

#### 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 (80ix)
Katherine (114ix)
Kakadu Arnhem (105ix)
Barkly/Tablelands (150ix)
Alice Springs and Surrounds (102ix)
Uluru and Surrounds (128ix)



**REGIONAL OUTLOOK** 

Darwin and Surrounds (70ix)
Katherine (96ix)
Kakadu Arnhem (73ix)
Barkly/Tablelands (200ix)
Alice Springs and Surrounds (102ix)
Uluru and Surrounds (104ix)

Operator sentiment in regards to their own business outlook was just over par in the Centre overall, while sentiment for the Top End region and across the NT was negative for the next 12 months. The results for the June quarter 2023 were much lower compared to the June quarter 2022 across all regions. The latest monthly national business confidence survey conducted by Roy Morgan notes national business confidence at 87.5 was the lowest business confidence reading since September 2020. In addition, 65% of businesses expect "bad economic times" for the economy over the next year. Operator sentiment across all regions in regards to their own region outlook over the next 12 months was negative. The results were also lower compared to the June quarter 2022. Operator sentiment by Aboriginal tourism businesses in regards to their own business outlook was positive, while the outlook for their tourism region was on par.











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



30 points below baseline

Operator outlook for the Darwin and Surrounds region was lower with 61% having a negative outlook for the next 12 months.

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



27 points below baseline

Operator outlook for the Kakadu Arnhem region was lower with 54% of operators reporting a negative outlook for the next 12 month period.

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



Over two fifths (43%) of operators responding in the Katherine and Surrounds region had a poor outlook for the next 12 months.



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



2 points above baseline

A third of respondents (36%) in the region had a good outlook for the region while over a quarter (28%) of operators stated the outlook would be poor over the next 12 months.

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



Very poor 8%
Poor 17%
Remain the same 42%
Good 25%
Very good 8%

4 points above baseline

A third of respondents (33%) in the region had a good outlook for the Uluru and Surrounds region for the coming 12 months; however this was countered by a quarter (25%) of operators stating the outlook would be poor for the next 12 months.













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Tourism Research Australia estimated that there were 1,499 employing tourism businesses across the Northern Territory in 2021-22. 97 operators participated in the Industry Sentiment Poll for the June quarter 2023. Results presented for the Top End region from the Industry Sentiment Poll are informed by a sample size of 69 tourism operators. Results presented for the Centre region from the Industry Sentiment Poll are informed by a sample size of 36 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.

