

# Labour Market Dashboard Victoria

Data current as at 25 June 2026

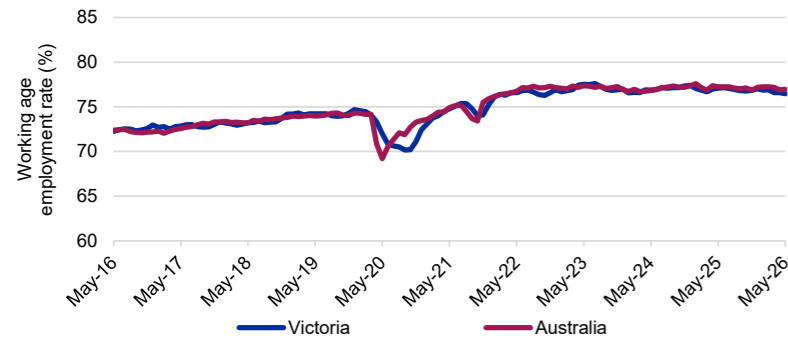
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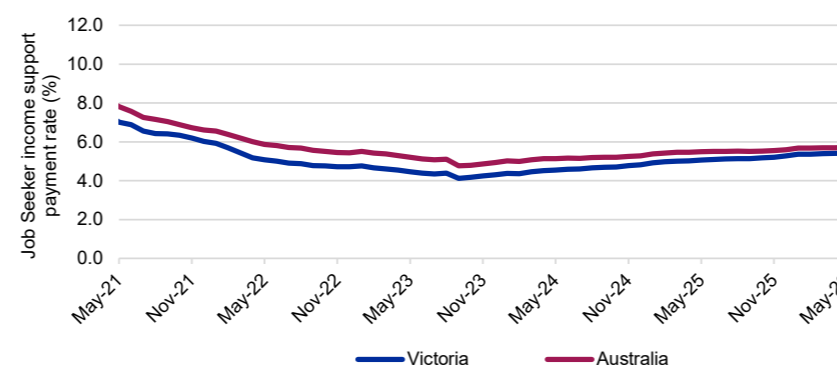
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

## 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

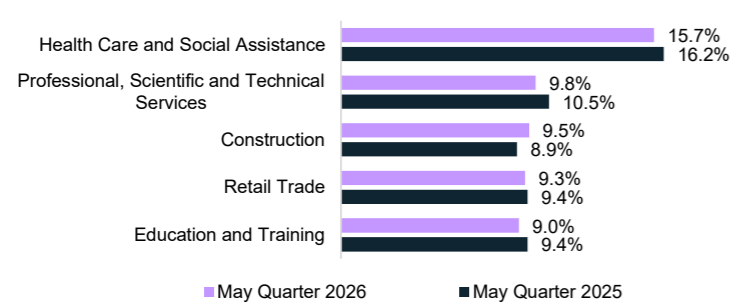


## Online job advertisements



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

## Largest employing industries

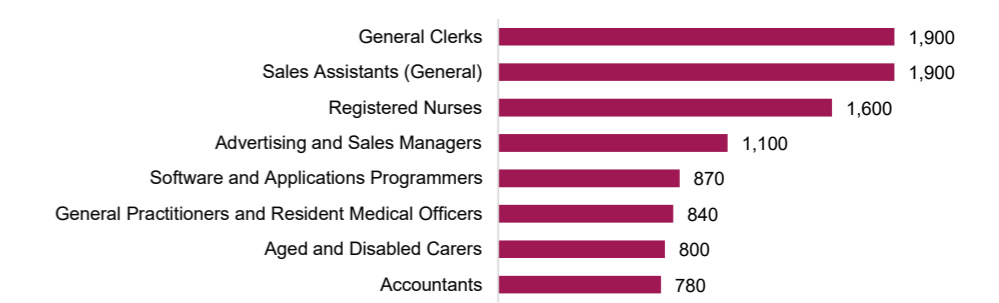


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, May-26 quarter

## Change in job seeker income support payments

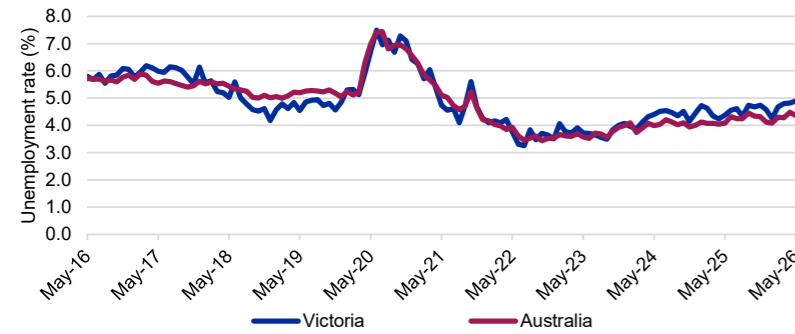
	Victoria	Australia
Payments - May 2025	234,735	982,870
Payments - May 2026	254,865	1,033,665
<b>Change (May 2025 to May 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 20,130</b>	<b>↑ 50,795</b>
<b>Change % (May 2025 to May 2026)</b>	<b>↑ 8.6%</b>	<b>↑ 5.2%</b>

## Online job advertisements by occupation



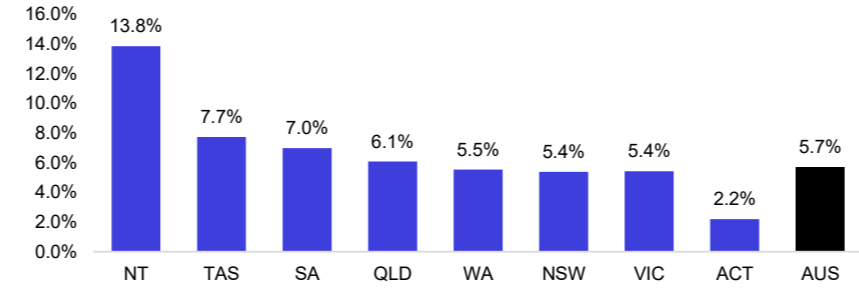
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## Unemployment rate



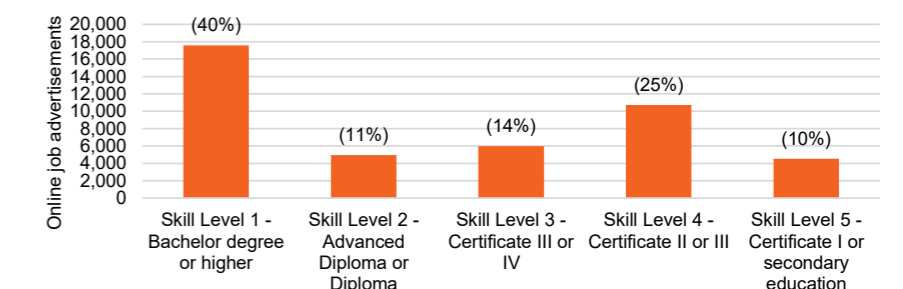
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## % of 15-64 year olds\* on job seeker income support payments



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

## Online job advertisements by skill level



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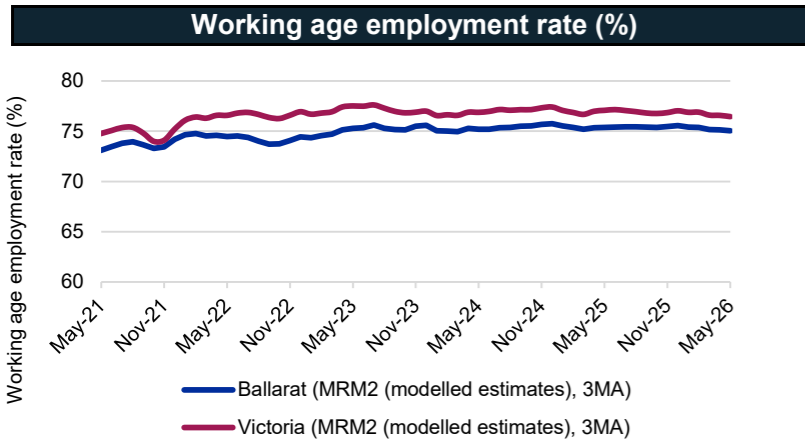
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Ballarat	75.0	75.4	3.8	3.4	10.9	4.0	3.6	78.3	78.3	8.6	8.1
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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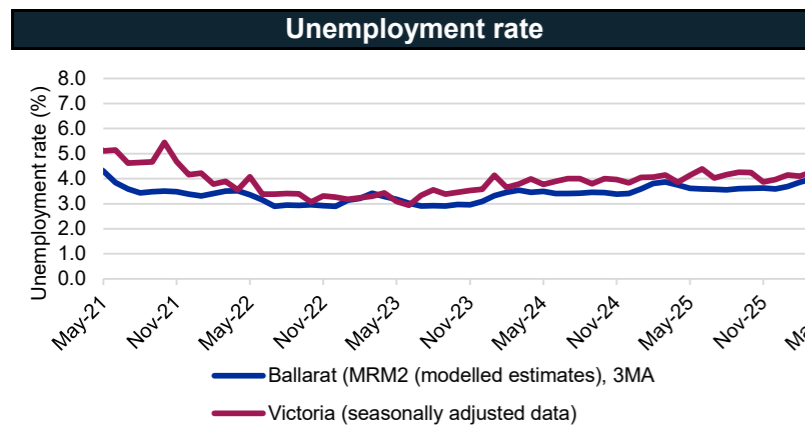
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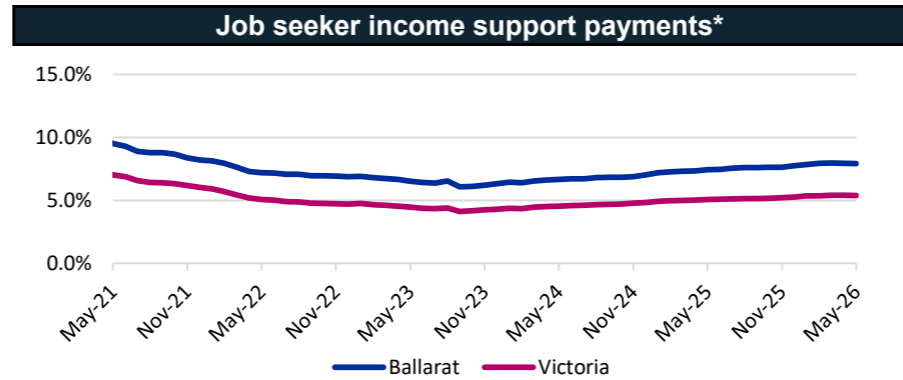
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, May-26 quarter#



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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	8,335	234,735
Payments - May 2026	8,965	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	630	18,510
	7.6%	7.9%

### % 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
Ballarat	8,965	7.9%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
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

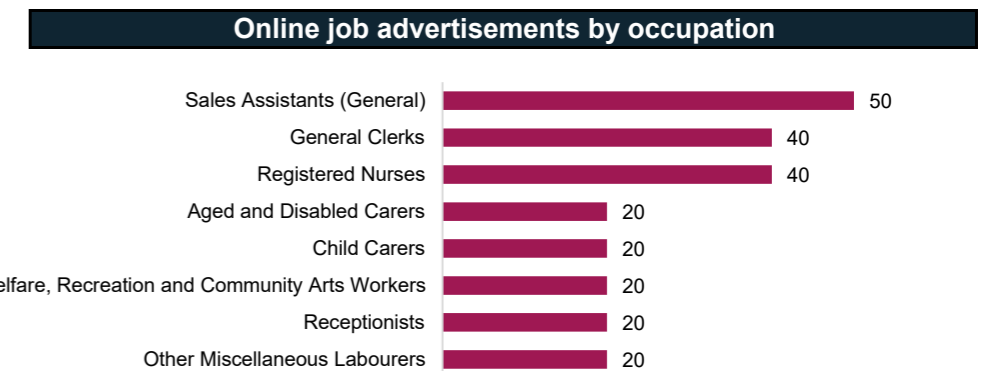
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Central Goldfields	8.0	6.7
Pyrenees	4.9	3.8
Ballarat	4.5	3.5
Moorabool	3.6	3.5
Hepburn	2.9	2.2

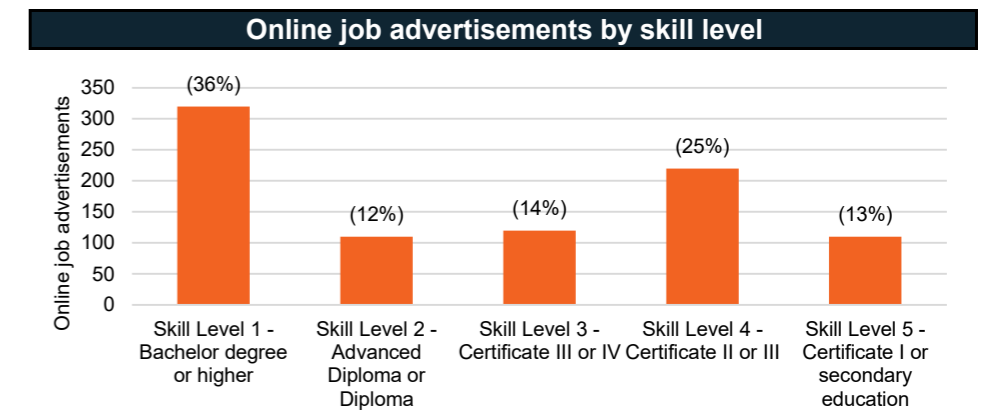
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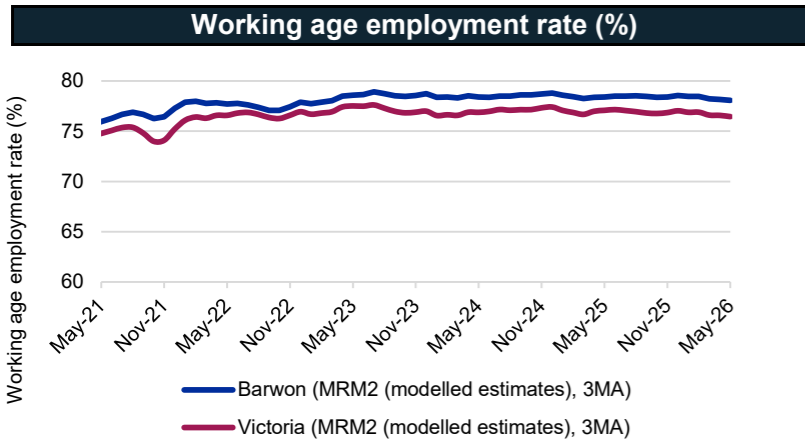
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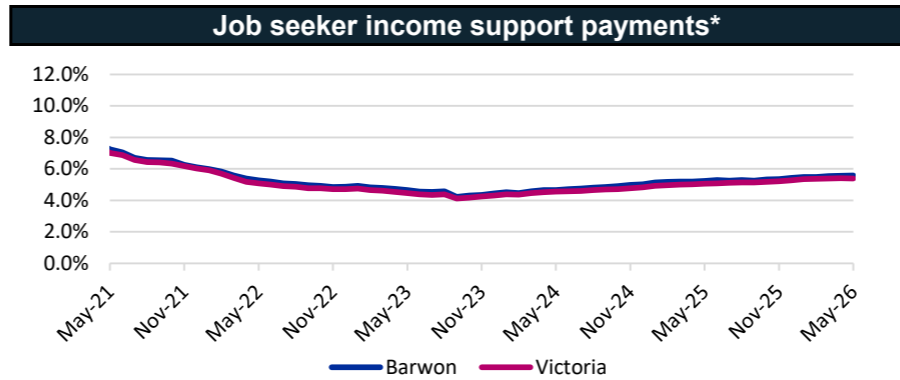
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Barwon	78.1	78.4	7.3	6.8	7.4	3.8	3.6	81.2	81.3	8.2	7.9
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	11,495	234,735
Payments - May 2026	12,395	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	900	18,510
	7.8%	7.9%

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

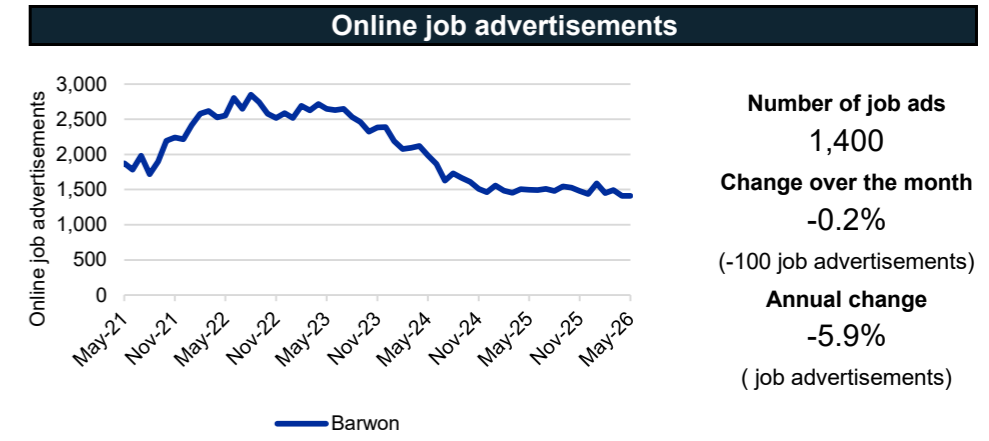
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Barwon	12,395	5.6%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

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
Greater Geelong	4.5	4.9
Golden Plains	2.7	2.9
Queenscliffe	2.0	1.9
Surf Coast	1.7	1.7

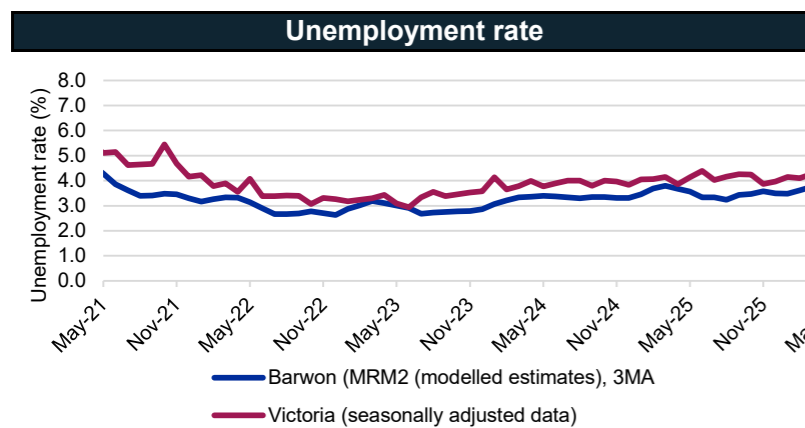
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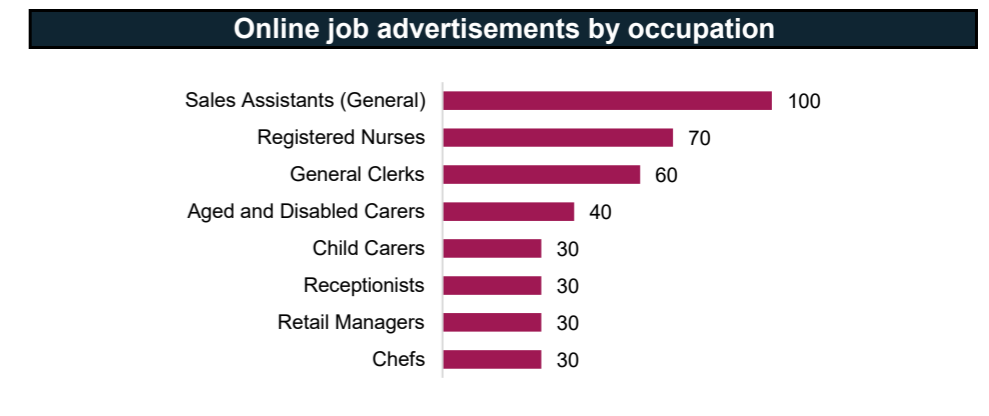
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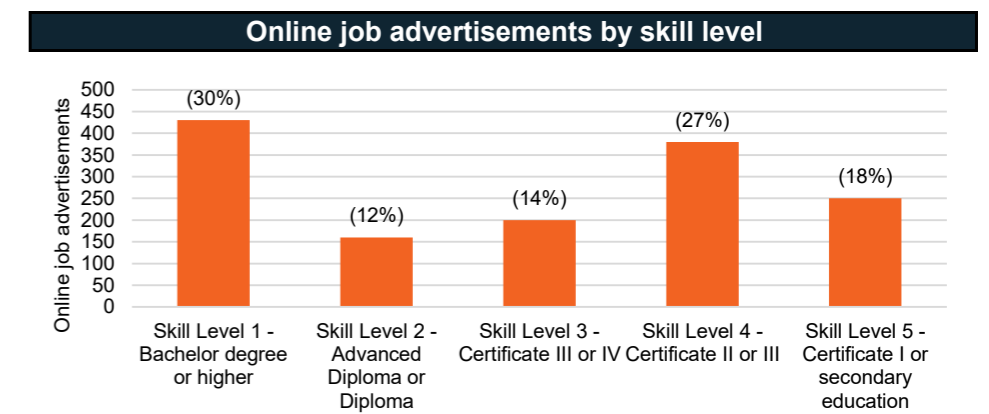
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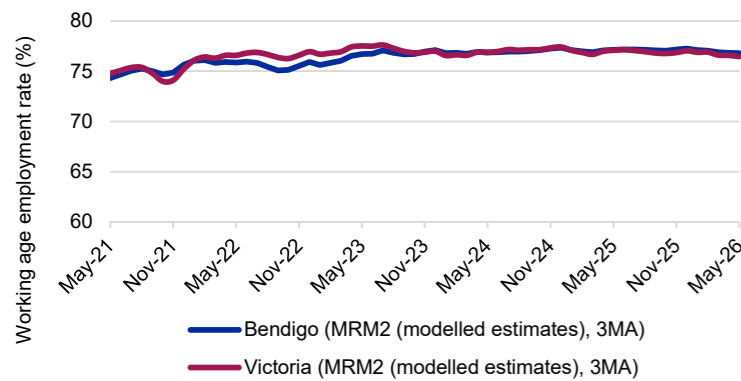
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Bendigo	76.8	77.1	3.3	2.9	12.3	3.7	3.3	79.8	79.8	7.9	7.5
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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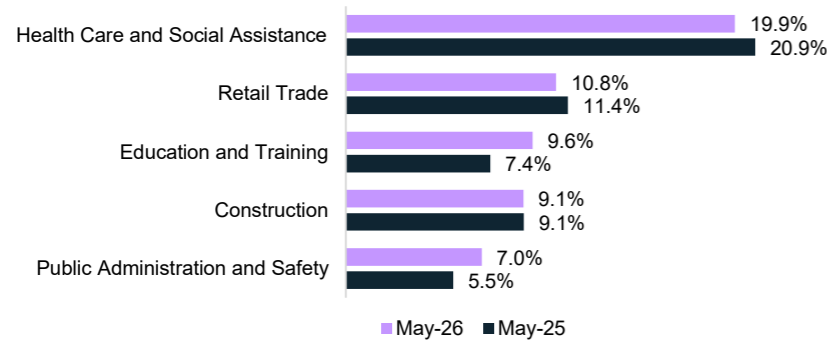
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



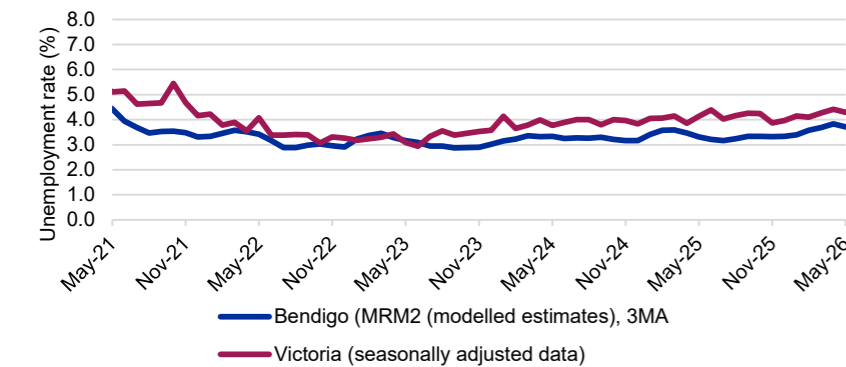
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**Largest employing industries**



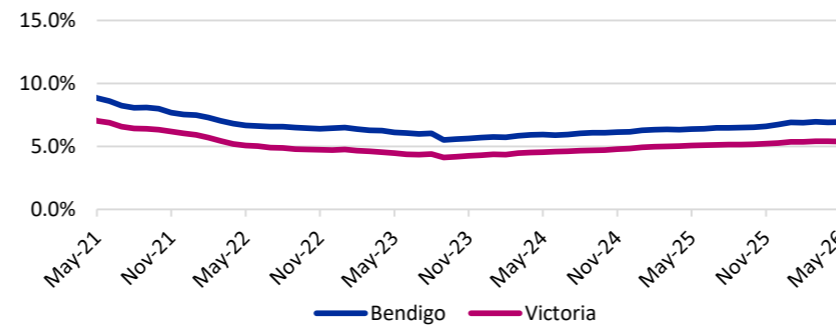
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	6,565	234,735
Payments - May 2026	7,145	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 580	↑ 18,510
	↑ 8.8%	↑ 7.9%

**% 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
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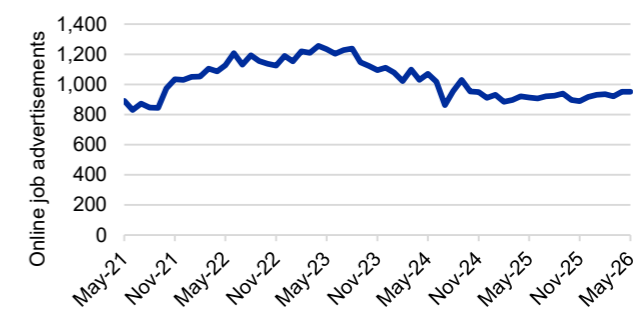
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Loddon	5.0	5.5
Greater Bendigo	3.9	4.3
Mount Alexander	3.0	3.4
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

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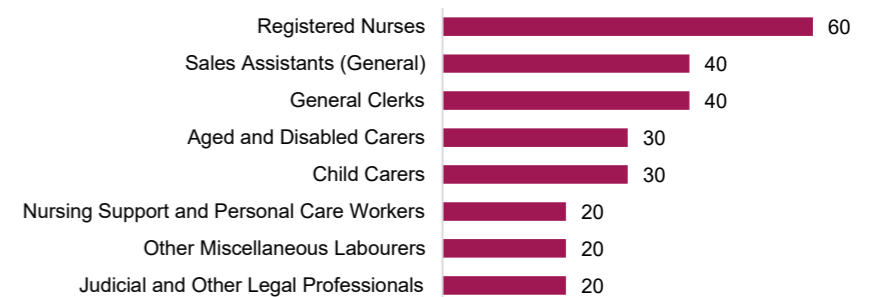
**Online job advertisements**



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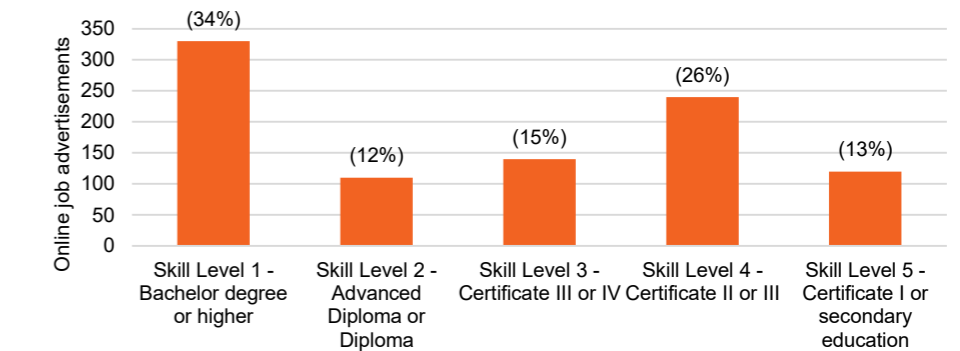
Number of job ads  
950  
Change over the month  
0.0%  
(40 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
4.2%  
( job advertisements)

**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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

**Online job advertisements by skill level**



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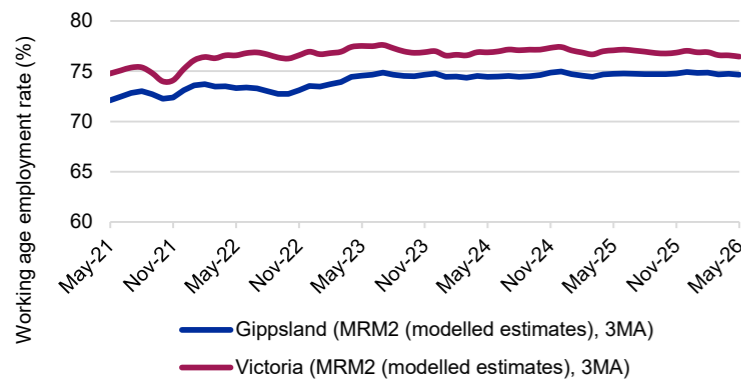
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Gippsland	74.7	74.8	6.5	6.1	6.5	4.2	4.0	78.1	78.0	9.2	9.0
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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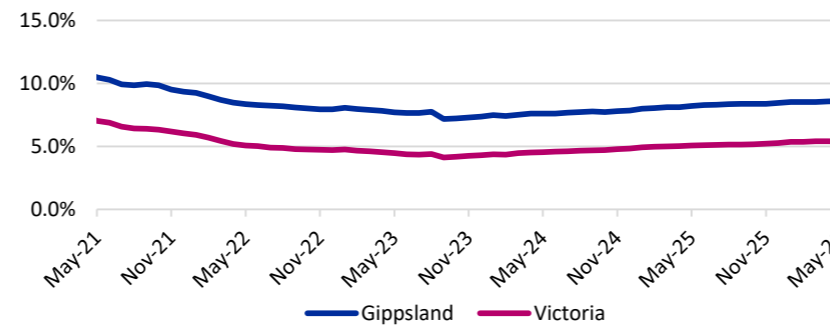
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Gippsland	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	14,640	234,735
Payments - May 2026	15,310	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 670	↑ 18,510
	↑ 4.6%	↑ 7.9%

**% 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
Gippsland	15,310	8.6%
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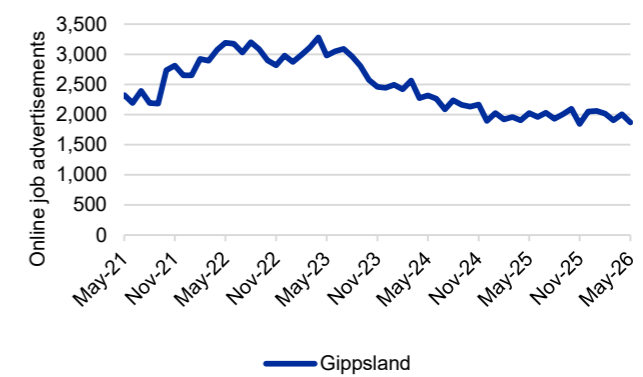
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Latrobe (Vic.)	5.8	7.3
East Gippsland	4.8	5.9
Wellington	4.0	4.7
Bass Coast	3.2	3.8
Baw Baw	2.7	3.1

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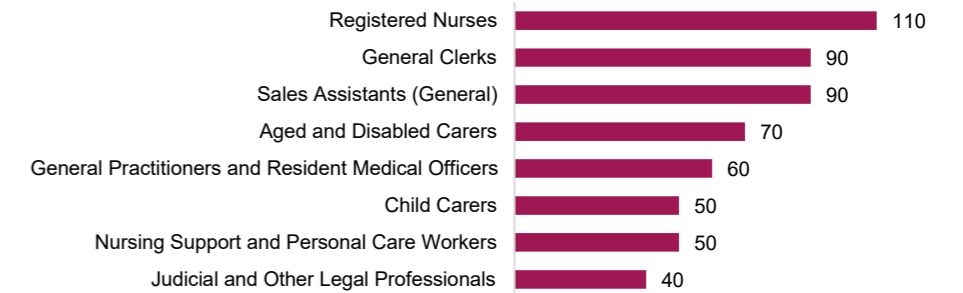
**Online job advertisements**



Number of job ads  
1,900  
Change over the month  
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Annual change  
-7.8%  
(-100 job advertisements)

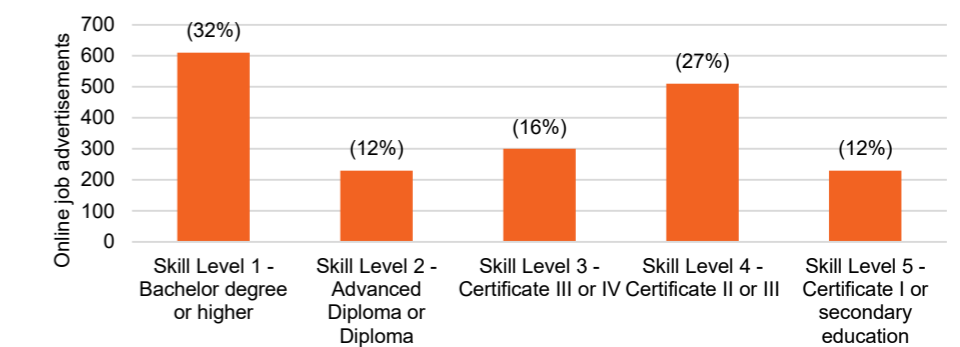
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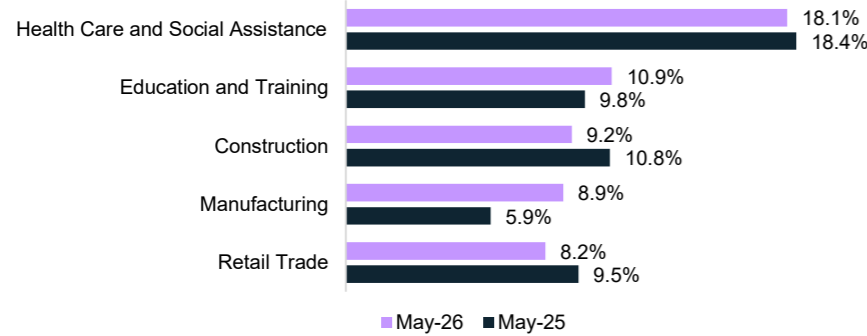
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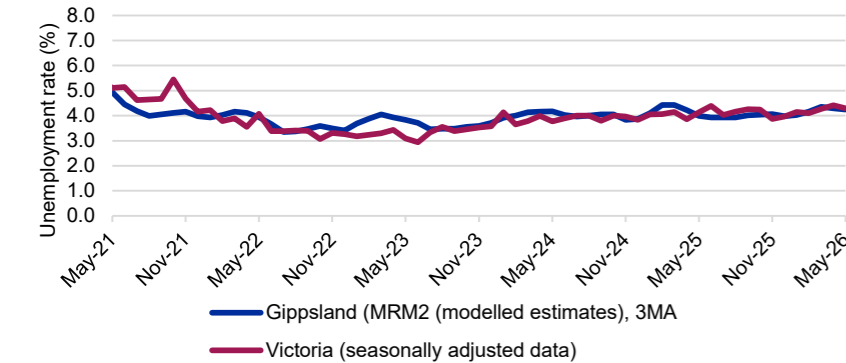
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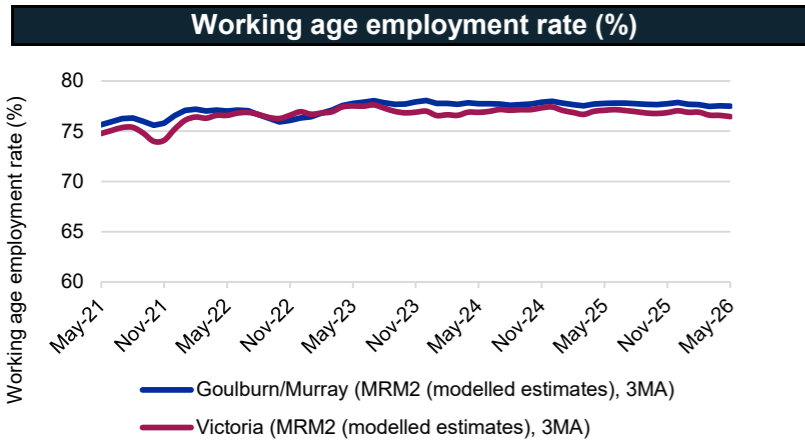
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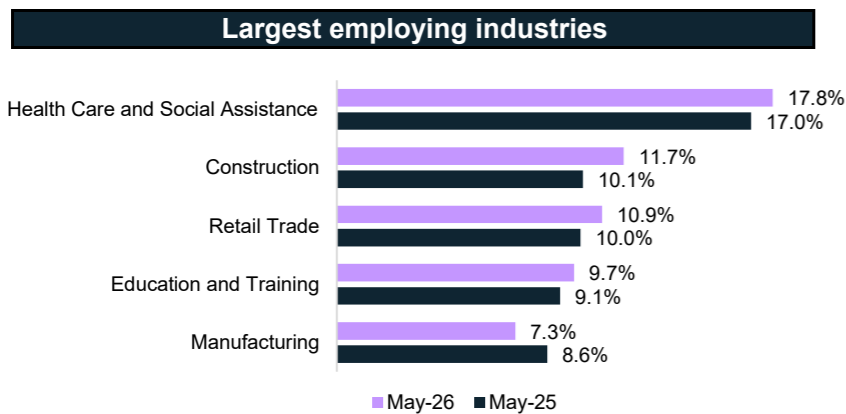
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Goulburn/Murray	77.5	77.8	6.1	5.7	8.1	3.6	3.4	80.6	80.6	8.0	7.7
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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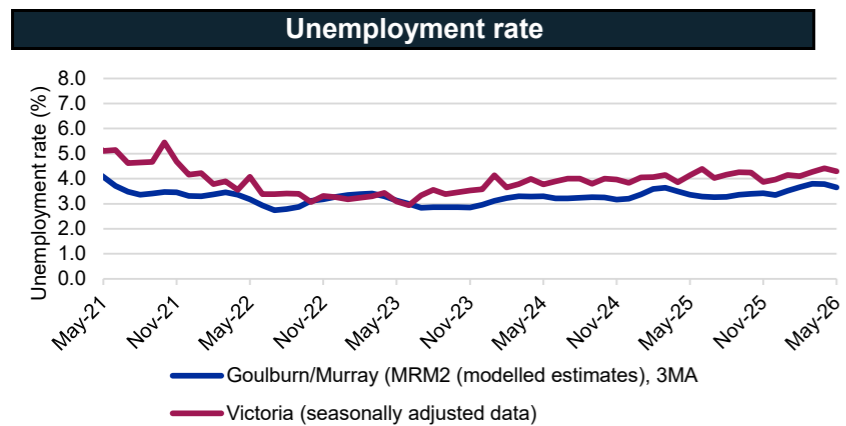
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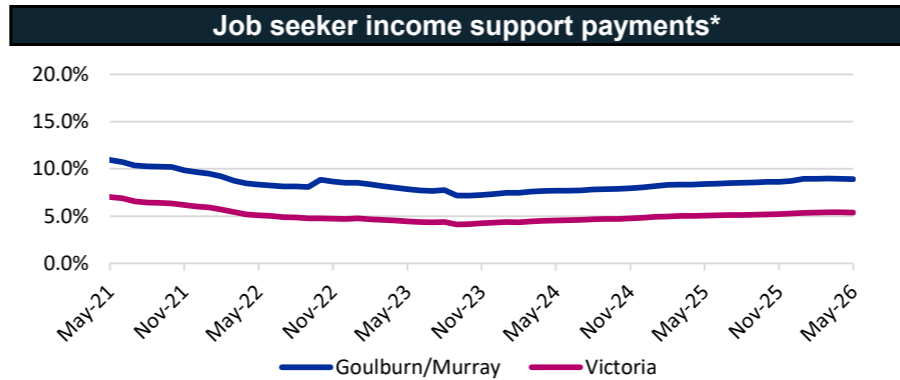
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Goulburn/Murray	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	15,990	234,735
Payments - May 2026	16,870	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	880	18,510
	5.5%	7.9%

### % 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
Goulburn/Murray	16,870	8.9%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

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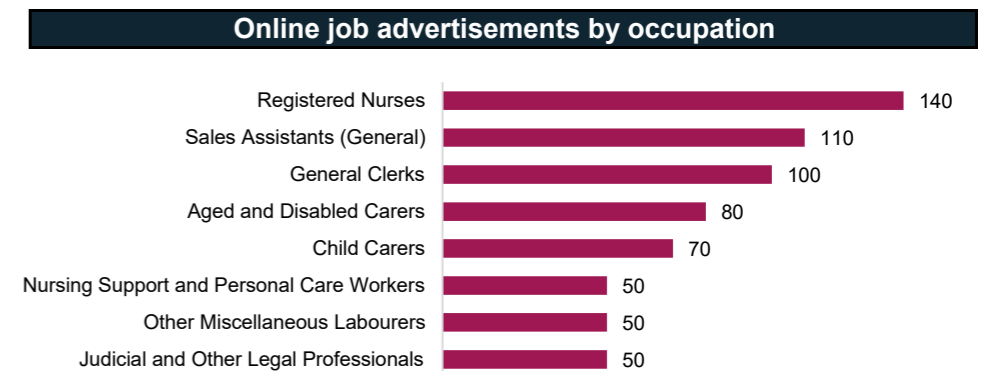
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Albury	5.6	4.3
Benalla	5.4	5.3
Wodonga	5.3	5.0
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2

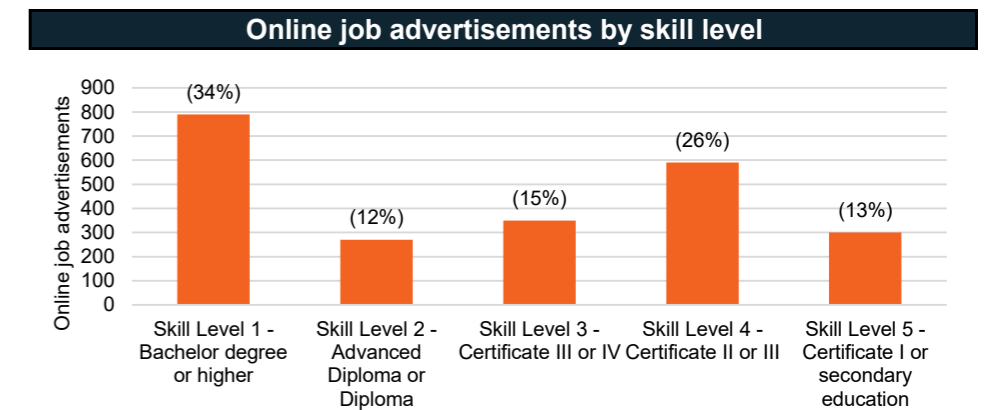
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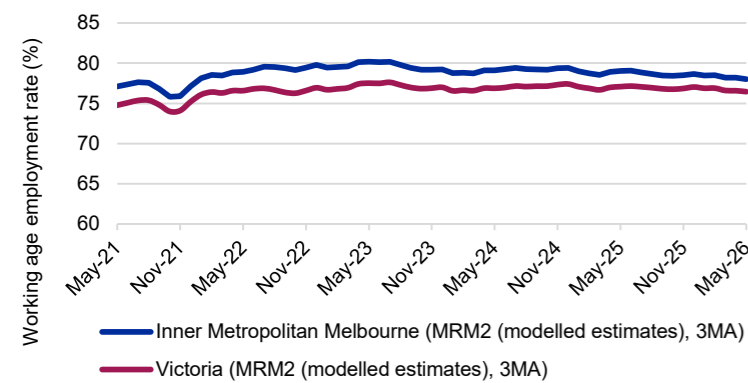
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Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.0	79.0	45.5	40.4	12.7	4.6	4.1	81.8	82.5	11.1	10.4
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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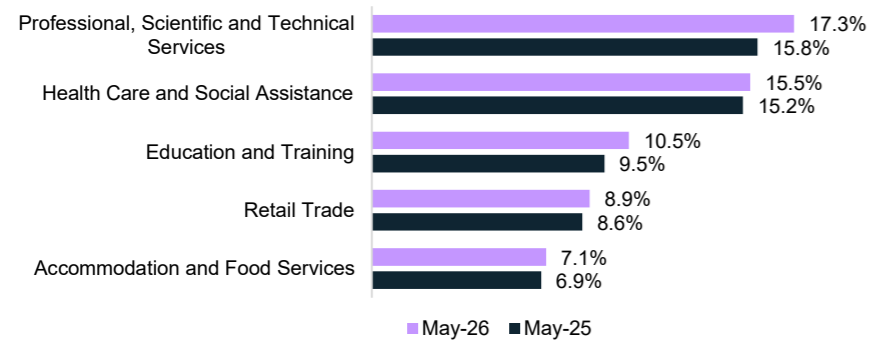
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



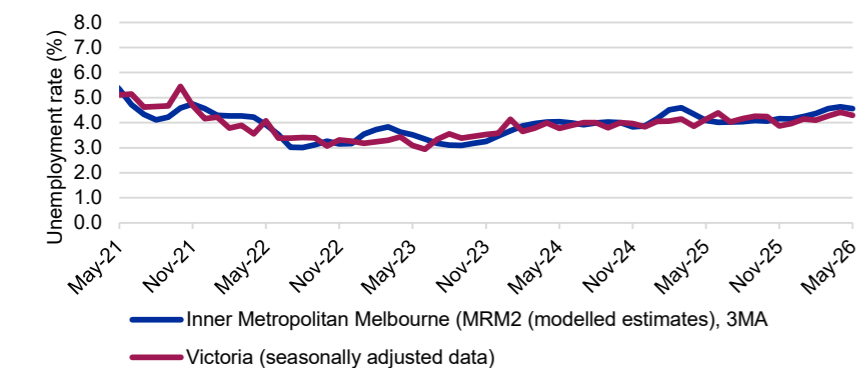
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**Largest employing industries**



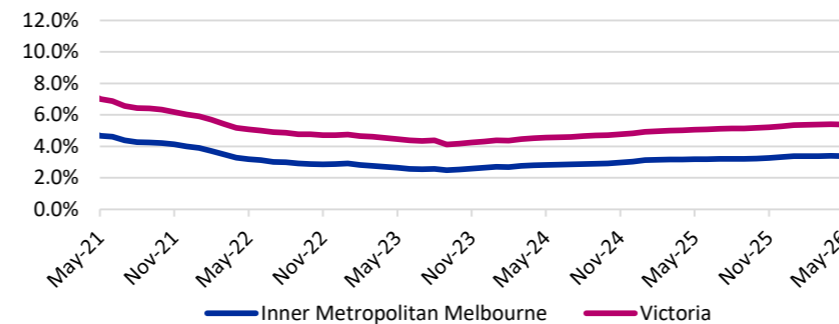
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	36,310	234,735
Payments - May 2026	39,320	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	3,010	18,510
	8.3%	7.9%

**% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	39,320	3.4%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

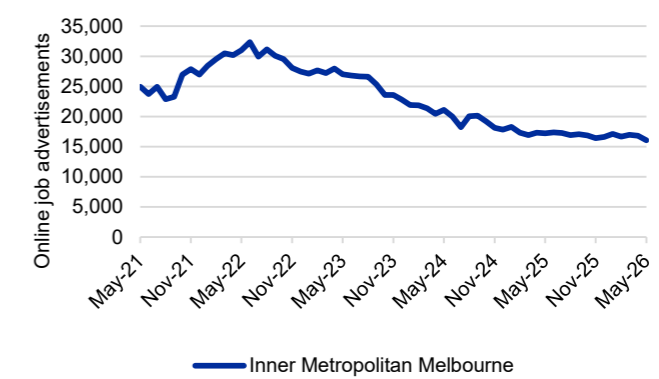
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Yarra	5.6	5.7
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Port Phillip	4.9	4.9
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1

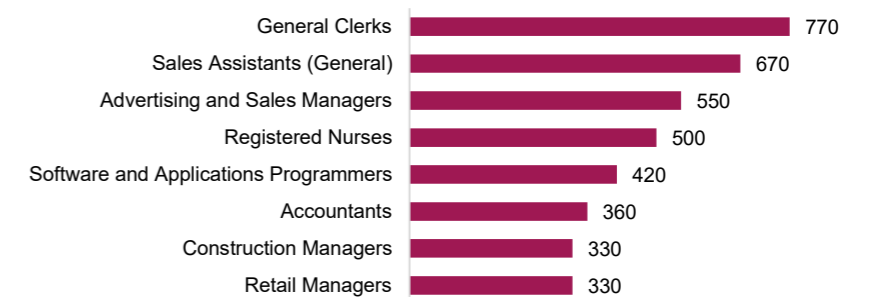
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**Online job advertisements**



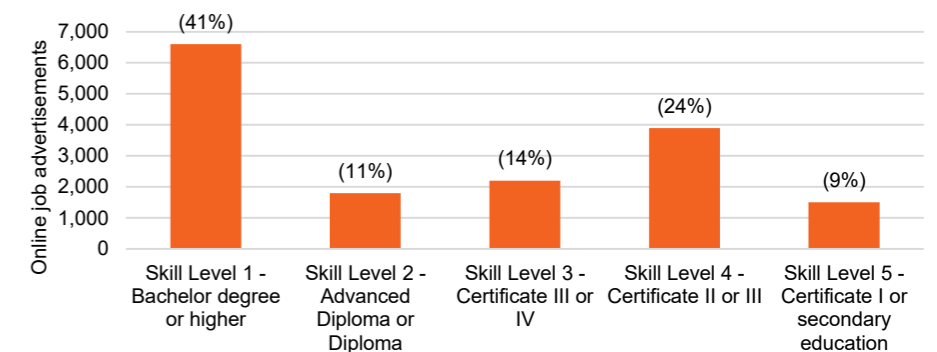
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



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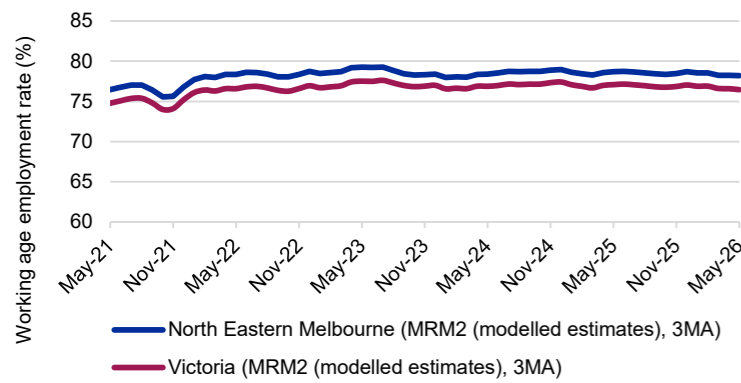
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North Eastern Melbourne	78.2	78.7	28.1	24.6	14.6	4.4	3.9	81.9	82.0	11.1	10.3
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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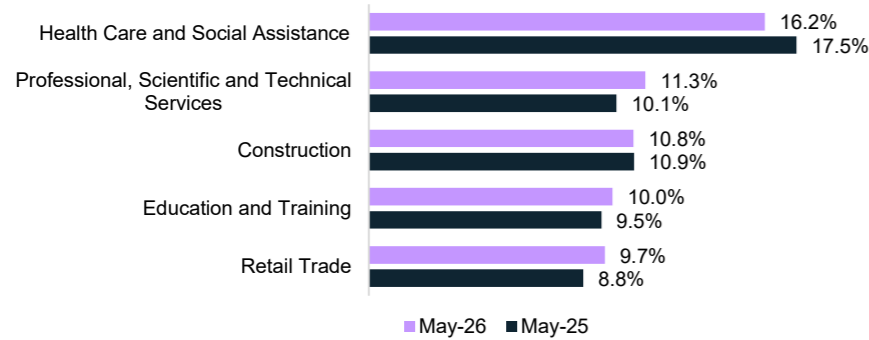
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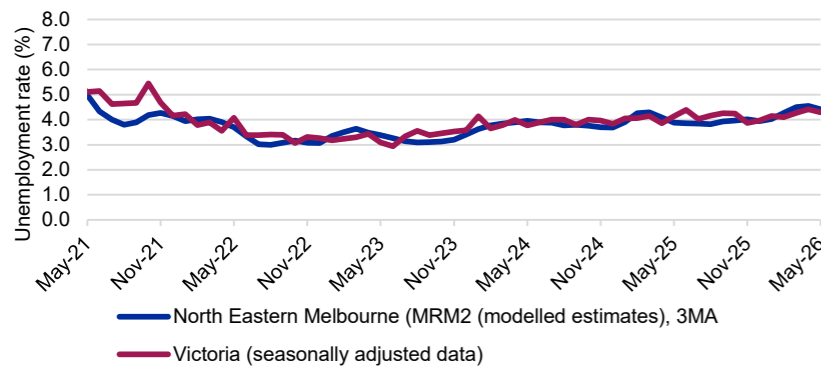
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**Largest employing industries**



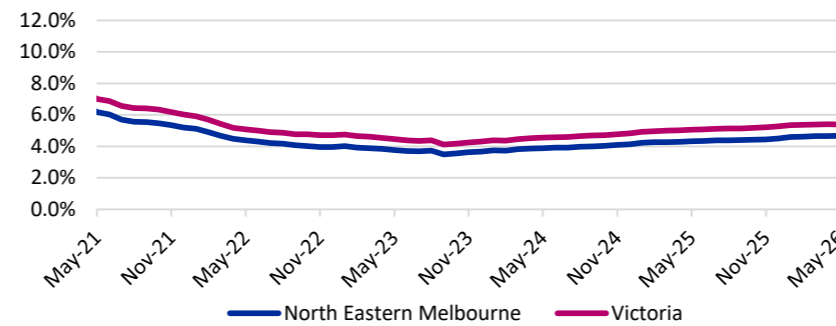
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**Unemployment rate**



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**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	31,625	234,735
Payments - May 2026	34,615	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 2,990	↑ 18,510
	↑ 9.5%	↑ 7.9%

**% 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
North Eastern Melbourne	34,615	4.7%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

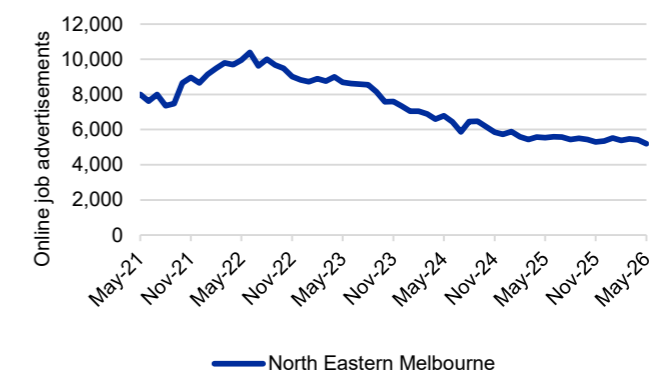
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whittlesea	5.9	4.3
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2
Whitehorse	4.5	3.8

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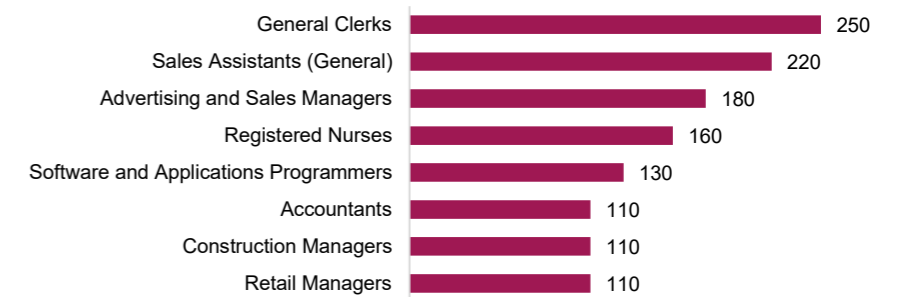
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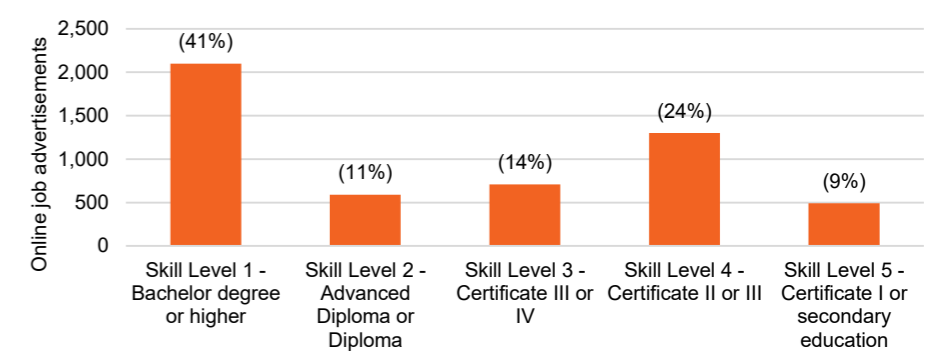
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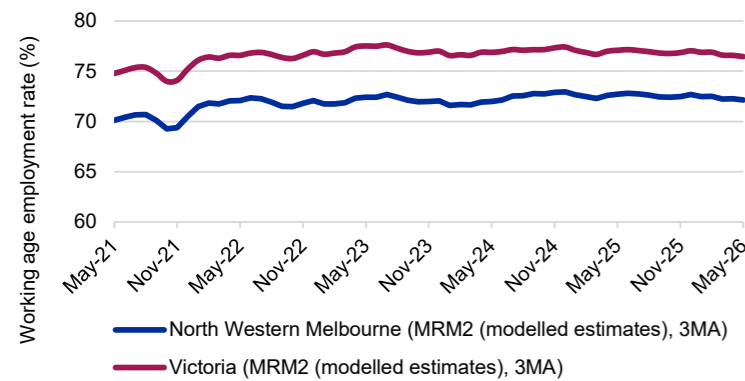
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North Western Melbourne	72.1	72.7	14.9	13.4	11.4	6.0	5.4	76.8	77.0	13.9	13.4
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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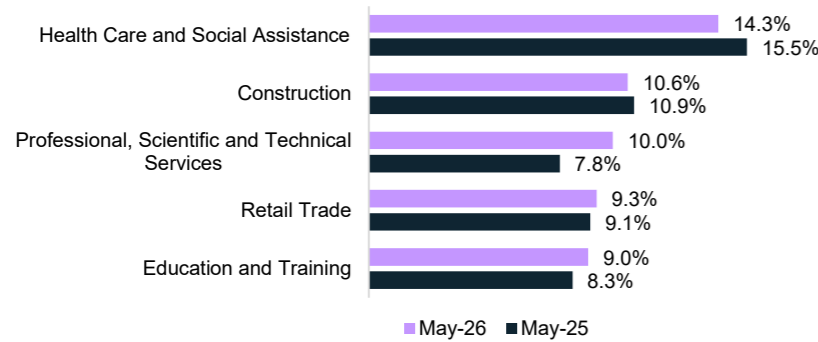
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### Working age employment rate (%)



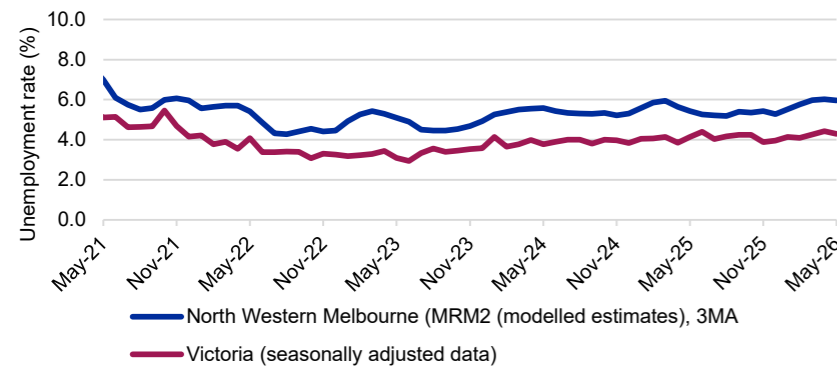
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### Largest employing industries



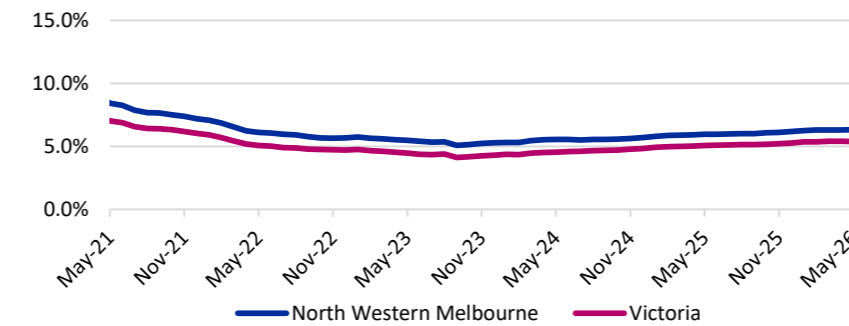
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### Unemployment rate



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### Job seeker income support payments\*



### Change in job seeker income support payments

	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	18,420	234,735
Payments - May 2026	19,895	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	1,475	18,510
	8.0%	7.9%

### % 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
North Western Melbourne	19,895	6.3%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
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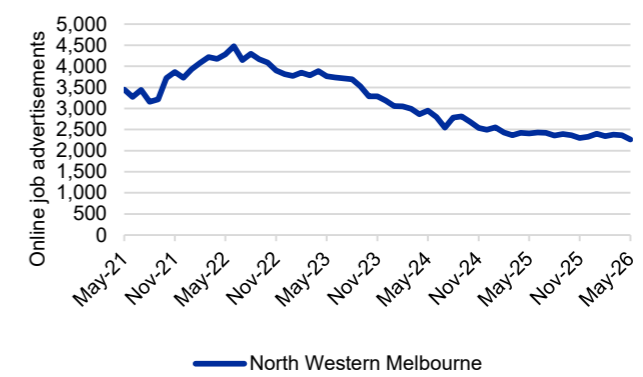
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Hume	6.4	8.0
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Moonee Valley	4.2	4.7
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

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### Online job advertisements



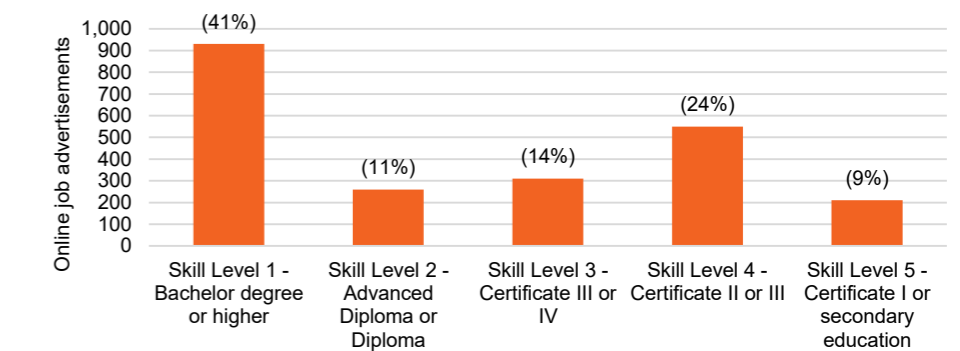
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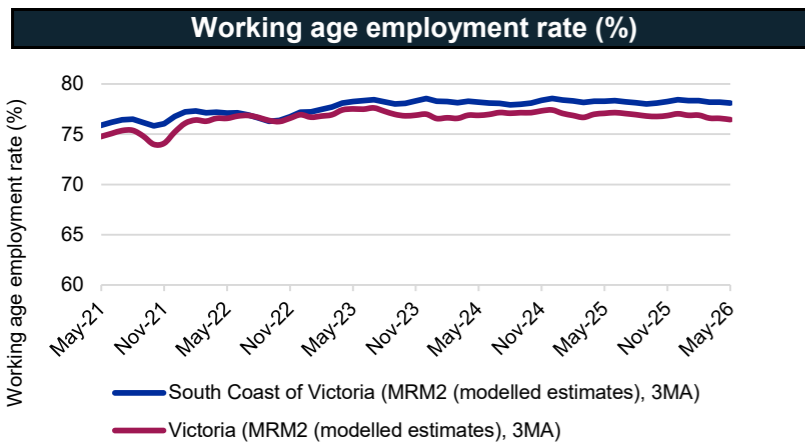
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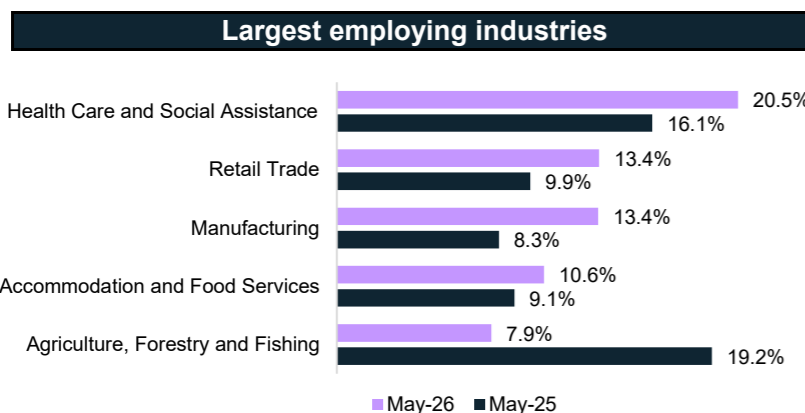
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South Coast of Victoria	78.1	78.3	2.0	1.8	7.7	3.0	2.7	80.6	80.6	6.5	6.3
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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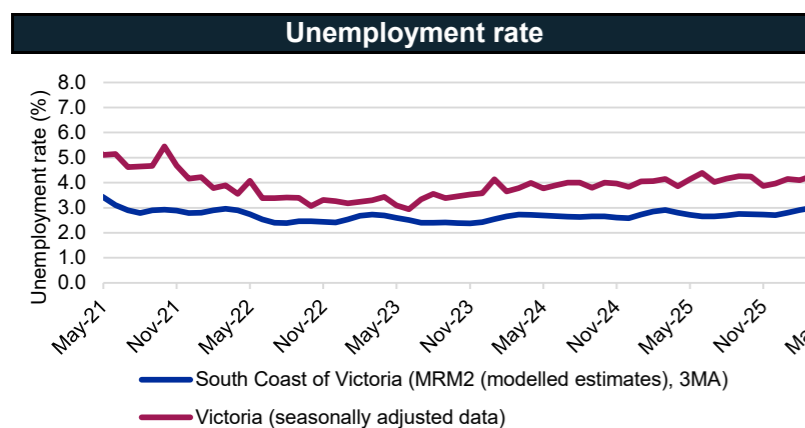
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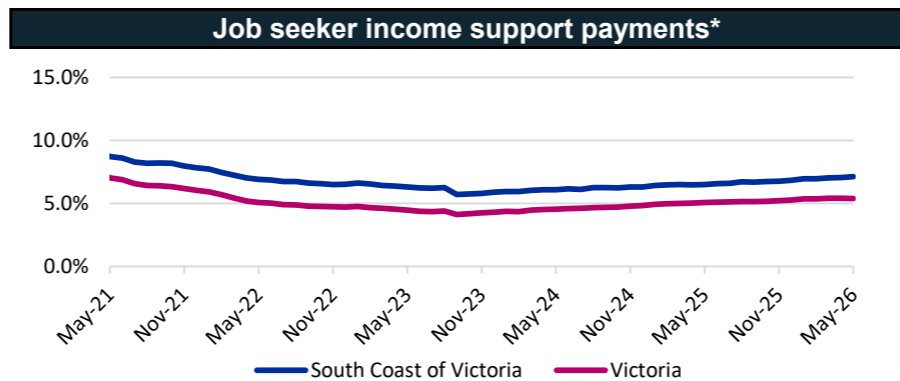
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	4,780	234,735
Payments - May 2026	5,160	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 380	↑ 18,510
	↑ 7.9%	↑ 7.9%

### % 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
South Coast of Victoria	5,160	7.1%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

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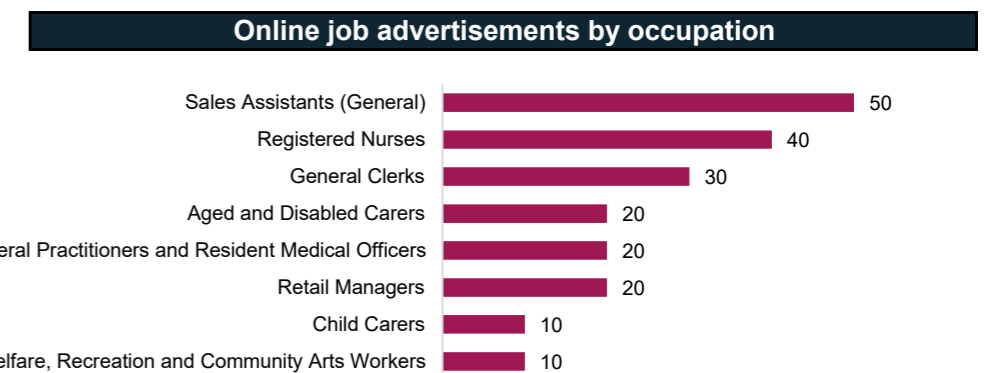
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
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Warrnambool	1.7	1.9
Colac Otway	1.6	1.9
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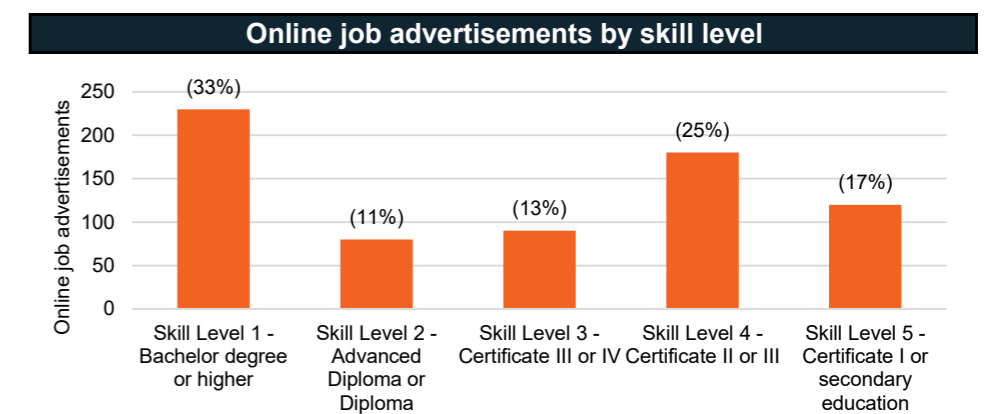
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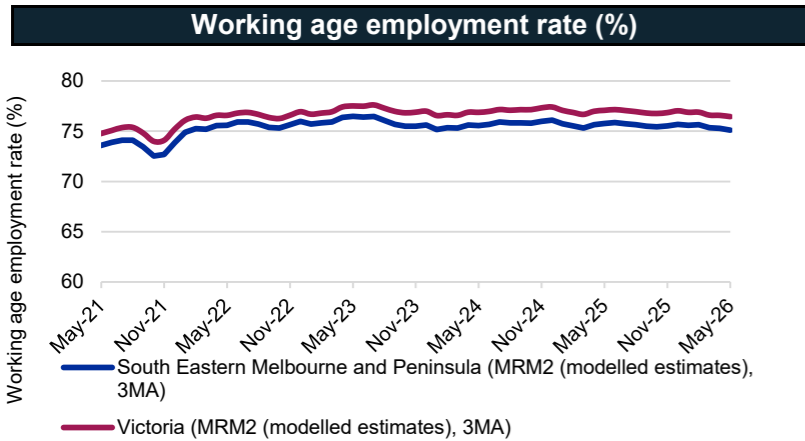
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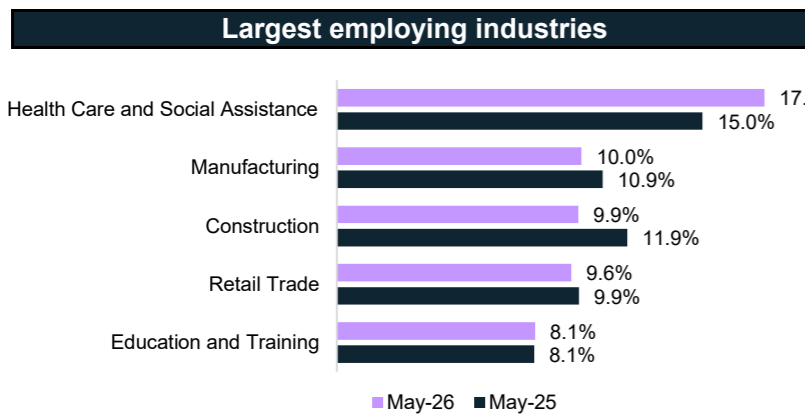
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.1	75.8	41.1	35.5	15.9	5.8	5.1	79.9	79.9	13.2	12.3
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
Australia	77.0	77.2	671.3	621.0	8.1	4.4	4.1	80.6	80.6	10.4	9.5

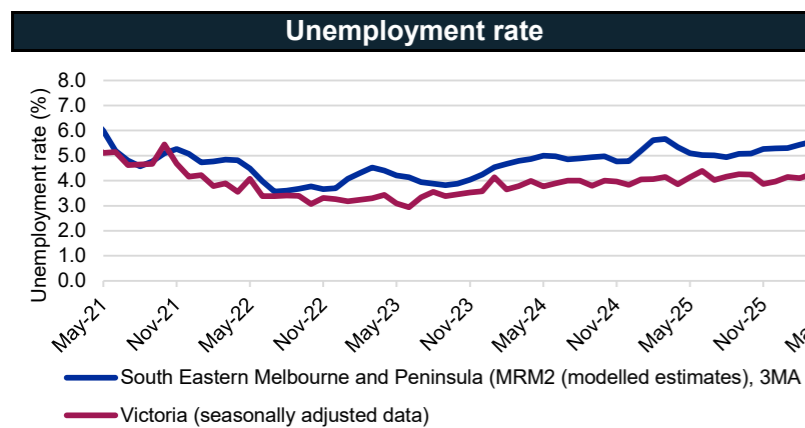
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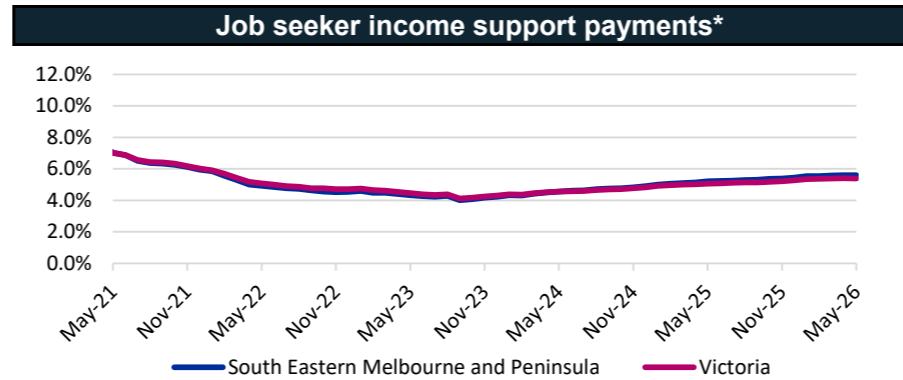
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, May-26 quarter<sup>#</sup>



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



### Change in job seeker income support payments

	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	43,150	234,735
Payments - May 2026	47,365	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	4,215	18,510
	9.8%	7.9%

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

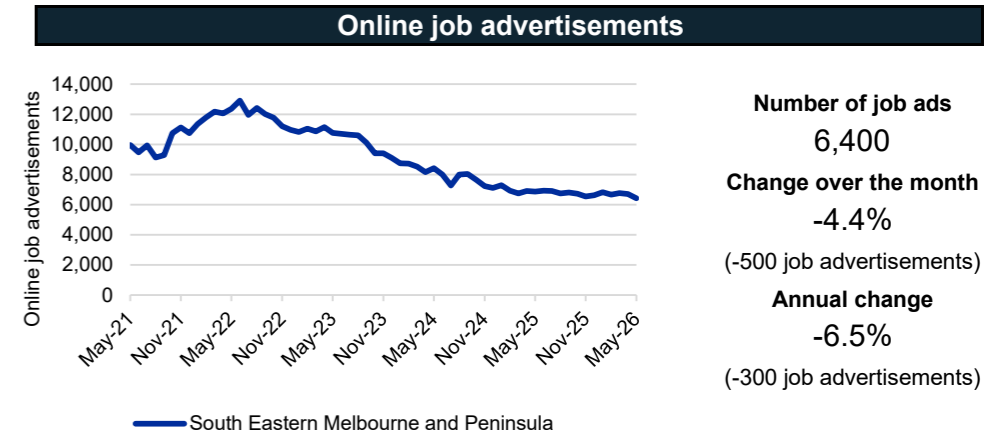
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	47,365	5.6%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

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

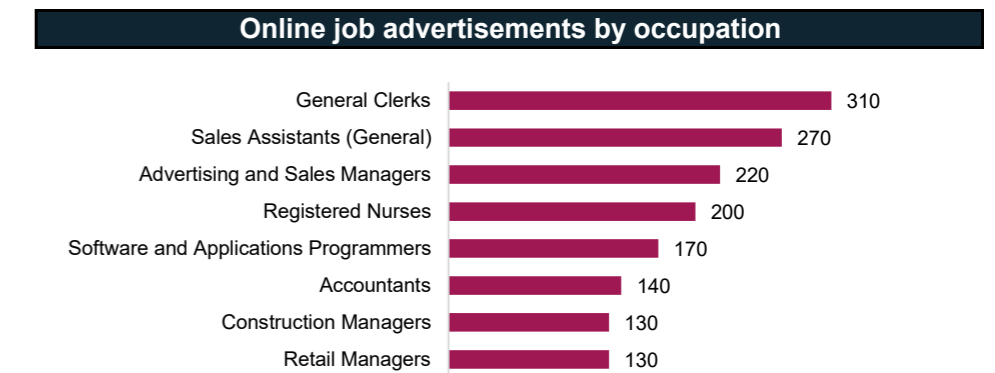
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Greater Dandenong	7.5	7.5
Casey	5.6	5.3
Frankston	5.0	5.4
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1
Cardinia	4.1	4.0

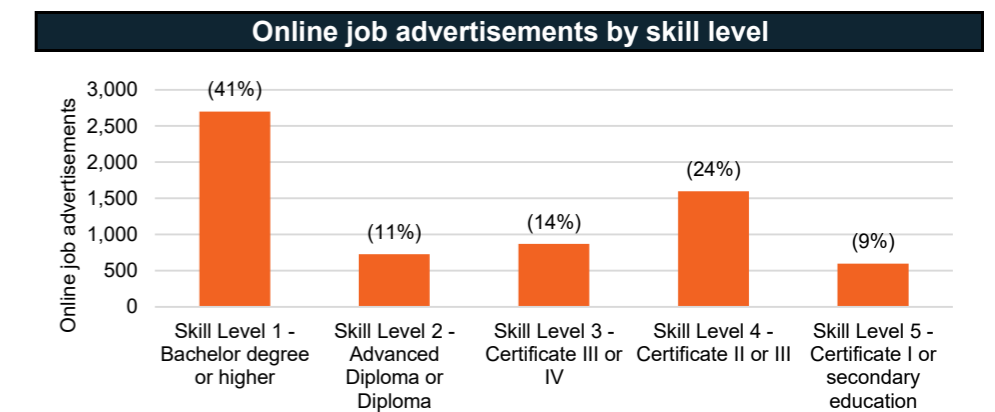
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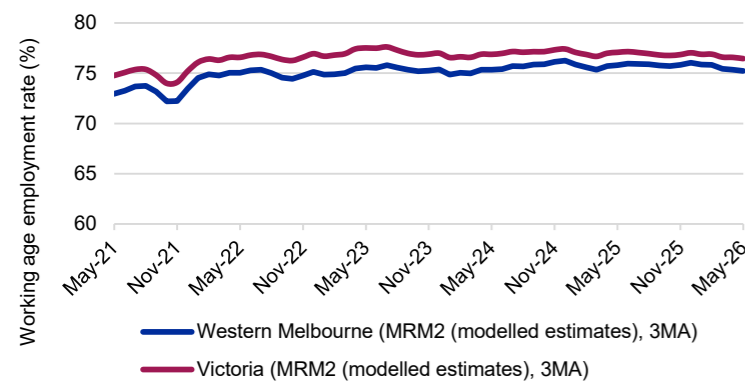
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	Labour market summary table										
	Working age employment rate*		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate*		Youth unemployment rate*	
	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Western Melbourne	75.2	75.8	36.0	31.8	13.3	6.5	5.8	80.5	80.6	15.0	14.3
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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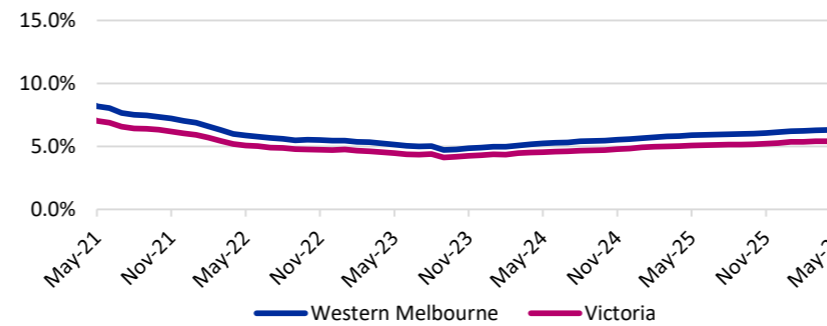
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**Working age employment rate (%)**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	38,780	234,735
Payments - May 2026	42,840	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 4,060	↑ 18,510
	↑ 10.5%	↑ 7.9%

**% 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
Western Melbourne	42,840	6.3%
Victoria	253,245	5.4%
Australia	1,029,535	5.7%

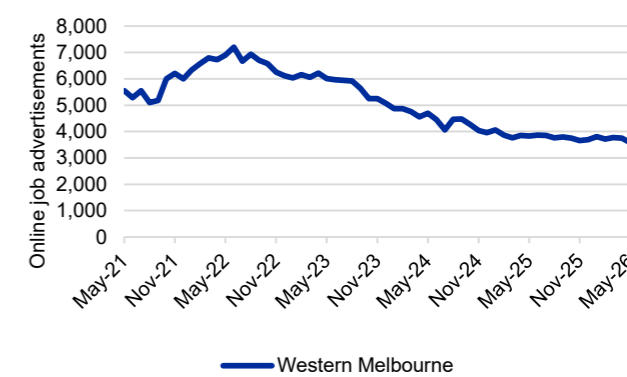
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**LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)**

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Melton	6.3	5.7
Wyndham	5.2	4.9
Maribyrnong	4.3	4.3
Moorabool	3.6	3.5

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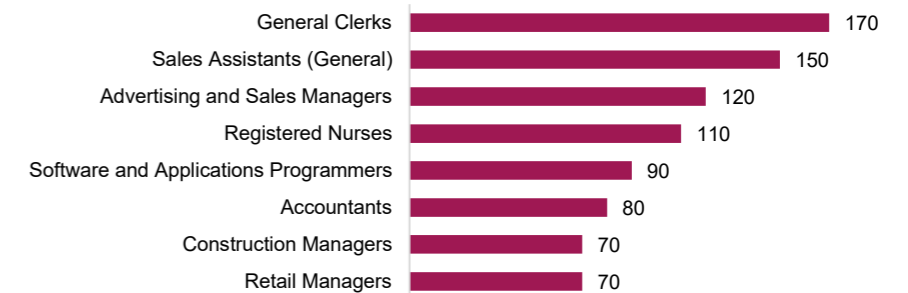
**Online job advertisements**



**Number of job ads**  
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**Change over the month**  
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**Annual change**  
-6.5%  
(-100 job advertisements)

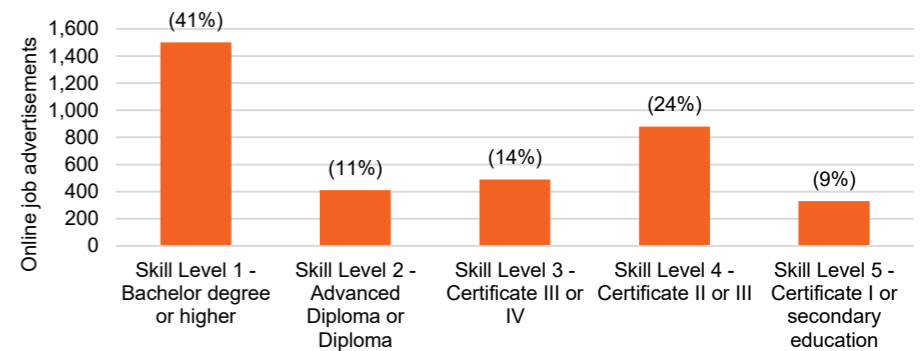
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**Online job advertisements by occupation**



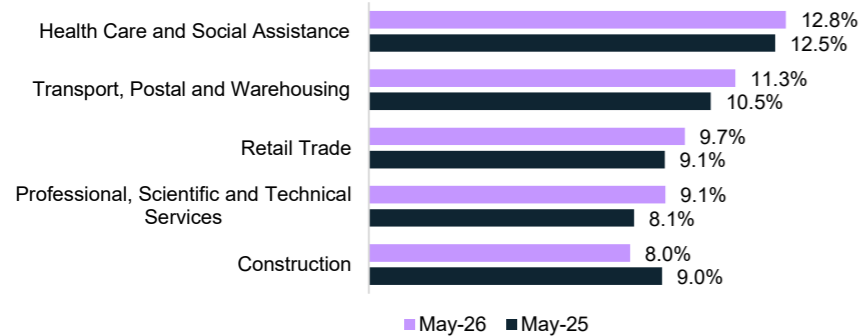
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**Online job advertisements by skill level**



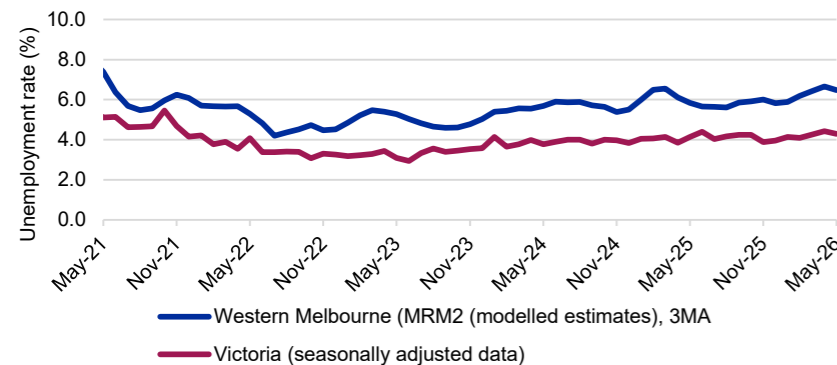
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**Largest employing industries**



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

**Unemployment rate**



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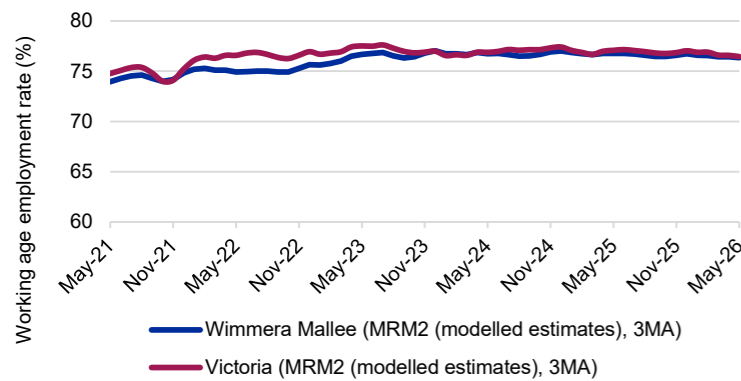
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	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 ('000)	May-25 ('000)	Change (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)	May-26 (%)	May-25 (%)
Wimmera Mallee	76.4	76.8	2.8	2.6	6.3	3.6	3.3	79.4	79.5	7.8	7.5
Victoria	76.5	77.1	195.4	172.6	13.2	4.9	4.4	80.6	80.7	11.5	10.9
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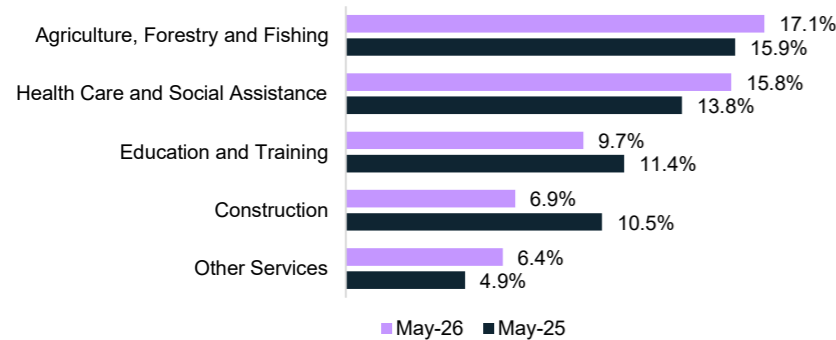
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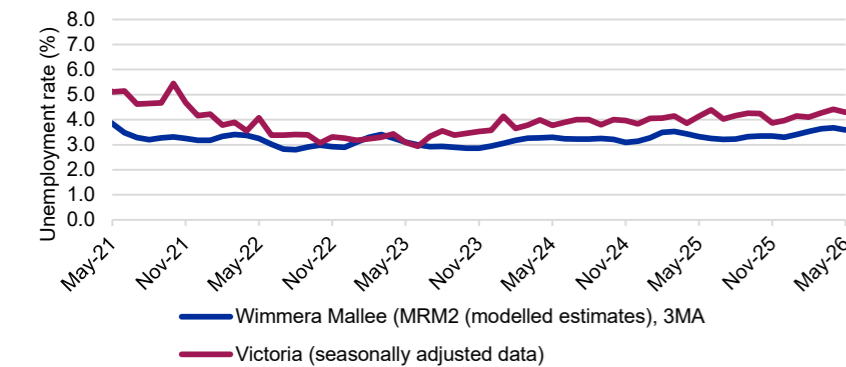
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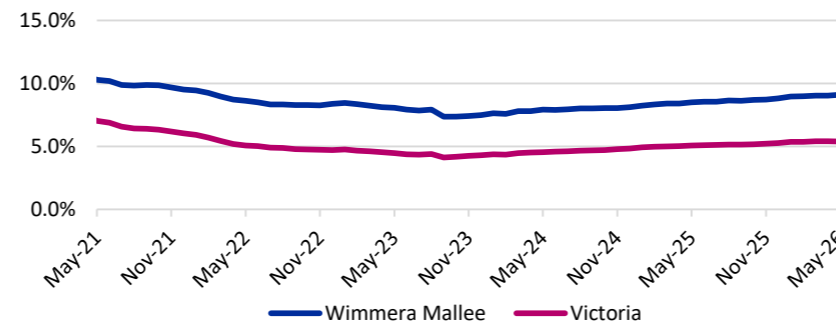
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**Unemployment rate**



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

**Job seeker income support payments\***



**Change in job seeker income support payments**

	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - May 2025	7,745	234,735
Payments - May 2026	8,155	253,245
Change from May 2025 to May 2026	↑ 410	↑ 18,510
	↑ 5.3%	↑ 7.9%

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

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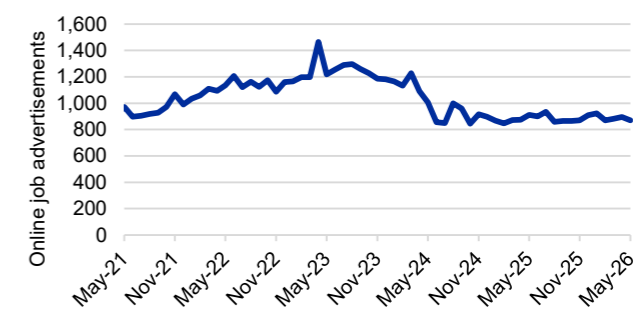
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Wentworth	5.8	4.5
Yarriambiack	2.4	4.0
Mildura	2.2	4.1
Ararat	2.2	4.3
Gannawarra	2.1	3.5

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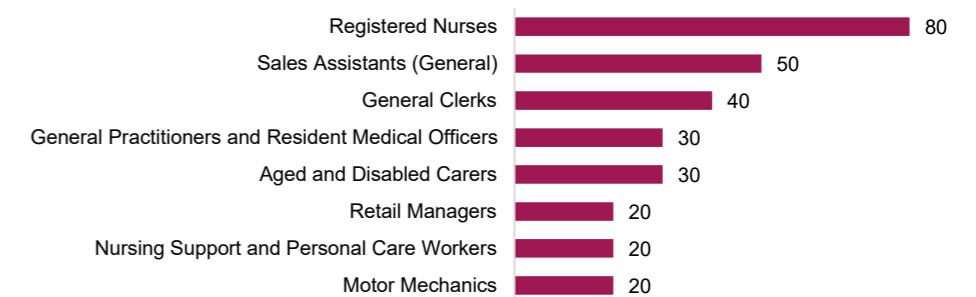
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**Change over the month**  
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**Annual change**  
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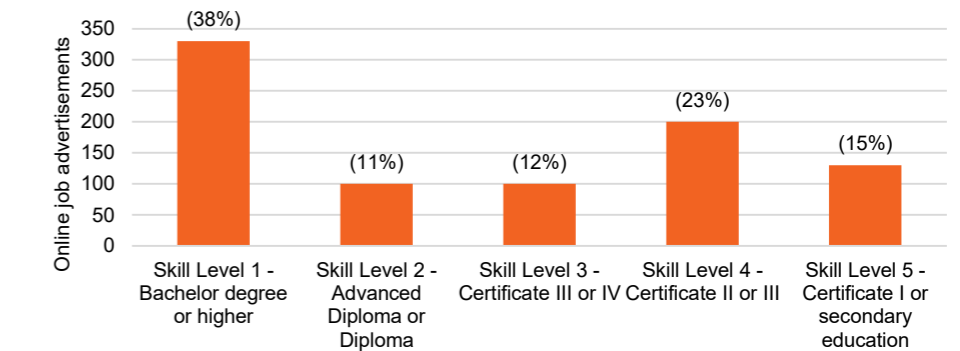
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