

Labour Market Dashboard Western Australia

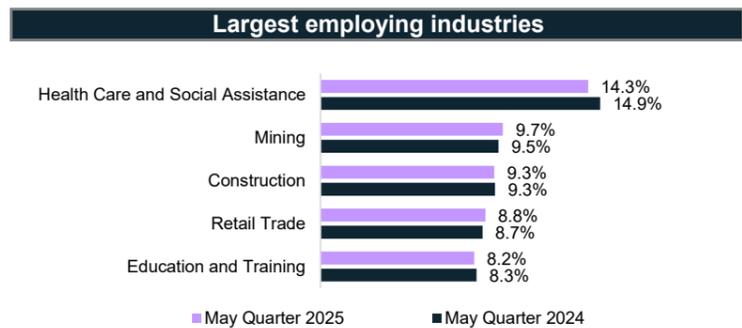
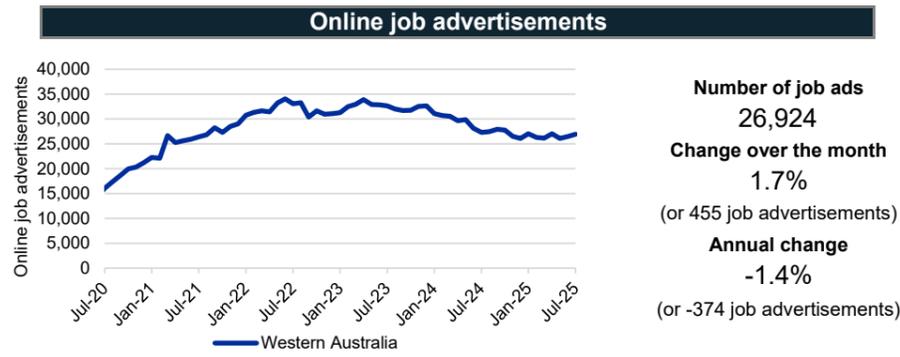
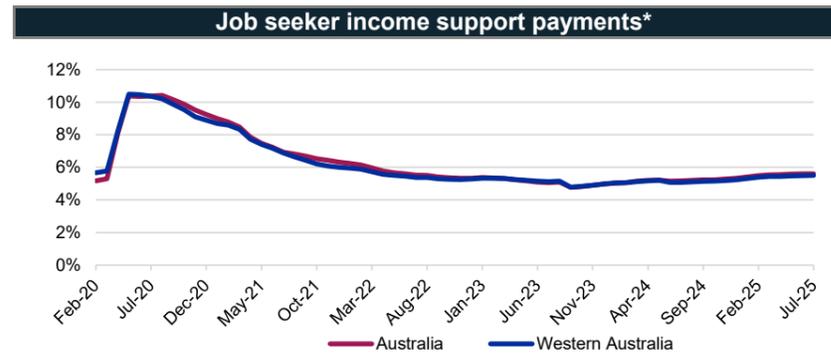
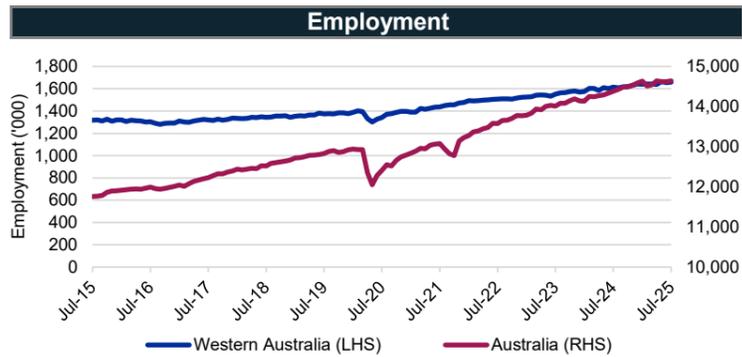
Data current as at 21 August 2025

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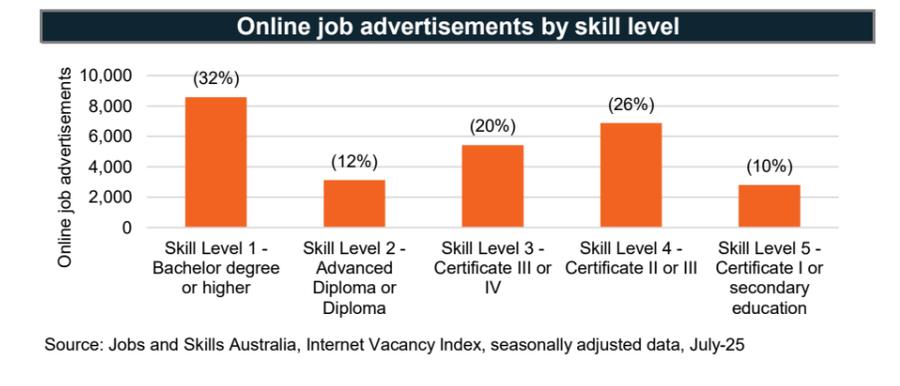
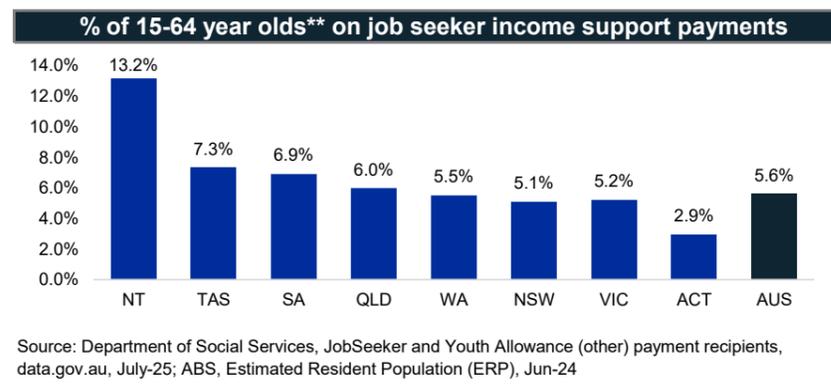
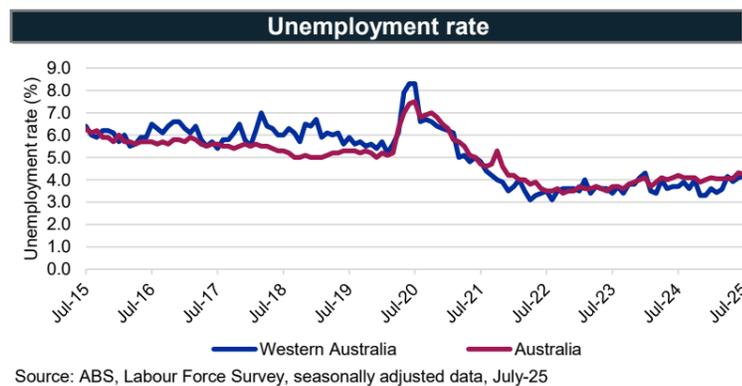
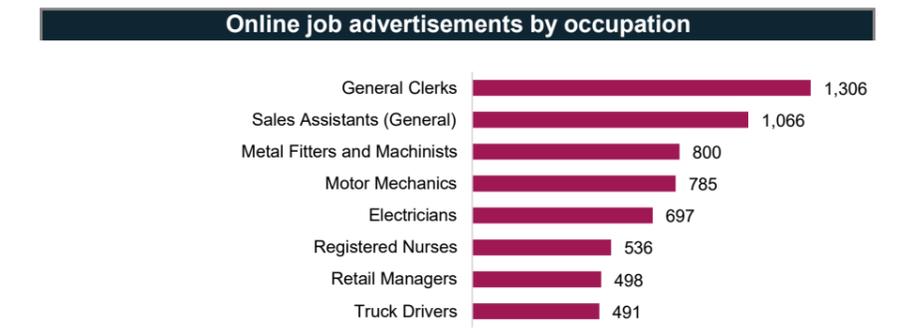
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Australia	14,641.4	14,377.7	1.8	649.0	629.3	3.1	4.2	4.2	67.0	67.1	9.8	9.7

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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - July 2024	98,780	909,850
Payments - July 2025	107,390	986,090
Change (July 2024 to July 2025)	↑ 8,610	↑ 76,240
Change % (July 2024 to July 2025)	↑ 8.7%	↑ 8.4%

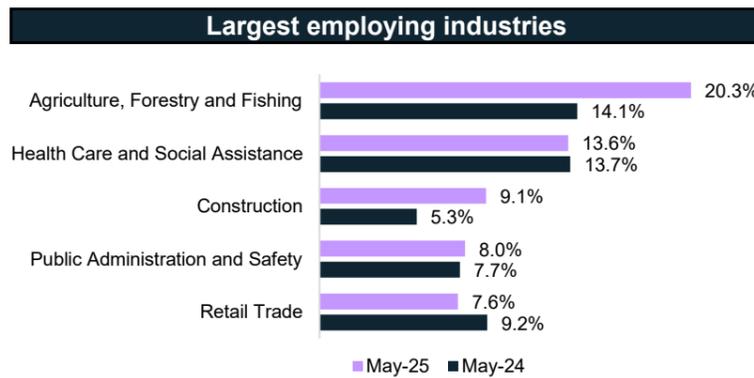
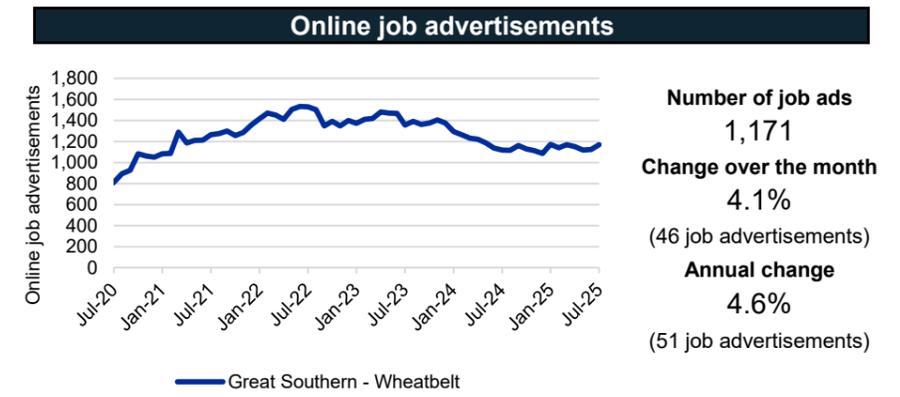
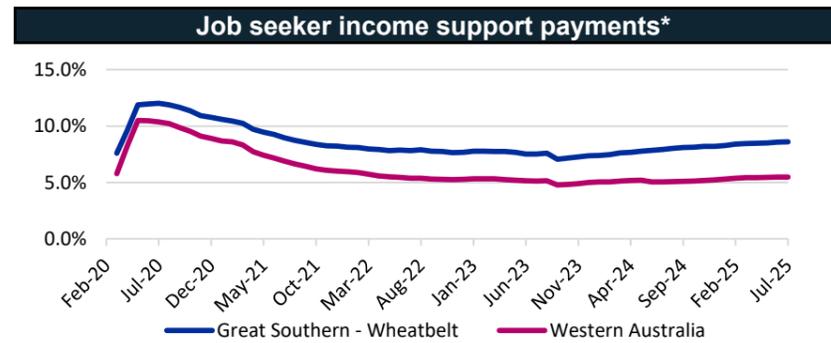
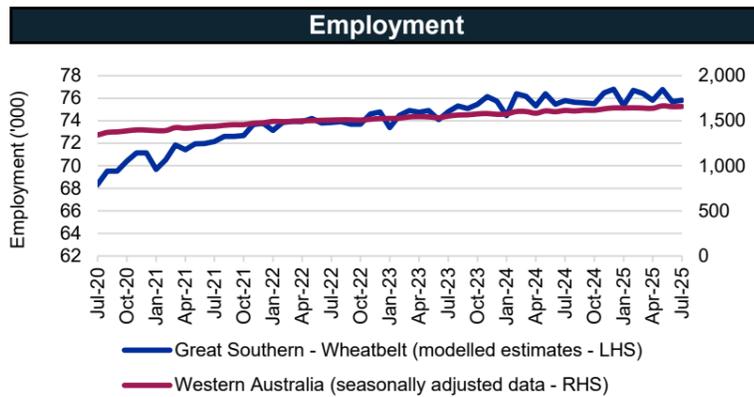


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Great Southern - Wheatbelt	75.8	75.8	0.0	2.3	2.0	13.1	3.0	2.6	63.5	63.9	5.9	8.6
Western Australia	1,658.3	1,625.8	2.0	72.2	61.2	17.8	4.2	3.6	69.1	69.2	8.3	9.7
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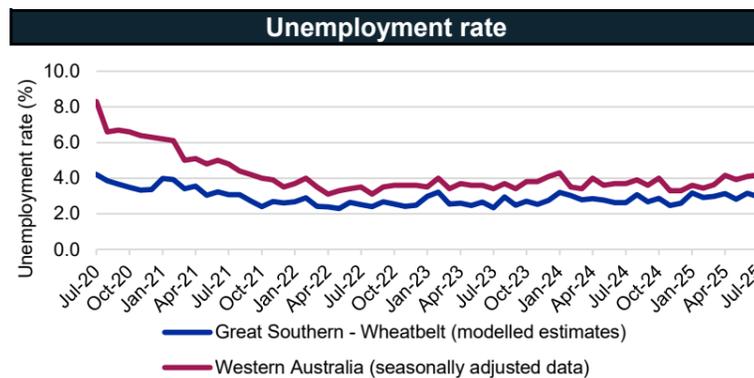
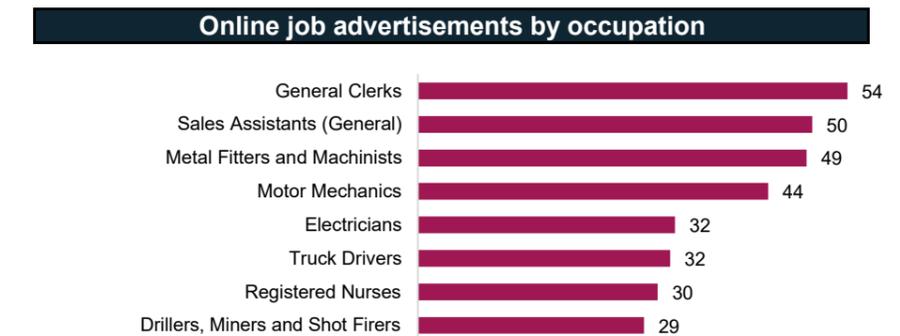
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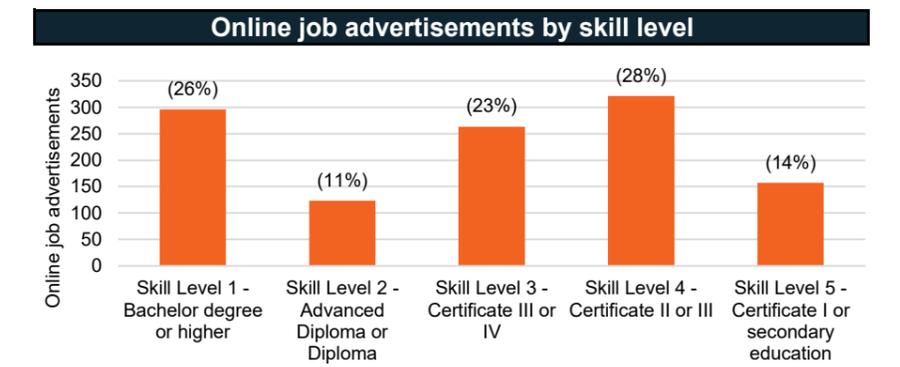
	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - July 2024	6,660	98,780
Payments - July 2025	7,240	107,390
Change from July 2024 to July 2025	↑ 580	↑ 8,610
	↑ 8.7%	↑ 8.7%



% 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	7,240	8.6%
Western Australia	107,390	5.5%
Australia	986,090	5.6%

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



LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-24 (%)
Tammin*	3.0	5.5
Cunderdin*	2.8	5.5
Quairading*	2.8	5.6
Northam	2.7	5.7
Kellerberrin*	2.7	5.6

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

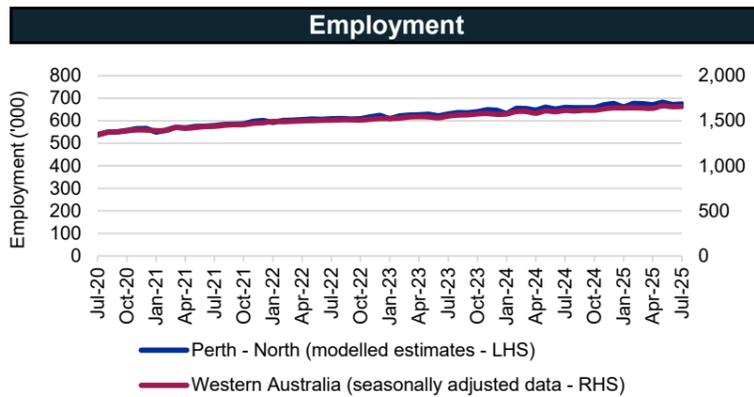
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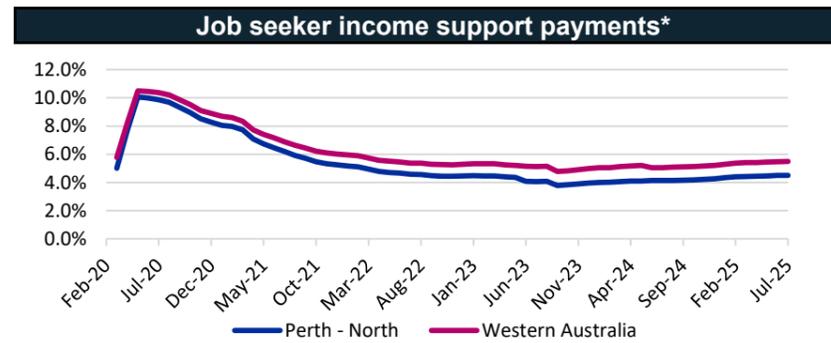
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Perth - North	674.6	659.0	2.4	26.7	22.2	20.2	3.8	3.3	70.5	70.7	8.7	10.4
Western Australia	1,658.3	1,625.8	2.0	72.2	61.2	17.8	4.2	3.6	69.1	69.2	8.3	9.7
Australia	14,641.4	14,377.7	1.8	649.0	629.3	3.1	4.2	4.2	67.0	67.1	9.8	9.7

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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - July 2024	31,240	98,780
Payments - July 2025	34,005	107,390
Change from July 2024 to July 2025	↑ 2,765	↑ 8,610
	↑ 8.9%	↑ 8.7%

% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments

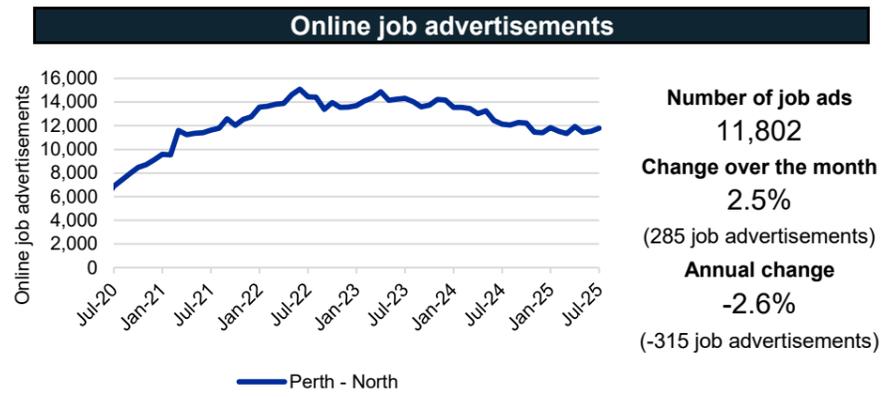
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Perth - North	34,005	4.5%
Western Australia	107,390	5.5%
Australia	986,090	5.6%

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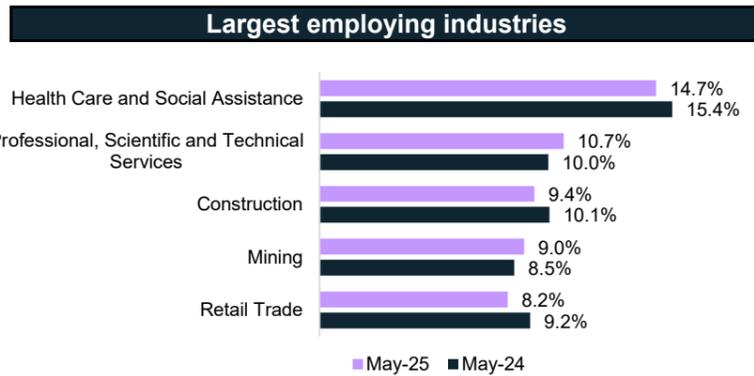
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24
Perth	5.5	4.2
Wanneroo	4.7	4.9
Swan	4.2	3.9
Vincent	3.8	2.9
Bassendean	3.7	3.8

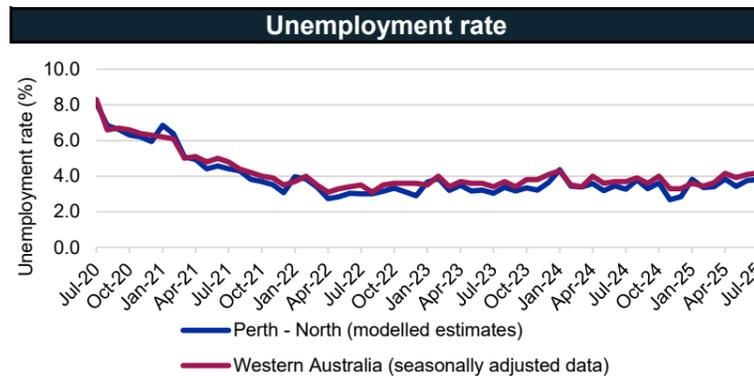
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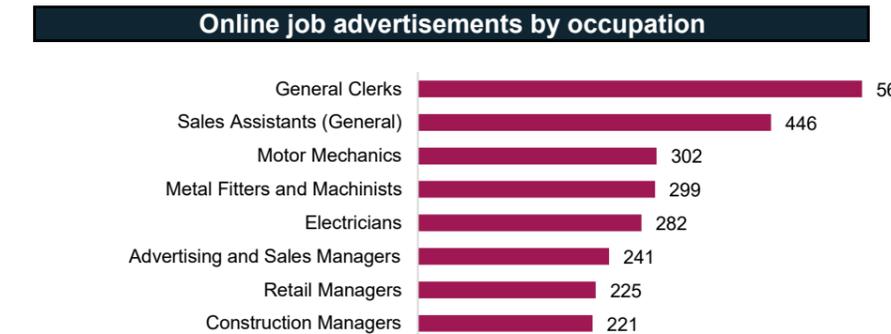
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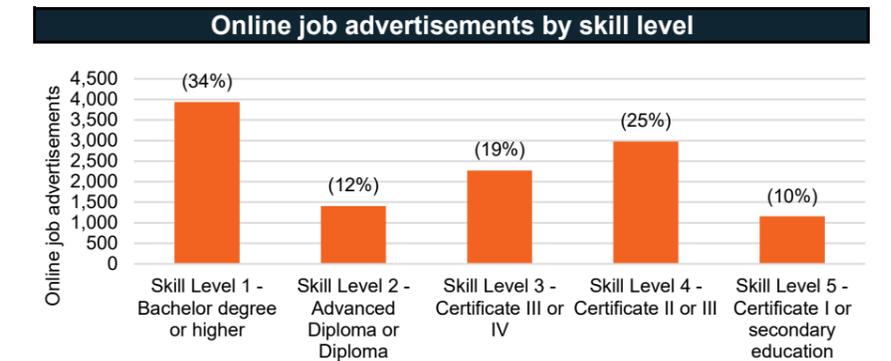
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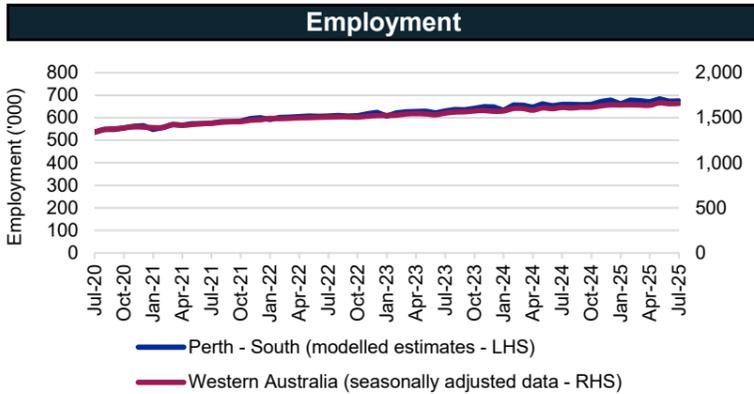
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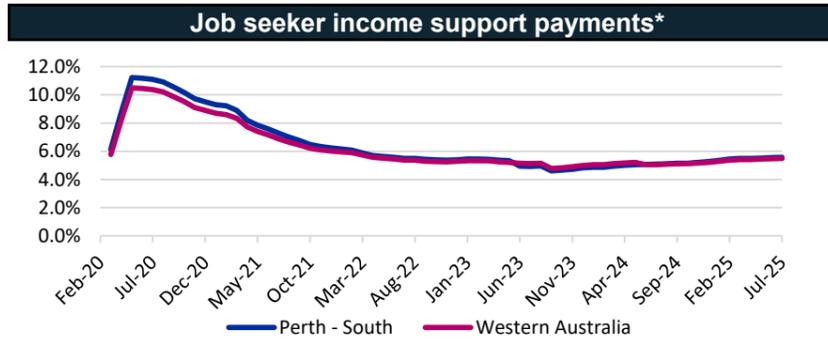
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Western Australia	1,658.3	1,625.8	2.0	72.2	61.2	17.8	4.2	3.6	69.1	69.2	8.3	9.7
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - July 2024	39,145	98,780
Payments - July 2025	42,905	107,390
Change from July 2024 to July 2025	↑ 3,760	↑ 8,610
	↑ 9.6%	↑ 8.7%

% 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	42,905	5.6%
Western Australia	107,390	5.5%
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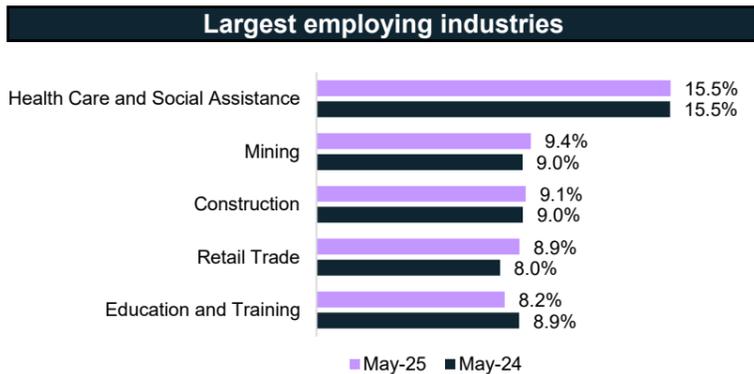
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24
Kwinana	7.2	5.3
Rockingham	5.7	4.1
Waroona	5.5	7.8
Gosnells	5.4	5.9
Armadale	5.4	6.2

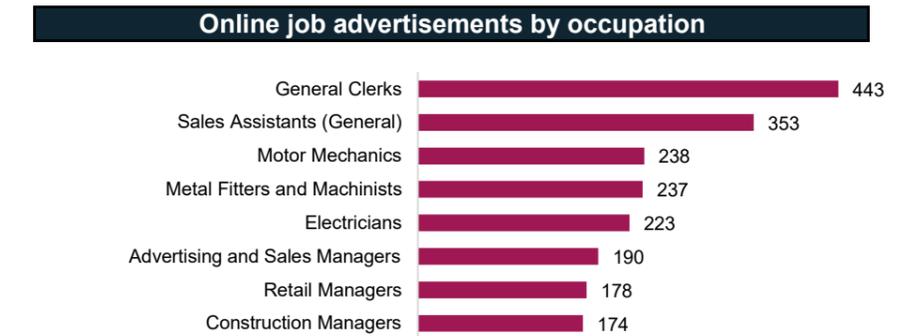
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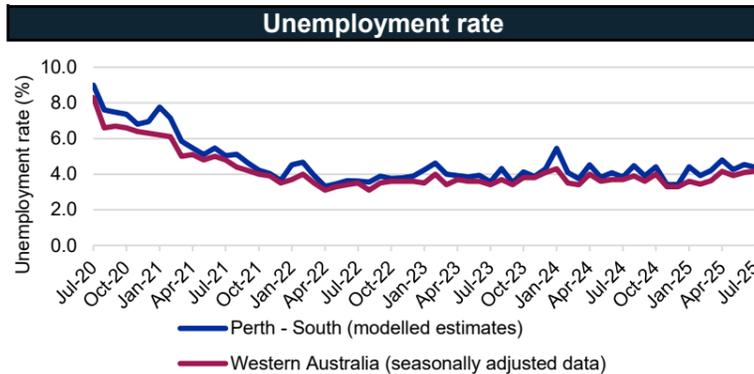
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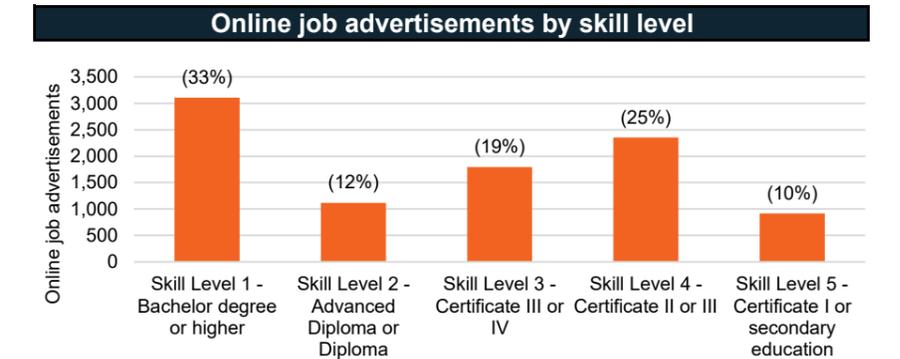
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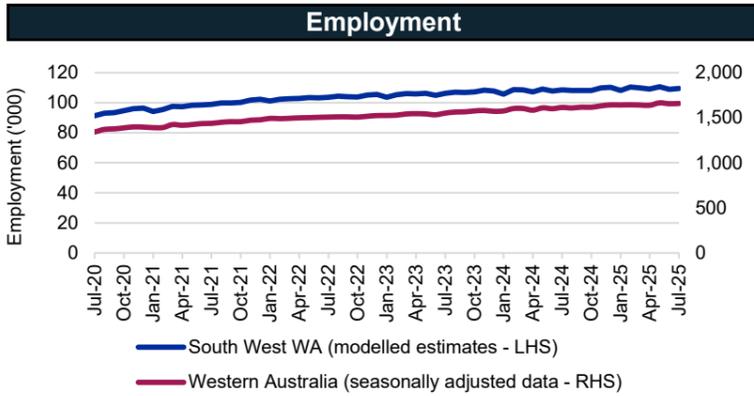
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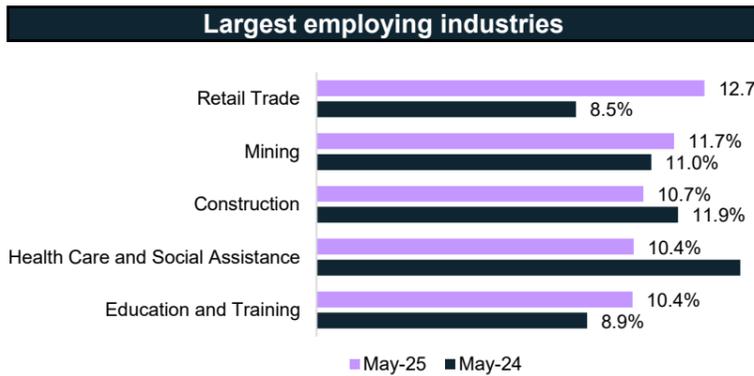
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Western Australia	1,658.3	1,625.8	2.0	72.2	61.2	17.8	4.2	3.6	69.1	69.2	8.3	9.7
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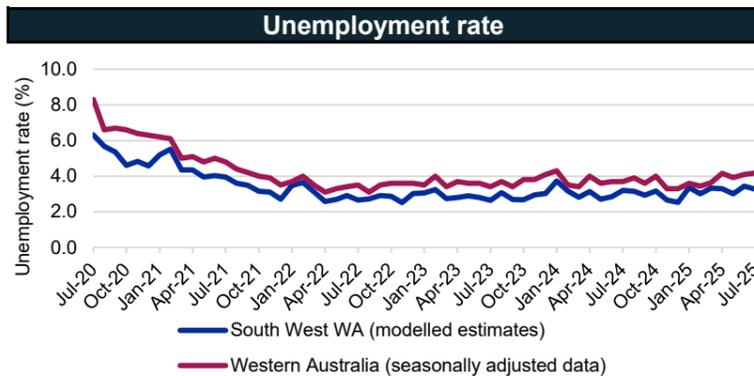
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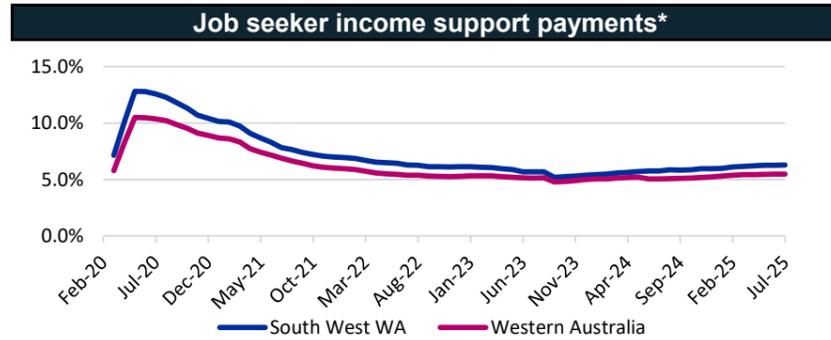
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - July 2024	6,870	98,780
Payments - July 2025	7,505	107,390
Change from July 2024 to July 2025	↑ 635	↑ 8,610
	↑ 9.2%	↑ 8.7%

% 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
South West WA	7,505	6.3%
Western Australia	107,390	5.5%
Australia	986,090	5.6%

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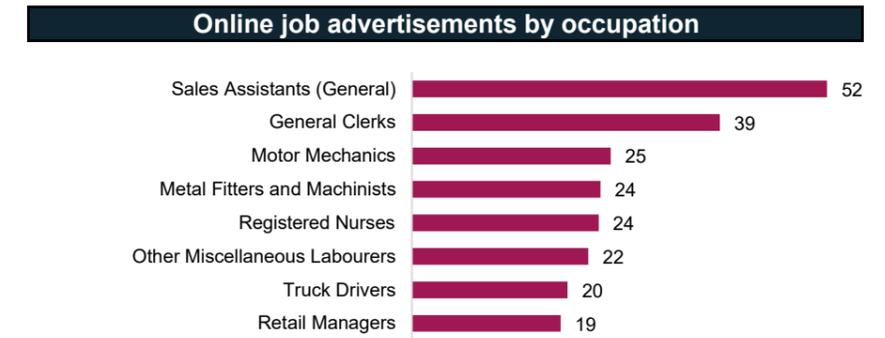
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24
Collie	5.6	8.3
Bunbury	4.9	6.8
Manjimup	3.1	4.2
Harvey	2.5	3.3
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.5	4.0

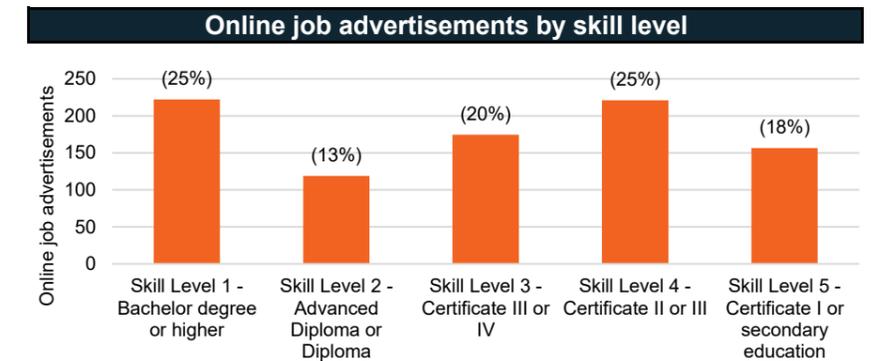
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