in Tasmania. Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 0.4% (Chart 2).

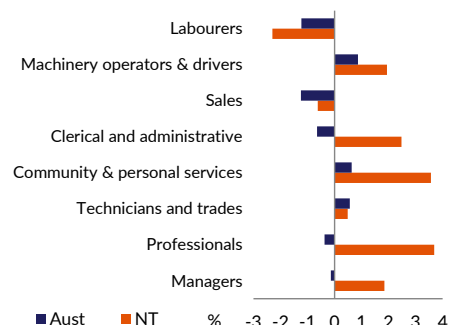
Regional vacancies (original)

JSA 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 February 2023, the number of job vacancies in the Darwin region increased by 3.1% to 2,012 (compared with January 2023) (Chart 3), with 'clerical and administrative workers' (up by 7.9%) and 'machinery operators and drivers' (up by 7.5%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, Darwin job vacancies increased by 12.0%.

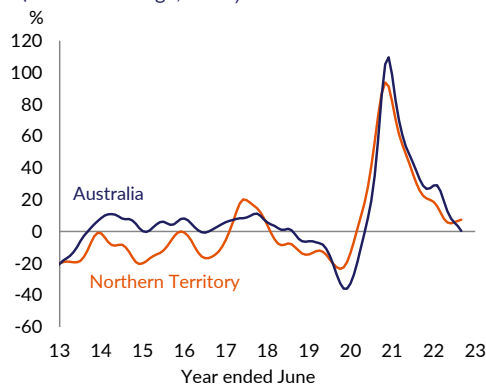
The number of vacancies across regional Northern Territory in the month increased by 4.7% to 858, with 'community and personal service workers' (up by 14.4%) and 'professionals' (up by 10.8%) reporting the largest increases. In annual terms, the number of regional job vacancies increased by 10.5%.

Chart 1: Internet job vacancies by industry



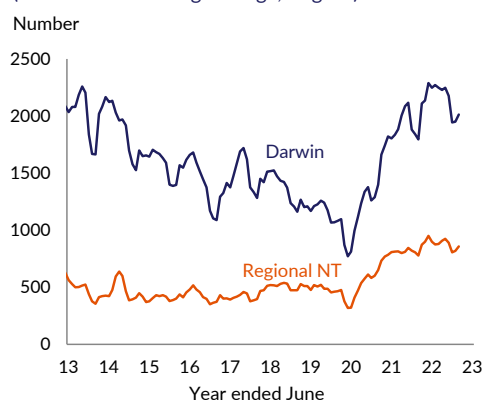
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; Jobs and Skills Australia, Vacancy Report

Chart 2: Internet job vacancies (annual % change, trend)



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

Chart 3: Regional job vacancies (three month moving average, original)



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

Table 1: Internet job vacancy report

	Period			Change	
	Feb 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Monthly ¹	Annual ²
Northern Territory					
Number					
Trend	2 995	3 142	3 215	2.3%	7.4%
- managers	331	364	371	1.8%	12.0%
- professionals	811	949	984	3.7%	21.3%
- technicians and trades	495	479	481	0.5%	-2.8%
- community and personal services	305	366	379	3.6%	24.2%
- clerical and administrative	425	401	410	2.5%	-3.4%
- sales	223	182	181	-0.6%	-18.6%
- machinery operators and drivers	191	187	191	1.9%	-0.1%
- labourers	223	188	183	-2.3%	-17.8%
Northern Territory regions					
Number					
Original					
- Darwin*	1 795	1 951	2 012	3.1%	12.0%
- Regional NT*	776	819	858	4.7%	10.5%
Australia					
Number					
Trend	275 439	276 875	276 510	-0.1%	0.4%
- managers	29 500	30 262	30 223	-0.1%	2.5%
- professionals	74 843	79 576	79 286	-0.4%	5.9%
- technicians and trades	37 534	37 134	37 343	0.6%	-0.5%
- community and personal services	30 647	31 291	31 490	0.6%	2.7%
- clerical and administrative	42 559	42 484	42 209	-0.6%	-0.8%
- sales	23 041	20 543	20 287	-1.2%	-12.0%
- machinery operators and drivers	15 028	14 992	15 122	0.9%	0.6%
- labourers	23 042	20 013	19 767	-1.2%	-14.2%

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, 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.

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