

# Job Vacancies — August 2018

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## Job Vacancies increased by 4.2 per cent in the three months to August 2018

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

Total job vacancies increased by 4.2 per cent in the three months to August 2018 to 7,400 vacancies. Through the year<sup>2</sup> to August 2018, total job vacancies increased by 19.4 per cent.

In the three months to August 2018, job vacancies in the public sector decreased by 6.3 per cent, while job vacancies in the private sector increased by 7.3 per cent. Through the year to August 2018, job vacancies in the public sector also decreased by 6.3 per cent while those in the private sector increased by 25.5 per cent.

### National (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total job vacancies increased by 0.6 per cent in the three months to August 2018 to 238,200 vacancies. Through the year to August 2018, total job vacancies increased by 16.5 per cent.

In the three months to August 2018, job vacancies in the public sector were flat, while job vacancies in the private sector increased by 0.7 per cent. Through the year to August 2018, job vacancies in the public sector increased by 4.6 per cent and those in the private sector increased by 17.9 per cent.

### Job Vacancies, ACT and Australia, August 2018

	Job Vacancies (‘000)	Change (%)	
		Quarterly	tty <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>ACT — Original</u></b>			
Public	1.5	-6.3	-6.3
Private	5.9	7.3	25.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>19.4</b>
<b><u>Australia — Seasonally Adjusted</u></b>			
Public	20.6	0.0	4.6
Private	217.6	0.7	17.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>238.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>16.5</b>

**Source:** ABS Cat. No. 6354.0

**Note:** Estimates may not add due to rounding

### Commentary

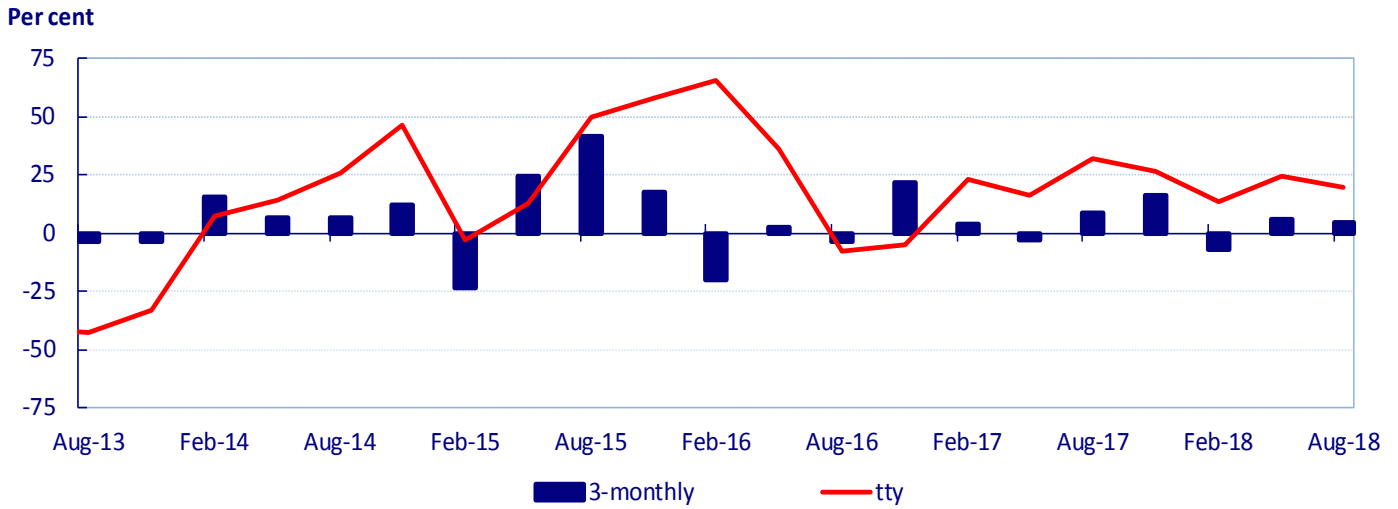
The 19.4 per cent increase in the total job vacancies in the ACT through the year to August 2018 was driven by an increase in job vacancies in the private sector, partially offset by a decrease in job vacancies in the public sector. Total job vacancies in the ACT in August 2018 (7,400 vacancies) remained well above their five-year average (5,000 vacancies).

Job vacancies are a leading indicator of employment, which may reflect a strong 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.

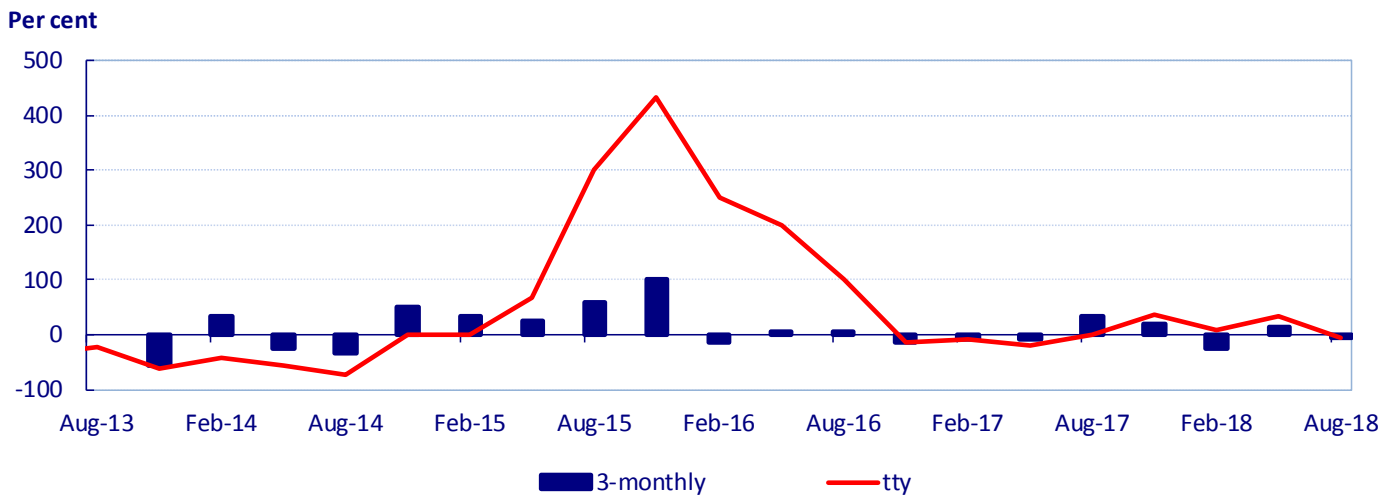
<sup>2</sup> Through the year (tty) is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

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



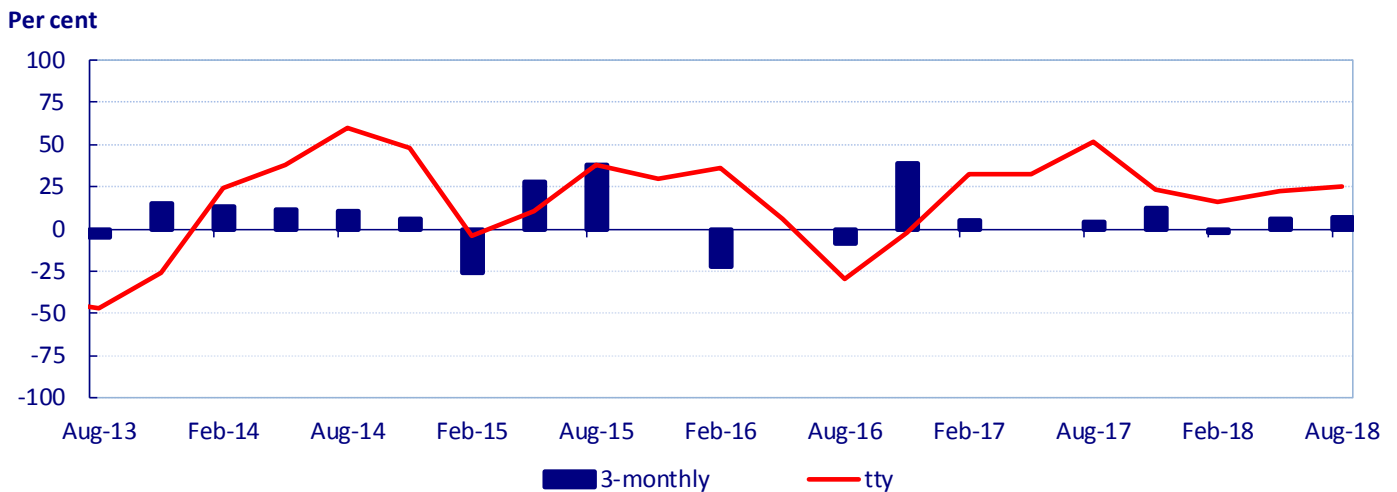
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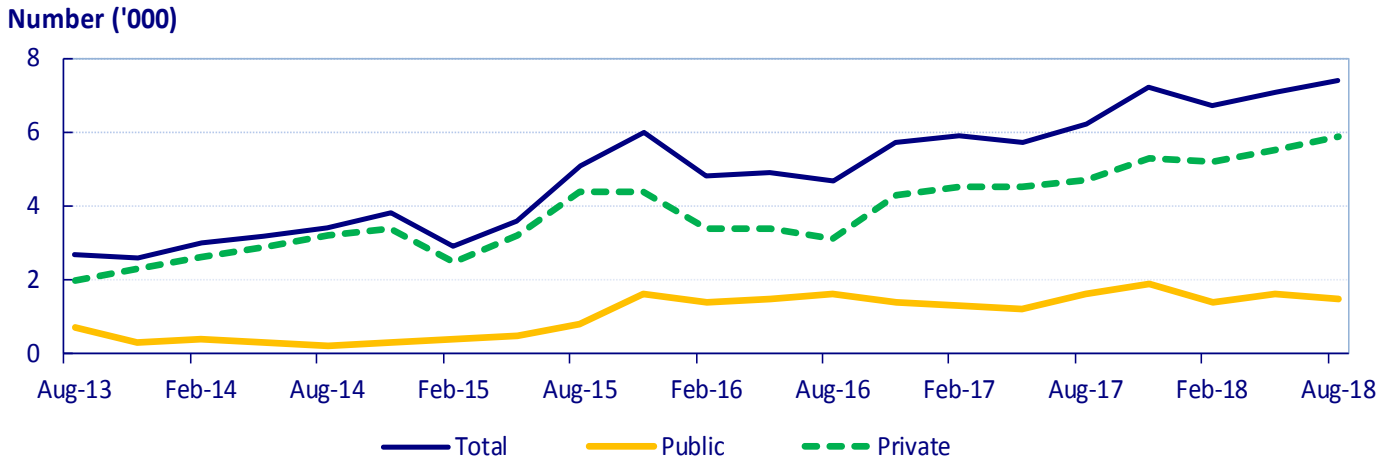
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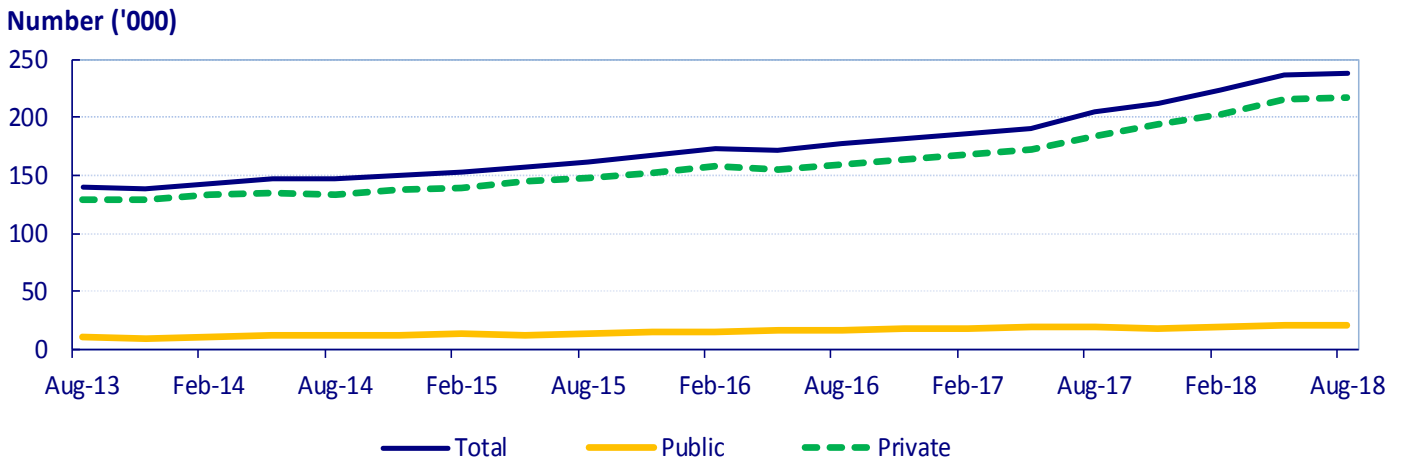
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### Number of Job Vacancies, Original data, ACT



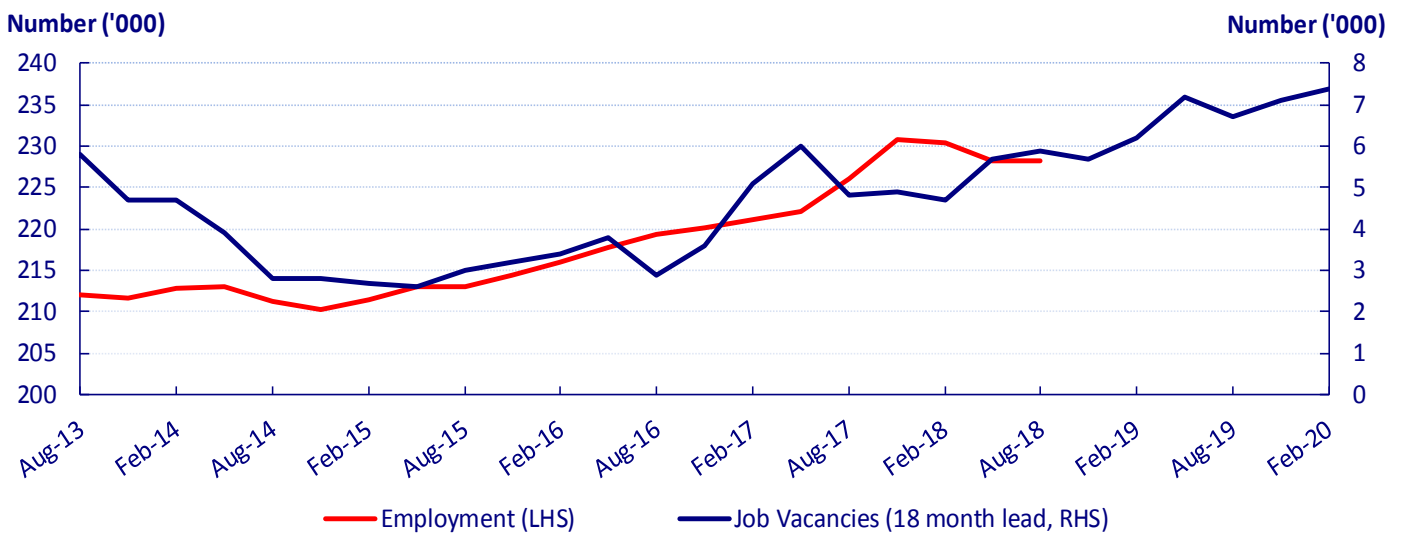
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### Number of Job Vacancies, Seasonally adjusted data, Australia



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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