

# Labour Market Dashboard Western Australia

Data current as at 26 March 2026

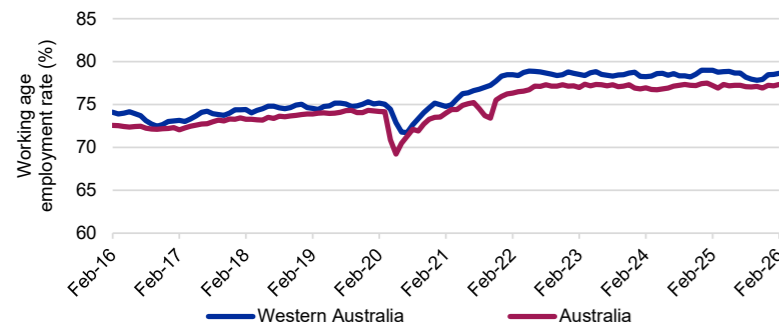
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Labour market summary table											
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 ('000)	Feb-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)
Western Australia	78.6	79.0	73.0	59.2	23.3	4.2	3.5	81.9	82.0	9.3	8.8
Australia	77.3	77.2	659.1	611.5	7.8	4.3	4.1	80.9	80.5	10.2	9.0

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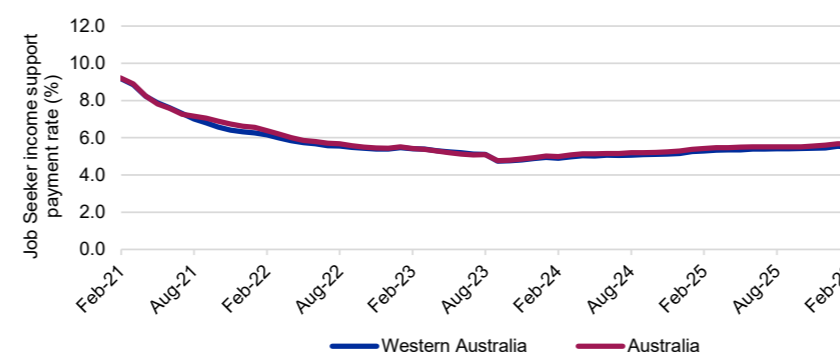
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

## Working age employment rate

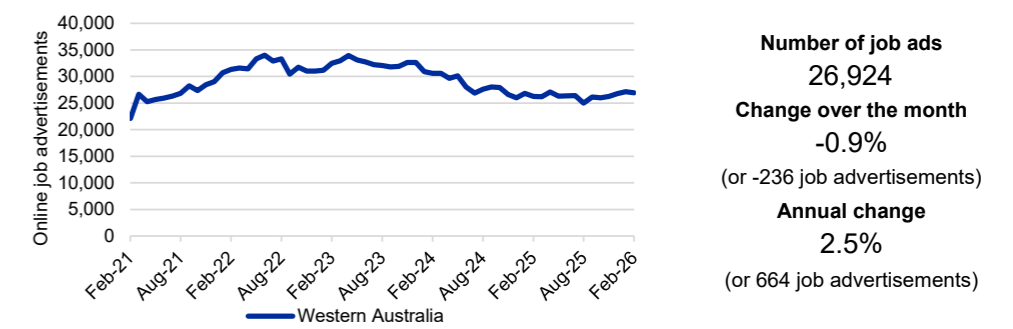


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, seasonally adjusted & MRM2 data (3MA), February -26

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

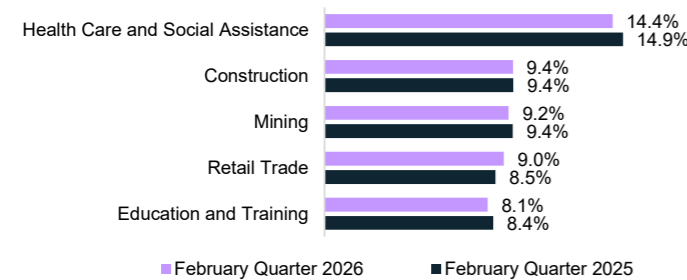


## Online job advertisements



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

## Largest employing industries

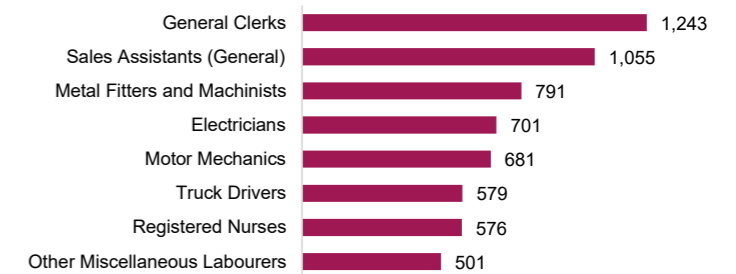


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## Change in job seeker income support payments

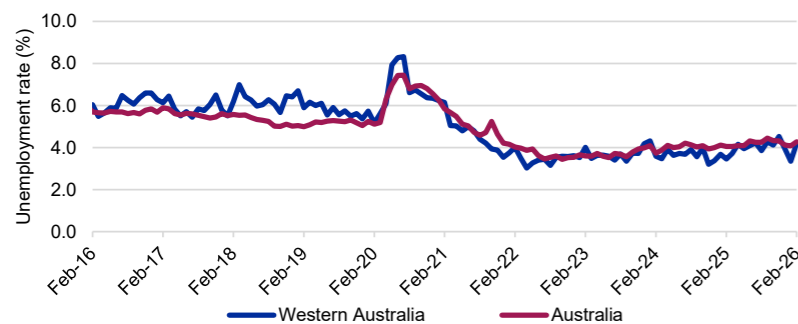
	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - February 2025	105,125	967,130
Payments - February 2026	111,655	1,027,435
<b>Change (February 2025 to February 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 6,530</b>	<b>↑ 60,305</b>
<b>Change % (February 2025 to February 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 6.2%</b>	<b>↑ 6.2%</b>

## Online job advertisements by occupation



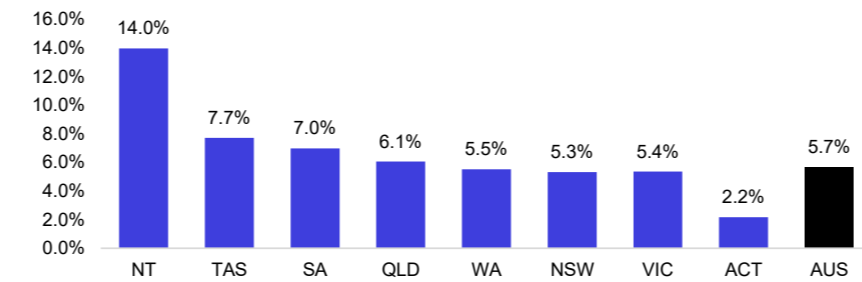
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## Unemployment rate



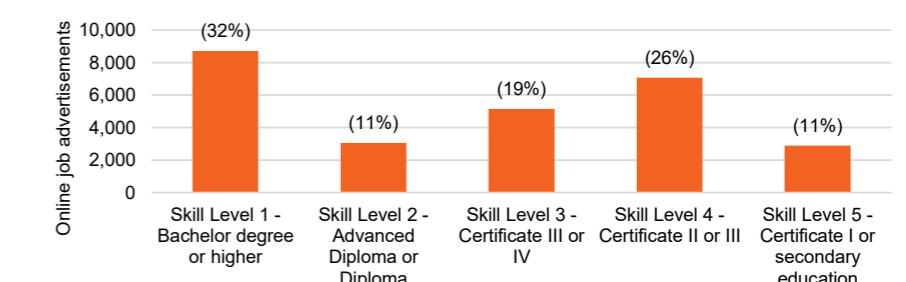
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## % of 15-64 year olds\* on job seeker income support payments



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

## Online job advertisements by skill level



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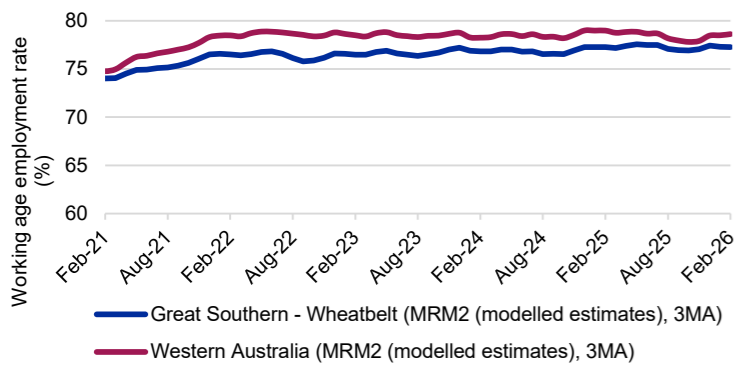
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	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 ('000)	Feb-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	77.3	77.3	2.4	2.3	6.2	3.1	2.9	79.9	79.8	7.2	7.3
Western Australia	78.6	79.0	73.0	59.2	23.3	4.2	3.5	81.9	82.0	9.3	8.8
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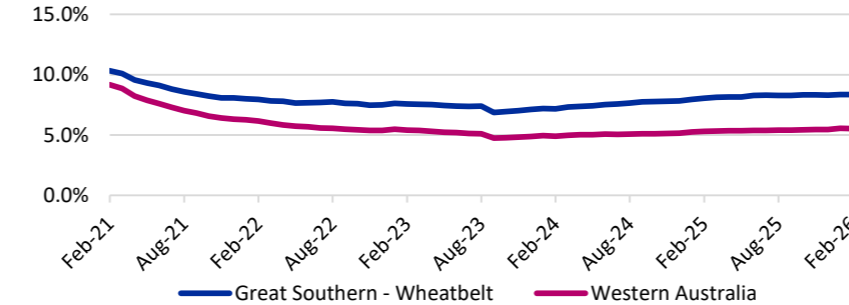
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - February 2025	7,065	105,125
Payments - February 2026	7,315	111,655
Change from February 2025 to February 2026	↑ 250	↑ 6,530
	↑ 3.5%	↑ 6.2%

**% 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	7,315	8.4%
Western Australia	111,655	5.5%
Australia	1,027,435	5.7%

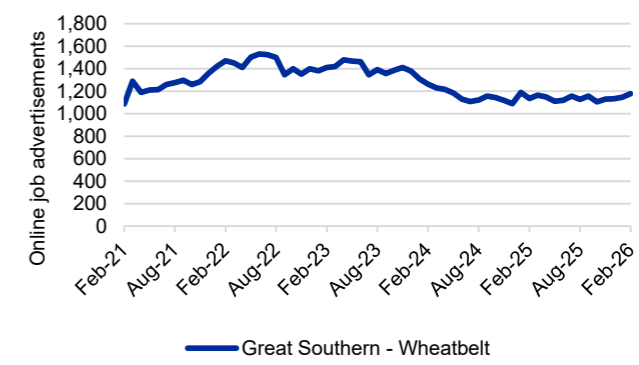
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

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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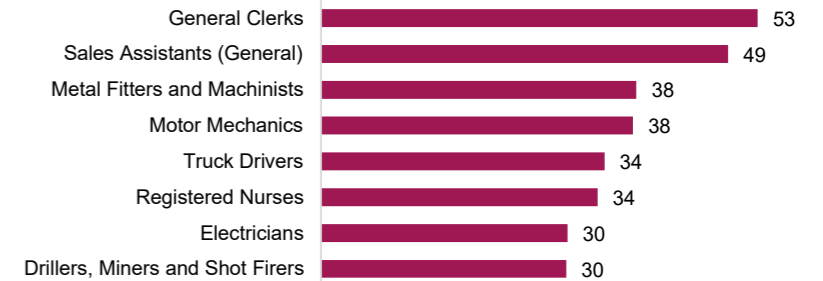
**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
 1,179  
**Change over the month**  
 2.8%  
 (32 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
 3.9%  
 (44 job advertisements)

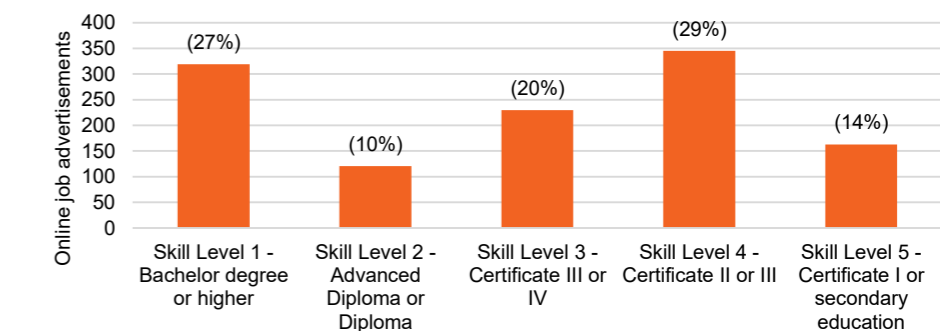
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



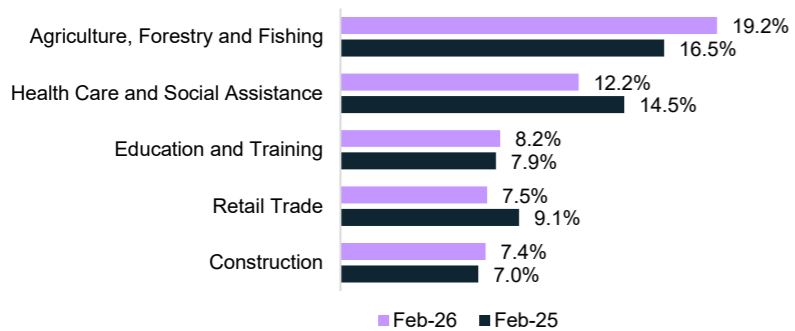
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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



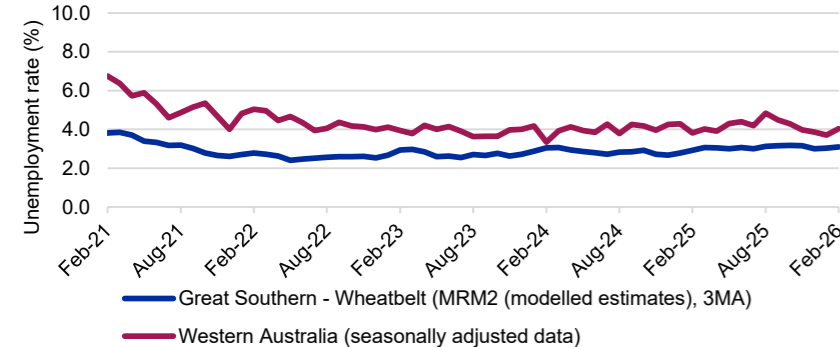
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**Largest employing industries**



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

**Unemployment rate**



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

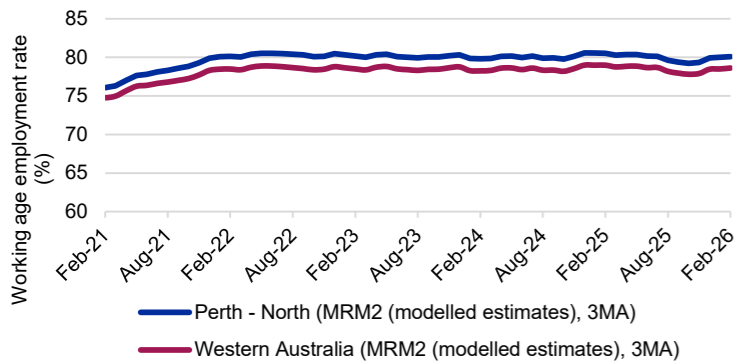
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	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 ('000)	Feb-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)	Feb-26 (%)	Feb-25 (%)
Perth - North	80.1	80.5	25.9	23.4	10.9	3.7	3.4	83.2	83.4	9.2	8.6
Western Australia	78.6	79.0	73.0	59.2	23.3	4.2	3.5	81.9	82.0	9.3	8.8
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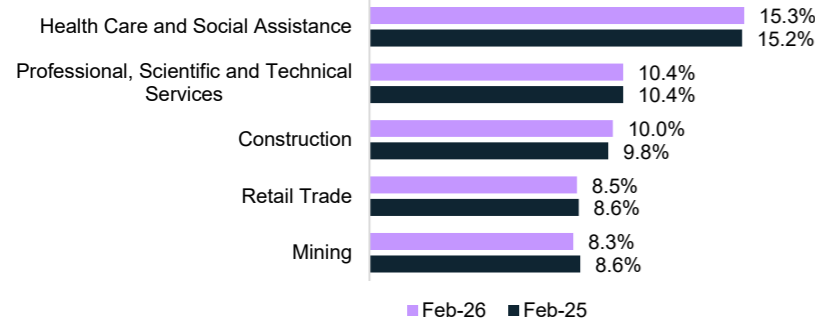
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



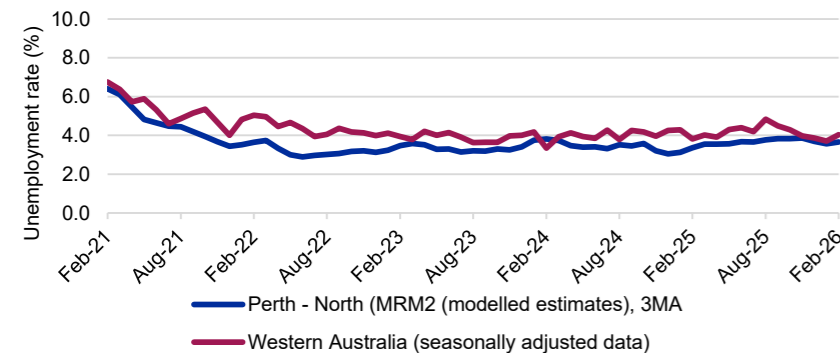
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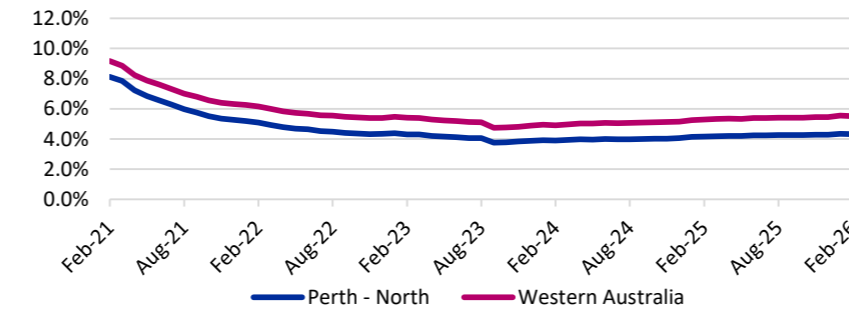
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**Unemployment rate**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - February 2025	33,190	105,125
Payments - February 2026	35,085	111,655
Change from February 2025 to February 2026	↑ 1,895	↑ 6,530
	↑ 5.7%	↑ 6.2%

**% 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	35,085	4.3%
Western Australia	111,655	5.5%
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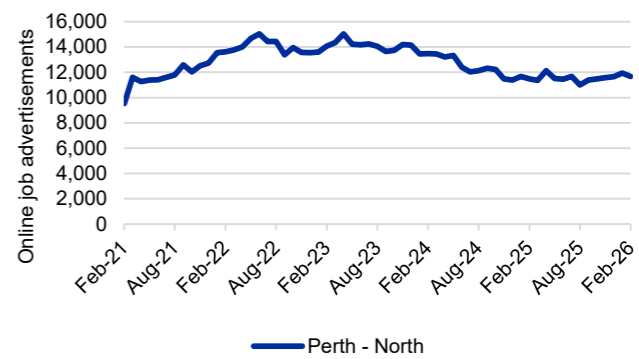
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

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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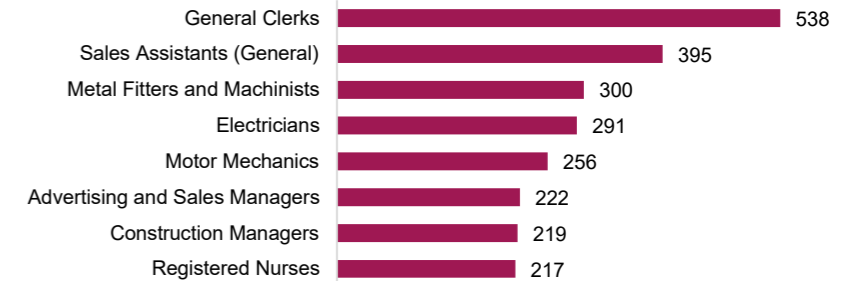
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
11,679  
Change over the month  
-2.1%  
(-254 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
1.8%  
(202 job advertisements)

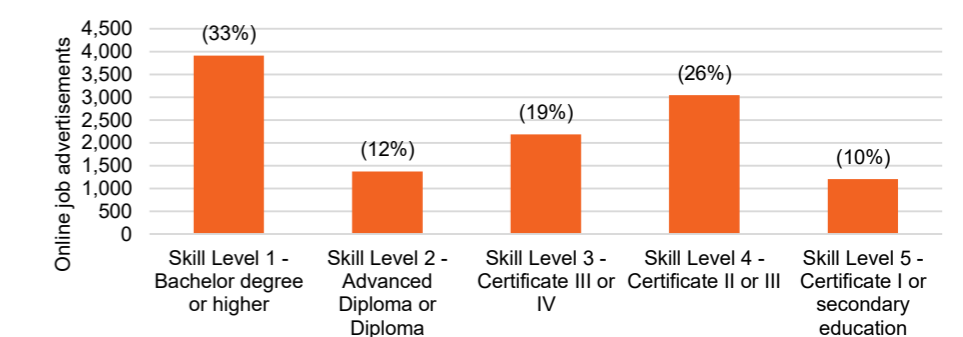
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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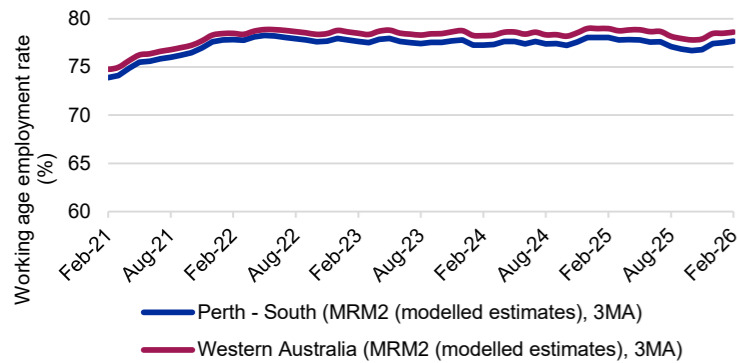
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Perth - South	77.7	78.1	30.4	27.5	10.8	4.3	3.9	81.2	81.3	10.0	9.3
Western Australia	78.6	79.0	73.0	59.2	23.3	4.2	3.5	81.9	82.0	9.3	8.8
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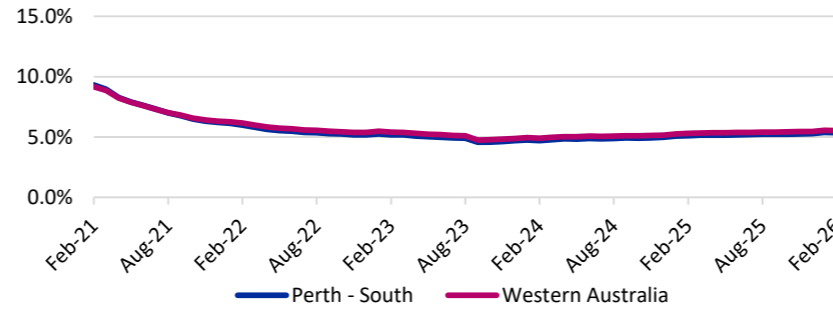
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - February 2025	41,935	105,125
Payments - February 2026	44,960	111,655
Change from February 2025 to February 2026	↑ 3,025	↑ 6,530
	↑ 7.2%	↑ 6.2%

**% 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 - South	44,960	5.3%
Western Australia	111,655	5.5%
Australia	1,027,435	5.7%

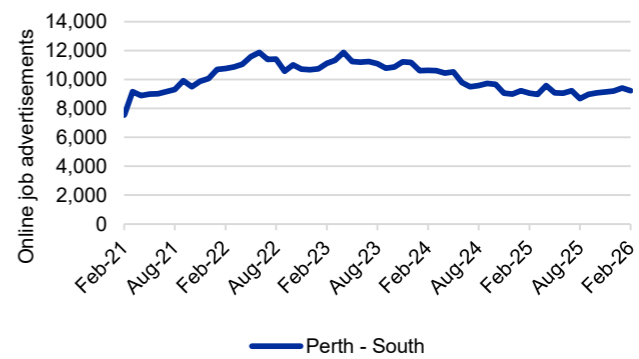
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

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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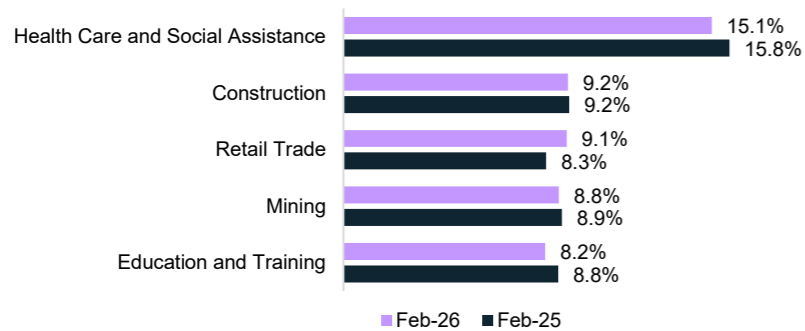
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
9,222  
Change over the month  
-2.1%  
(-199 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
1.8%  
(161 job advertisements)

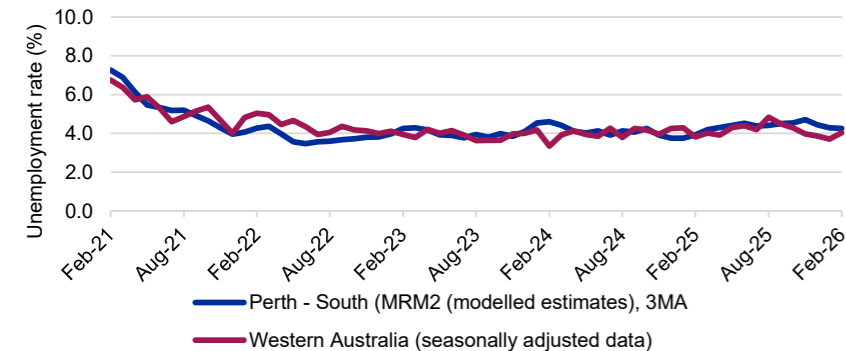
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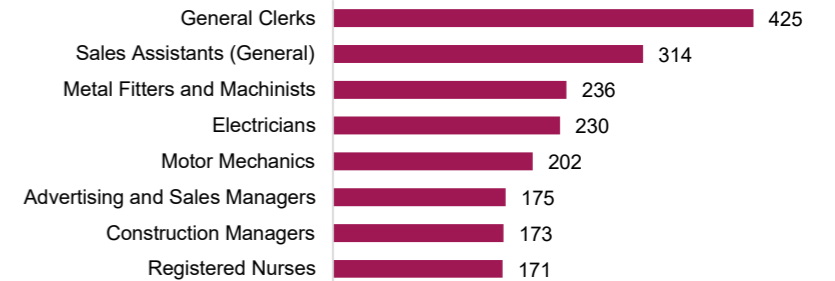
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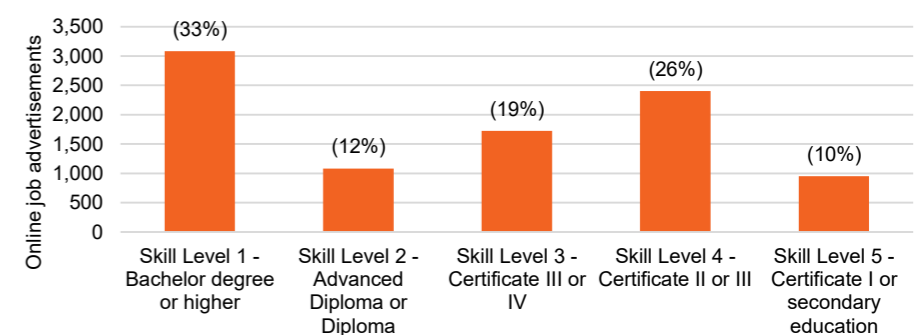
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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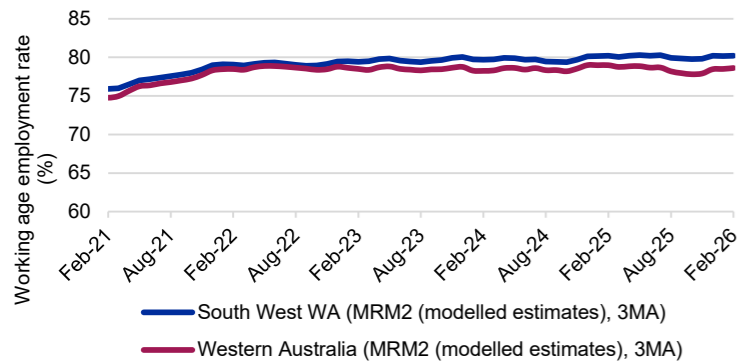
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South West WA	80.2	80.2	3.6	3.3	9.6	3.2	2.9	83.0	82.7	7.1	7.1
Western Australia	78.6	79.0	73.0	59.2	23.3	4.2	3.5	81.9	82.0	9.3	8.8
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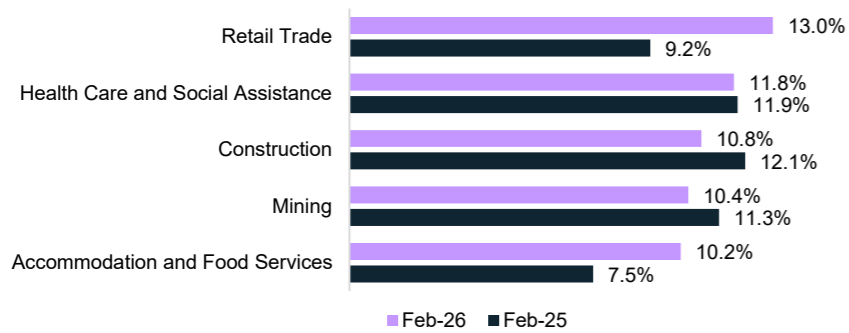
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



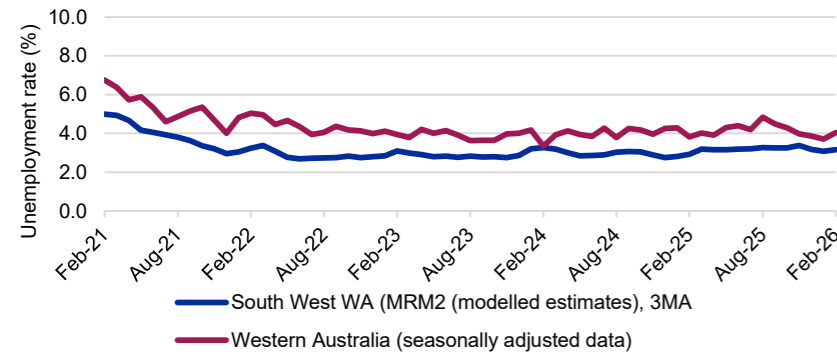
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**Largest employing industries**



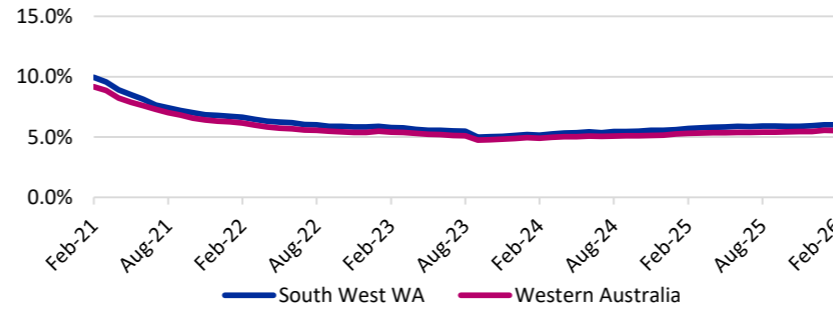
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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - February 2025	7,315	105,125
Payments - February 2026	7,800	111,655
Change from February 2025 to February 2026	↑ 485	↑ 6,530
	6.6%	6.2%

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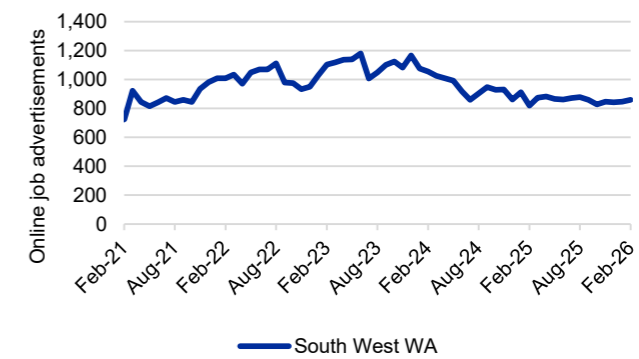
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**LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)**

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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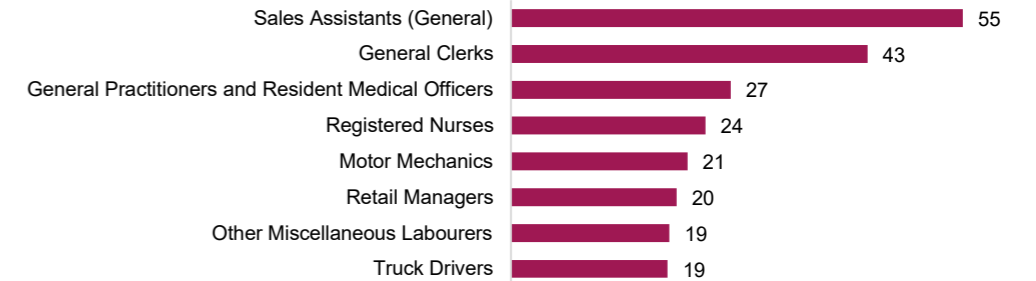
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads: 859  
Change over the month: 1.6% (13 job advertisements)  
Annual change: 5.0% (41 job advertisements)

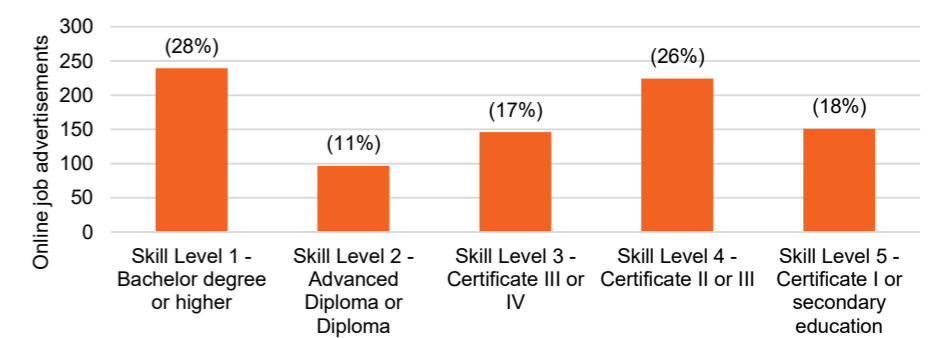
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, February 2026

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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

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