



## Esperance Employment Region Western Australia

## **Labour Market Dashboard**

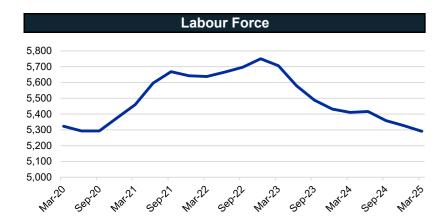
## Data current as at 21 August 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

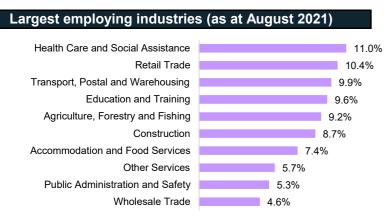
This monthly **Labour Market Dashboard** provides select key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region with available data. For this Employment Region, given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy, ABS Labour Force data have been replaced with JSA Small Area Labour Markets quarterly smoothed estimates (labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and 2021 ABS Census data (largest employing industries), for a more geographically representative fit.

Labour market summary table								
	Labour Force		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		
	Mar-25	Mar-24	Change	Mar-25	Mar-24	Change	Mar-25	Mar-24
Esperance	5,291	5,411	-2.2%	122	109	11.6%	2.3%	2.0%

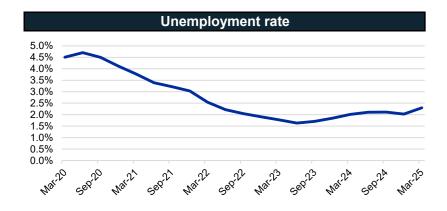
Source: JSA. Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-25 quarter



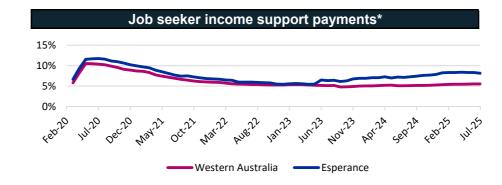
Source: JSA, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March - 25 quarter



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021



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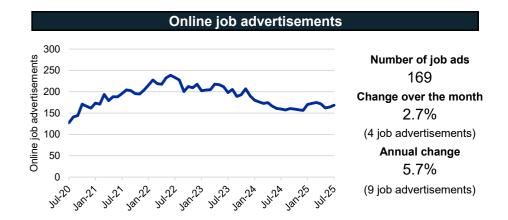
Change in job seeker income support payments					
	Esperance	V	Vestern Australia		
Payments - July 2024	455		98,780		
Payments - July 2025	520		107,390		
Change from July 2024 to	65	<b>^</b>	8,610		
July 2025	14.3%	<b>↑</b>	8.7%		

% 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		
Esperance	520	8.1%		
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

Unemployment rates (%) in surrounding LGAs					
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24			
Dundas*	4.4	4.0			
Esperance	2.2	1.9			
Ravensthorpe	1.6	-			
Lake Grace*	0.8	1.9			

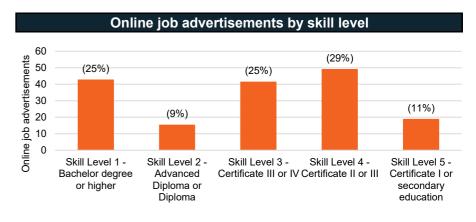
Note: \* data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, December -24 quarter



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



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3 month averages, July-25



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Data are not readily available by Employment Region. Given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy for this Employment Region, apportioned SALM SA2 data have been used for select labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and ABS 2021 Census data for the largest employing industries, in lieu of ABS Labour Force data. For Employment Regions with multiple SA2s, aggregated SALM labour force and unemployment rates for this Employment Region. 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 has changed to include those who are suspended from 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.