

# Labour Market Dashboard New South Wales

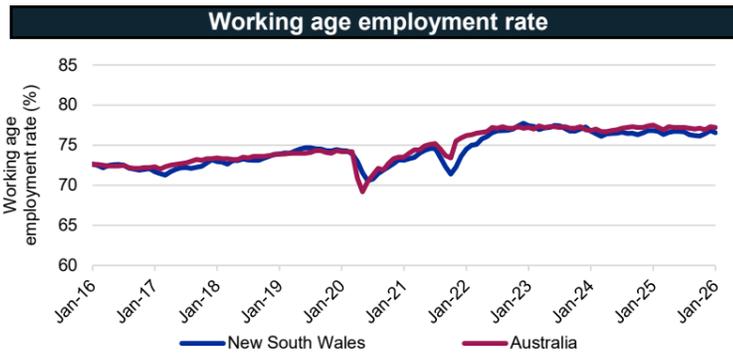
Data current as at 26 February 2026

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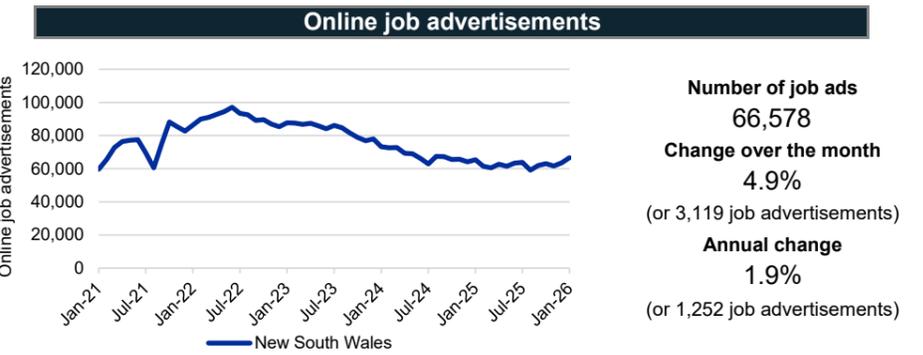
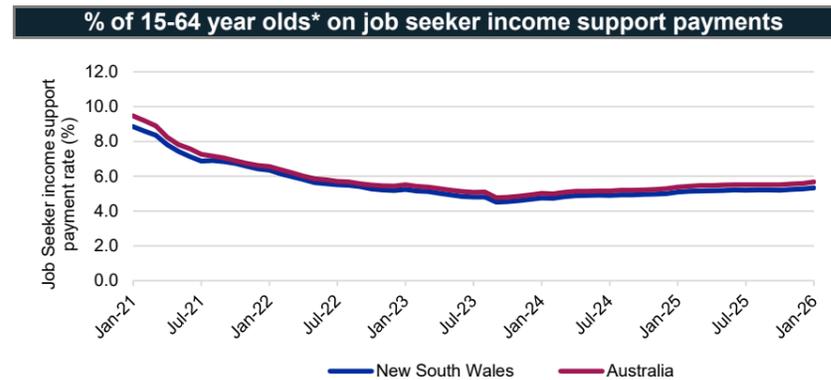
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	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 ('000)	Jan-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

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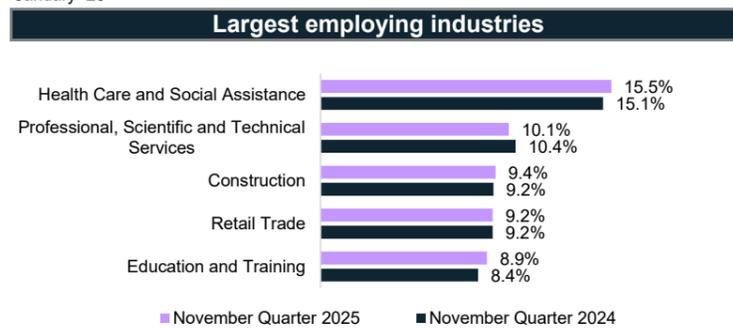
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.



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Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January-26



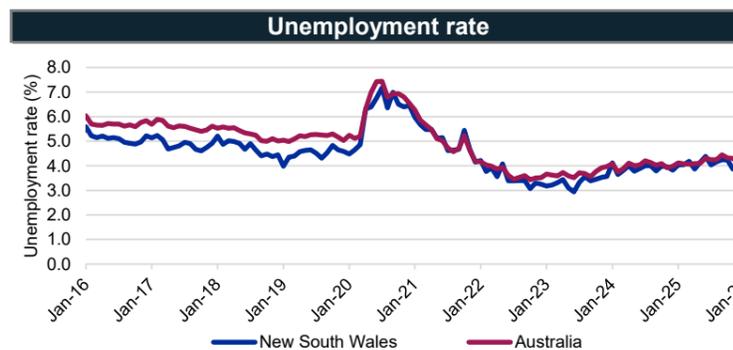
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, November-25 quarter

### Change in job seeker income support payments

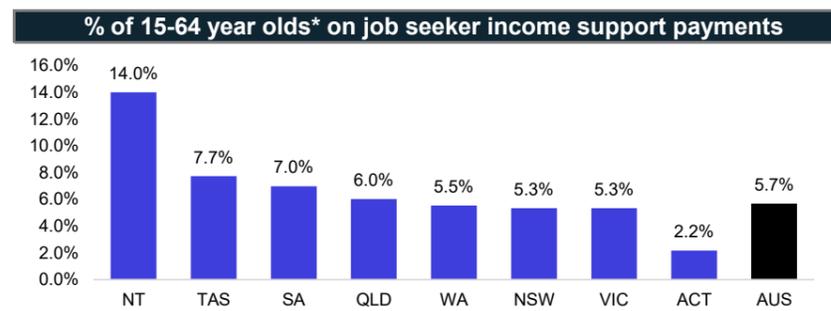
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - January 2025	272,905	953,235
Payments - January 2026	288,260	1,018,495
<b>Change (January 2025 to January 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 15,355</b>	<b>↑ 65,260</b>
<b>Change % (January 2025 to January 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 5.6%</b>	<b>↑ 6.8%</b>



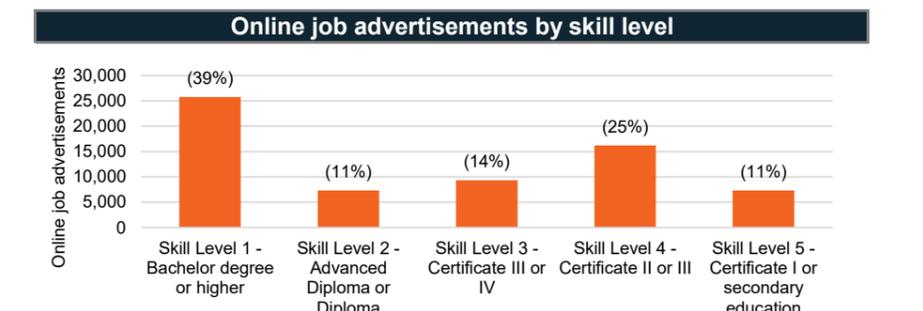
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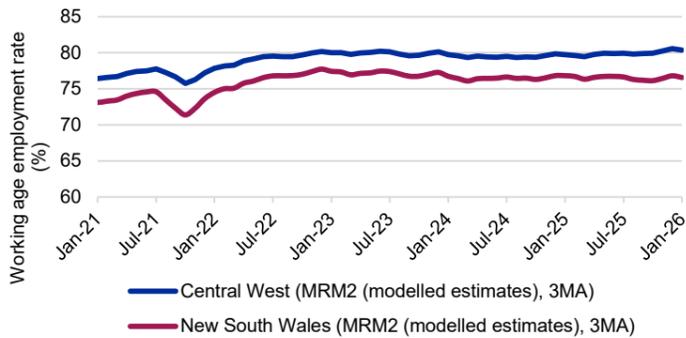
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This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (000)	Jan-25 (000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
Central West	80.4	79.7	4.1	4.1	-0.8	3.4	3.4	83.4	82.8	8.1	7.7
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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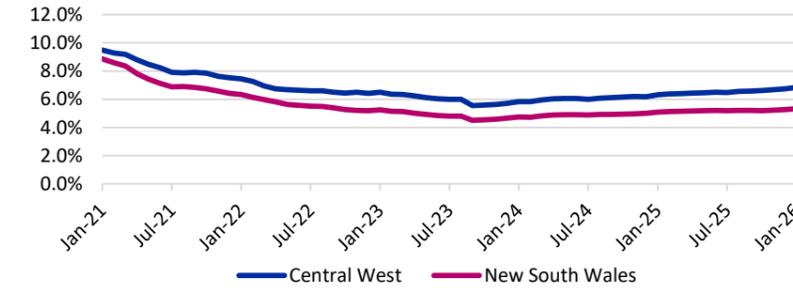
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	8,180	272,905
Payments - January 2026	8,825	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 645	↑ 15,355
	↑ 7.9%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Central West	8,825	6.8%
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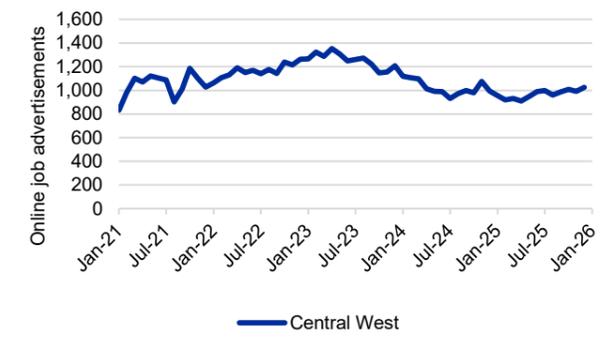
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Cowra	4.4	3.3
Lithgow	4.2	2.7
Lachlan	4.0	3.2
Parkes	3.9	2.5
Warrumbungle	3.8	2.8

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

**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
1,122  
**Change over the month**  
9.5%  
(97 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
17.5%  
(167 job advertisements)

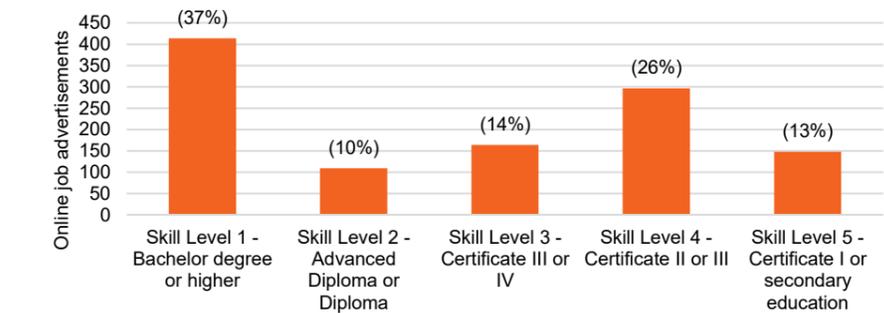
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



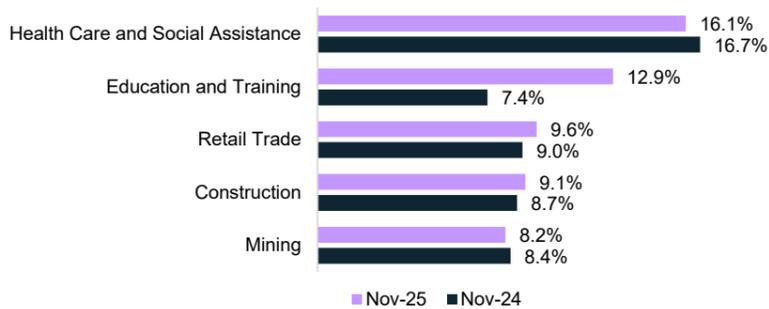
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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



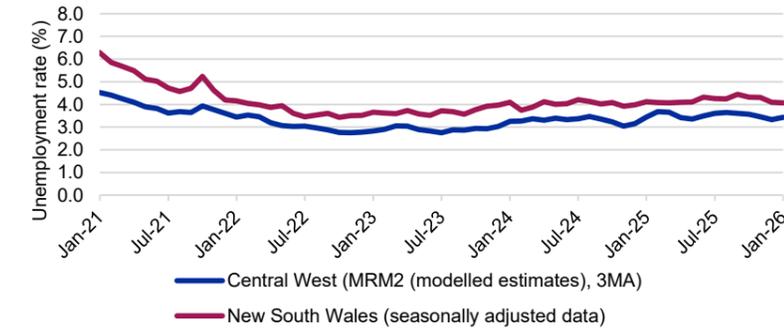
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**Largest employing industries**



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

**Unemployment rate**



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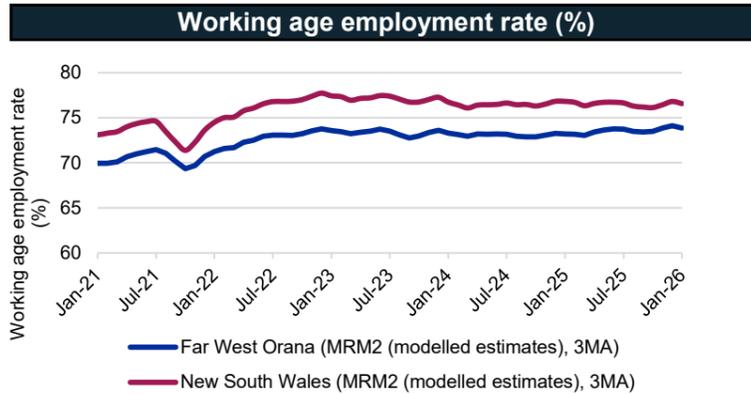
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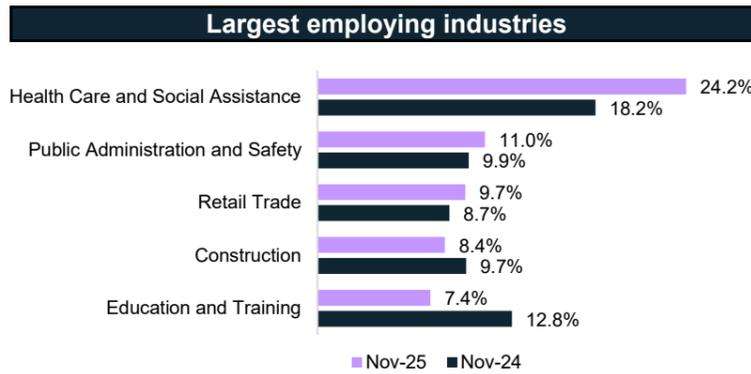
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Far West Orana	73.9	73.2	2.1	2.3	-4.9	3.7	3.9	76.9	76.4	10.3	10.0
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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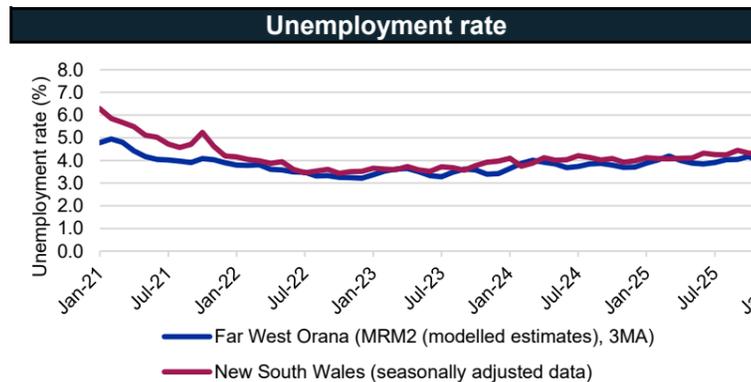
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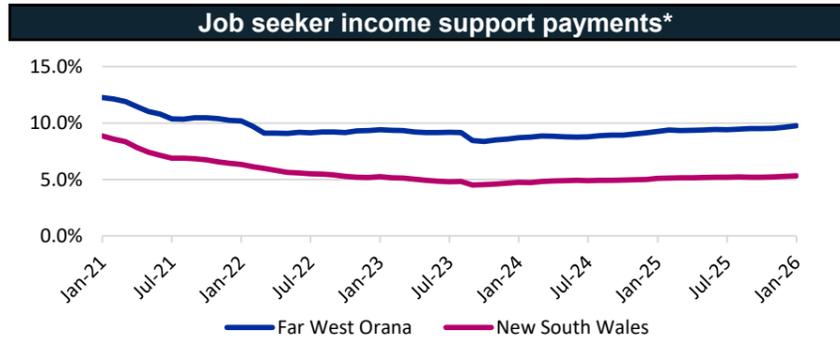
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (3MA), January 2026



### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	6,370	272,905
Payments - January 2026	6,610	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 240	↑ 15,355
	↑ 3.8%	↑ 5.6%

### % 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
Far West Orana	6,610	9.8%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
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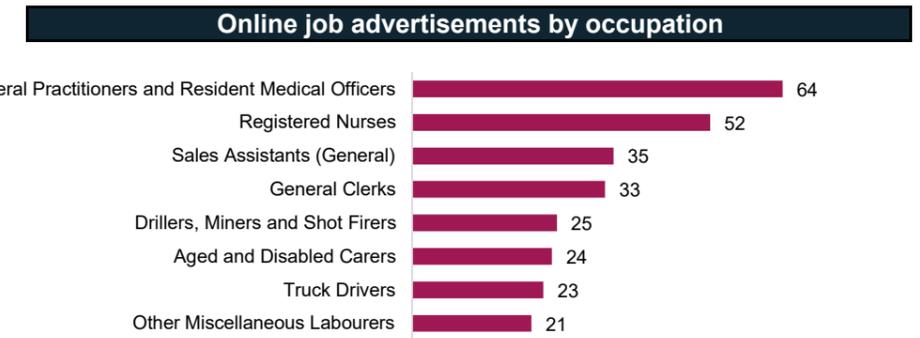
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Walgett	9.5	7.8
Coonamble	5.5	4.2
Broken Hill	4.3	3.6
Warrumbungle	3.8	2.8
Warren	3.7	2.9

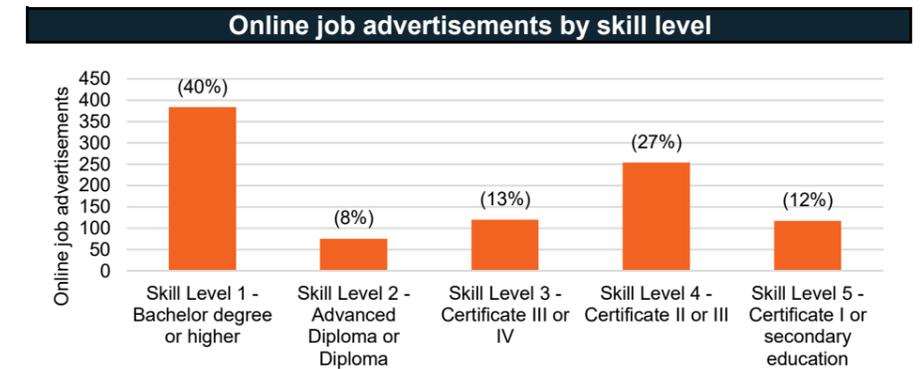
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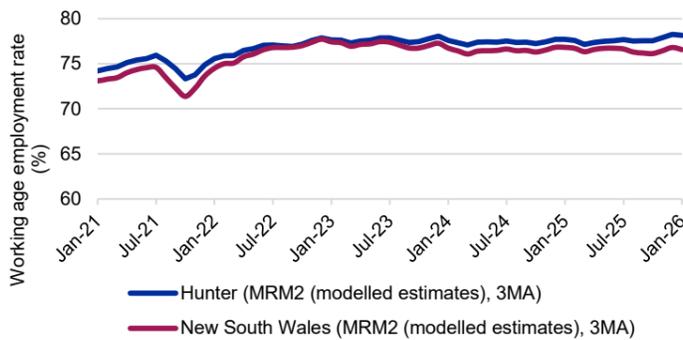
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Hunter	78.1	77.7	15.9	14.6	9.0	4.1	3.8	81.6	80.9	10.1	9.3
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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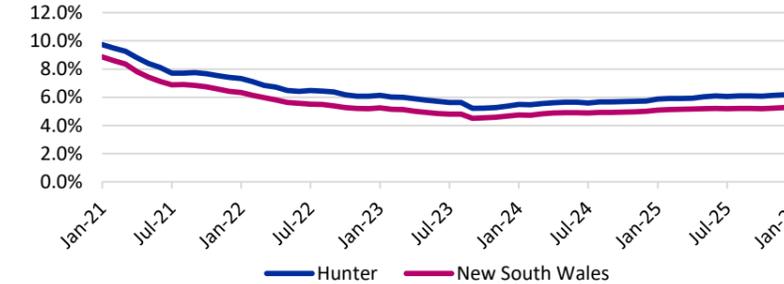
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	26,225	272,905
Payments - January 2026	28,135	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,910	↑ 15,355
	↑ 7.3%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Hunter	28,135	6.2%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
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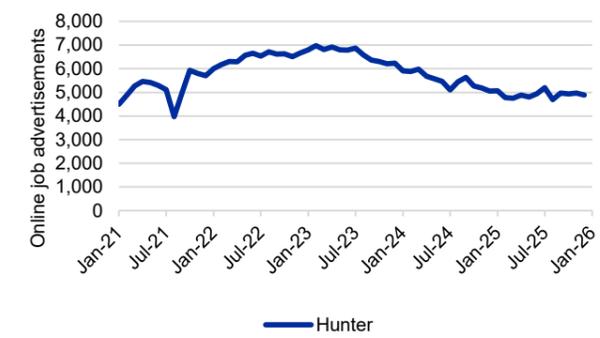
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

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

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Muswellbrook	5.8	6.9
Cessnock	5.1	5.3
Port Stephens	4.4	4.7
Newcastle	3.8	3.1
Lake Macquarie	3.5	2.9

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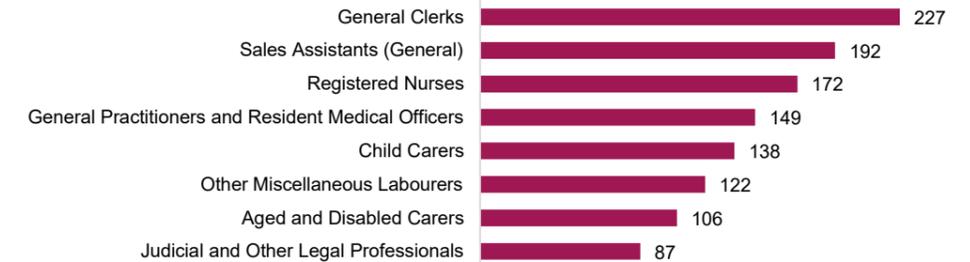
**Online job advertisements**



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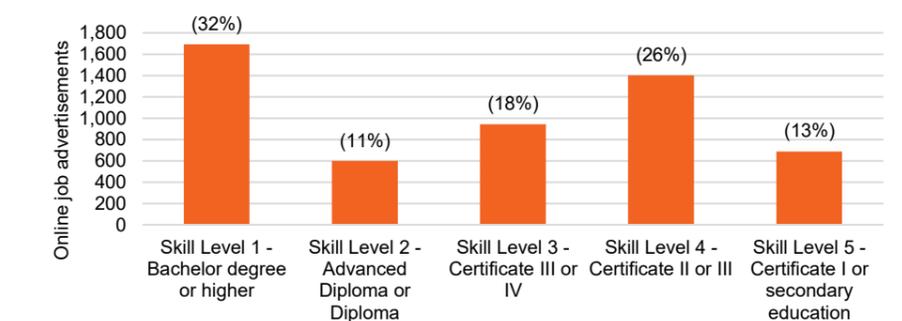
**Number of job ads**  
5,325  
**Change over the month**  
9.0%  
(439 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
5.0%  
(253 job advertisements)

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



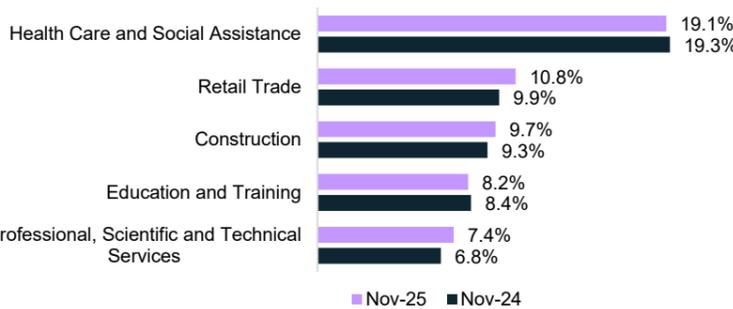
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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



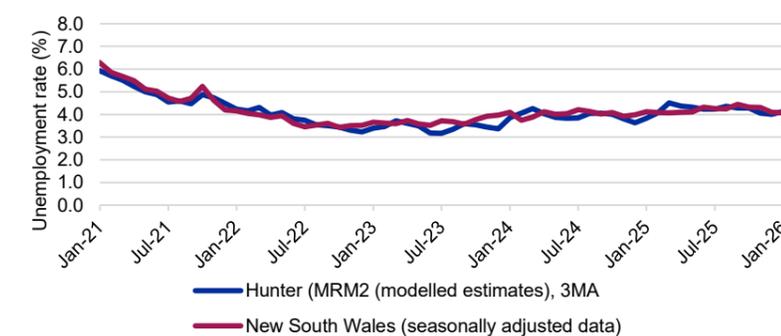
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**Largest employing industries**



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**Unemployment rate**



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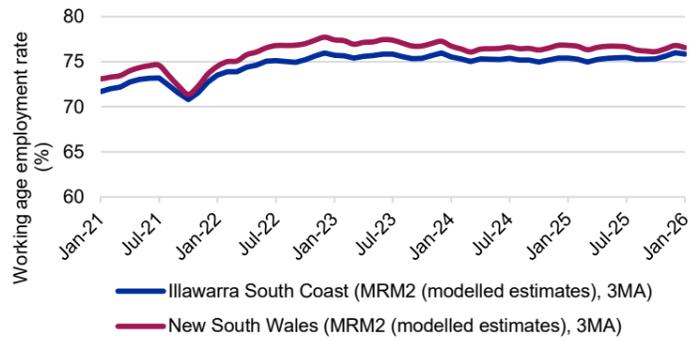
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Illawarra South Coast	75.9	75.4	10.4	10.2	2.0	4.2	4.1	79.3	78.8	11.0	10.3
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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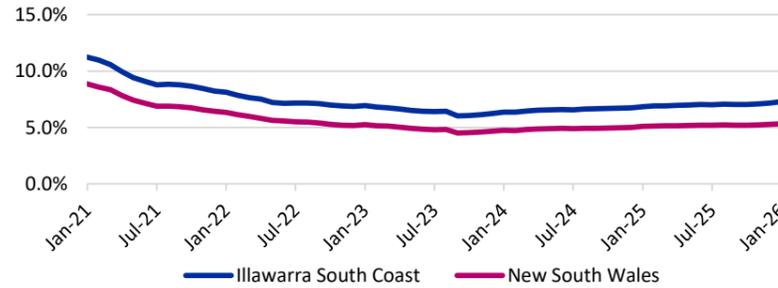
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	20,390	272,905
Payments - January 2026	21,750	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,360	↑ 15,355
	↑ 6.7%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Illawarra South Coast	21,750	7.3%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

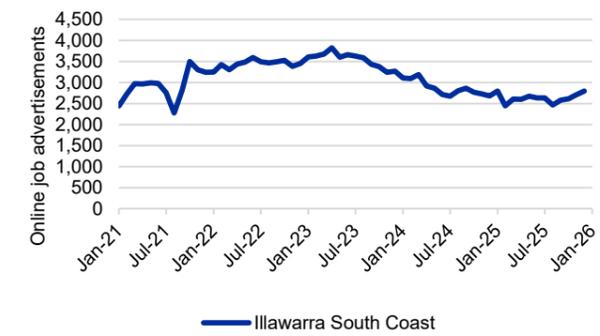
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Shellharbour	6.8	6.8
Wollongong	6.5	6.4
Eurobodalla	4.5	4.6
Bega Valley	3.6	3.5
Shoalhaven	3.3	2.4

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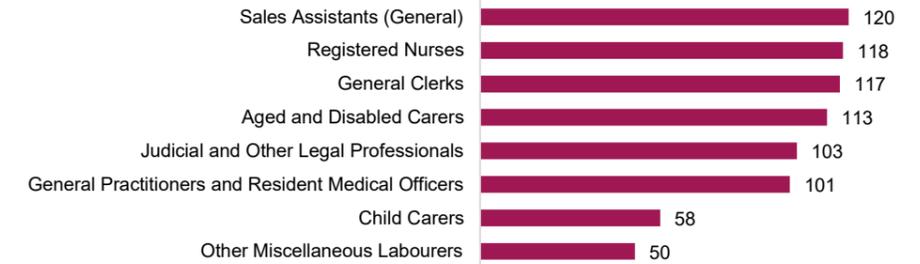
**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
2,949  
**Change over the month**  
5.6%  
(157 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
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(157 job advertisements)

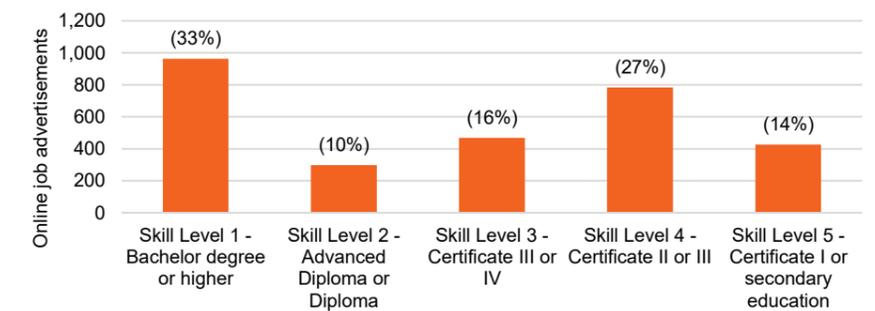
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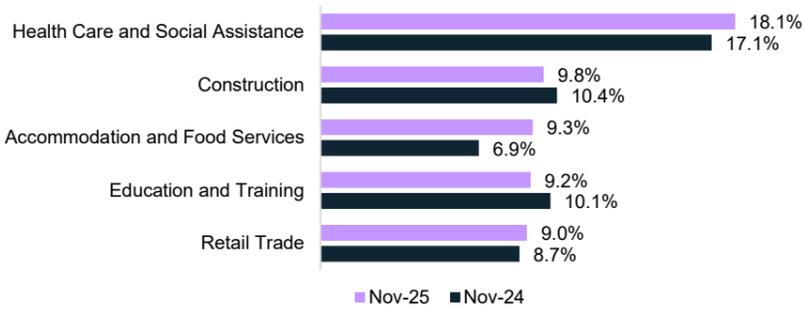
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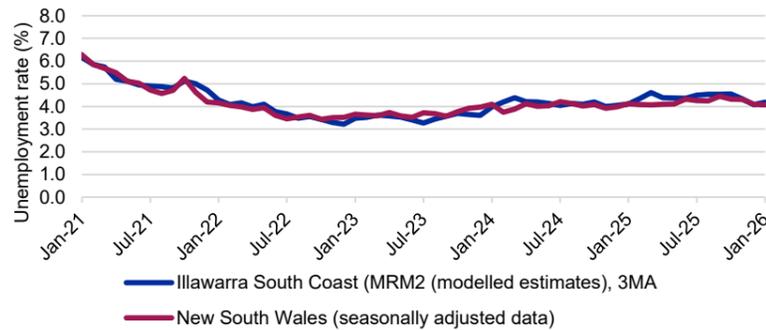
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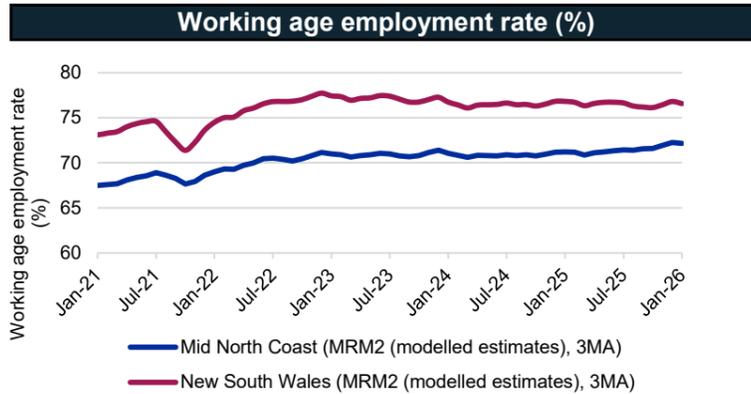
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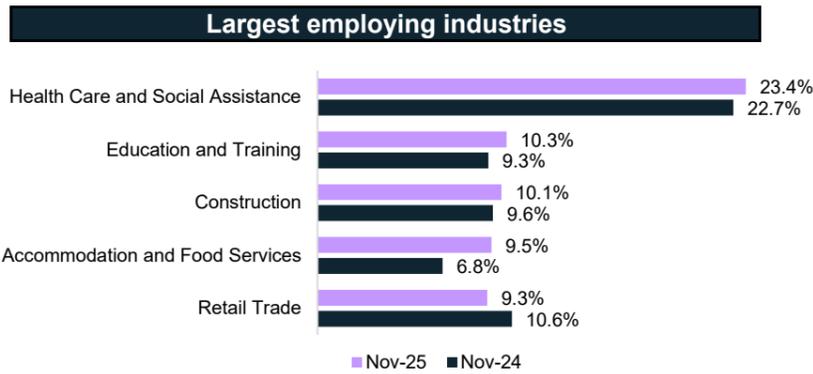
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	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (000)	Jan-25 (000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
Mid North Coast	72.1	71.2	7.2	7.2	-0.1	4.2	4.2	75.5	74.5	10.2	9.7
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

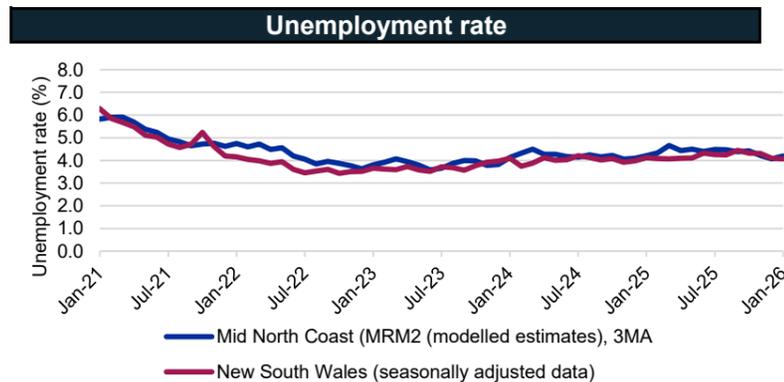
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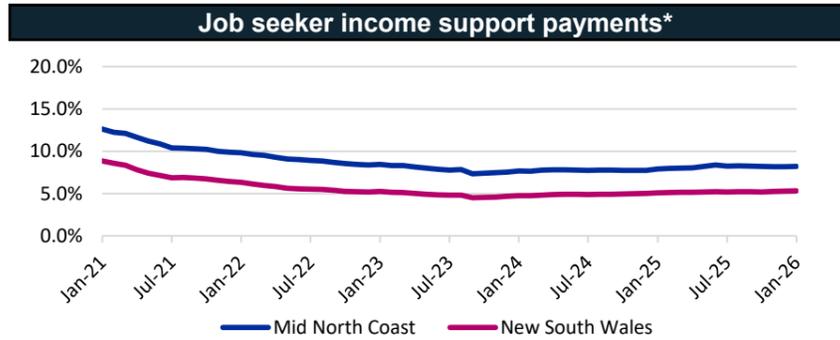
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#



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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	16,655	272,905
Payments - January 2026	17,290	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 635	↑ 15,355
	↑ 3.8%	↑ 5.6%

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

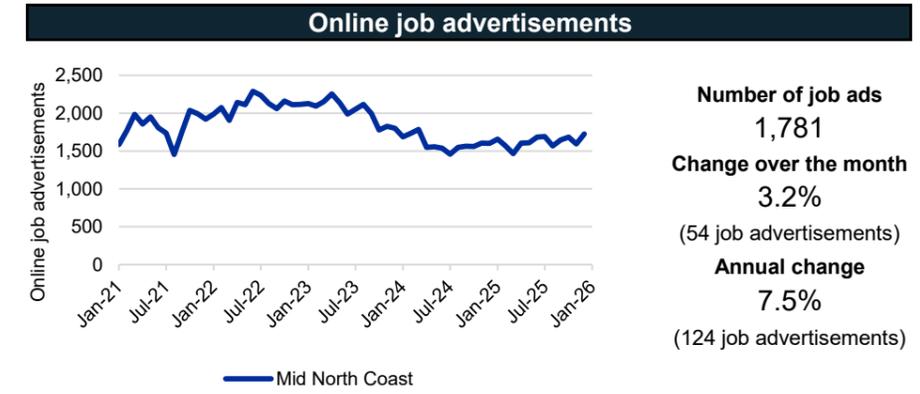
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Mid North Coast	17,290	8.2%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

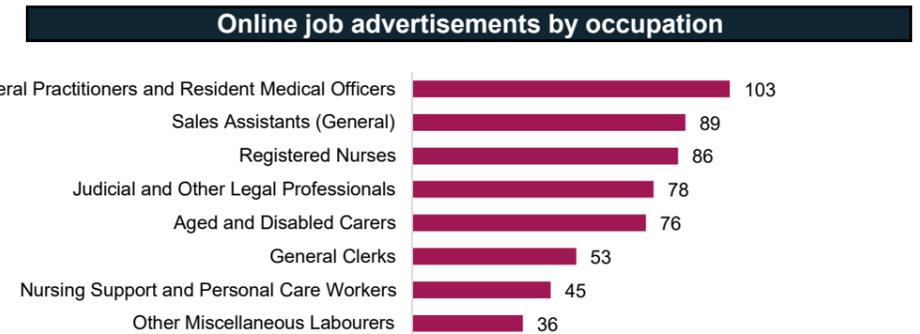
### LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Kempsey	6.0	5.1
Nambucca Valley	5.8	5.2
Bellingen	5.1	3.4
Mid-Coast	4.8	3.8
Port Macquarie-Hastings	3.0	2.4

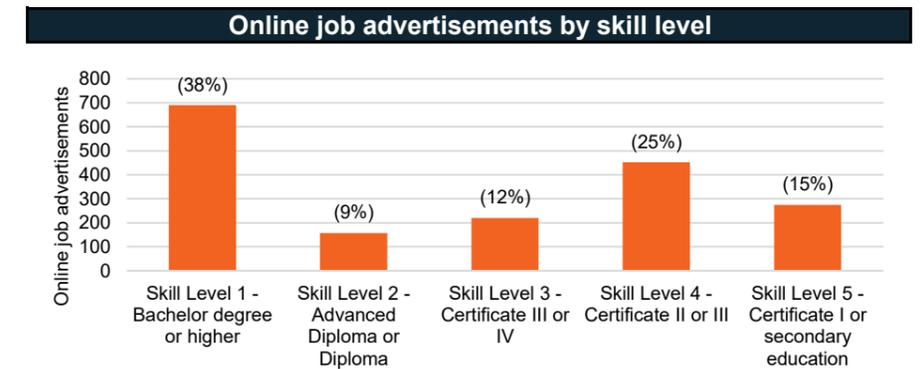
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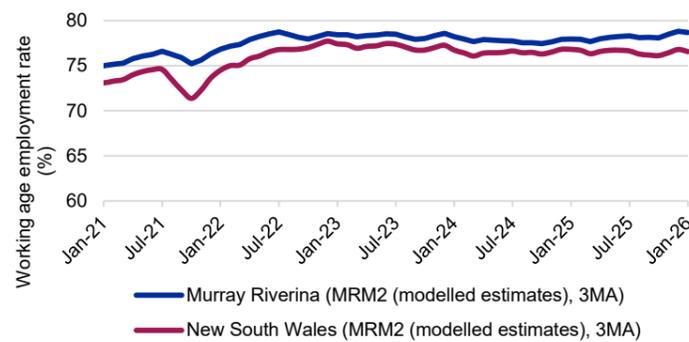
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Murray Riverina	78.7	78.0	5.7	5.6	1.4	3.7	3.6	81.9	81.1	8.6	8.2
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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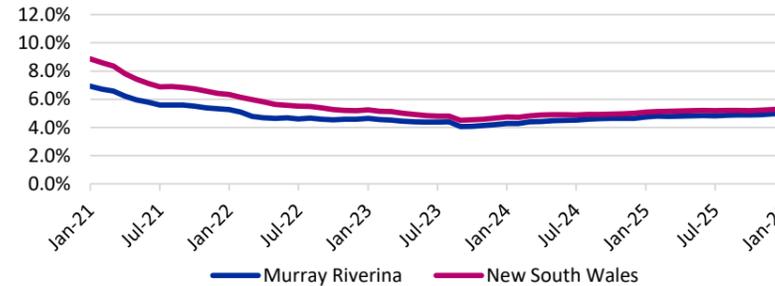
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	8,195	272,905
Payments - January 2026	8,545	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 350	↑ 15,355
	↑ 4.3%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Murray Riverina	8,545	5.0%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

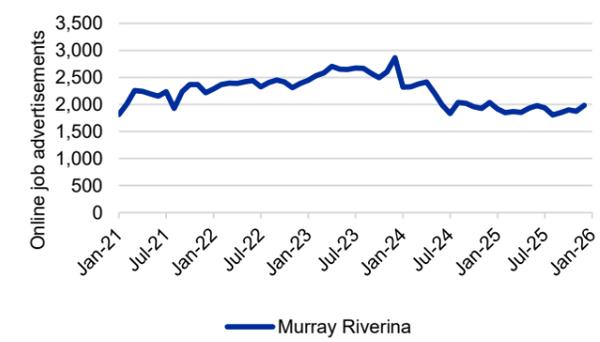
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Narrandera	6.3	4.3
Albury	4.9	3.9
Wentworth	4.9	4.2
Edward River	4.6	4.0
Hay	4.3	3.1

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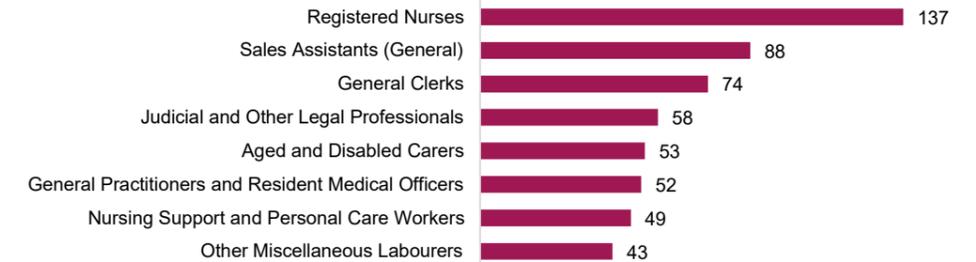
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
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Change over the month  
1.1%  
(22 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
4.8%  
(92 job advertisements)

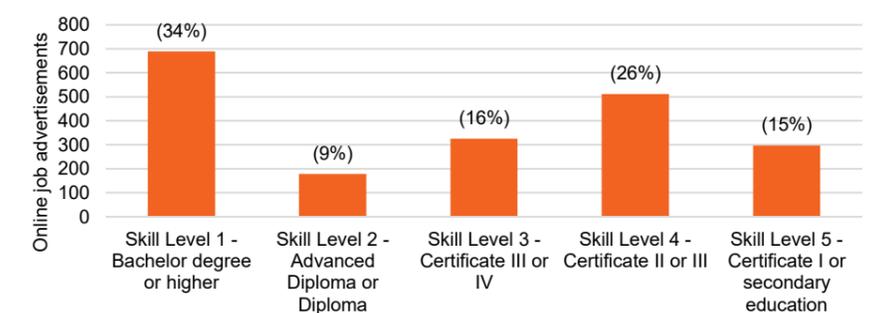
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



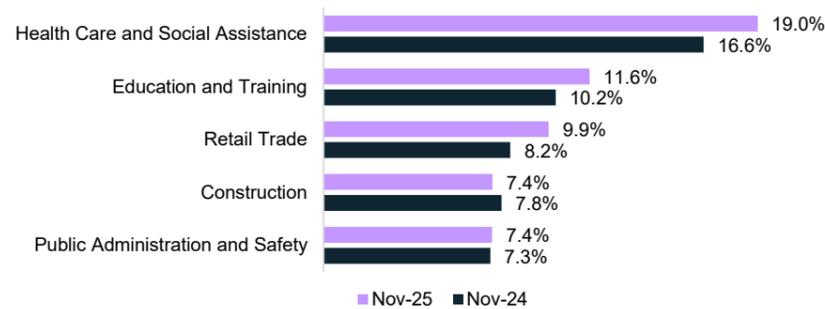
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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



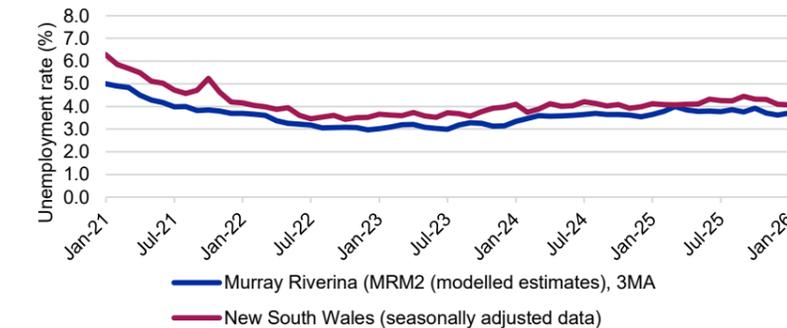
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**Largest employing industries**



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

**Unemployment rate**



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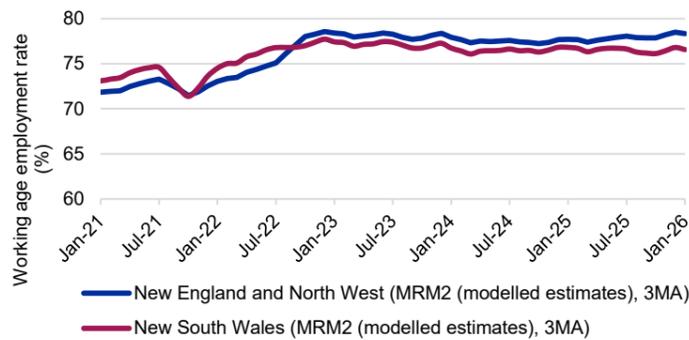
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	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (000)	Jan-25 (000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
New England and North West	78.3	77.7	4.5	4.4	2.2	4.4	4.3	82.1	81.4	10.9	10.4
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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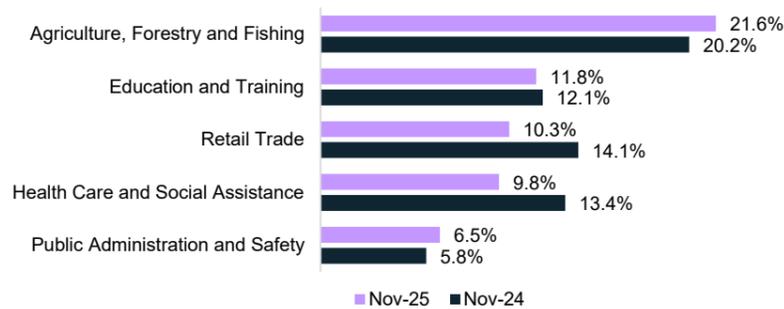
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



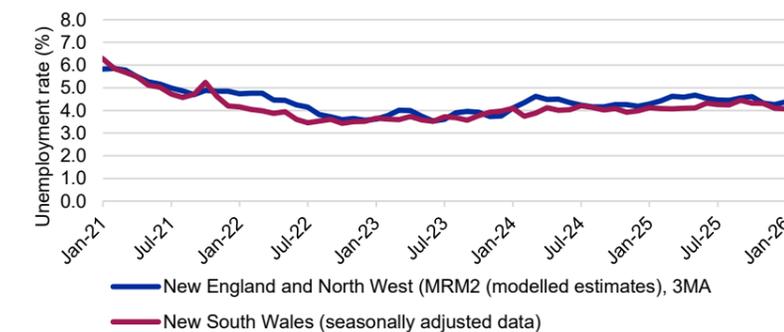
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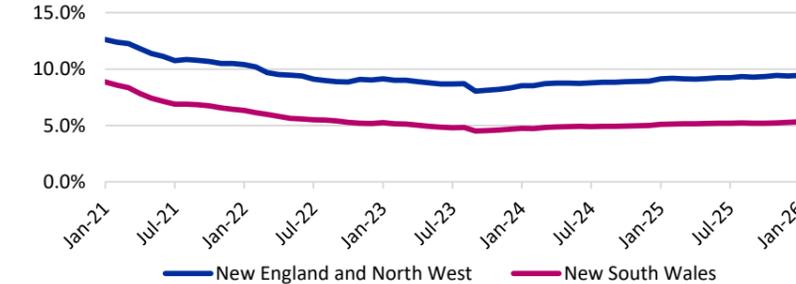
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	10,505	272,905
Payments - January 2026	10,840	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 335	↑ 15,355
	↑ 3.2%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
New England and North West	10,840	9.4%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
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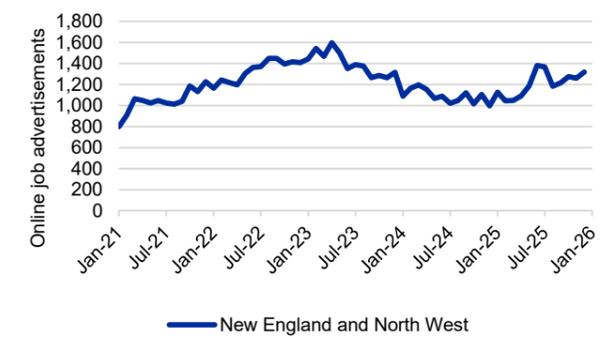
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Tenterfield	3.8	3.4
Glen Innes Severn	3.6	3.0
Moree Plains	3.3	2.9
Inverell	3.1	2.6
Armidale	2.9	2.5

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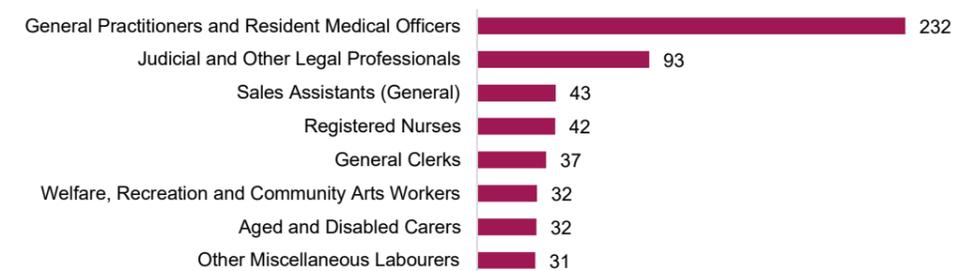
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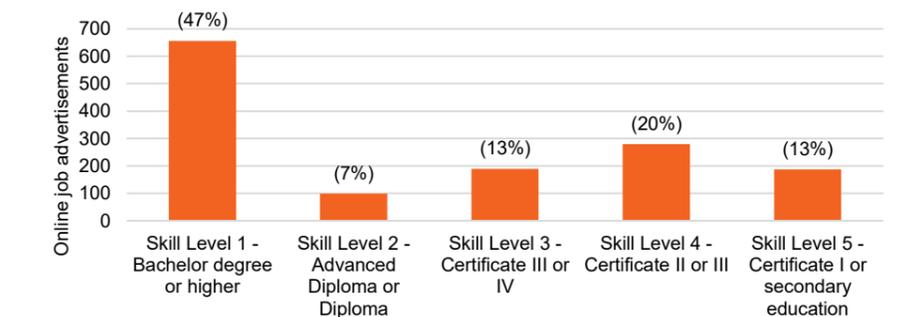
**Number of job ads**  
1,397  
**Change over the month**  
5.9%  
(78 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
23.9%  
(270 job advertisements)

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, January 2026

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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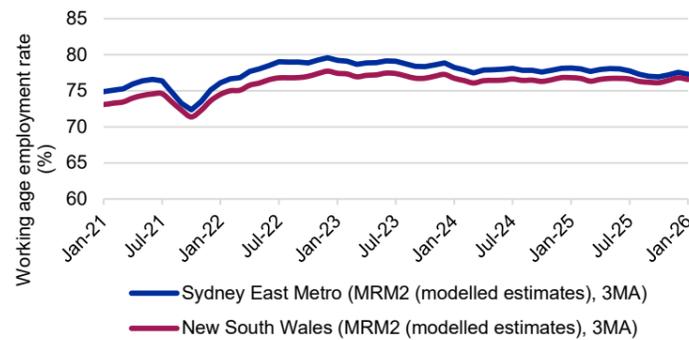
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Sydney East Metro	77.3	78.2	39.3	39.3	0.2	3.6	3.6	80.2	81.1	8.2	7.8
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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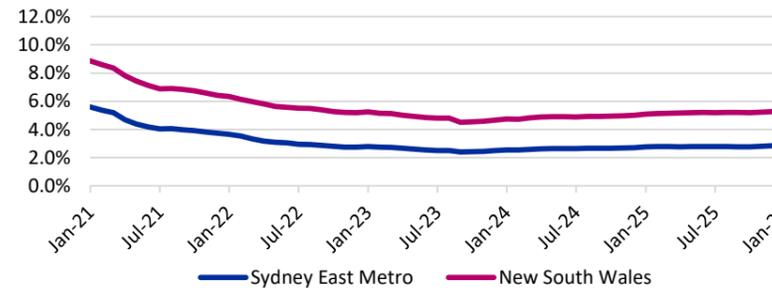
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	35,940	272,905
Payments - January 2026	37,640	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,700	↑ 15,355
	4.7%	5.6%

**% 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
Sydney East Metro	37,640	2.9%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

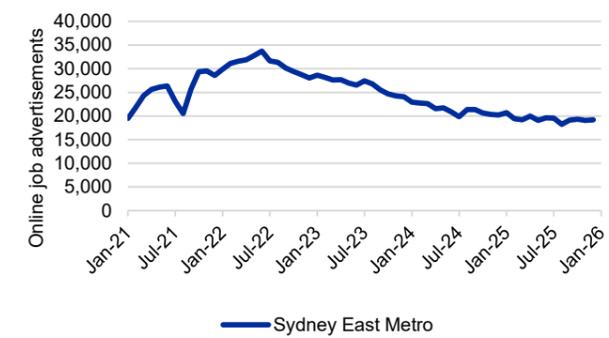
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.7	5.9
Inner West	5.1	4.5
Randwick	4.8	5.2
Sydney	4.7	4.5
Burwood	3.9	3.4

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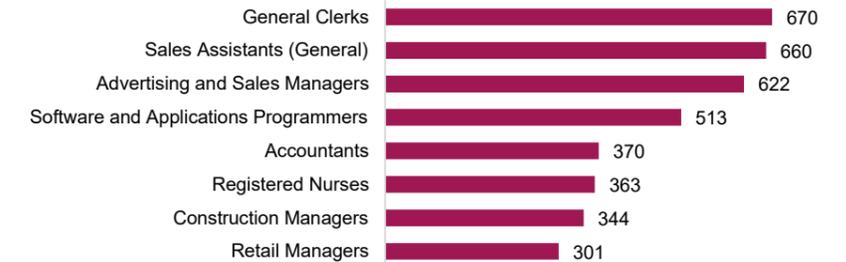
**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
20,093  
**Change over the month**  
4.8%  
(918 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
-2.9%  
(-600 job advertisements)

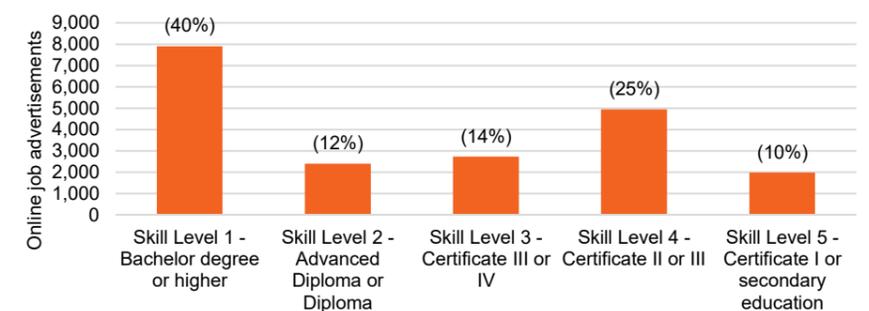
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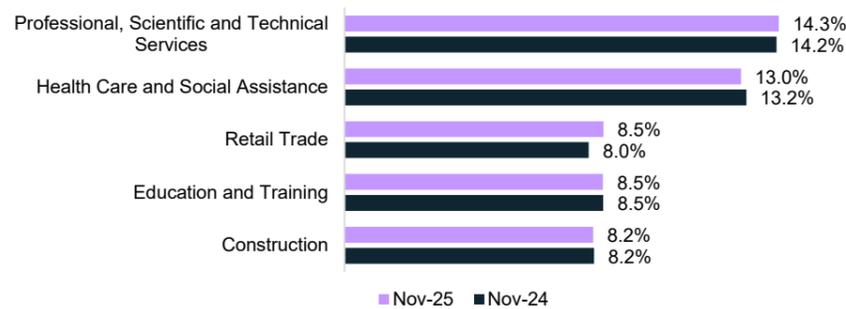
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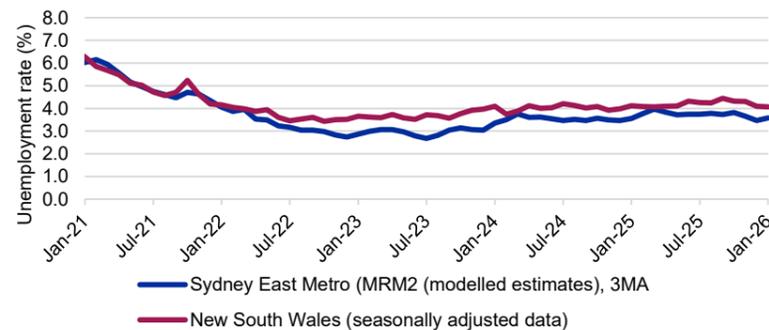
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**Largest employing industries**



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

**Unemployment rate**



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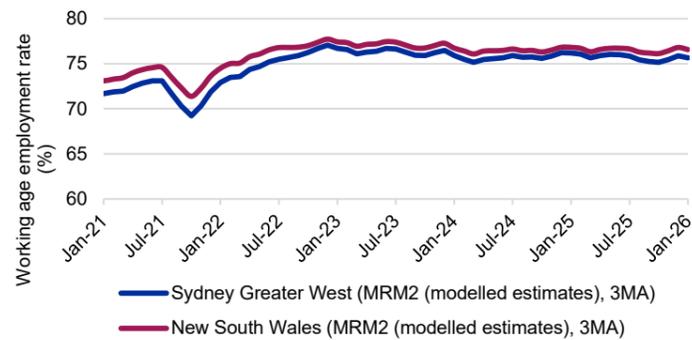
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New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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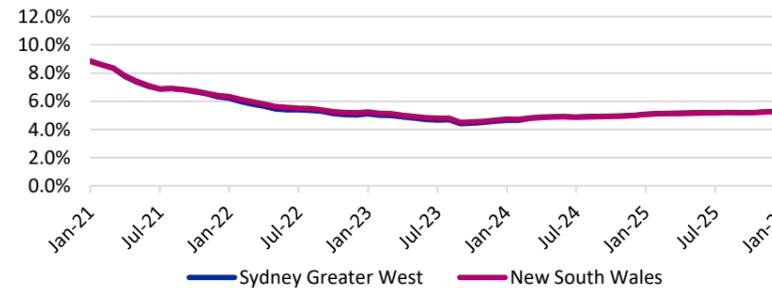
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	45,530	272,905
Payments - January 2026	48,590	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 3,060	↑ 15,355
	↑ 6.7%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Sydney Greater West	48,590	5.3%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
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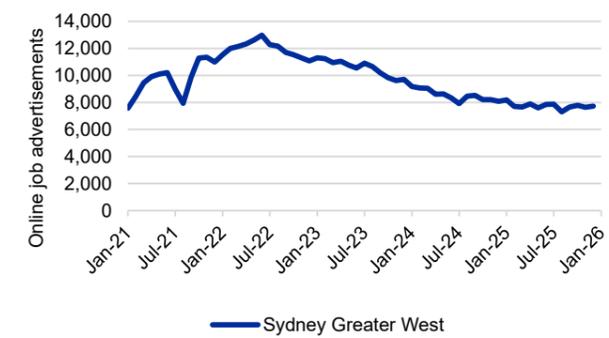
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Fairfield	7.3	8.6
Cumberland	7.2	5.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.7	5.9
Blacktown	4.5	5.1
Hawkesbury	4.0	4.1

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**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
8,135  
**Change over the month**  
5.1%  
(396 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
-0.6%  
(-53 job advertisements)

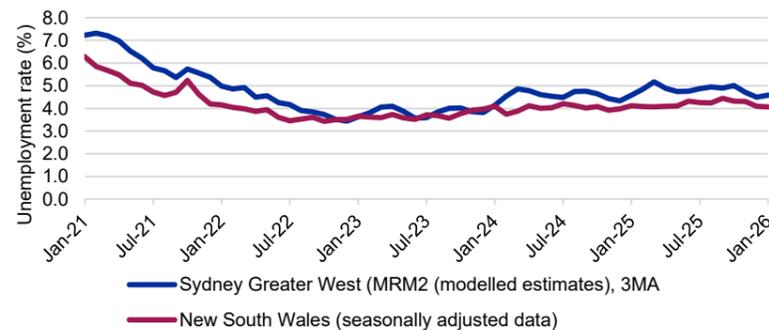
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**Largest employing industries**



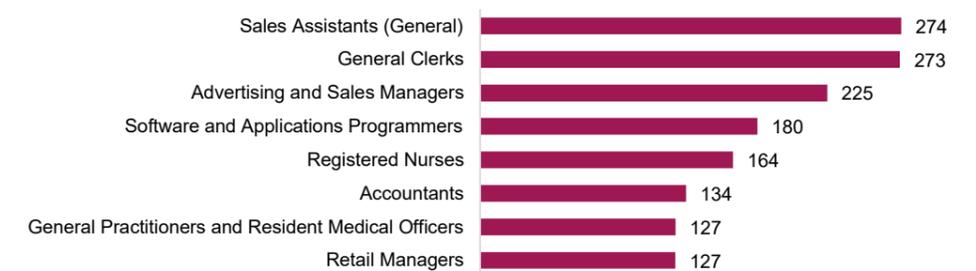
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**Unemployment rate**



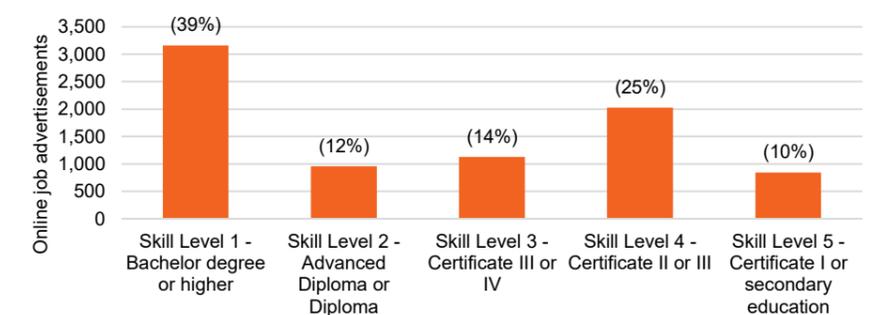
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, January 2026

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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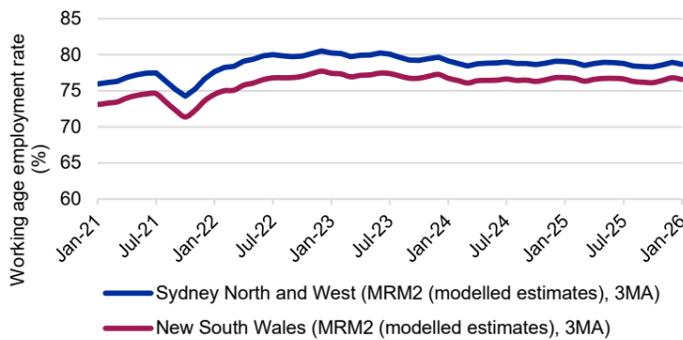
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Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 ('000)	Jan-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
Sydney North and West	78.7	79.1	29.6	29.7	-0.3	3.3	3.4	81.5	81.9	8.4	8.0
New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

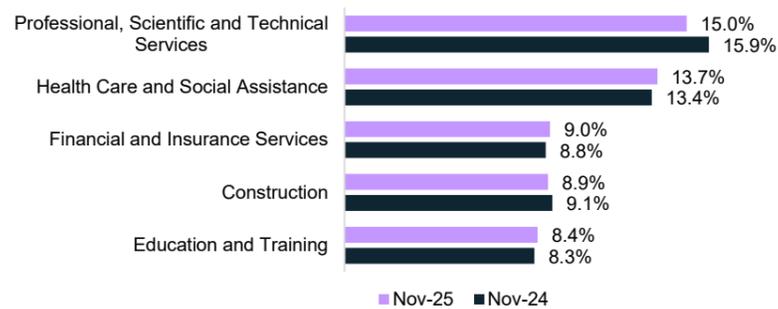
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



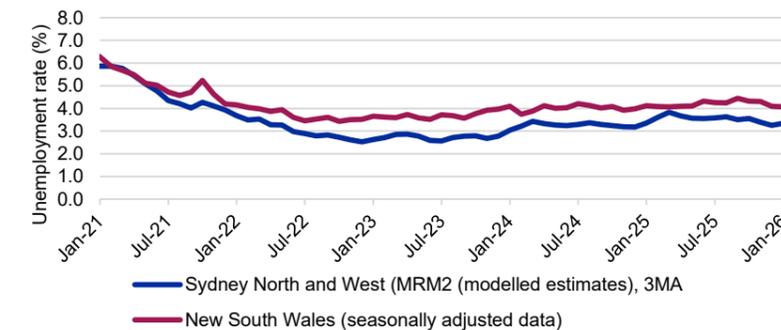
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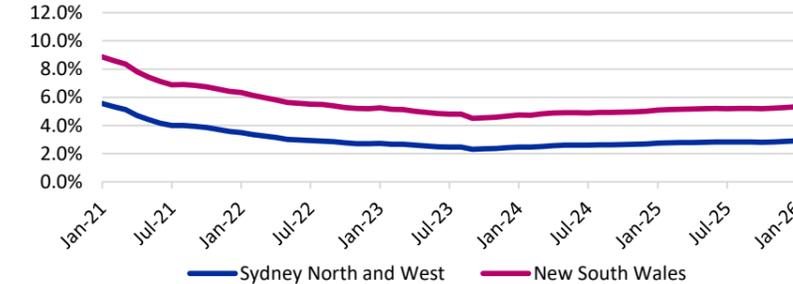
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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	27,885	272,905
Payments - January 2026	29,650	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,765	↑ 15,355
	↑ 6.3%	↑ 5.6%

**% 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
Sydney North and West	29,650	2.9%
New South Wales	288,260	5.3%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

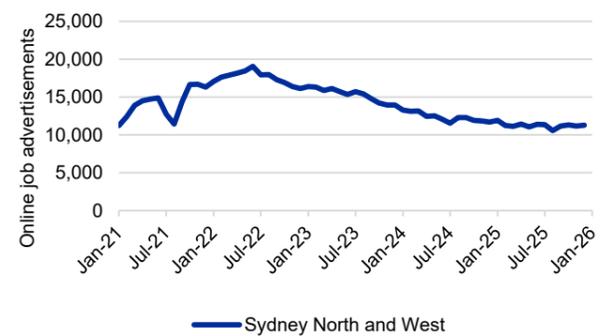
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Hornsby	5.3	4.3
Willoughby	4.9	3.6
Lane Cove	4.5	3.3
North Sydney	4.4	3.2
Hawkesbury	4.0	4.1

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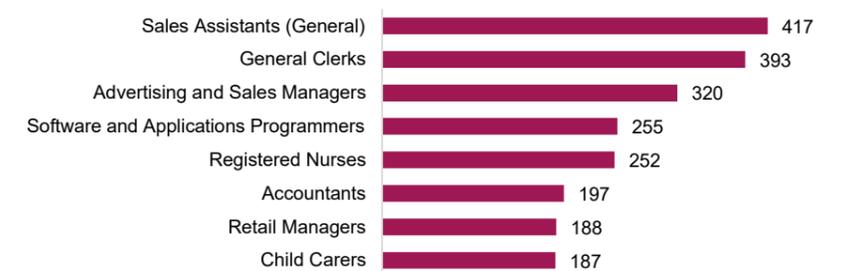
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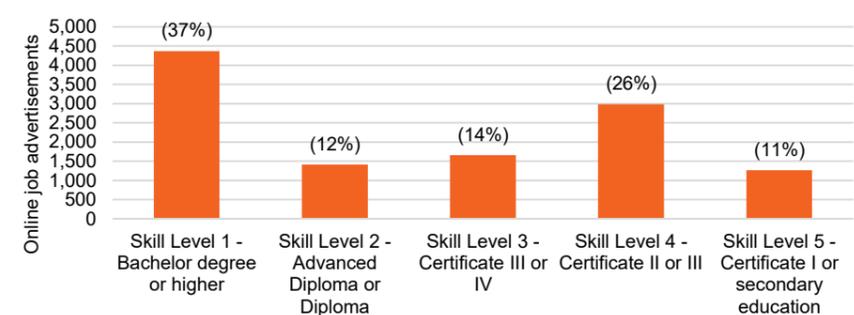
**Number of job ads**  
11,776  
**Change over the month**  
4.4%  
(498 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
-1.1%  
(-136 job advertisements)

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, January 2026

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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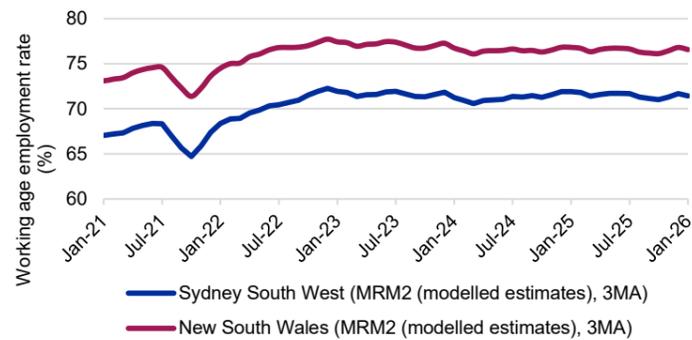
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New South Wales	76.6	76.8	193.6	189.3	2.3	4.1	4.0	79.8	80.0	9.4	9.0
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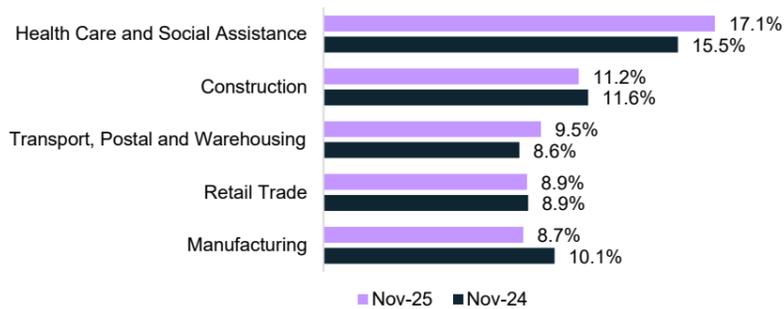
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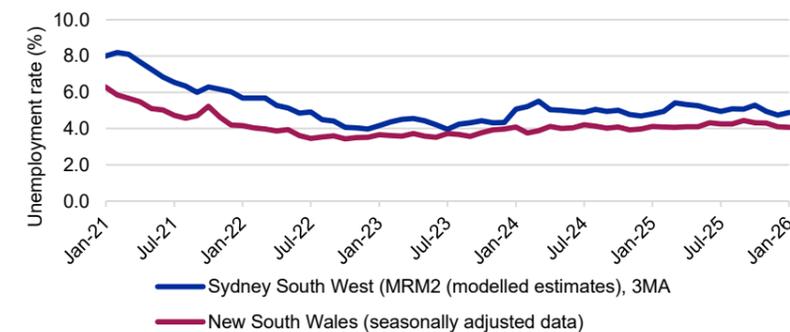
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**Job seeker income support payments\***



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	Sydney South West	New South Wales
Payments - January 2025	43,630	272,905
Payments - January 2026	45,610	288,260
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,980	↑ 15,355
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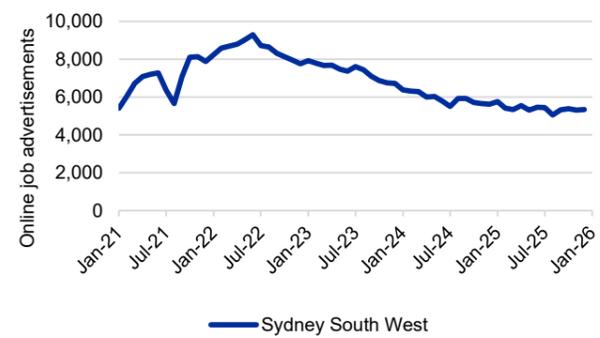
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Campbelltown (NSW)	6.2	6.3
Liverpool	4.3	4.9
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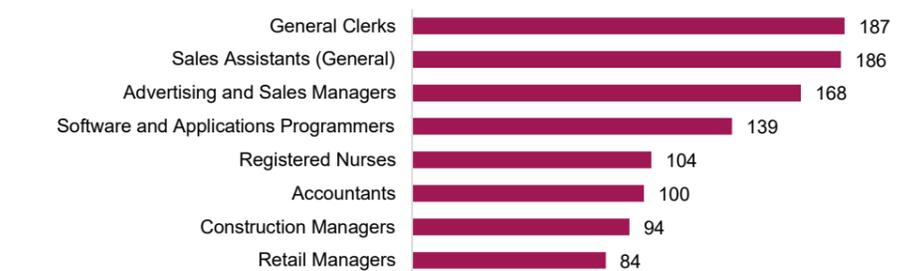
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
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Change over the month  
5.0%  
(265 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
-2.6%  
(-150 job advertisements)

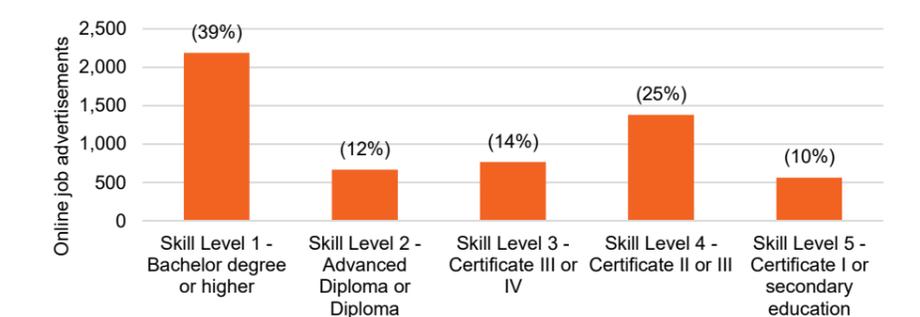
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