



# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

## Hunter, September 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).

#### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Hunter ER, September 2023

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Sep-22** 

6,395

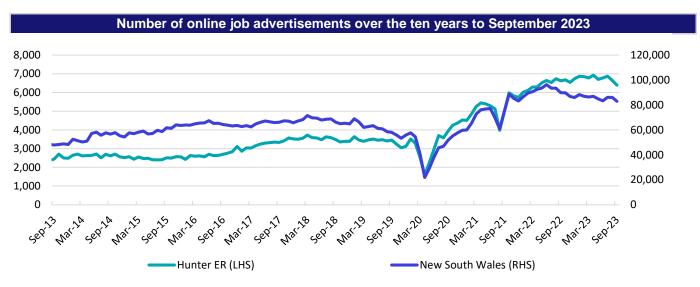
↓ -3.7%

**↓** -3.5%

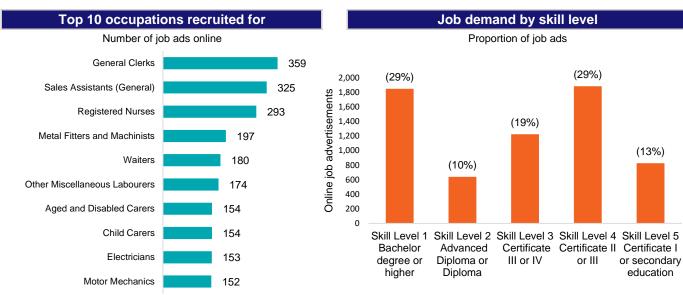
seasonally adjusted count

(or -246 job advertisements)

(or -229 job advertisements)



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



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

Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Sep-2023

## Insights from the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

Hunter

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 September 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

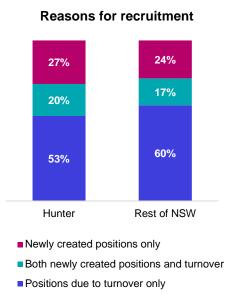
### Recruitment activity and experiences

In Hunter, there were 270 responding employers in the 12 months to September 2023, of whom 52% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 64% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 53% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 67% had difficulty recruiting.

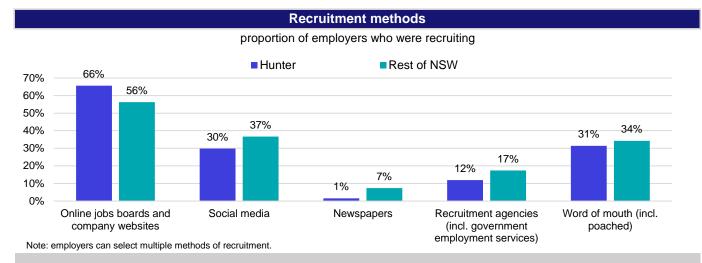
Employers in Hunter were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

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

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



#### Staffing outlook for coming months proportion of employers **Employers' staffing expectations** 80% 68% 70% 61% 60% 50% 32% 40% 27% 30% 20% 4% 3% 3% 2% 10% 0% Increase Remain the same Unsure Decrease ■ Rest of NSW Hunter



Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Hunter, 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.