

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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Operator sentiment across all regions in regards to their own business outlook was positive for the next 12 months. Sentiment across the NT is looking positive as Australia transitions away from the COVID-19 response measures. Operator outlook for the tourism region was similar to the assessment for their own business. This sentiment resonated with the Territory wide business confidence survey¹, with business confidence levels for the September quarter 2022 up 4 percentage points to 76 percent from the June quarter 2022. The NT business confidence is a quarterly publication that highlights confidence levels of Territory businesses across urban and regional areas as well as different industry sectors and business sizes.

¹ NT business confidence survey, September quarter 2022, https://industry.nt.gov.au/economic-data-and-statistics/business/business-statistics/business-confidence-survey





BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Darwin and Surrounds (129ix) Katherine (163ix) Kakadu Arnhem (120ix) Barkly/Tablelands (no data) Alice Springs and Surrounds (130ix) Uluru and Surrounds (120ix)

TOP END BUSINESS OUTLOOK



REGIONAL OUTLOOK

Darwin and Surrounds (128ix) Katherine (158ix) Kakadu Arnhem (111ix) Barkly/Tablelands (no data) Alice Springs and Surrounds (128ix) Uluru and Surrounds (120ix)



Poor 4%

Remain the same 19%

Good 48%

Very Good 15%



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22 points above baseline

n = 27



DARWIN AND SURROUNDS REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX*



28 points above baseline

11 points above baseline

Operator outlook for the Darwin and Surrounds region was higher with just under two thirds (61%) having a positive outlook for the next 12 months.

KAKADU ARNHEM REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX*



Operator outlook for the Kakadu Arnhem region was higher with over two fifths (44%) reporting a positive outlook for the next 12 month period.

KATHERINE AND SURROUNDS REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX*







ALICE SPRINGS AND SURROUNDS REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX*



28 points above baseline

The majority (70%) of operators in the Alice Springs and Surrounds region expected a good outlook for the next 12 months.

ULURU AND SURROUNDS REGIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX*



NOTE: Barkly/Tablelands regional outlook index has been removed, due to no operators from this region participating in the Industry Sentiment Poll for this quarter.











Operator sentiment for Aboriginal tourism businesses in regards to own business outlook and regional outlook was mostly positive.

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Tourism Research Australia estimated that there were 1,443 employing tourism businesses across the Northern Territory in 2020-21. Eighty operators participated in the Industry Sentiment Poll for the September quarter 2022. Results presented for the Top End region from the Industry Sentiment Poll are informed by a sample size of 60 tourism operators. Results presented for the Centre region from the Industry Sentiment Poll are informed by a sample size of 27 tourism operators. As such, these results are not representative of regional performance or a census of operator sentiment. Please also note operators can overlap between Top End and Centre regions. For more information, please contact the Research team on: research.tourismnt@nt.gov.au

***Using the Index measure:** Each Index measure is derived by assigning a value of 0 to a 'large decrease' response, 50 to 'decrease', 100 to 'same', 150 to 'increase' and 200 to a 'large increase'. 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.

