

Labour Market Dashboard
Western Australia

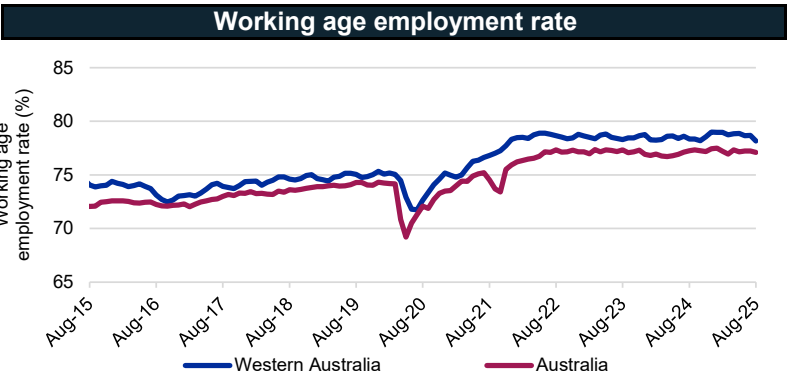
Data current as at 25 September 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian 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	
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Western Australia	78.2	78.3	65.4	65.6	-0.3	3.8	3.9	81.6	81.5	8.8	9.4
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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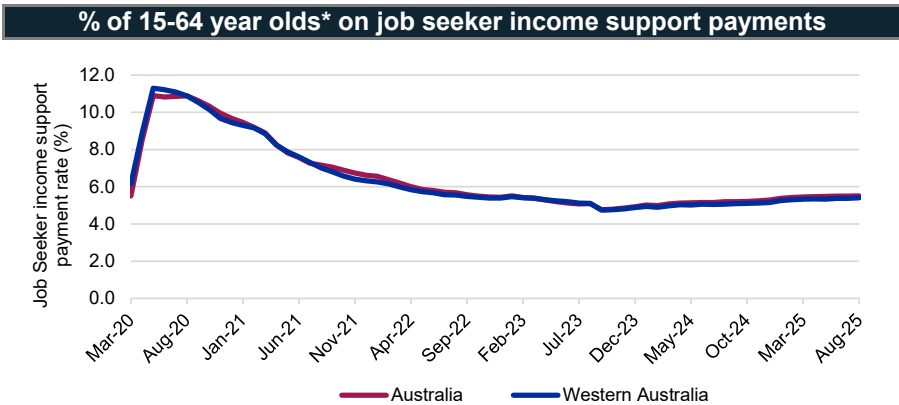
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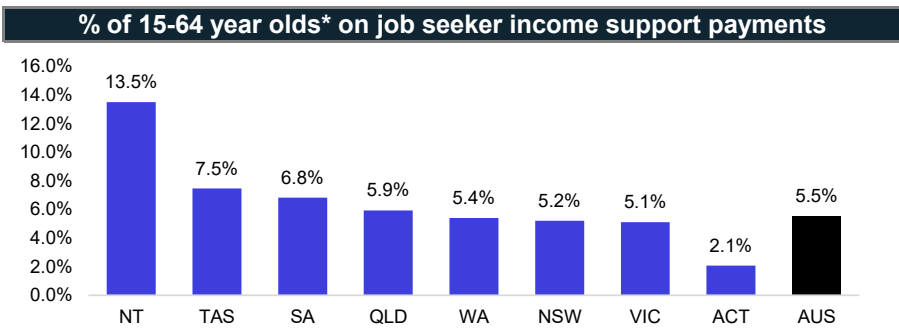
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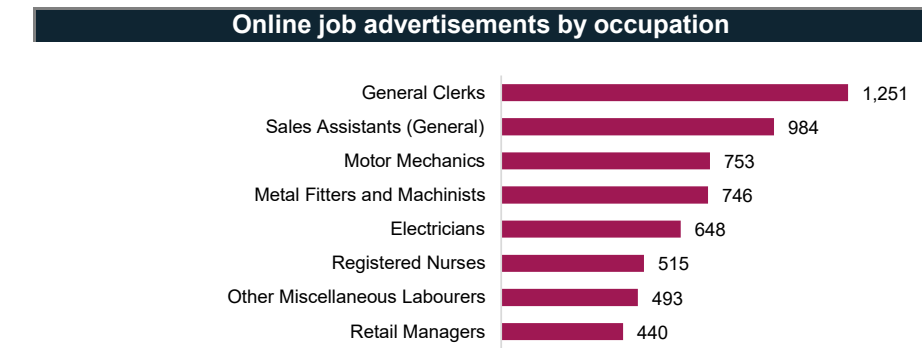
Change in job seeker income support payments		
Western Australia		Australia
Payments - August 2024	99,480	916,850
Payments - August 2025	107,685	987,955
Change (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 8,205	↑ 71,105
Change % (August 2024 to August 2025)	↑ 8.2%	↑ 7.8%



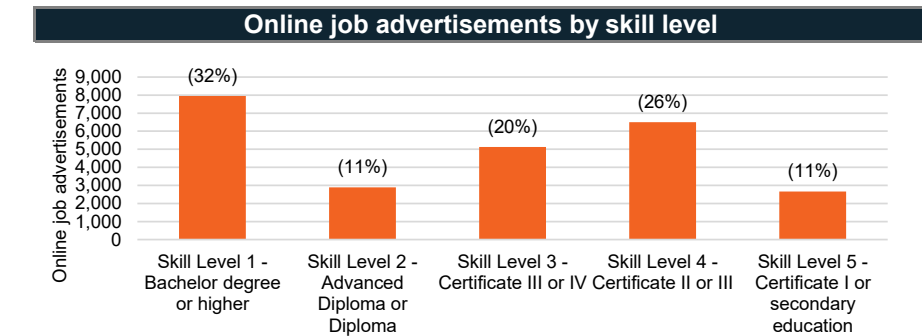
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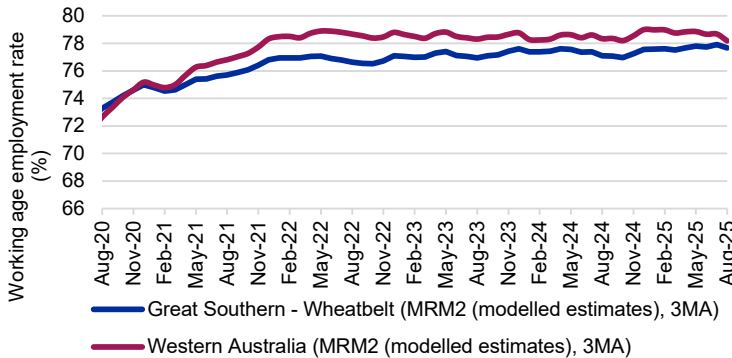
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	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	77.7	77.1	2.4	2.2	11.6	3.1	2.8	80.3	79.4	7.4	8.0
Western Australia	78.2	78.3	65.4	65.6	-0.3	3.8	3.9	81.6	81.5	8.8	9.4
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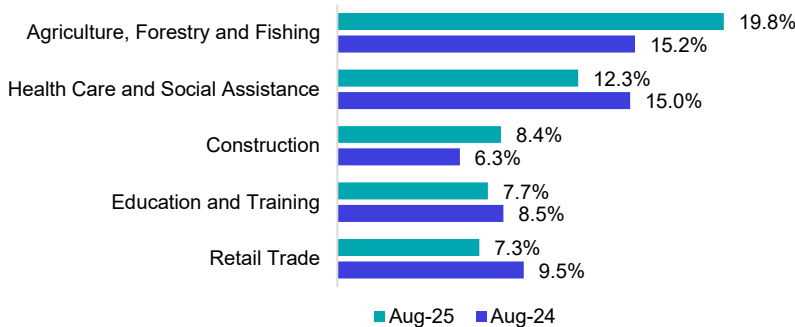
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Working age employment rate (%)



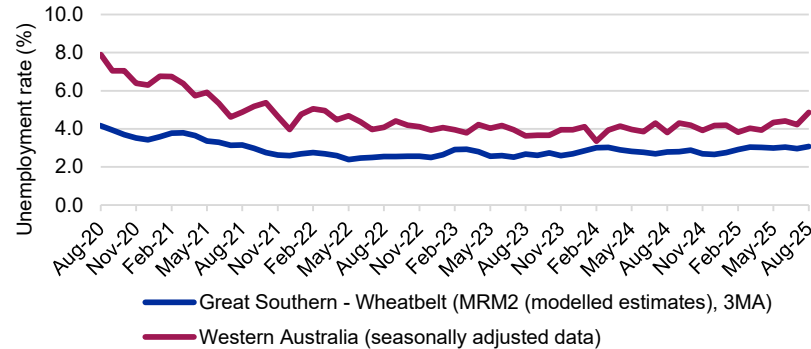
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Largest employing industries



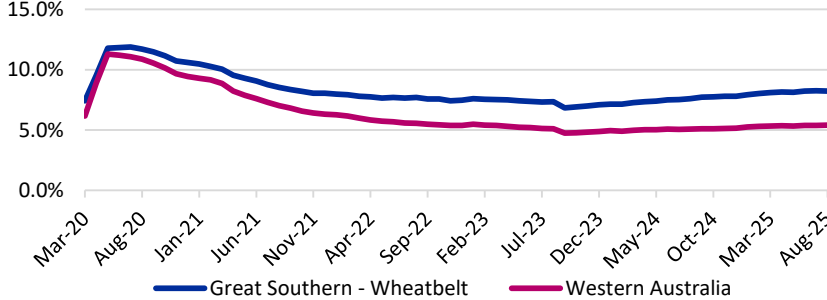
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, August-25 quarter[#]

Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - August 2024	6,745	99,480
Payments - August 2025	7,215	107,685
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	470	8,205
	7.0%	8.2%

% 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
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	7,215	8.2%
Western Australia	107,685	5.4%
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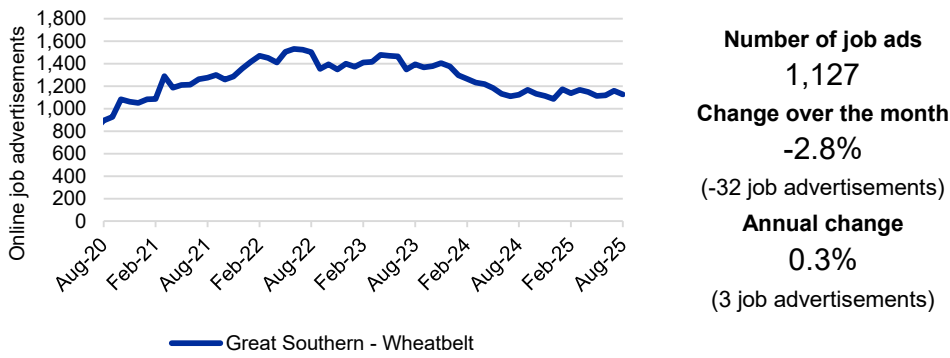
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Tammin*	3.0	5.9
Cunderdin*	2.7	6.1
Kellerberrin*	2.7	6.0
Woodanilling*	2.7	5.2
Katanning	2.6	5.0

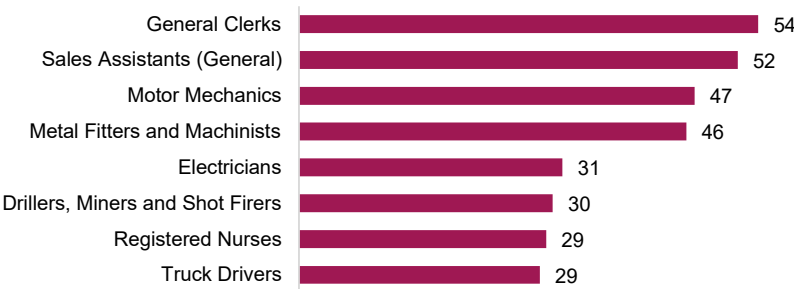
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Online job advertisements



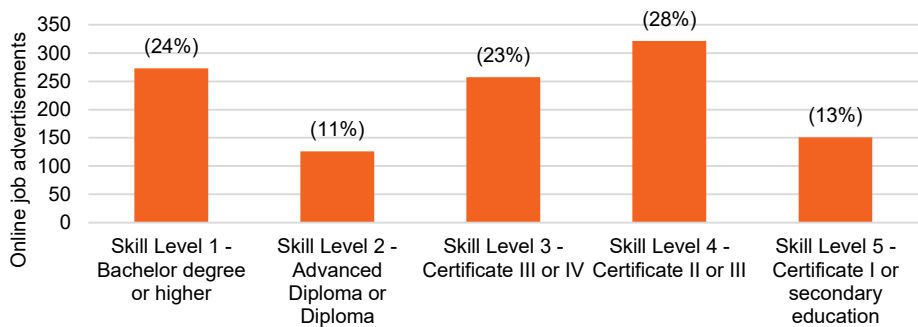
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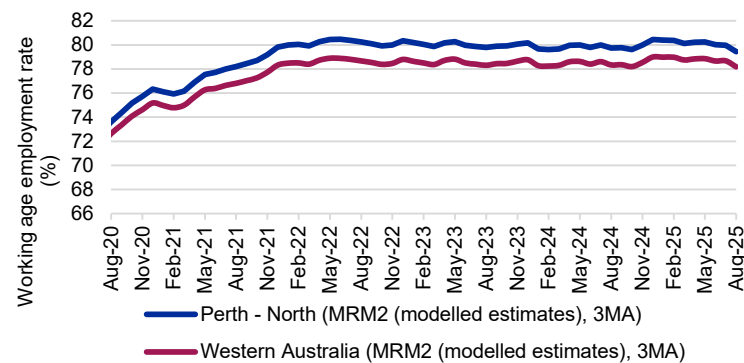
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	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Aug-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-24 (%)
Perth - North	79.4	79.7	26.1	23.9	9.5	3.8	3.5	82.6	82.7	8.6	9.1
Western Australia	78.2	78.3	65.4	65.6	-0.3	3.8	3.9	81.6	81.5	8.8	9.4
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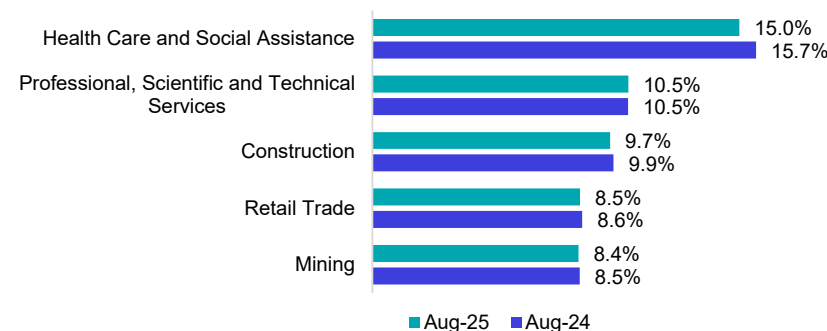
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Working age employment rate (%)



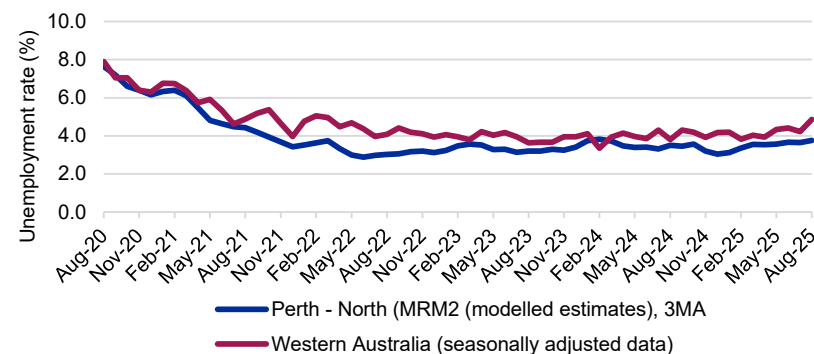
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Largest employing industries



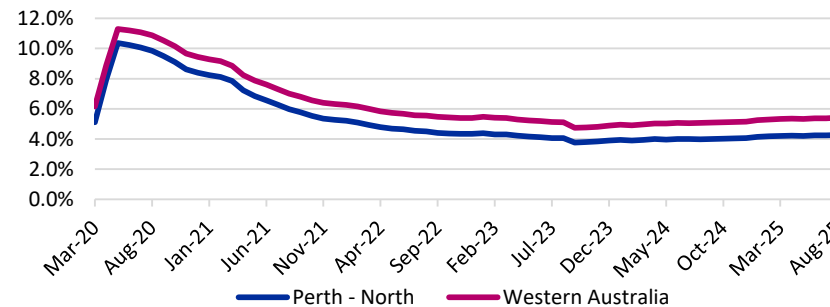
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - August 2024	31,295	99,480
Payments - August 2025	34,055	107,685
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 2,760	↑ 8,205
	↑ 8.8%	↑ 8.2%

% 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
Perth - North	34,055	4.3%
Western Australia	107,685	5.4%
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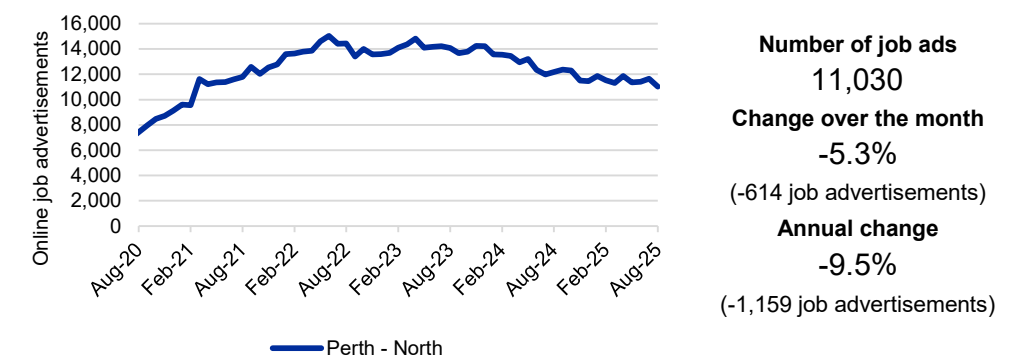
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Perth	5.4	4.3
Wanneroo	4.7	5.0
Swan	4.3	4.0
Vincent	3.9	2.7
Bassendean	3.8	3.7

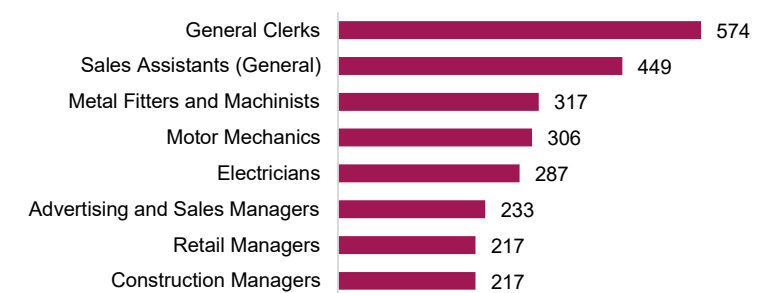
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Online job advertisements



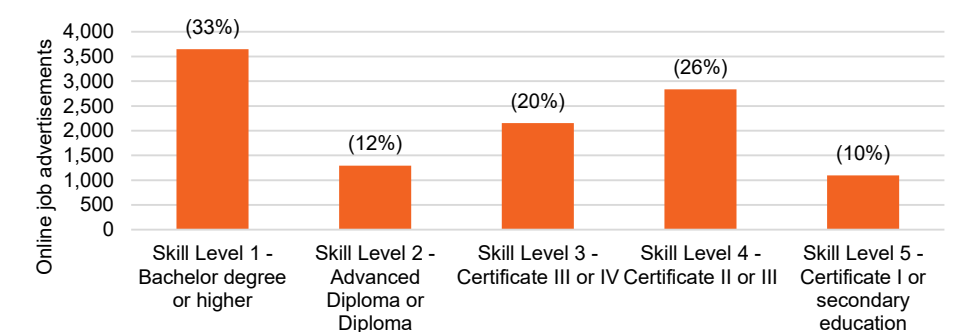
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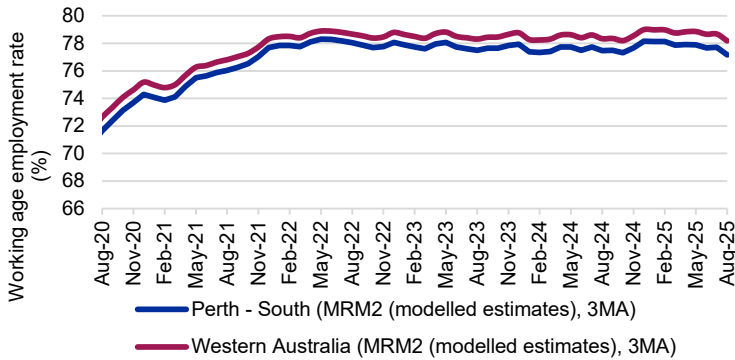
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Perth - South	77.2	77.5	31.1	28.3	9.9	4.4	4.1	80.8	80.9	9.4	9.9
Western Australia	78.2	78.3	65.4	65.6	-0.3	3.8	3.9	81.6	81.5	8.8	9.4
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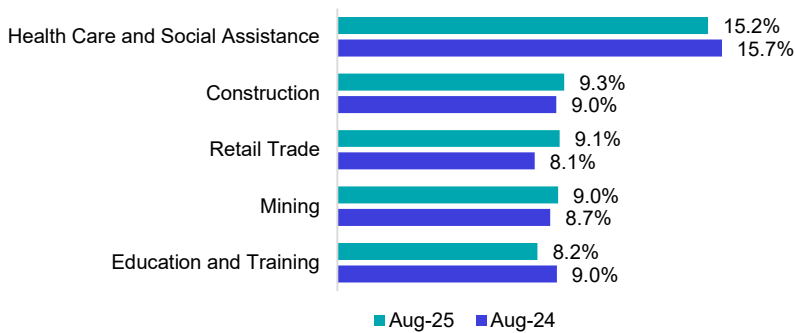
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Working age employment rate (%)



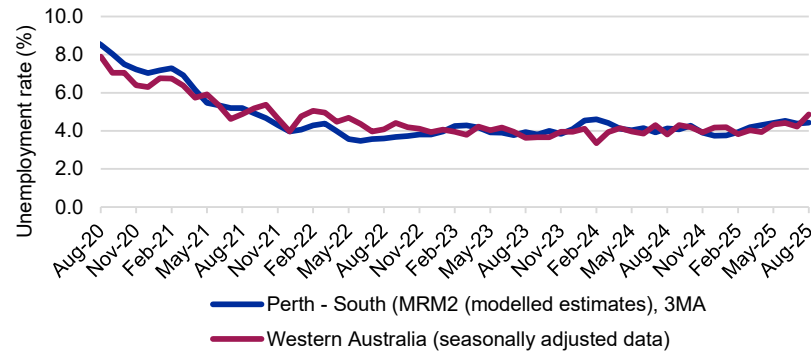
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Largest employing industries



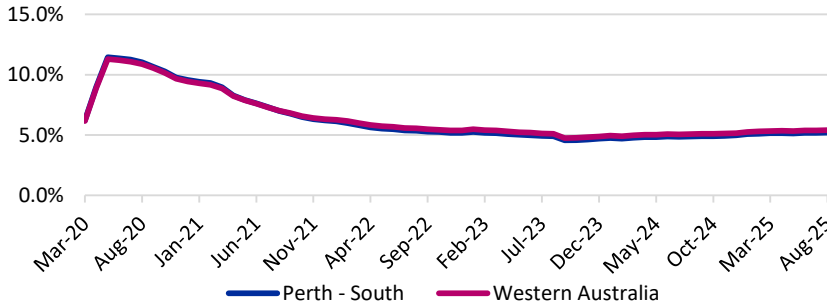
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - August 2024	39,375	99,480
Payments - August 2025	43,065	107,685
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 3,690	↑ 8,205
	↑ 9.4%	↑ 8.2%

% 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
Perth - South	43,065	5.2%
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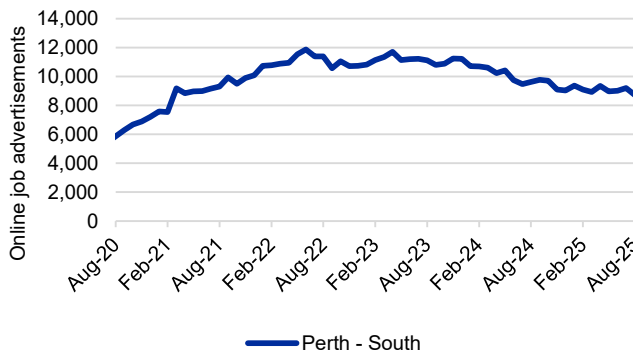
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Kwinana	7.5	5.6
Waroon	6.0	6.7
Rockingham	5.9	4.4
Gosnells	5.8	5.9
Armadale	5.7	6.2

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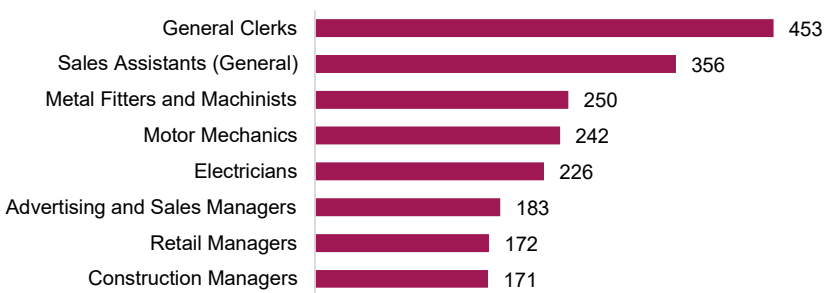
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
8,713
Change over the month
-5.3%
(-483 job advertisements)
Annual change
-9.5%
(-912 job advertisements)

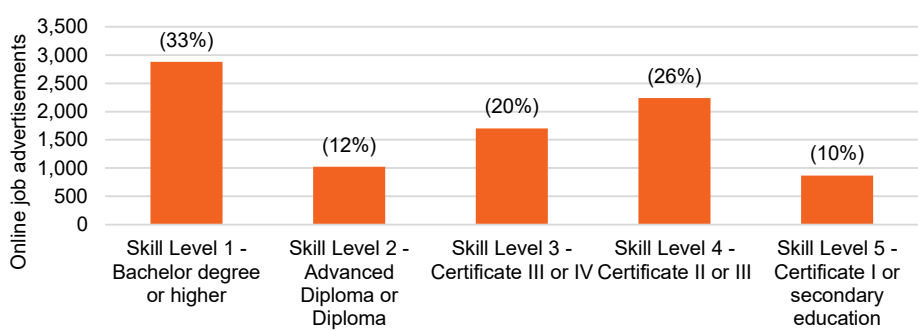
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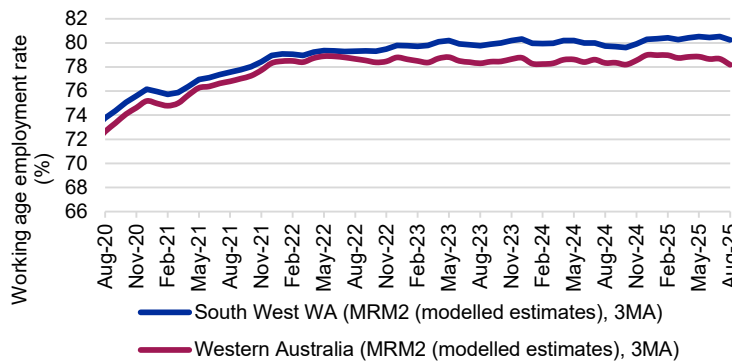
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South West WA	80.2	79.7	3.7	3.4	8.9	3.3	3.0	83.1	82.3	7.1	7.7
Western Australia	78.2	78.3	65.4	65.6	-0.3	3.8	3.9	81.6	81.5	8.8	9.4
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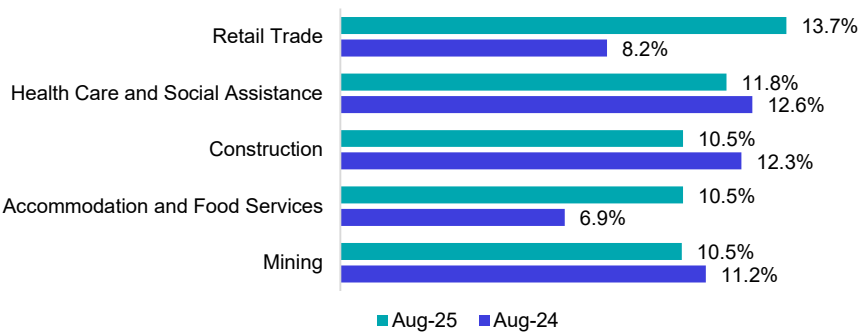
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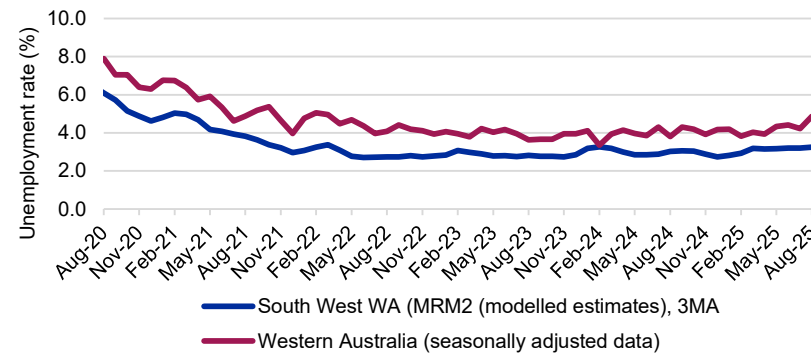
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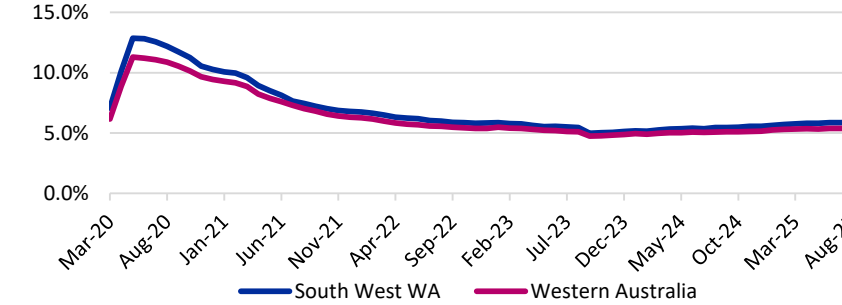
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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - August 2024	6,995	99,480
Payments - August 2025	7,550	107,685
Change from August 2024 to August 2025	↑ 555	↑ 8,205
	↑ 7.9%	↑ 8.2%

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

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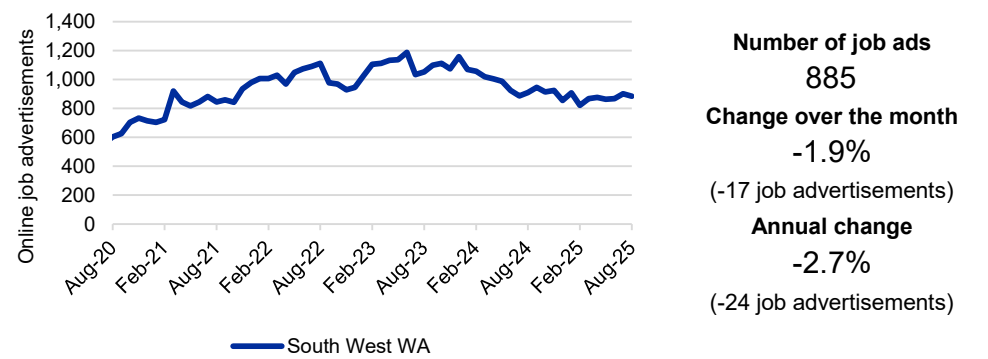
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-25	Jun-24
Collie	6.1	7.0
Bunbury	5.3	5.8
Manjimup	3.5	3.6
Nannup*	3.1	3.3
Harvey	2.8	2.9

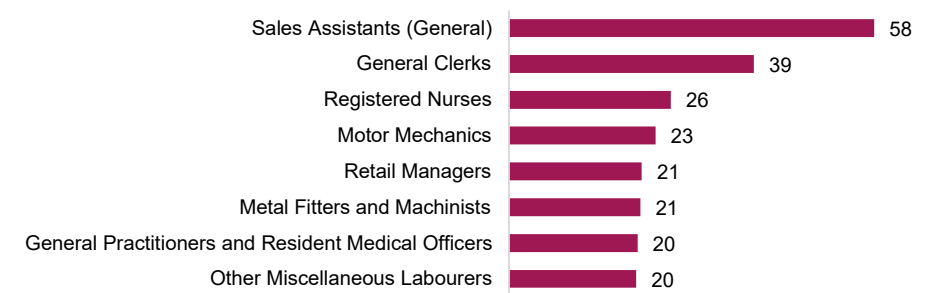
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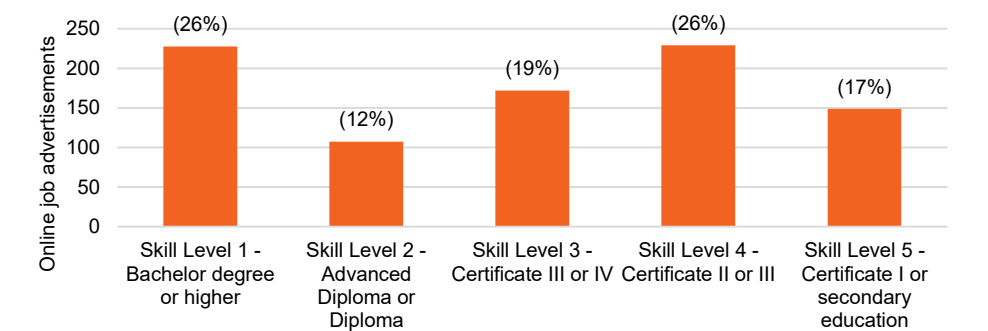
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