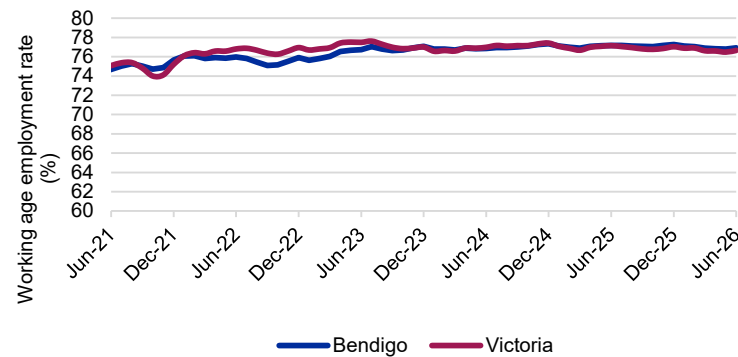


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

| Labour market summary table |                             |        |              |        |        |                   |        |                                |        |                         |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
|                             | Working age employment rate |        | Unemployment |        |        | Unemployment rate |        | Working age participation rate |        | Youth unemployment rate |        |
|                             | Jun-26                      | Jun-25 | Jun-26       | Jun-25 | Change | Jun-26            | Jun-25 | Jun-26                         | Jun-25 | Jun-26                  | Jun-25 |
|                             | (%)                         | (%)    | ('000)       | ('000) | (%)    | (%)               | (%)    | (%)                            | (%)    | (%)                     | (%)    |
| Bendigo                     | 76.9                        | 77.2   | 3.2          | 2.9    | 12.8   | 3.6               | 3.2    | 79.9                           | 79.8   | 8.2                     | 7.5    |
| Victoria                    | 76.7                        | 77.1   | 205.3        | 179.2  | 14.6   | 5.1               | 4.5    | 80.7                           | 80.7   | 11.7                    | 10.9   |
| Australia                   | 77.4                        | 77.2   | 686.8        | 656.7  | 4.6    | 4.4               | 4.3    | 81.1                           | 80.8   | 10.7                    | 10.3   |

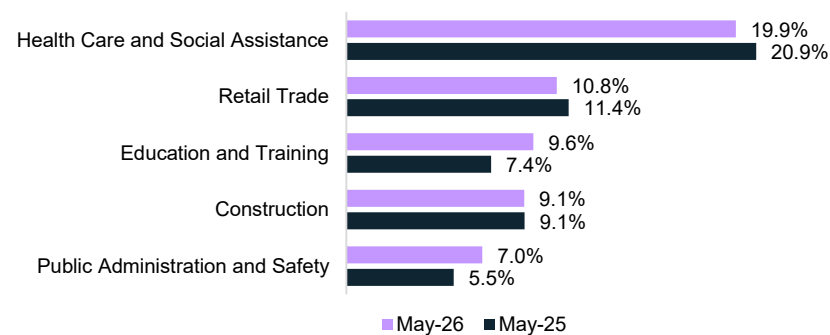
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates June -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment and unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

## Working age employment rate (%)



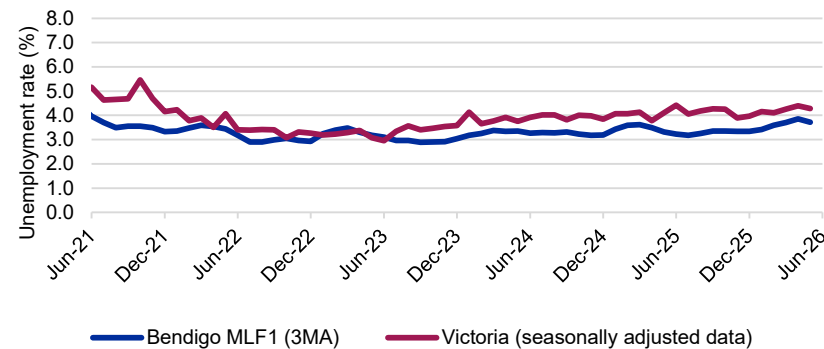
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), June 2026

## Largest employing industries



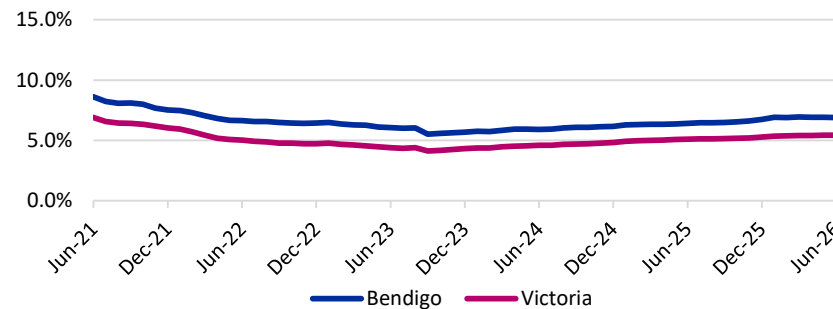
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

## Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, MLF1, (3MA), June 2026

## JobSeeker income support payments



## Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Bendigo | Victoria |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Payments - June 2025               | 6,605   | 236,045  |
| Payments - June 2026               | 7,115   | 255,525  |
| Change from June 2025 to June 2026 | ↑ 510   | ↑ 19,480 |
|                                    | ↑ 7.7%  | ↑ 8.3%   |

## % of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

|           | total persons on JobSeeker income support | % of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Bendigo   | 7,115                                     | 6.9%                                             |
| Victoria  | 255,525                                   | 5.4%                                             |
| Australia | 1,034,765                                 | 5.7%                                             |

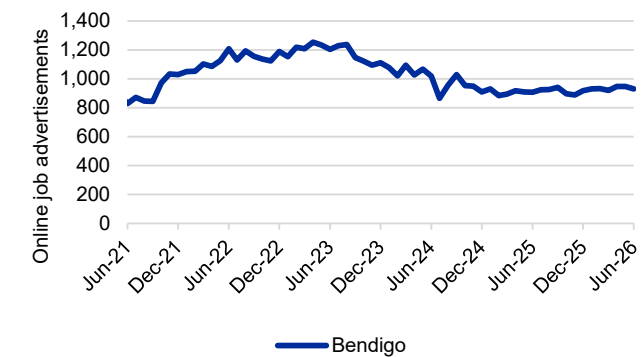
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, June 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) June 2026

## 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    |

Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter

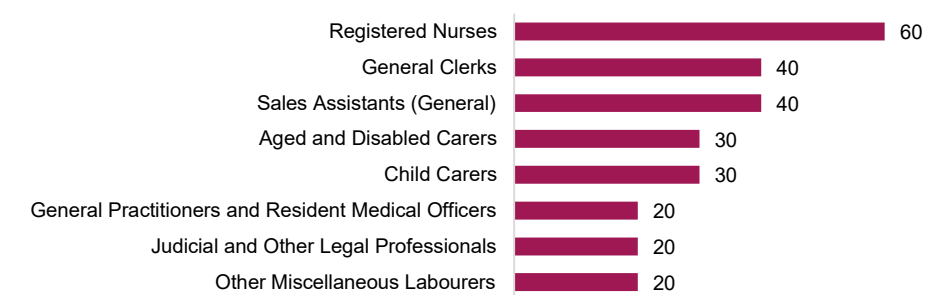
## Online job advertisements



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

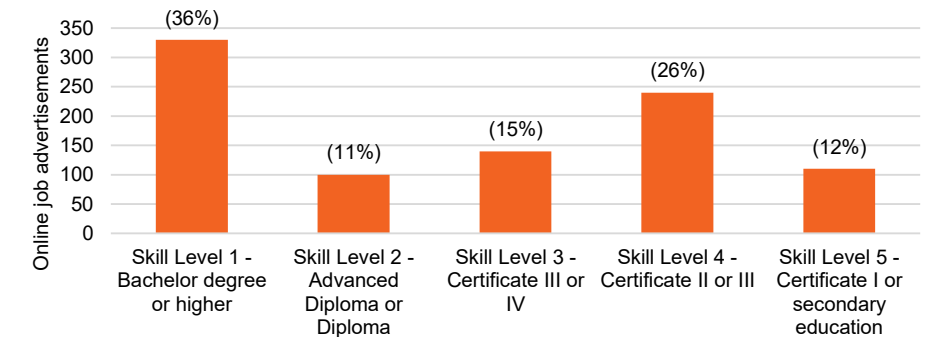
Number of job ads  
930  
Change over the month  
-1.8%  
(20 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
2.5%  
(-20 job advertisements)

## Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), June 2026

## Online job advertisements by skill level



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

Note: Employment Region data are not directly available. Employment Regions were derived from ABS Labour Force and JobSeeker Income support payments are aggregated and apportioned using a SA4 to ER concordance. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact [RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au](mailto:RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au).