

Labour Market Dashboard Western Australia

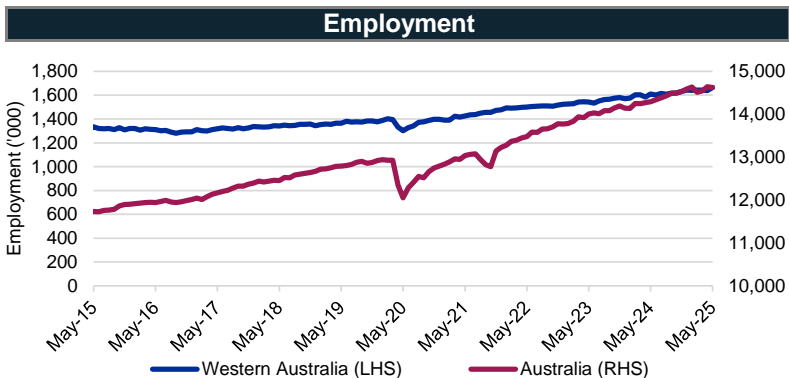
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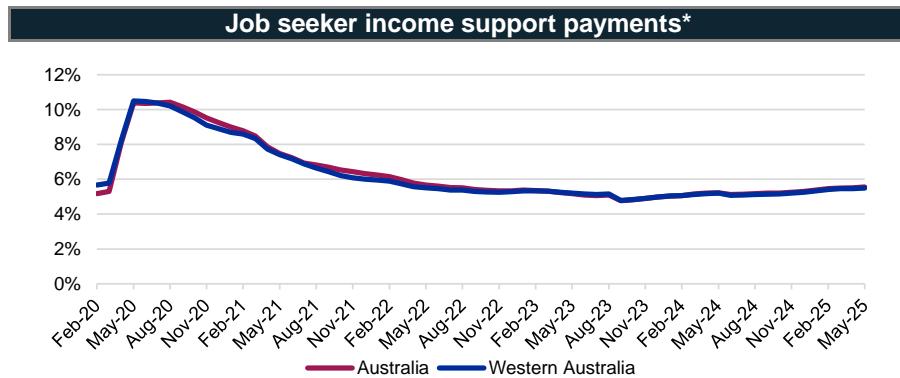
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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Western Australia	1,665.2	1,619.7	2.8	67.9	60.5	12.1	3.9	3.6	69.5	69.2	8.3	9.6
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

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, May-25, except for the youth unemployment rate, which is a 12-month average of the original estimates from the Labour Force Survey



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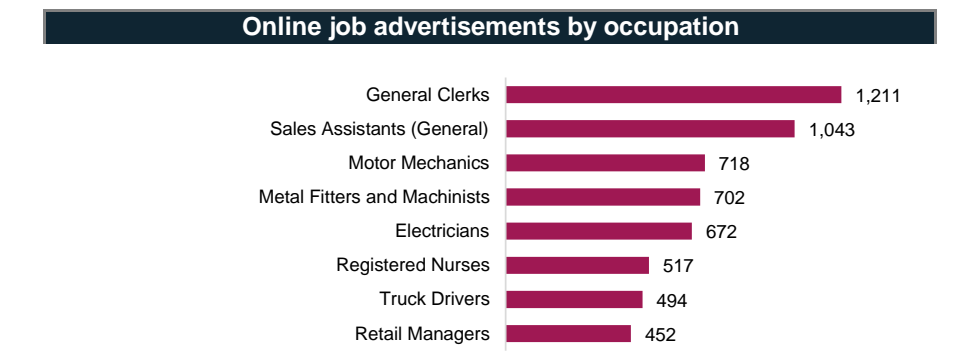


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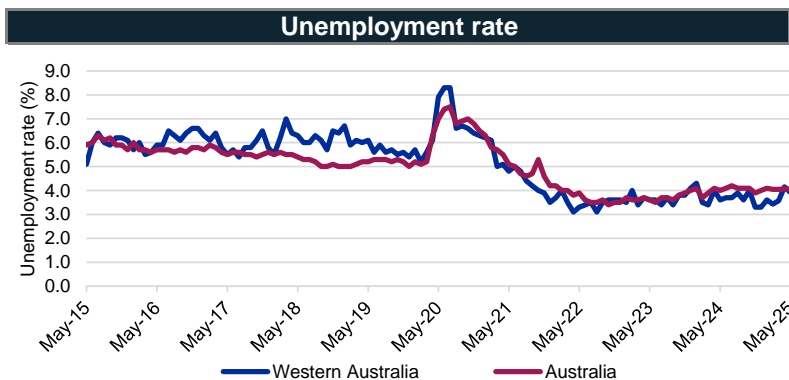


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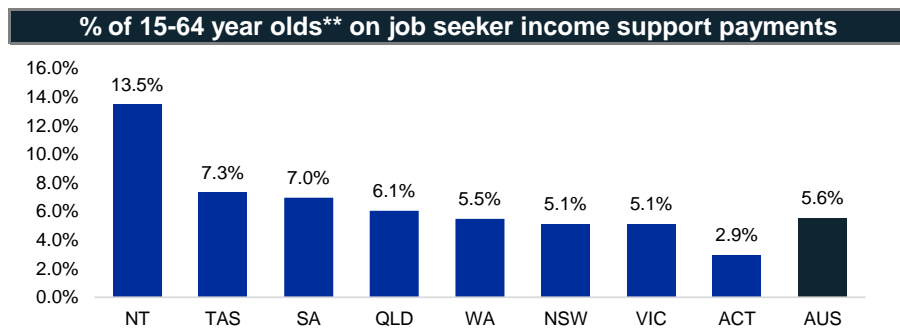
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - May 2024	98,110	905,215
Payments - May 2025	106,565	982,870
Change (May 2024 to May 2025)	↑ 8,455	↑ 77,655
Change % (May 2024 to May 2025)	↑ 8.6%	↑ 8.6%



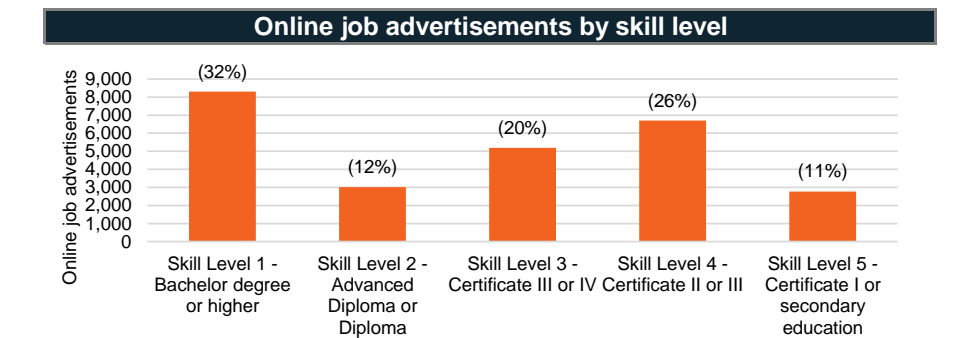
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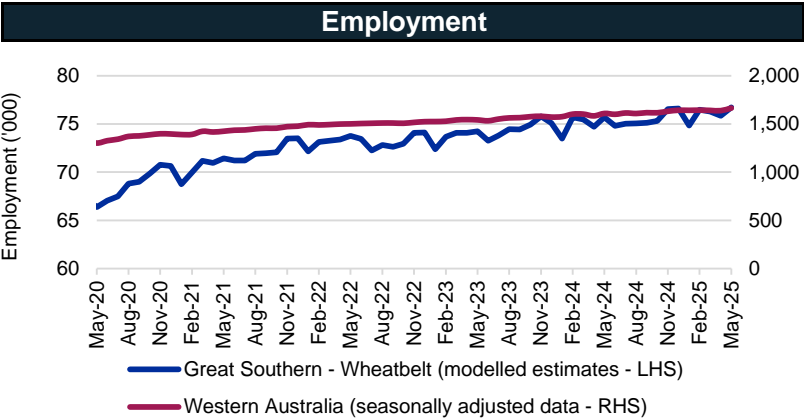
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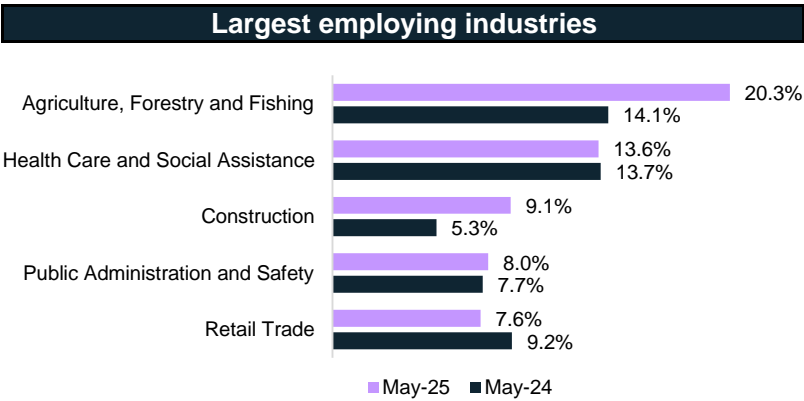
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Great Southern - Wheatbelt	76.7	75.7	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.8	64.3	64.0	4.0	8.3
Western Australia	1,665.2	1,619.7	2.8	67.9	60.5	12.1	3.9	3.6	69.5	69.2	8.3	9.6
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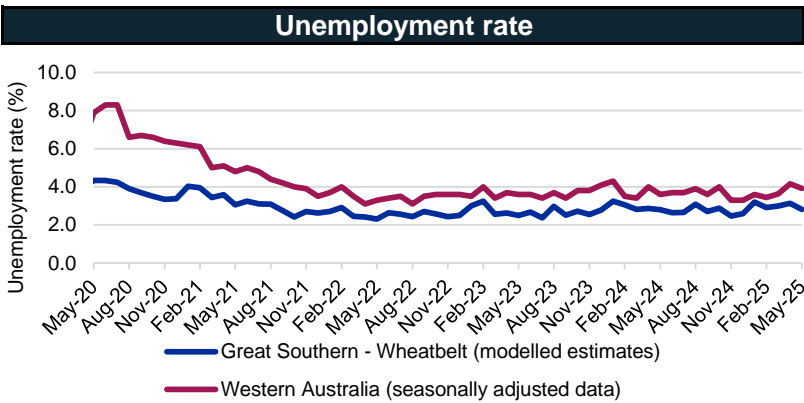
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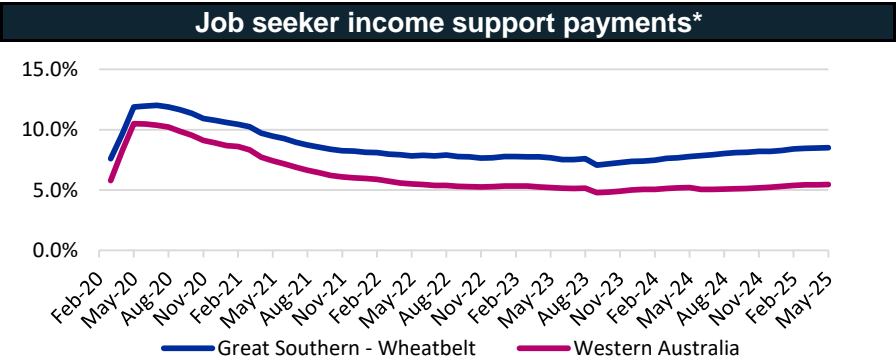
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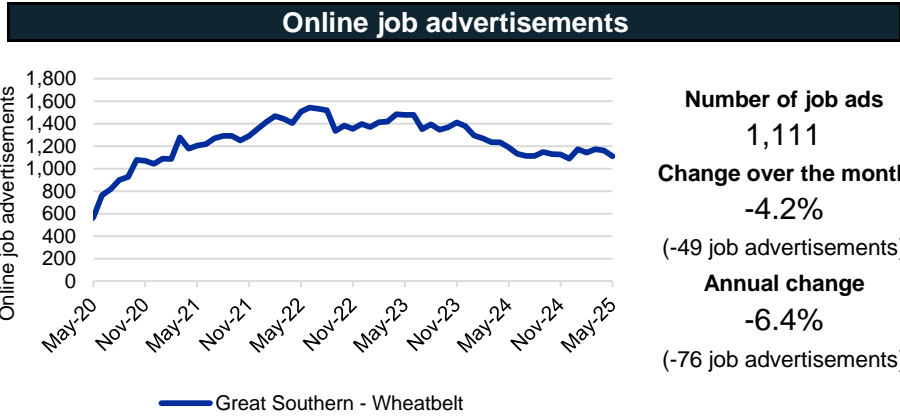
Great Southern - Wheatbelt		Western Australia	
Payments - May 2024	6,540	98,110	
Payments - May 2025	7,155	106,565	
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 615	↑ 8,455	
	↑ 9.4%	↑ 8.6%	

% 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	7,155	8.5%
Western Australia	106,565	5.4%
Australia	982,870	5.6%

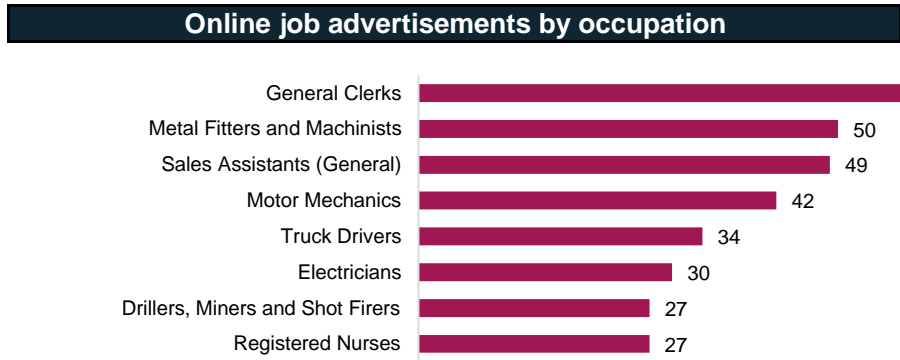
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Northam	4.0	4.9
Cunderdin*	3.9	5.1
Quairading*	3.9	5.1
Tammin*	3.9	5.1
Kellerberrin*	3.8	5.2

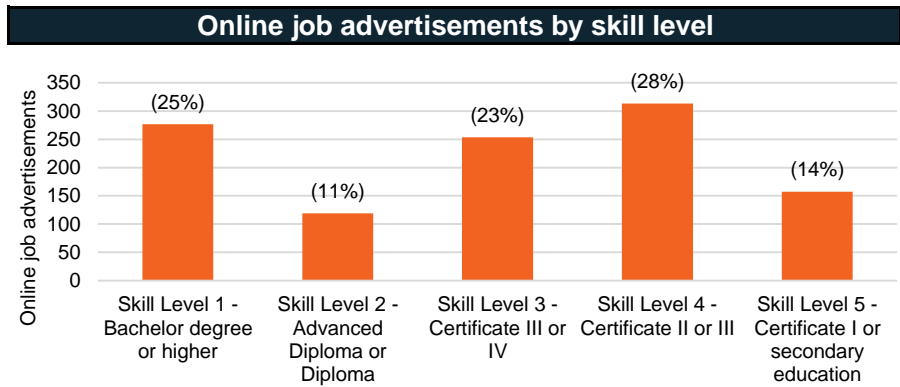
Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December -24 quarter



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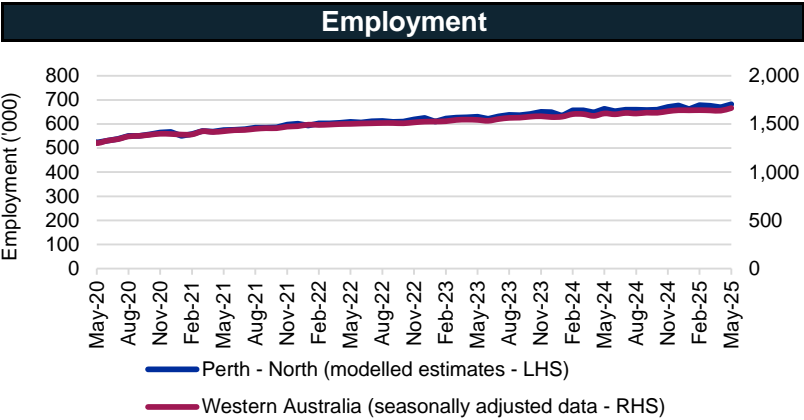
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Perth - North	681.9	662.4	2.9	24.3	21.7	12.1	3.4	3.2	71.3	71.3	9.3	9.7
Western Australia	1,665.2	1,619.7	2.8	67.9	60.5	12.1	3.9	3.6	69.5	69.2	8.3	9.6
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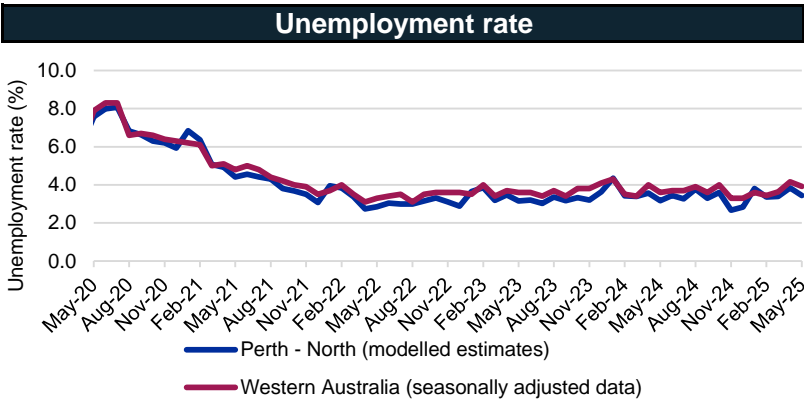
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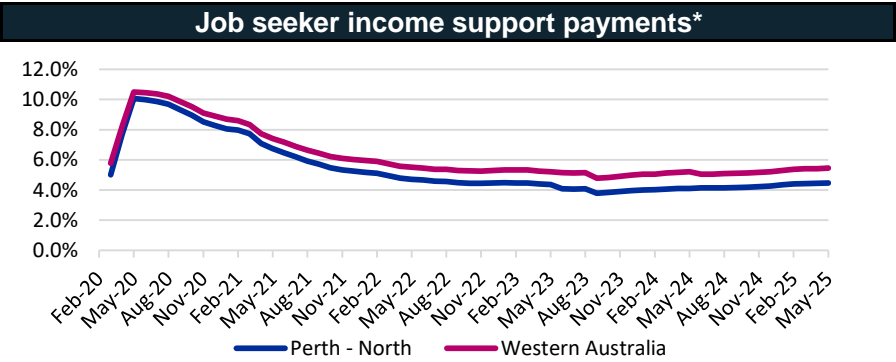
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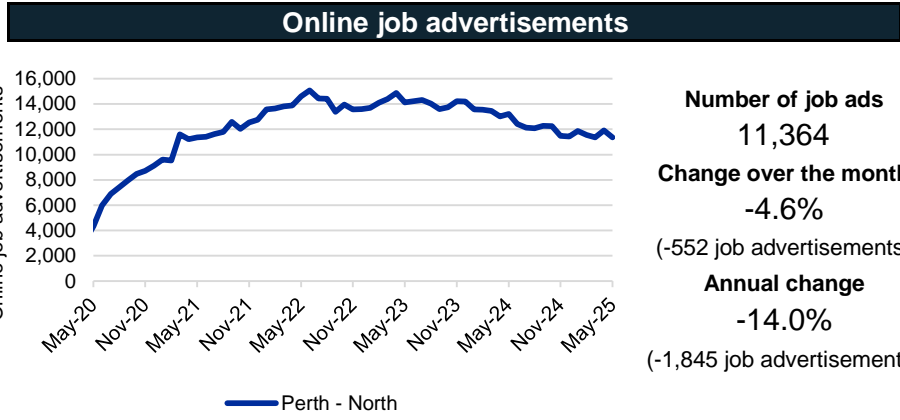
	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - May 2024	30,950	98,110
Payments - May 2025	33,650	106,565
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 2,700	↑ 8,455
	↑ 8.7%	↑ 8.6%

% 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
Perth - North	33,650	4.5%
Western Australia	106,565	5.4%
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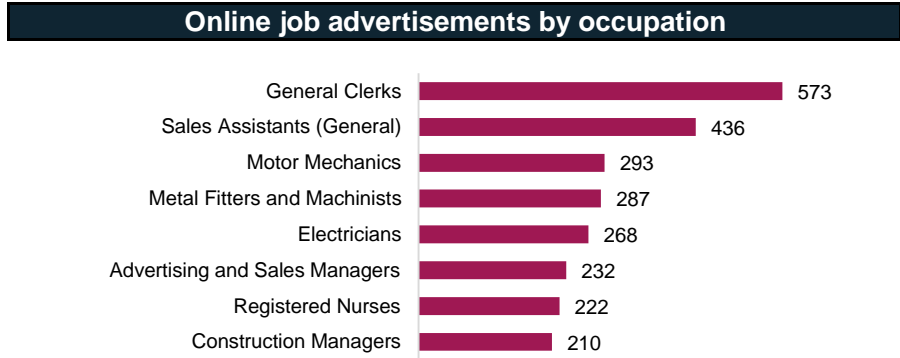
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Perth	5.5	3.9
Wanneroo	4.9	4.7
Swan	4.2	3.8
Stirling	3.7	3.6
Vincent	3.7	2.8

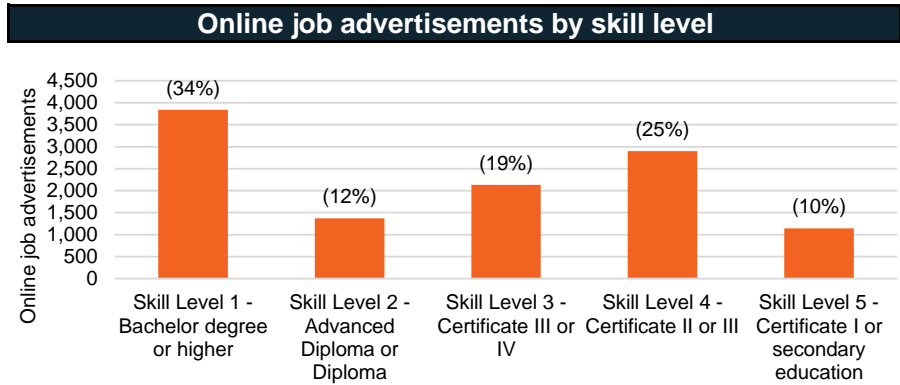
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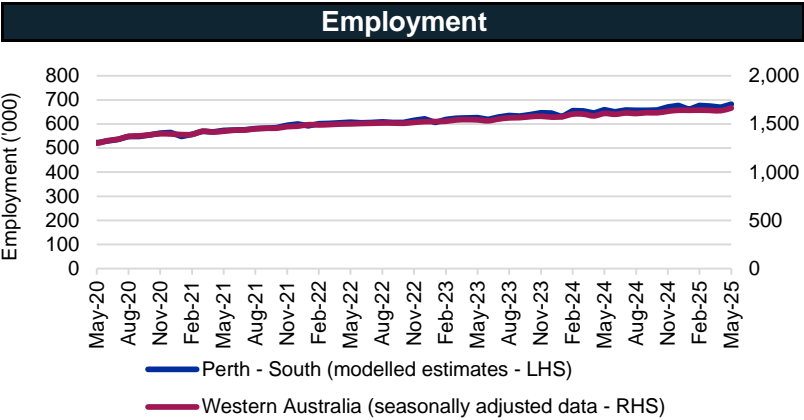
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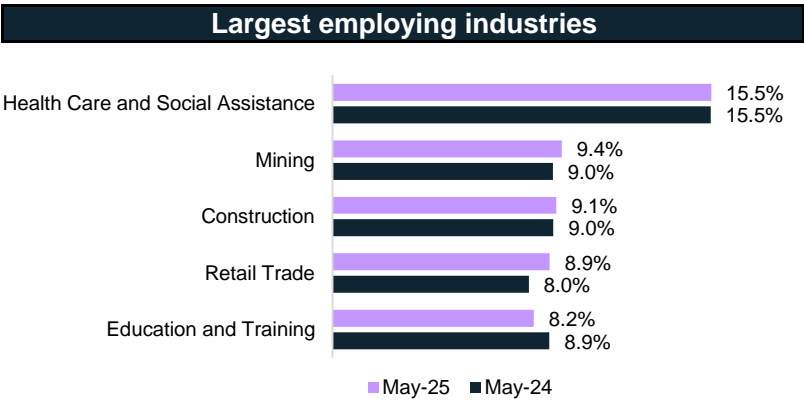
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Perth - South	681.9	659.3	3.4	30.2	26.4	14.8	4.2	3.8	69.3	68.9	7.9	9.2
Western Australia	1,665.2	1,619.7	2.8	67.9	60.5	12.1	3.9	3.6	69.5	69.2	8.3	9.6
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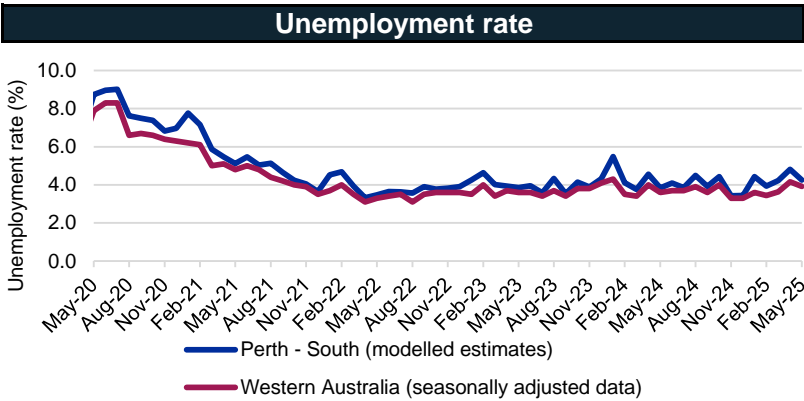
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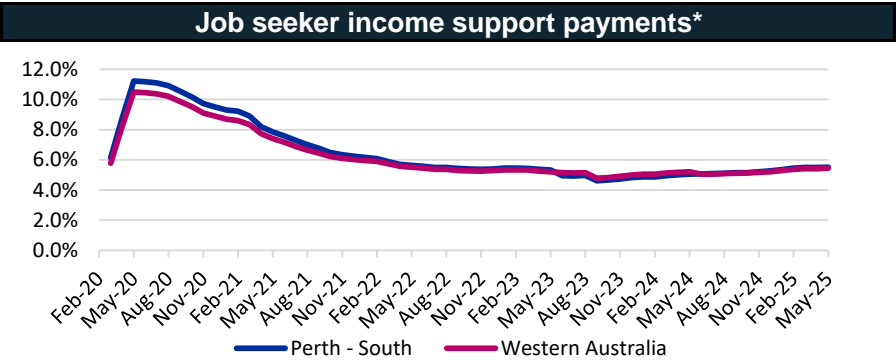
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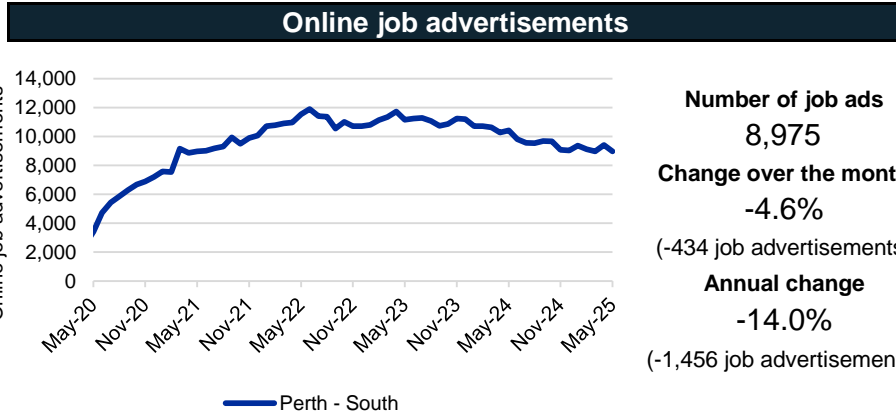
	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - May 2024	38,865	98,110
Payments - May 2025	42,485	106,565
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	3,620	8,455
	9.3%	8.6%

% 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
Perth - South	42,485	5.5%
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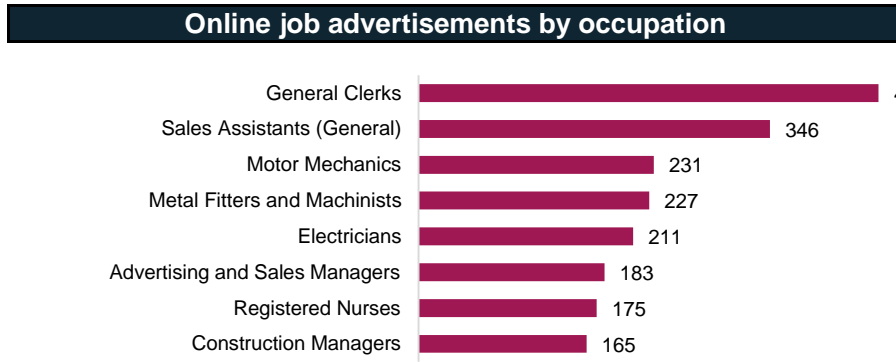
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Kwinana	7.0	5.3
Waroon	5.7	7.4
Rockingham	5.5	4.1
Armadale	5.5	6.4
Gosnells	5.4	6.2

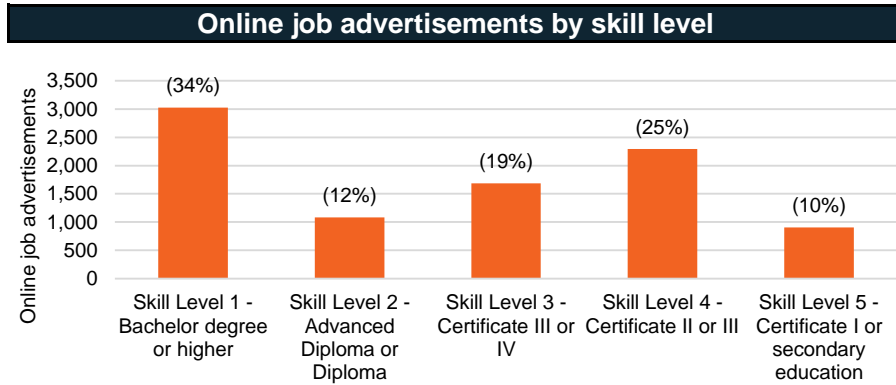
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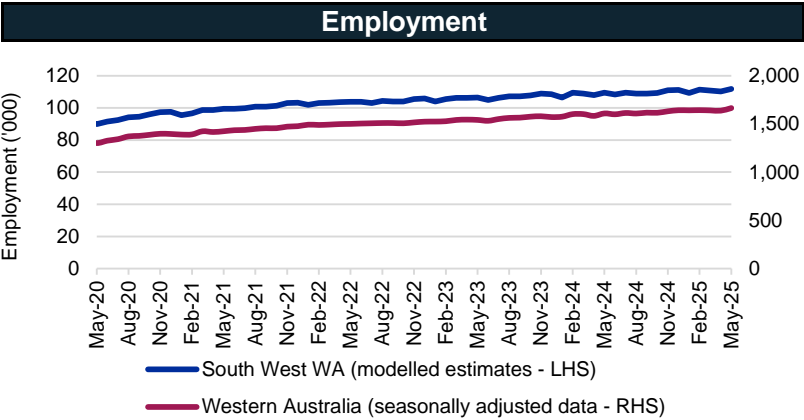
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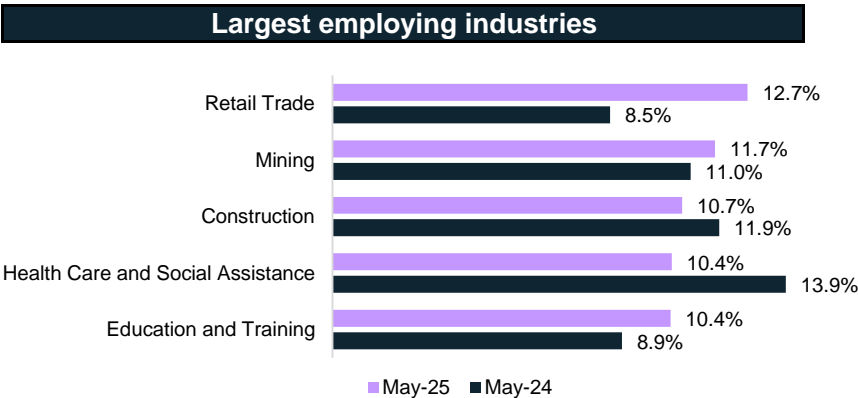
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South West WA	111.8	109.6	2.0	3.4	3.0	13.8	3.0	2.7	67.2	66.8	5.5	12.1
Western Australia	1,665.2	1,619.7	2.8	67.9	60.5	12.1	3.9	3.6	69.5	69.2	8.3	9.6
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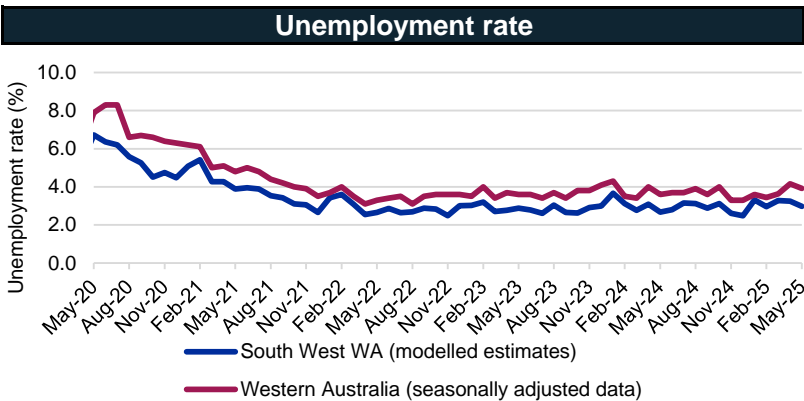
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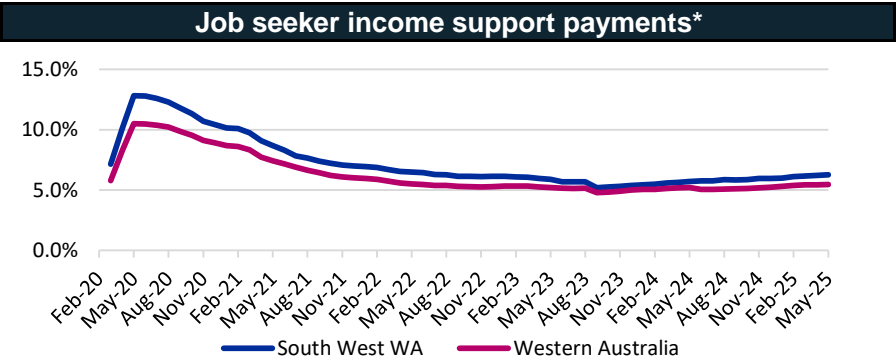
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	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - May 2024	6,815	98,110
Payments - May 2025	7,470	106,565
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 655	↑ 8,455
	↑ 9.6%	↑ 8.6%

% 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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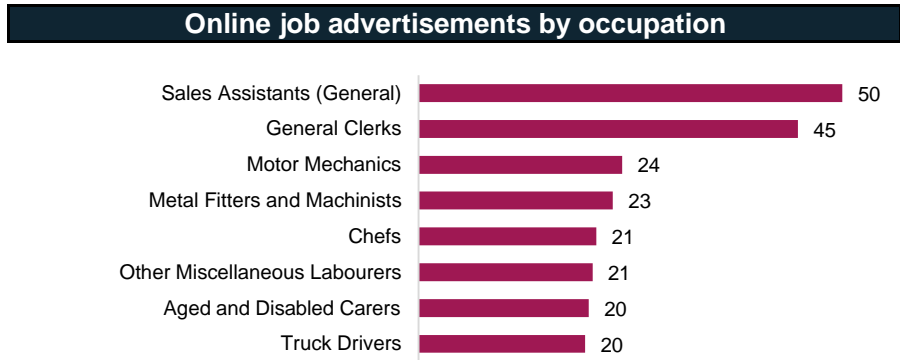
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-24	Dec-23
Collie	5.6	8.3
Bunbury	4.8	6.5
Manjimup	3.1	4.0
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.7	4.0
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	2.7	3.4

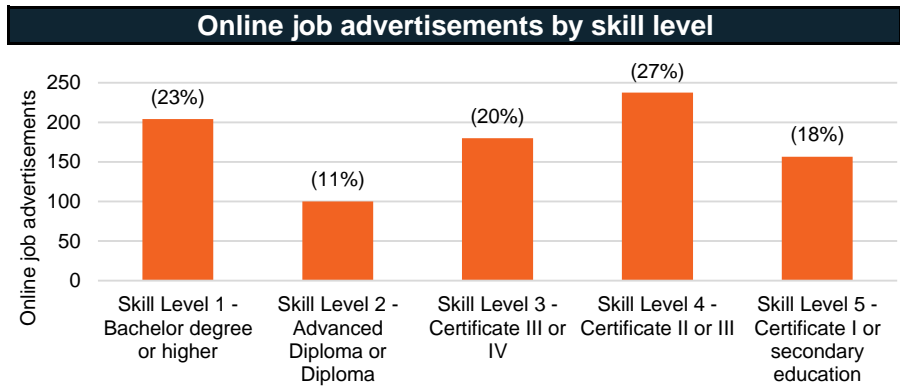
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