



## Telecommunications jobs suffer, but Software and services suffer less.

Just released ABS data shows that we have lost around 17,000 wage and salary jobs in the ICT industry, mainly as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic. This data does not necessarily cover all contractors.

ISP's, other (Non-ICT) Professional services, and, significantly, the largest ICT Industry employment sector, Software and services, have, however, contracted less than all Australian Industries.

Unfortunately those in the Telecommunication sector of the ICT Industry have had the misfortune to lose a far higher proportion than the Software and services sector, with a 9.6% reduction in wages and salary jobs.

Software and services, however, have been less impacted ( -2.5%) than the rest of Professional, Scientific, and Technical services (-4.9%) . (Perhaps this is because professions like Architects and Engineers have less capacity to work effectively from home, or perhaps because a number of the larger engineering and accounting/consulting firms are adopting larger layoffs, based, to some degree, on their home country more disastrous performances in responding to Covid-19, , but there are no reliable indicators yet to explain the significant variation).

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