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Labour Market Dashboard Victoria

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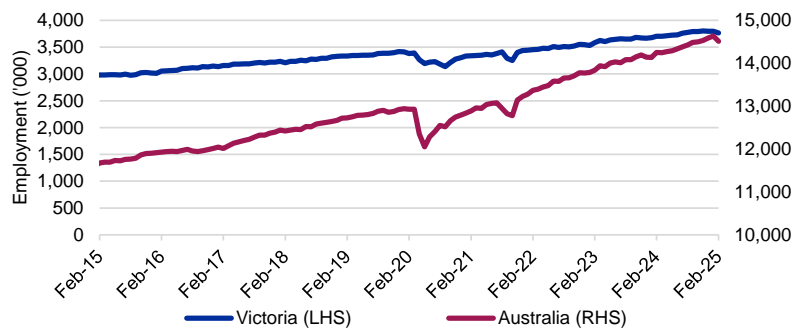
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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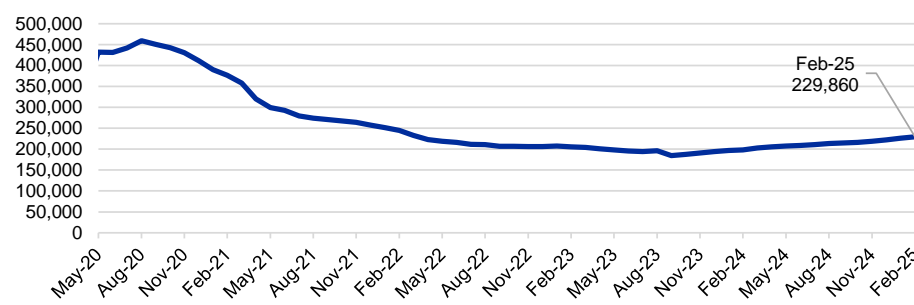
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Employment



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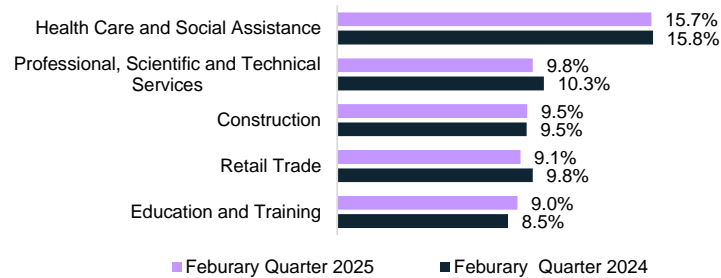


Online job advertisements



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Feb-25

Largest employing industries

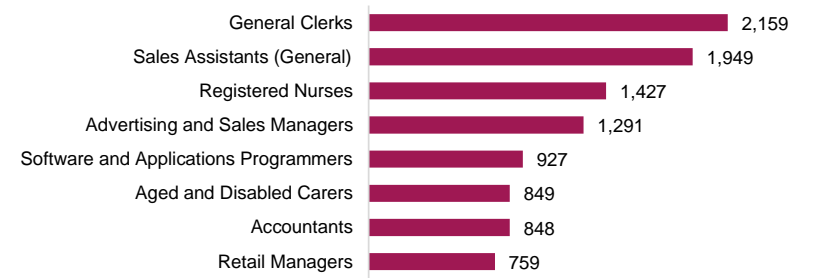


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Change in job seeker income support payments

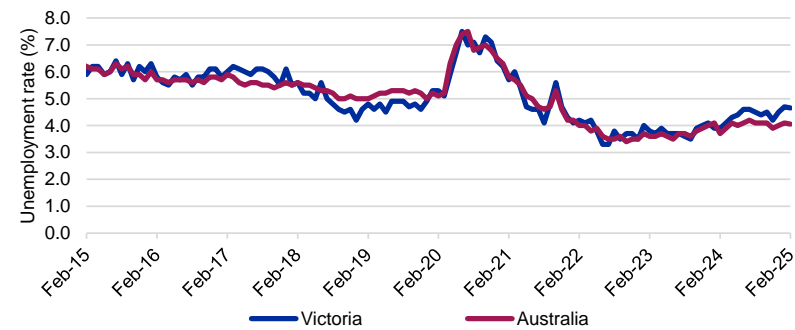
	Victoria	Australia
Payments - February 2024	198,210	876,020
Payments - February 2025	229,860	967,130
Change (Feb 2024 to Feb 2025)	↑ 31,650	↑ 91,110
Change % (Feb 2024 to Feb 2025)	↑ 16.0%	↑ 10.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



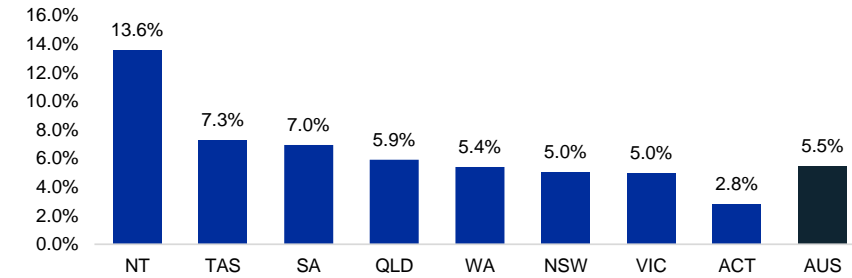
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Unemployment rate



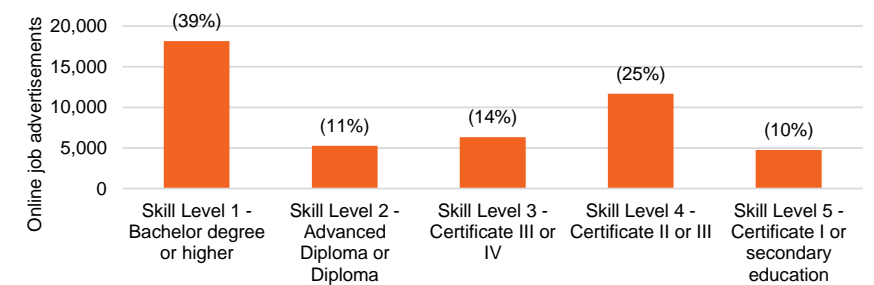
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments



Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, data.gov.au, Feb-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population (ERP), Jun-24

Online job advertisements by skill level



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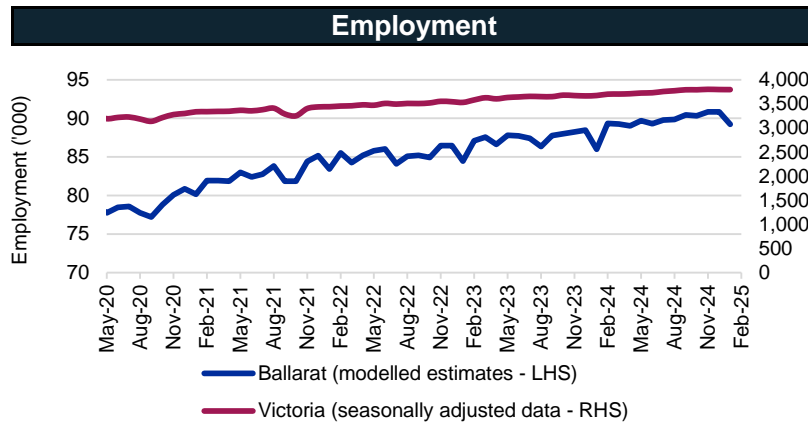
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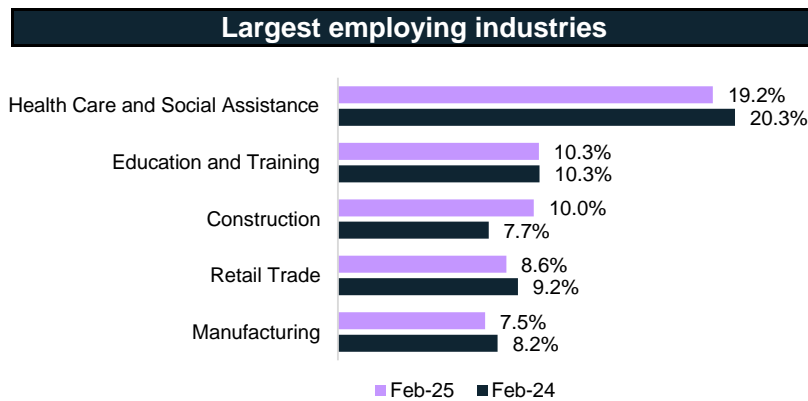
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Ballarat	90.4	89.3	1.2	3.7	3.1	19.6	3.9	3.3	62.4	62.0	5.7	12.4
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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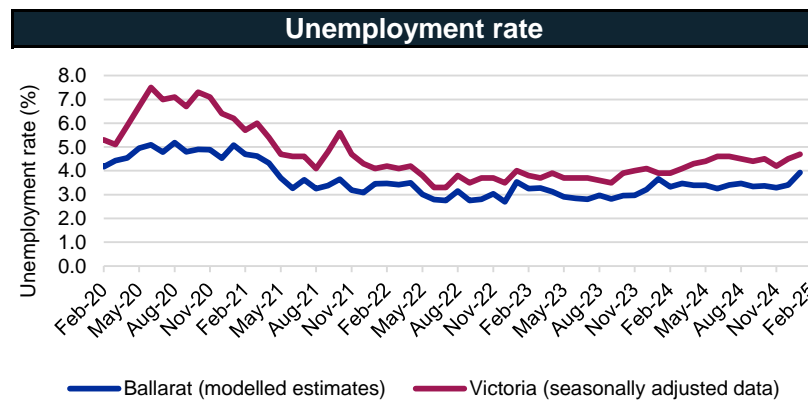
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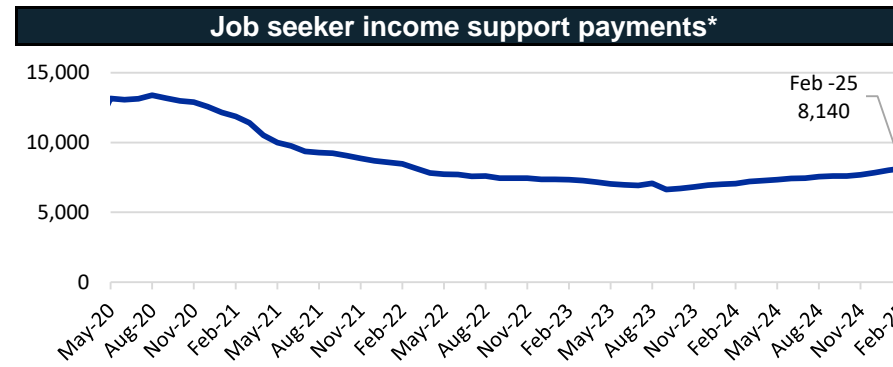
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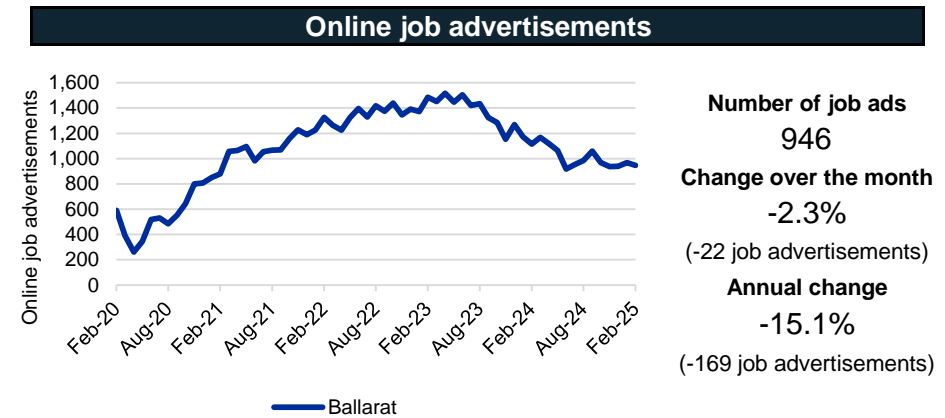
	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	7,055	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	8,140	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑ 1,085	↑ 31,650
	↑ 15.4%	↑ 16.0%

% 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
Ballarat	8,140	7.4%
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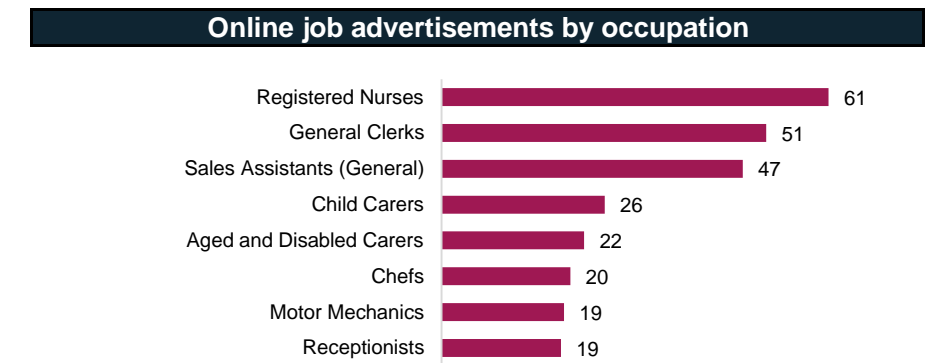
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Central Goldfields	7.9	9.2
Ararat	5.0	3.9
Pyrenees	4.6	5.2
Ballarat	4.3	4.2
Moorabool	3.3	3.5

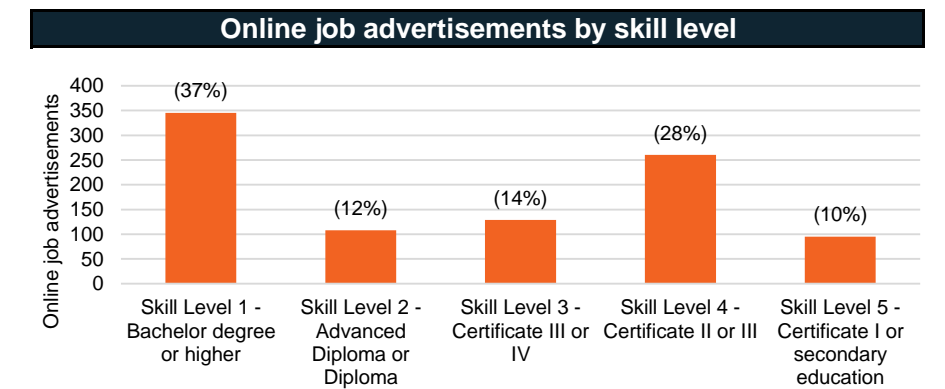
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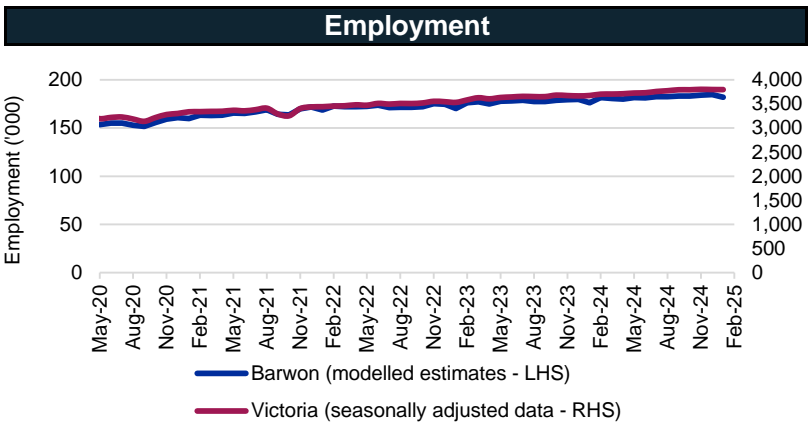
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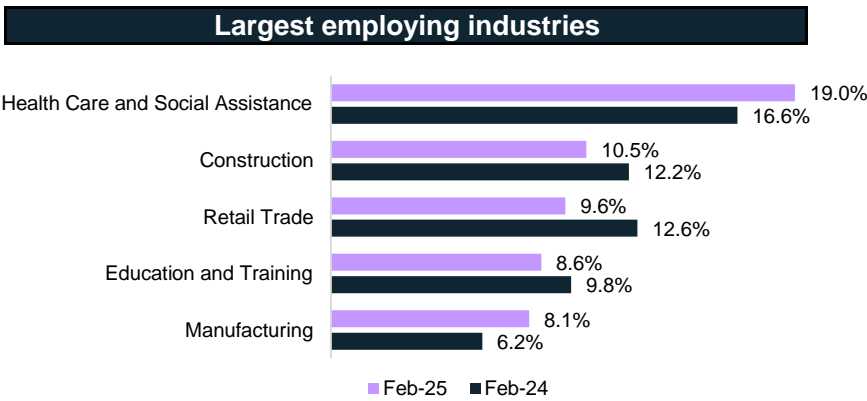
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Barwon	184.4	181.7	1.5	7.3	6.1	20.2	3.8	3.2	66.5	66.1	8.5	10.2
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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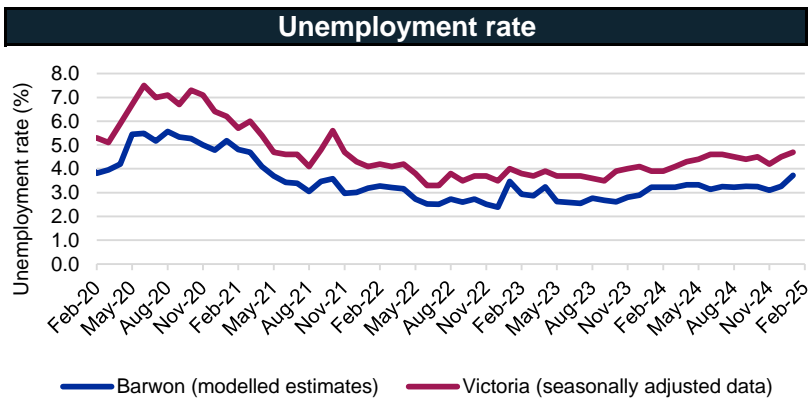
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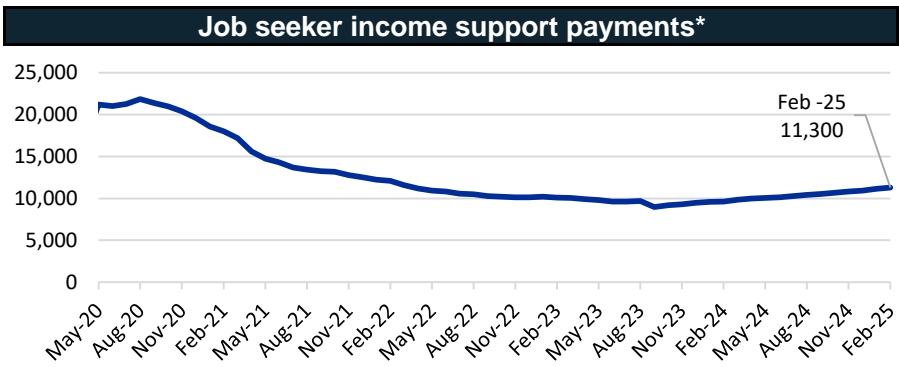
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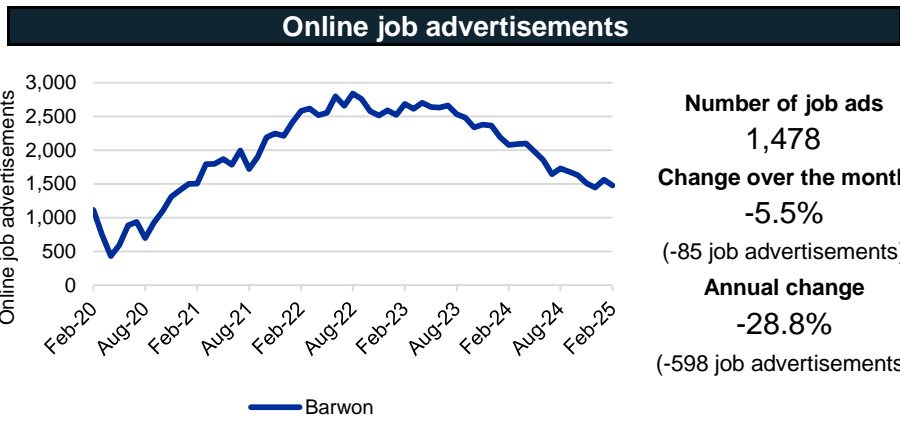
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	9,610	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	11,300	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	1,690	31,650
	17.6%	16.0%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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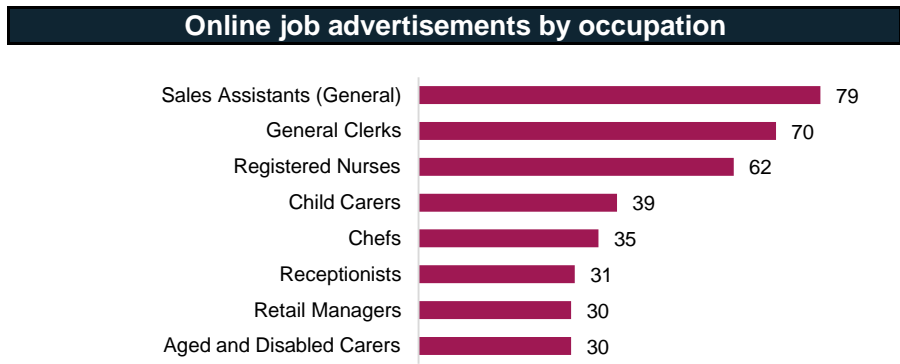
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Greater Geelong	4.6	3.8
Golden Plains	3.0	2.5
Surf Coast	1.5	1.4

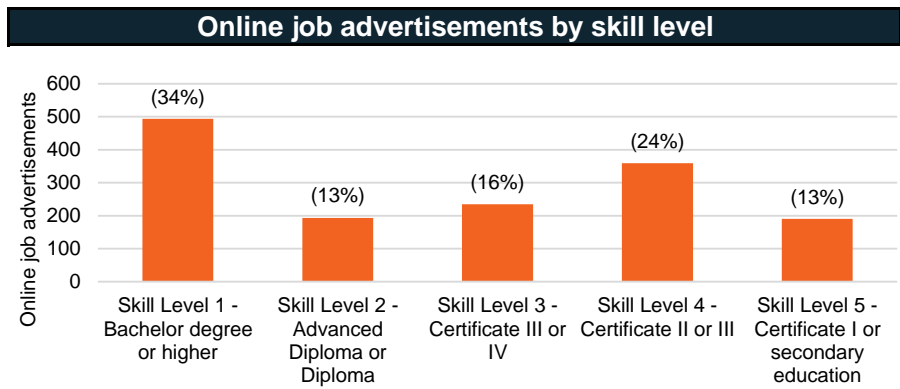
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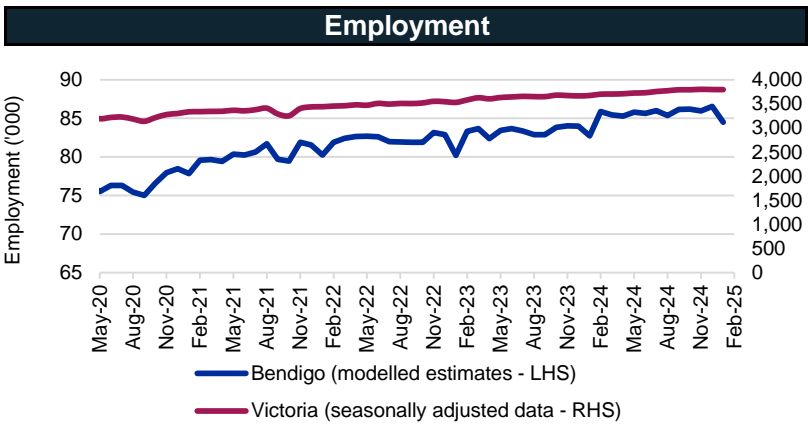
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Bendigo	86.2	85.9	0.4	3.2	2.9	11.6	3.6	3.3	62.9	62.7	10.6	4.0
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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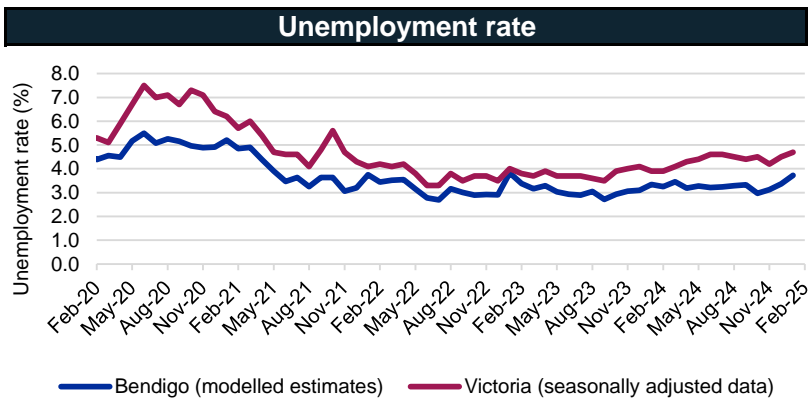
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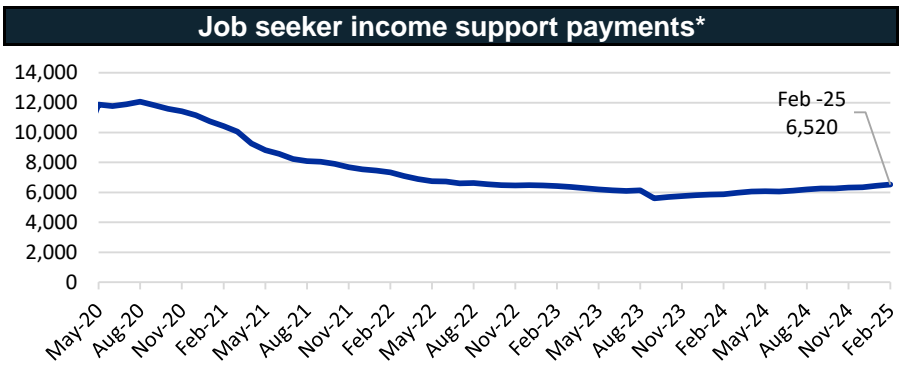
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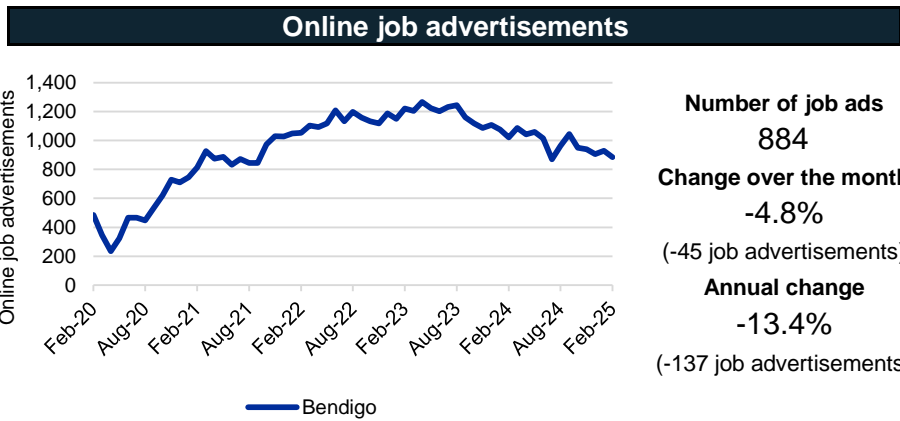
Change in job seeker income support payments		Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024		5,885	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025		6,520	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑	635	31,650
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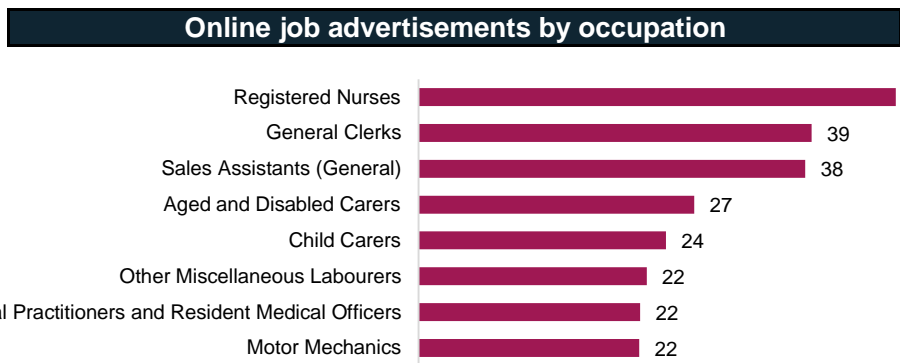
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
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Greater Bendigo	4.0	3.5
Mount Alexander	3.1	2.7
Macedon Ranges	1.8	1.6

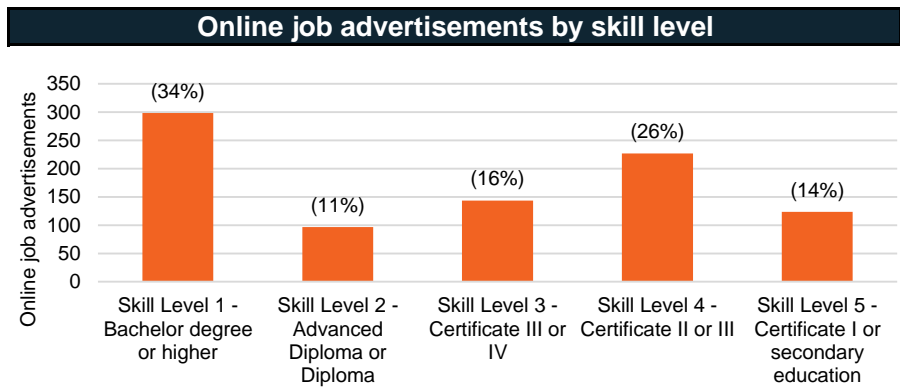
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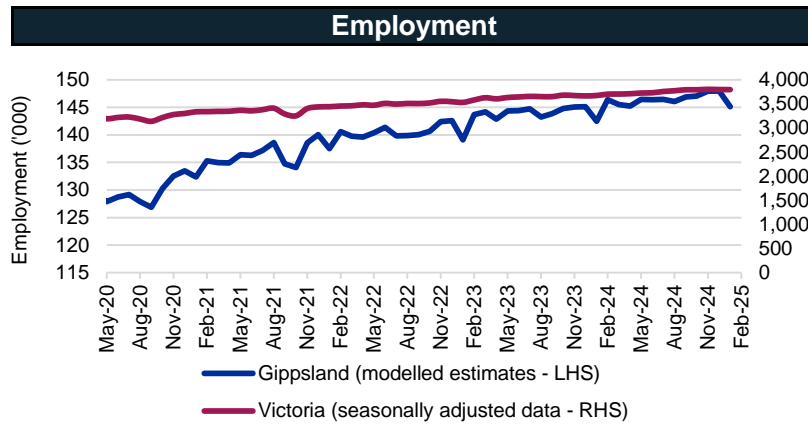
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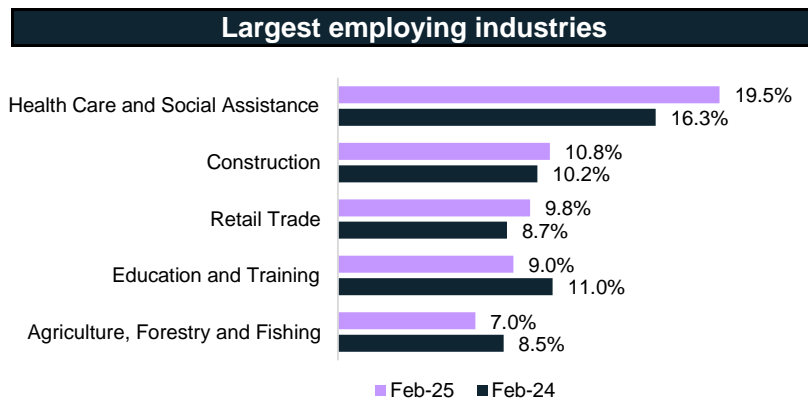
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Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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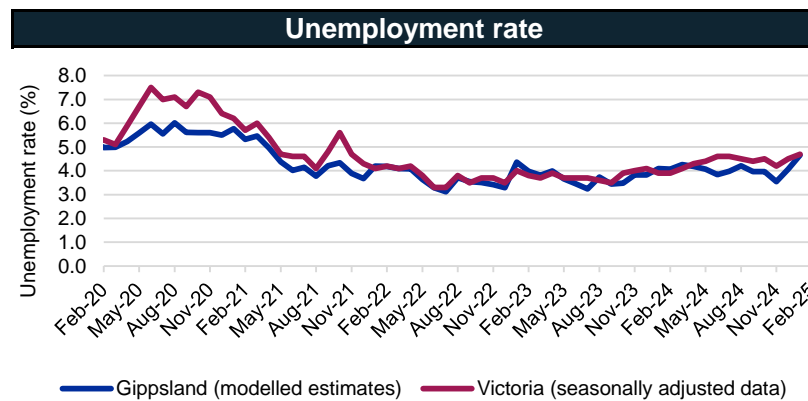
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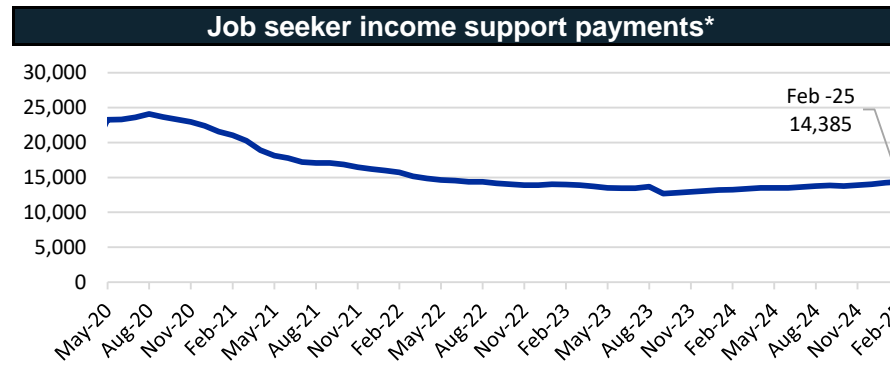
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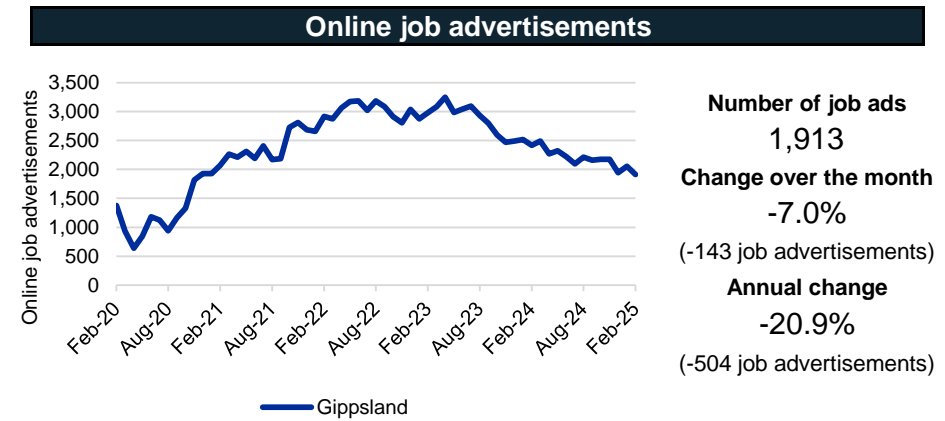
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	Gippsland	Victoria
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments		
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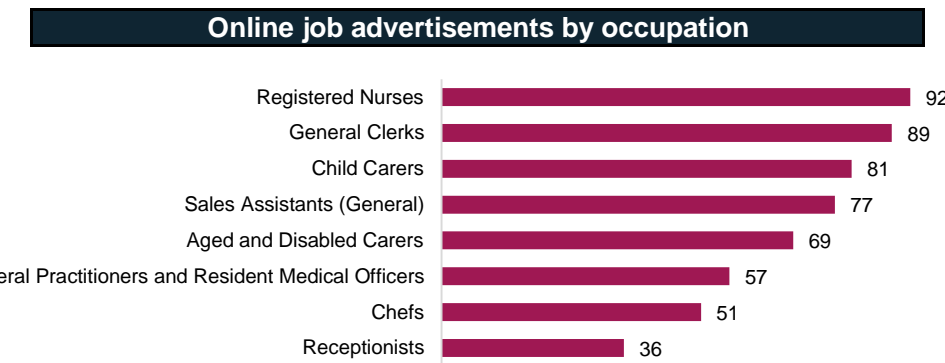
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Latrobe (Vic.)	7.4	4.9
East Gippsland	6.1	4.2
Wellington	4.8	3.2
Bass Coast	3.9	2.8
Baw Baw	3.2	2.1

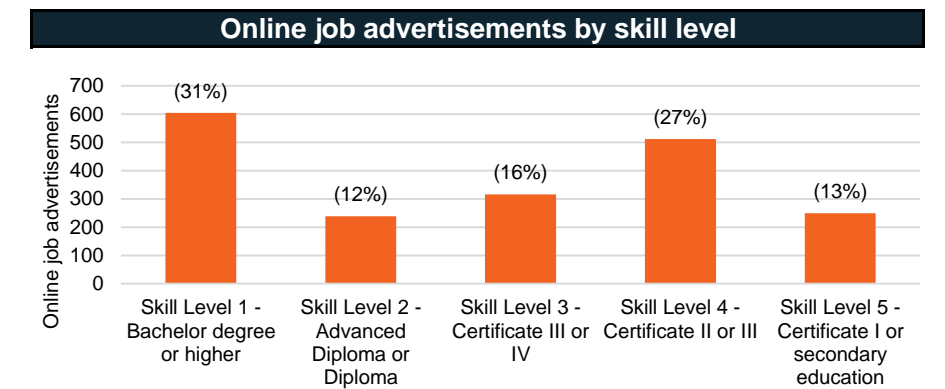
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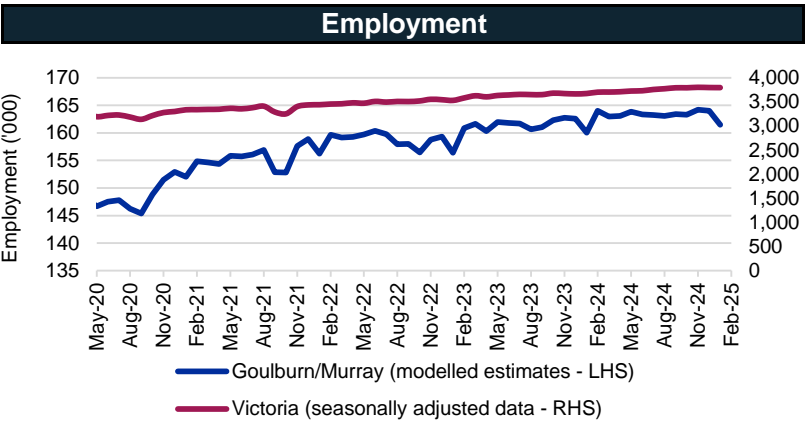
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Goulburn/Murray	163.6	164.0	-0.2	6.2	5.3	16.6	3.6	3.1	63.0	62.9	5.5	3.1
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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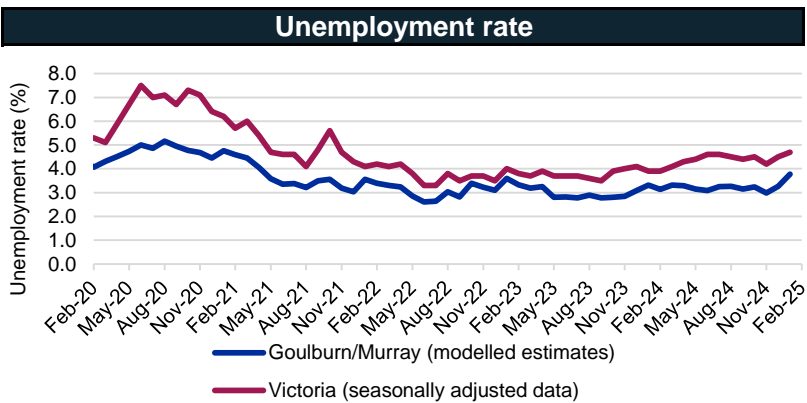
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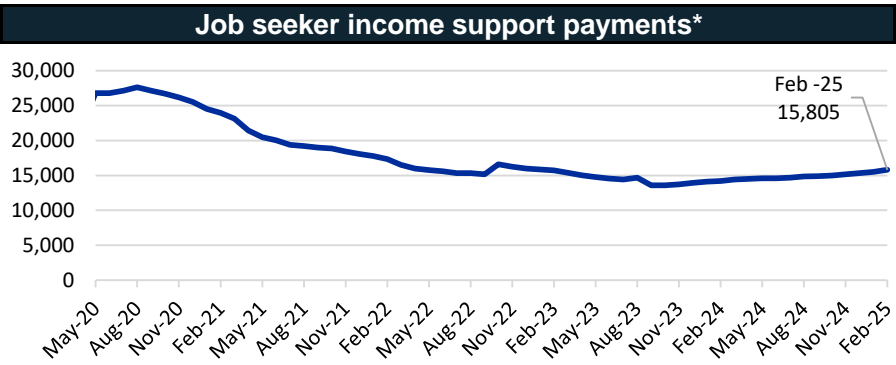
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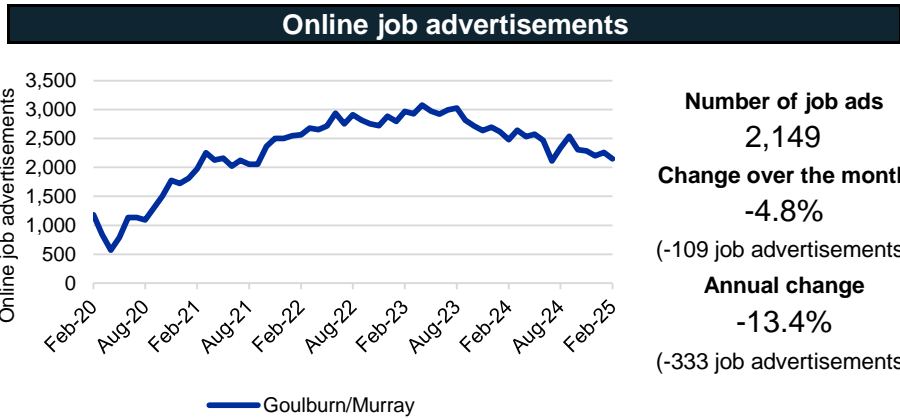
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Goulburn/Murray	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	14,215	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	15,805	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	1,590	31,650
	11.2%	16.0%

% 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
Goulburn/Murray	15,805	7.0%
Victoria	229,860	5.0%
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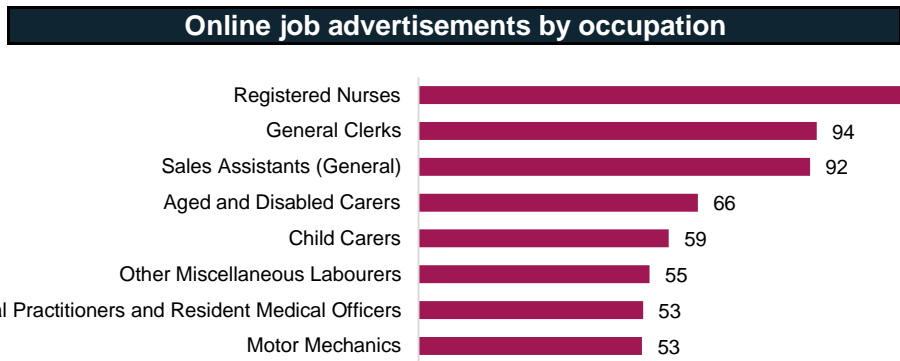
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Benalla	4.4	3.3
Mitchell	4.2	3.4
Wodonga	4.2	3.0
Albury	3.9	5.1
Wangaratta	3.8	2.6

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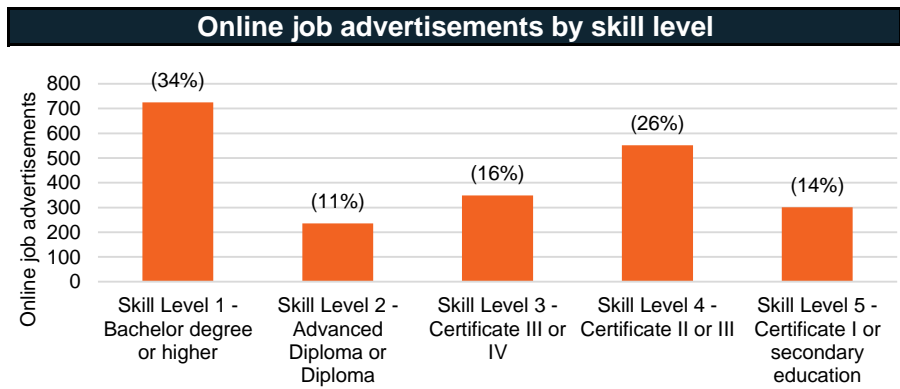


Number of job ads
2,149
Change over the month
-4.8%
(-109 job advertisements)
Annual change
-13.4%
(-333 job advertisements)

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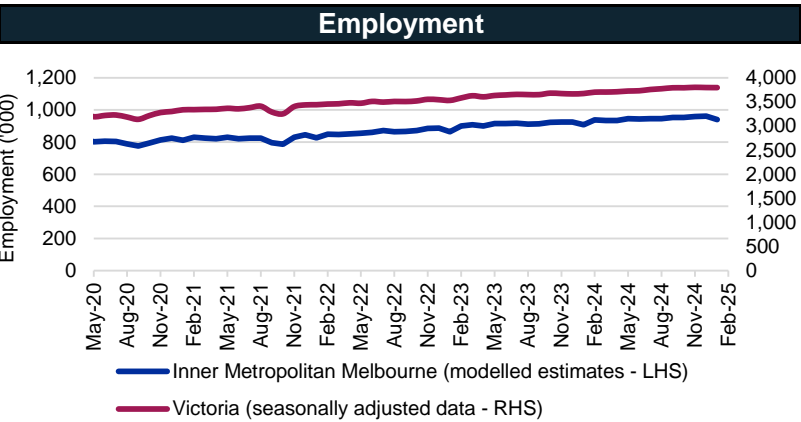
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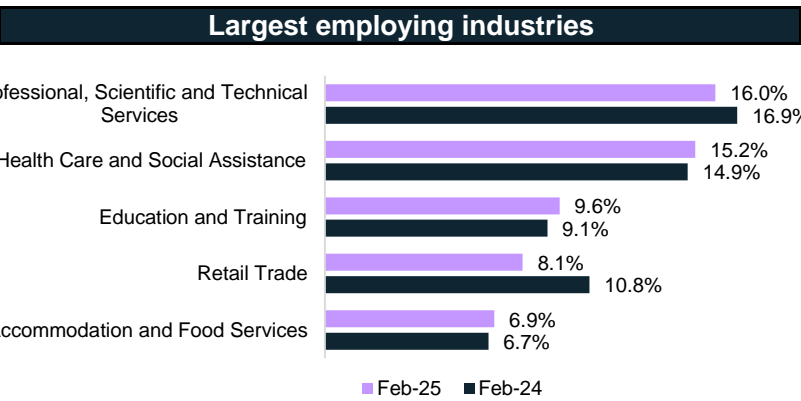
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Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	959.0	937.7	2.3	47.3	37.8	25.1	4.7	3.9	71.8	72.3	11.0	8.9
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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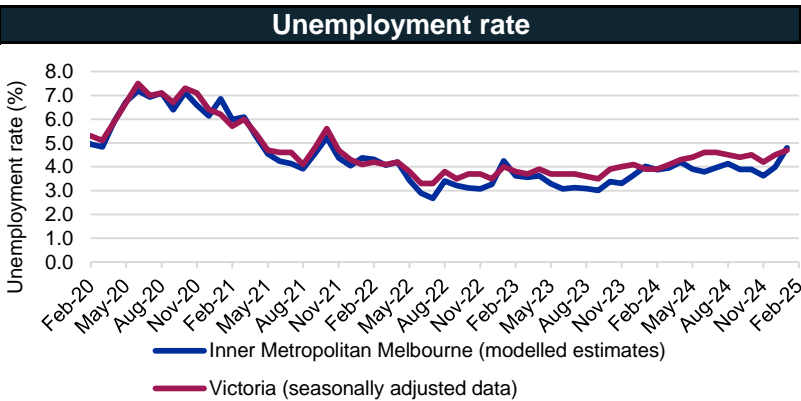
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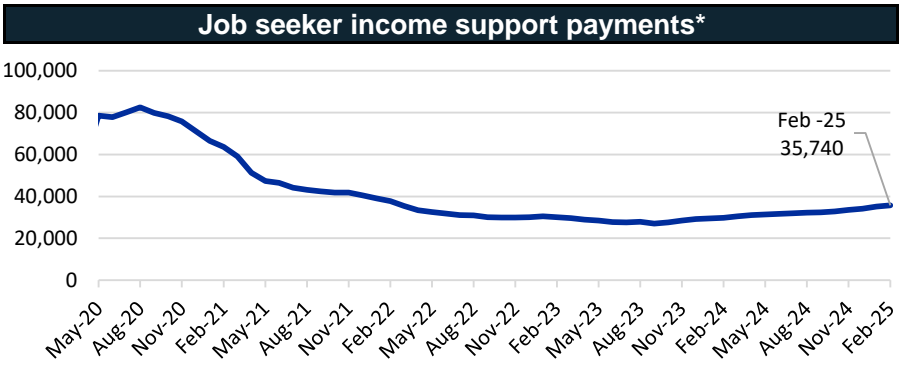
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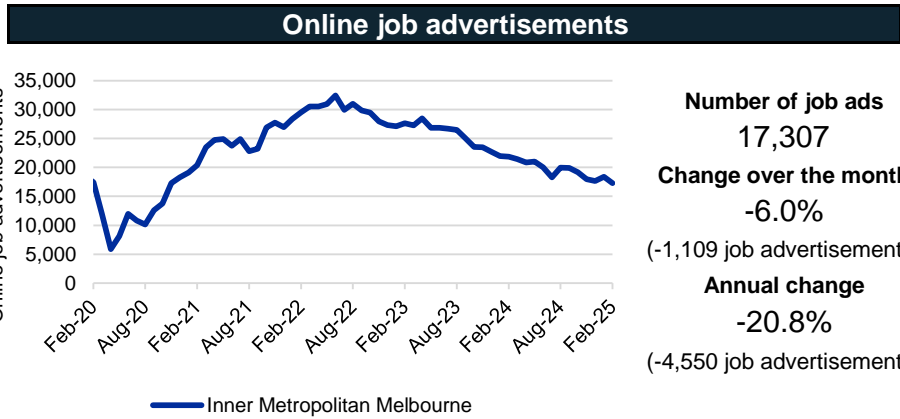
Change in job seeker income support payments		Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024		29,815	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025		35,740	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑	5,925	31,650
	↑	19.9%	16.0%

% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	35,740	3.3%
Victoria	229,860	5.0%
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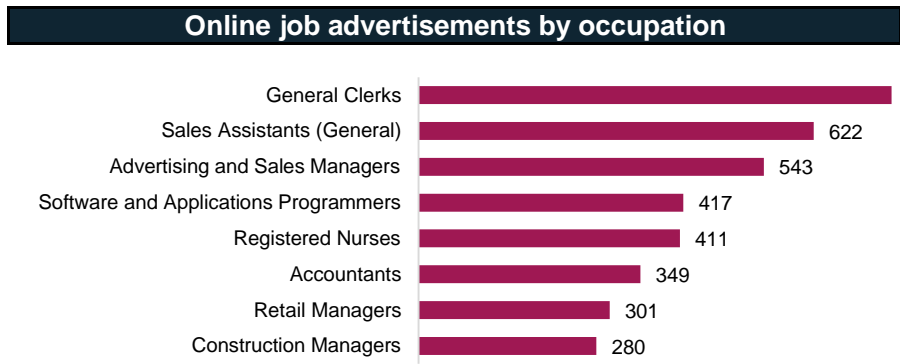
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Yarra	5.5	4.3
Merri-bek	5.3	4.3
Darebin	4.9	4.4
Kingston (Vic.)	4.7	3.5
Port Phillip	4.7	3.9

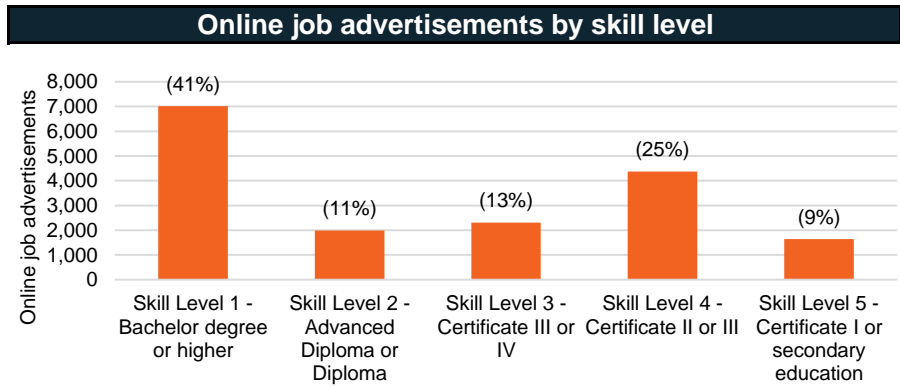
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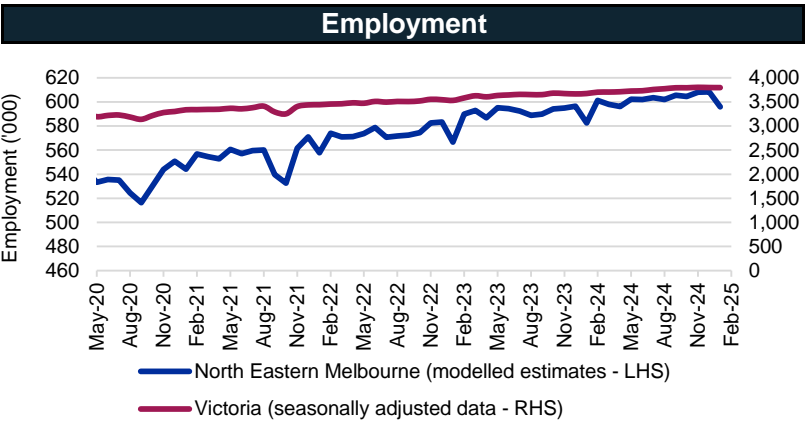
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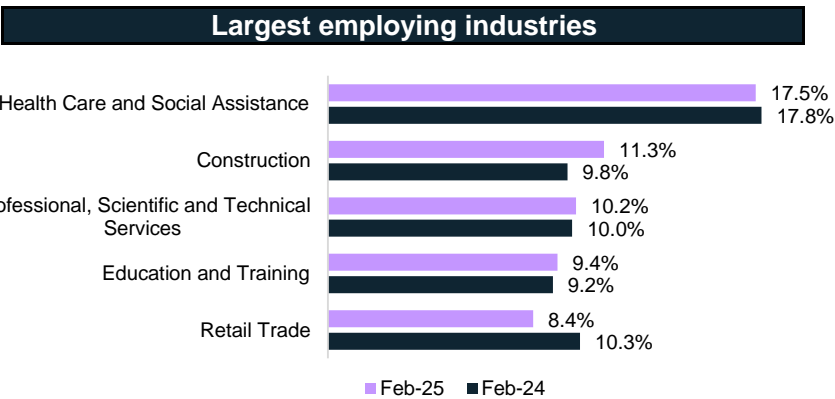
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North Eastern Melbourne	607.5	601.2	1.0	28.2	23.7	19.0	4.4	3.8	68.9	68.7	10.8	8.3
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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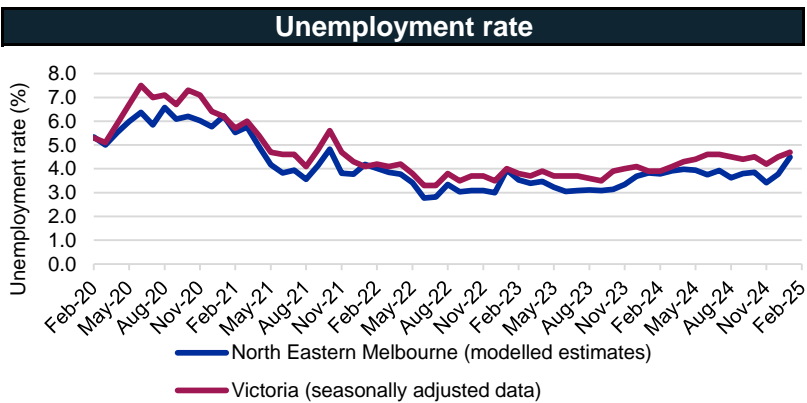
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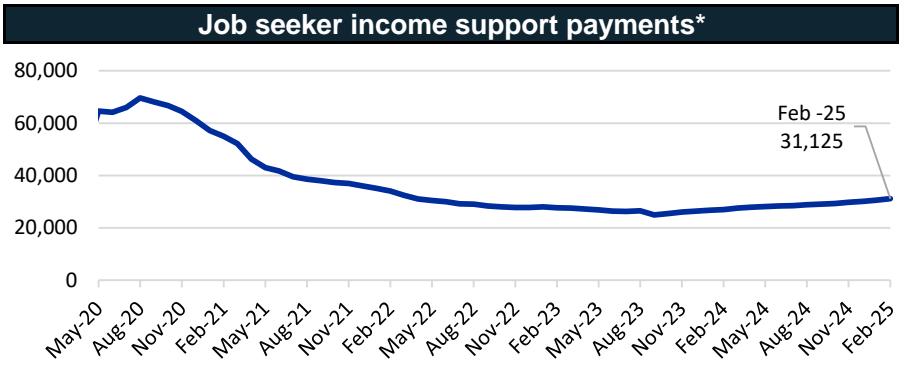
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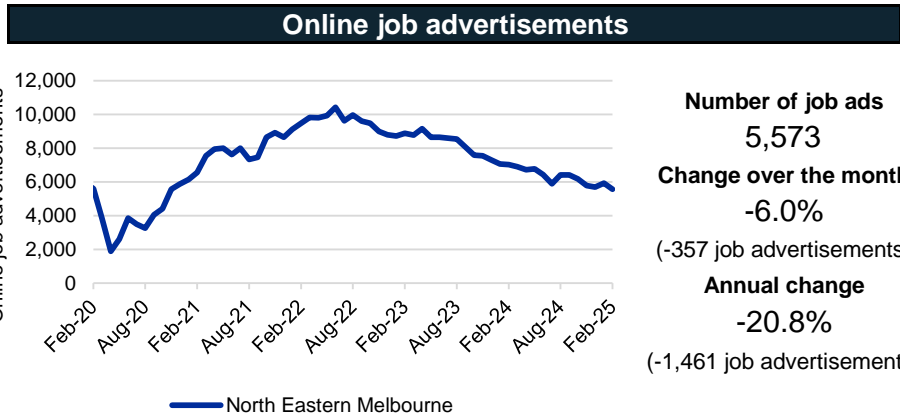
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	26,910	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	31,125	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	4,215	31,650
	15.7%	16.0%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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North Eastern Melbourne	31,125	4.4%
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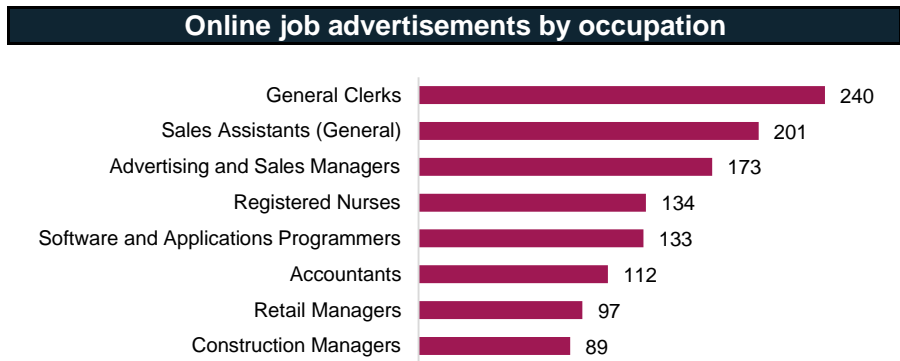
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Darebin	4.9	4.4
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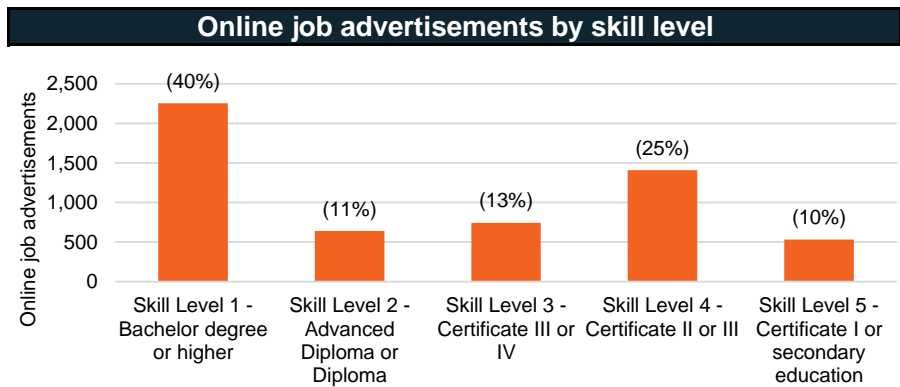
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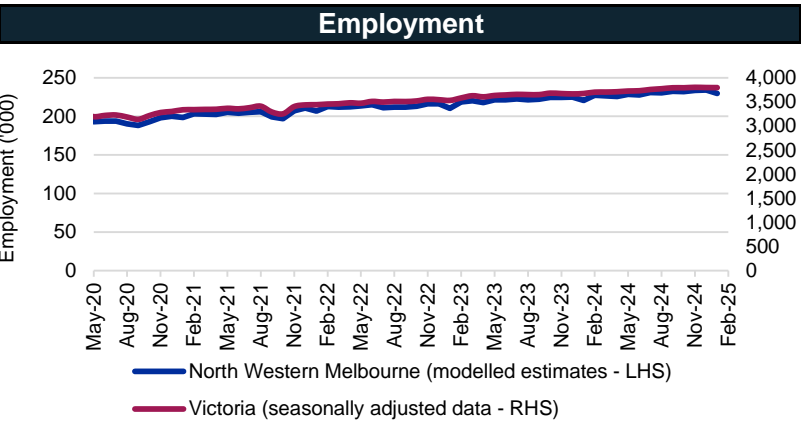
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North Western Melbourne	233.6	227.4	2.7	14.8	13.0	14.0	5.9	5.4	66.4	65.8	15.2	12.6
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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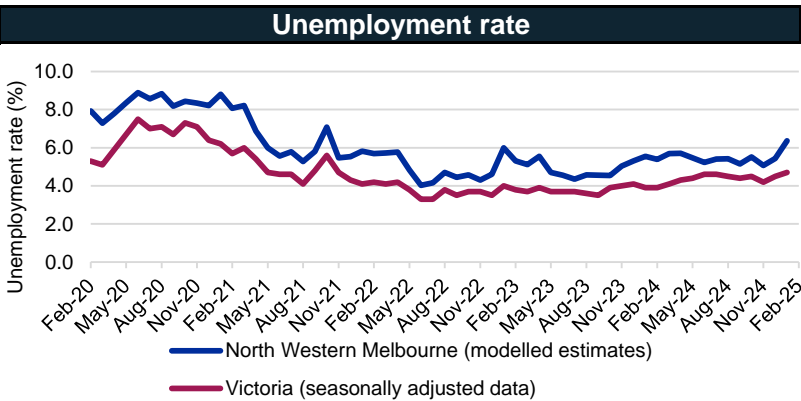
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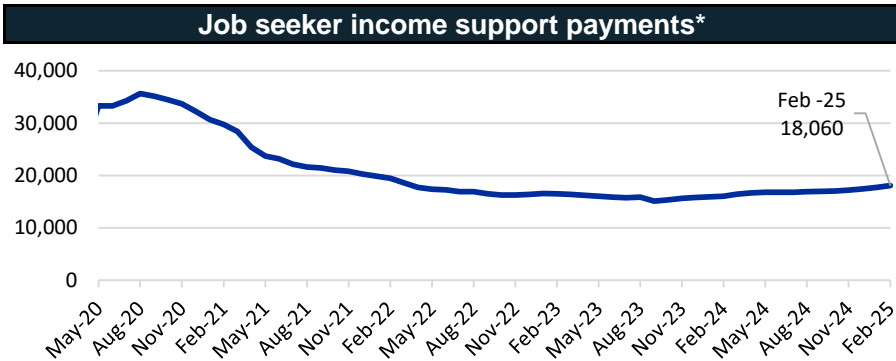
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Change in job seeker income support payments		
	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	16,015	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	18,060	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	2,045	31,650
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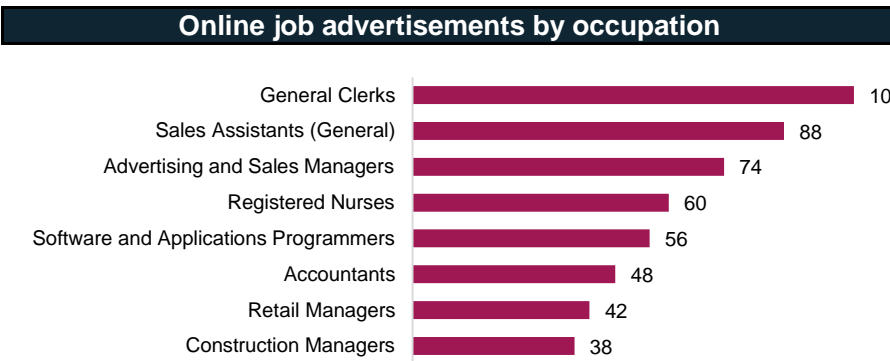
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Hume	7.8	6.8
Brimbank	5.9	6.7
Merri-bek	5.3	4.3
Moonee Valley	4.6	3.5
Macedon Ranges	1.8	1.6

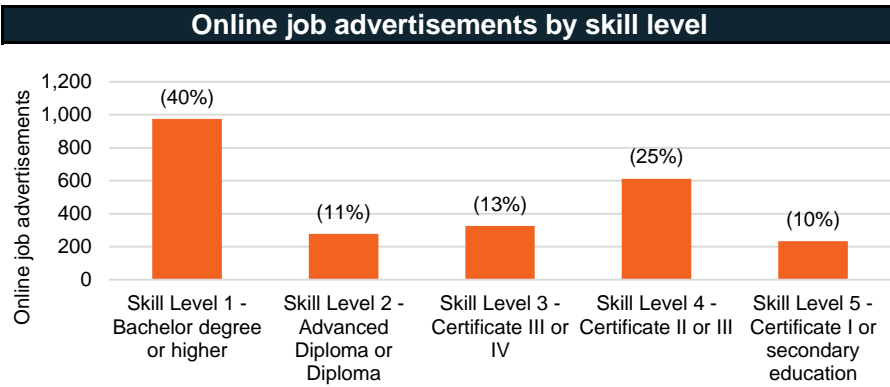
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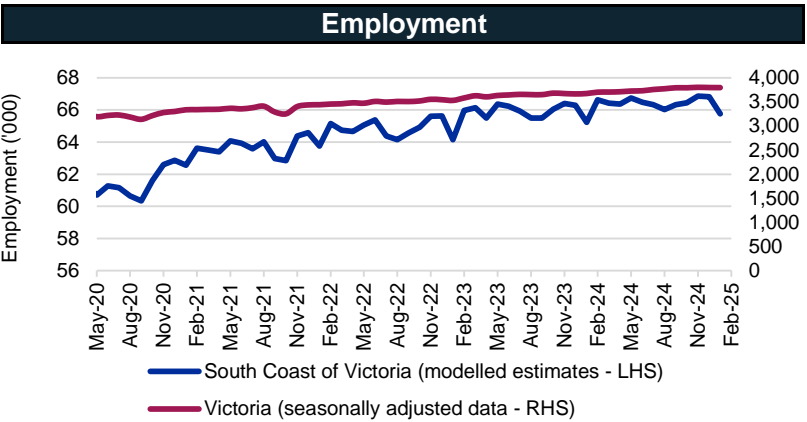
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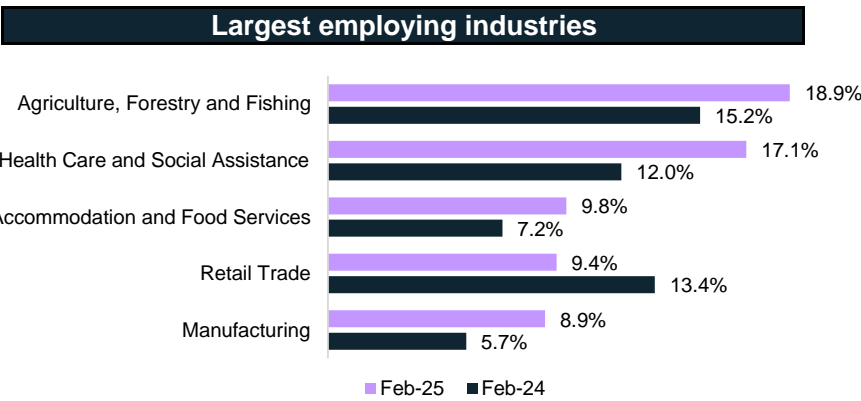
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South Coast of Victoria	66.5	66.6	-0.2	2.0	1.9	4.7	2.9	2.8	64.1	64.1	5.1	2.3
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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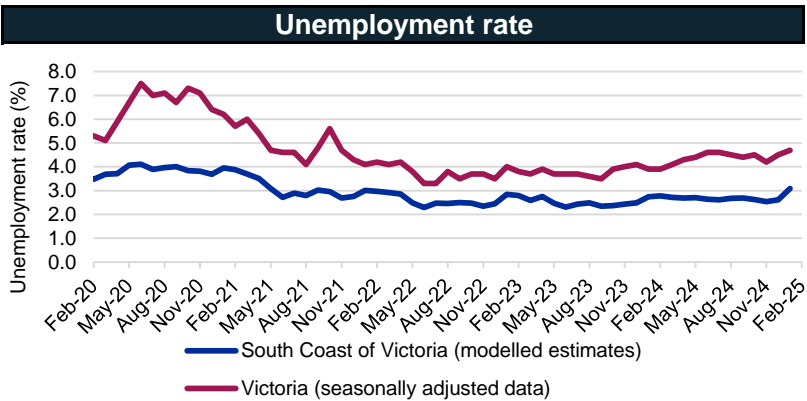
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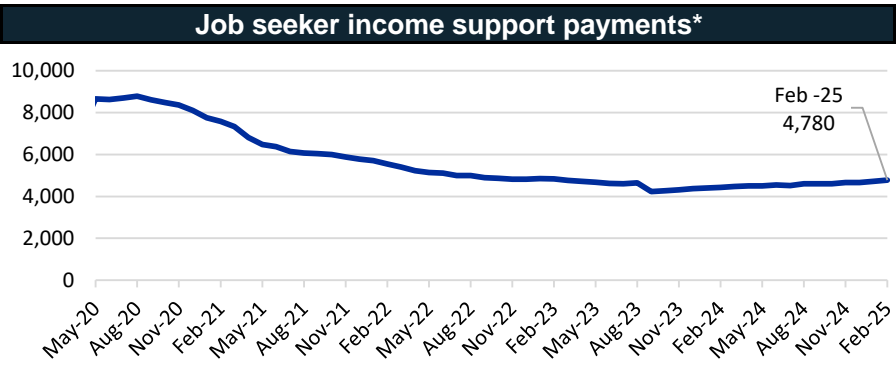
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Change in job seeker income support payments		
	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	4,425	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	4,780	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑ 355	↑ 31,650
	↑ 8.0%	↑ 16.0%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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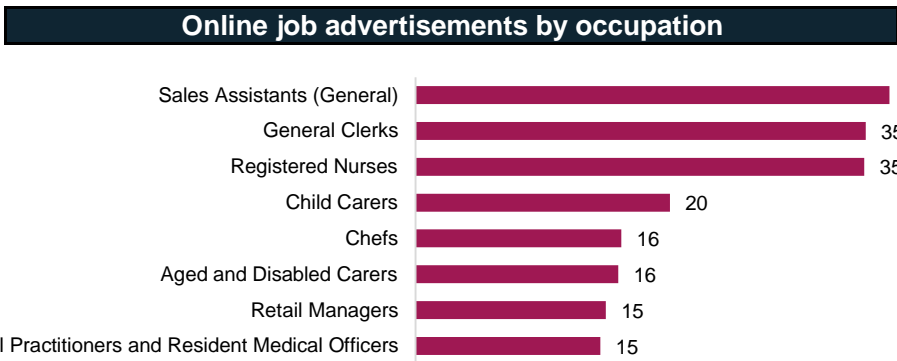
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Glenelg	3.0	2.9
Southern Grampians	2.3	2.1
Warrnambool	2.0	1.8
Colac Otway	1.9	1.8
Corangamite	1.6	1.5

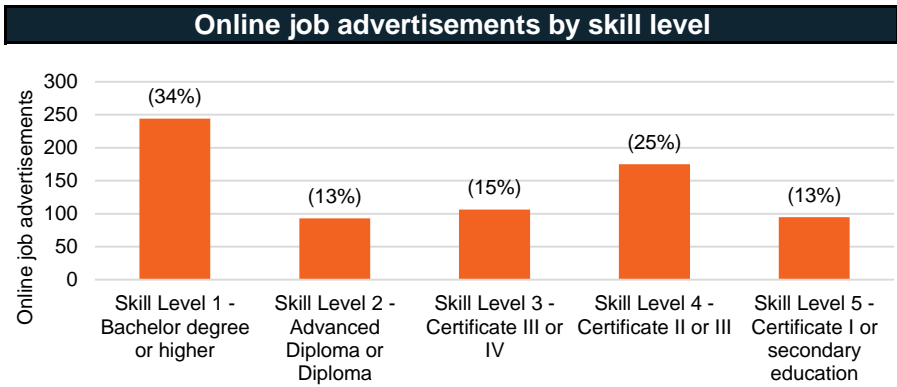
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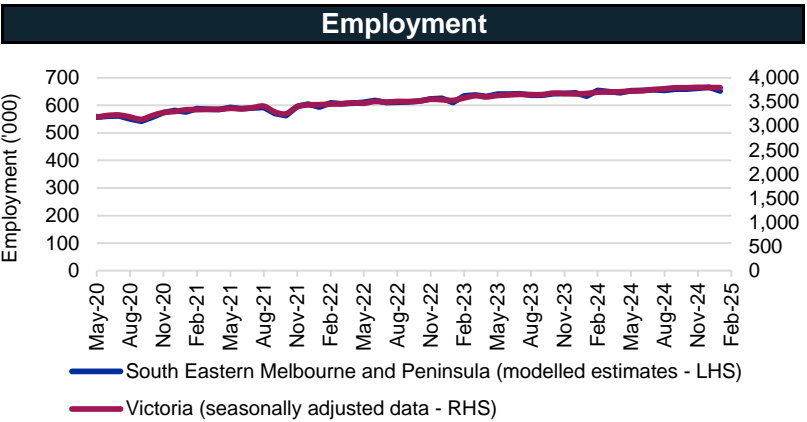
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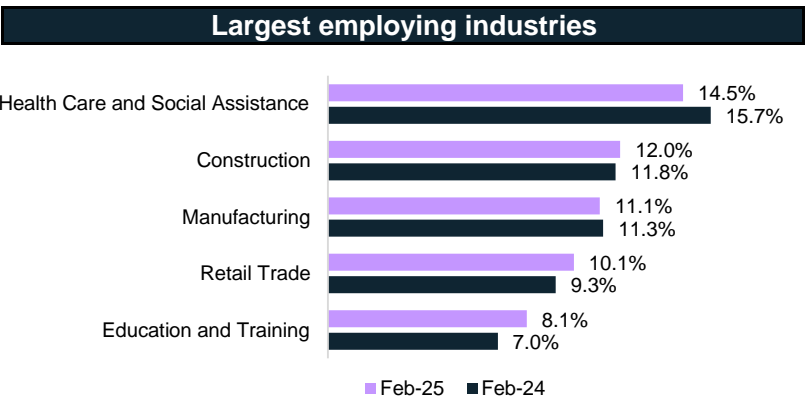
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	663.4	654.8	1.3	40.5	31.8	27.5	5.8	4.6	67.9	67.7	10.0	10.4
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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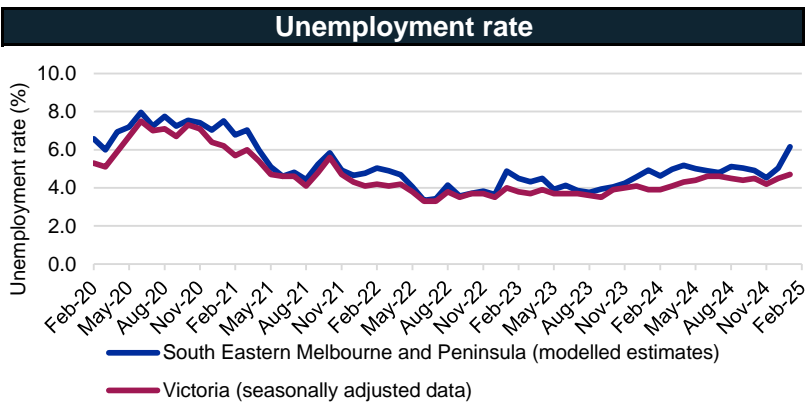
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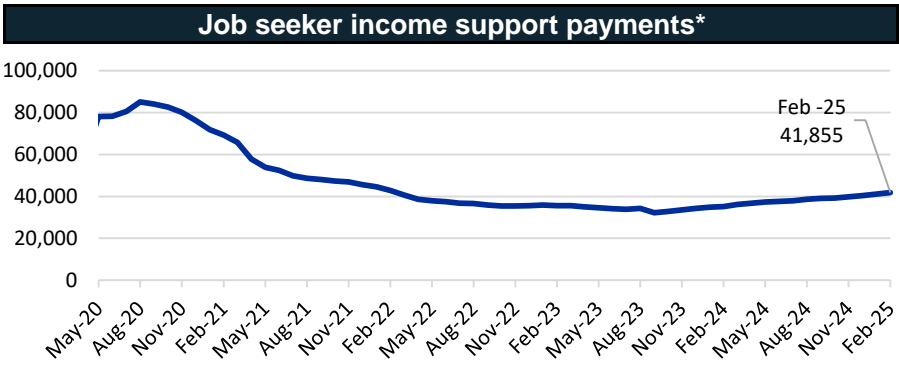
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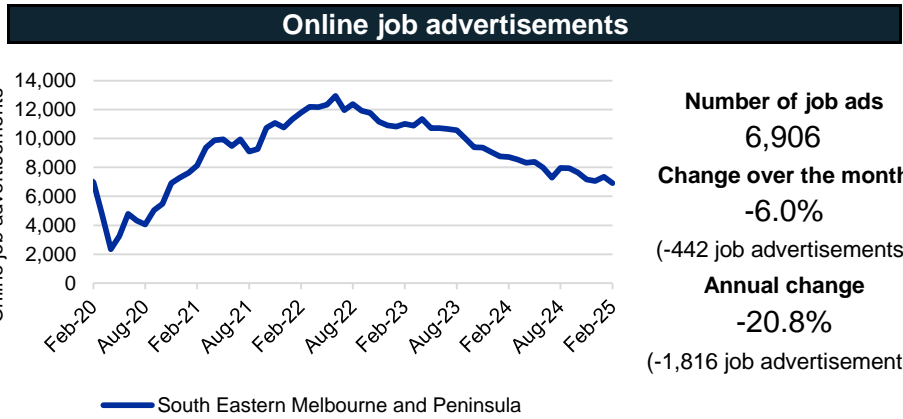
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	35,075	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	41,855	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	↑ 6,780	↑ 31,650
	↑ 19.3%	↑ 16.0%

% 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
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	41,855	5.2%
Victoria	229,860	5.0%
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
Greater Dandenong	6.7	6.7
Frankston	5.6	3.2
Casey	4.9	4.7
Kingston (Vic.)	4.7	3.5
Mornington Peninsula	3.7	2.1

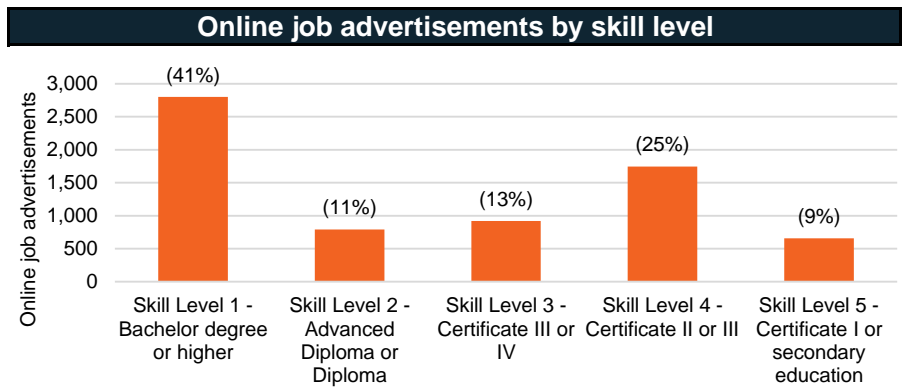
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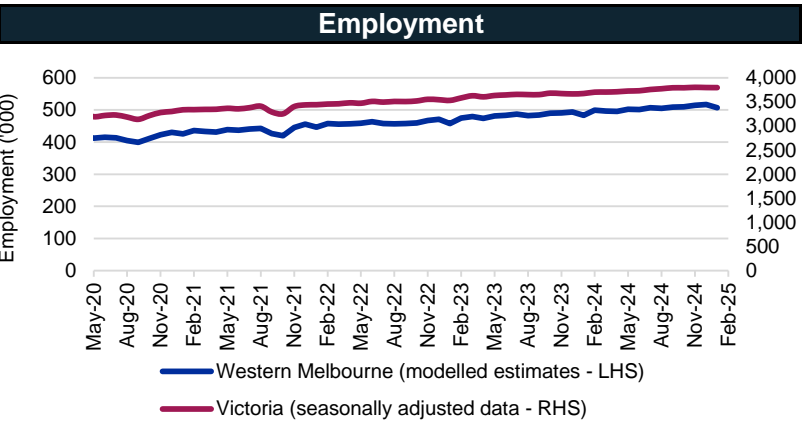
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Western Melbourne	515.5	499.7	3.2	36.5	28.7	27.4	6.6	5.4	72.0	71.0	13.4	11.6
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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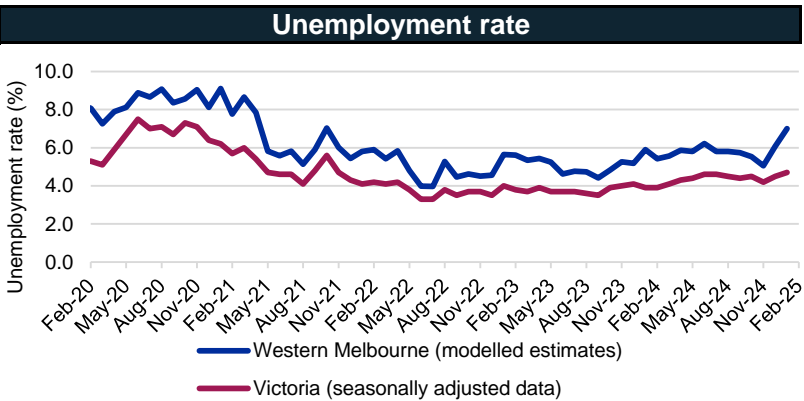
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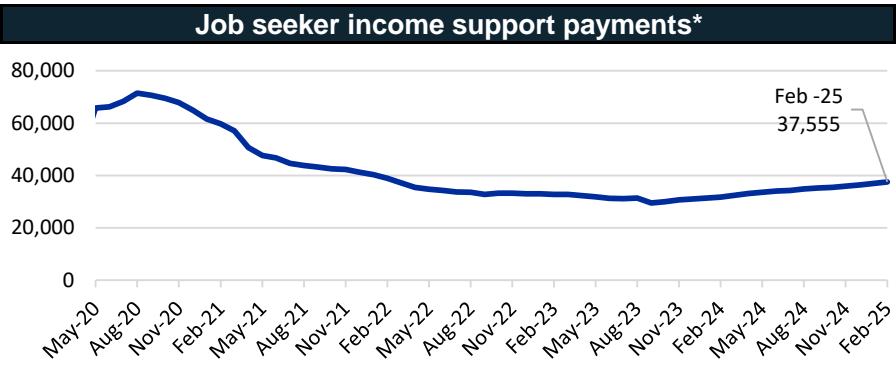
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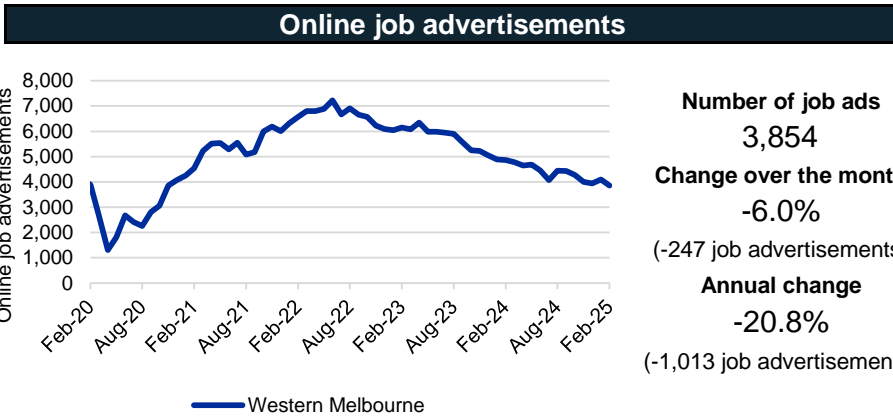
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	31,695	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	37,555	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	5,860	31,650
	18.5%	16.0%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Brimbank	5.9	6.7
Melton	5.2	5.4
Wyndham	4.4	4.6
Maribyrnong	3.9	4.4
Moorabool	3.3	3.5

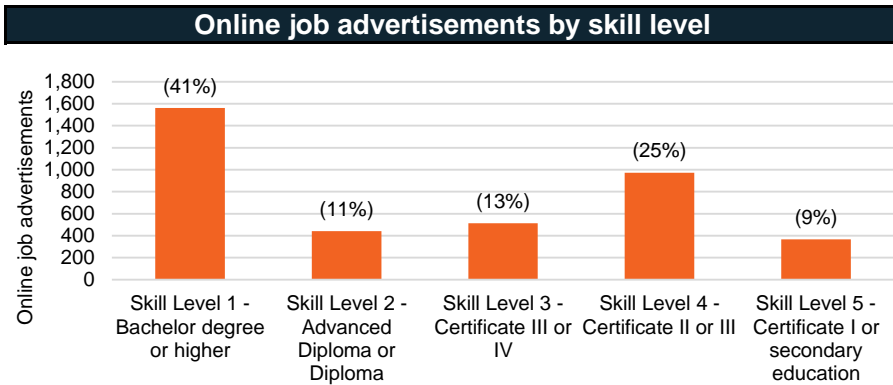
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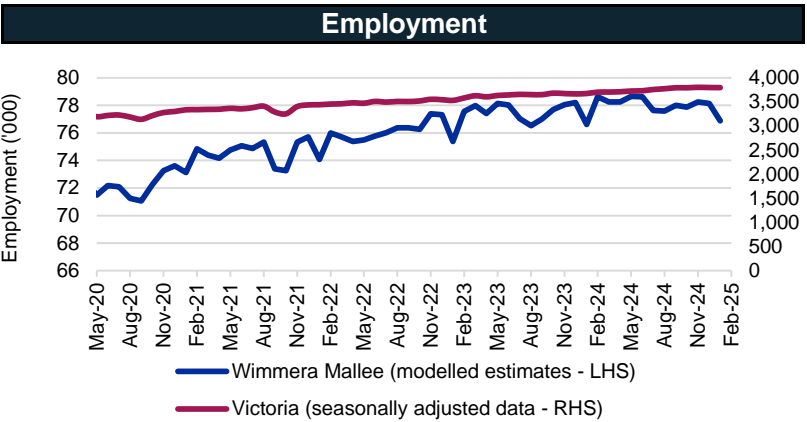
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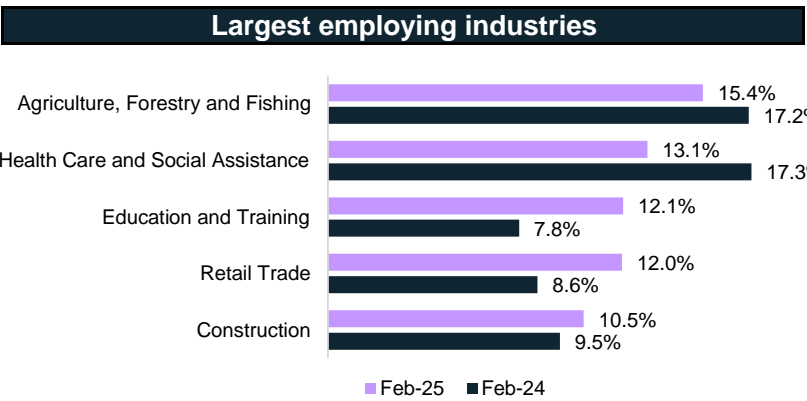
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Wimmera Mallee	77.8	78.6	-1.0	2.9	2.7	9.3	3.6	3.3	63.3	63.4	6.5	9.9
Victoria	3,767.9	3,705.8	1.7	183.7	149.8	22.6	4.6	3.9	67.6	67.4	10.8	9.2
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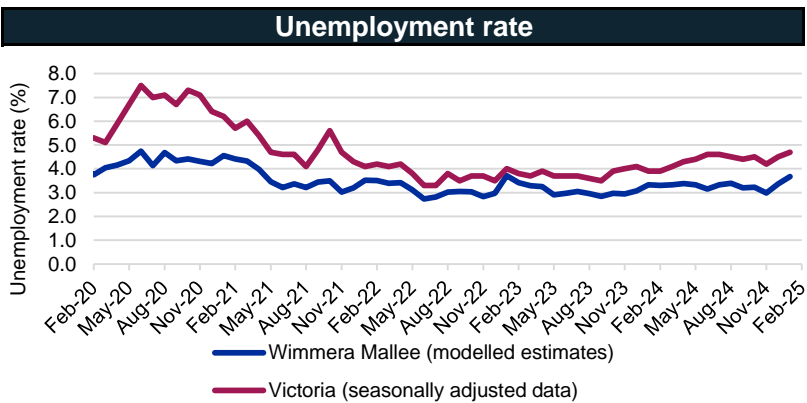
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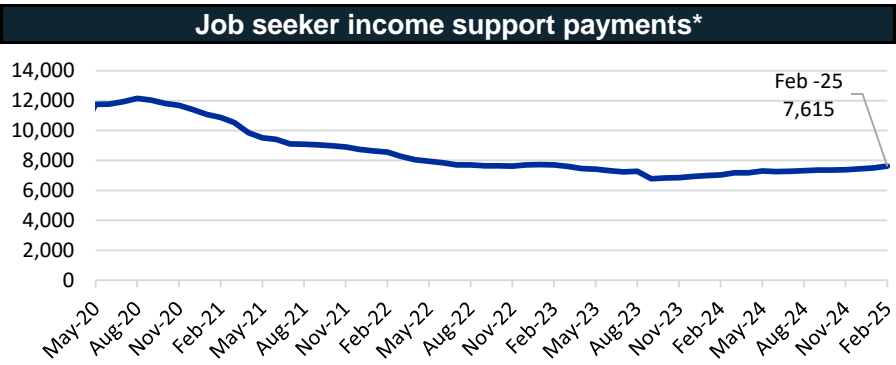
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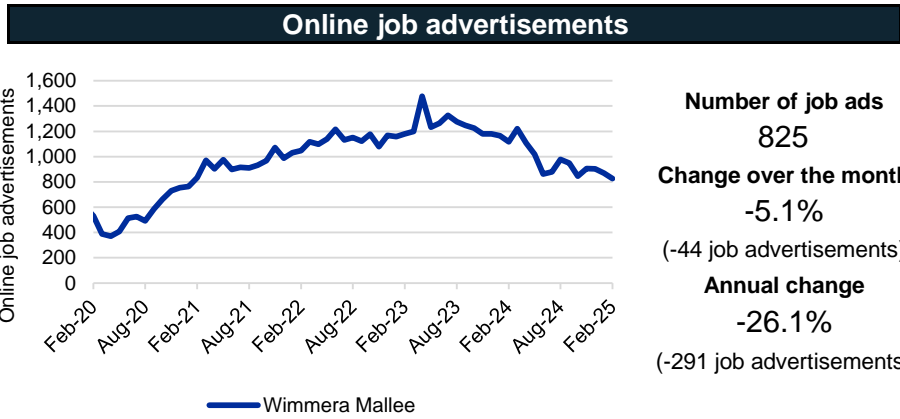
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - Feb 2024	7,025	198,210
Payments - Feb 2025	7,615	229,860
Change from Feb 2024 to Feb 2025	590	31,650
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% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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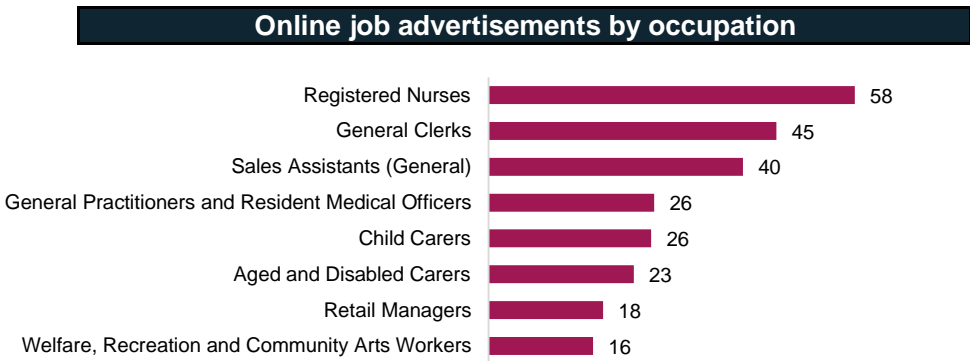
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Ararat	5.0	3.9
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Mildura	4.7	3.8
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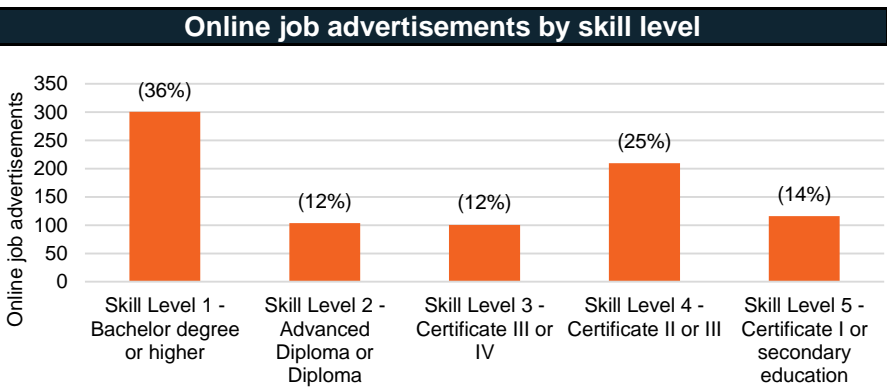
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