

# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

# Inner Metropolitan Melbourne, 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 Greater Melbourne capital city area.

## Internet vacancies, headline figures, Inner Metropolitan Melbourne ER, February 2023

Change over the month

Job advertisement count

27,295

**1.7%** 

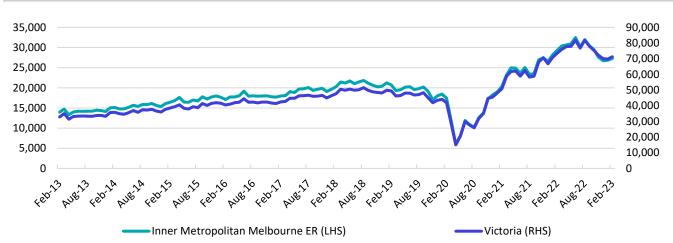
seasonally adjusted count (or 455 job advertisements)

**Change since Feb-22** 

↓ -6.8%

(or -1,983 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 38% **Building Relationships** 29% Planning 21% Teamwork / Collaboration 18% **Detail-Orientated** 13% Problem Solving 10% Organisational Skills 10% Time Management Research 7% Microsoft Excel

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

Inner Metropolitan Melbourne

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 Inner Metropolitan Melbourne, there were 482 responding employers in the 12 months to February 2023, of whom 56% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 64% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 58% of employers were recruiting in Greater Melbourne over the same period, of whom 69% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Inner Metropolitan Melbourne were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

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

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Inner Metropolitan Melbourne and Greater Melbourne is included to the right.

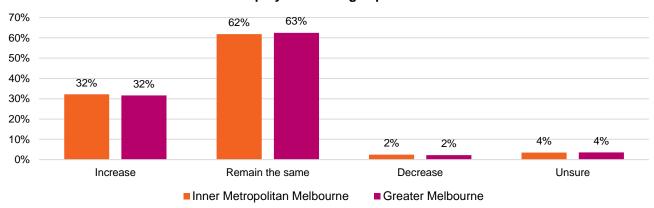


■ Positions due to turnover only

## Staffing outlook for coming months

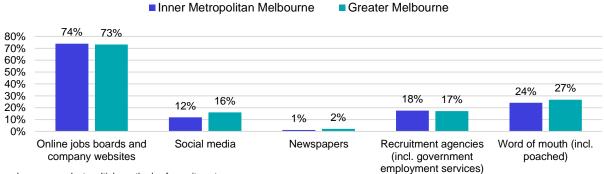
proportion of employers

## **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 Inner Metropolitan Melbourne, while weighted data are used for Greater Melbourne. 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.