

Labour Market Dashboard Queensland

Data current as at 26 February 2026

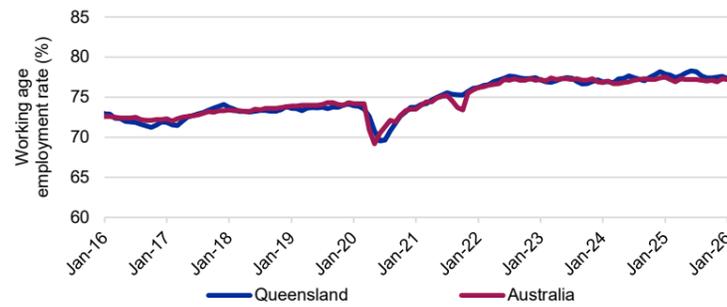
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

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 (%)
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed seasonally adjusted and MRM2 (modelled estimates) data 3MA (month average) , January-26 with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MRM2 estimates

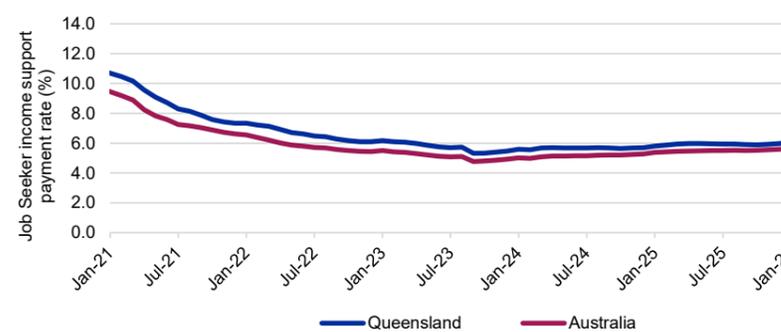
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Working age employment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted & MRM2 data (3MA), January -26

% 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, January-26

Largest employing industries



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

Change in job seeker income support payments

	Queensland	Australia
Payments - January 2025	209,905	953,235
Payments - January 2026	222,665	1,018,495
Change (January 2025 to January 2026)	↑ 12,760	↑ 65,260
Change % (January 2025 to January 2026)	↑ 6.1%	↑ 6.8%

Online job advertisements by occupation



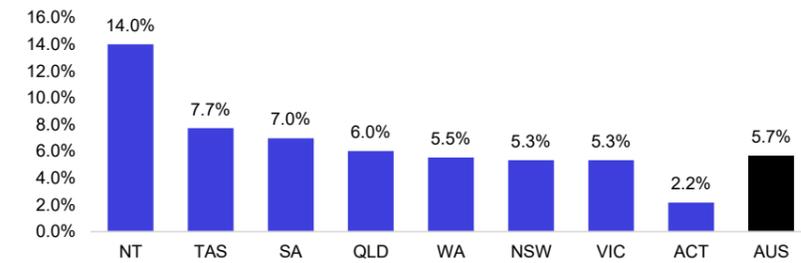
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January-26

Unemployment rate



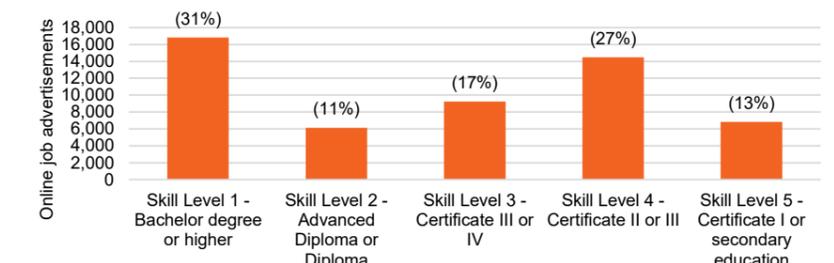
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data, January-26

% 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, January -26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, MRM2, January -26

Online job advertisements by skill level



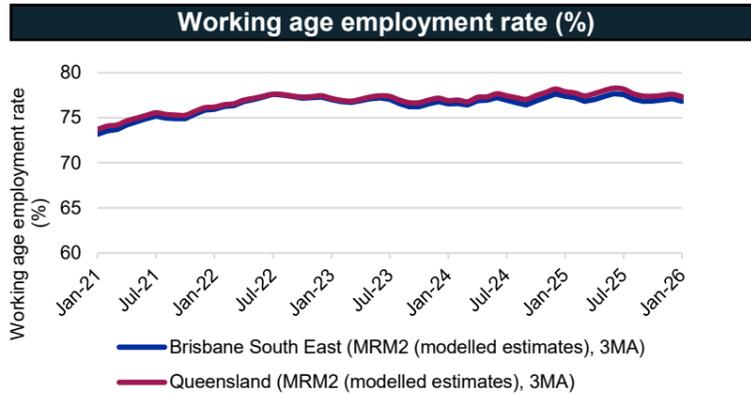
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January-26

Notes: Data in the labour market summary table are seasonally adjusted data and MRM2 data (3MA) with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MRM2 estimates *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. 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.

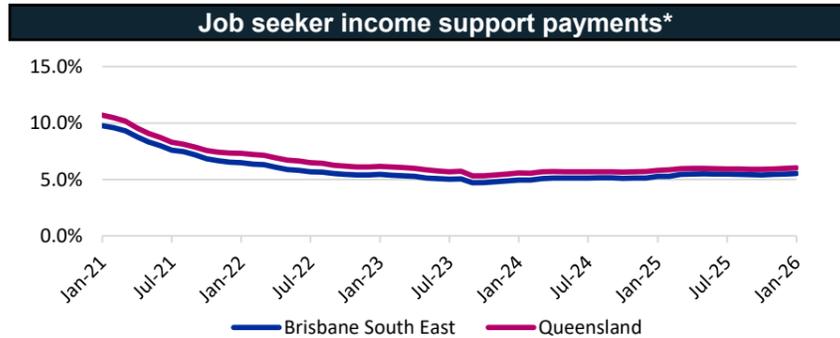
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

	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 (%)
Brisbane South East	76.8	77.4	27.1	23.8	13.7	4.5	4.0	80.4	80.6	10.7	10.8
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.



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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	37,445	209,905
Payments - January 2026	40,190	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 2,745	↑ 12,760
	↑ 7.3%	↑ 6.1%

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

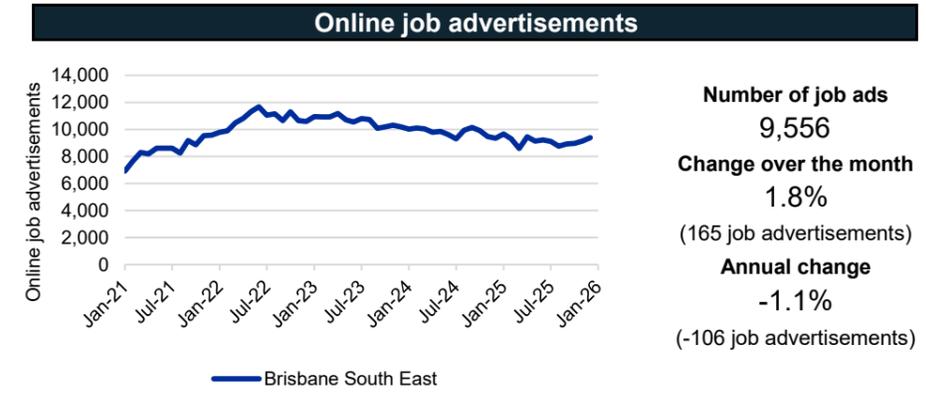
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Brisbane South East	40,190	5.5%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

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

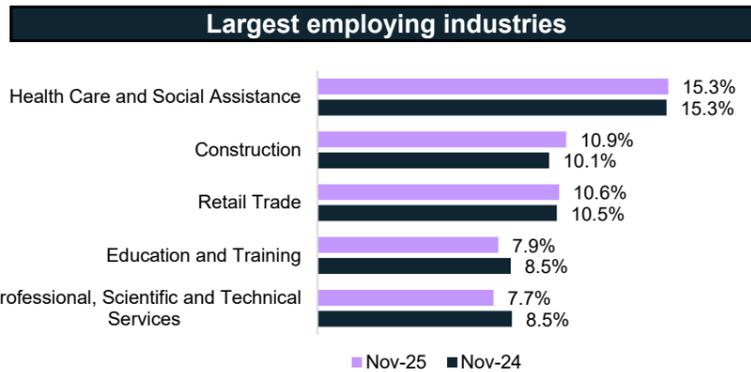
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

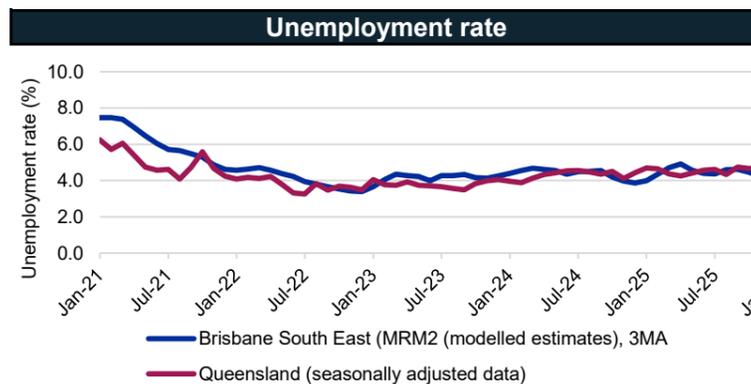
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, September-25 quarter



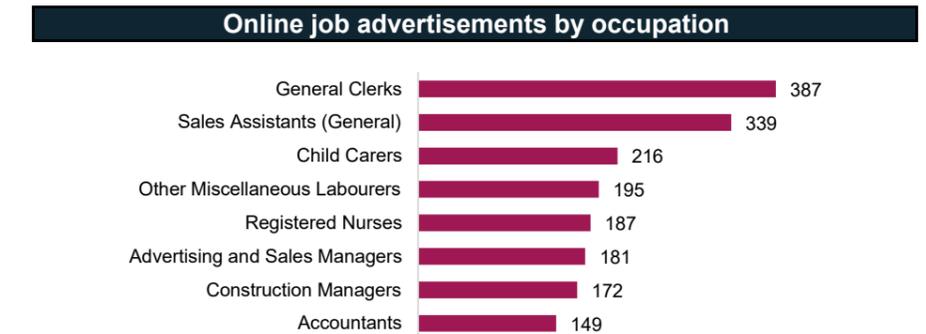
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026



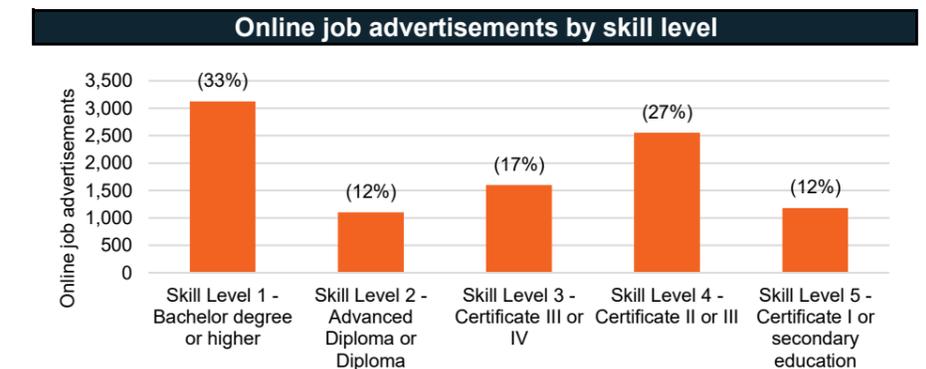
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#



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



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



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

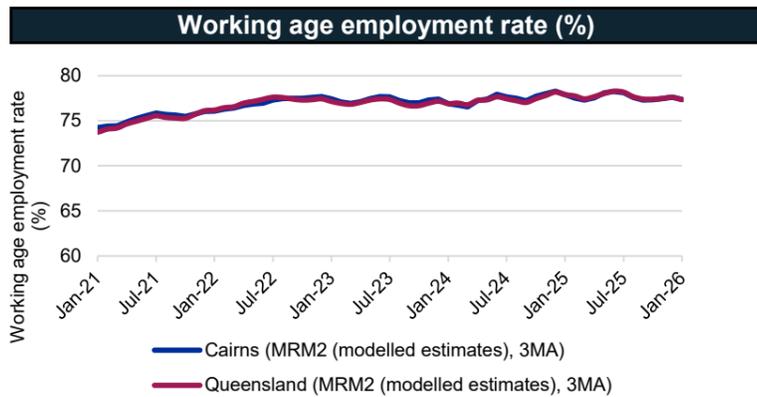
Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Brisbane - East; Brisbane - South; and Logan - Beaudesert SA4. The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) and income support data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. *Job seeker 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.

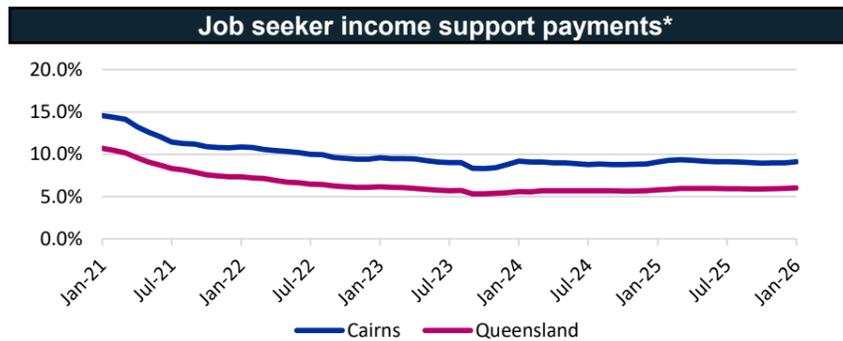
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

	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 (%)
Cairns	77.4	77.9	6.8	6.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	81.1	81.5	11.5	10.6
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.



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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	15,640	209,905
Payments - January 2026	15,915	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 275	↑ 12,760
	↑ 1.8%	↑ 6.1%

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

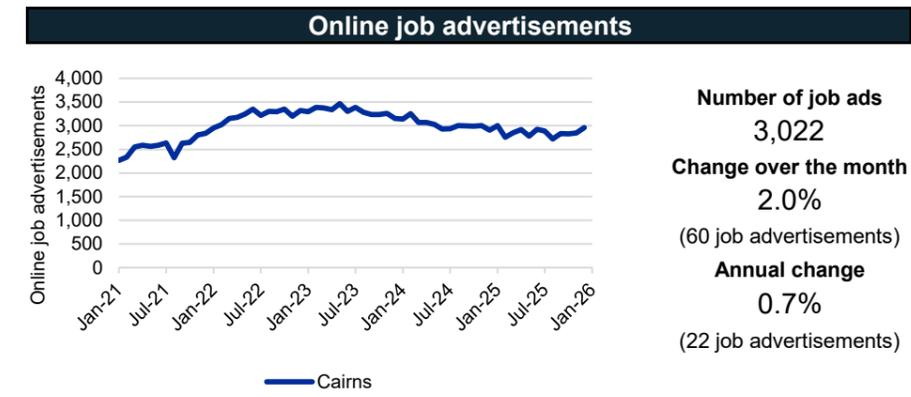
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Cairns	15,915	9.1%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

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

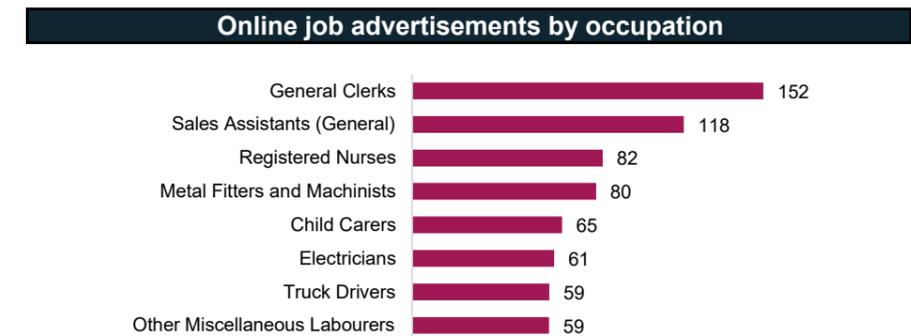
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

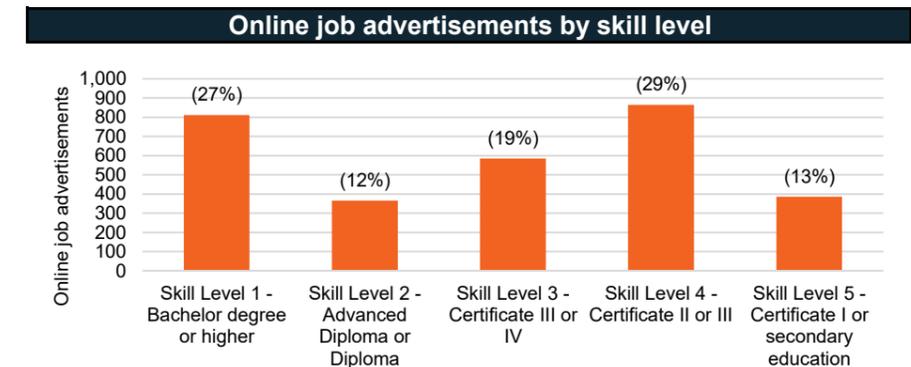
Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June -25 quarter



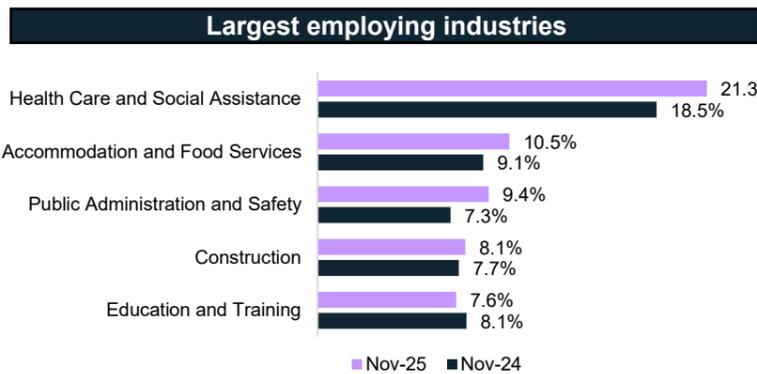
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026



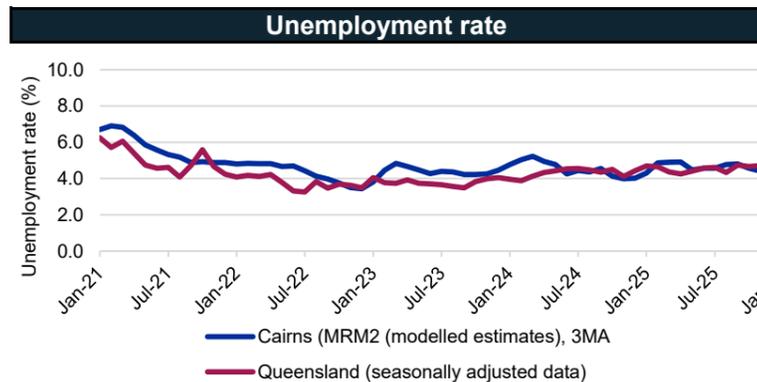
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3MA of original data, January 2026



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



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



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Cairns SA4. 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.

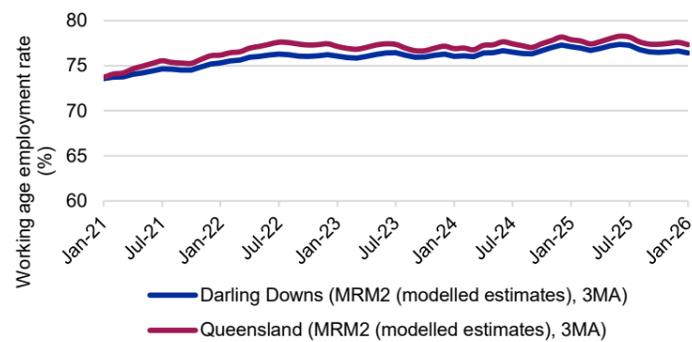
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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 (%)
Darling Downs	76.4	77.1	5.7	5.2	9.8	3.6	3.3	79.4	79.8	8.7	8.0
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

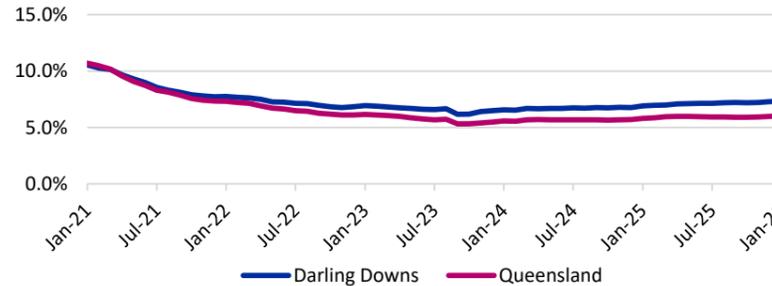
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

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

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	12,745	209,905
Payments - January 2026	13,740	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 995	↑ 12,760
	↑ 7.8%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Darling Downs	13,740	7.3%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

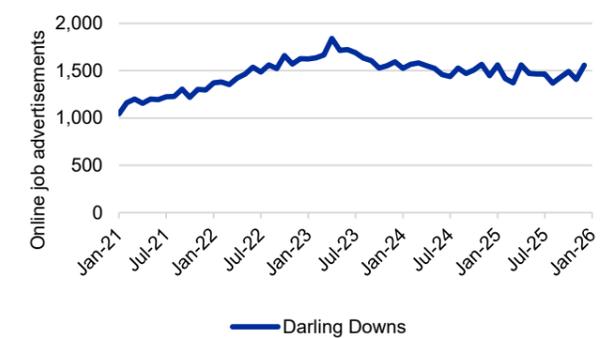
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Balonne	5.1	1.8
Western Downs	4.3	2.0
Southern Downs	4.0	1.8
Lockyer Valley	3.8	4.6
Goondiwindi	3.5	1.5

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

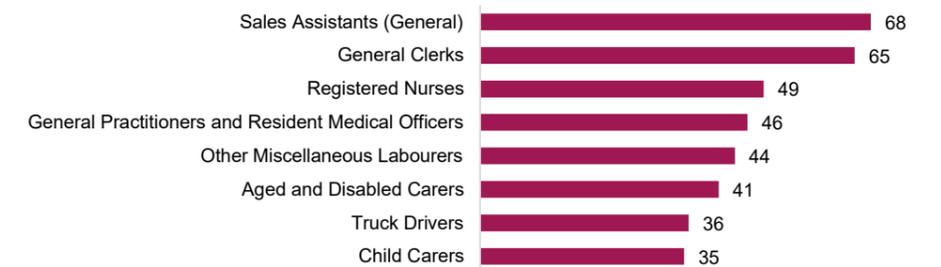
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,605
Change over the month
3.0%
(47 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.8%
(43 job advertisements)

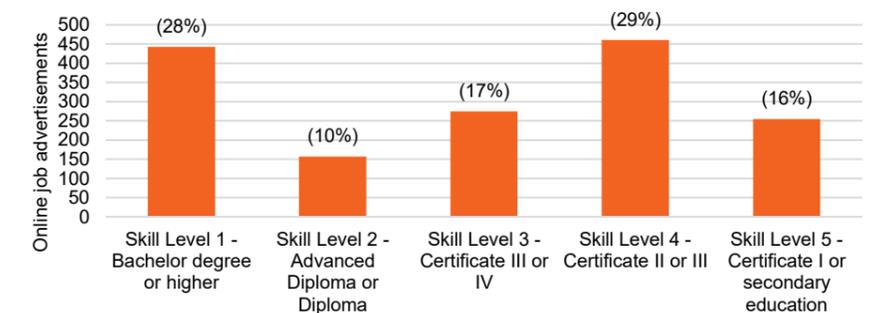
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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



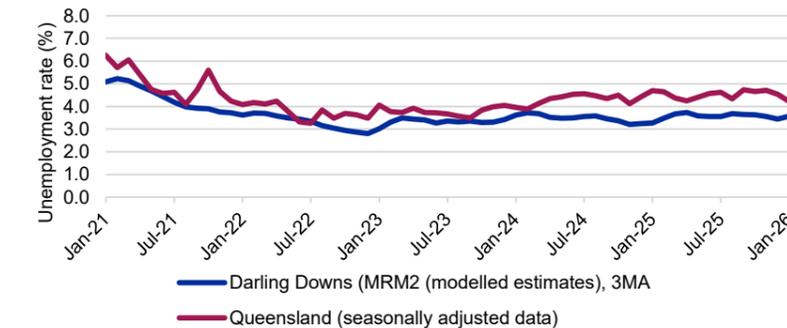
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

Largest employing industries



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

Unemployment rate



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Darling Downs - Maranoa; and Toowoomba SA4. 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.

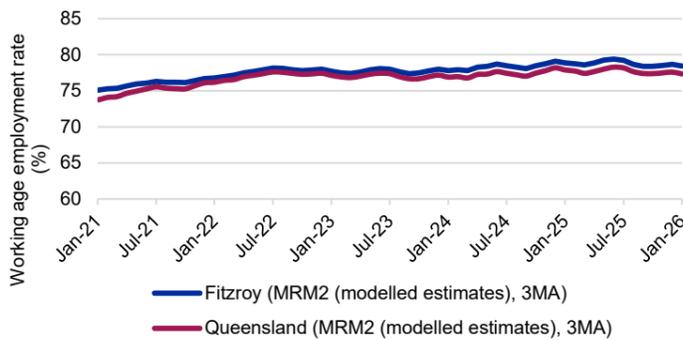
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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 (%)
Fitzroy	78.4	78.8	6.1	5.9	3.6	4.5	4.4	82.1	82.5	9.8	9.3
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

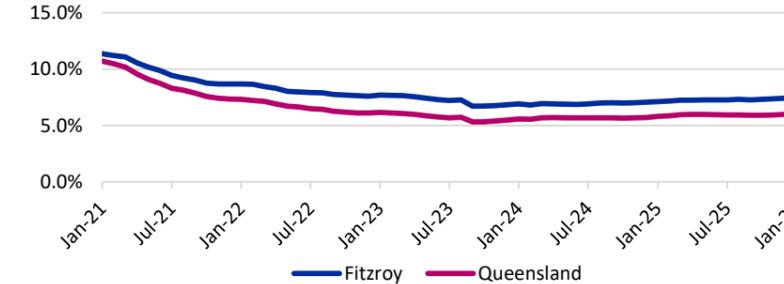
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

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

	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	10,925	209,905
Payments - January 2026	11,685	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 760	↑ 12,760
	↑ 7.0%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Fitzroy	11,685	7.5%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June -25 quarter

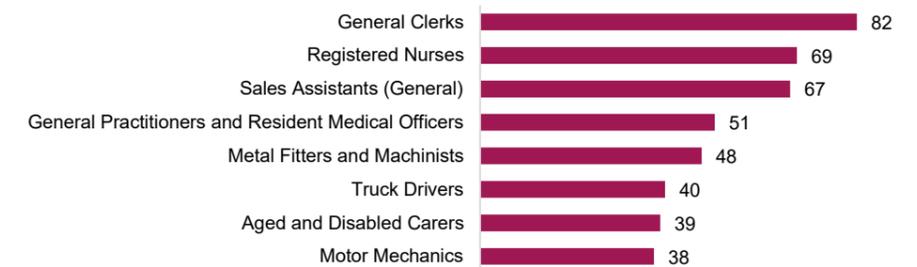
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,739
Change over the month
-2.6%
(-47 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.9%
(-16 job advertisements)

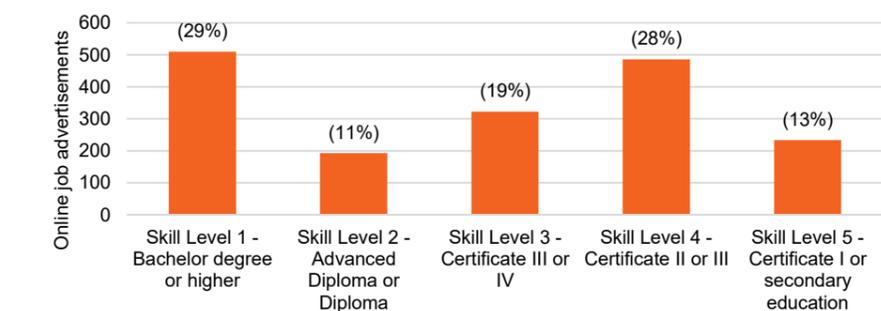
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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



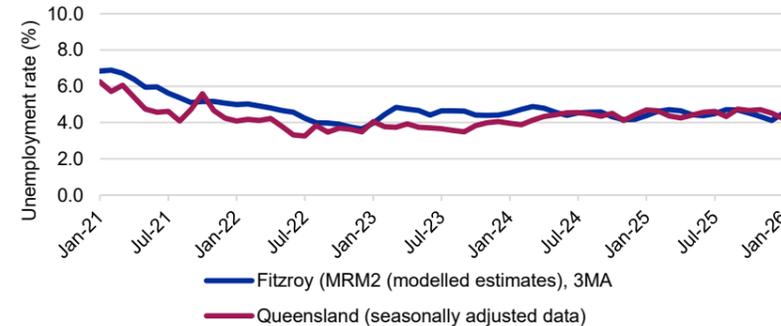
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

Largest employing industries



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

Unemployment rate



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Central Queensland SA4. 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.

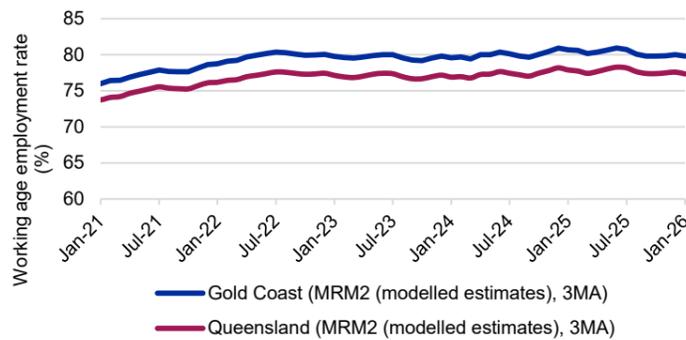
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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 (%)
Gold Coast	79.8	80.7	12.2	11.7	4.3	3.0	2.9	82.3	83.1	7.1	6.7
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

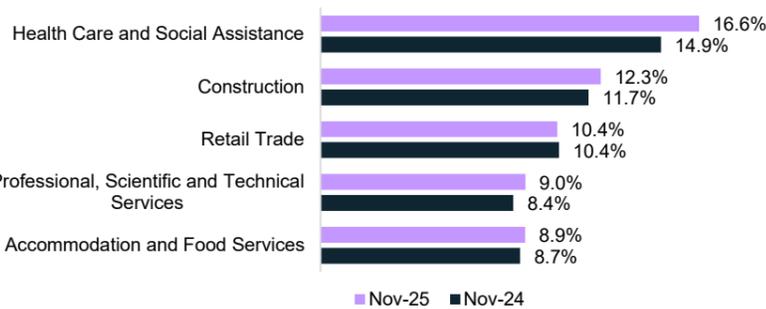
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

Working age employment rate (%)



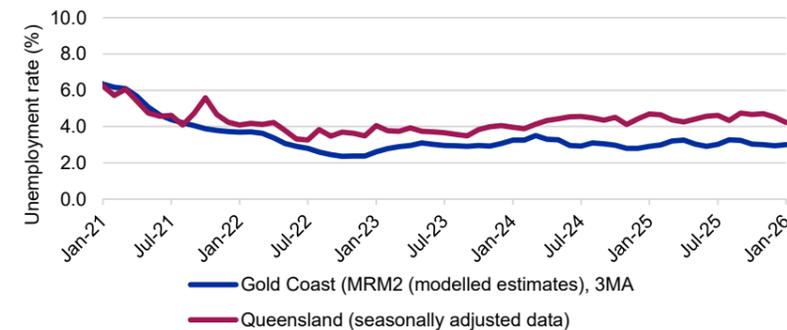
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

Largest employing industries



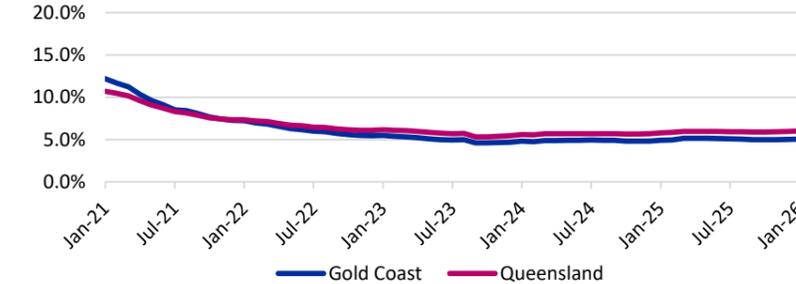
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	22,495	209,905
Payments - January 2026	23,630	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,135	↑ 12,760
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Gold Coast	23,630	5.1%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

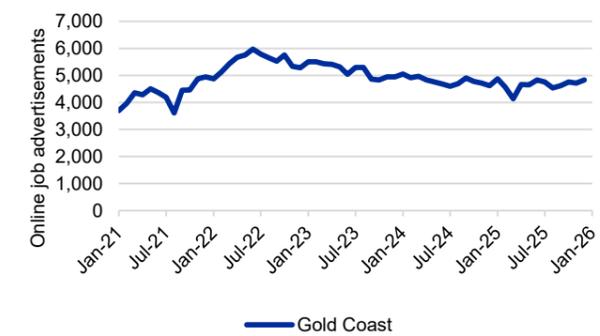
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

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

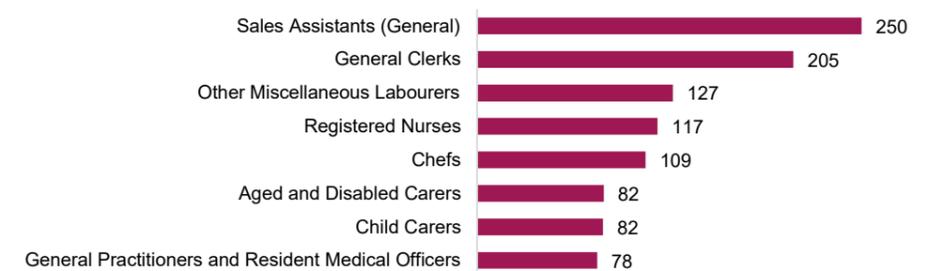
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
4,914
Change over the month
1.6%
(77 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.8%
(41 job advertisements)

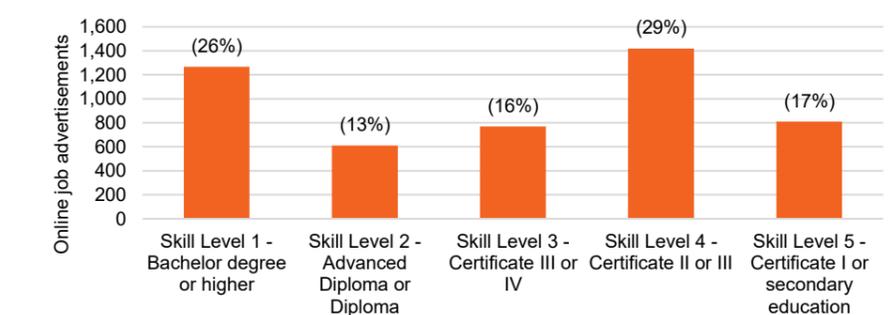
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Gold Coast SA4. 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.

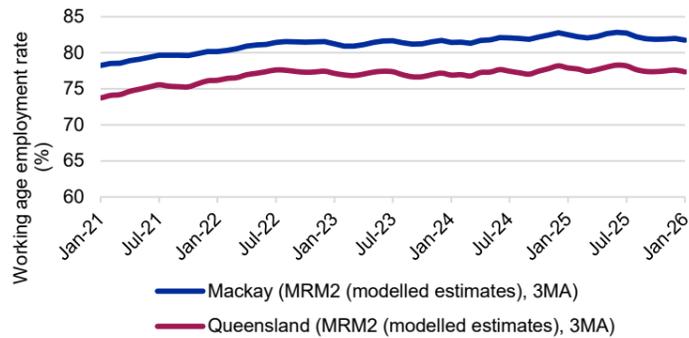
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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 (%)
Mackay	81.8	82.5	3.3	3.1	5.3	2.9	2.7	84.2	84.8	6.0	5.6
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

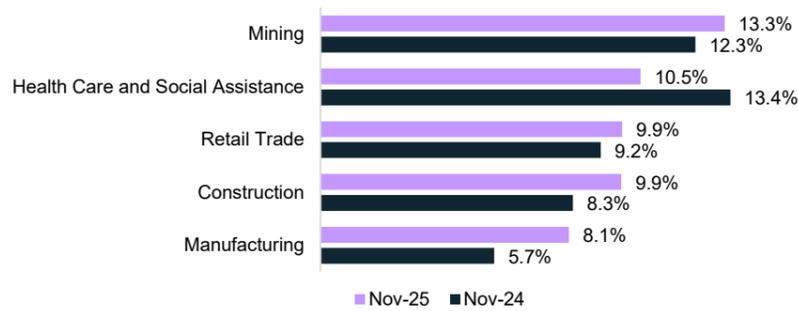
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

Working age employment rate (%)



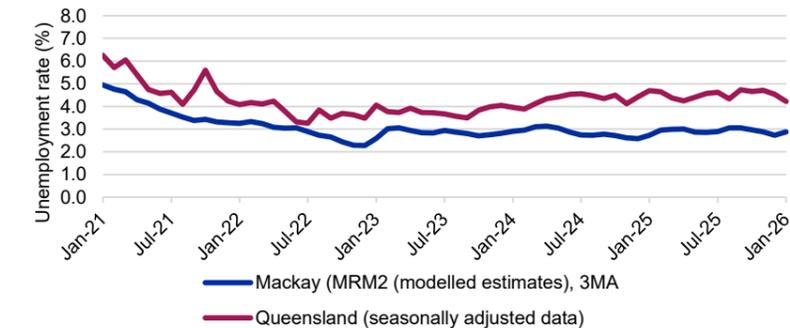
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

Largest employing industries



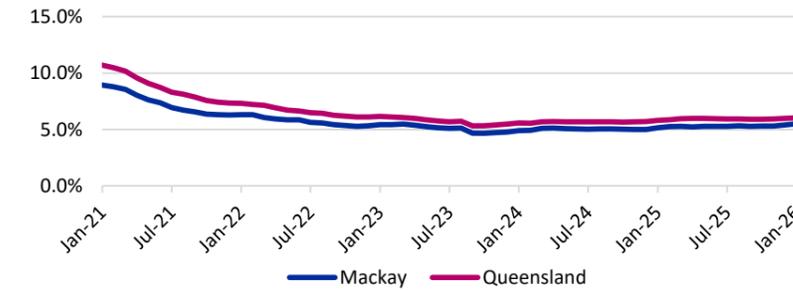
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	6,515	209,905
Payments - January 2026	7,045	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 530	↑ 12,760
	↑ 8.1%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Mackay	7,045	5.5%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

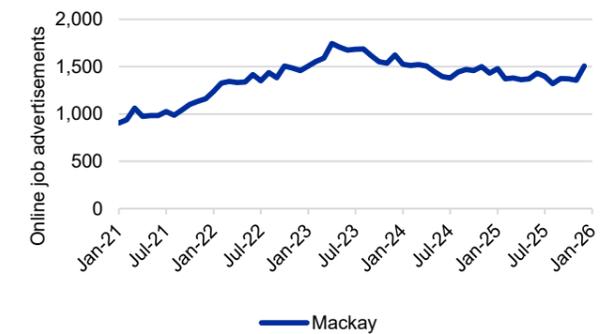
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

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

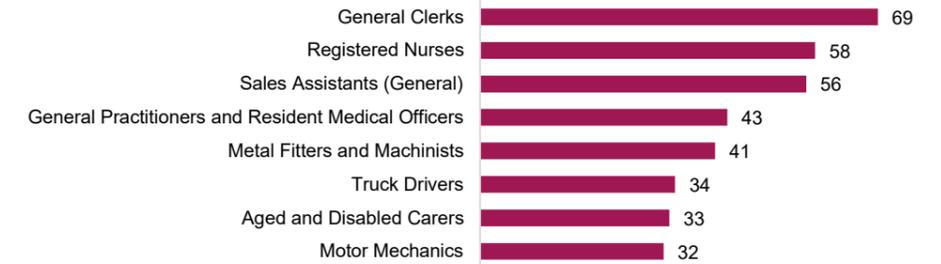
Online job advertisements



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

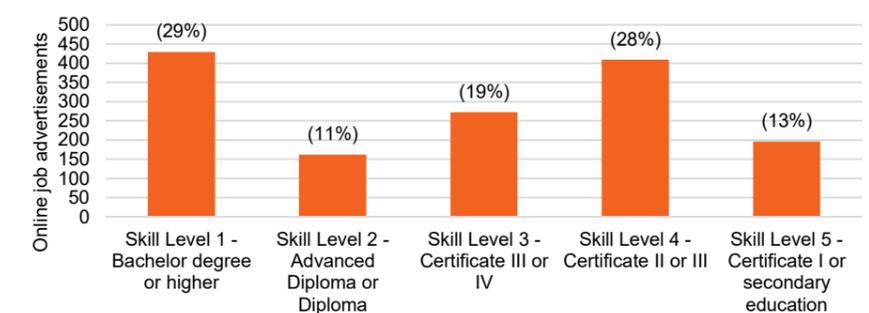
Number of job ads
1,465
Change over the month
-2.7%
(-41 job advertisements)
Annual change
-1.0%
(-15 job advertisements)

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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday SA4. 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.

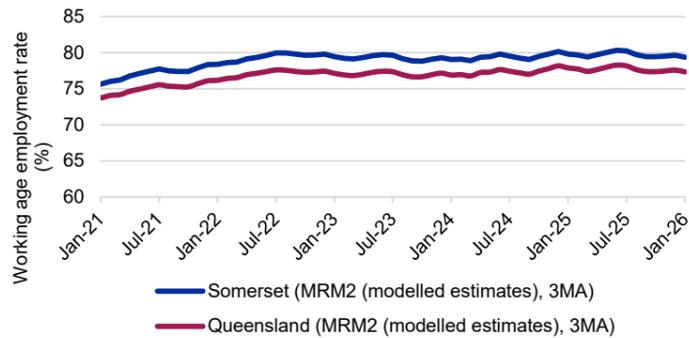
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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 (%)
Somerset	79.4	79.8	25.3	23.9	5.9	3.9	3.7	82.6	82.9	8.8	9.1
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

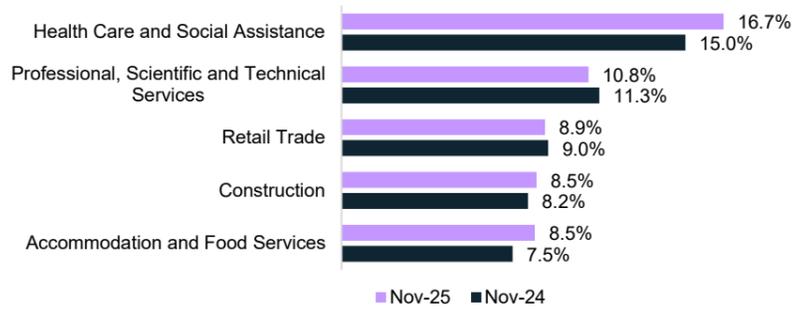
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

Working age employment rate (%)



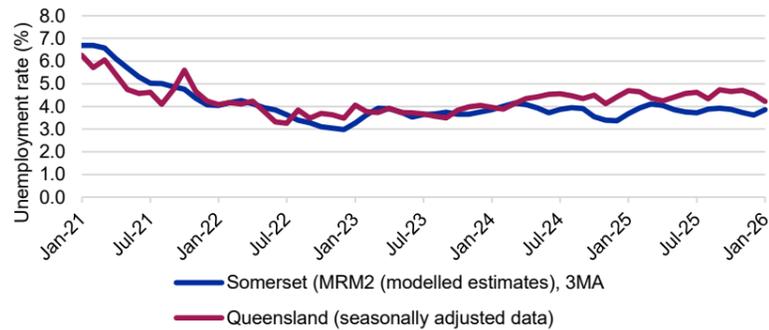
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

Largest employing industries



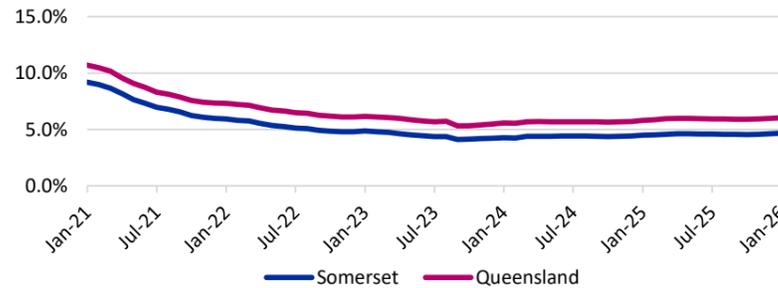
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	33,740	209,905
Payments - January 2026	35,820	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 2,080	↑ 12,760
	↑ 6.2%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Somerset	35,820	4.7%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

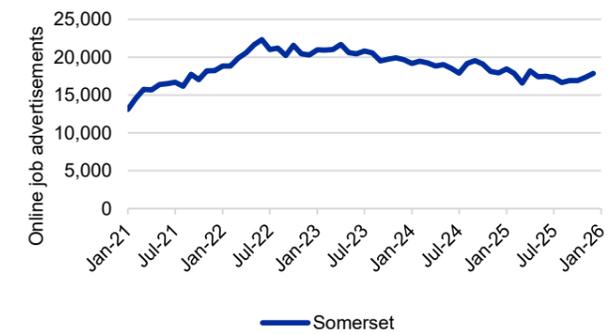
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

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

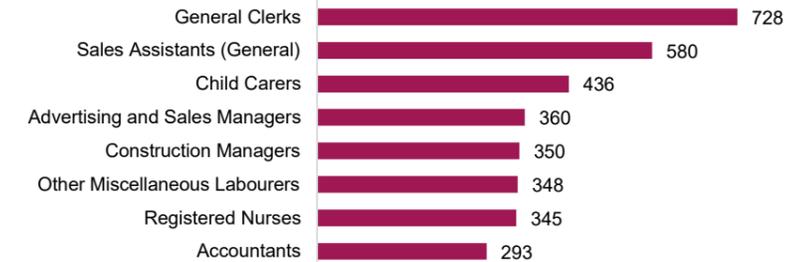
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
18,180
Change over the month
1.7%
(310 job advertisements)
Annual change
-1.6%
(-288 job advertisements)

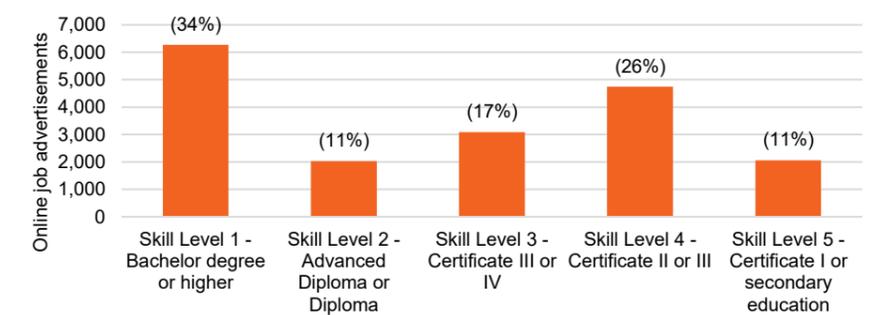
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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

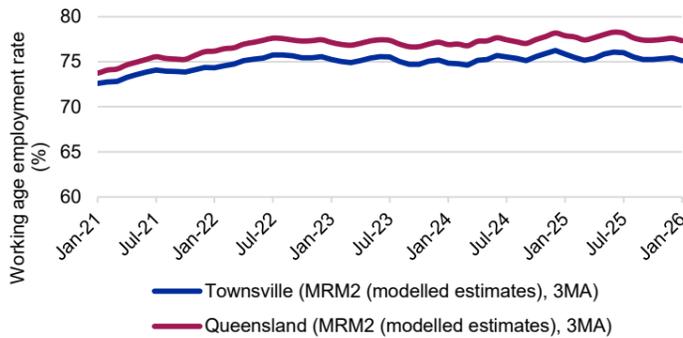
Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Brisbane - North; Brisbane Inner City; Moreton Bay - North; and Moreton Bay - South SA4. The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) and income support data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based 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.

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

	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 (%)
Townsville	75.1	75.9	6.5	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.7	79.1	79.7	10.8	10.1
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

Working age employment rate (%)



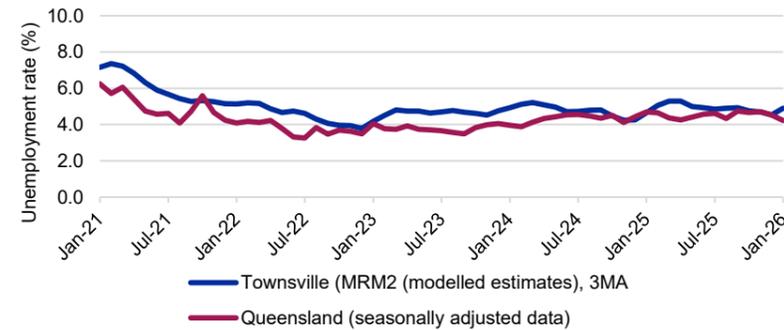
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

Largest employing industries



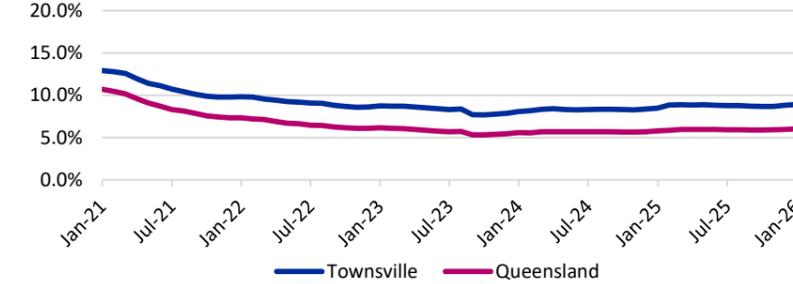
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	13,210	209,905
Payments - January 2026	14,060	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 850	↑ 12,760
	↑ 6.4%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Townsville	14,060	8.9%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

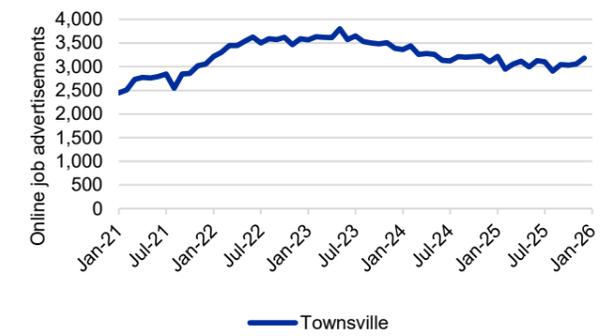
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

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

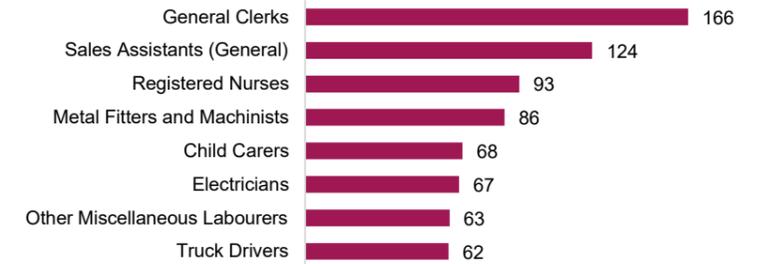
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
3,248
Change over the month
2.0%
(65 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.8%
(27 job advertisements)

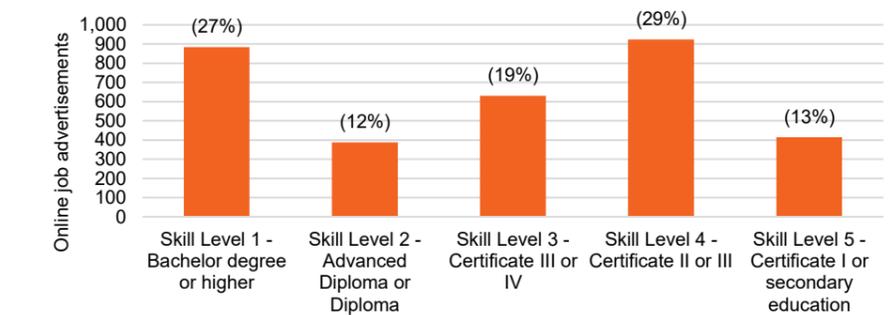
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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

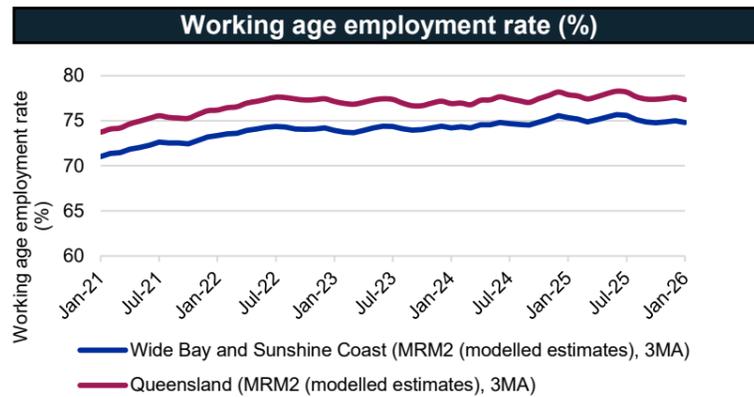
Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Townsville SA4. The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) and income support data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. *Job seeker payments include those who are in receipt of either 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.

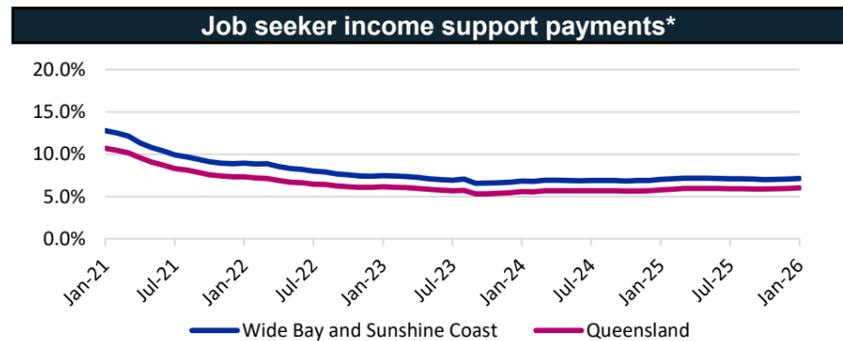
	Labour market summary table										
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (000)	Jan-25 (000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	74.8	75.3	15.6	14.7	6.6	4.1	3.9	78.0	78.5	10.0	9.6
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

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



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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	31,775	209,905
Payments - January 2026	33,085	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,310	↑ 12,760
	↑ 4.1%	↑ 6.1%

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

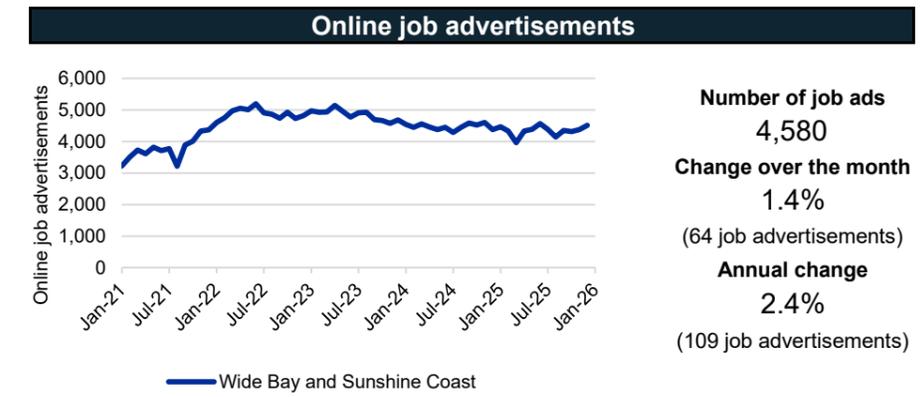
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	33,085	7.2%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

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

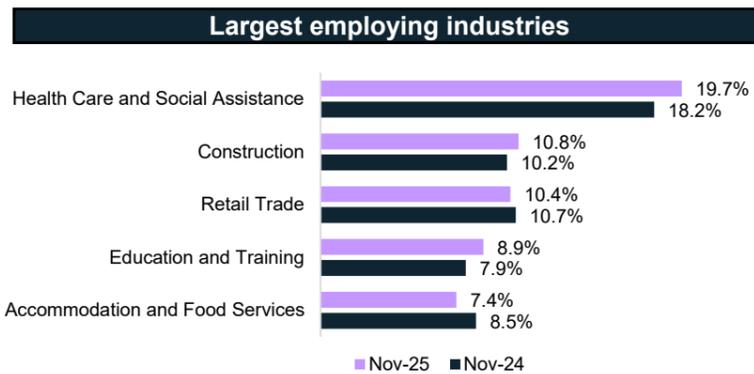
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

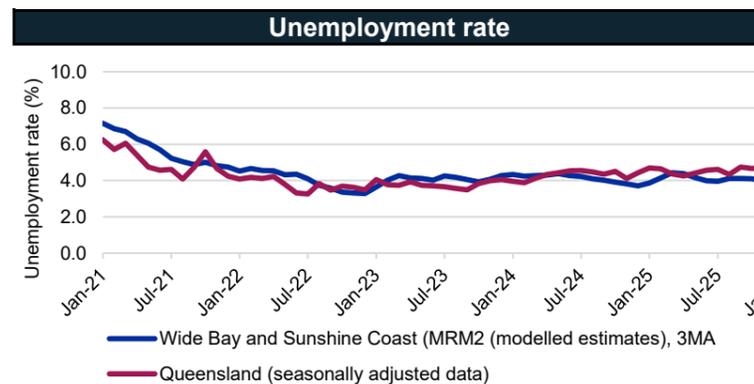
Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June -25 quarter



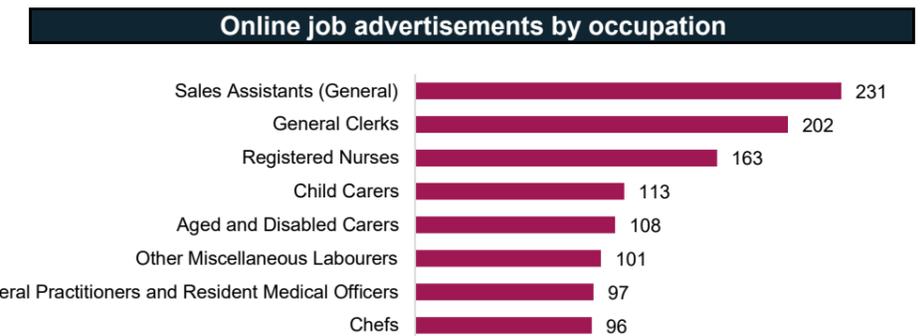
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026



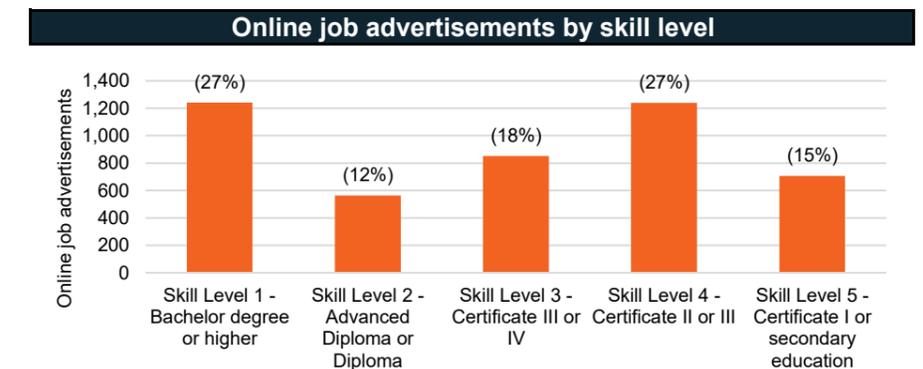
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#



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



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



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Sunshine Coast; and Wide Bay SA4. 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.

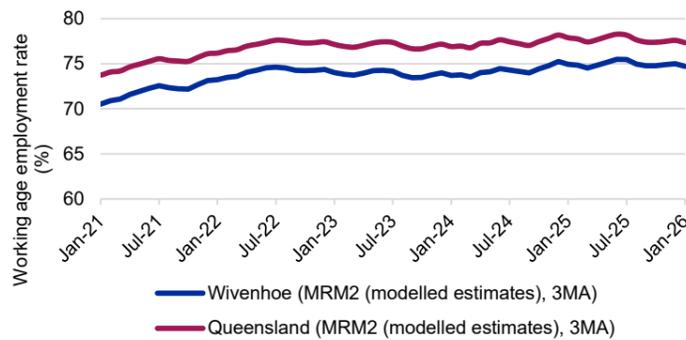
#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.

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

	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 (%)
Wivenhoe	74.7	74.9	16.0	14.9	7.4	4.8	4.5	78.5	78.6	10.5	11.1
Queensland	77.3	77.9	135.9	121.5	11.9	4.3	3.9	80.7	81.1	9.6	9.4
Australia	77.2	77.5	624.7	625.1	-0.1	4.1	4.1	80.5	80.9	9.5	9.1

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted data & MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, January 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MRM2 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.

Working age employment rate (%)



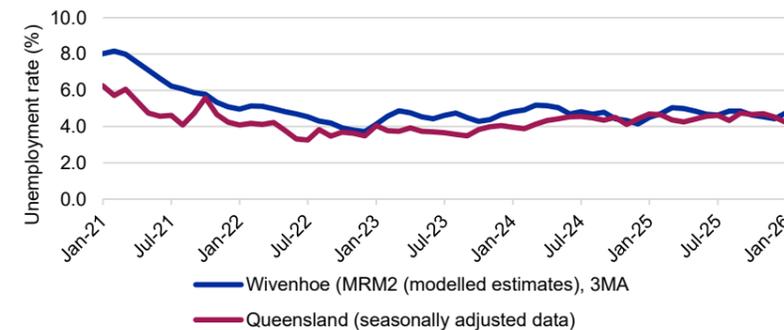
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, January 2026

Largest employing industries



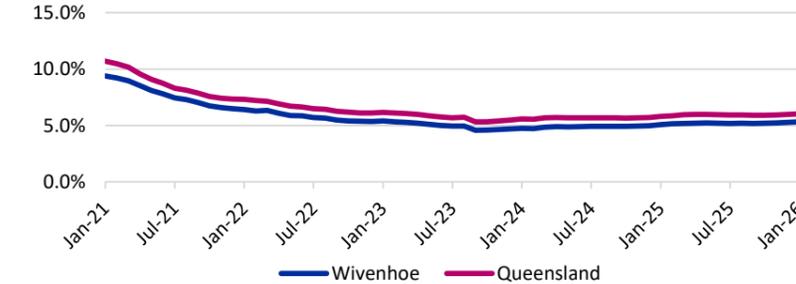
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-25 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - January 2025	20,375	209,905
Payments - January 2026	21,750	222,665
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 1,375	↑ 12,760
	↑ 6.7%	↑ 6.1%

% 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
Wivenhoe	21,750	5.3%
Queensland	222,665	6.0%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

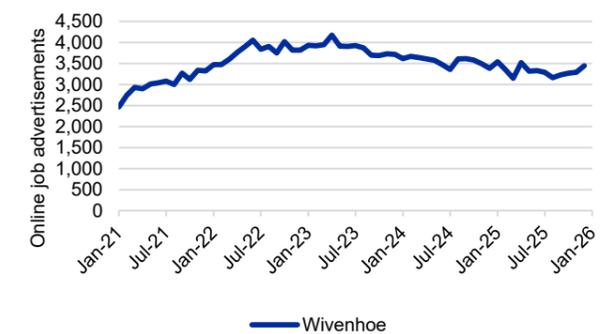
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, January 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2, 3MA, January 2026

LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

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

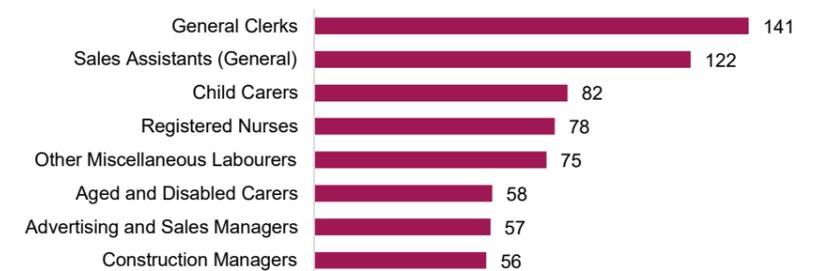
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
3,528
Change over the month
2.4%
(82 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.4%
(-13 job advertisements)

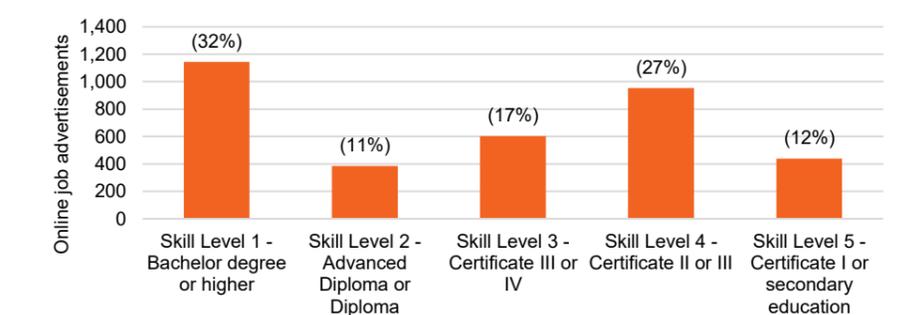
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026

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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Brisbane - West; and Ipswich SA4. 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.