

Northern Territory Skilled Vacancy Survey

The Skilled Vacancy Survey (SVS) counts newspaper vacancies, generally on the first Saturday of each month, advertised in the major daily paper in each State capital and the Northern Territory (NT). The following occupations are surveyed:

Electrician	Medical Technical Officers	Medical Scientists
Fitter	Pharmacists	Metallurgist
Motor Mechanic	Metal Machinist	Surveyor - Other
Nursing Professionals	Public Relations Officer	Printing Machinist
Chefs	Computer Technician	Architect
Accountants	Occupational Therapists	Quantity Surveyors
Plumber	Mechanical Engineer	Valuer/Land Economist
Metal Fabricator	Electrical Engineering Associate Professionals	Financial Dealers and Brokers
Carpenter and Joiner	Wall and Floor Tiler	Vehicle Trimmer
Cook (Qualified)	Occupational and Environmental Health Professionals	Business Machine Mechanic
Children's Care Worker	Land Surveyor	Binder and Finisher
Hairdressers	Geologist	Computer Operator
Welder	Journalists	Electronics Engineer
Refrigeration and Airconditioning Mechanic	IT Sales Representative	Petroleum Engineer
Painter and Decorator	Fibrous Plasterer	Metallurgical/Materials Technician
Computing Professionals	Computer Support Technician	Metal Casting Tradesperson
Medical Practitioners	Roof Slater and Tiler	Floor Finisher
Welfare and Community Workers	Midwives	Chemist
Human Resource Professionals	Medical Imaging Professionals	Landscape Architect
Counsellors	Economists	Advertising Specialist
Butcher	Mining Engineer	Podiatrists
Welfare Associate Professionals	Aircraft Maintenance Engineers	TCF Mechanic
Cabinetmaker	Botanist/Zoologist	Precision Instrument Maker
Civil Engineers	Surveying/ Cartographic Associate	Blacksmith
Electronic Instrument Tradespersons	Urban and Regional Planners	Food Technologist
Legal Professionals	Dietitians	Biochemist
Civil Engineering Associate Professionals	Auditors	Forester
Psychologists	Audiologist	Physicist
Bricklayer	Recreation Officer	Production or Plant Engineer
Automotive Electrician	Financial Investment Advisers	Materials Engineers
Building Associate/Inspector	Geophysicist	Aeronautical Engineer
Sheetmetal Worker	Agricultural Scientist	Chemical Engineer
Baker	Architectural Associate	Industrial Engineer
Librarians	Mechanical Engineering Associate Professionals	Organisation Analyst
Enrolled Nurses	Solid Plasterer	Optometrists
Social Workers	Market Research Analyst	Chiropractors and Osteopaths
Communications Tradespersons	Dental Practitioners	Toolmaker
Environmental Scientist	Veterinarians	Metal Polisher
Science Technical Officers	Radio and Television Repairer	Electroplater
Child Care Co-ordinators	Pastrycook	Vehicle Body Maker
Physiotherapists	Speech Pathologists	Signwriter
Panel Beater	Other Life Scientists	Wood Machinist/Turner
Vehicle Painter	Dental Associates	Upholsterer
Registered Mental Health Nurses	Electronic Engineering Associate Professionals	Shipwright/Boatbuilder
Flat Glass Tradesperson	Stonemason	Optical Mechanic
Electrical Engineer	PrePress Trades	

Attached is a summary of the twenty most commonly advertised occupations monitored in the Northern Territory Skilled Vacancy Survey from the period 1990-2007. The ranking has been based on the average number of weekly advertised vacancies over the past five years.

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**Northern Territory SVS Summary of the Top Twenty Advertised Occupations
1990-2007**

Average weekly advertised positions by occupation and by year.

	Electrician	Fitter	Motor Mechanic	Nursing Professionals	Chefs	Accountants	Plumber	Metal Fabricator	Carpenter and Joiner	Cook (Qualified)	Children's Care Worker	Hairdressers	Welder	Refrigeration and Airconditioning Mechanic	Painter and Decorator	Computing Professionals	Medical Practitioners	Welfare and Community Workers	Human Resource Professionals	Counsellors	Total Monitored Skilled Vacancies
1990	1.4	1.7	2.8	1.1	0.8	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.0	-	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	-	1.6	-	30.8
1991	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.9	-	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	-	0.9	-	16.2
1992	0.3	0.6	1.7	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	-	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	-	0.0	-	12.3
1993	1.3	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.9	1.0	-	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	-	0.0	-	19.8
1994	1.6	2.3	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.3	2.2	-	1.6	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.6	-	0.2	-	35.7
1995	2.3	3.5	3.8	2.1	1.2	2.1	0.8	3.9	0.9	1.5	-	1.0	1.9	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.1	-	0.1	-	46.7
1996	3.0	3.6	3.6	2.2	1.4	2.1	0.4	3.6	1.0	1.8	-	1.1	1.8	0.5	1.8	0.1	0.0	-	0.2	-	47.5
1997	3.8	2.0	4.6	2.6	1.5	1.5	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.8	-	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	-	0.2	-	37.3
1998	4.4	2.3	4.9	2.5	3.1	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	0.1	-	1.9	0.4	1.0	1.0	2.6	0.3	-	0.1	-	47.4
1999	4.6	2.7	5.7	2.3	3.3	1.6	0.8	1.9	1.4	1.3	-	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.3	-	0.2	-	45.0
2000	2.1	2.8	4.0	5.9	1.9	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	3.3	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.0	50.7
2001	1.5	3.0	3.0	5.8	2.2	1.8	0.9	1.9	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	2.0	0.9	2.2	0.9	1.2	53.4
2002	3.5	4.6	4.4	5.7	3.0	2.8	2.0	2.7	1.9	1.6	3.4	1.3	0.6	1.8	0.6	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.0	1.1	76.1
2003	5.3	5.4	6.5	4.3	3.2	5.7	3.8	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.7	2.8	1.3	1.3	0.3	1.4	0.9	1.8	1.7	1.0	86.8
2004	7.4	7.1	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.1	3.8	4.0	3.2	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.1	1.3	97.0
2005	7.6	8.9	5.8	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.0	4.2	3.3	2.7	1.5	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	0.9	1.5	99.2
2006	7.5	7.2	7.2	5.7	6.8	3.7	5.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.5	1.8	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.9	112.8
2007	9.2	7.9	6.0	7.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	5.4	3.5	4.3	3.0	2.5	4.0	3.1	2.3	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.8	127.6
5 yr average	7.4	7.3	6.1	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.1	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	104.7

Note – the average weekly advertisement figures are based on a count of vacancies in the NT News from a sample Saturday papers. One Saturday paper is sampled each month.