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Job Ads rebound in June but there's a long way to go

ANZ Australian Job Ads rose by a record 42.0% m/m in June but remain down 44.6% y/y.

	Seasonally adjusted		
	Number	% m/m	% y/y
Total job ads	89,252	+42.0	-44.6

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ANZ Senior Economist, Catherine Birch, commented:

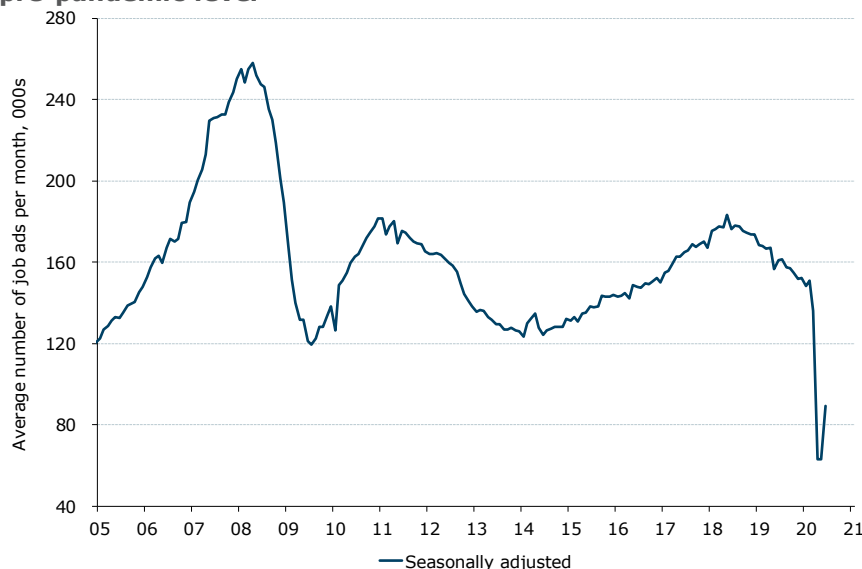
ANZ Job Ads rose by a record 42.0% m/m in June, dwarfing the previous record monthly increase of 17.7% in February 2010. Week-to-week movements were positive as well, showing consistent improvement throughout the month. This is not overly surprising, given that COVID-19 restrictions continued to ease across most of Australia during June.

SEEK noted that the strongest growth in [SEEK job ads](#) has been in the hospitality and tourism sector. This is a good sign for at least some of the [381,000 workers](#) in accommodation and food services and arts and recreation who lost employment between February and May.

Despite the rebound in June, ANZ Job Ads were still 41% lower than they were in February, before the pandemic began to impact the labour market. After an initial bounce, we expect the recovery will be a lot slower. There have been a number of recent large-scale lay-offs announced across a wide range of sectors, including travel, retail, media, consulting, and education.

And the rise in new COVID-19 cases in Melbourne and return to lockdowns in several postcodes also [pose a risk](#) to the pace and timing of the recovery.

ANZ Job Ads rose 42% m/m in June but are still well down on the pre-pandemic level



Source: SEEK; Department of Education, Skills and Employment; ANZ Research



Average total number of job ads per month – Australia

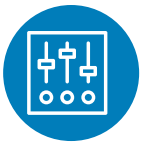
	Original		Seasonally adjusted (a)		Trend estimate (b)		
	Number	Number	Per cent change		Number	Per cent change	
			Month	Year		Month	Year
2009-10	139,554	139,528		-22.6	140,823		-21.9
2010-11	174,478	174,622		25.2	174,772		24.1
2011-12	166,698	166,503		-4.6	166,505		-4.7
2012-13	141,107	140,813		-15.4	140,754		-15.5
2013-14	128,162	128,021		-9.1	128,062		-9.0
2014-15	131,138	131,164		2.5	131,034		2.3
2015-16	143,244	143,258		9.2	143,262		9.3
2016-17	154,844	154,933		8.1	155,015		8.2
2017-18	172,763	172,874		11.6	172,854		11.5
2018-19	170,214	170,179		-1.6	170,330		-1.5
Mar 2017	166,671	158,909	2.0	9.7	158,908	1.5	10.1
Apr 2017	161,217	162,967	2.6	14.7	161,254	1.5	11.1
May 2017	163,031	162,813	-0.1	9.3	163,367	1.3	11.7
Jun 2017	166,379	164,824	1.2	11.5	165,160	1.1	12.1
Jul 2017	167,146	166,039	0.7	12.7	166,446	0.8	12.3
Aug 2017	176,692	169,022	1.8	13.1	167,326	0.5	12.3
Sep 2017	179,686	167,704	-0.8	12.5	167,984	0.4	12.3
Oct 2017	177,326	168,714	0.6	12.2	168,784	0.5	12.4
Nov 2017	176,668	170,242	0.9	11.6	169,826	0.6	12.4
Dec 2017	149,674	167,158	-1.8	11.3	171,340	0.9	12.3
Jan 2018	141,728	175,508	5.0	13.2	173,333	1.2	12.3
Feb 2018	183,912	176,252	0.4	13.1	175,476	1.2	12.1
Mar 2018	186,728	177,426	0.7	11.7	177,353	1.1	11.6
Apr 2018	174,149	176,989	-0.2	8.6	178,584	0.7	10.7
May 2018	181,765	183,167	3.5	12.5	179,042	0.3	9.6
Jun 2018	177,685	176,272	-3.8	6.9	178,757	-0.2	8.2
Jul 2018	179,349	177,871	0.9	7.1	178,071	-0.4	7.0
Aug 2018	185,833	177,732	-0.1	5.2	177,238	-0.5	5.9
Sep 2018	187,857	175,623	-1.2	4.7	176,185	-0.6	4.9
Oct 2018	184,003	174,713	-0.5	3.6	174,916	-0.7	3.6
Nov 2018	180,956	173,865	-0.5	2.1	173,632	-0.7	2.2
Dec 2018	154,372	173,875	0.0	4.0	172,174	-0.8	0.5
Jan 2019	137,831	168,280	-3.2	-4.1	170,297	-1.1	-1.8
Feb 2019	175,789	168,162	-0.1	-4.6	168,236	-1.2	-4.1
Mar 2019	174,371	166,824	-0.8	-6.0	166,092	-1.3	-6.3
Apr 2019	165,436	167,304	0.3	-5.5	164,053	-1.2	-8.1
May 2019	154,535	156,732	-6.3	-14.4	162,298	-1.1	-9.4
Jun 2019	162,234	161,174	2.8	-8.6	160,766	-0.9	-10.1
Jul 2019	163,166	161,650	0.3	-9.1	159,375	-0.9	-10.5
Aug 2019	164,798	157,463	-2.6	-11.4	157,927	-0.9	-10.9
Sep 2019	167,827	157,058	-0.3	-10.6	156,636	-0.8	-11.1
Oct 2019	163,167	154,798	-1.4	-11.4	156,710	0.0	-10.4
Nov 2019	158,284	151,845	-1.9	-12.7	156,999	0.2	-9.6
Dec 2019	135,430	152,461	0.4	-12.3	154,109	-1.8	-10.5
Jan 2020	121,818	148,470	-2.6	-11.8	145,824	-5.4	-14.4
Feb 2020	157,928	150,923	1.7	-10.3	132,239	-9.3	-21.4
Mar 2020	142,232	136,232	-9.7	-18.3	115,217	-12.9	-30.6
Apr 2020	62,391	63,087	-53.7	-62.3	98,060	-14.9	-40.2
May 2020	61,795	62,872	-0.3	-59.9	82,996	-15.4	-48.9
Jun 2020	89,779	89,252	42.0	-44.6	70,757	-14.7	-56.0

The internet series counts the average number of job ads carried by each of the sites contributing to the series on the same day of each week in the month indicated. The day (which is not necessarily the same for each site) is selected by the site operator as broadly representative of its activity levels.

The data are based on information provided by the operators of the following sites: Seek.com.au, and the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's Australian JobSearch site (Jobsearch.gov.au).

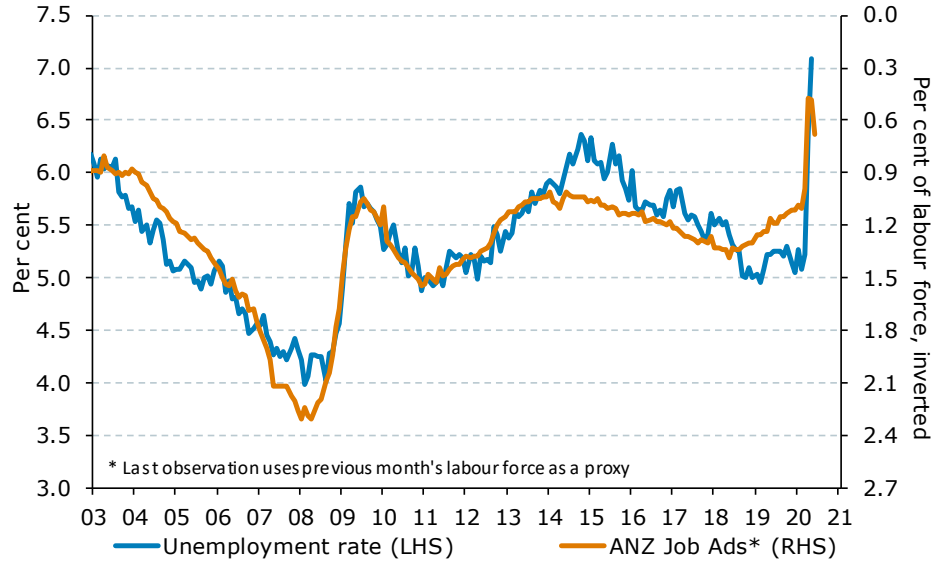
(a) Concurrent seasonal adjustment method (see [Technical Appendix](#) for further details).

(b) The trend estimates came from applying a 13-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. This smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, but it also results in revisions to the most recent six months as additional observations become available.



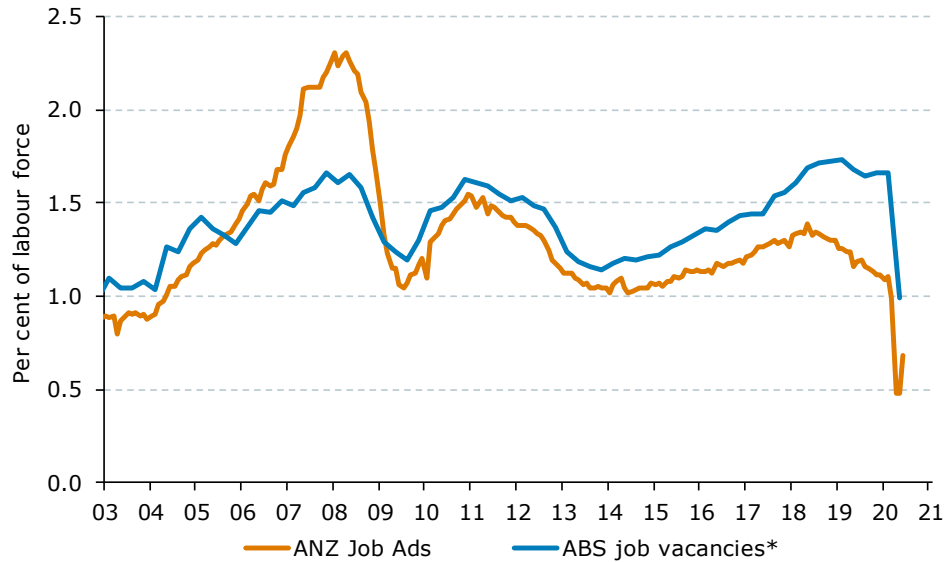
ANZ Job Ads in relation to other indicators

Figure 1. ANZ Job Ads and the unemployment rate



Source: ABS; SEEK; Department of Education, Skills and Employment; ANZ Research

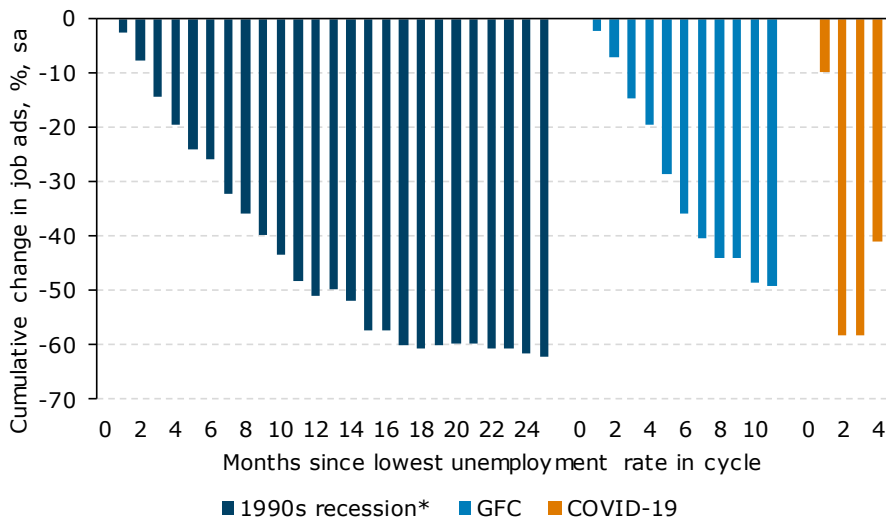
Figure 2. ANZ Job Ads and ABS job vacancies



*ABS job vacancies: latest data are for May 2020.

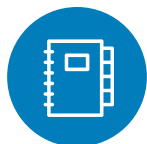
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Figure 3. ANZ Job Ads during downturns



*newspaper job ads only

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The ANZ Job Advertisements series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the seasonal adjustment factors. This means that data from the current month are used in estimating seasonal factors for the current and previous months. Concurrent seasonal adjustment replaced the forward factor methodology from the June 2010 reference month.

The concurrent adjustment methodology uses the most recent data every month, whereas the forward factor approach used it only once a year. Under concurrent adjustment, the seasonal factors will also be more responsive to underlying dynamic changes than forward factors.

Concurrent adjustment can result in revisions to the seasonal factors each month to estimates for earlier periods. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the seasonal adjustment factors for the current month, the previous month and the same month a year ago.

The concurrent seasonal adjustment brings the ANZ Job Advertisements series in line with the methodology used by the ABS for its monthly employment data.

State and territory charts have been discontinued.

Note for editors

For some of the newspapers surveyed, the ANZ Job Advertisements series counts the number of advertisement 'bookings'. Each booking may contain multiple advertisements. In addition, the series counts classified advertisements only, and does not include display advertisements. For these reasons, it would be incorrect to draw any inference or correlation from the ANZ Job Advertisements series regarding advertising volumes or revenues from employment advertising in the newspapers surveyed. The series is not intended as and should not be used as a tool to assess the financial performance of any of the newspapers it draws information from.



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