



North Coast Employment Region New South Wales

Labour Market Dashboard

Data current as at 21 August 2025

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.

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

Labour market summary table **Labour Force** Unemployment **Unemployment rate** Mar-24 Mar-25 Mar-24 Change Mar-25 Mar-24 Change Mar-25 North Coast 115,988 118.926 -2.5% 4.632 4.232 9.5% 4.0% 3.6%

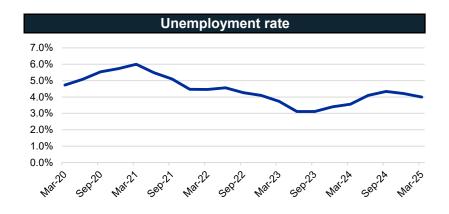
Source: JSA, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-25 quarter



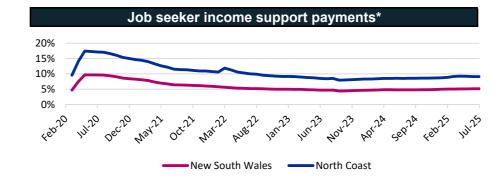
Source: JSA, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March - 25 quarter

Largest employing industries (as at August 2021) Health Care and Social Assistance Retail Trade Education and Training Construction Accommodation and Food Services Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Public Administration and Safety Manufacturing Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Other Services 18.2% 10.7% 9.7% 5.8% 9.1% 5.6% 5.6% 5.6% Manufacturing 5.5% Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Other Services 3.9%

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021



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



Change in job seeker income support payments					
		North Coast		New South Wales	
Payments - July 2024		12,550		261,555	
Payments - July 2025		13,450	280,900		
Change from July 2024 to July 2025	↑	900	↑	19,345	
	↑	7.2%	1	7.4%	

% 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			
North Coast	13,450	9.1%			
New South Wales	280,900	5.1%			
Australia	986,090	5.6%			

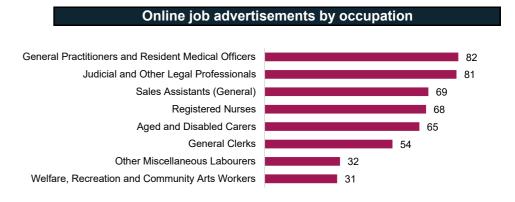
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, July-25; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)							
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-25	Mar-24					
Clarence Valley	6.2	4.0					
Kyogle	5.3	5.3					
Coffs Harbour	4.7	3.1					
Richmond Valley	4.6	4.8					
Lismore	4.0	4.3					

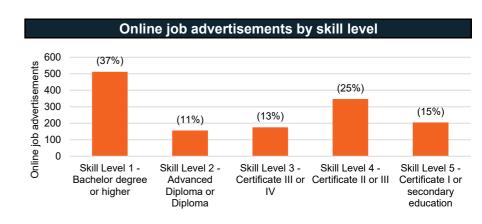
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-25 quarter



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.