

Labour Market Dashboard
New South Wales

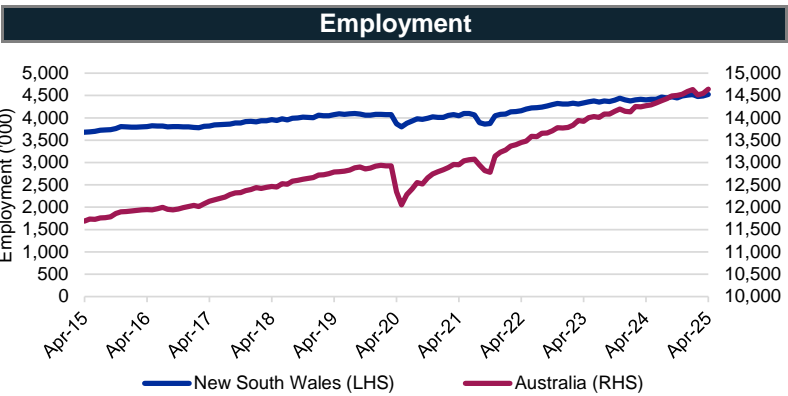
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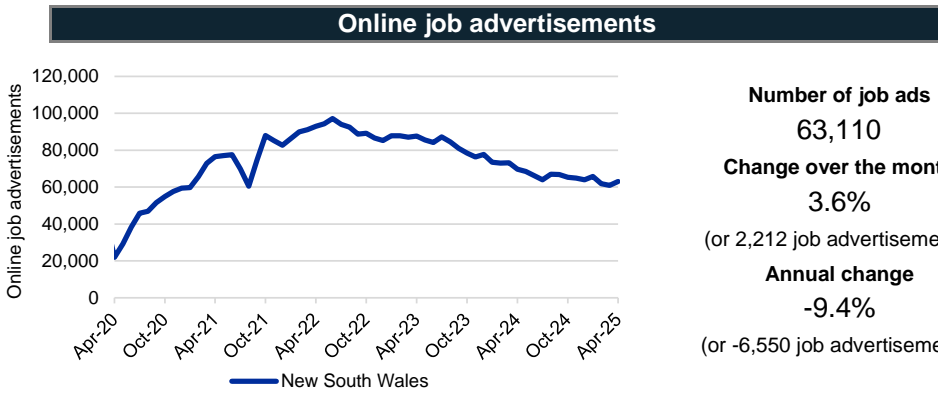
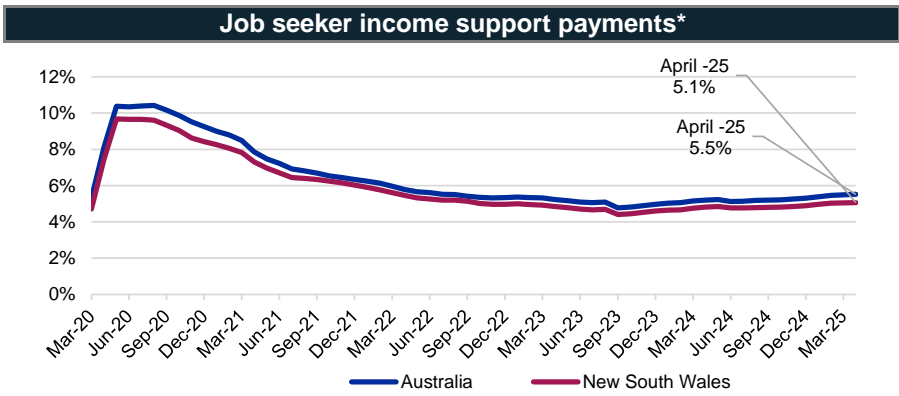
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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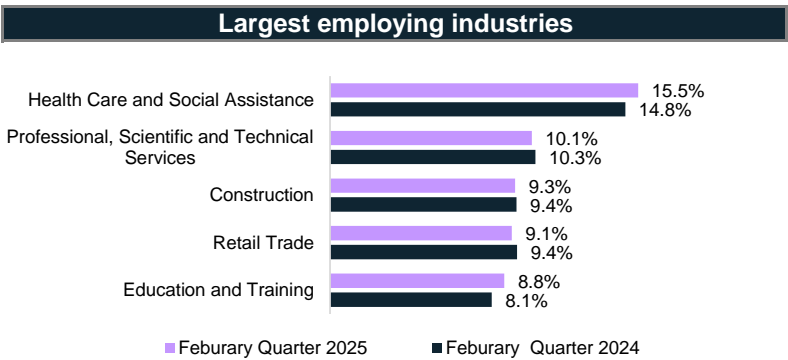
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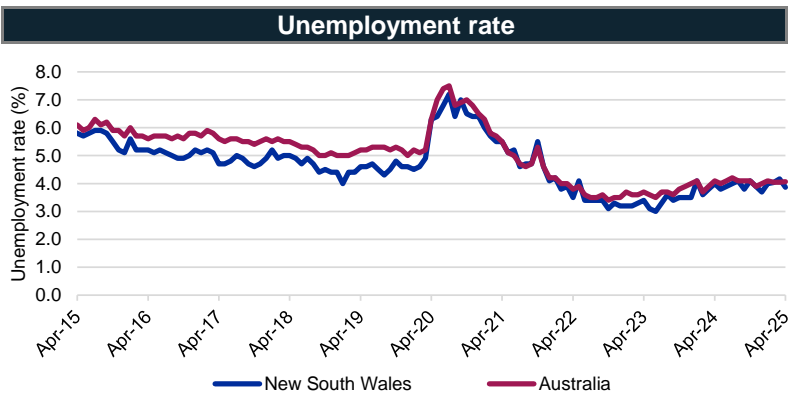


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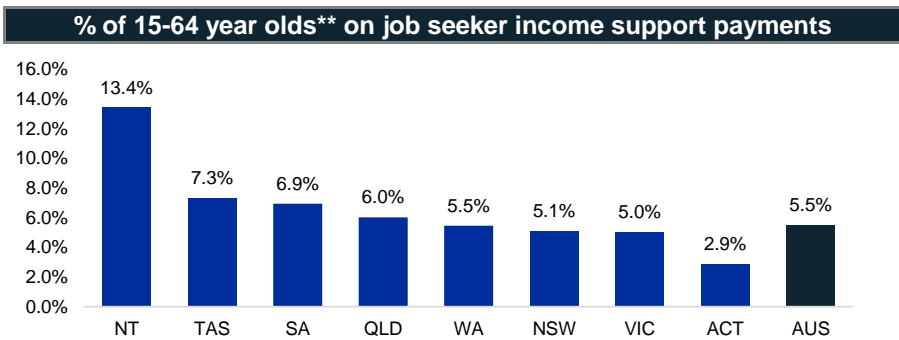
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - April 2024	259,420	900,795
Payments - April 2025	278,255	976,520
Change (April 2024 to April 2025)	↑ 18,835	↑ 75,725
Change % (April 2024 to April 2025)	↑ 7.3%	↑ 8.4%



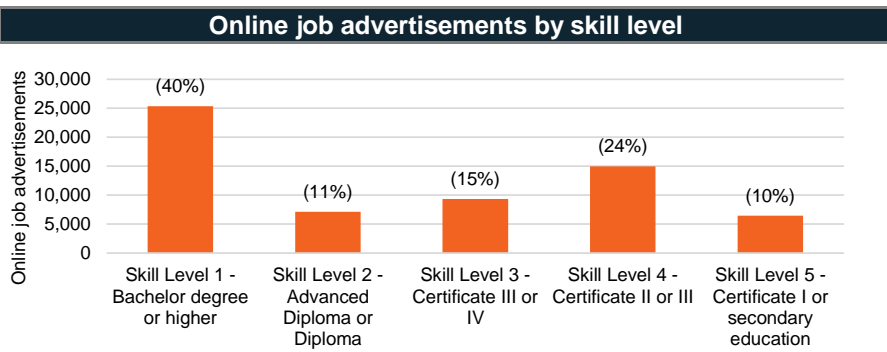
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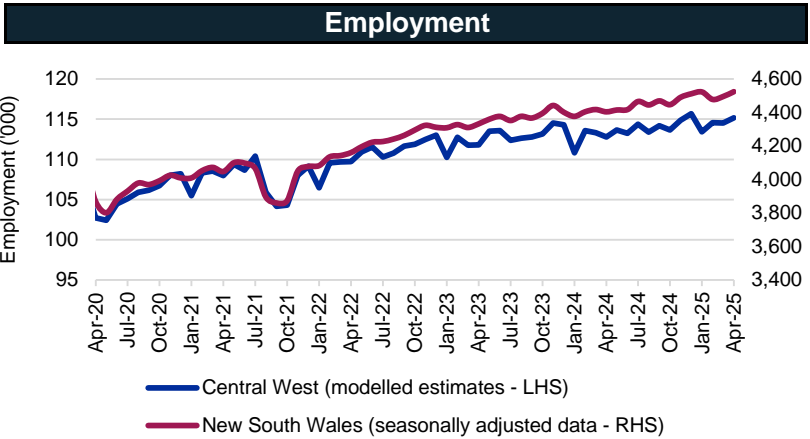
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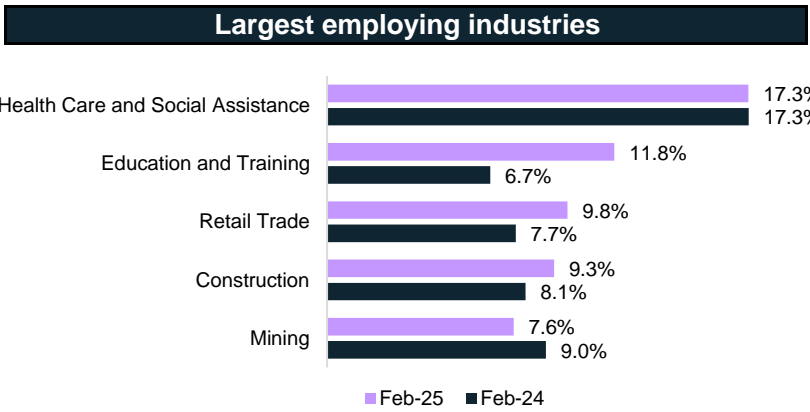
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Central West	115.1	112.8	2.1	3.9	3.9	0.8	3.3	3.3	68.5	67.1	8.0	3.6
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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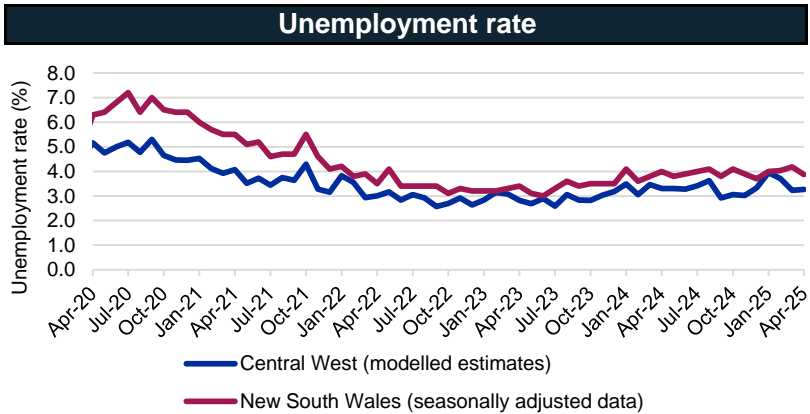
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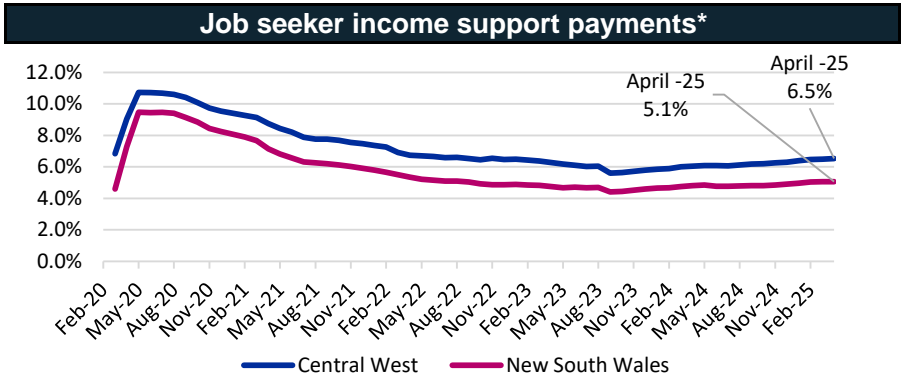
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	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	7,750	259,420
Payments - April 2025	8,370	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 620 8.0%	↑ 18,835 7.3%

% 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
Central West	8,370	6.5%
New South Wales	278,255	5.1%
Australia	976,520	5.5%

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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Cowra	3.6	2.3
Warrumbungle	3.4	2.6
Lachlan	3.2	2.2
Lithgow	2.9	1.9
Parkes	2.7	1.8

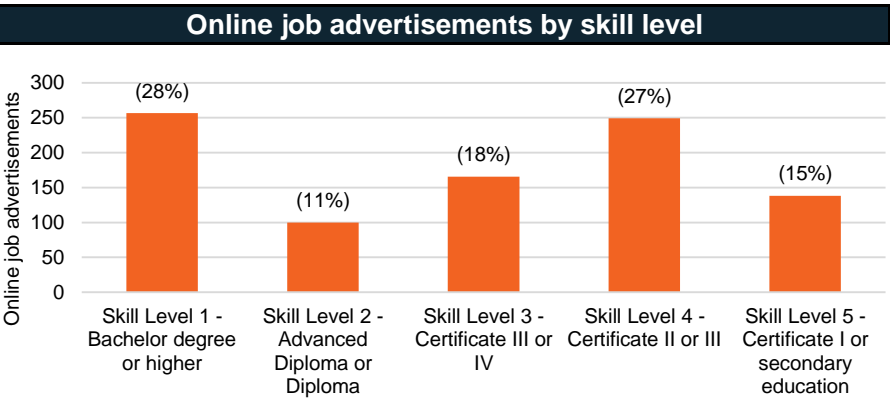
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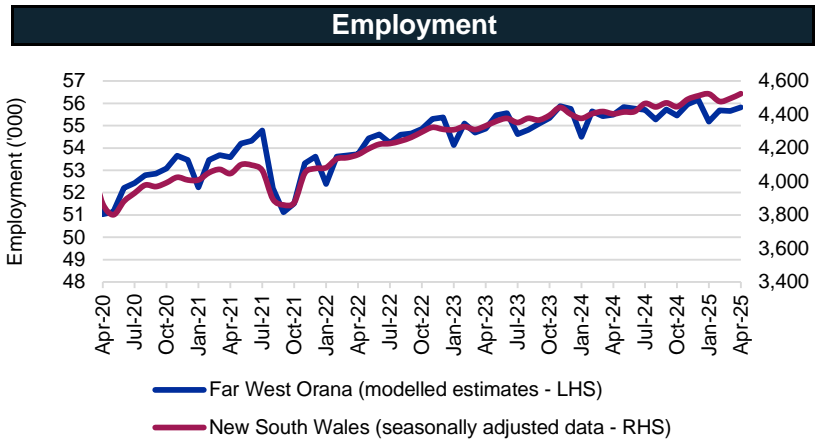
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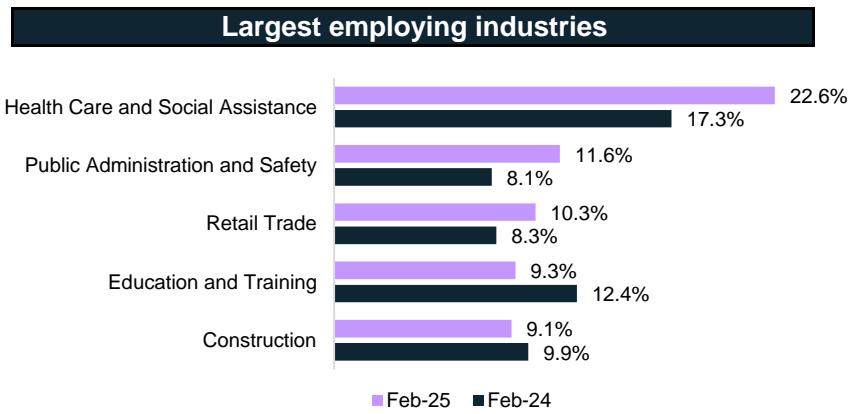
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Far West Orana	55.8	55.5	0.6	2.2	2.3	-4.2	3.7	3.9	61.4	61.2	8.8	5.1
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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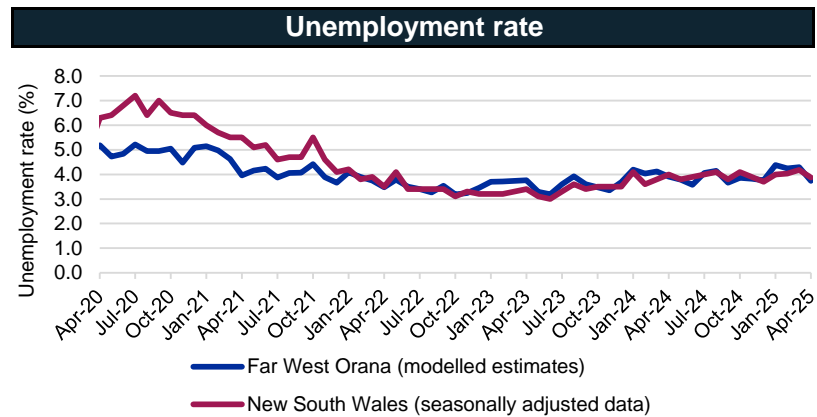
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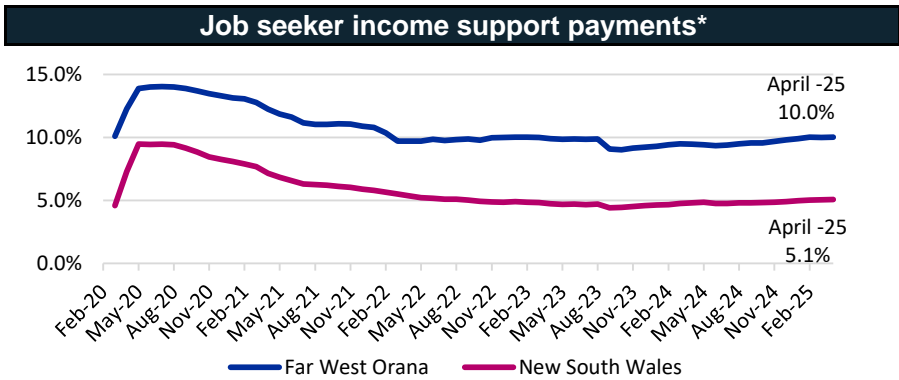
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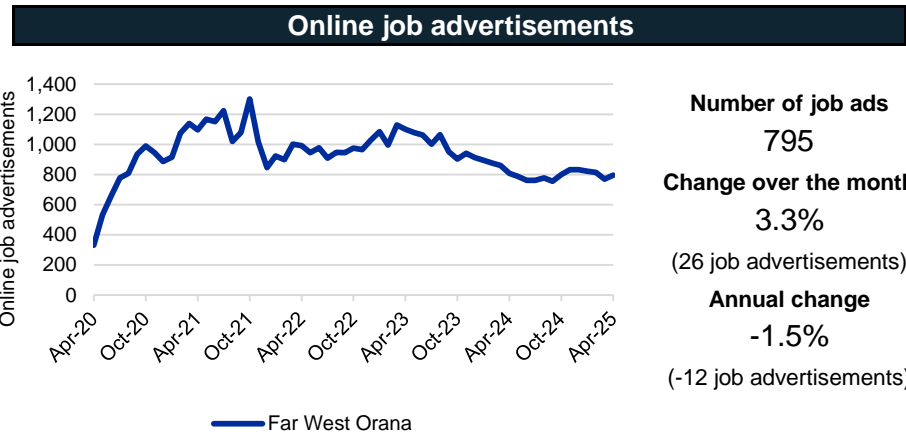
	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	6,090	259,420
Payments - April 2025	6,455	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 365	↑ 18,835
	↑ 6.0%	↑ 7.3%

% 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
Far West Orana	6,455	10.0%
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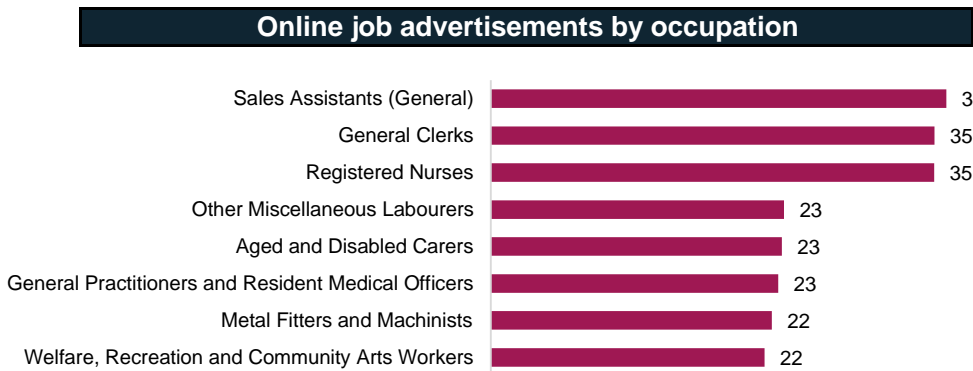
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Walgett	9.2	7.2
Coonamble	5.0	4.3
Broken Hill	4.2	3.4
Gilgandra	3.5	2.9
Warrumbungle	3.4	2.6

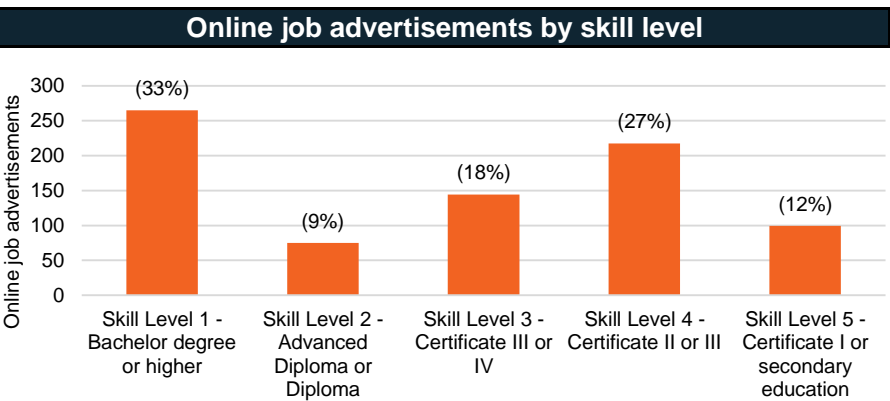
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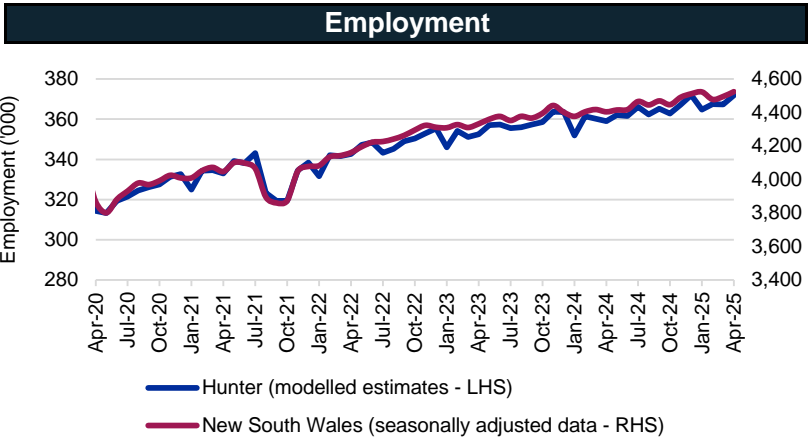
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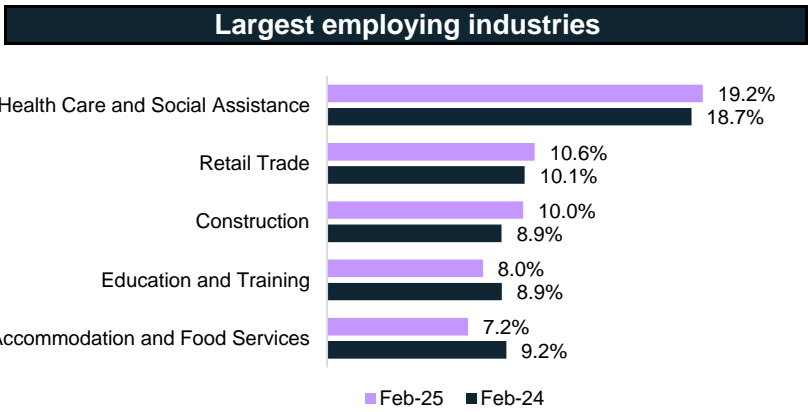
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Hunter	371.8	359.0	3.6	15.3	14.8	3.7	4.0	4.0	65.7	64.2	5.5	7.1
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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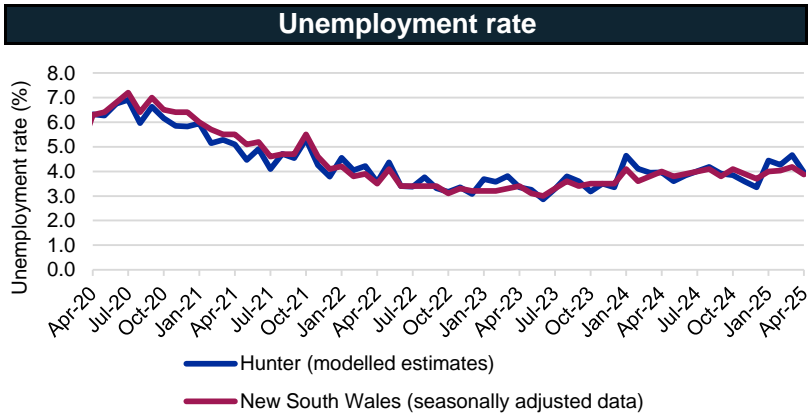
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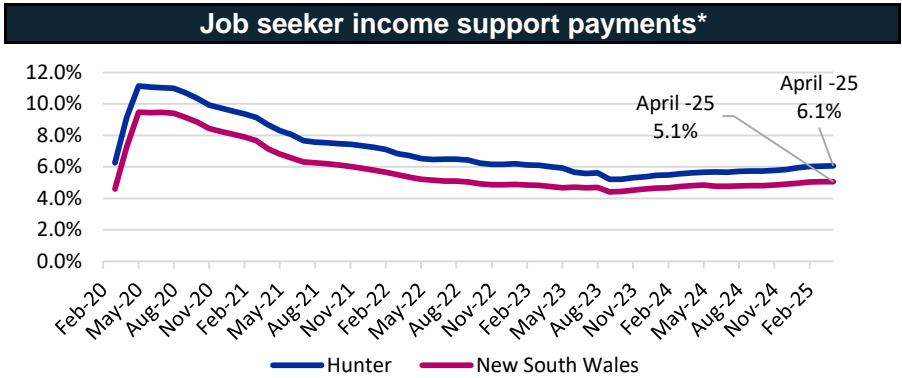
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	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	24,735	259,420
Payments - April 2025	26,715	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 1,980 8.0%	↑ 18,835 7.3%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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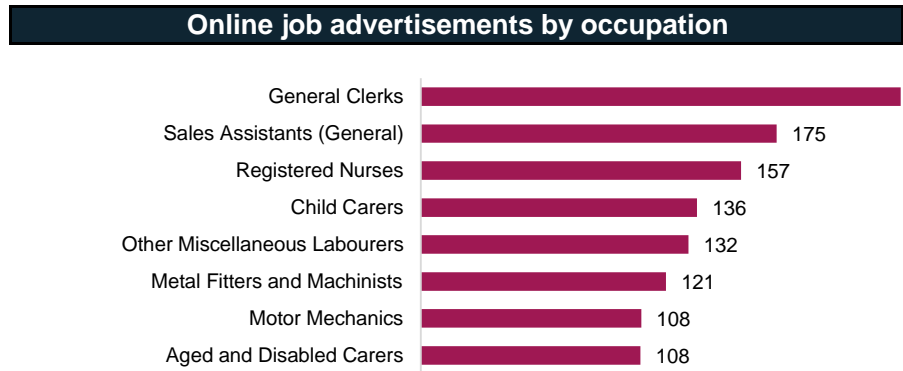
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Muswellbrook	6.8	4.9
Cessnock	5.5	4.2
Port Stephens	4.7	3.7
Maitland	3.6	2.7
Dungog	3.3	2.5

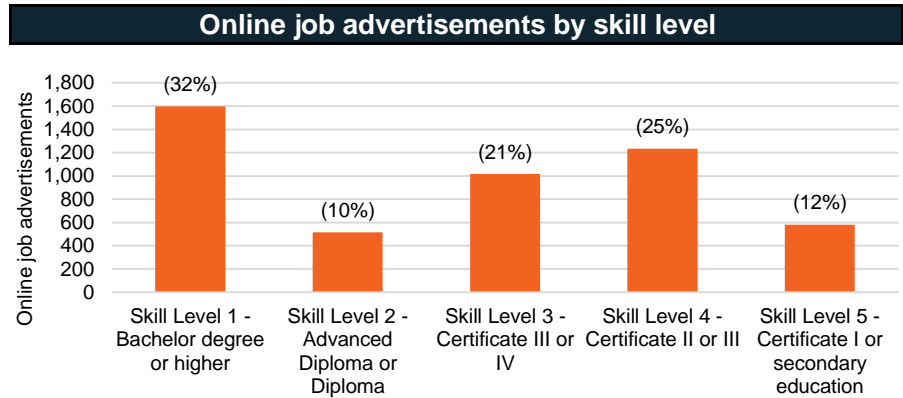
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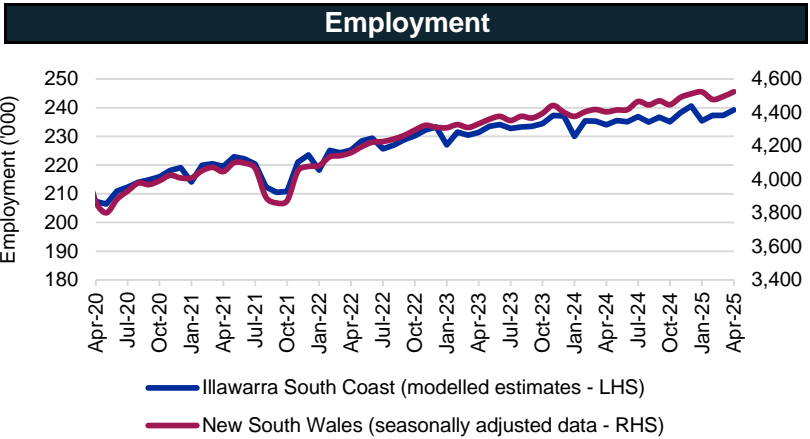
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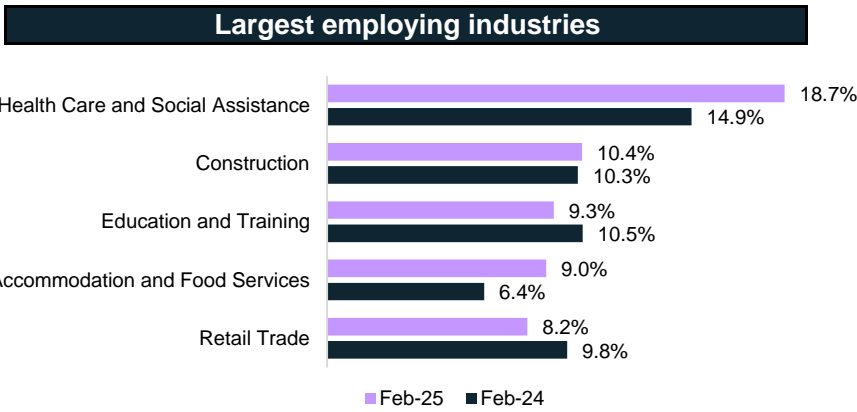
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Illawarra South Coast	239.2	234.0	2.2	9.8	10.5	-6.6	3.9	4.3	61.5	60.7	9.5	12.0
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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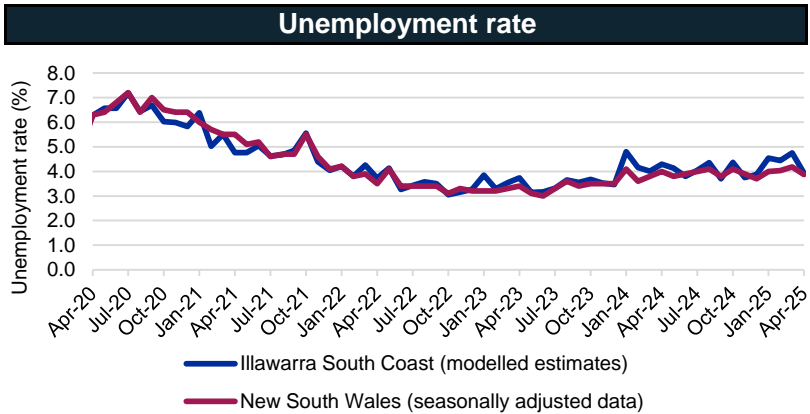
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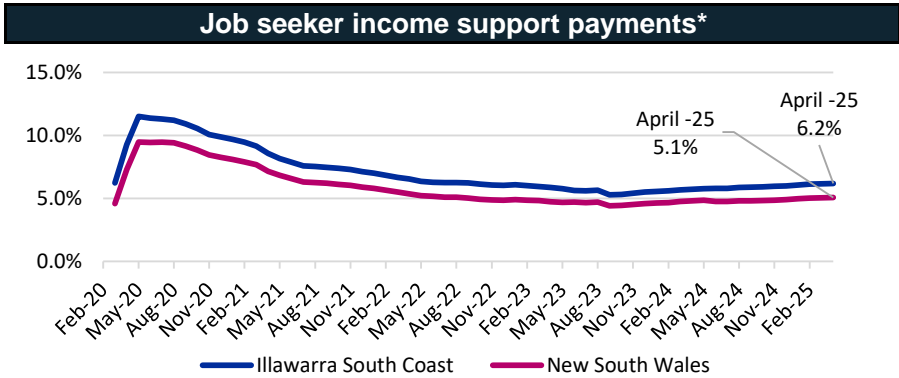
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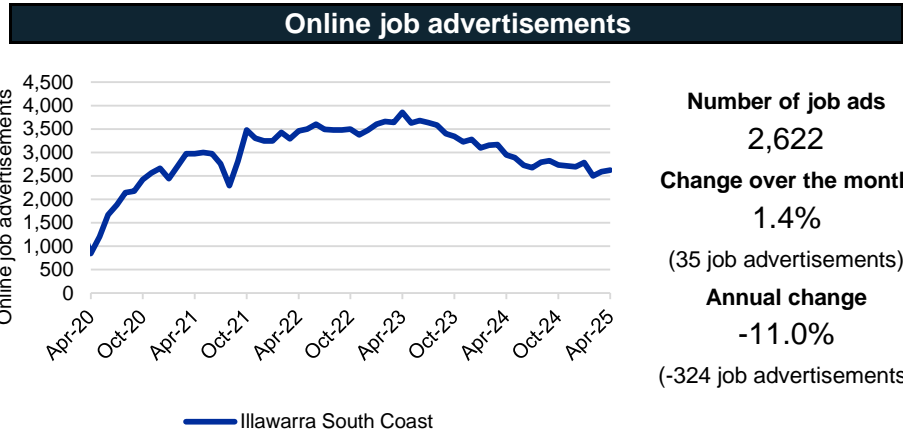
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	19,235	259,420
Payments - April 2025	20,805	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 1,570	↑ 18,835
	↑ 8.2%	↑ 7.3%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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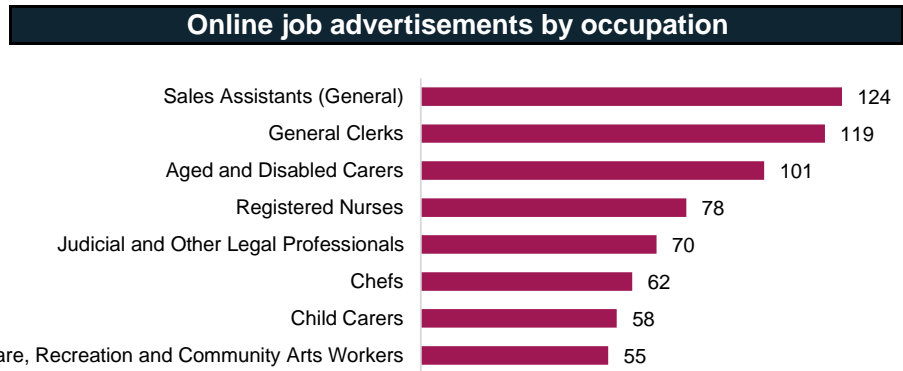
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Shellharbour	7.0	3.9
Wollongong	6.4	3.8
Eurobodalla	4.9	3.8
Bega Valley	3.8	2.9
Kiama	2.4	1.5

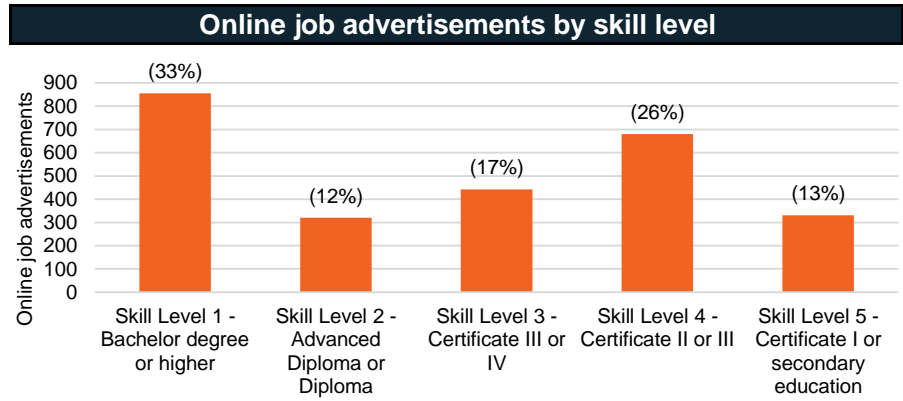
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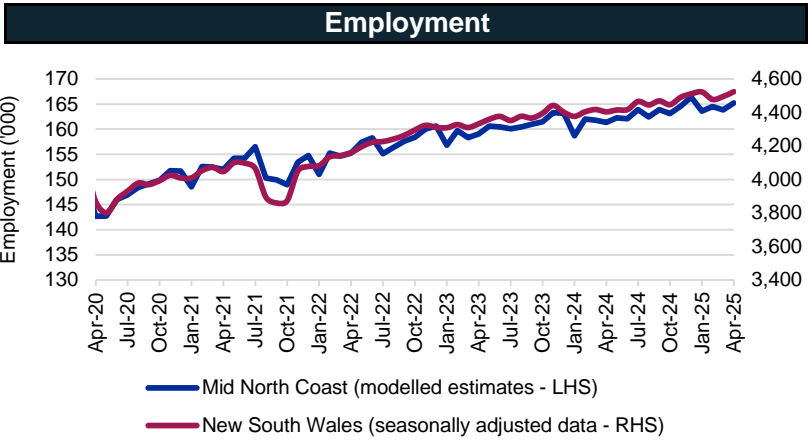
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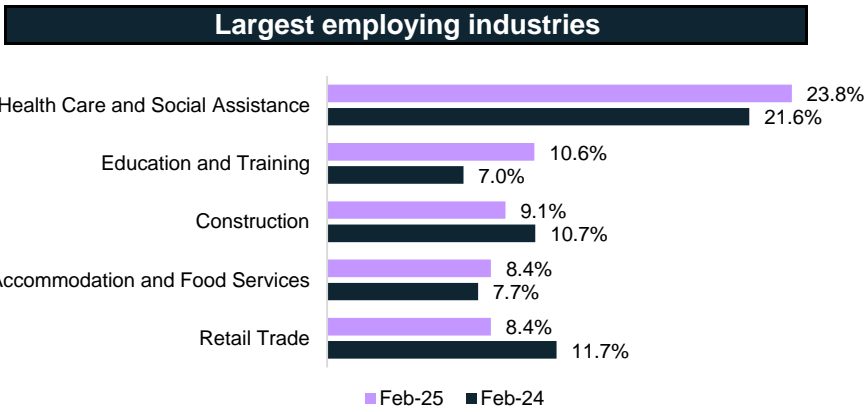
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Mid North Coast	165.3	161.3	2.4	6.6	6.9	-4.1	3.8	4.1	52.9	52.1	8.4	5.5
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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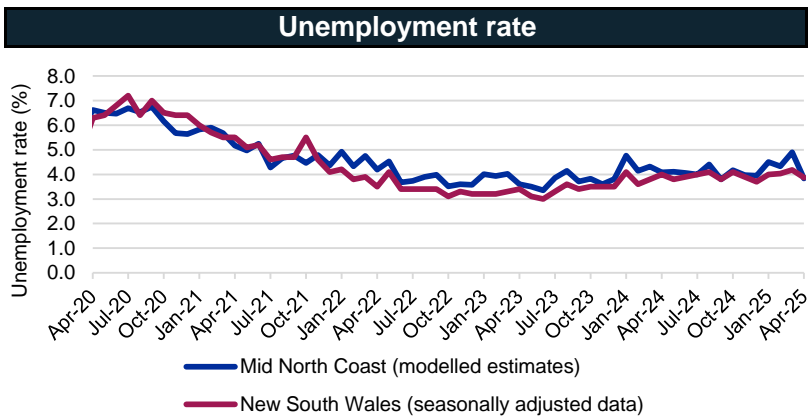
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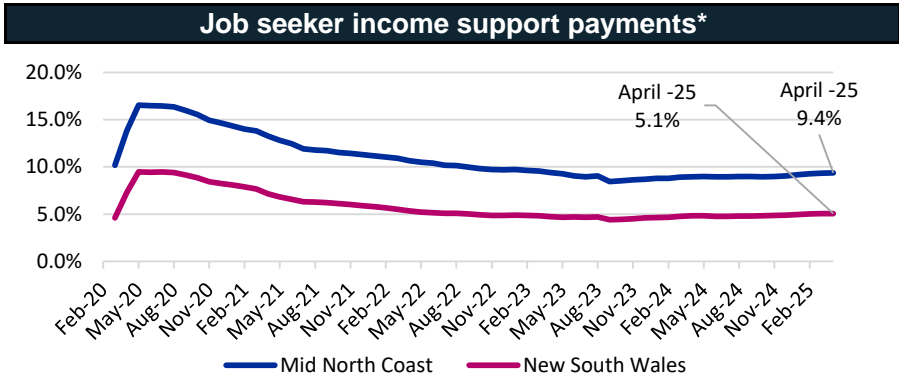
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	16,240	259,420
Payments - April 2025	17,025	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 785 4.8%	↑ 18,835 7.3%

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

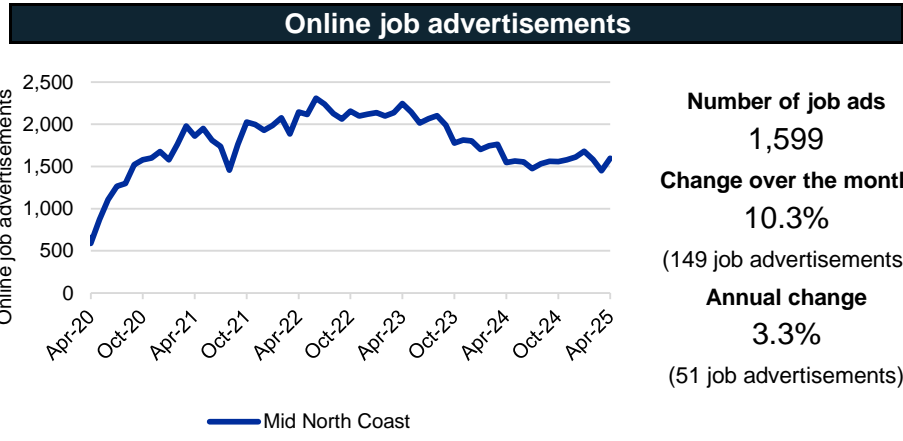
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Mid North Coast	17,025	9.4%
New South Wales	278,255	5.1%
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, April-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

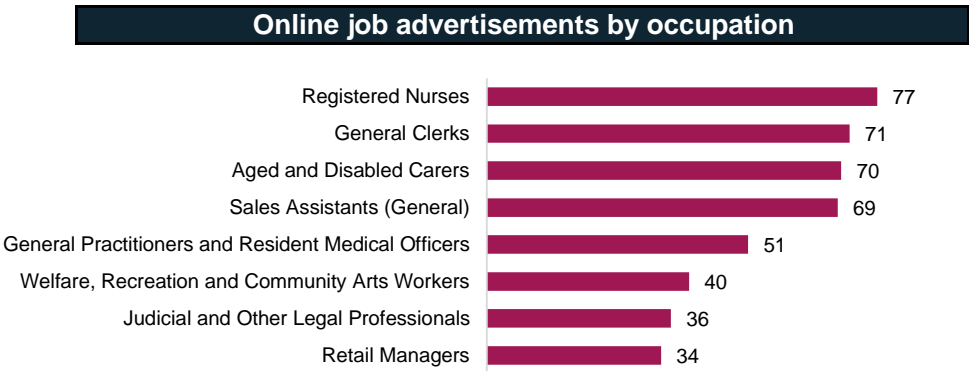
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Kempsey	5.1	5.7
Nambucca Valley	5.1	5.7
Bellingen	4.8	3.5
Mid-Coast	3.9	4.2
Armidale	2.7	2.2

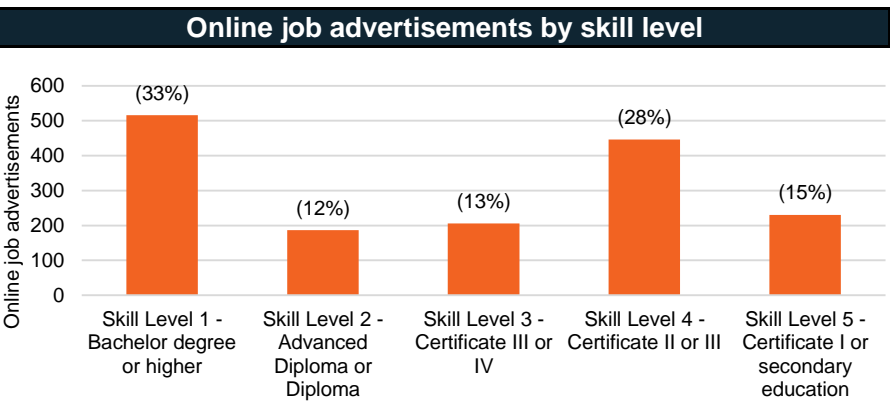
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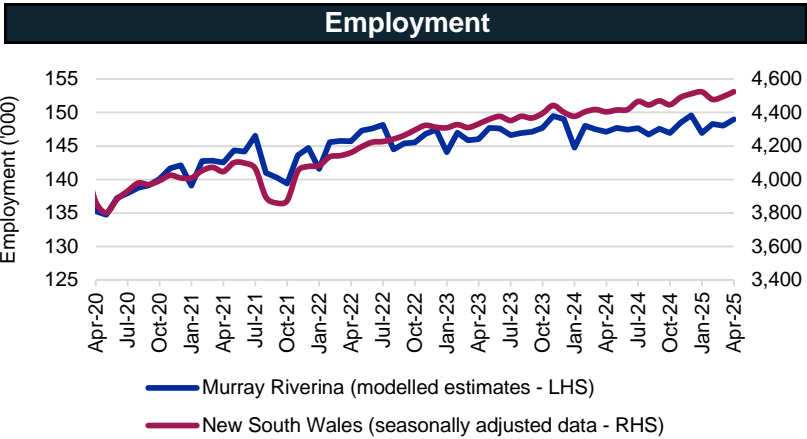
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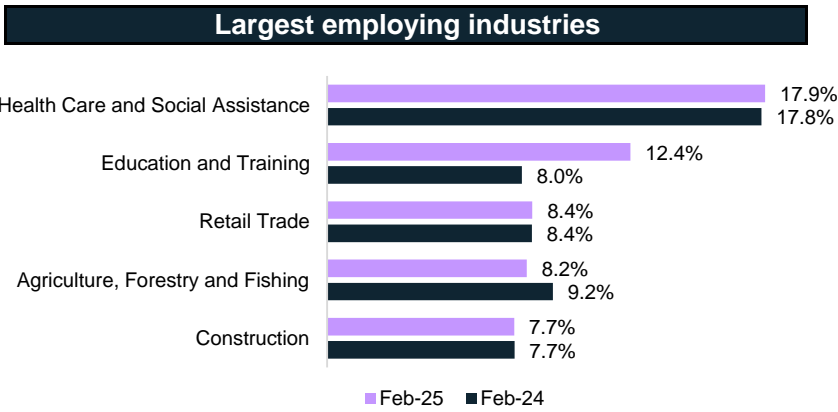
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Murray Riverina	149.0	147.1	1.3	5.6	5.6	-0.2	3.6	3.7	65.7	64.9	9.8	5.2
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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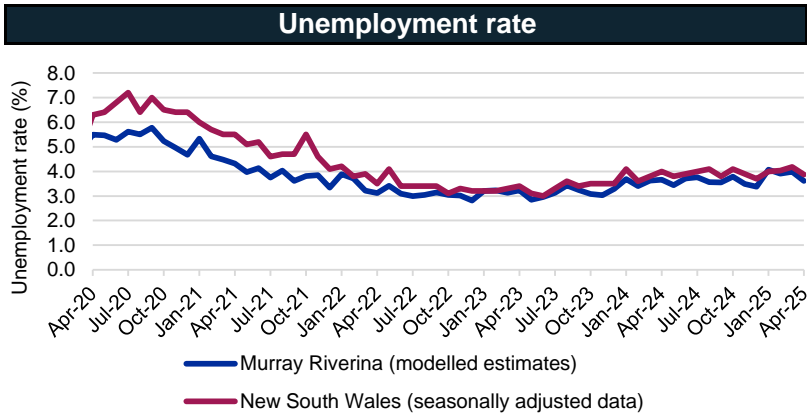
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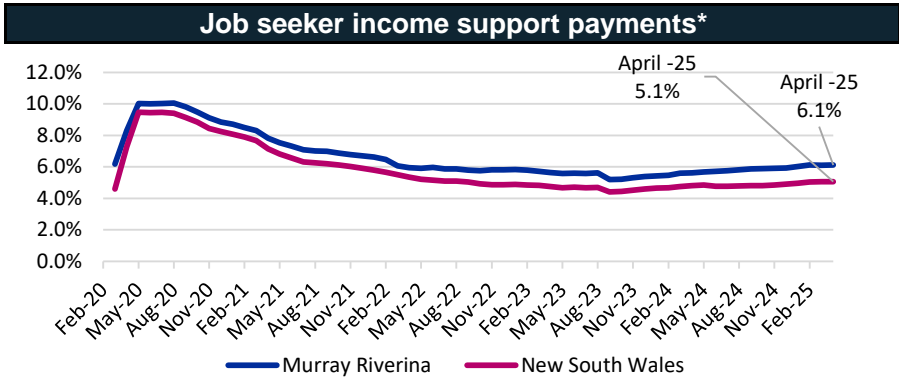
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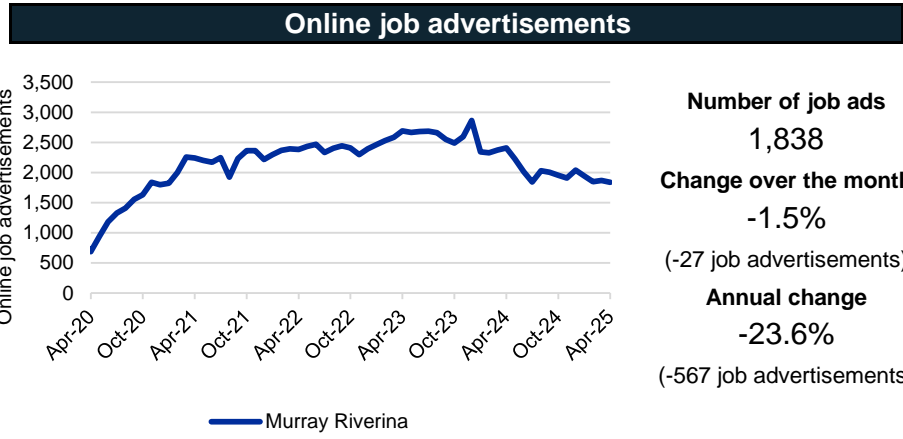
	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	7,640	259,420
Payments - April 2025	8,310	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 670	↑ 18,835
	↑ 8.8%	↑ 7.3%

% 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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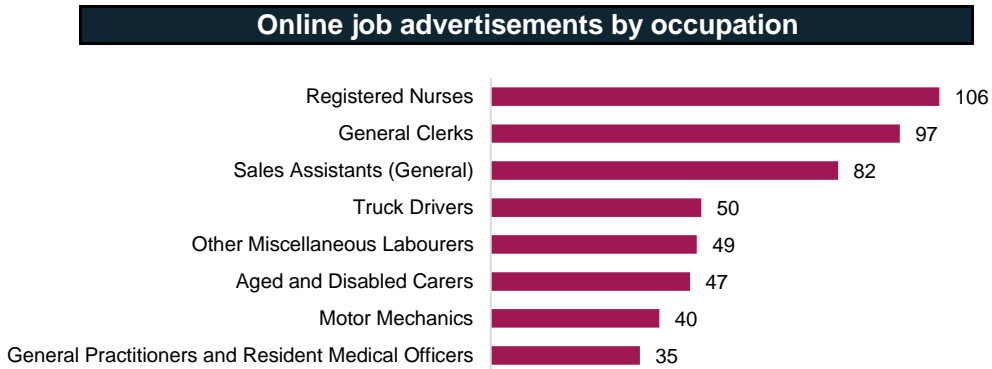
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Narrandera	5.3	4.3
Wentworth	4.1	5.4
Albury	3.9	5.1
Edward River	3.9	5.2
Leeton	3.6	3.1

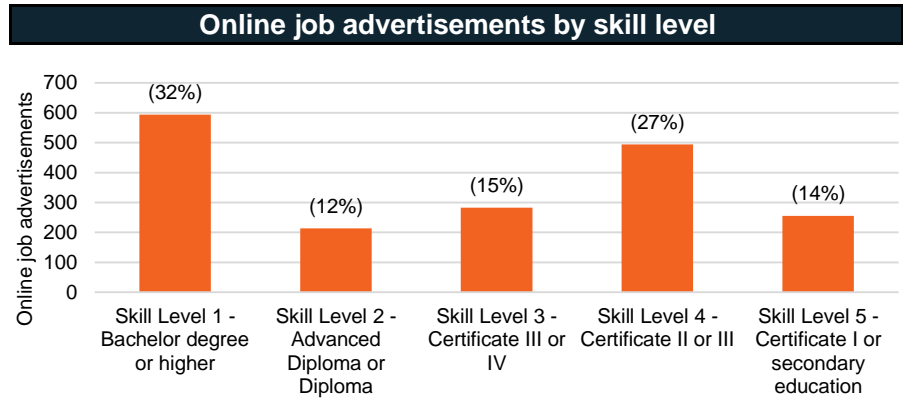
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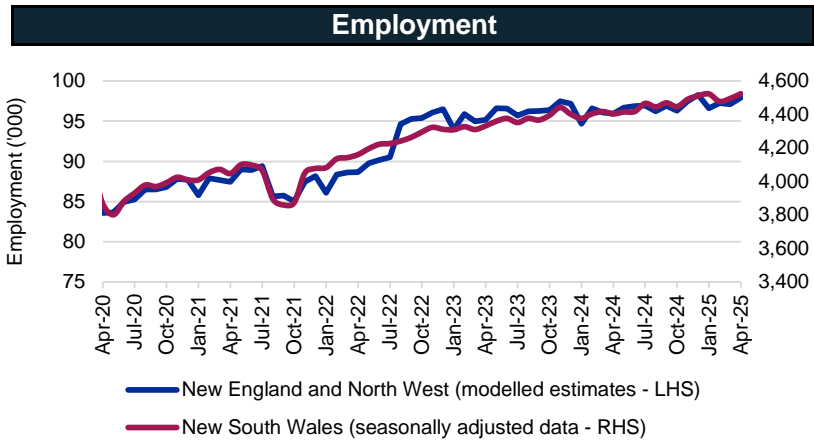
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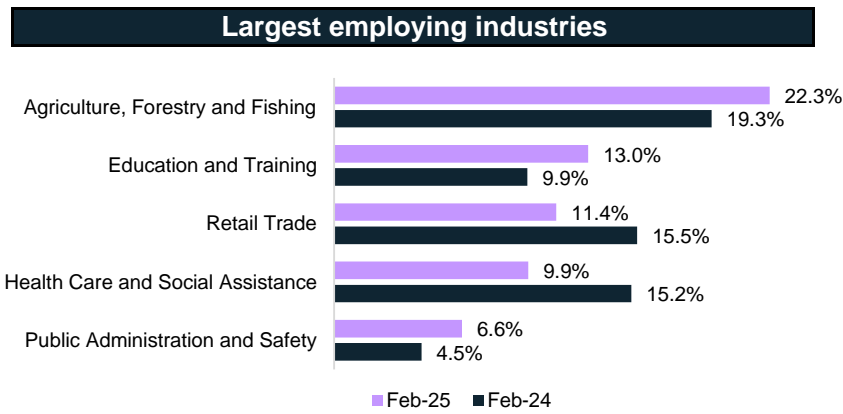
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New England and North West	97.9	95.9	2.1	4.8	4.6	5.5	4.7	4.5	66.7	65.4	16.9	5.9
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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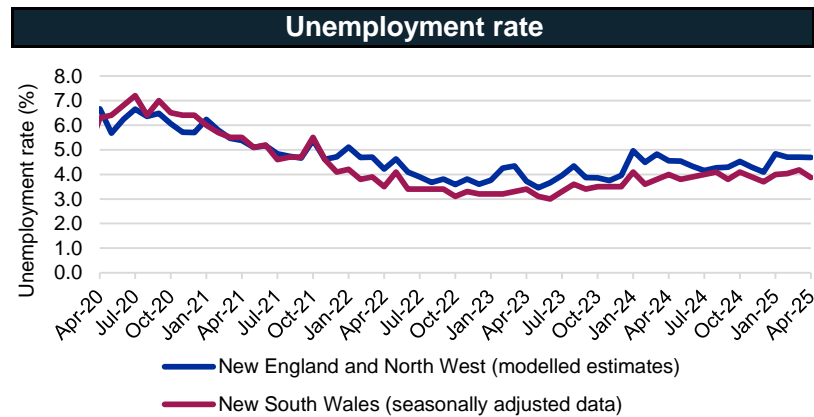
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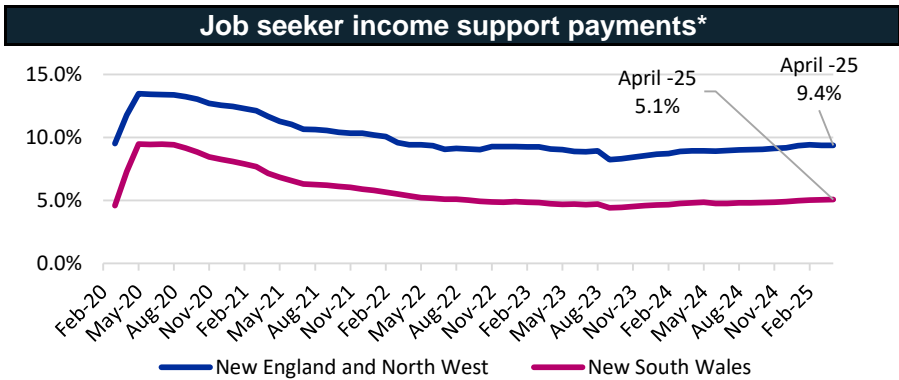
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	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	10,040	259,420
Payments - April 2025	10,535	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 495 4.9%	↑ 18,835 7.3%

% 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
New England and North West	10,535	9.4%
New South Wales	278,255	5.1%
Australia	976,520	5.5%

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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Tenterfield	3.7	3.1
Glen Innes Severn	3.3	2.8
Moree Plains	3.1	2.9
Inverell	2.8	2.5
Armidale	2.7	2.2

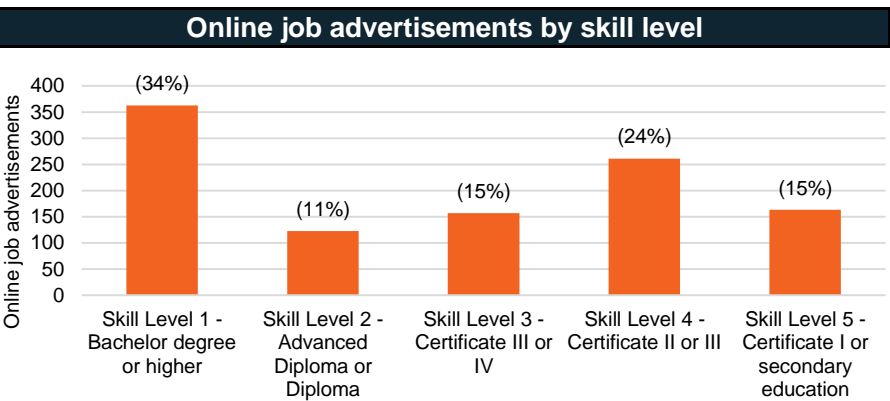
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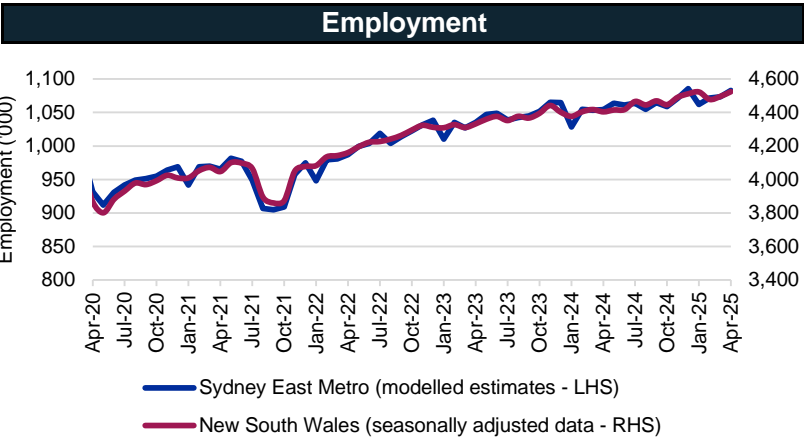
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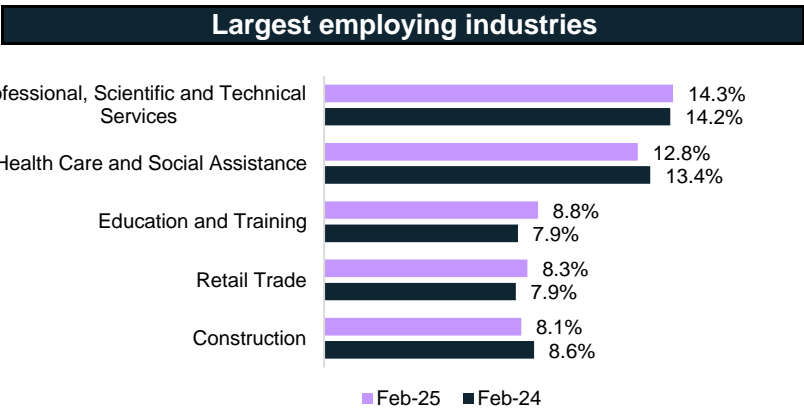
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Sydney East Metro	1,082.8	1,054.1	2.7	39.9	39.4	1.3	3.6	3.6	69.4	69.5	7.9	8.0
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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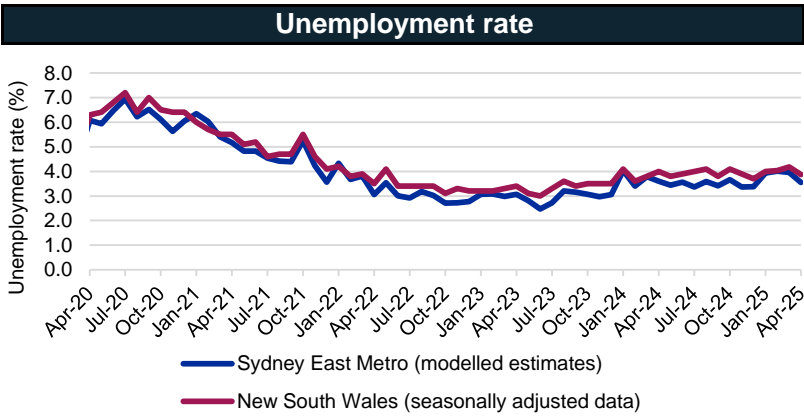
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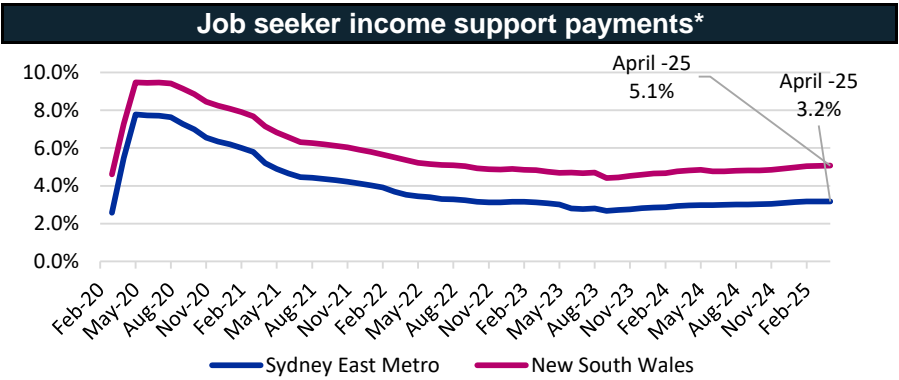
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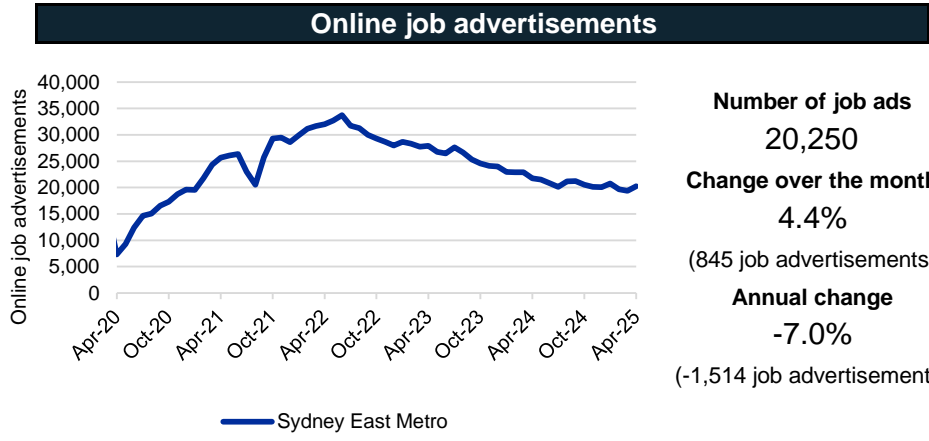
	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	33,965	259,420
Payments - April 2025	36,330	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 2,365 ↑ 7.0%	↑ 18,835 ↑ 7.3%

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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Sydney East Metro	36,330	3.2%
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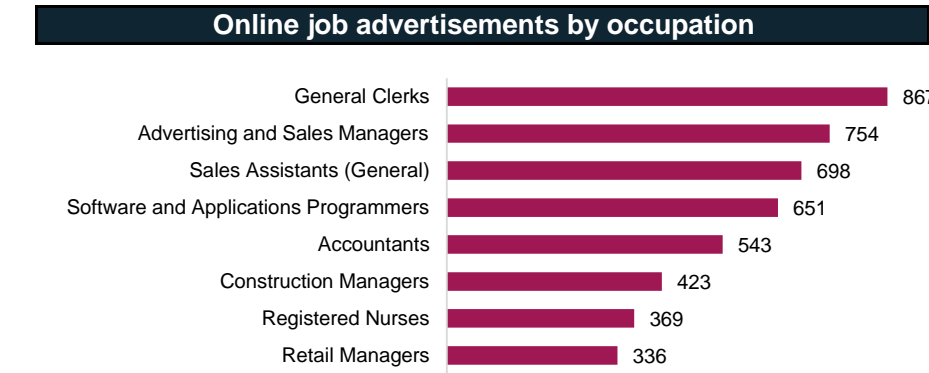
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Randwick	4.8	4.8
Inner West	4.7	4.4
Sydney	4.3	3.6
Burwood	3.8	3.9

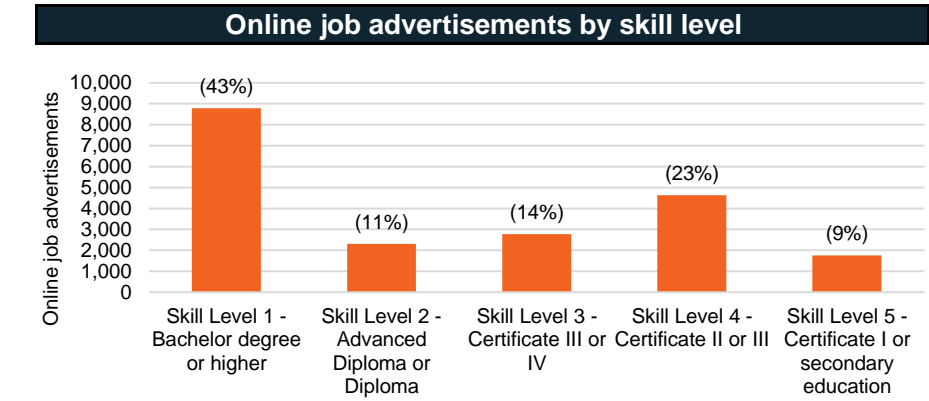
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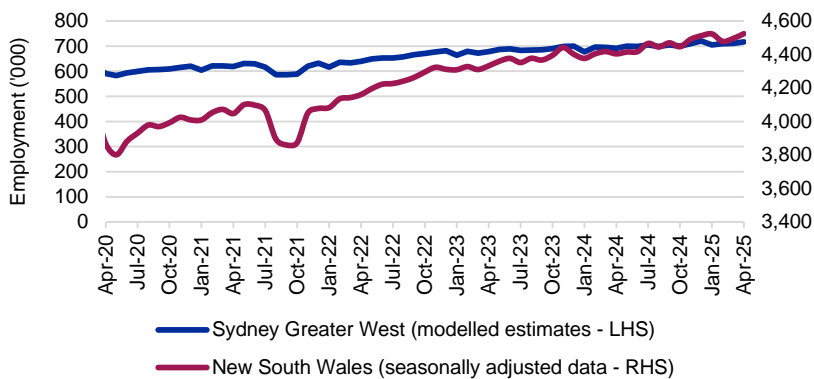
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Sydney Greater West	717.2	691.7	3.7	32.6	36.2	-10.0	4.3	5.0	69.5	69.2	8.8	8.6
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
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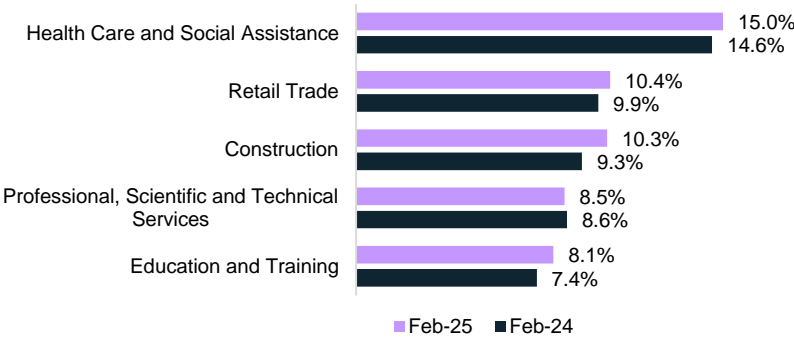
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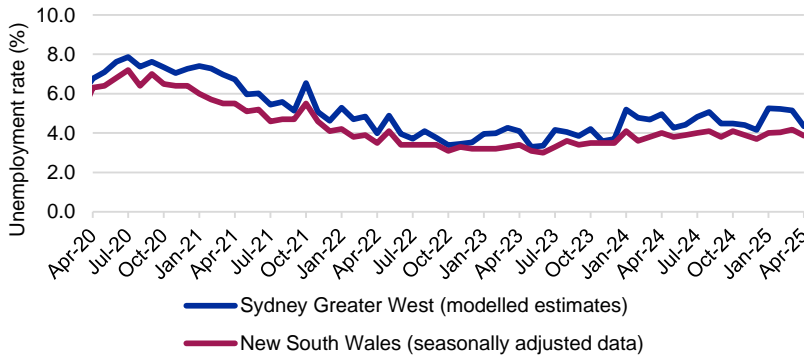
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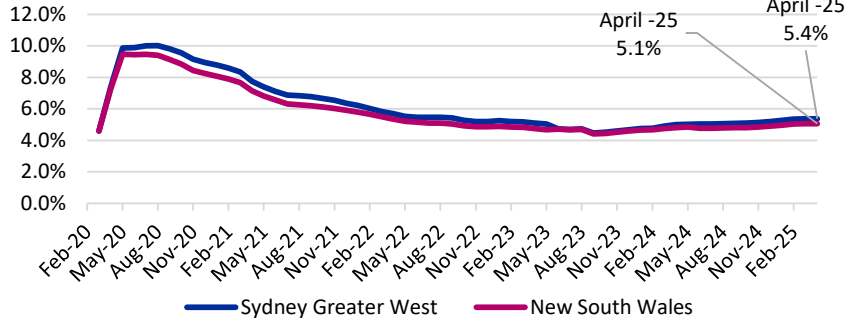
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	43,120	259,420
Payments - April 2025	46,390	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	3,270	18,835
	7.6%	7.3%

% 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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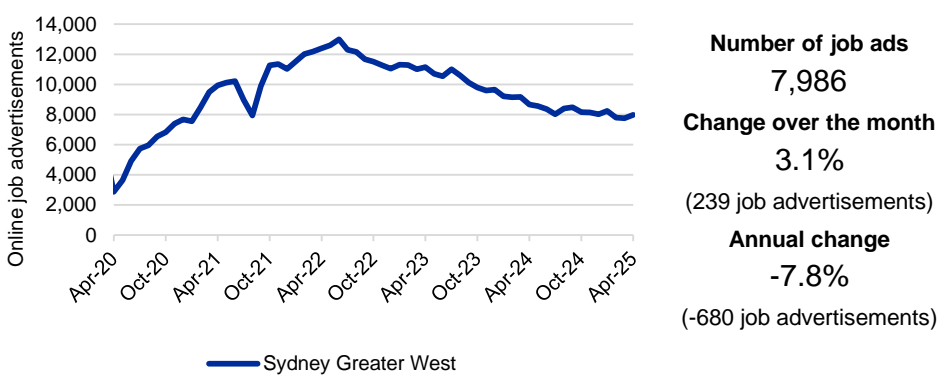
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Fairfield	8.5	7.7
Cumberland	6.7	5.1
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Blacktown	5.1	4.4
Penrith	4.1	3.5

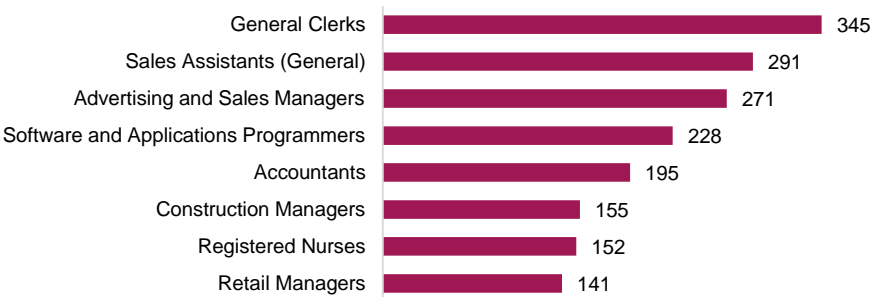
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Online job advertisements



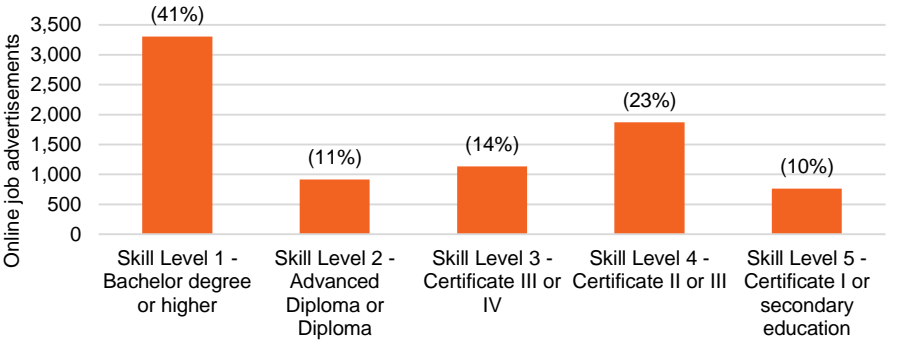
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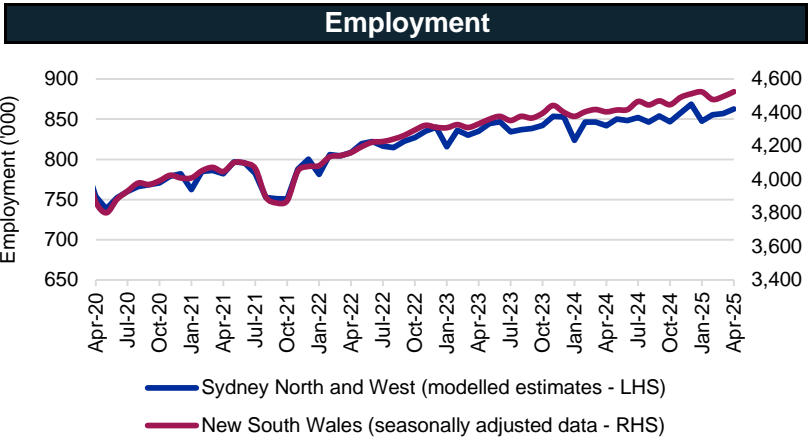
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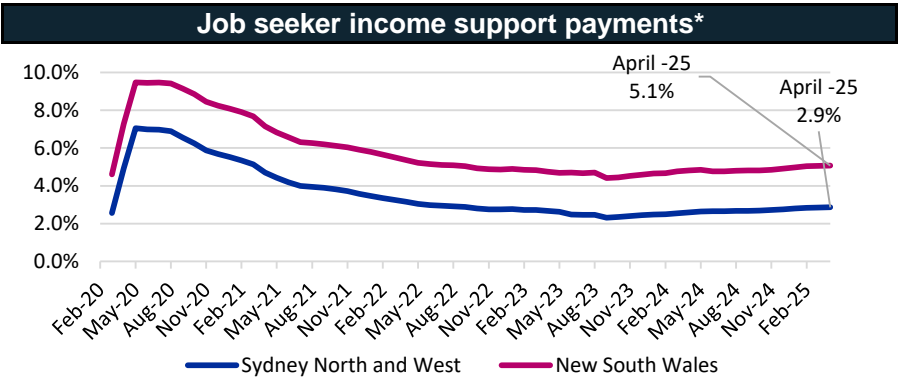
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Sydney North and West	862.4	842.0	2.4	30.0	28.8	4.1	3.4	3.3	67.4	67.1	8.1	7.1
New South Wales	4,523.9	4,398.9	2.8	181.9	183.5	-0.9	3.9	4.0	66.4	65.8	8.6	7.9
Australia	14,642.7	14,252.9	2.7	621.1	607.5	2.2	4.1	4.1	67.1	66.7	8.8	9.8

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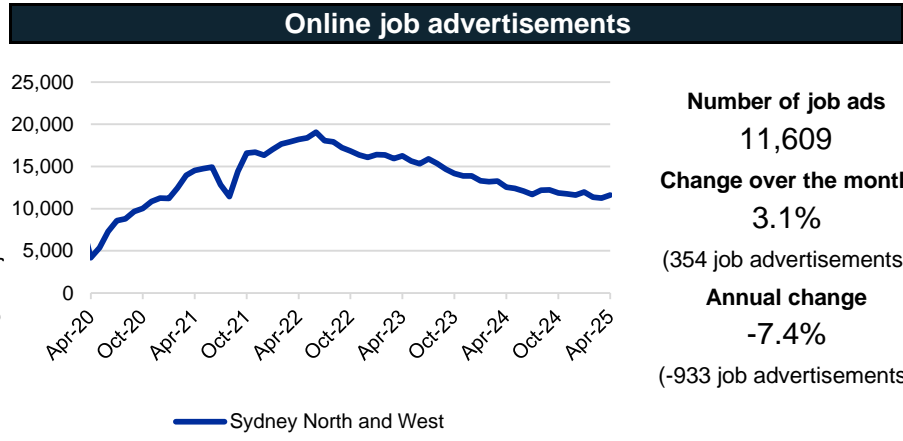
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - April 2024	25,810	259,420
Payments - April 2025	28,405	278,255
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑ 2,595 ↑ 10.1%	↑ 18,835 ↑ 7.3%

% 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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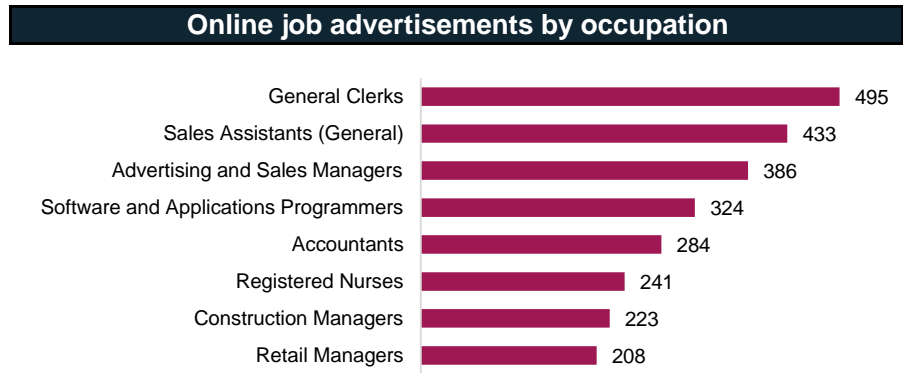
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Hornsby	4.4	4.5
Willoughby	4.0	3.4
Hawkesbury	3.9	3.7
Ryde	3.6	3.7
Lane Cove	3.6	2.9

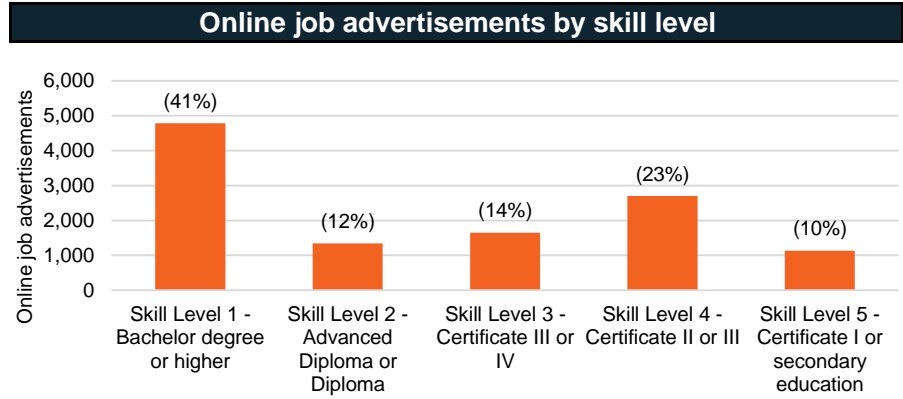
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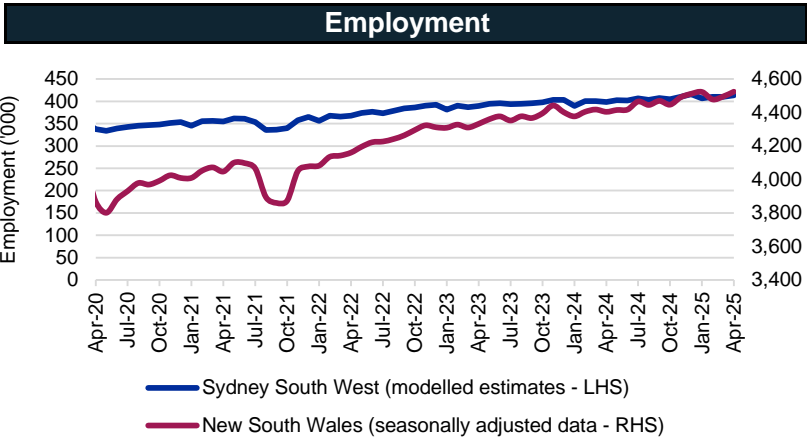
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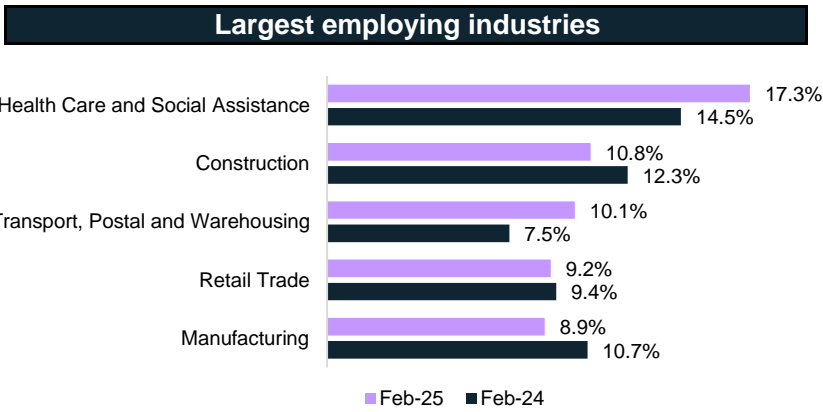
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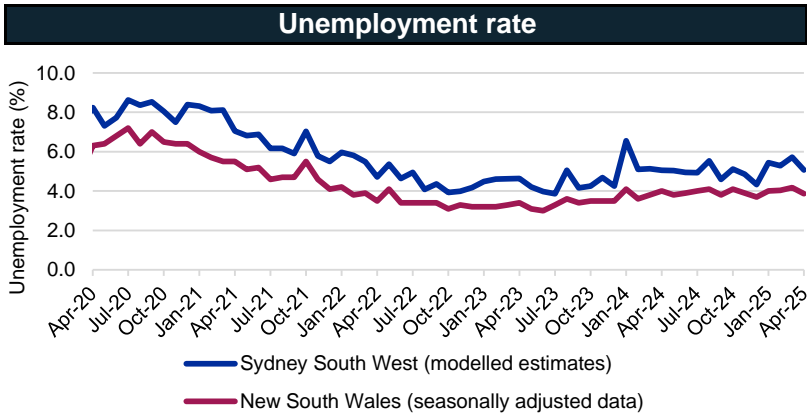
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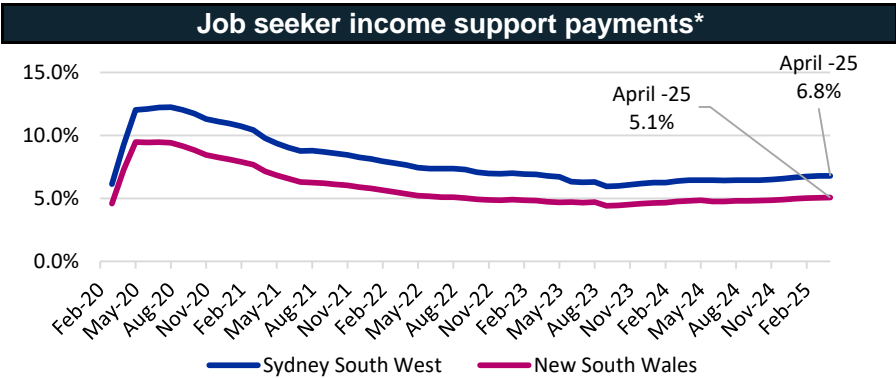
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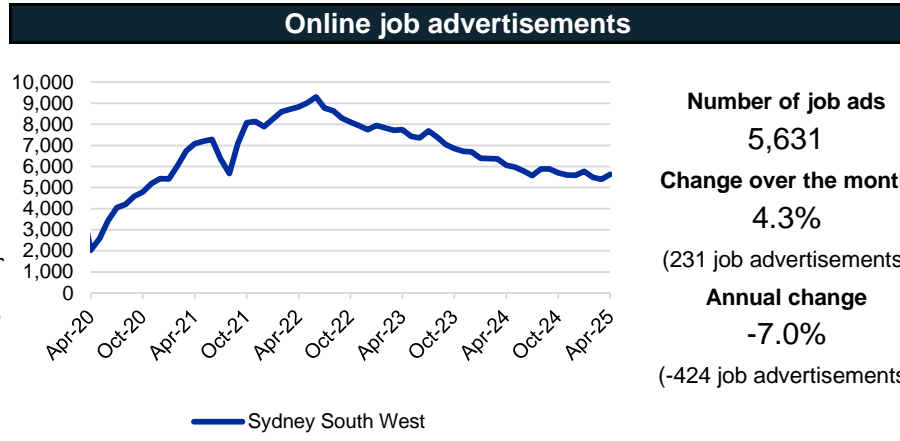
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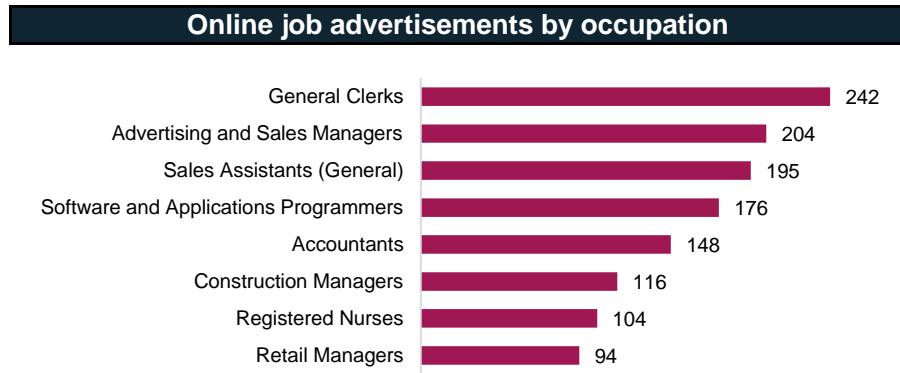
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Fairfield	8.5	7.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Campbelltown (NSW)	5.7	6.1
Liverpool	4.9	4.4
Sutherland	2.7	2.1

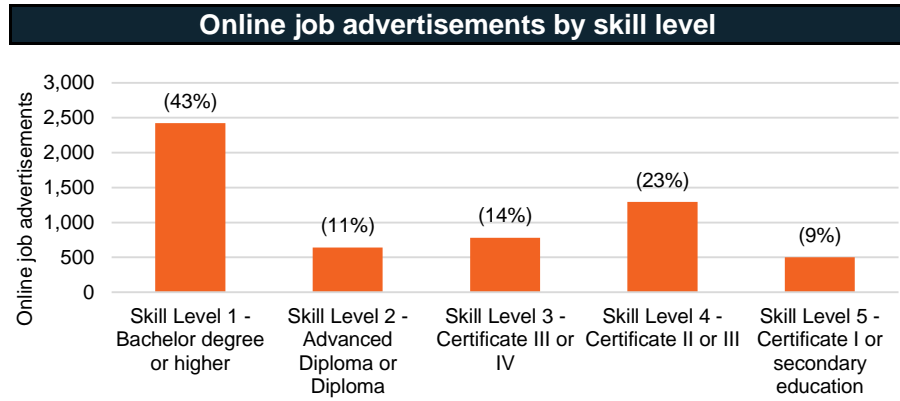
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