



## JOB VACANCY MONITOR - September 2007

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**Total job vacancies rose 1%, trades vacancies rose 5% and IT vacancies rose 22% in September 2007 compared to September a year ago. Southland (27%) had greatest regional growth in job vacancies compared to September 2006.**

### **Total Job Vacancies up 1%**

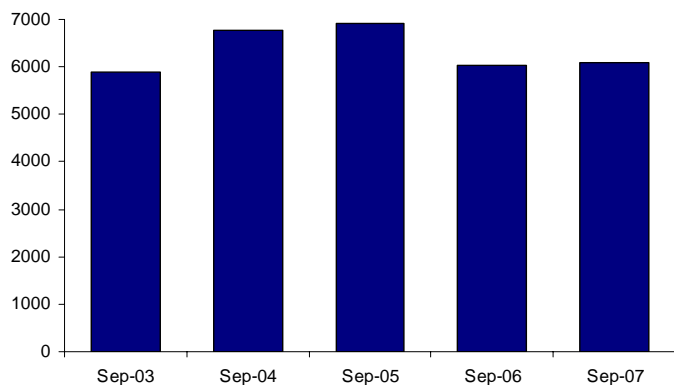
There were 6,090 advertised job vacancies measured in September 2007, which is 1% higher than twelve months ago (see Figure 1)<sup>1</sup>. There were 4% more jobs advertised in September 2007 compared to September 2003.

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](#)<sup>2</sup> every quarter.

Figure 1: Total number of vacancies



Source: Department of Labour

### **Vacancies for highly skilled jobs up 1%**

Vacancies in highly skilled jobs rose by 1% to 1,245 in September 2007 (see Figure 2, over), although the changes varied according to occupations. Vacancies for legislators, administrators and managers fell by 5% while vacancies for professionals rose by 6%. Within the professionals category, teaching (25%), health (21%), science, architecture and engineering (8%) and business and legal (3%) had increased vacancies, while vacancies fell for accountants and auditors (-29%) and 'other professionals' (-19%) (see Table 2 over).

<sup>1</sup> 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.

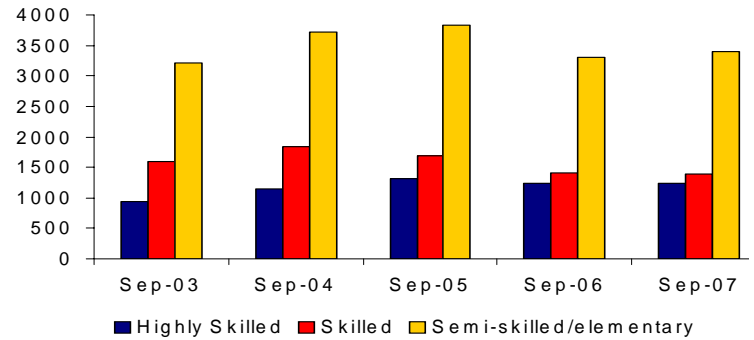
<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/lmr-skills-summary.asp>

### Vacancies for skilled jobs down 1%

Vacancies for skilled jobs fell by 1% to 1,386 in September 2007, compared to a year ago.

Technicians and associate professionals had a 7% overall fall in September 2007, with subgroups showing mixed results. Health professionals (41%), recorded significant growth in vacancies while physical science and engineering (-18%), finance and sales (-17%) declined.

Figure 2: Total number of vacancies, by skill level



Source: Department of Labour

### Trades vacancies up 5%

Trades rose by 5% compared to a year ago. Within this category, 'other trades' (48%), and furniture and textile (36%), building (11%) all had increased vacancies. Printing (-9%), electrical and electronics (-8%), and metal and machinery (-5%) recorded declines.

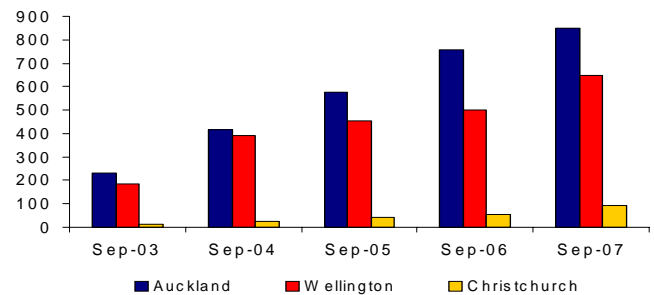
### Vacancies for semi-skilled and elementary jobs rise 3%

Semi-skilled/elementary job advertisements rose 3% to 3,406 from September 2006 to September 2007. Within this category, elementary workers (19%) plant and machine operators and assemblers (16%), and service and sales (2%) recorded increased vacancies, while clerks (-8%) and agriculture and fishery workers (-7%) had decreased vacancy advertising.

### IT vacancies up 22%

IT job advertisements grew by 22% to 1,656 from September 2006 to September 2007. Figure 3 shows the numbers of IT vacancies in September 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 (27%), West Coast (24%) and Manawatu-Wanganui (24%) had greatest growth in job vacancies compared to September 2006. The largest falls were in Auckland (-20%) Wellington (-9%), and Bay of Plenty (-7%). See Table 1 and [regional tables](#) at the end of this report.

Table 1: Annual growth in vacancies by region September 2007

Southland	27%
West Coast	24%
Manawatu-Wanganui	24%
Canterbury	22%
Marlborough	19%
Otago	17%
Nelson/Tasman	14%
Hawke's Bay	12%
Gisborne	12%
Taranaki	4%
Northland	1%
<b>New Zealand Total</b>	<b>1%</b>
Waikato	0%
Bay of Plenty	-7%
Wellington	-9%
Auckland	-20%

Source: Department of Labour

**Table 2 Total monthly job vacancies, by occupation, September 2007**

		No. of vacancies Sep 2003*	No. of vacancies Sep 2004*	No. of vacancies Sep 2005*	No. of vacancies Sep 2006*	No. of vacancies Sep 2007*	% change 03-07	% change 06-07	Share of vacancies Sep 2007
Highly skilled	<b>Legislators, Administrators &amp; Managers</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Professionals</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<i>Science, Architecture &amp; Engineering</i>	135	190	154	154	<b>166</b>	24%	8%	3%
	<i>Health</i>	95	158	200	155	<b>187</b>	96%	21%	3%
	<i>Teaching</i>	130	126	142	144	<b>180</b>	39%	25%	3%
	<i>Accountants &amp; Auditors</i>	80	90	116	99	<b>70</b>	-12%	-29%	1%
	<i>Business &amp; Legal</i>	80	123	130	118	<b>121</b>	52%	3%	2%
	<i>Other Professionals</i>	49	60	92	75	<b>60</b>	24%	-19%	1%
	<b>Highly Skilled subtotal</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>20%</b>
Skilled	<b>Technicians &amp; Associate Professionals</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<i>Physical Science &amp; Engineering</i>	116	154	161	143	<b>117</b>	1%	-18%	2%
	<i>Health</i>	127	60	63	36	<b>51</b>	-59%	41%	1%
	<i>Finance &amp; Sales</i>	328	482	367	320	<b>266</b>	-19%	-17%	4%
	<i>Social Work</i>	38	45	56	48	<b>50</b>	30%	3%	1%
	<i>Other Technicians &amp; Associate Professionals</i>	196	288	291	232	<b>242</b>	23%	4%	4%
	<b>Trades</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<i>Building</i>	315	286	262	234	<b>260</b>	-18%	11%	4%
	<i>Electrical &amp; Electronics</i>	94	108	96	86	<b>79</b>	-16%	-8%	1%
	<i>Metal &amp; Machinery</i>	247	277	265	207	<b>196</b>	-21%	-5%	3%
	<i>Printing</i>	28	27	23	14	<b>13</b>	-54%	-9%	0%
	<i>Food</i>	20	20	20	22	<b>22</b>	14%	0%	0%
	<i>Furniture &amp; Textiles</i>	41	39	36	26	<b>35</b>	-14%	36%	1%
	<i>Other Trades</i>	51	53	48	37	<b>54</b>	7%	48%	1%
	<b>Skilled subtotal</b>	<b>1601</b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Semi-skilled/elementary	<b>Clerks</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Service &amp; Sales</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1326</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<i>Restaurant Services</i>	438	488	492	467	<b>483</b>	10%	3%	8%
	<i>Hairdressers &amp; Beauty Therapists</i>	80	84	92	79	<b>75</b>	-6%	-4%	1%
	<i>Salespersons &amp; Demonstrators</i>	408	442	448	393	<b>335</b>	-18%	-15%	5%
	<i>Other Service &amp; Sales</i>	246	280	294	257	<b>325</b>	32%	27%	5%
	<b>Agriculture &amp; Fishery Workers</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Plant &amp; Machine Operators &amp; Assemblers</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<i>Operators &amp; Assemblers</i>	202	263	279	240	<b>244</b>	21%	2%	4%
	<i>Drivers &amp; Mobile Machinery Operators</i>	216	270	304	245	<b>312</b>	45%	28%	5%
	<i>Building</i>	46	54	49	45	<b>59</b>	28%	29%	1%
	<b>Elementary Workers</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>8%</b>
		<b>Semi-skilled/elementary subtotal</b>	<b>3202</b>	<b>3717</b>	<b>3825</b>	<b>3311</b>	<b>3406</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>Not classifiable</b>	137	77	84	75	<b>52</b>	-62%	-30%	1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5879</b>	<b>6774</b>	<b>6918</b>	<b>6023</b>	<b>6090</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Figures shown are three-month averages to September 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 vacancies<sup>2</sup>. Tables 7 – 22 give the same information, for each region.

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	Growth (%)	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Growth
1	Sales Assistant	4111	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	143%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	236
2	Care Giver	2138	Structural Engineer	120%	Packer	224
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	2113	Electrical Fitter	117%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	199
4	Cleaner	1958	English Language Teacher	91%	Machine Tool Operator	196
5	General Clerk	1790	Other Mechanical Engineer	91%	Care Giver	164
6	General Labourer	1630	Sawmill Labourer	85%	General Labourer	160
7	Registered Nurse	1592	Machine Tool Operator	84%	Cleaner	135
8	Secretary	1591	Building Control/Consents Officer	83%	Fork-Lift Operator	121
9	Chef	1542	Farm Machinery Operator Contractor	79%	Catering Counter Assistant	115
10	Waiter	1479	Animal Welfare Worker	79%	Early Childhood Teacher	113

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Registered Nurse	1592	Structural Engineer	120%	Early Childhood Teacher	113
2	Administration Manager	1046	English Language Teacher	91%	Other Civil Engineer	80
3	Accountant	814	Other Mechanical Engineer	91%	Construction Manager	76
4	Retail Manager	741	Water Resources Engineer	78%	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	69
5	Early Childhood Teacher	678	Chemical Engineer	71%	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	67
6	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	634	Other Civil Engineer	68%	Registered Nurse	63
7	University and Higher Education Lecturer	543	Architect	60%	Primary School Teacher	61
8	Primary School Teacher	387	Construction Manager	55%	Other Mechanical Engineer	58
9	Policy Analyst	349	Chief Executive and/or Managing Director	42%	Architect	49
10	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	348	Market Research Analyst	33%	Structural Engineer	49

Source: Department of Labour

<sup>2</sup> The number of vacancies is the **total number of vacancies advertised in the 12 months to September 2007 as a three-month moving average**. Growth in vacancies compares the number of advertised vacancies in September 2007 with September 2006. Percentage growth figures are only included if at least 24 vacancies were advertised in September 2006. Numeric growth figures are only included if there were at least 10 more vacancies in September 2007 than September 2006.

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Representative	1430	Electrical Fitter	117%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	199
2	Carpenter and/or Joiner	1412	Building Control/Consents Officer	83%	Quantity Surveyor	89
3	Real Estate Agent/Property Consultant	607	Case Worker	50%	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	67
4	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	607	Radio and Television Repairer	50%	Electrical Fitter	63
5	Electrician	585	Quantity Surveyor	47%	Cabinet Maker	62
6	Social Worker	577	Safety Inspector	43%	Organisation and Methods Analyst	58
7	Draughting Technician	546	Organisation and Methods Analyst	39%	Safety Inspector	46
8	Builder (Including Contractor)	543	Cabinet Maker	38%	Building Control/Consents Officer	34
9	Technical Representative	519	Purchasing Agent	33%	Purchasing Agent	26
10	Motor Mechanic	482	Probation Worker	32%	Enrolled Nurse	24

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	4111	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	143%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	236
2	Care Giver	2138	Sawmill Labourer	85%	Packer	224
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	2113	Machine Tool Operator	84%	Machine Tool Operator	196
4	Cleaner	1958	Farm Machinery Operator/Contractor	79%	Care Giver	164
5	General Clerk	1790	Animal Welfare Worker	79%	General Labourer	160
6	General Labourer	1630	Travel Attendant	74%	Cleaner	135
7	Secretary	1591	Hotel Porter	66%	Fork-Lift Operator	121
8	Chef	1542	Aluminium Joiner	62%	Catering Counter Assistant	115
9	Waiter	1479	Timber Processing Machine Operator	52%	Secretary	98
10	Catering Counter Assistant	1275	Plastics Machine Operator	49%	Farm Machinery Operator/Contractor	96

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 Sep 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	84%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	41
2	Cleaner	71	Cleaner	48%	Registered Nurse	32
3	Care Giver	70	Administration Manager	32%	Cleaner	23
4	Registered Nurse	70	Accounts Clerk	29%	Finance Clerk	16
5	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	64			General Labourer	16

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	953	Construction Manager	103%	Quantity Surveyor	67
2	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	732	Quantity Surveyor	99%	Cabinet Maker	60
3	Sales Representative	618	Other Civil Engineer	87%	Construction Manager	38
4	Secretary	410	Packer	86%	Electrical Fitter	27
5	Chef	409	Production Manager (Manufacturing)	70%	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	27
6	General Clerk	360	Cabinet Maker	63%	Other Civil Engineer	27
7	Dispatch and Receiving Clerk	340	Purchasing Agent	58%	Policy Analyst	27
8	Accountant	291	Human Resources Manager	52%	Electronic /Telecommunications Engineer	26
9	Waiter	285	Market Research Analyst	52%	Packer	25
10	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	265	Architect	47%	Architect	23

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	353	Security Officer	104%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	40
2	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	249	Catering Counter Assistant	55%	Catering Counter Assistant	32
3	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	172	Social Worker	54%	Secretary	30
4	General Clerk	165	Sales and/or Marketing Manager	48%	Care Giver	30
5	Care Giver	155	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	41%	Packer	29

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	346	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	71%	Sales Assistant	58
2	Fruit Grower, Worker	288	University /Higher Education Lecturer	67%	Catering Counter Assistant	46
3	Cleaner	237	Bartender	56%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	46
4	Care Giver	210	Health Assistant	56%	Linesperson	34
5	General Clerk	175	Catering Counter Assistant	50%	Secretary	26

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	46	Care Giver	25%	Administration Manager	10
2	Forest Hand	41	General Clerk	15%		
3	General Clerk	30				
4	Care Giver	30				
5	Logger	19				

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	143	Registered Nurse	124%	Registered Nurse	52
2	Fruit Grower, Worker	136	Packer	117%	Packer	35
3	Care Giver	111	Secretary	88%	Secretary	21
4	Registered Nurse	94	Kitchenhand	67%	General Labourer	18
5	Cleaner	72	Fork-Lift Operator	64%	Kitchenhand	16

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	124	Catering Counter Assistant	64%	Sales Assistant	32
2	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	108	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	57%	Kitchenhand	26
3	Care Giver	83	Cleaner	45%	Technical Representative	22
4	Registered Nurse	68	Sales Assistant	35%	Hairdresser	20
5	Waiter	66	Primary School Teacher	33%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	17

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	170	Secretary	120%	Secretary	36
2	Care Giver	130	Courier and Deliverer	55%	Early Childhood Teacher	32
3	Cleaner	89	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	27%	Primary School Teacher	30
4	General Clerk	80	Chef	25%	Courier and Deliverer	28
5	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	80	Telephone Switchboard Operator	23%	Hairdresser	21

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	496	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	74%	Secretary	76
2	Secretary	371	Data Entry Operator	46%	Care Giver	55
3	Waiter	294	Chief Executive and/or Managing Director	44%	Painter, Decorator and/or Paperhanger	45
4	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	293	Light Truck or Van Driver	43%	Light Truck or Van Driver	34
5	Chef	275	Care Giver	34%	Fork-Lift Operator	29
6	Administration Manager	251	Secretary	26%	Roading and/or Paving Machine Operator	28
7	Policy Analyst	245	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	22%	Real Estate Agent/Property Consultant	28
8	Catering Counter Assistant	242	Secondary School Teacher	20%	Catering Counter Assistant	23
9	General Clerk	224	Engineering Technical Manager	20%	Data Entry Operator	16
10	Care Giver	217	Systems Analyst	19%	Business Services Representative	16

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Cleaner	37	Cleaner	48%	Cleaner	12
2	Sales Assistant	34			Packer	12
3	Packer	22				
4	Fruit Grower, Worker	19				
5	Catering Counter Assistant	15				

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Care Giver	155	General Labourer	200%	Waiter	48
2	Sales Assistant	115	Waiter	178%	General Labourer	48
3	Waiter	75	Carpenter and/or Joiner	175%	Care Giver	46
4	General Labourer	72	Courier and Deliverer	75%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	42
5	Cleaner	69	Chef	74%	Builder's Labourer	29

Source: Department of Labour

**Table 18 Marlborough top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Sep 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	92	Grape Grower and/or Wine Maker, Worker	37%	Grape Grower and/or Wine Maker, Worker	25
2	Registered Nurse	41			Registered Nurse	24
3	Cleaner	39			Carpenter and/or Joiner	19
4	Sales Assistant	33			Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	14
5	Carpenter and/or Joiner	31				

Source: Department of Labour

**Table 19 West Coast top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Sep 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	35	Waiter	36%	Kitchenhand	15
2	Waiter	34	Chef	12%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	12
3	Kitchenhand	29			Registered Nurse	12
4	Chef	28			Stock Clerk	10
5	Care Giver	28				

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	800	Telephone Switchboard Operator	259%	Cleaner	190
2	Cleaner	620	Machine Tool Operator	198%	Machine Tool Operator	170
3	General Labourer	580	Electric and Electronic Equipment Assembler	137%	Care Giver	161
4	Care Giver	575	Spray Painter	136%	Telephone Switchboard Operator	150
5	Registered Nurse	465	Sewing Machinist	122%	General Labourer	147
6	Carpenter and/or Joiner	393	Nurse Aide	111%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	94
7	Dairy Farmer, Dairy Farm Worker	330	Administration Officer	81%	Secretary	92
8	Catering Counter Assistant	317	Restaurant or Tavern Manager	78%	Catering Counter Assistant	80
9	Information Clerk and Other Receptionist	314	Forecourt Attendant	76%	Registered Nurse	76
10	Chef	298	Roofer	73%	Packer	64

Source: Department of Labour

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

Rank	High Vacancy Occupations	No. of vacancies	Top Percentage Growth Occupations	% Growth	Top Numeric Growth Occupations	Numeric Growth
1	Sales Assistant	247	Builder (Including Contractor)	80%	Secretary	46
2	Care Giver	227	Secretary	79%	Cleaner	37
3	Cleaner	131	Accounts Clerk	60%	Carpenter and/or Joiner	32
4	General Labourer	130	Stock Clerk	56%	Fork-Lift Operator	29
5	General Clerk	127	Cleaner	39%	Packer	28

Source: Department of Labour

**Table 22 Southland top ranking occupations, by vacancies and growth in the 12 months to Sep 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	197	Registered Nurse	130%	Registered Nurse	35
2	Sales Assistant	95	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	71%	Early Childhood Teacher	22
3	Care Giver	68	Cleaner	37%	Sheep Farmer, Sheep Farm Worker	20
4	Registered Nurse	62	Crop and Livestock Farmer, Worker	35%	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	20
5	Heavy Truck or Tanker Driver	48	General Labourer	19%	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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