

## Jobs Online Monthly Report – December 2012

*Jobs Online* measures changes in job vacancies advertised on the two main internet job boards – SEEK and Trade Me Jobs.

### **Fall in online vacancies continues in December**

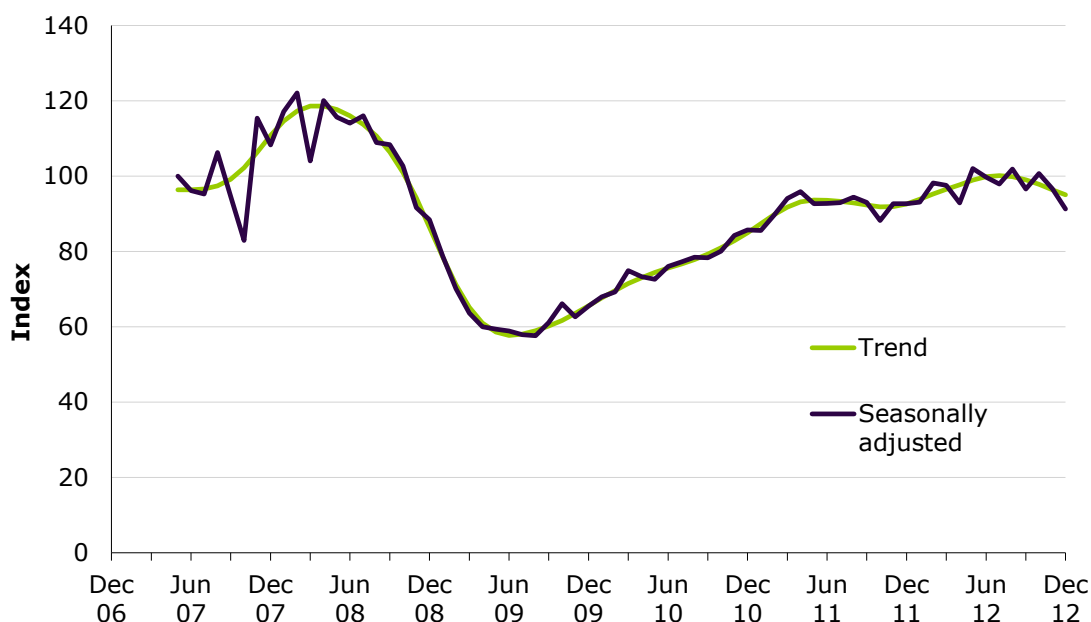
*Jobs Online* shows, in seasonally adjusted terms, that *skilled*<sup>1</sup> job vacancies decreased by 5.6% in December, following a fall in November. Similarly, *all* job vacancies decreased by 6.3% in December, following a fall in November.

Skilled job vacancies decreased in most regions, most industry groups and across all occupation groups.

Over the year to December, *skilled* vacancies decreased by 1.5%, however *all* vacancies increased by 0.6%.

While there is some variation from month to month in the seasonally adjusted series, the trend in skilled vacancies has been slowly falling since August 2012 (see Figure 1). In trend terms, *skilled* vacancies decreased by 1.4% in December. Similarly, *all* vacancies decreased by 0.7% in December.

**Figure 1: Skilled Vacancies Index**  
Seasonally adjusted and trend series (May 2007=100)



<sup>1</sup> Skilled occupations are defined as skill levels 1-3 under the Australia New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) 2006. Skill level 3 is equivalent to a national qualifications framework level 4 qualification.



### **Skilled job vacancies decreased in most industry groups and across all occupation groups in December**

In December, skilled job vacancies decreased in most industry groups (see Table 1). The biggest fall over the month was in the information technology (down by 15.5%) industry group. The only increase was for the hospitality and tourism industry (up by 5.7%).

Over the year to December, skilled job vacancies increased in most industry groups. The demand for skilled workers was strongest in construction and engineering (up by 40.6%), followed by hospitality and tourism (up by 20.6%).

**Table 1: Skilled Vacancies Index by industry group, seasonally adjusted**

Industry	Monthly change (Nov 12-Dec 12)	Annual change (Dec 11-Dec 12)
Hospitality and tourism	5.7%	20.6%
Construction and engineering	-3.8%	40.6%
Accounting, HR, legal, and administration	-4.1%	-12.2%
Sales, retail, marketing and advertising	-7.6%	-11.0%
Health and medical	-8.0%	8.6%
Education and training	-9.2%	0.5%
Information technology	-15.5%	-26.4%
Other	-0.3%	11.1%
<b>Total skilled job vacancies</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

**Table 2: Skilled Vacancies Index by occupation group, seasonally adjusted**

Occupation	Monthly change (Nov 12-Dec 12)	Annual change (Dec 11-Dec 12)
Managers	-0.6%	2.3%
Technicians and trades workers	-0.9%	15.2%
Professionals	-10.9%	-11.4%
<b>Total skilled job vacancies</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>



In December, vacancies decreased in all skilled occupation groups (see Table 2). The biggest fall was for professionals (down by 10.9%), followed by technicians and trades workers (down by 0.9%) and managers (down by 0.6%).

Over the year, job vacancies increased across most skilled occupation groups. Technicians and trades workers had the biggest increase (up by 15.2%), followed by managers (up by 2.3%). Professionals had the only fall in vacancies over the year (down by 11.4%).

### **Skilled job vacancies decreased in most regions**

Skilled job vacancies were down in the country's main centres in December (see Table 3), with the biggest fall in Wellington (down by 11.4%), followed by Canterbury (down by 10.9%) and Auckland (down by 5.4%). The only increase was in the North Island – excluding Auckland and Wellington (up by 1.8%).

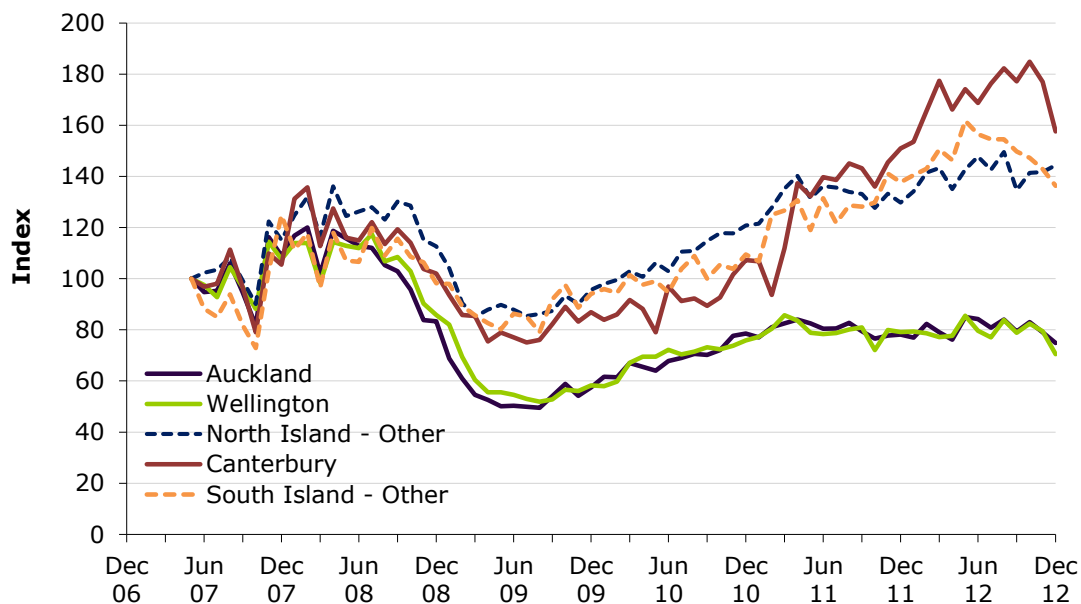
**Table 3: Skilled Vacancies Index by region, seasonally adjusted**

Region	Monthly change (Nov 12-Dec 12)	Annual change (Dec 11-Dec 12)
Auckland	-5.4%	-4.2%
Wellington	-11.4%	-11.0%
North Island – Other	1.8%	11.2%
Canterbury	-10.9%	4.4%
South Island – Other	-4.6%	-1.0%
<b>Nationwide</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

Over the year (see figure 2), the North Island (excluding Auckland and Wellington) showed the biggest rise in skilled vacancies of any region (up by 11.2%), followed by Canterbury (up by 4.4%). The biggest fall was in Wellington (down by 11.0%) followed by Auckland (down by 4.2%).



**Figure 2: Skilled Vacancies Index by region**  
Seasonally adjusted (May 2007=100)



### **Construction and engineering drove vacancy growth in Canterbury**

Despite the sharp fall in vacancies in Canterbury in December, vacancies grew over the past year (up by 4.4%). Construction and engineering vacancies (up by 57.9%) and sales, retail, marketing and advertising (up by 20.2%) drove this growth. There was a fall in vacancies for the IT (down by 24.9%) and accounting, HR, legal and administration (down by 22.3%) industry groups.

### **Revisions**

*Jobs Online* is adjusted for seasonal variations. In accordance with standard statistical practice, the entire series is revised each month and this can lead to noticeable revisions of previously published figures towards the end of the data series. Table 4 below gives a summary of revisions made to the previous *Jobs Online* reports over the past four months.



**Table 4: Revisions Summary – Skilled Vacancies Index and All Vacancies Index**

Month	Skilled Vacancies Index				All Vacancies Index			
	Revised		Previously Published*		Revised		Previously Published*	
	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual
	Percentage change							
Aug 2012	4.0	7.8	3.8	7.8	2.3	7.8	2.3	7.8
Sep 2012	-5.2	3.8	-5.1	3.8	-4.3	4.5	-4.2	4.5
Oct 2012	4.2	14.1	4.8	14.2	4.0	15.0	4.3	15.0
Nov 2012	-4.0	4.3	-4.1	4.3	-2.6	7.1	-2.7	7.2

\* Figures as published last month.

**For further information**

Detailed charts and data tables for the figures used in this report can be found at:  
<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/jol/index.asp>.

For more information on *Jobs Online*, see the Background and Methodology report at  
<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/jol/methodology/index.asp>.

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