

Labour Market Dashboard
Queensland

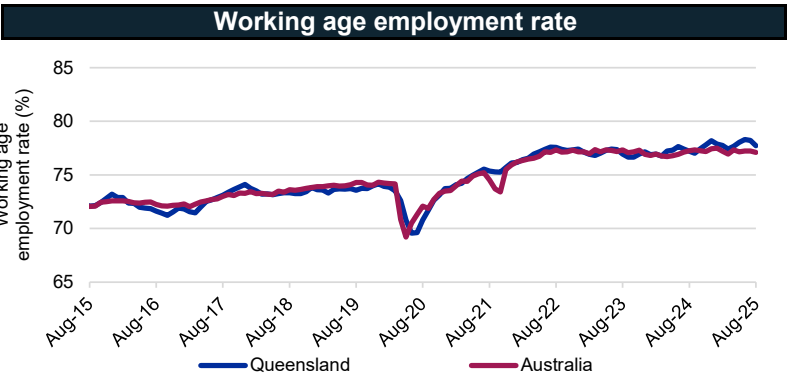
Data current as at 25 September 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland 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 (%)
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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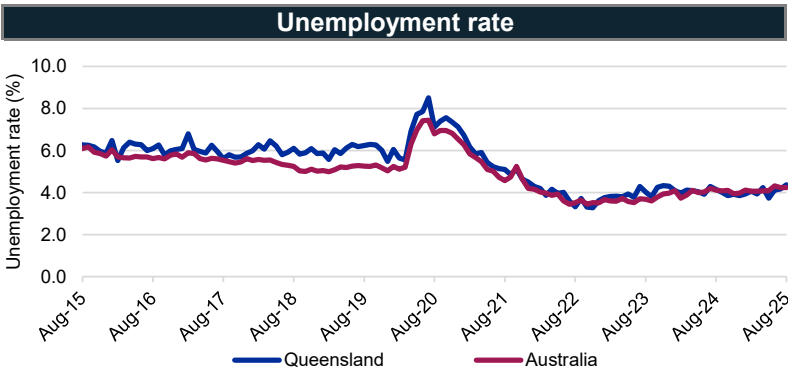
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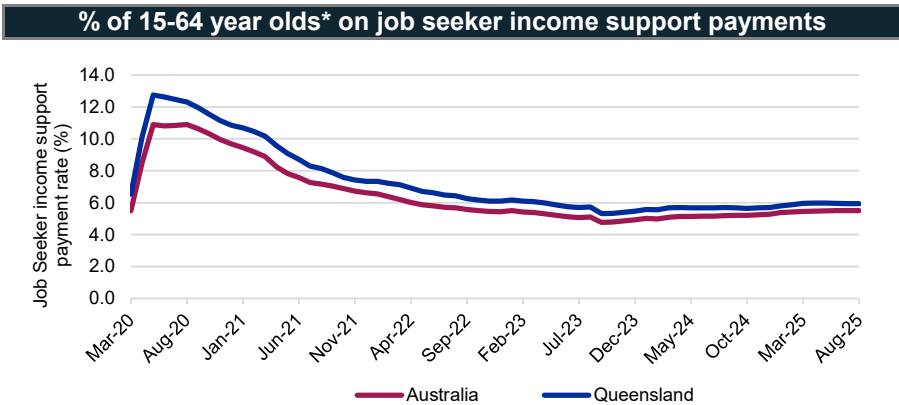
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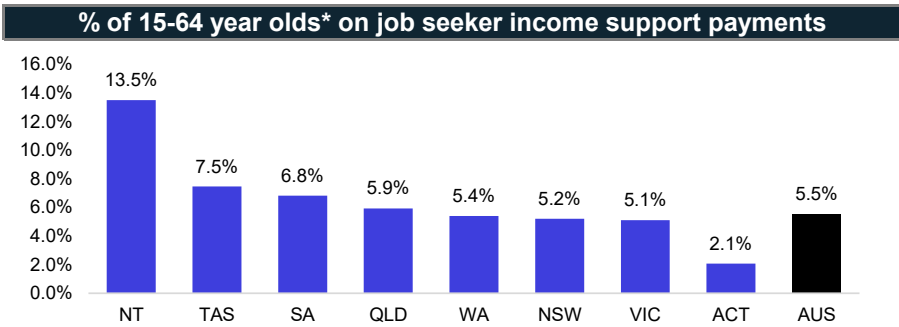
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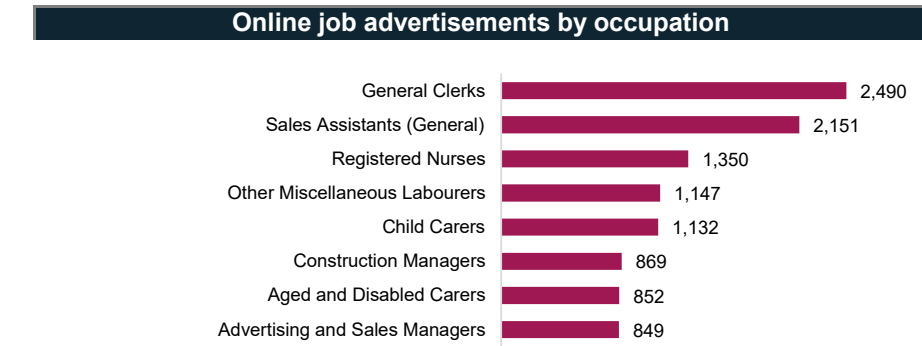
Change in job seeker income support payments		
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - August 2024	204,770	916,850
Payments - August 2025	217,410	987,955
Change (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 12,640	↑ 71,105
Change % (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 6.2%	↑ 7.8%



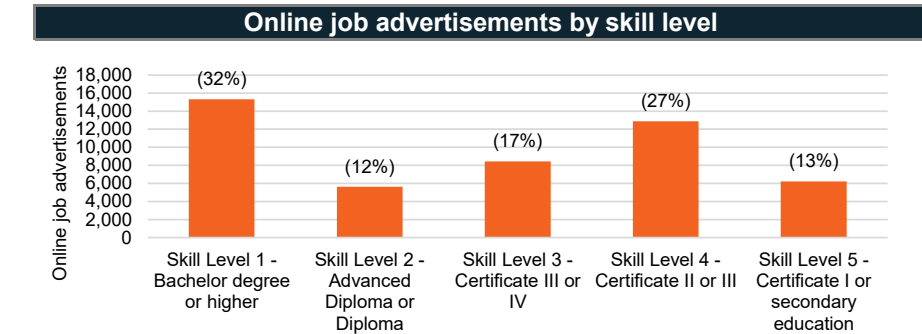
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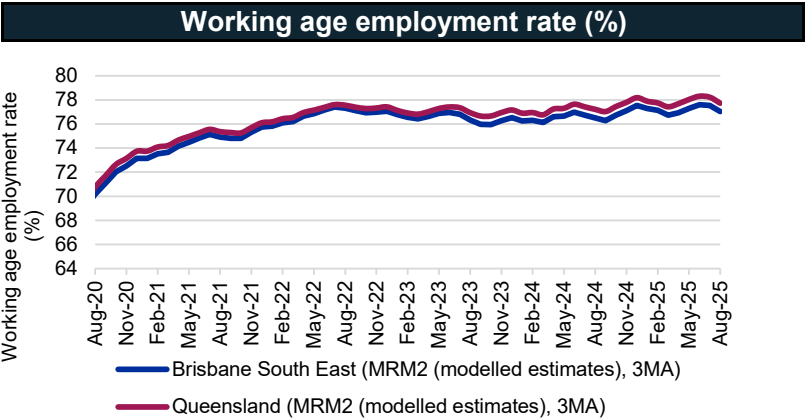
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
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Brisbane South East	77.0	76.5	27.8	26.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	80.8	80.2	10.5	11.1
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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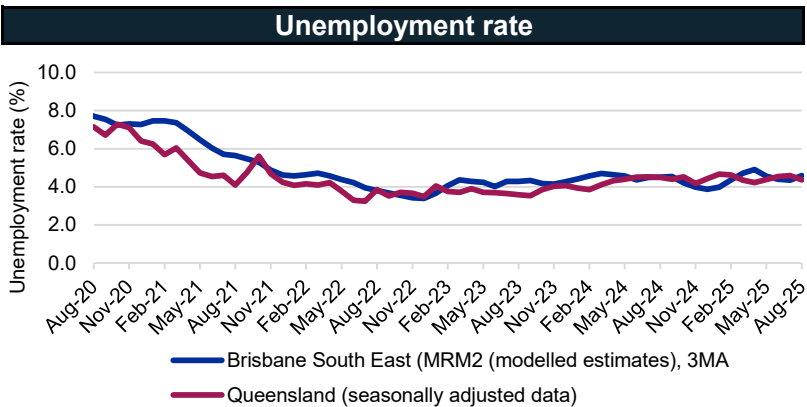
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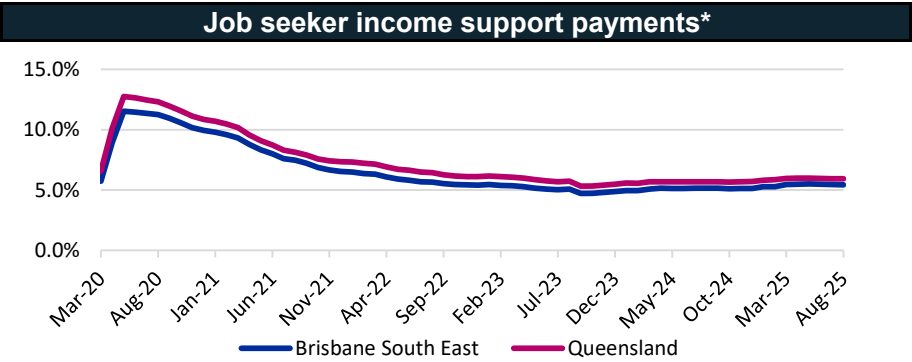
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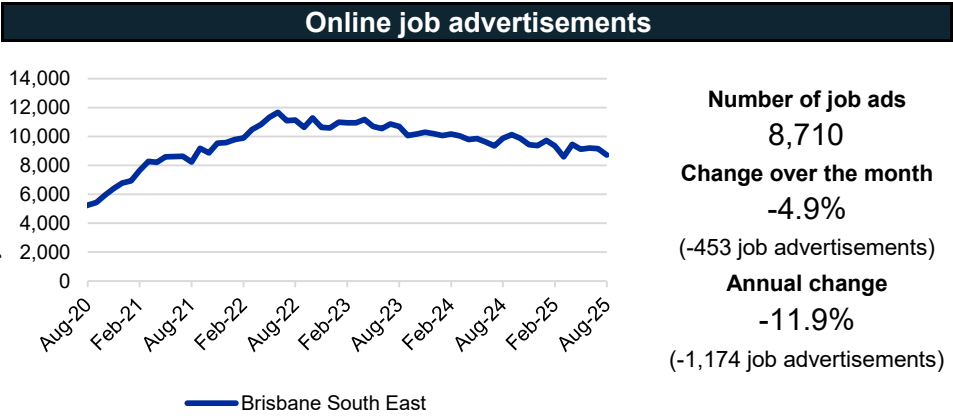
Brisbane South East		Queensland	
Payments - August 2024	36,335	204,770	
Payments - August 2025	39,260	217,410	
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 2,925	↑ 12,640	
	↑ 8.1%	↑ 6.2%	

% 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
Brisbane South East	39,260	5.4%
Queensland	217,410	5.9%
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
Logan	4.5	5.2
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.2
Brisbane	3.7	3.9
Redland	3.3	3.4

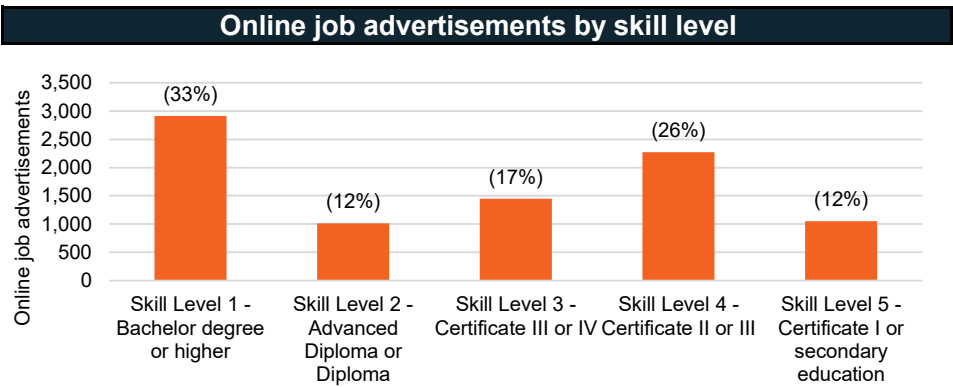
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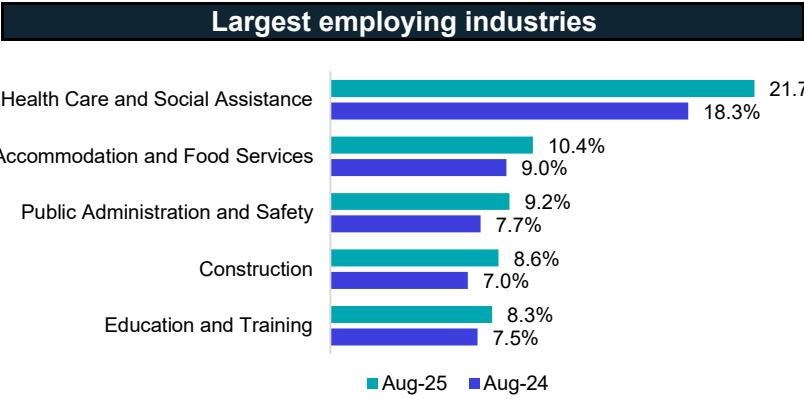
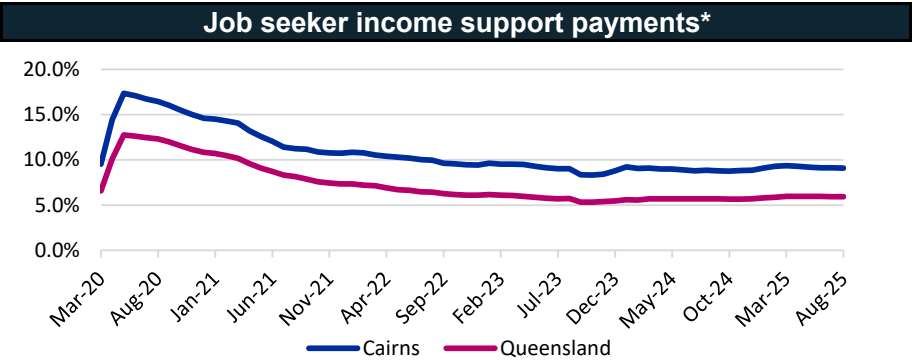
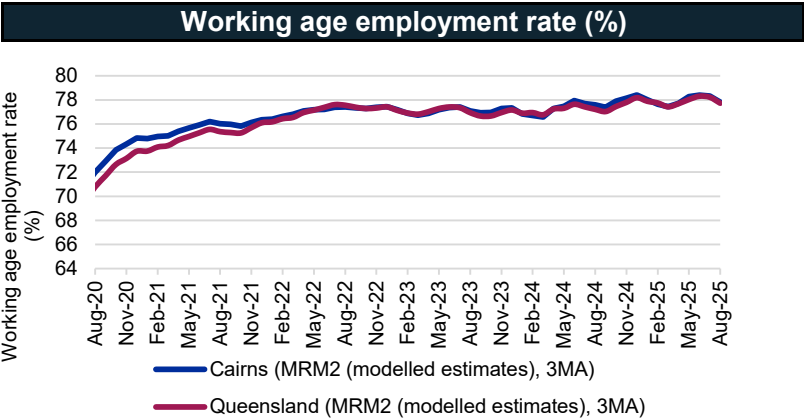
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Cairns	77.8	77.6	7.3	6.5	11.9	4.8	4.4	81.9	81.2	10.6	11.1
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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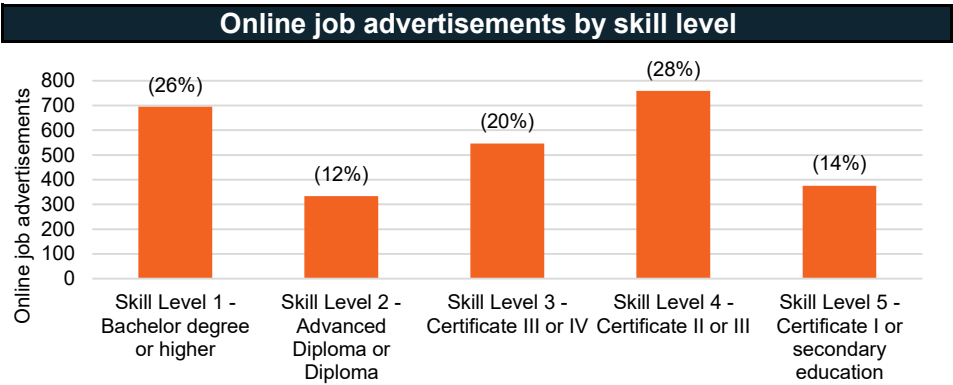
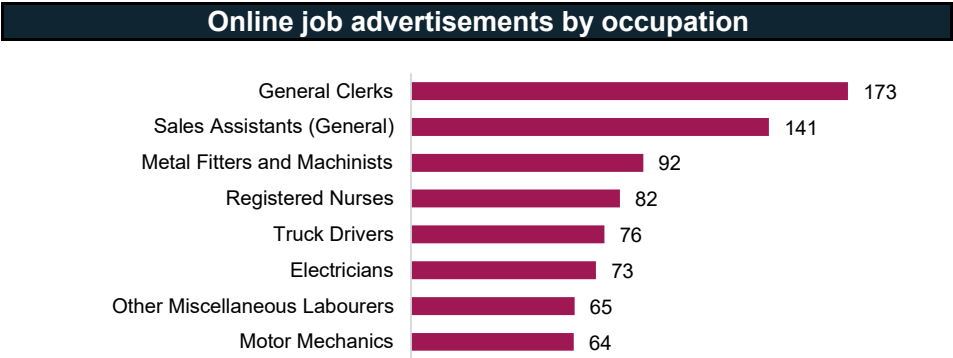
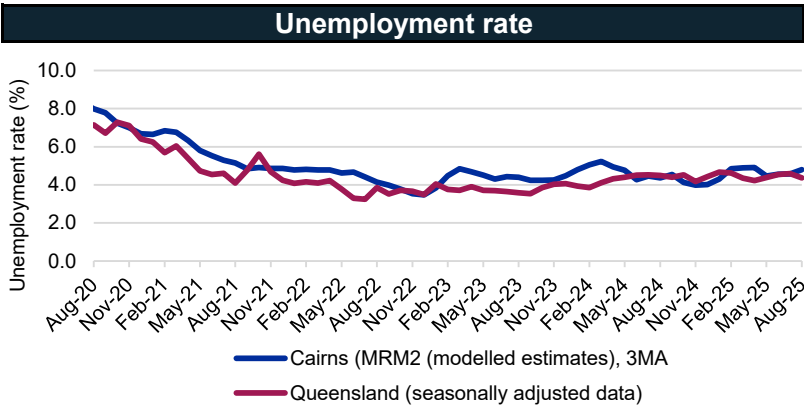
	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	15,210	204,770
Payments - August 2025	15,790	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 580	↑ 12,640
	↑ 3.8%	↑ 6.2%

% 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	15,790	9.1%
Queensland	217,410	5.9%
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
Yarrabah*	53.4	42.3
Mareeba	5.8	4.5
Cassowary Coast	5.4	3.8
Tablelands	4.5	3.1
Douglas	4.0	2.8

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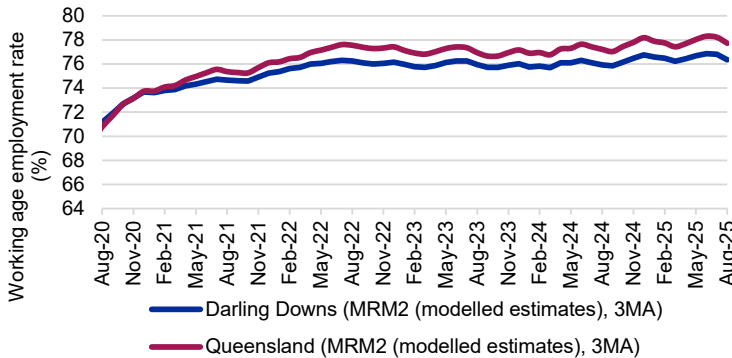
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Darling Downs	76.3	75.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	3.8	3.6	79.5	78.9	8.3	8.6
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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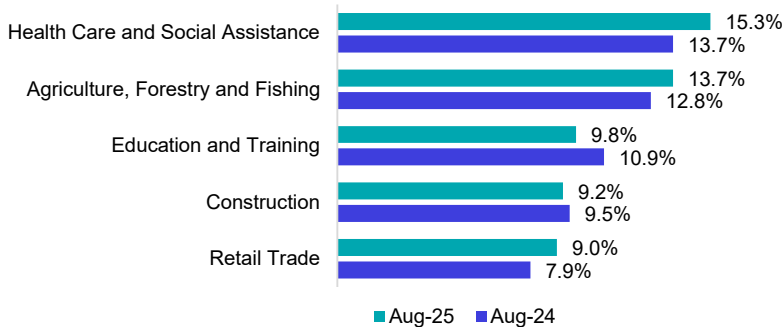
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Working age employment rate (%)



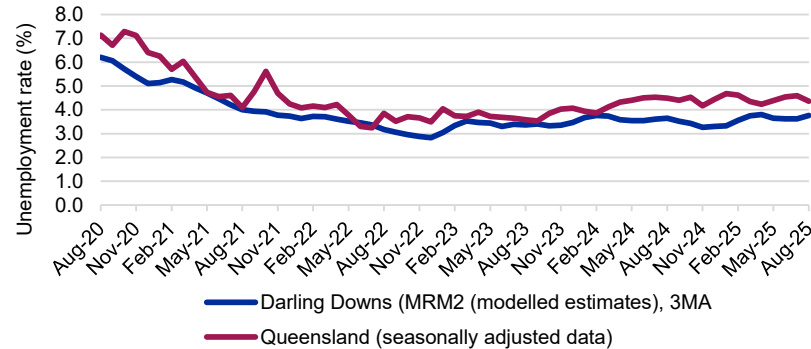
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Largest employing industries



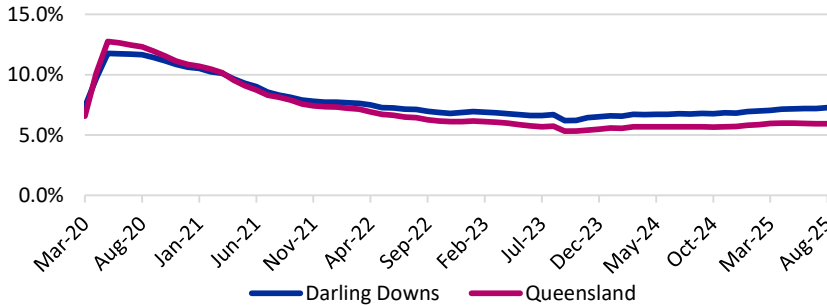
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	12,400	204,770
Payments - August 2025	13,440	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,040	↑ 12,640
	↑ 8.4%	↑ 6.2%

% 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
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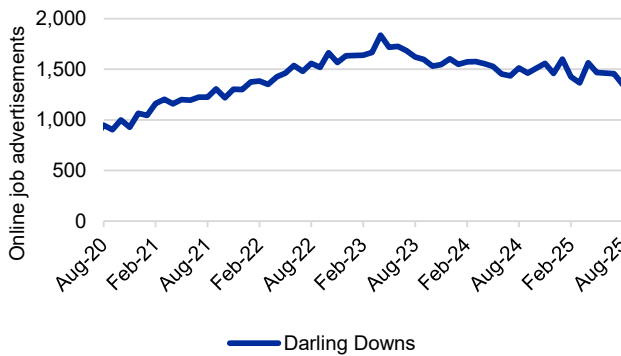
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Balonne	4.3	2.3
Lockyer Valley	3.8	4.5
Western Downs	3.8	2.5
Southern Downs	3.5	2.3
Goondiwindi	2.9	1.8

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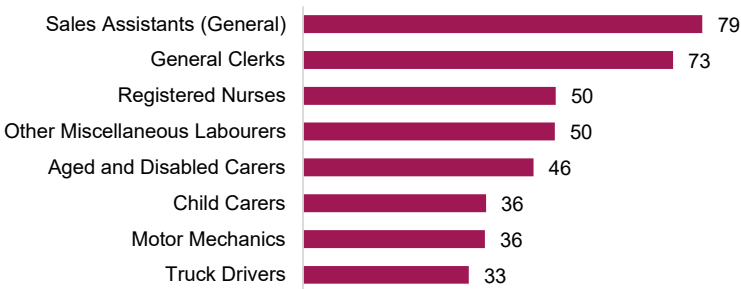
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,348
Change over the month
-7.4%
(-107 job advertisements)
Annual change
-10.9%
(-164 job advertisements)

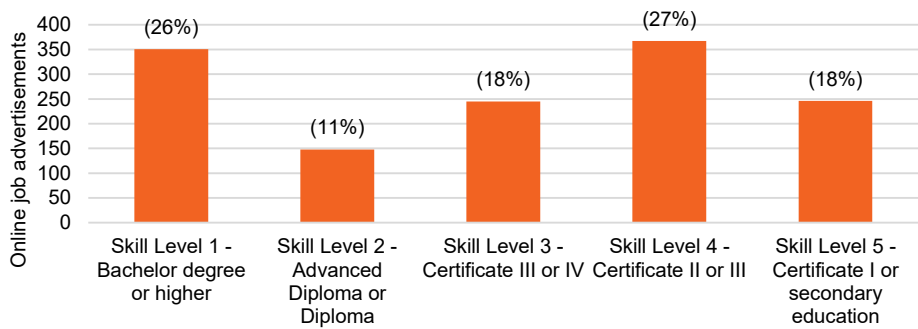
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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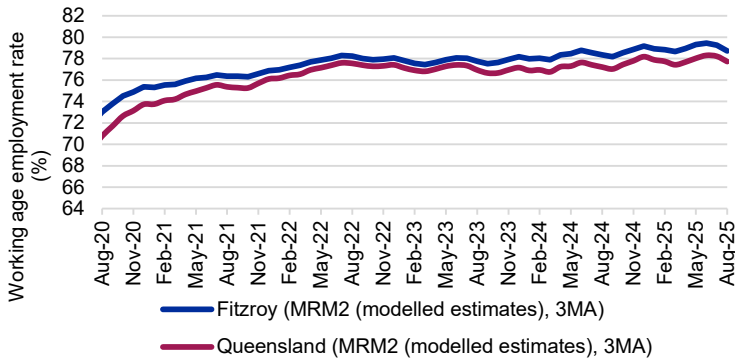
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Fitzroy	78.7	78.3	6.4	6.2	3.7	4.7	4.6	82.7	82.1	9.2	9.8
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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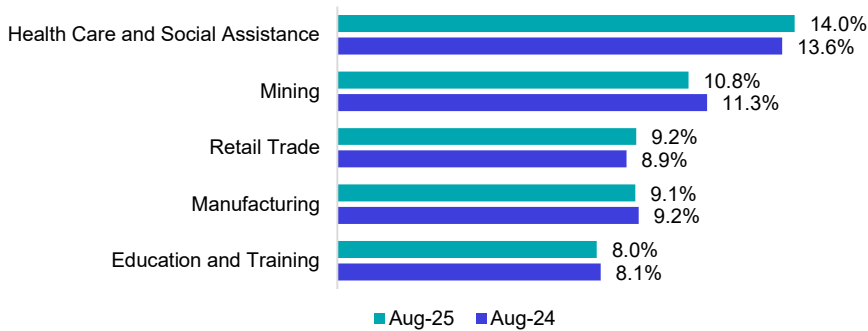
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Working age employment rate (%)



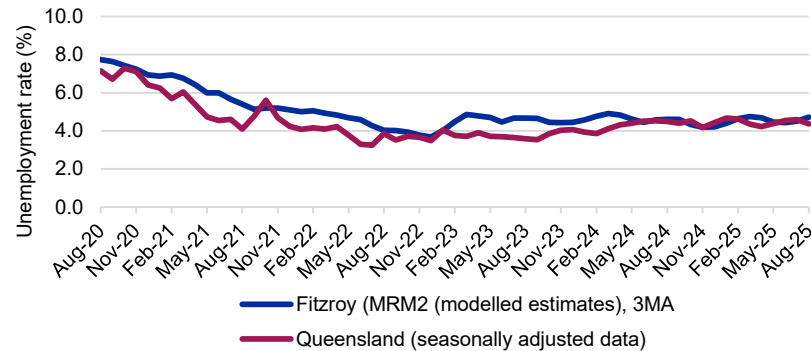
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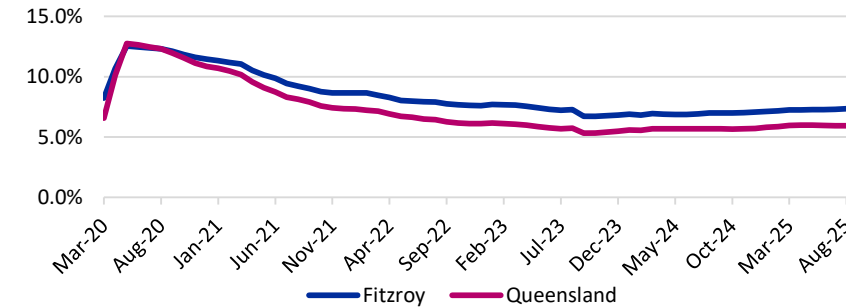
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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	10,715	204,770
Payments - August 2025	11,340	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 625	↑ 12,640
	↑ 5.8%	↑ 6.2%

% 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
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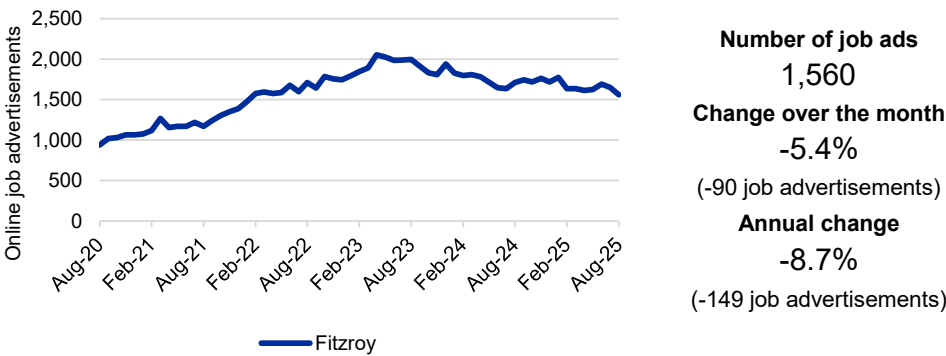
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Woorabinda*	9.0	7.0
Gladstone	6.7	5.5
Rockhampton	6.4	5.1
Central Highlands (Qld)	4.3	3.6
Banana	3.8	2.9

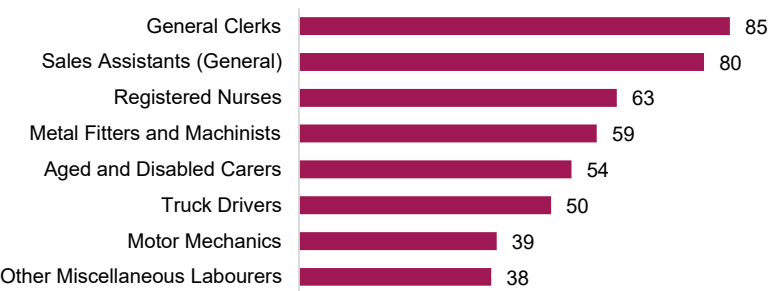
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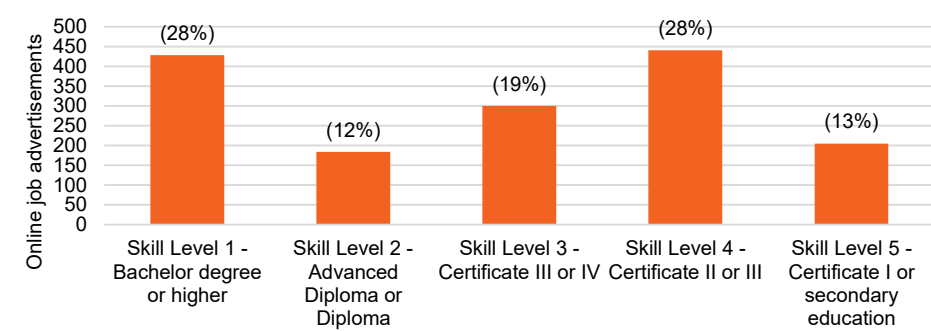
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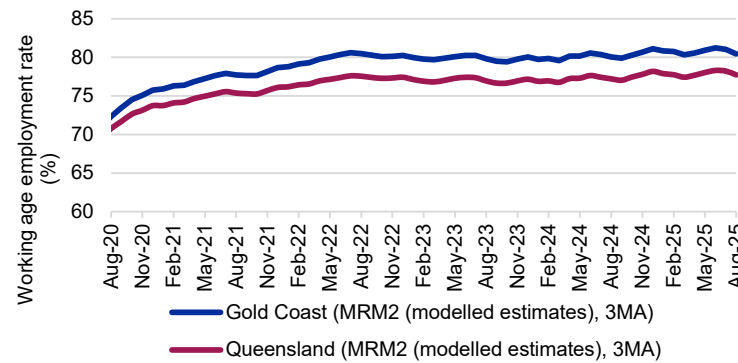
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Gold Coast	80.5	80.1	13.3	12.3	8.3	3.3	3.1	83.2	82.6	6.6	7.1
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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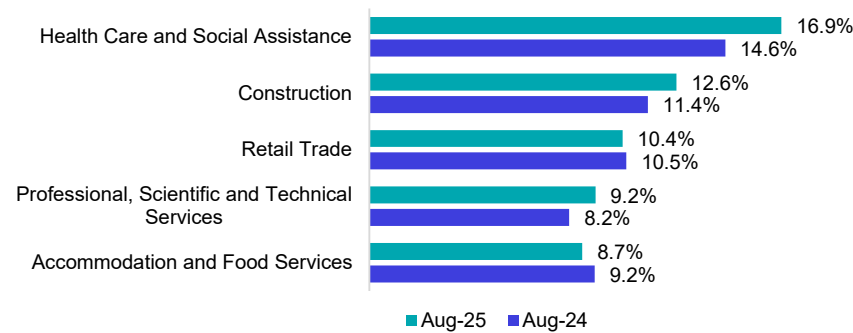
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Working age employment rate (%)



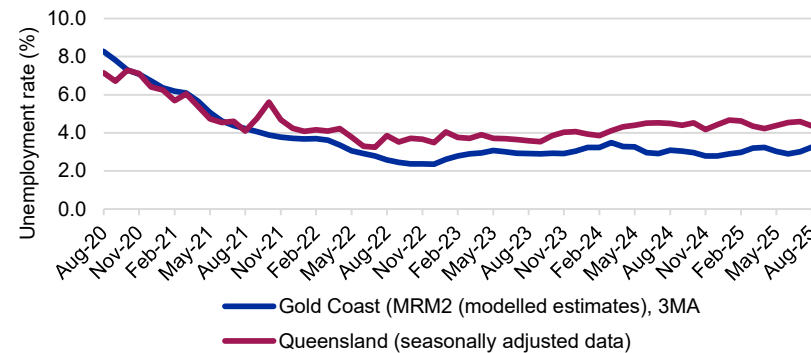
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Largest employing industries



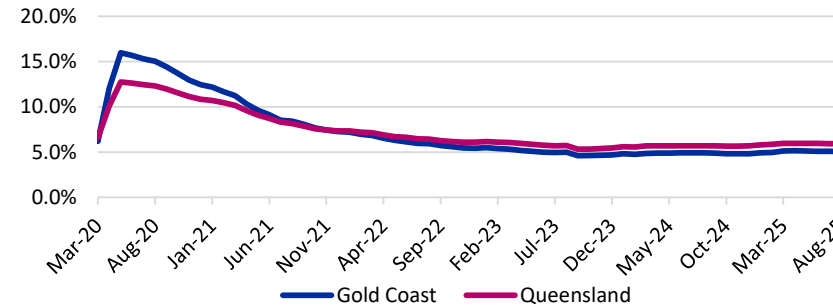
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Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	22,370	204,770
Payments - August 2025	23,485	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,115	↑ 12,640
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 6.2%

% 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
Gold Coast	23,485	5.1%
Queensland	217,410	5.9%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

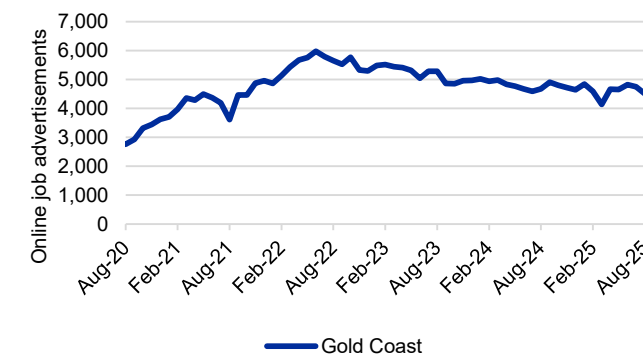
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.2
Gold Coast	3.4	3.4
Tweed	2.8	3.3

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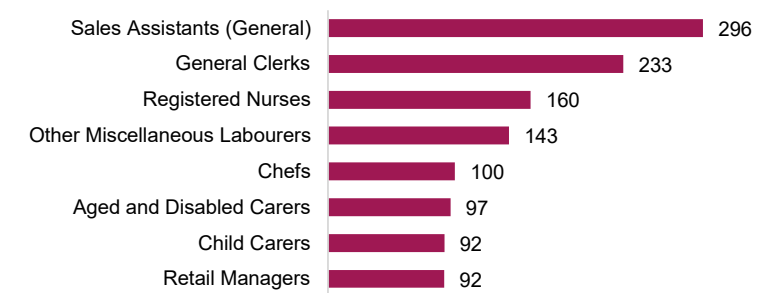
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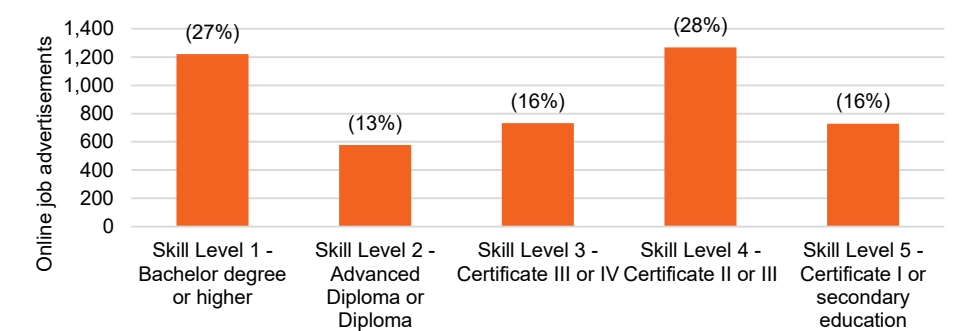
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Change over the month
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(-237 job advertisements)
Annual change
-3.7%
(-173 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, August-25

Online job advertisements by skill level



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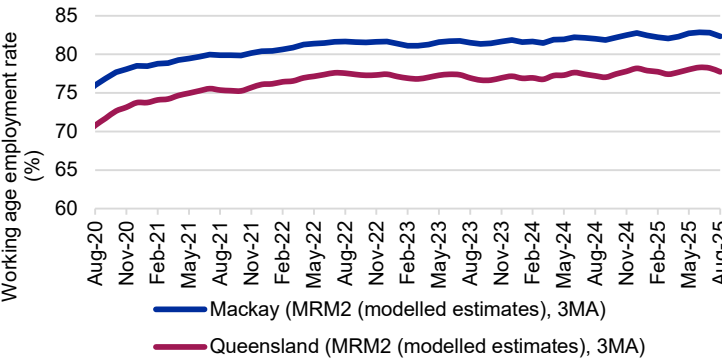
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	Aug-25 (’000)	Aug-24 (’000)	Aug-25 (’000)	Aug-24 (’000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Mackay	82.3	82.0	3.5	3.1	12.6	3.1	2.8	85.0	84.4	5.7	6.0
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
Australia	77.1	77.2	647.4	619.3	4.5	4.2	4.1	80.6	80.6	9.7	9.9

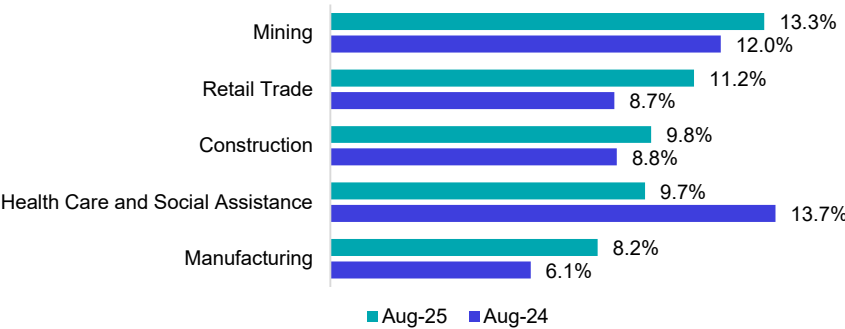
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Working age employment rate (%)



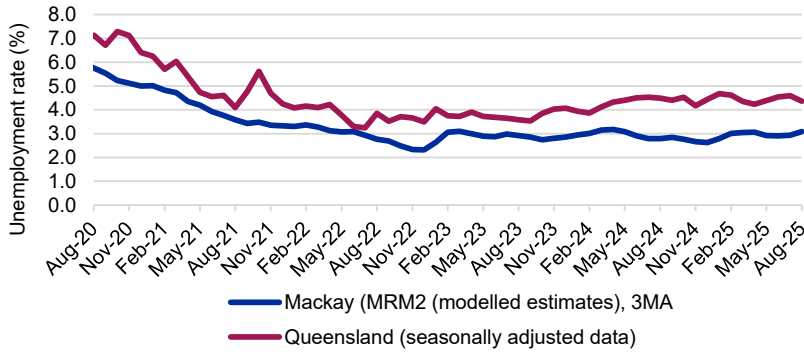
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Largest employing industries



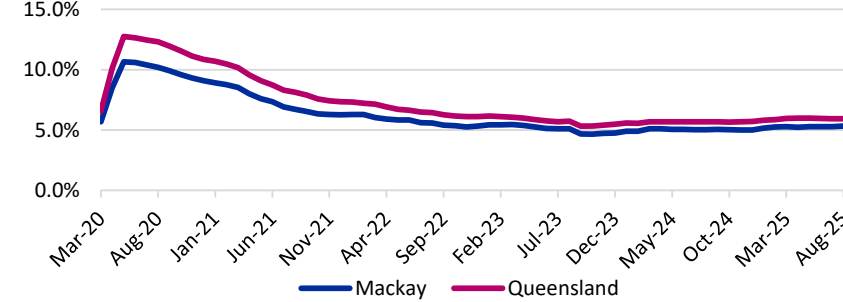
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	6,385	204,770
Payments - August 2025	6,805	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 420	↑ 12,640
	↑ 6.6%	↑ 6.2%

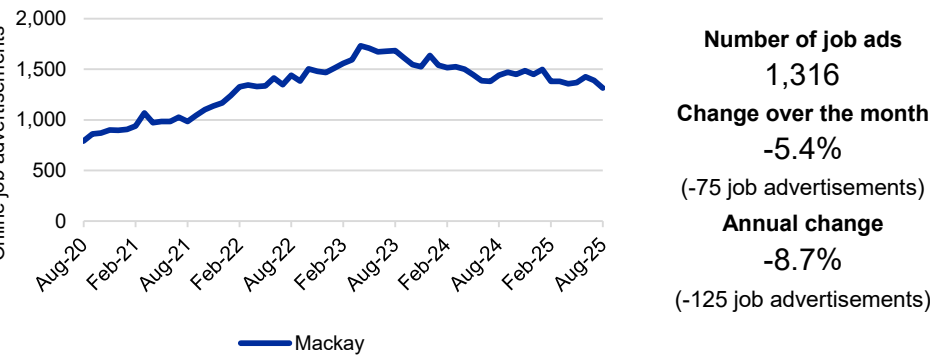
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Whitsunday	2.3	4.1
Mackay	2.1	3.7
Isaac	0.9	1.6

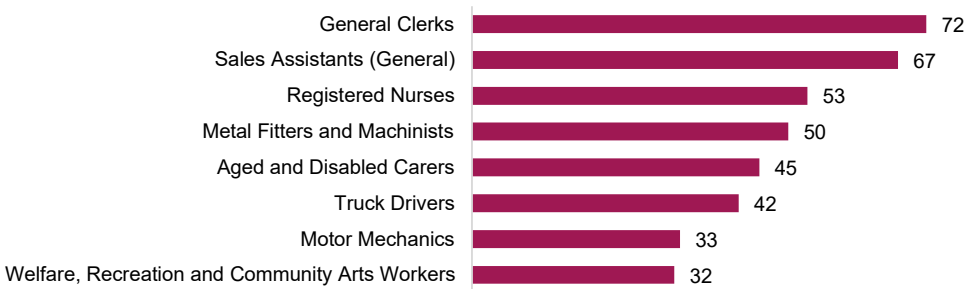
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Online job advertisements



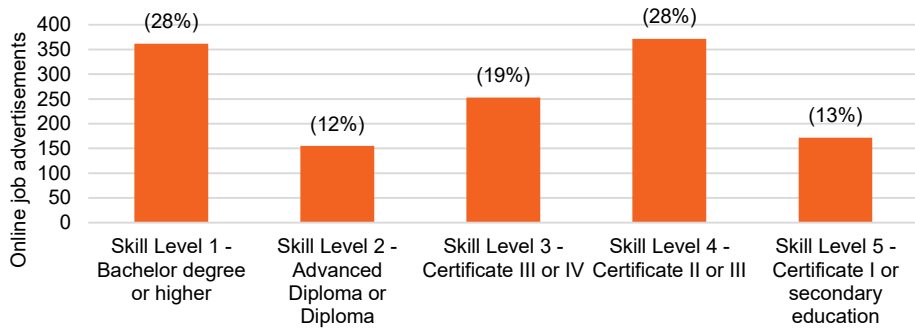
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Labour Market Dashboard

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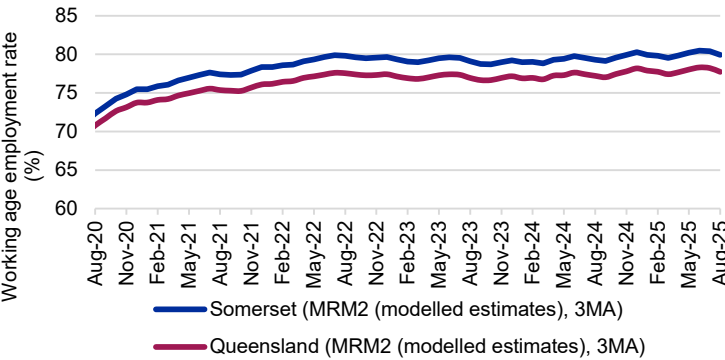
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Somerset	79.9	79.3	25.5	25.1	1.5	3.9	3.9	83.1	82.6	8.7	9.3
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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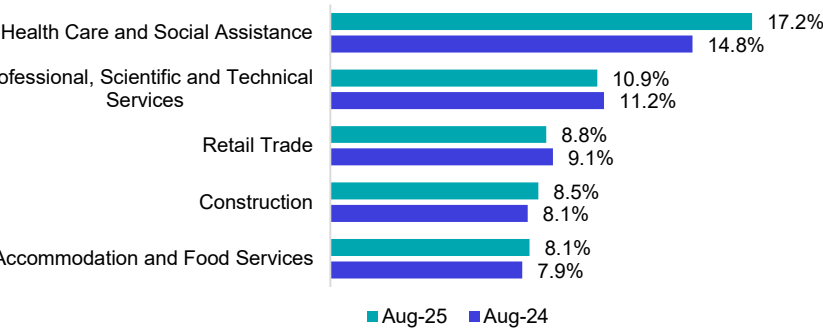
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Working age employment rate (%)



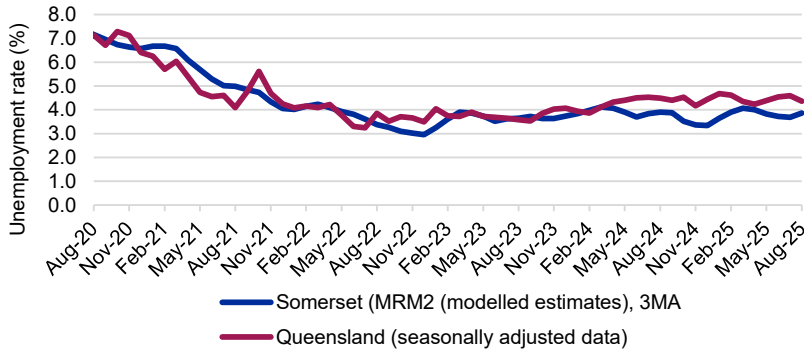
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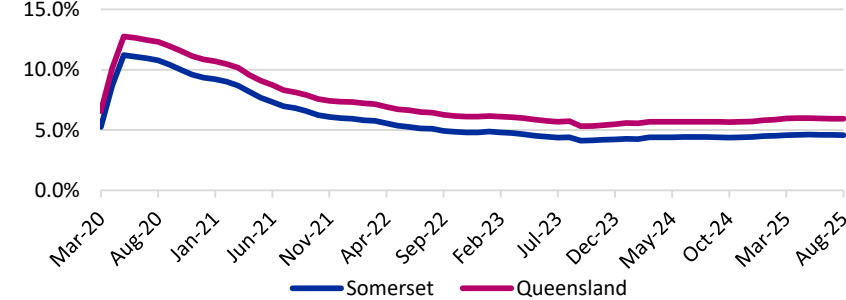
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	32,865	204,770
Payments - August 2025	34,830	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,965	↑ 12,640
	↑ 6.0%	↑ 6.2%

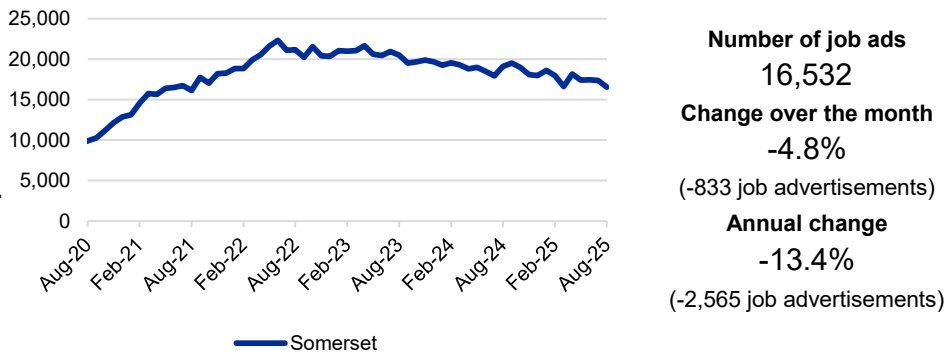
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Moreton Bay	4.7	5.4
Somerset	4.5	5.5
Brisbane	3.7	3.9

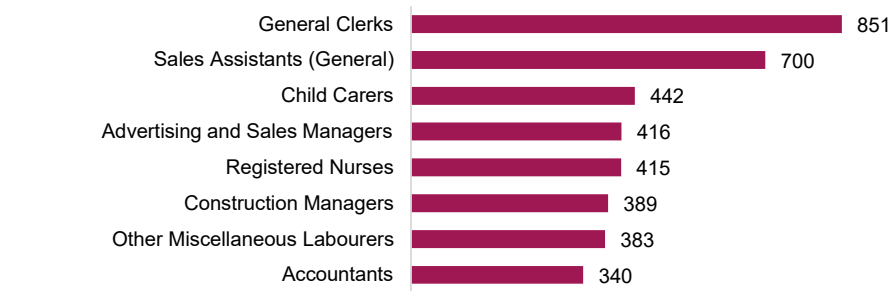
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Online job advertisements



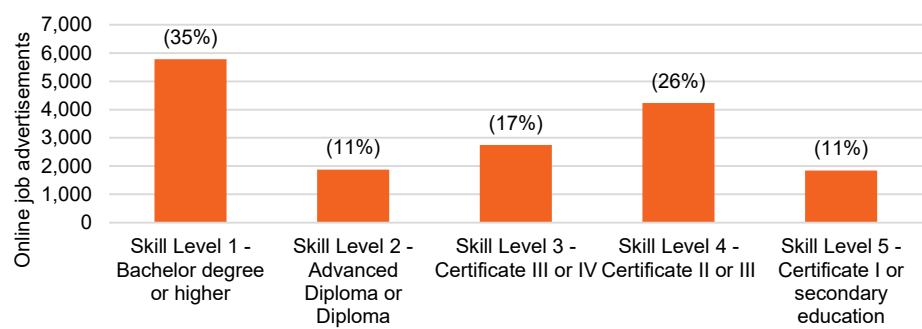
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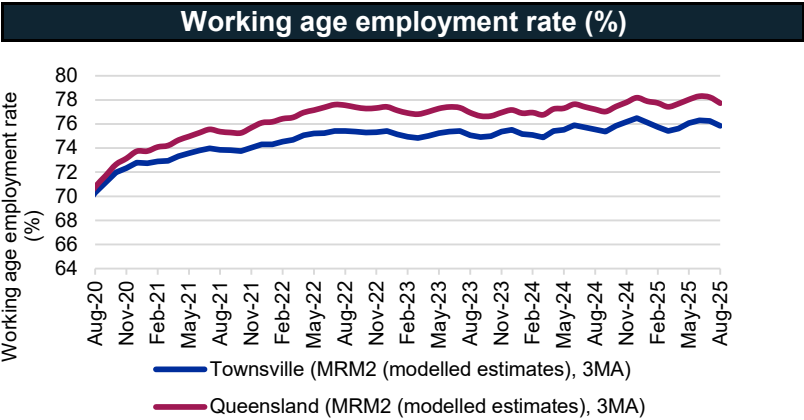
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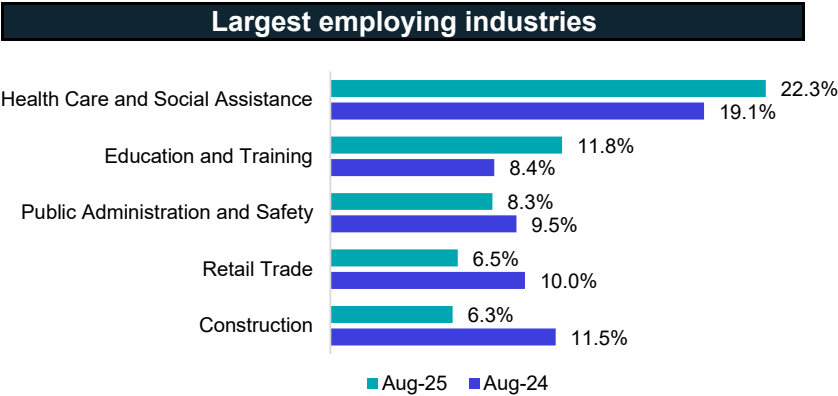
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Townsville	75.8	75.5	6.5	6.3	3.9	4.9	4.8	79.9	79.4	10.1	10.6
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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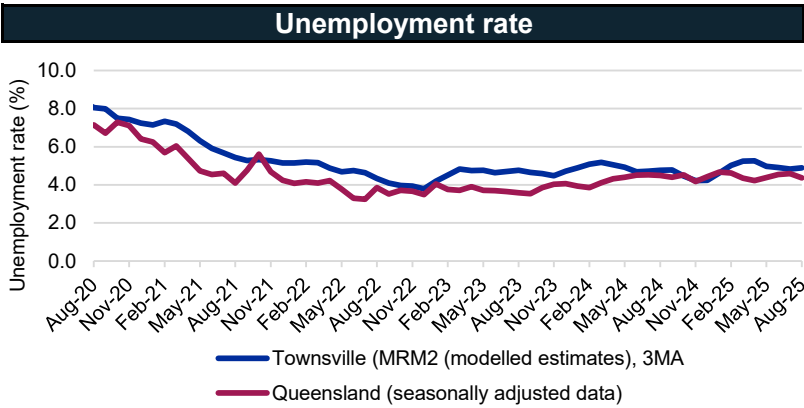
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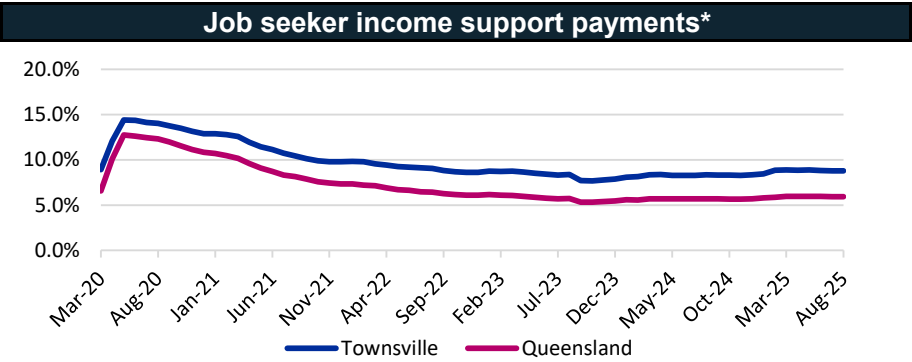
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	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	13,035	204,770
Payments - August 2025	13,805	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 770	↑ 12,640
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% of 15-64 year olds**on job seeker income support payments		
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
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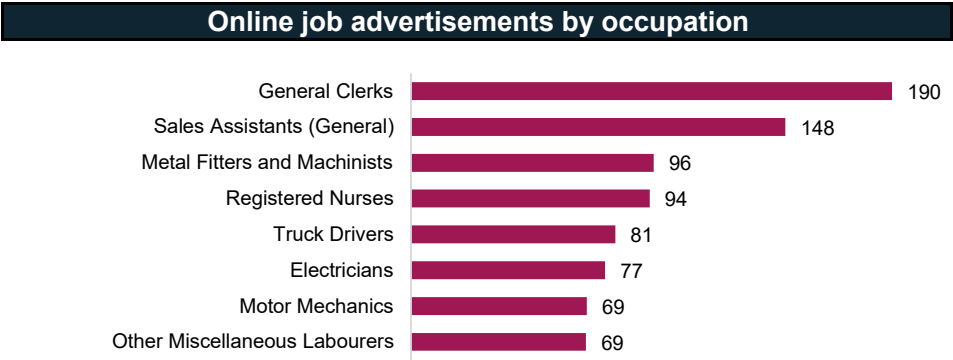
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Charters Towers	6.7	5.2
Hinchinbrook	6.0	4.3
Burdekin	5.5	3.7
Townsville	5.3	3.7
Mount Isa	3.8	3.0

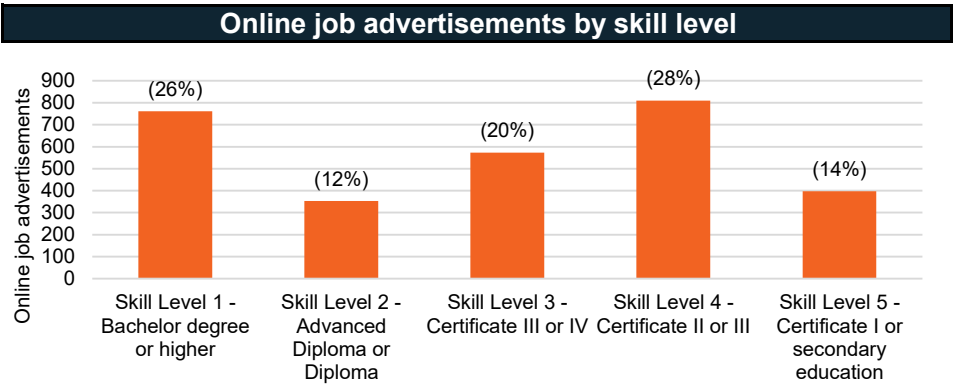
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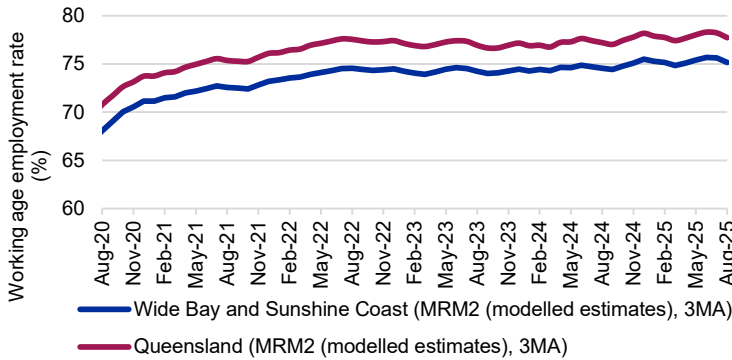
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Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	75.2	74.6	15.8	15.3	2.9	4.1	4.1	78.5	77.8	9.4	10.1
Queensland	77.7	77.2	136.8	127.3	7.5	4.4	4.1	81.2	80.6	9.2	9.8
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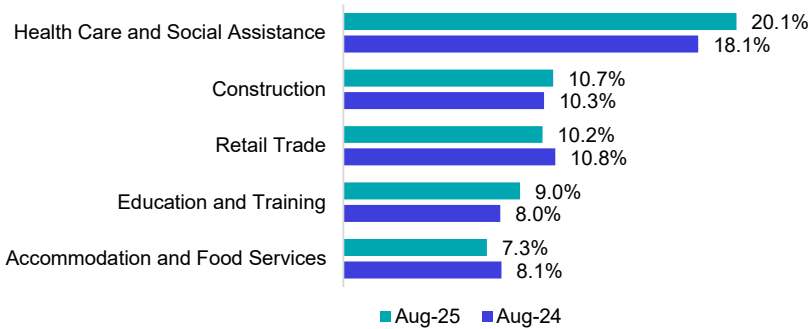
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Working age employment rate (%)



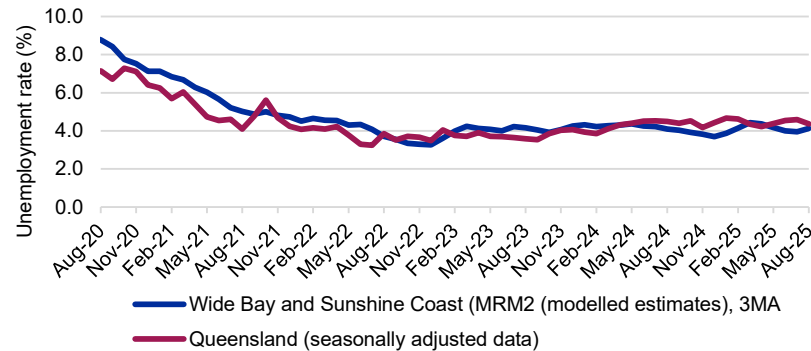
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Largest employing industries



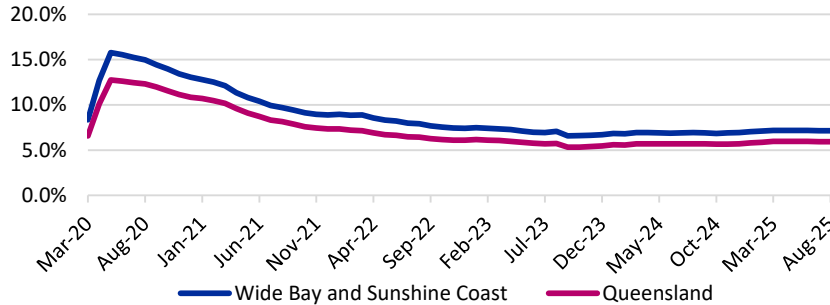
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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	31,060	204,770
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Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,560	↑ 12,640
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 6.2%

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

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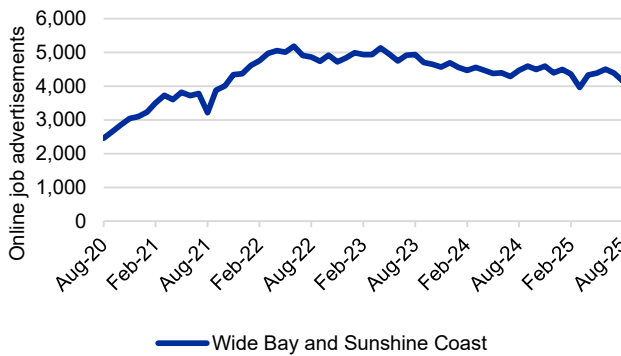
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Cherbourg*	9.7	7.7
South Burnett	7.2	5.7
Fraser Coast	6.4	5.0
Gympie	5.5	4.2
Bundaberg	5.4	4.2

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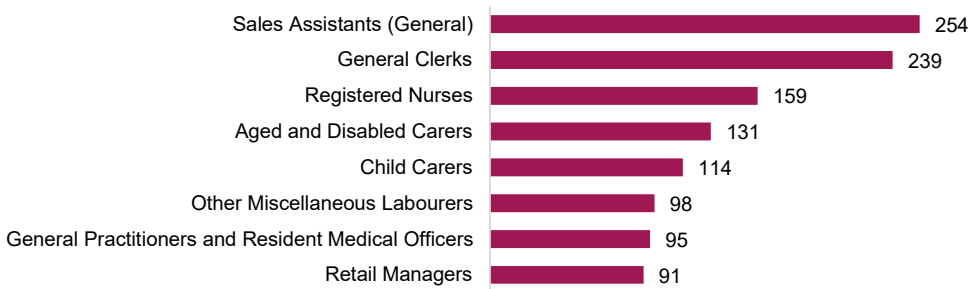
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Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(-234 job advertisements)
Annual change
-7.1%
(-319 job advertisements)

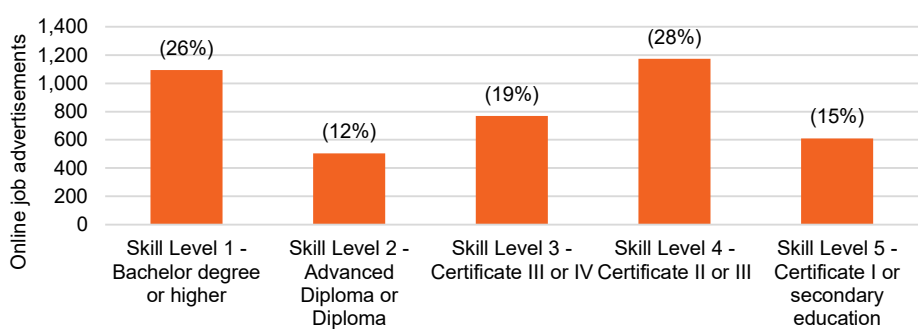
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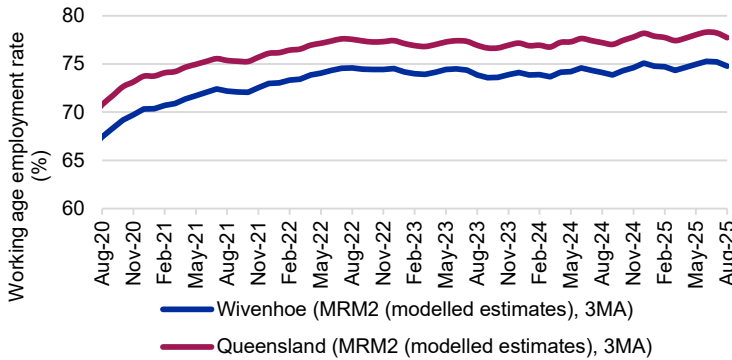
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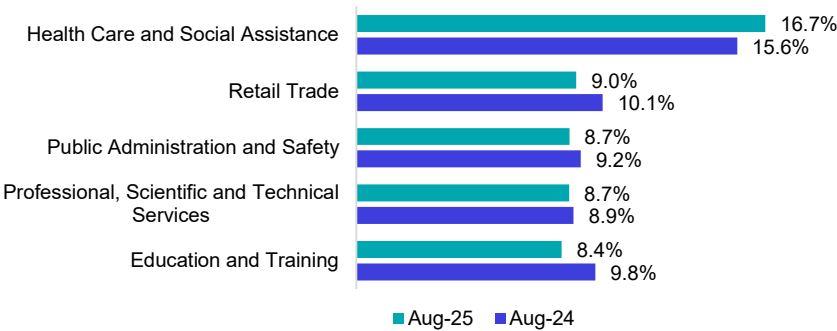
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Working age employment rate (%)



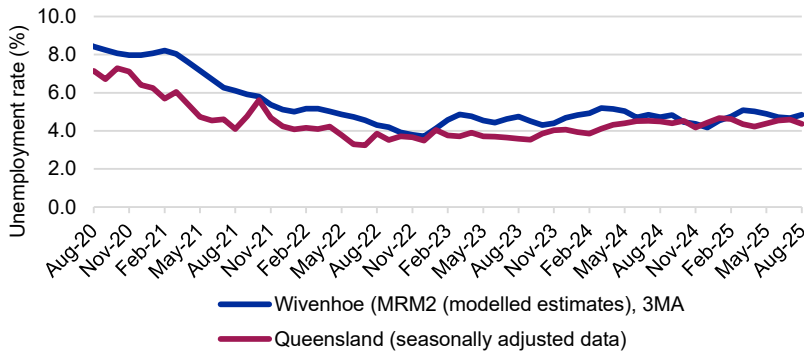
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Largest employing industries



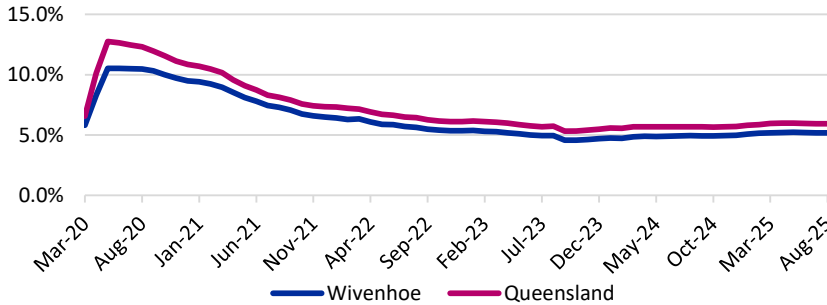
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August-25 quarter[#]

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - August 2024	19,600	204,770
Payments - August 2025	21,075	217,410
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 1,475	↑ 12,640
	↑ 7.5%	↑ 6.2%

% 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
Wivenhoe	21,075	5.2%
Queensland	217,410	5.9%
Australia	988,365	5.5%

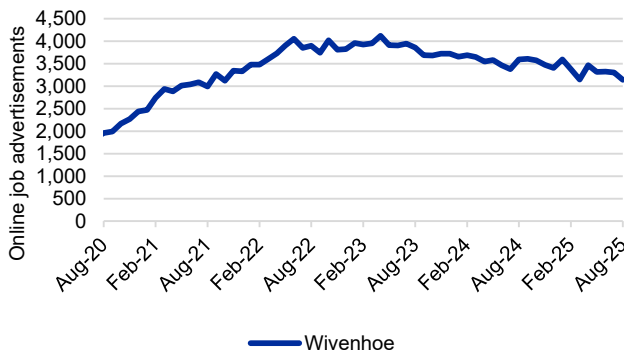
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, August-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, August-25

LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Ipswich	5.1	5.2
Somerset	4.5	5.5
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.2
Lockyer Valley	3.8	4.5
Brisbane	3.7	3.9

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

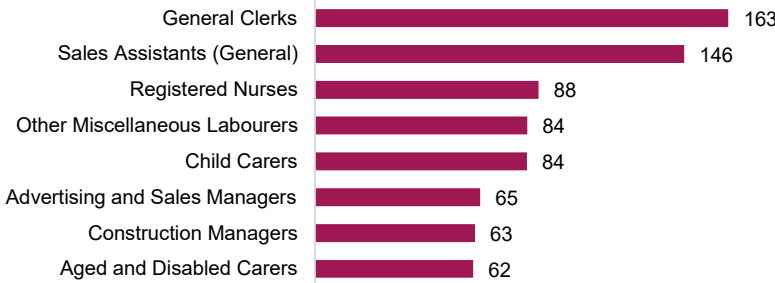
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
3,142
Change over the month
-4.9%
(-160 job advertisements)
Annual change
-12.6%
(-453 job advertisements)

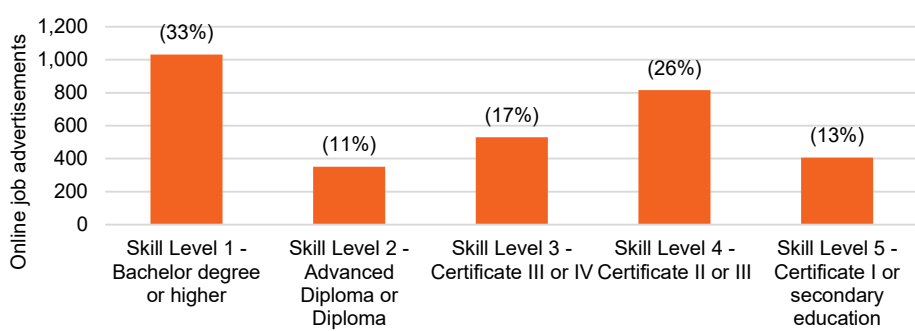
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August-25

Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, August-25

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Brisbane - West; and Ipswich 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 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.
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.