

# Job Vacancies — August 2017

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## Job Vacancies in the ACT increased by 8.8 per cent in the three months to August 2017

### ACT (Original<sup>1</sup>)

Total job vacancies increased by 8.8 per cent in the three months to August 2017 to 6,200 vacancies. Through the year<sup>2</sup> to August 2017 total job vacancies increased by 31.9 per cent.

In the three months to August 2017, job vacancies for the public sector increased by 33.3 per cent and by 4.4 per cent for the private sector. Through the year to August 2017, job vacancies for the public sector were flat while those for the private sector increased by 51.6 per cent.

### National (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total job vacancies increased by 6.0 per cent in the three months to August 2017 to 203,700 vacancies. Through the year to August 2017 total job vacancies increased by 15.4 per cent.

In the three months to August 2017, job vacancies in the public sector increased by 5.3 per cent, while job vacancies in the private sector increased by 6.1 per cent. Through the year to August 2017, job vacancies for the public sector increased by 16.3 per cent and those for the private sector increased by 15.3 per cent.

### Job Vacancies, ACT and Australia, August 2017

	Job Vacancies (000)	Change (%)	
		Quarterly	tty <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>ACT — Original</u></b>			
Public	1.6	33.3	0.0
Private	4.7	4.4	51.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>31.9</b>
<b><u>Australia — Seasonally Adjusted</u></b>			
Public	20.0	5.3	16.3
Private	183.7	6.1	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>15.4</b>

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### Commentary

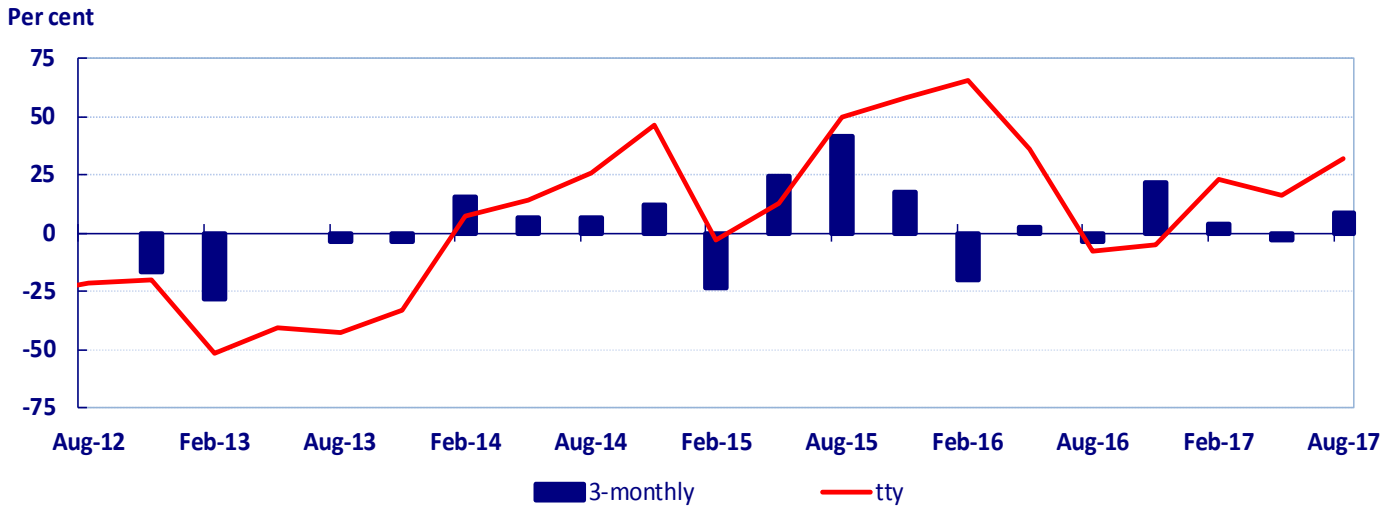
The 31.9 per cent increase in the total job vacancies in the ACT through the year to August 2017 was driven by the increase in private sector job vacancies. Total job vacancies in the ACT in August 2017 remained well above their five-year monthly average (4,200 vacancies).

Job vacancies are a leading indicator of employment, which may reflect a solid employment outlook in the ACT over the near future.

<sup>1</sup> Data for states and territories is available in original terms only; original data should be used with caution due to its volatility.

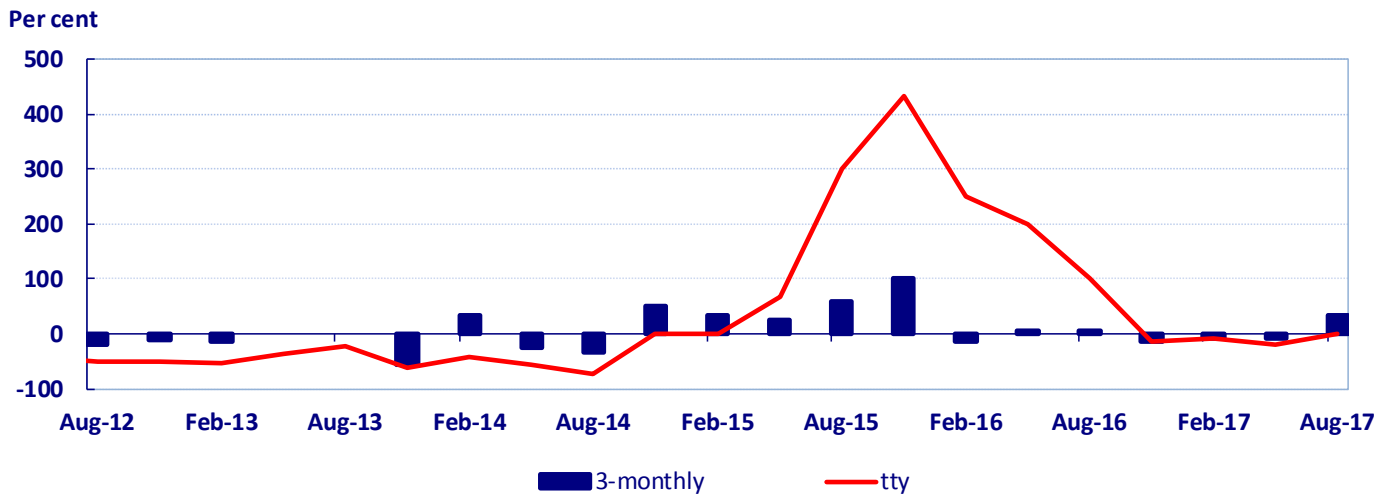
<sup>2</sup> Through the year (tty) is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

### Growth in Total Job Vacancies, ACT, Original data



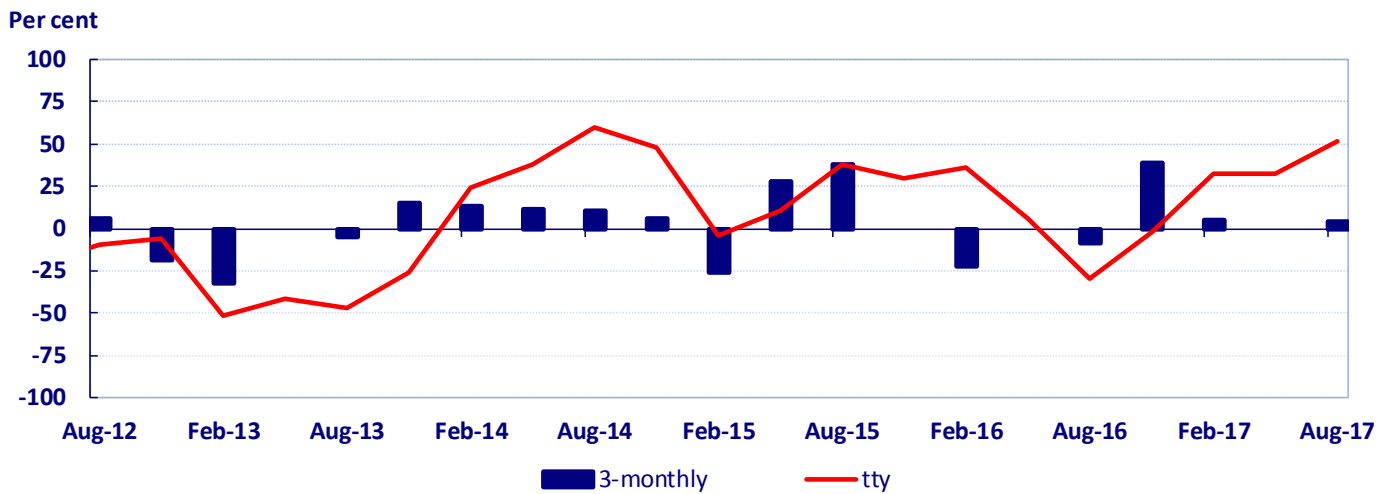
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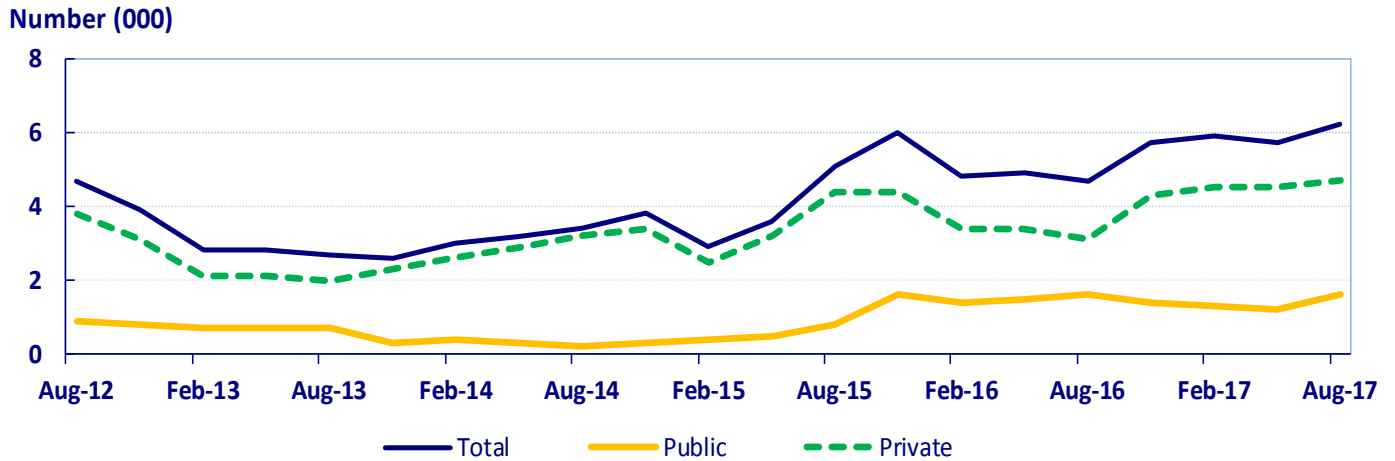
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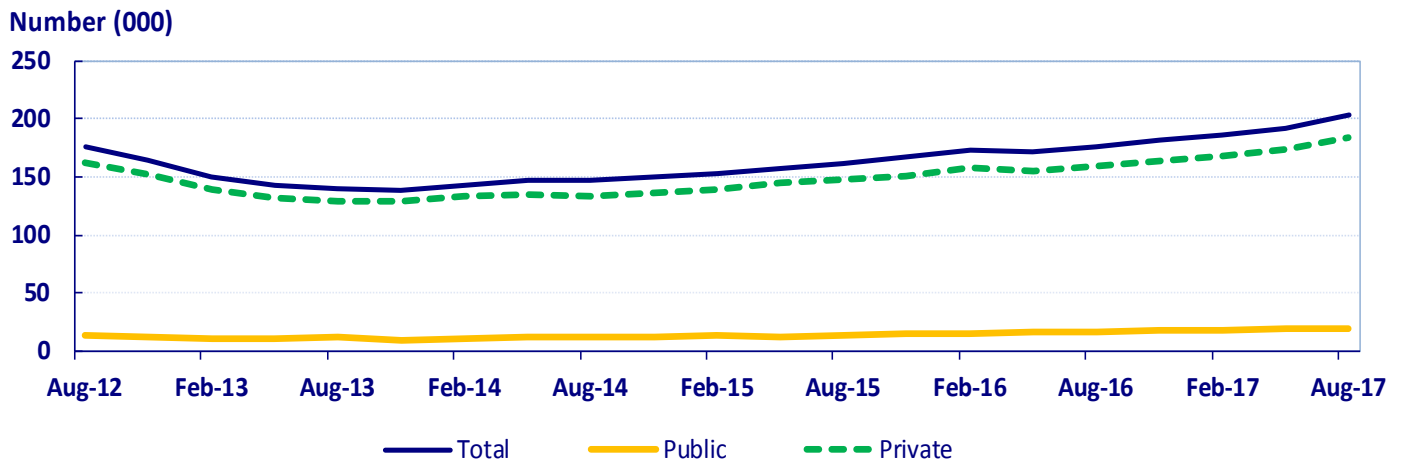
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### Number of Job Vacancies, ACT, Original data



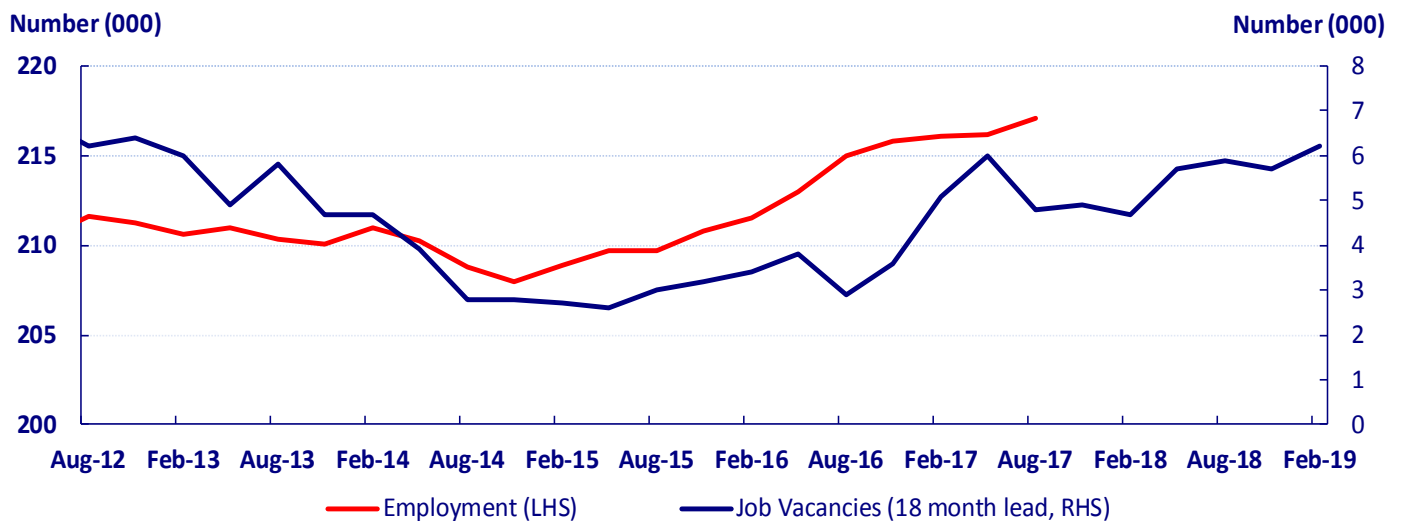
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### Number of Job Vacancies, Australia, Seasonally adjusted data



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### Total Job Vacancies (Original data, 18 month lead) and Total Employment (Trend data), ACT



Source: ABS Cat. No. 6354.0 and 6202.0