

Labour Market Dashboard Western Australia

Data current as at 26 February 2026

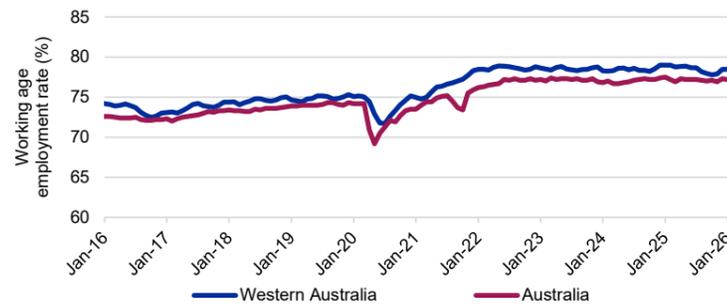
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Labour market summary table											
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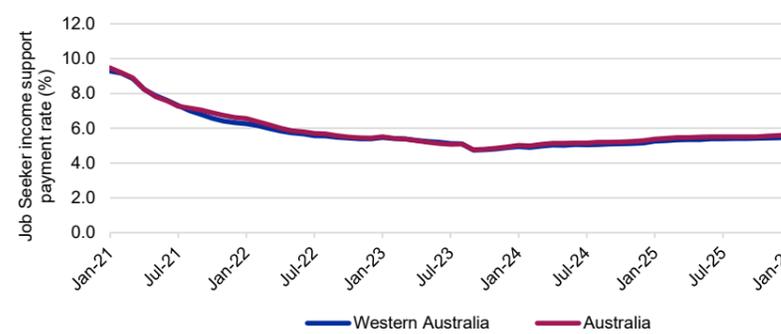
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Working age employment rate



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

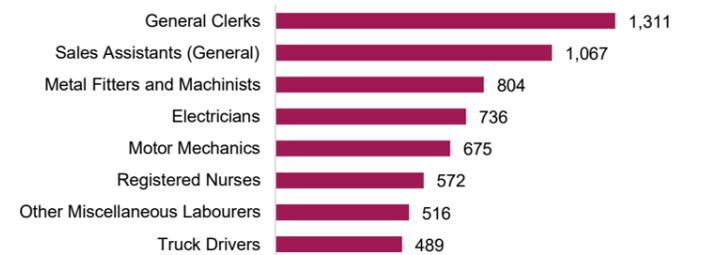


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, November-25 quarter

Change in job seeker income support payments

	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - January 2025	103,600	953,235
Payments - January 2026	111,030	1,018,495
Change (January 2025 to January 2026)	↑ 7,430	↑ 65,260
Change % (January 2025 to January 2026)	↑ 7.2%	↑ 6.8%

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



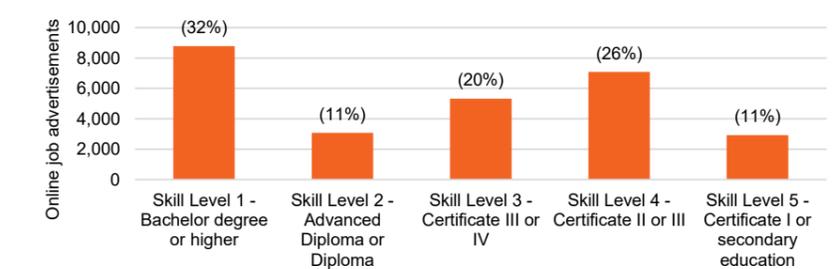
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% of 15-64 year olds* on job seeker income support payments



Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, data.gov.au, January -26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, MRM2, January -26

Online job advertisements by skill level



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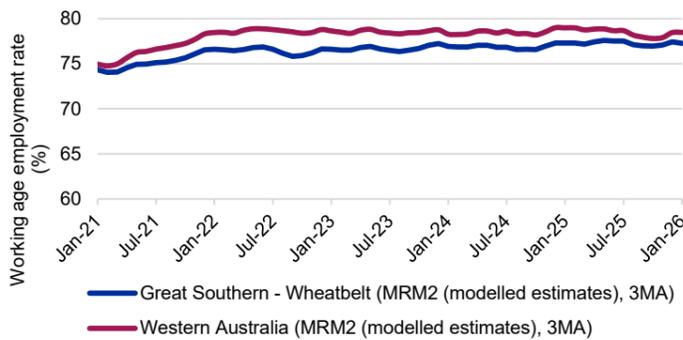
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (000)	Jan-25 (000)	Change (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)	Jan-26 (%)	Jan-25 (%)
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	77.3	77.3	2.4	2.2	9.8	3.0	2.8	79.9	79.7	7.2	7.5
Western Australia	78.5	79.0	58.5	63.4	-7.7	3.4	3.7	81.7	81.8	9.1	8.9
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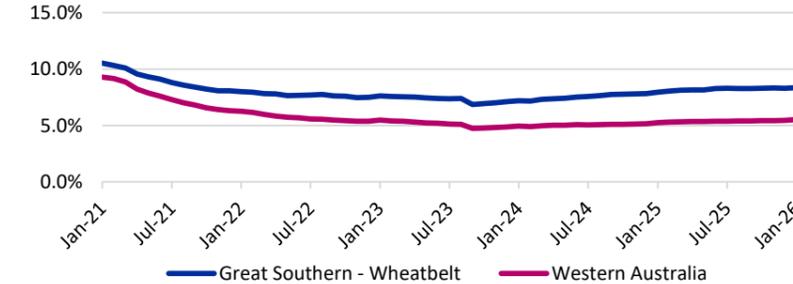
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - January 2025	6,960	103,600
Payments - January 2026	7,285	111,030
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 325	↑ 7,430
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 7.2%

% 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
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	7,285	8.4%
Western Australia	111,030	5.5%
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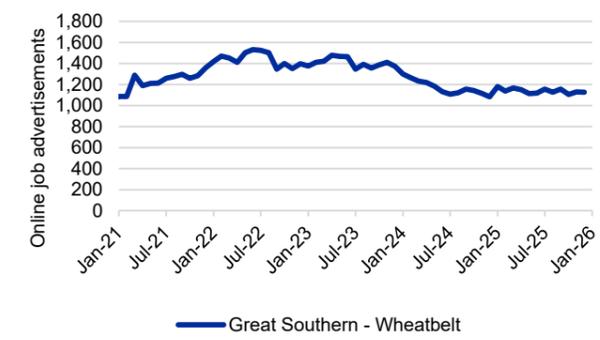
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Tammin*	3.6	5.0
Katanning	3.5	4.2
Cunderdin*	3.5	5.1
Kellerberrin*	3.5	5.1
Quairading*	3.5	4.9

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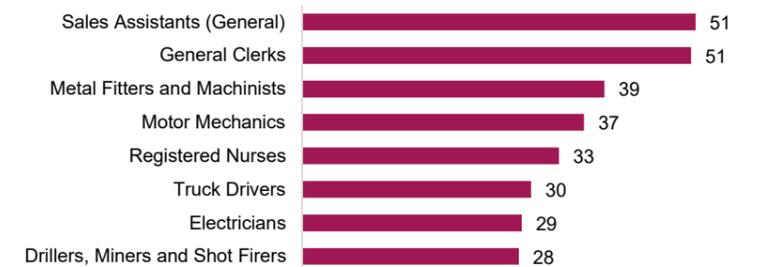
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
 1,135
Change over the month
 0.9%
 (10 job advertisements)
Annual change
 -3.7%
 (-44 job advertisements)

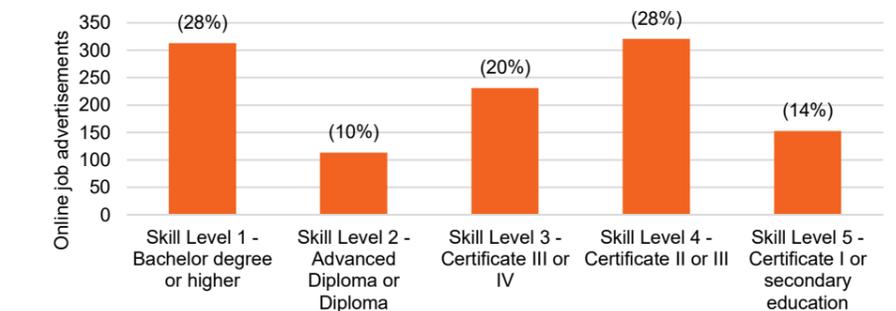
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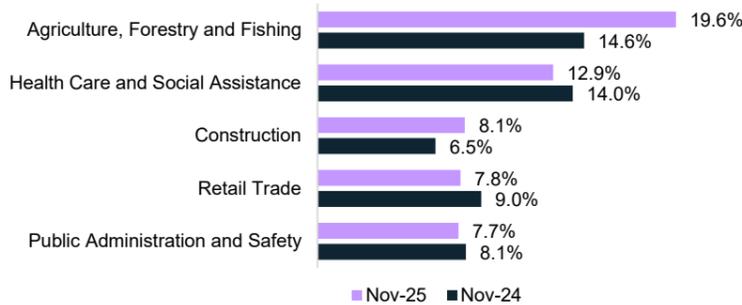
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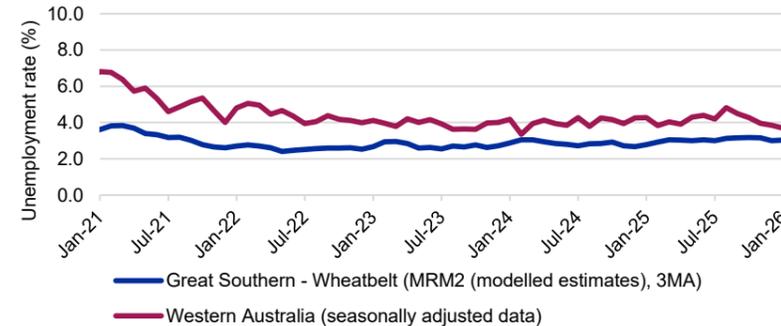
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Largest employing industries



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

Unemployment rate



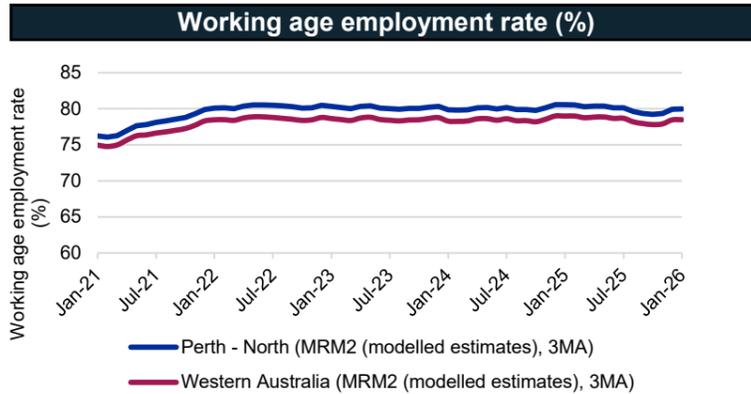
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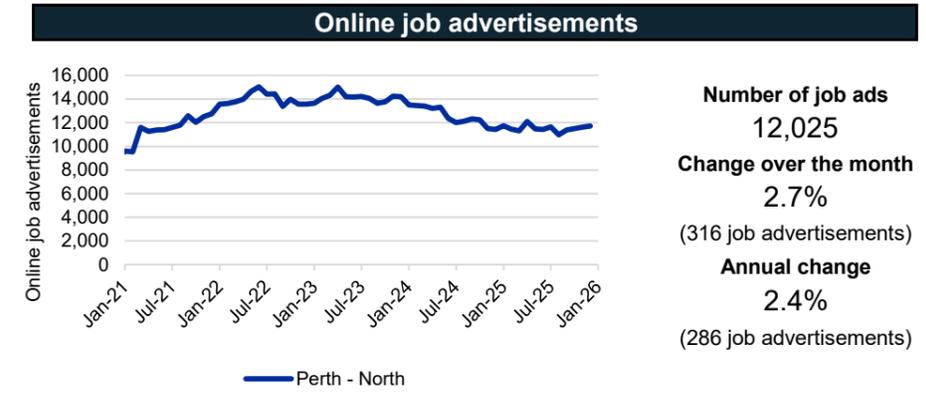
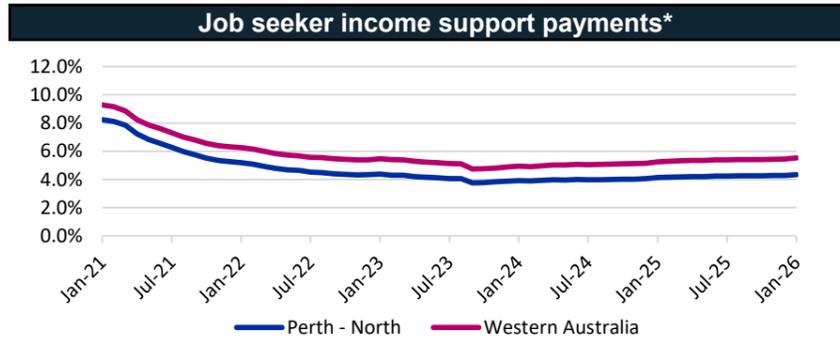
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Perth - North	80.0	80.5	25.2	21.6	16.5	3.6	3.1	83.0	83.2	9.0	8.7
Western Australia	78.5	79.0	58.5	63.4	-7.7	3.4	3.7	81.7	81.8	9.1	8.9
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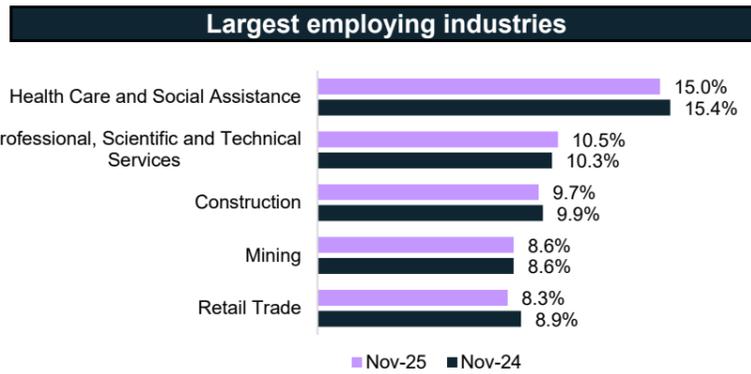
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Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, January 2026



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

Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - January 2025	32,685	103,600
Payments - January 2026	34,960	111,030
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 2,275	↑ 7,430
	↑ 7.0%	↑ 7.2%

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

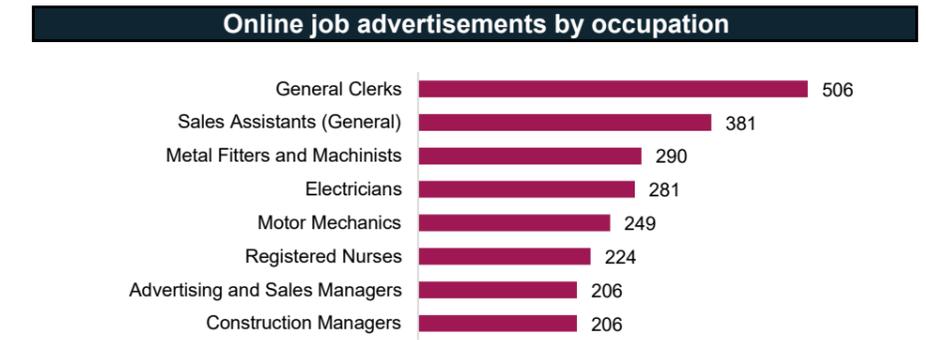
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Perth - North	34,960	4.3%
Western Australia	111,030	5.5%
Australia	1,018,495	5.7%

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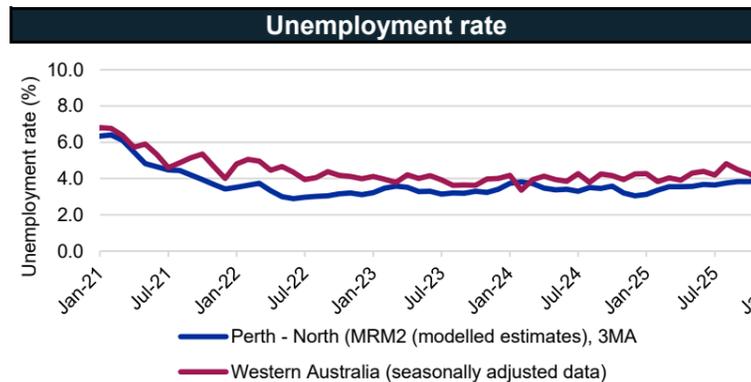
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Perth	5.8	4.5
Wanneroo	4.7	5.2
Swan	4.5	4.2
Vincent	4.4	3.0
Bassendean	4.1	3.8

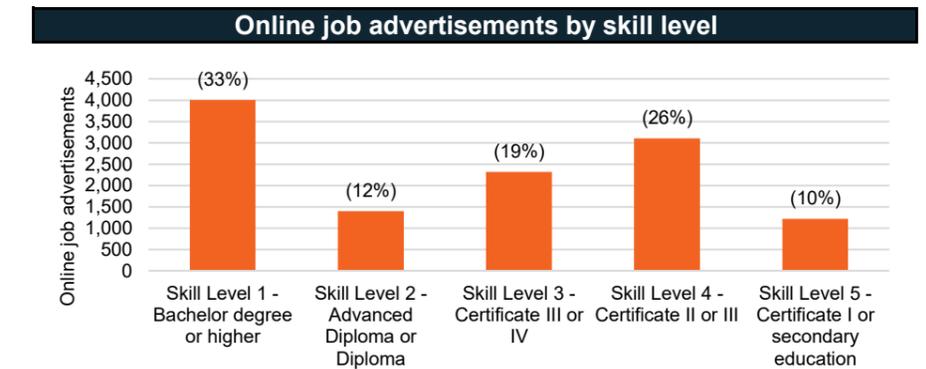
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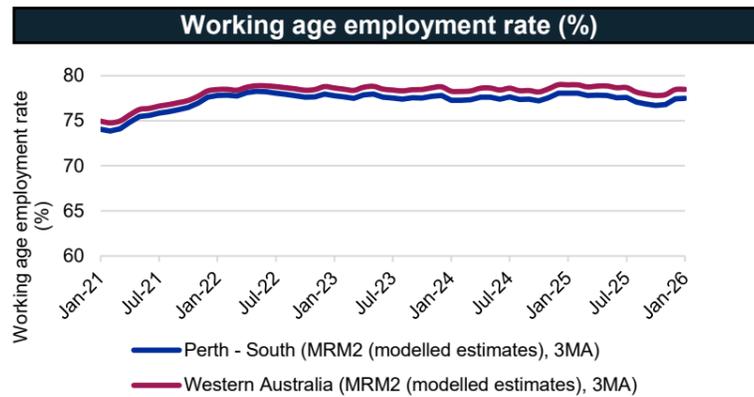
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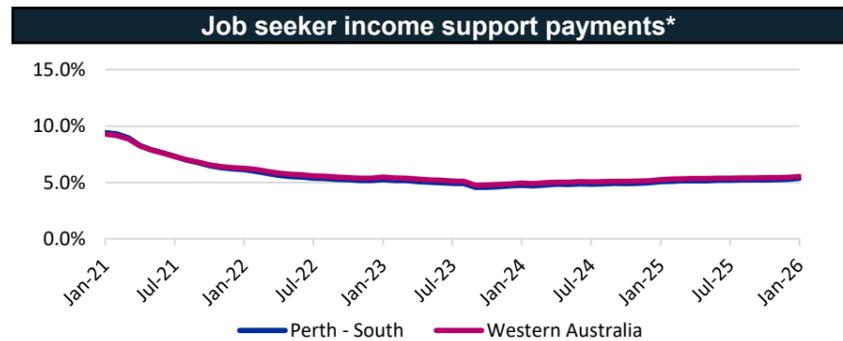
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Perth - South	77.5	78.0	30.5	26.1	16.5	4.3	3.8	81.0	81.1	9.8	9.4
Western Australia	78.5	79.0	58.5	63.4	-7.7	3.4	3.7	81.7	81.8	9.1	8.9
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - January 2025	41,295	103,600
Payments - January 2026	44,765	111,030
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 3,470	↑ 7,430
	↑ 8.4%	↑ 7.2%

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

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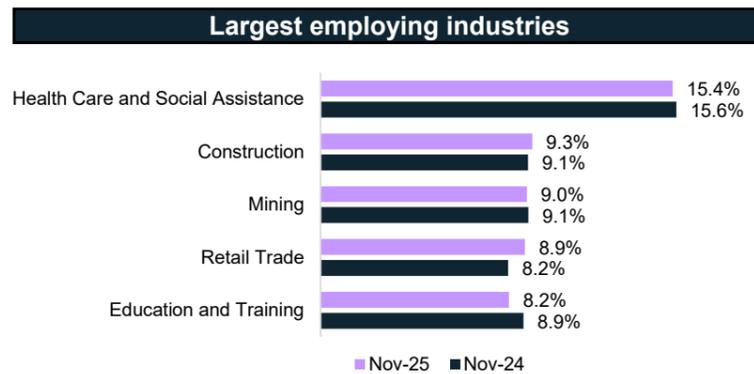
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Kwinana	7.6	6.3
Rockingham	6.0	5.0
Gosnells	5.9	5.7
Armadale	5.8	5.9
Waroona	5.6	6.2

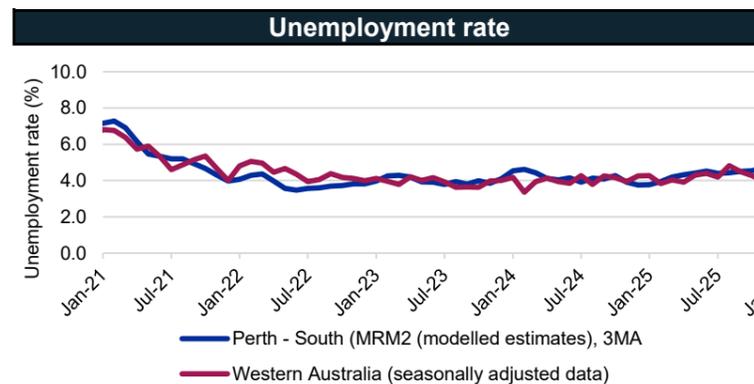
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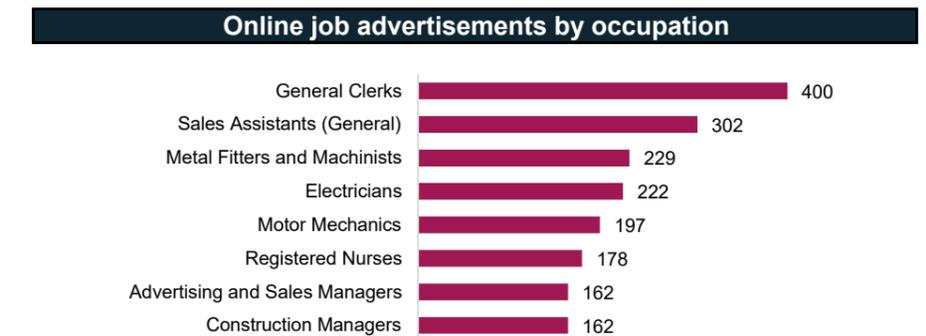
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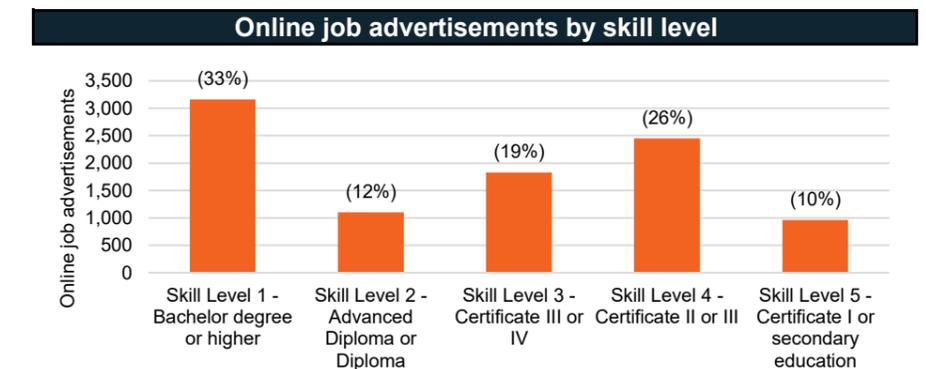
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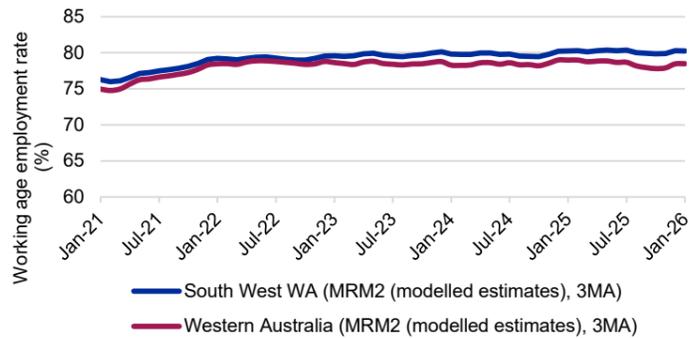
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South West WA	80.2	80.2	3.6	3.2	12.5	3.1	2.8	82.9	82.6	6.9	7.1
Western Australia	78.5	79.0	58.5	63.4	-7.7	3.4	3.7	81.7	81.8	9.1	8.9
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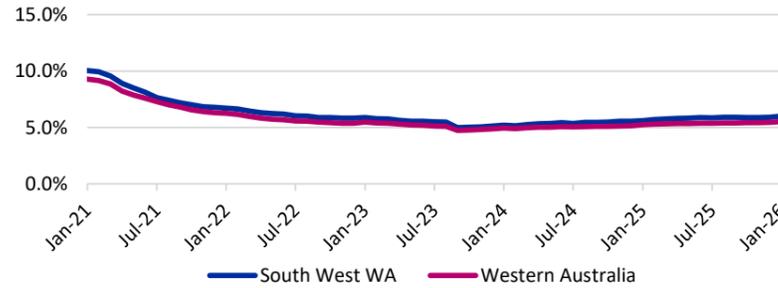
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - January 2025	7,165	103,600
Payments - January 2026	7,725	111,030
Change from January 2025 to January 2026	↑ 560	↑ 7,430
	7.8%	7.2%

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

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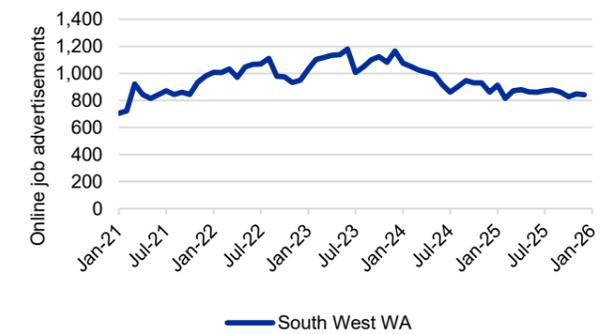
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-25	Sep-24
Collie	5.6	6.3
Bunbury	4.8	5.4
Manjimup	3.2	3.5
Nannup*	2.9	3.0
Harvey	2.5	2.7

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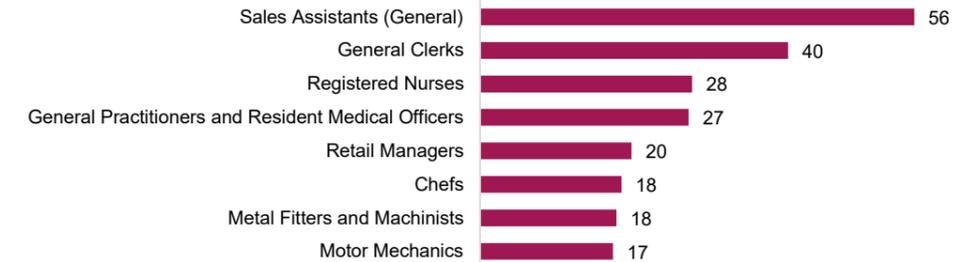
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
846
Change over the month
0.5%
(4 job advertisements)
Annual change
-7.3%
(-67 job advertisements)

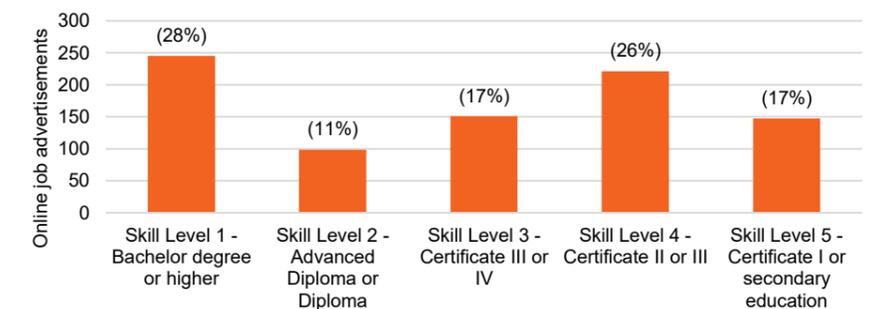
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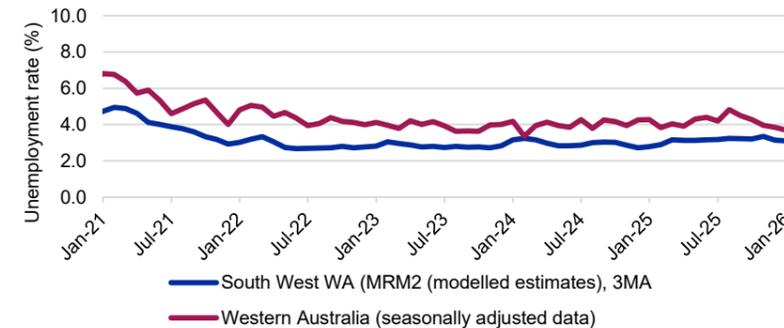
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