

# Northern Territory Workforce Snapshot 2026

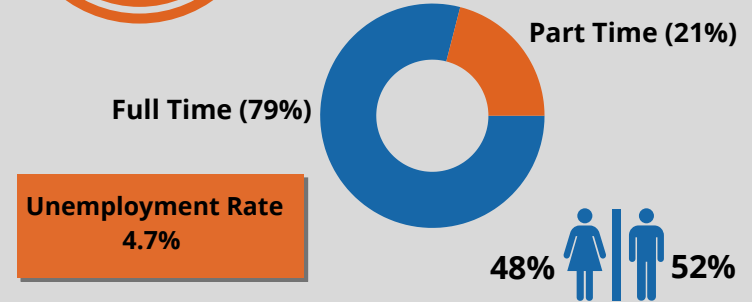
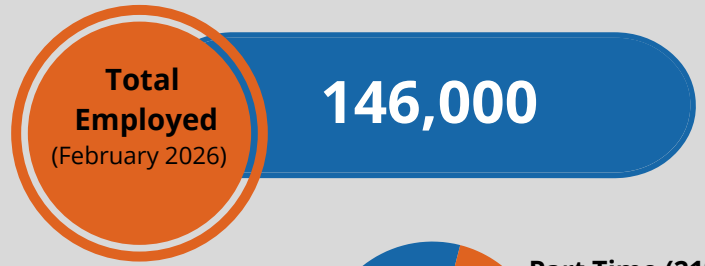


## Top 5 Industries by Workforce Count

(February 2026)



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data February 2026



**Unemployment Rate**  
4.7%



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data February 2026



## Total NT Businesses

**16,796**

(June 2024 - June 2025)

Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits

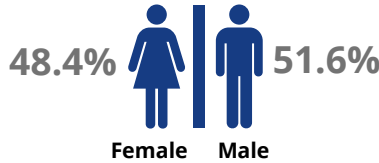


## Total Resident Population

**265,457**

(September 2025)

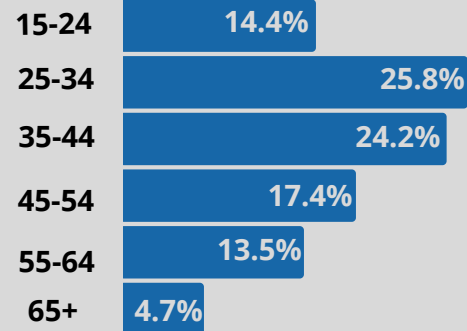
↑ 3.8% increase compared to September 2024



Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population Sep 2025

## Workforce Age Structure

(February 2026)



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey Data February 2026



## Examples of Occupations in Demand in the Top 5 Industries



Registered Nurse (Community Health)



Primary School Teacher



Hotel or Motel Receptionist



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

Source: ISACNT Survey Data 2025



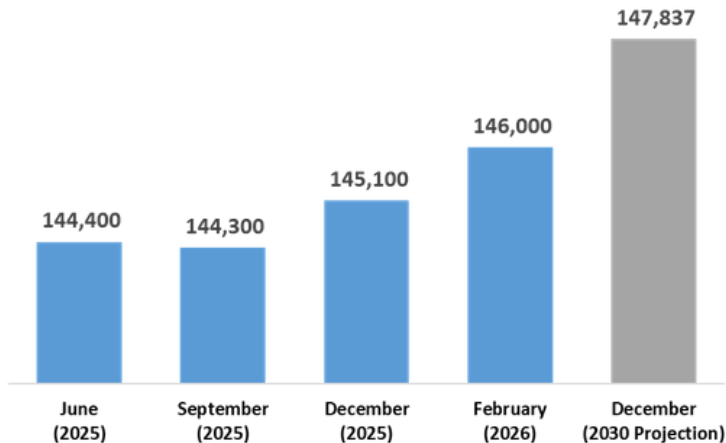
## Workforce Solutions Identified by Industry

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

Source: ISACNT Survey Data 2025

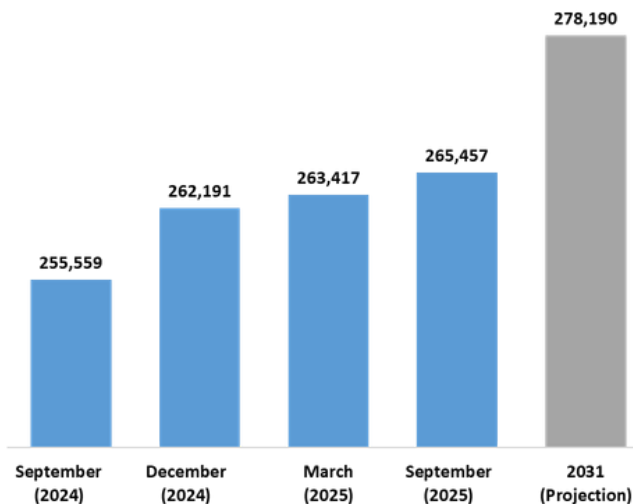
# Northern Territory Workforce Trends & Projections

## Workforce



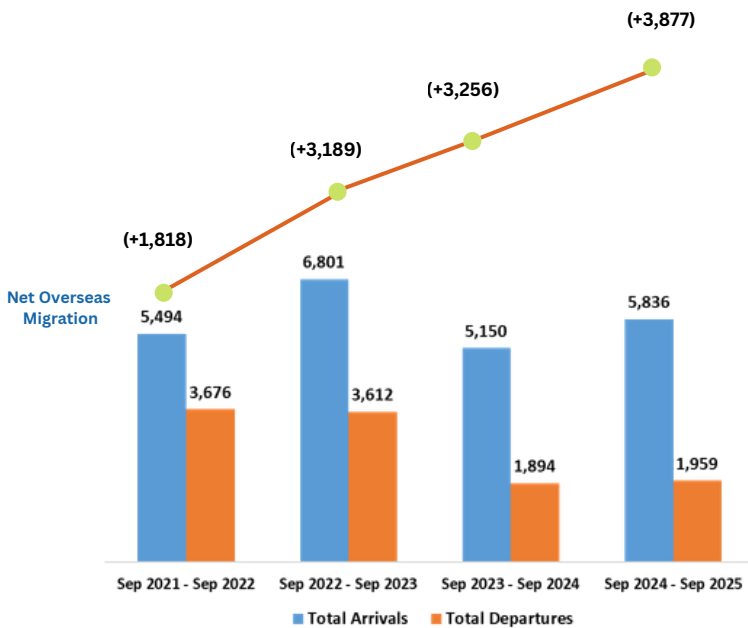
Source: ABS Labour Force February 2026, ISACNT Workforce Projections December 2030

## Population



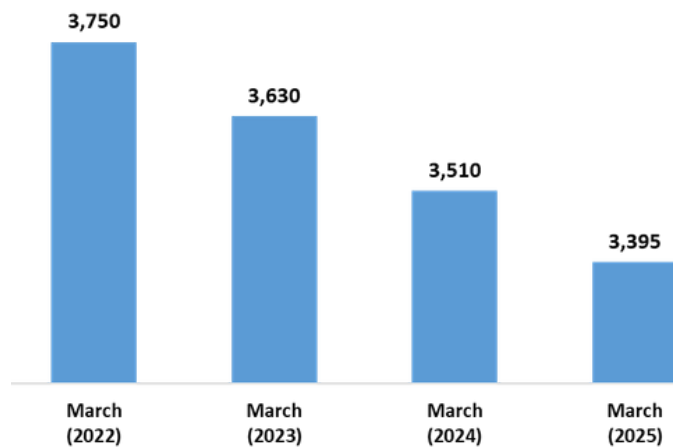
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance NT 2031 projection, ABS Population Estimates September 2024 to September 2025

## Overseas Migration



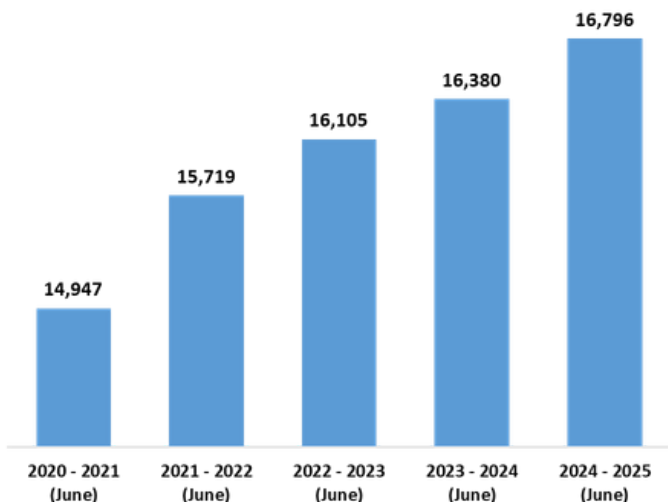
Source: ABS National, States and Territories Population

## Apprentices & Trainees in Training



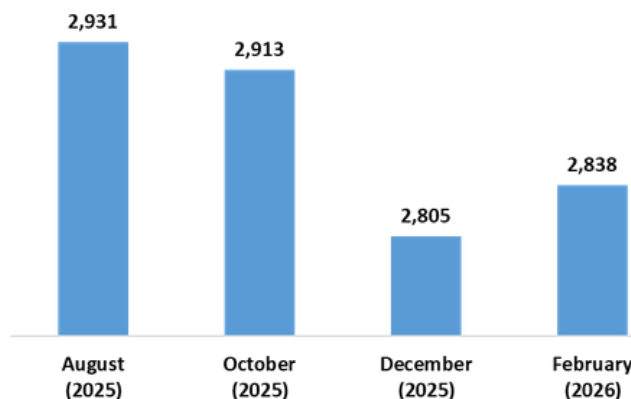
Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (Data Builder)

## Total NT Businesses



Source: ABS Total Businesses Entries and Exits

## NT Internet Vacancy Index



Source: Job and Skills Australia

