

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 2 900 in original terms in the February quarter 2018, up 400 positions (16.0 per cent) from the previous quarter, and up 300 positions (11.5 per cent) compared with the February quarter 2017 (Table 1).

In the year to the February quarter 2018, the number of job vacancies in the Tasmanian private sector accounted for 84.9 per cent of the total job vacancy numbers, compared with 85.7 per cent of vacancy numbers for the preceding year.

The standard error of the estimate of job vacancies in Tasmania in the February quarter 2018 was 400 vacancies. The interpretation of this is that there are around two chances in three that the real value falls within the range of 2 500 to 3 300 vacancies (2 900 vacancies plus or minus one standard error).

Table 1: Job vacancies by jurisdiction, February quarter 2018, original data

<i>Original data</i>	Number of job vacancies ('000)	Quarterly % change	Annual % change
NSW	78.9	-3.2	15.9
Vic	62.5	8.7	24.0
Qld	36.4	4.0	22.6
SA	10.4	14.3	9.5
WA	22.2	12.1	24.7
Tas	2.9	16.0	11.5
NT	3.7	12.1	27.6
ACT	6.7	-6.9	13.6
Aus	223.7	3.6	19.7

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

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

<i>Original data</i>	Feb 17	Aug 17	Nov 17	Feb 18
Number of job vacancies ('000s)				
Tasmania	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.9
Australia	186.9	208.4	216.0	223.7
Quarterly % change				
Tasmania	30.0	-7.4	0.0	16.0
Australia	0.6	14.2	3.6	3.6

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

There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 2 100 to 3 700 vacancies (2 900 vacancies plus or minus two standard errors).

The standard error in Tasmanian job vacancies in the February quarter 2018 is equivalent to a relative standard error of 13.8 per cent compared to 3.3 per cent nationally.

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