

#### Industry Sentiment Poll: Business Outlook

Question: What do you think the outlook for tourism will be like for the next 12 months for your own tourism business?



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#### **Industry Sentiment Poll: Regional Outlook**

Question: What do you think the outlook for tourism will be like for the next 12 months for your region?



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#### **BUSINESS OUTLOOK**

Darwin and Surrounds (143ix)
Katherine (113ix)
Kakadu Arnhem (188ix)
Barkly/Tablelands (175ix)
Alice Springs and Surrounds (67ix)
Uluru and Surrounds (100ix)



**REGIONAL OUTLOOK** 

Darwin and Surrounds (150ix) Katherine (138ix) Kakadu Arnhem (167ix) Barkly/Tablelands (183ix) Alice Springs and Surrounds (107ix) Uluru and Surrounds (50ix)

Operator sentiment for the Top End regions in regards to their own business outlook was positive over the next 12 months, while the outlook for businesses in the Centre was mixed. Similarly, operator sentiment related to regional outlook for the the Top End was positive, while remained mixed for the Centre. Forty percent of the operators responding to the poll reported they were experiencing challenges in staffing issues, predominantly those in the hospitality sector. Challenges included: staff retention (6%), staff shortages (17%), attracting skilled staff (15%) and 2% noted they were limiting their operation due to staff shortages.









### **DARWIN AND SURROUNDS** REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX\*



#### **KAKADU ARNHEM** REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX\*









### **BARKLY / TABLELANDS** REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX\*



83 points above baseline

All respondents in the region reported a better outlook for their region for the next 12 months.

### ALICE SPRINGS AND SURROUNDS REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX\*



7 points above baseline

Over half (57%) of respondents in the Alice Springs and surrounds region expected a better outlook for the next 12 months.

#### **ULURU AND SURROUNDS** REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX\*









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\*Using the Index measure: Each Index measure is derived by assigning a value of 0 to a 'very poor' response, 50 to 'poor', 100 to 'same', 150 to 'good' and 200 to a 'very good'. An average value of 100 across operators therefore indicates performance is "on par with the previous year".

#### Notes:

- a: Figures might not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- **b:** Respondents may be operating in multiple sectors, therefore the sum of sectors will not add up to total respondents.
- **c:** All Other Sectors includes hospitality, retail, business events, aviation, art centres and roadhouses.

