



Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region

Labour Market Dashboard

Data current as at 22 May 2025

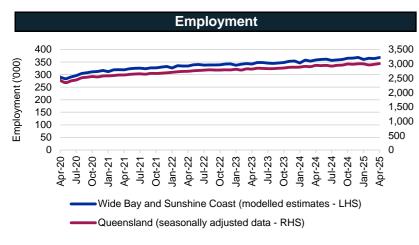
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment

Region and is updated monthly.

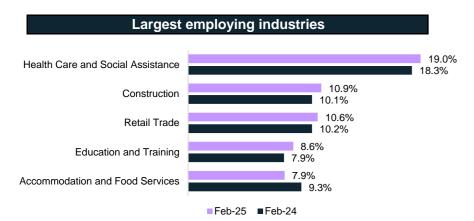
Labour market summary table **Employment** Unemployment **Unemployment rate** Participation rate Youth unemployment rate Apr-25 Apr-24 Change Apr-25 Apr-24 Change Apr-25 Apr-24 Apr-25 Apr-24 Apr-25 Apr-24 ('000)(%) ('000)('000)(%) (%) (%) (%) (%) (%) (%) ('000)Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast 367.9 358.1 2.7 16.4 16.6 -0.9 4.3 4.4 58.9 58.7 9.4 7.6 Queensland 3,009.0 2,940.3 2.3 131.0 123.5 6.1 4.2 4.0 67.5 67.4 8.9 9.3 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.

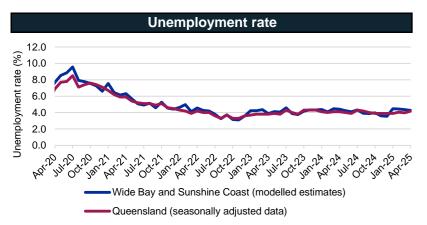


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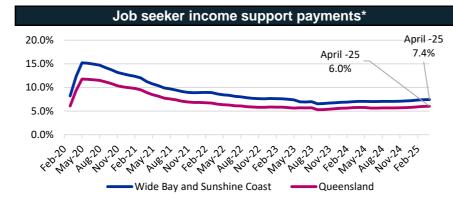
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), April-25



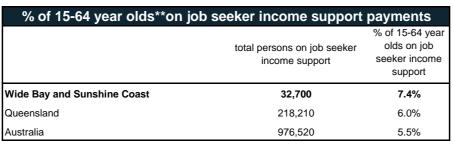
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February-25 quarter



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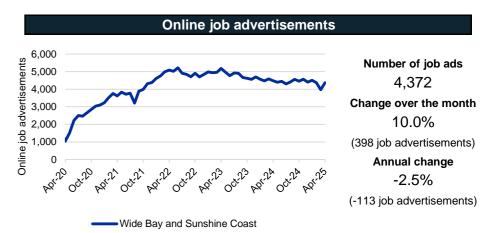
Change in job seeker income support payments						
	Wi	ide Bay and Sunshine Coast)	Queensland		
Payments - April 2024		31,020		203,970		
Payments - April 2025		32,700		218,210		
Change from April 2024 to April 2025	↑	1,680	↑	14,240		
	1	5.4%	1	7.0%		



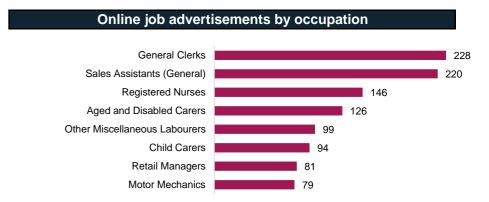
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, April-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)						
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23				
South Burnett	6.0	7.0				
Fraser Coast	5.4	6.2				
Bundaberg	4.5	5.2				
Gympie	4.5	5.1				
North Burnett	4.5	5.2				

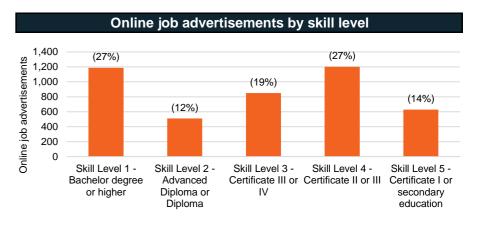
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December-24 quarter



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



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



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Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Sunshine Coast; and Wide Bay 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.