

# Labour Market Dashboard Queensland

Data current as at 29 January 2026

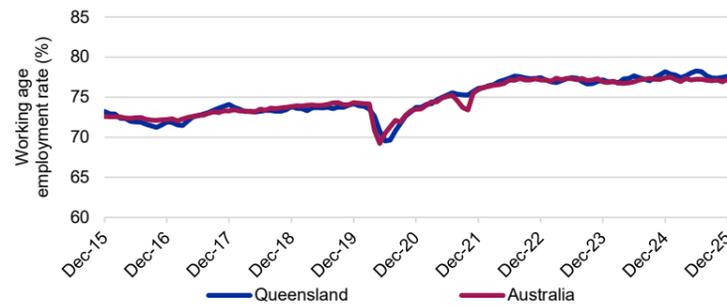
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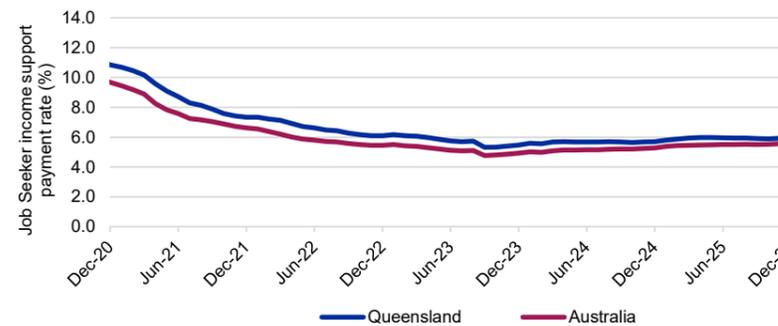
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

## Working age employment rate

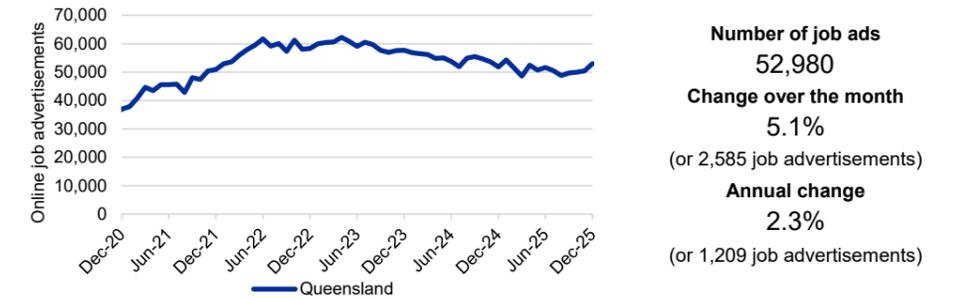


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## % of 15-64 year olds\* on job seeker income support payments



## Online job advertisements



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

## Largest employing industries

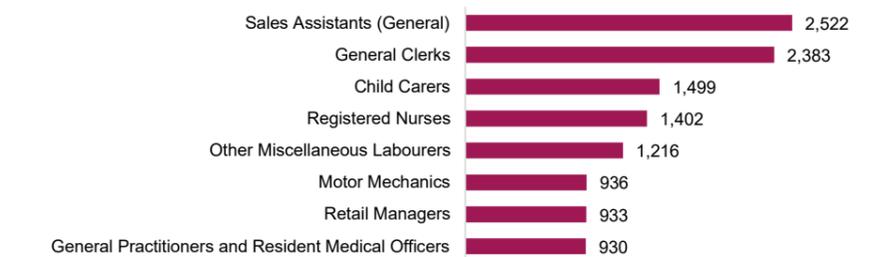


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## Change in job seeker income support payments

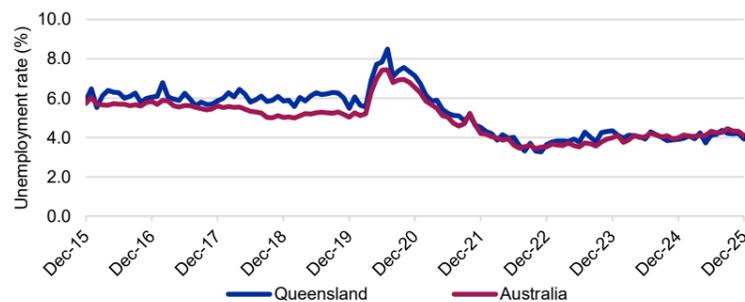
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - December 2024	206,975	939,160
Payments - December 2025	220,440	1,009,370
Change (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 13,465	↑ 70,210
Change % (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 6.5%	↑ 7.5%

## Online job advertisements by occupation



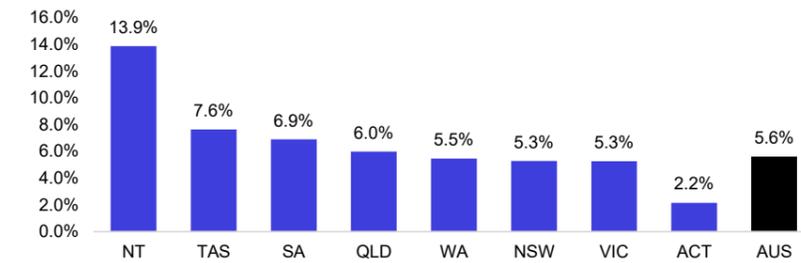
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## Unemployment rate



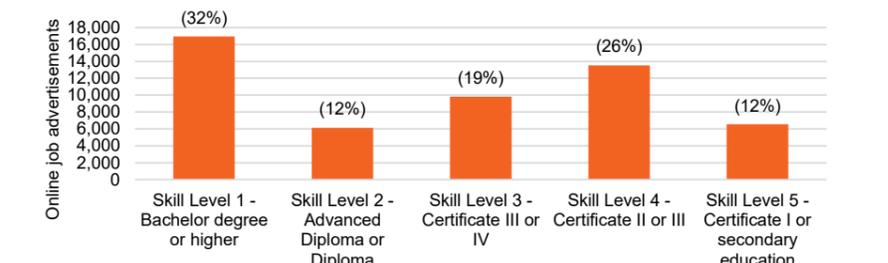
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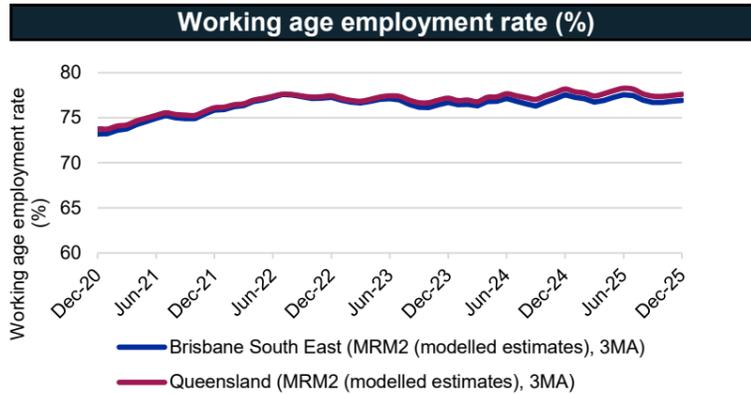
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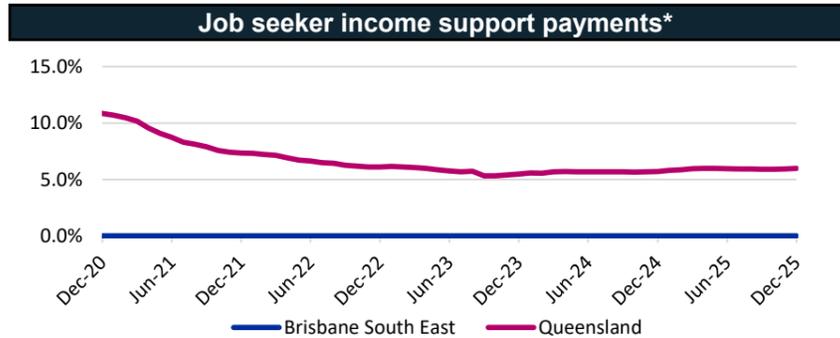
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Brisbane South East	76.9	77.5	24.9	23.2	7.3	4.1	3.9	80.2	80.7	10.5	10.8
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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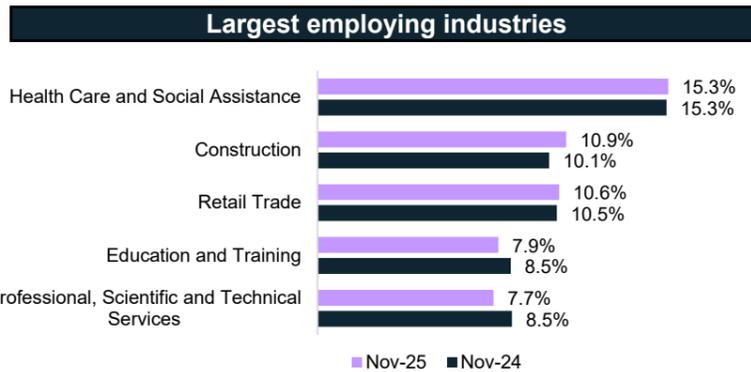
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Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, December-25



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

### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	36,705	206,975
Payments - December 2025	39,910	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 3,205	↑ 13,465
	↑ 8.7%	↑ 6.5%

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

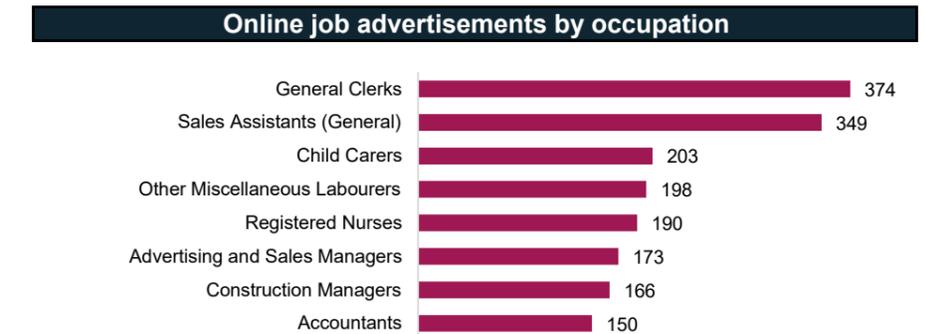
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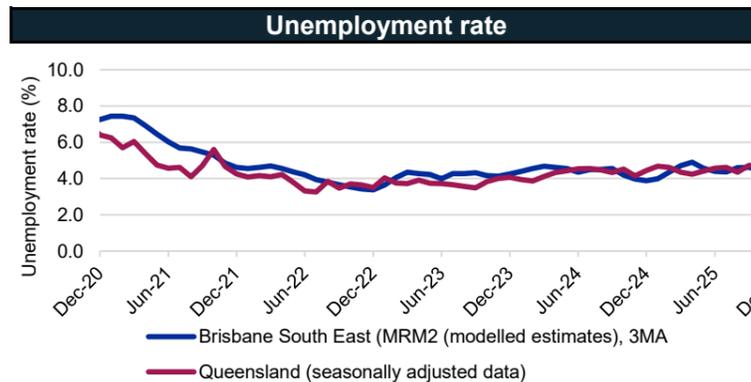
### LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Logan	4.3	5.8
Brisbane	3.8	3.8
Scenic Rim	3.7	4.6
Redland	2.9	3.2

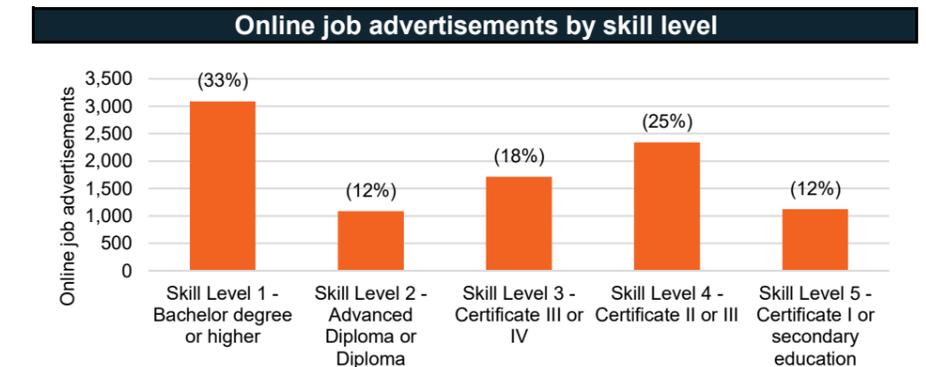
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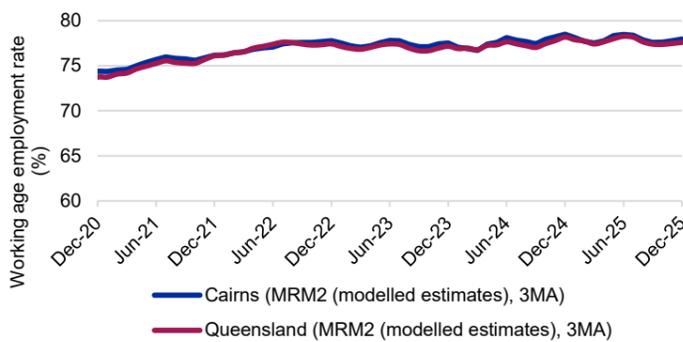
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Cairns	78.0	78.5	6.4	6.1	5.1	4.2	4.0	81.5	81.9	11.3	10.8
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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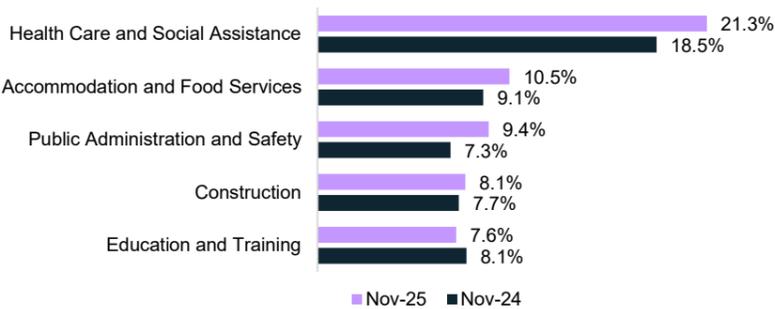
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



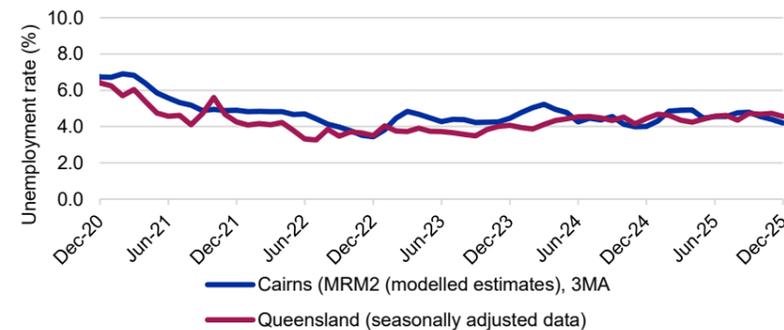
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**Largest employing industries**



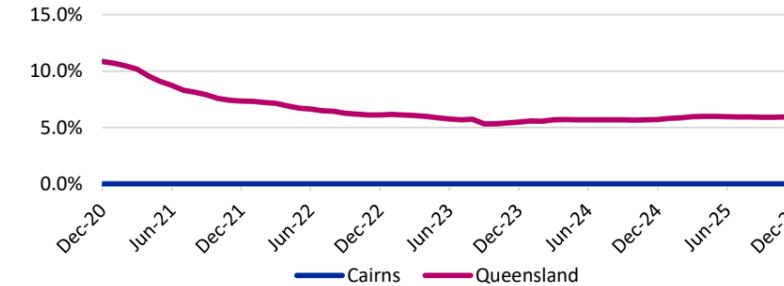
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	15,335	206,975
Payments - December 2025	15,700	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 365	↑ 13,465
	2.4%	6.5%

**% 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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Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

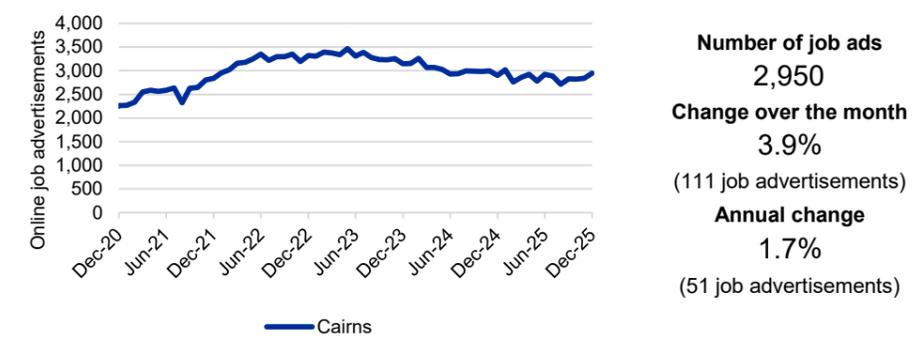
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Yarrabah*	67.1	44.7
Mareeba	6.9	5.0
Cassowary Coast	6.6	4.2
Tablelands	5.6	3.4
Douglas	4.9	3.1

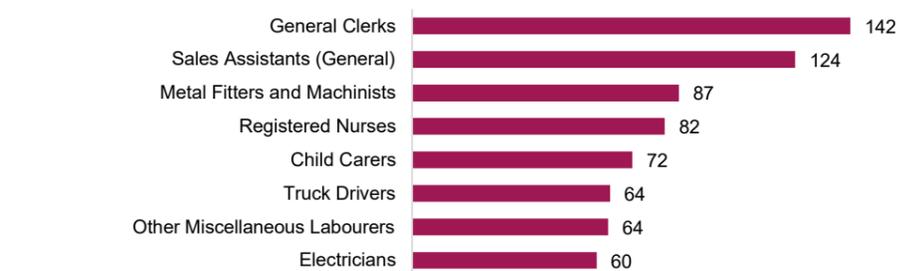
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**Online job advertisements**



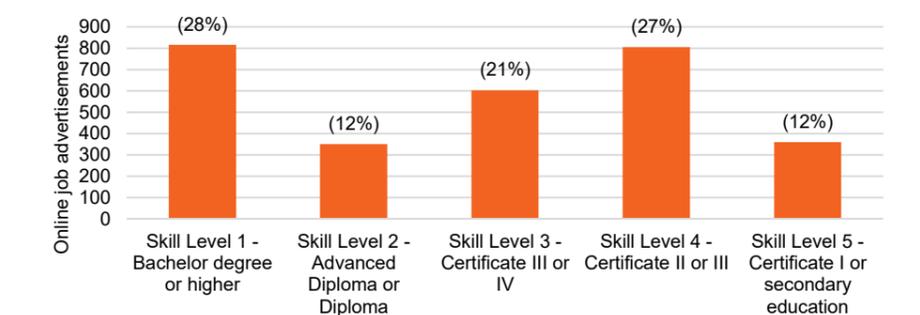
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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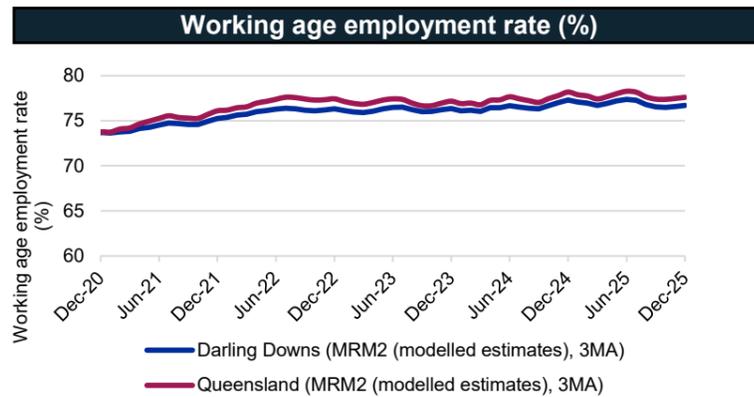
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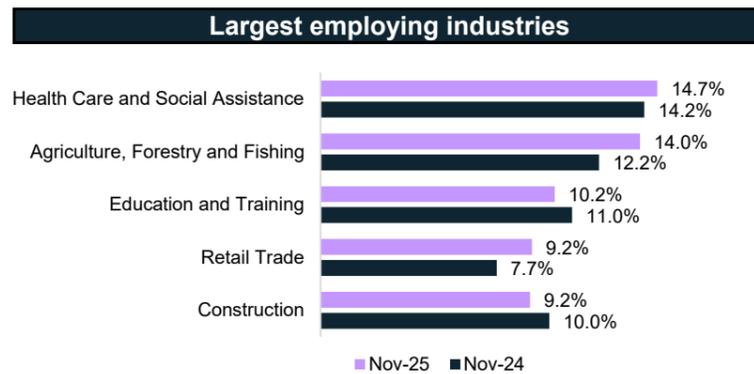
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Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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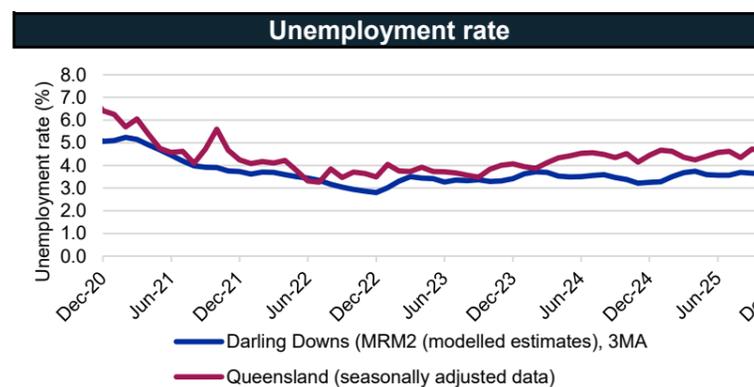
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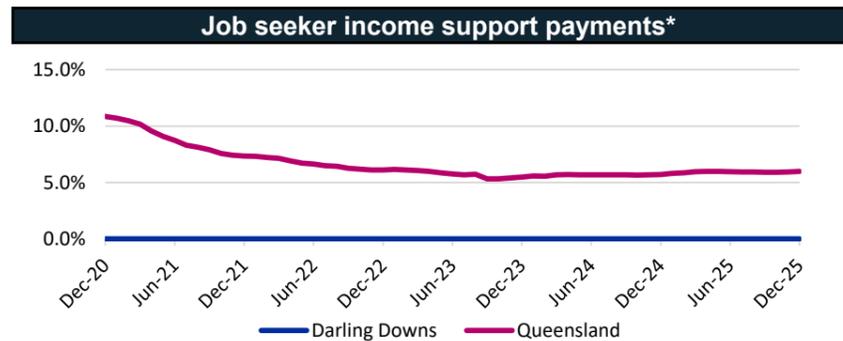
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	12,560	206,975
Payments - December 2025	13,650	220,440
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	8.7%	6.5%

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

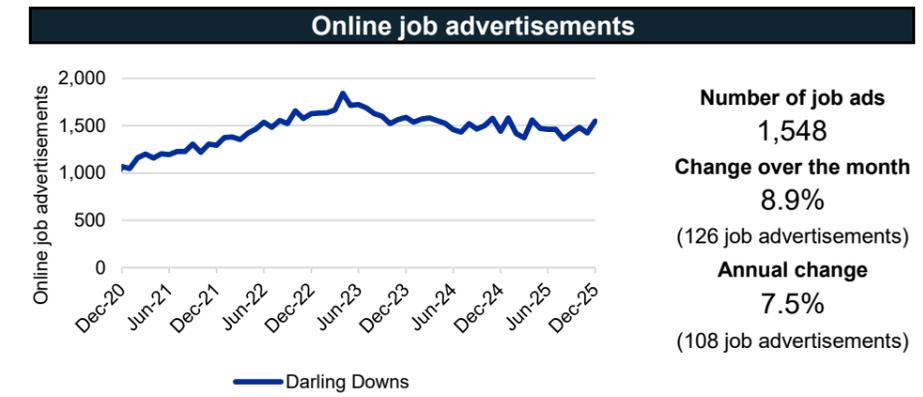
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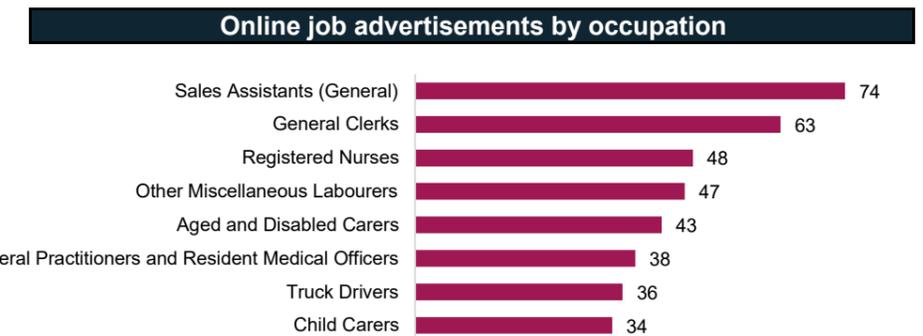
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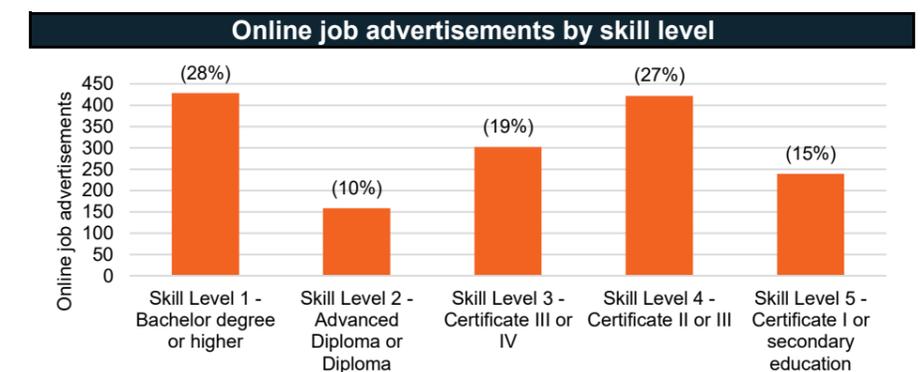
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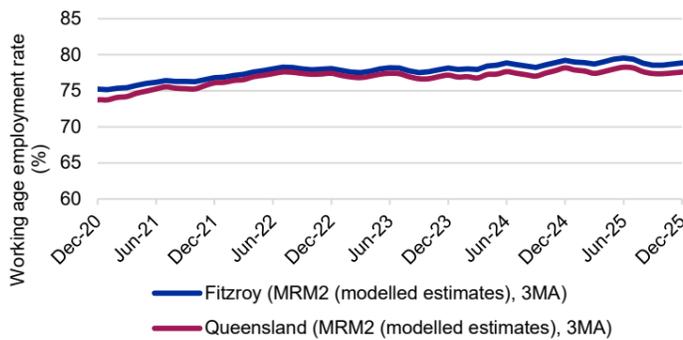
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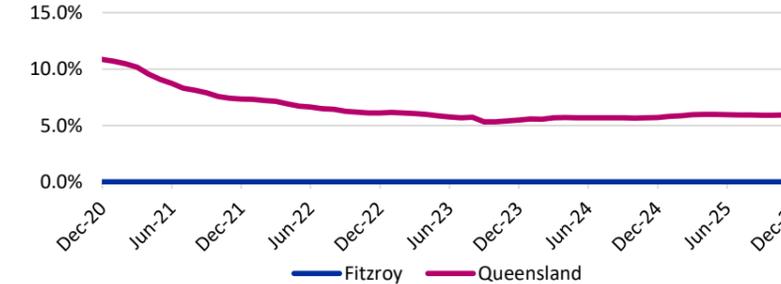
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	10,900	206,975
Payments - December 2025	11,550	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 650	↑ 13,465
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**% of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments**

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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Woorabinda*	8.6	6.7
Gladstone	6.4	5.4
Rockhampton	6.0	5.1
Central Highlands (Qld)	4.1	3.4
Banana	3.7	2.9

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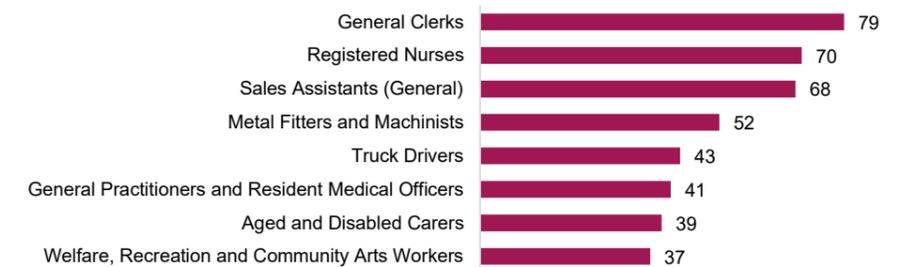
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
1,800  
Change over the month  
11.8%  
(189 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
5.3%  
(91 job advertisements)

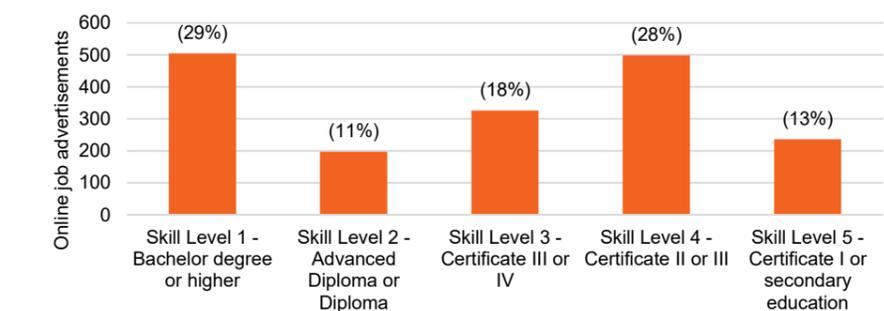
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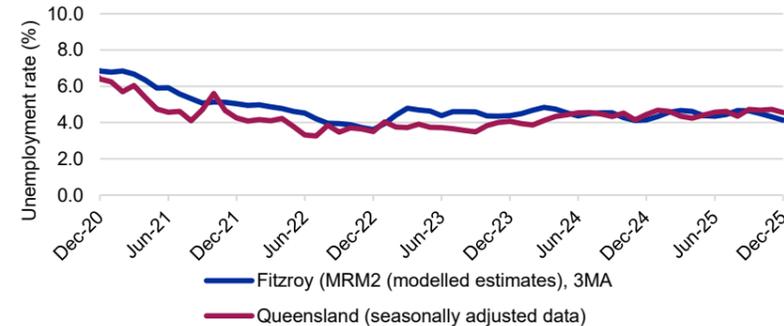
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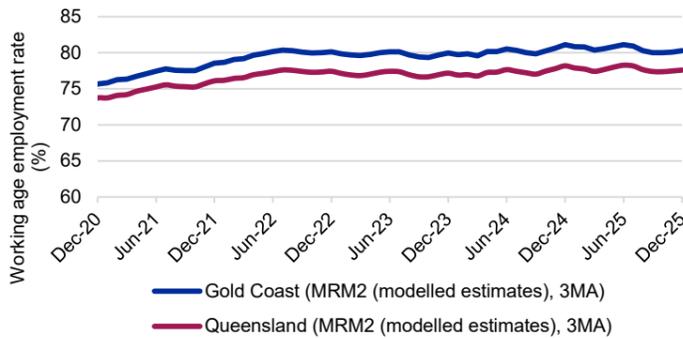
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Gold Coast	80.3	81.1	11.8	11.4	3.9	2.9	2.8	82.7	83.5	7.0	6.9
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
Australia	77.2	77.4	628.6	603.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	80.5	80.7	9.1	9.2

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.

**Working age employment rate (%)**



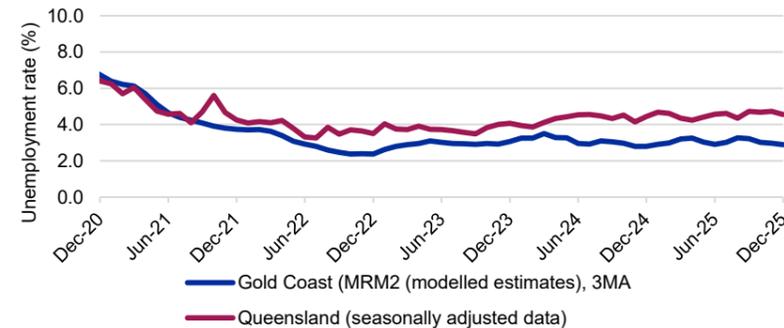
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**Largest employing industries**



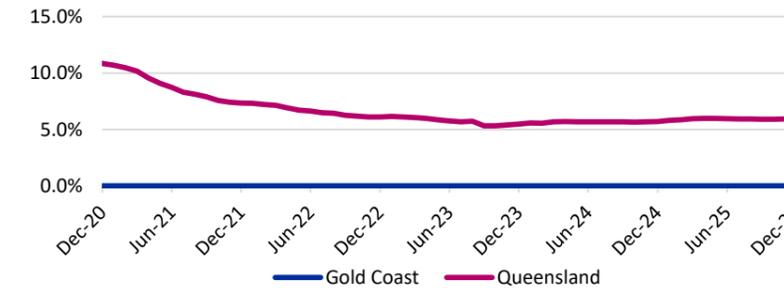
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**Unemployment rate**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	22,260	206,975
Payments - December 2025	23,540	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,280	↑ 13,465
	5.8%	6.5%

**% 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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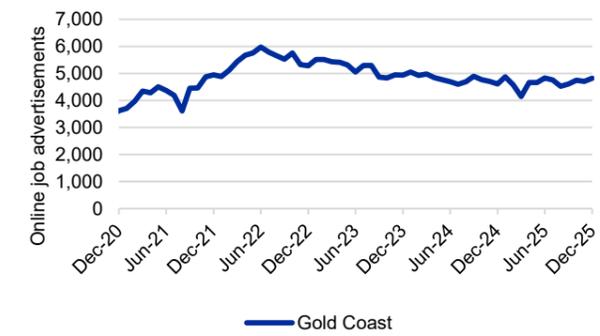
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Scenic Rim	3.7	4.6
Gold Coast	3.5	3.5
Tweed	3.1	3.6

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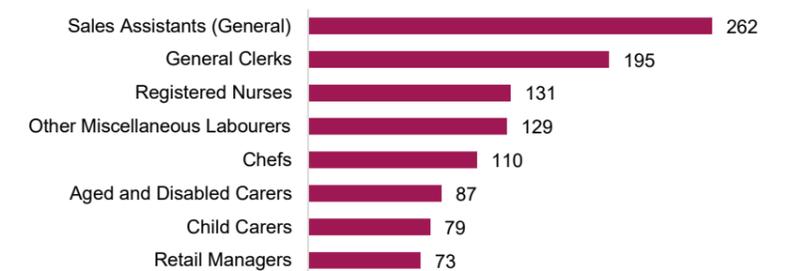
**Online job advertisements**



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(113 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
4.5%  
(209 job advertisements)

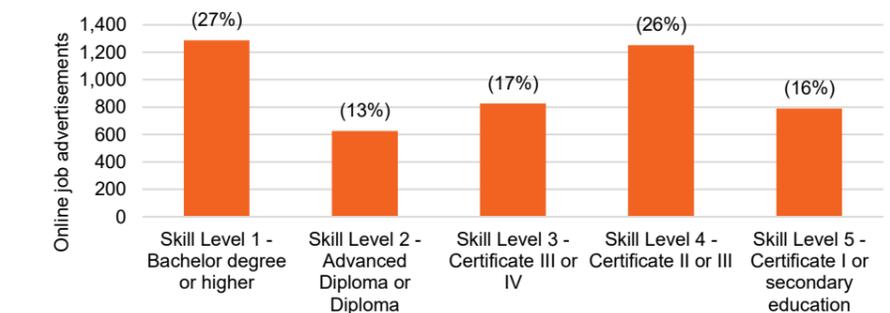
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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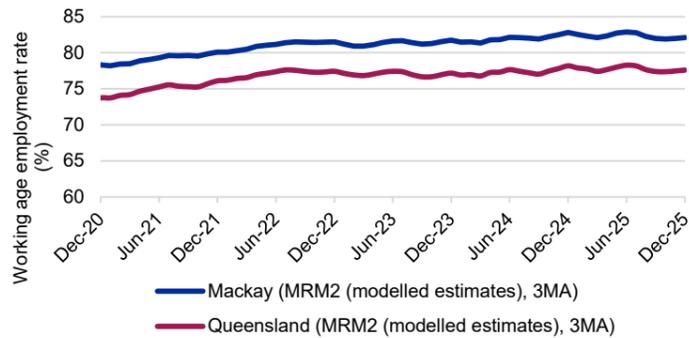
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Mackay	82.1	82.8	3.1	2.9	6.1	2.7	2.6	84.4	85.0	5.9	5.7
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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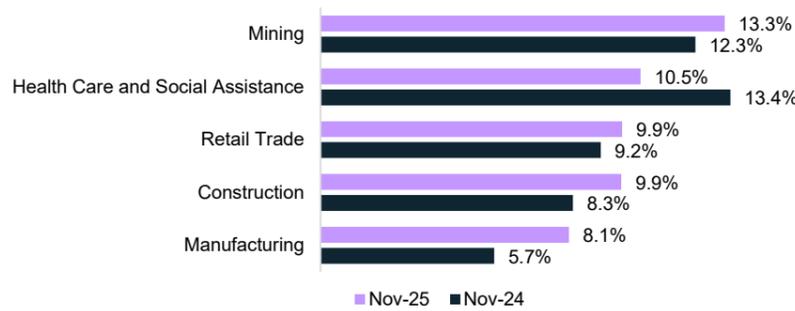
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



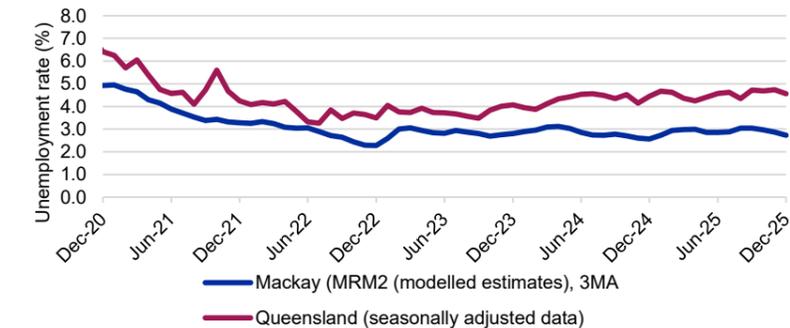
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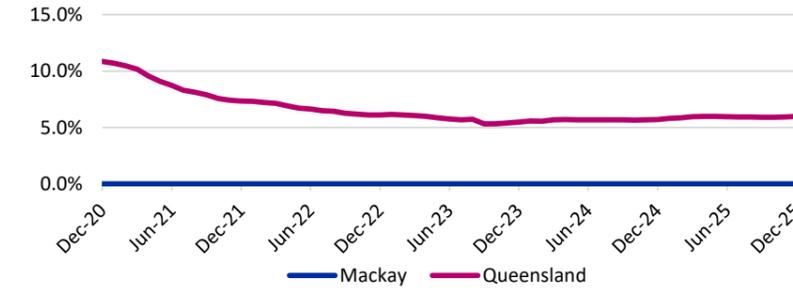
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**Unemployment rate**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	6,390	206,975
Payments - December 2025	6,925	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 535	↑ 13,465
	↑ 8.4%	↑ 6.5%

**% 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
Mackay	6,925	#VALUE!
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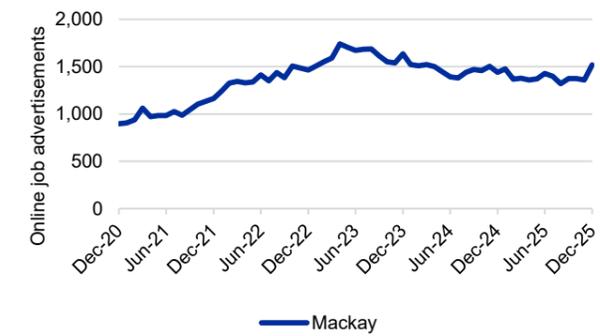
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Whitsunday	3.2	3.3
Mackay	2.9	3.0
Isaac	1.3	1.2

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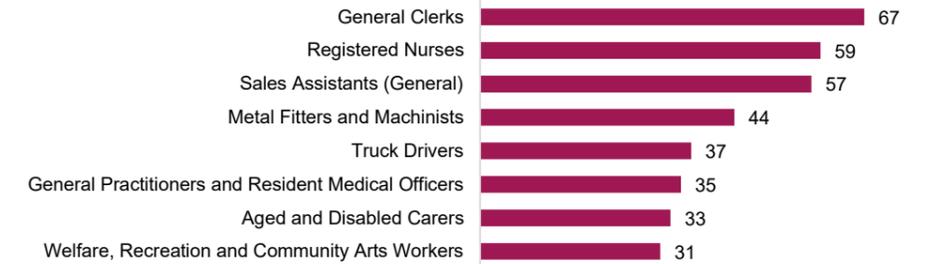
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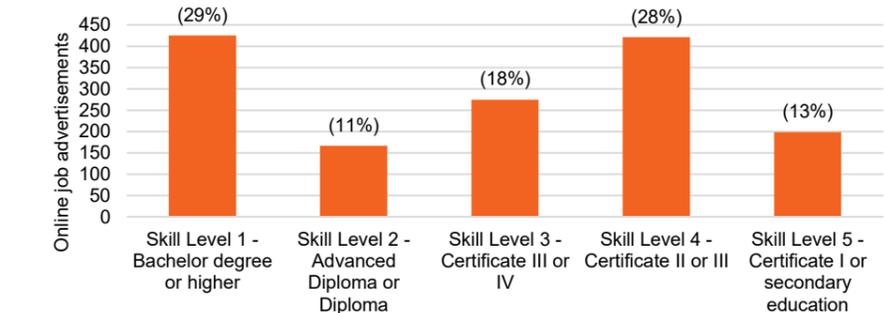
Number of job ads  
1,519  
Change over the month  
11.8%  
(160 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
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(76 job advertisements)

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



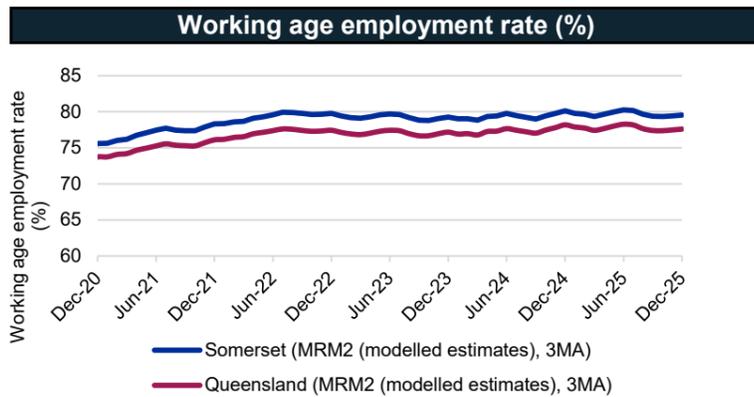
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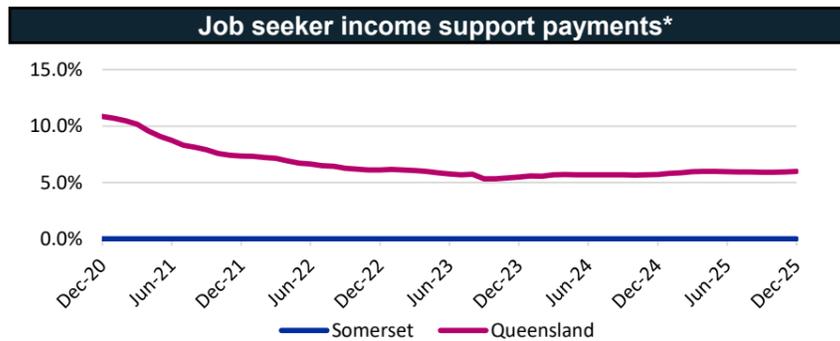
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Somerset	79.5	80.1	23.9	21.8	9.3	3.6	3.4	82.5	82.9	8.8	9.1
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	33,345	206,975
Payments - December 2025	35,470	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 2,125	↑ 13,465
	↑ 6.4%	↑ 6.5%

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

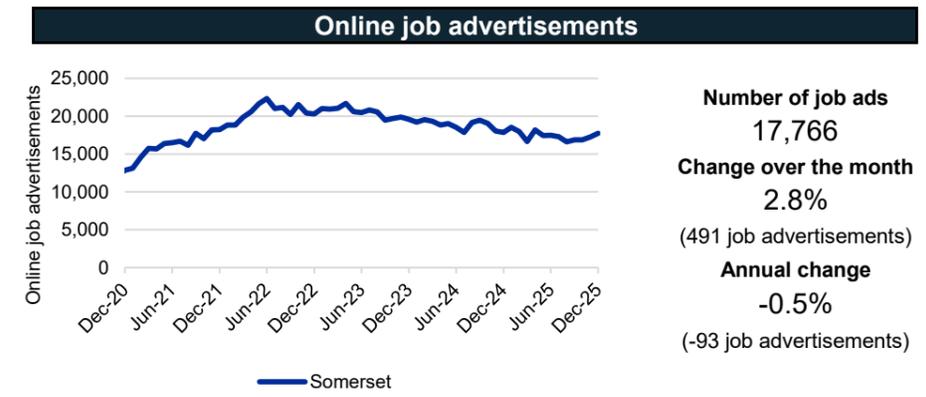
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Somerset	35,470	#VALUE!
Queensland	220,440	6.0%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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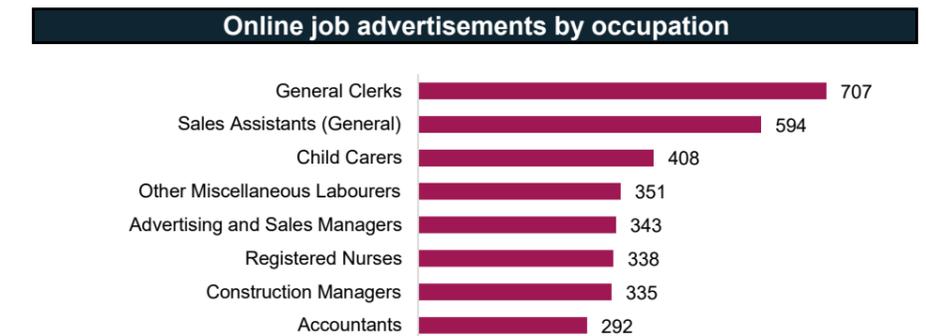
### LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Moreton Bay	4.5	5.2
Somerset	4.3	5.7
Brisbane	3.8	3.8

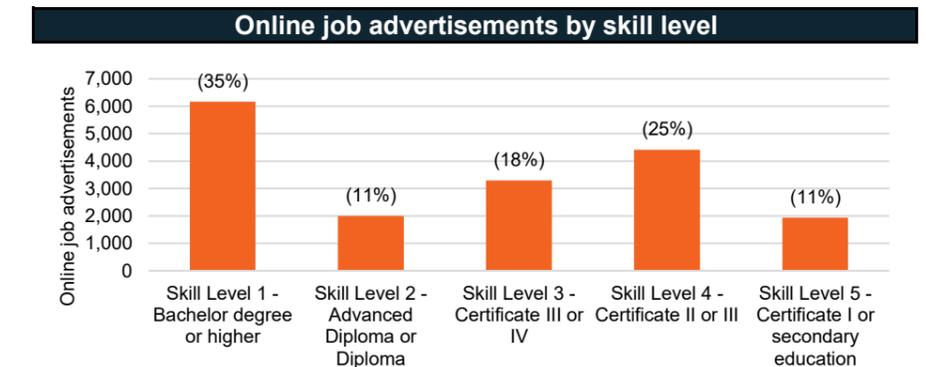
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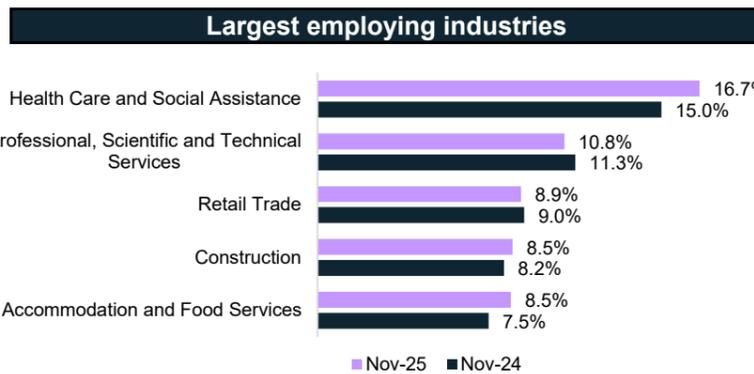
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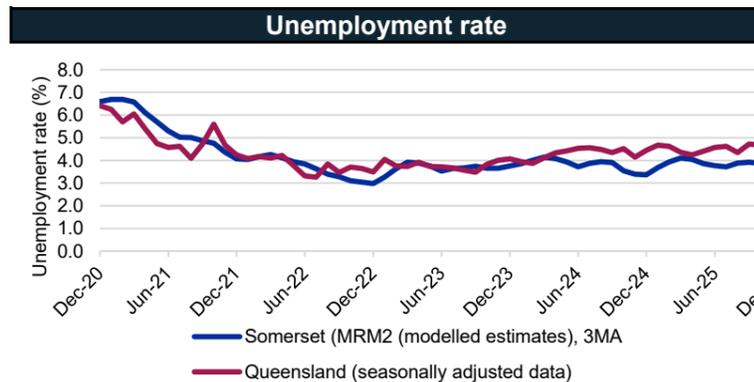
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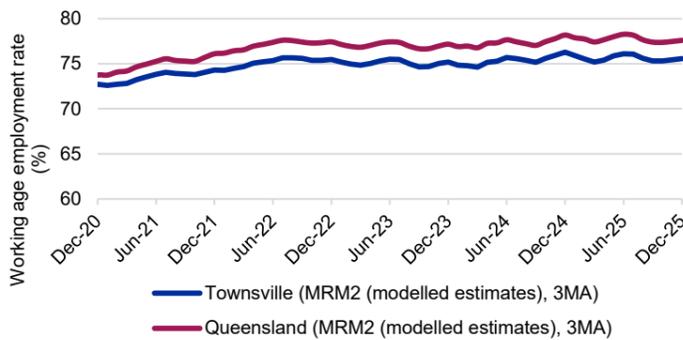
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Townsville	75.6	76.3	6.0	5.6	6.2	4.5	4.3	79.3	79.8	10.7	10.2
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



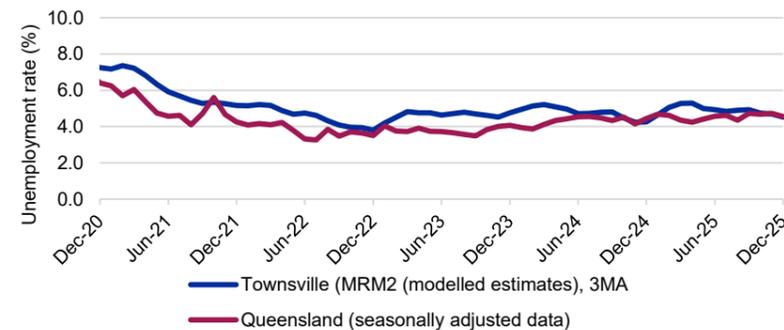
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**Largest employing industries**



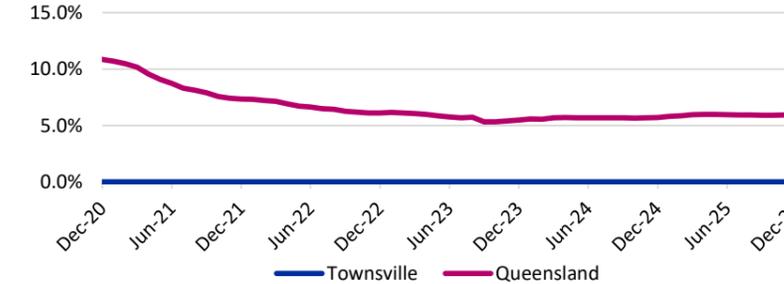
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	13,090	206,975
Payments - December 2025	13,905	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 815	↑ 13,465
	6.2%	6.5%

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

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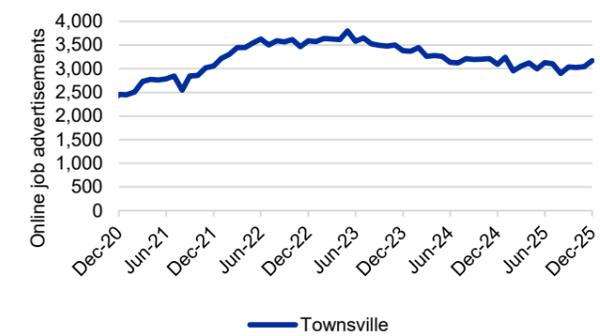
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-24 (%)
Charters Towers	6.7	5.6
Hinchinbrook	5.9	4.6
Burdekin	5.5	4.1
Townsville	5.2	4.1
Mount Isa	3.7	3.7

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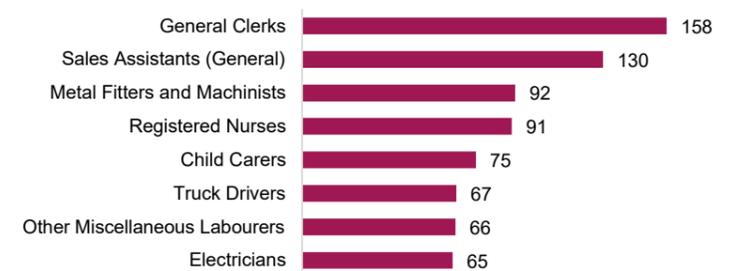
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Annual change  
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(76 job advertisements)

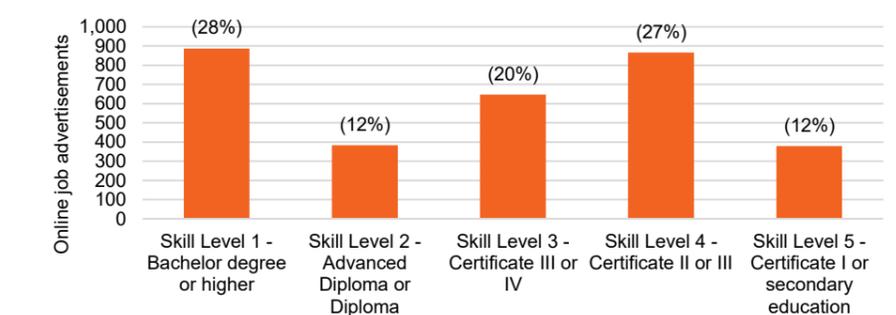
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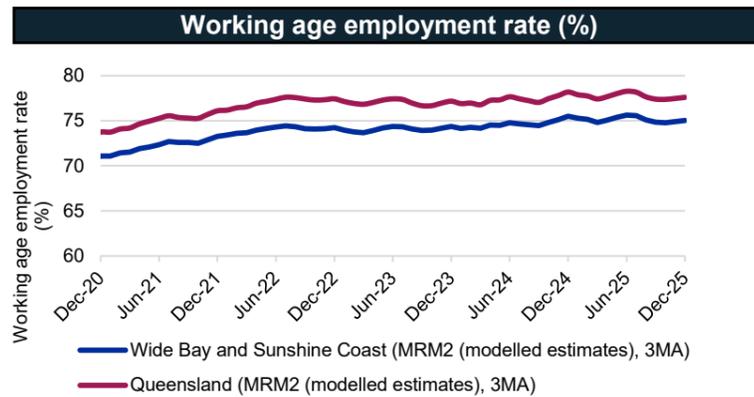
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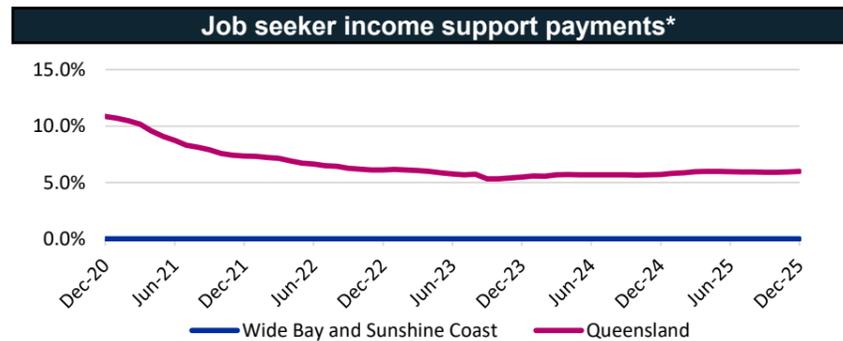
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Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	31,400	206,975
Payments - December 2025	32,790	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,390	↑ 13,465
	↑ 4.4%	↑ 6.5%

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

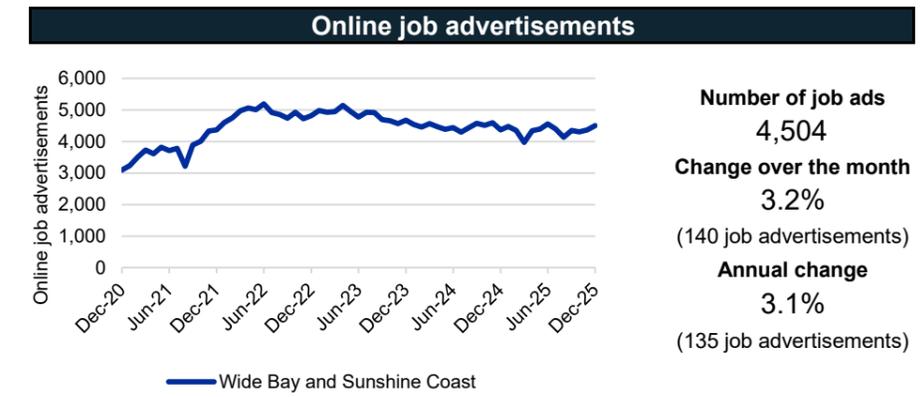
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	32,790	#VALUE!
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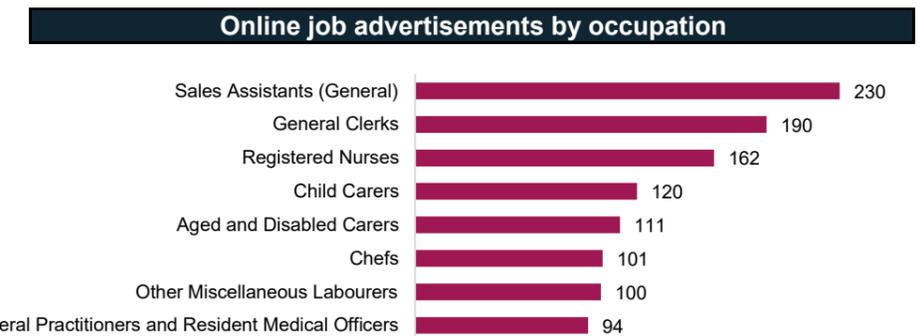
### LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Cherbourg*	8.6	7.9
South Burnett	6.4	6.0
Fraser Coast	5.7	5.2
Gympie	4.9	4.4
Bundaberg	4.7	4.5

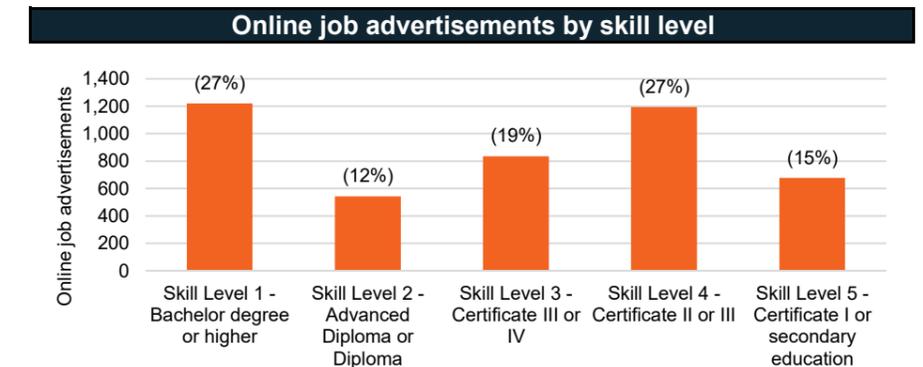
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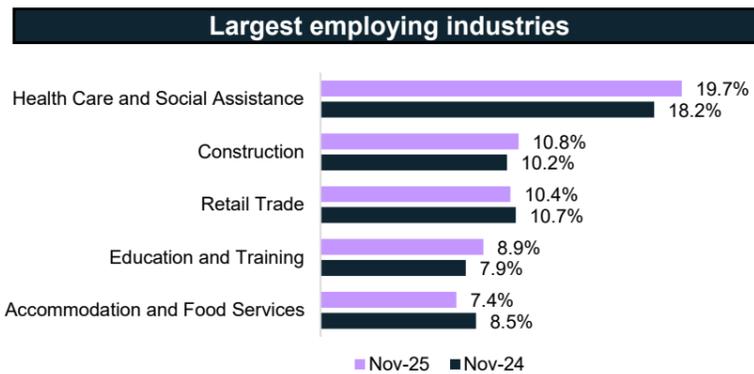
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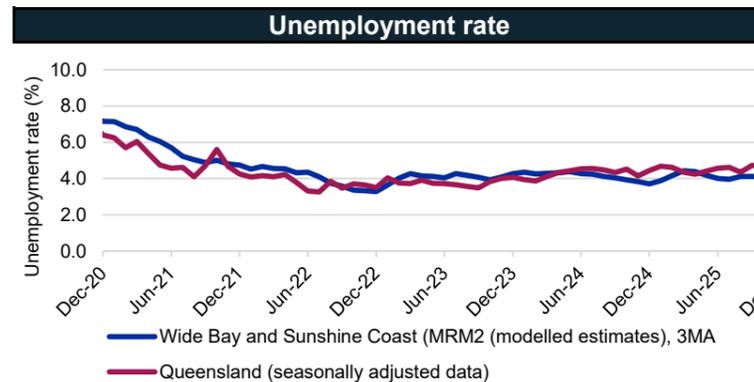
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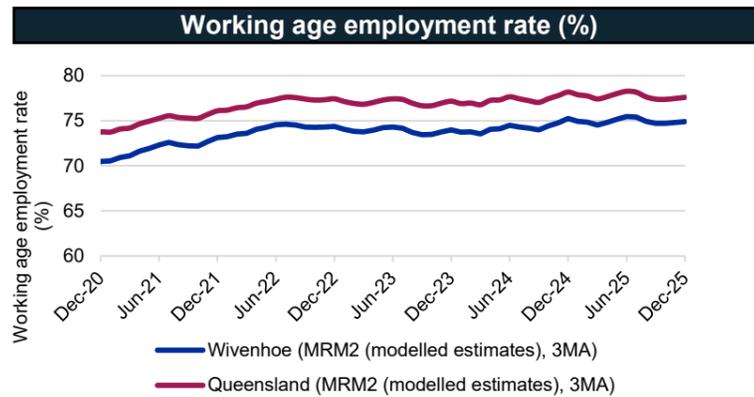
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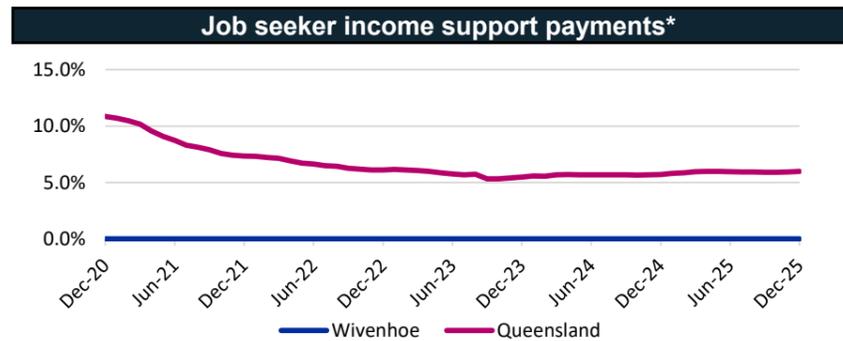
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Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Wivenhoe	74.9	75.2	14.8	13.7	7.8	4.4	4.2	78.4	78.6	10.6	11.0
Queensland	77.6	78.2	122.6	121.2	1.1	3.9	3.9	80.7	81.2	9.5	9.5
Australia	77.2	77.4	628.6	603.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	80.5	80.7	9.1	9.2

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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - December 2024	20,010	206,975
Payments - December 2025	21,520	220,440
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,510	↑ 13,465
	7.5%	6.5%

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

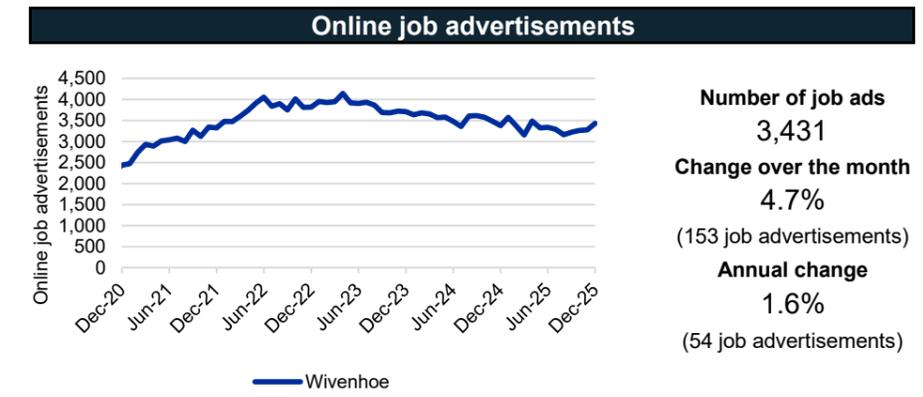
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Wivenhoe	21,520	#VALUE!
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, December-25; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, December-25

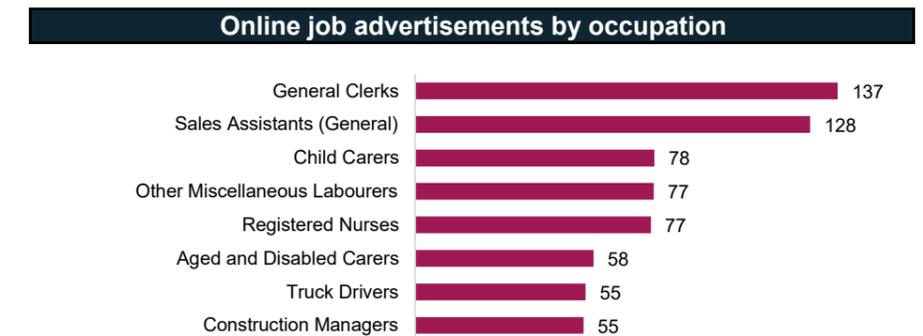
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Ipswich	4.7	5.6
Somerset	4.3	5.7
Brisbane	3.8	3.8
Lockyer Valley	3.8	4.6
Scenic Rim	3.7	4.6

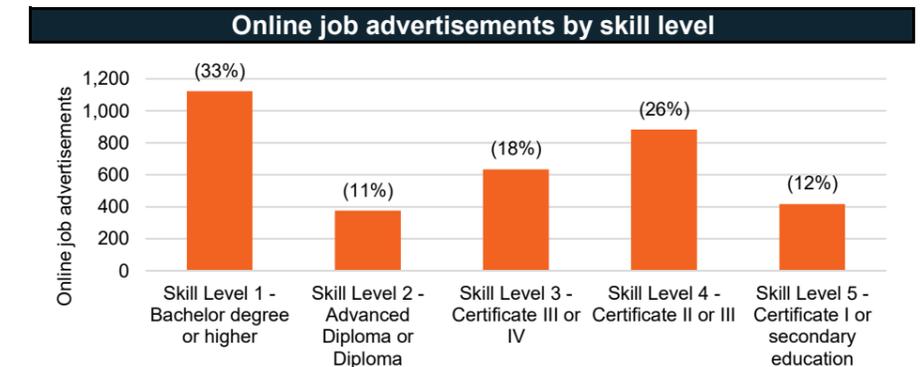
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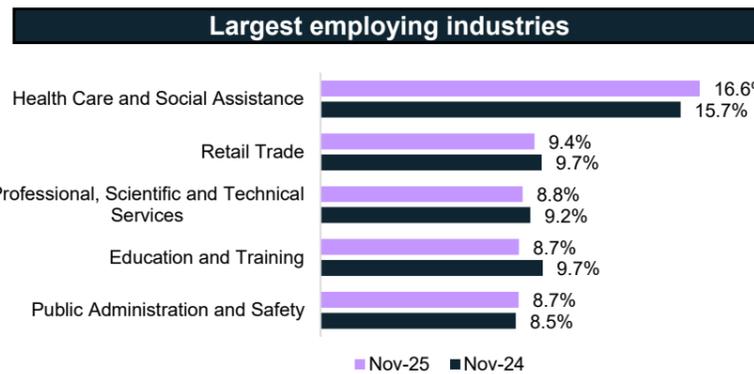
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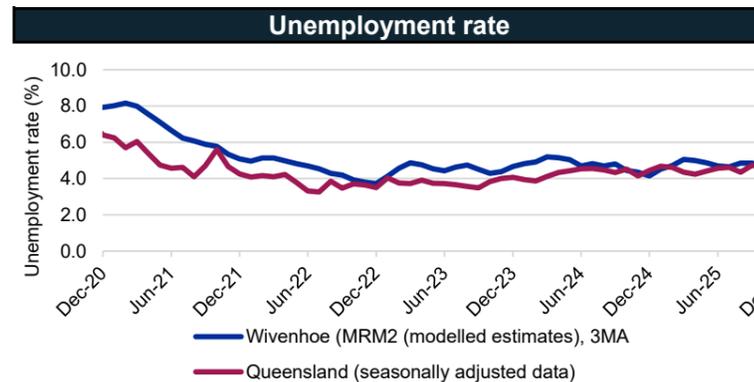
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