

Labour Market Dashboard Northern Territory

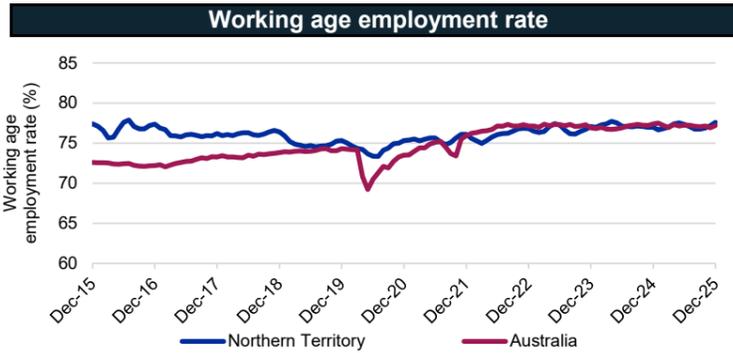
Data current as at 29 January 2026

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

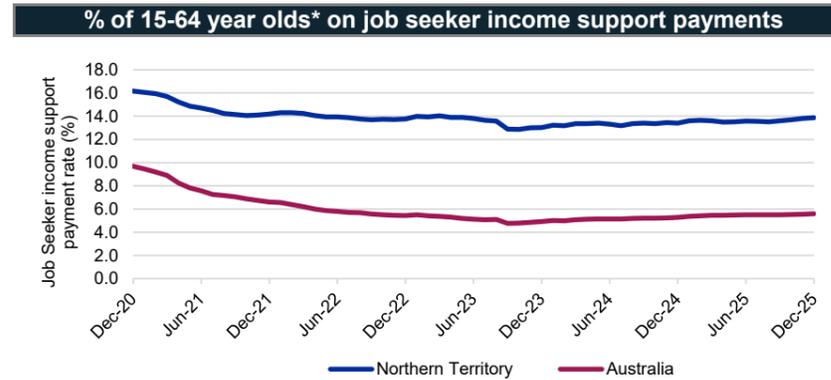
Labour market summary table											
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Northern Territory	77.6	77.0	6.0	6.1	-1.8	3.9	4.1	81.1	80.2	9.7	10.3
Australia	77.2	77.4	628.6	603.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	80.5	80.7	9.1	9.2

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed seasonally adjusted and MRM2 (modelled estimates) data 3MA (month average) , December-25 with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MRM2 estimates

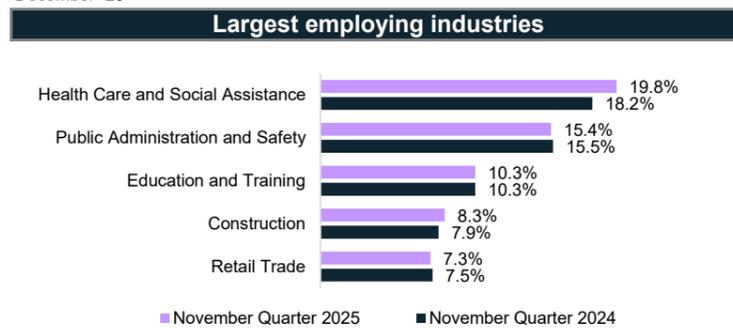
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Northern Territory labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.



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



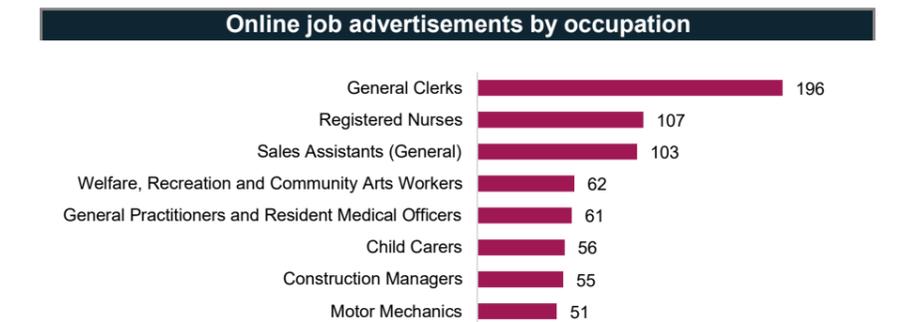
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, December-25



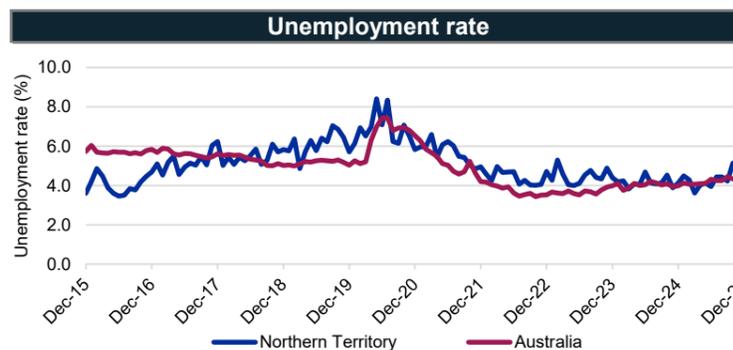
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, November-25 quarter

Change in job seeker income support payments

	Northern Territory	Australia
Payments - December 2024	23,780	939,160
Payments - December 2025	24,950	1,009,370
Change (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 1,170	↑ 70,210
Change % (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 4.9%	↑ 7.5%



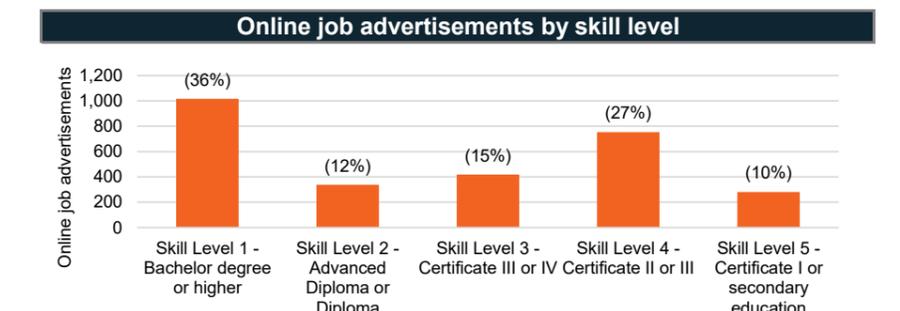
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, December-25



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data, December-25



Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, data.gov.au, December-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, MRM2, December-25



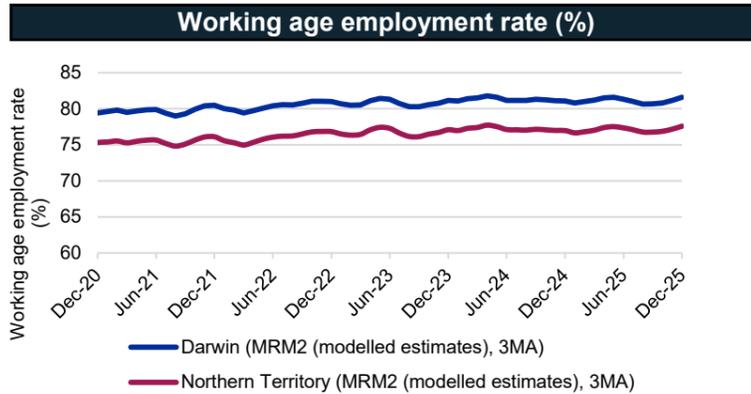
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, December-25

Notes: Data in the labour market summary table are seasonally adjusted data and MRM2 data (3MA) with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MRM2 estimates *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. For further information about the data, refer to the Employment Region Labour Market Dashboards data sources and quality document at jobsandskills.gov.au. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

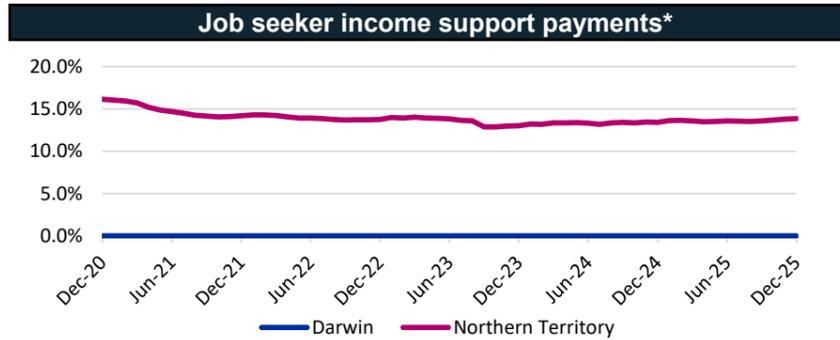
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Darwin	81.6	81.1	3.1	2.9	5.7	3.2	3.1	84.3	83.7	8.2	8.4
Northern Territory	77.6	77.0	6.0	6.1	-1.8	3.9	4.1	81.1	80.2	9.7	10.3
Australia	77.2	77.4	628.6	603.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	80.5	80.7	9.1	9.2

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, December-25, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darwin	Northern Territory
Payments - December 2024	6,845	23,780
Payments - December 2025	7,330	24,950
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 485	↑ 1,170
	↑ 7.1%	↑ 4.9%

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

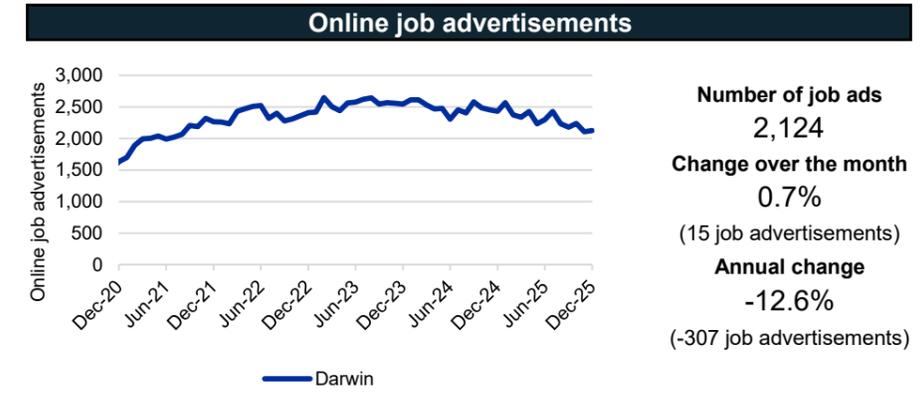
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Darwin	7,330	#VALUE!
Northern Territory	24,950	13.9%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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

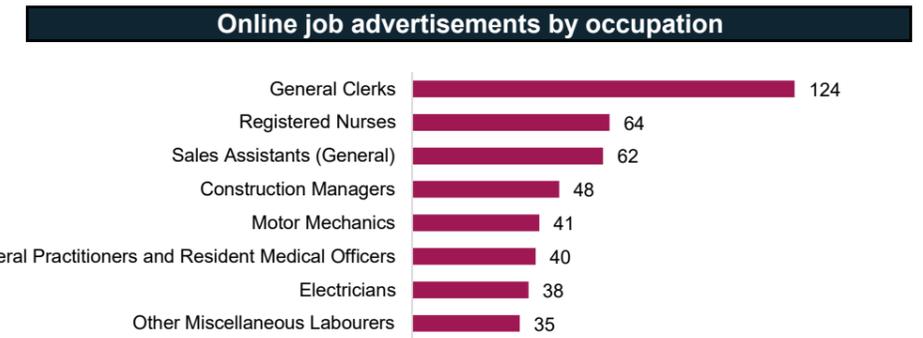
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Palmerston	3.7	4.2
Darwin	3.0	3.0
Alice Springs	1.7	1.8

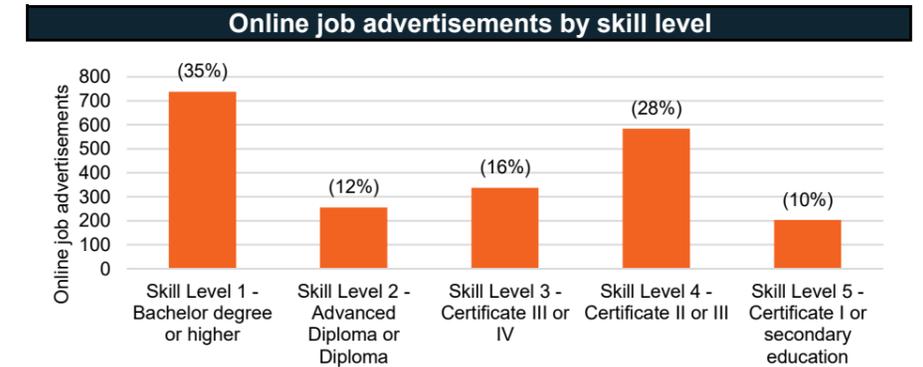
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, September-25 quarter



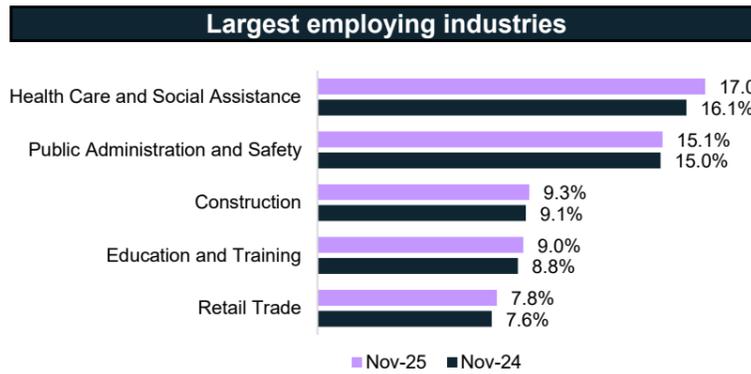
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, December-25



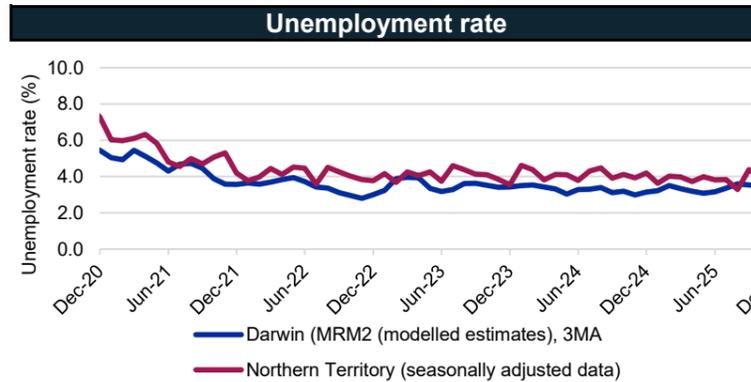
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, December-25



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



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, December-25 quarter#



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Darwin SA4. While this is the best fit available, it is only a fair proxy for the Employment Region so caution should be used interpreting results. 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.