



Cairns Employment Region

Queensland

Labour Market Dashboard

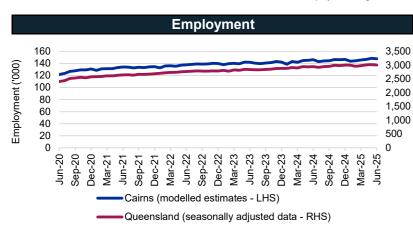
Data current as at 24 July 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

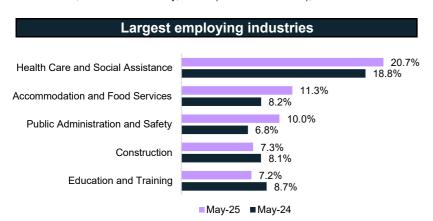
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table												
	Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate			
	Jun-25	Jun-24	Change	Jun-25	Jun-24	Change	Jun-25	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-24
	('000)	('000')	(%)	('000)	('000)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Cairns	147.8	146.2	1.1	7.2	5.4	32.9	4.6	3.6	69.3	68.7	9.4	7.3
Queensland	3,004.1	2,939.6	2.2	129.4	119.9	7.9	4.1	3.9	67.3	67.2	8.9	9.4
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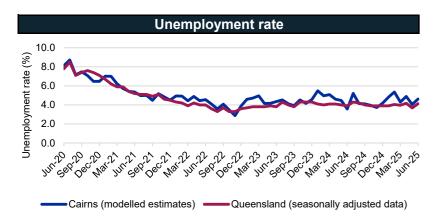
Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, June-25, table MRM1 for Employment Region data, except for the youth unemployment rate, which is a 12-month average of the original estimates. Remaining data are seasonally adjusted.



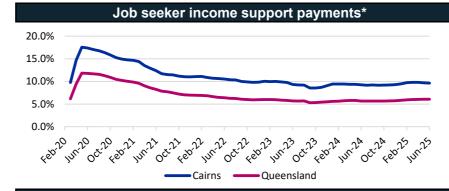
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), June-25



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



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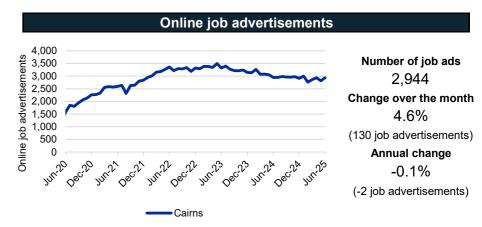
Change in job seeker income support payments							
		Cairns		Queensland			
Payments - June 2024		15,280 20		204,315			
Payments - June 2025		15,915		218,530			
Change from June 2024	↑	635	↑	14,215			
to June 2025	1	4.2%	1	7.0%			

% 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			
Cairns	15,915	9.6%			
Queensland	218,530	6.0%			
Australia	985,160	5.6%			

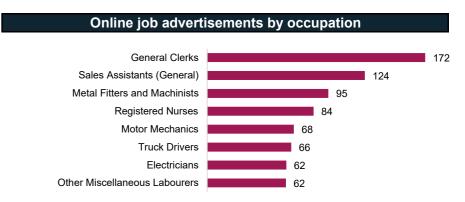
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, June-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)							
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24					
Yarrabah*	42.5	46.2					
Mareeba	4.8	4.5					
Cassowary Coast	4.2	3.9					
Tablelands	3.5	3.3					
Douglas	3.2	2.9					

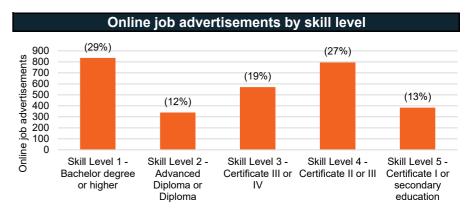
Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December -24 quarter



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



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



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Cairns 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 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.