

Job Vacancies (ABS Cat No 6354.0)

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The ABS defines a job vacancy as any job available for immediate filling for which recruitment action has been taken. The ABS scope for recruitment action is broader than the vacancy series released by other organisations, such as the Australian Department of Employment.

Data are based on a sample-based survey and are only available in original terms on a jurisdictional level, thus seasonal and irregular factors may affect quarterly movements. These original estimates have high relative standard errors and therefore the results should be interpreted with caution.

Recent performance

The ABS estimated that the number of job vacancies in Tasmania was 2 500 in original terms in the November quarter 2017, unchanged from the previous quarter, but up 25.0 per cent compared with the November quarter 2016 (Table 1).

In the year to the November quarter 2017, the number of job vacancies in the Tasmanian private sector accounted for 86.4 per cent of the total job vacancy numbers, compared with 85.5 per cent of vacancy numbers for the preceding year.

The standard error of the estimate of job vacancies in Tasmania in the November quarter 2017 was 300 vacancies. The interpretation of this is that there are around two chances in three that the real value falls within the range of 2 200 to 2 800 vacancies (2 500 vacancies plus or minus one standard error).

Table 1: Job vacancies by jurisdiction, November quarter 2017, original data

<i>Original data</i>	Number of job vacancies ('000)	Quarterly % change	Annual % change
NSW	81.5	6.4	18.1
Vic	57.5	2.9	26.7
Qld	35.0	0.0	4.2
SA	9.1	0.0	-5.2
WA	19.8	2.6	11.9
Tas	2.5	0.0	25.0
NT	3.3	-13.2	22.2
ACT	7.2	16.1	26.3
Aus	216.0	3.6	16.3

SOURCE: JOB VACANCIES, ABS CAT NO 6354.0: TABLE 1

Table 2: Job vacancies, Tasmania and Australia, original data

<i>Original data</i>	Nov 16	May 17	Aug 17	Nov 17
Number of job vacancies ('000s)				
Tasmania	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.5
Australia	185.8	182.5	208.4	216.0
Quarterly % change				
Tasmania	5.3	3.8	-7.4	0.0
Australia	3.4	-2.4	14.2	3.6

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There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 1 900 to 3 100 vacancies (2 500 vacancies plus or minus two standard errors).

The standard error in Tasmanian job vacancies in the November quarter 2017 is equivalent to a relative standard error of 12.0 per cent compared to 3.3 per cent nationally.

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