



Jobs and Skills Australia

## **Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update**

## Illawarra South Coast

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This snapshot provides information about trends in employers' recruitment experiences and future staffing outlook. Information on this page is sourced from the online job advertisements measured by the Internet Vacancy Index (IVI).

Internet vacancies, headline figures, Illawarra South Coast ER, Februrary 2025

Job advertisement count

### Change over the month

-10.6%

**Change since Feb-24** 

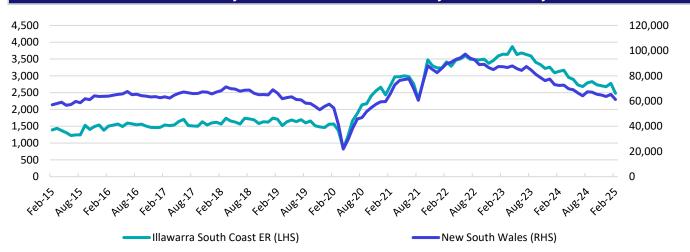
2,483

(or -296 job advertisements)

/ -20.7% (or -650 job advertisements)

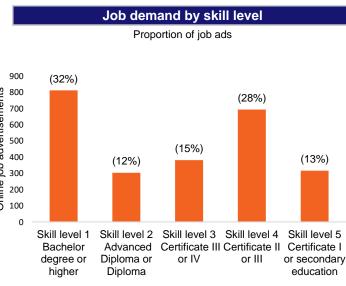
seasonally adjusted count

### Number of online job advertisements over the ten years to February 2025



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, February 2025





Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Feb-2025

Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Feb-2025

# Insights from the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

### Illawarra South Coast

Information on this page is based on the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey, which is an ongoing survey of employers across Australia run by JSA. The survey collects insights on a range of topics, including recruitment activity, recruitment difficulty and employers' future staffing expectations. Data are for the year to February 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Recruitment activity and experiences**

In Illawarra South Coast, there were 211 responding employers in the 12 months to February 2025, of whom 45% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 38% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 47% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 52% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Illawarra South Coast were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Lack of applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Location, eg remote or regional.

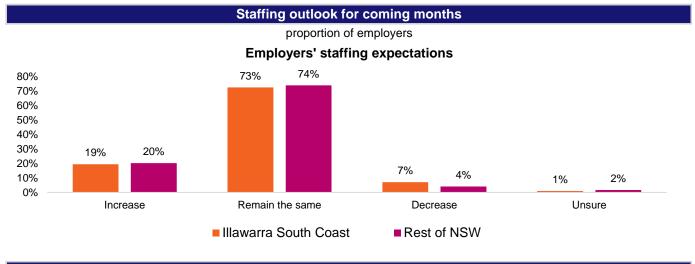
A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Illawarra South Coast and Rest of NSW is included to the right.

### **Reasons for recruitment**



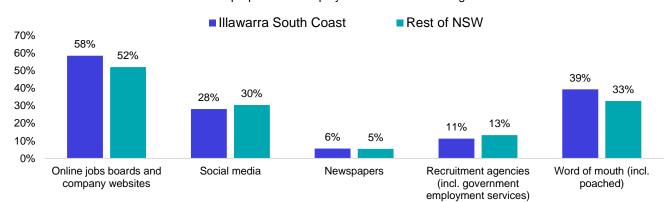
Illawarra South Coast Rest of NSW

- Newly created positions only
- Both newly created positions and turnover
- Positions due to turnover only



#### Recruitment methods

proportion of employers who were recruiting



Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Illawarra South Coast, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.