

Labour Market Dashboard South Australia

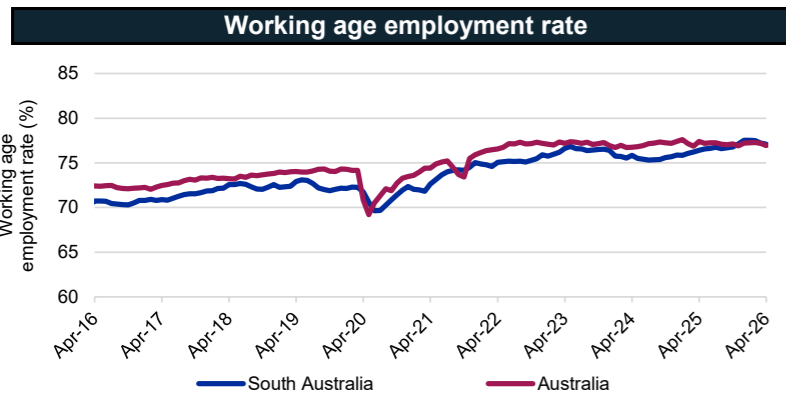
Data current as at 21 May 2026

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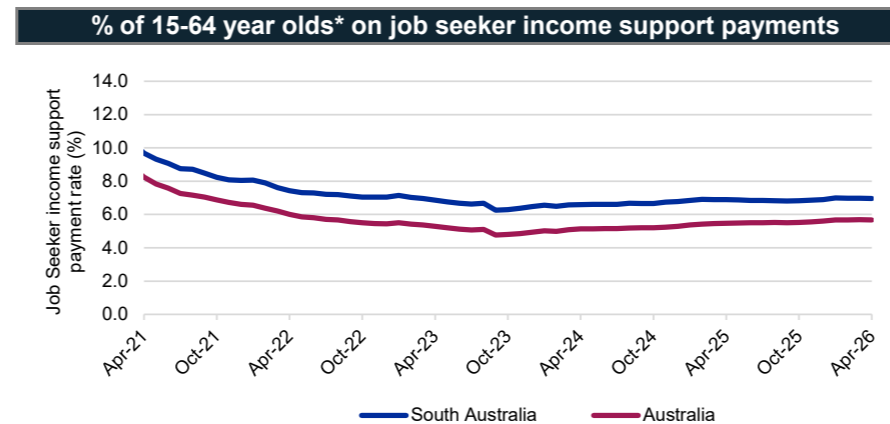
Labour market summary table											
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South Australia	77.1	76.4	43.2	38.9	11.0	4.2	3.9	80.7	79.8	9.8	9.6
Australia	76.9	77.4	692.5	616.7	12.3	4.5	4.1	80.7	80.7	11.1	8.7

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Australia seasonally adjusted and MLF1 (modelled estimates) data 3MA (month average), April-26 with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MLF1 estimates

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



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), April -26



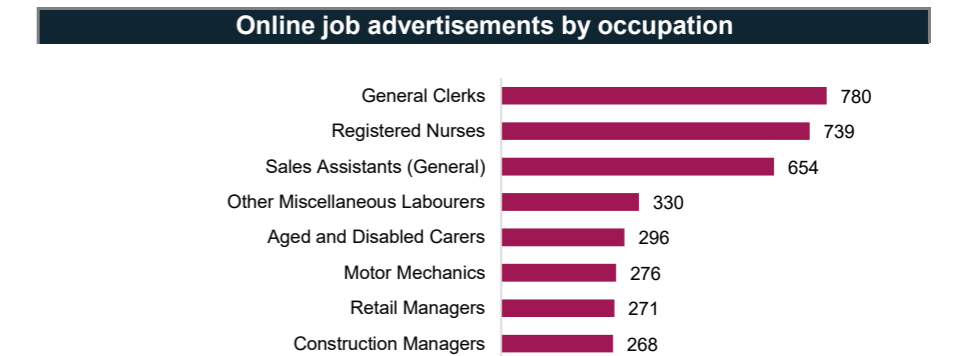
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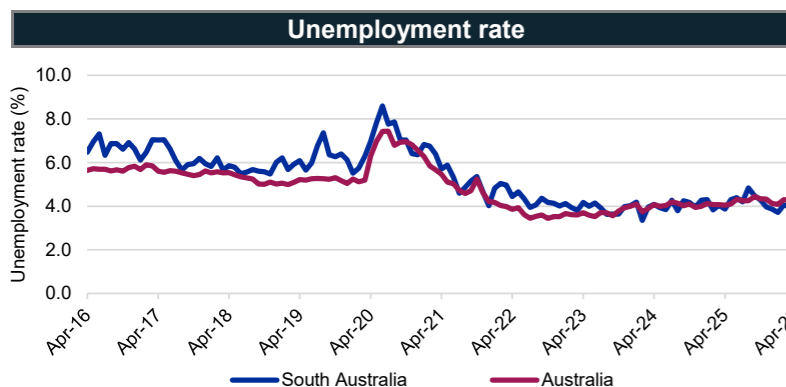
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Change in job seeker income support payments

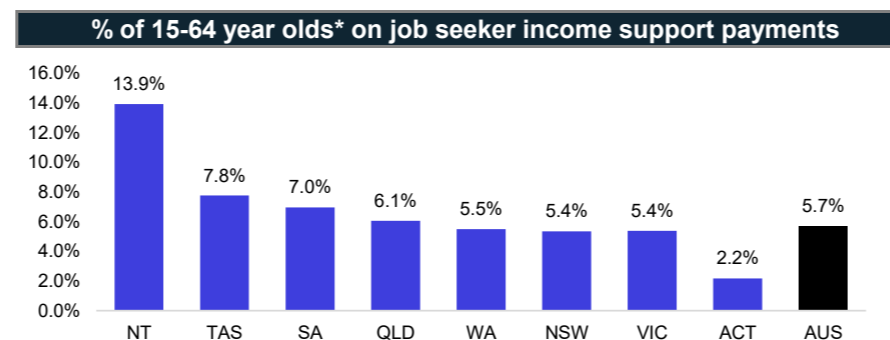
	South Australia	Australia
Payments - April 2025	82,210	976,520
Payments - April 2026	84,400	1,029,535
Change (April 2025 to April 2026)	↑ 2,190	↑ 53,015
Change % (April 2025 to April 2026)	↑ 2.7%	↑ 5.4%



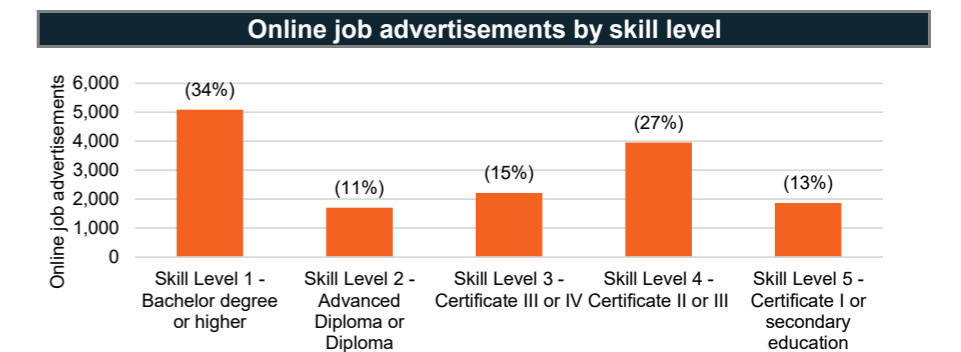
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, data.gov.au, April -26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, April -26



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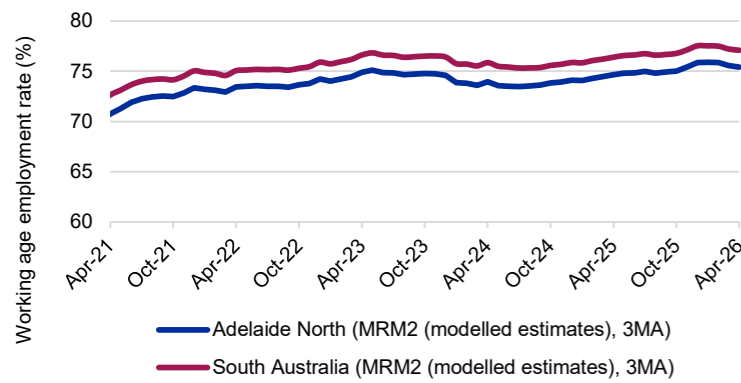
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	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 ('000)	Apr-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)
Adelaide North	75.4	74.6	20.4	18.5	10.0	4.9	4.6	79.4	78.4	11.5	11.0
South Australia	77.1	76.4	43.2	38.9	11.0	4.2	3.9	80.7	79.8	9.8	9.6
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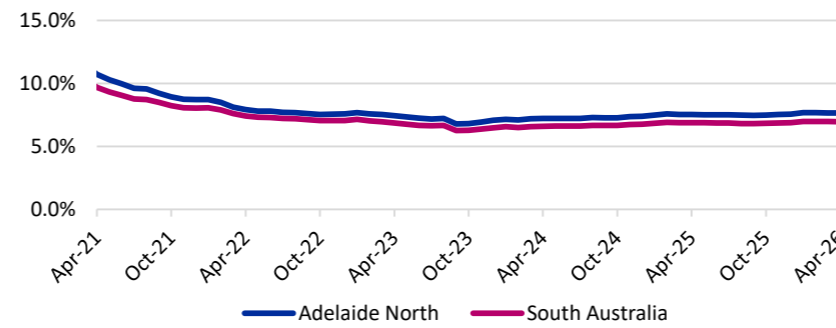
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Working age employment rate (%)



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (modelled estimates), 3MA, April 2026

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Adelaide North	South Australia
Payments - April 2025	37,010	82,210
Payments - April 2026	38,265	84,400
Change from April 2025 to April 2026	↑ 1,255 (3.4%)	↑ 2,190 (2.7%)

% 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
Adelaide North	38,265	7.7%
South Australia	84,400	7.0%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

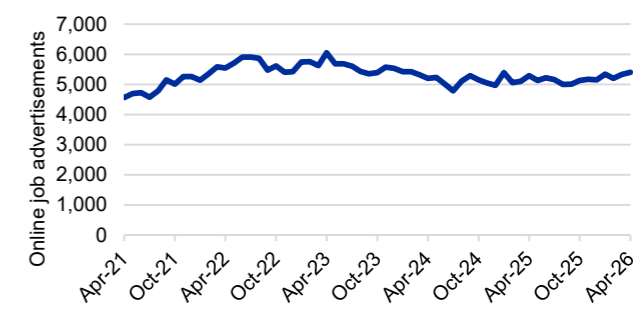
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Playford	8.9	8.8
Salisbury	5.5	5.6
Port Adelaide Enfield	4.4	4.9
Gawler	3.9	4.2
Adelaide Plains	3.6	3.5

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

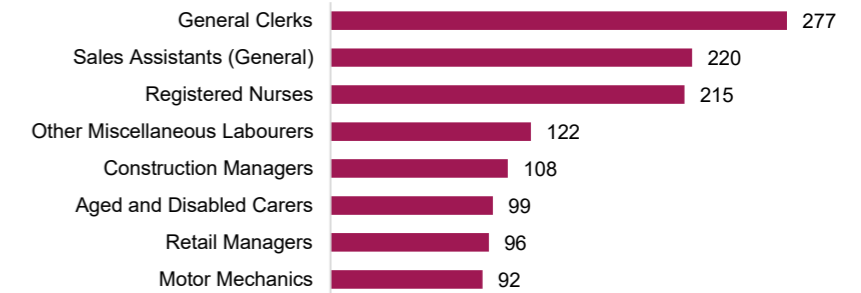
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
5,396
Change over the month
1.3%
(67 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.9%
(102 job advertisements)

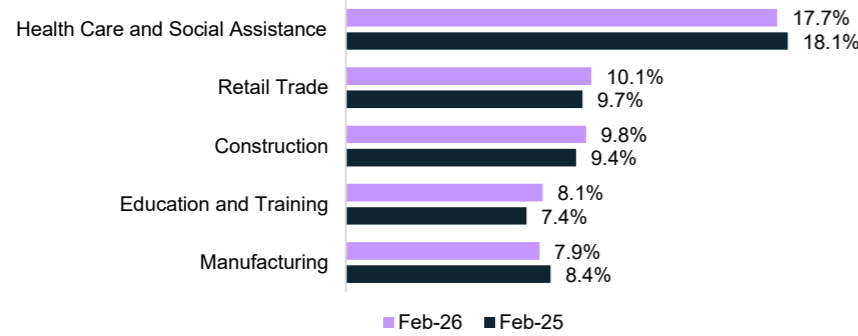
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Online job advertisements by occupation



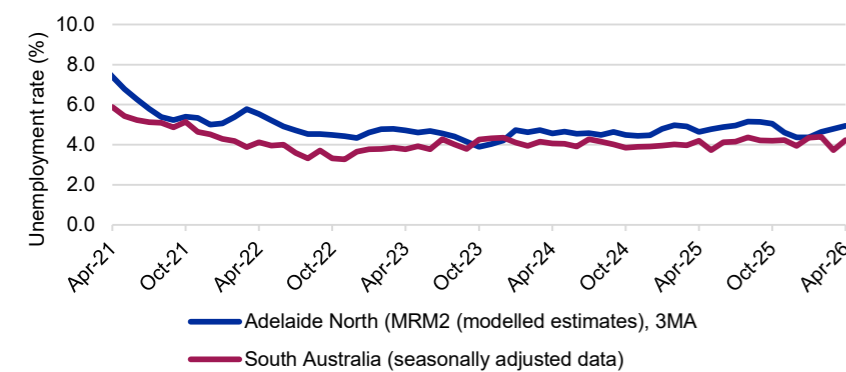
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Largest employing industries



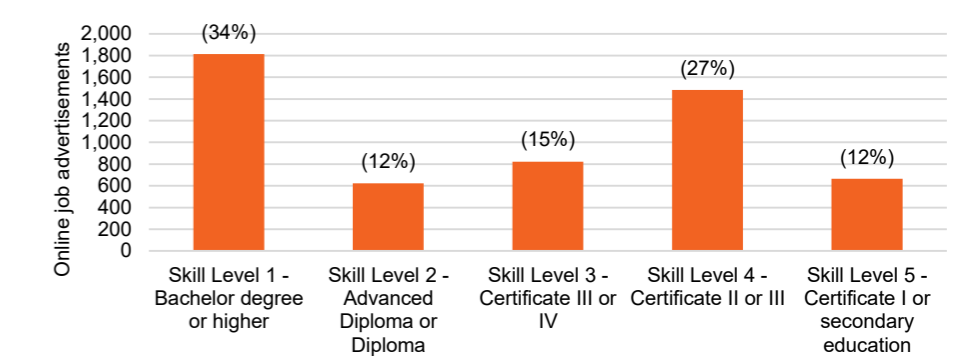
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, February-26 quarter#

Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted and trend data & MLF1 (3MA), April 2026

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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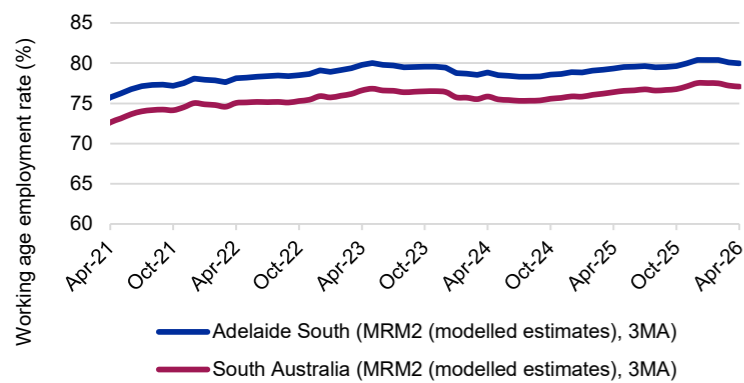
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	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 ('000)	Apr-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)
Adelaide South	80.0	79.3	14.9	14.3	4.6	3.5	3.5	83.0	82.2	8.9	8.7
South Australia	77.1	76.4	43.2	38.9	11.0	4.2	3.9	80.7	79.8	9.8	9.6
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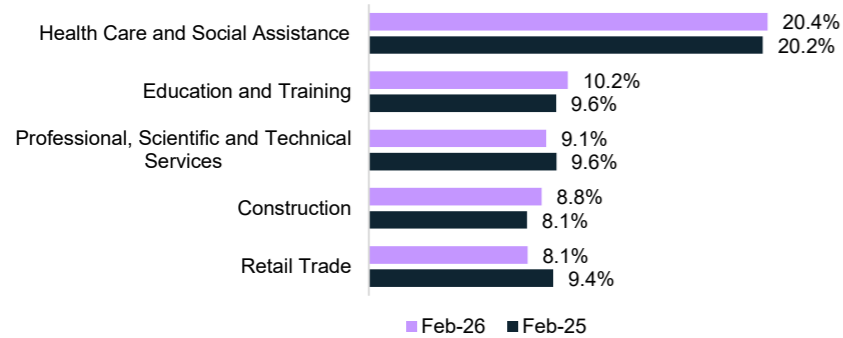
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Working age employment rate (%)



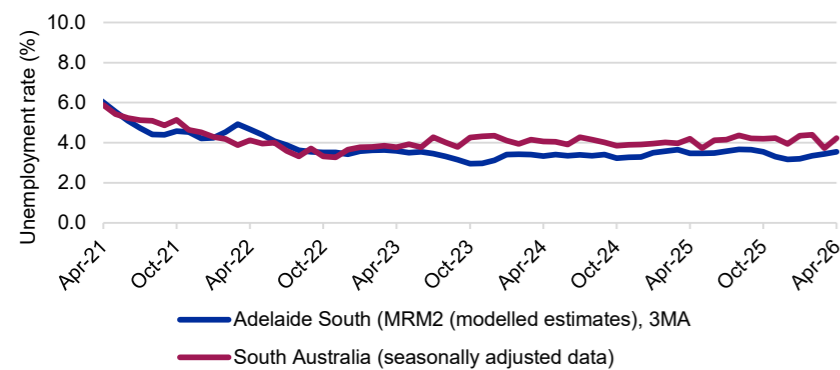
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Largest employing industries



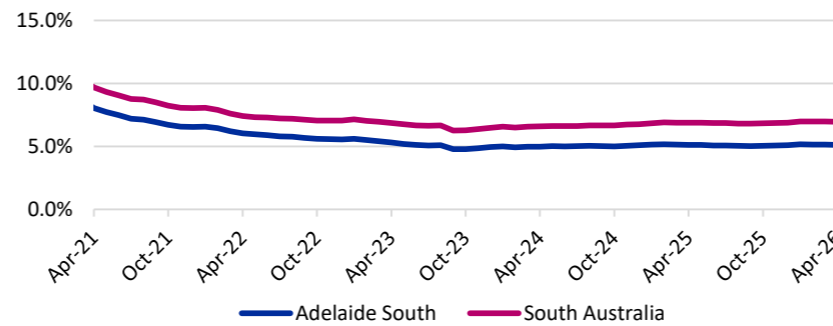
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Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted and trend data & MLF1 (3MA), April 2026

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Adelaide South	South Australia
Payments - April 2025	24,015	82,210
Payments - April 2026	24,440	84,400
Change from April 2025 to April 2026	↑ 425	↑ 2,190
	↑ 1.8%	↑ 2.7%

% 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
Adelaide South	24,440	5.1%
South Australia	84,400	7.0%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

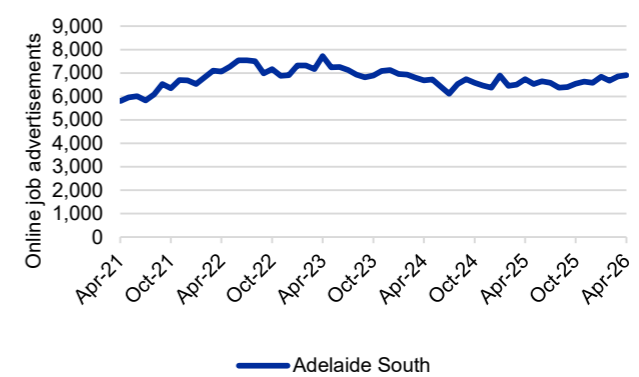
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Adelaide	6.3	6.9
Onkaparinga	4.4	5.1
Victor Harbor	3.9	2.6
Mount Barker	3.8	3.5
Campbelltown (SA)	3.5	3.4

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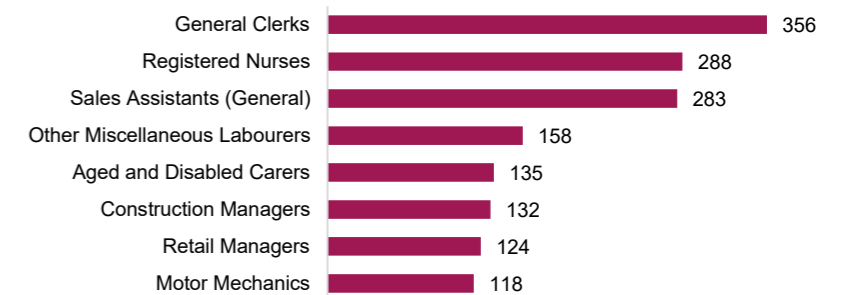
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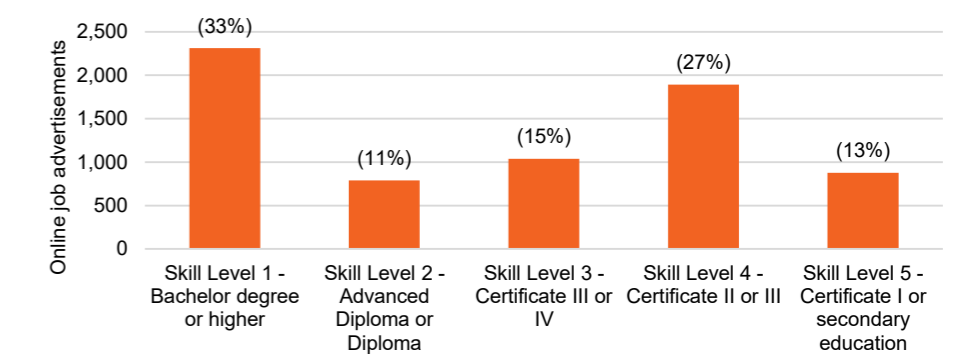
Number of job ads
6,907
Change over the month
0.9%
(60 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.5%
(168 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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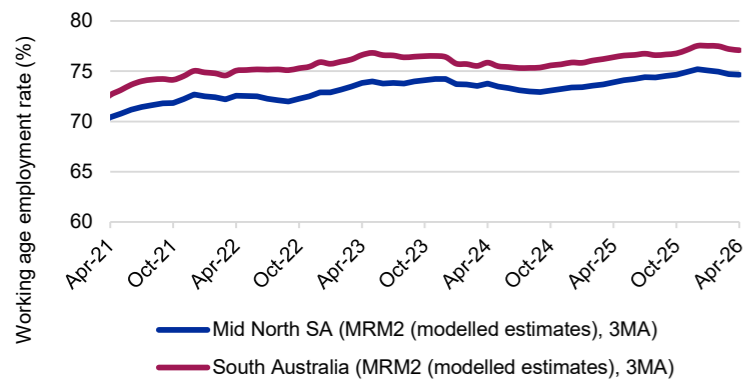
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	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 ('000)	Apr-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)	Apr-26 (%)	Apr-25 (%)
Mid North SA	74.7	73.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	4.4	4.4	78.4	77.5	8.6	9.2
South Australia	77.1	76.4	43.2	38.9	11.0	4.2	3.9	80.7	79.8	9.8	9.6
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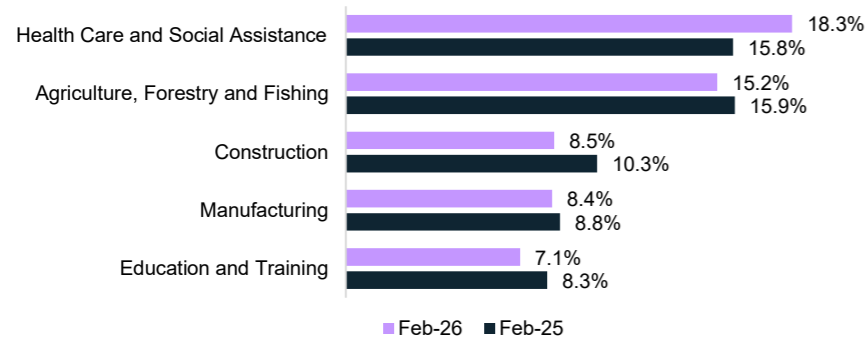
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Working age employment rate (%)



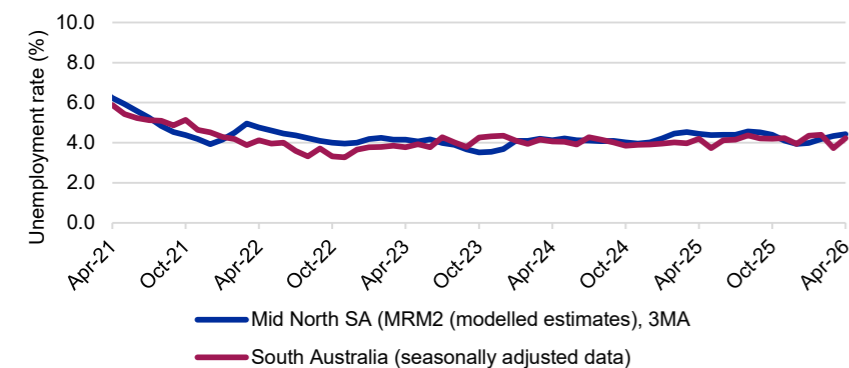
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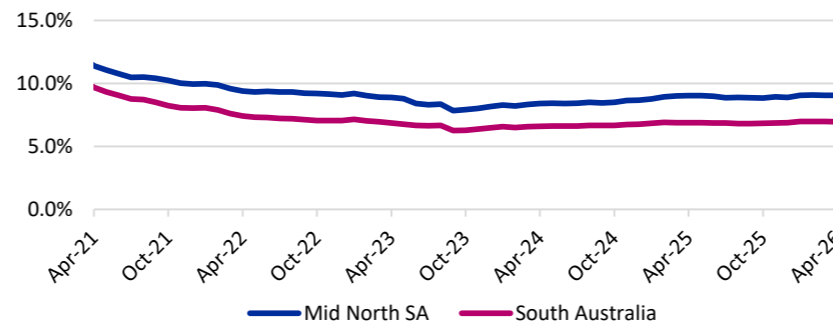
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mid North SA	South Australia
Payments - April 2025	6,134	82,210
Payments - April 2026	6,188	84,400
Change from April 2025 to April 2026	54	2,190
	0.9%	2.7%

% 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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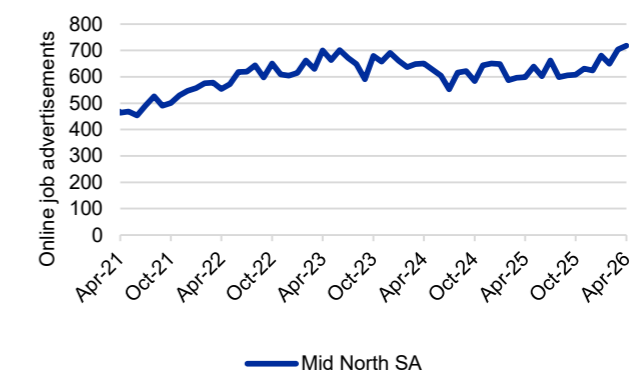
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Port Pirie	10.5	8.6
Orroroo Carrieton*	7.6	5.8
Peterborough*	7.5	5.9
Copper Coast	7.4	6.4
Goyder	7.4	5.6

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, December -25 quarter

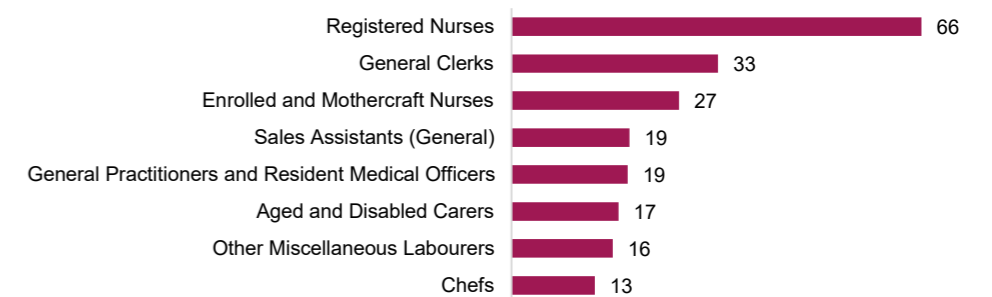
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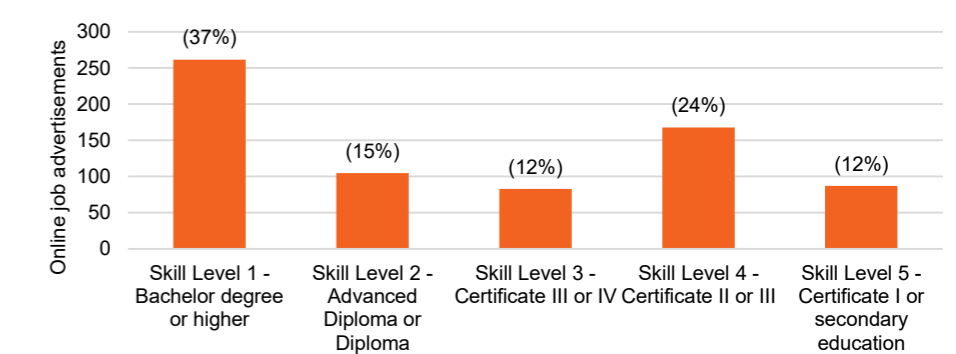
Number of job ads
718
Change over the month
2.0%
(14 job advertisements)
Annual change
19.9%
(119 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



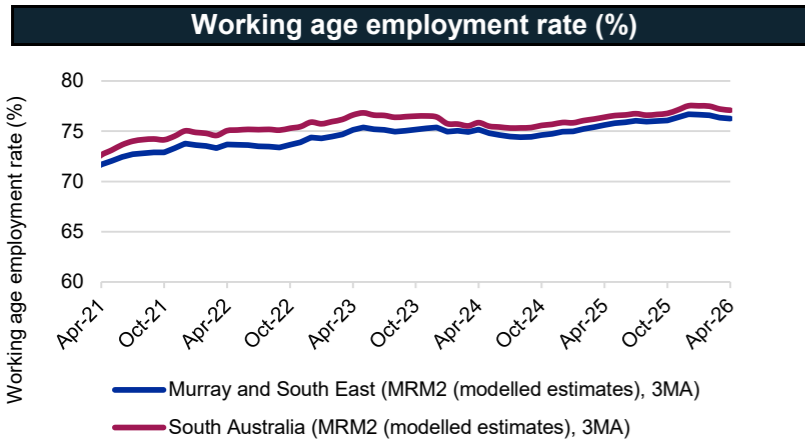
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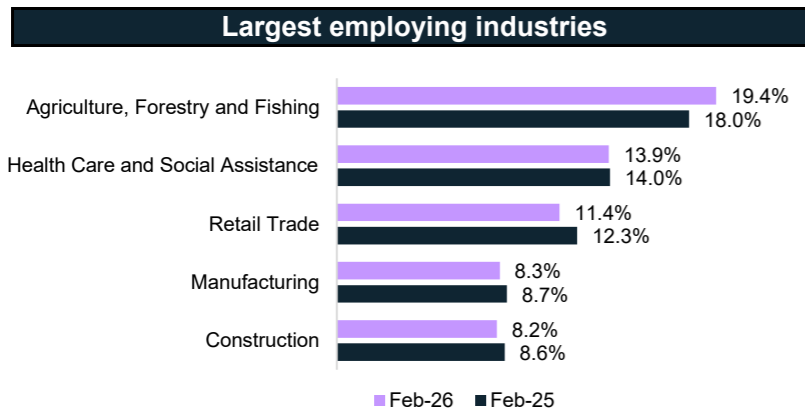
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Murray and South East	76.3	75.6	3.8	3.6	4.6	3.7	3.6	79.5	78.7	7.1	7.6
South Australia	77.1	76.4	43.2	38.9	11.0	4.2	3.9	80.7	79.8	9.8	9.6
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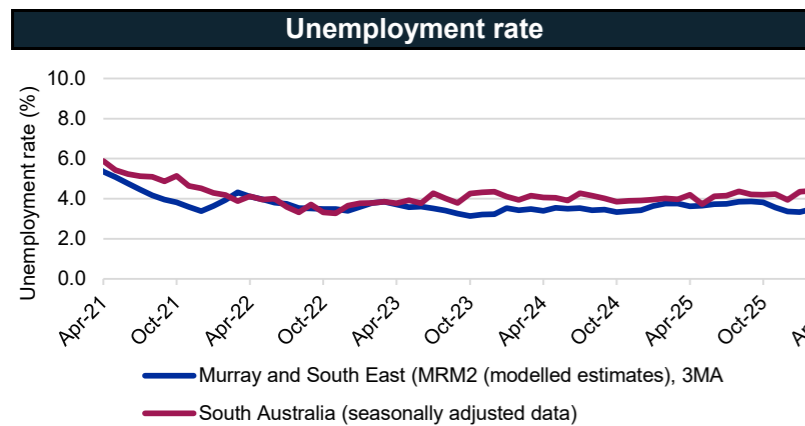
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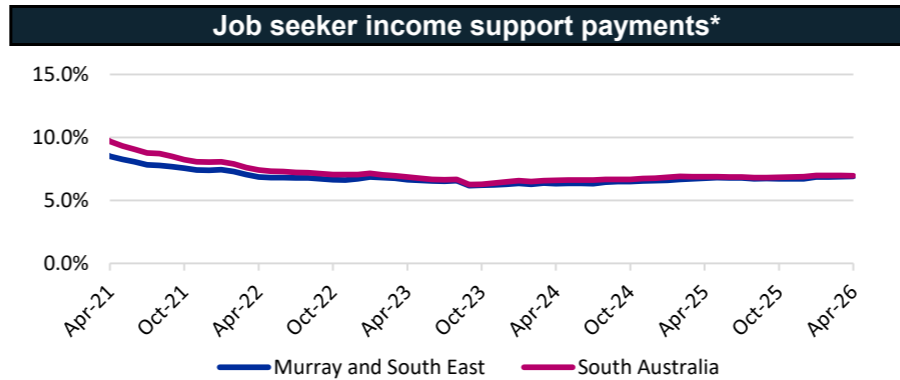
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Murray and South East	South Australia
Payments - April 2025	7,760	82,210
Payments - April 2026	7,970	84,400
Change from April 2025 to April 2026	↑ 210	↑ 2,190
	↑ 2.7%	↑ 2.7%

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

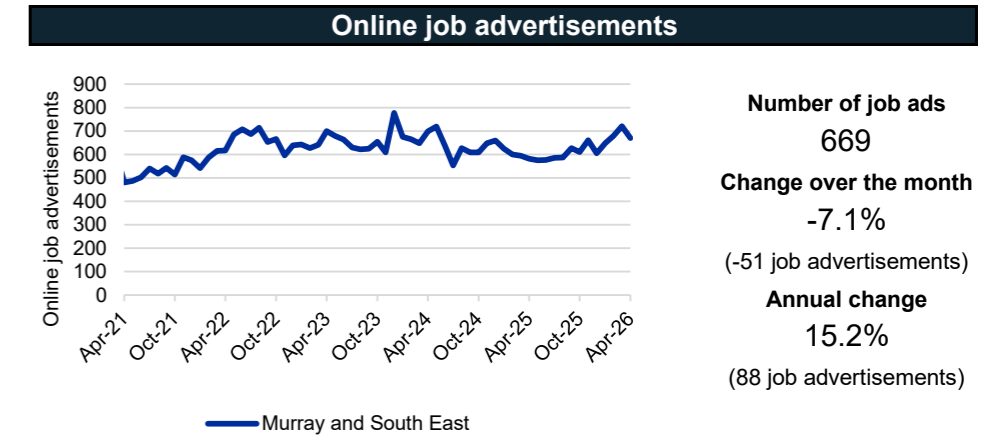
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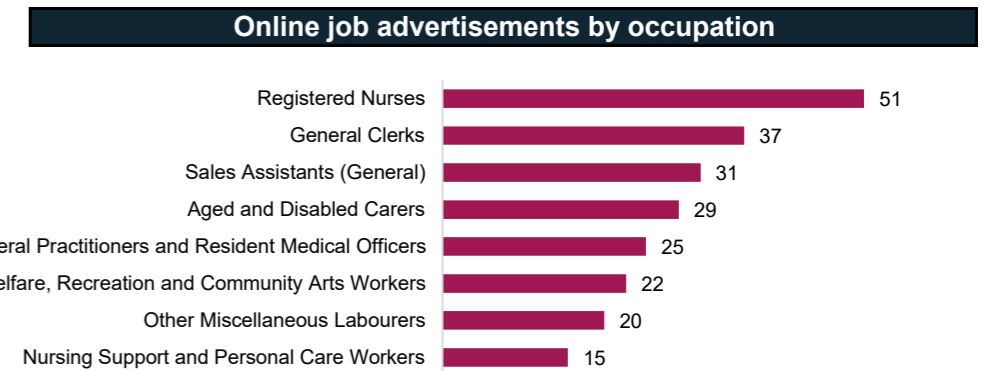
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Dec-25	Dec-24
Murray Bridge	5.8	3.7
Berri Barmera	5.3	3.5
Mid Murray	5.2	3.3
Mount Gambier	4.4	2.7
Coorong	4.4	2.8

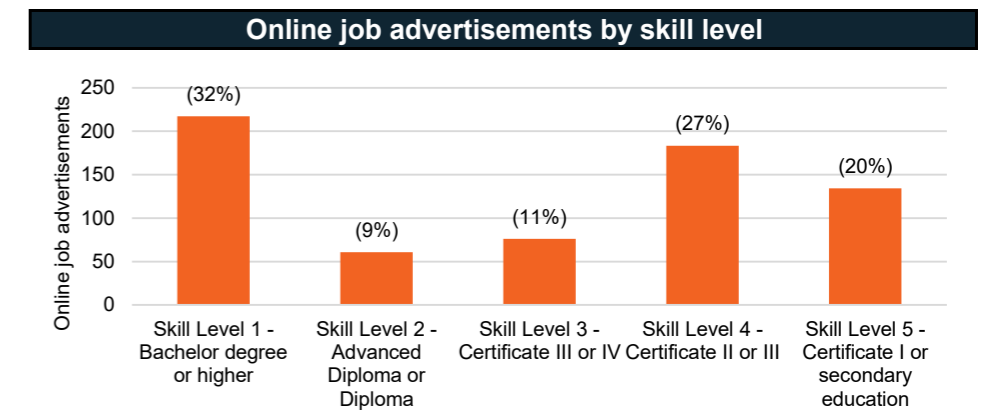
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