

Labour Market Dashboard

Victoria

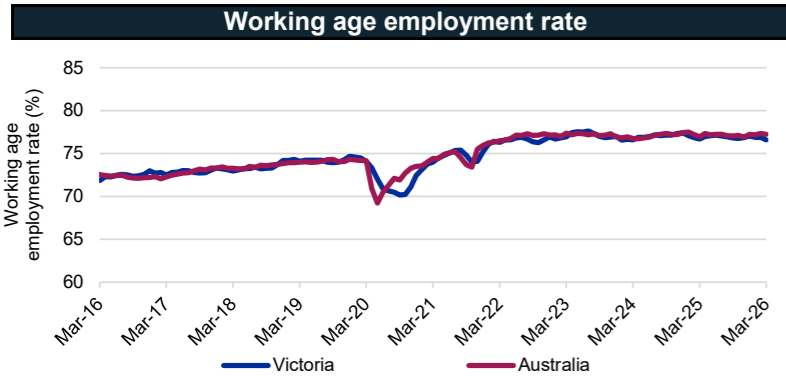
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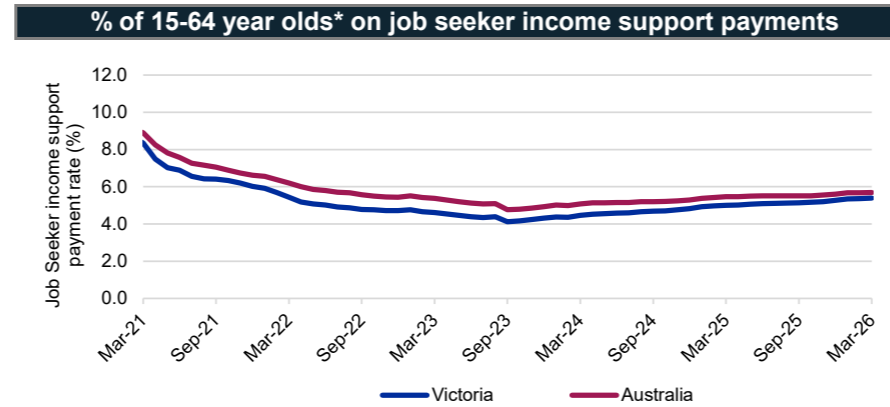
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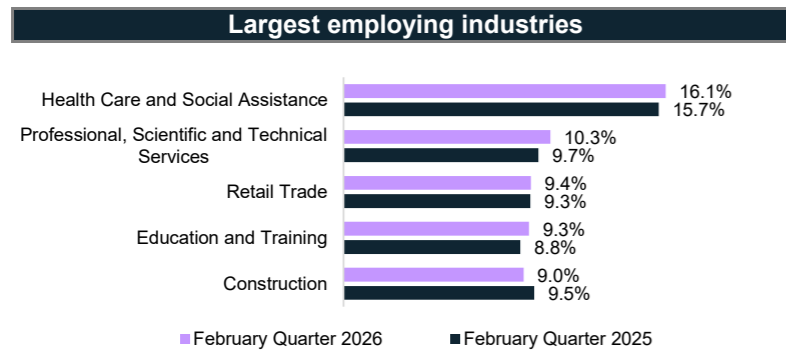
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.



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



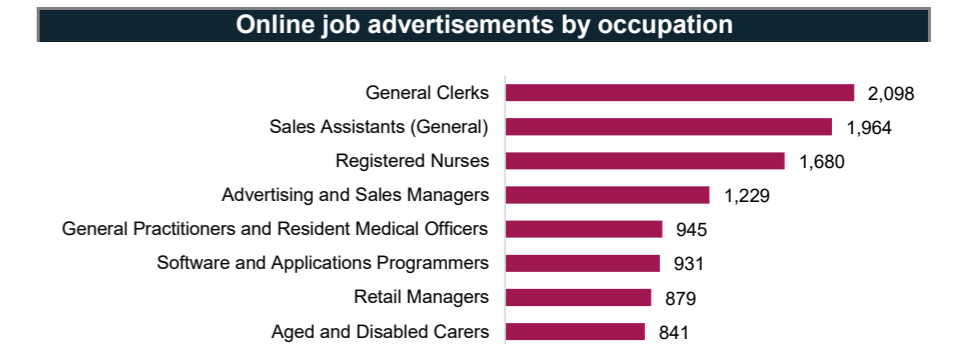
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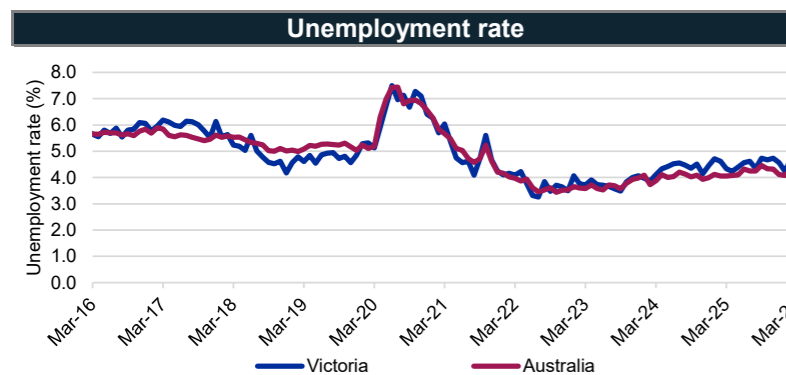
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Change in job seeker income support payments

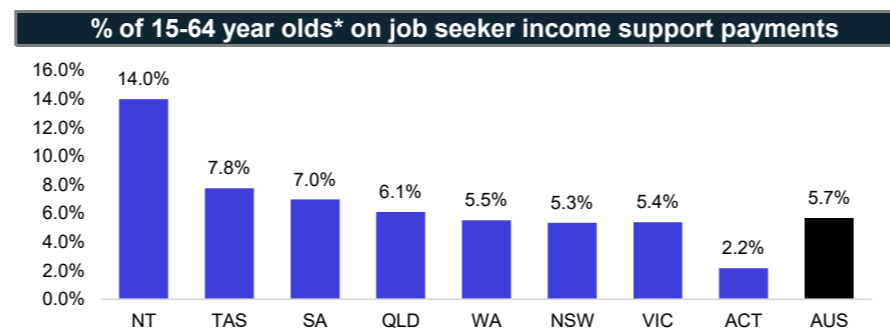
	Victoria	Australia
Payments - March 2025	231,330	973,495
Payments - March 2026	252,955	1,029,915
Change (March 2025 to March 2026)	↑ 21,625	↑ 56,420
Change % (March 2025 to March 2026)	↑ 9.3%	↑ 5.8%



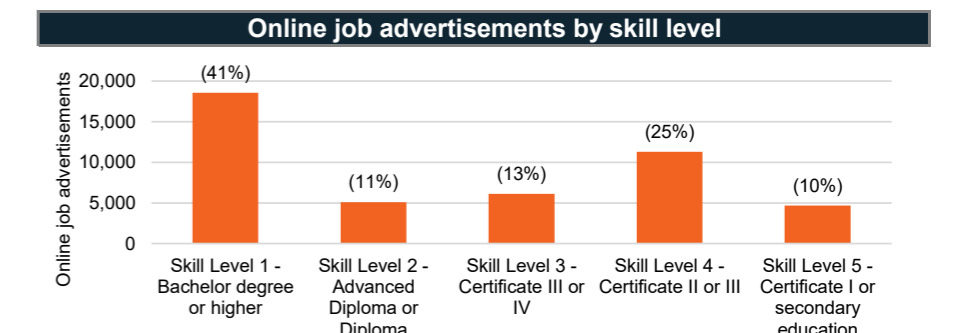
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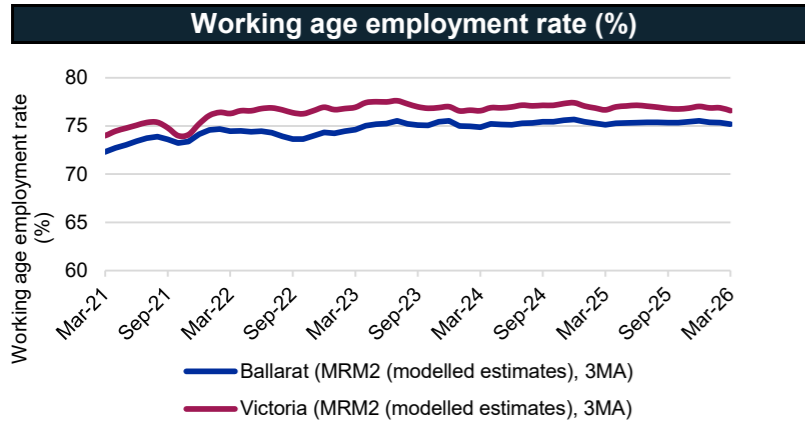
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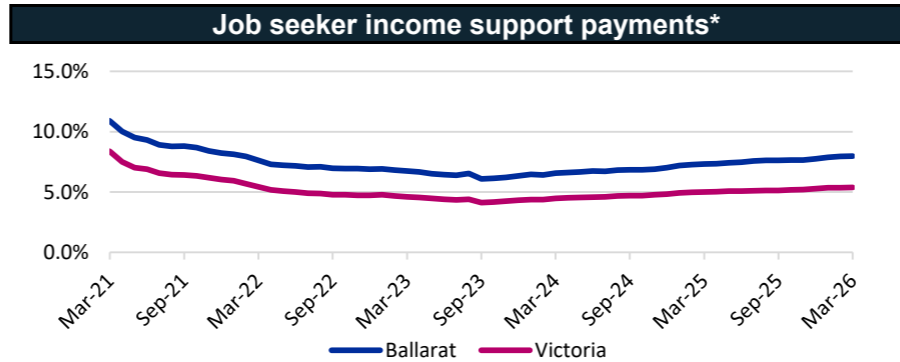
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Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, March 2026



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	8,200	231,330
Payments - March 2026	9,010	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 810	↑ 21,625
	↑ 9.9%	↑ 9.3%

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

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Ballarat	9,010	8.0%
Victoria	252,955	5.4%
Australia	1,029,915	5.7%

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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Central Goldfields	7.5	8.0
Pyrenees	4.5	4.6
Ballarat	4.1	4.3
Moorabool	3.7	3.3
Golden Plains	2.8	3.0

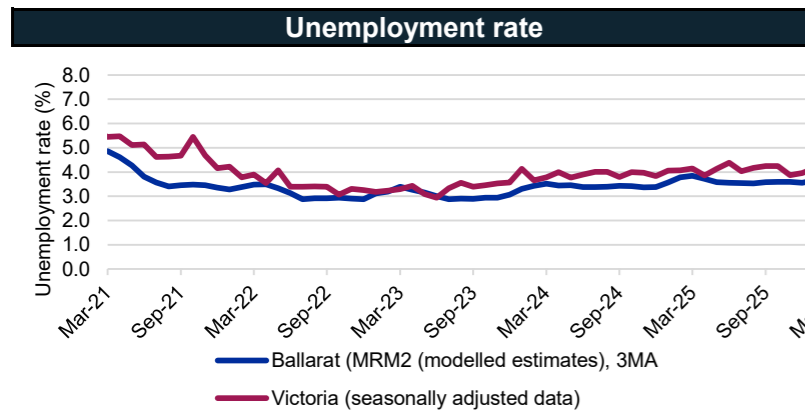
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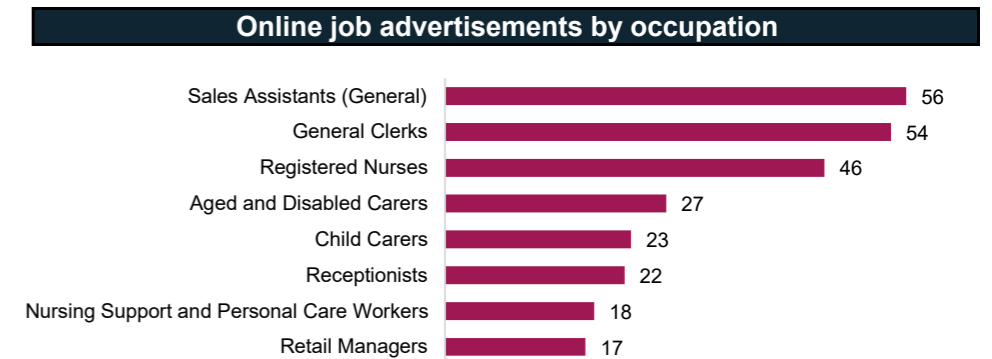
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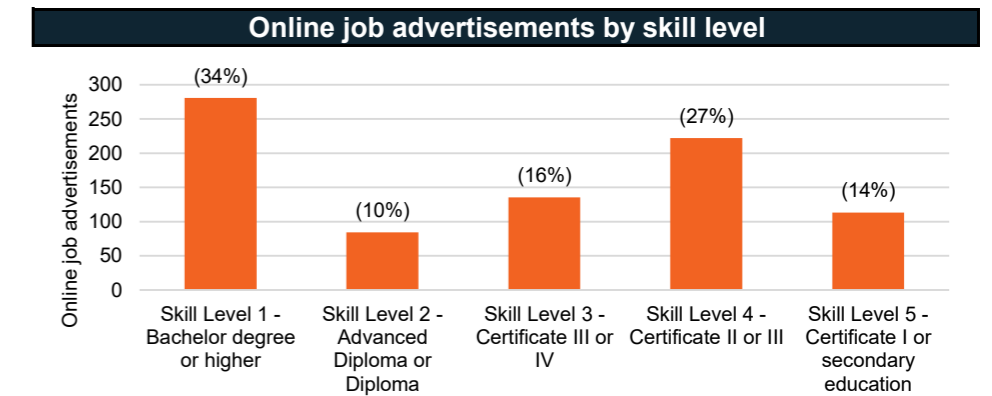
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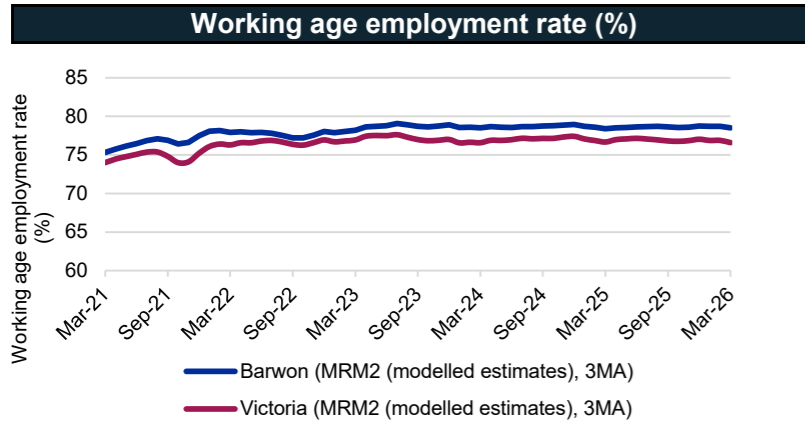
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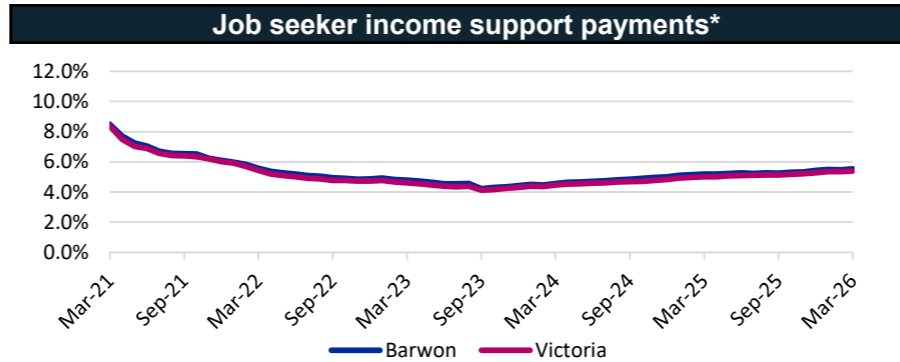
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Barwon	78.5	78.4	7.2	7.1	0.9	3.7	3.8	81.6	81.5	7.7	8.0
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	11,385	231,330
Payments - March 2026	12,260	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 875	↑ 21,625
	↑ 7.7%	↑ 9.3%

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

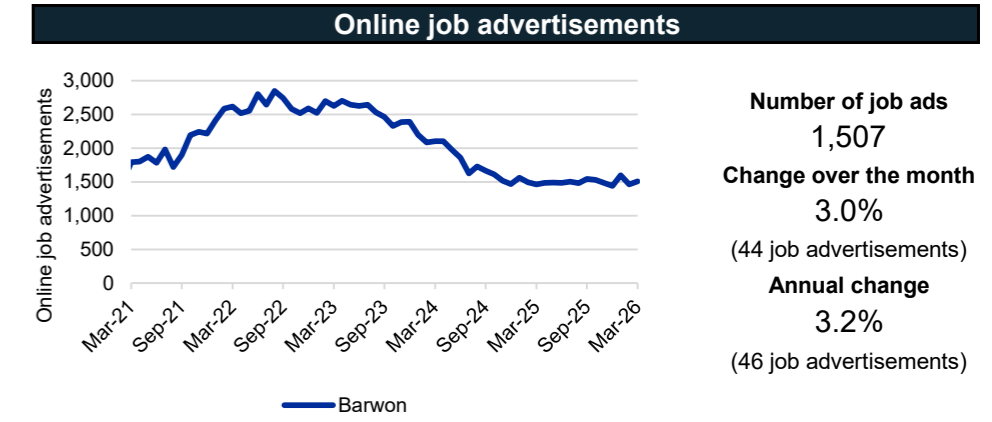
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Barwon	12,260	5.5%
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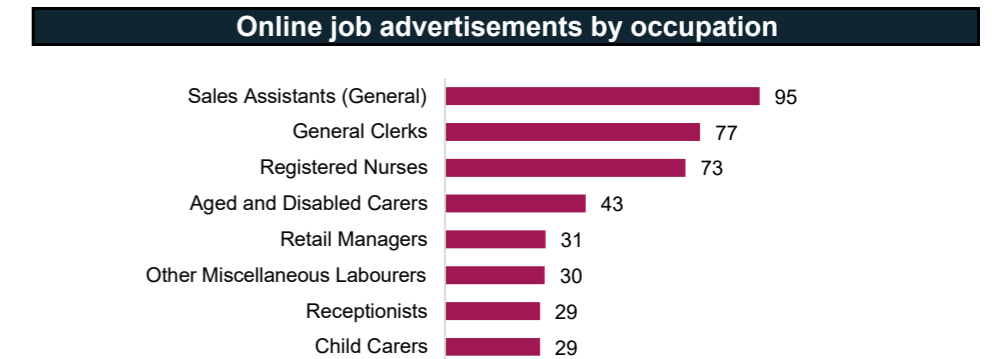
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Greater Geelong	4.6	4.7
Golden Plains	2.8	3.0
Queenscliffe	2.0	1.6
Surf Coast	1.7	1.6

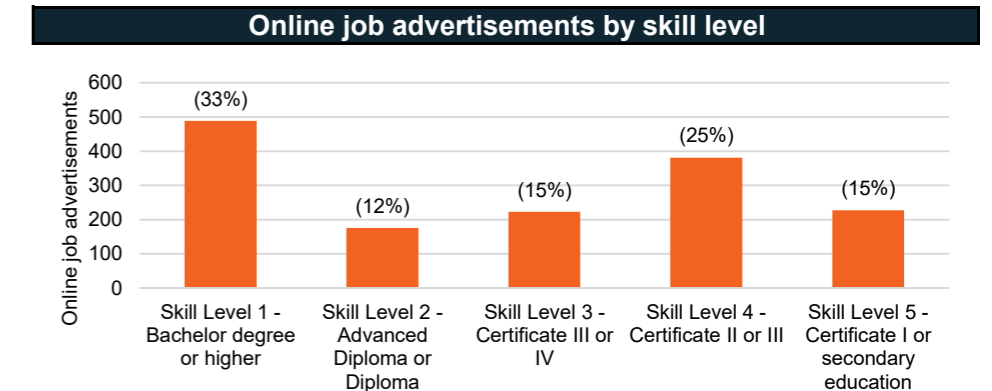
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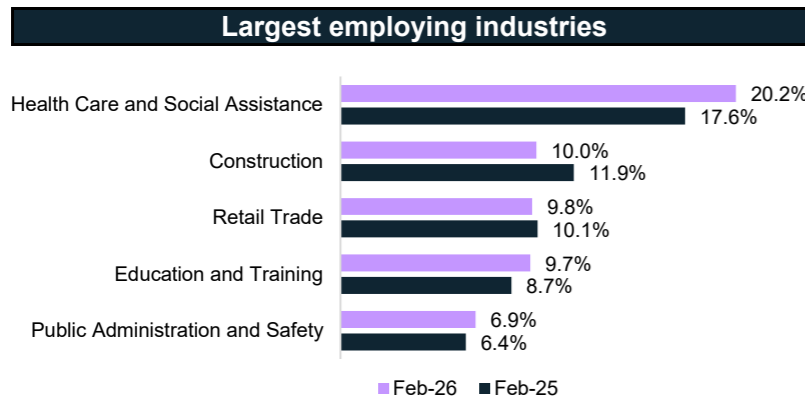
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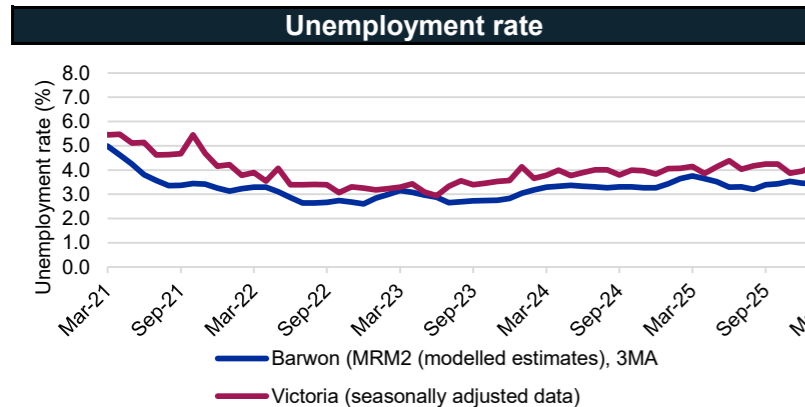
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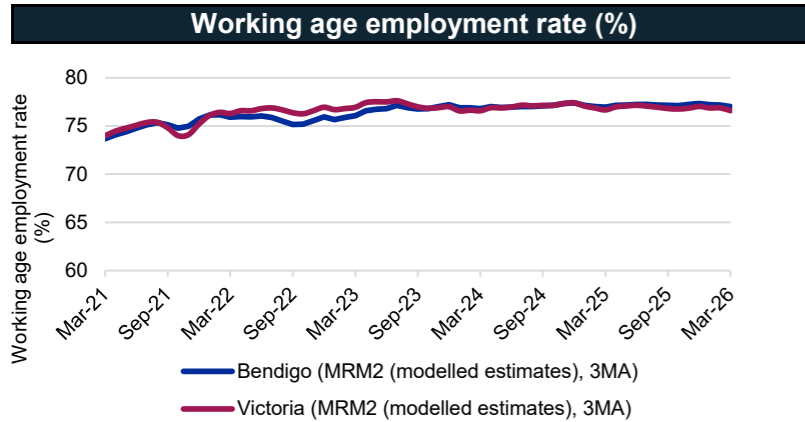
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Bendigo	77.0	76.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	80.1	79.9	7.4	7.7
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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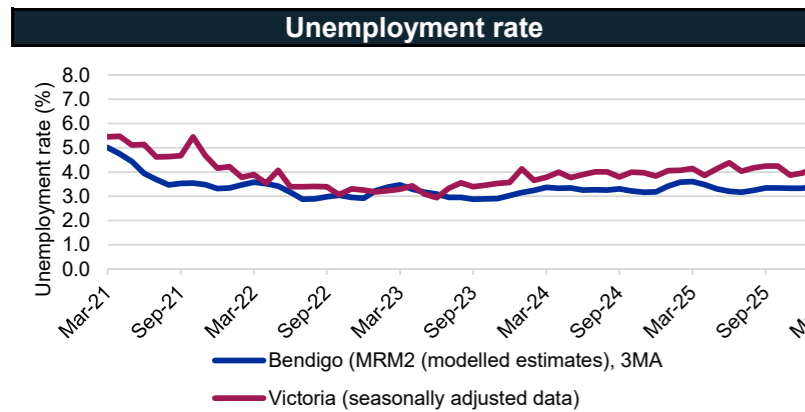
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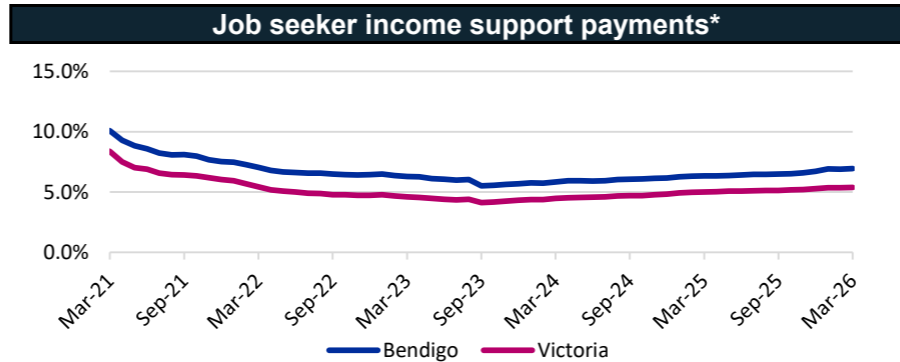
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	6,550	231,330
Payments - March 2026	7,165	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 615	↑ 21,625
	↑ 9.4%	↑ 9.3%

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

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Bendigo	7,165	6.9%
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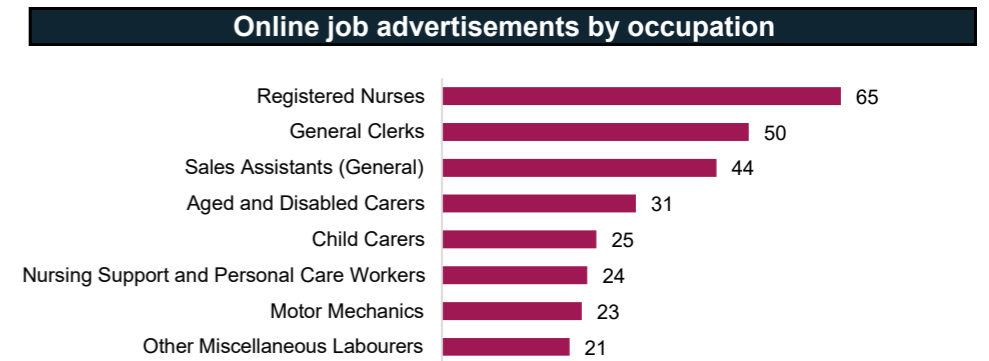
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Loddon	5.3	5.1
Greater Bendigo	4.0	4.1
Mount Alexander	3.2	3.1
Macedon Ranges	1.7	1.8

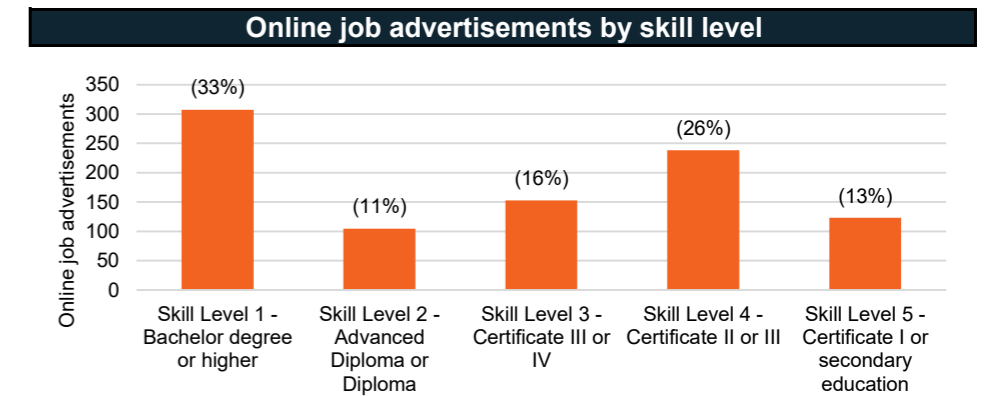
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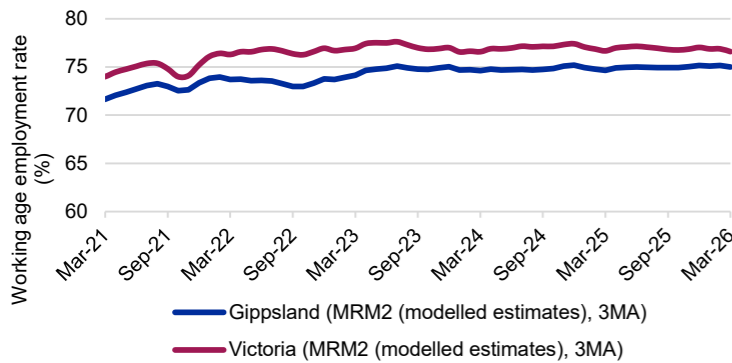
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Gippsland	75.0	74.6	6.6	6.8	-2.0	4.3	4.4	78.5	78.2	8.7	9.3
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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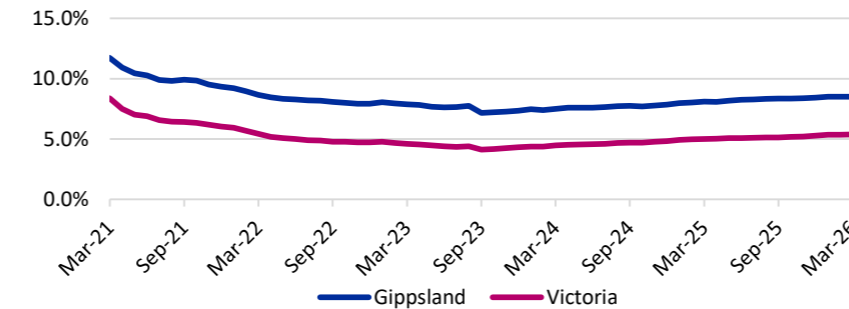
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Gippsland	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	14,495	231,330
Payments - March 2026	15,190	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 695	↑ 21,625
	↑ 4.8%	↑ 9.3%

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

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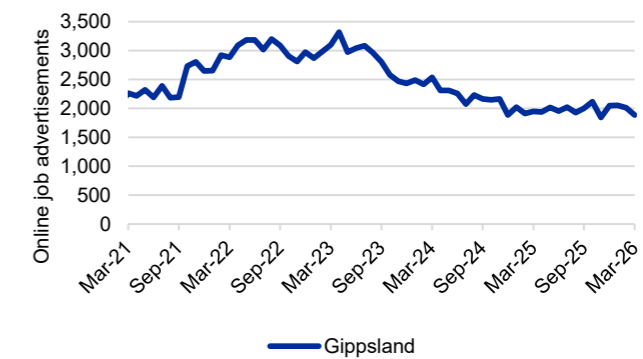
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Latrobe (Vic.)	6.1	7.5
East Gippsland	5.0	6.1
Wellington	4.1	4.8
Bass Coast	3.3	3.9
Baw Baw	2.8	3.2

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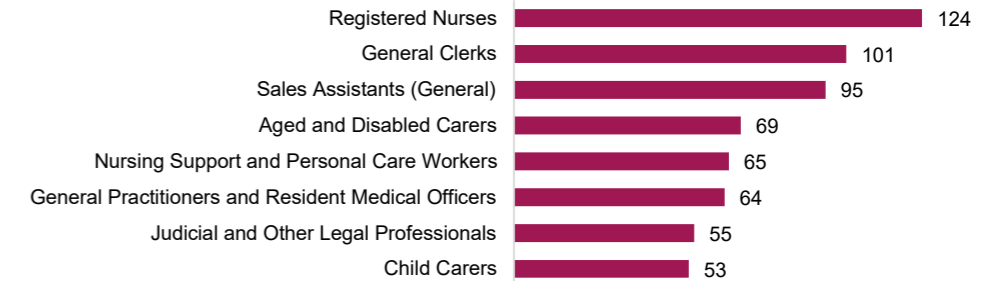
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,885
Change over the month
-6.2%
(-124 job advertisements)
Annual change
-3.2%
(-62 job advertisements)

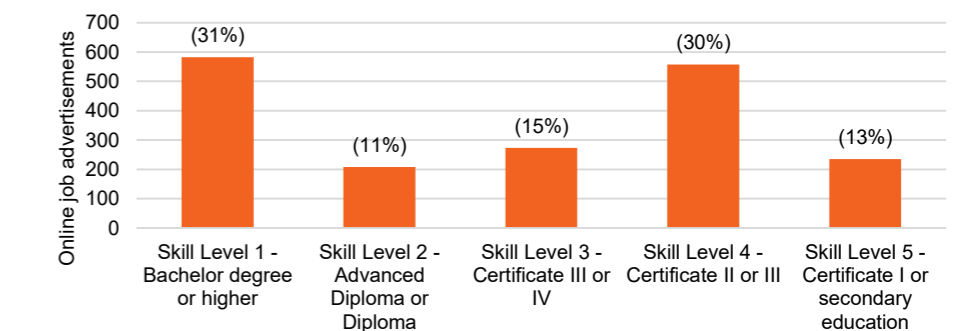
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Online job advertisements by occupation



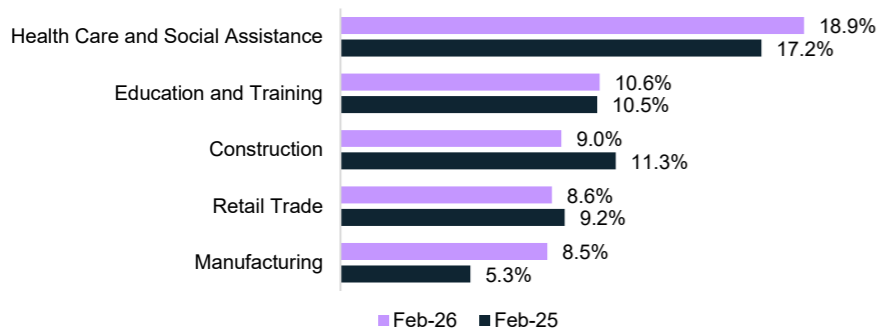
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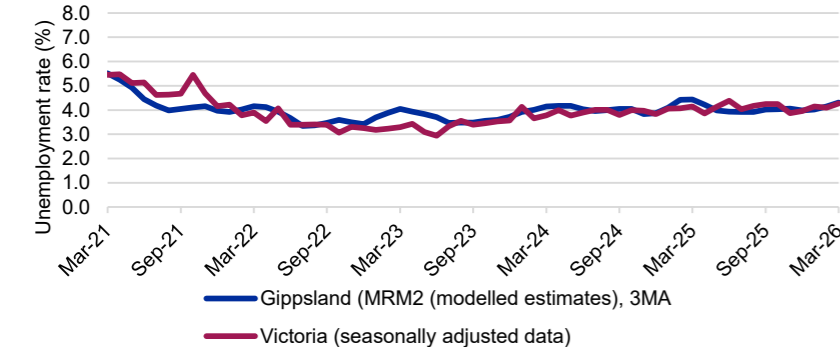
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Largest employing industries



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February-26 quarter#

Unemployment rate



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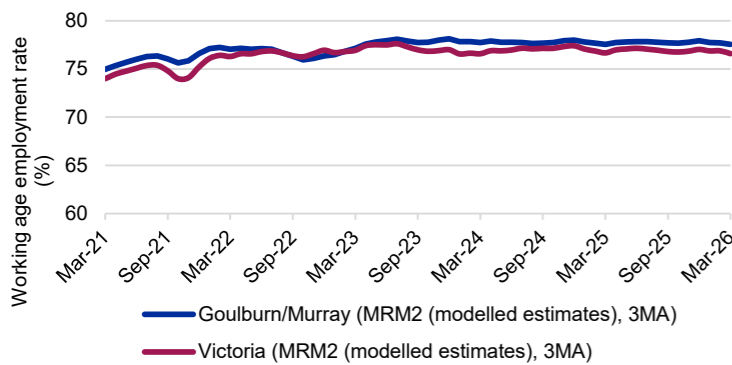
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Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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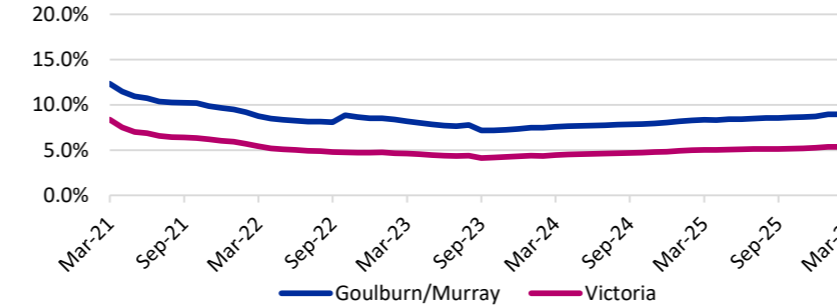
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Working age employment rate (%)



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Goulburn/Murray	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	15,860	231,330
Payments - March 2026	16,980	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 1,120	↑ 21,625
	↑ 7.1%	↑ 9.3%

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

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Goulburn/Murray	16,980	9.0%
Victoria	252,955	5.4%
Australia	1,029,915	5.7%

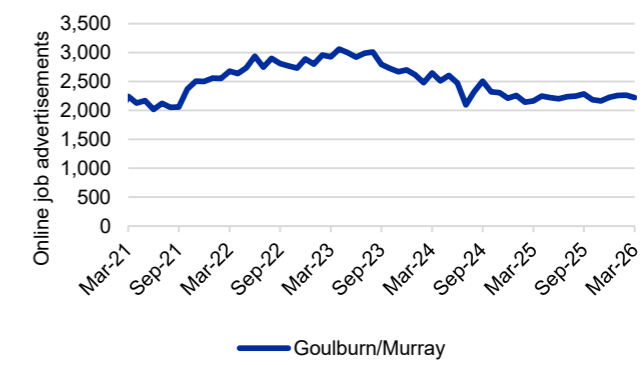
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Benalla	6.1	4.4
Wodonga	6.0	4.2
Mitchell	5.6	4.1
Wangaratta	5.1	3.8
Murrindindi	5.0	3.7

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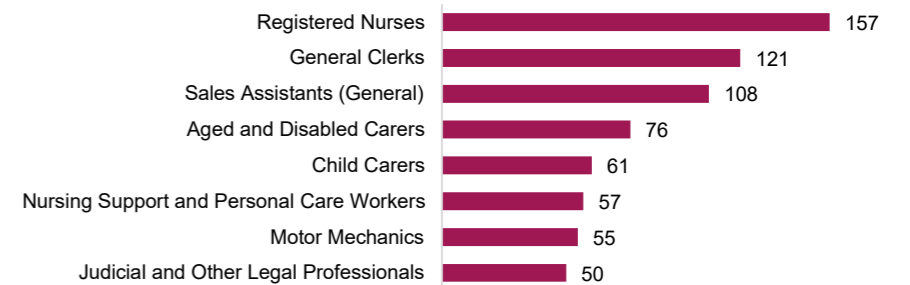
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(-40 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.6%
(55 job advertisements)

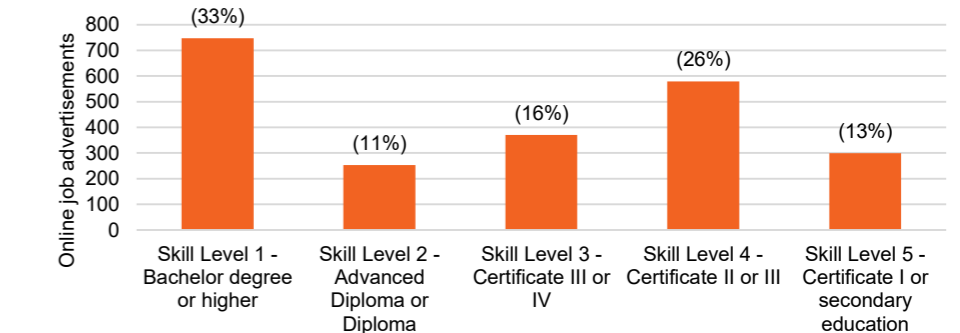
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Online job advertisements by occupation



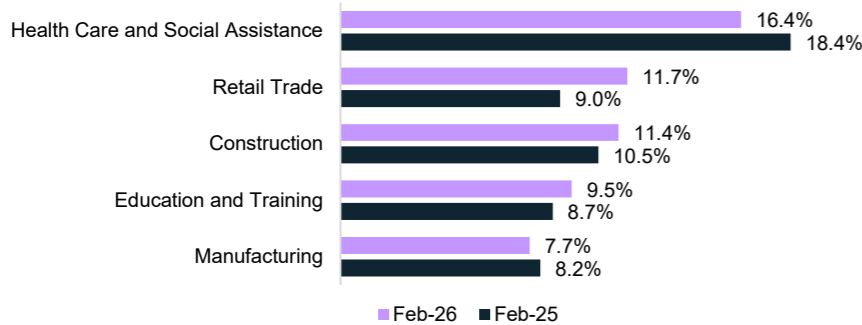
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Online job advertisements by skill level



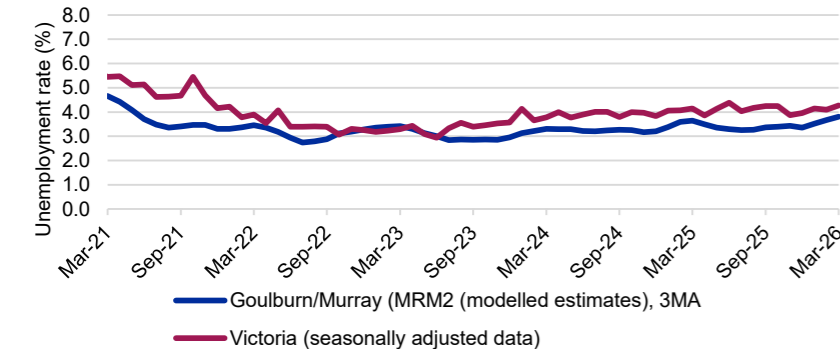
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Largest employing industries



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Unemployment rate



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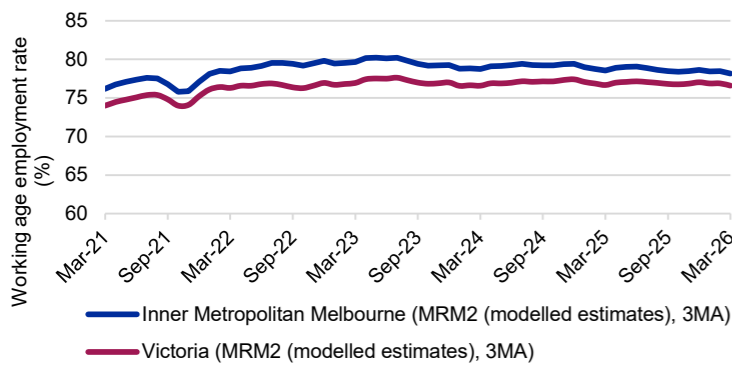
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (’000)	Mar-25 (’000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.1	78.5	45.5	45.2	0.7	4.6	4.6	82.0	82.4	10.6	10.6
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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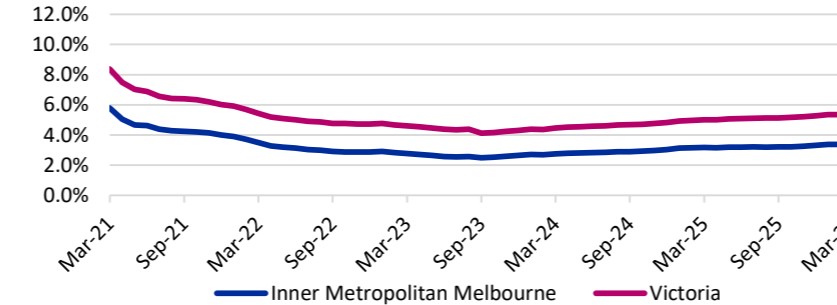
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	35,885	231,330
Payments - March 2026	39,175	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 3,290	↑ 21,625
	9.2%	9.3%

% 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
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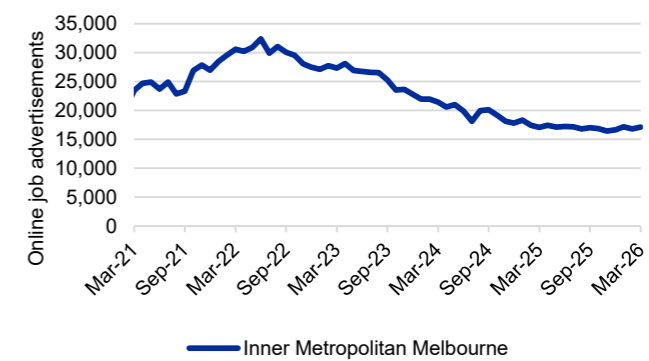
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Yarra	6.0	5.5
Merri-bek	5.2	5.3
Darebin	5.2	4.9
Port Phillip	5.1	4.8
Kingston (Vic.)	4.7	4.7

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Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
17,117
Change over the month
1.9%
(315 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.4%
(73 job advertisements)

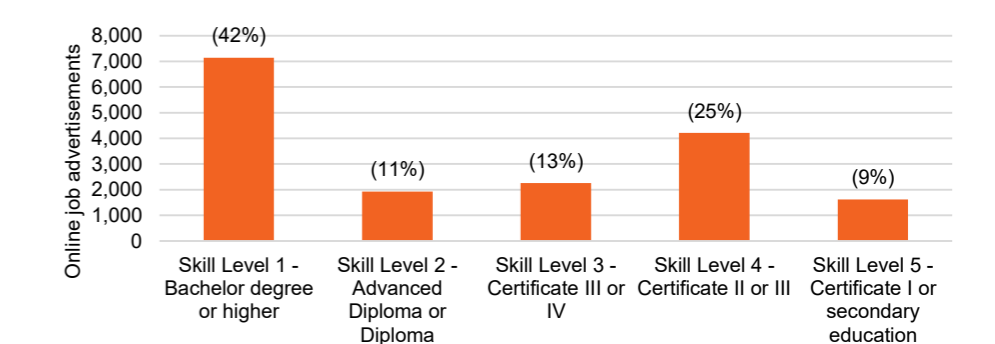
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Online job advertisements by occupation



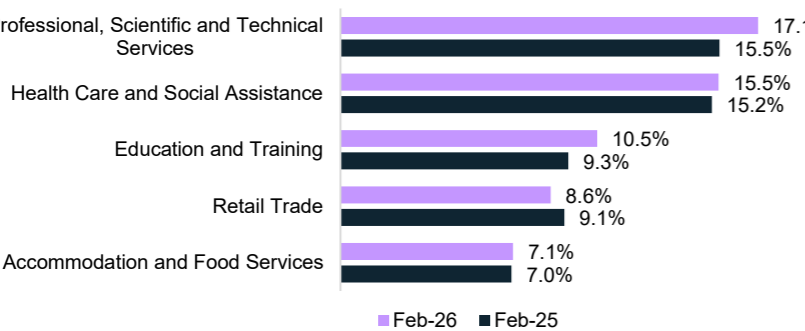
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Online job advertisements by skill level



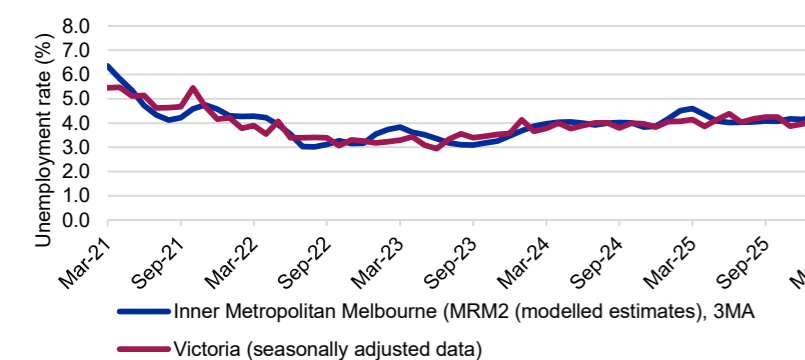
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Largest employing industries



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Unemployment rate



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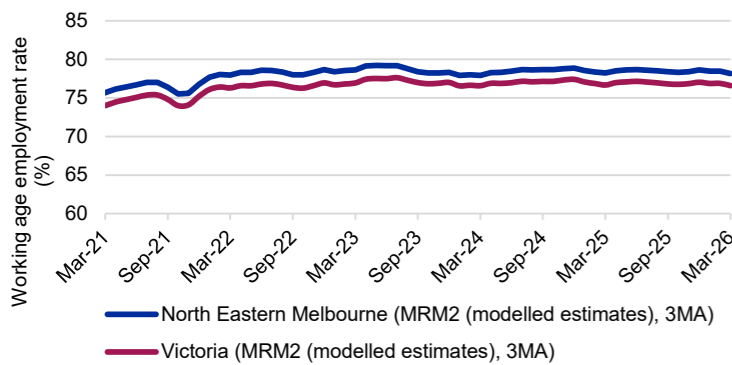
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	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 ('000)	Mar-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
North Eastern Melbourne	78.1	78.2	28.7	27.2	5.7	4.5	4.3	81.9	81.8	10.6	10.5
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
Australia	77.2	76.9	656.3	613.6	7.0	4.3	4.1	80.8	80.3	10.1	8.9

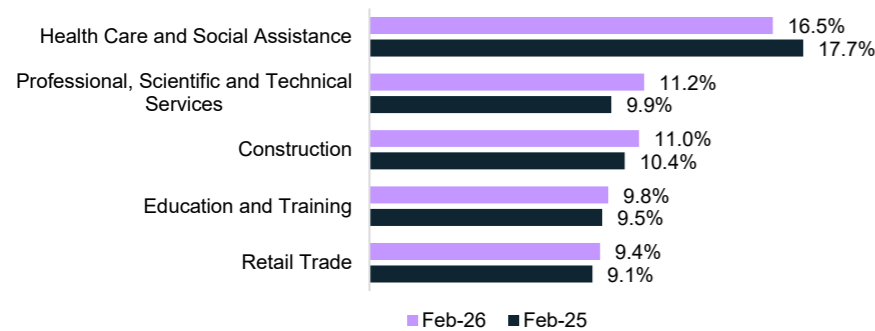
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Working age employment rate (%)



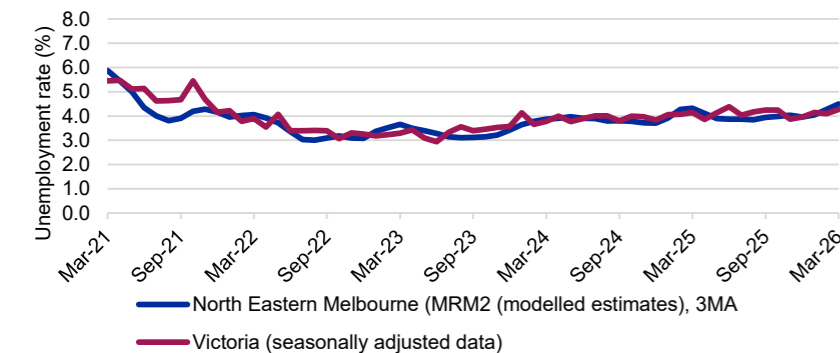
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Largest employing industries



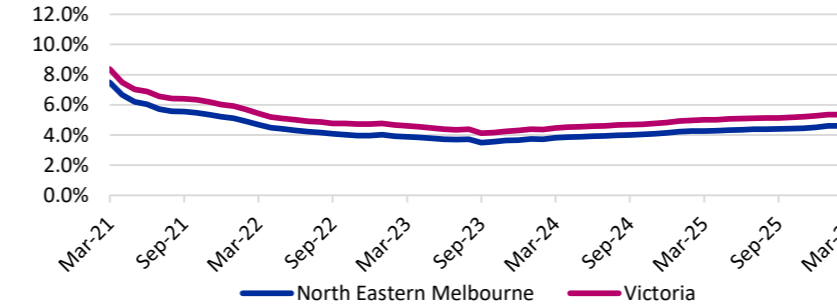
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	31,145	231,330
Payments - March 2026	34,340	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 3,195	↑ 21,625
	↑ 10.3%	↑ 9.3%

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

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
North Eastern Melbourne	34,340	4.6%
Victoria	252,955	5.4%
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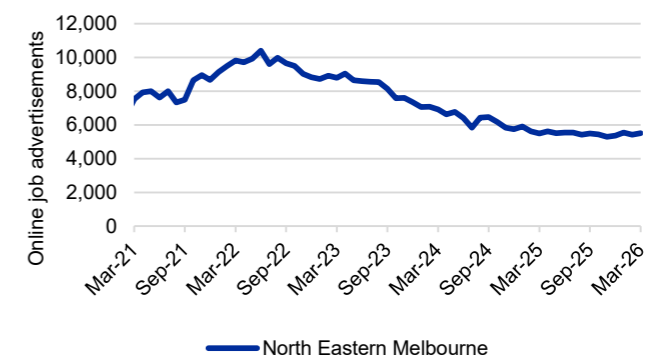
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Mitchell	5.6	4.1
Darebin	5.2	4.9
Whittlesea	5.1	4.4
Murrindindi	5.0	3.7
Maroondah	4.3	4.1

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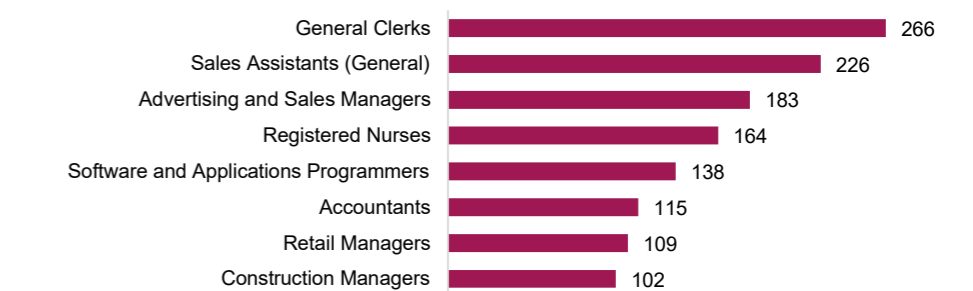
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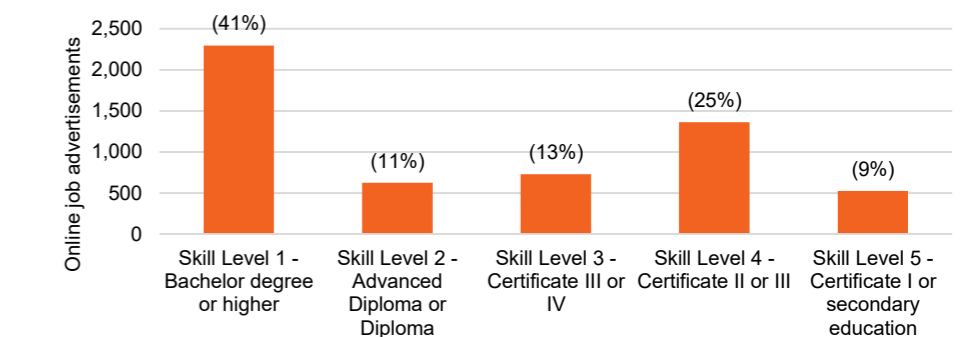
Number of job ads
5,515
Change over the month
1.8%
(98 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.4%
(25 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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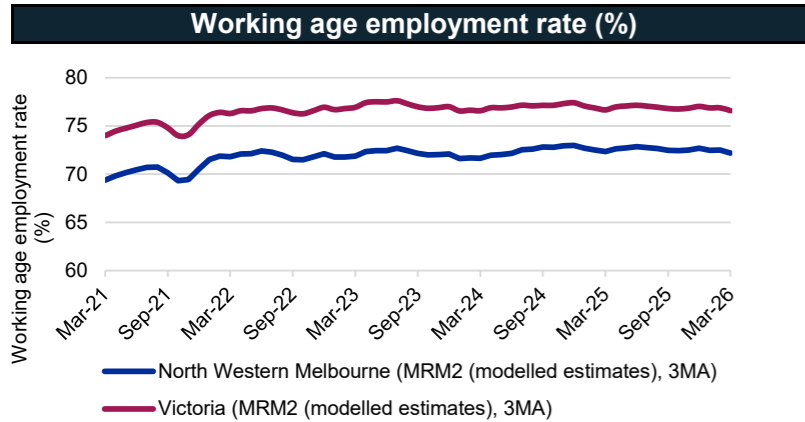
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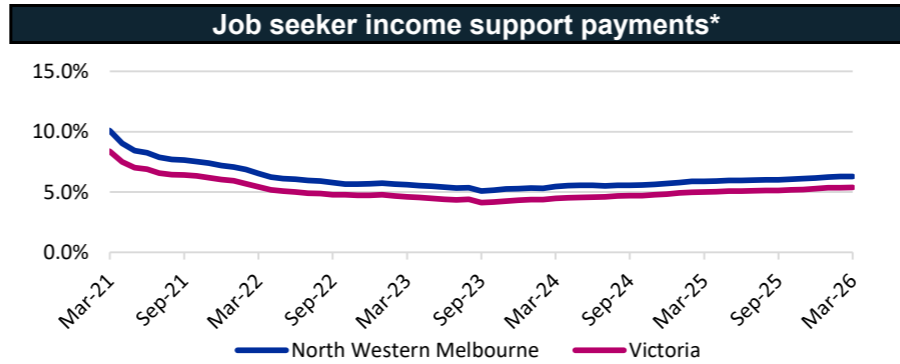
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	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (000)	Mar-25 (000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
North Western Melbourne	72.2	72.3	14.9	14.5	2.9	6.0	5.9	76.9	77.0	13.2	13.5
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM2 (modelled estimates), 3MA, March 2026



Change in job seeker income support payments

	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	18,155	231,330
Payments - March 2026	19,755	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 1,600	↑ 21,625
	8.8%	9.3%

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

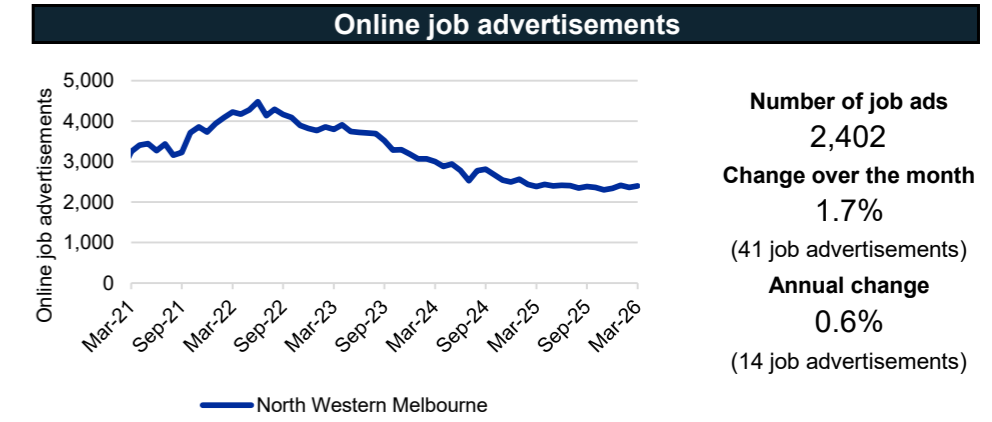
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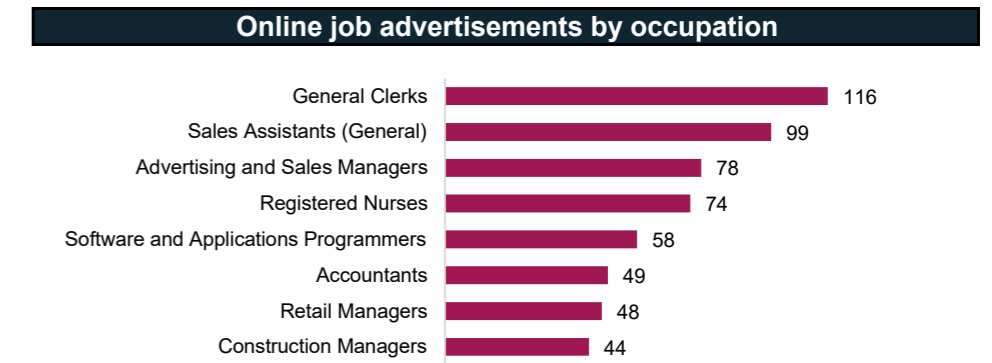
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Brimbank	7.0	6.1
Hume	6.5	7.8
Merri-bek	5.2	5.3
Moonee Valley	4.5	4.6
Macedon Ranges	1.7	1.8

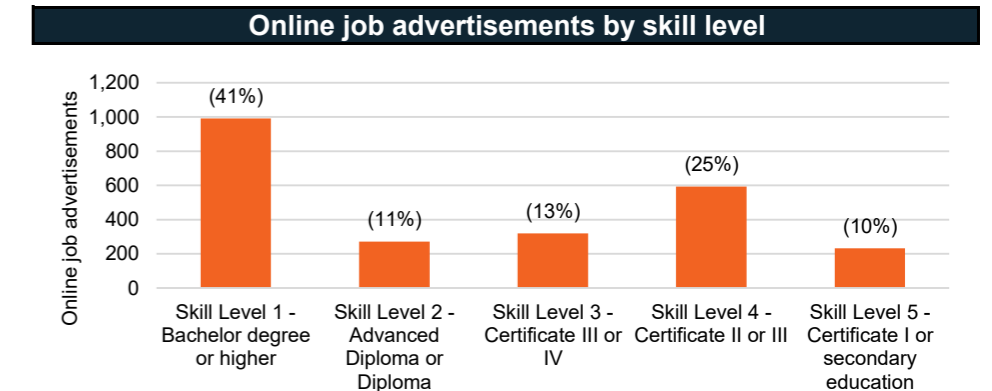
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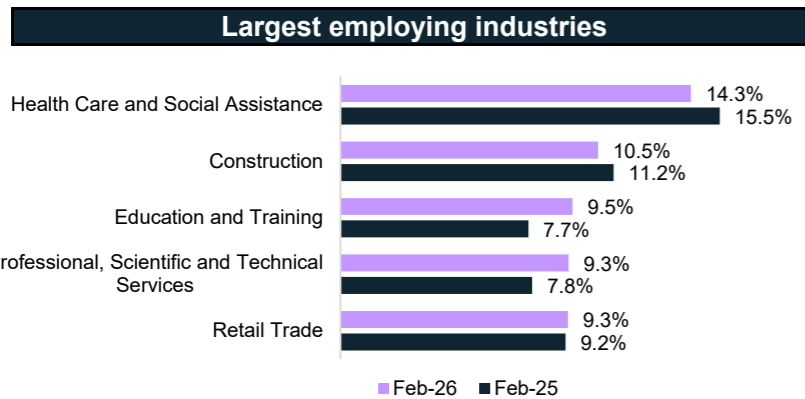
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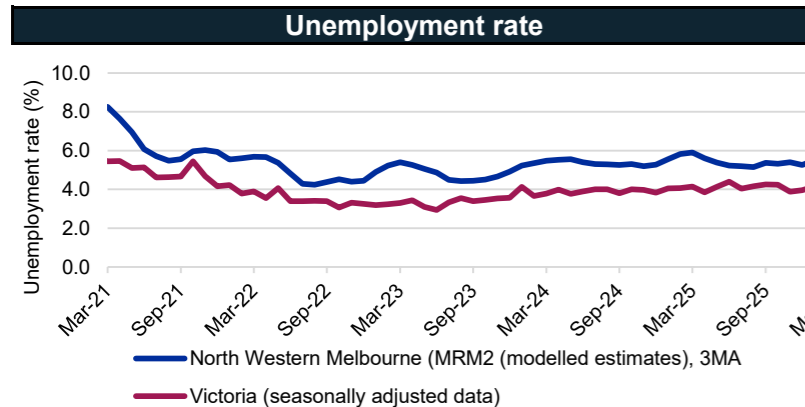
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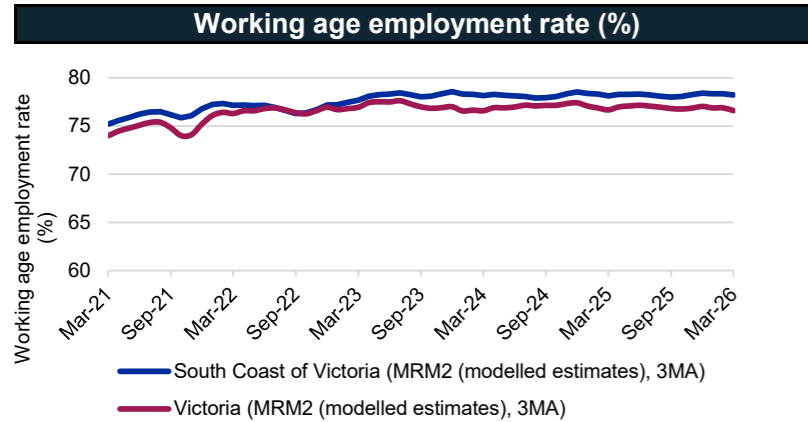
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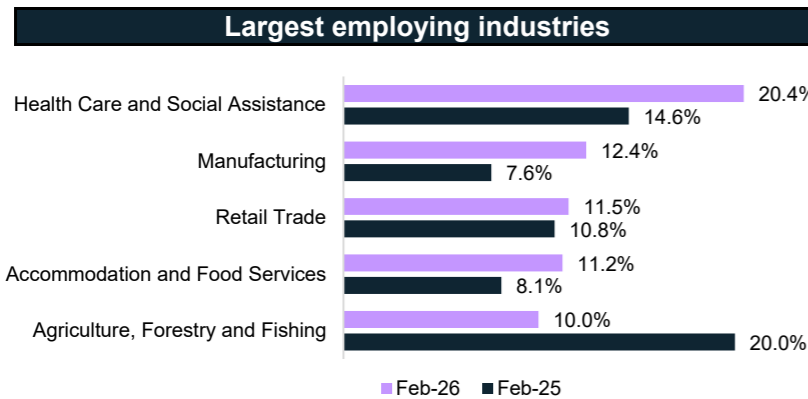
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	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 ('000)	Mar-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
South Coast of Victoria	78.2	78.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.9	80.8	80.6	6.1	6.4
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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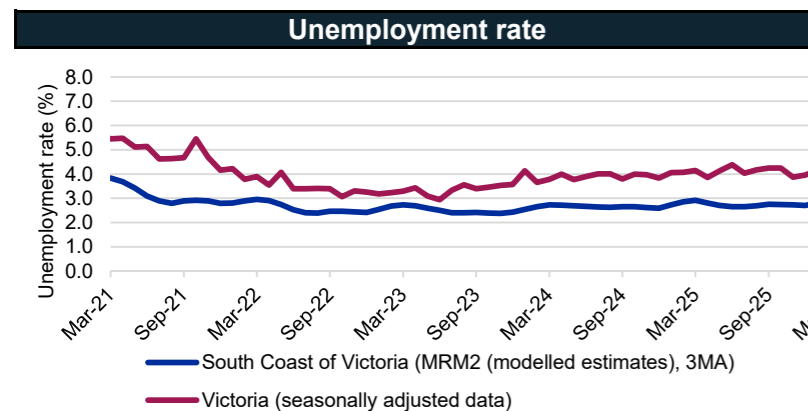
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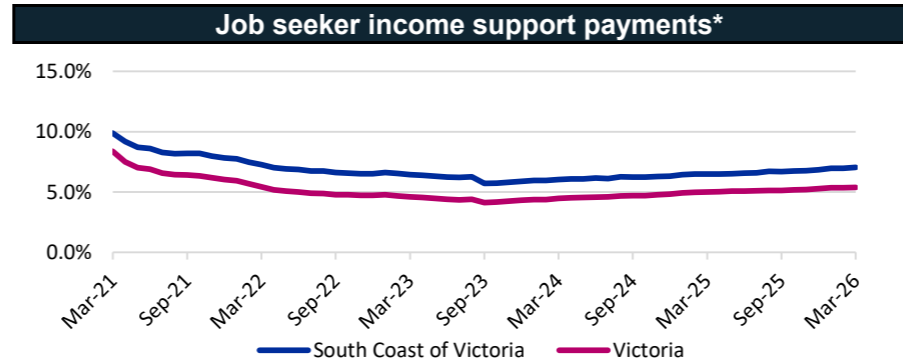
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	4,780	231,330
Payments - March 2026	5,105	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 325	↑ 21,625
	↑ 6.8%	↑ 9.3%

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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Glenelg	3.1	3.0
Southern Grampians	2.7	2.4
Warrnambool	2.0	2.0
Colac Otway	2.0	1.9
Corangamite	1.8	1.6

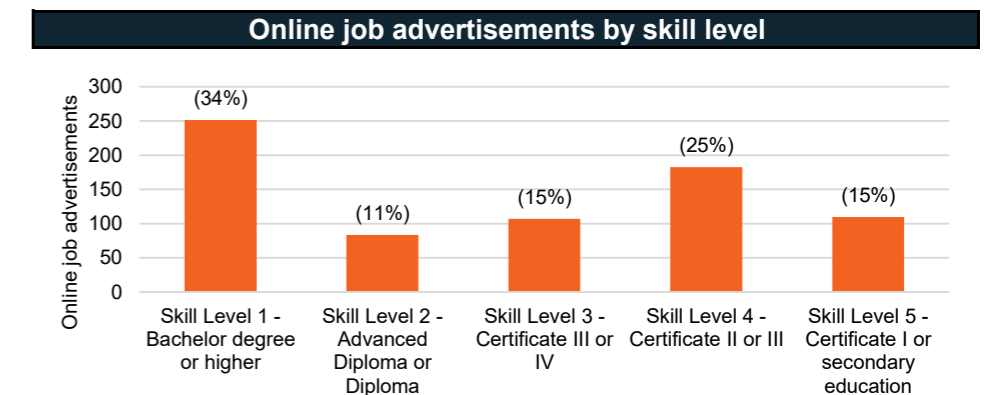
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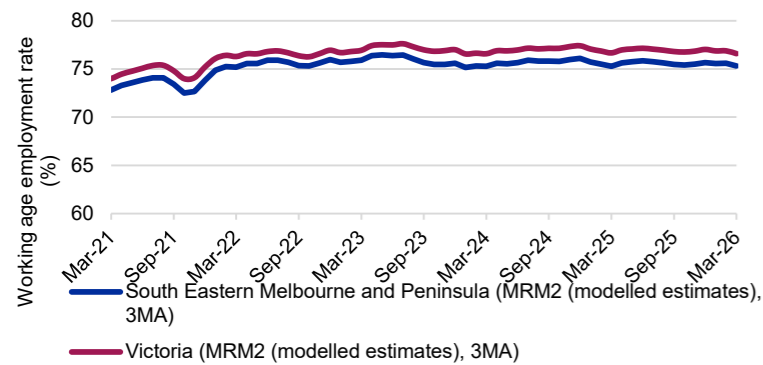
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.3	75.3	39.3	39.2	0.3	5.6	5.7	79.9	79.9	12.5	12.4
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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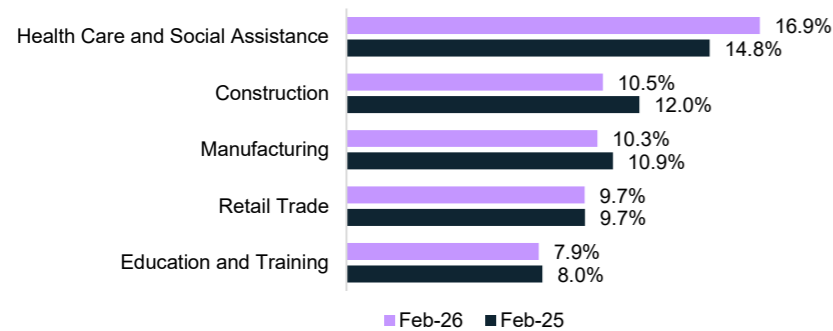
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Working age employment rate (%)



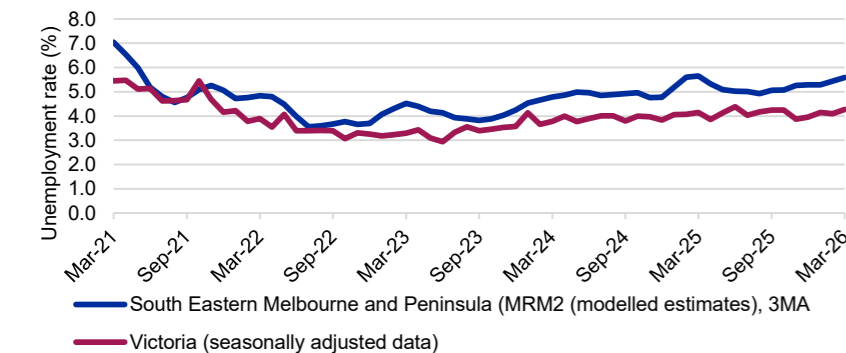
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Largest employing industries



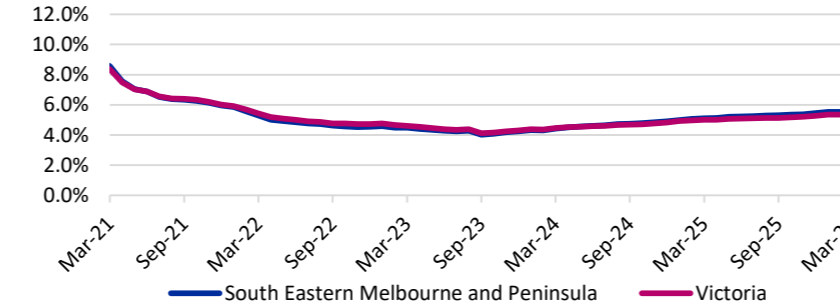
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	42,185	231,330
Payments - March 2026	46,885	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 4,700	↑ 21,625
	↑ 11.1%	↑ 9.3%

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

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	46,885	5.6%
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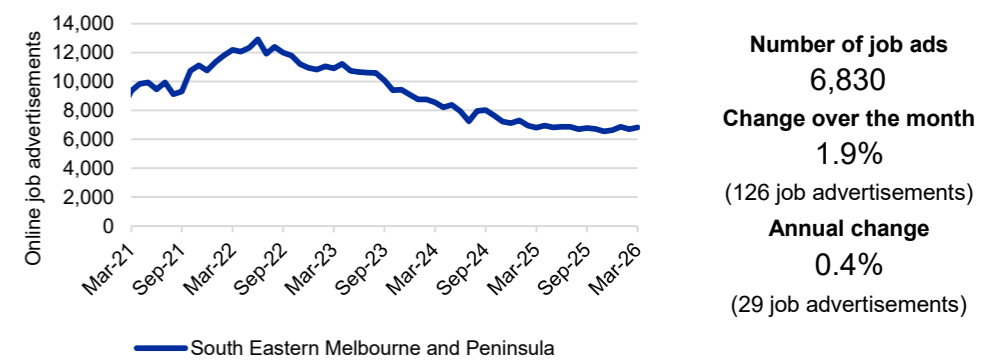
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Greater Dandenong	7.9	6.8
Casey	5.8	4.8
Frankston	5.1	5.5
Kingston (Vic.)	4.7	4.7
Cardinia	4.2	3.6

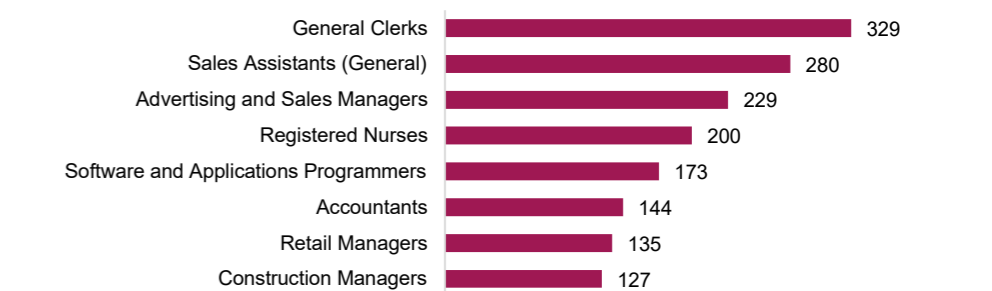
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Online job advertisements



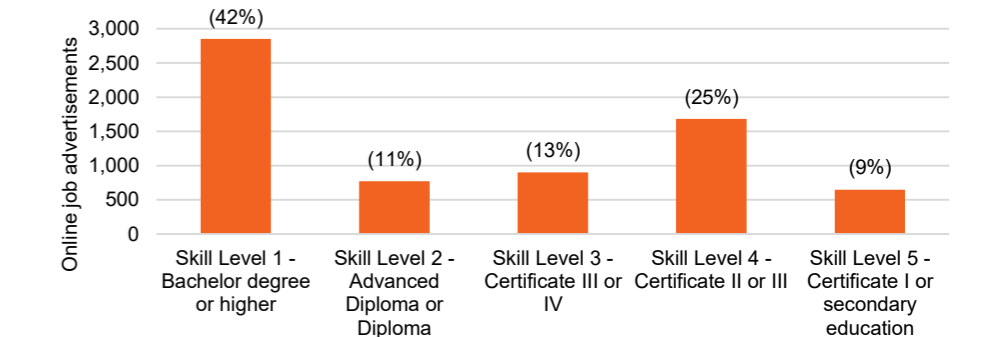
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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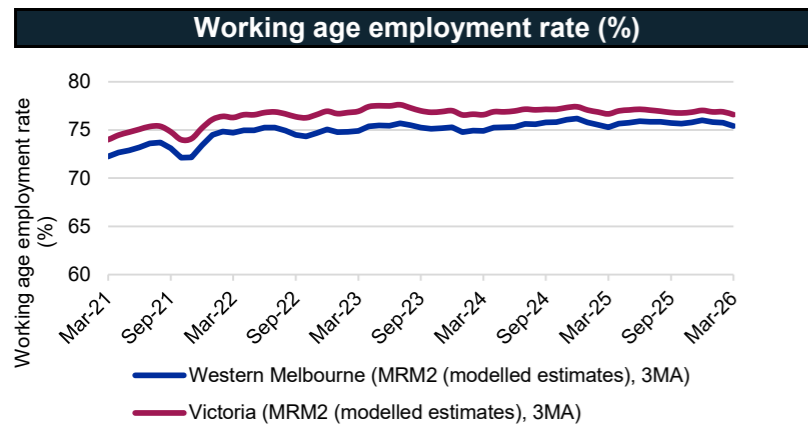
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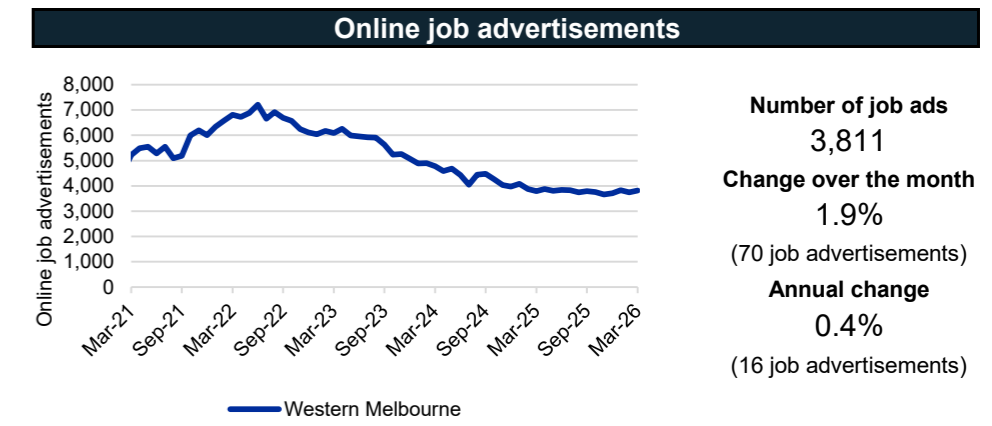
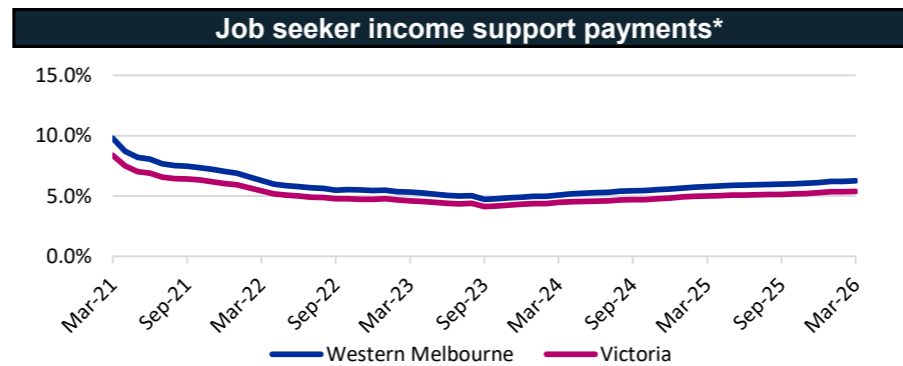
This Labour Market Dashboard provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 ('000)	Mar-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
Western Melbourne	75.4	75.3	35.9	35.6	0.8	6.4	6.6	80.7	80.7	14.3	14.6
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
Australia	77.2	76.9	656.3	613.6	7.0	4.3	4.1	80.8	80.3	10.1	8.9

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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	38,015	231,330
Payments - March 2026	42,240	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 4,225	↑ 21,625
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments

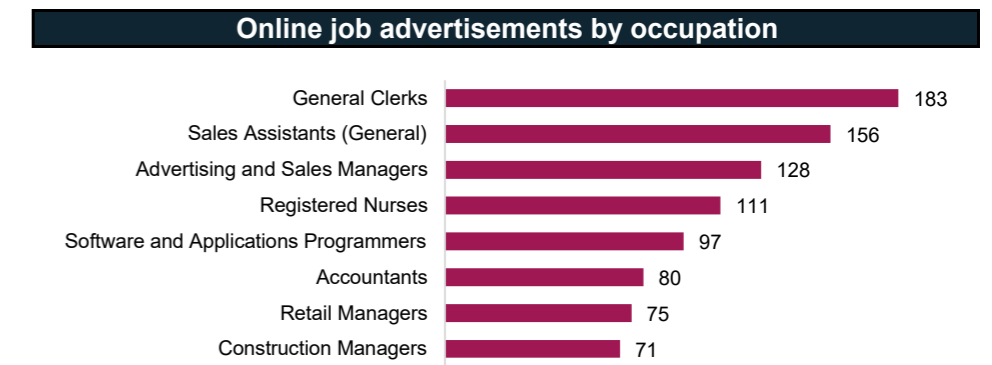
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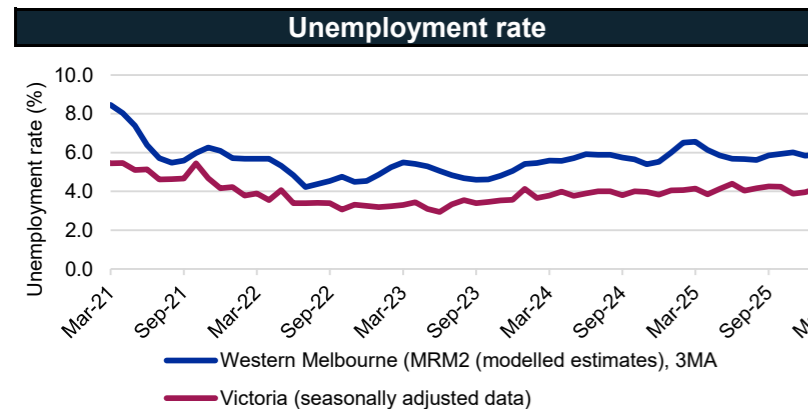
LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Brimbank	7.0	6.1
Melton	6.4	5.0
Wyndham	5.3	4.4
Maribyrnong	4.5	3.9
Moorabool	3.7	3.3

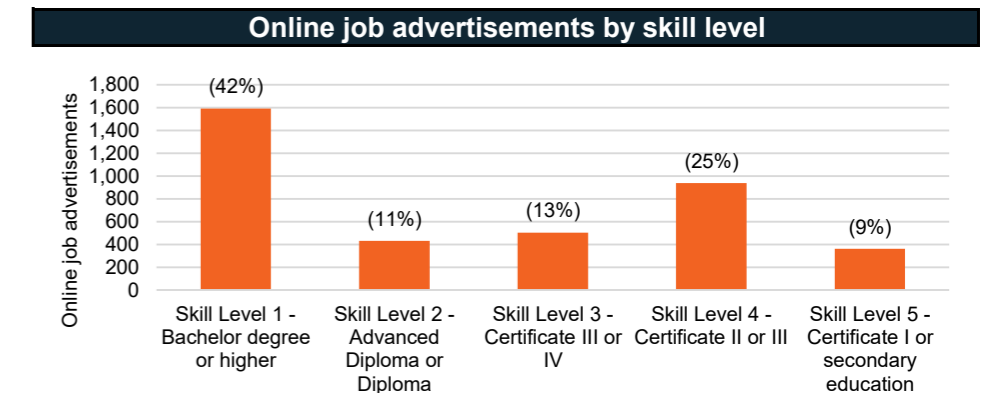
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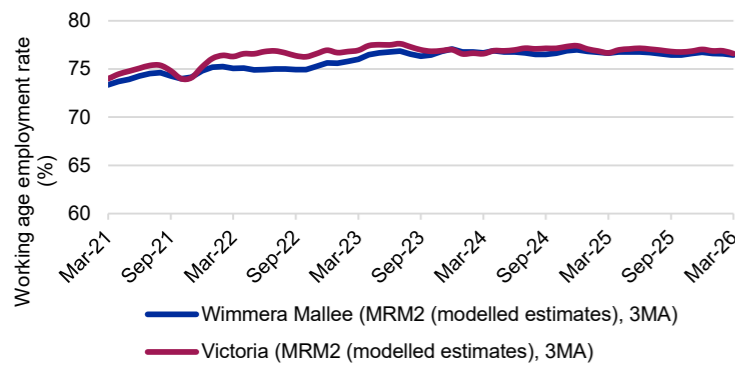
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Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 ('000)	Mar-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)	Mar-26 (%)	Mar-25 (%)
Wimmera Mallee	76.4	76.6	2.9	2.8	2.0	3.7	3.5	79.5	79.6	7.4	7.8
Victoria	76.6	76.7	190.5	170.3	11.9	4.8	4.3	80.7	80.7	11.0	11.1
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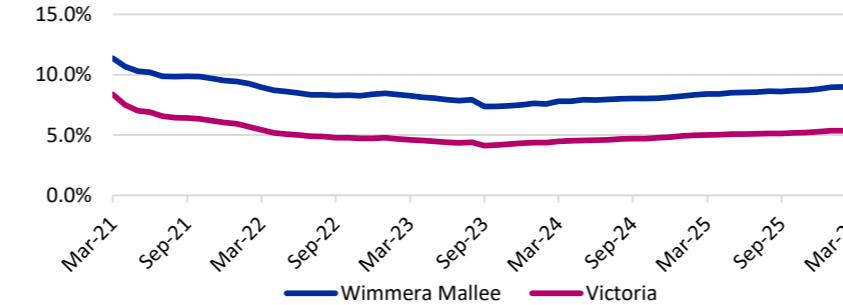
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Working age employment rate (%)



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - March 2025	7,675	231,330
Payments - March 2026	8,105	252,955
Change from March 2025 to March 2026	↑ 430	↑ 21,625
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% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support payments**

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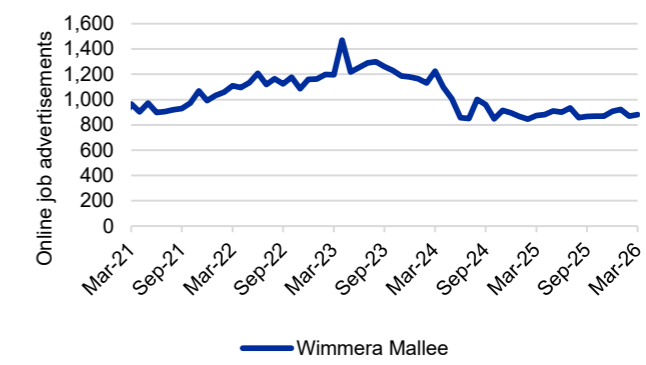
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Wentworth	4.9	4.1
Ararat	1.9	5.0
Yarriambiack	1.9	4.7
Mildura	1.8	4.7
Northern Grampians	1.7	4.8

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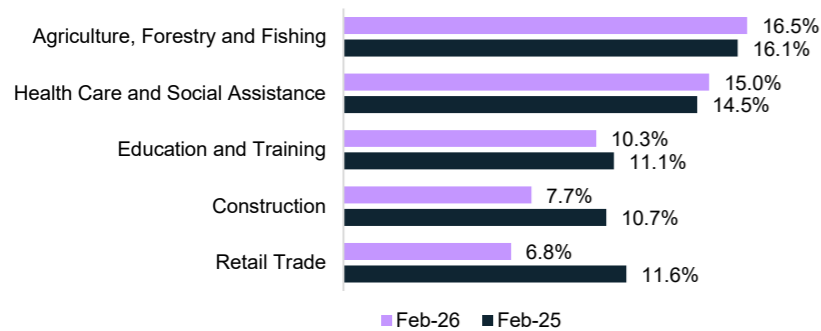
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
881
Change over the month
1.4%
(12 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.0%
(8 job advertisements)

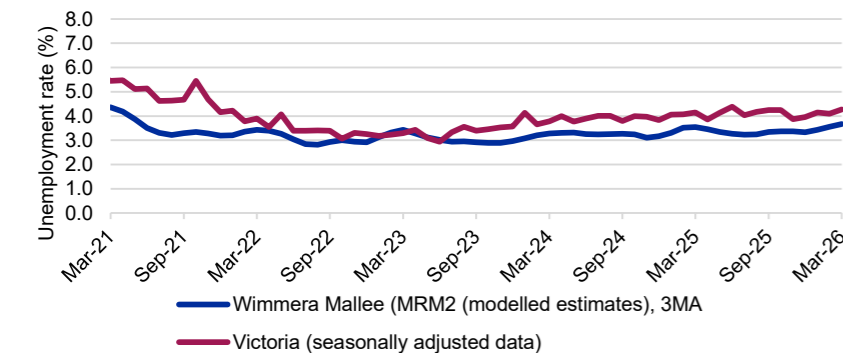
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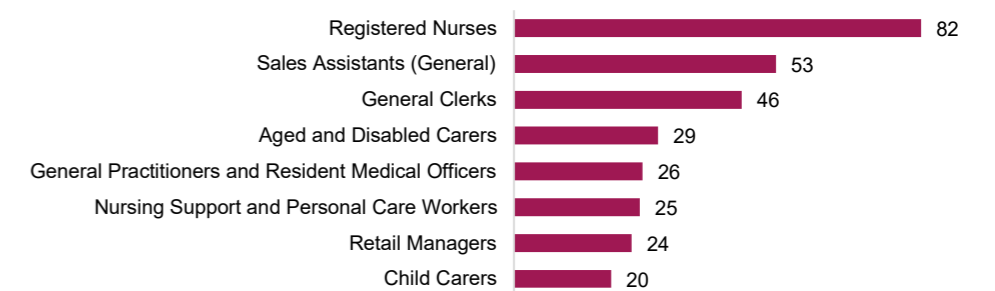
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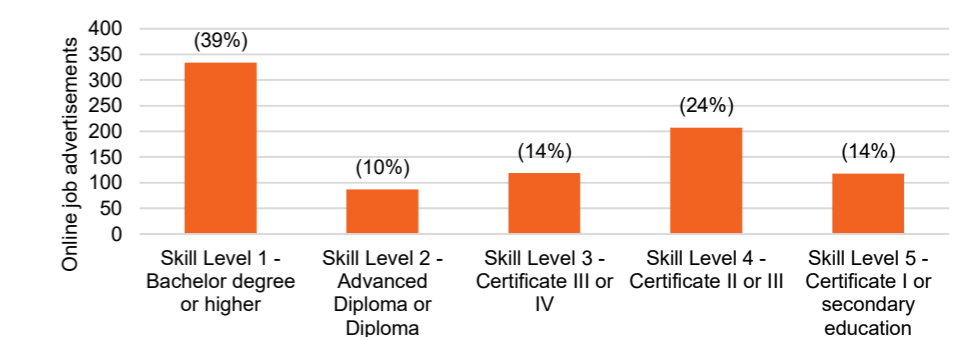
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