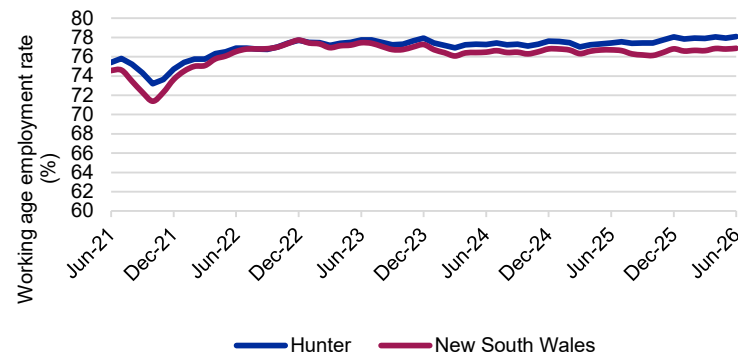


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table											
	Working age employment rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Jun-26 (%)	Jun-25 (%)	Jun-26 ('000)	Jun-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jun-26 (%)	Jun-25 (%)	Jun-26 (%)	Jun-25 (%)	Jun-26 (%)	Jun-25 (%)
Hunter	78.1	77.4	17.0	16.1	5.4	4.4	4.2	81.8	81.0	10.2	9.8
New South Wales	76.9	76.7	188.6	205.9	-8.4	4.0	4.4	80.4	80.1	9.9	9.1
Australia	77.4	77.2	686.8	656.7	4.6	4.4	4.3	81.1	80.8	10.7	10.3

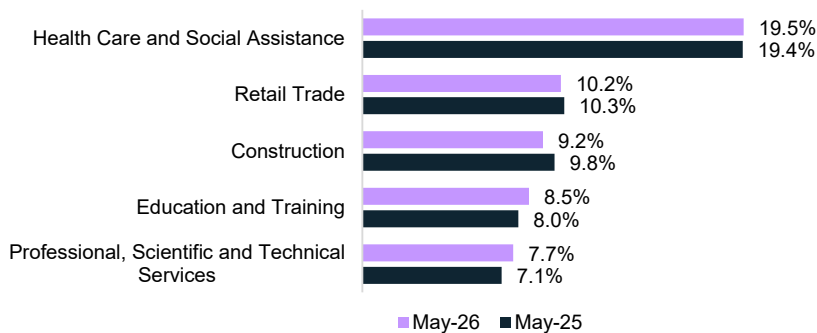
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates June -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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

Working age employment rate (%)



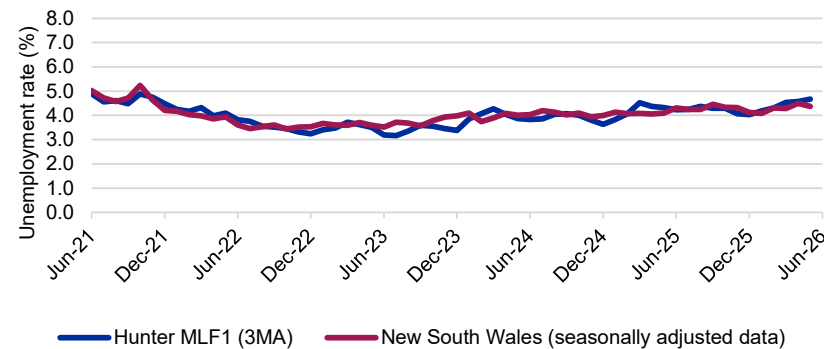
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), June 2026

Largest employing industries



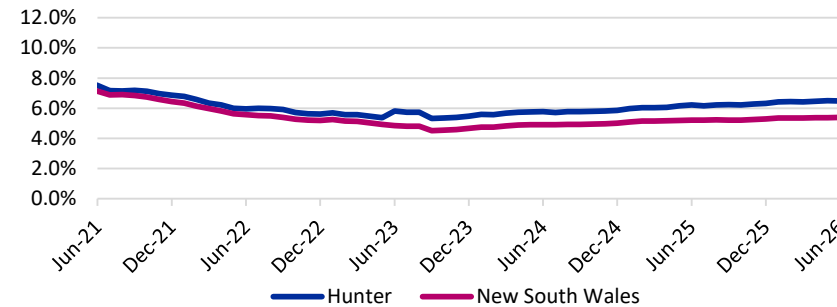
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - June 2025	27,890	280,995
Payments - June 2026	29,290	292,975
Change from June 2025 to June 2026	↑ 1,400	↑ 11,980
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 4.3%

% 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
Hunter	29,290	6.5%
New South Wales	292,975	5.4%
Australia	1,034,765	5.7%

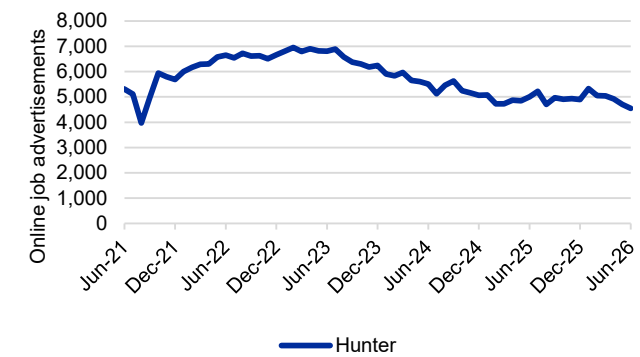
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, June 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) June 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Muswellbrook	5.5	6.8
Cessnock	4.9	5.6
Newcastle	4.7	3.1
Lake Macquarie	4.5	2.8
Port Stephens	4.2	4.8

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

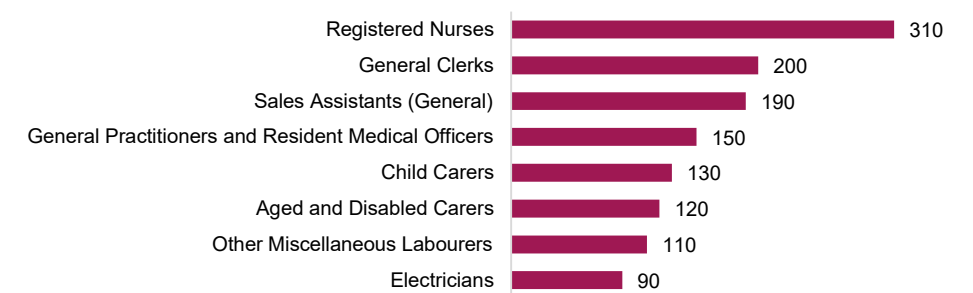
Online job advertisements



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

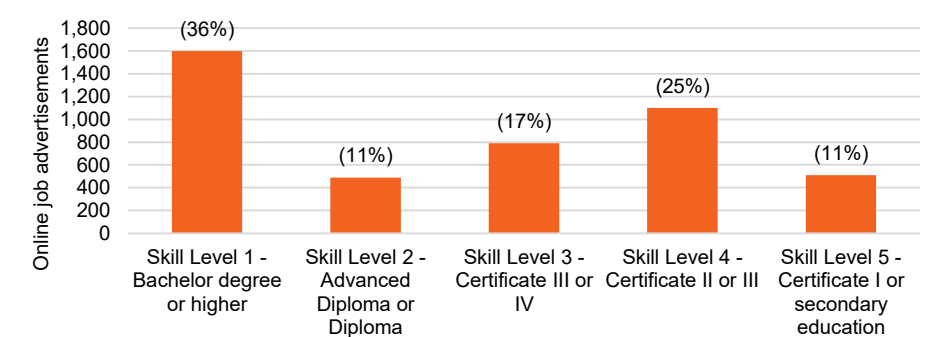
Number of job ads
4,500
Change over the month
-3.3%
(-500 job advertisements)
Annual change
-9.2%
(-200 job advertisements)

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.