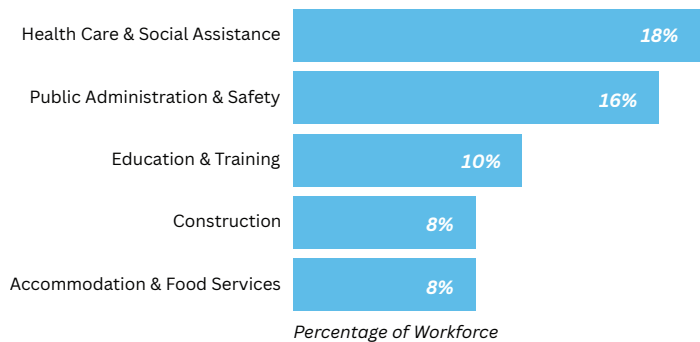


2026 Workforce Snapshot

Northern Territory

Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count (May 2026)



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data May 2026

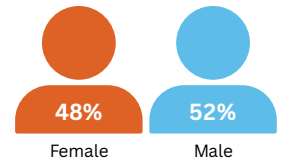
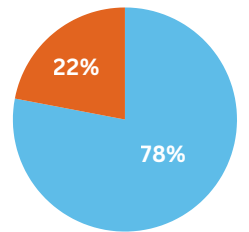
Total Employed (June 2026)



148,700

Unemployment Rate
4.7%

● Full-time ● Part-time



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data June 2026

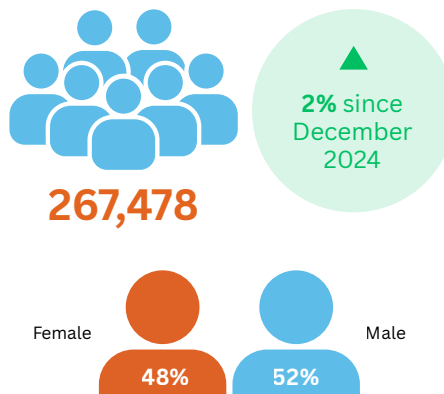
Total NT Businesses (June 2025 - June 2026)



17,440

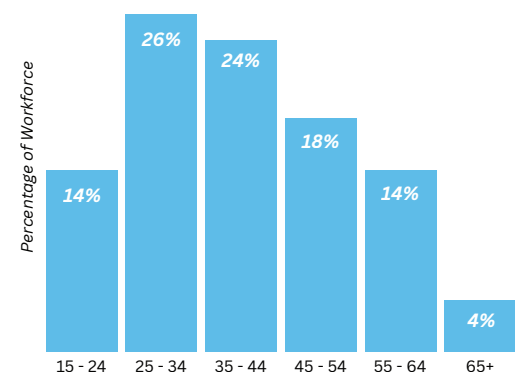
Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits Aug 2026

Total Resident Population (December 2025)



Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population Dec 2025

Workforce Age Structure (June 2026)

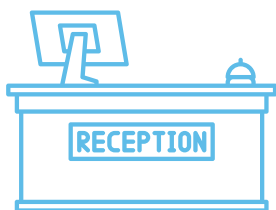


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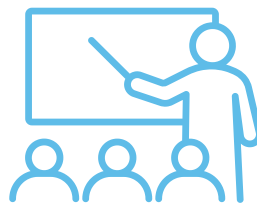
Examples of In-Demand Occupations in the Top 5 Industries



Registered Nurse
(Community Health)



Hotel or Motel
Receptionist



Primary School Teacher



Motor Mechanic
(General)

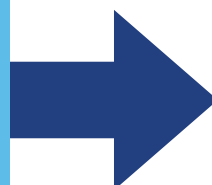


Construction Rigger

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



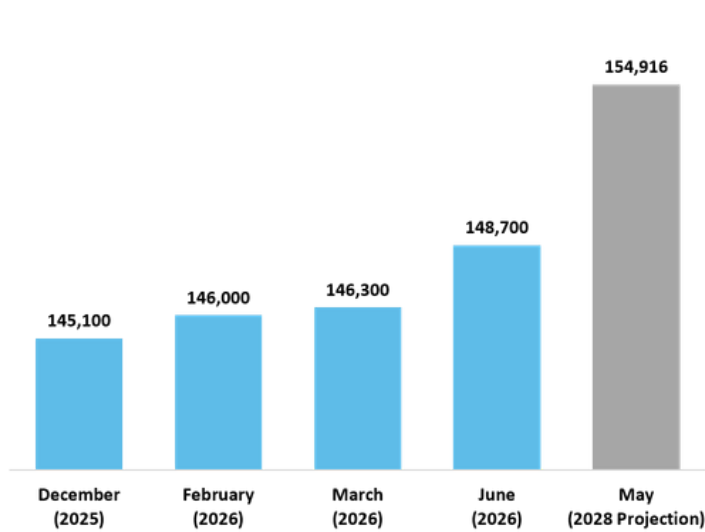
Workforce Solutions Identified by Industry

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

Source: NTSOPL 2025

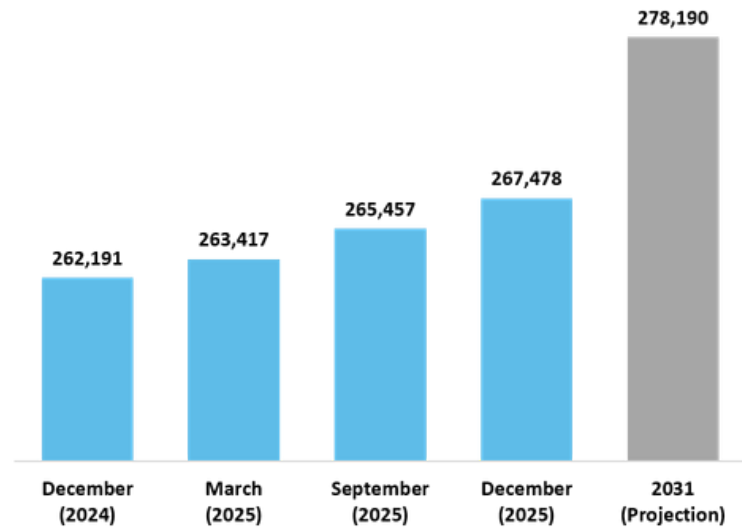
Northern Territory Workforce Trends & Projections

Workforce



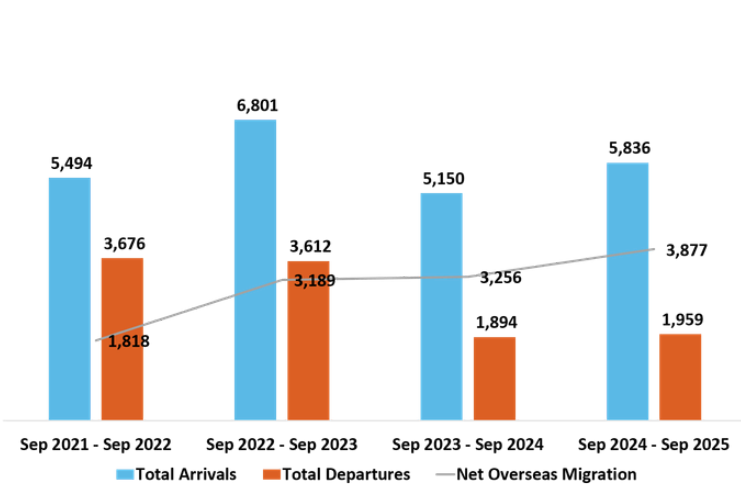
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Population



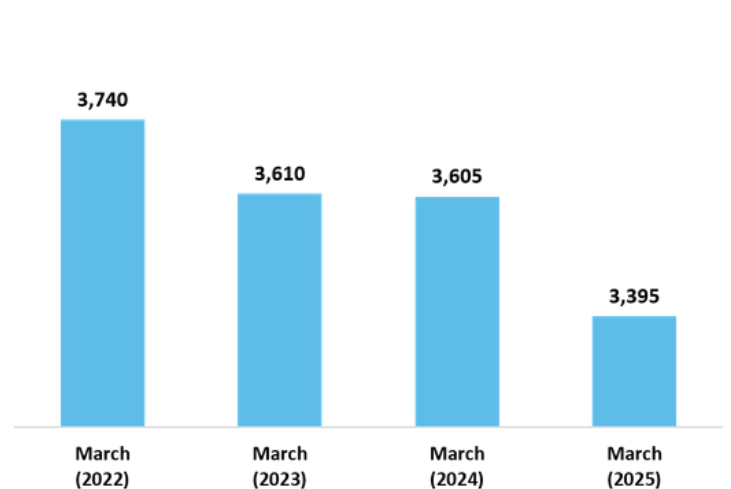
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance NT 2031 projection, ABS Population Estimates December 2024 to December 2025

Overseas Migration



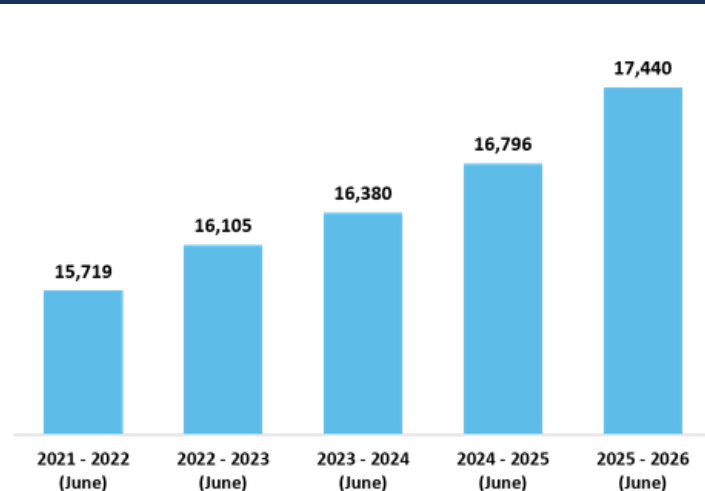
Source: ABS National, States and Territories Population

Apprentices & Trainees in Training



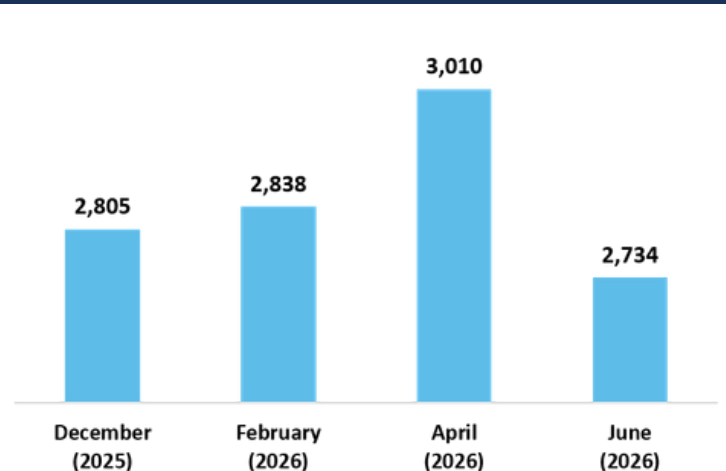
Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (Data Builder)

Total NT Businesses



Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits

NT Internet Vacancy Index



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia

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