

Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

Sydney East Metro, 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 Sydney capital city area.

Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney East Metro ER, February 2023

Job advertisement count

27,960

seasonally adjusted count

Change over the month

↓ -2.0%

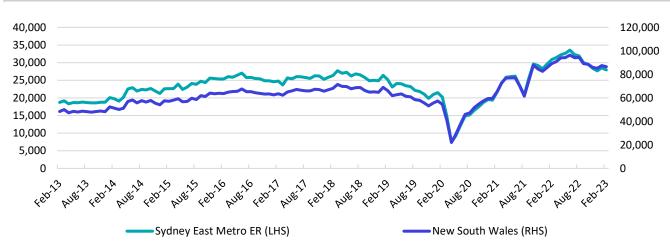
(or -571 job advertisements)

Change since Feb-22

↓ -9.3%

(or -2,874 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 General Clerks 1.240 Sales Assistants (General) 952 Software and Applications 887 Programmers Advertising and Sales Managers Accountants 607 Registered Nurses 523 Waiters 518 **Construction Managers** 489 ICT Business and Systems 474 Analysts Retail Managers

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

Top 10 skills in demand* Proportion of job ads Communication Skills 38% **Building Relationships** Teamwork / Collaboration 19% Planning 17% **Detail-Orientated** 15% Problem Solving 12% Organisational Skills 11% Time Management Microsoft Excel 8% Research 8%

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

Sydney East Metro

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 Sydney East Metro, there were 465 responding employers in the 12 months to February 2023, of whom 48% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 61% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 55% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 67% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Sydney East Metro 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 Sydney East Metro and Greater Sydney is included to the right.

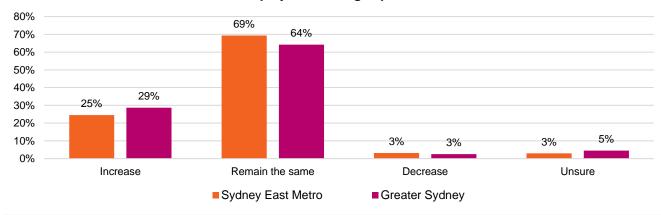


- Newly created positions only
- Both newly created positions and turnover
- Positions due to turnover only

Staffing outlook for coming months

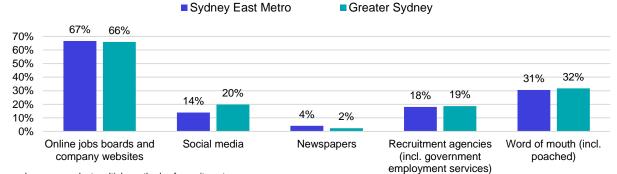
proportion of employers

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 Sydney East Metro, while weighted data are used for Greater Sydney. 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.