

Labour Market Dashboard
New South Wales

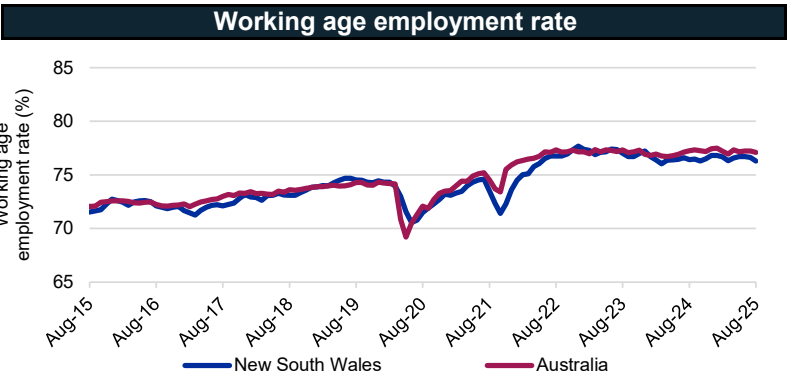
Data current as at 25 September 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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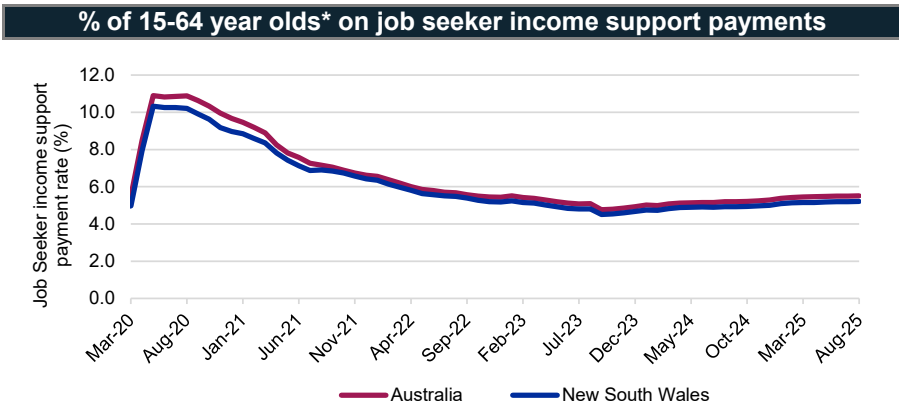
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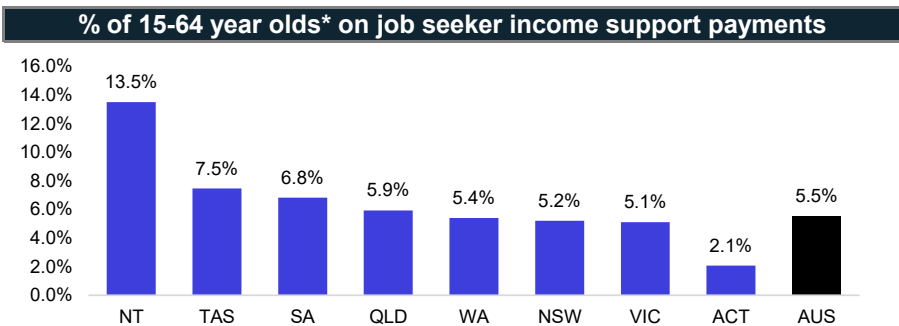
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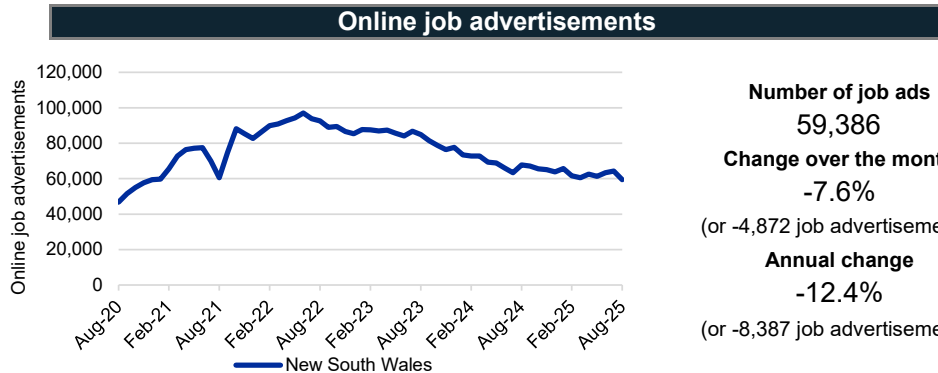
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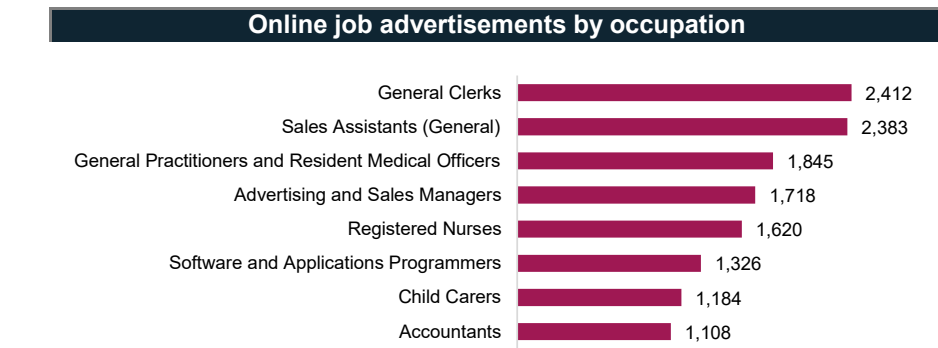
Change in job seeker income support payments		
New South Wales		Australia
Payments - August 2024	263,205	916,850
Payments - August 2025	281,370	987,955
Change (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 18,165	↑ 71,105
Change % (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 6.9%	↑ 7.8%



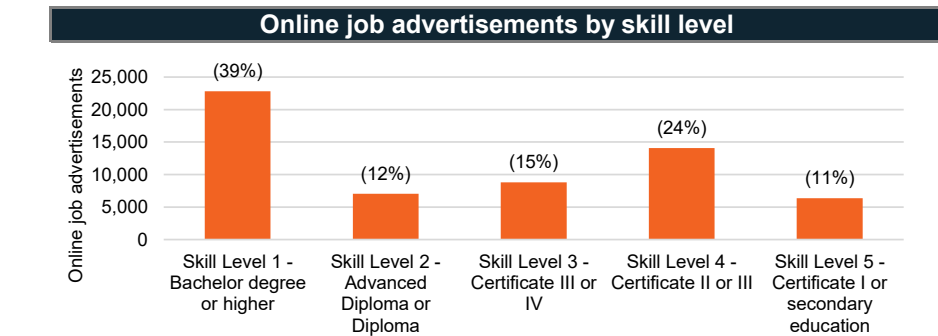
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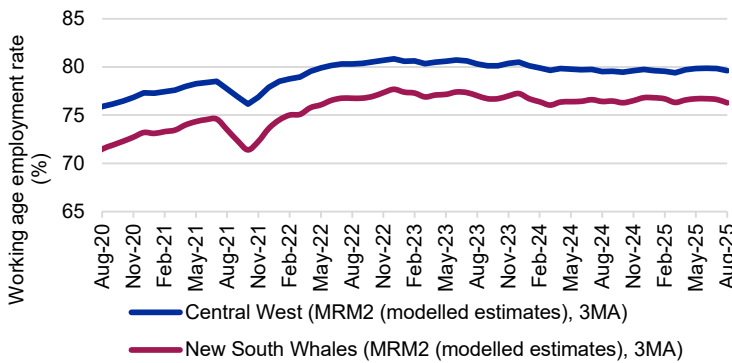
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	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Central West	79.6	79.5	4.3	4.1	5.6	3.7	3.5	82.9	82.6	8.0	7.5
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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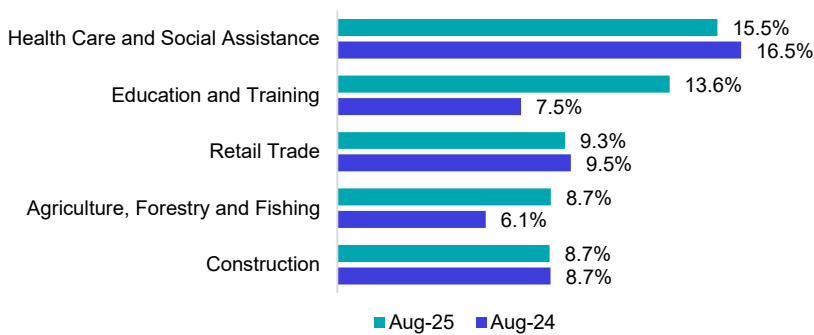
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Working age employment rate (%)



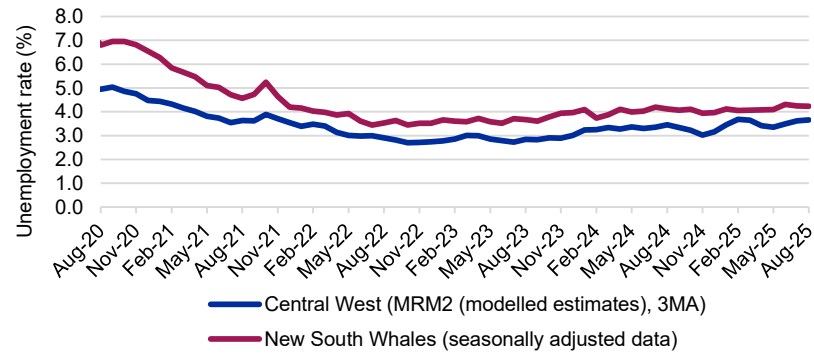
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Largest employing industries



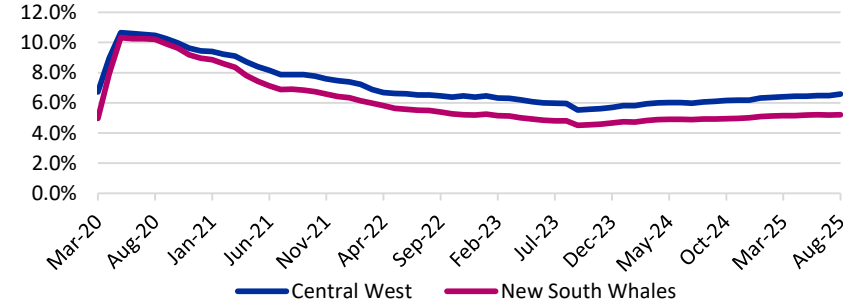
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2024	7,850	263,205
Payments - August 2025	8,510	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 660	↑ 18,165
	↑ 8.4%	↑ 6.9%

% 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
Central West	8,510	6.6%
New South Wales	281,370	5.2%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

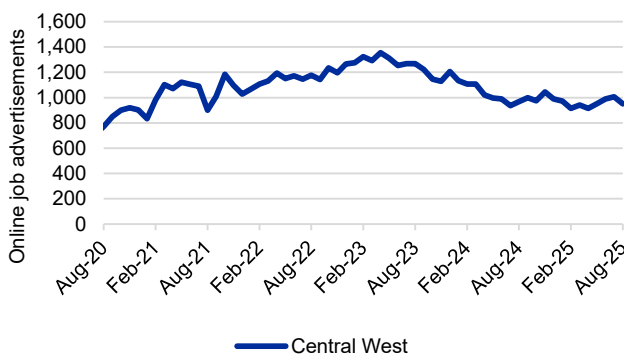
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Cowra	3.9	2.5
Warrumbungle	3.7	2.2
Lithgow	3.5	2.1
Lachlan	3.5	2.5
Parkes	3.2	1.9

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

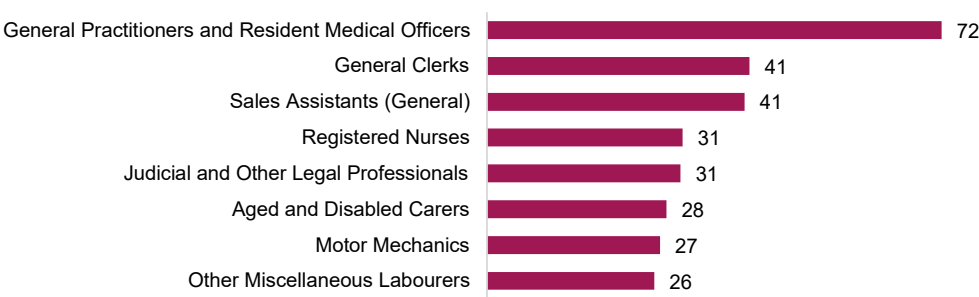
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
952
Change over the month
-5.3%
(-54 job advertisements)
Annual change
-1.7%
(-16 job advertisements)

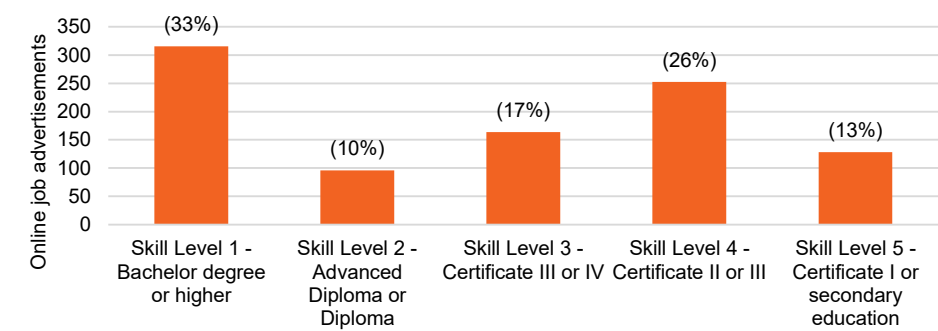
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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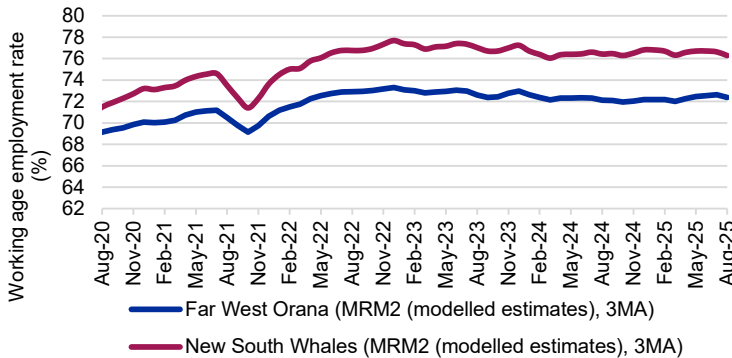
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Far West Orana	72.4	72.1	2.4	2.3	4.6	4.2	4.0	75.8	75.3	10.7	9.9
New South Whales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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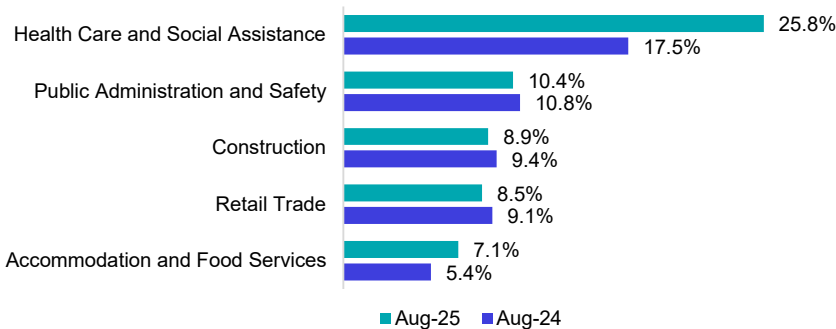
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Working age employment rate (%)



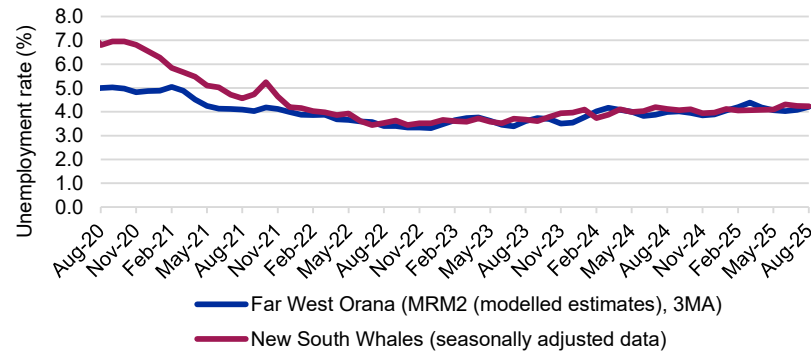
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Largest employing industries



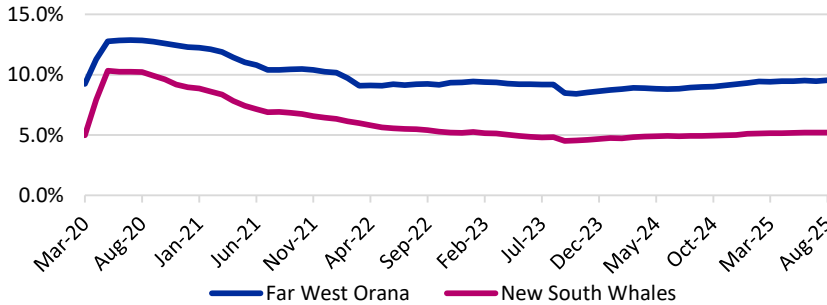
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Far West Orana	New South Whales
Payments - August 2024	6,120	263,205
Payments - August 2025	6,470	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 350	↑ 18,165
	↑ 5.7%	↑ 6.9%

% 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
Far West Orana	6,470	9.5%
New South Whales	281,370	5.2%
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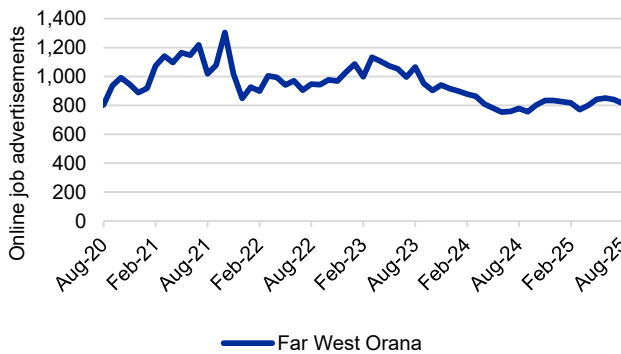
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Walgett	9.6	6.1
Coonamble	5.5	3.4
Broken Hill	4.4	2.9
Warren	3.8	2.3
Warrumbungle	3.7	2.2

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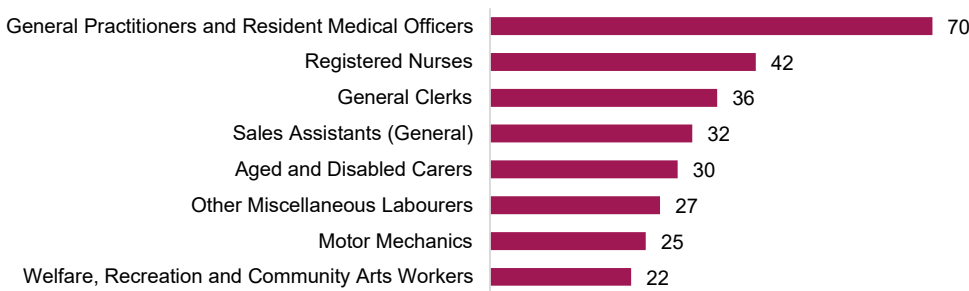
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
813
Change over the month
-3.1%
(-26 job advertisements)
Annual change
4.5%
(35 job advertisements)

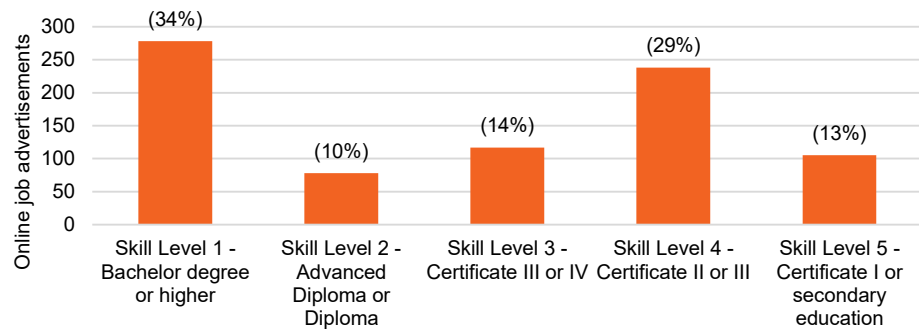
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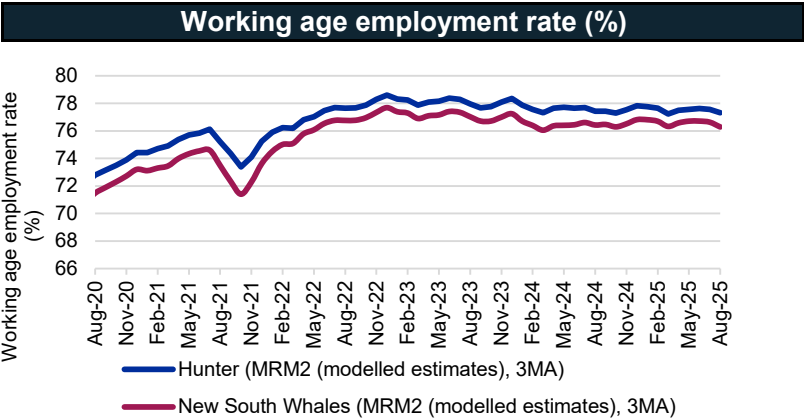
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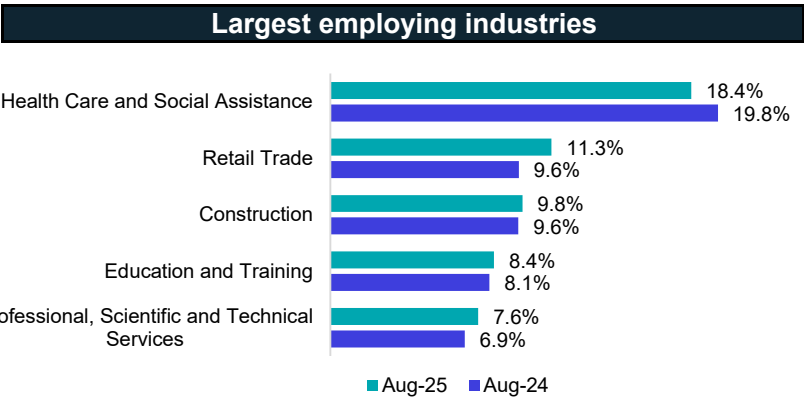
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	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Hunter	77.3	77.4	16.6	15.2	9.2	4.4	4.0	80.9	80.8	9.8	8.9
New South Whales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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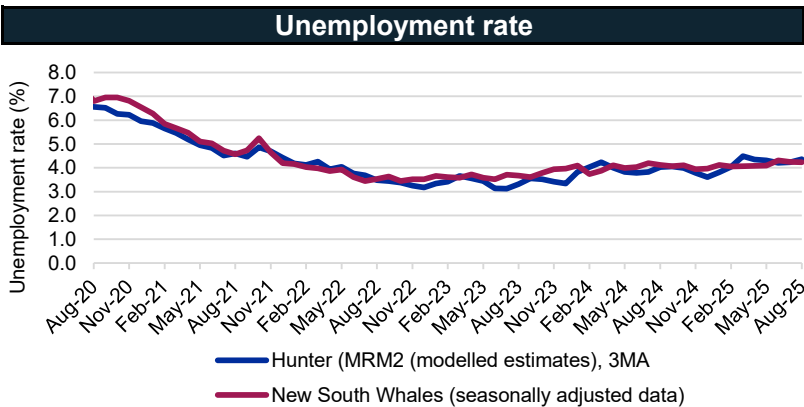
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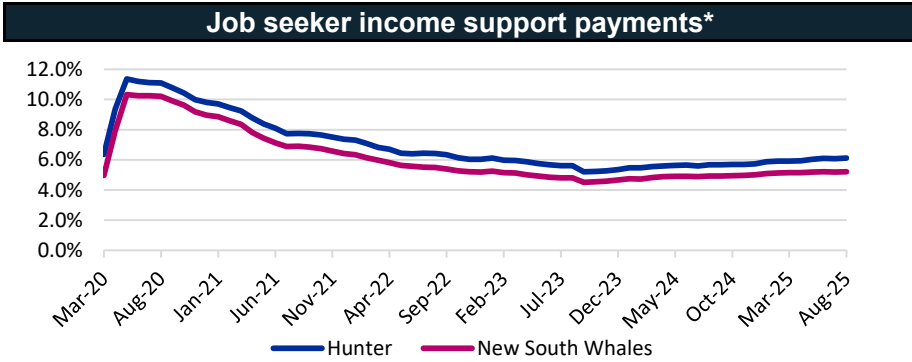
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August-25 quarter[#]



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	Hunter	New South Whales
Payments - August 2024	25,190	263,205
Payments - August 2025	27,380	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 2,190	↑ 18,165
	↑ 8.7%	↑ 6.9%

% 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
Hunter	27,380	6.1%
New South Whales	281,370	5.2%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, August-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, August-25

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Muswellbrook	6.1	6.2
Cessnock	5.5	4.8
Port Stephens	4.6	4.2
Maitland	3.6	3.1
Dungog	3.6	2.7

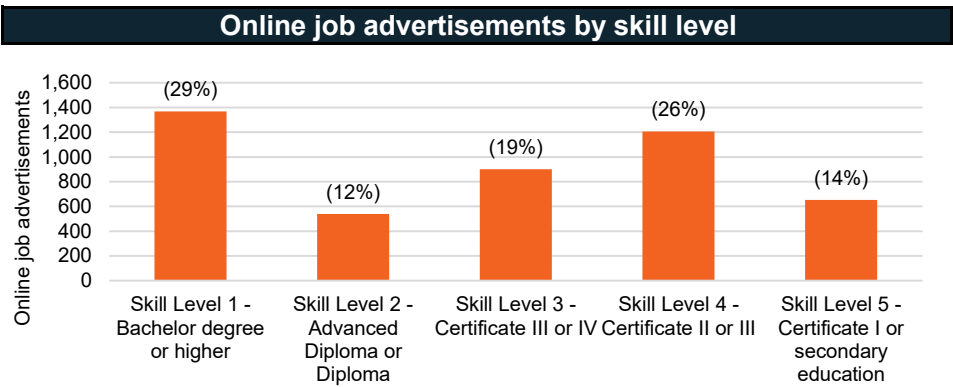
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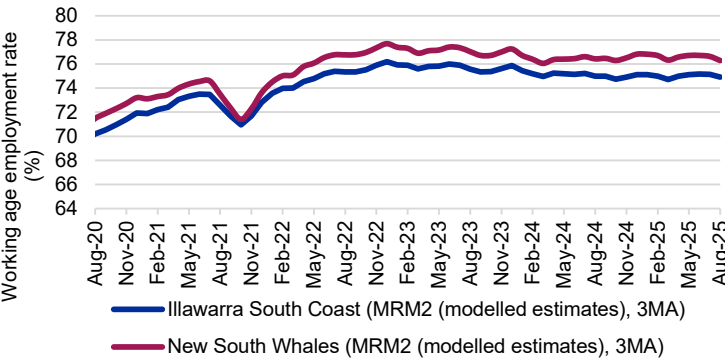
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Illawarra South Coast	74.9	75.0	11.4	10.2	12.2	4.6	4.1	78.6	78.4	10.9	10.0
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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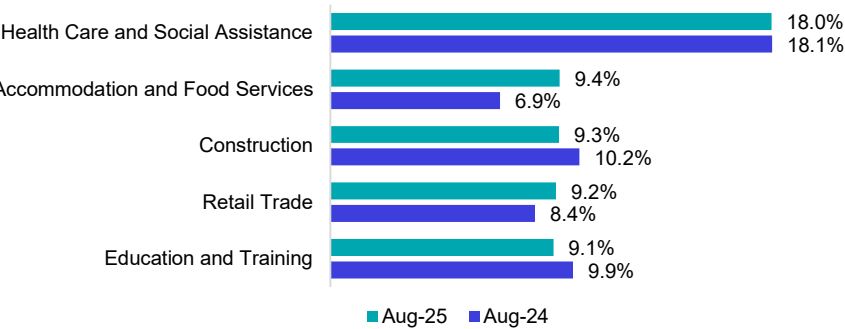
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Working age employment rate (%)



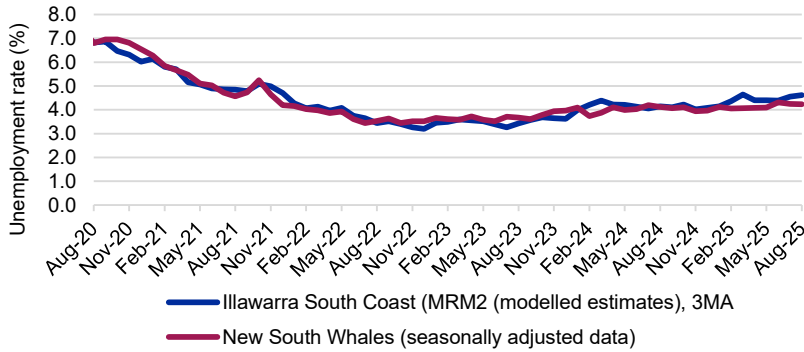
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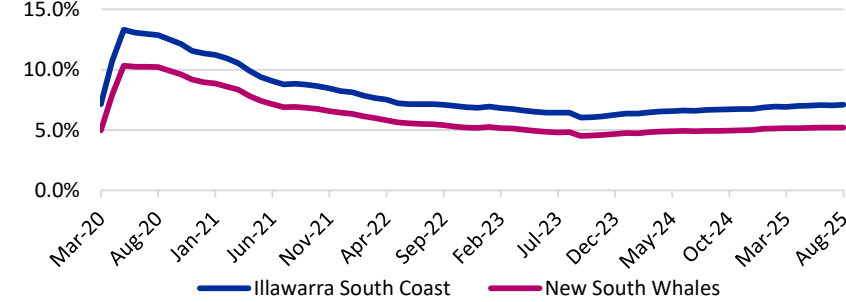
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Illawarra South Coast		New South Wales	
Payments - August 2024	19,715	263,205	
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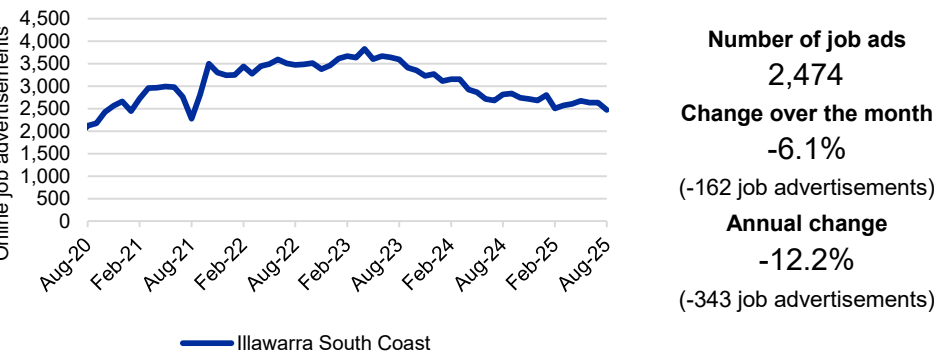
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Shellharbour	6.2	6.3
Wollongong	5.8	5.9
Eurobodalla	5.2	4.1
Bega Valley	4.2	3.0
Shoalhaven	2.4	3.3

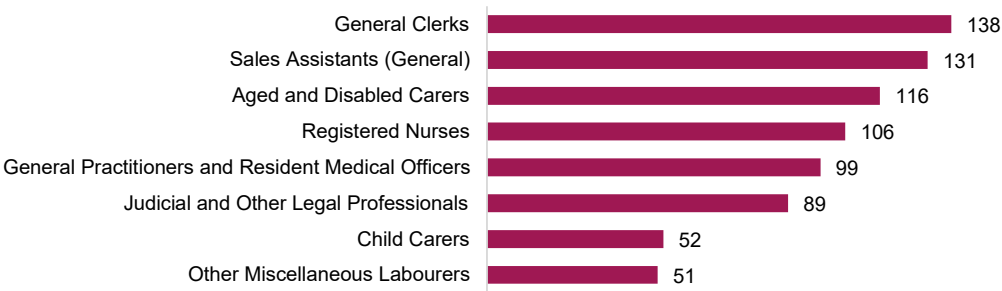
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Online job advertisements



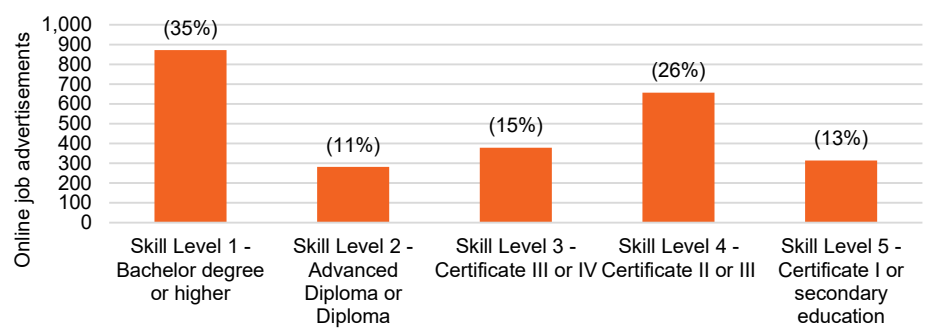
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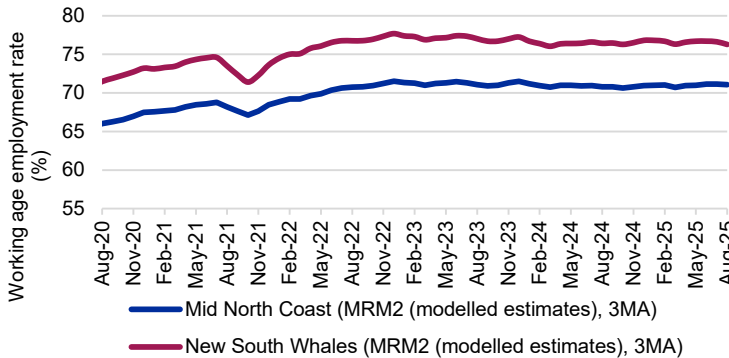
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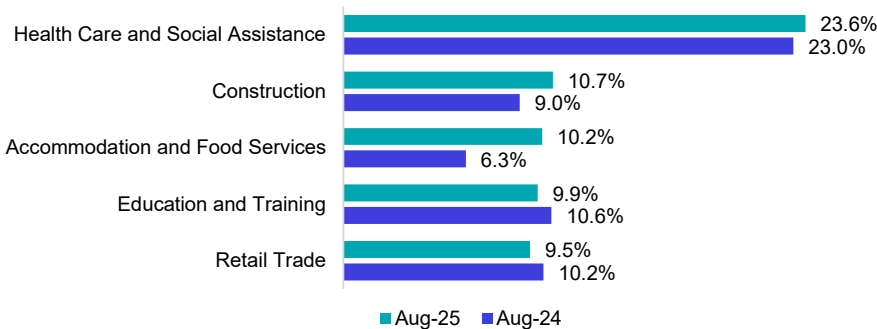
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Working age employment rate (%)



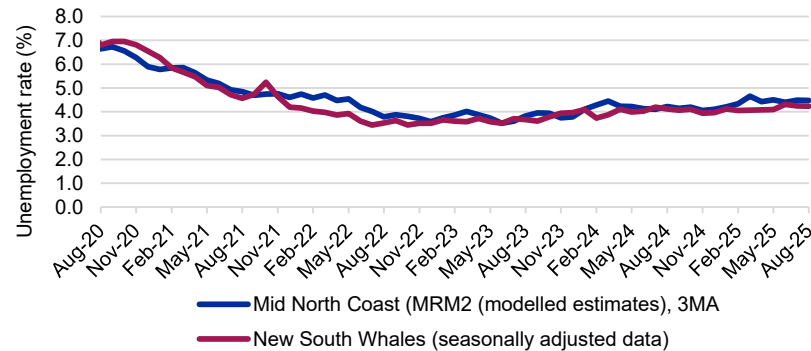
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Largest employing industries



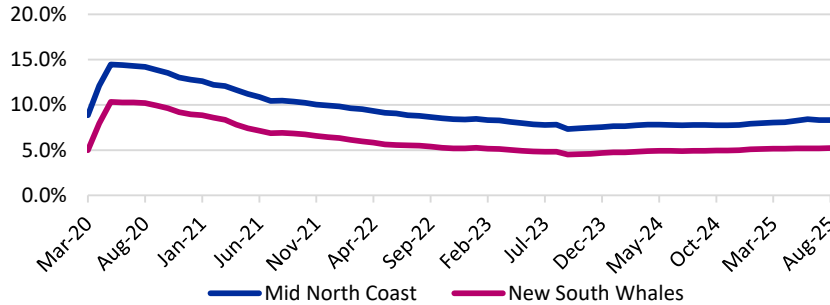
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - August 2024	16,310	263,205
Payments - August 2025	17,460	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,150	↑ 18,165
	↑ 7.1%	↑ 6.9%

% 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
Mid North Coast	17,460	8.3%
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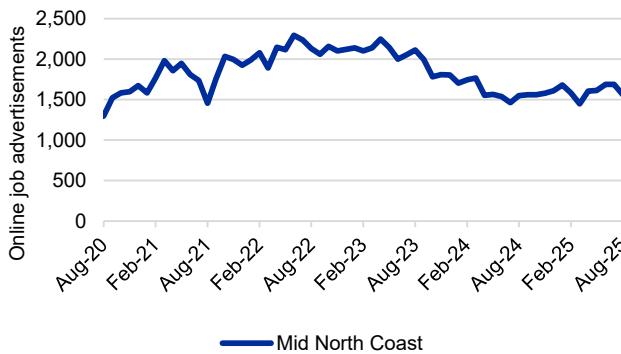
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Kempsey	5.8	5.7
Nambucca Valley	5.6	5.7
Bellingen	5.3	3.3
Mid-Coast	4.6	4.2
Port Macquarie-Hastings	2.9	2.6

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

Online job advertisements



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

Number of job ads

1,560

Change over the month

-7.6%

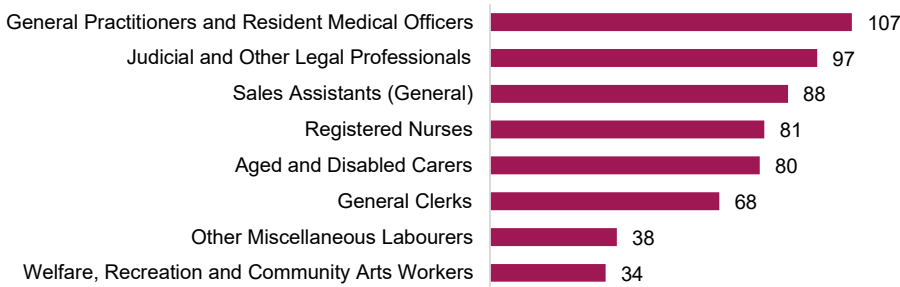
(-128 job advertisements)

Annual change

0.8%

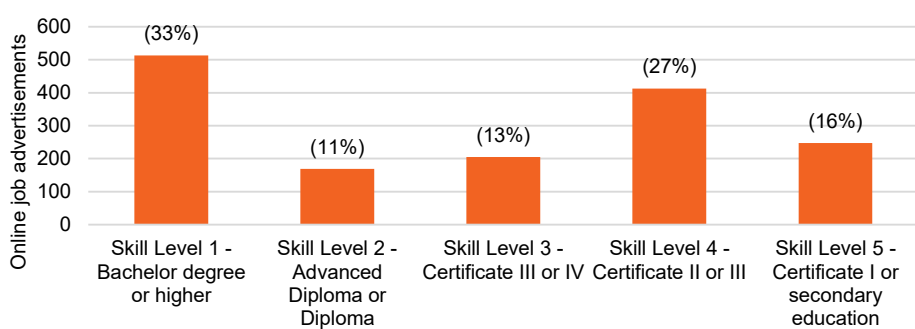
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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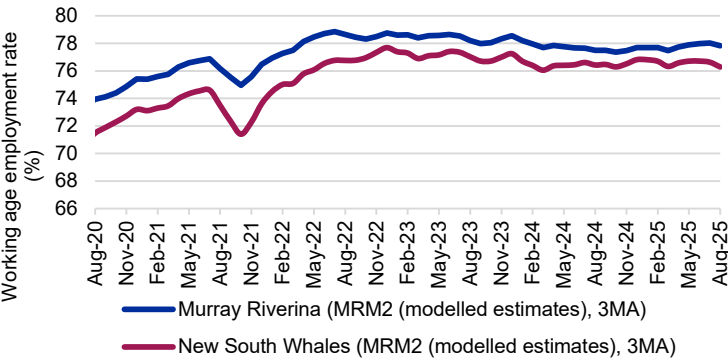
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Murray Riverina	77.8	77.5	5.9	5.6	4.3	3.9	3.7	81.2	80.7	8.6	7.8
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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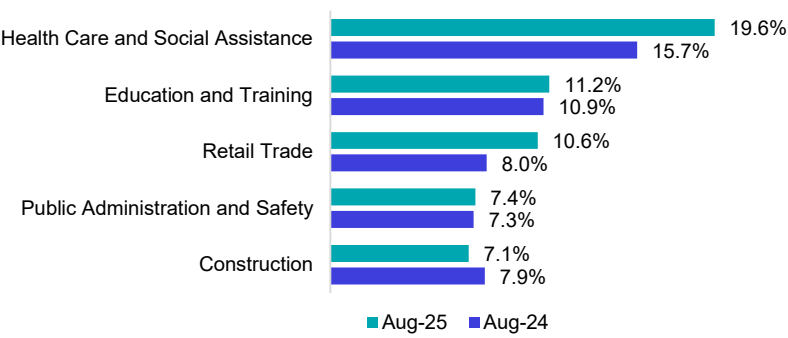
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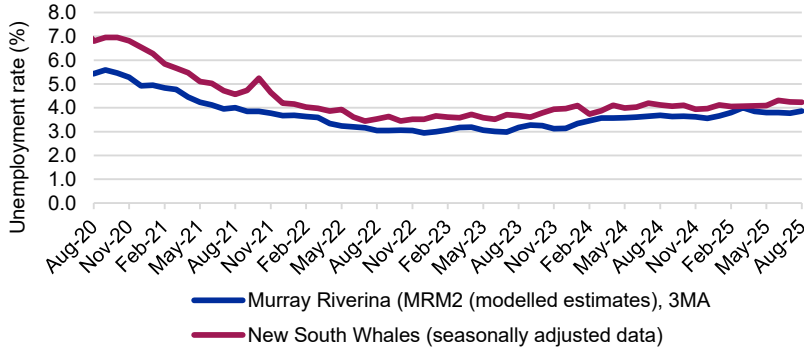
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Largest employing industries



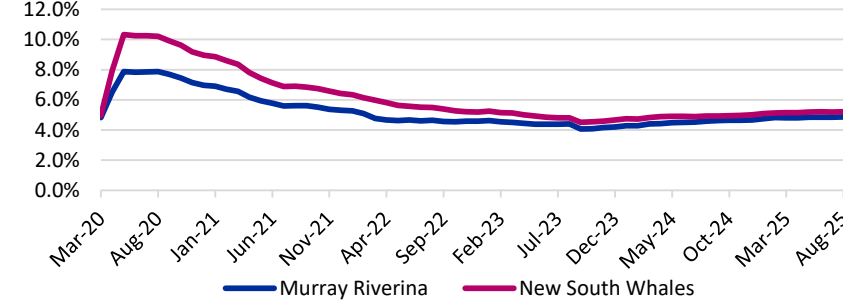
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Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (3MA), August-25

Job seeker income support payments*



	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - August 2024	7,900	263,205
Payments - August 2025	8,370	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 470	↑ 18,165
	↑ 5.9%	↑ 6.9%

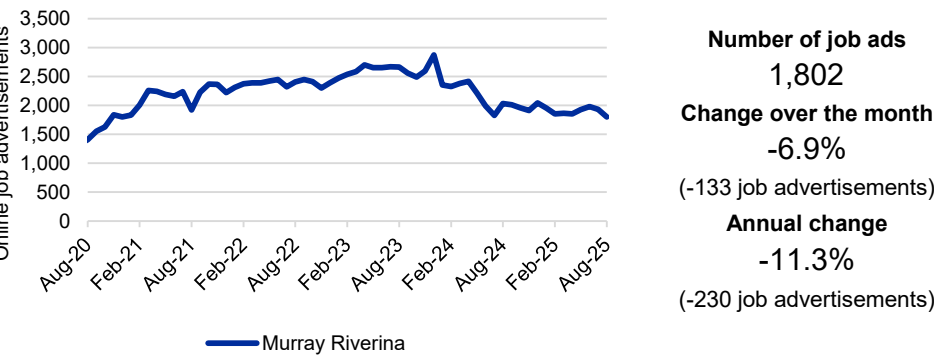
% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Murray Riverina	8,370	4.9%
New South Wales	281,370	5.2%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Narrandera	6.7	4.5
Albury	4.7	4.4
Wentworth	4.7	4.7
Edward River	4.5	4.6
Wagga Wagga	4.1	2.6

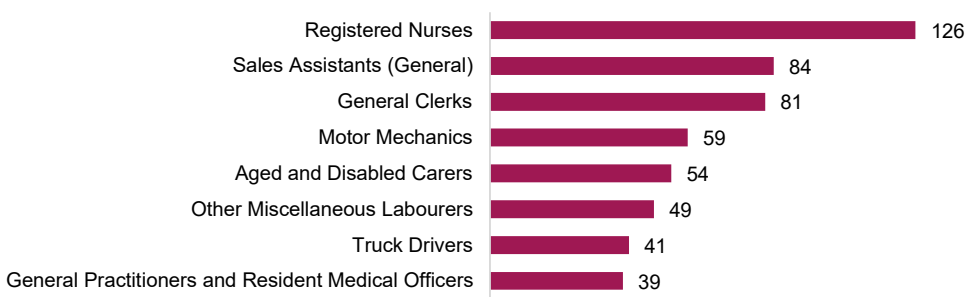
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Online job advertisements



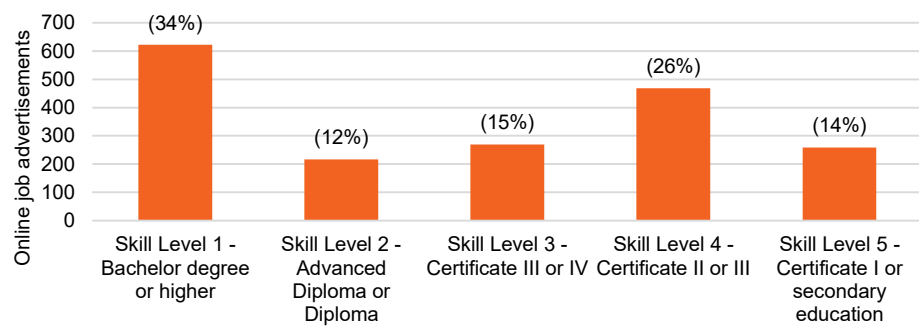
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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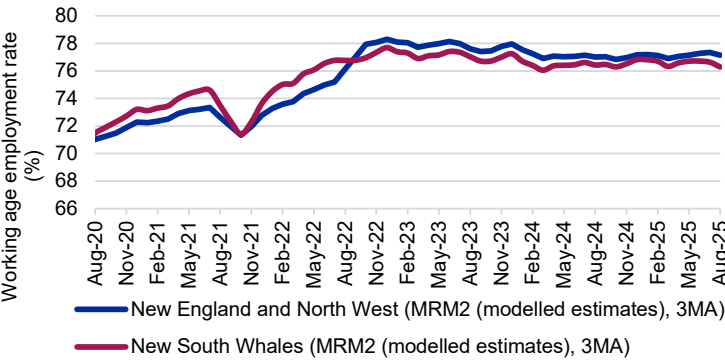
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New England and North West	77.1	77.0	4.6	4.3	6.7	4.5	4.2	80.9	80.6	11.0	10.1
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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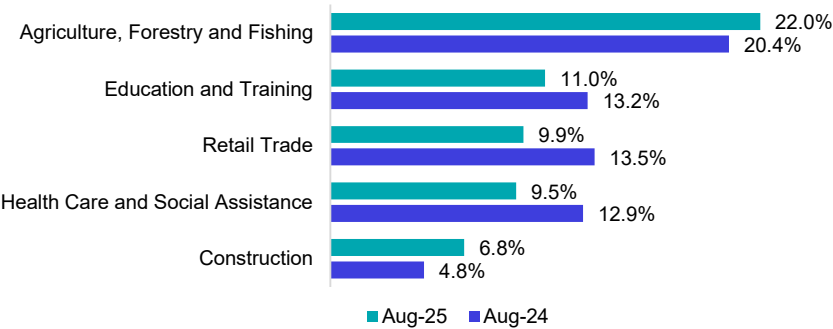
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Working age employment rate (%)



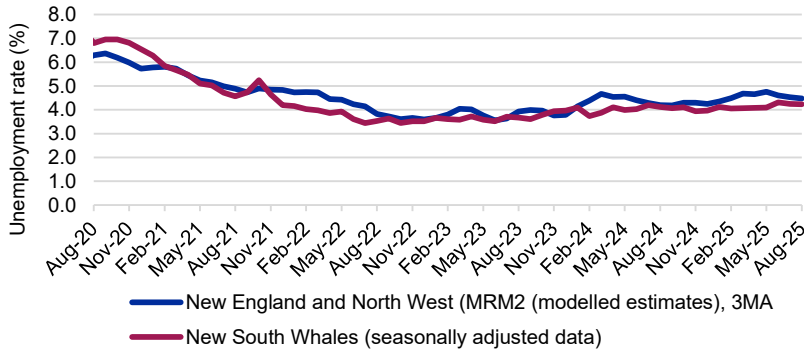
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Largest employing industries



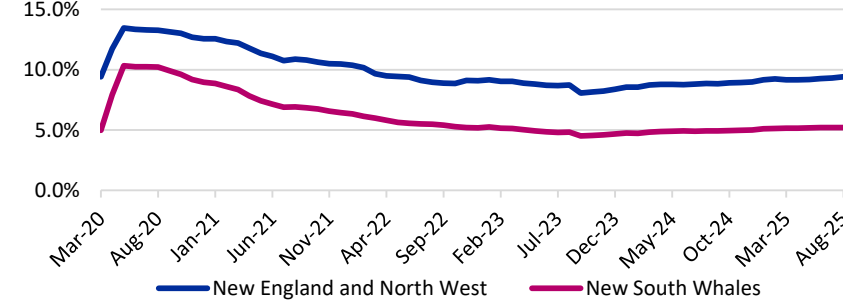
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments		
	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2024	10,120	263,205
Payments - August 2025	10,780	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 660	↑ 18,165
	↑ 6.5%	↑ 6.9%

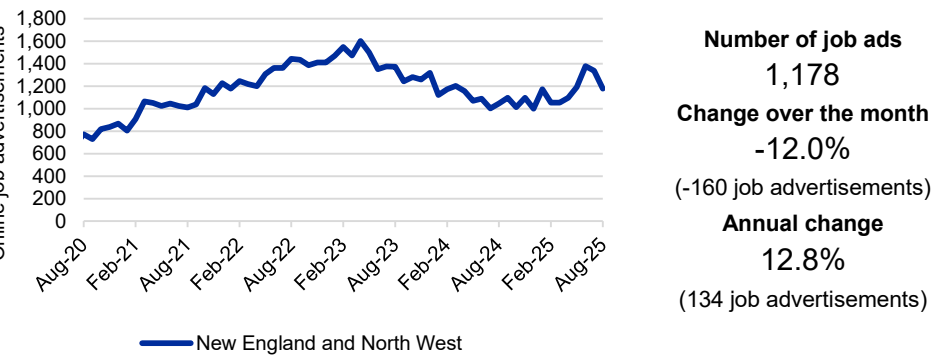
% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
New England and North West	10,780	9.4%
New South Wales	281,370	5.2%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, August-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, August-25

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Tenterfield	3.2	4.2
Glen Innes Severn	2.9	3.8
Moree Plains	2.7	3.8
Inverell	2.5	3.3
Armidale	2.4	3.1

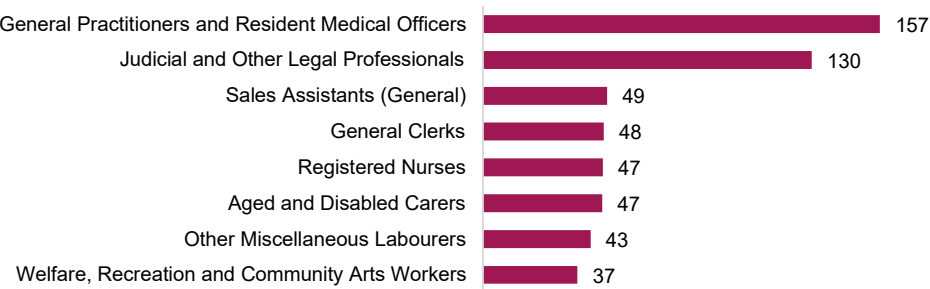
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Online job advertisements



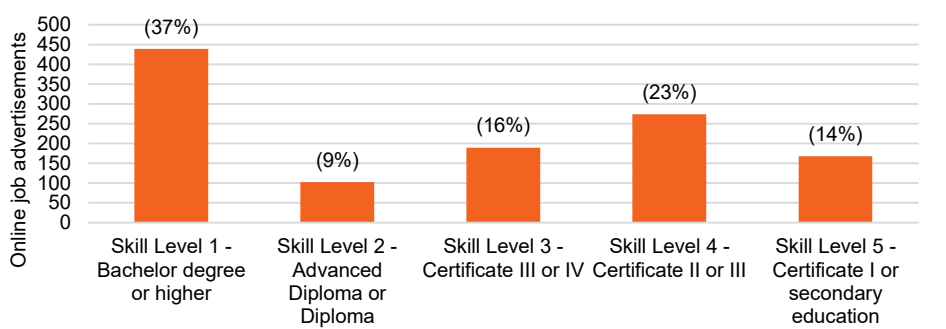
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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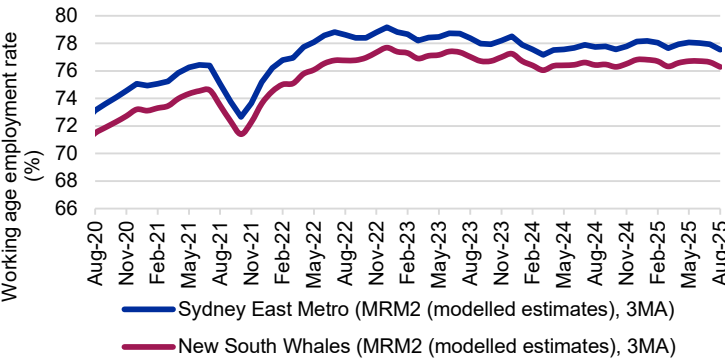
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	Aug-25 (⁰⁰⁰)	Aug-24 (⁰⁰⁰)	Aug-25 (⁰⁰⁰)	Aug-24 (⁰⁰⁰)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Sydney East Metro	77.5	77.7	41.7	38.4	8.8	3.8	3.5	80.6	80.6	7.9	7.7
New South Whales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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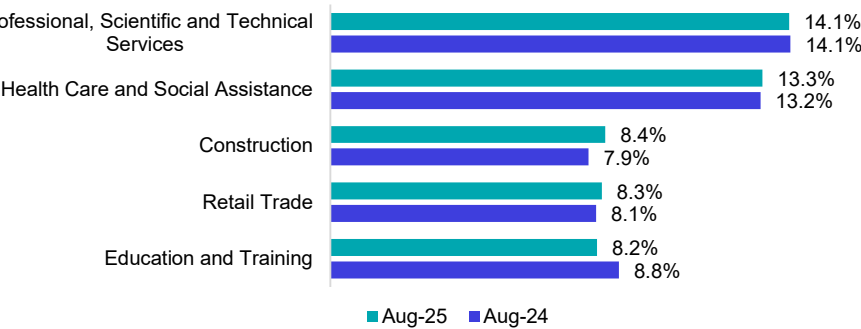
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Working age employment rate (%)



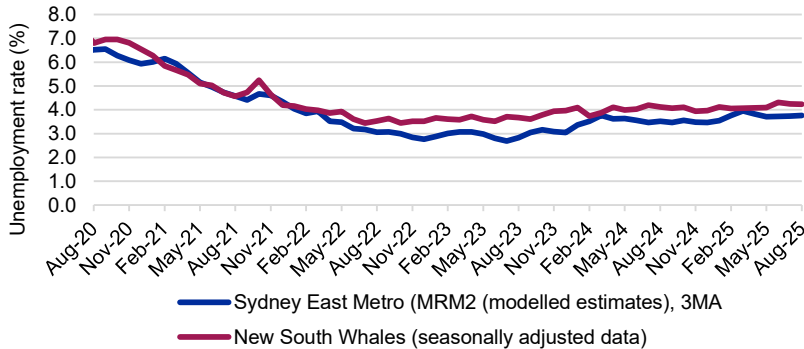
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Largest employing industries



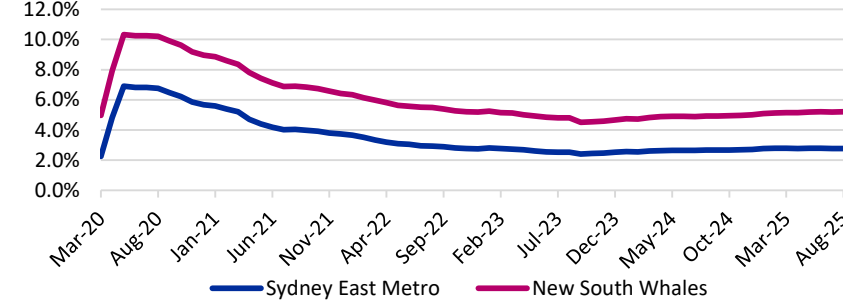
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Sydney East Metro	New South Whales
Payments - August 2024	34,455	263,205
Payments - August 2025	36,410	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,955	↑ 18,165
	↑ 5.7%	↑ 6.9%

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

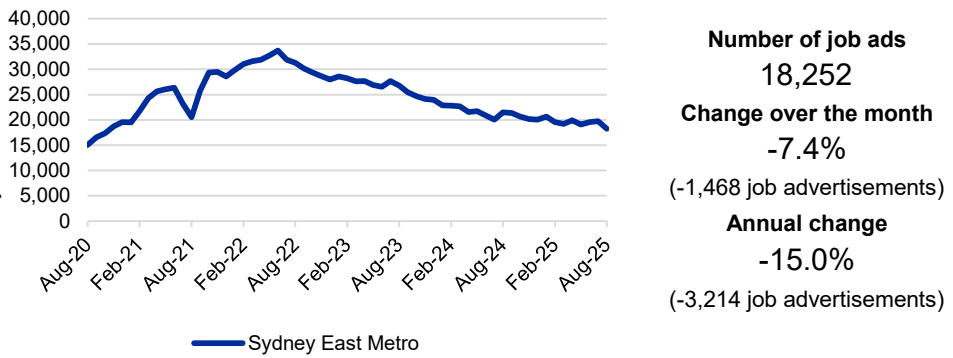
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Sydney East Metro	36,410	2.8%
New South Whales	281,370	5.2%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, August-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, August-25

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.4	5.8
Inner West	5.0	4.7
Randwick	4.6	5.3
Sydney	4.5	4.4
Burwood	4.0	3.7

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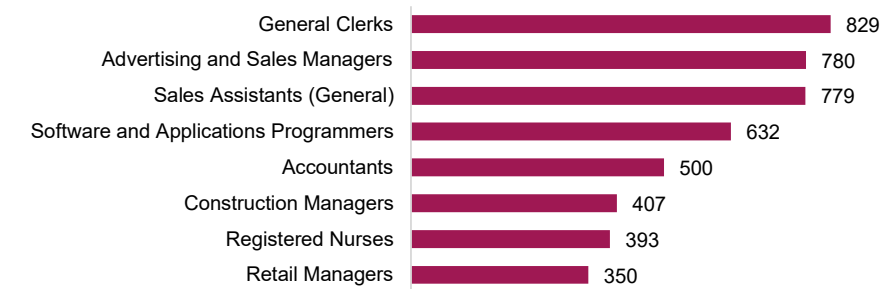
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
18,252
Change over the month
-7.4%
(-1,468 job advertisements)
Annual change
-15.0%
(-3,214 job advertisements)

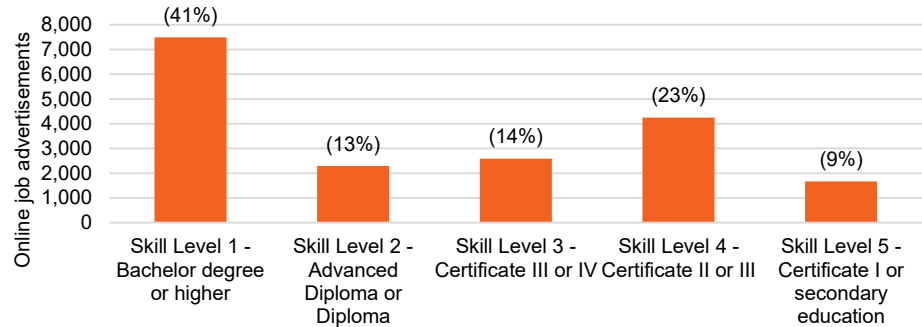
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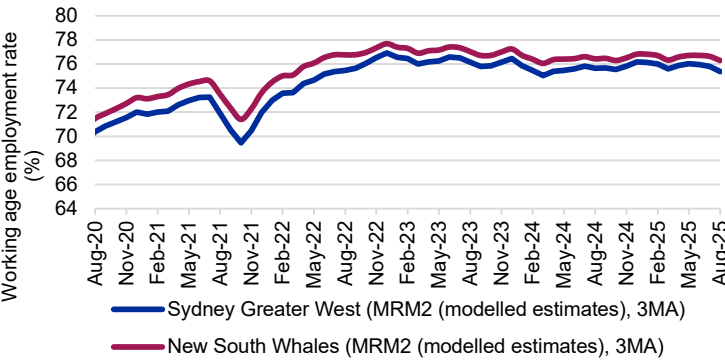
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Sydney Greater West	75.4	75.6	37.1	35.0	6.1	5.0	4.8	79.3	79.5	10.1	9.9
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
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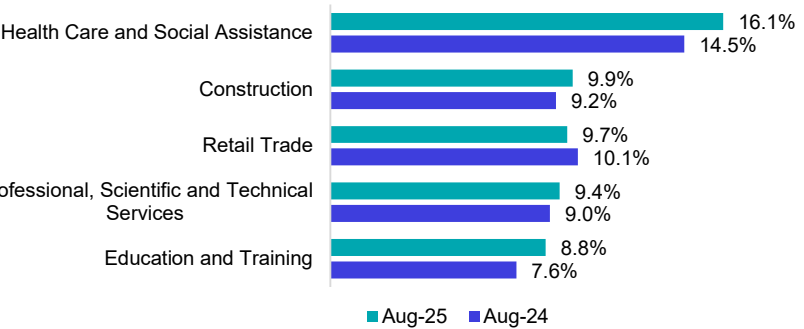
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Working age employment rate (%)



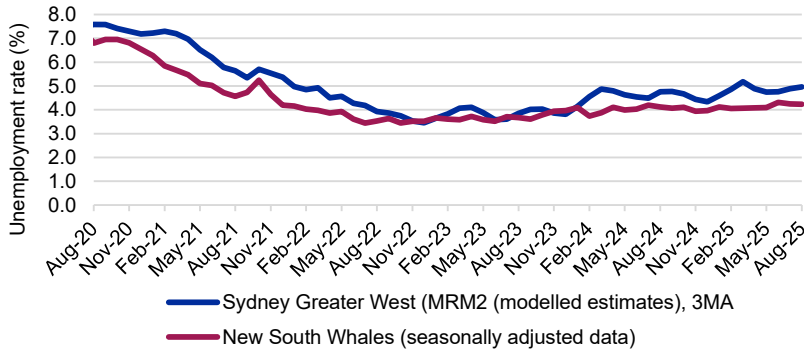
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Largest employing industries



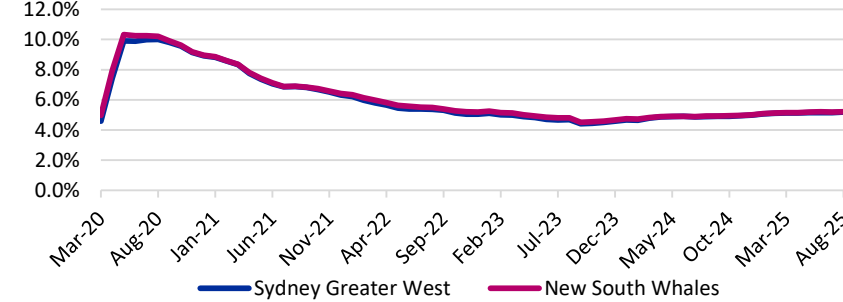
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Sydney Greater West		New South Wales	
Payments - August 2024	43,725	263,205	
Payments - August 2025	47,185	281,370	
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 3,460	↑ 18,165	
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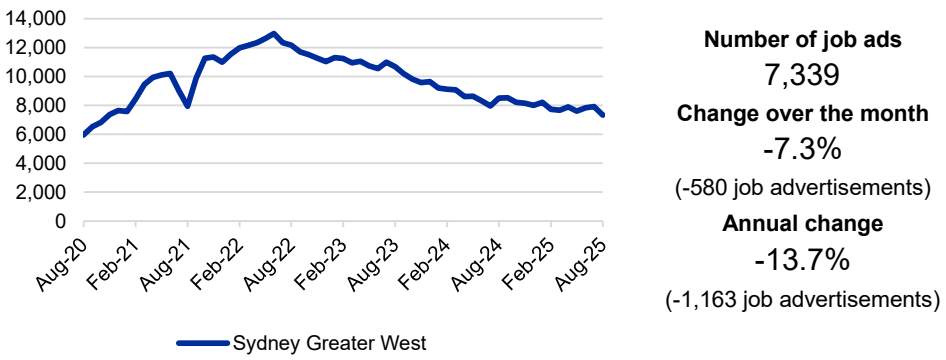
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Fairfield	7.5	8.1
Cumberland	7.3	5.5
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Blacktown	4.8	4.7
Hawkesbury	4.1	3.7

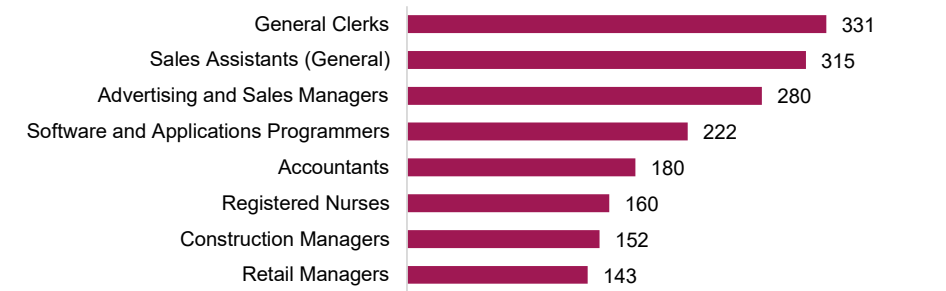
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Online job advertisements



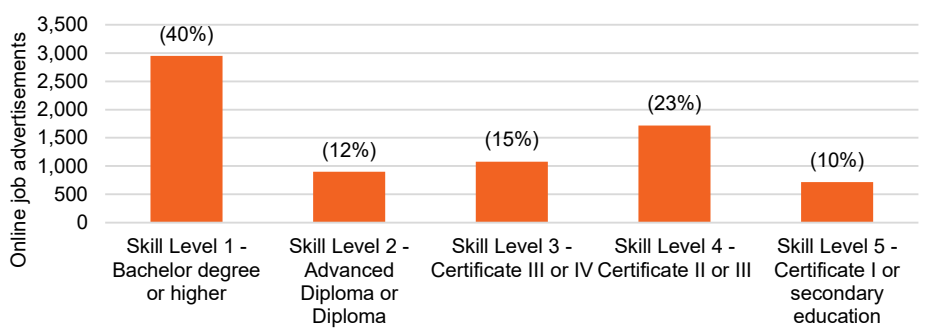
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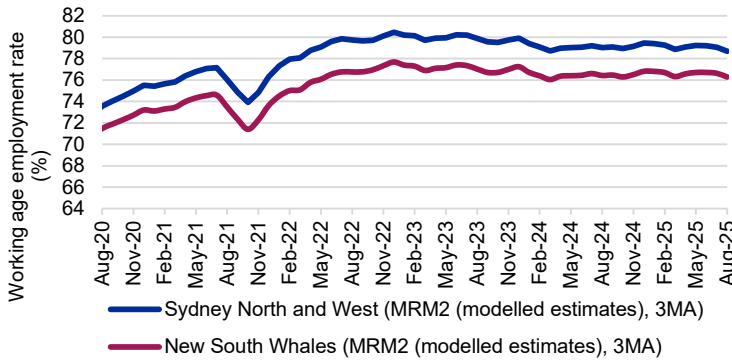
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Sydney North and West	78.7	79.0	32.2	29.7	8.2	3.6	3.4	81.7	81.9	8.1	7.8
New South Wales	76.3	76.4	193.9	185.2	4.7	4.2	4.0	79.7	79.7	9.2	8.8
Australia	77.1	77.2	647.4	619.3	4.5	4.2	4.1	80.6	80.6	9.7	9.9

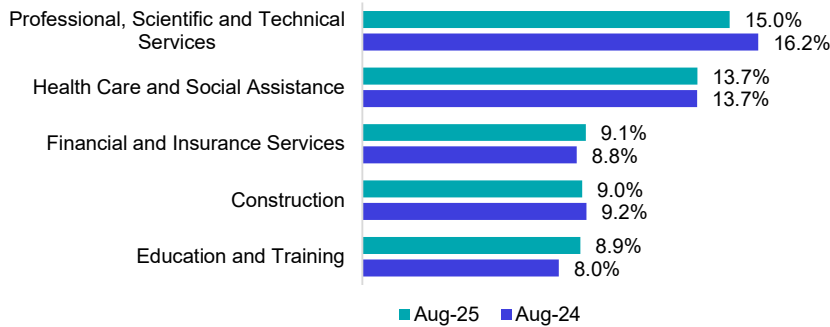
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Working age employment rate (%)



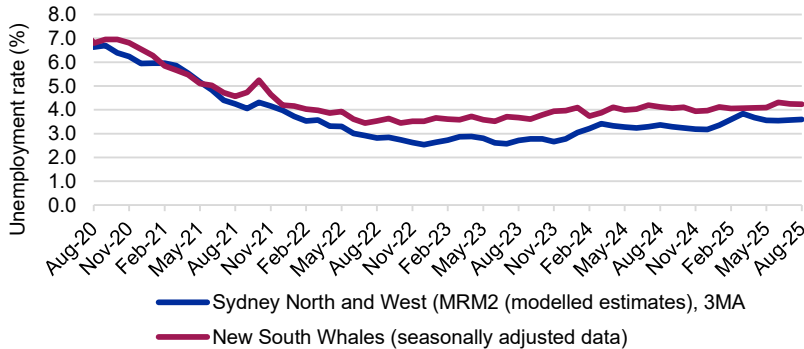
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Largest employing industries



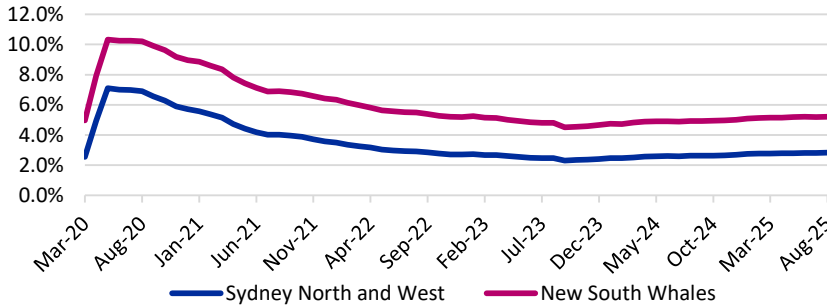
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2024	26,500	263,205
Payments - August 2025	28,895	281,370
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 2,395	↑ 18,165
	↑ 9.0%	↑ 6.9%

% 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
Sydney North and West	28,895	2.8%
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Australia	988,365	5.5%

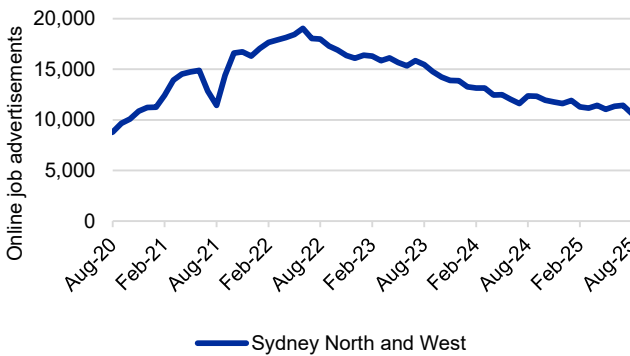
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Hornsby	5.3	4.3
Willoughby	5.0	3.5
Lane Cove	4.5	3.2
North Sydney	4.3	3.1
Hawkesbury	4.1	3.7

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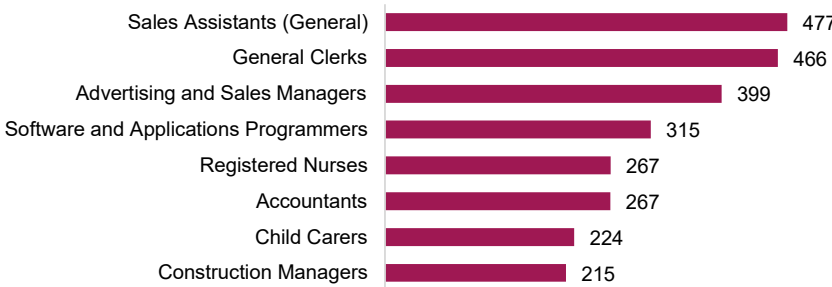
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
10,610
Change over the month
-7.3%
(-832 job advertisements)
Annual change
-14.1%
(-1,747 job advertisements)

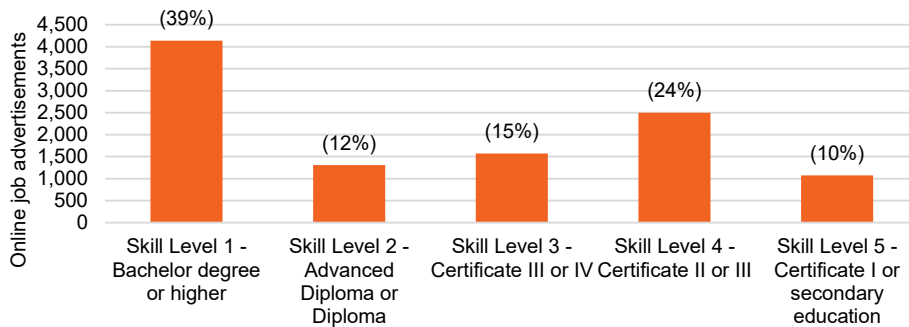
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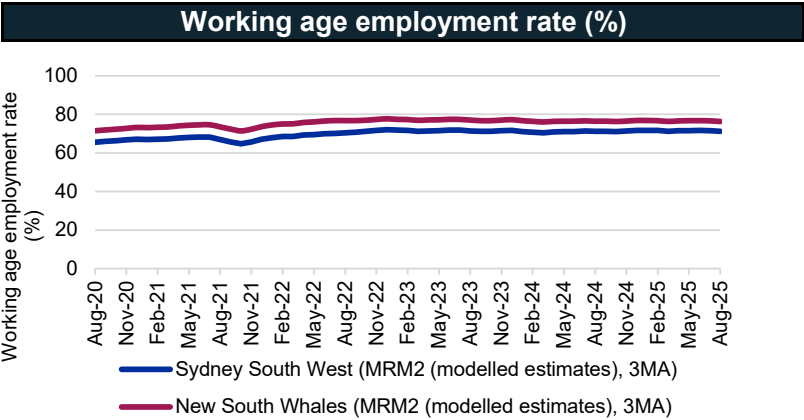
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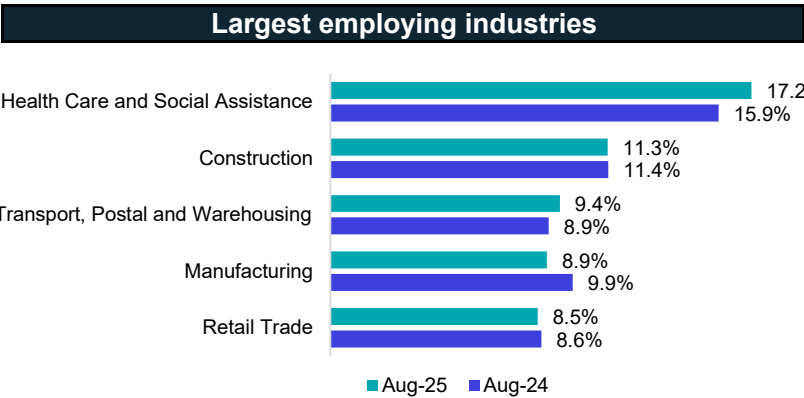
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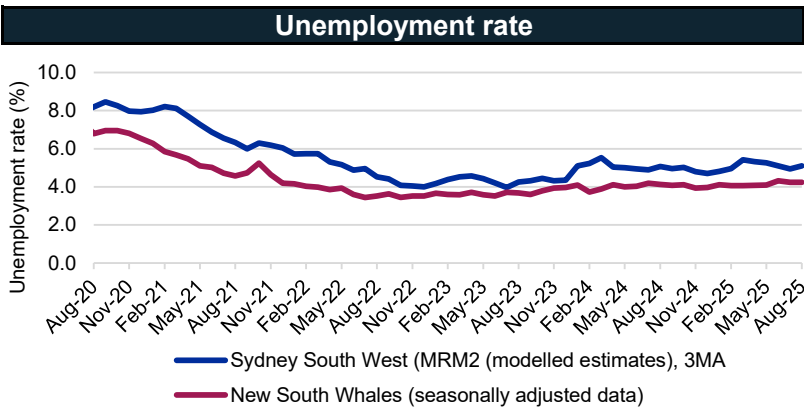
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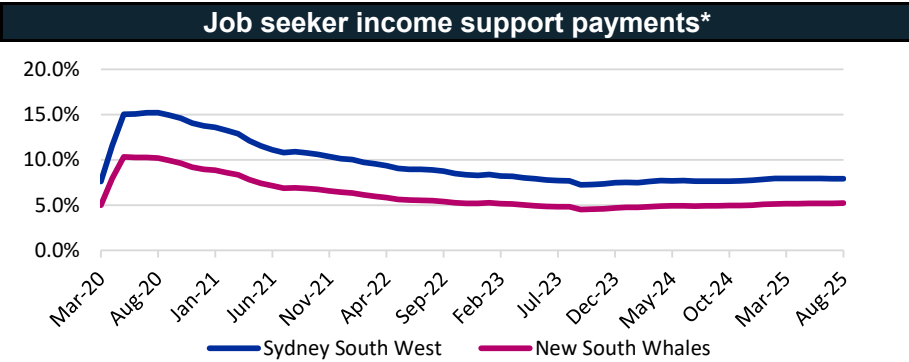
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August-25 quarter[#]



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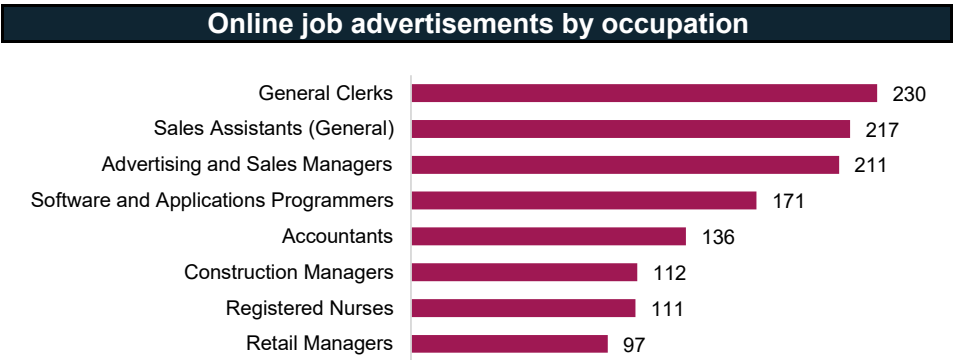
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Sutherland	2.7	2.4

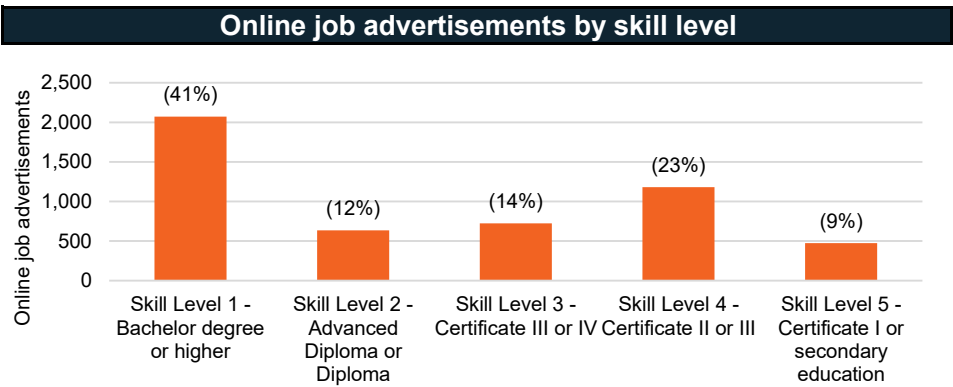
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