



### **New South Wales**

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#### Internet vacancies, headline figures, New South Wales, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

59,386

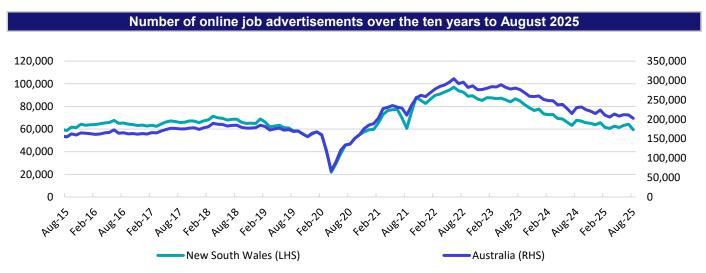
**↓** -7.6%

**↓** -12.4%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -4,872 job advertisements)

(or -8,387 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index (IVI), seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, IVI, seasonally adjusted data, Aug-2025



Source: JSA, IVI, seasonally adjusted data, Aug-2025

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#### Recruitment activity and experiences

In New South Wales, there were 2,402 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 44% were recruiting or had recruited over the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 47% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 46% of employers were recruiting in Australia over the same period, of whom 47% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in New South Wales were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for New South Wales and Australia is included to the right.

Note: employers can select multiple reasons for recruitment difficulty.



- Newly created positions only
- Both newly created positions and turnover
- Positions due to turnover only

#### Staffing outlook for coming months proportion of employers **Employers' staffing expectations** 74% 80% 74% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 20% 20% 3% 10% 4% 3% 3% 0% Increase Remain the same Decrease Unsure ■ New South Wales Australia



Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for data for the territories, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Weighted data are used for New South Wales and Australia. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### **Central West**

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Central West ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

952

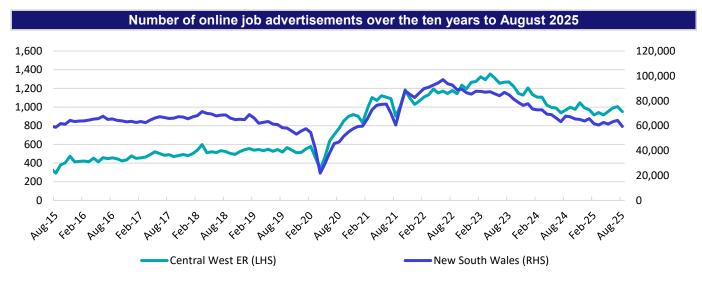
**↓** -5.3%

**↓** -1.7%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -54 job advertisements)

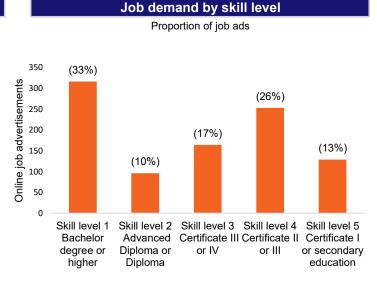
(or -16 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



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### Recruitment activity and experiences

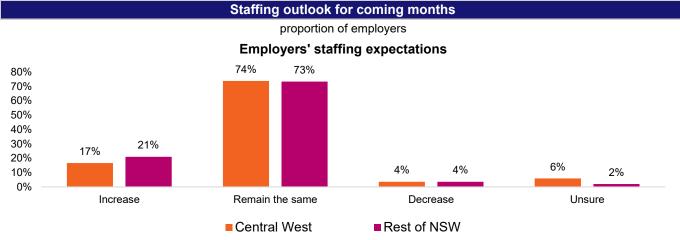
In Central West, there were 84 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 43% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 62% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

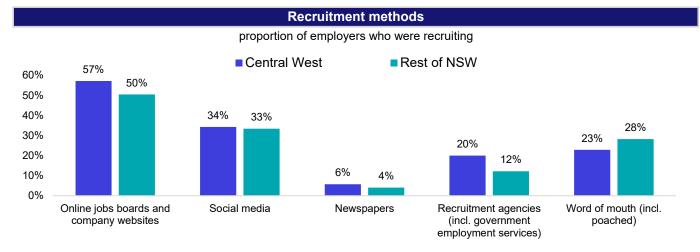
Employers in Central West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Lack of applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Central West and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Central West, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### Far West Orana

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Far West Orana ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

813

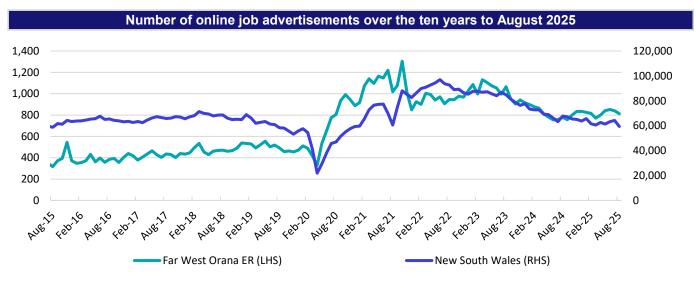
**↓** -3.1%

**1** 4.5%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -26 job advertisements)

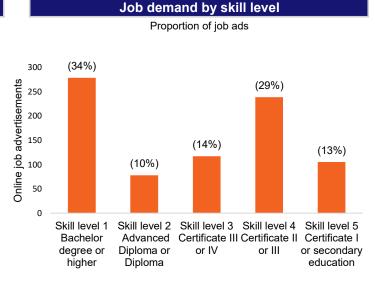
(or 35 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025







Far West Orana

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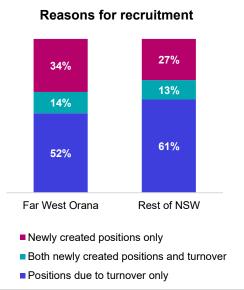
### Recruitment activity and experiences

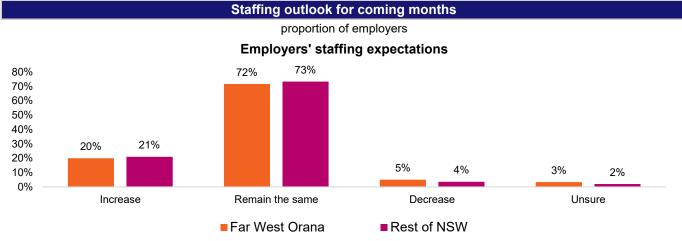
In Far West Orana, there were 59 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 49% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 50% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

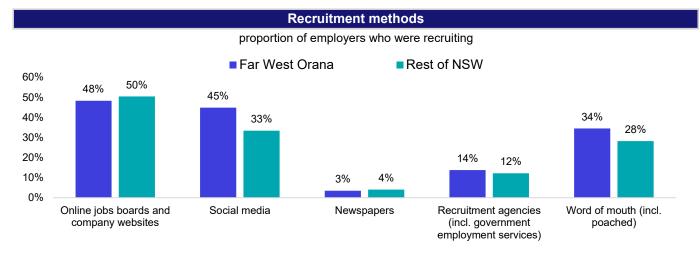
Employers in Far West Orana were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Lack of applicants
- · Location, eg remote or regional
- · Applicants lack experience.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Far West Orana and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Far West Orana, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### Hunter

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Hunter ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

4,694

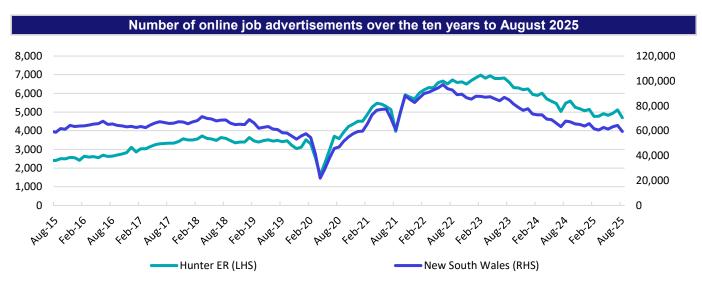
↓ -8.2%

**↓** -14.3%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -422 job advertisements)

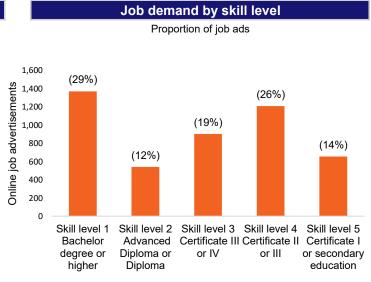
(or -783 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



Hunter

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#### Recruitment activity and experiences

In Hunter, there were 226 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 49% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 45% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

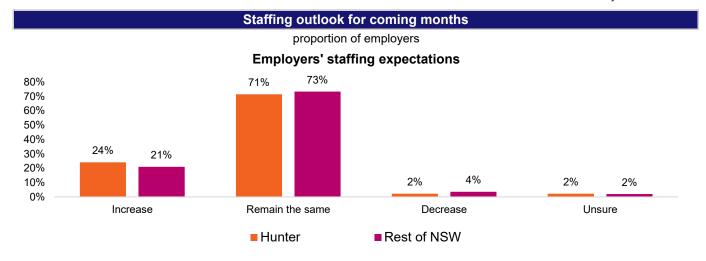
Employers in Hunter were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

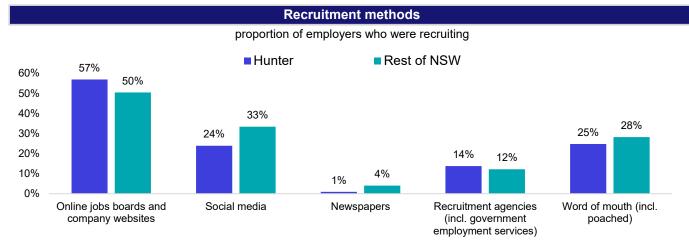
- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Hunter and Rest of NSW is included to the right.



Positions due to turnover only





Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Hunter, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### Illawarra South Coast

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Illawarra South Coast ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

2,474

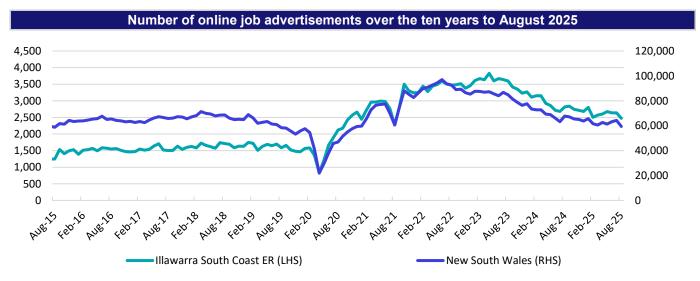
**↓** -6.1%

**↓** -12.2%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -162 job advertisements)

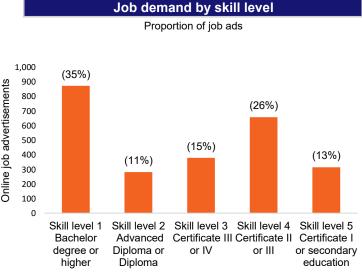
(or -343 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



Illawarra South Coast

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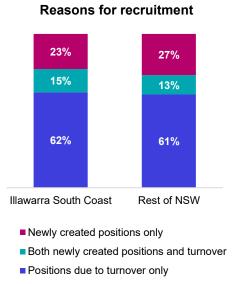
#### Recruitment activity and experiences

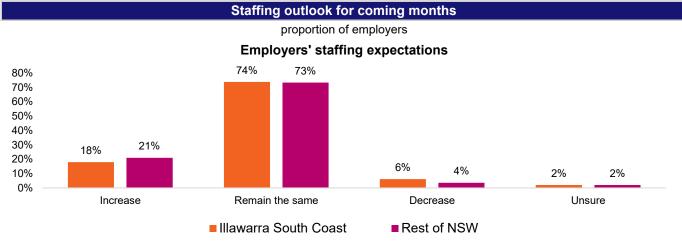
In Illawarra South Coast, there were 196 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 47% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 44% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

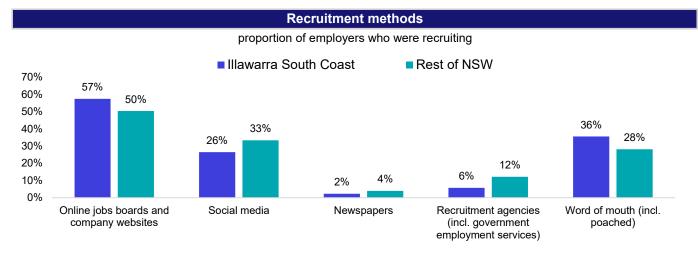
Employers in Illawarra South Coast were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Lack of applicants
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Illawarra South Coast and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Illawarra South Coast, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### Mid North Coast

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Mid North Coast ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

1,560

**↓** -7.6%

个 0.8%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -128 job advertisements)

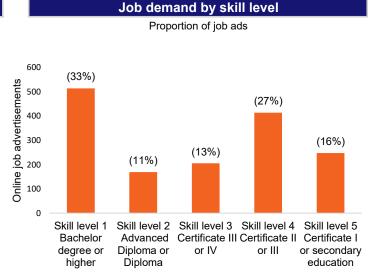
(or 12 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



Mid North Coast

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#### Recruitment activity and experiences

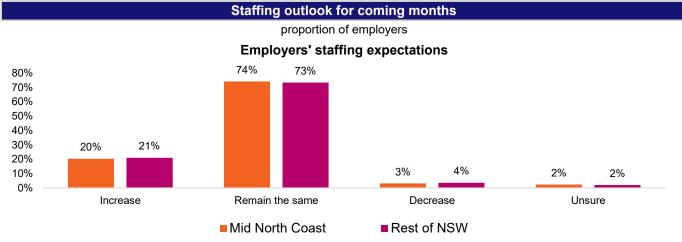
In Mid North Coast, there were 128 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 48% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 47% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

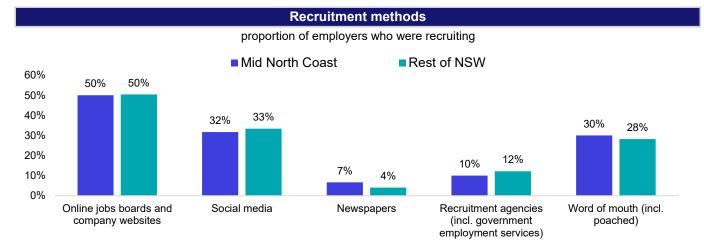
Employers in Mid North Coast were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills
- Lack of applicants.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Mid North Coast and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Mid North Coast, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





## Murray Riverina

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Murray Riverina ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

1,802

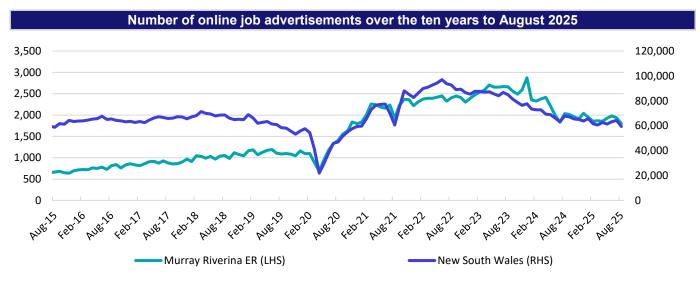
**↓** -6.9%

**↓** -11.3%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -133 job advertisements)

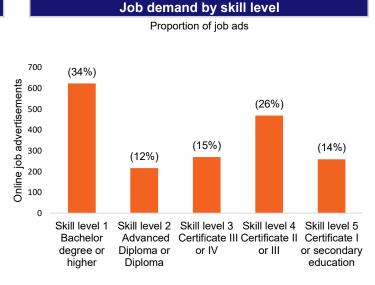
(or -230 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025







Murray Riverina

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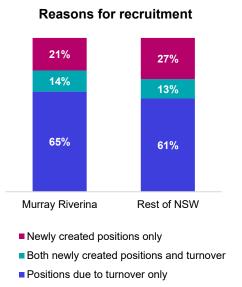
### Recruitment activity and experiences

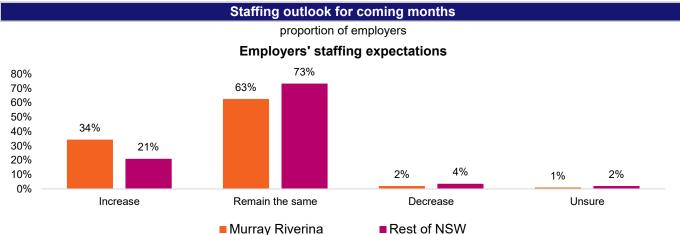
In Murray Riverina, there were 99 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 67% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 61% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

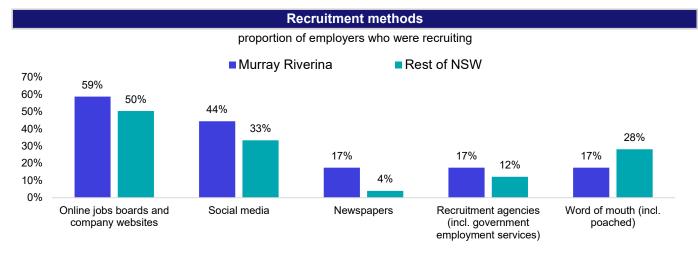
Employers in Murray Riverina were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- Lack of suitable applicants
- · Location, eg remote or regional
- · Lack of applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Murray Riverina and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Murray Riverina, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





### New England and North West

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, New England and North West ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

1,178

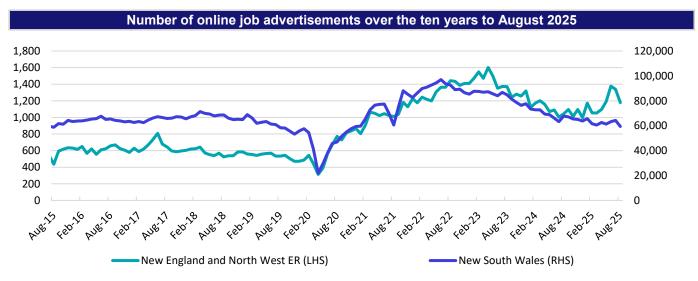
**↓** -12.0%

个 12.8%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -160 job advertisements)

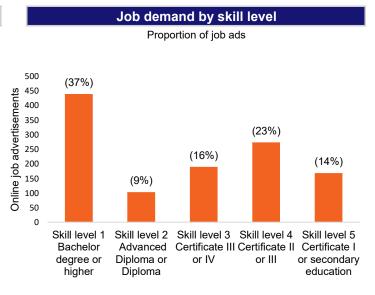
(or 134 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



New England and North West

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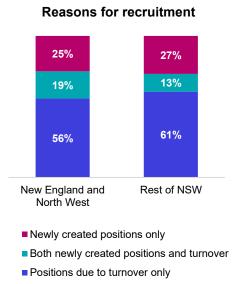
#### Recruitment activity and experiences

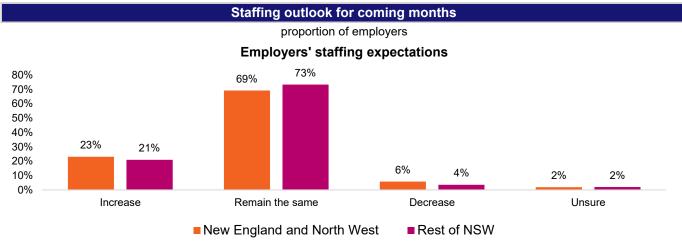
In New England and North West, there were 104 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 50% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 47% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

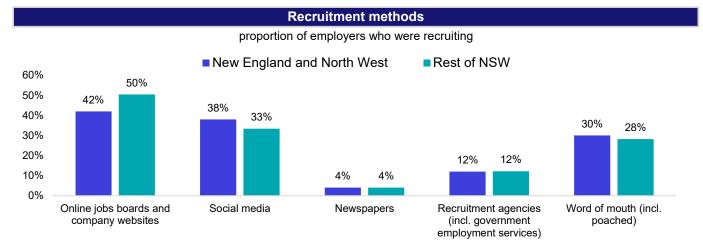
Employers in New England and North West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack technical skills
- · Location, eg remote or regional.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for New England and North West and Rest of NSW is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for New England and North West, while weighted data are used for Rest of NSW. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.





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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, North Coast ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

1,276

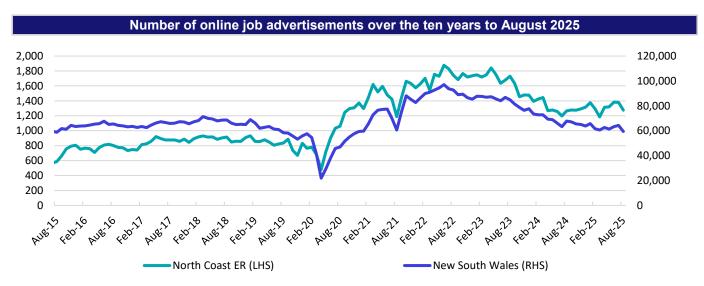
**↓** -7.6%

个 0.8%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -105 job advertisements)

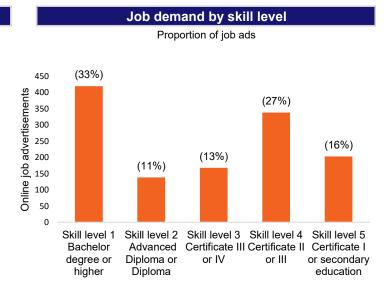
(or 10 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, Aug-2025



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### Recruitment activity and experiences

In North Coast, there were 108 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 48% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 46% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 49% of employers were recruiting in Rest of NSW over the same period, of whom 50% had difficulty recruiting.

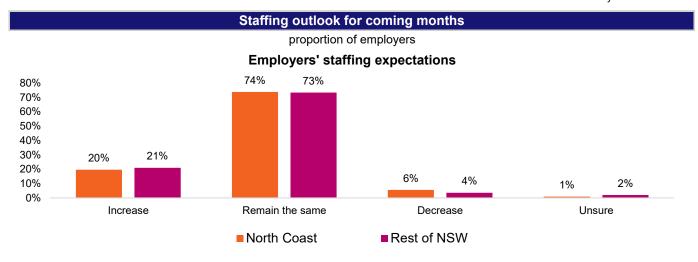
Employers in North Coast were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

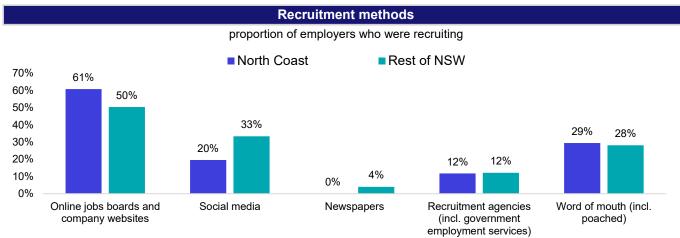
- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Location, eg remote or regional
- · Applicants lack experience.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for North Coast and Rest of NSW is included to the right.



Positions due to turnover only





Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

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### **Sydney East Metro**

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney East Metro ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

18,252

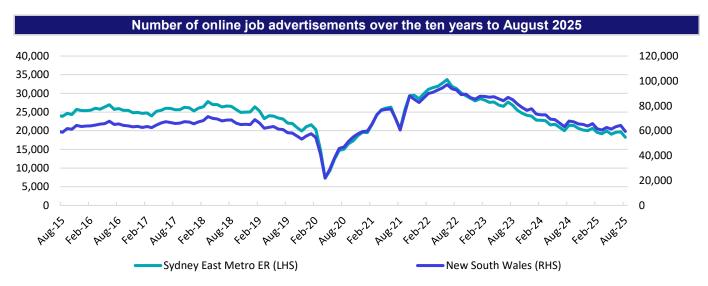
**↓** -7.4%

**↓** -15.0%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -1,468 job advertisements)

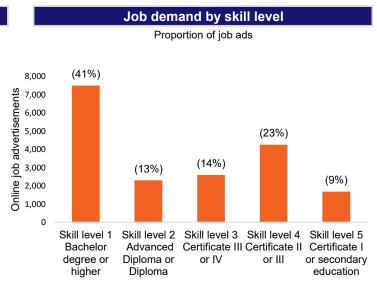
(or -3,214 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025







Sydney East Metro

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### Recruitment activity and experiences

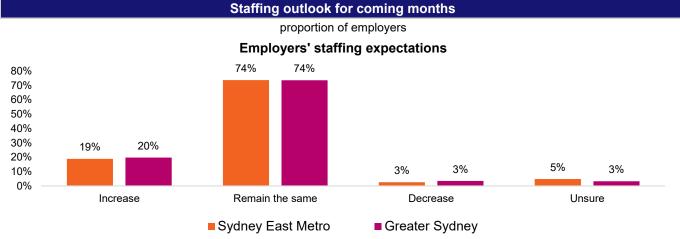
In Sydney East Metro, there were 434 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 41% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 37% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 41% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 45% had difficulty recruiting.

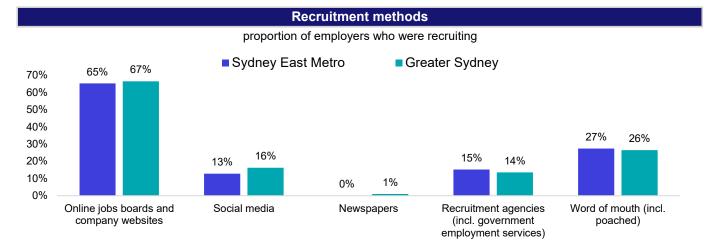
Employers in Sydney East Metro were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack technical skills
- · Applicants lack experience.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Sydney East Metro and Greater Sydney is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

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## **Sydney Greater West**

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney Greater West ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

7,339

**↓** -7.3%

 $\downarrow$  -13.7%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -580 job advertisements)

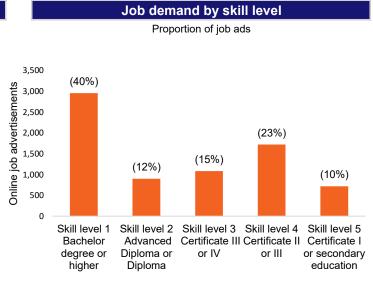
(or -1,163 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025







Sydney Greater West

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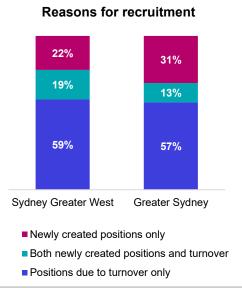
### Recruitment activity and experiences

In Sydney Greater West, there were 246 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 42% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 50% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 41% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 45% had difficulty recruiting.

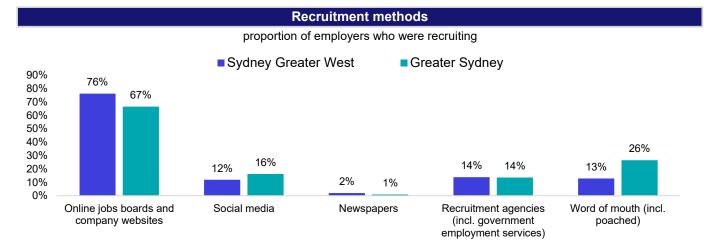
Employers in Sydney Greater West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Sydney Greater West and Greater Sydney is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

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### Sydney North and West

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney North and West ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

10,610

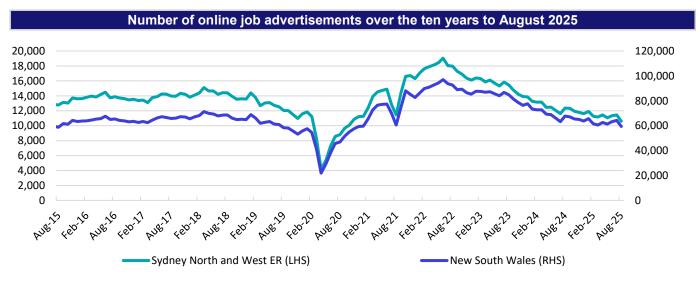
**↓** -7.3%

**↓** -14.1%

seasonally adjusted count

(or -832 job advertisements)

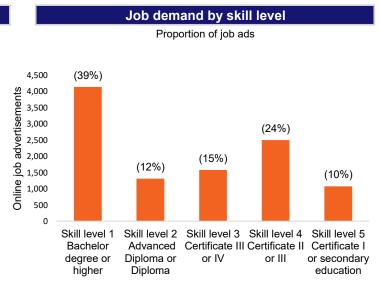
(or -1,747 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025







Sydney North and West

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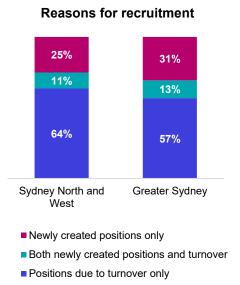
#### Recruitment activity and experiences

In Sydney North and West, there were 400 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 40% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 45% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 41% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 45% had difficulty recruiting.

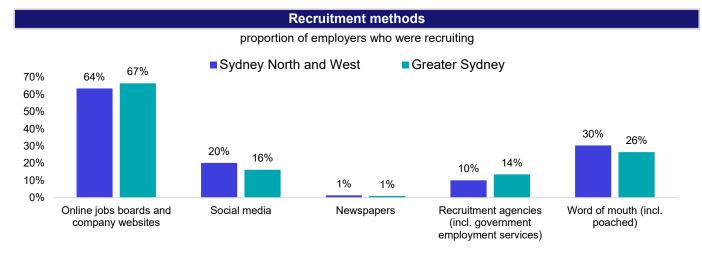
Employers in Sydney North and West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours
- · Applicants lack technical skills.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Sydney North and West and Greater Sydney is included to the right.







Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

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## Sydney South West

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### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney South West ER, August 2025

Job advertisement count

Change over the month

**Change since Aug-24** 

5,075

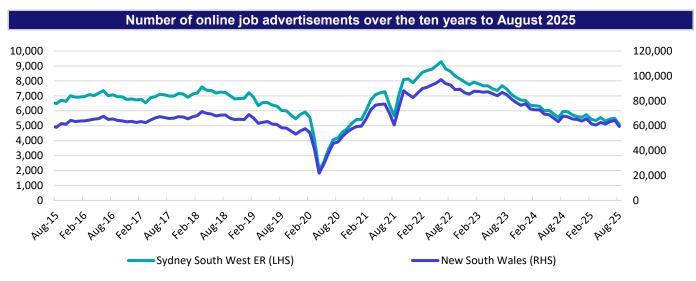
**↓** -7.6%

**↓** -14.8%

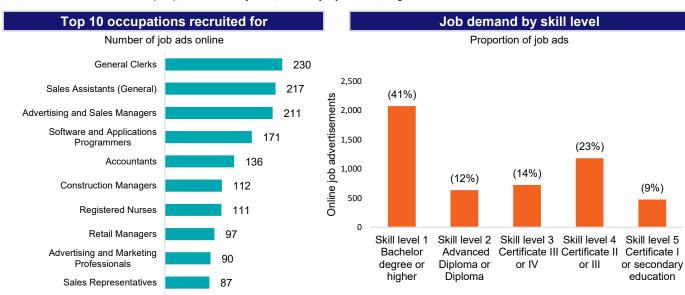
seasonally adjusted count

(or -418 job advertisements)

(or -880 job advertisements)



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2025



Sydney South West

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### Recruitment activity and experiences

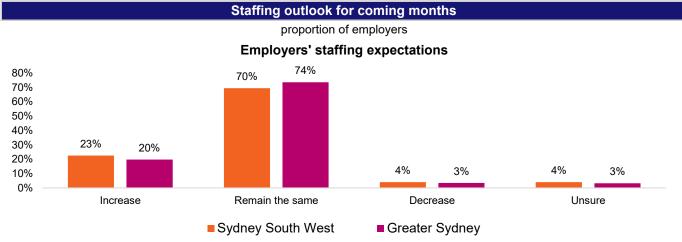
In Sydney South West, there were 200 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2025, of whom 40% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 51% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 41% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 45% had difficulty recruiting.

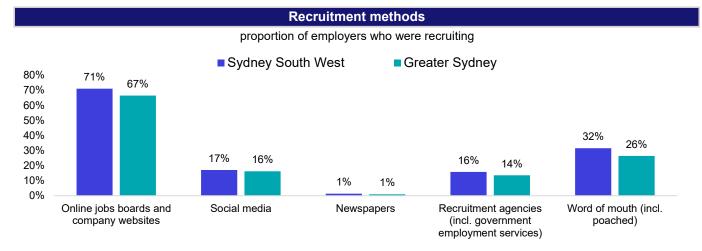
Employers in Sydney South West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- · Lack of suitable applicants
- · Applicants lack experience
- · Applicants lack technical skills
- · Undesirable working conditions/hours.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Sydney South West and Greater Sydney is included to the right.







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