

Labour Market Dashboard South Australia

Data current as at 29 January 2026

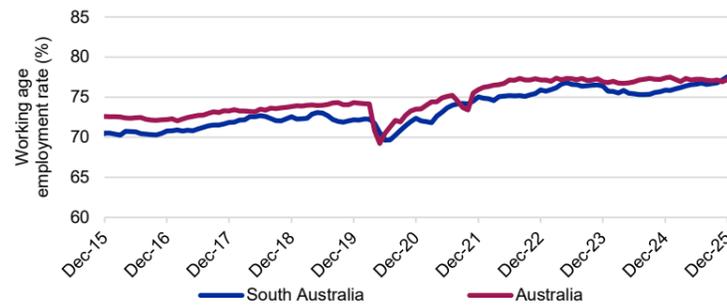
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Labour market summary table											
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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South Australia	77.5	75.9	40.5	42.6	-5.0	3.9	4.3	80.7	79.0	9.7	9.8
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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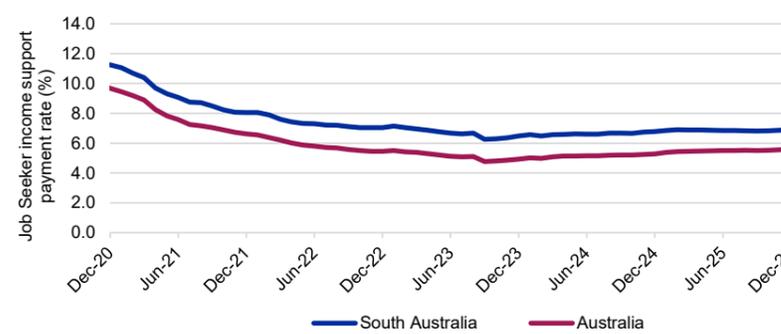
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the South Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Working age employment rate

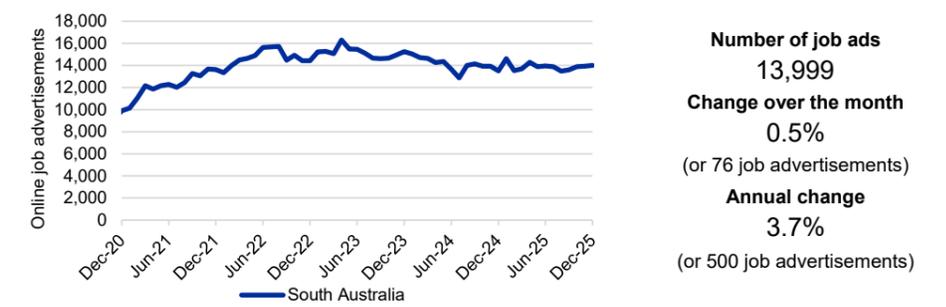


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted & MRM2 data (3MA), December -25

% 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



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

Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Australia	Australia
Payments - December 2024	80,610	939,160
Payments - December 2025	83,775	1,009,370
Change (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 3,165	↑ 70,210
Change % (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 3.9%	↑ 7.5%

Online job advertisements by occupation



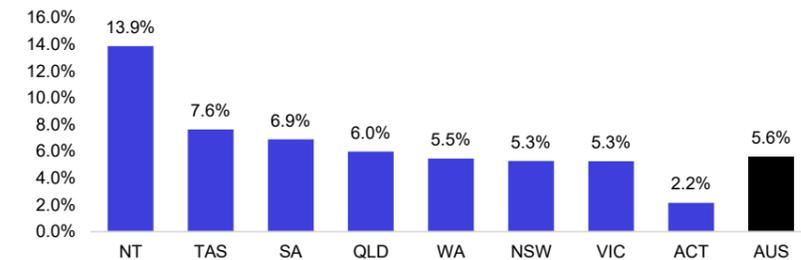
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Unemployment rate



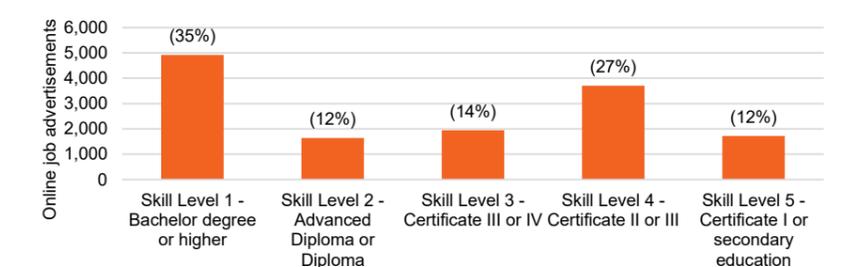
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% of 15-64 year olds* on job seeker income support payments



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



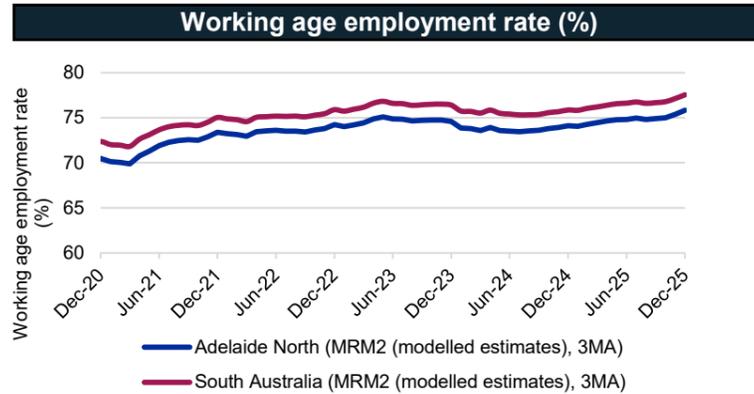
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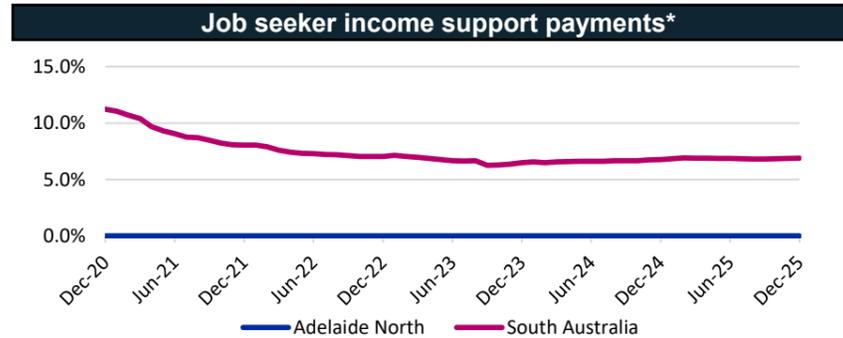
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	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Adelaide North	75.8	74.1	18.0	17.6	2.2	4.4	4.5	79.4	77.7	11.2	11.2
South Australia	77.5	75.9	40.5	42.6	-5.0	3.9	4.3	80.7	79.0	9.7	9.8
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Adelaide North	South Australia
Payments - December 2024	36,155	80,610
Payments - December 2025	37,850	83,775
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,695	↑ 3,165
	4.7%	3.9%

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

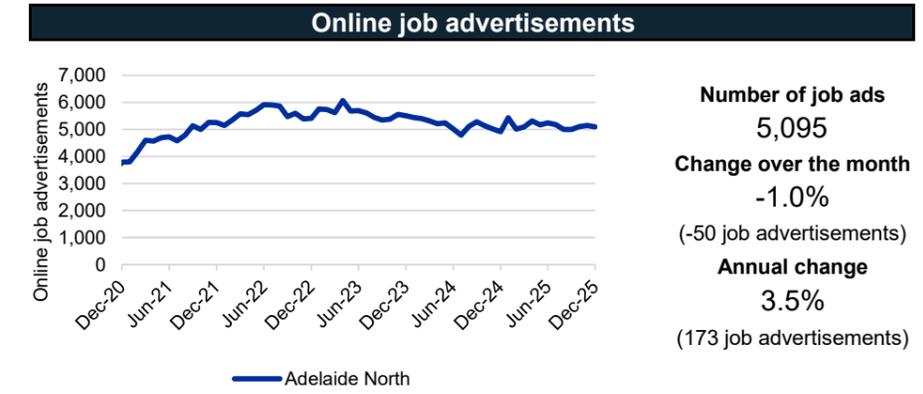
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Adelaide North	37,850	#VALUE!
South Australia	83,775	6.9%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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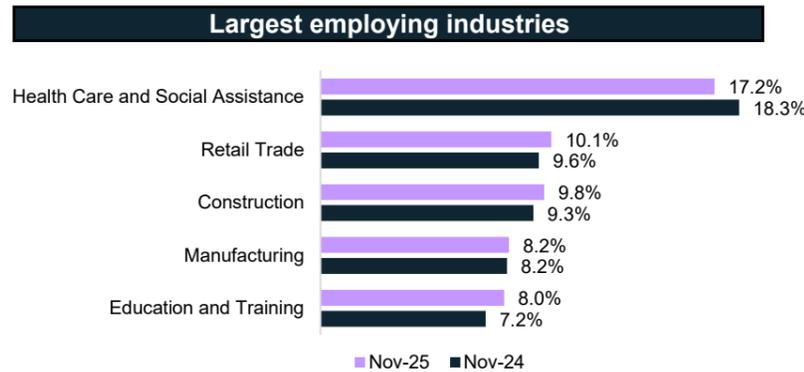
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Playford	8.6	8.8
Salisbury	5.4	5.6
Port Adelaide Enfield	4.7	4.8
Gawler	3.9	4.2
Charles Sturt	3.6	3.9

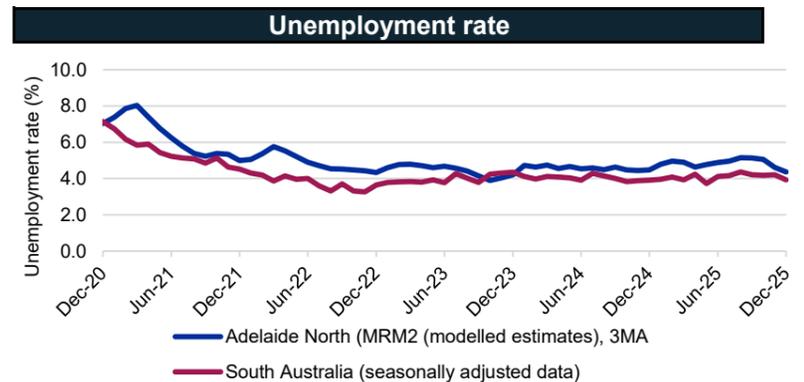
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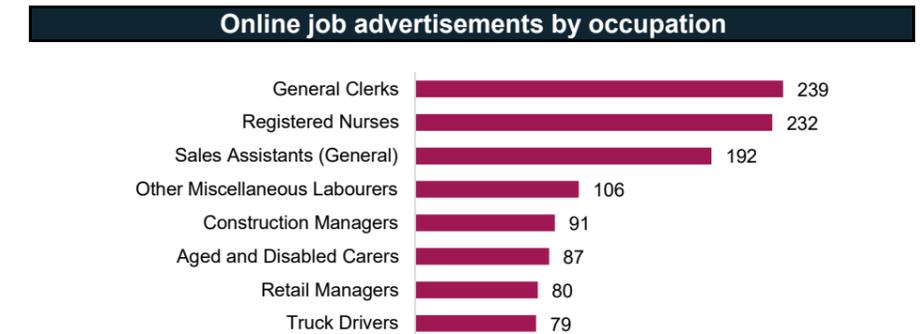
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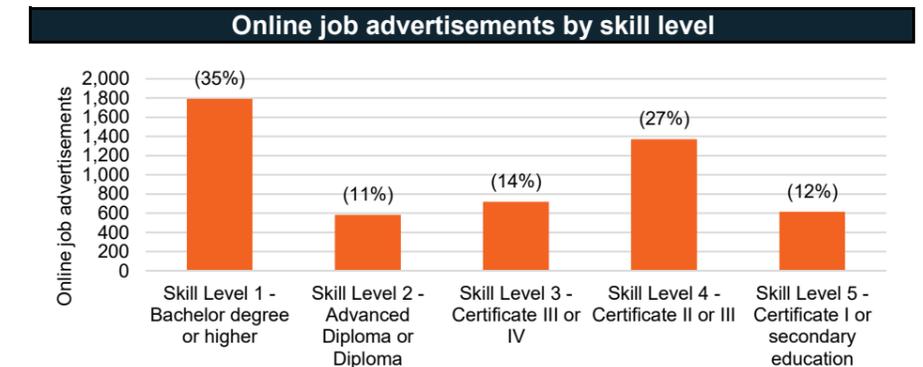
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, December-25 quarter#



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



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



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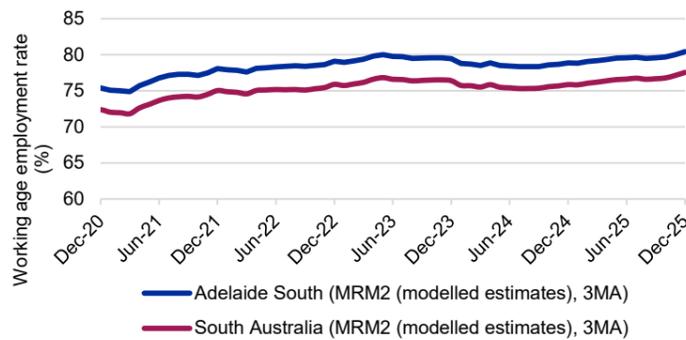
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Adelaide South	80.4	78.9	13.3	13.3	-0.1	3.1	3.3	83.1	81.6	8.8	8.9
South Australia	77.5	75.9	40.5	42.6	-5.0	3.9	4.3	80.7	79.0	9.7	9.8
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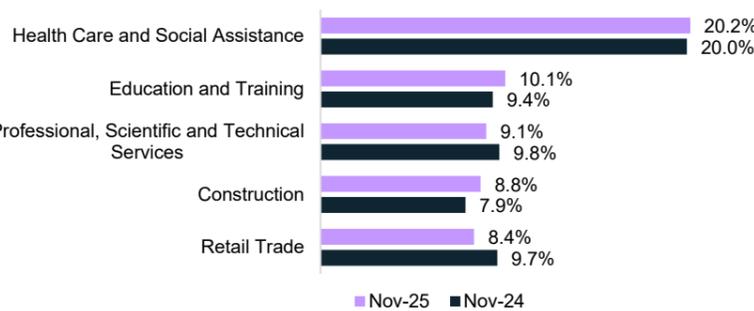
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Working age employment rate (%)



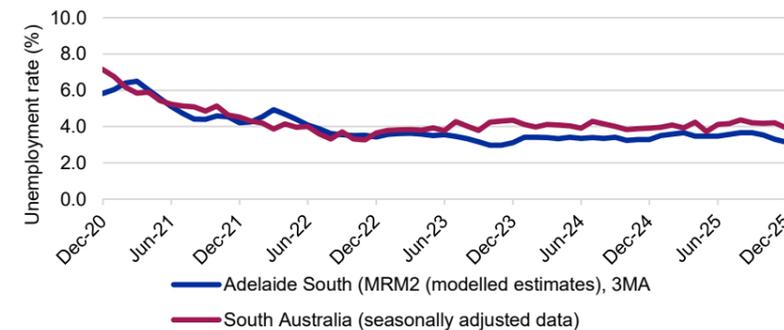
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Largest employing industries



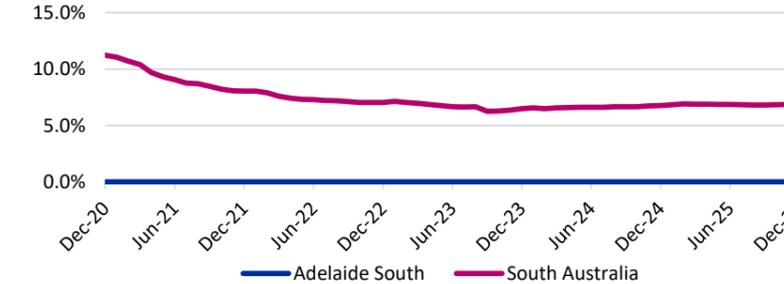
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Adelaide South	South Australia
Payments - December 2024	23,730	80,610
Payments - December 2025	24,410	83,775
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 680	↑ 3,165
	2.9%	3.9%

% 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
Adelaide South	24,410	#VALUE!
South Australia	83,775	6.9%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

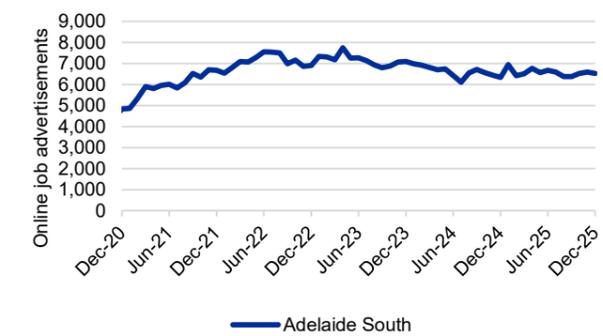
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Adelaide	6.6	6.9
Onkaparinga	4.7	4.9
Mount Barker	3.9	3.6
Victor Harbor	3.6	2.5
Campbelltown (SA)	3.5	3.5

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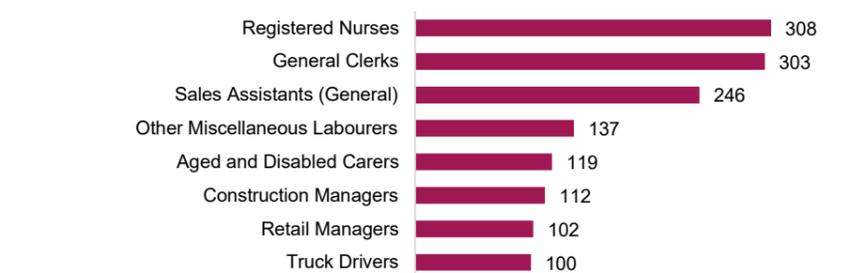
Online job advertisements



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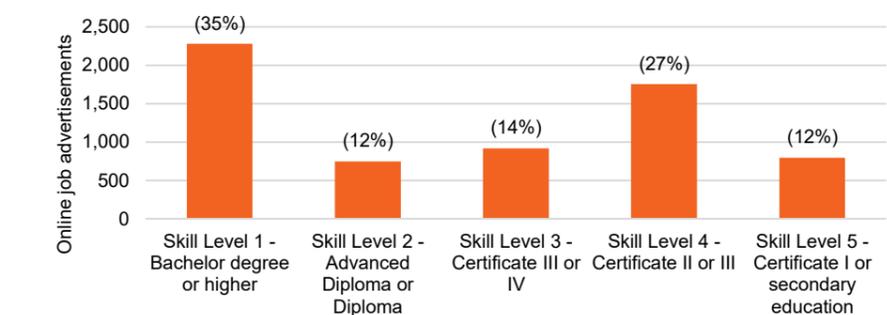
Number of job ads
6,520
Change over the month
-1.1%
(-72 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.9%
(187 job advertisements)

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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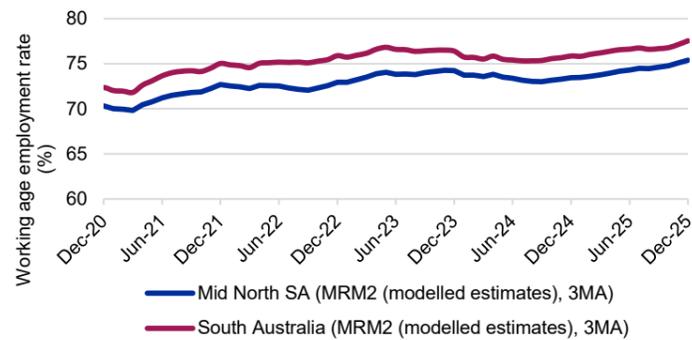
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Mid North SA	75.4	73.5	2.3	2.3	1.4	3.9	4.0	78.6	76.7	8.9	9.6
South Australia	77.5	75.9	40.5	42.6	-5.0	3.9	4.3	80.7	79.0	9.7	9.8
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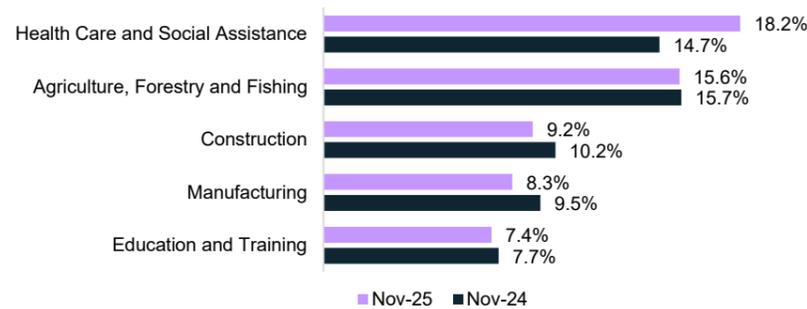
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Working age employment rate (%)



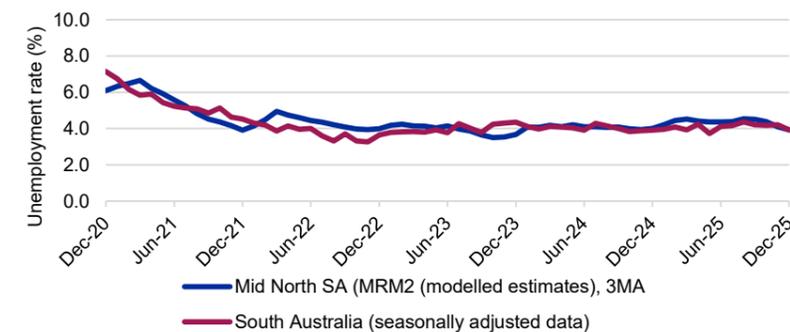
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Largest employing industries



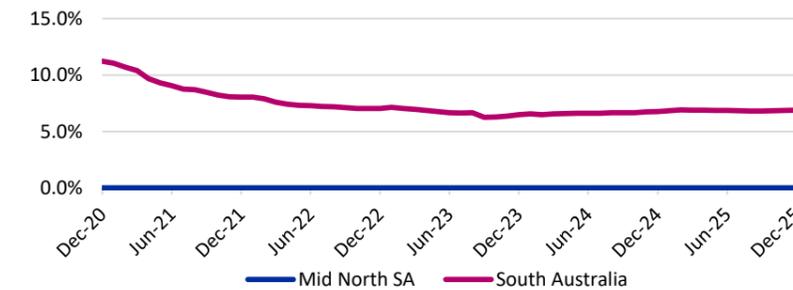
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mid North SA	South Australia
Payments - December 2024	6,075	80,610
Payments - December 2025	6,305	83,775
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 230	↑ 3,165
	3.8%	3.9%

% 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
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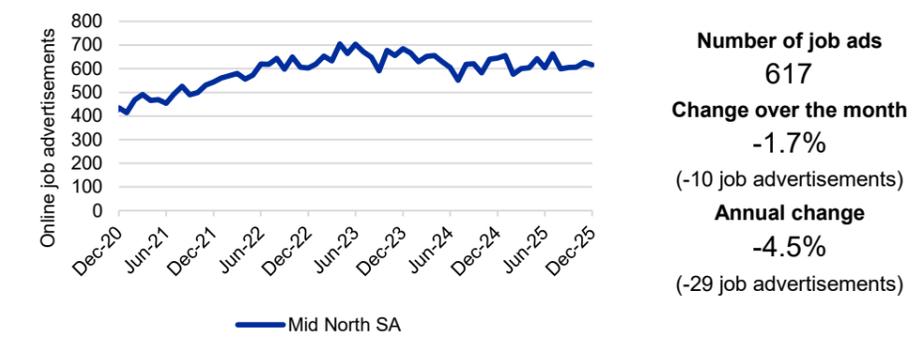
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Port Pirie	10.8	8.4
Copper Coast	7.6	6.2
Peterborough*	7.6	5.4
Orroroo Carrieton*	7.6	5.5
Goyder	7.2	5.2

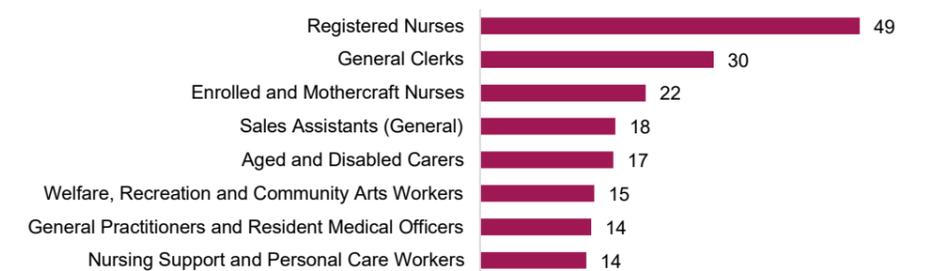
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Online job advertisements



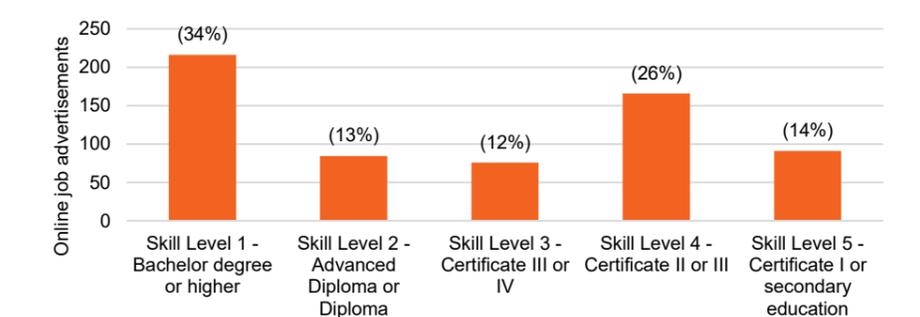
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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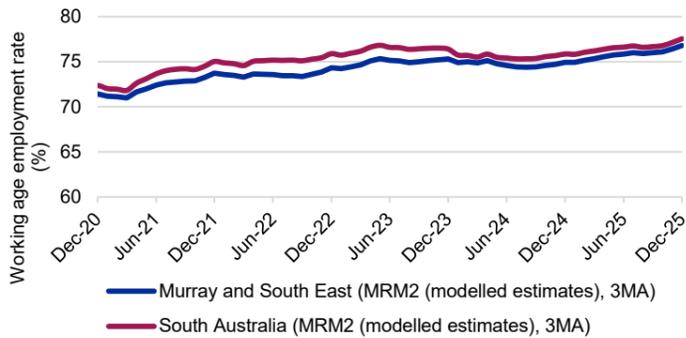
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Murray and South East	76.8	74.9	3.4	3.4	1.7	3.4	3.4	79.7	77.8	7.5	8.0
South Australia	77.5	75.9	40.5	42.6	-5.0	3.9	4.3	80.7	79.0	9.7	9.8
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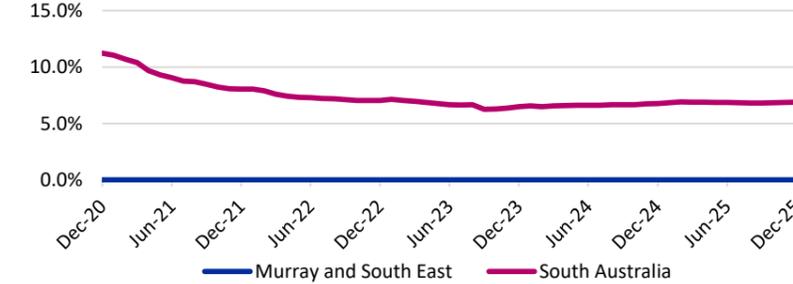
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Working age employment rate (%)



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Murray and South East	South Australia
Payments - December 2024	7,565	80,610
Payments - December 2025	7,825	83,775
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 260	↑ 3,165
	↑ 3.4%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
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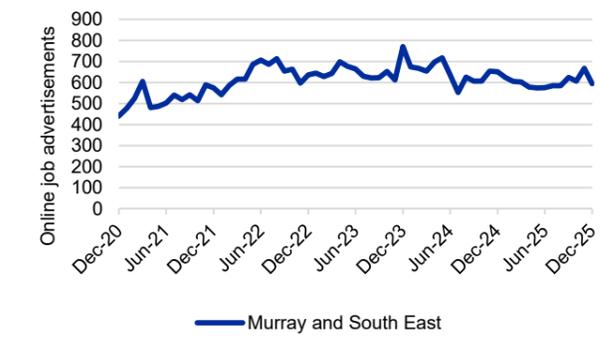
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Murray Bridge	5.4	3.3
Berri Barmera	4.9	3.5
Mid Murray	4.8	3.0
Mount Gambier	4.1	2.5
Coorong	4.0	2.6

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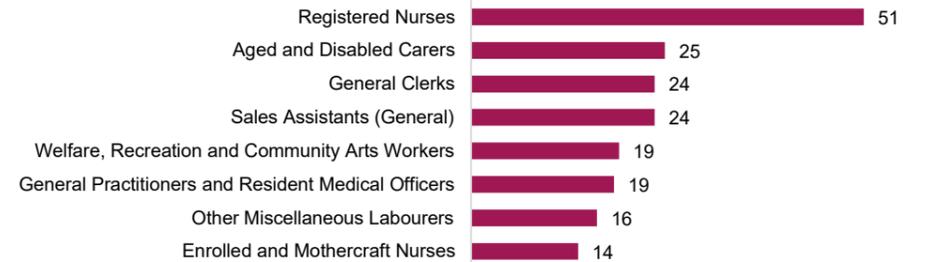
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
594
Change over the month
-11.0%
(-73 job advertisements)
Annual change
-8.7%
(-57 job advertisements)

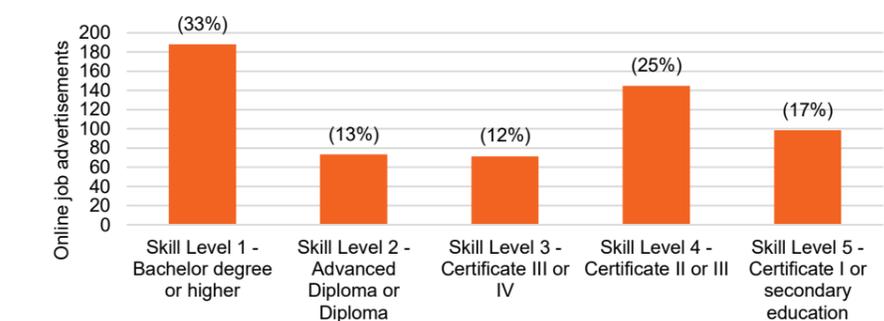
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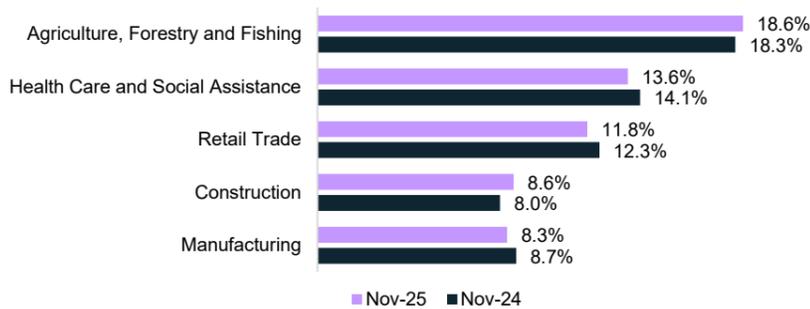
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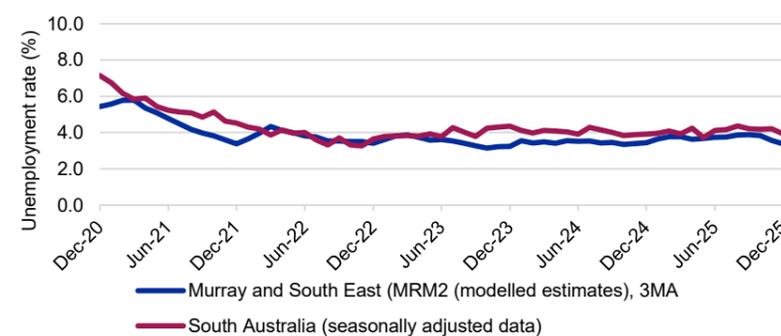
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Unemployment rate



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 South Australia - South East 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.