

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 August quarter 2017, down 7.4 per cent from the previous quarter, but up 31.6 per cent compared with the August quarter 2016 (Table 1).

In the year to the August quarter 2017, the number of job vacancies in the Tasmanian private sector accounted for 86.7 per cent of the total job vacancy numbers, unchanged compared with the preceding year.

The standard error of the estimate of job vacancies in Tasmania in the August quarter 2017 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 2 100 to 2 900 vacancies (2 500 vacancies plus or minus one standard error).

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

<i>Original data</i>	Number of job vacancies ('000)	Quarterly % change	Annual % change
NSW	76.6	9.7	10.4
Vic	55.9	25.3	23.4
Qld	35.0	29.2	21.1
SA	9.1	-12.5	-5.2
WA	19.3	1.0	10.3
Tas	2.5	-7.4	31.6
NT	3.8	22.6	58.3
ACT	6.2	8.8	31.9
Aus	208.4	14.2	16.0

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

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

<i>Original data</i>	Aug 16	Feb 17	May 17	Aug 17
Number of job vacancies ('000s)				
Tasmania	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.5
Australia	179.7	186.9	182.5	208.4
Quarterly % change				
Tasmania	0.0	30.0	3.8	-7.4
Australia	9.5	0.6	-2.4	14.2

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There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 1 700 to 3 300 vacancies (2 500 vacancies plus or minus two standard errors).

The standard error in Tasmanian job vacancies in the August quarter 2017 is equivalent to a relative standard error of 16.0 per cent compared to 4.3 per cent nationally.

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