



## South West WA Employment Region

Western Australia

## Labour Market Dashboard

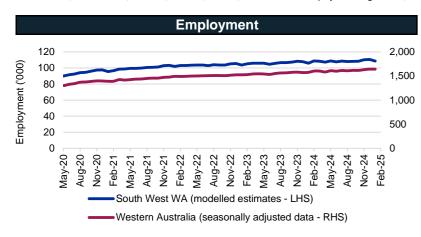
## Data current as at 27 March 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table													
		Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Feb-25	Feb-24	Change	Feb-25	Feb-24	Change	Feb-25	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-24	
	('000)	('000)	(%)	('000)	('000)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
South West WA	110.7	108.8	1.7	3.4	3.5	-3.3	3.0	3.1	67.1	67.2	4.4	13.1	
Western Australia	1,643.5	1,597.4	2.9	58.4	59.5	-1.8	3.4	3.6	69.1	69.1	8.4	9.1	
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	

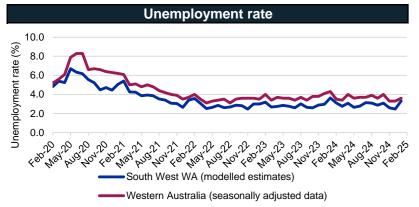
Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Feb -25, table MRM1 for Employment Region data, except for the youth unemployment rate, which is a 12-month average of the original estimates. Remaining data are seasonally adjusted.



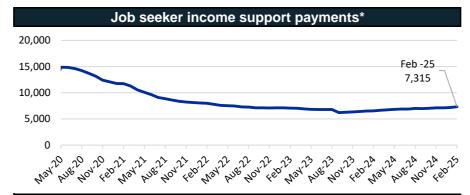
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), Feb-25



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, Feburary-25 quarter



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Change in job seeker income support payments						
	South West WA	Western Australia				
Payments - Feb 2024	6,540	95,225				
Payments - Feb 2025	7,315	105,125				
Change from Feb 2024 to	775	<b>1</b> 9,900				
Feb 2025	11.9%	<b>1</b> 0.4%				

% 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 West WA	7,315	6.1%			
Western Australia	105,125	5.4%			
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				
Collie	5.6	8.3				
Bunbury	4.8	6.5				
Manjimup	3.1	4.0				
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.7	4.0				
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	2.7	3.4				

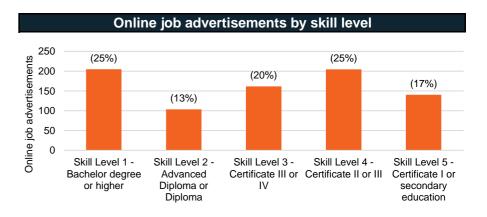
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December-24 quarter



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



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3 month average of original data, Feb-25



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Bunbury SA4. The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) and income support data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. \*Job seeker payments include those who are in receipt of either JobSeeker (aged 22 and over but under the Age Pension qualifying age) or Youth Allowance (other) payments (those aged 16 to 21). The reporting population for income support payments has changed to include those who are suspended from payment, and those who are current but on zero rate of payment for JobSeeker payments and those who are suspended from payment for Youth Allowance. Note that not everyone in receipt of income support is on the caseload. Data are published on data.gov.au. \*\*Estimated Resident Population estimates are only available by standard 5 year age groups. For more information about the data in this dashboard, refer to the Employment Region Labour Market Dashboard data sources and quality document on jobsandskills.gov.au.