



Great Southern - Wheatbelt Employment Region

Western Australia

Labour Market Dashboard

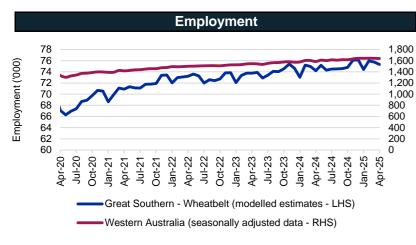
Data current as at 22 May 2025

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			
	Apr-25	Apr-24	Change	Apr-25	Apr-24	Change	Apr-25	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-24
	('000')	('000')	(%)	('000')	('000)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	75.3	74.2	1.5	2.4	2.2	10.6	3.1	2.9	63.6	63.1	6.1	7.0
Western Australia	1,638.2	1,586.5	3.3	71.0	64.6	9.9	4.2	3.9	69.0	68.5	8.3	9.4
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

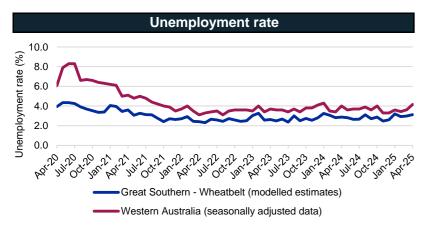
Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, April-25, table MRM1 for Employment Region data, except for the youth unemployment rate, which is a 12-month average of the original estimates. Remaining data are seasonally adjusted.



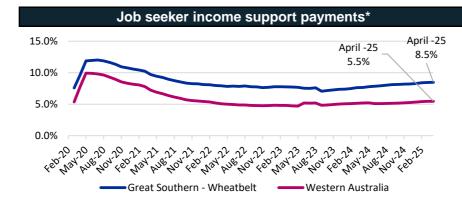
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), April-25



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



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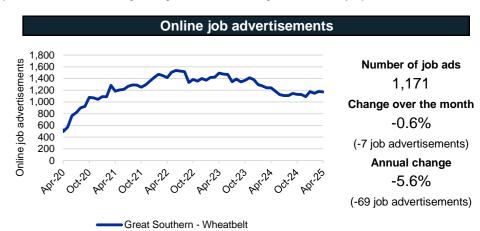
Change in job seeker income support payments						
	Great	Southern - Wheat	belt	Western Australia		
Payments - April 2024		6,450		97,520		
Payments - April 2025		7,140		106,025		
Change from April 2024	↑	690	↑	8,505		
to April 2025	1	10.7%	1	8.7%		

% 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			
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	7,140	8.5%			
Western Australia	106,025	5.5%			
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				
Northam	4.0	4.9				
Cunderdin*	3.9	5.1				
Quairading*	3.9	5.1				
Tammin*	3.9	5.1				
Kellerberrin*	3.8	5.2				

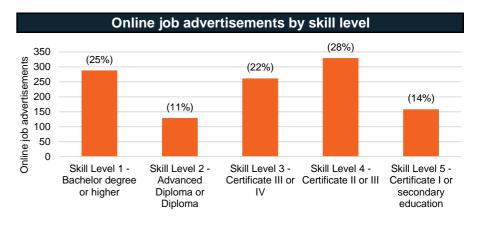
Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December -24 quarter



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



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



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Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Western Australia - Wheat Belt 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 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.