

# Vacancy Report (The Australian Department of Employment)

**Latest month: August 2017**

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The headline measure published in the Report, the Internet Vacancy Index (IVI), is based on the number of job vacancies newly lodged on three online recruitment sites each month (SEEK, CareerOne and Australian JobSearch). For more information, please see the explanatory notes in the [Vacancy Report](#).

## Recent performance

The IVI for Tasmania was estimated to have decreased by 0.8 per cent in August 2017, in trend terms, compared to the previous month and was 2.5 per cent lower compared to the same period one year earlier.

Nationally, the IVI in August 2017 was estimated to have increased by 0.3 per cent, in trend terms, compared to the previous month, and was 6.4 per cent higher than the same period one year earlier.

The Tasmanian IVI has fluctuated between 50 and 60 index points and has decreased in the past few months. Following a decline through 2012-13, the national IVI has generally trended upwards (Chart 1).

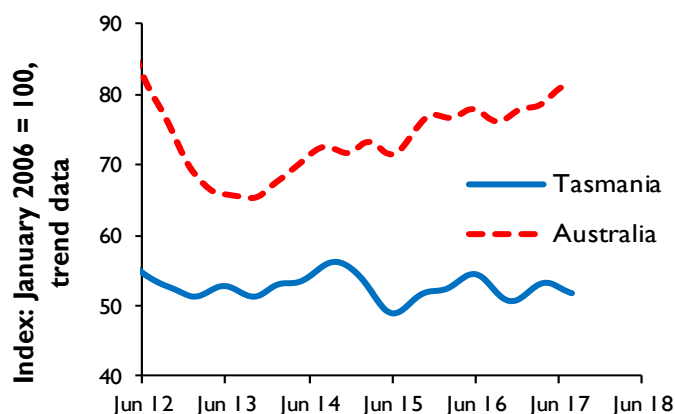
Online job vacancies for professionals accounted for the highest proportion of total vacancies in both Tasmania (25.0 per cent) and Australia (27.4 per cent) in August 2017 (Table 2).

**Table 1: Internet Vacancy Index by jurisdiction, August 2017, trend data**

| Trend data                   | Index       | Monthly change (%) | Annual change (%) |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Index: Jan 2006 = 100</i> |             |                    |                   |
| NSW                          | 89.4        | 0.1                | 1.6               |
| Vic                          | 90.9        | 0.2                | 8.1               |
| Qld                          | 65.8        | 0.8                | 11.8              |
| SA                           | 58.9        | -1.1               | 8.1               |
| WA                           | 76.4        | 0.2                | 11.3              |
| <b>Tas</b>                   | <b>51.7</b> | <b>-0.8</b>        | <b>-2.5</b>       |
| NT                           | 79.6        | 2.8                | 6.9               |
| ACT                          | 156.7       | 0.9                | -0.8              |
| <b>Aus</b>                   | <b>81.5</b> | <b>0.3</b>         | <b>6.4</b>        |

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**Chart 1: Internet Vacancy Index, Tasmania and Australia, trend data**



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**Table 2: Share of Internet Vacancy Index by occupation, August 2017, trend data**

| Trend data                     | Tasmania share (%) | Australia share (%) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Managers                       | 10.8               | 13.1                |
| Professionals                  | 25.0               | 27.4                |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 14.2               | 13.4                |
| Community & Personal Services  | 11.4               | 7.8                 |
| Clerical & Admin Services      | 13.6               | 16.9                |
| Sales Workers                  | 9.2                | 9.0                 |
| Machinery Operators & Drivers  | 5.0                | 5.4                 |
| Labourers                      | 9.1                | 7.0                 |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>        |

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In Tasmania, an increase in vacancies over the past year was recorded in the occupation groups of professionals, managers and technicians and trades workers (Table 3).

Declines over the past year were recorded in the occupation groups of labourers, machinery operators and drivers, sales workers, community and personal services and clerical and administration staff (Table 3).

Nationally, seven occupation groups recorded an increase in vacancies in August 2017 compared to August 2016. The largest increase, in percentage terms, in the period was vacancies in machinery operators and drivers (Table 3).

Nationally, the only percentage decrease over this period was recorded for sales workers (Table 3).

**Table 3: Annual percentage change in internet vacancies by occupation, Tasmania and Australia, August 2017, trend data**

| <i>Trend data</i>               | <b>Tasmania<br/>Annual<br/>change (%)</b> | <b>Australia<br/>Annual<br/>change (%)</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Managers                        | 5.6                                       | 5.4  |
| Professionals                   | 7.5                                       | 6.7  |
| Technicians and Trades Workers  | 5.3                                       | 11.9                                       |
| Clerical and Admin Services     | -6.2                                      | 3.4  |
| Community and Personal Services | -6.7                                      | 3.8  |
| Sales Workers                   | -17.3                                     | -3.3                                       |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | -19.2                                     | 19.7                                       |
| Labourers                       | -27.2                                     | 6.4  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>-2.5</b>                               | <b>6.4</b>                                 |

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