

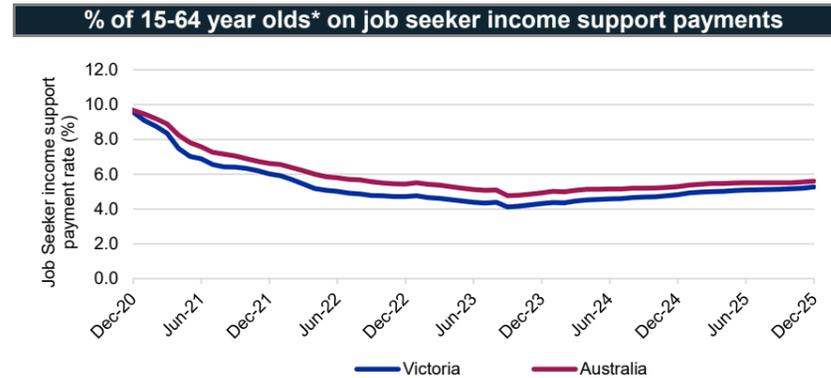
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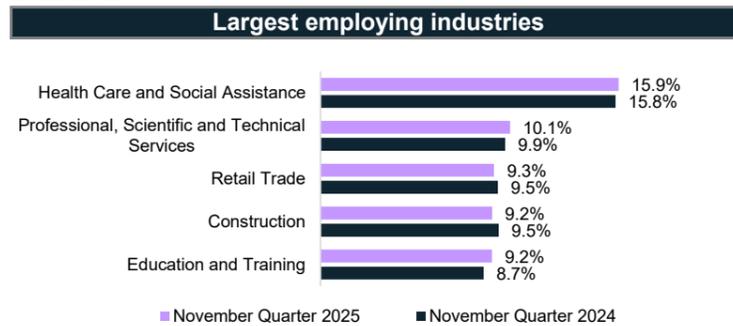
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.



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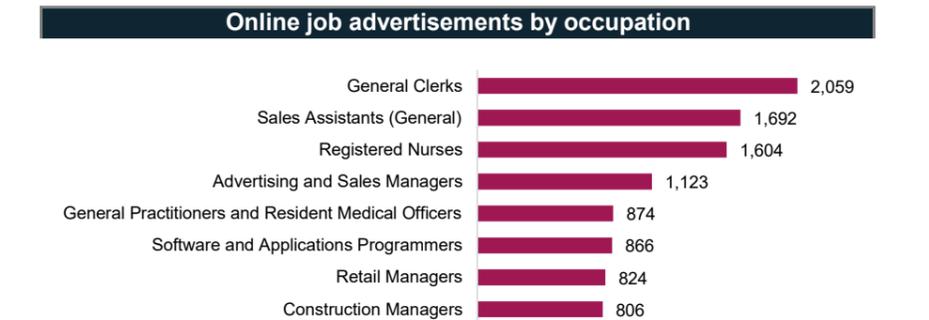
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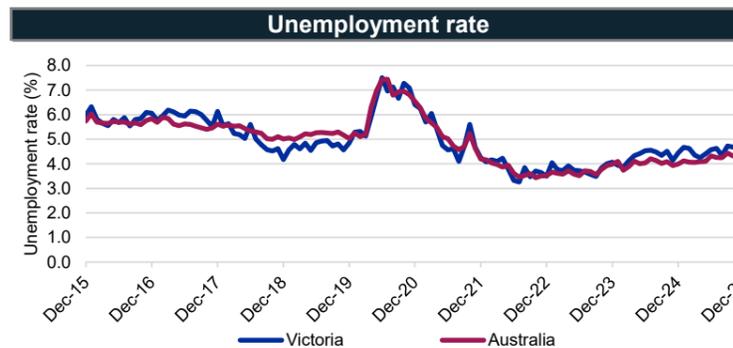
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Victoria	Australia
Payments - December 2024	222,005	939,160
Payments - December 2025	246,650	1,009,370
Change (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 24,645	↑ 70,210
Change % (December 2024 to December 2025)	↑ 11.1%	↑ 7.5%



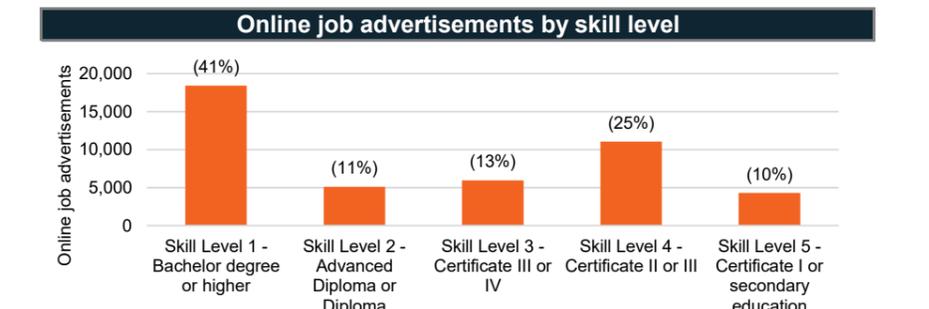
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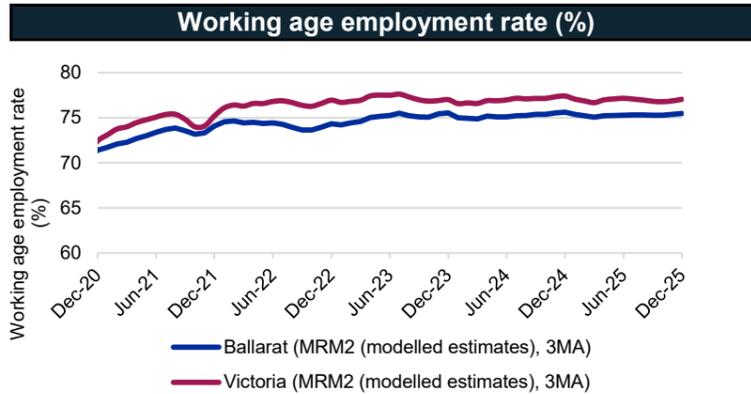
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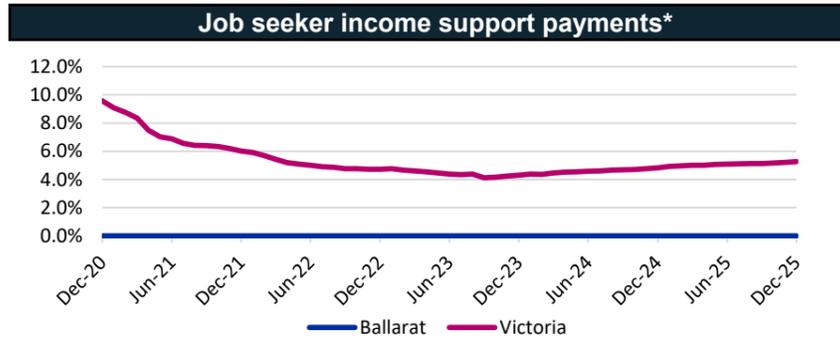
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Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	7,850	222,005
Payments - December 2025	8,740	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 890	↑ 24,645
	↑ 11.3%	↑ 11.1%

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

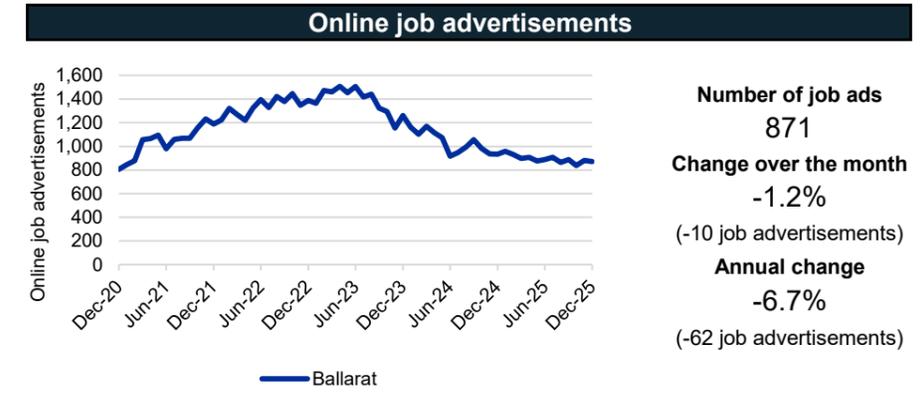
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Ballarat	8,740	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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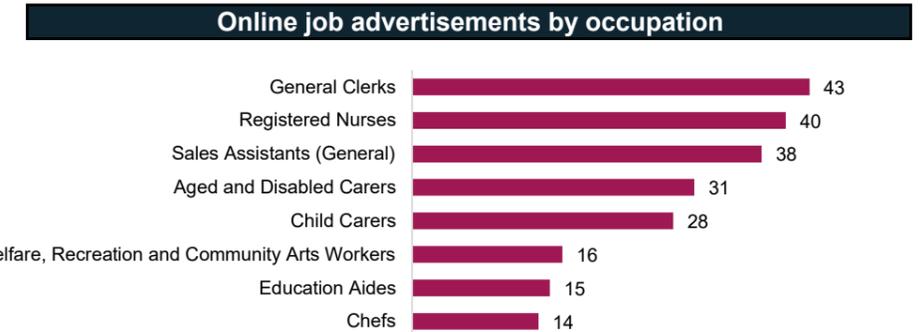
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Central Goldfields	8.3	8.9
Pyrenees	4.8	5.1
Ballarat	4.4	4.7
Moorabool	3.7	3.3
Golden Plains	2.9	2.9

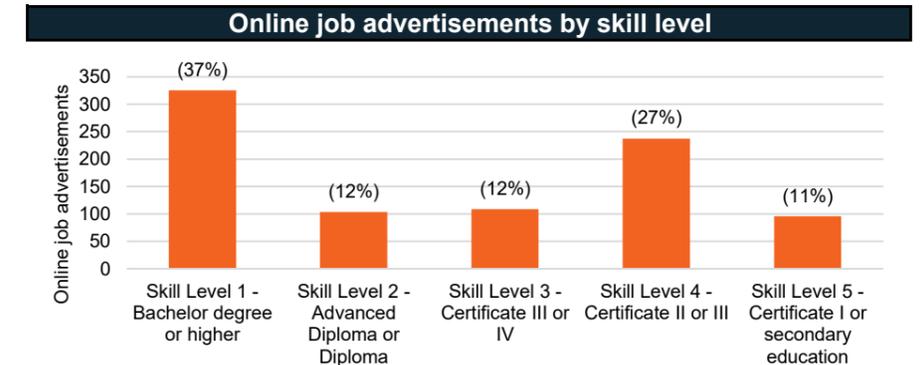
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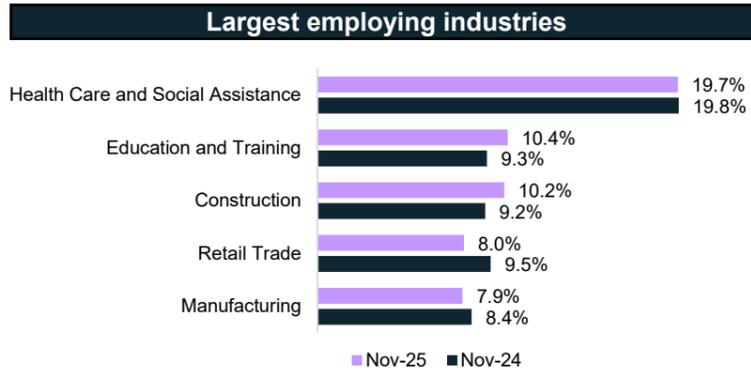
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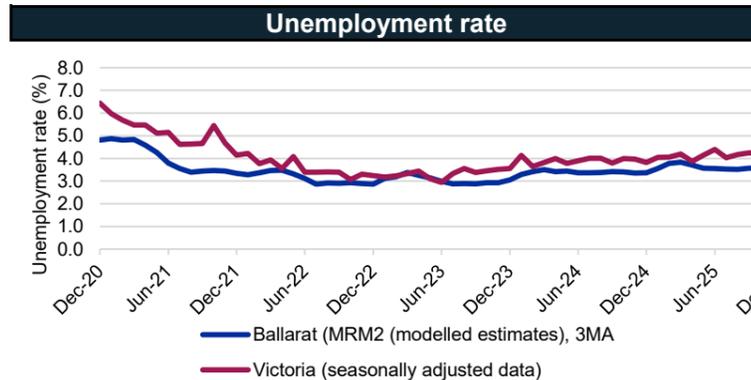
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, December-25 quarter#



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

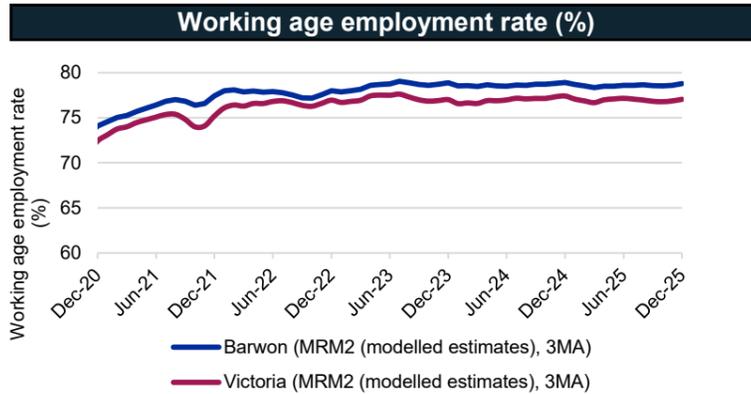
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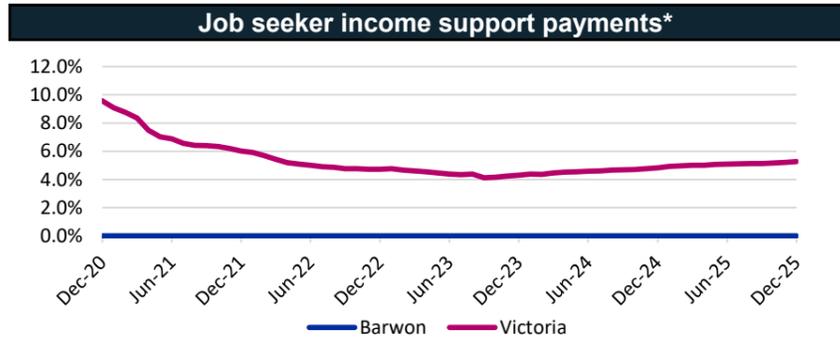
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Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	10,940	222,005
Payments - December 2025	12,020	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,080	↑ 24,645
	9.9%	11.1%

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

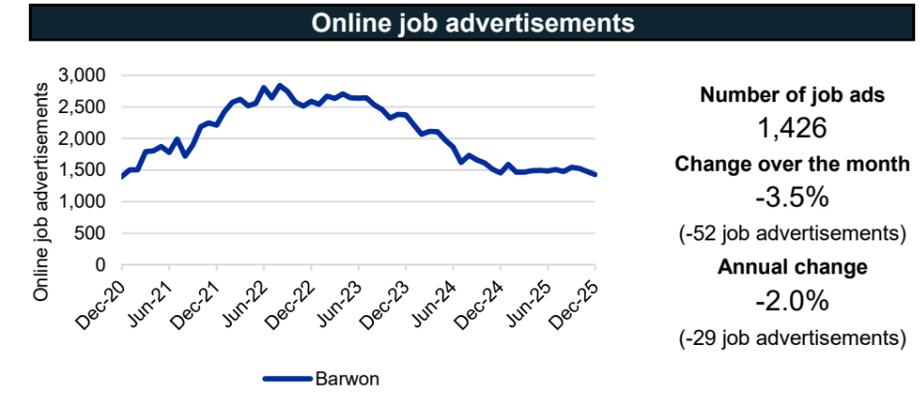
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Barwon	12,020	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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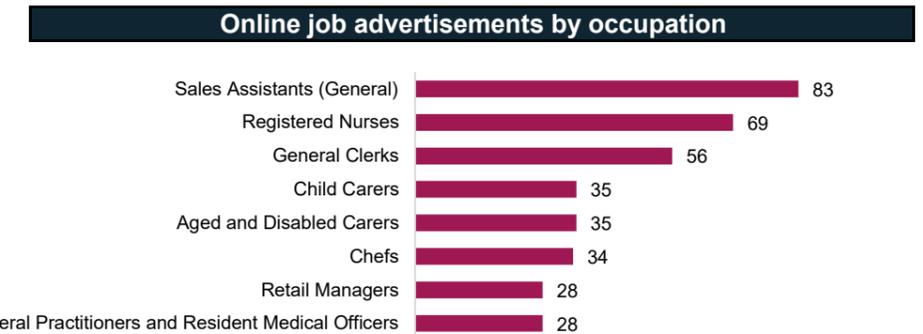
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Greater Geelong	4.4	4.2
Golden Plains	2.9	2.9
Queenscliffe	1.9	1.3
Surf Coast	1.7	1.4

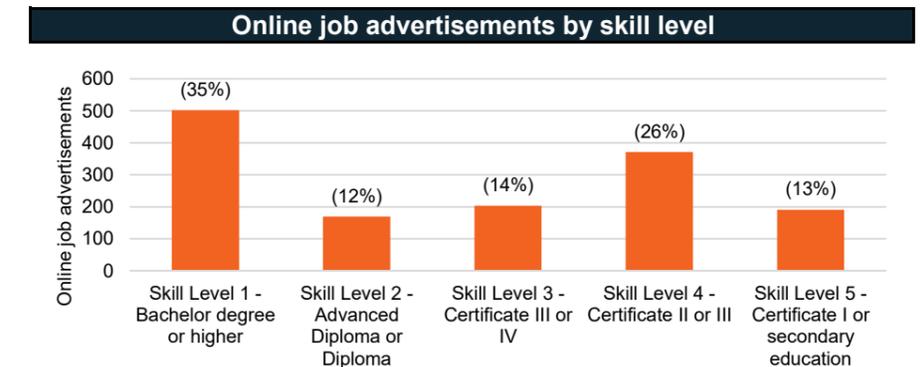
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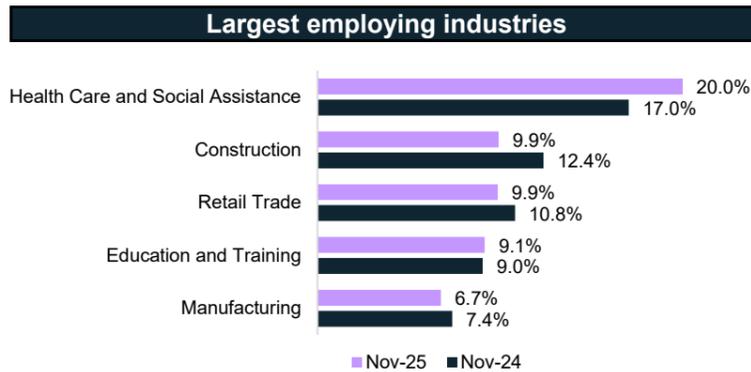
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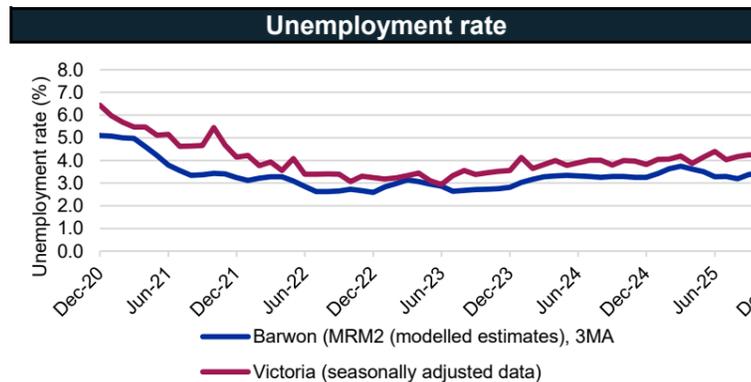
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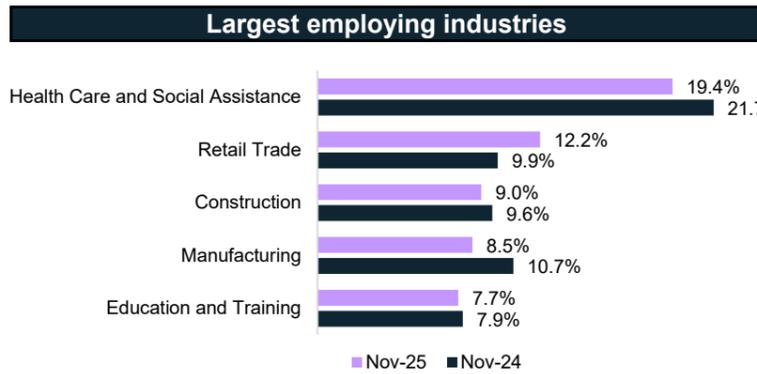
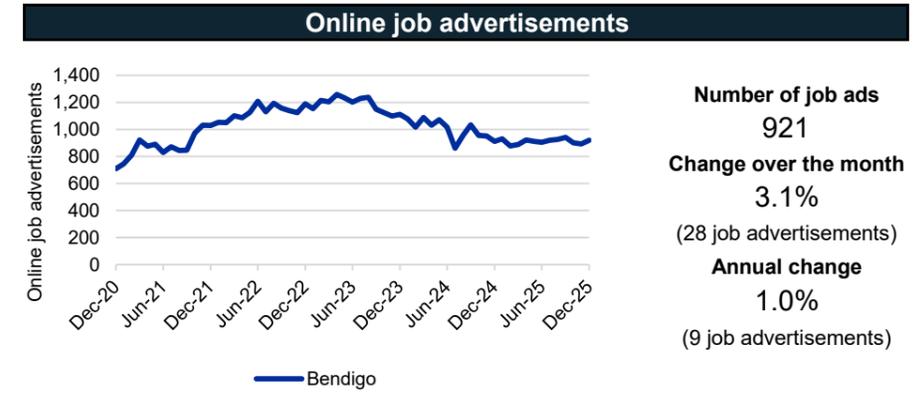
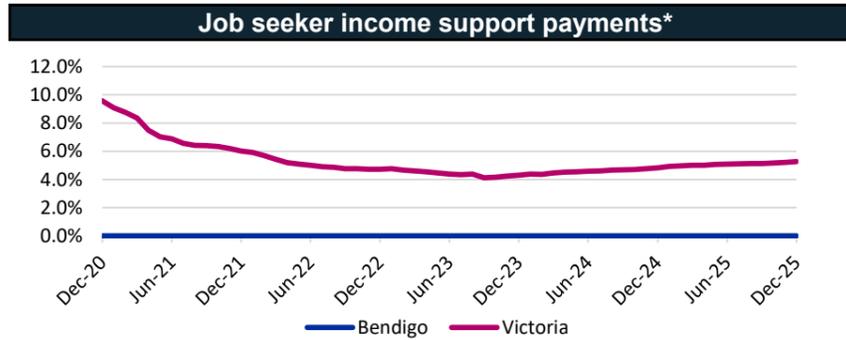
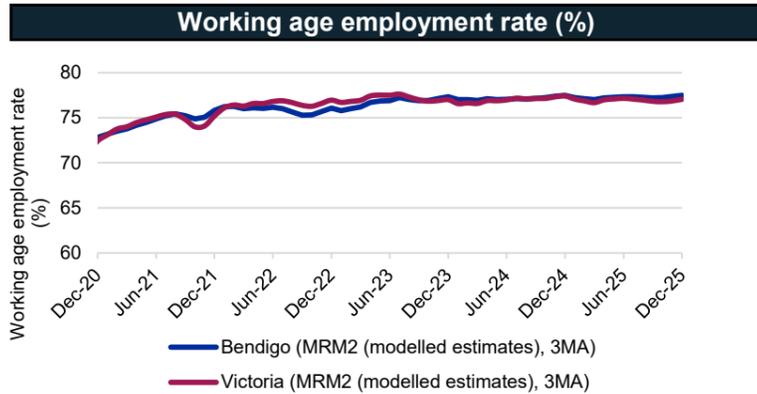
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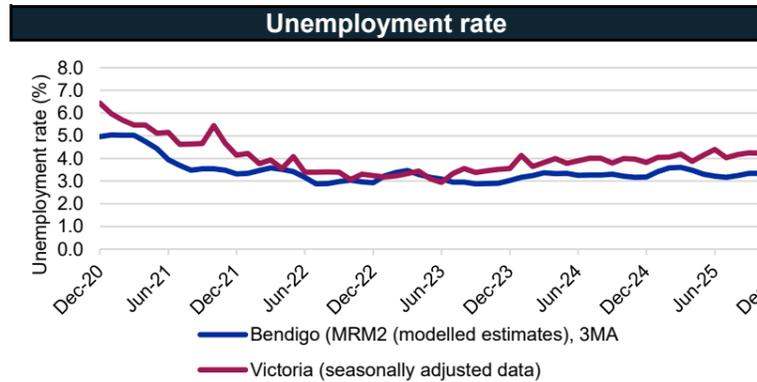
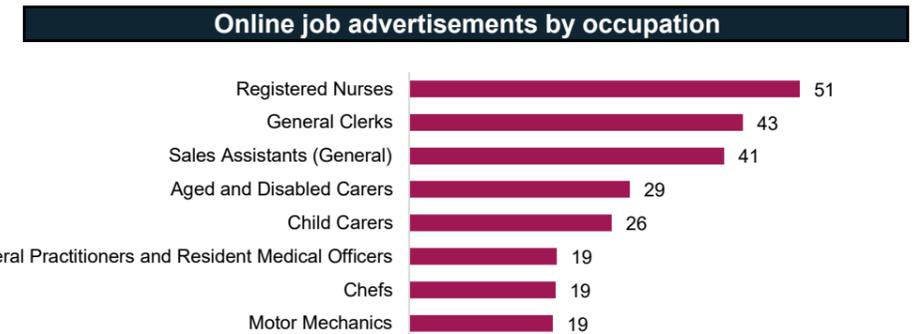
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Bendigo	77.5	77.5	3.0	2.8	5.0	3.3	3.2	80.1	80.1	7.2	7.9
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Change in job seeker income support payments

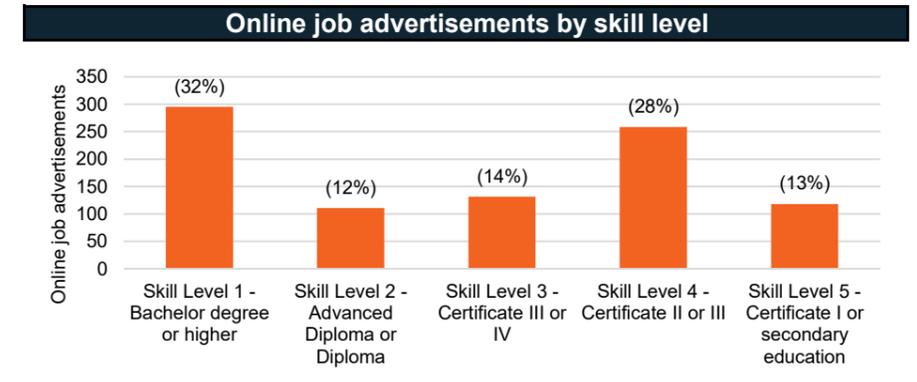
	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	6,350	222,005
Payments - December 2025	6,950	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 600	↑ 24,645
	9.4%	11.1%



% 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
Bendigo	6,950	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Loddon	5.5	4.6
Greater Bendigo	4.1	3.7
Mount Alexander	3.3	2.8
Macedon Ranges	1.9	1.7

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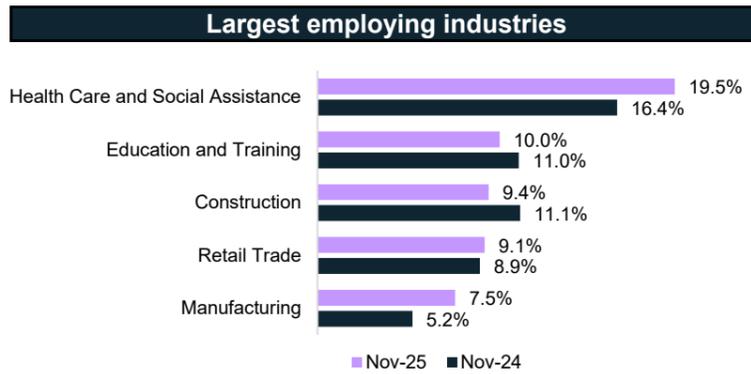
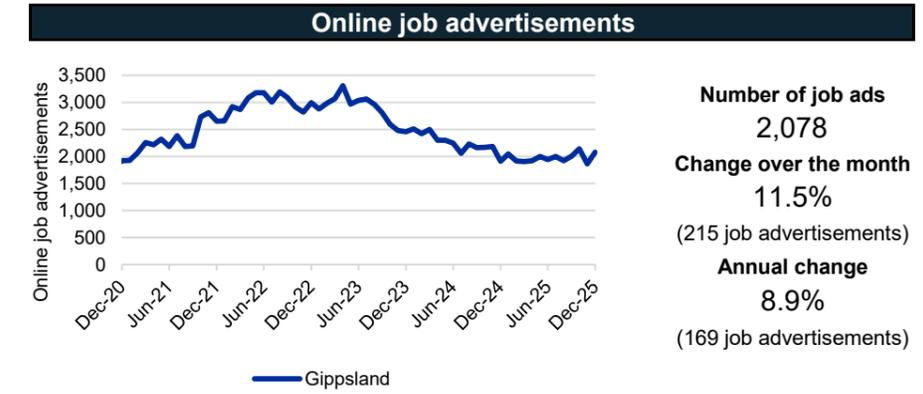
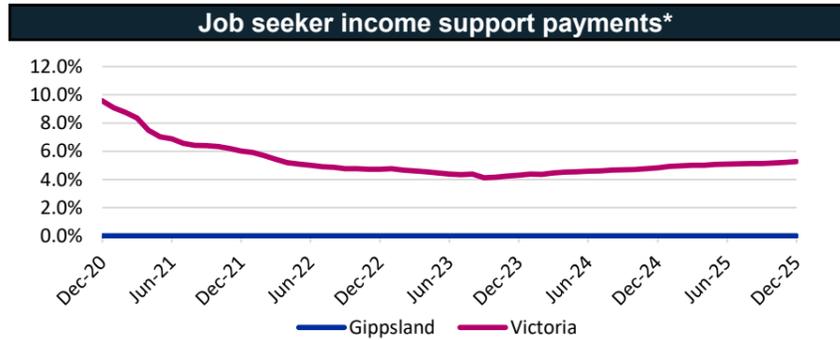
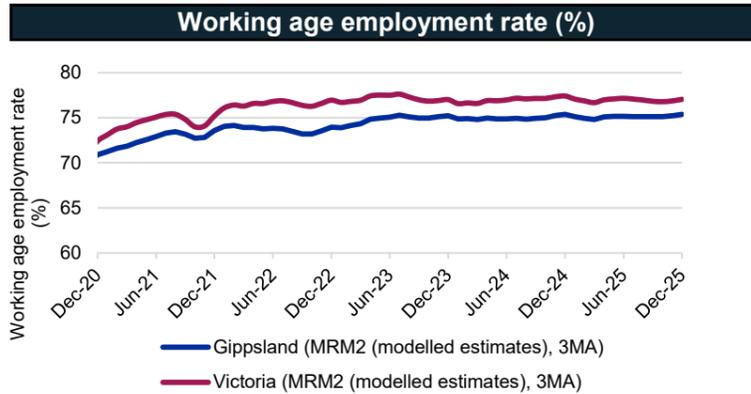
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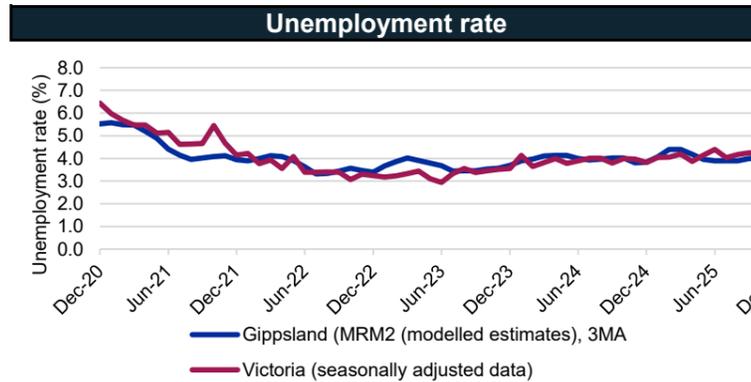
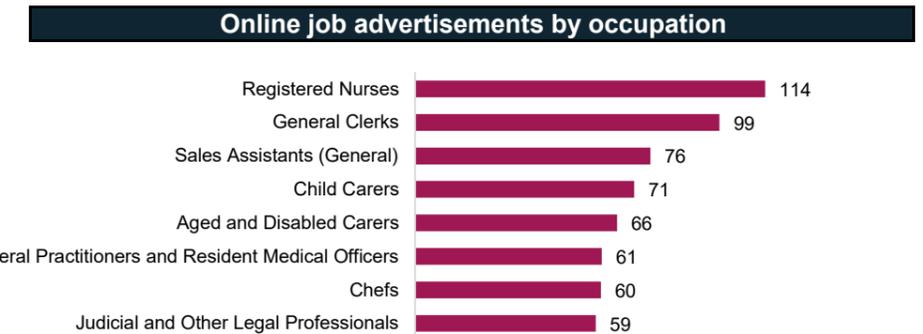
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments

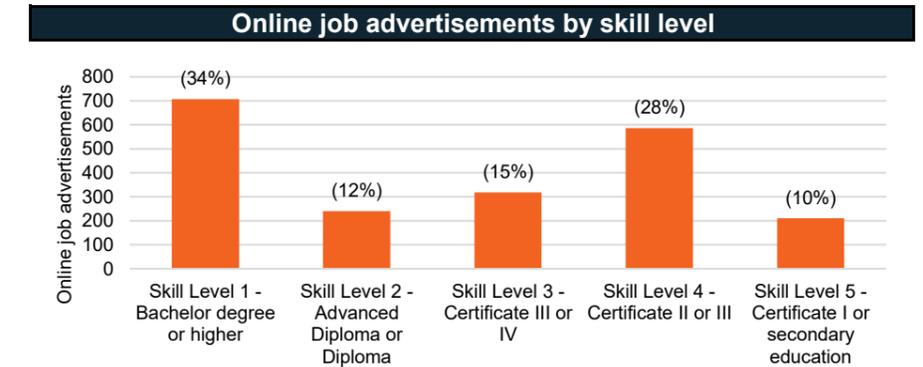
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Latrobe (Vic.)	6.3	7.1
East Gippsland	5.1	5.9
Wellington	4.2	4.5
Bass Coast	3.3	3.8
Baw Baw	2.8	3.0

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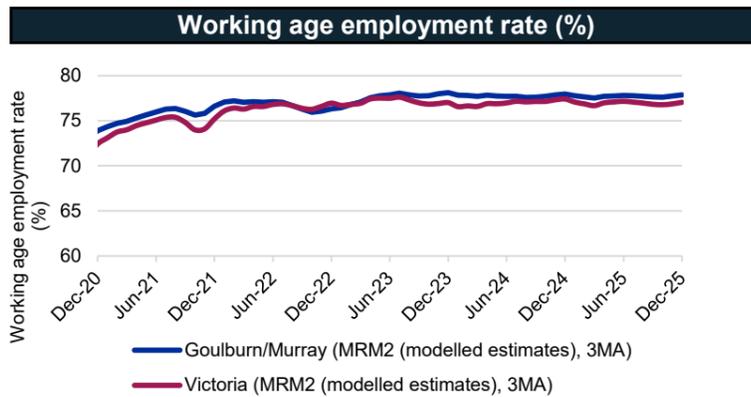
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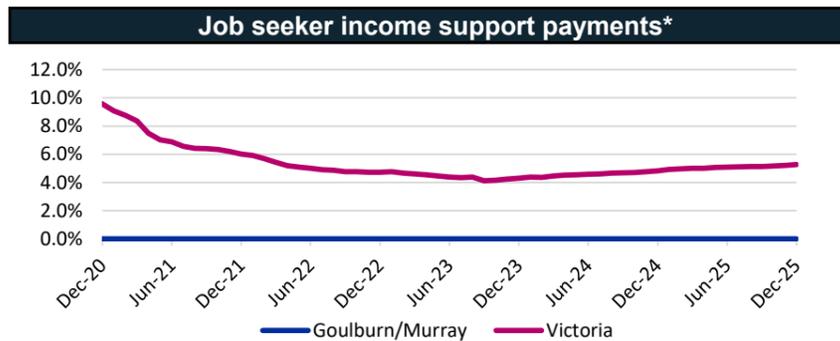
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Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Payments - December 2025	16,535	246,650
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Goulburn/Murray	16,535	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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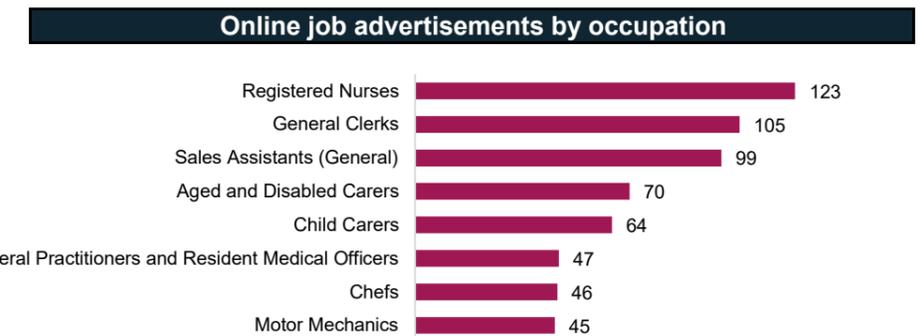
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Benalla	5.9	4.6
Wodonga	5.7	4.4
Mitchell	5.2	4.3
Wangaratta	5.0	3.9
Albury	4.9	3.9

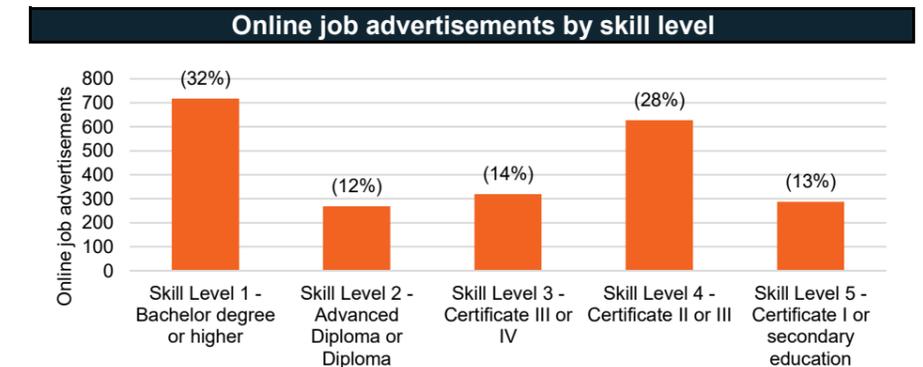
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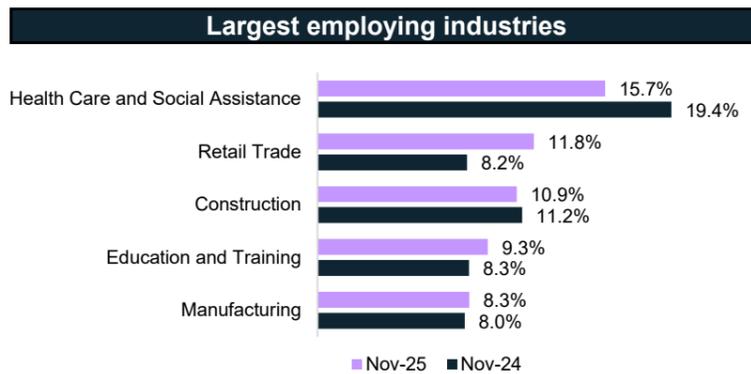
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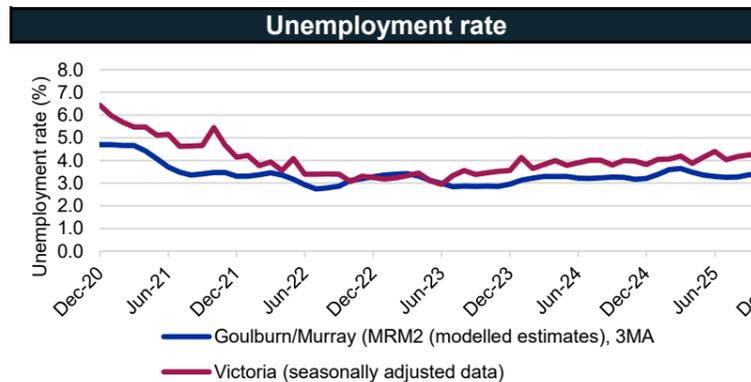
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, December-25 quarter#



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

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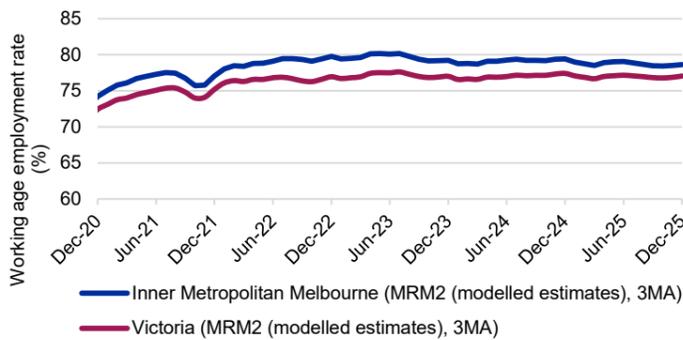
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.6	79.4	41.4	37.9	9.1	4.1	3.9	82.1	82.7	10.4	10.3
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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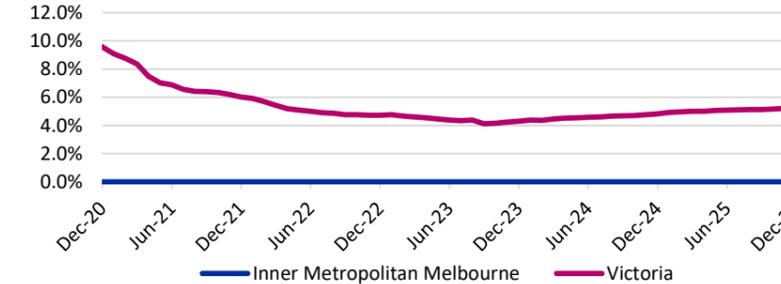
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	34,115	222,005
Payments - December 2025	38,225	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 4,110	↑ 24,645
	↑ 12.0%	↑ 11.1%

% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	38,225	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

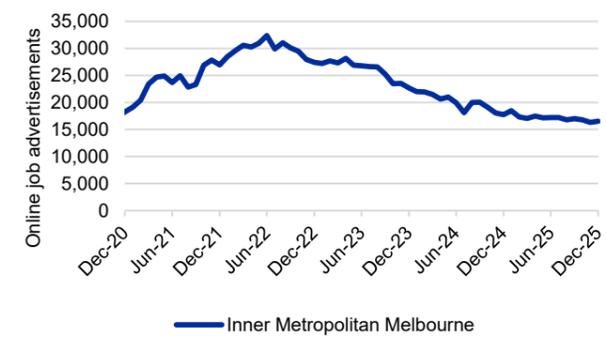
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Yarra	5.8	5.4
Merri-bek	5.4	5.2
Kingston (Vic.)	5.0	4.0
Port Phillip	5.0	4.7
Darebin	4.9	5.1

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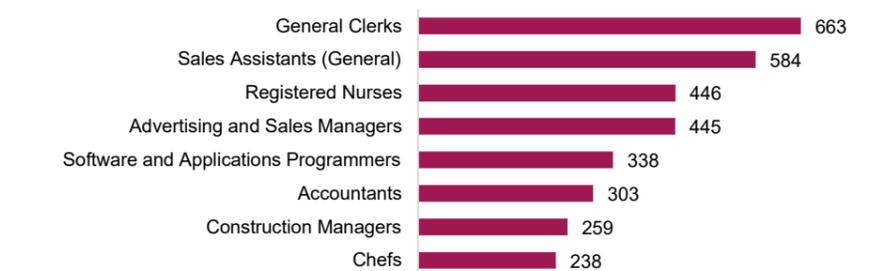
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
1.0%
(170 job advertisements)
Annual change
-6.8%
(-1,207 job advertisements)

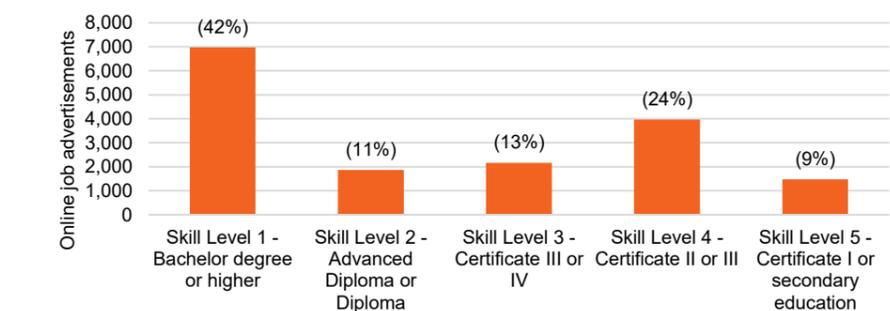
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Online job advertisements by occupation



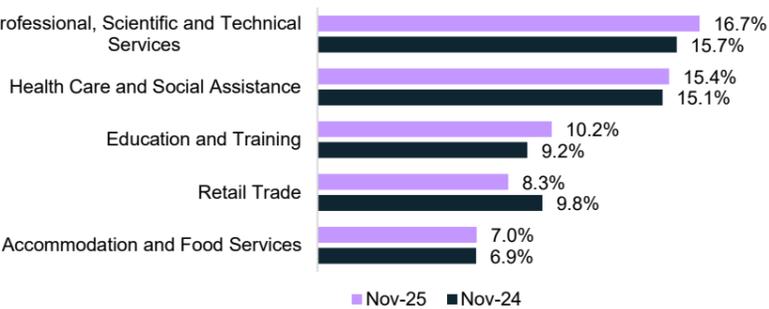
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Online job advertisements by skill level



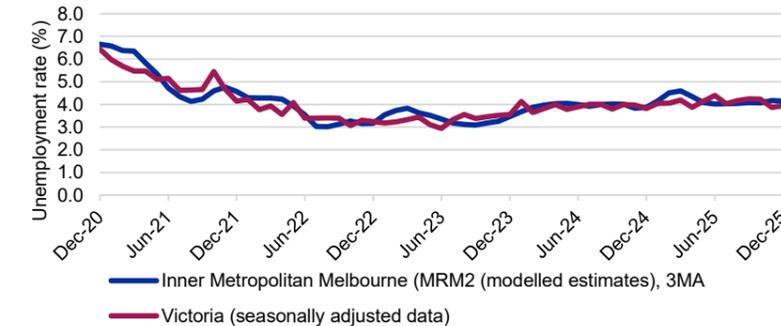
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Largest employing industries



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

Unemployment rate



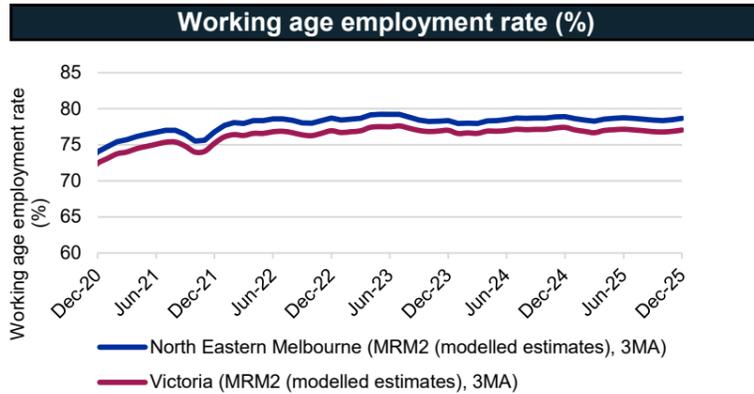
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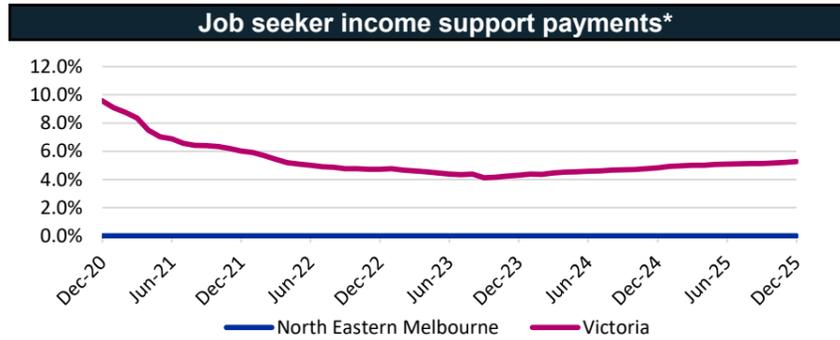
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	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
North Eastern Melbourne	78.7	78.9	25.3	23.2	9.0	4.0	3.7	82.0	82.0	10.3	10.3
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, December-25



Change in job seeker income support payments

	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	30,065	222,005
Payments - December 2025	33,235	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 3,170	↑ 24,645
	↑ 10.5%	↑ 11.1%

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

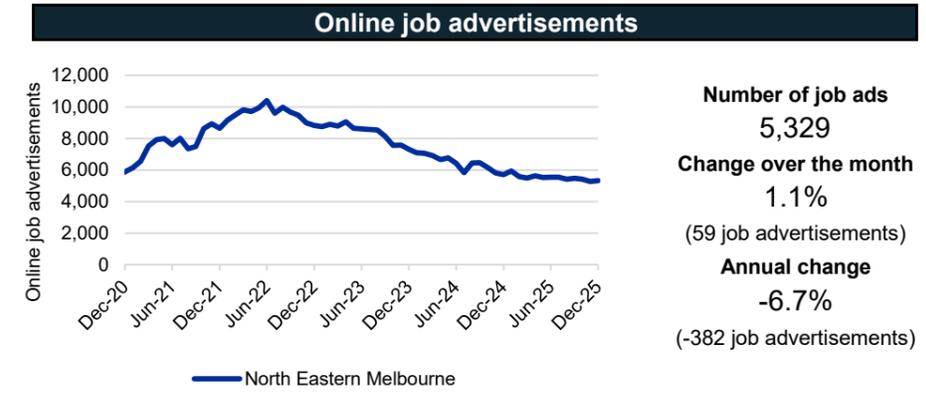
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
North Eastern Melbourne	33,235	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

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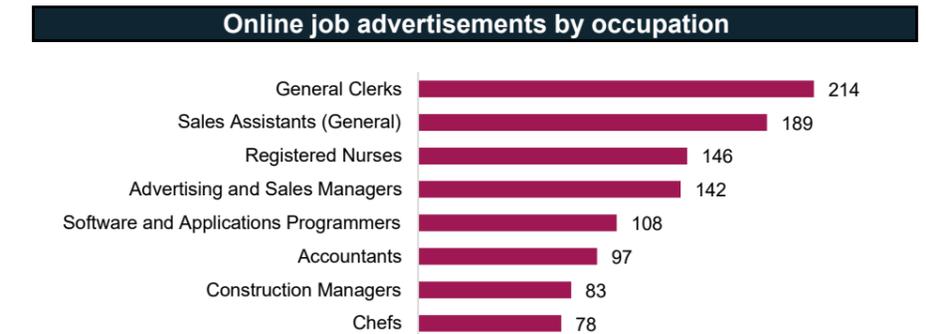
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Mitchell	5.2	4.3
Darebin	4.9	5.1
Murrindindi	4.6	3.9
Whittlesea	4.5	4.7
Maroondah	4.0	4.1

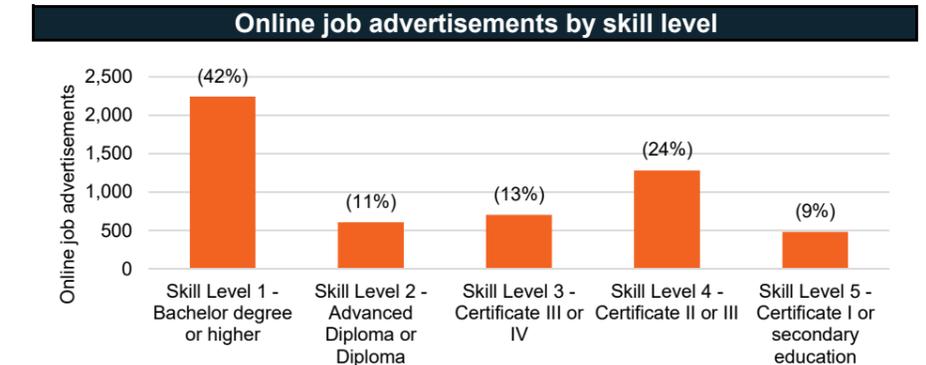
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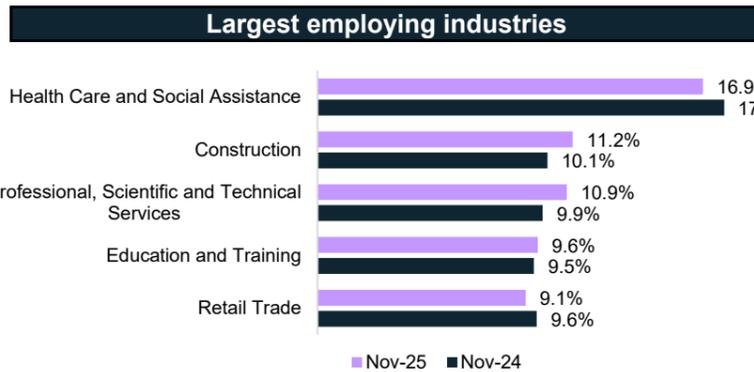
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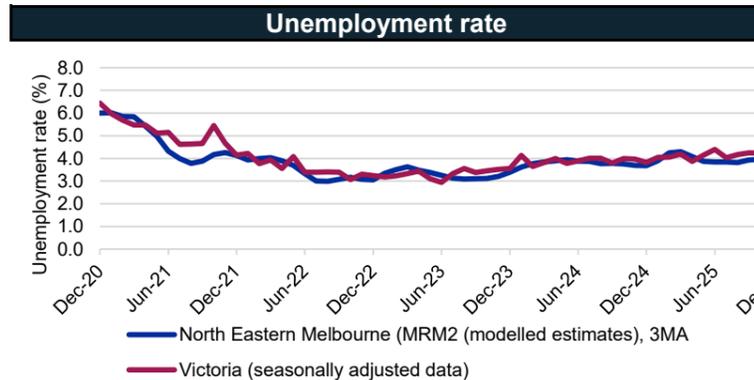
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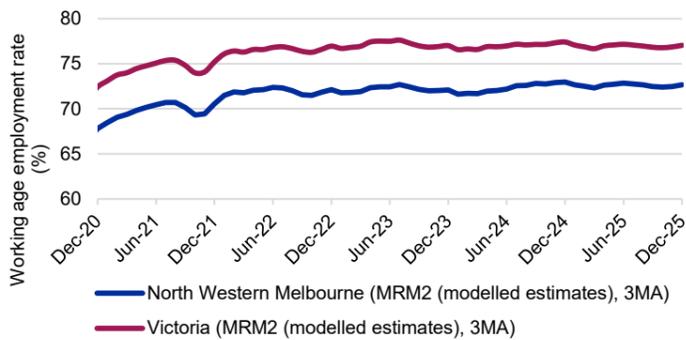
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	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
North Western Melbourne	72.7	73.0	13.2	12.9	1.9	5.3	5.3	76.8	77.1	12.9	13.3
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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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Working age employment rate (%)



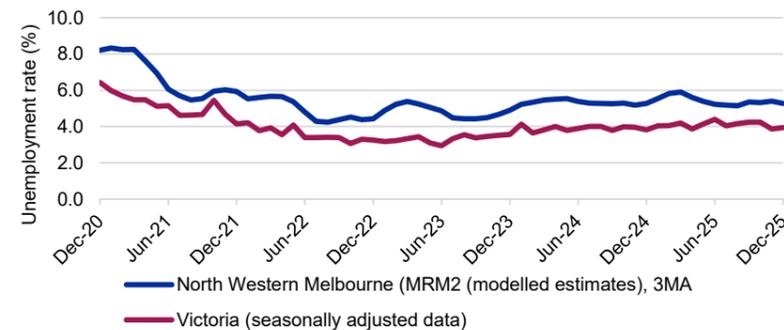
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Largest employing industries



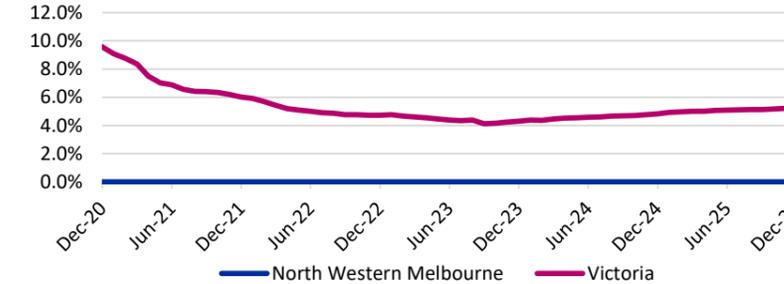
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	17,455	222,005
Payments - December 2025	19,295	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 1,840	↑ 24,645
	↑ 10.5%	↑ 11.1%

% 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
North Western Melbourne	19,295	#VALUE!
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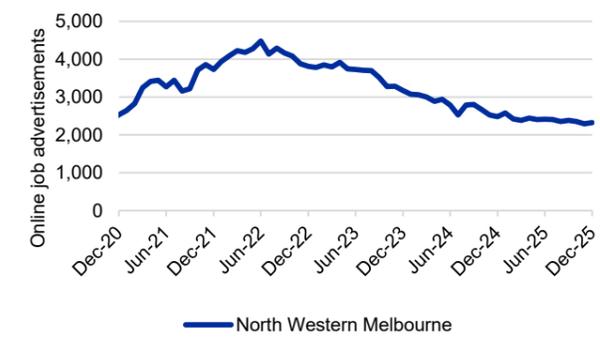
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-24 (%)
Hume	7.8	7.4
Brimbank	6.9	6.1
Merri-bek	5.4	5.2
Moonee Valley	4.6	4.5
Macedon Ranges	1.9	1.7

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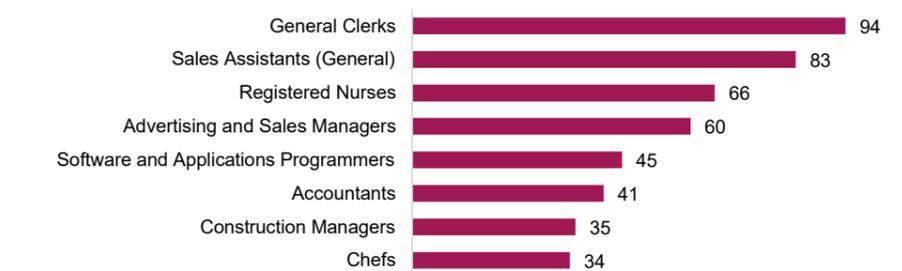
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(27 job advertisements)
Annual change
-6.5%
(-161 job advertisements)

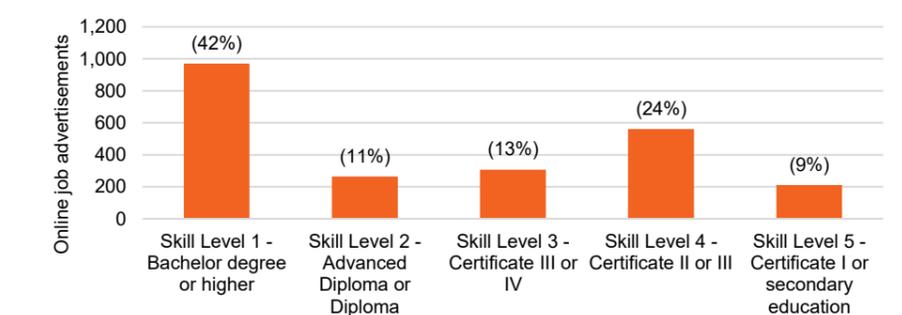
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



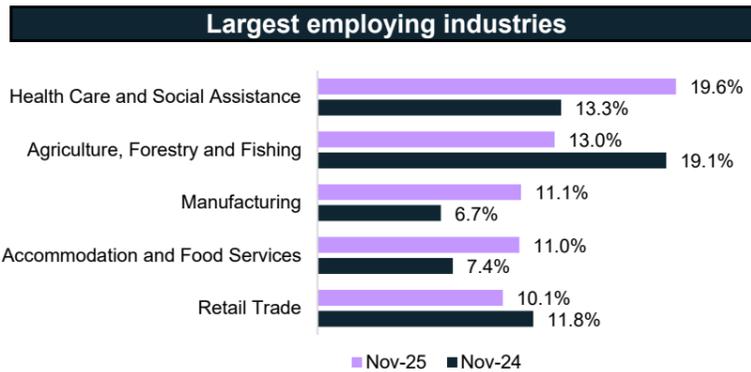
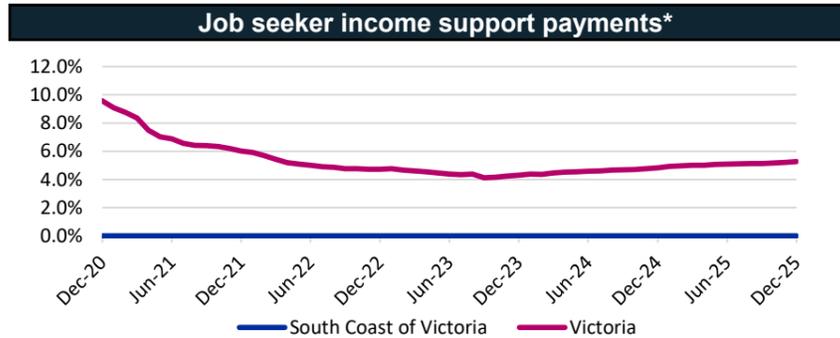
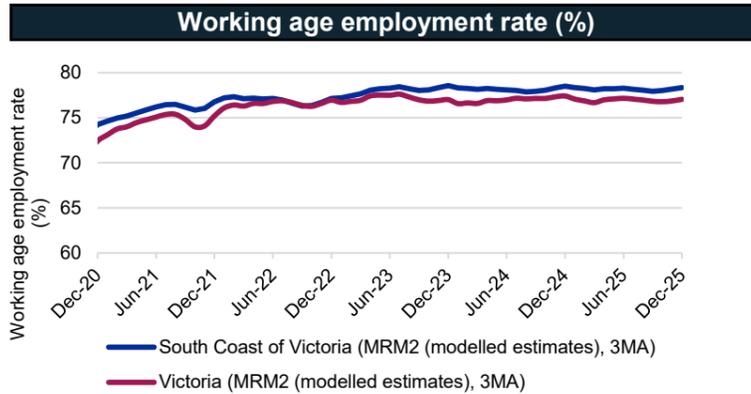
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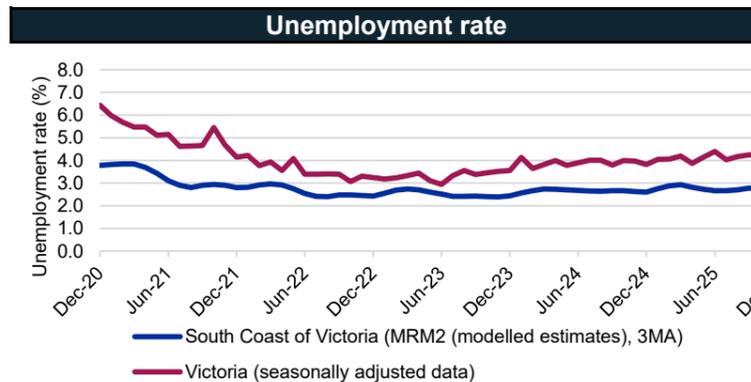
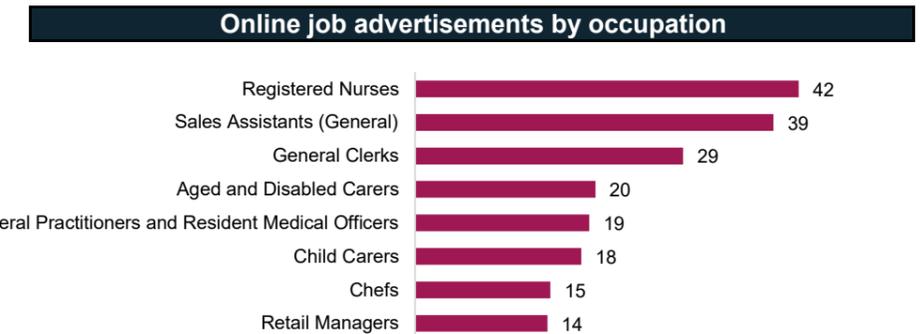
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	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
South Coast of Victoria	78.3	78.5	1.8	1.8	4.4	2.7	2.6	80.6	80.7	6.0	6.6
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Change in job seeker income support payments

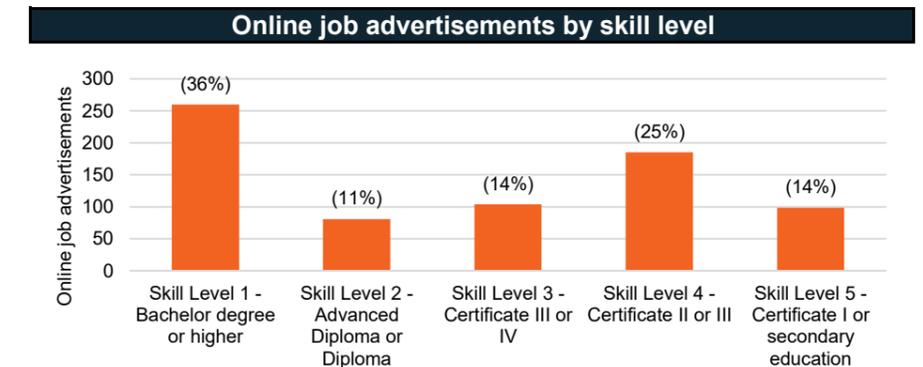
	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	4,660	222,005
Payments - December 2025	4,990	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 330	↑ 24,645
	7.1%	11.1%



% 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
South Coast of Victoria	4,990	#VALUE!
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-24 (%)
Glenelg	3.3	2.9
Southern Grampians	2.9	2.2
Warrnambool	2.1	2.0
Colac Otway	2.1	1.9
Corangamite	1.8	1.6

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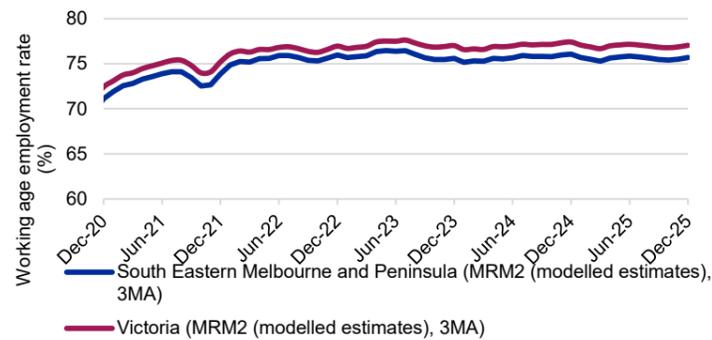
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.7	76.1	37.1	33.2	12.0	5.3	4.8	80.0	80.0	12.4	12.1
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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Working age employment rate (%)



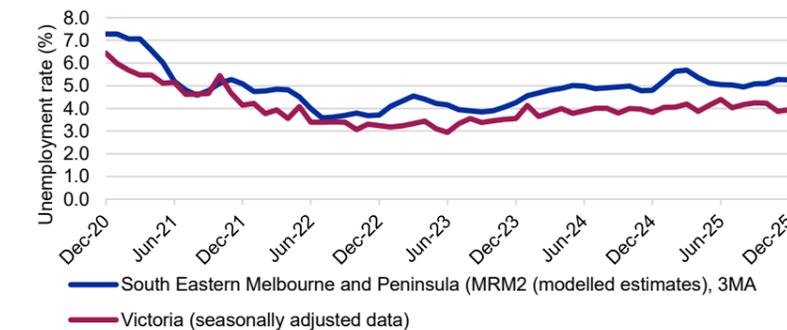
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Largest employing industries



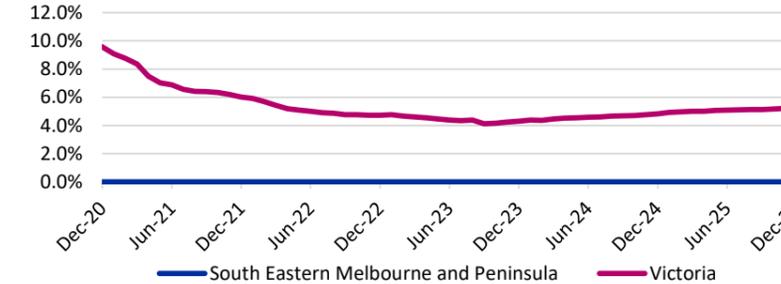
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Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	40,375	222,005
Payments - December 2025	45,690	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 5,315	↑ 24,645
	↑ 13.2%	↑ 11.1%

% 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
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	45,690	#VALUE!
Victoria	246,650	5.3%
Australia	1,009,370	5.6%

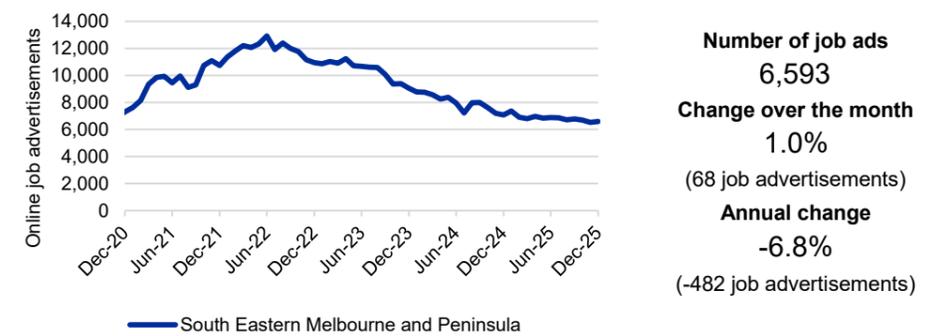
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-24 (%)
Greater Dandenong	7.5	6.7
Casey	5.5	4.8
Kingston (Vic.)	5.0	4.0
Frankston	4.8	4.7
Cardinia	4.0	3.6

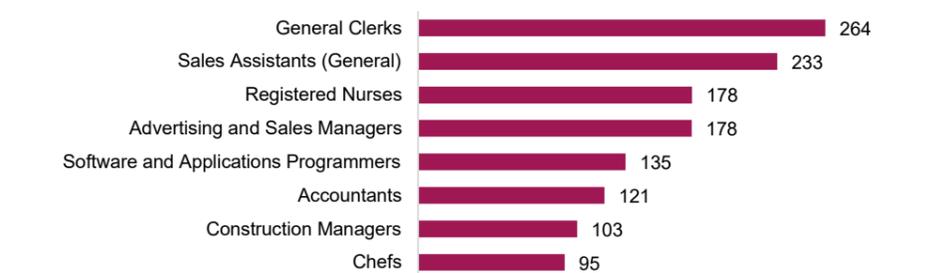
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Online job advertisements



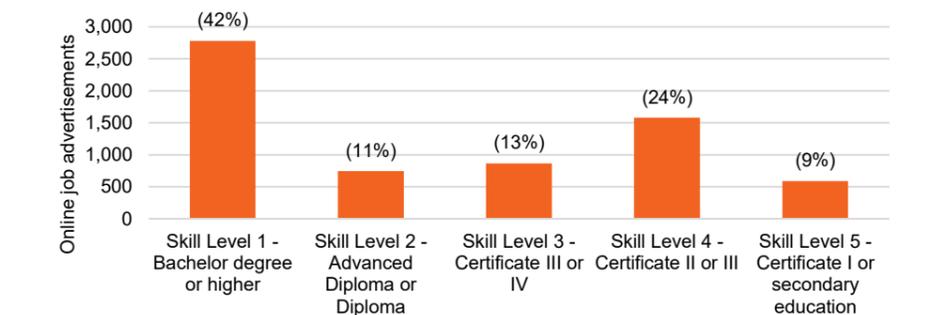
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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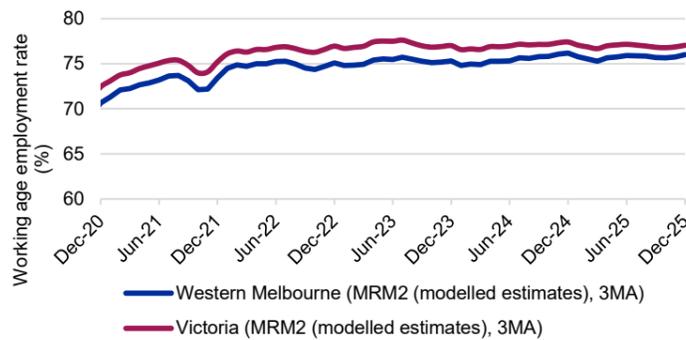
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	Labour market summary table										
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 ('000)	Dec-24 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-25 (%)	Dec-24 (%)
Western Melbourne	76.0	76.2	32.6	29.8	9.2	5.9	5.5	80.8	80.7	14.2	14.2
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
Australia	77.2	77.4	628.6	603.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	80.5	80.7	9.1	9.2

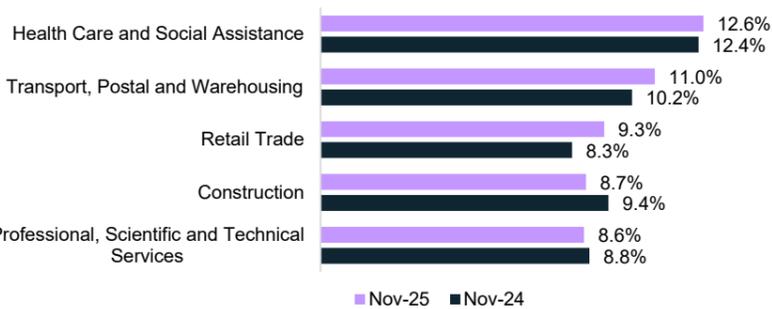
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Working age employment rate (%)



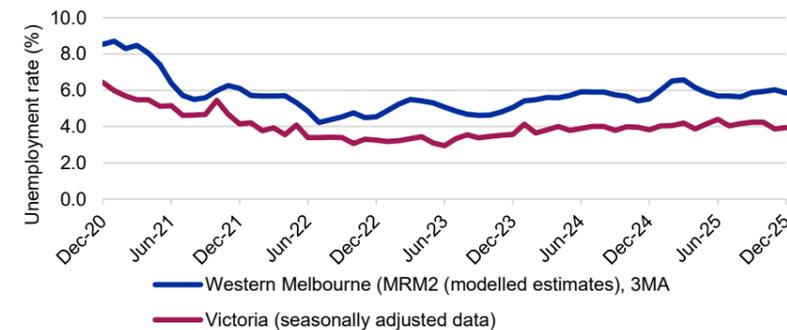
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Largest employing industries



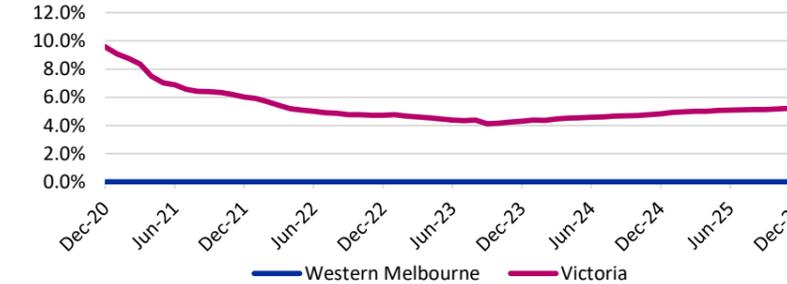
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	36,335	222,005
Payments - December 2025	41,005	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 4,670	↑ 24,645
	↑ 12.9%	↑ 11.1%

% 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
Western Melbourne	41,005	#VALUE!
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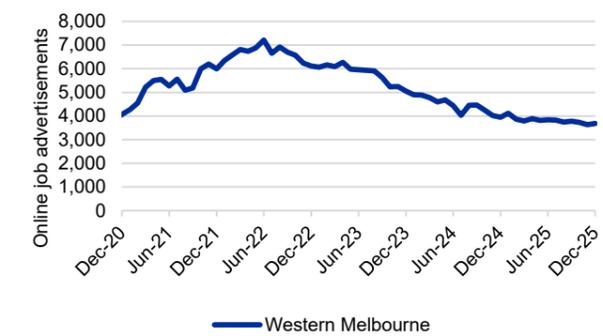
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Brimbank	6.9	6.1
Melton	6.1	5.0
Wyndham	5.1	4.3
Maribyrnong	4.3	4.0
Moorabool	3.7	3.3

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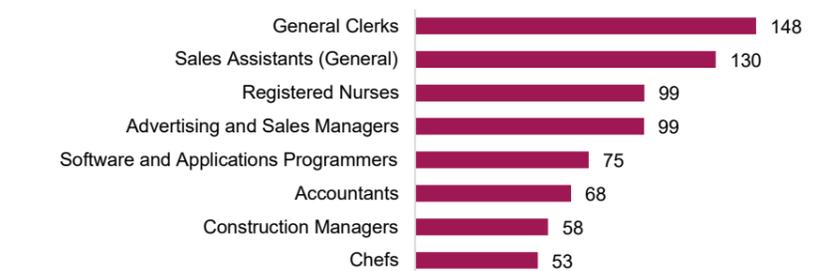
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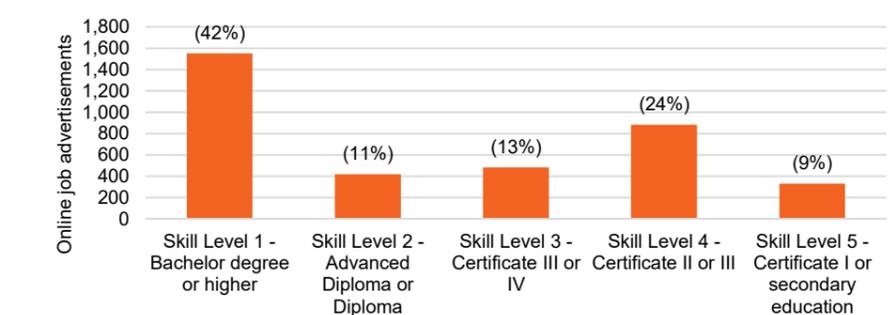
Number of job ads
3,679
Change over the month
1.0%
(38 job advertisements)
Annual change
-6.8%
(-269 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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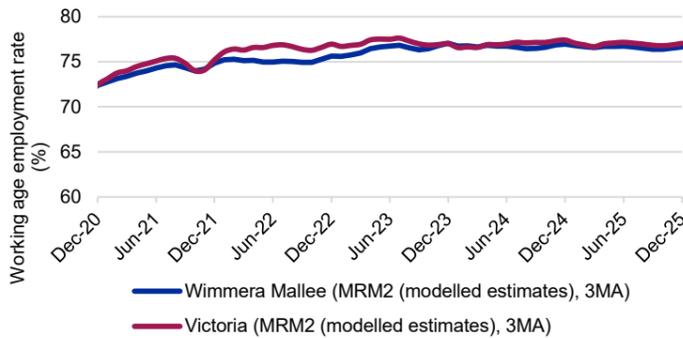
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Wimmera Mallee	76.7	76.9	2.6	2.5	4.4	3.3	3.2	79.4	79.6	7.2	8.0
Victoria	77.0	77.4	182.2	174.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	80.7	80.9	10.8	10.9
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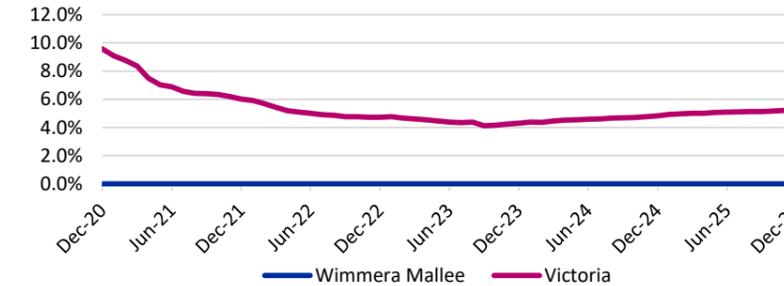
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Working age employment rate (%)



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - December 2024	7,435	222,005
Payments - December 2025	7,950	246,650
Change from December 2024 to December 2025	↑ 515	↑ 24,645
	↑ 6.9%	↑ 11.1%

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

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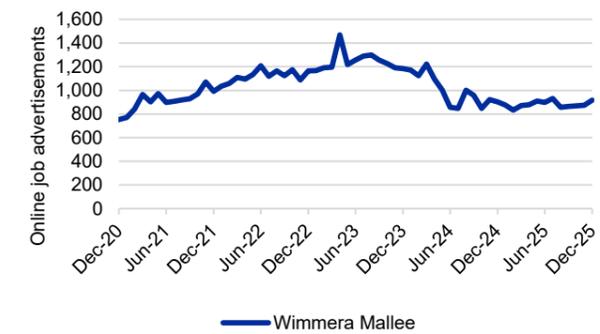
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Wentworth	4.9	4.2
Ararat	2.3	4.8
Mildura	2.2	4.5
Northern Grampians	2.2	4.6
Yarriambiack	2.1	4.5

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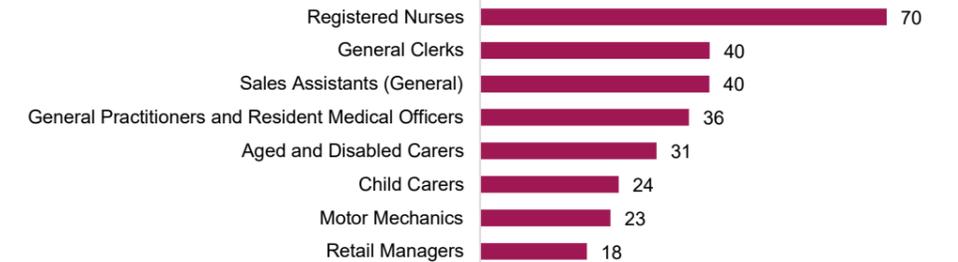
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
916
Change over the month
4.8%
(42 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.5%
(14 job advertisements)

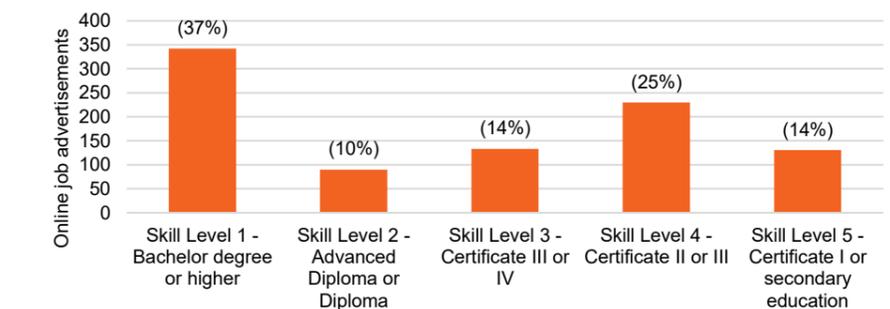
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Online job advertisements by occupation



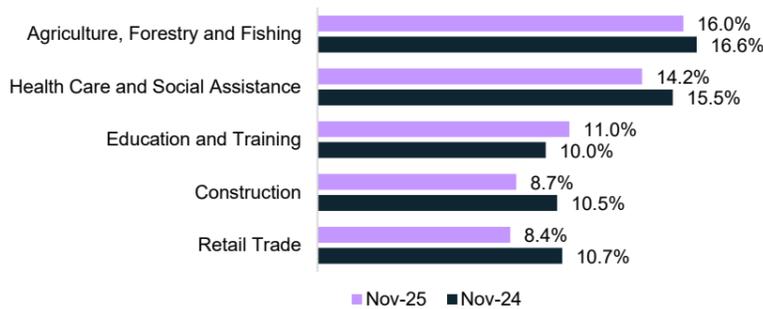
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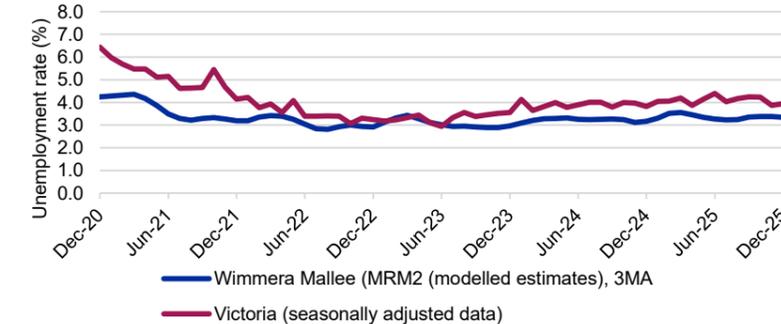
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