

JOB VACANCIES

AUSTRALIA, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In Australia, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 297,435, 16 per cent higher than last month and three per cent higher than last year.

Compared to last month, job ads are up in all states and territories. Job ads increased the most in New South Wales, up 17.2 per cent, however, are 1.1 per cent lower than March 2022. Compared to last year, Tasmania is experiencing the highest increase, up 23.6 per cent.

There are 15 key occupation groups for the construction industry in Australia. 85 per cent workers in these occupation groups are employed directly in construction. These groups include construction managers, all construction trades, and many construction labouring roles.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction manager (5,100 ads)
2. Plumbers (1,457 ads)
3. Building labourers (1,405 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month for all construction groups. The job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Insulation and home improvement installers (up 27.2%)
2. Fencers (up 26.1%)
3. Roof tilers (up 25.6%)

ONLINE JOB ADVERTISEMENTS IN MARCH 2023 FOR KEY CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS

comparison with last month (Feb 23) and last year (Mar 22), and total workforce (ABS: Feb 2023)

	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	5,100	4,337	17.6%	4,954	3.0%	124,423
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	130	112	16.1%	161	-19.4%	32,764
Carpenters & Joiners	1,368	1,147	19.3%	1,570	-12.8%	140,838
Floor Finishers	43	34	26.2%	27	58.5%	10,198
Painting Trades Workers	702	601	16.8%	704	-0.4%	57,028
Glaziers	150	121	23.9%	140	7.4%	7,468
Plasterers	93	76	23.3%	78	20.2%	26,481
Roof Tilers	121	96	25.6%	118	2.5%	7,802
Wall & Floor Tilers	98	86	13.6%	108	-9.8%	16,506
Plumbers	1,457	1,217	19.7%	1,500	-2.9%	97,076
Building & Plumbing Labourers	1,405	1,147	22.5%	1,358	3.5%	78,344
Concreters	233	196	18.9%	247	-5.9%	42,952
Fencers	47	37	26.1%	49	-5.4%	10,816
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	111	87	27.2%	133	-16.8%	27,692
Structural Steel Labourers	388	337	15.1%	435	-10.9%	20,979
All Australian job ads	297,435	255,786	16.3%	288,689	3.0%	

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NSW, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report
detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In NSW, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 91,837. This is 1.1 per cent lower than last year (March 2022, 92,840 job ads), but is 17.2 per cent above the 78,337 job ads last month.

Compared to last month, all 15 key construction occupation groups in NSW have seen an increase in online job ads. Floor finishers have seen the largest increase (up 64.7%), followed by fencers (up 40.9%), and insulation and home improvement installers (up 34.7%). Compared to last year, floor finishers have seen the largest increase in online job ads (up 55.6%).

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction manager (1,584 ads)
2. Carpenters & joiners (393 ads)
3. Plumbers (353 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month all construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Floor finishers (up 64.7%)
2. Fencers (up 40.9%),
3. Insulation and home improvement installers (up 34.7%).

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	1,584	1,311	20.8%	1,678	-5.6%	46,285
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	42	38	9.6%	46	-8.8%	8,130
Carpenters & Joiners	393	332	18.6%	462	-14.9%	49,556
Floor Finishers	9	6	64.7%	6	55.6%	1,555
Painting Trades Workers	184	170	8.2%	162	13.8%	16,115
Glaziers	34	26	32.1%	40	-13.4%	1,153
Plasterers	18	16	14.6%	19	-3.5%	8,055
Roof Tilers	44	35	26.0%	46	-5.1%	3,821
Wall & Floor Tilers	30	25	21.3%	29	4.6%	8,008
Plumbers	353	296	19.1%	369	-4.2%	21,593
Building & Plumbing Labourers	316	264	19.7%	351	-10.1%	35,020
Concreters	51	41	25.2%	52	-1.3%	14,535
Fencers	10	7	40.9%	12	-13.9%	1,041
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	32	24	34.7%	36	-10.2%	8,468
Structural Steel Labourers	80	69	16.5%	80	0.0%	7,569
All NSW job ads	91,837	78,337	17.2%	92,840	-1.1%	

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VICTORIA, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In Victoria, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 77,095. This is 14.9 per cent higher than the 66,597 job ads recorded in February 2023, but slightly below the 78,981 ads in March 2022.

Compared to last month, all 15 key construction occupation groups in Victoria have seen an increase in online job ads, led by insulation and home improvement installers which experienced a 54.2 per cent increase. Compared to last year, job advertisements are down 8.1 per cent across the key construction occupations, with only construction managers, glaziers, plasterers and roof tilers bucking the trend.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (1,382 ads)
2. Plumbers (487 ads)
3. Carpenters & Joiners (280 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month across more all key construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Insulation and home improvement installers (up 54.2%)
2. Fencers (up 40.0%)
3. Roof tilers (up 24.5%)

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	1,382	1,194	15.8%	1,359	1.7%	32,314
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	28	23	22.1%	45	-39.0%	9,345
Carpenters & Joiners	280	233	20.0%	390	-28.3%	36,035
Floor Finishers	8	7	14.3%	8	0.0%	4,347
Painting Trades Workers	120	101	18.5%	157	-23.8%	16,811
Glaziers	38	31	20.2%	35	6.6%	1,323
Plasterers	19	15	24.4%	18	1.8%	8,626
Roof Tilers	20	16	24.5%	17	17.3%	630
Wall & Floor Tilers	14	14	2.4%	24	-41.1%	1,901
Plumbers	486	403	20.5%	495	-1.8%	40,092
Building & Plumbing Labourers	223	184	21.0%	283	-21.4%	18,473
Concreters	38	37	3.6%	56	-31.7%	6,987
Fencers	9	7	40.0%	12	-20.0%	3,926
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	25	16	54.2%	30	-17.8%	6,865
Structural Steel Labourers	46	40	14.9%	48	-2.8%	2,439
All Victorian job ads	77,095	67,121	14.9%	78,981	-2.4%	



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QUEENSLAND, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In Queensland, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 63,098. This is 13.2 per cent higher than last year (March 2022, 55,756 job ads), and 17.1 per cent above the 53,986 job ads recorded last month.

Compared to last month, all 15 key construction occupation groups in Queensland have seen an increase in online job ads, led by roof tilers with a 37.5 per cent increase in ads. Compared to last year 11 of 15 occupation groups have seen an increase, led by floor finishers.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (1,055 ads)
2. Building Labourers (435 ads)
3. Carpenters & Joiners (339 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month across all key construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Roof tilers (up 37.5%)
2. Floor finishers (up 34.5%)
3. Plasterers (up 24.6%)


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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	1,055	893	18.1%	881	19.8%	23,011
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	23	20	16.7%	27	-13.6%	6,034
Carpenters & Joiners	339	278	21.8%	352	-3.7%	27,010
Floor Finishers	13	10	34.5%	4	254.5%	2,245
Painting Trades Workers	189	152	24.1%	183	3.5%	14,302
Glaziers	39	32	22.9%	31	26.9%	3,031
Plasterers	27	22	24.6%	23	17.4%	4,118
Roof Tilers	37	27	37.5%	34	7.8%	2,382
Wall & Floor Tilers	30	26	16.7%	29	4.6%	4,696
Plumbers	269	231	16.4%	260	3.6%	14,389
Building & Plumbing Labourers	435	353	23.3%	325	34.0%	11,503
Concreters	71	63	12.1%	63	12.7%	13,464
Fencers	10	9	7.1%	11	-11.8%	2,278
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	24	23	2.9%	38	-37.7%	6,678
Structural Steel Labourers	84	75	12.0%	80	5.4%	3,260
All Queensland job ads	63,098	53,896	17.1%	55,756	13.2%	

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In South Australia, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 15,783. This is 9.8 per cent higher than last year (March 2022, 14,372 job ads) and is 15.8 per cent above the 13,631 jobs advertised online last month.

Compared to last year, 13 of the 15 key construction occupation groups in South Australia have seen an increase in online job ads, including a 37.1 per cent increase in ads for painters. Compared to last month, online job ads have increased for all 15 key construction occupations.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (232 ads)
2. Building Labourers (115 ads)
3. Plumbers (88 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month across all key construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Floor finishers (2x higher)
2. Plasterers (up 83.3%)
3. Insulation and home improvement installers (up 45.0%)

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	232	206	12.6%	216	232	9,539
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	10	9	14.8%	9	10	5,531
Carpenters & Joiners	73	60	22.2%	73	73	13,812
Floor Finishers	2	1	100.0%	2	2	408
Painting Trades Workers	41	34	20.8%	30	41	3,675
Glaziers	6	5	28.6%	6	6	970
Plasterers	7	4	83.3%	6	7	2,944
Roof Tilers	8	7	9.1%	6	8	387
Wall & Floor Tilers	4	3	20.0%	6	4	808
Plumbers	88	73	21.1%	79	88	11,805
Building & Plumbing Labourers	115	89	28.4%	90	115	6,287
Concreters	24	19	30.4%	21	24	3,346
Fencers	5	3	40.0%	5	5	2,097
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	10	7	45.0%	8	10	1,826
Structural Steel Labourers	17	18	-7.4%	25	17	5,223
All South Australian job ads	15,783	13,631	15.8%	14,372	15,783	

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In Western Australia, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 33,841. This is 4.8 per cent high than last year (March 2022, 32,304 job ads) and is 15.7 per cent higher than the 29,249 jobs advertised online last month.

Compared to last year, two-thirds of the 15 key construction occupation groups in Western Australia have seen an increase in online job ads. Online ads for plasterers have more than doubled in the last year. Online job ads are equal to or higher than last month across all 15 key construction occupation groups, led by ads for concreters (up 36.3%).

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (495 ads)
2. Building Labourers (251 ads)
3. Carpenters & Joiners (207 ads)

Jobs ads are equal or higher than last month in all 15 construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Concreters (up 36.3%)
2. Plumbers (up 24.4%)
3. Structural steel workers (up 23.3%)

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	495	425	16.3%	407	21.5%	5,947
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	22	19	16.1%	30	-28.6%	2,635
Carpenters & Joiners	207	177	17.0%	204	1.3%	7,407
Floor Finishers	10	10	0.0%	7	45.0%	1,307
Painting Trades Workers	140	120	16.7%	133	5.0%	4,045
Glaziers	23	19	23.2%	21	7.8%	526
Plasterers	19	16	14.3%	9	115.4%	1,228
Roof Tilers	9	8	8.3%	6	36.8%	355
Wall & Floor Tilers	15	14	9.5%	13	21.1%	534
Plumbers	196	157	24.4%	222	-12.0%	5,819
Building & Plumbing Labourers	251	203	23.3%	252	-0.5%	5,081
Concreters	41	30	36.3%	47	-12.1%	3,963
Fencers	5	5	14.3%	5	14.3%	811
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	16	14	14.6%	15	4.4%	2,862
Structural Steel Labourers	148	120	23.3%	186	-20.3%	1,875
All Western Australian job ads	33,841	29,249	15.7%	32,304	4.8%	

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TASMANIA, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In Tasmania, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 4,217. This is 23.6 per cent higher than last year (March 2022, 3,412 ads) and 16.8 per cent higher than the 3,610 online jobs advertised last month.

Compared to last year, eight of the 15 key construction occupation groups in Tasmania have seen an increase in online job ads. Online ads for glaziers, bricklayers, roof tilers and fencers have more than doubled in the last year and have doubled for floor finishers and plasterers.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (33 ads)
2. Plumbers and Building Labourers (25 ads)
3. Carpenters & Joiners (20 ads)

Jobs ads are equal to or higher than last month in 13 of the 15 construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Floor finishers (2x higher)
2. Wall and floor tilers (2x higher)
3. Insulation and home improvement installers (up 66.7%)

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month Ads	Change	last year Ads	change	# Workers (Feb 23)
Construction Managers	33	34	-1.0%	34	-1.0%	3,559
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	1.7	1.3	25.0%	0.7	150.0%	813
Carpenters & Joiners	20	17	17.3%	23	-10.3%	3,201
Floor Finishers	0.7	0.3	100.0%	0.3	100.0%	337
Painting Trades Workers	7.7	6.7	15.0%	13	-39.5%	801
Glaziers	3.7	3.0	22.2%	1.0	266.7%	464
Plasterers	0.7	0.7	0.0%	0.3	100.0%	1,323
Roof Tilers	1.7	1.7	0.0%	0.7	150.0%	142
Wall & Floor Tilers	0.7	0.3	100.0%	1.7	-60.0%	125
Plumbers	13	11	25.0%	19	-29.8%	2,163
Building & Plumbing Labourers	25	19	29.3%	21	21.0%	1,217
Concreters	2.0	1.3	50.0%	2.3	-14.3%	259
Fencers	1.7	1.3	25.0%	0.7	150.0%	551
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	1.7	1.0	66.7%	1.3	25.0%	582
Structural Steel Labourers	3.3	4.0	-16.7%	5.7	-41.2%	No data
All Australian job ads	4,217	3,610	16.8%	3,412	23.6%	

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NORTHERN TERRITORY, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In the Northern Territory, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 3,310. This is 11.0 per cent higher than last year (March 2022, 2,983 job ads) and 15.4 per cent above the 2,869 online jobs advertised last month.

Compared to last year, a third of the 15 key construction occupation groups in the Northern Territory have seen an increase in online job ads, led by concreters which have seen job ads double. Job ads are equal to higher than last month for 12 of 15 key construction occupation groups.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (53 ads)
2. Carpenters & Joiners (21 ads)
3. Plumbers (19 ads)

Jobs ads are equal to or higher than last month in 12 of 15 construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Plasterers (2x higher)
2. Bricklayers (2x higher)
3. Glaziers (up 75%)

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	Ads in Mar-23	last month		last year		# Workers (Feb 23)
		Ads	Change	Ads	change	
Construction Managers	53	43	24.0%	48	11.9%	1,149
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	0.7	0.3	100.0%	1.0	-33.3%	276
Carpenters & Joiners	21	17	19.2%	19	8.8%	898
Floor Finishers	0.0	0.0	-	0.3	-	No data
Painting Trades Workers	10	8.0	29.2%	14	-26.2%	672
Glaziers	2.3	1.3	75.0%	2.7	-12.5%	No data
Plasterers	0.7	0.3	100.0%	1.0	-33.3%	No data
Roof Tilers	0.0	0.3	-	0.7	-	85
Wall & Floor Tilers	0.3	0.7	-50.0%	0.7	-50.0%	220
Plumbers	19	15	26.7%	18	3.6%	299
Building & Plumbing Labourers	16	15	11.4%	12	32.4%	386
Concreters	2.0	2.0	0.0%	1.0	100.0%	210
Fencers	1.0	1.0	0.0%	1.7	-40.0%	112
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	0.0	0.0	-	1.7	-	191
Structural Steel Labourers	6.7	7.7	-13.0%	10	-35.5%	420
All Australian job ads	3,310	2,869	15.4%	2,983	11.0%	

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ACT, MARCH 2023

Source: analysis of National Skills Commission, Vacancy Report detailed occupation data, March 2023.

In the ACT, the three-month rolling average for online job ads to the end of March 2023 was 8,254. This is 2.7 per cent higher than last year (March 2022, 8,040 job ads) and is 16.7 per cent above the 7,072 jobs advertised online last month.

Compared to last year, seven of the 15 key construction occupation groups in the Australian Capital Territory have seen an increase in online job ads, led by floor finishers and structural steel workers which have seen job ads double. Compared to last month, job ads are higher for 11 of the 15 key construction occupation groups.

The construction occupation groups with the highest number online job ads in March 2023 are:

1. Construction Manager (266 ads)
2. Carpenters & Joiners (35 ads)
3. Plumbers (33 ads)

Jobs ads are higher than last month in 11 of the 15 key construction groups. The three job groups with the largest increase are:

1. Bricklayers (up 50%)
2. Roof tilers (up 50%)
3. Fencers (up 30%)

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		Ads	Change	Ads	change	
Construction Managers	266	232	14.8%	331	-19.6%	2,619
Bricklayers & Stonemasons	3.0	2.0	50.0%	2.7	12.5%	No data
Carpenters & Joiners	35	33	8.2%	48	-25.9%	2,919
Floor Finishers	0.7	1.0	-33.3%	0.3	100.0%	No data
Painting Trades Workers	11	9.3	14.3%	14	-22.0%	606
Glaziers	4.0	4.3	-7.7%	3.3	20.0%	No data
Plasterers	2.0	1.7	20.0%	1.3	50.0%	187
Roof Tilers	2.0	1.3	50.0%	6.7	-70.0%	No data
Wall & Floor Tilers	2.3	2.7	-12.5%	5.0	-53.3%	215
Plumbers	33	31	7.6%	38	-12.4%	915
Building & Plumbing Labourers	24	20	23.7%	24	2.8%	378
Concreters	2.7	2.3	14.3%	5.0	-46.7%	187
Fencers	4.3	3.3	30.0%	2.7	62.5%	No data
Insulation & Home Improvement Installers	3.0	2.7	12.5%	3.3	-10.0%	220
Structural Steel Labourers	2.7	3.0	-11.1%	1.3	100.0%	193
All Australian job ads	8,254	7,072	16.7%	8,040	2.7%	