

Labour Market Dashboard Queensland

Data current as at 25 June 2026

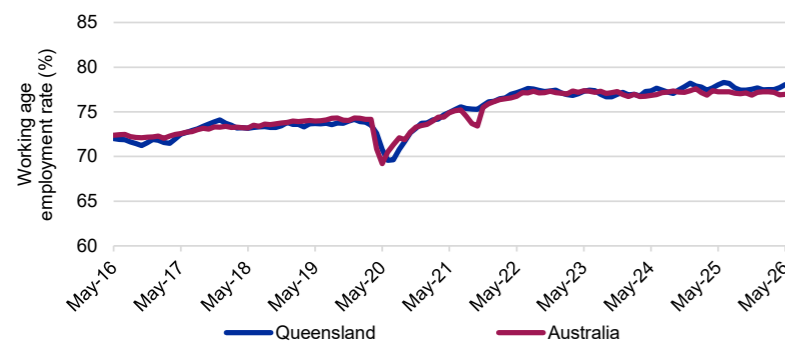
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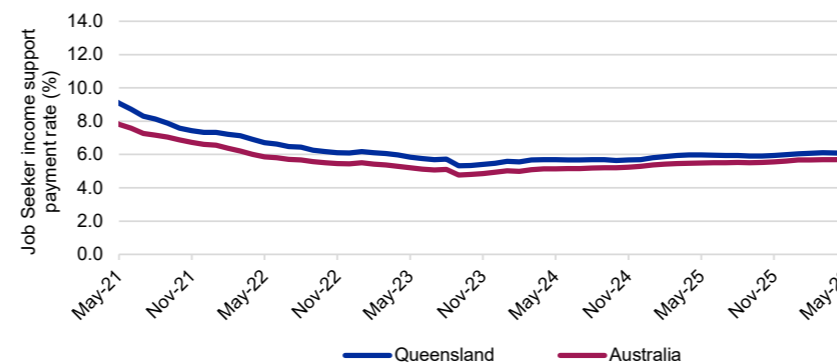
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Working age employment rate

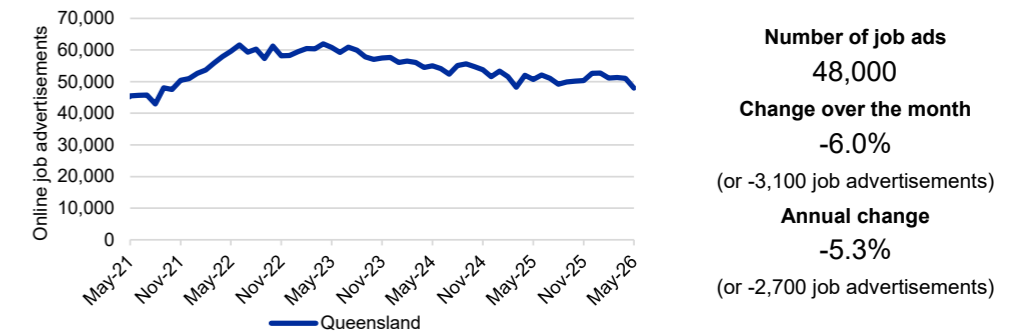


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), May -26

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

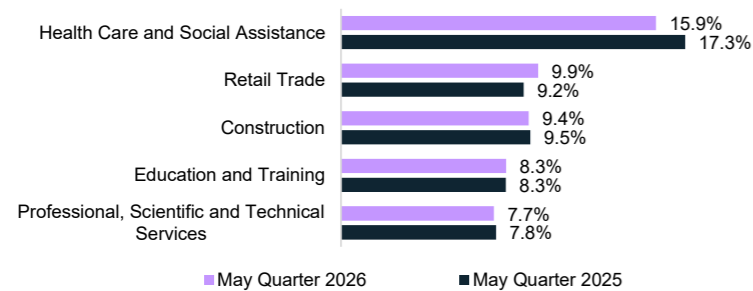


Online job advertisements



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

Largest employing industries

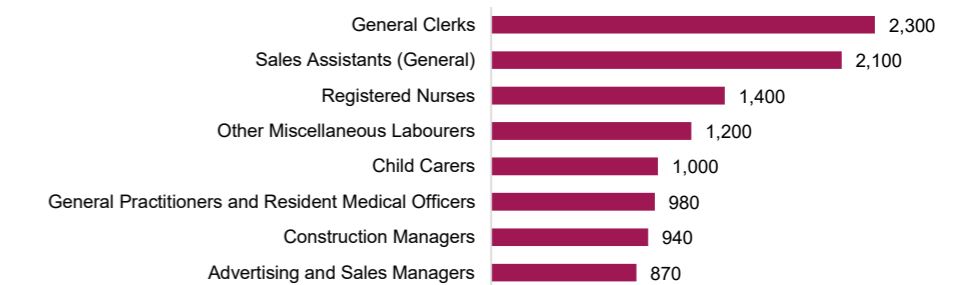


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Change in job seeker income support payments

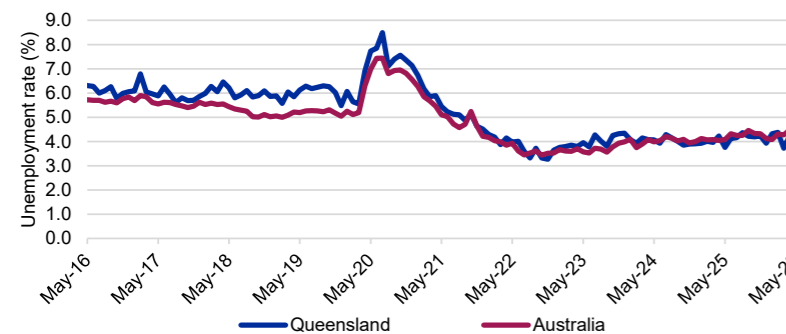
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - May 2025	219,010	982,870
Payments - May 2026	226,045	1,033,665
Change (May 2025 to May 2026)	↑ 7,035	↑ 50,795
Change % (May 2025 to May 2026)	↑ 3.2%	↑ 5.2%

Online job advertisements by occupation



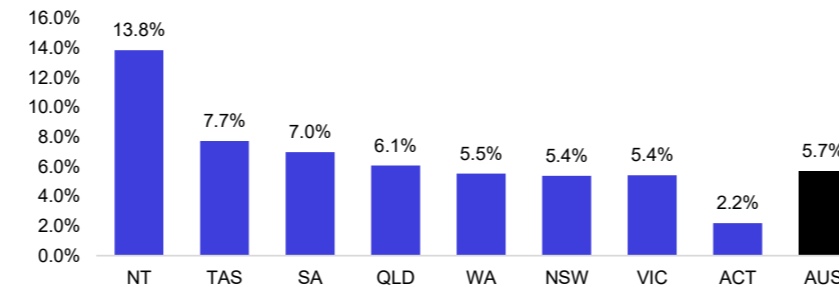
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Unemployment rate



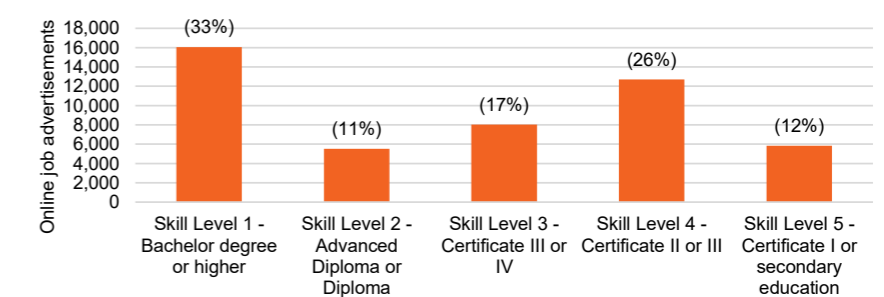
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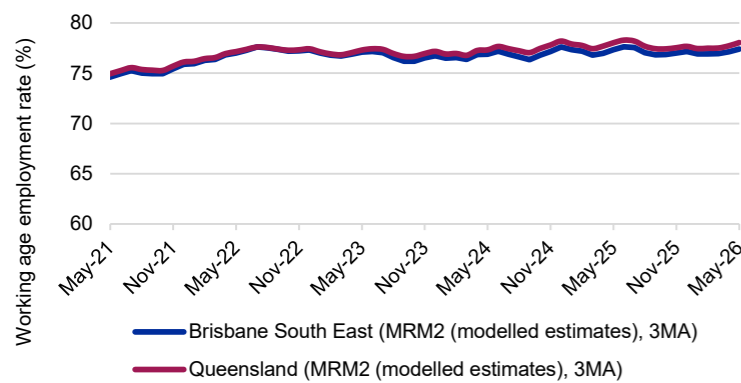
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Brisbane South East	77.4	77.3	27.5	28.0	-1.5	4.5	4.6	81.0	81.1	11.0	10.7
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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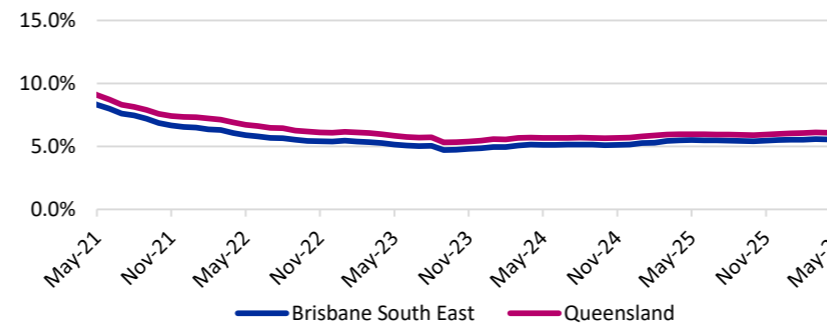
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	39,640	219,010
Payments - May 2026	40,880	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 1,240	↑ 6,325
	↑ 3.1%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Brisbane South East	40,880	5.6%
Queensland	225,335	6.1%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

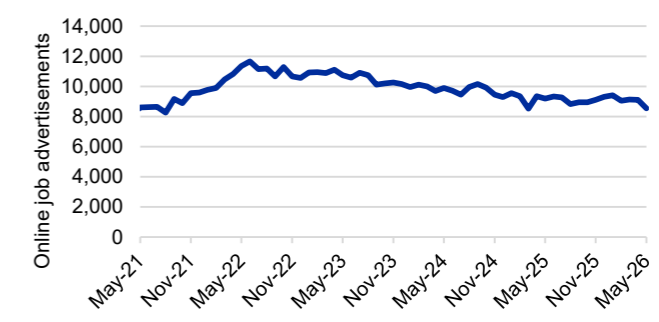
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Logan	5.6	4.8
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Redland	3.6	3.4

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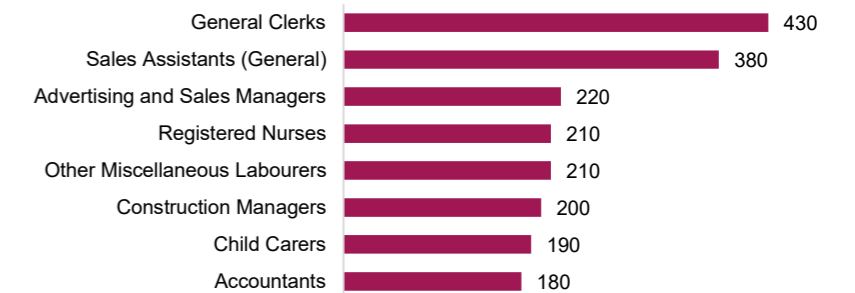
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
8,500
Change over the month
-6.2%
(-700 job advertisements)
Annual change
-7.0%
(-600 job advertisements)

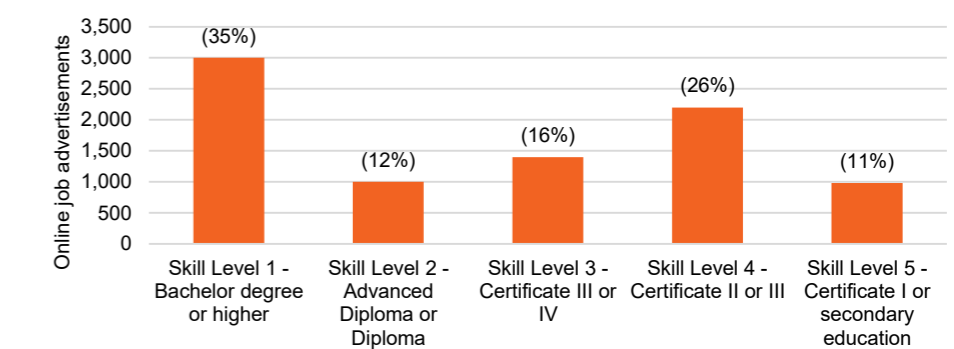
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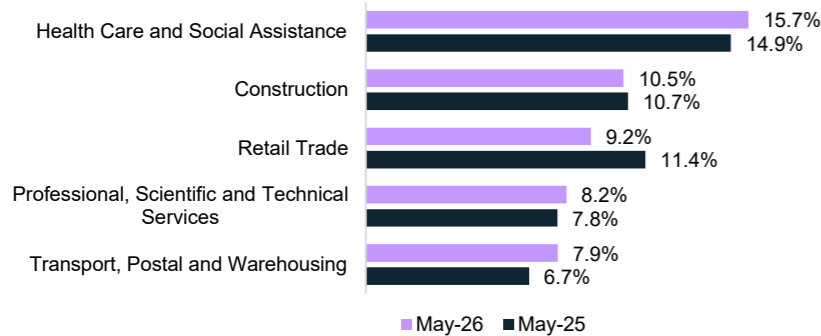
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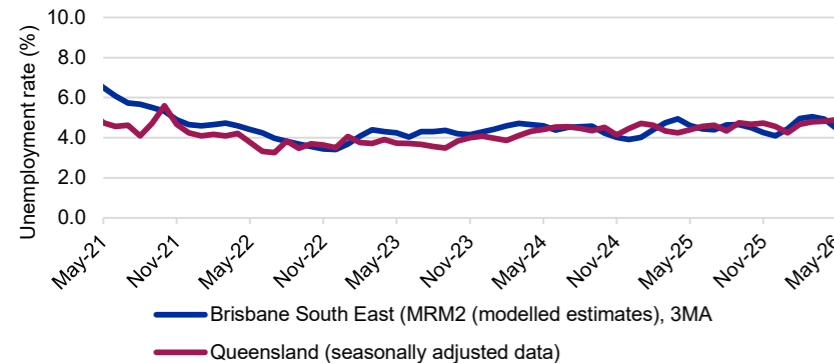
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Unemployment rate



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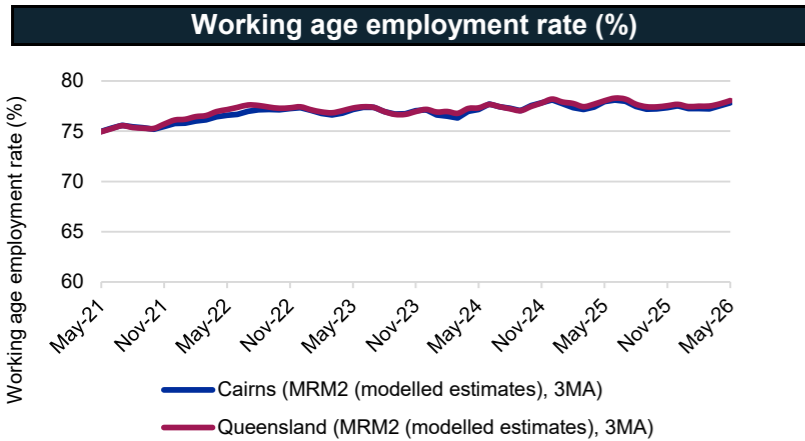
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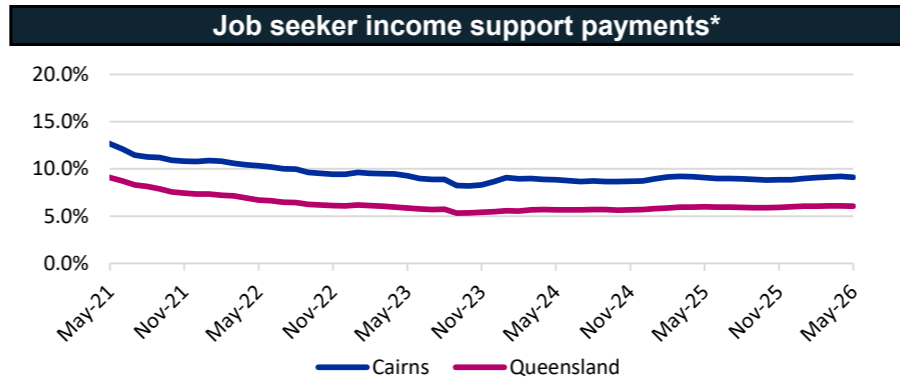
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (modelled estimates), 3MA, May 2026



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	15,758	219,010
Payments - May 2026	15,994	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	236	6,325
	1.5%	2.9%

% 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
Cairns	15,994	9.1%
Queensland	225,335	6.1%
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
Yarrabah*	74.5	42.7
Mareeba	7.5	4.8
Cassowary Coast	7.1	4.2
Tablelands	6.0	3.5
Douglas	5.1	3.2

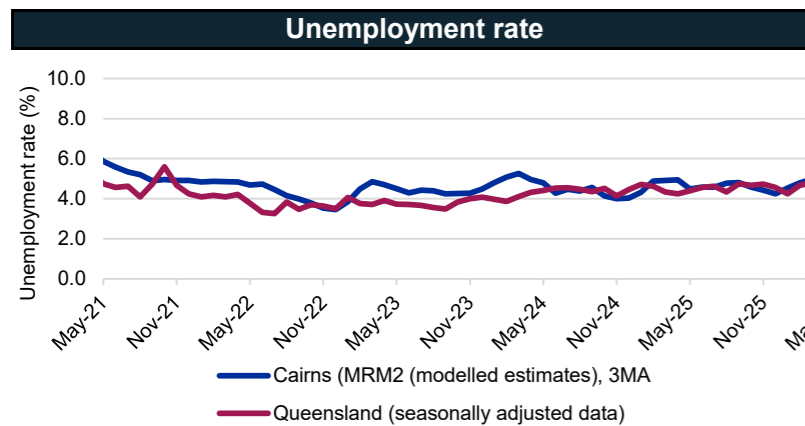
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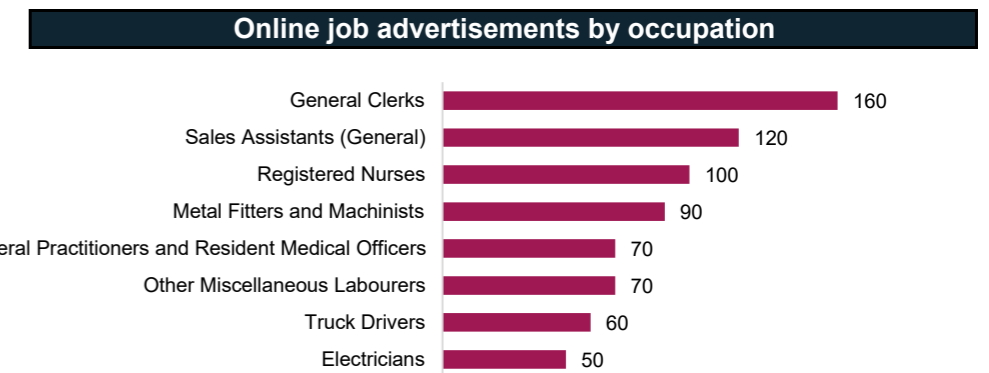
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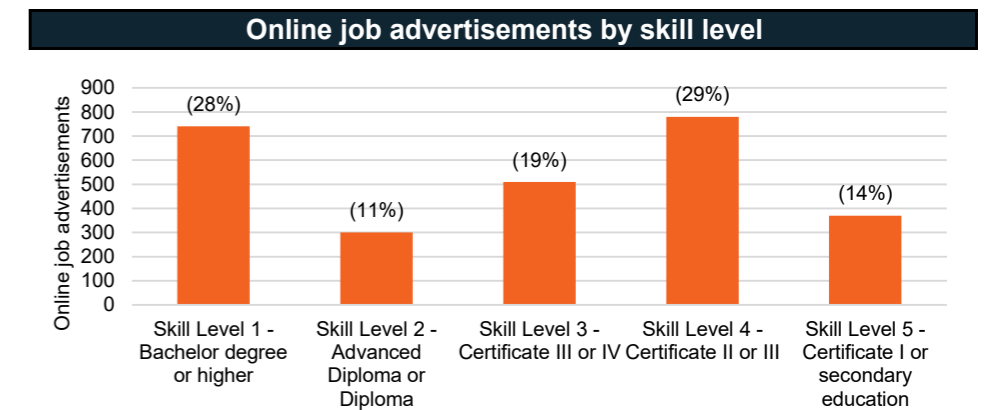
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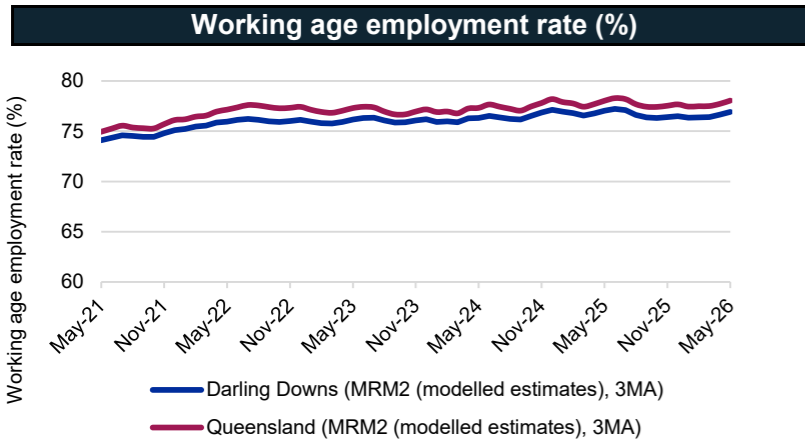
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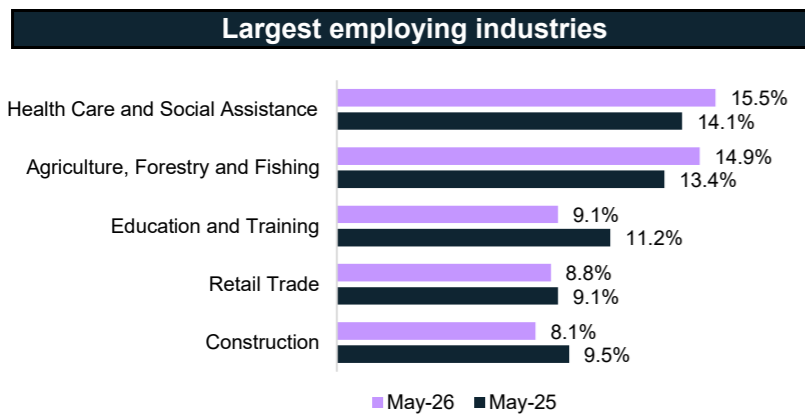
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Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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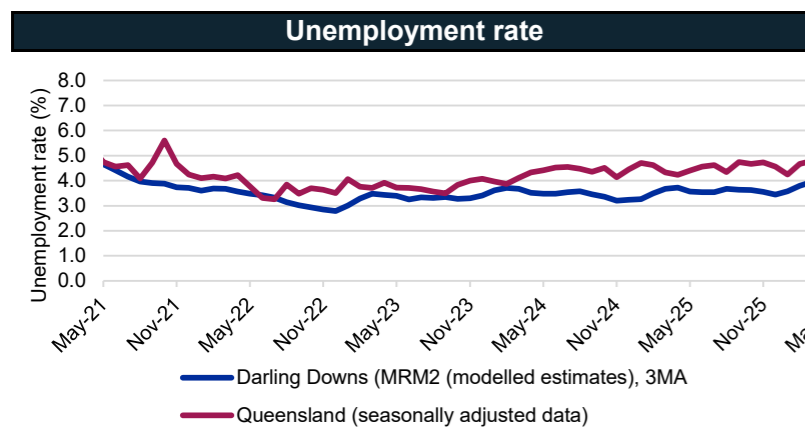
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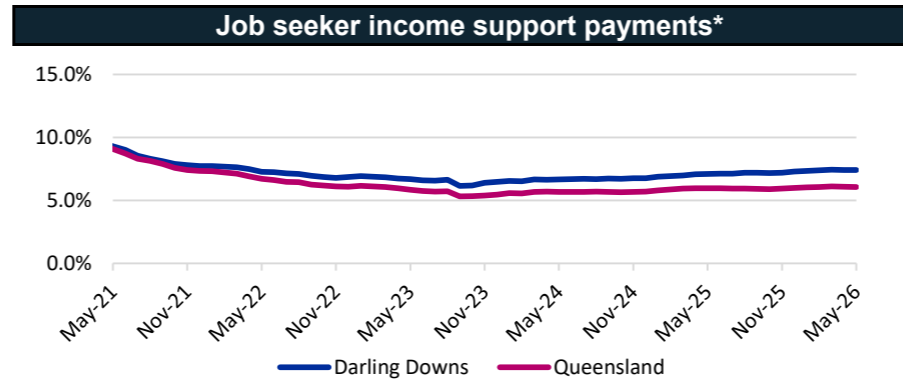
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	13,265	219,010
Payments - May 2026	13,909	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 645	↑ 6,325
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% of 15-64 year olds** on job seeker income support payments

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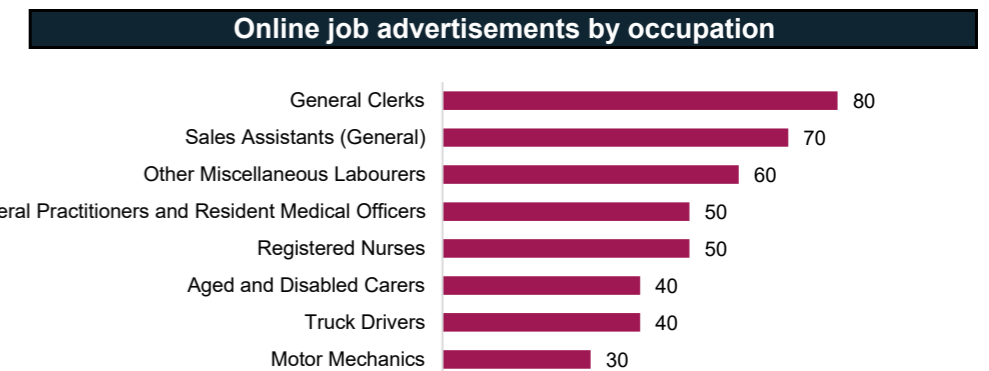
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Balonne	5.4	3.3
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Southern Downs	4.3	2.8
Toowoomba	3.8	2.5
Lockyer Valley	3.7	3.7

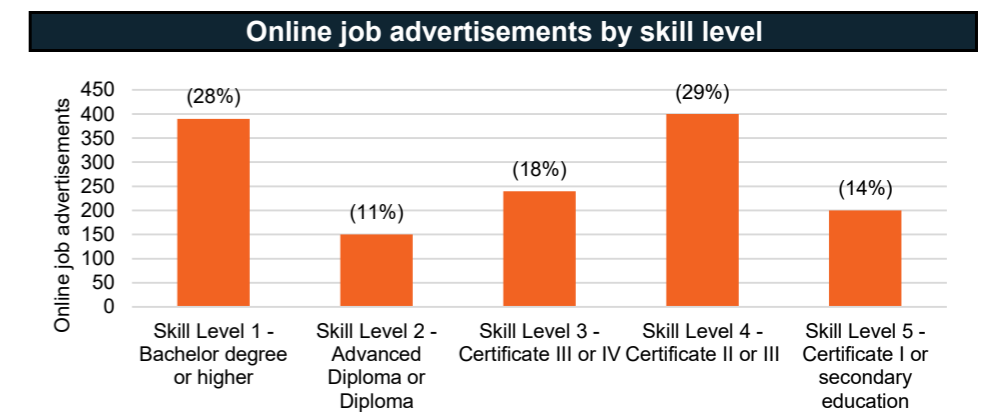
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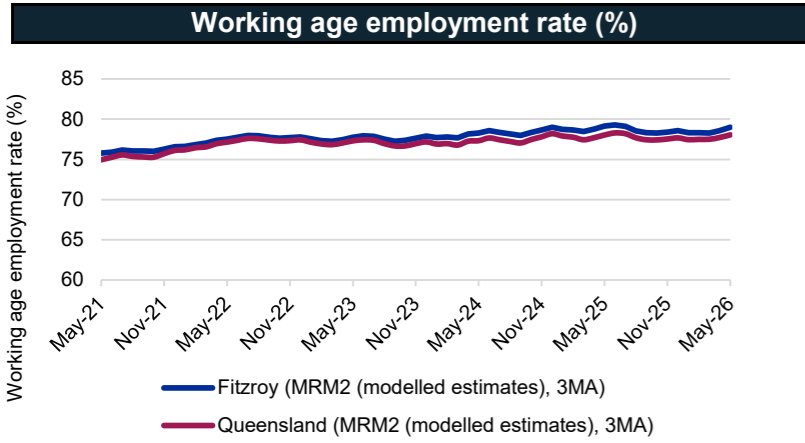
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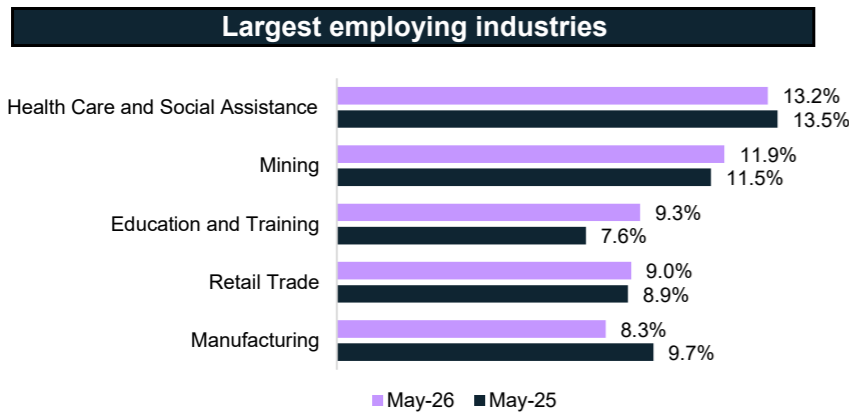
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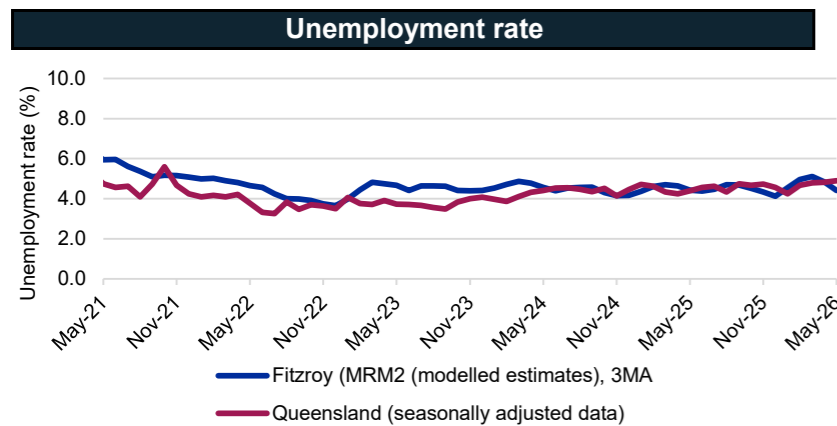
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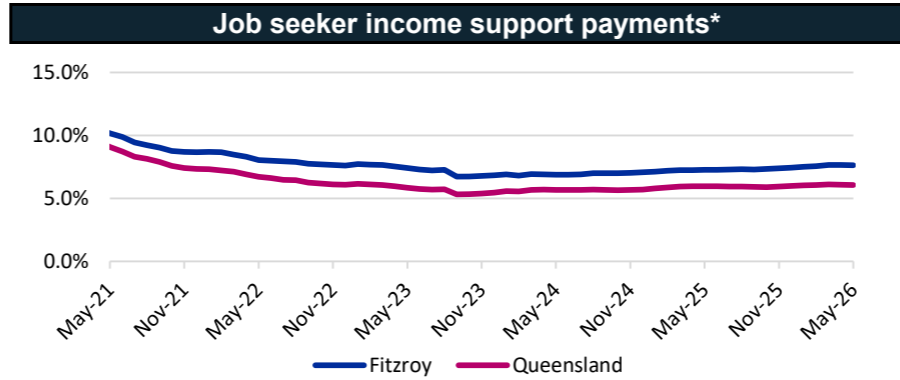
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Change in job seeker income support payments

	Fitzroy	Queensland
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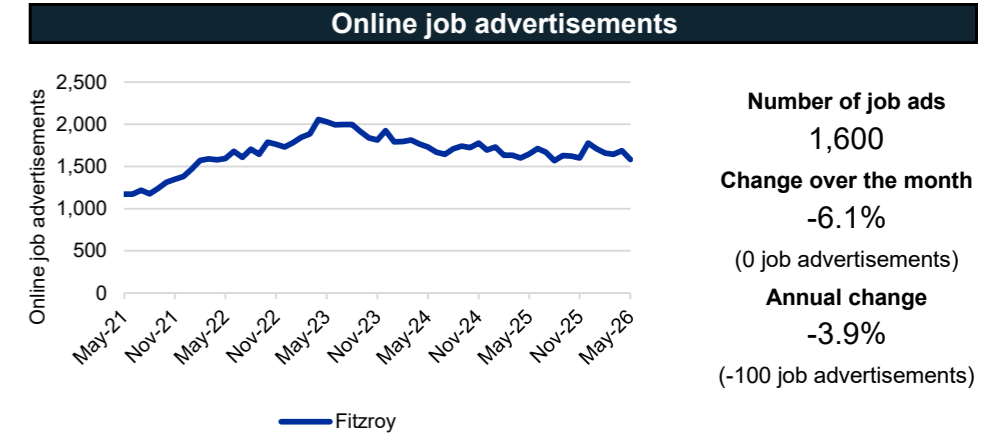
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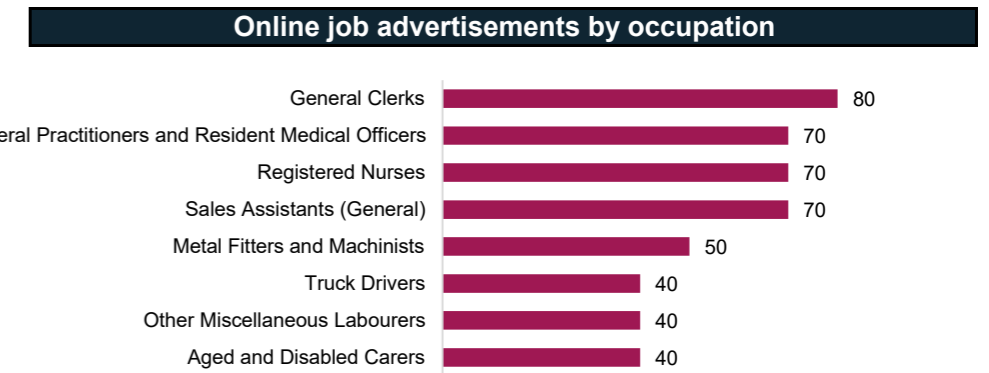
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Woorabinda*	6.0	8.6
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Rockhampton	4.2	6.3
Central Highlands (Qld)	2.9	4.3
Banana	2.6	3.7

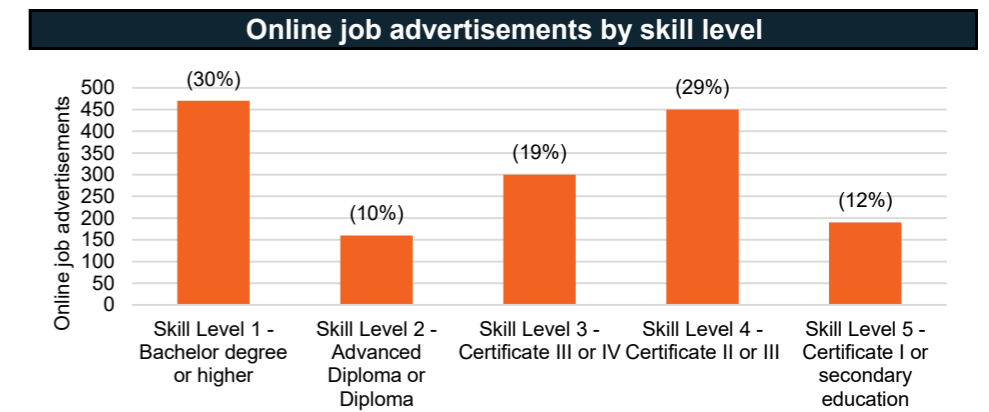
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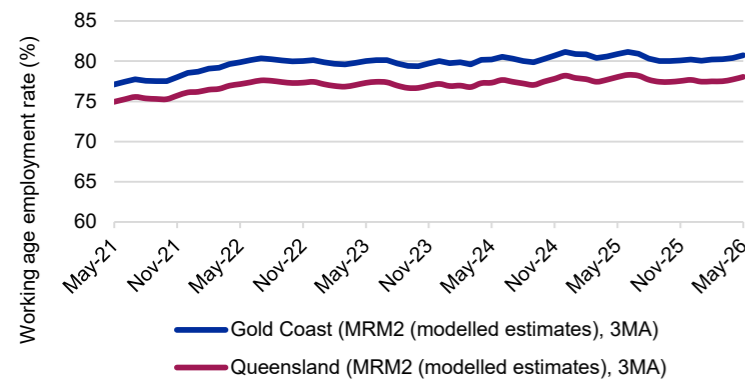
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Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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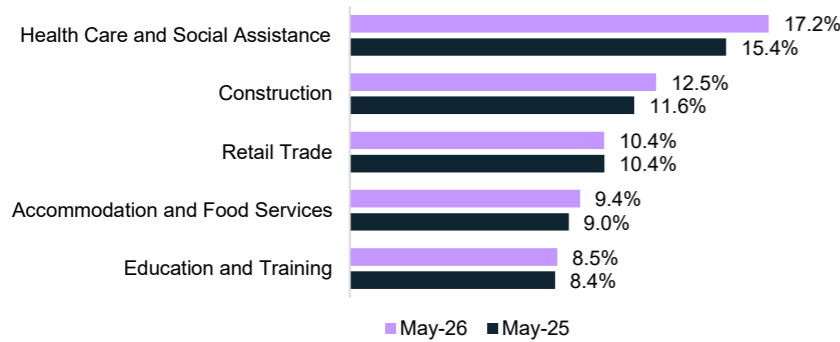
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Working age employment rate (%)



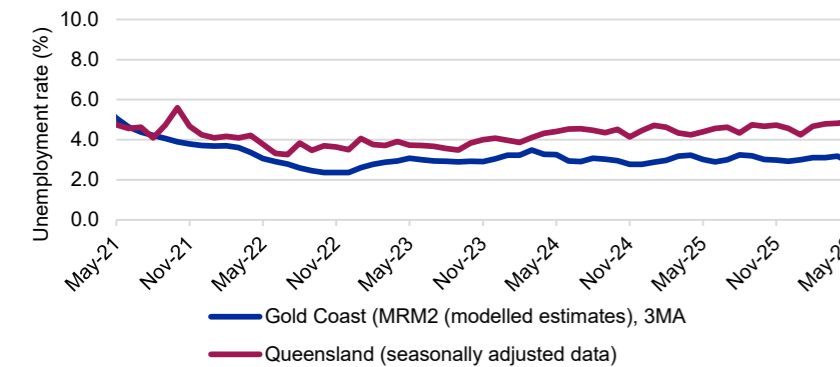
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Largest employing industries



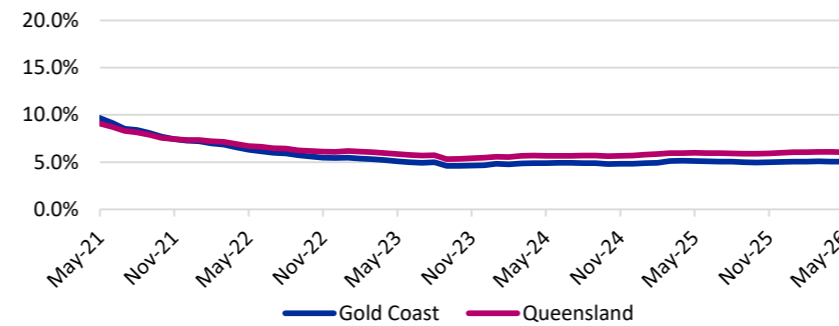
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	23,889	219,010
Payments - May 2026	23,899	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	10	6,325
	0.0%	2.9%

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

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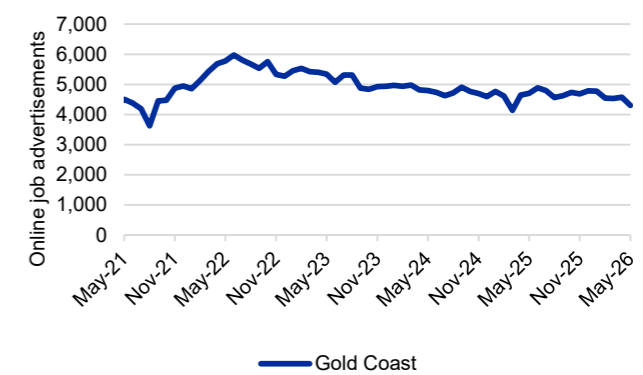
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Tweed	3.4	2.9
Gold Coast	3.1	3.4

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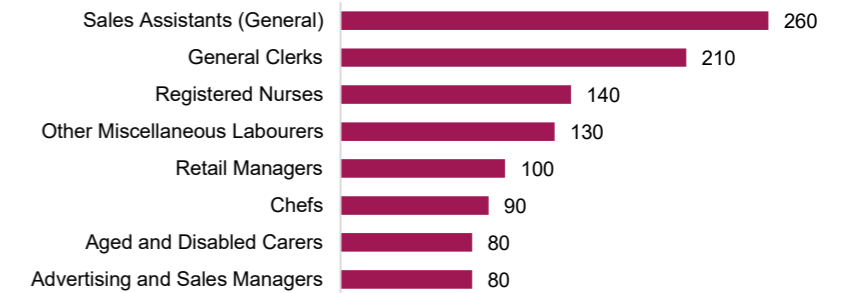
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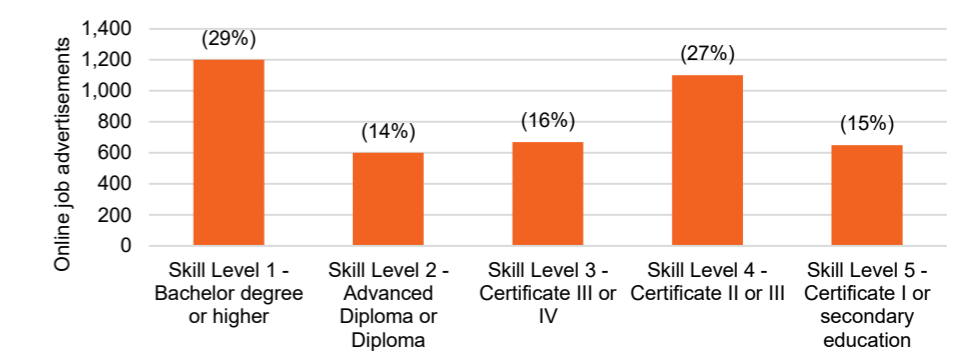
Number of job ads
4,300
Change over the month
-5.8%
(-400 job advertisements)
Annual change
-8.5%
(-300 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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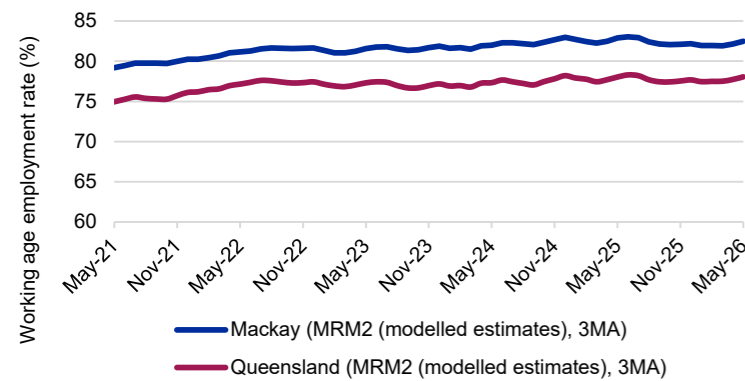
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	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Mackay	82.5	82.9	3.3	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.8	85.0	85.3	6.2	5.4
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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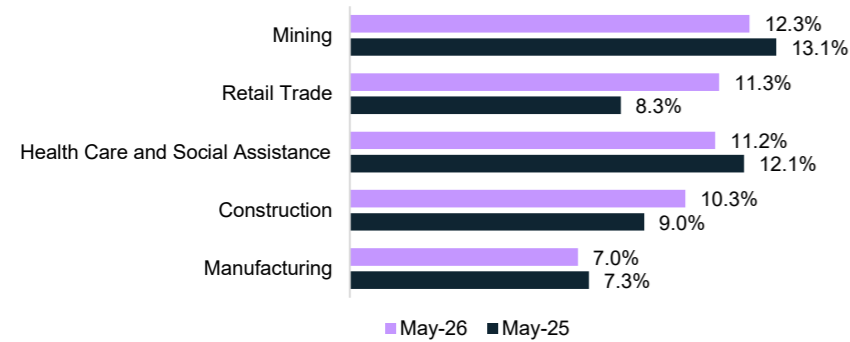
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Working age employment rate (%)



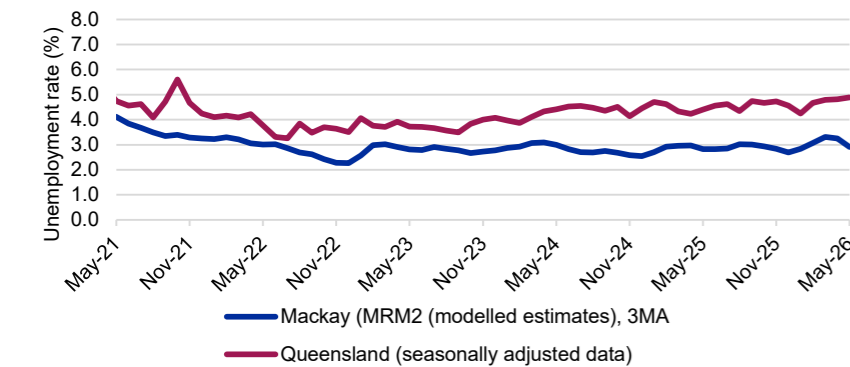
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Largest employing industries



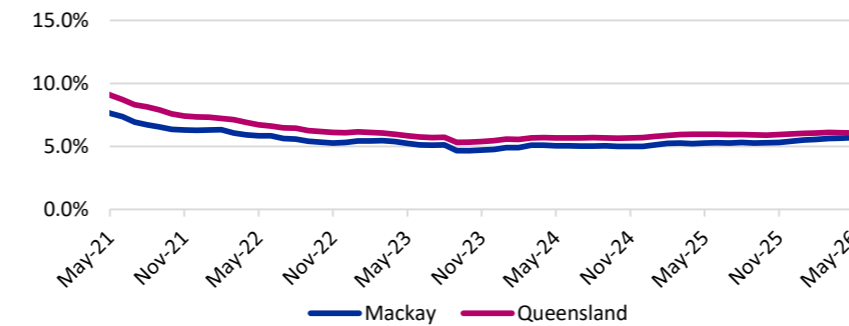
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	6,769	219,010
Payments - May 2026	7,354	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 585	↑ 6,325
	↑ 8.6%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Mackay	7,354	5.7%
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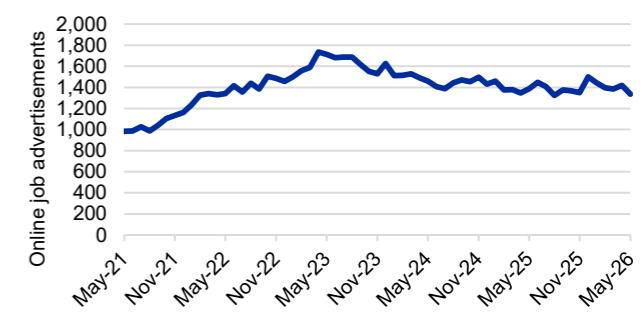
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whitsunday	3.6	2.2
Mackay	3.2	2.0
Isaac	1.5	0.8

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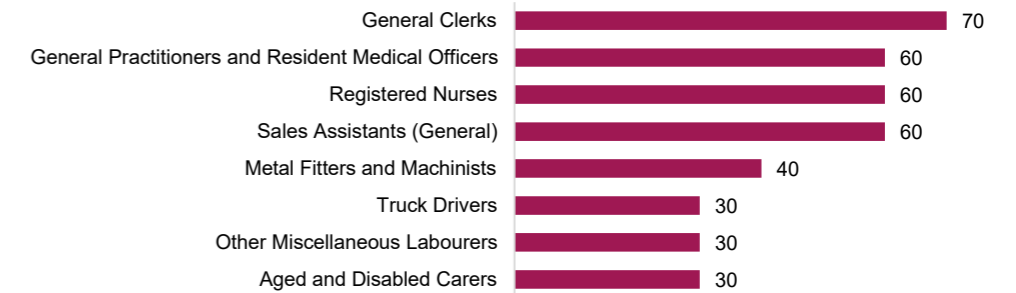
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-3.8%
(-100 job advertisements)

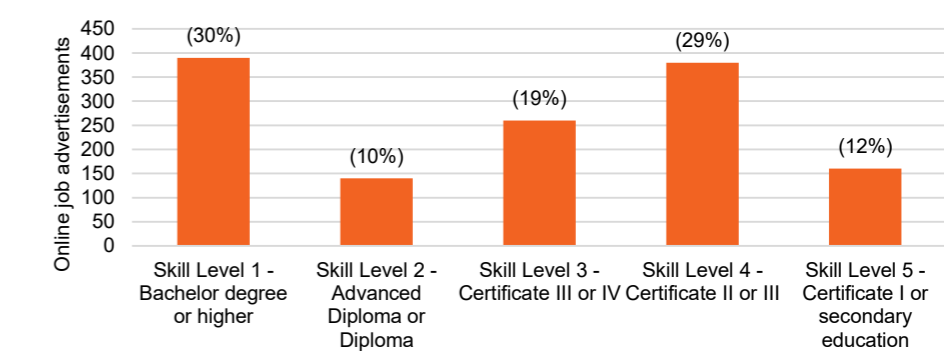
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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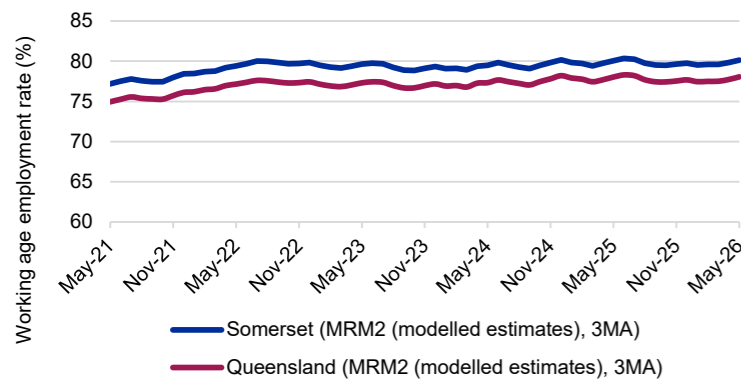
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Somerset	80.1	80.1	24.9	25.4	-1.9	3.7	3.9	83.2	83.3	9.0	8.9
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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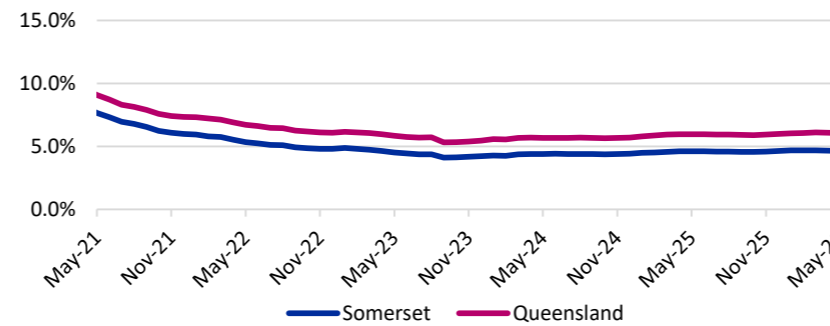
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	35,212	219,010
Payments - May 2026	35,997	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 785	↑ 6,325
	↑ 2.2%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Somerset	35,997	4.6%
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Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

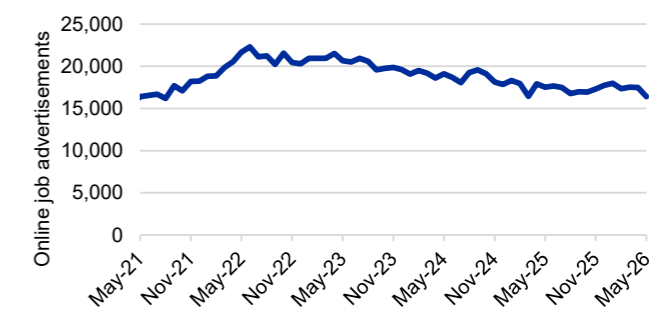
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Moreton Bay	4.8	4.7
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Somerset	4.0	4.8

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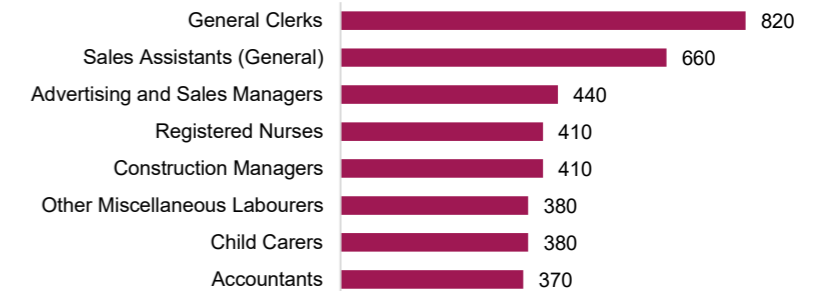
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(-1,100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-6.3%
(-1,100 job advertisements)

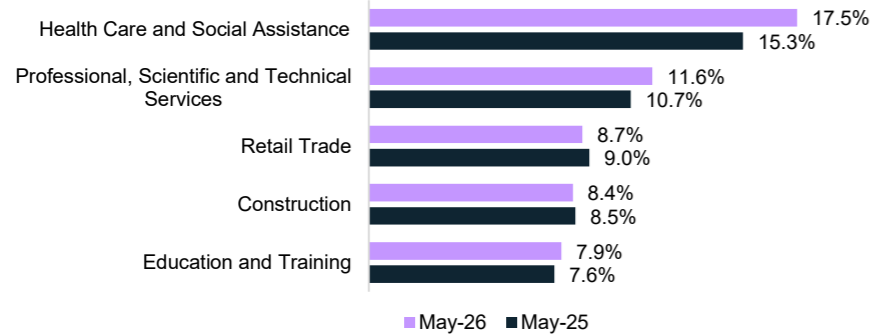
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Online job advertisements by occupation



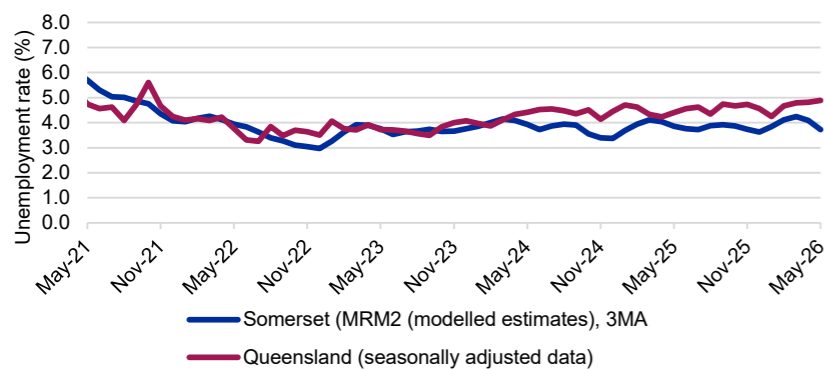
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Largest employing industries



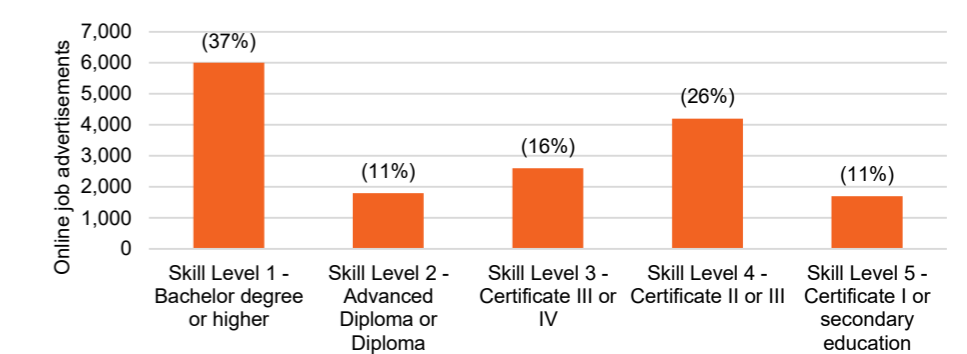
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Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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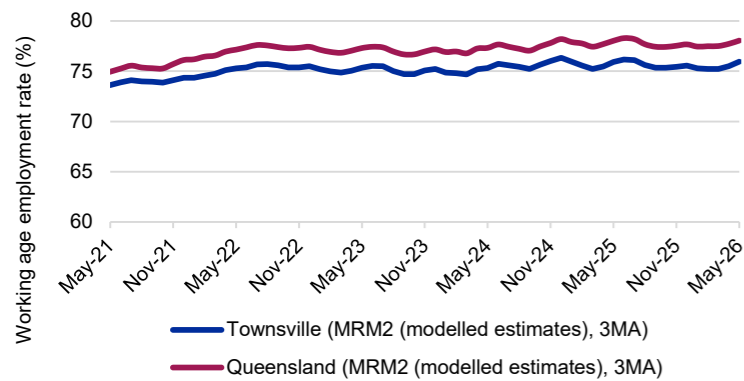
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	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Townsville	75.9	75.9	6.5	6.7	-2.7	4.9	5.0	80.0	80.1	11.0	10.0
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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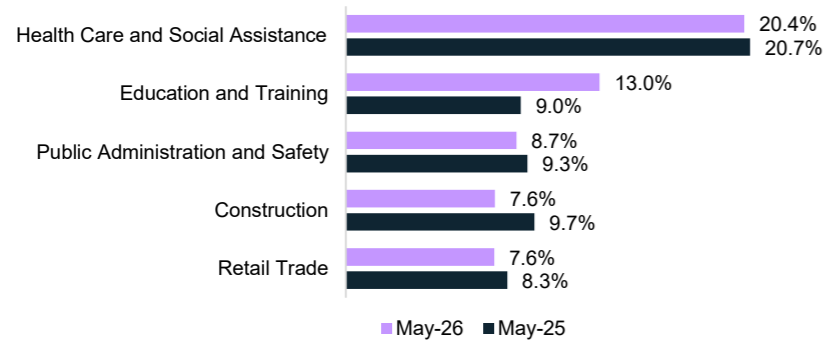
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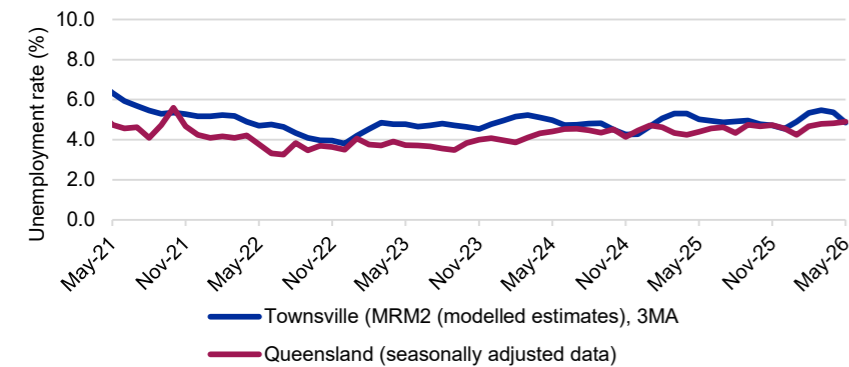
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Largest employing industries



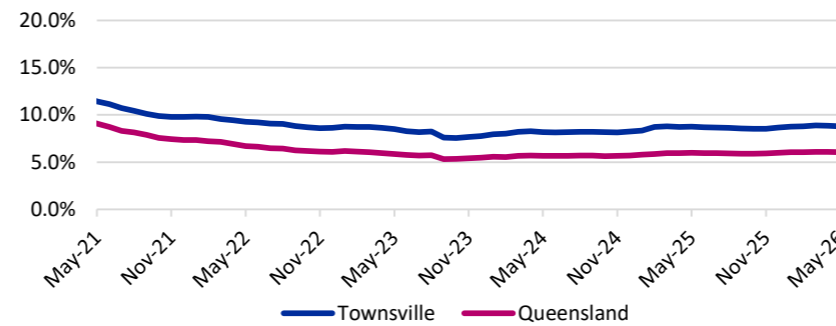
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Unemployment rate



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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	13,770	219,010
Payments - May 2026	13,900	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 130	↑ 6,325
	→ 0.9%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Townsville	13,900	8.8%
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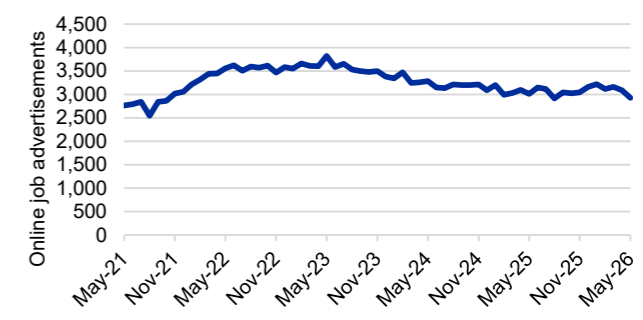
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Charters Towers	6.6	5.9
Hinchinbrook	5.7	5.3
Burdekin	5.5	4.8
Townsville	5.1	4.7
Mount Isa	3.6	3.7

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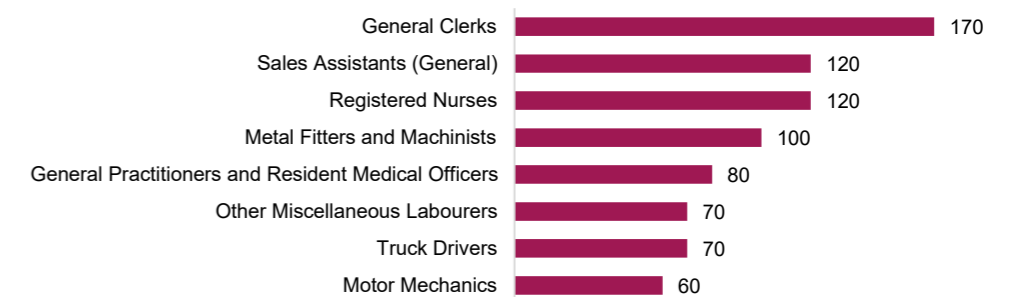
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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Annual change
-2.9%
(-200 job advertisements)

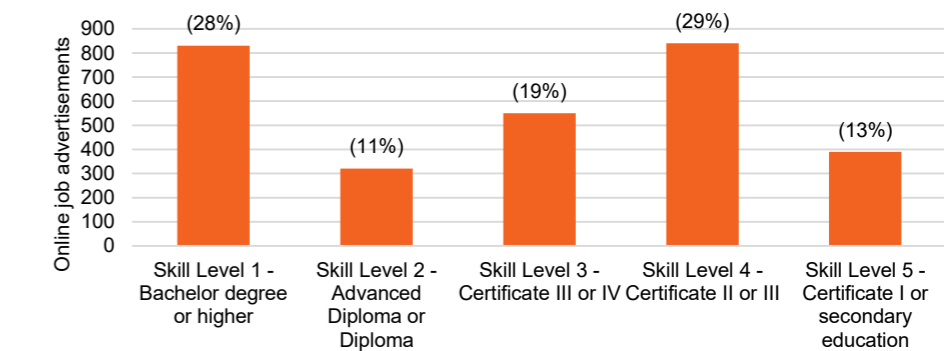
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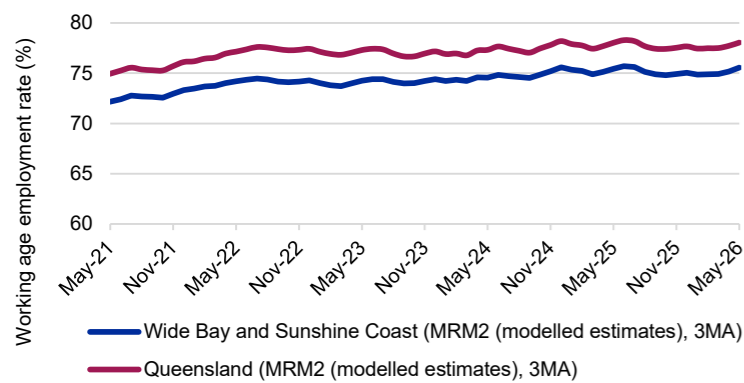
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	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	75.6	75.4	15.0	15.9	-5.2	3.9	4.1	78.7	78.8	9.9	9.3
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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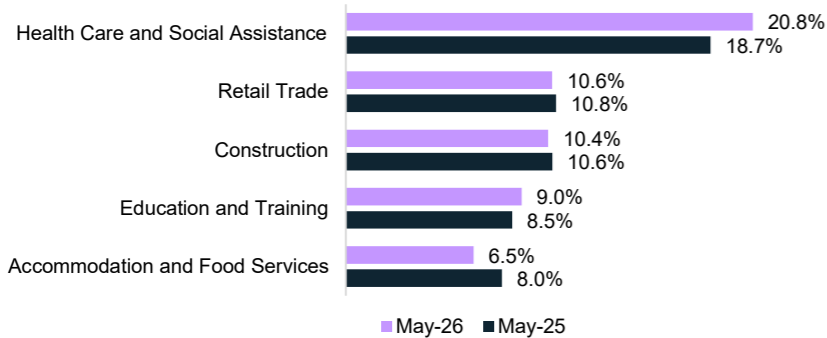
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Working age employment rate (%)



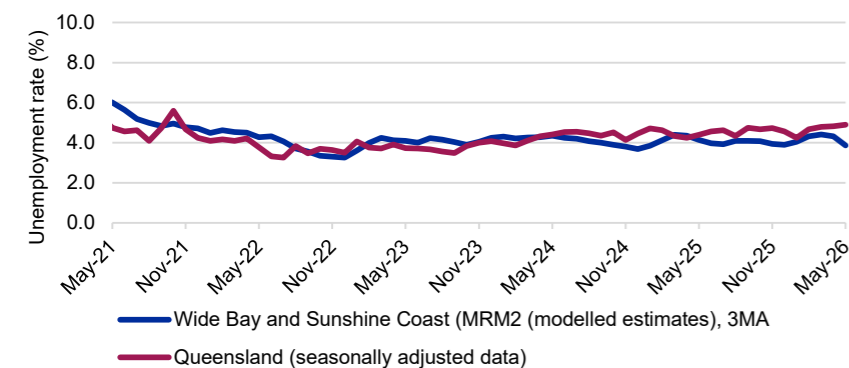
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Largest employing industries



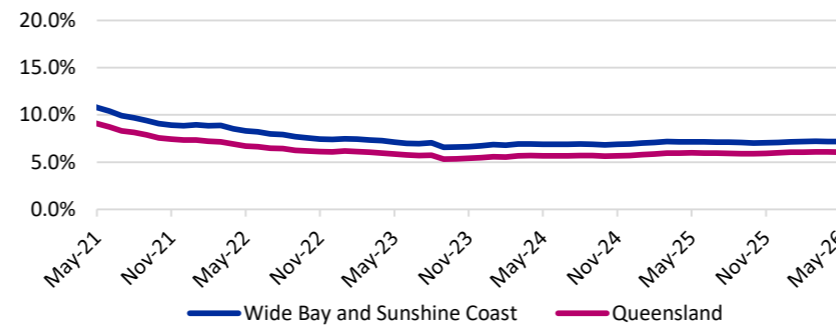
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Job seeker income support payments*



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	32,830	219,010
Payments - May 2026	33,410	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 580	↑ 6,325
	↑ 1.8%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	33,410	7.2%
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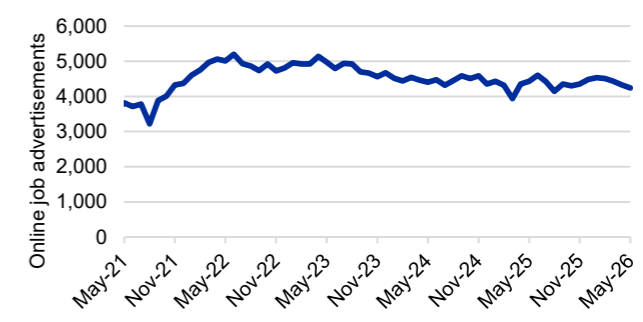
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Cherbourg*	7.0	10.6
South Burnett	5.0	8.0
Fraser Coast	4.5	7.0
Gympie	4.0	6.0
Bundaberg	3.8	6.0

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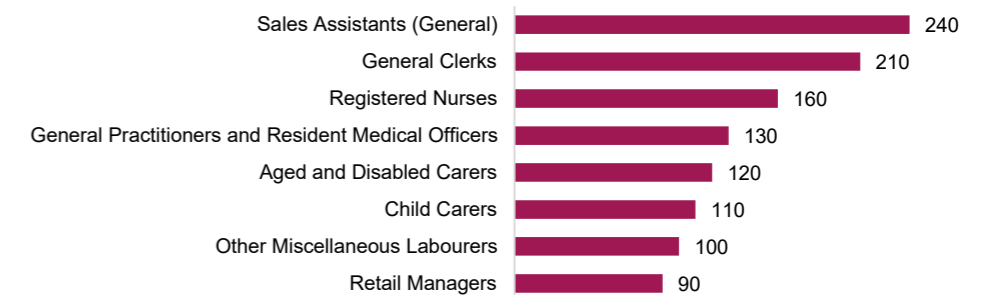
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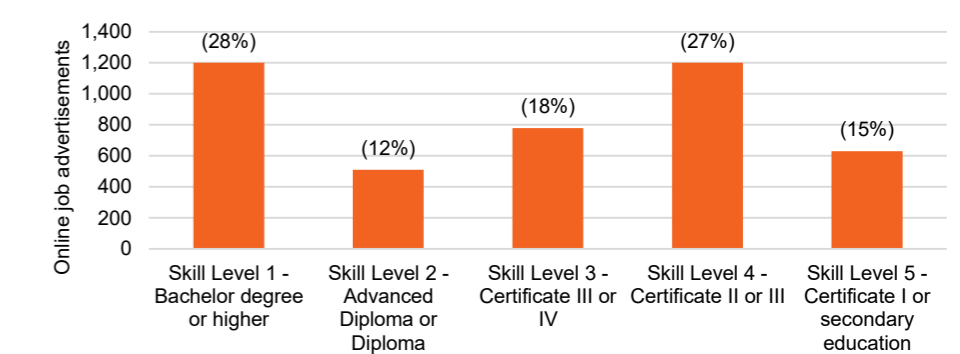
Number of job ads
4,200
Change over the month
-1.9%
(-200 job advertisements)
Annual change
-4.1%
(-100 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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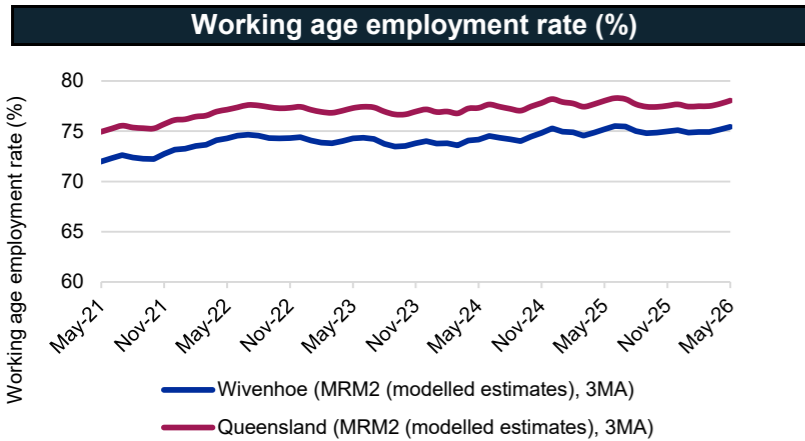
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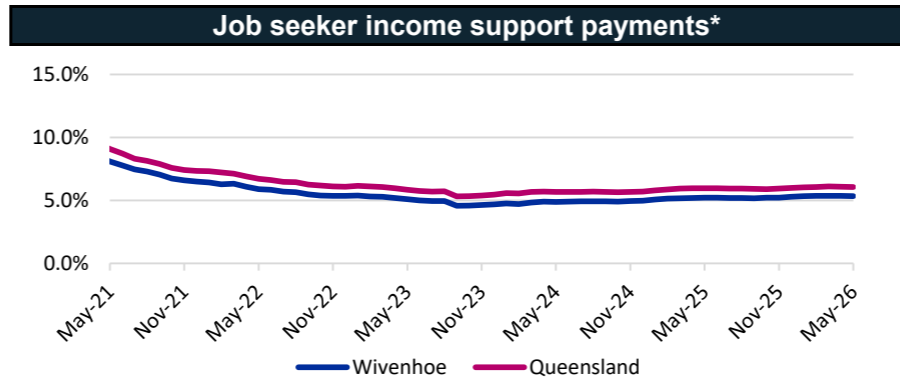
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

	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 (%)
Wivenhoe	75.4	75.2	15.7	16.2	-3.0	4.6	4.9	79.2	79.1	10.8	10.7
Queensland	78.0	78.0	117.1	117.5	-0.3	3.7	3.7	81.4	81.4	9.8	9.2
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, 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



Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - May 2025	21,185	219,010
Payments - May 2026	22,070	225,335
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 885	↑ 6,325
	↑ 4.2%	↑ 2.9%

% 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
Wivenhoe	22,070	5.3%
Queensland	225,335	6.1%
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

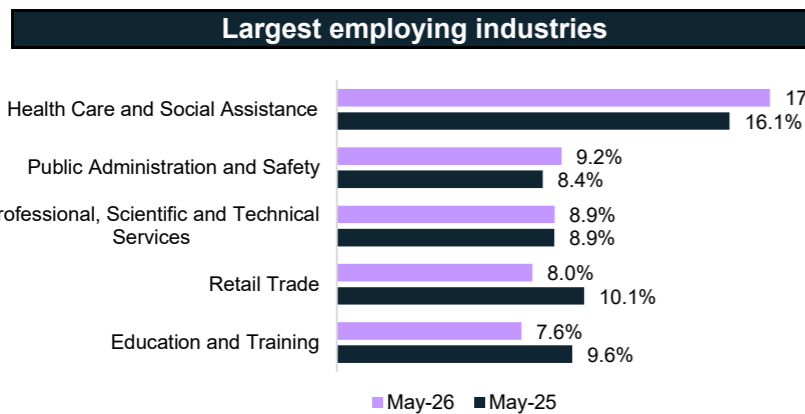
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Ipswich	4.2	5.2
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Somerset	4.0	4.8
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Lockyer Valley	3.7	3.7

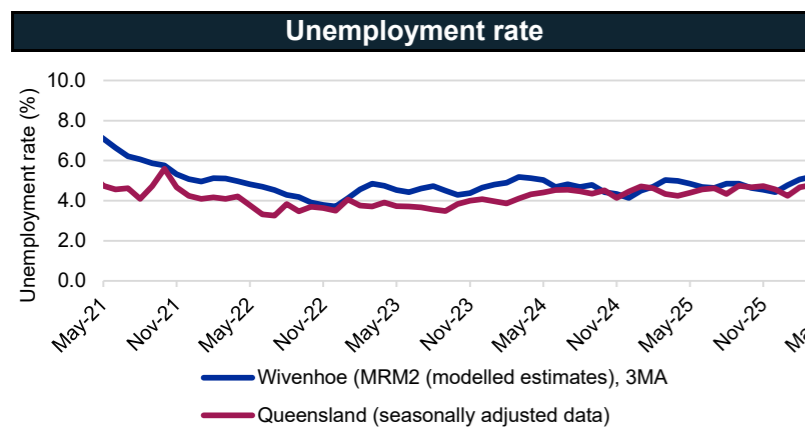
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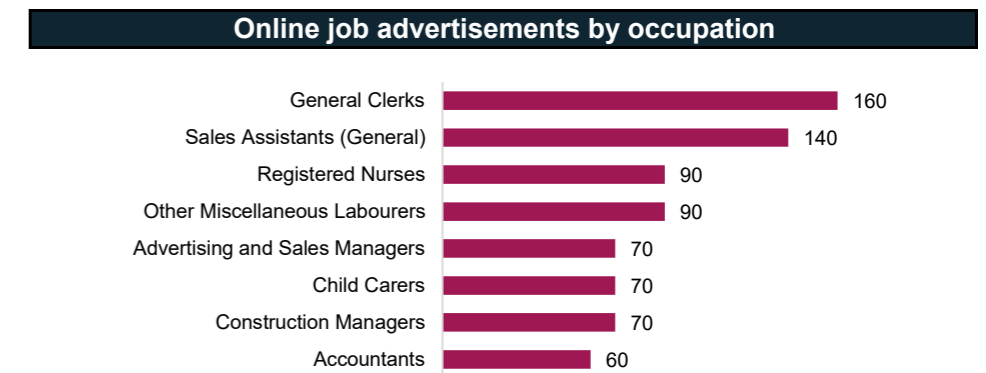
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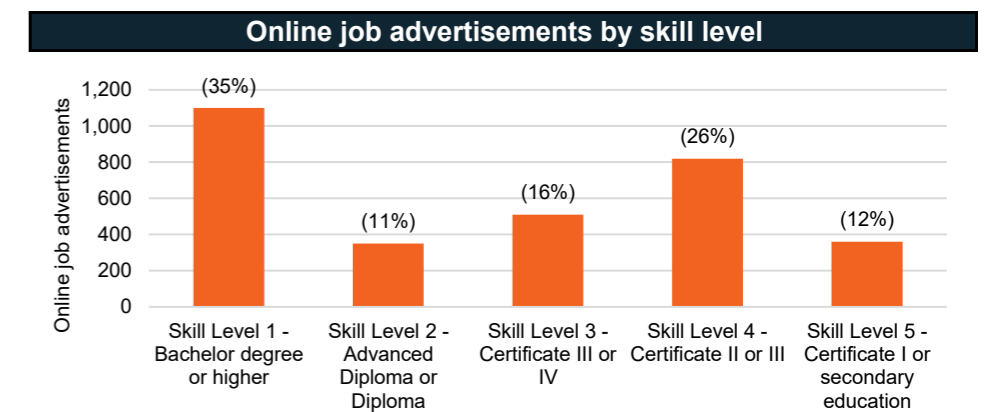
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, May-26 quarter#



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



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