# Key Points

Vacancy Report

July 2014

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The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) increased by 0.9% in trend terms in July 2014[[1]](#footnote-1). Vacancies have now risen for 11 consecutive months since the series low in August 2013, to stand at their highest level since December 2012. Over the year to July 2014, vacancies have risen by 12.7 per cent. That said, the level of vacancies remains 223,400 (or 54.9%) below the March 2008 peak, indicating that despite recent improvements, demand for labour remains relatively subdued.

| Trend SummaryAnnual Change* Increased by 12.7% to 65.2 (Jan 2006 = 100).
* Increased in all of the eight occupational groups, with the strongest rises recorded for Technicians and Trades Workers (up by 18.9%) and Community and Personal Service Workers (16.9%).
* Increased in all states and both territories, with the strongest rises recorded in New South Wales (up by 21.1%) and Victoria (13.6%).

Monthly Change* Increased by 0.9%.
* Increased in seven of the eight occupational groups, and were unchanged for Machinery Operators and Drivers.
* Increased in four states and the Australian Capital Territory.

**(183,600 vacancies)** | Seasonally Adjusted SummaryAnnual Change* Increased by 10.0% to 66.2 (Jan 2006 = 100).
* Increased in all of the eight occupational groups, with the strongest rises recorded for Technicians and Trades Workers (up by 17.4%) and Sales Workers (11.0%).
* Increased in five states and the Australian Capital Territory, but declined in South Australia (down by 1.0%) and the Northern Territory (0.6%).

Monthly Change* Increased by 0.6%.
* Increased in six of the eight occupational groups.
* Increased in four states and the Australian Capital Territory, and were unchanged in Queensland.

**(184,600 vacancies)** |
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Over the year to July 2014, the number of online vacancies increased in 30 of the 38 IVI regions. In line with the shift in the distribution of vacancies towards the non-Mining states over the past year, the strongest increases were recorded in Gosford & Central Coast NSW (up by 33.5%) and Sydney (31.1%), while the strongest falls were in Outback Queensland (down by 16.1%) and Pilbara & Kimberley (13.3%).

### Internet Vacancy Index and Skilled Internet Vacancy Index (January 2006 = 100)



## Internet Vacancy Index – Trend Series

In trend terms, the IVI increased by 0.9% in July 2014. Over the month, vacancies increased in four states and the Australian Capital Territory, and in seven of the eight occupational groups, with vacancies unchanged for Machinery Operators and Drivers.

Over the year to July 2014, vacancies have increased by 12.7%. The IVI increased in all states and both territories, with the strongest rises in New South Wales (up by 21.1%) and Victoria (13.6%). Vacancies also rose across all of the eight occupational groups, with the strongest increase recorded for Technicians and Trades Workers (up by 18.9%), and the weakest increase recorded for Machinery Operators and Drivers (4.1%). Around 183,600 newly lodged vacancies were advertised during July.

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| **IVI - Trend** | **Index (Jan '06 = 100)** | **Monthly % change** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| Managers | 81.3 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 23,669 |
| Professionals | 70.5 | 0.9 | 13.6 | 50,181 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 74.9 | 1.0 | 18.9 | 23,182 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 94.9 | 1.1 | 16.9 | 15,637 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 53.4 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 31,178 |
| Sales Workers | 63.4 | 0.2 | 12.3 | 18,819 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 55.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 7881 |
| Labourers | 40.8 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 12,917 |
| **States and Territories** |  |  |  |  |
| New South Wales | 65.8 | 1.1 | 21.1 | 69,658 |
| Victoria | 64.0 | 0.9 | 13.6 | 44,978 |
| Queensland | 55.9 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 32,500 |
| South Australia | 51.9 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 7563 |
| Western Australia | 88.7 | 1.5 | 5.7 | 19,577 |
| Tasmania | 55.6 | -0.1 | 8.0 | 1751 |
| Northern Territory | 102.2 | -0.6 | 1.8 | 2810 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 100.5 | 2.1 | 7.7 | 4593 |
| **Australia** | **65.2** | **0.9** | **12.7** | **183,627** |

## Internet Vacancy Index – Seasonally Adjusted Series

In seasonally adjusted terms, the IVI increased by 0.6% in July 2014. Over the month, vacancies rose in six of the eight occupational groups and in four states and the Australian Capital Territory, while vacancies were unchanged in Queensland.

Over the year to July 2014, the IVI has increased by 10.0% in seasonally adjusted terms. Vacancies rose in all of the eight occupation groups, with the strongest increase recorded for Technicians and Trades Workers (up by 17.4%), and the weakest rise recorded for Machinery Operators and Drivers (3.7%). Over the year, vacancies rose in five states and the Australian Capital Territory, with the strongest increases recorded in New South Wales (up by 17.9%) and Tasmania (9.7%, albeit from a very low base). A decline in vacancies was recorded in South Australia (down by 1.0%) and the Northern Territory (0.6%).

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| **IVI - Seasonally Adjusted** | **Index (Jan '06 = 100)** | **Monthly % change** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| Managers | 82.3 | 1.1 | 6.7 | 23,736 |
| Professionals | 70.5 | 1.4 | 9.3 | 50,405 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 76.7 | 0.8 | 17.4 | 23,299 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 97.1 | -4.7 | 10.1 | 15,687 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 53.6 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 31,161 |
| Sales Workers | 64.1 | -0.7 | 11.0 | 18,859 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 56.3 | 1.6 | 3.7 | 7929 |
| Labourers | 41.8 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 13,053 |
| **States and Territories** |  |  |  |  |
| New South Wales | 67.0 | 0.1 | 17.9 | 70,556 |
| Victoria | 65.0 | -0.1 | 8.9 | 45,186 |
| Queensland | 55.5 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 32,539 |
| South Australia | 52.6 | 0.2 | -1.0 | 7598 |
| Western Australia | 90.9 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 19,782 |
| Tasmania | 56.9 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 1815 |
| Northern Territory | 96.6 | -1.4 | -0.6 | 2772 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 106.4 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 4683 |
| **Australia** | **66.2** | **0.6** | **10.0** | **184,606** |

## Skilled Internet Vacancy Index

The Skilled IVI increased by 1.0% in July 2014, with vacancies rising in 18 of the 20 Skilled IVI occupational groups over the month. The strongest increases were recorded for Skilled Animal and Horticultural Workers (up by 4.9%) and Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians (1.9%), while declines were recorded for Science Professionals and Veterinarians (down by 1.6%) and Arts and Media Professionals (0.2%).

Over the year to July 2014, the Skilled IVI has risen by 15.3%, with vacancies increasing in 18 of the 20 occupational groups. The strongest increases were recorded for Construction Trades (up by 46.1%) and Medical Practitioners and Nurses (38.3%), while decreases were recorded for Science Professionals and Veterinarians (down by 17.9%) and Engineers (15.7%).

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| **Skilled IVI – July 2014** | **Index (Jan '06 = 100)** | **Monthly % change** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| **Professionals** | **70.5** | **0.9** | **13.6** | **50,181** |
| Arts and Media Professionals | 58.9 | -0.2 | 8.3 | 787 |
| Education Professionals | 111.2 | 1.6 | 25.2 | 2073 |
| ICT Professionals | 60.7 | 1.0 | 9.6 | 10,671 |
| Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals | 70.3 | 1.5 | 8.9 | 4273 |
| Business, Finance and Human Resource Professionals | 53.5 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 12,099 |
| Information Professionals | 96.8 | 1.8 | 10.3 | 1959 |
| Sales, Marketing & Public Relations Professionals | 90.5 | 1.4 | 15.6 | 3501 |
| Transport and Design Professionals, and Architects | 96.7 | 1.7 | 29.1 | 2313 |
| Engineers | 45.3 | 1.7 | -15.7 | 3254 |
| Science Professionals and Veterinarians | 48.7 | -1.6 | -17.9 | 540 |
| Health Diagnostic and Therapy Professionals | 162.0 | 0.3 | 12.3 | 2993 |
| Medical Practitioners and Nurses | 165.8 | 1.0 | 38.3 | 5721 |
| **Technicians and Trades Workers** | **74.9** | **1.0** | **18.9** | **23,182** |
| Engineering, ICT and Science Technicians | 76.2 | 1.9 | 21.1 | 5693 |
| Automotive and Engineering Trades | 70.2 | 0.2 | 12.2 | 5155 |
| Construction Trades | 93.2 | 1.8 | 46.1 | 2886 |
| Electrotechnology and Telecommunications Trades | 69.3 | 0.6 | 8.7 | 2080 |
| Food Trades | 83.7 | 0.1 | 14.8 | 4433 |
| Skilled Animal and Horticultural Workers | 71.6 | 4.9 | 22.5 | 861 |
| Hairdressers, Printing, Clothing and Wood Trades | 67.3 | 0.8 | 16.6 | 1626 |
| Jewellers, Arts and Other Trades Workers | 61.6 | 0.5 | 6.6 | 424 |
| **Skilled IVI Total** | **71.8** | **1.0** | **15.3** | **73,429** |

## Regional Internet Vacancy Index

Over the year to July 2014, the number of online vacancies increased in 30 of the 38 IVI regions. The strongest increases were recorded in Gosford & Central Coast NSW (up by 33.5%) and Sydney (31.1%), while the strongest falls were in Outback Queensland (down by 16.1%) and Pilbara & Kimberley (13.3%).

### Change in internet vacancies over the year to July 2014



Over the past two years, there has been a noticeable shift in the distribution of vacancies across Australia. Against the backdrop of softening conditions in mining related activities, vacancies in regional areas of Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory have weakened. For instance, over the past two years, Western Australia’s share of vacancies has fallen by 4.0 percentage points to stand at 10.7% in July 2014, while Queensland’s share of vacancies has fallen by 3.4 percentage points to stand at 17.7%. By contrast, the share of vacancies in New South Wales has increased by 6.6 percentage points over the same period, to stand at 38.0% in July 2014.

##  Regional IVI – three month moving average

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| **Regional IVI – July 2014** | **Index (May '10 = 100)** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| **New South Wales** |  |  |  |
| Bathurst & Central West NSW | 41.5 | 25.7 | 327 |
| Blue Mountains | 85.6 | 9.2 | 804 |
| Dubbo & Western NSW | 77.6 | 18.8 | 651 |
| Gosford & Central Coast | 126.6 | 33.5 | 1141 |
| Illawarra & South Coast | 100.3 | 14.9 | 1593 |
| NSW North Coast | 108.3 | 14.8 | 1888 |
| Newcastle & Hunter | 71.6 | 3.9 | 3008 |
| Riverina & Murray | 93.9 | 9.5 | 735 |
| Southern Highlands & Snowy | 78.0 | 9.5 | 417 |
| Sydney | 109.4 | 31.1 | 62,073 |
| Tamworth & North West NSW | 64.7 | 19.7 | 707 |
| **Victoria** |  |  |  |
| Ballarat & Central Highlands | 116.6 | 14.2 | 519 |
| Bendigo & High Country | 92.2 | 16.7 | 1308 |
| Geelong & Surf Coast | 98.1 | 17.3 | 1281 |
| Gippsland | 159.4 | 9.5 | 1002 |
| Melbourne | 92.7 | 20.0 | 42,084 |
| Wimmera & Western | 98.3 | 1.9 | 524 |
| **Queensland** |  |  |  |
| Brisbane | 82.5 | 13.1 | 20,328 |
| Central Queensland | 94.7 | -10.7 | 2543 |
| Far North Queensland | 104.3 | -1.2 | 3847 |
| Gold Coast | 96.1 | 19.4 | 3564 |
| Outback Queensland | 94.4 | -16.1 | 307 |
| Sunshine Coast | 123.1 | 12.9 | 1480 |
| Toowoomba & South West QLD | 130.0 | -10.9 | 1451 |
| **South Australia** |  |  |  |
| Adelaide | 67.8 | 3.7 | 7016 |
| Fleurieu Peninsula & Murray Mallee | 97.5 | 3.7 | 447 |
| Port Augusta & Eyre Peninsula | 98.9 | 4.5 | 288 |
| Yorke Peninsula & Clare Valley | 81.1 | -4.1 | 123 |
| **Western Australia** |  |  |  |
| Goldfields & Southern WA | 138.2 | -5.1 | 901 |
| Perth | 92.8 | 7.7 | 16,861 |
| Pilbara & Kimberley | 243.5 | -13.3 | 1530 |
| South West WA | 52.0 | 22.8 | 621 |
| **Tasmania** |  |  |  |
| Hobart & Southeast Tasmania | 67.4 | 14.5 | 1045 |
| Launceston & Northeast Tasmania | 59.1 | 22.9 | 377 |
| North West Tasmania | 74.9 | 1.5 | 278 |
| **Northern Territory** |  |  |  |
| Darwin | 90.5 | 11.2 | 2446 |
| Regional Northern Territory | 56.9 | -2.4 | 540 |

## State and Territory IVI – trend

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| **State IVI – July 2014** | **Index (Jan '06 = 100)** | **Monthly % change** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| **Australia** | **65.2** | **0.9** | **12.7** | **183,627** |
| Managers | 81.3 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 23,669 |
| Professionals | 70.5 | 0.9 | 13.6 | 50,181 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 74.9 | 1.0 | 18.9 | 23,182 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 94.9 | 1.1 | 16.9 | 15,637 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 53.4 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 31,178 |
| Sales Workers | 63.4 | 0.2 | 12.3 | 18,819 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 55.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 7881 |
| Labourers | 40.8 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 12,917 |
| **New South Wales** | **65.8** | **1.1** | **21.1** | **69,658** |
| Managers | 74.0 | 0.9 | 17.3 | 9813 |
| Professionals | 66.6 | 1.6 | 22.9 | 20,774 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 82.7 | 1.3 | 30.1 | 7446 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 99.3 | 1.6 | 19.1 | 5499 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 51.6 | 1.2 | 19.7 | 12,523 |
| Sales Workers | 57.7 | 0.3 | 20.3 | 6805 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 65.6 | 1.4 | 18.7 | 2382 |
| Labourers | 53.6 | 2.1 | 8.4 | 4150 |
| **Victoria** | **64.0** | **0.9** | **13.6** | **44,978** |
| Managers | 84.7 | 1.0 | 7.7 | 5846 |
| Professionals | 70.3 | 0.8 | 12.1 | 12,082 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 74.3 | 1.5 | 26.8 | 5367 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 95.2 | 0.8 | 19.3 | 4098 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 52.3 | 0.2 | 10.2 | 7863 |
| Sales Workers | 58.4 | 0.2 | 7.7 | 4787 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 54.7 | 1.1 | 21.5 | 1817 |
| Labourers | 40.1 | 1.9 | 11.5 | 3112 |
| **Queensland** | **55.9** | **0.2** | **4.3** | **32,500** |
| Managers | 76.1 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 3692 |
| Professionals | 64.5 | -0.3 | 5.6 | 8179 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 53.5 | -0.2 | 2.3 | 4614 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 85.5 | 1.4 | 21.4 | 3088 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 49.3 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 5195 |
| Sales Workers | 62.2 | -0.9 | 5.1 | 3424 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 41.0 | -0.8 | -18.0 | 1571 |
| Labourers | 32.5 | -0.6 | -7.5 | 2701 |
| **South Australia** | **51.9** | **-0.3** | **0.3** | **7563** |
| Managers | 70.7 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 820 |
| Professionals | 77.8 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 1698 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 49.0 | -2.4 | -2.7 | 1044 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 64.7 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 715 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 45.9 | -0.8 | -3.4 | 1119 |
| Sales Workers | 53.4 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 840 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 37.4 | -1.3 | -8.1 | 470 |
| Labourers | 28.9 | -1.3 | -9.3 | 852 |
| **Western Australia** | **88.7** | **1.5** | **5.7** | **19,577** |
| Managers | 123.7 | 0.8 | -3.5 | 2275 |
| Professionals | 82.8 | 1.7 | -7.2 | 4437 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 135.7 | 1.1 | 22.6 | 3540 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 137.3 | 1.6 | 14.6 | 1348 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 69.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 3082 |
| Sales Workers | 117.6 | 2.4 | 18.7 | 2155 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 79.1 | -0.8 | -0.9 | 1276 |
| Labourers | 44.9 | 2.1 | 17.3 | 1443 |
| **Tasmania** | **55.6** | **-0.1** | **8.0** | **1751** |
| Managers | 77.3 | -0.3 | 9.9 | 167 |
| Professionals | 88.8 | -1.3 | 9.6 | 379 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 59.9 | 1.3 | 14.6 | 248 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 71.8 | 0.6 | 15.7 | 217 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 54.0 | -1.3 | -6.9 | 212 |
| Sales Workers | 61.3 | -1.9 | 6.8 | 202 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 29.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 95 |
| Labourers | 27.2 | 3.4 | 9.8 | 233 |
| **Northern Territory** | **102.2** | **-0.6** | **1.8** | **2810** |
| Managers | 120.9 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 307 |
| Professionals | 171.1 | -0.6 | 13.0 | 667 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 105.1 | -1.6 | 12.0 | 479 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 107.1 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 272 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 108.0 | 0.9 | -4.8 | 441 |
| Sales Workers | 100.7 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 251 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 89.3 | -1.3 | -14.6 | 191 |
| Labourers | 48.2 | -2.5 | -11.6 | 209 |
| **Australian Capital Territory** | **100.5** | **2.1** | **7.7** | **4593** |
| Managers | 80.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 598 |
| Professionals | 92.1 | 1.2 | 10.8 | 1724 |
| Technicians and Trades Workers | 173.0 | 2.8 | 18.5 | 484 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 266.5 | 0.9 | 14.3 | 443 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 79.5 | 1.5 | -4.9 | 666 |
| Sales Workers | 113.3 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 353 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 144.1 | 4.0 | 30.4 | 94 |
| Labourers | 113.9 | 3.1 | 30.3 | 228 |

## Occupational IVI – trend

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| **Occupational IVI – July 2014** | **Index (Jan '06 = 100)** | **Monthly % change** | **Yearly % change** | **Number of vacancies** |
| Managers | 81.3 | 1.0 | 10.5 | **23,669** |
| Chief Executives, Managing Directors & Legislators | 113.5 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 785 |
| Farmers and Farm Managers | 48.7 | -1.6 | -6.4 | 63 |
| Hospitality, Retail and Service Managers | 97.1 | 0.8 | 12.2 | 5427 |
| Corporate Managers | 77.5 | 1.0 | 8.5 | 10,739 |
| Construction, Production and Distribution Managers | 77.2 | 1.2 | 18.3 | 5276 |
| Health, Education, ICT and Other Managers | 58.3 | -0.5 | -1.8 | 1318 |
| Professionals | 70.5 | 0.9 | 13.6 | **50,181** |
| Arts and Media Professionals | 58.9 | -0.2 | 8.3 | 787 |
| Education Professionals | 111.2 | 1.6 | 25.2 | 2073 |
| ICT Professionals | 60.7 | 1.0 | 9.6 | 10,671 |
| Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals | 70.3 | 1.5 | 8.9 | 4273 |
| Business, Finance and Human Resource Professionals | 53.5 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 12,099 |
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| Jewellers, Arts and Other Trades Workers | 61.6 | 0.5 | 6.6 | 424 |
| Community and Personal Service Workers | 94.9 | 1.1 | 16.9 | **15,637** |
| Health and Welfare Support Workers | 118.8 | 1.6 | 7.8 | 1027 |
| Carers and Aides | 132.5 | 1.6 | 20.1 | 7598 |
| Hospitality Workers | 63.9 | 1.5 | 15.2 | 3996 |
| Protective Service Workers | 44.8 | 0.2 | -1.6 | 601 |
| Sports, Travel and Personal Service Workers | 109.8 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 2409 |
| Clerical and Administrative Workers | 53.4 | 0.9 | 11.4 | **31,178** |
| Numerical Clerks | 42.6 | 0.4 | 9.8 | 7120 |
| Clerical and Office Support Workers, Couriers | 64.8 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 712 |
| Other Clerical and Administrative Workers | 72.1 | 1.8 | 12.9 | 4640 |
| Office Managers, Administrators and Secretaries | 55.6 | 1.4 | 16.1 | 5442 |
| General-Inquiry Clerks, Call Centre, Receptionists | 53.5 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 13,143 |
| Sales Workers | 63.4 | 0.2 | 12.3 | **18,819** |
| Sales Representatives and Agents | 72.9 | 0.3 | 12.8 | 6829 |
| Sales Assistants and Salespersons | 58.9 | 0.9 | 12.6 | 10,294 |
| Sales Support Workers | 50.7 | -1.0 | 10.4 | 1677 |
| Machinery Operators and Drivers | 55.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | **7881** |
| Machine and Stationary Plant Operators | 56.7 | -0.9 | -2.3 | 1679 |
| Mobile Plant Operators | 71.6 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 1911 |
| Drivers and Storepersons | 49.6 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 4292 |
| Labourers | 40.8 | 1.2 | 5.2 | **12,917** |
| Cleaners and Laundry Workers | 48.0 | 1.1 | -1.8 | 2366 |
| Construction and Mining Labourers | 67.2 | 2.4 | 27.2 | 1351 |
| Factory Process Workers | 52.0 | 0.8 | 7.1 | 2152 |
| Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers | 31.5 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 750 |
| Food Preparation Assistants | 43.1 | 0.3 | -5.3 | 1144 |
| Other Labourers | 32.5 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 5051 |
| Australian Total | 65.2 | 0.9 | 12.7 | **183,627** |

## Explanatory Notes

* The monthly Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) is based on a count of online job advertisements newly lodged on SEEK, MyCareer, CareerOne and Australian JobSearch during the month. Duplicate advertisements are removed before the IVI vacancies are coded by the Department of Employment to occupations based on the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). The data are seasonally adjusted and trended, and then indexed (January 2006 = 100).
* The Skilled IVI is based on the aggregation of Professionals and Technicians and Trades Workers.
* The Regional IVI was first published in September 2010 and back cast to May 2010. The Regional IVI concords vacancies to 38 best fit regions across the states and territories from the four job boards.
* Due to technical difficulties, processing of the IVI in June and July 2014 was undertaken without input from one of the job boards. To account for this, vacancy counts for the missing job board were created synthetically by assuming that the monthly change in vacancies for the missing job board was the same as the average change across the other job boards. For this reason, recent monthly changes in vacancies should be used with some caution.
	+ Resolution of the technical problem now appears unlikely. Accordingly, the Department is currently preparing to remove the job board from the IVI series in the near future.
* In July 2013, the IVI was affected by MyCareer’s move to free job advertising. In order to take account of this change and provide a more reliable indicator of recent vacancy trends, the Department made an adjustment to the data using a ‘level shift’. This estimated the impact of MyCareer’s change in advertising behaviour by comparing the level of job advertisements during the period leading up to June 2013 with the period from July 2013 onwards, before adjusting accordingly. Seasonal adjustment and trending were then performed on the adjusted series. Data were not adjusted at the regional and four digit occupational levels, as these series are only published as three month averages of original data.
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1. Note: due to technical difficulties over the past two months, data for one of the job boards have not been available and have been imputed. For this reason, recent monthly changes in vacancies should be used with some caution. For more information, please see the explanatory notes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)