

Labour Market Dashboard Australia

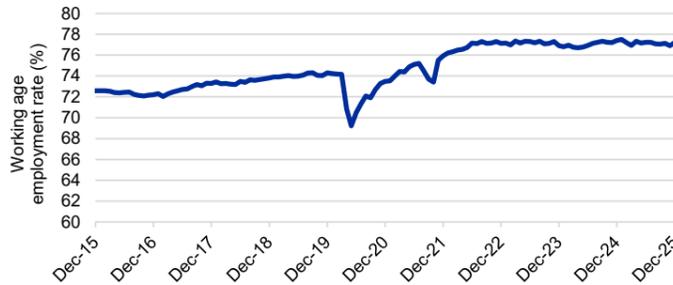
Data current as at 29 January 2026
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Australian labour market. State, territory and Employment Region dashboards are also available.

| Labour market summary table | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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 (%) |
| Australia | 77.2 | 77.4 | 628.6 | 603.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 80.5 | 80.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 |

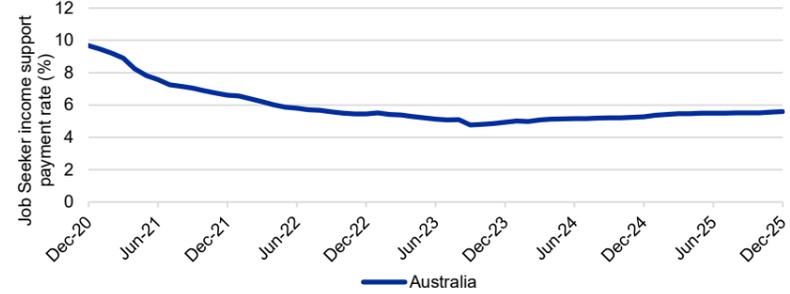
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data, December-25, with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of original estimates

Working age employment rate



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

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



Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
212,635
Change over the month
3.2%
(6,526 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.8%
(-1,799 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

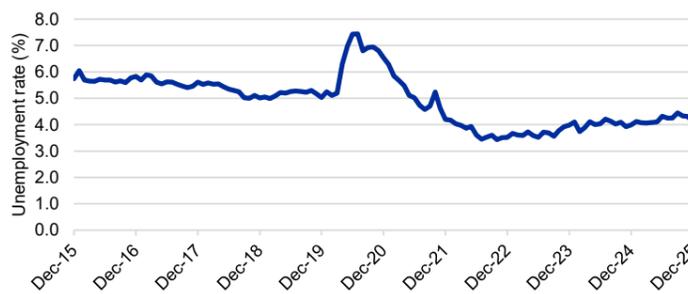
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| Payments - December 2024 | 939,160 |
| Payments - December 2025 | 1,009,370 |
| Change (December 2024 to December 2025) | ↑ 70,210 |
| Change % (December 2024 to December 2025) | ↑ 7.5% |

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Unemployment rate



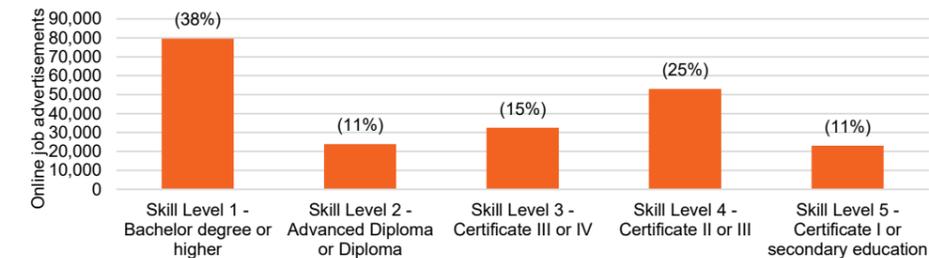
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data, December-25

% 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



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

Notes: *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. **ERP estimates are only available by standard 5 year age groups. 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.