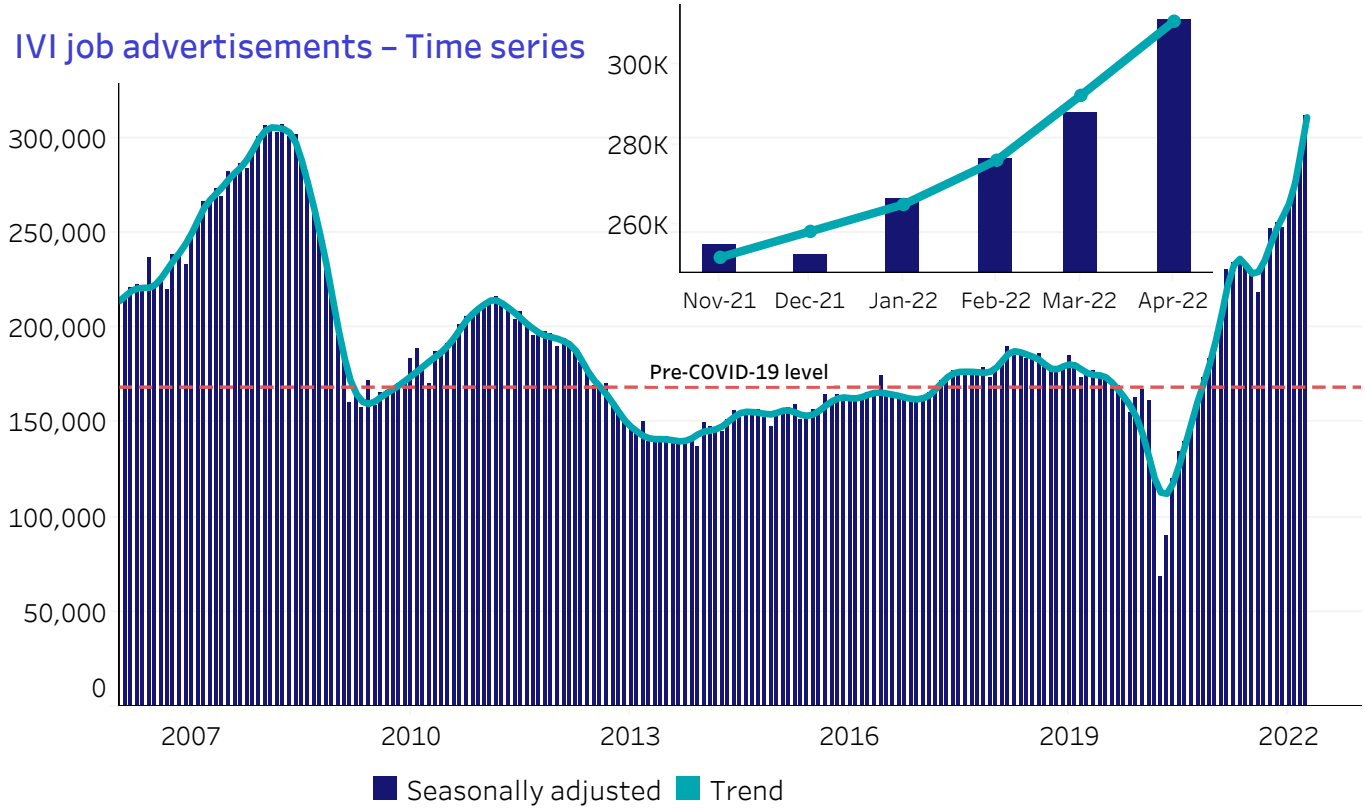
Vacancy Report (Preliminary) – April 2022

Job advertisements	Change over month:	Change over year:	Pre-COVID change:
311,100	▲ 8.0%	▲ 33.2%	▲ 84.9%
(Seasonally adjusted)	(up by 23,100 job ads).	(up by 77,500 job ads).	(up by 142,800 job ads).

IVI job advertisements – Time series



Key points

In seasonally adjusted terms, job advertisements increased by 8.0% (or 23,100 job ads) in April 2022 to stand at 311,100. The growth in recruitment activity over the first four months of 2022 has seen job advertisements reach their highest level since the inception of the IVI series in January 2006.

Recruitment activity increased across all states and territories during April 2022. The strongest growth was recorded in Queensland, up by 10.1% (or 5,800 job ads), followed by New South Wales, up by 7.6% (7,000 job ads), Tasmania, up by 7.3% (250 job ads) and Western Australia, up by 7.3% (2,400 job ads).

Job advertisements in Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, and the ACT all recorded series highs during April 2022. Queensland recorded the strongest year on year increase across all jurisdictions, up by 42.6%.

The level of recruitment activity nationally remains significantly elevated compared to pre-COVID-19 levels*, up by 84.9% (142,800 job ads). This growth is reflected across all jurisdictions, with the strongest gains recorded for Western Australia (up by 118.2%), Tasmania (112.3%) and South Australia (108.9%).

The detailed Vacancy Report for April 2022 will be released on Wednesday 25 May 2022.

Preliminary April 2022 IVI data have been published on the National Skills Commission website <https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/topics/internet-vacancy-index>.

Recruitment activity by state/territory – April 2022

Job advertisements (Seasonally adjusted)		MM change	YY change	Pre-COVID change
New South Wales	99,000	▲ 7.6% (up by 7,000 job ads)	▲ 28.7% (up by 22,100 job ads)	▲ 68.9% (up by 40,400 job ads)
Victoria	82,000	▲ 6.5% (up by 5,000 job ads)	▲ 32.4% (up by 20,000 job ads)	▲ 79.6% (up by 36,300 job ads)
Queensland	63,100	▲ 10.1% (up by 5,800 job ads)	▲ 42.6% (up by 18,800 job ads)	▲ 103.4% (up by 32,100 job ads)
South Australia	15,900	▲ 7.0% (up by 1,000 job ads)	▲ 32.0% (up by 3,900 job ads)	▲ 108.9% (up by 8,300 job ads)
Western Australia	35,300	▲ 7.3% (up by 2,400 job ads)	▲ 35.9% (up by 9,300 job ads)	▲ 118.2% (up by 19,100 job ads)
Tasmania	3,700	▲ 7.3% (up by 250 job ads)	▲ 29.4% (up by 850 job ads)	▲ 112.3% (up by 2,000 job ads)
Northern Territory	3,300	▲ 5.7% (up by 180 job ads)	▲ 29.2% (up by 750 job ads)	▲ 100.5% (up by 1,700 job ads)
ACT	8,300	▲ 2.4% (up by 200 job ads)	▲ 23.5% (up by 1,600 job ads)	▲ 42.6% (up by 2,500 job ads)

Background

This release provides preliminary headline Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) data for April 2022. Please note that these results may be subject to change in the detailed release. The full suite of detailed occupational and regional IVI data will be published on Wednesday 25 May 2022.

The IVI is the only publicly available source of detailed data on online vacancies, including for around 350 occupations (at all skill levels), as well as for the states/territories and 37 regions. The IVI is based on a count of online job advertisements newly lodged on SEEK, CareerOne and Australian JobSearch during the month. As such, the IVI does not reflect the total number of job advertisements in the labour market as it does not include jobs advertised through other online job boards, employer websites, word of mouth, in newspapers, and advertisements in shop windows. The IVI also does not take account of multiple positions being advertised in a single job advertisement.

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Data in this release should be referenced as – National Skills Commission, Internet Vacancy Index Preliminary, April 2022.
*Pre-COVID-19 job advertisement levels are defined as the 12-month average in the seasonally adjusted IVI series to February 2020.