

Labour Market Dashboard Northern Territory

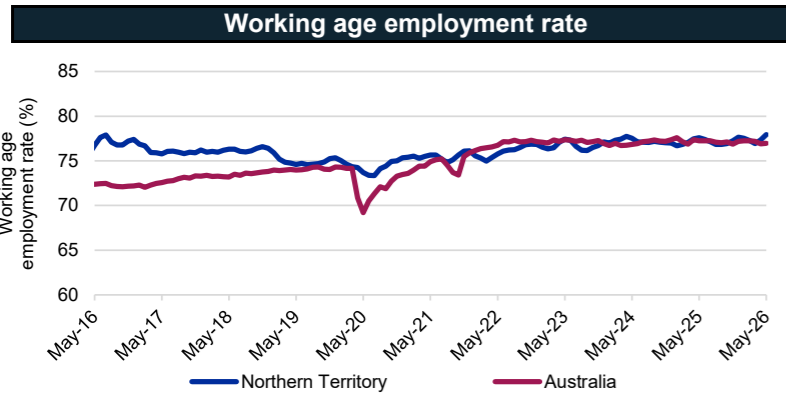
Data current as at 25 June 2026

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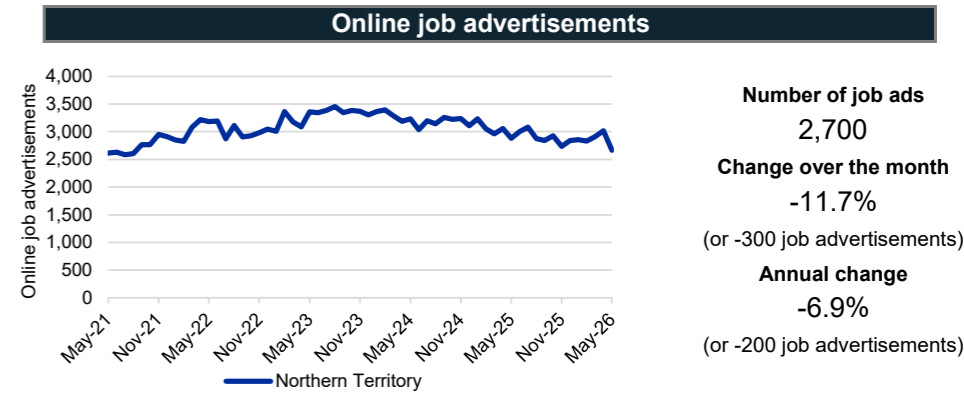
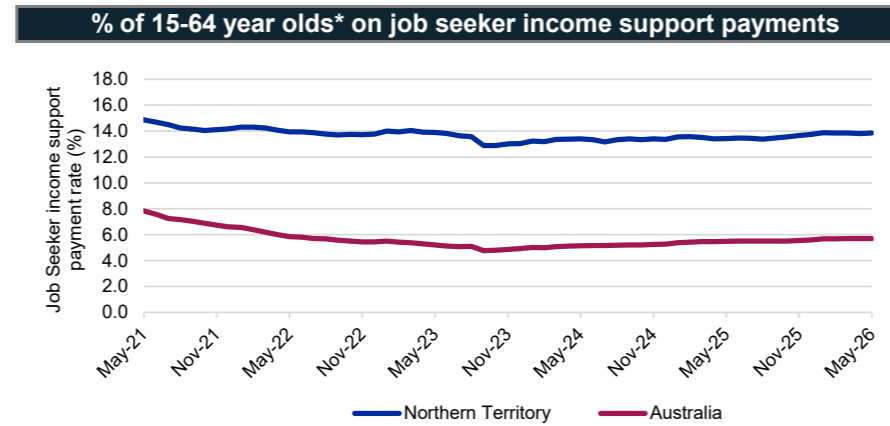
Labour market summary table												
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate		
	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	
Northern Territory	77.9	77.6	7.1	6.2	13.5	4.5	4.1	81.8	80.8	10.2	9.9	
Australia	77.0	77.2	671.3	621.0	8.1	4.4	4.1	80.6	80.6	10.4	9.5	

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

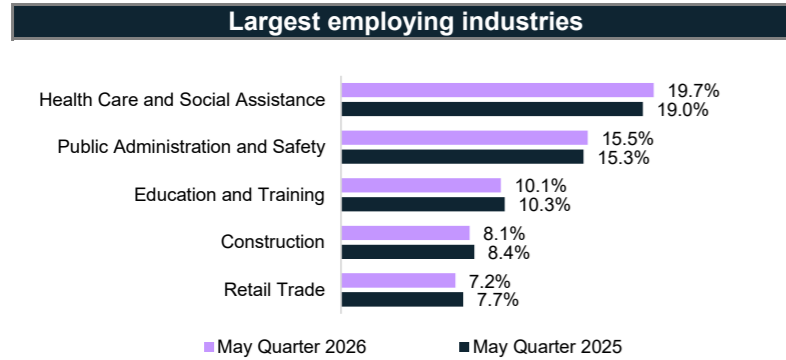
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Northern Territory labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.



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



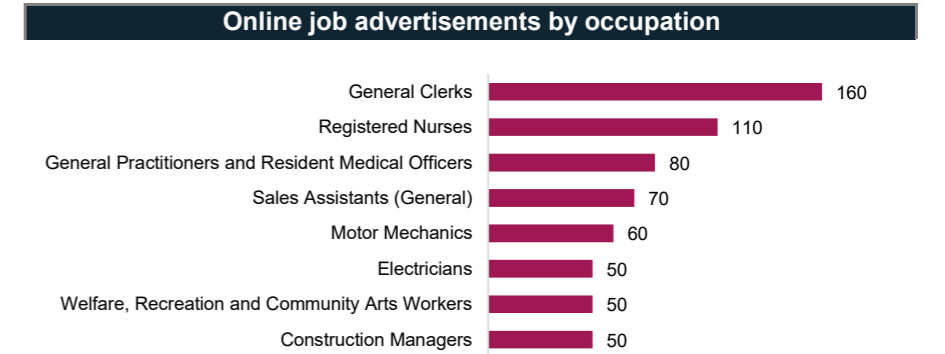
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, May-26



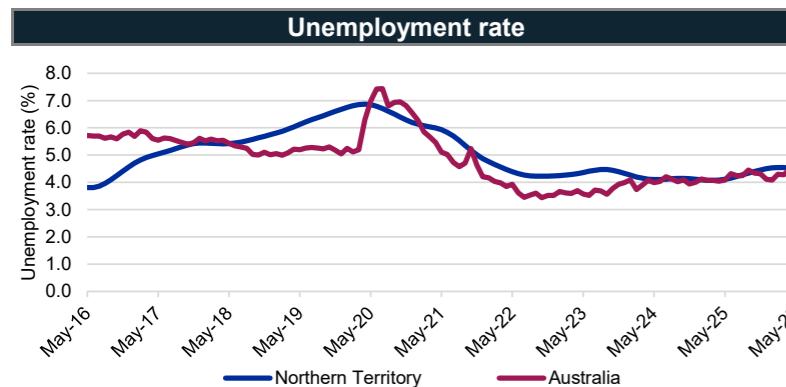
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, May-26 quarter

Change in job seeker income support payments

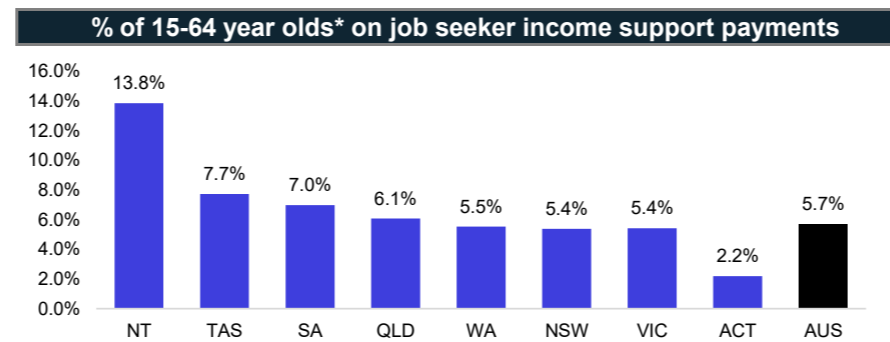
	Northern Territory	Australia
Payments - May 2025	24,140	982,870
Payments - May 2026	25,450	1,033,665
Change (May 2025 to May 2026)	↑ 1,310	↑ 50,795
Change % (May 2025 to May 2026)	↑ 5.4%	↑ 5.2%



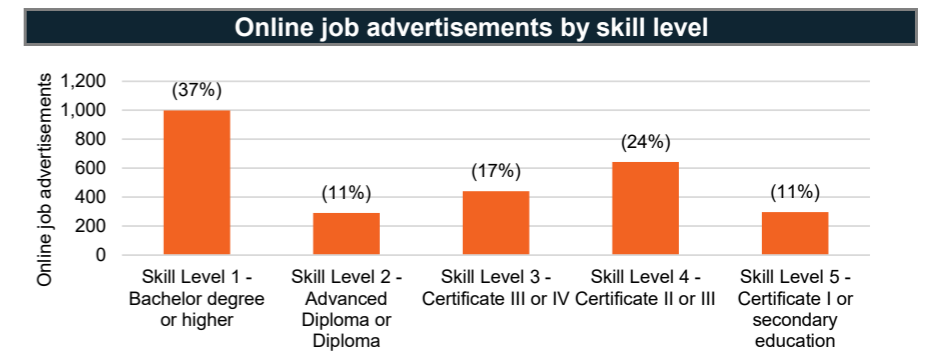
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, May-26



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



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



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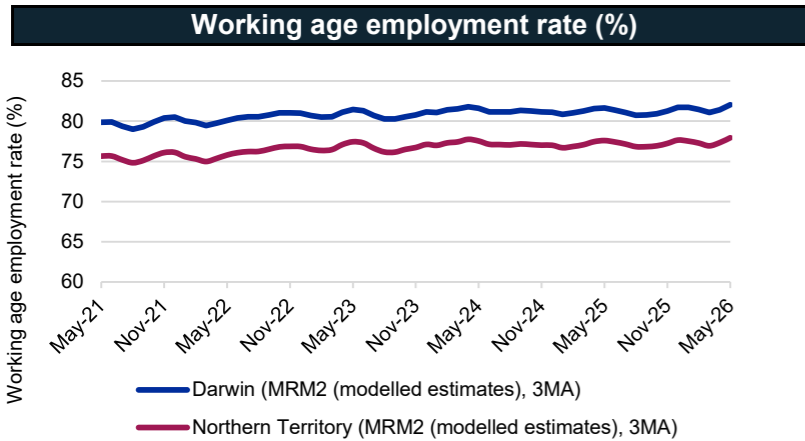
Notes: Data in the labour market summary table are seasonally adjusted data and MLF1 data (3MA) with the exception of the youth unemployment rate which are 12MA of MLF1 estimates *Job seeker payments include those who are in receipt of either JobSeeker (aged 22 and over but under the Age Pension qualifying 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. 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.

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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*	
	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Darwin	82.0	81.6	3.5	2.9	19.1	3.6	3.1	85.1	84.2	9.0	8.2
Northern Territory	77.9	77.6	7.1	6.2	13.5	4.5	4.1	81.8	80.8	10.2	9.9
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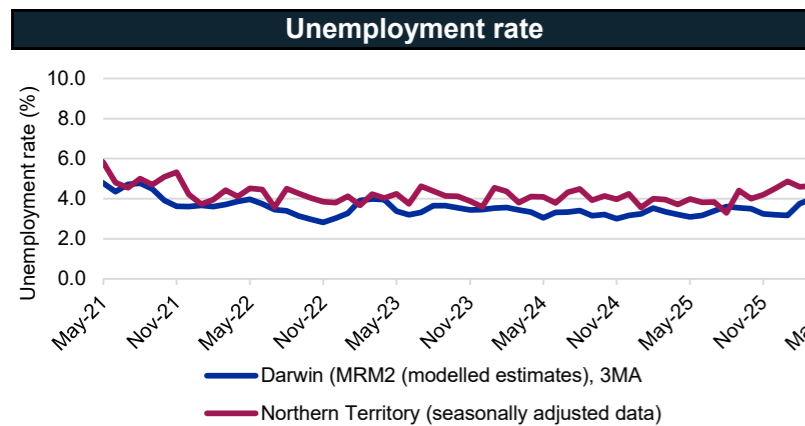
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted and trend data & MLF1 (modelled estimates), 3MA (month average) of estimates, May 2026, with the exception of youth unemployment rate which uses MLF1 12MA and seasonally adjusted data.



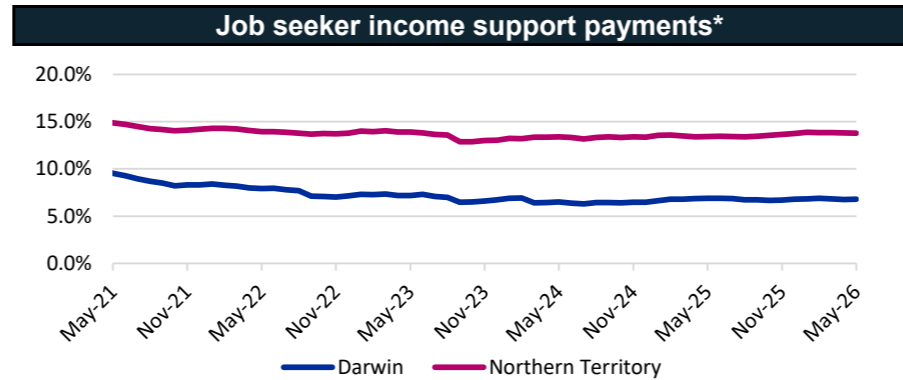
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (modelled estimates), 3MA, May 2026



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



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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darwin	Northern Territory
Payments - May 2025	7,338	24,140
Payments - May 2026	7,406	25,350
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	68	1,210
	0.9%	5.0%

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

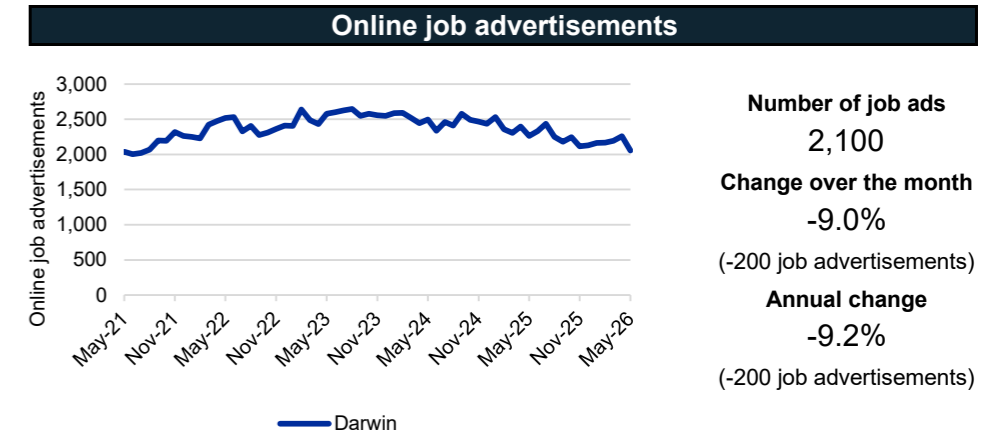
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Darwin	7,406	6.8%
Northern Territory	25,350	13.8%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, May 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, 3MA, May 2026

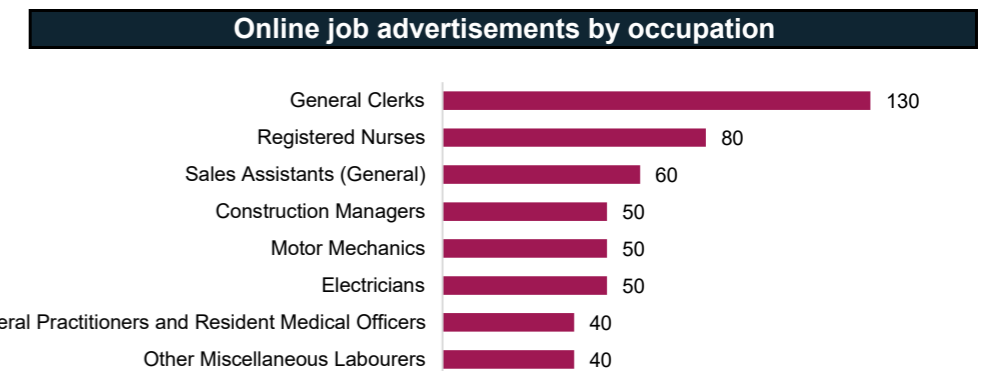
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Palmerston	4.1	3.6
Darwin	3.3	3.0
Alice Springs	1.7	1.7

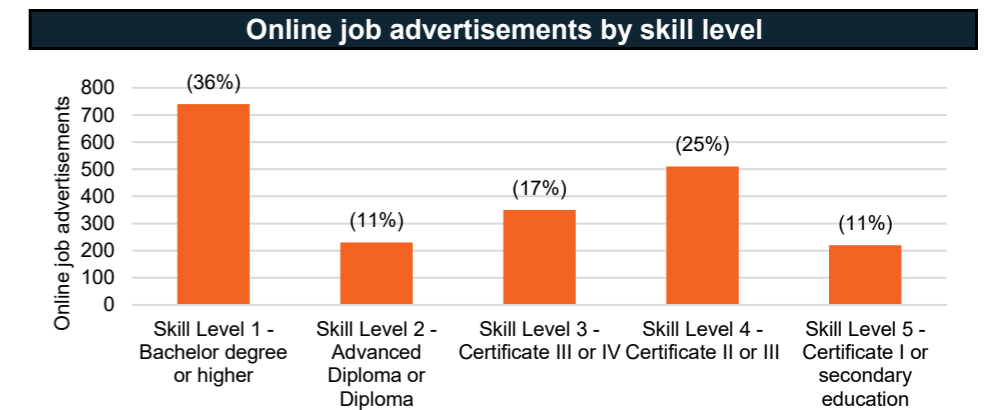
For more insights, access SALM data via dewr.gov.au. Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



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



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

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Darwin SA4. While this is the best fit available, it is only a fair proxy for the Employment Region so caution should be used interpreting results. 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. 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.