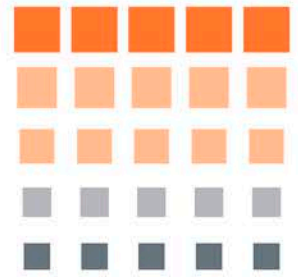


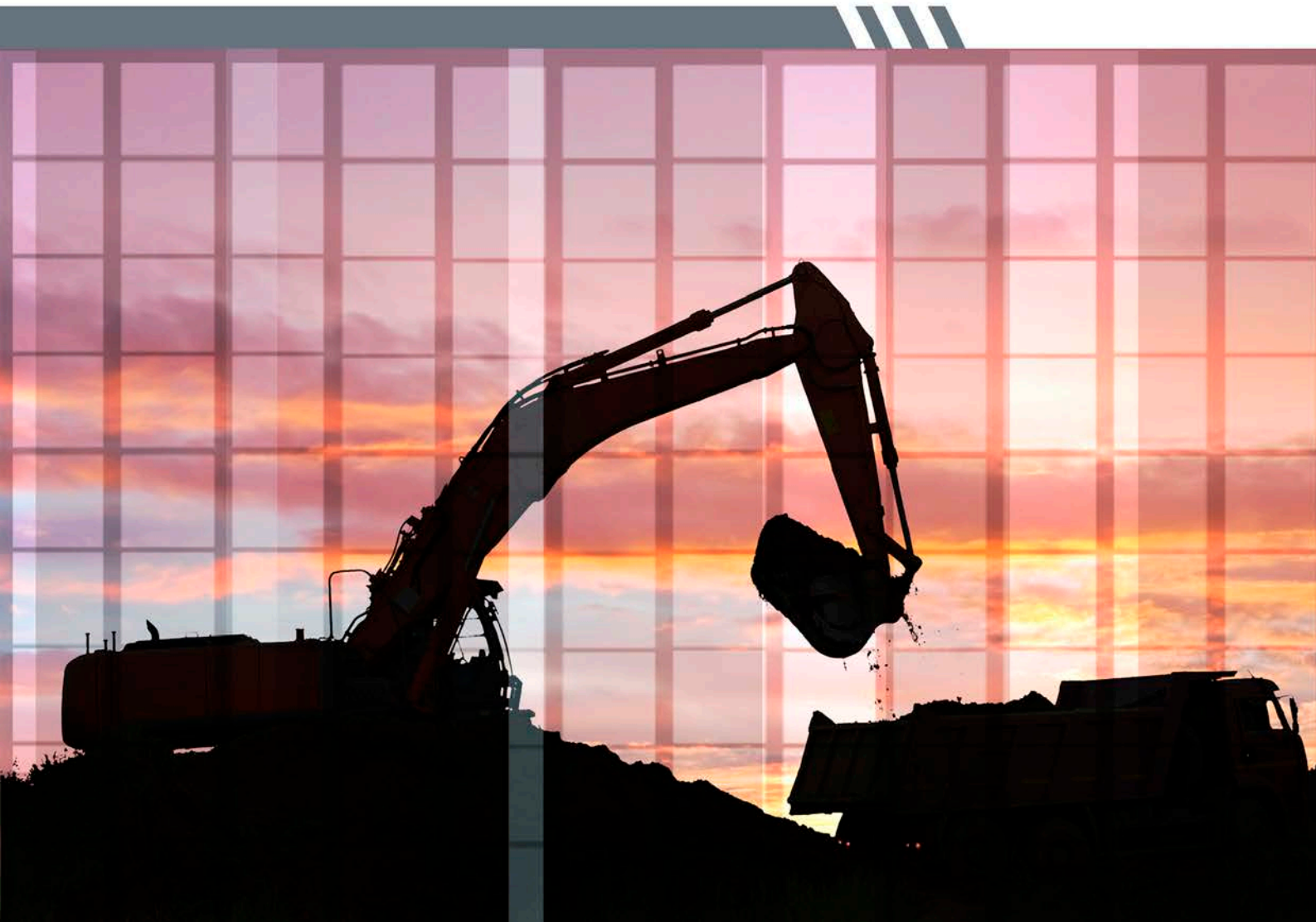


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FY 2017-2018
May Summary



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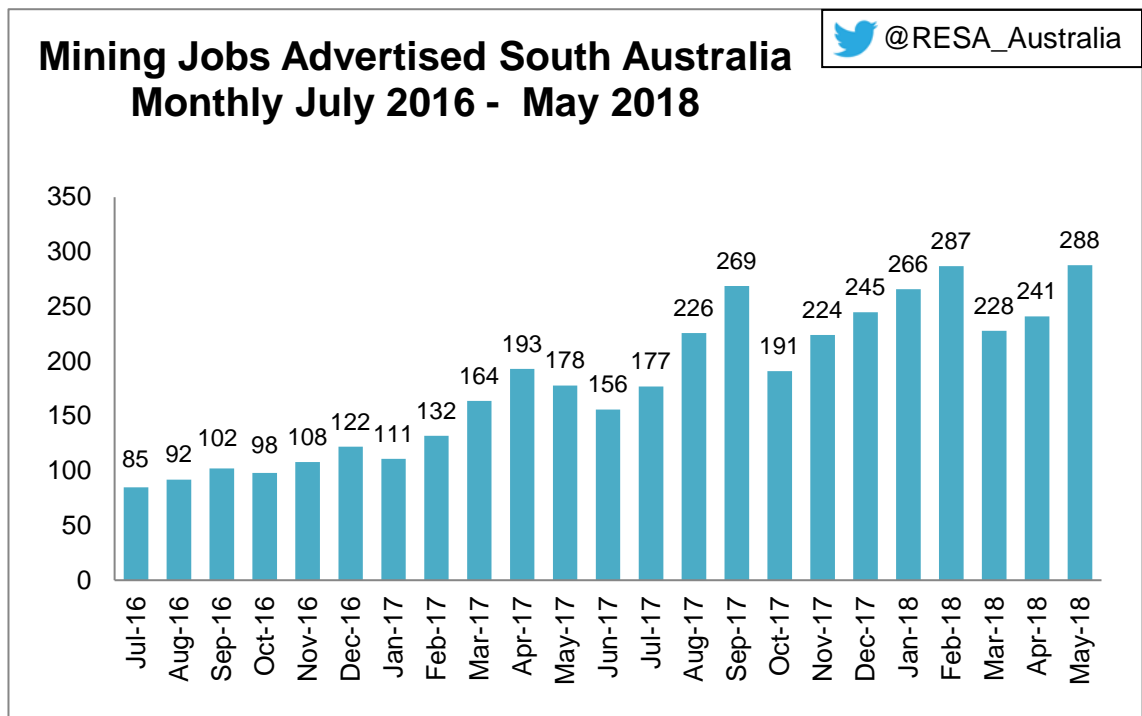




The Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance collects and analyses South Australian resources sector jobs data and has done so for more than five years. The [RESA South Australia Mining and Resources Jobs Reports Vacancy Analysis](#)¹ provides a lead indicator of hiring intentions and market sentiment.

In May 2018, 288 mining and resources advertisements for jobs were placed for roles in South Australia. Up from last month and a strong result, showing substantial growth when compared to May 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

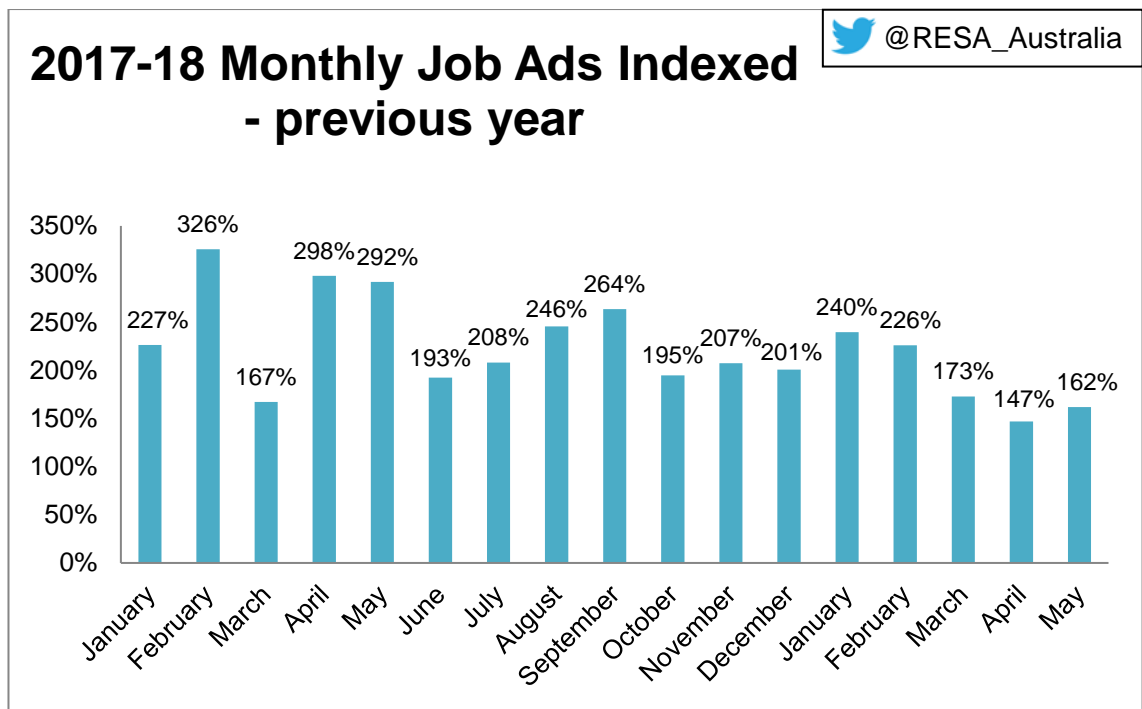


¹ RESA monitors online job advertisements for vacancies for occupations in the resources sector based in South Australia. Where a single vacancy is for multiple positions it is counted as one vacancy unless the number is specified.

INDEX DATA

Job Ads analysis for 2017-18 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-four months of positive growth provides a leading indicator of employment intentions (labour demand) in the South Australian Mining Industry.

Graph 2

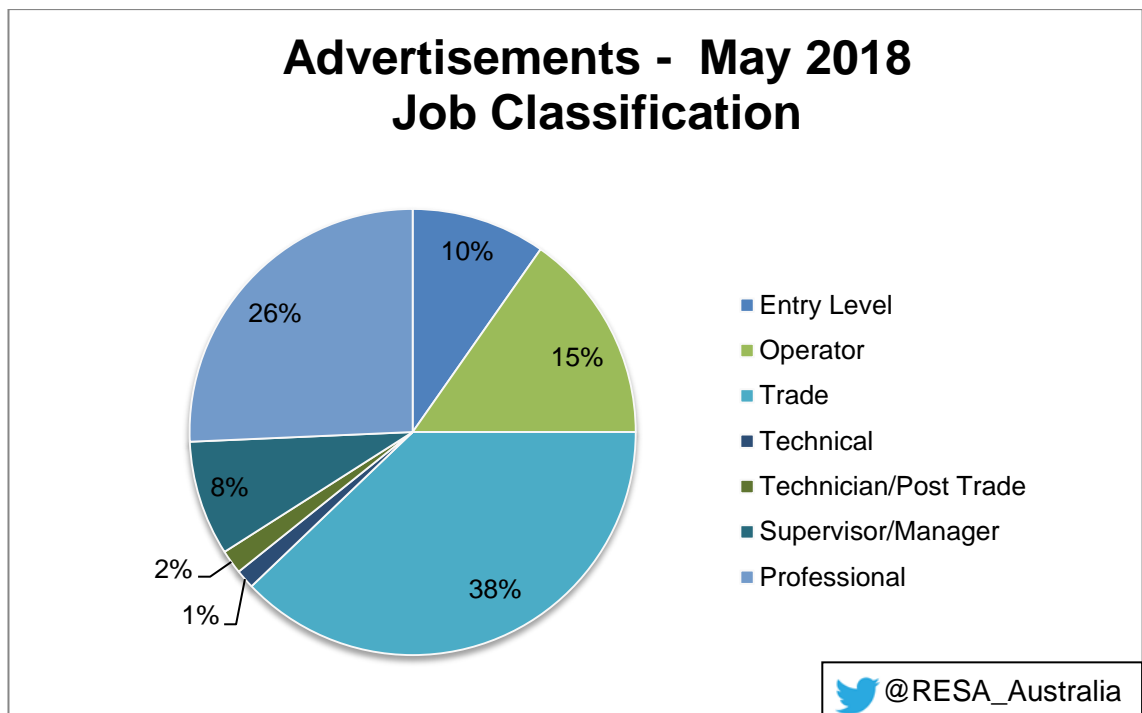


JOB CLASSIFICATION

Graph 3 shows that although the proportion of trade occupations demand dropped 6%, they continued to be the most advertised vacancies in May 2018. Vacancies for entry level roles doubled from the previous month, with professional roles increasing demand by 4% across industry sectors. Technical and trade roles were consistent with April results.

The trade occupations advertised were similar to April results, with demand predominantly for drill fitters, diesel fitters/ diesel mechanics and auto electricians.

Graph 3



In May 34% of advertised jobs were in the Maintenance, Mechanical/Metal fields. The proportion of Equipment operators and Engineering/Engineering Management were consistent with the 3 previous months. There was a decrease in demand for Drilling and Blasting roles with less production driller vacancies. However, oil and gas and exploration drillers continue to be in demand.

LOCATION

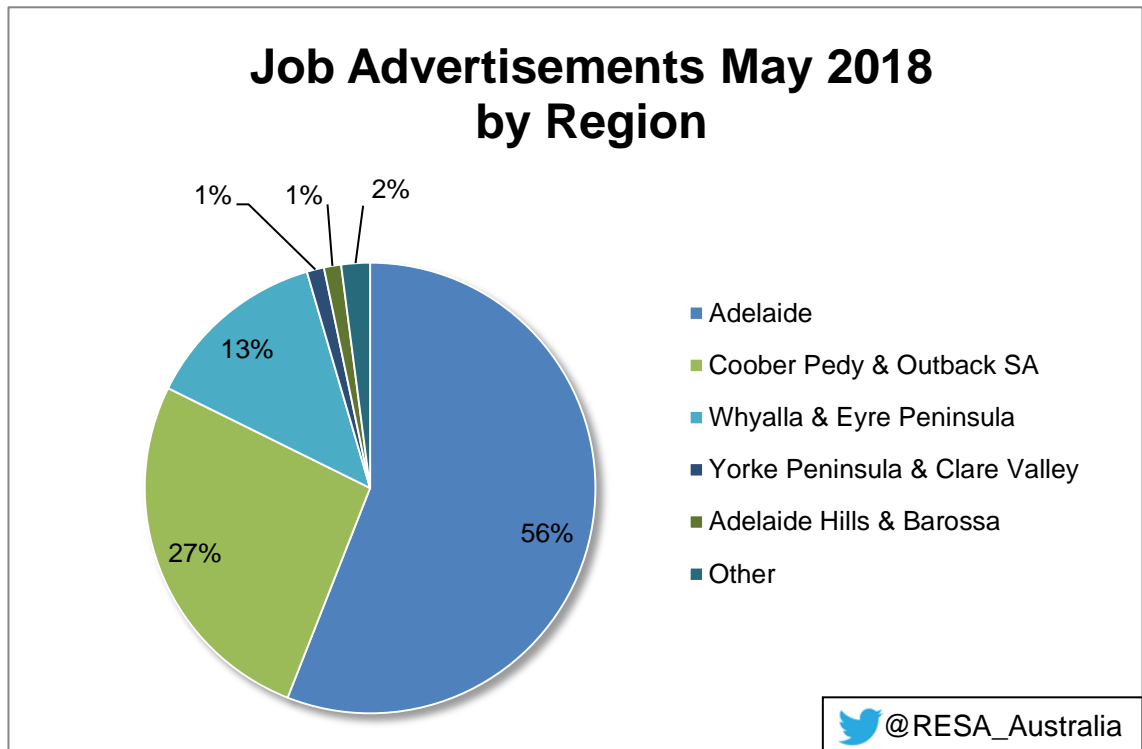
In May the Adelaide metropolitan area continued to be the region for the majority of the positions advertised. With Coober Pedy and Outback SA continuing to be the second most advertised region. Vacancies were listed by 90 different companies – a slight increase from April figures.

44% of the roles advertised were explicitly for non-metropolitan South Australia. Of the vacancies advertised in Adelaide 26% were for Mechanical /Maintenance occupations, an increase of 6% from April. Engineering occupations also slightly increased to 24% of advertised Adelaide vacancies. Occupations that are likely to be undertaken in regional SA but listed as Adelaide vacancies made up 36% of the Adelaide job advertisements.

Of the vacancies advertised in Coober Pedy and Outback SA roles in Mechanical/Metal – Maintenance increased to 51%, Equipment Operator vacancies dropped 8% to 16%, Engineering roles were consistent with April results.

In May, 6 vacancies were listed for jobs interstate (not included in total) for positions requiring relocation interstate.

Graph 4





CONCLUSION

During May 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.

Oz Minerals, in operational readiness phase, has listed a number of vacancies for the Carrapateena project in May, continuing on from contractor (EDI Downer) recruitment activity in April.

The sector has continued to generate a broad range of new job opportunities across industry sectors. The high demand for trades (particularly diesel trades) continues which has potential to become a problem for both mining operators and the supply chain.

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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