

Labour Market Dashboard
Queensland

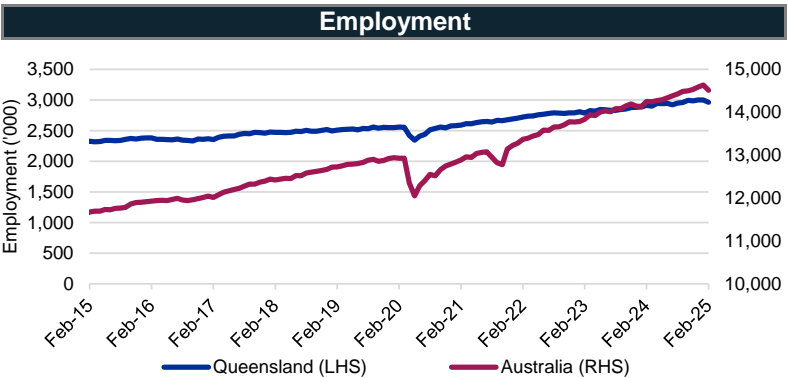
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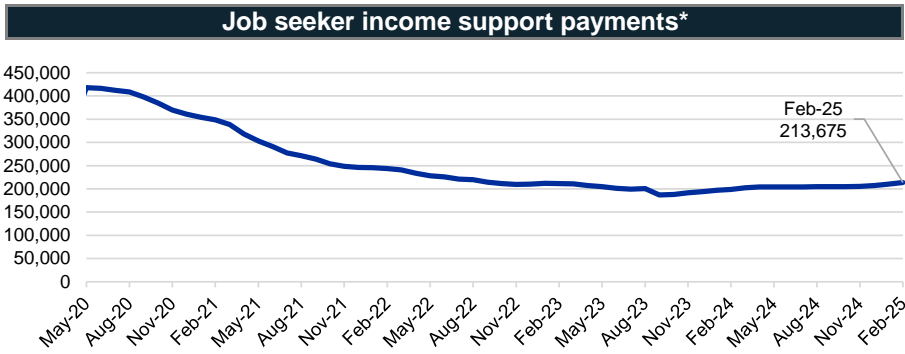
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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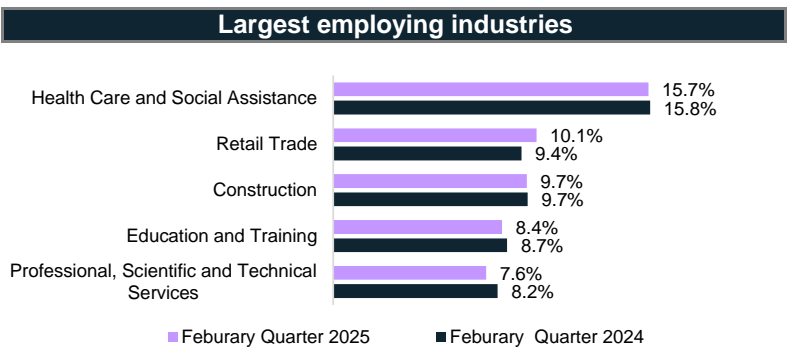
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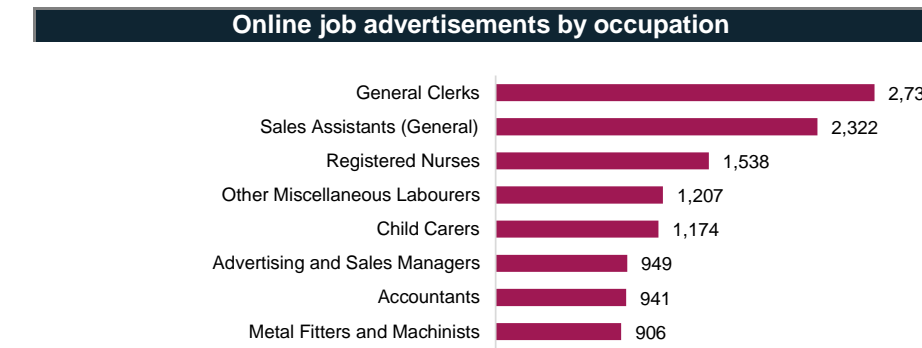


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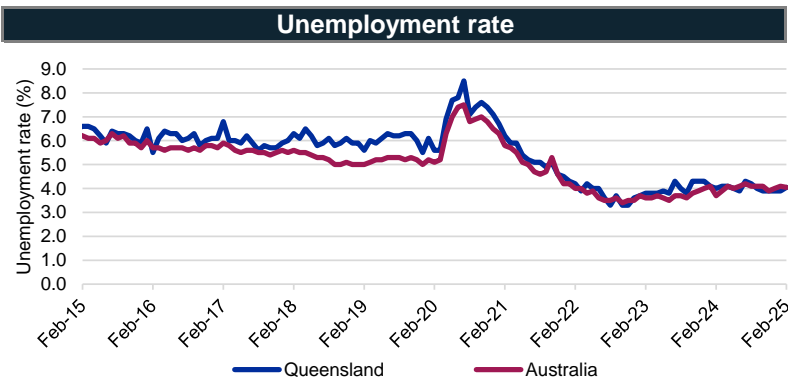


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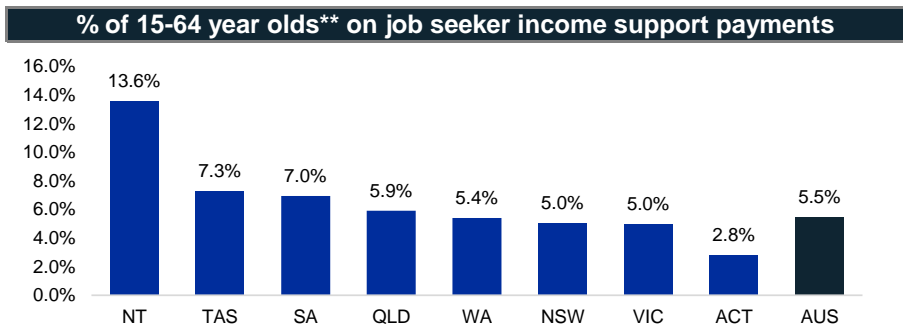
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - February 2024	198,600	876,020
Payments - February 2025	213,675	967,130
Change (Feb 2024 to Feb 2025)	↑ 15,075	↑ 91,110
Change % (Feb 2024 to Feb 2025)	↑ 7.6%	↑ 10.4%



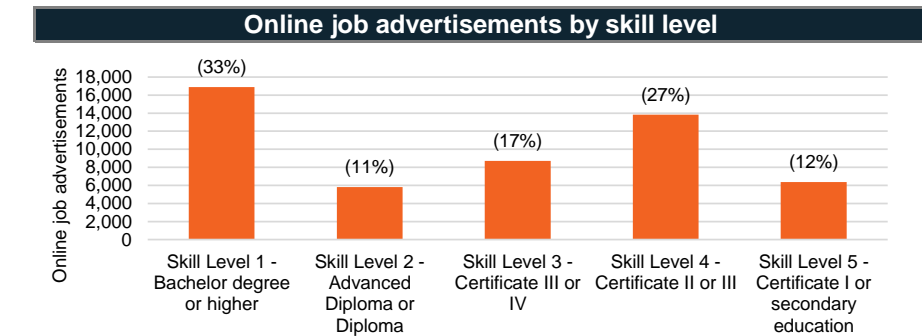
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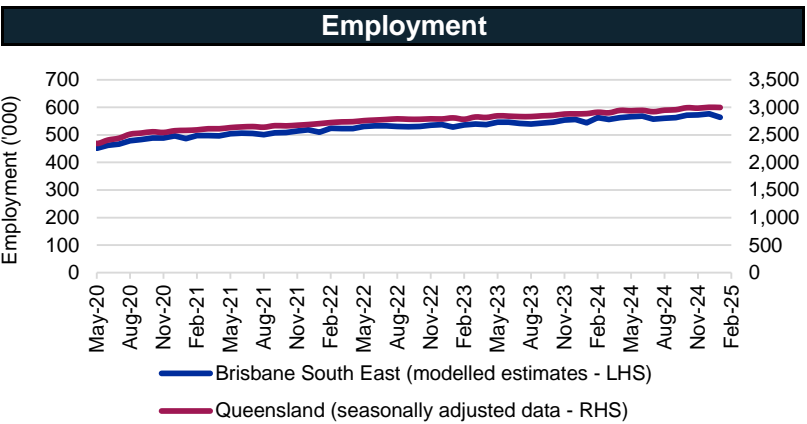
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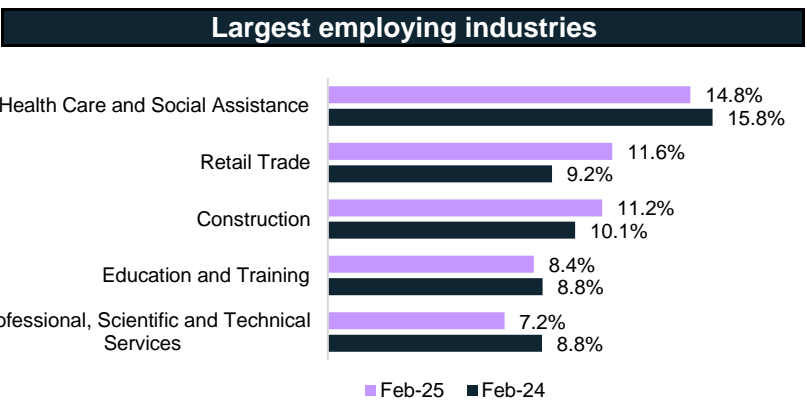
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Brisbane South East	570.9	562.2	1.5	30.4	27.8	9.4	5.1	4.7	68.6	69.1	9.1	9.0
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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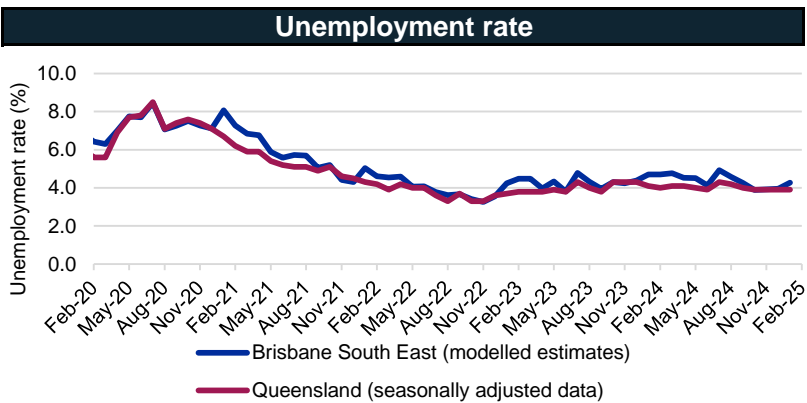
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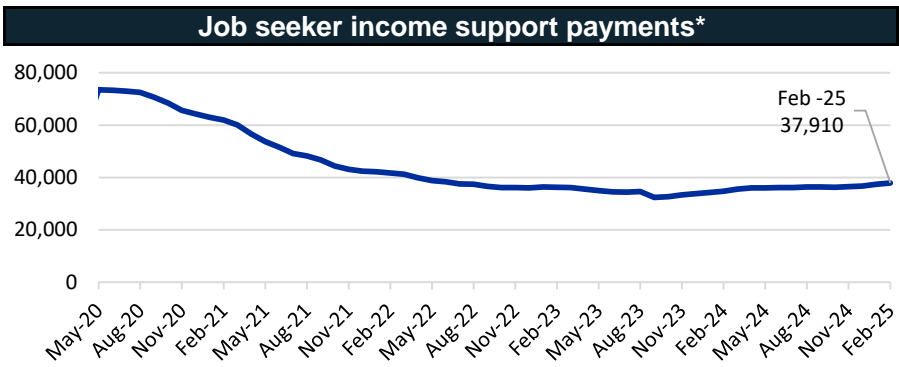
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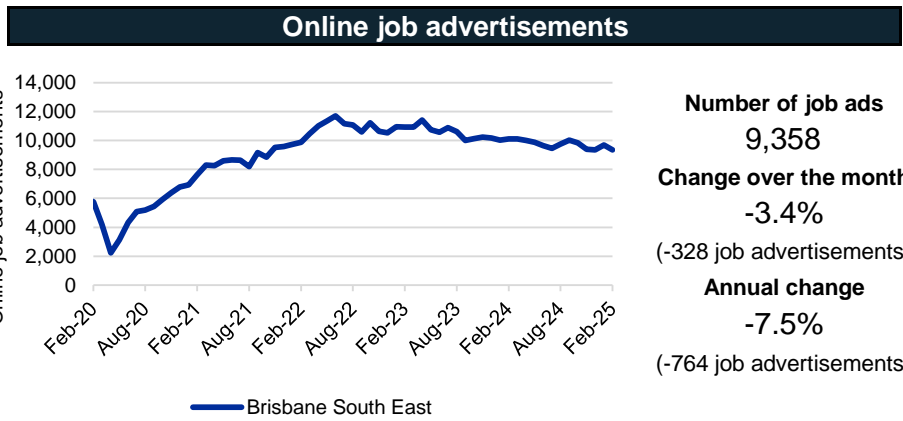
Change in job seeker income support payments		Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024		34,680	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025		37,910	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑	3,230	15,075
	↑	9.3%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Brisbane South East	37,910	5.5%
Queensland	213,675	5.9%
Australia	967,130	5.5%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Feb-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Logan	5.4	4.7
Scenic Rim	4.5	3.9
Brisbane	3.7	3.6
Redland	3.0	3.9

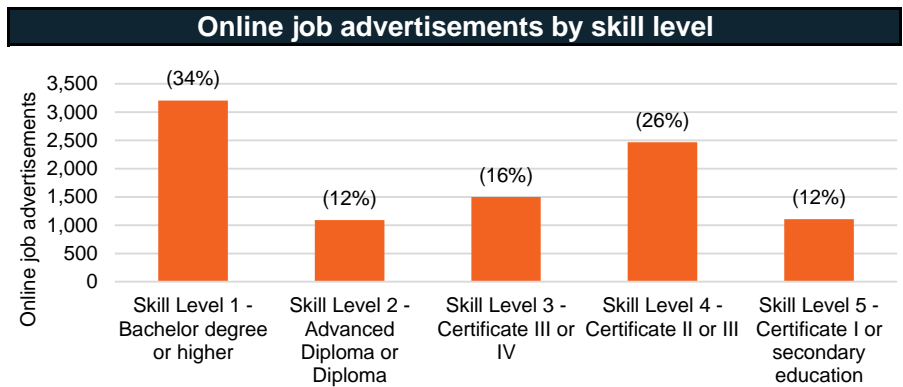
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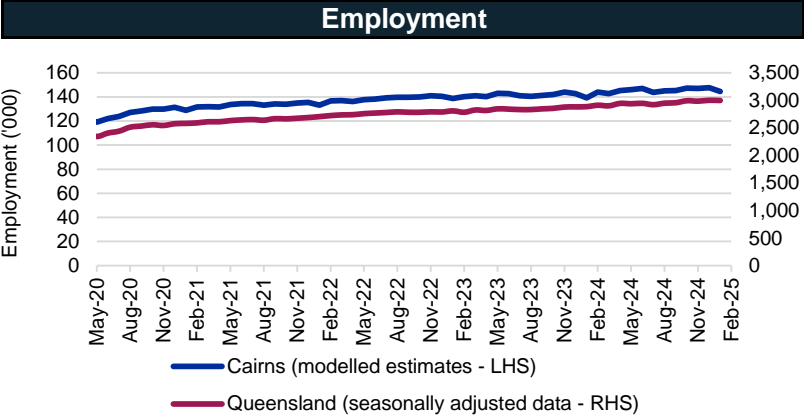
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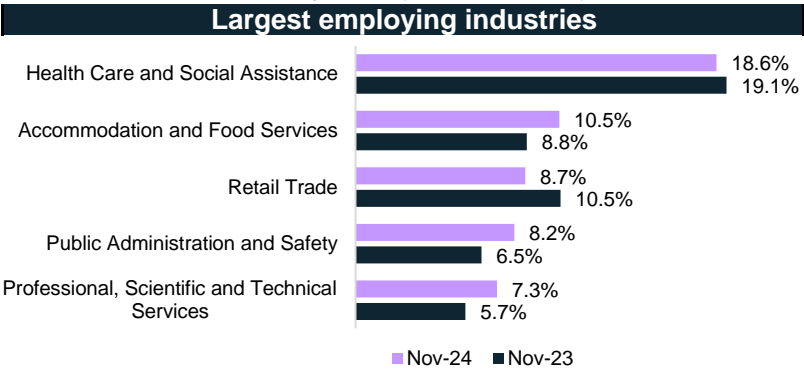
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Cairns	145.2	144.0	0.8	8.0	7.4	8.0	5.2	4.9	68.7	68.9	0.0*	9.1
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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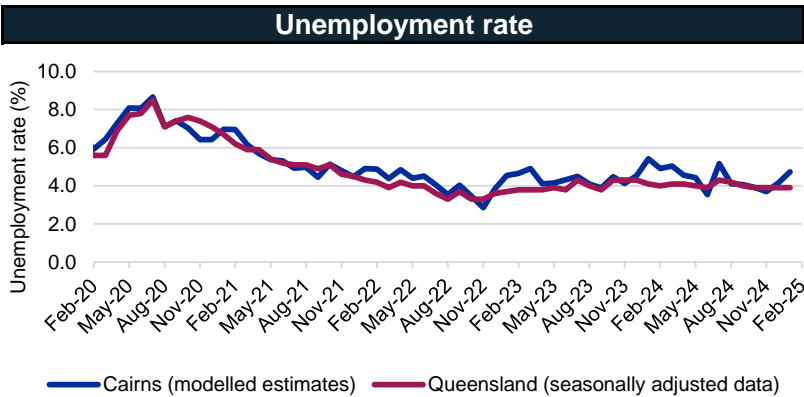


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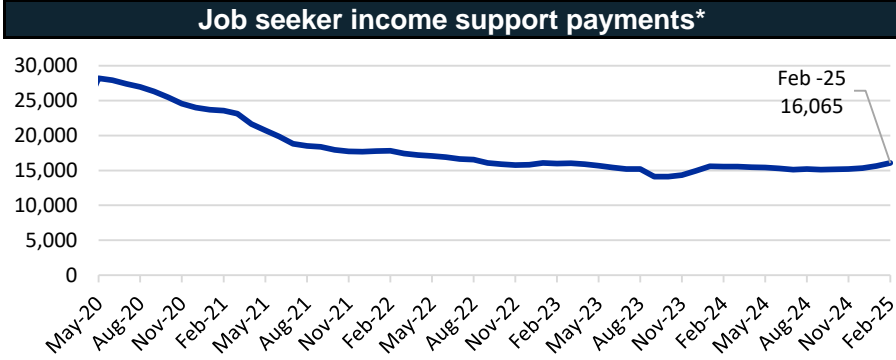


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	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	15,545	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	16,065	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑ 520	↑ 15,075
	↑ 3.3%	↑ 7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Cairns	16,065	9.7%
Queensland	213,675	5.9%
Australia	967,130	5.5%

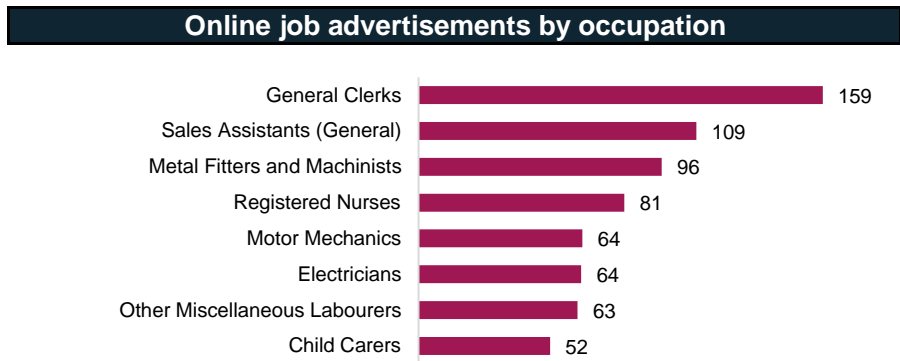
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Yarrabah*	43.1	49.2
Mareeba	5.0	4.5
Cassowary Coast	4.2	4.1
Tablelands	3.5	3.5
Douglas	3.2	3.0

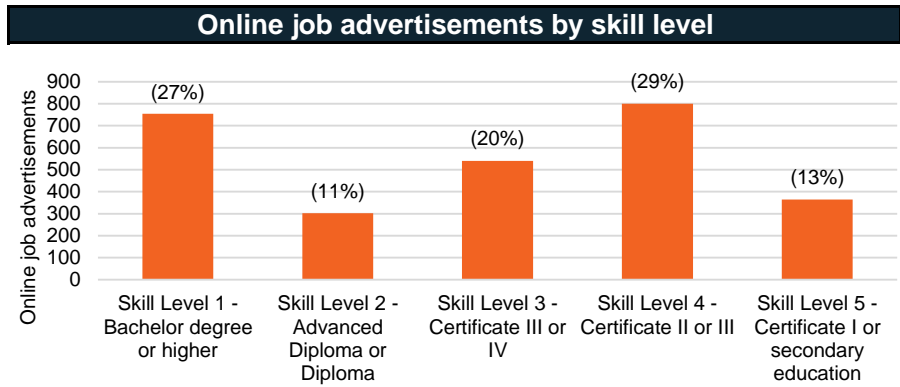
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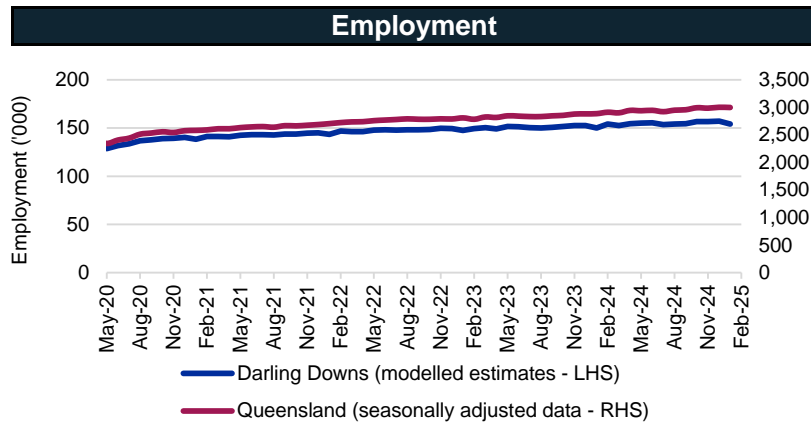
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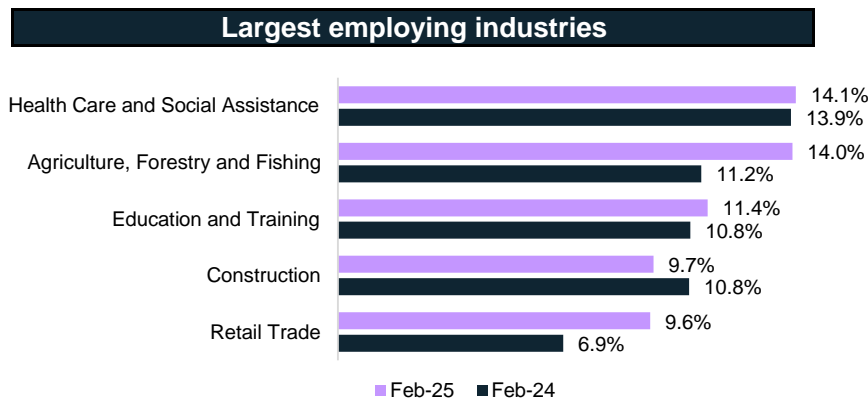
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Darling Downs	155.9	154.2	1.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	3.8	3.7	64.7	64.8	6.2	9.2
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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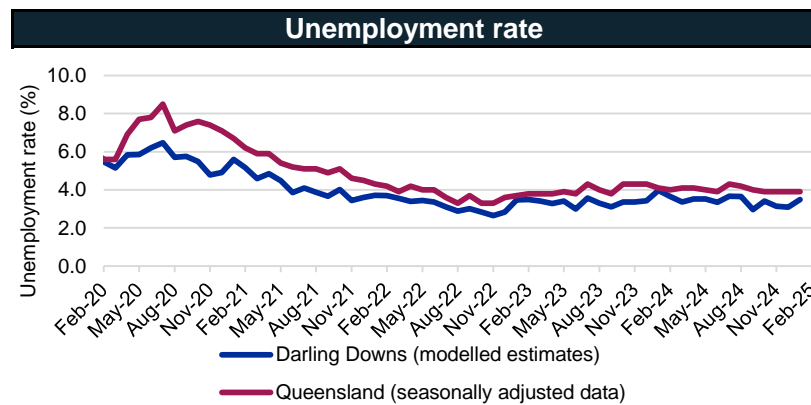
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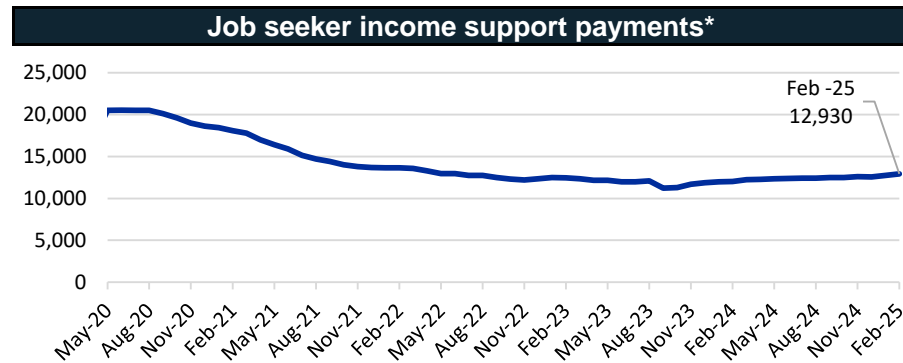
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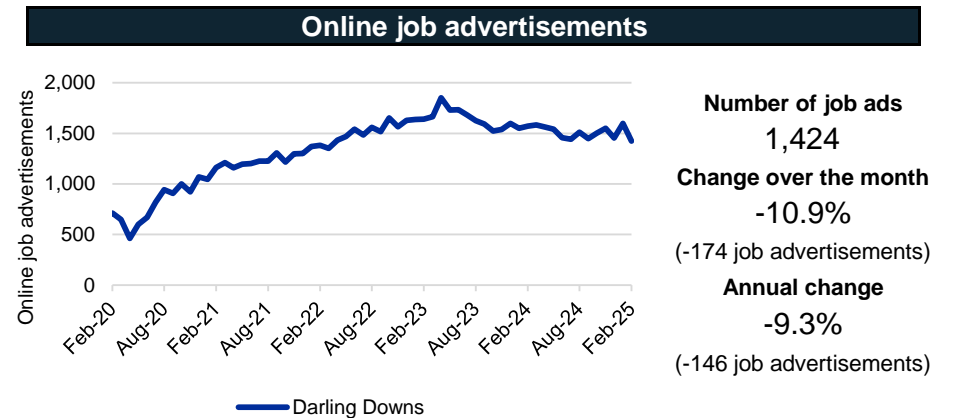
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	12,020	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	12,930	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	910	15,075
	7.6%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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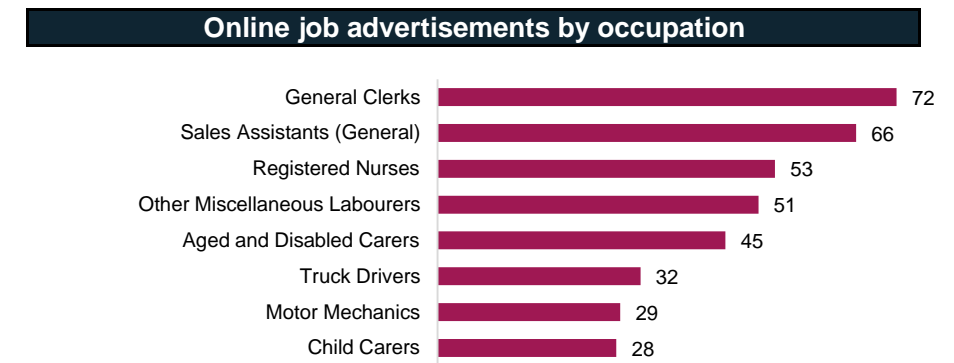
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Lockyer Valley	4.1	4.8
Toowoomba	2.9	4.5
Western Downs	2.8	2.8
Balonne	2.7	2.6
Southern Downs	2.5	2.6

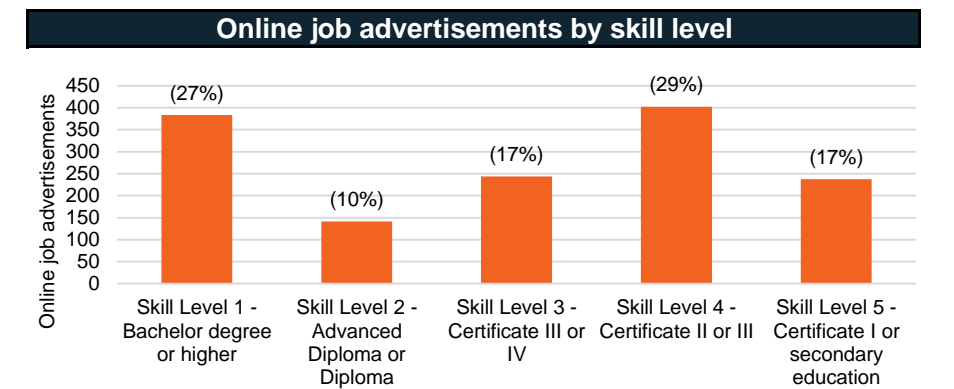
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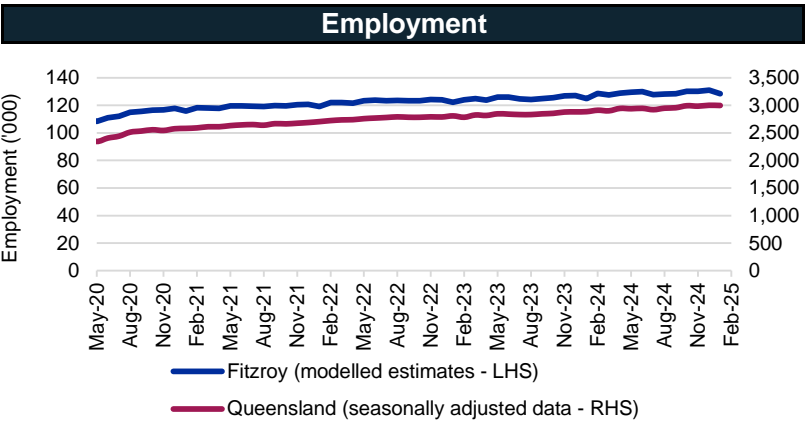
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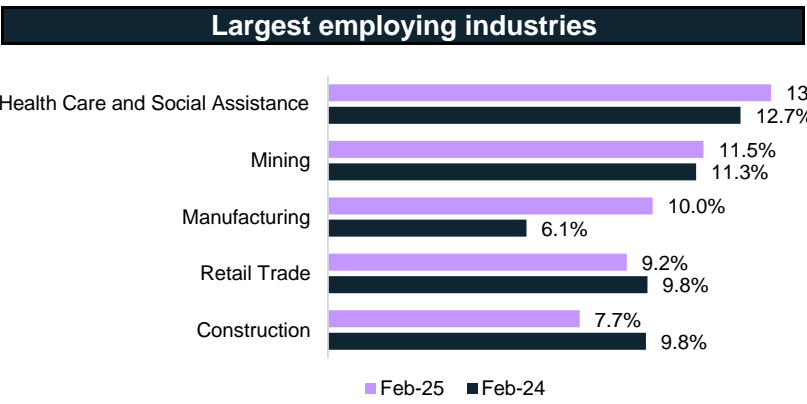
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Fitzroy	130.0	128.7	1.0	6.6	6.9	-4.3	4.8	5.1	70.3	70.8	10.9	9.6
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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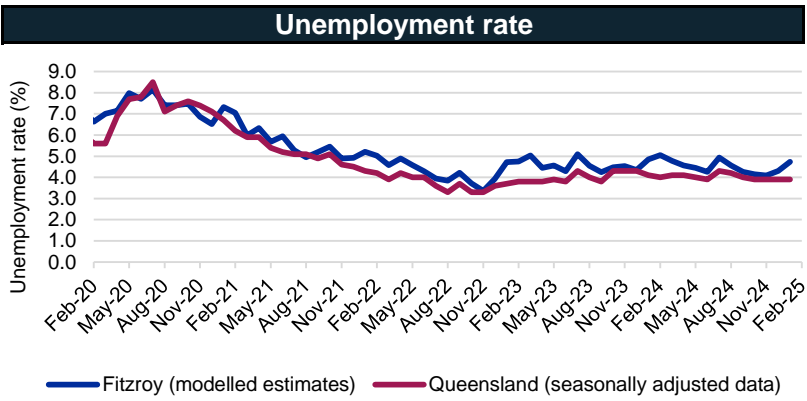
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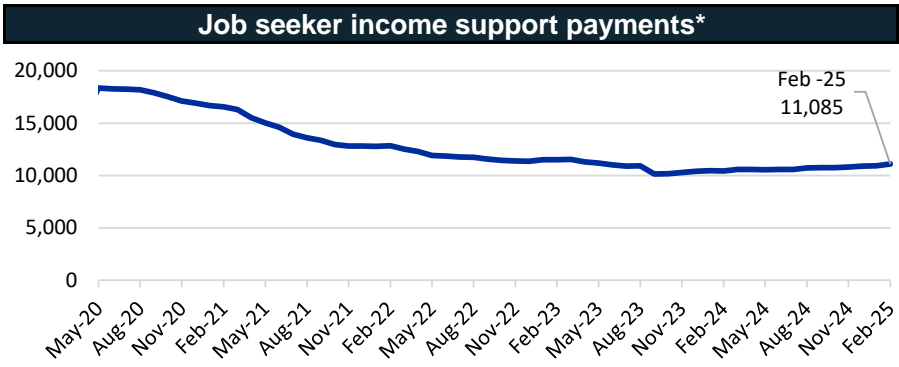
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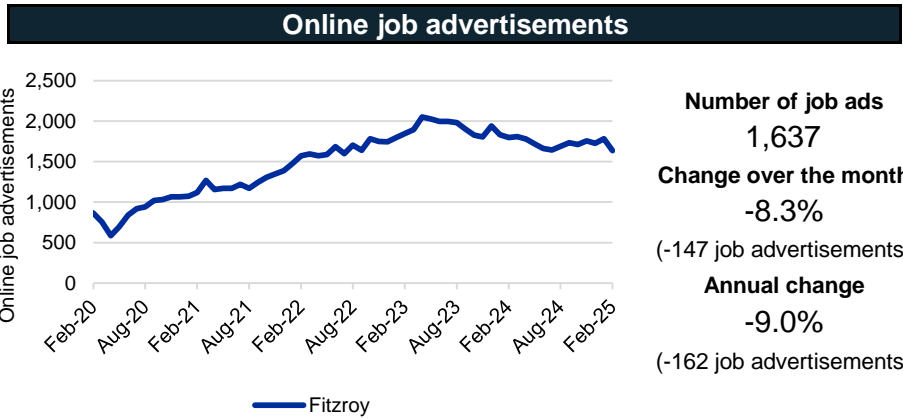
	Fitzroy	Queensland
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Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	645	15,075
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% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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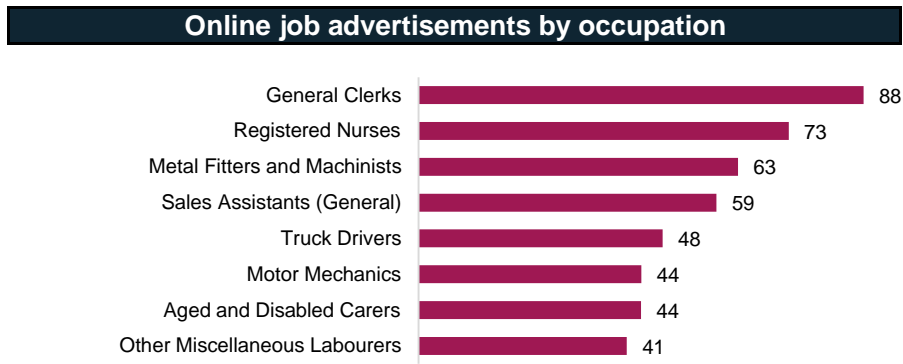
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Gladstone	6.3	6.2
Rockhampton	5.9	5.6
Central Highlands (Qld)	4.0	4.1
Banana	3.4	3.0
Livingstone	2.9	2.9

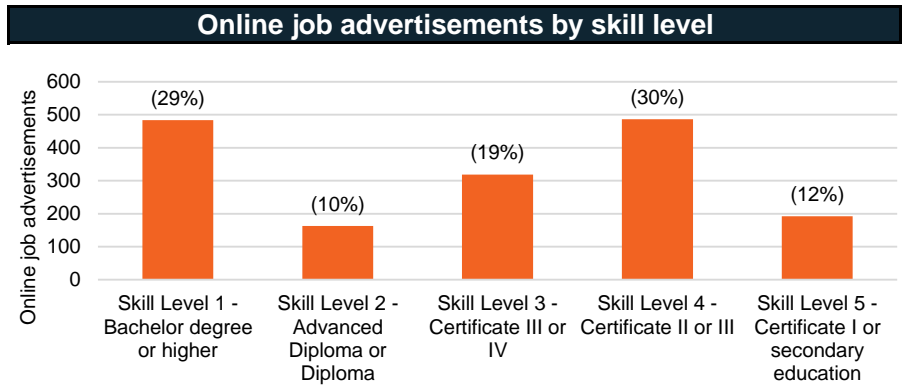
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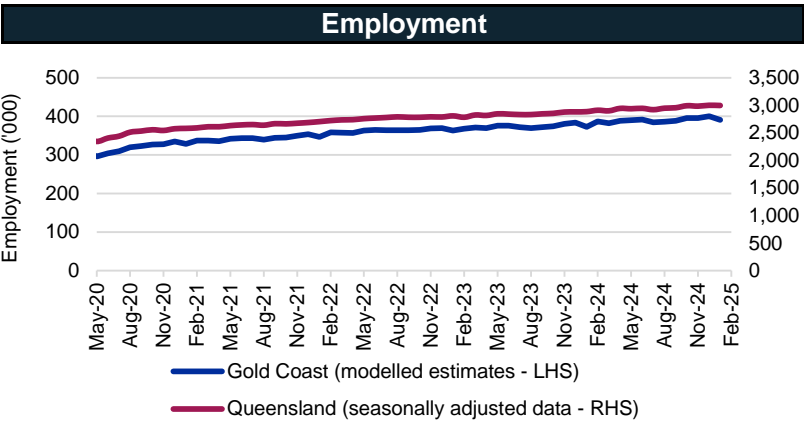
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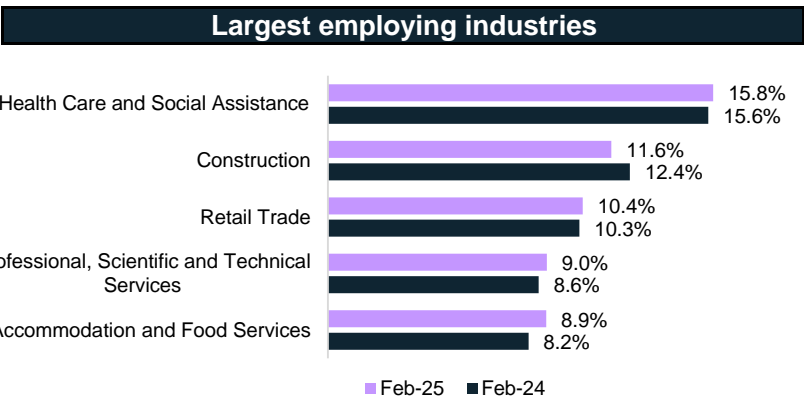
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Gold Coast	395.5	387.0	2.2	12.9	11.7	10.2	3.2	2.9	68.9	69.0	6.7	8.9
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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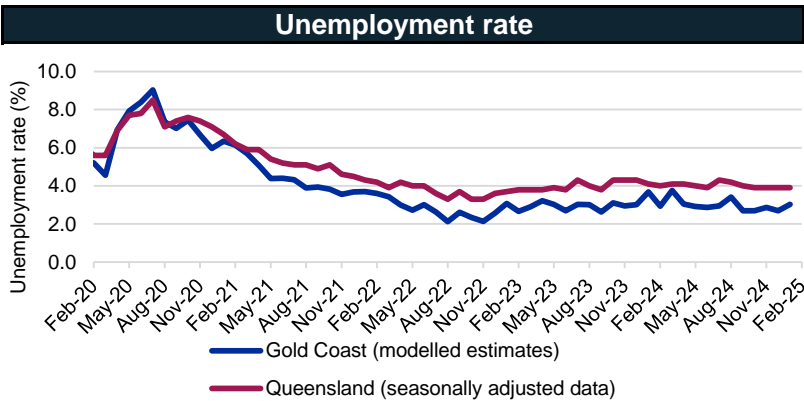
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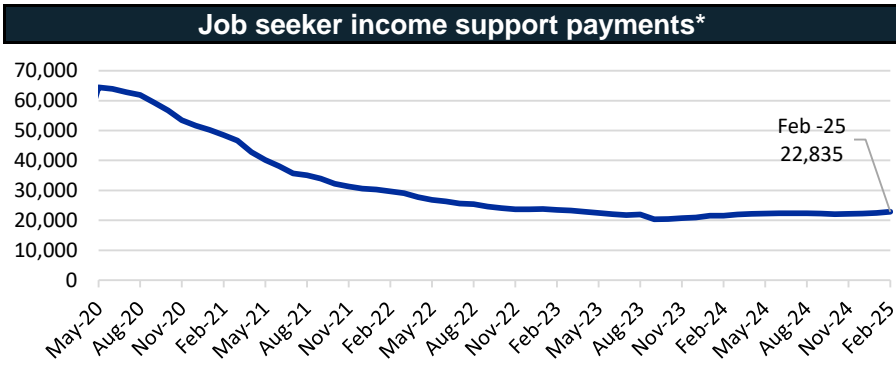
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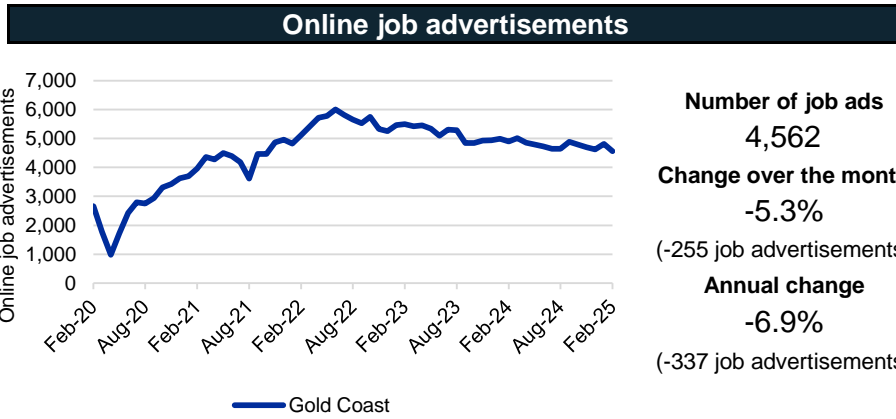
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	21,510	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	22,835	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	1,325	15,075
	6.2%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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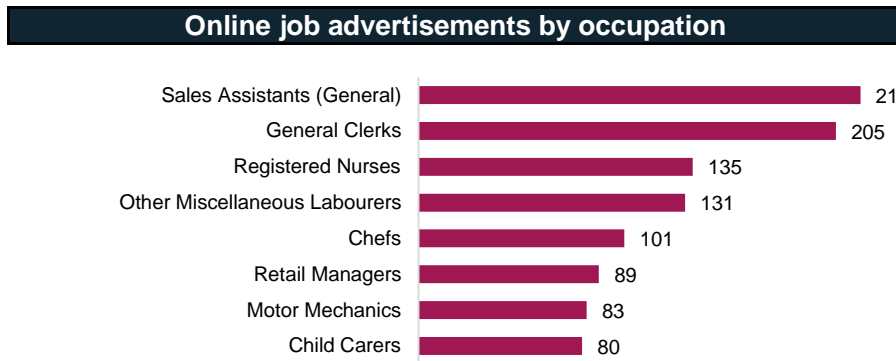
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
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Gold Coast	3.5	3.2
Tweed	3.2	2.7

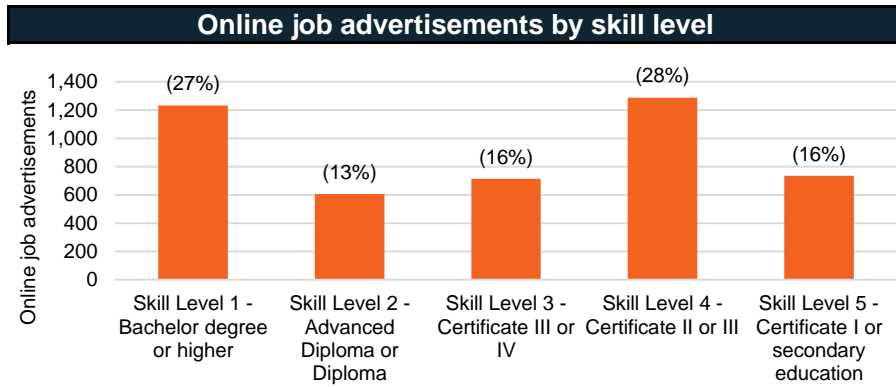
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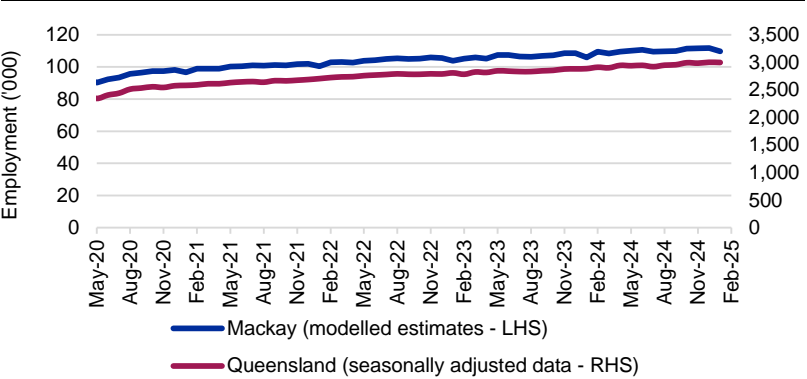
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Mackay	110.2	109.6	0.6	3.5	3.5	1.8	3.1	3.1	72.3	72.9	0.0*	6.7
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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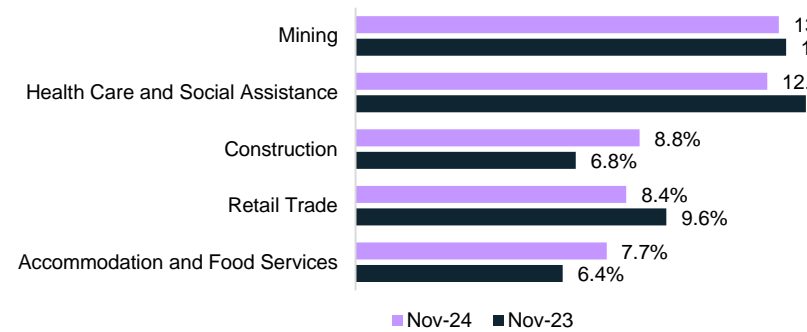
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Employment



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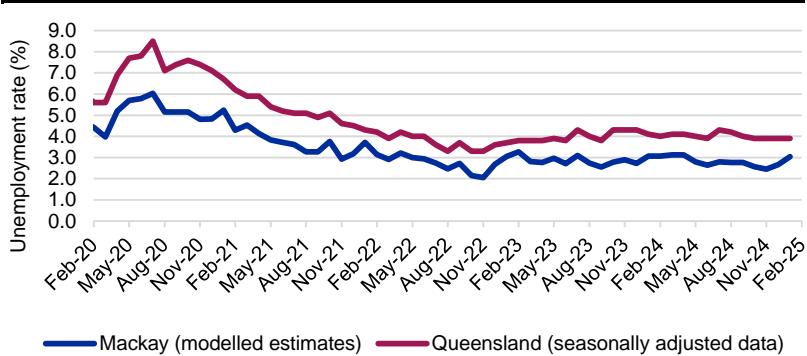
Largest employing industries



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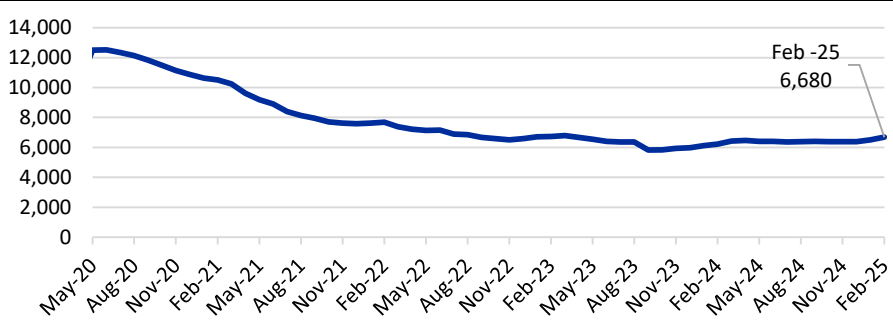
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Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), Feb-25

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	6,215	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	6,680	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	465	15,075
	7.5%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Mackay	6,680	5.4%
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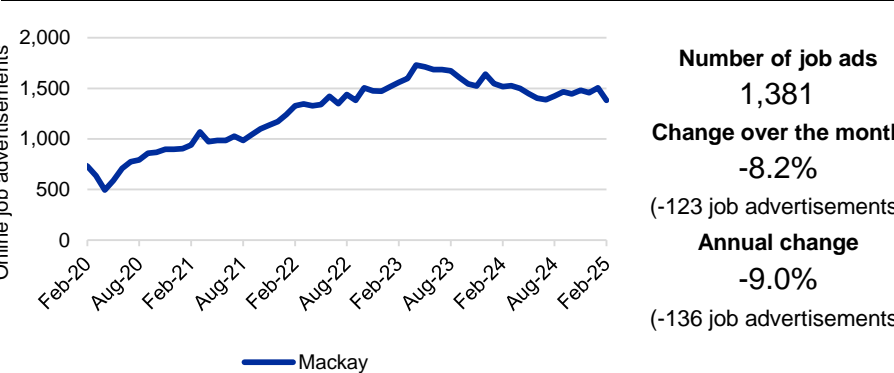
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Whitsunday	2.7	4.5
Mackay	2.4	4.4
Isaac	1.0	1.9

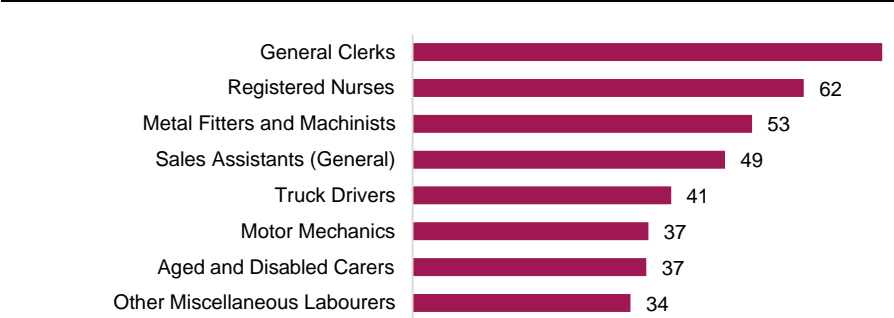
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Online job advertisements



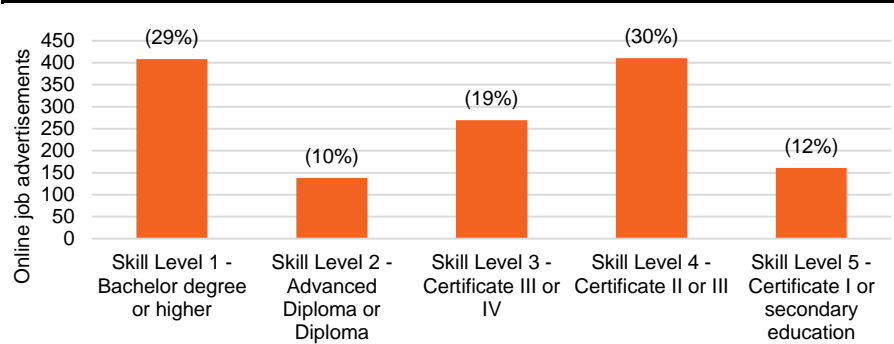
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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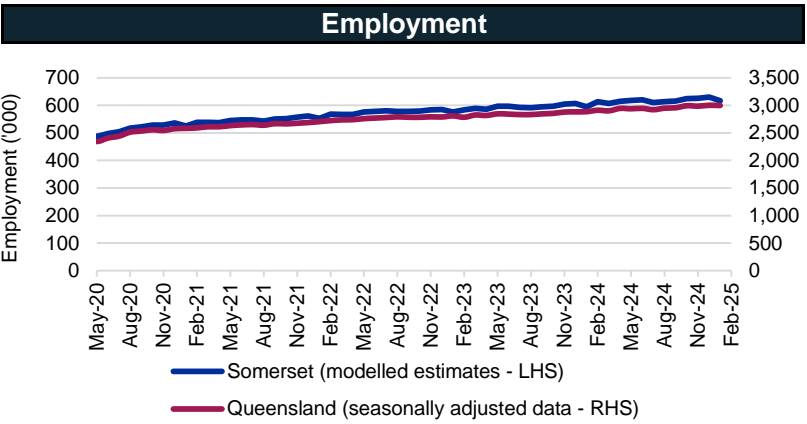
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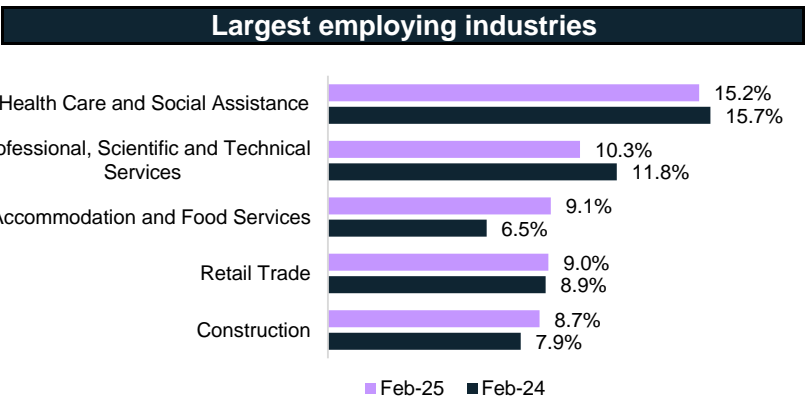
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Somerset	624.6	613.6	1.8	26.5	26.1	1.7	4.1	4.1	69.7	70.4	10.0	10.2
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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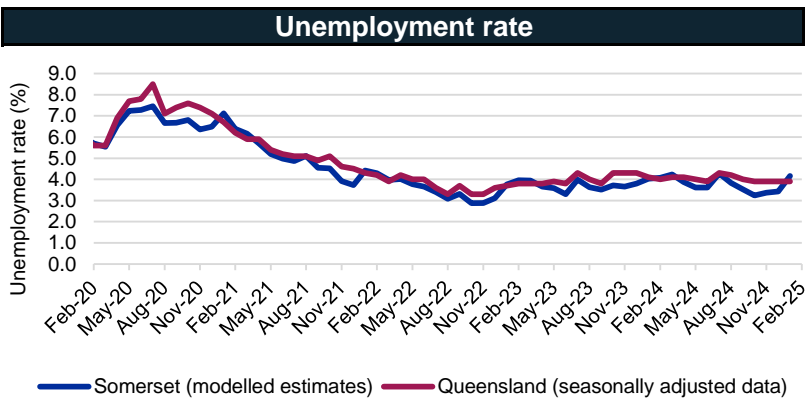
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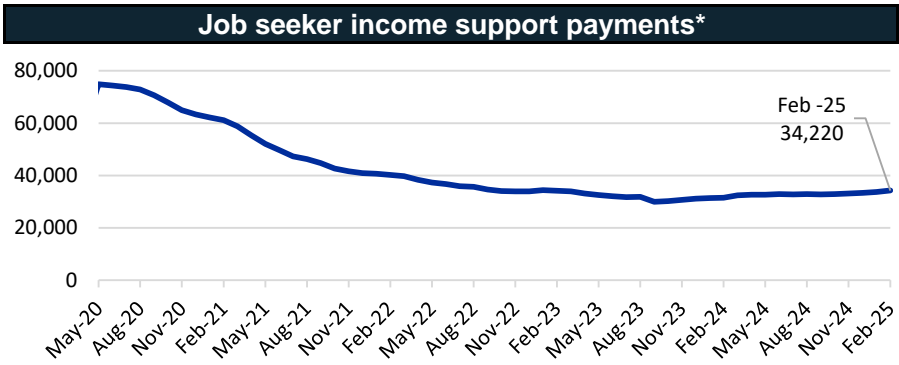
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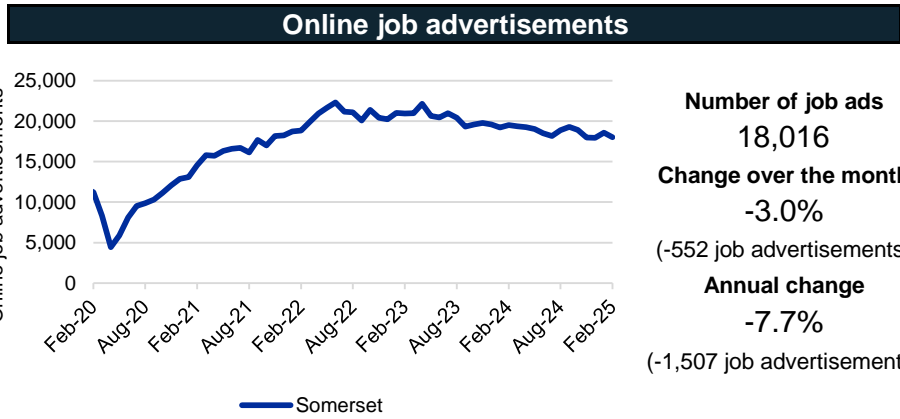
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	31,525	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	34,220	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	2,695 8.5%	15,075 7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Somerset	34,220	4.5%
Queensland	213,675	5.9%
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Feb-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
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Moreton Bay	4.8	5.2
Brisbane	3.7	3.6

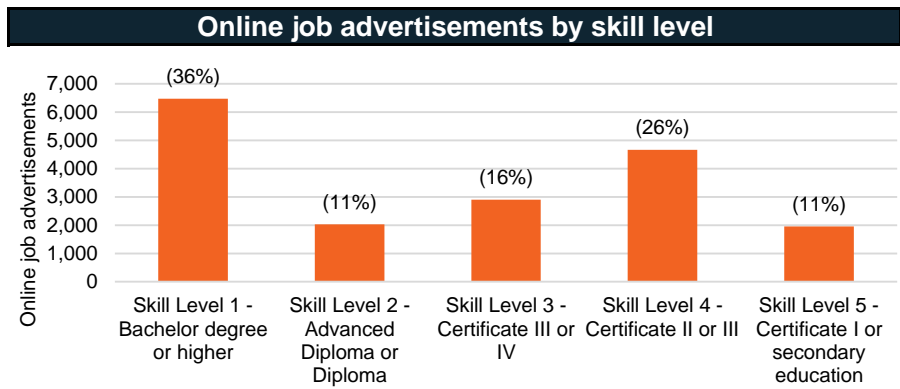
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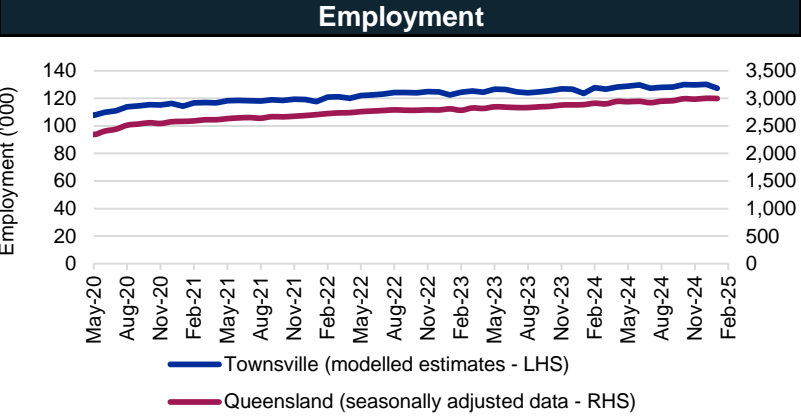
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Townsville	127.8	127.8	0.0	7.3	6.9	6.5	5.4	5.1	68.2	68.8	0.0*	8.5
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
Australia	14,513.2	14,247.1	1.9	612.6	551.3	11.1	4.1	3.7	66.8	66.6	9.1	9.2

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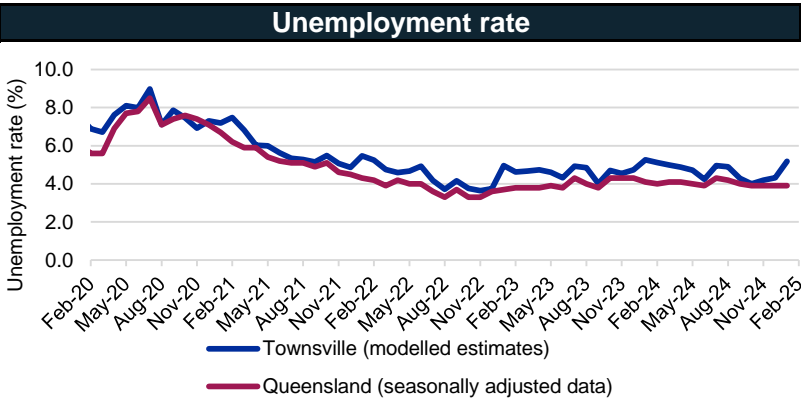


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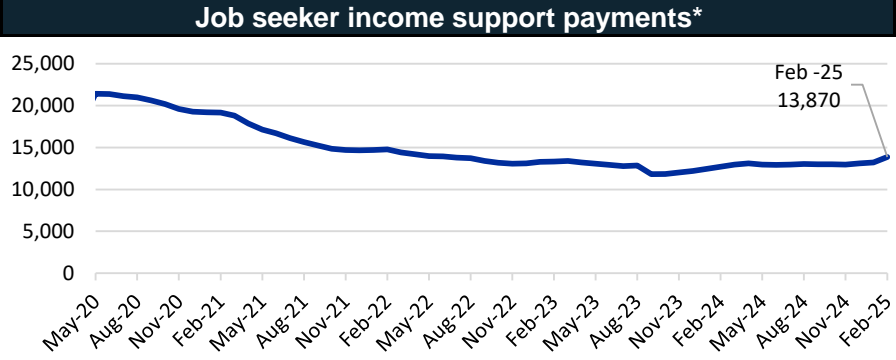


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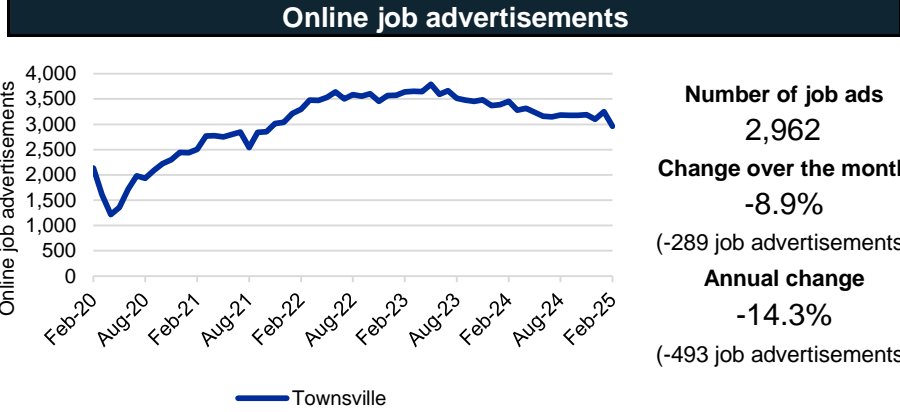
Change in job seeker income support payments			Townsville	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024			12,700	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025			13,870	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑		1,170	15,075
	↑		9.2%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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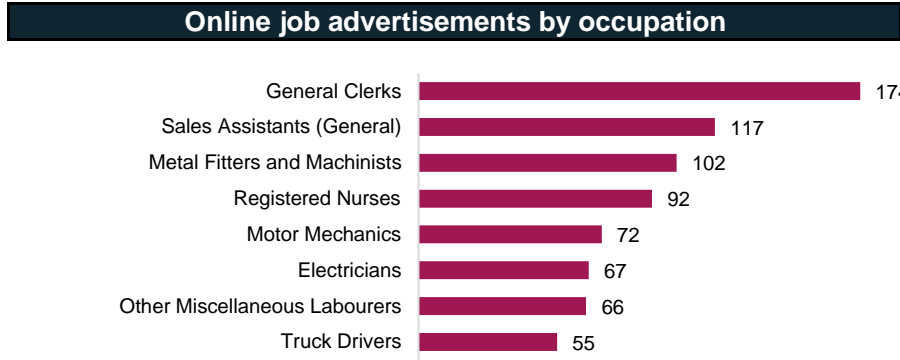
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Charters Towers	5.2	4.4
Hinchinbrook	4.4	3.6
Townsville	4.0	3.1
Burdekin	4.0	3.2
Mount Isa	3.8	2.6

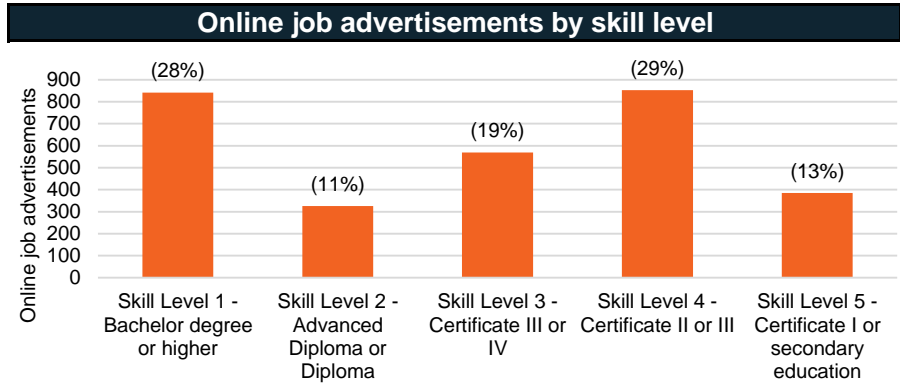
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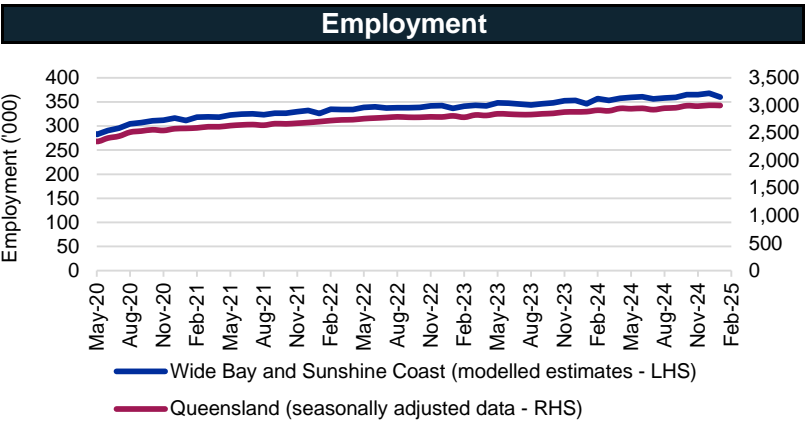
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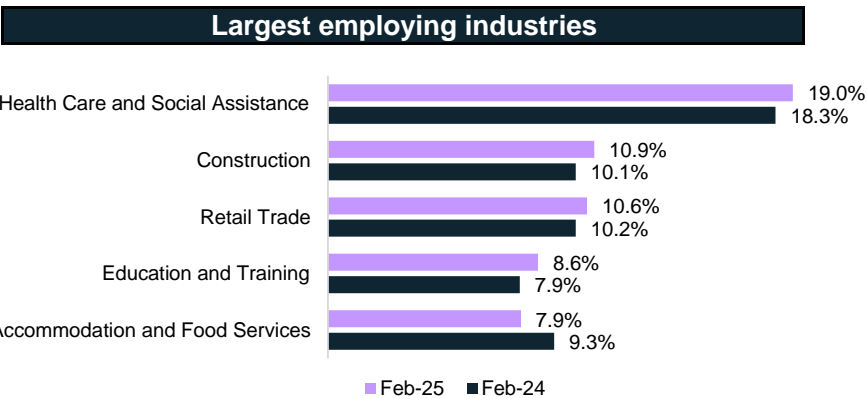
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Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	364.3	357.2	2.0	17.0	15.2	11.6	4.5	4.1	58.7	58.5	8.3	8.1
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
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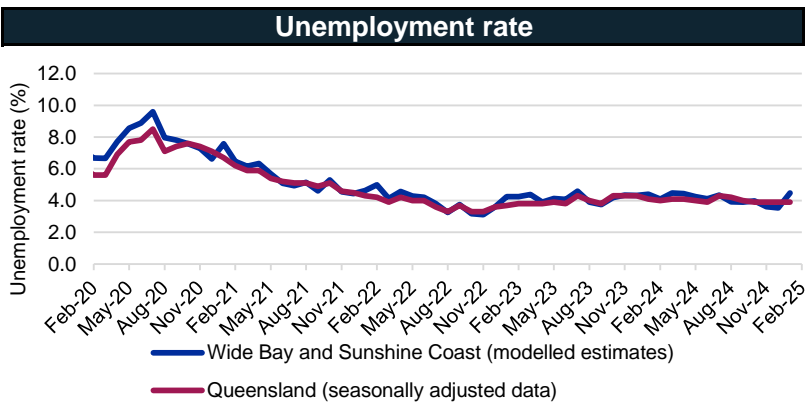
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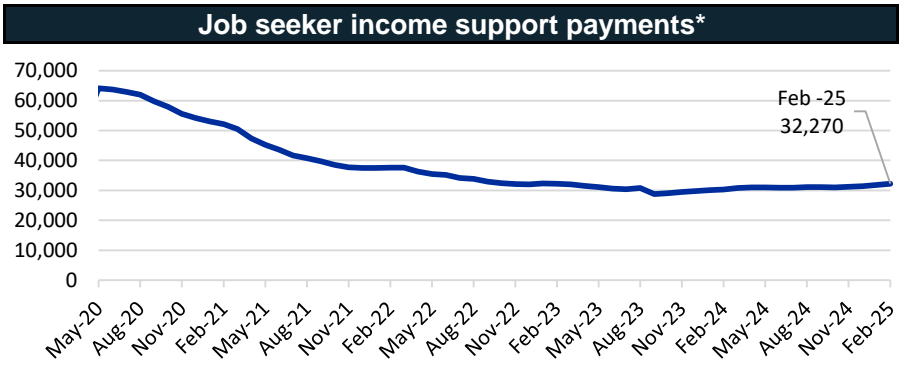
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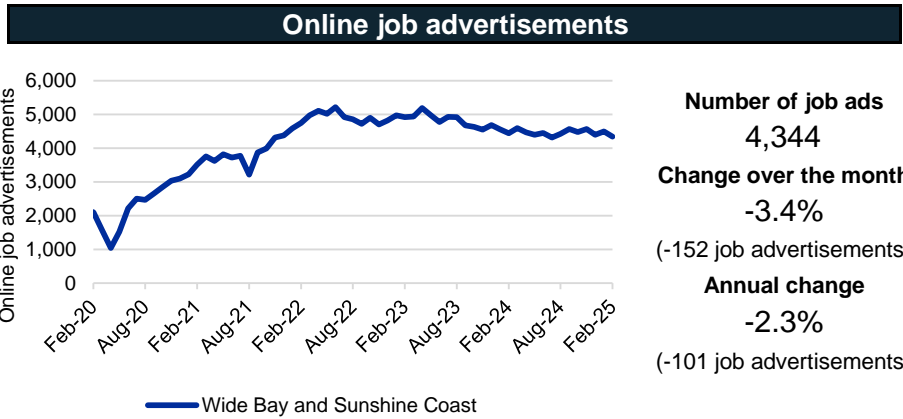
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	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	30,310	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	32,270	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑ 1,960	↑ 15,075
	↑ 6.5%	↑ 7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
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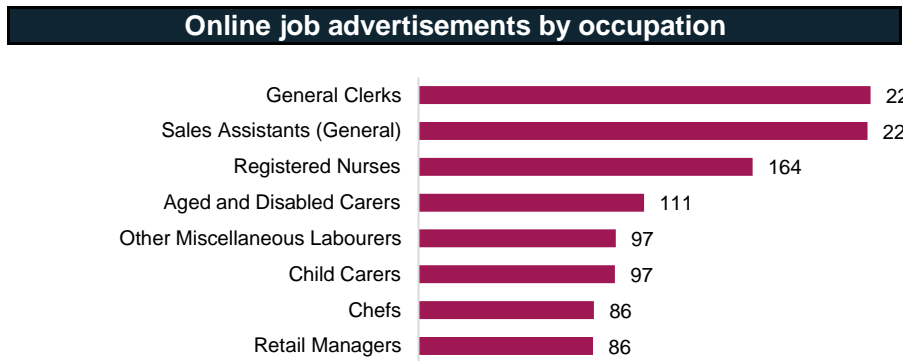
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
South Burnett	6.0	7.0
Fraser Coast	5.4	6.2
Bundaberg	4.5	5.2
Gympie	4.5	5.1
North Burnett	4.5	5.2

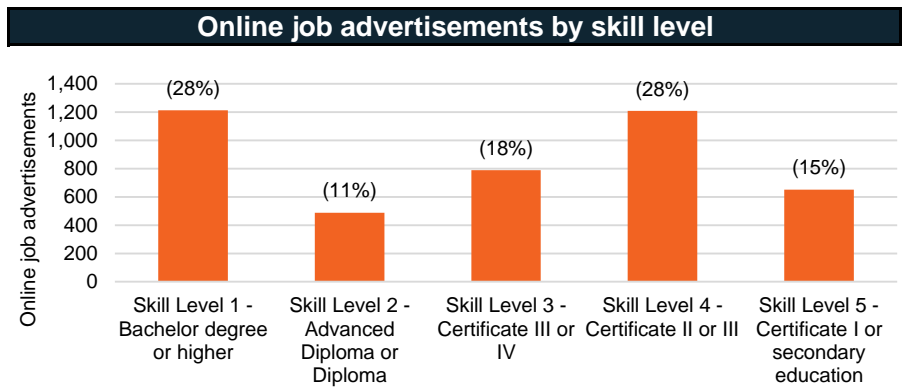
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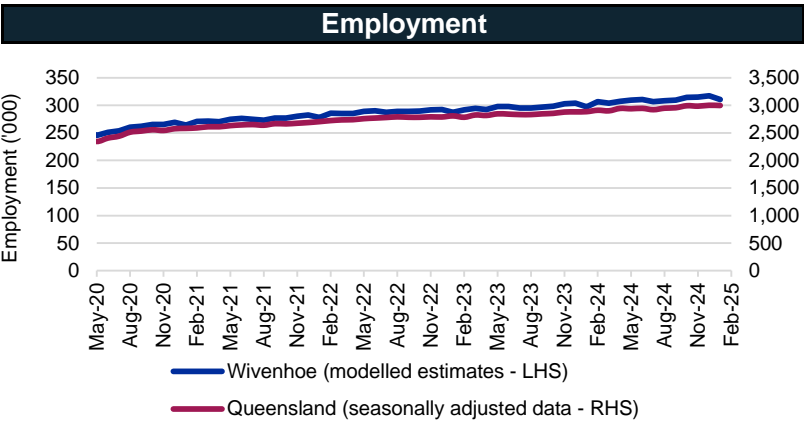
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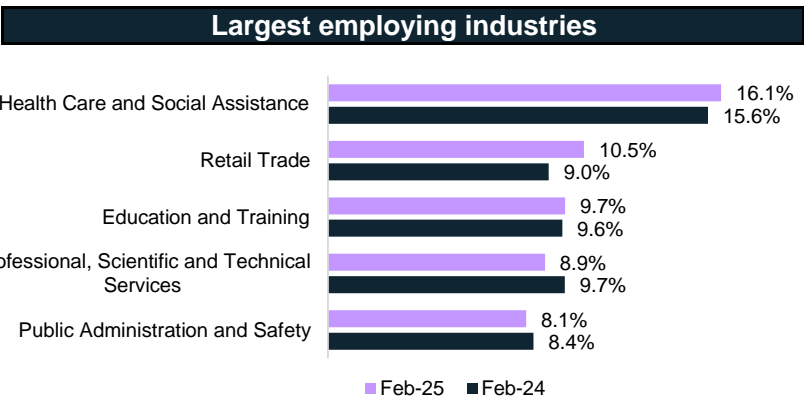
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Labour market summary table												
	Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Feb-25 (⁰⁰⁰)	Feb-24 (⁰⁰⁰)	Change (%)	Feb-25 (⁰⁰⁰)	Feb-24 (⁰⁰⁰)	Change (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-24 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-24 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-24 (%)
Wivenhoe	314.5	307.0	2.4	16.1	17.0	-5.1	4.9	5.2	67.2	67.6	10.0	10.9
Queensland	2,961.7	2,914.2	1.6	125.1	119.8	4.5	4.1	3.9	66.7	67.0	9.0	9.2
Australia	14,513.2	14,247.1	1.9	612.6	551.3	11.1	4.1	3.7	66.8	66.6	9.1	9.2

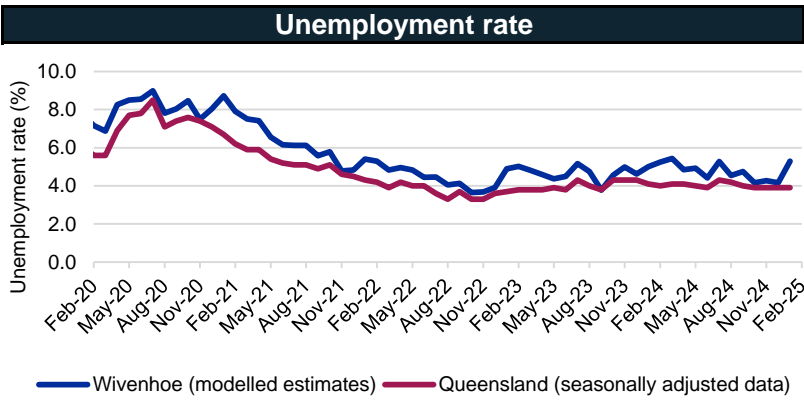
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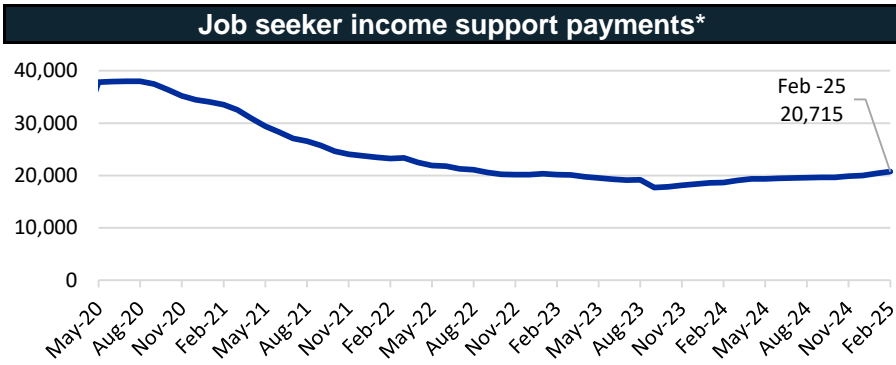
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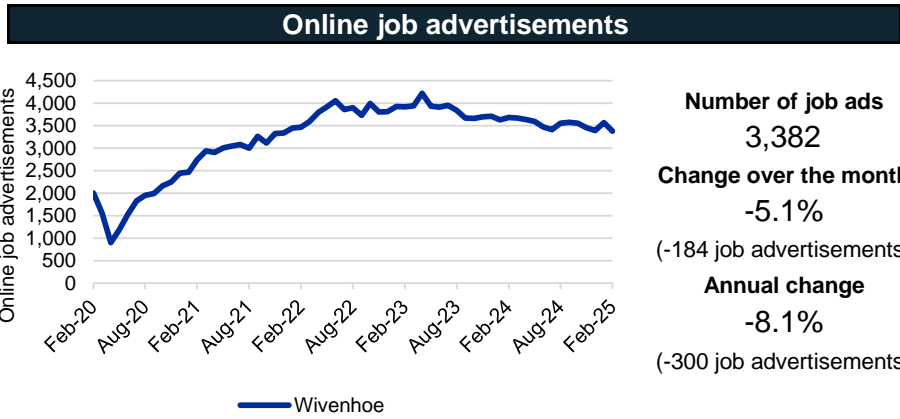
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - Feb 2024	18,620	198,600
Payments - Feb 2025	20,715	213,675
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	2,095	15,075
	11.3%	7.6%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Wivenhoe	20,715	5.9%
Queensland	213,675	5.9%
Australia	967,130	5.5%

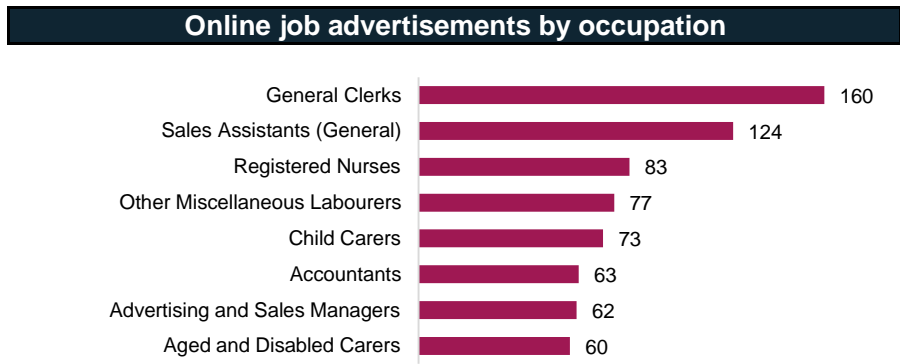
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Feb-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Ipswich	5.6	4.6
Somerset	5.4	5.0
Scenic Rim	4.5	3.9
Lockyer Valley	4.1	4.8
Brisbane	3.7	3.6

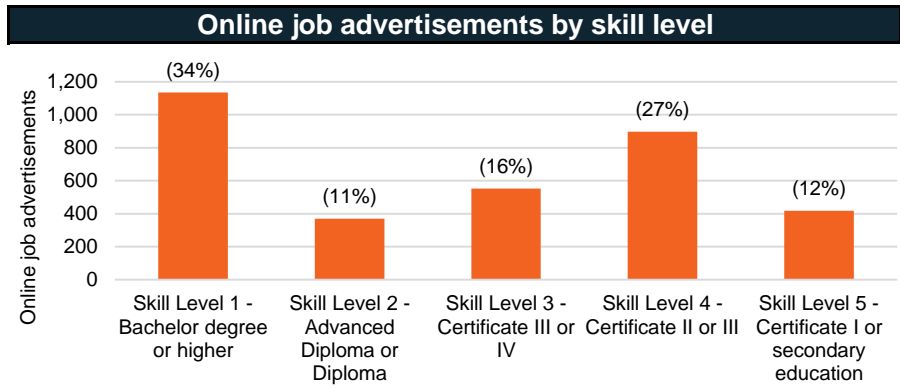
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