

# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

# Capital Region, February 2023

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This snapshot provides information about trends in employers' recruitment experiences and future staffing outlook. Information on this page is sourced from the online job advertisements measured by the Internet Vacancy Index (IVI). Lightcast (formerly Burning Glass Technologies) data are based on the Australian Capital Territory and the Capital Region SA4s.

### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Capital Region ER, February 2023

Job advertisement count

8,182

seasonally adjusted count

Change over the month

**↓** -3.1%

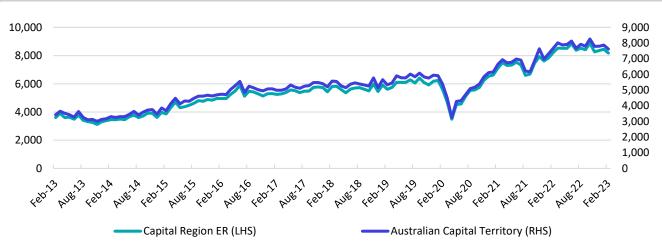
(or -264 job advertisements)

**Change since Feb-22** 

↓ -0.3%

(or -28 job advertisements)

### Number of online job advertisements over the ten years to February 2023



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Feb-2023



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Feb-2023

### Top 10 skills in demand\* Proportion of job ads Communication Skills 36% **Building Relationships** Teamwork / Collaboration 17% 16% **Planning** Research 12% Organisational Skills 12% Detail-Orientated 12% Problem Solving Writing Verbal / Oral Communication

Source: Lightcast, Nov-2022 to Jan-2023

\*Lightcast (formerly Burning Glass technologies) is the source for skills in demand as it provides detailed text descriptions used in job vacancies. The JSA Internet Vacancy Index and Lightcast data are not directly comparable. The top 10 skills are baseline skills and exclude specialised skills. Proportions are calculated as a share of job ads which mention baseline skills. Some skills may have similar names but have different definitions in the Lightcast skills taxonomy.

# Insights from the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

Capital Region

Information on this page is based on the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey, which is an ongoing survey of employers across Australia run by JSA. The survey collects insights on a range of topics, including recruitment activity, recruitment difficulty and employers' future staffing expectations. Data are for the year to February 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

### Recruitment activity and experiences

In Capital Region, there were 467 responding employers in the 12 months to February 2023, of whom 58% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 67% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 61% of employers were recruiting in Australian Capital Territory over the same period, of whom 64% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Capital Region were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of applicants
- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Capital Region and Australian Capital Territory is included to the right.

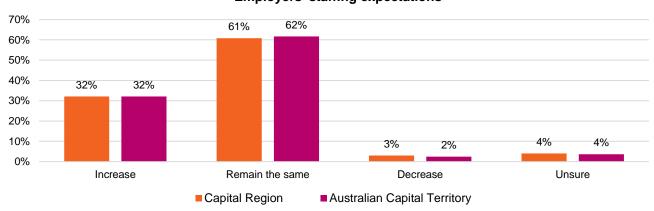
# Reasons for recruitment 26% 25% 18% 17% 56% 57% Capital Region Australian Capital Territory

- Newly created positions only
- Both newly created positions and turnover
- Positions due to turnover only

## Staffing outlook for coming months

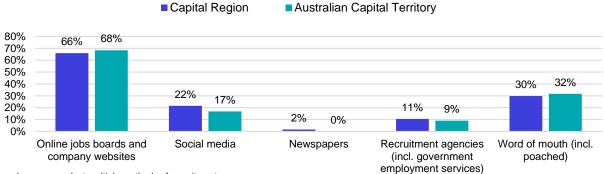
proportion of employers

### **Employers' staffing expectations**



### Recruitment methods

proportion of employers who were recruiting



Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Capital Region, while weighted data are used for Australian Capital Territory. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.