

Northern Territory Workforce Snapshot 2026

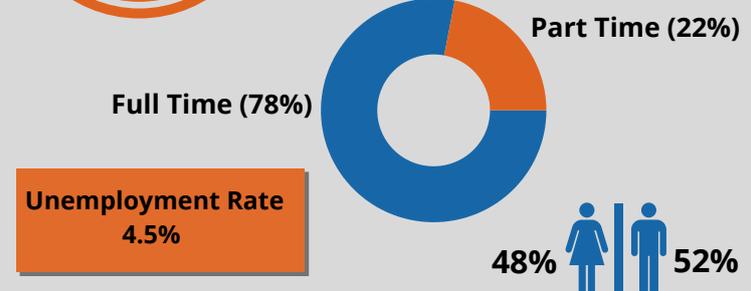


Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count

(November 2025)



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data November 2025



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Total NT Businesses

16,796

(June 2024 - June 2025)

Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits

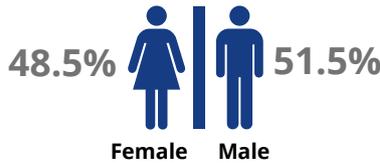


Total Resident Population

263,417

(March 2025)

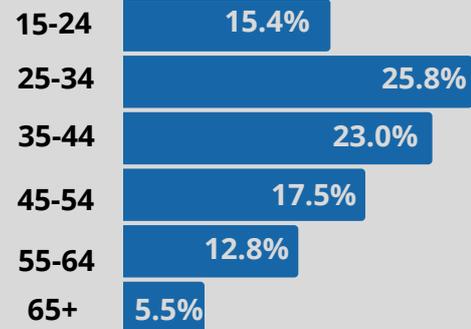
↑ 1.3% increase compared to March 2024



Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population Mar 2025

Workforce Age Structure

(December 2025)



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data December 2025



Examples of Occupations in Demand in the Top 5 Industries



Registered Nurse (Medical)



Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teacher



General Clerk



Automotive Electrician



Construction Project Manager

Source: NTSOPL 2025



Workforce Challenges

- Inadequate skilled workforce
- High relocation costs
- Lack of training resources for workers
- Time to train for certain occupations are lengthy
- High employee turnover

Source: ISACNT Survey Data 2025



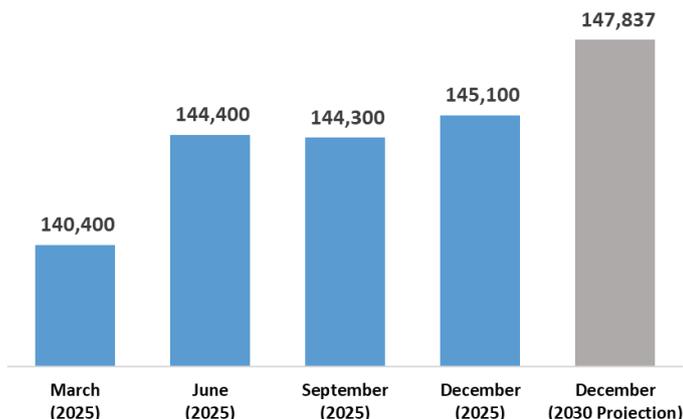
Workforce Solutions Identified by Industry

- Apprenticeships and traineeships pathways
- Attraction and retention strategies
- Migration strategy
- Skilling and/or upskilling workforce
- Adoption of technology

Source: ISACNT Survey Data 2025

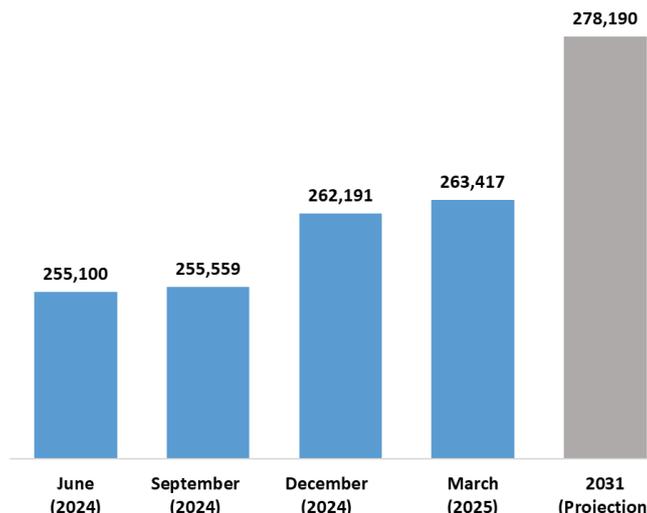
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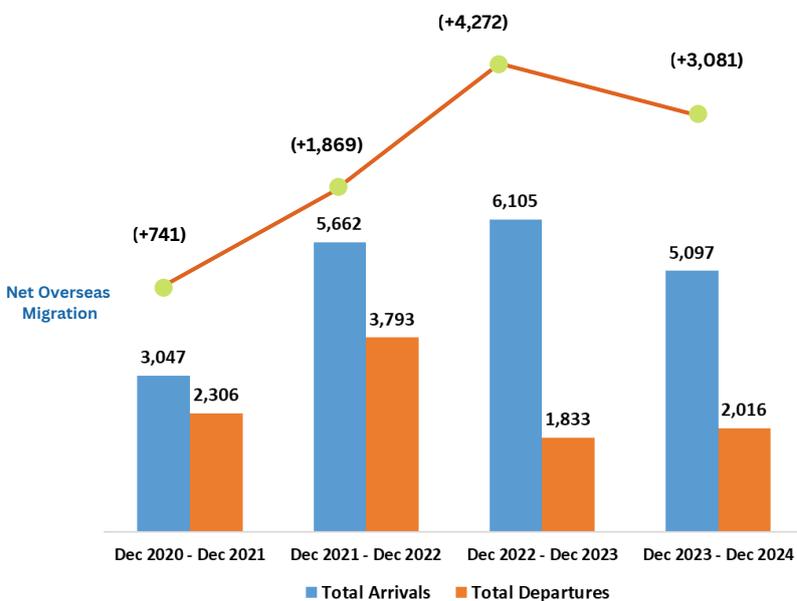
Source: ABS Labour Force December 2025, ISACNT Workforce Projections December 2030

Population



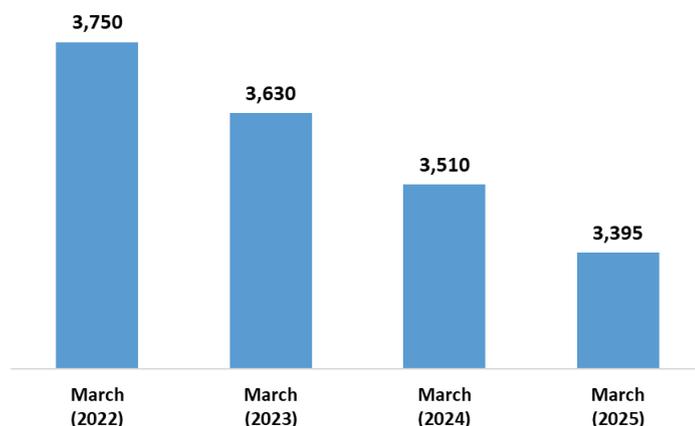
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance NT 2031 projection, ABS Population Estimates June 2024 to March 2025

Overseas Migration



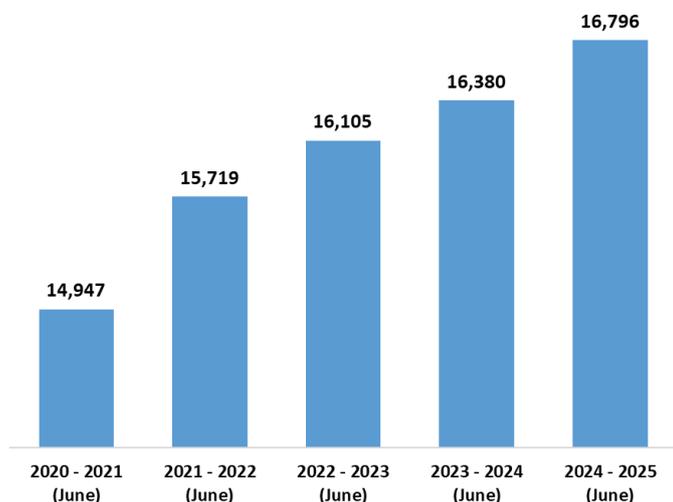
Source: ABS National, States and Territories Population

Apprentices & Trainees in Training



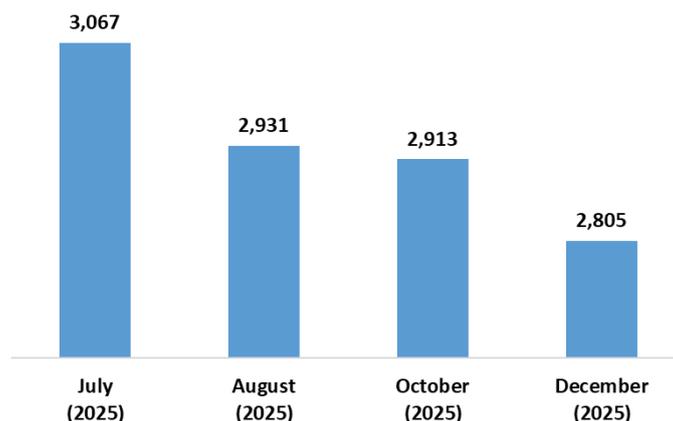
Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (Data Builder)

Total NT Businesses



Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits

NT Internet Vacancy Index



Source: Job and Skills Australia

