

# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

## Far West Orana, 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 Far West and Orana SA4.

### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Far West Orana ER, February 2023

Change over the month

Job advertisement count

1,005

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**Change since Feb-22** 

**↓** -7.7%

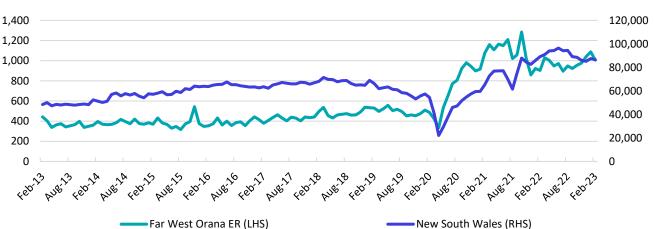
个 11.2%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -83 job advertisements)

(or 102 job advertisements)

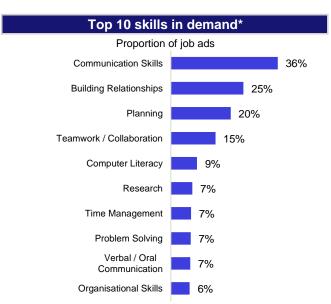
# Number of online job advertisements over the ten years to February 2023



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

### Top 10 occupations recruited for Number of job ads online Registered Nurses 56 General Clerks 52 Sales Assistants (General) 38 Other Miscellaneous Labourers 30 General Practitioners and 30 Resident Medical Officers Truck Drivers 24 Aged and Disabled Carers 24 Motor Mechanics Metal Fitters and Machinists Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers

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



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

Far West Orana

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 Far West Orana, there were 51 responding employers in the 12 months to February 2023, of whom 57% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 64% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 59% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 67% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Far West Orana were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

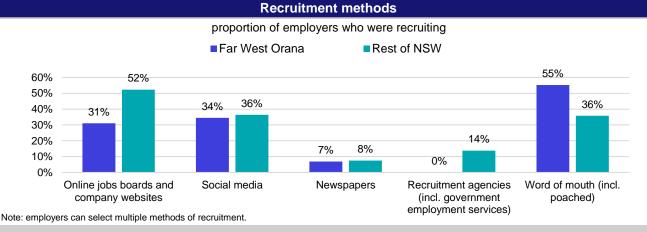
- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Lack of applicants
- · Location, eg remote or regional
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Far West Orana and Rest of NSW is included to the right.

# Reasons for recruitment 24% 18% 21% Far West Orana Rest of NSW

- 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** 65% 70% 63% 60% 50% 40% 31% 27% 30% 20% 10% 4% 3% 4% 3% 0% Increase Remain the same Unsure Decrease Far West Orana ■ Rest of NSW



Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Far West Orana, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. 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.