



Carpenters and Joiners ANZSCO Code 3312

Northern Territory September 2018

Current labour market rating: No Shortage

Employers received a sufficient number of suitable applicants to fill advertised vacancies.

Key research findings

- The Department of Jobs and Small Business surveyed employers who had recently advertised for carpenters and joiners finding that despite all applicants being qualified the fill rate for both metropolitan and regional vacancies was around 56 per cent in each region.
- Metropolitan vacancies attracted 3.4 qualified applicants per vacancy of which 3.0 applicants per vacancy were considered suitable.
- Regional vacancies attracted 1.9 qualified applicants per vacancy, decreasing to less than one suitable applicant per vacancy (0.7).
- Regional employers noted qualified applicants were not accepting employment opportunities due to difficulties in sourcing adequate accommodation or wanting/ expecting Fly-In-Fly Out (FIFO) arrangements.
- 33 per cent of employers in both metropolitan and regional areas were seeking applicants with more than 2 years' experience.

Demand and supply

- Over 83 per cent of carpenters and joiners are employed in the construction industry. Demand for this occupation is influenced by developments in the construction sector.
- Overall, the construction sector in the Northern Territory has fallen for five quarters.
- The total value of building work done in the NT fell by 19.5 per cent over the year to September 2018 this was due mainly to a 22 per cent decrease in engineering construction.
- The largest decrease was over the September 2018 quarter which fell by 24 per cent between June and September 2018.
- Internet vacancies for carpenters and joiners increased by 6 per cent over the year to 171 vacancies advertised as at September 2018. The number of vacancies has been steadily increasing by 4.3 per cent each year since 2016.
- The major source of supply to the trade is new graduates who have completed a contract of training in carpentry

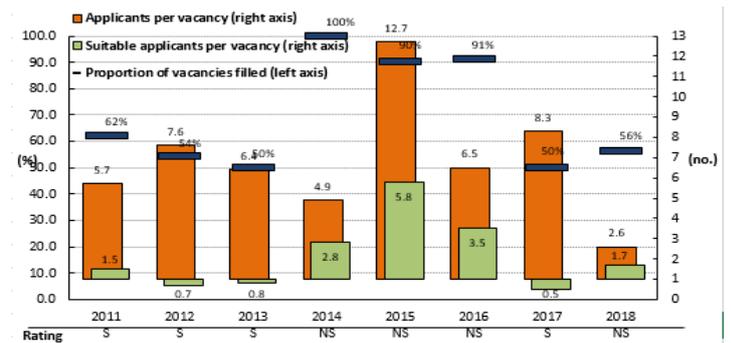
and joinery, with the number of commencements and completions in the Northern Territory varying from year to year.

- In 2018, new commencements remained at similar levels to 2017 (53 and 52 respectively) but was down from the 75 new commencements recorded in 2015.
- In 2018, the number of completions decreased from 33 to 24 (27 per cent) and although they are at the lowest rate since 2008, the number of completions is still comparable to previous years.

2018 Survey Results¹



Figure 1: Survey results, Carpenters and Joiners 2011 – 2018.



Source: Department of Jobs and Small Business, Survey of Employers who Recently Advised

Key to ratings: S = Shortage; D = Recruitment difficulty; NS = No shortage; RS = Regional Shortage; D = Recruitment Difficulty

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business](#).

Additional Data Sources: Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary, December 2018, ABS Cat 8755.0, Trend data; Department of Jobs and Small Business, Internet Vacancy Index, September 2018, 12 month moving average; NCVET, Apprentices and Trainees, March 2018