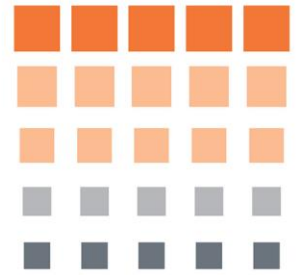




# South Australian Resources Jobs Report Vacancy Analysis

FY 2017-2018  
June Summary



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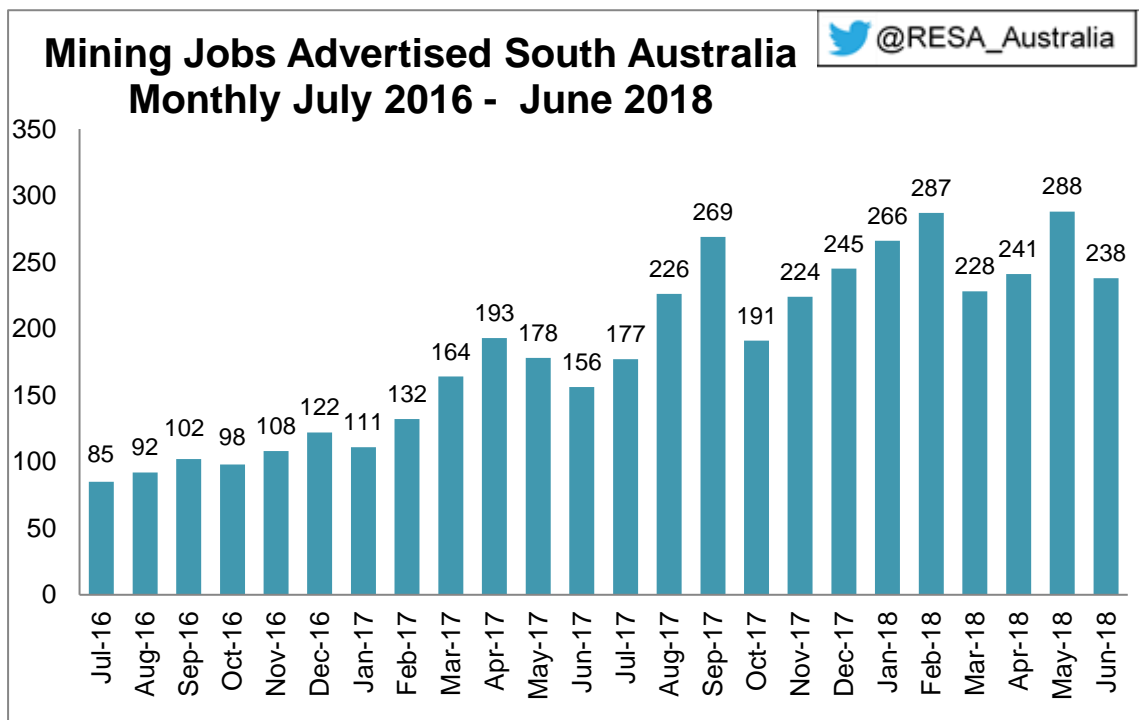




The Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance collects and analyses South Australian resources sector jobs data and has done so for more than five years. The [RESA South Australia Mining and Resources Jobs Reports Vacancy Analysis](#)<sup>1</sup> provides a lead indicator of hiring intentions and market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

In June 2018, 238 mining and resources advertisements for jobs were placed for roles in South Australia. Although this is down from the May advertisements there is still substantial growth when compared to June 2017. This overall growth has been consistent over the past 24 months and continues a strong recovery from the downturn and the impact of economic drivers on the resources sector in SA.

Graph 1



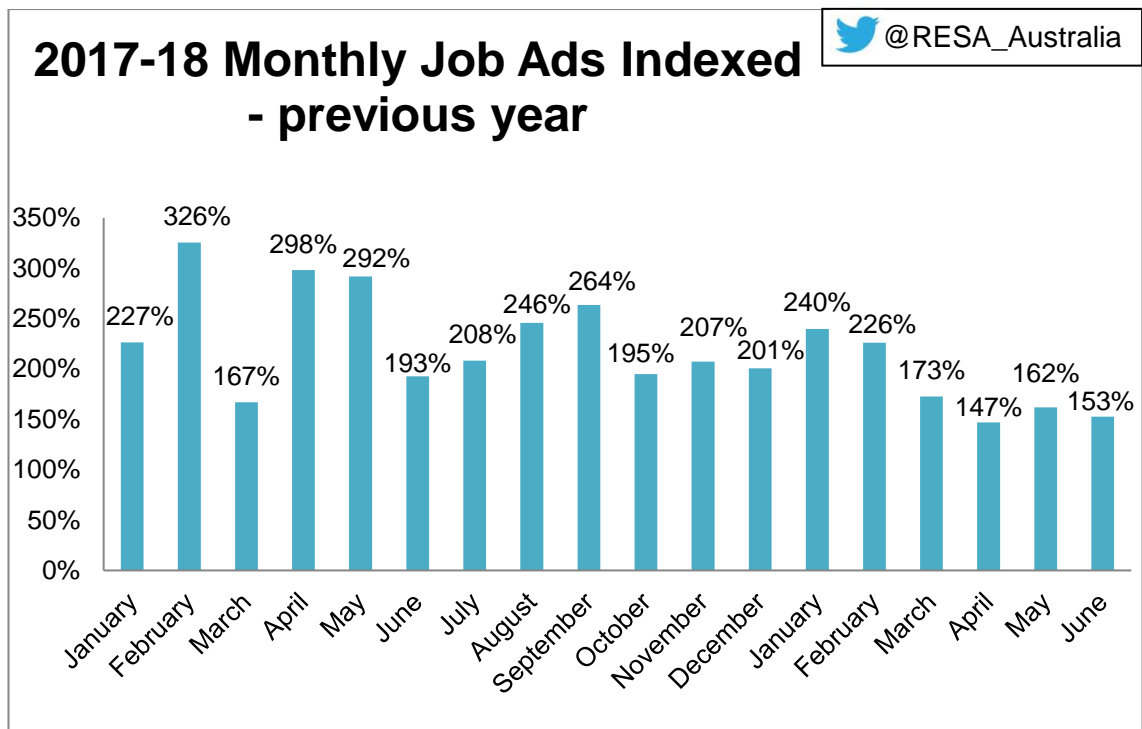
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<sup>1</sup> RESA monitors online job advertisements for vacancies for occupations in the resources sector based in South Australia. Where a single vacancy is for multiple positions it is counted as one vacancy unless the number is specified.

## INDEX DATA

Job Ads analysis for 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.

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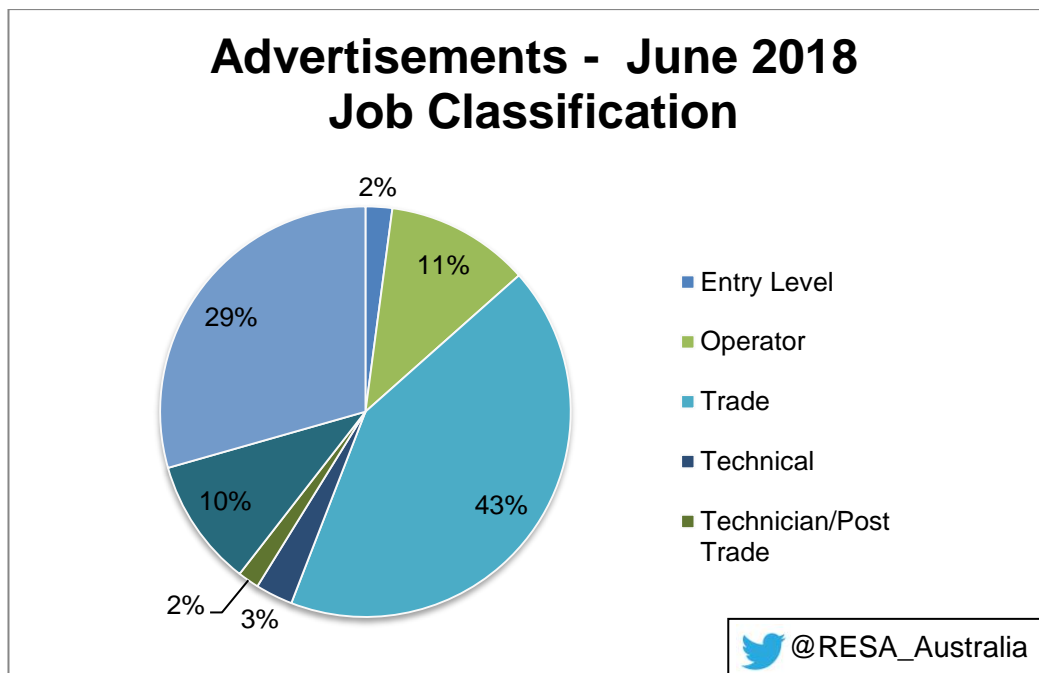


## JOB CLASSIFICATION

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 increased from previous months, with demand predominantly for drill fitters, diesel fitters/ diesel mechanics and auto electricians.

Graph 3



In June 36% 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. Drilling and blasting were consistent with previous months in exploration and oil and gas roles.

## LOCATION

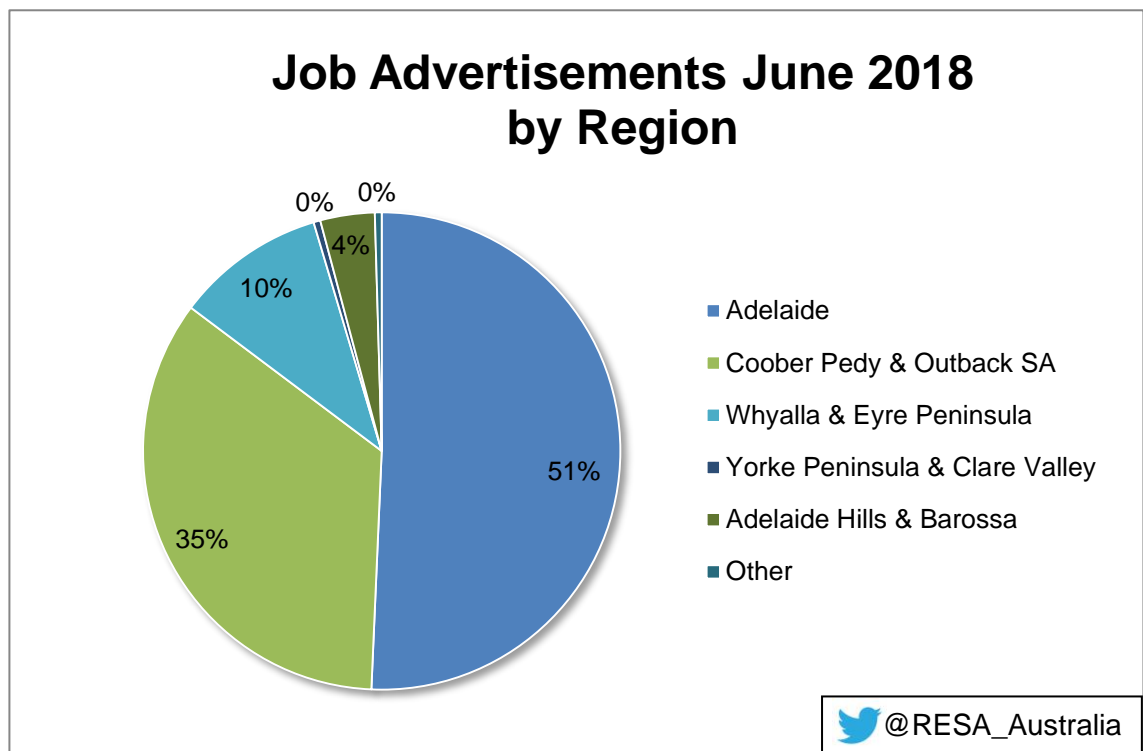
In June the Adelaide metropolitan area continued to be the region for the majority of the positions advertised. With Coober Pedy and Outback SA continuing to be the second most advertised region. Vacancies were listed by 93 different companies – a slight increase from April and May figures.

49% of the roles advertised were explicitly for non-metropolitan South Australia. Of the vacancies advertised in Adelaide 22% were for Mechanical /Maintenance occupations. Engineering occupations represented 21% of advertised Adelaide vacancies. Occupations that are likely to be undertaken in regional SA but listed as Adelaide vacancies made up 37% of the Adelaide job advertisements.

Of the vacancies advertised in Coober Pedy and Outback SA roles in Mechanical/Metal – Maintenance decreased to 37%, Equipment Operator vacancies increased by 8% to 24%, Engineering roles were consistent with April results.

In June, 10 vacancies were listed for jobs interstate (not included in total) for positions requiring relocation interstate.

Graph 4





## CONCLUSION

During June 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.

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

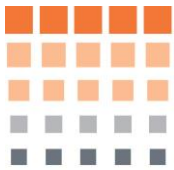
Mining operators, labour hire, contractor and recruitment companies were all strongly represented in the types of employers indicating job opportunities arising across all tiers of the sector.

### **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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