



JOB VACANCY MONITOR - October 2007

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Total job vacancies fell by 2%, trades vacancies rose by 1% and IT vacancies rose by 31% in October 2007 compared to a year ago. Southland (33%) had the greatest regional growth in job vacancies compared to October 2006.

Total job vacancies down 2%

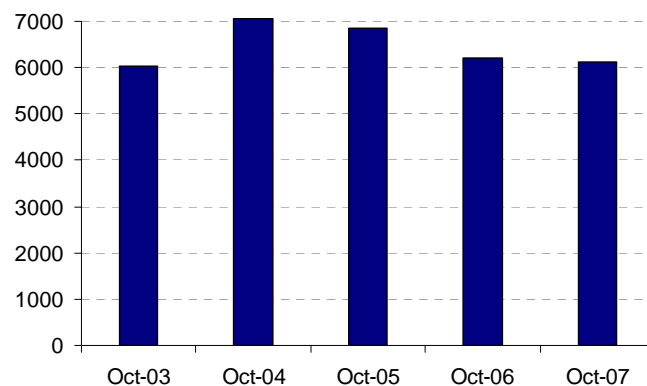
There were 6,116 advertised job vacancies measured in October 2007, which is a 2% decline from twelve months ago (see Figure 1)¹. However, there were 1% more jobs advertised in October 2007 compared to October 2003 (the first year that vacancies were counted in October.)

JVM is a monthly sample of job advertisements from 25 regional newspapers and two IT websites. JVM monitors the number of job ads in each occupational category over time, indicating changes in labour market tightness or changes in the degree of difficulty of recruiting staff.

An increase in vacancies typically indicates increased difficulty in recruiting staff, although other factors also influence the number of jobs advertised in newspapers. The Department of Labour is scoping the development of a series to include internet and community newspaper vacancies.

For more analysis and interpretation of the JVM, the Department of Labour publishes [Skills in the Labour Market](#)² every quarter.

Figure 1: Total number of vacancies



Source: Department of Labour

Vacancies for highly skilled jobs down 2%

Vacancies in highly skilled jobs declined by 2% to 1,168 in October 2007 (see Figure 2, over), although the changes varied according to occupations. Vacancies for legislators, administrators and managers fell by 8% while vacancies for professionals rose by 3%. Within the professionals category, health (29%) and teaching (21%), had increased vacancies, while vacancies fell for accountants and auditors (-40%) and 'other professionals' (-13%) (see Table 2 over).

¹ The 'total' number of advertised job vacancies relates to the total number appearing in the JVM **sample**, rather than the total number of advertisements placed in all editions of all newspapers. The job vacancy counts are based on a three month moving average. See the explanatory notes for further details.

² See <http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/lmr-skills-summary.asp>

Vacancies for skilled jobs down 3%

Vacancies for skilled jobs fell by 3% to 1,342 in October 2007, compared to a year ago.

Technicians and associate professionals had a 7% overall fall in October 2007, with subgroups showing mixed results. Health associate professionals (47%), and 'other technicians and associate professionals' (6%) recorded growth in vacancies while finance and sales (-21%) physical science and engineering (-15%), declined.

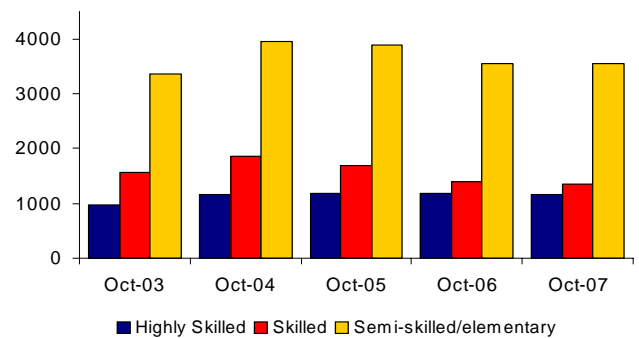
Trades vacancies up 1%

Trades rose by 1% compared to a year ago. Within this category, furniture and textile (36%), food (8%), 'other trades' (3%), and building (2%) all had increased vacancies. Printing (-31%), metal and machinery (-3%) electrical and electronics (-1%), recorded declines.

Vacancies for semi-skilled and elementary jobs remain unchanged

Semi-skilled/elementary job advertisements remained at the same level in October 2007 as a year ago. Elementary workers (22%) and plant and machine operators and assemblers (9%) had increased vacancies, while service and sales (-9%), clerks (-4%) and agriculture and fishery workers (-2%) had decreased vacancy advertising.

Figure 2: Total number of vacancies, by skill level

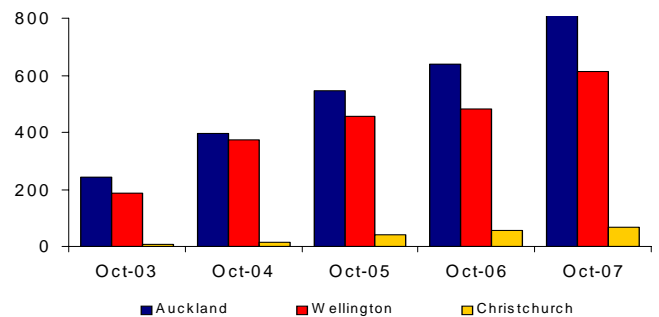


Source: Department of Labour

IT vacancies up 31%

IT job advertisements grew by 31% to 1,582 from October 2006 to October 2007. Figure 3 shows the numbers of IT vacancies in October of each year, for the three largest regions, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Figure 3: Number of IT vacancies, by region



Source: Department of Labour

Change in vacancies by region

Southland (33%), Marlborough (32%) and the West Coast (18%) had the greatest growth in job vacancies compared to October 2006. The largest falls were in Gisborne (-20%), Auckland (-20%), Wellington (-16%) and Bay of Plenty (-13%). See Table 1 and [regional tables](#) at the end of this report.

Table 1: Annual growth in vacancies by region October 2007

Southland	33%
Marlborough	32%
West Coast	18%
Canterbury	15%
Otago	12%
Waikato	11%
Manawatu-Wanganui	10%
Taranaki	4%
Nelson/Tasman	3%
Hawke's Bay	0%
Northland	-1%
New Zealand	-2%
Bay of Plenty	-13%
Wellington	-16%
Auckland	-20%
Gisborne	-20%

Source: Department of Labour

Table 2 Total monthly job vacancies, by occupation, October 2007

		No. of vacancies Oct 2003*	No. of vacancies Oct 2004*	No. of vacancies Oct 2005*	No. of vacancies Oct 2006*	No. of vacancies Oct 2007*	% change 03-07	% change 06-07	Share of vacancies Oct 2007
Highly skilled	Legislators, Administrators & Managers	410	424	462	471	432	5%	-8%	7%
	Professionals	567	741	730	716	736	30%	3%	12%
	<i>Science, Architecture & Engineering</i>	131	177	136	148	146	12%	-1%	2%
	<i>Health</i>	92	166	162	143	184	100%	29%	3%
	<i>Teaching</i>	124	139	124	137	166	34%	21%	3%
	<i>Accountants & Auditors</i>	77	81	108	99	60	-22%	-40%	1%
	<i>Business & Legal</i>	86	124	122	113	114	32%	0%	2%
	<i>Other Professionals</i>	57	54	79	76	66	16%	-13%	1%
	Highly Skilled	976	1166	1192	1187	1168	20%	-2%	19%
Skilled	Technicians & Associate Professionals	767	1029	913	749	695	-9%	-7%	11%
	<i>Physical Science & Engineering</i>	107	163	142	127	108	1%	-15%	2%
	<i>Health</i>	105	56	58	36	52	-50%	47%	1%
	<i>Finance & Sales</i>	333	488	374	314	248	-25%	-21%	4%
	<i>Social Work</i>	39	40	57	47	47	22%	0%	1%
	<i>Other Technicians & Associate Professionals</i>	184	282	282	226	239	30%	6%	4%
	Trades	792	833	772	641	647	-18%	1%	11%
	<i>Building</i>	324	320	269	258	264	-19%	2%	4%
	<i>Electrical & Electronics</i>	82	97	87	74	73	-11%	-1%	1%
	<i>Metal & Machinery</i>	239	265	272	191	185	-22%	-3%	3%
	<i>Printing</i>	28	28	25	18	12	-56%	-31%	0%
	<i>Food</i>	22	26	26	27	29	32%	8%	0%
	<i>Furniture & Textiles</i>	37	35	34	25	34	-7%	36%	1%
	<i>Other Trades</i>	61	62	60	48	50	-18%	3%	1%
	Skilled	1559	1861	1685	1390	1342	-14%	-3%	22%
Semi-skilled/elementary	Clerks	945	1162	1064	812	778	-18%	-4%	13%
	Service & Sales	1270	1416	1401	1389	1268	0%	-9%	21%
	<i>Restaurant Services</i>	531	576	533	581	519	-2%	-11%	8%
	<i>Hairdressers & Beauty Therapists</i>	90	102	95	92	80	-11%	-12%	1%
	<i>Salespersons & Demonstrators</i>	420	460	465	454	354	-16%	-22%	6%
	<i>Other Service & Sales</i>	228	277	308	263	315	38%	20%	5%
	Agriculture & Fishery Workers	251	233	252	275	268	7%	-2%	4%
	Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	505	668	683	619	674	34%	9%	11%
	<i>Operators & Assemblers</i>	205	279	299	285	242	18%	-15%	4%
	<i>Drivers & Mobile Machinery Operators</i>	251	324	335	293	380	51%	30%	6%
<i>Building</i>	49	64	50	42	52	8%	26%	1%	
	Elementary Workers	395	472	497	460	559	42%	22%	9%
	Semi-skilled/elementary	3365	3951	3897	3555	3548	5%	0%	58%
	Not classifiable	131	78	85	91	57	-56%	-37%	1%
	Total	6032	7056	6859	6223	6116	1%	-2%	100%

* Figures shown are three-month averages to October of each year.

Source: Department of Labour

Jobs with High Vacancies - all New Zealand, and by region

Tables 3 – 6 list jobs with the highest numbers of vacancies, for all New Zealand. They also show the occupations with the highest growth in vacancies as a percentage change and occupations with the largest numerical change in advertised vacancies². Tables 7 – 22 give the same information, for each region.

Table 3 New Zealand, top ranking vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	Growth (%)	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Growth
1	Sales Assistant	3958	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	146%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	317
2	Care Giver	2137	Sawmill Labourer	113%	General Labourer	255
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	2098	Structural Engineer	113%	Packer	248
4	Cleaner	2029	Other Mechanical Engineer	103%	Cleaner	205
5	General Clerk	1738	Electrical Fitter	100%	Machine Tool Operator	182
6	General Labourer	1692	Building Control/Consents Officer	88%	Registered Nurse	174
7	Registered Nurse	1651	Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages	88%	Care Giver	170
8	Secretary	1636	Machine Tool Operator	75%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	169
9	Chef	1531	Farm Machinery Operator, Including Contractor	68%	Secretary	159
10	Waiter	1413	Architect	68%	Early Childhood Teacher	149

Source: Department of Labour

Table 4 New Zealand total vacancies and growth in highly skilled occupations in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Registered Nurse	1651	Structural Engineer	113%	Registered Nurse	174
2	Administration Manager	1090	Other Mechanical Engineer	103%	Early Childhood Teacher	149
3	Accountant	788	Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages	88%	Administration Manager	102
4	Retail Manager	726	Architect	68%	Other Civil Engineer	80
5	Early Childhood Teacher	701	Other Civil Engineer	65%	Other Mechanical Engineer	67
6	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	630	Water Resources Engineer	59%	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	56
7	University and Higher Education Lecturer and/or Tutor	530	Roading Engineer	47%	Architect	56
8	Primary School Teacher	378	Chief Executive and/or Managing Director	44%	Structural Engineer	52
9	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	349	Quality Assurance Manager	36%	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	46
10	Policy Analyst	340	Chemical Engineer	34%	Construction Manager	43

² The number of vacancies is the **total number of vacancies advertised in the 12 months to October 2007**. Growth in vacancies compares the number of advertised vacancies in October 2007 with October 2006. Percentage growth figures are only included if at least 24 vacancies were advertised in October 2006. Numeric growth figures are only included if there were at least 10 more vacancies in October 2007 than October 2006.

Source: Department of Labour

Table 5 New Zealand total vacancies and growth in skilled occupations in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Carpenter and/or Joiner	1397	Electrical Fitter	100%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	169
2	Sales Representative	1364	Building Control/Consents Officer	88%	Quantity Surveyor	87
3	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	626	Safety Inspector	49%	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	85
4	Electrician	591	Quantity Surveyor	45%	Cabinet Maker	65
5	Real Estate Agent/Property Consultant	576	Life Science Technician	42%	Electrical Fitter	58
6	Social Worker	575	Cabinet Maker	40%	Safety Inspector	53
7	Draughting Technician	545	Purchasing Agent	40%	Organisation and Methods Analyst	49
8	Builder (Including Contractor)	513	Retail Dispensary Assistant	35%	Fitter and Welder	48
9	Technical Representative	511	Quality Inspector	35%	Building Control/Consents Officer	37
10	Motor Mechanic	484	Reporter	34%	Enrolled Nurse	32

Source: Department of Labour

Table 6 New Zealand total vacancies and growth in semi-skilled/elementary occupations in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	3958	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	146%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	317
2	Care Giver	2137	Sawmill Labourer	113%	General Labourer	255
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	2098	Machine Tool Operator	75%	Packer	248
4	Cleaner	2029	Farm Machinery Operator, Including Contractor	68%	Cleaner	205
5	General Clerk	1738	Aluminium Joiner	63%	Machine Tool Operator	182
6	General Labourer	1692	Fish Processing Worker	61%	Care Giver	170
7	Secretary	1636	Hotel Porter	58%	Secretary	159
8	Chef	1531	Timber Processing Machine Operator	56%	Light Truck or Van Driver	109
9	Waiter	1413	Animal Welfare Worker	52%	Builder's Labourer	109
10	Catering Counter Assistant	1262	Meat Processing Worker	49%	Catering Counter Assistant	105

Source: Department of Labour

Regional High Vacancy and Growth Jobs

Table 7 Northland top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	129	Registered Nurse	41%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	38
2	Care Giver	77	Accounts Clerk	35%	Stock Clerk	26
3	Cleaner	69	Cleaner	30%	Registered Nurse	20
4	Registered Nurse	69	Courier and Deliverer	18%	Finance Clerk	16
5	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	66	Catering Counter Assistant	14%	Cleaner	16

Source: Department of Labour

Table 8 Auckland top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	910	Policy Analyst	117%	Quantity Surveyor	56
2	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	710	Packer	112%	Cabinet Maker	51
3	Sales Representative	591	Other Civil Engineer	94%	Architect	31
4	Secretary	414	Quantity Surveyor	73%	Other Civil Engineer	31
5	Chef	389	Architect	63%	Packer	29
6	Dispatch and Receiving Clerk	345	Construction Manager	60%	Policy Analyst	28
7	General Clerk	332	Production Manager (Manufacturing)	58%	Electrical Fitter	27
8	Administration Manager	273	Cabinet Maker	52%	Construction Manager	26
9	Accountant	271	Purchasing Agent	48%	Electronic and Telecommunications Engineer	24
10	Waiter	268	Human Resources Manager	38%	Other Mechanical Engineer	21

Source: Department of Labour

Table 9 Waikato top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	335	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	66%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	60
2	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	257	Social Worker	61%	Security Officer	43
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	172	Catering Counter Assistant	58%	Secretary	40
4	General Clerk	159	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	44%	Care Giver	34
5	Care Giver	157	Secretary	44%	Catering Counter Assistant	32

Source: Department of Labour

Table 10 Bay of Plenty top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	319	Security Officer	71%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	48
2	Fruit Grower, Worker	289	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	71%	Secretary	46
3	Cleaner	234	Secretary	66%	Catering Counter Assistant	35
4	Care Giver	212	Health Assistant	63%	Administration Manager	26
5	General Clerk	169	Motor Mechanic	58%	Bartender	21

Source: Department of Labour

Table 11 Gisborne top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	41	Care Giver	25%	Administration Manager	11
2	Forest Hand	41	General Clerk	16%	Early Childhood Teacher	11
3	Care Giver	30				
4	General Clerk	29				
5	Logger	19				

Source: Department of Labour

Table 12 Hawke's Bay top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Fruit Grower, Worker	134	Packer	123%	Registered Nurse	48
2	Sales Assistant	132	Registered Nurse	114%	Packer	37
3	Care Giver	107	Secretary	80%	General Labourer	21
4	Registered Nurse	90	Fork-Lift Operator	68%	Secretary	20
5	Cleaner	78	Chef	64%	Fork-Lift Operator	17

Source: Department of Labour

Table 13 Taranaki top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	132	Registered Nurse	72%	Sales Assistant	37
2	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	110	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	50%	Registered Nurse	36
3	Care Giver	91	Secretary	48%	Survey Interviewer	16
4	Registered Nurse	86	Hairdresser	46%	Cattle Farmer, Cattle Farm Worker	16
5	Waiter	60	Catering Counter Assistant	44%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	15

Source: Department of Labour

Table 14 Manawatu-Wanganui top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	175	Secretary	86%	Early Childhood Teacher	35
2	Care Giver	133	Courier and Deliverer	56%	Secretary	30
3	Cleaner	92	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	39%	Courier and Deliverer	28
4	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	79	Light Truck or Van Driver	35%	Primary School Teacher	24
5	Courier and Deliverer	78	Telephone Switchboard Operator	33%	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	22

Source: Department of Labour

Table 15 Wellington top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	488	Real Estate Agent/Property Consultant	116%	Secretary	59
2	Secretary	365	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	83%	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	50
3	Waiter	285	Light Truck or Van Driver	44%	Light Truck or Van Driver	35
4	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	284	Chief Executive and/or Managing Director	37%	Roading and/or Paving Machine Operator	29
5	Chef	283	Finance Manager	36%	Real Estate Agent/Property Consultant	29
6	Administration Manager	248	Nurse Aide	29%	Catering Counter Assistant	27
7	Policy Analyst	236	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	27%	Finance Manager	22
8	Catering Counter Assistant	235	Secondary School Teacher	25%	Care Giver	21
9	General Clerk	232	Secretary	19%	Roofer	18
10	Cleaner	214	Early Childhood Teacher	19%	Fork-Lift Operator	17

Source: Department of Labour

Table 16 Tasman top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Cleaner	35	Cleaner	40%	Packer	12
2	Sales Assistant	28			Cleaner	10
3	Packer	22				
4	Fruit Grower, Worker	19				
5	Care Giver	16				

Source: Department of Labour

Table 17 Nelson top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Care Giver	167	General Labourer	217%	Care Giver	55
2	Sales Assistant	111	Waiter	97%	General Labourer	52
3	General Labourer	76	Chef	66%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	48
4	Carpenter and/or Joiner	71	Care Giver	49%	Waiter	33
5	Cleaner	70	Courier and Deliverer	41%	Builder's Labourer	29

Source: Department of Labour

Table 18 Marlborough top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Grape Grower and/or Wine Maker, Worker	106	Grape Grower and/or Wine Maker, Worker	71%	Grape Grower and/or Wine Maker, Worker	44
2	Registered Nurse	41	Bartender	12%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	24
3	Waiter	36			Registered Nurse	24
4	Sales Assistant	34			Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	15
5	Cleaner	33			General Labourer	12

Source: Department of Labour

Table 19 West Coast top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	38	Waiter	17%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	16
2	Waiter	34	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	15%	Care Giver	14
3	Care Giver	32			General Labourer	11
4	Sales Assistant	29				
5	Machinery Mechanic	25				

Source: Department of Labour

Table 20 Canterbury top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	759	Telephone Switchboard Operator	279%	Cleaner	244
2	Cleaner	680	Machine Tool Operator	154%	General Labourer	169
3	General Labourer	602	Spray Painter	138%	Telephone Switchboard Operator	162
4	Care Giver	564	Nurse Aide	126%	Machine Tool Operator	149
5	Registered Nurse	483	Enrolled Nurse	103%	Care Giver	132
6	Carpenter and/or Joiner	390	Administration Officer	86%	Secretary	108
7	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	339	Secretary	82%	Registered Nurse	107
8	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	333	Roading and/or Paving Machine Operator	81%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	83
9	Catering Counter Assistant	321	Sewing Machinist	76%	Catering Counter Assistant	75
10	Chef	310	Security Officer	69%	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	74

Source: Department of Labour

Table 21 Otago top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	233	Secretary	89%	Secretary	48
2	Care Giver	230	Accountant	81%	Cleaner	46
3	General Labourer	148	Builder's Labourer	76%	Packer	36
4	Cleaner	137	Accounts Clerk	65%	General Labourer	32
5	General Clerk	128	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	56%	Fork-Lift Operator	31

Source: Department of Labour

Table 22 Southland top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Oct 2007

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	214	Registered Nurse	138%	Registered Nurse	36
2	Sales Assistant	103	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	80%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	24
3	Registered Nurse	62	Cleaner	35%	Early Childhood Teacher	22
4	Care Giver	59	General Labourer	24%	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	19
5	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	54			Primary School Teacher	19

Source: Department of Labour

Explanatory notes

Monthly vacancy counts are from a survey of job advertisements in 25 major newspapers, captured once a month on the main advertising day for each paper (usually Saturday). Duplicate advertisements are not included in the counts. The total vacancy counts are a **sample** of all advertisements in daily newspapers each month. The published data is trend data based on a three-month moving average. Data is not seasonally adjusted.

Jobs are coded to occupational categories using the New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations 1999.

IT vacancy counts are a weekly count of jobs newly listed in the past seven days on two websites: Seek IT and TradeMe Jobs. Monthly estimates of IT job advertisements are an average of the weekly data. Because IT jobs may be advertised on more than one site, changes in vacancy counts may exaggerate actual changes in demand and supply. Data is not seasonally adjusted. TradeMe was added to the counts in November 2006 when Jobstuff ads were merged into TradeMe. Changes to the Jobstuff website in July 2005 affected the number of vacancies advertised and the IT vacancy count was adjusted in September 2005 to reflect this impact. Further details available on request from the Department of Labour.

More information

More data, methodological notes, and conceptual explanations are available from the [Department of Labour](http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/jvm/index.asp) website at <http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/jvm/index.asp>

Information on the *New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations 1999* is on the [Statistics New Zealand](http://www.stats.govt.nz) website: <http://www.stats.govt.nz>

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