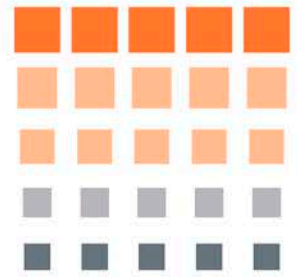




# South Australian Resources Jobs Report Vacancy Analysis

FY 2017-2018  
March Summary



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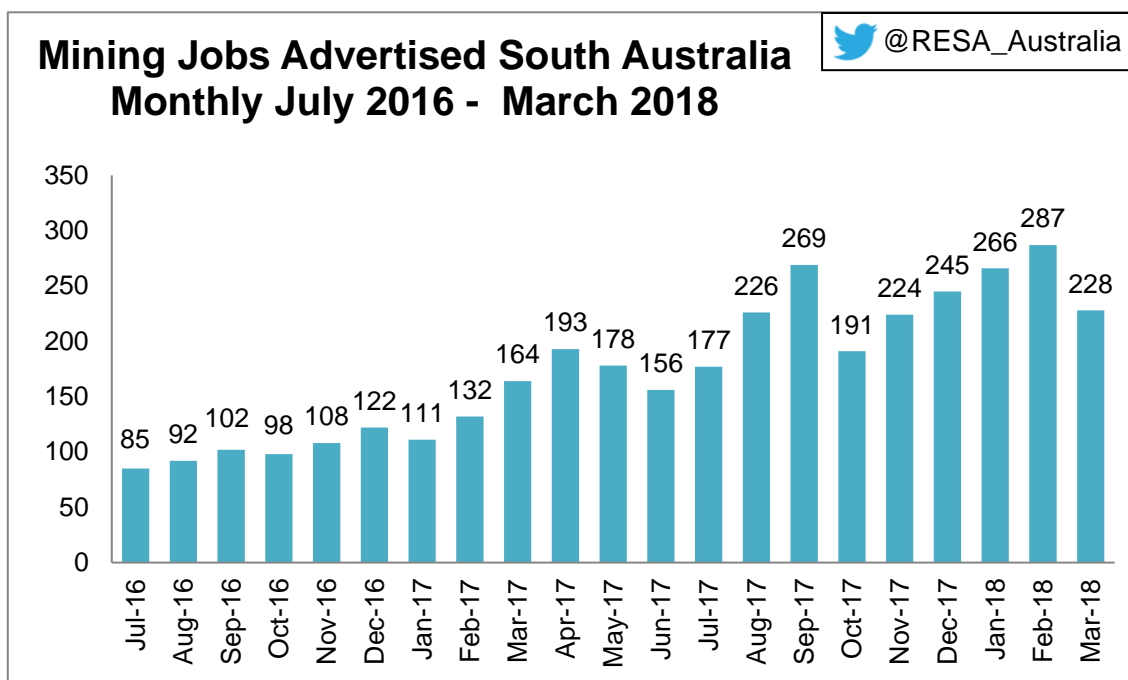




The Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance collects and analyses South Australian resources sector jobs data and has done so for more than five years. The [RESA South Australia Mining and Resources Jobs Reports Vacancy Analysis](#)<sup>1</sup> provides a lead indicator of hiring intentions and market sentiment.

In March 2018, 228 mining and resources advertisements for jobs were placed for roles in South Australia. Although this is a decline from previous months, it is still a strong result and reflects substantial growth when compared to March 2017. This growth has been consistent over the past 24 months and indicates a strong recovery from the downturn and the impact of economic drivers on the resources sector in SA.

Graph 1



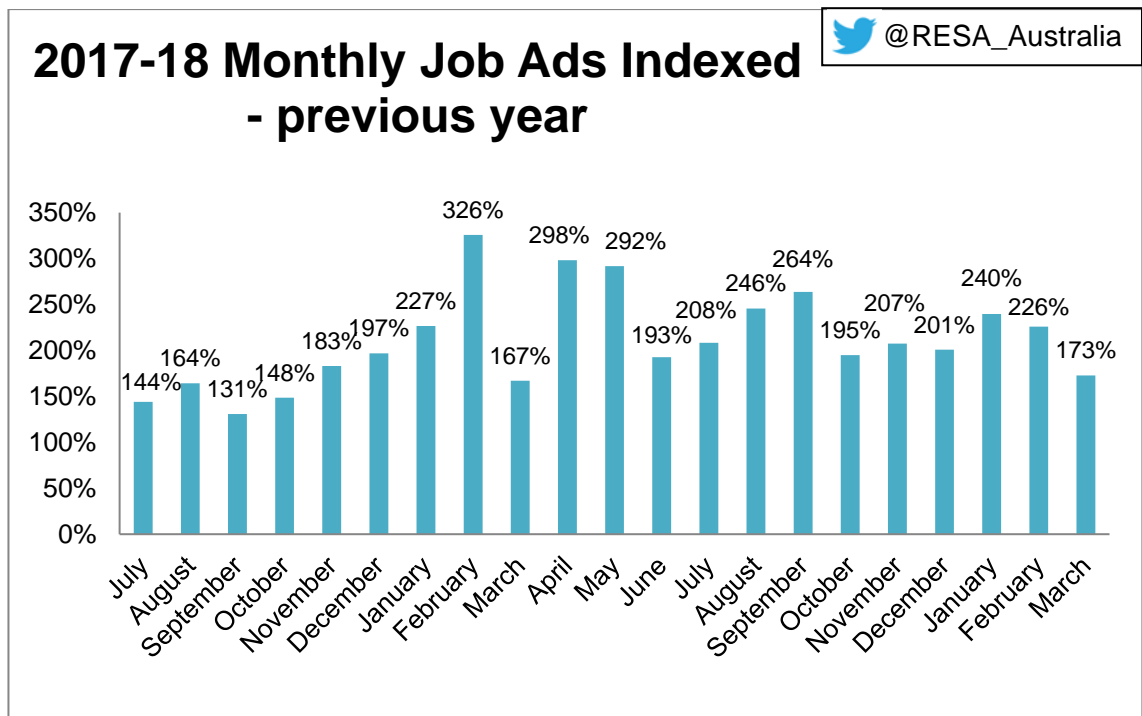
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<sup>1</sup> RESA monitors online job advertisements for vacancies for occupations in the resources sector based in South Australia. Where a single vacancy is for multiple positions it is counted as one vacancy unless the number is specified.

## INDEX DATA

Job Ads analysis for 2016-18 indicates that the number of jobs advertised has remained significantly and consistently higher when indexed in a simple comparison against the corresponding month in the previous year. Graph 2 shows this year's result as a percentage of the previous year's advertisements. Twenty-two months of positive growth provides a leading indicator of employment intentions (labour demand) in the South Australian Mining Industry.

Graph 2

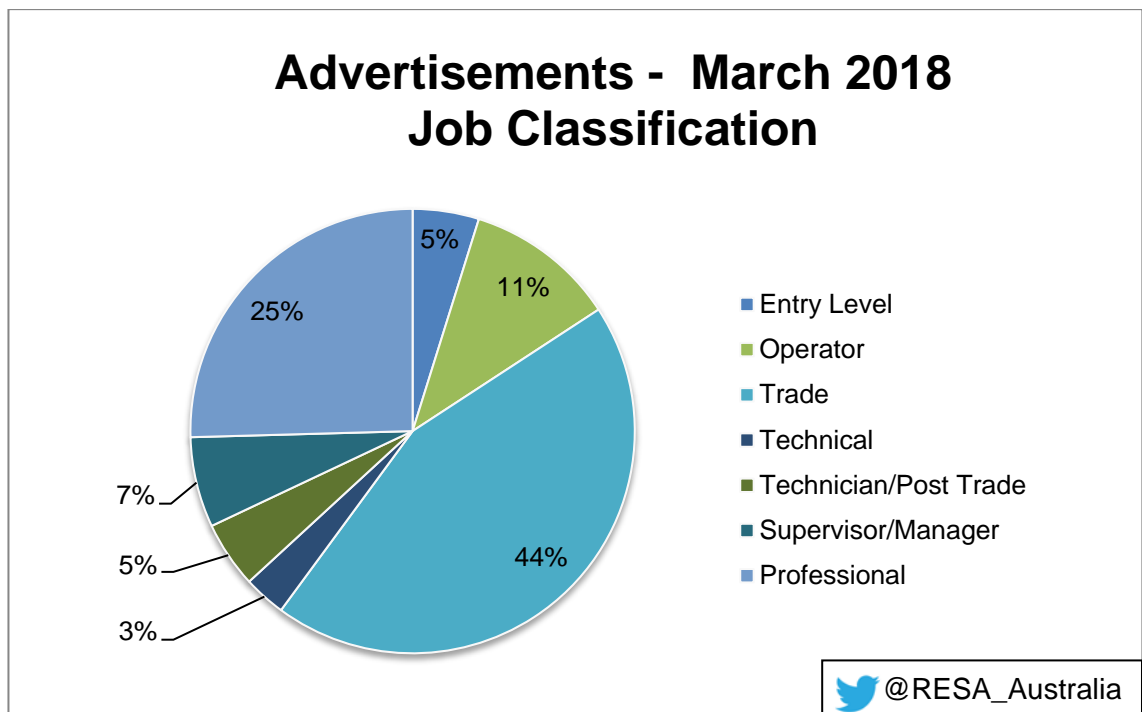


## JOB CLASSIFICATION

Graph 3 shows that almost half of the March 2018 vacancies were for trade level occupations and 25% for professional roles across industry sectors. There was a shift from February with the proportion of trade roles increasing 5% and the need for operators declining by 10%.

The trade occupation demand was predominantly for drill fitters, diesel fitters/diesel mechanics and auto electricians.

Graph 3



In March 36% of advertised jobs were in the Maintenance, Mechanical/Metal fields. The proportion of Equipment operators, Engineering/Engineering Management and Drilling and Blasting roles (mostly drill fitters) were similar to February.

## LOCATION

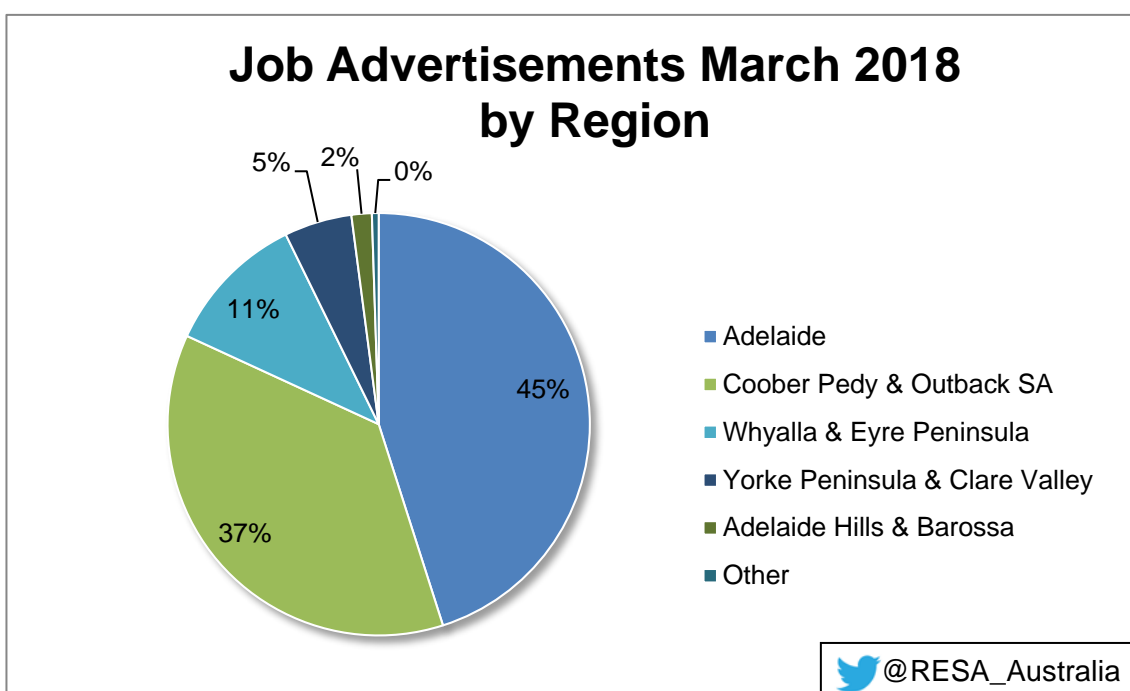
In March the Adelaide metropolitan area continued to be the region for the majority of the positions advertised. With Coober Pedy and Outback SA continuing to be the second most advertised region. Vacancies were listed by 85 different companies, with emerging opportunities from 10 Geoscience and Oil and Gas companies.

55% of the roles advertised were explicitly for non-metropolitan South Australia. Of the vacancies advertised in Adelaide 25% were for Mechanical /Maintenance occupations, with the proportion of Engineering occupations consistent at 19%. Occupations that are likely to be undertaken in regional SA but listed as Adelaide vacancies made up 44% of the Adelaide job advertisements.

Of the vacancies advertised in Coober Pedy and Outback SA 40% were for roles in Mechanical/Metal – Maintenance and 30 % were Equipment Operator vacancies, which is expected in locations where mine operations are situated. In March 13% of vacancies were for Engineering roles indicating reflecting an increase in technical and leadership opportunities.

In March, 11 vacancies were listed for jobs interstate (FIFO from Adelaide) and an additional 8 vacancies (not included in total) for positions requiring relocation interstate.

Graph 4





## CONCLUSION

During March the number of positions advertised saw substantial growth on the vacancies listed in the same period in 2017. This continues consistent growth in employment opportunities in the resources sector since February 2016.

As observed in February there continues to be job advertisements in South Australia for opportunities interstate, particularly in Maintenance / Mechanical and Operator roles, occupations also in high demand in South Australia. This could be early signs of emerging skills shortages in these roles.

### **ABOUT THIS REPORT**

*The South Australia Mining and Energy Hiring Intentions Report is a quarterly indicator compiled by RESA based upon publicly available data. This report focusses on job advertisements as an indicator of employment trends rather than as a summary of total employment or economic activity in the sector, and as such is intended as a measure of market sentiment.*

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