

## Labour Market Dashboard New South Wales

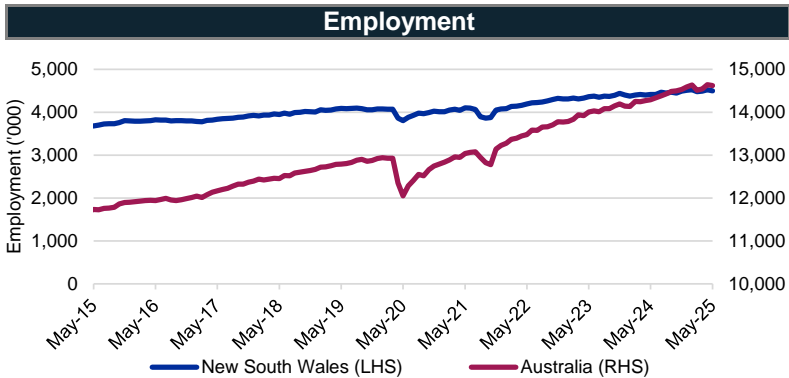
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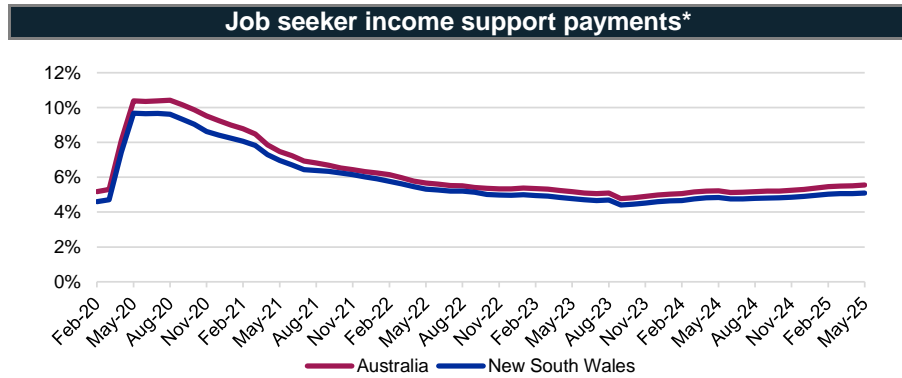
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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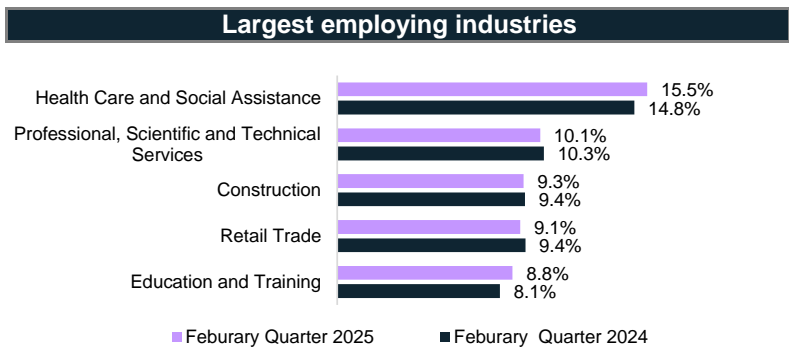
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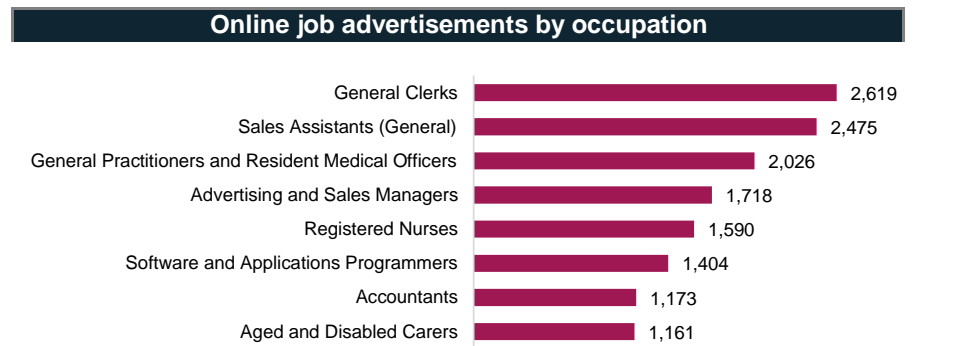


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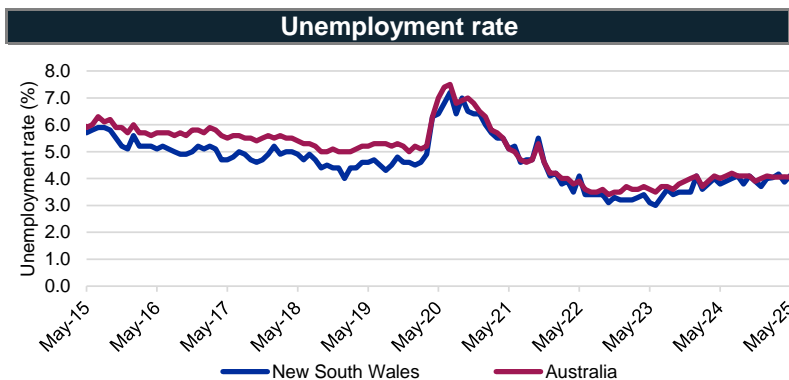


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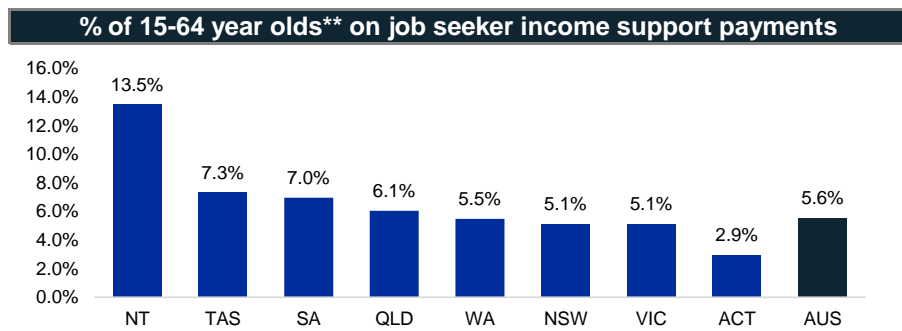
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - May 2024	260,905	905,215
Payments - May 2025	280,020	982,870
Change (May 2024 to May 2025)	↑ 19,115	↑ 77,655
Change % (May 2024 to May 2025)	↑ 7.3%	↑ 8.6%



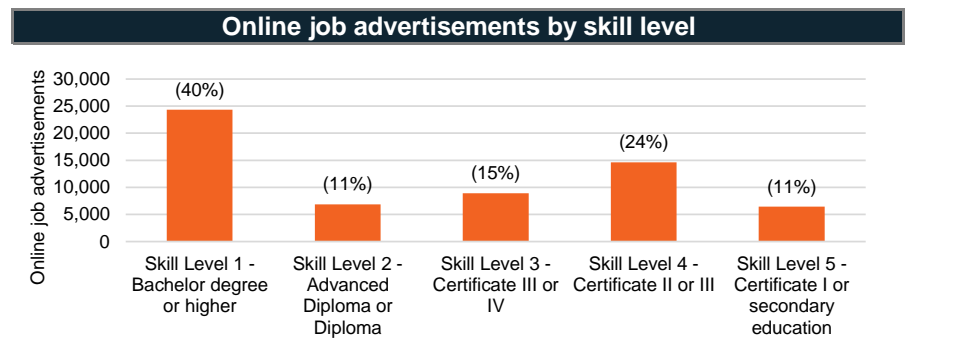
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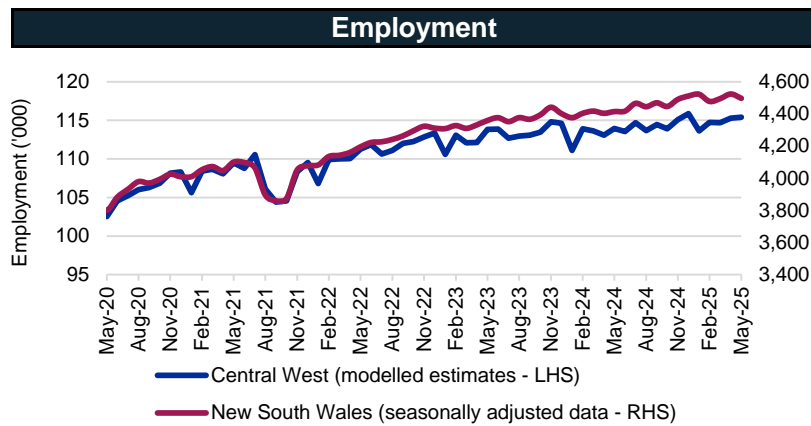
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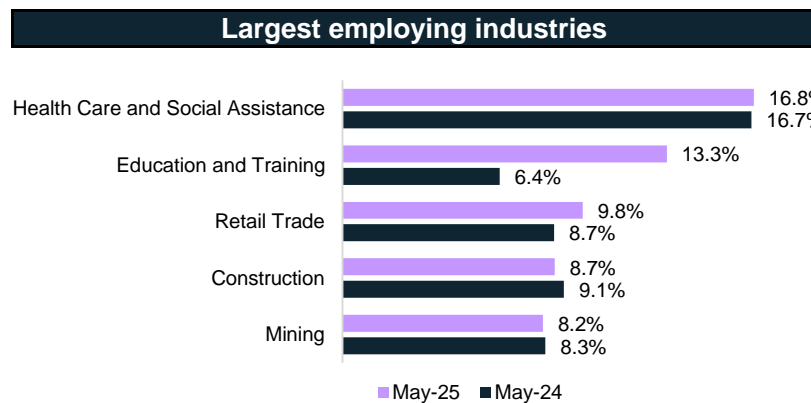
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Central West	115.4	113.9	1.3	4.2	3.9	8.6	3.5	3.3	68.9	67.8	8.1	3.7
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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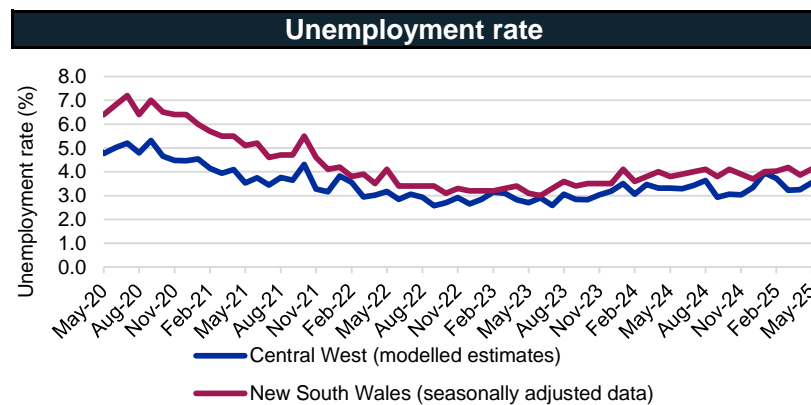
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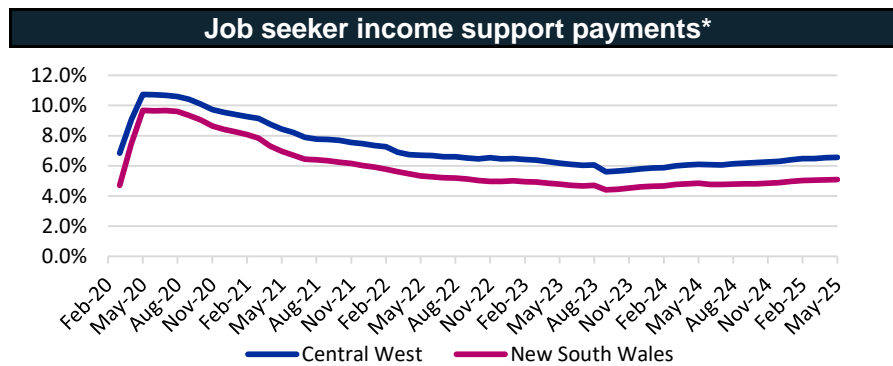
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	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	7,800	260,905
Payments - May 2025	8,390	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 590	↑ 19,115
	↑ 7.6%	↑ 7.3%

% 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
Central West	8,390	6.6%
New South Wales	280,020	5.1%
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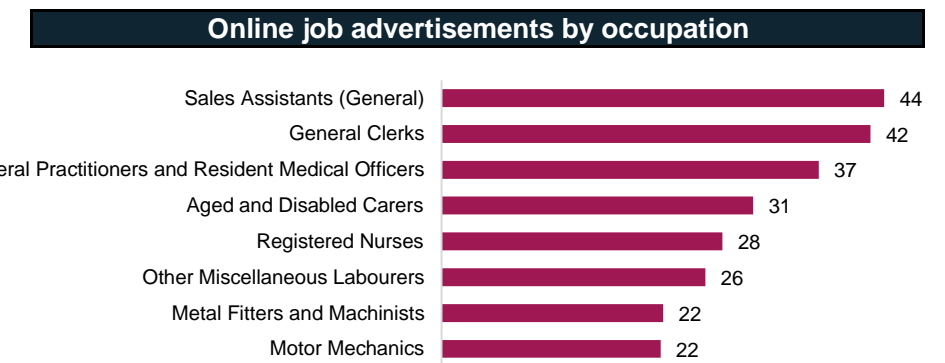
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Cowra	3.6	2.3
Warrumbungle	3.4	2.6
Lachlan	3.2	2.2
Lithgow	2.9	1.9
Parkes	2.7	1.8

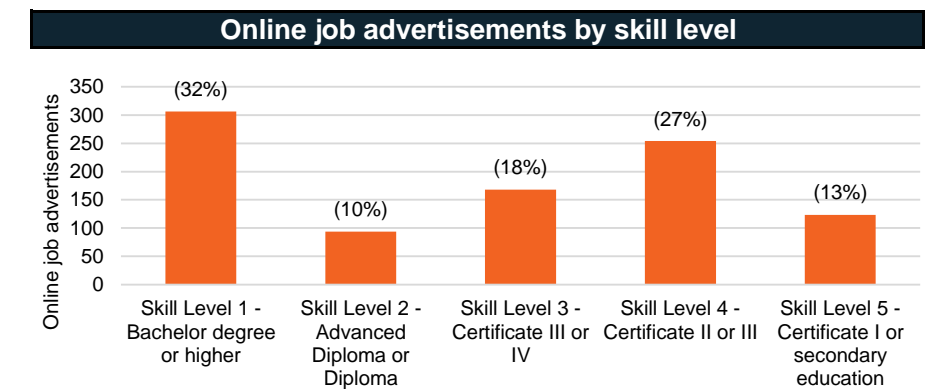
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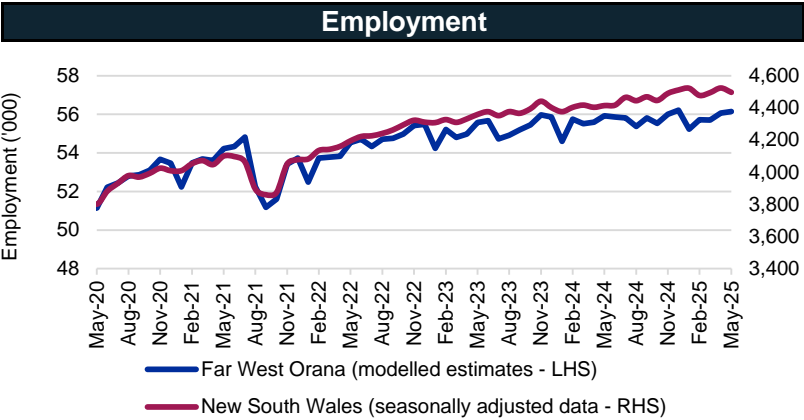
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Far West Orana	56.1	55.9	0.4	2.3	2.2	2.7	3.9	3.8	61.9	61.5	8.7	5.8
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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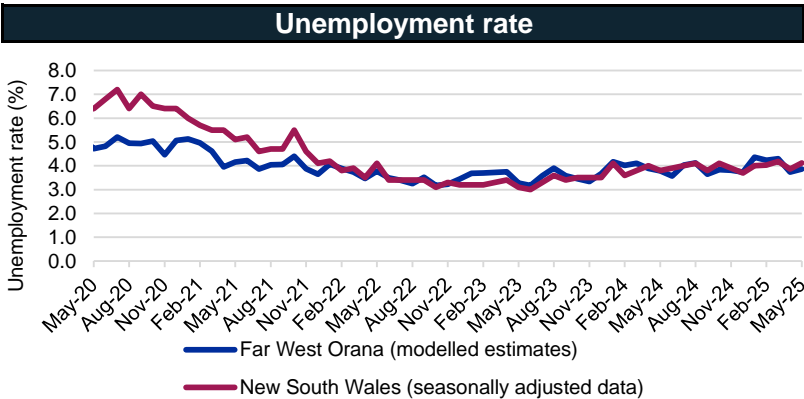
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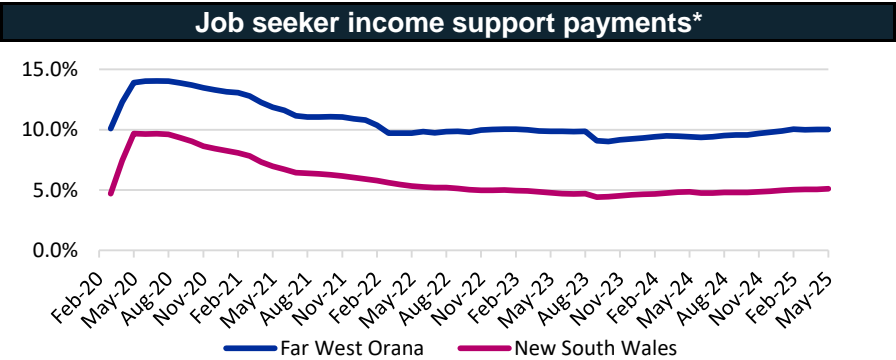
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	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	6,060	260,905
Payments - May 2025	6,455	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 395 ↑ 6.5%	↑ 19,115 ↑ 7.3%

% 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%
New South Wales	280,020	5.1%
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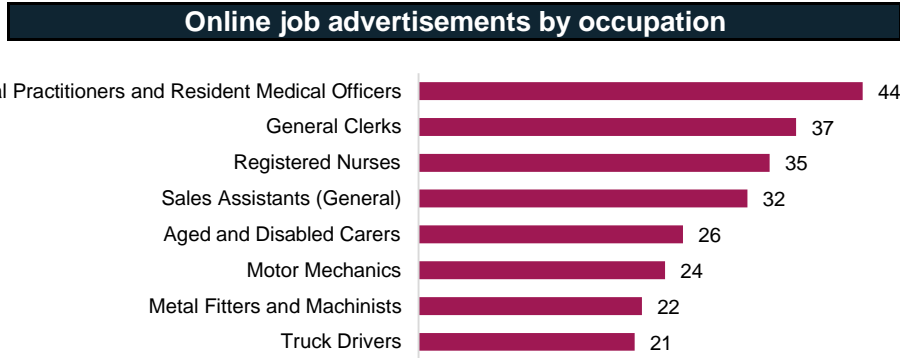
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Walgett	9.2	7.2
Coonamble	5.0	4.3
Broken Hill	4.2	3.4
Gilgandra	3.5	2.9
Warrumbungle	3.4	2.6

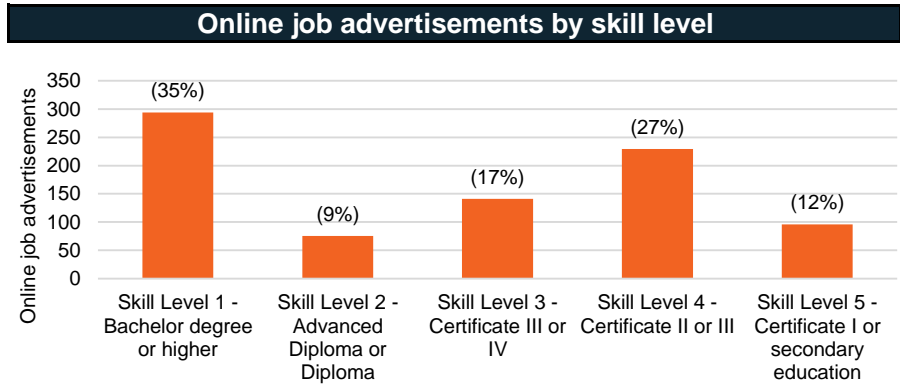
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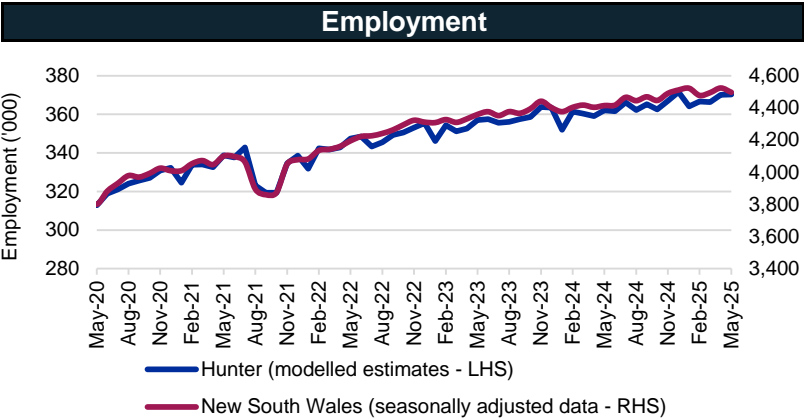
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Hunter	370.4	362.1	2.3	15.8	13.5	17.4	4.1	3.6	65.5	64.4	5.5	7.0
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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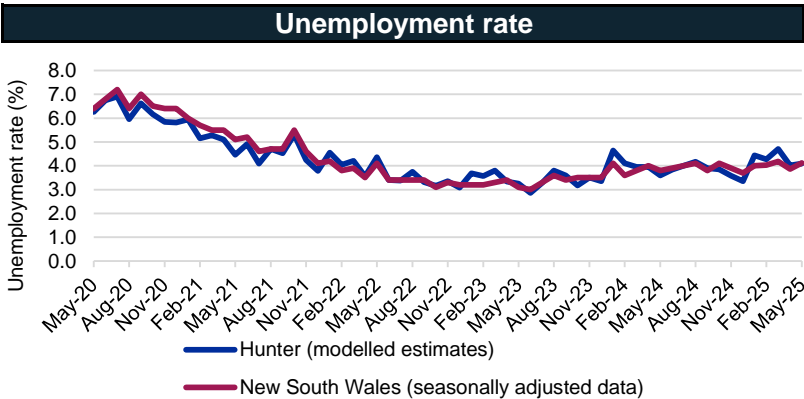
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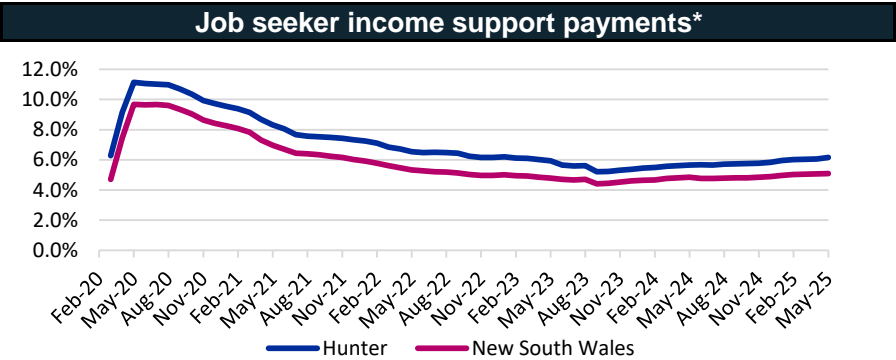
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	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	24,930	260,905
Payments - May 2025	27,155	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	2,225	19,115
	8.9%	7.3%

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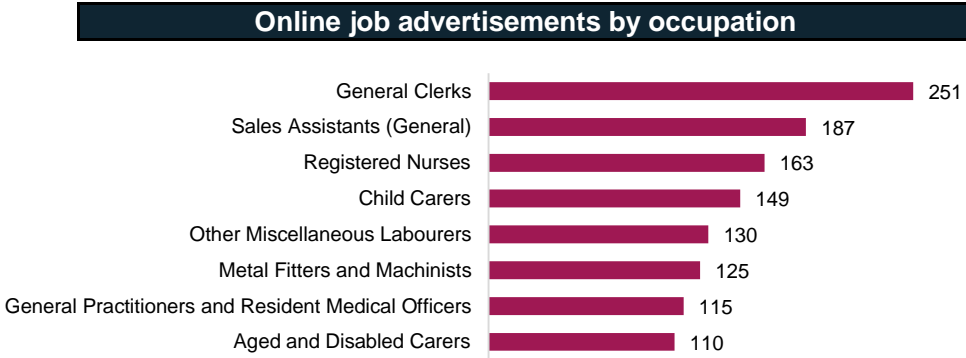
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Muswellbrook	6.8	4.9
Cessnock	5.5	4.2
Port Stephens	4.7	3.7
Maitland	3.6	2.7
Dungog	3.3	2.5

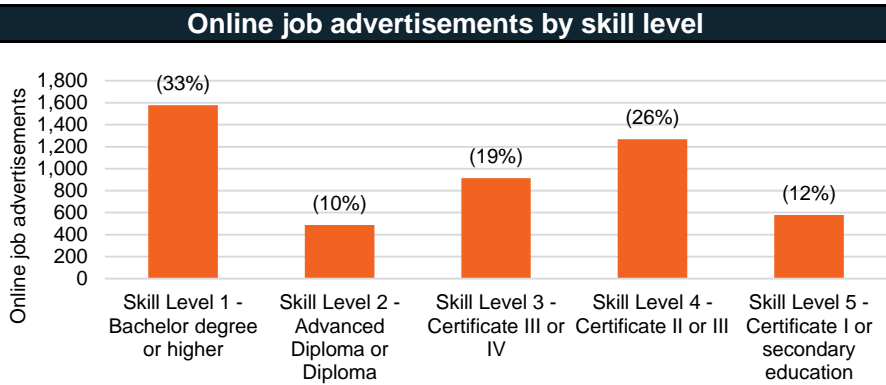
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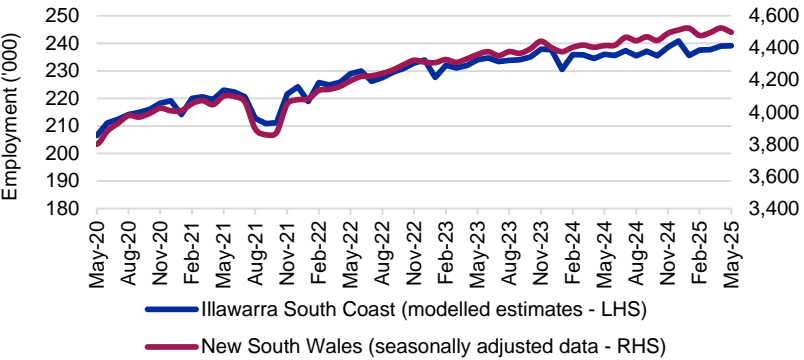
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Illawarra South Coast	239.2	236.0	1.3	11.3	10.2	10.9	4.5	4.1	61.9	61.1	10.0	12.4
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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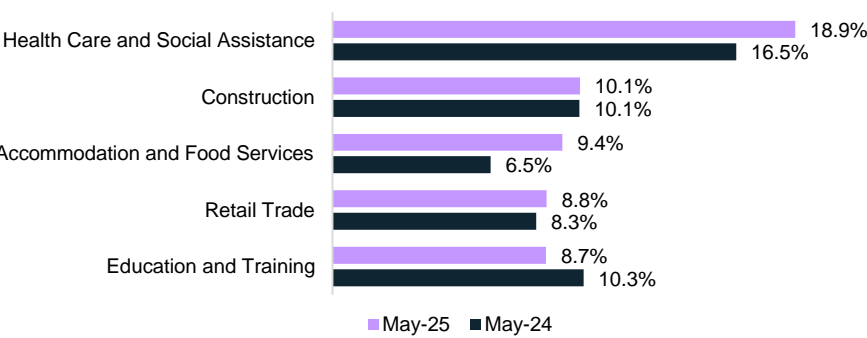
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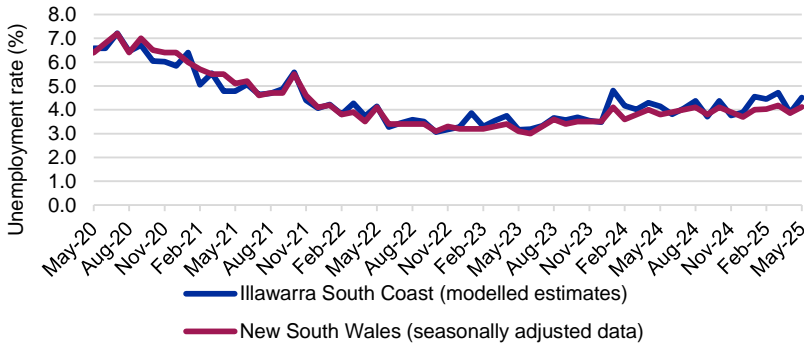
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Largest employing industries



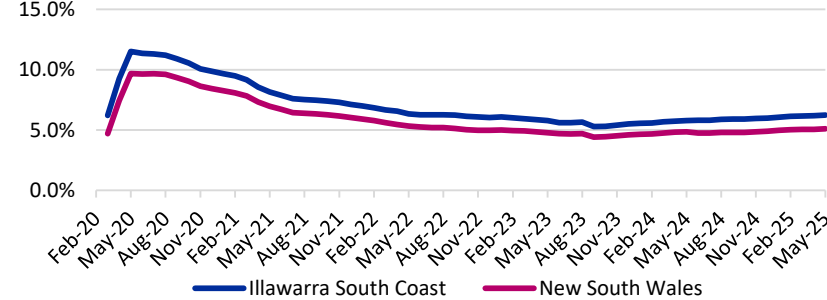
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments\*



Illawarra South Coast		New South Wales	
Payments - May 2024	19,415	260,905	
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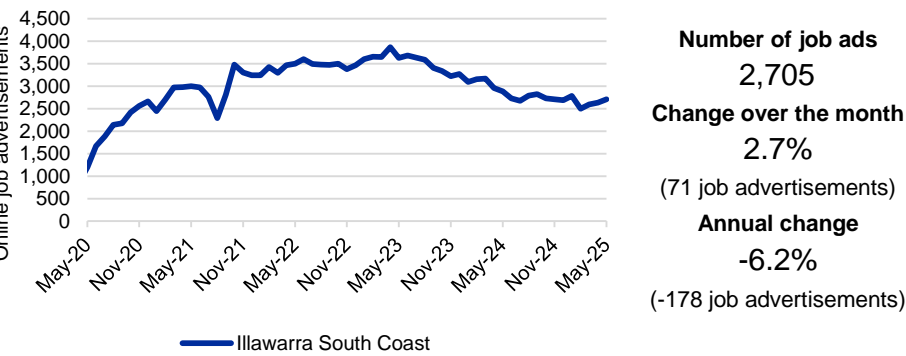
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Shellharbour	7.0	3.9
Wollongong	6.4	3.8
Eurobodalla	4.9	3.8
Bega Valley	3.8	2.9
Kiama	2.4	1.5

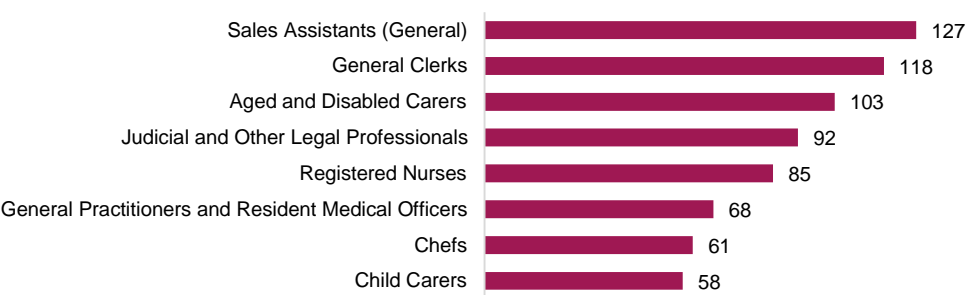
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Online job advertisements



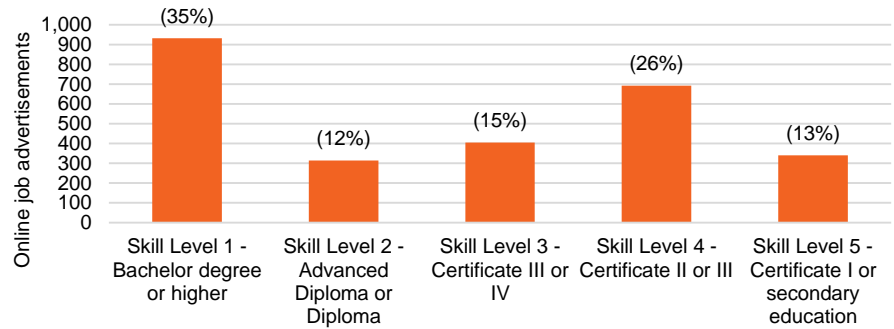
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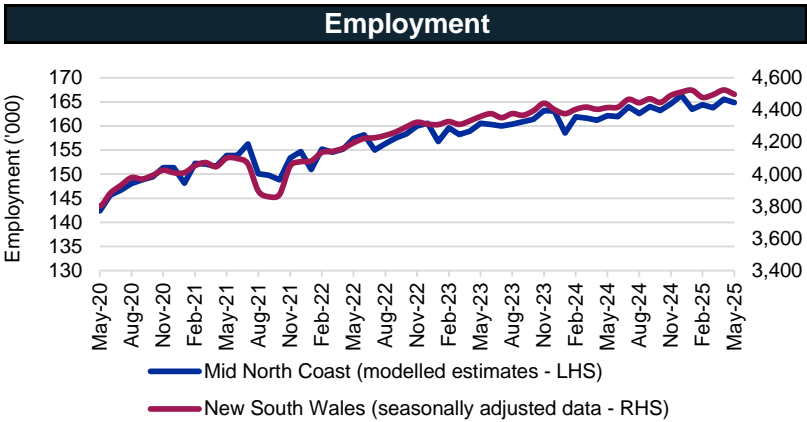
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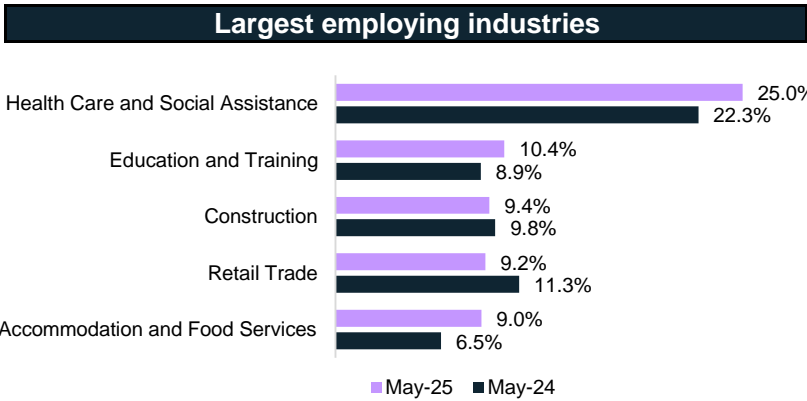
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Australia	14,620.6	14,291.5	2.3	618.3	590.1	4.8	4.1	4.0	67.0	66.7	9.4	9.6

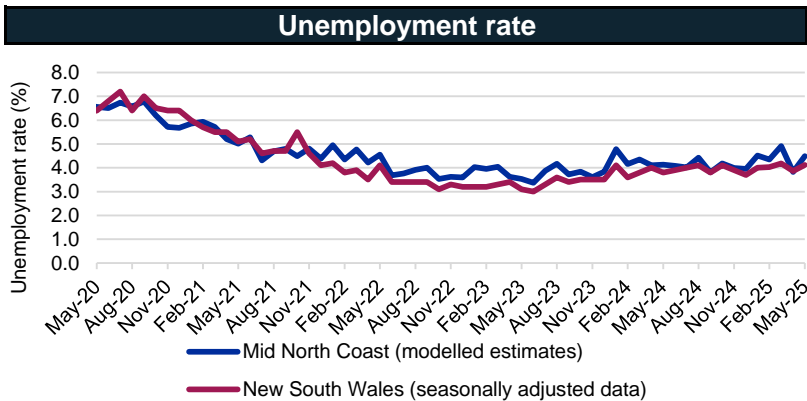
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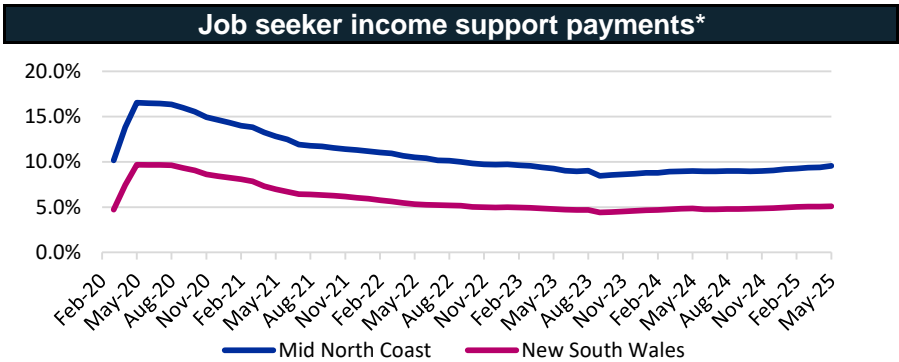
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	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	16,285	260,905
Payments - May 2025	17,375	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 1,090	↑ 19,115
	↑ 6.7%	↑ 7.3%

% 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	17,375	9.6%
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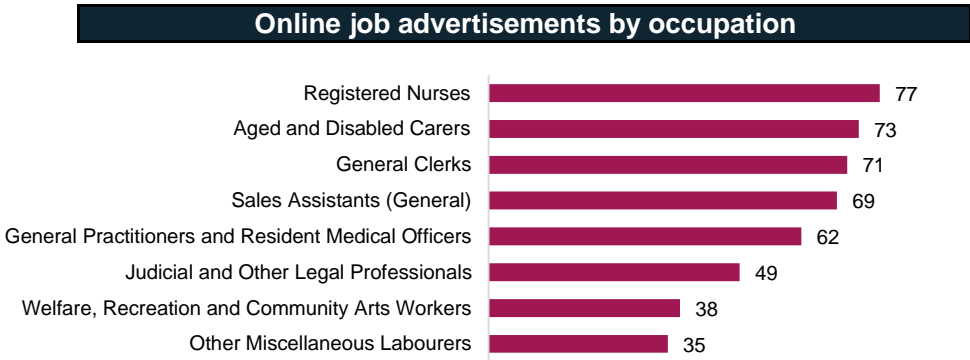
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Kempsey	5.1	5.7
Nambucca Valley	5.1	5.7
Bellingen	4.8	3.5
Mid-Coast	3.9	4.2
Armidale	2.7	2.2

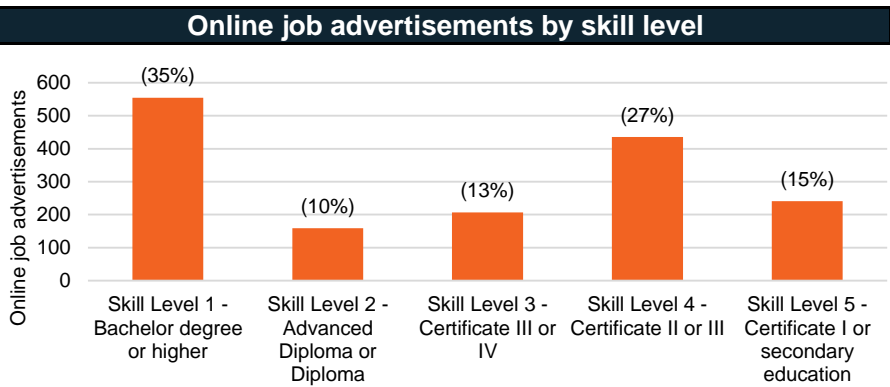
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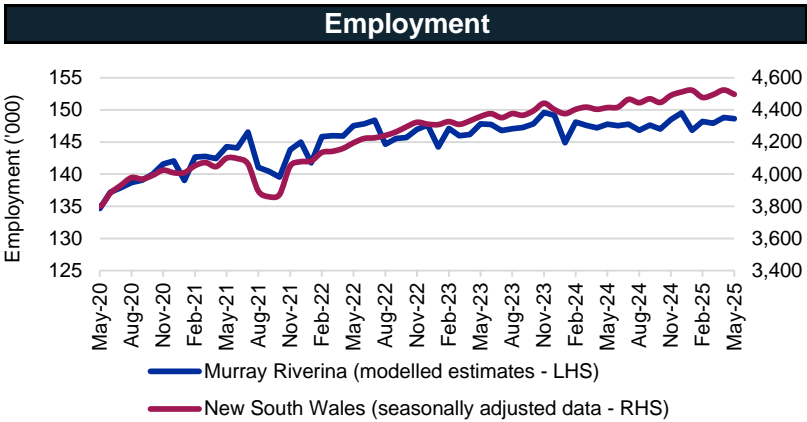
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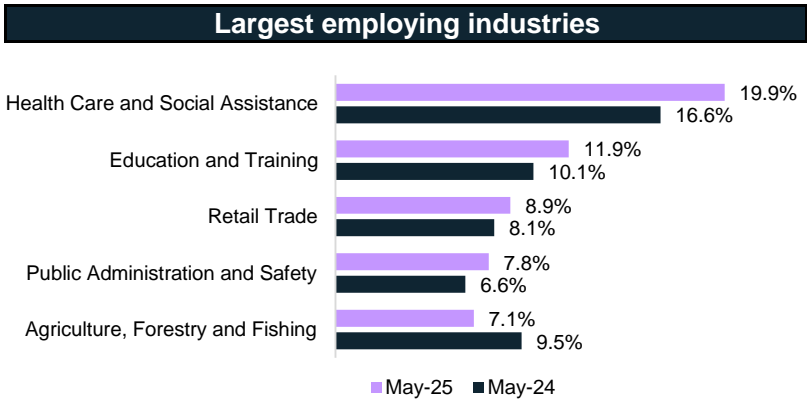
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Murray Riverina	148.6	147.8	0.6	5.7	5.3	8.2	3.7	3.4	65.7	65.0	10.7	5.7
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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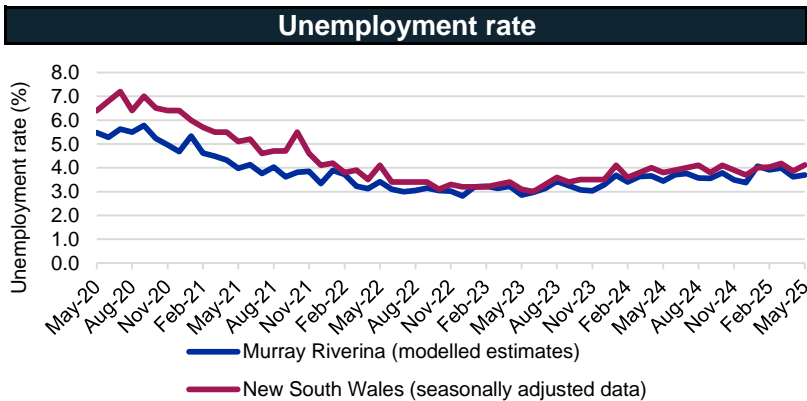
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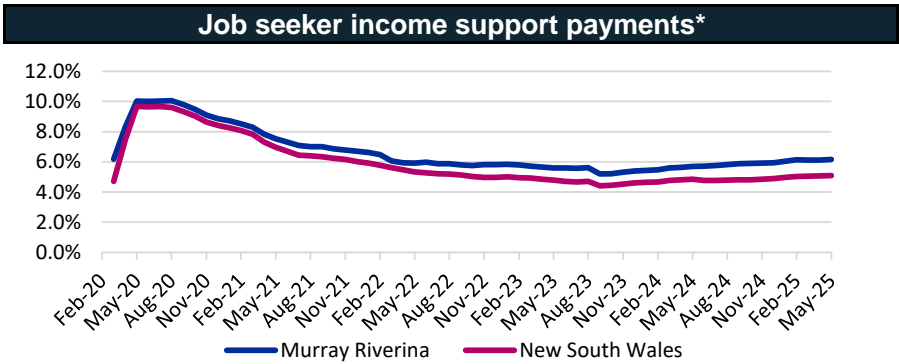
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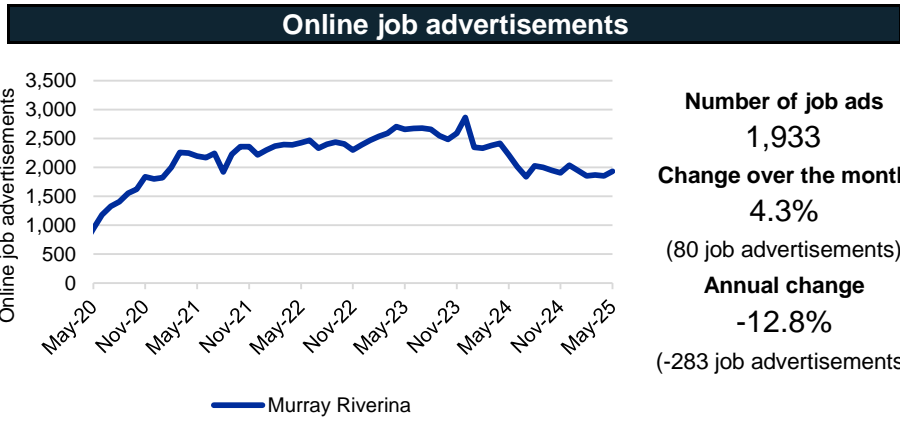
	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	7,720	260,905
Payments - May 2025	8,350	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 630 ↑ 8.2%	↑ 19,115 ↑ 7.3%

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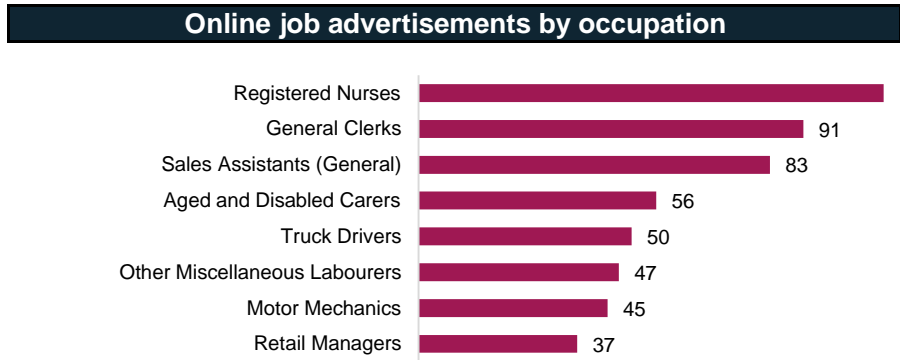
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Narrandera	5.3	4.3
Wentworth	4.1	5.4
Albury	3.9	5.1
Edward River	3.9	5.2
Leeton	3.6	3.1

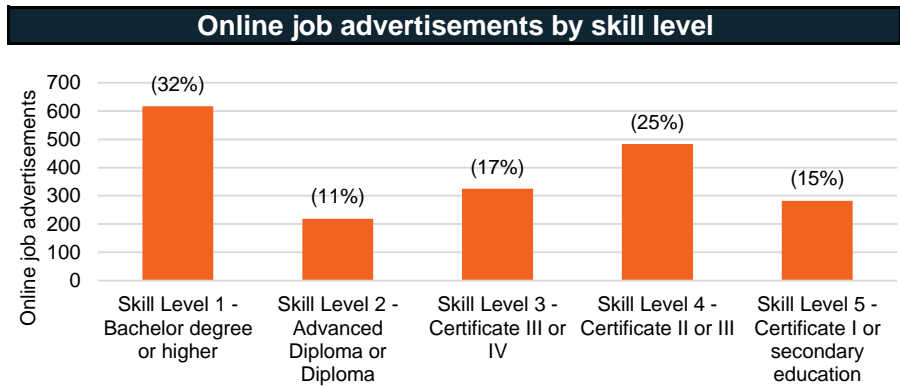
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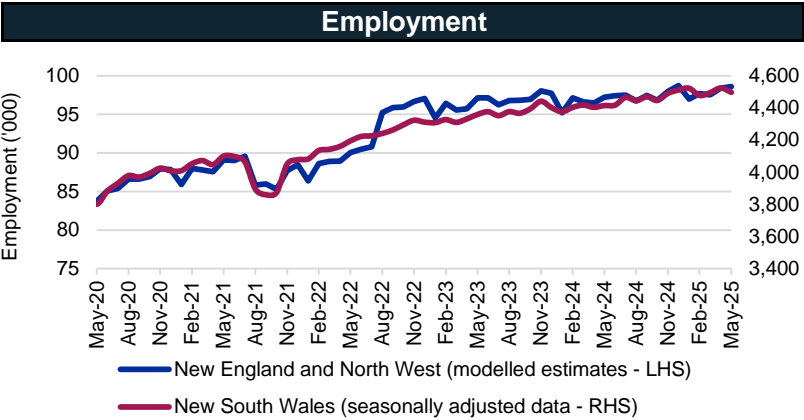
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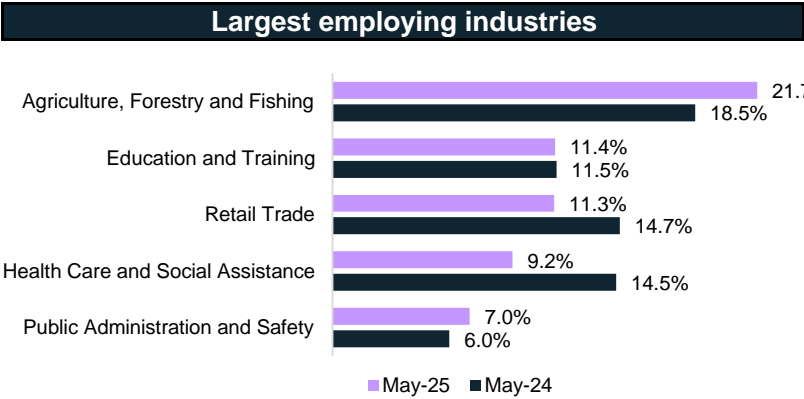
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New England and North West	98.6	97.2	1.4	4.9	4.6	6.0	4.7	4.5	67.3	66.3	13.3	8.1
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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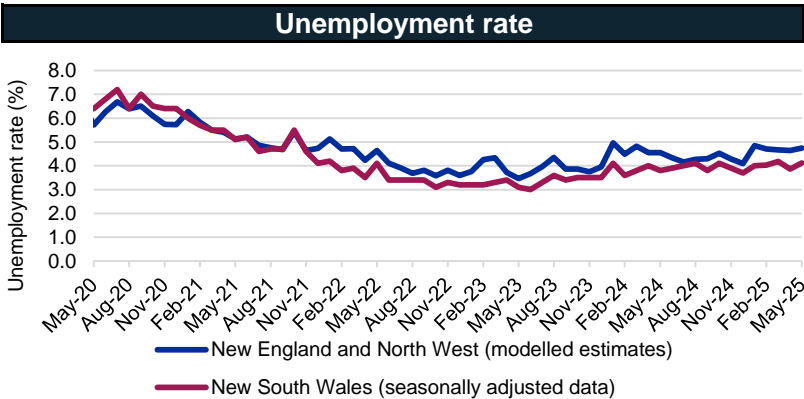
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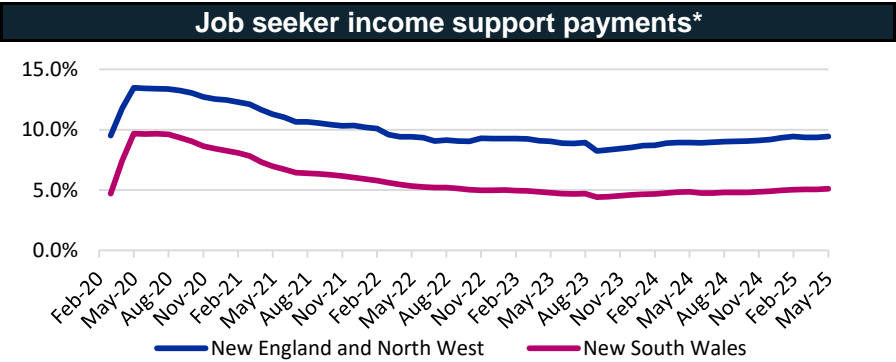
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New England and North West		New South Wales	
Payments - May 2024	10,055	260,905	
Payments - May 2025	10,605	280,020	
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 550	↑ 19,115	
	↑ 5.5%	↑ 7.3%	

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
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New England and North West	10,605	9.4%
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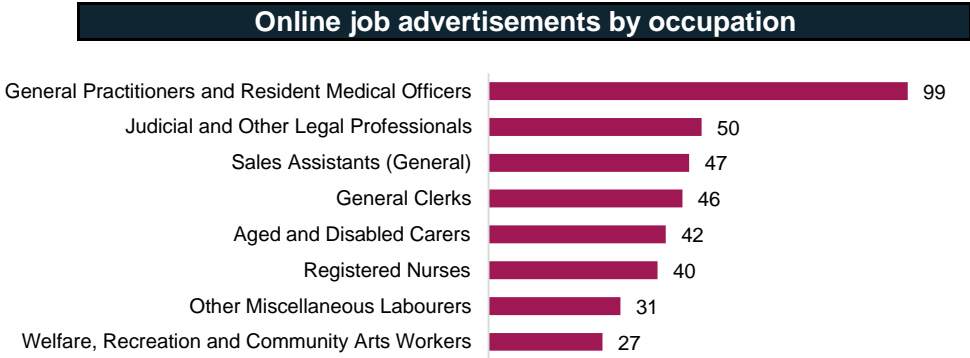
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Tenterfield	3.7	3.1
Glen Innes Severn	3.3	2.8
Moree Plains	3.1	2.9
Inverell	2.8	2.5
Armidale	2.7	2.2

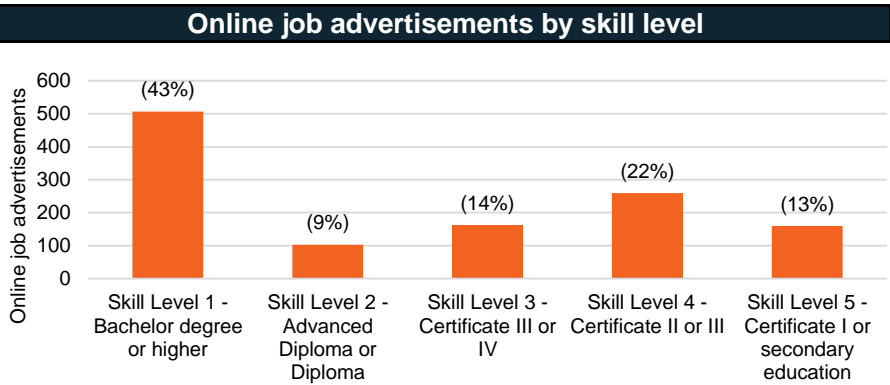
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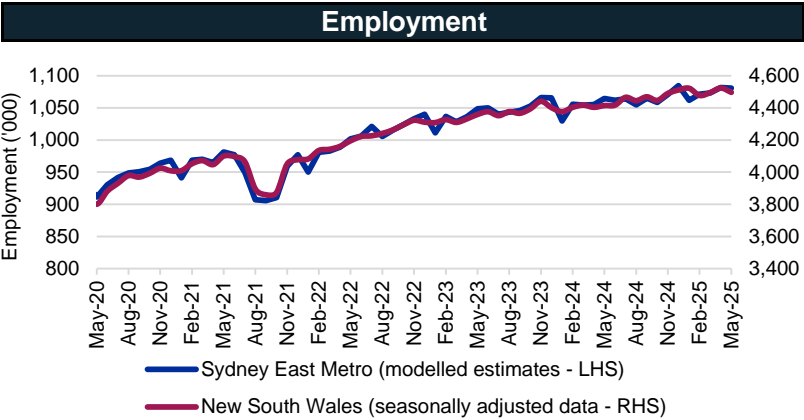
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Sydney East Metro	1,081.0	1,064.6	1.5	41.4	37.9	9.0	3.7	3.4	69.3	69.9	8.0	8.1
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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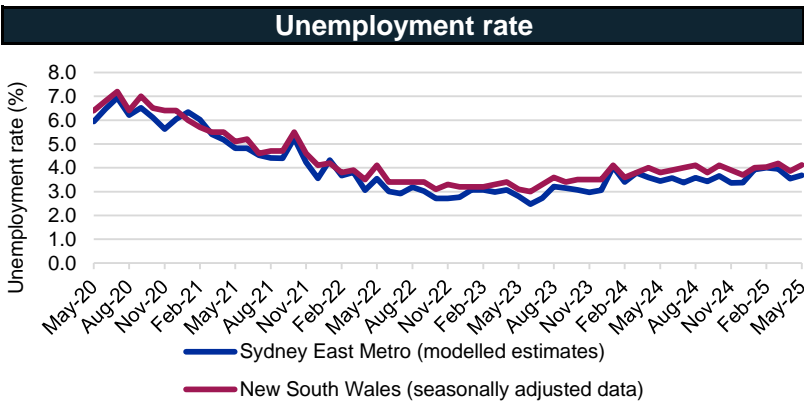
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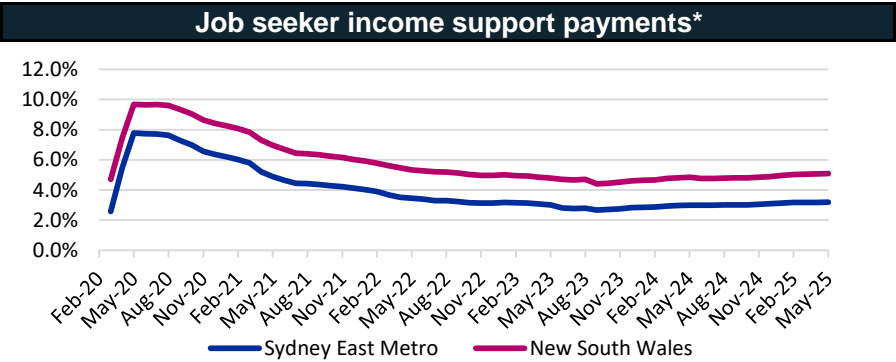
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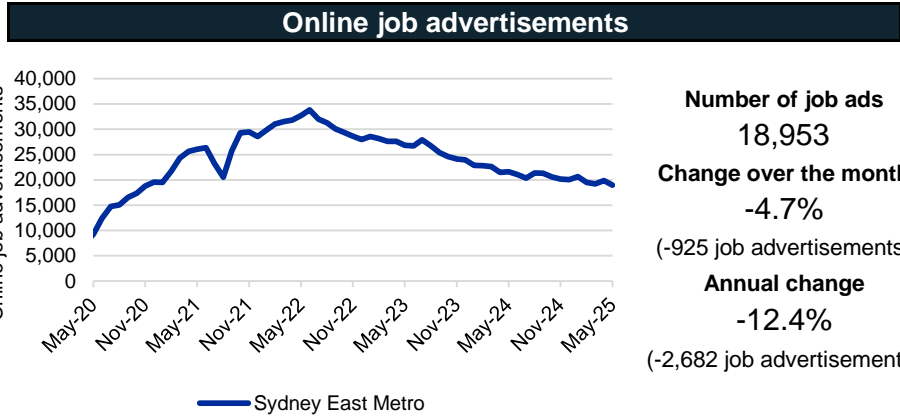
	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	34,165	260,905
Payments - May 2025	36,495	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 2,330 ↑ 6.8%	↑ 19,115 ↑ 7.3%

% 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
Sydney East Metro	36,495	3.2%
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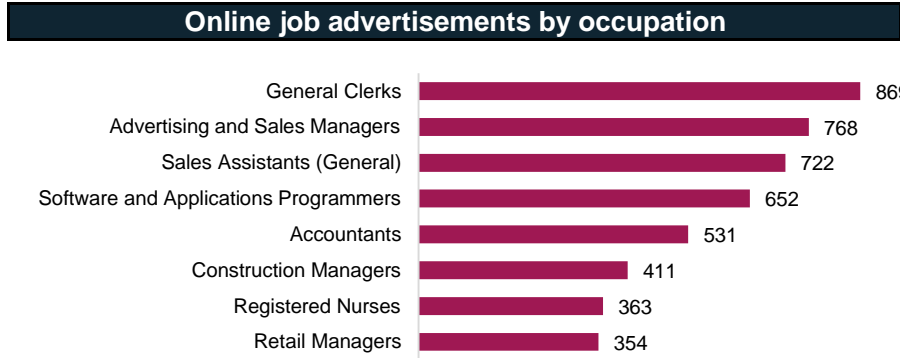
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Randwick	4.8	4.8
Inner West	4.7	4.4
Sydney	4.3	3.6
Burwood	3.8	3.9

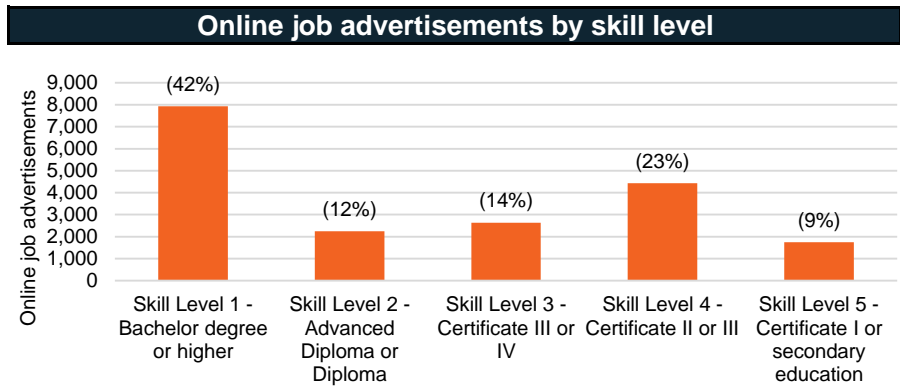
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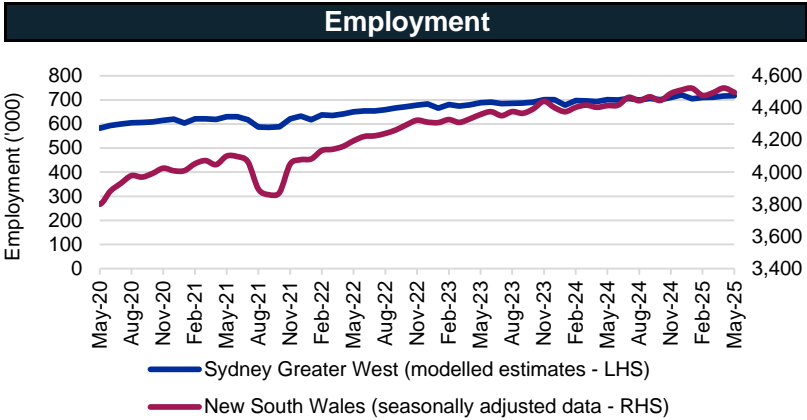
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Sydney Greater West	717.5	700.7	2.4	36.2	31.1	16.4	4.8	4.3	69.8	69.4	8.5	9.0
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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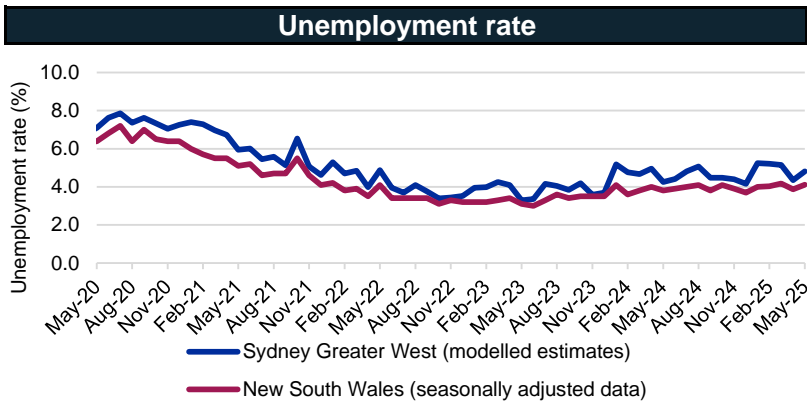
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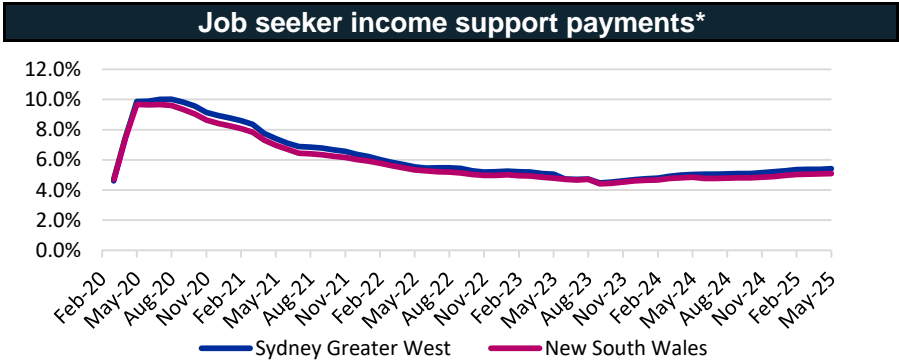
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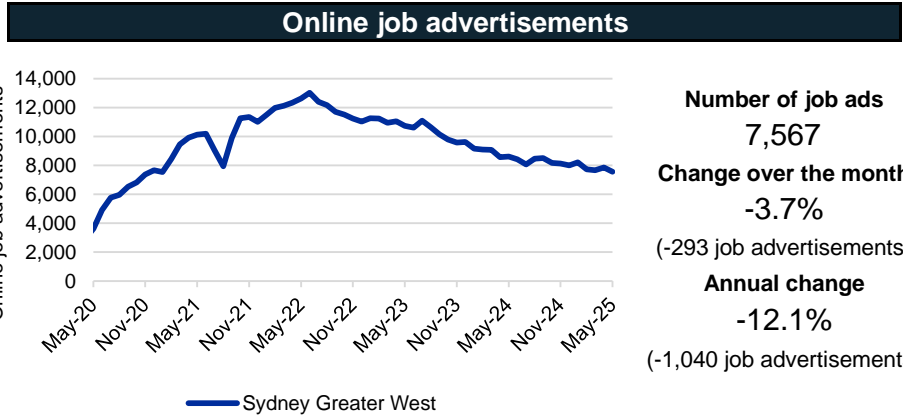
	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	43,400	260,905
Payments - May 2025	46,710	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 3,310	↑ 19,115
	↑ 7.6%	↑ 7.3%

% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments		
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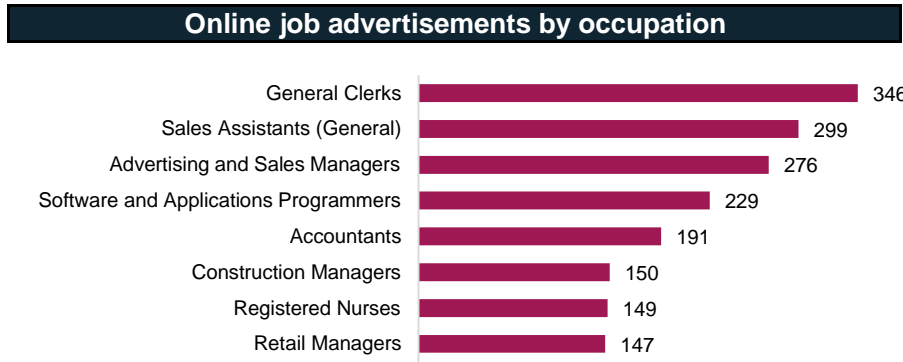
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Fairfield	8.5	7.7
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Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Blacktown	5.1	4.4
Penrith	4.1	3.5

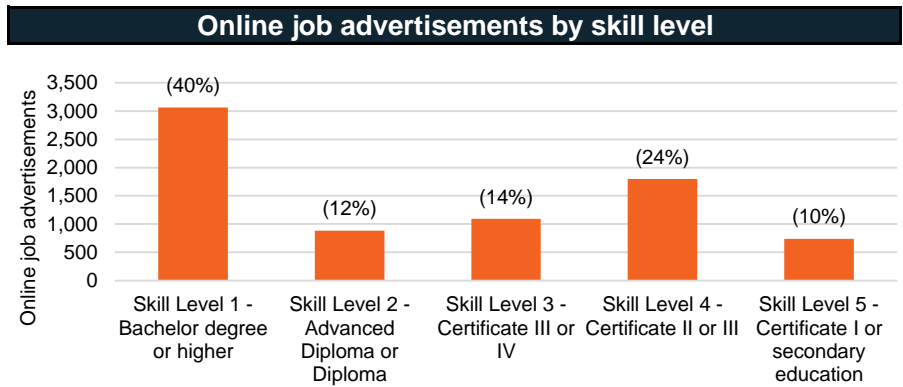
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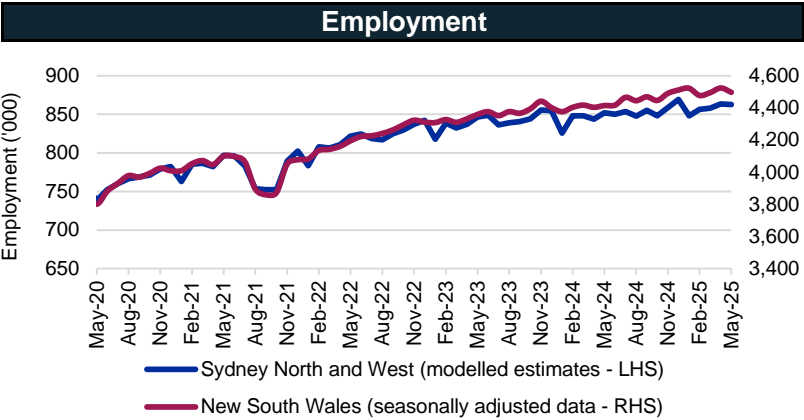
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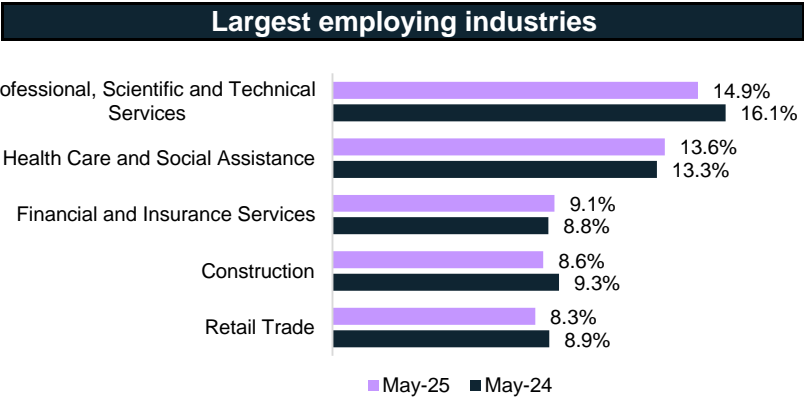
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Sydney North and West	862.5	851.9	1.3	31.8	27.1	17.6	3.6	3.1	67.5	67.6	8.1	7.3
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
Australia	14,620.6	14,291.5	2.3	618.3	590.1	4.8	4.1	4.0	67.0	66.7	9.4	9.6

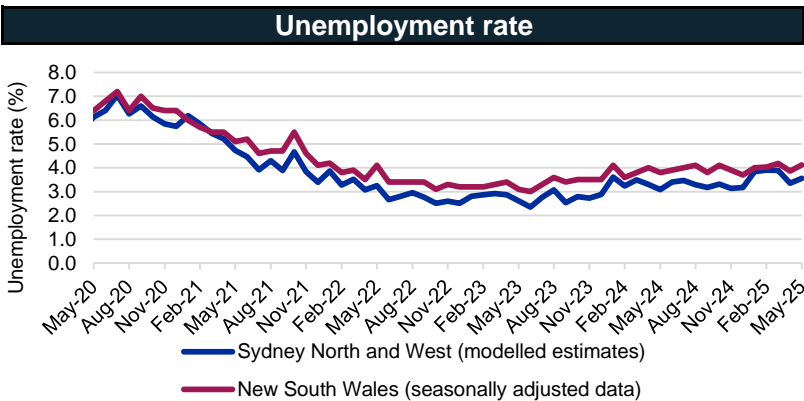
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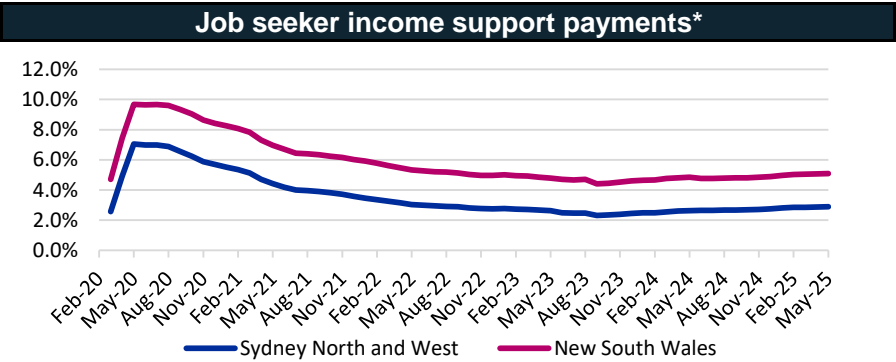
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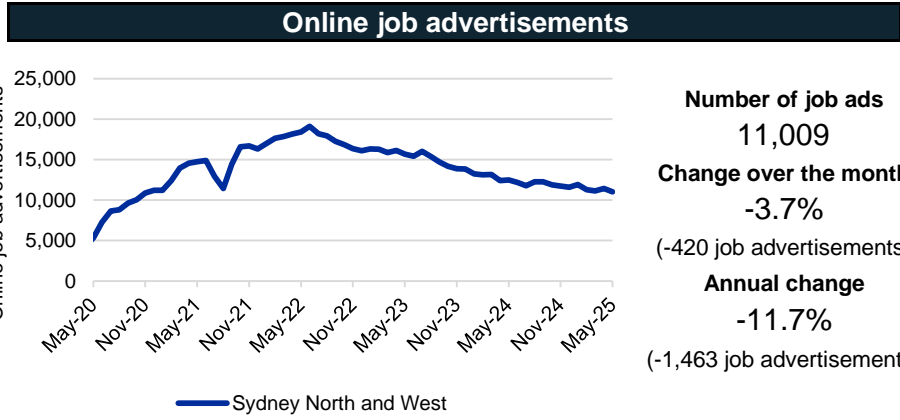
	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - May 2024	26,170	260,905
Payments - May 2025	28,645	280,020
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 2,475	↑ 19,115
	↑ 9.5%	↑ 7.3%

% 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
Sydney North and West	28,645	2.9%
New South Wales	280,020	5.1%
Australia	982,870	5.6%

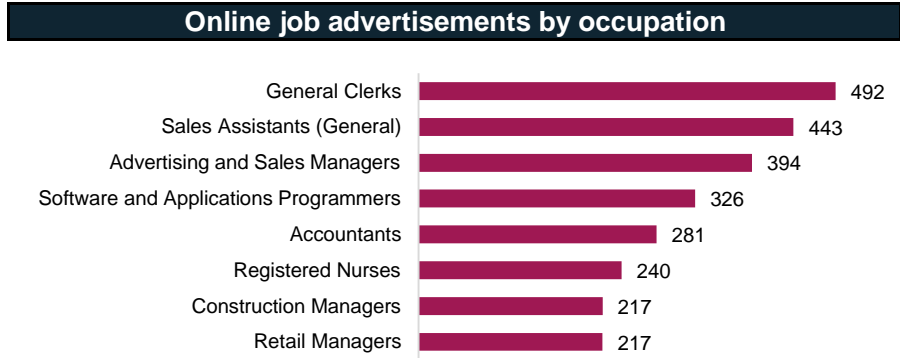
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Hornsby	4.4	4.5
Willoughby	4.0	3.4
Hawkesbury	3.9	3.7
Ryde	3.6	3.7
Lane Cove	3.6	2.9

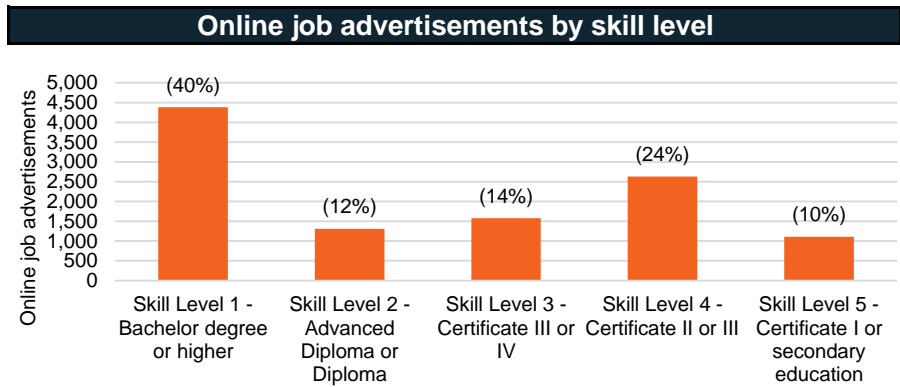
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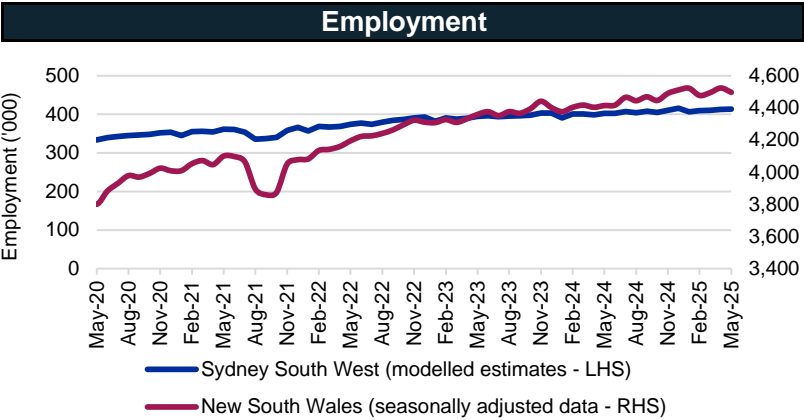
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This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table												
	Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	May-25 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	May-24 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Change (%)	May-25 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	May-24 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	Change (%)	May-25 (%)	May-24 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-24 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-24 (%)
Sydney South West	413.3	402.9	2.6	21.6	21.3	1.5	5.0	5.0	64.8	64.6	10.7	10.3
New South Wales	4,497.0	4,421.2	1.7	193.1	173.0	11.6	4.1	3.8	66.1	65.9	8.6	8.2
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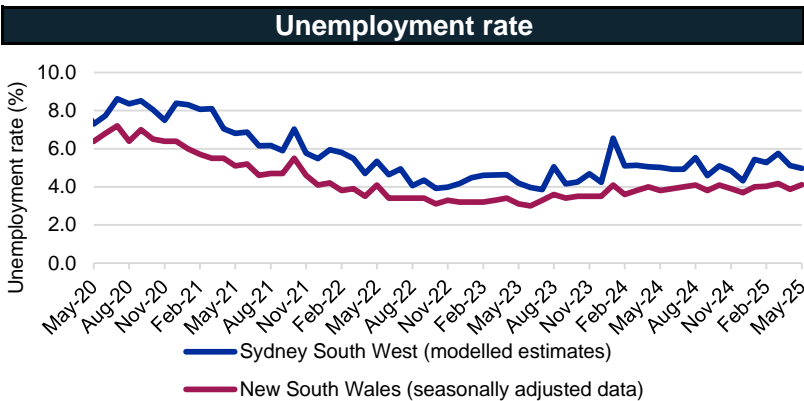
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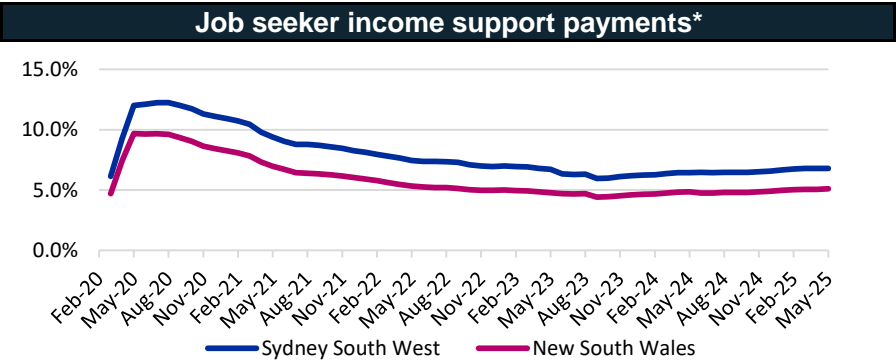
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	Sydney South West	New South Wales
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Change from May 2024 to May 2025	2,230	19,115
	5.3%	7.3%

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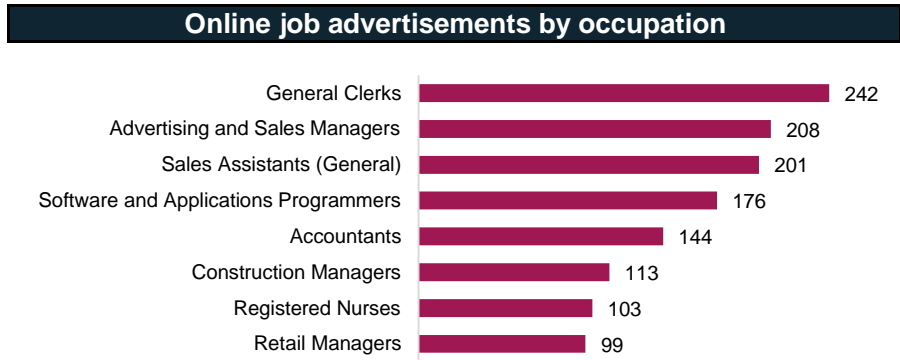
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Fairfield	8.5	7.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.3	4.9
Campbelltown (NSW)	5.7	6.1
Liverpool	4.9	4.4
Sutherland	2.7	2.1

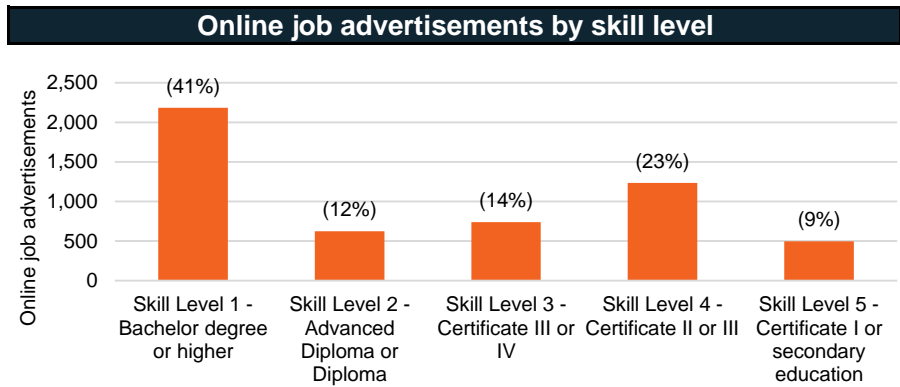
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