



New England and North West

New South Wales

Australia

New England and North West Employment Region

Change

(%)

1.4

1.7

2.3

Employment

May-24

('000)

97.2

4,421.2

14.291.5

New South Wales

May-25

('000)

98.6

4,497.0

14.620.6

Labour Market Dashboard

May-25

(%)

4.7

4.1

4.1

Labour market summary table

Change

(%)

6.0

11.6

4.8

Unemployment

May-24

('000)

4.6

173.0

590.1

May-25

('000)

4.9

193.1

618.3

May-25

(%)

67.3

66.1

67.0

Participation rate

May-24

(%)

66.3

65.9

66.7

May-25

(%)

13.3

8.6

9.4

Youth unemployment rate May-24 (%) 8.1

8.2

9.6

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

Data current as at 26 June 2025

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

Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, May-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

Unemployment rate

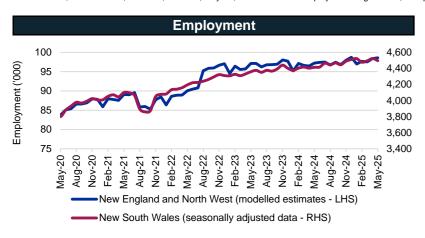
May-24

(%)

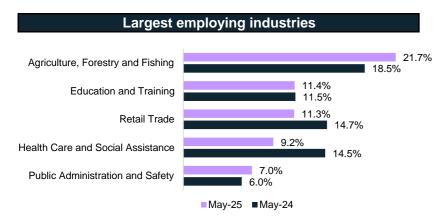
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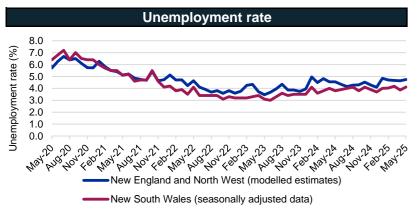
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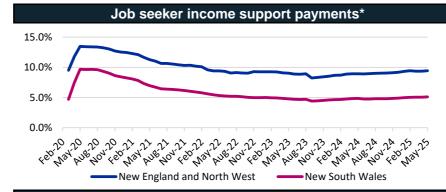
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), May-25



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



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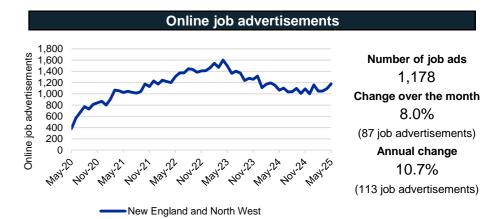
Change in job seeker income support payments						
	New England and N	orth West	New South Wales			
Payments - May 2024	10,055		260,905			
Payments - May 2025	10,605		280,020			
Change from May 2024 to May 2025	↑ 550	^	19,115			
	↑ 5.5%	↑	7.3%			

% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments					
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support			
New England and North West	10,605	9.4%			
lew South Wales 280,020		5.1%			
Australia	982,870	5.6%			

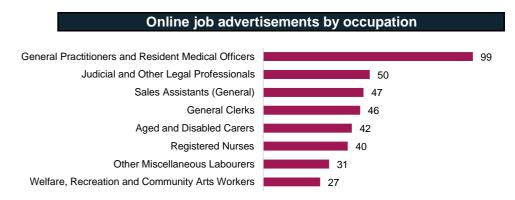
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, May-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

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			

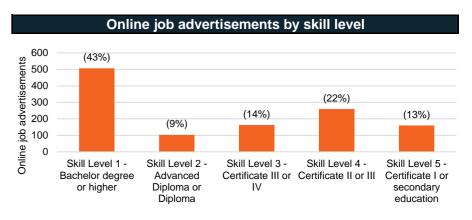
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December-24 quarter



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



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



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Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the New England and North West 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 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.