



Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

North Coast, 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, North Coast ER, September 2023

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

Change since Sep-22

1,660

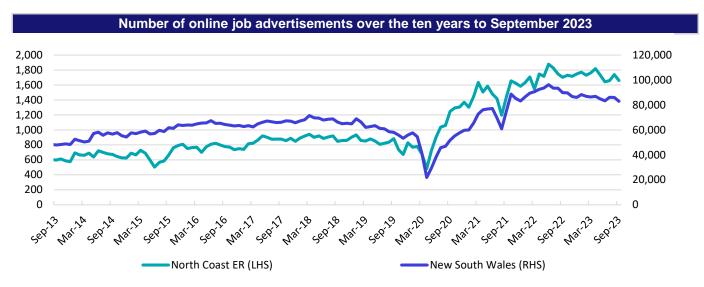
↓ -4.5%

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seasonally adjusted count

(or -78 job advertisements)

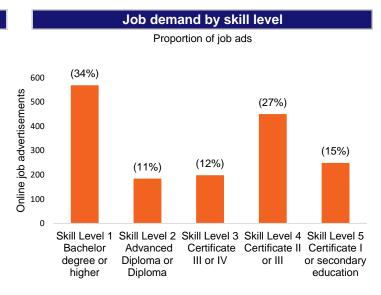
(or -43 job advertisements)



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

North Coast

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 North Coast, there were 109 responding employers in the 12 months to September 2023, of whom 51% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 69% 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 North Coast were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

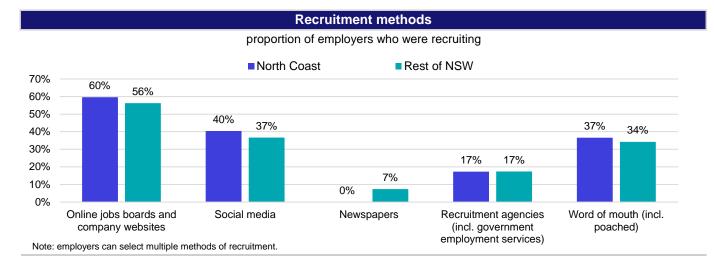
- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Applicants lack technical skills
- · Lack of applicants
- · Location, eg remote or regional.

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



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

Staffing outlook for coming months proportion of employers **Employers' staffing expectations** 80% 70% 68% 70% 60% 50% 40% 27% 23% 30% 20% 5% 3% 3% 2% 10% 0% Remain the same Decrease Unsure Increase Rest of NSW ■North Coast



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