Main Features

Trend
- Queensland: ↓ -1.0%
- Monthly: Australia: ↓ -1.6%
- Trend: Queensland: ↑ 12.0%
- Annual: Australia: ↑ 1.1%

Commentary

Note: This release of the ANZ job advertisement series incorporates the annual realignment of seasonal factors by the ABS. The realignment impacts on the historical estimates and their movements.

- The latest ANZ Job Advertisement Series shows that the trend number of job advertisements in Queensland fell 1.0% in January 2003, following a revised monthly decline of 0.9% in December 2002. In comparison, trend job advertisements nationally fell 1.6% in January (see Table 1 and Chart 1).

- Following strong growth in job advertisements over the first half of 2002, this month’s revised data show a fall in jobs advertisements in each of the past three months. The turnaround in job ads largely reflects the significant fall in the seasonally adjusted series in December (down 13.4%), which according to the ANZ, stemmed from Christmas Day 2002 falling on a Wednesday, which is ordinarily an important day for job advertising.

- Trend job advertisements in Queensland during January remained 12.0% higher than a year ago, well above the annual growth in national job ads of 1.1% in January.

- The trend number of job advertisements in Queensland in January was 2,786, representing 13.5% of total national job advertisements (20,706).

- In seasonally adjusted (sa) terms, the number of newspaper job advertisements in Queensland rose strongly in January, up 10.4% (to 2,819), to be 9.0% higher over the year (see Table 2). Job advertisements nationally also rose in January (4.3%), although they recorded a fall (-6.0%) over the year.

Interstate Analysis

- In trend terms, South Australia (1.0%) and Western Australia (0.7%) recorded monthly growth in job advertisements in January. Queensland (-1.0%) recorded a modest fall in job ads in January, while New South Wales (-2.1%), Tasmania (-2.2) and Victoria (-2.7%) recorded larger falls during the month. (See Table 1).

- In annual terms, there was mixed performance between the States. Job advertisements in Victoria (-5.3%) and New South Wales (-5.0%) fell over the year. In contrast, all other States recorded growth in job advertisements over the year to January 2003. Western Australia recorded the strongest annual growth in job advertisements (21.2%) in January (See Table 1).