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Labour Market Dashboard New South Wales

Data current as at 20 August 2026

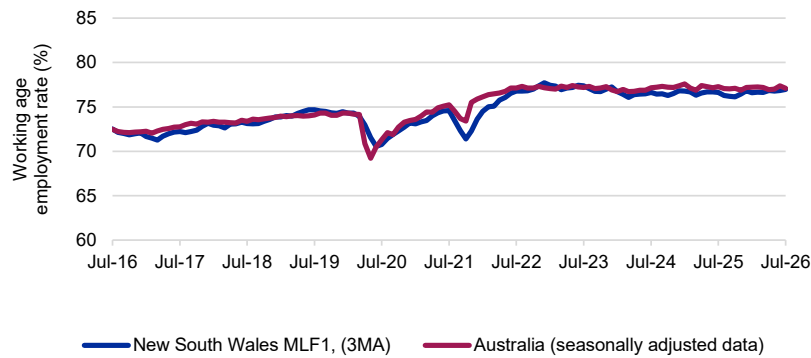
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

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

Labour market summary table											
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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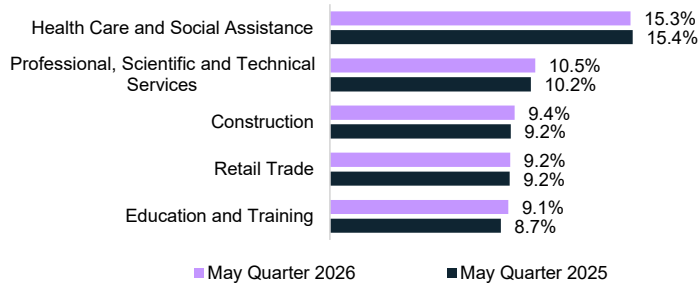
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, July-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.

Working age employment rate



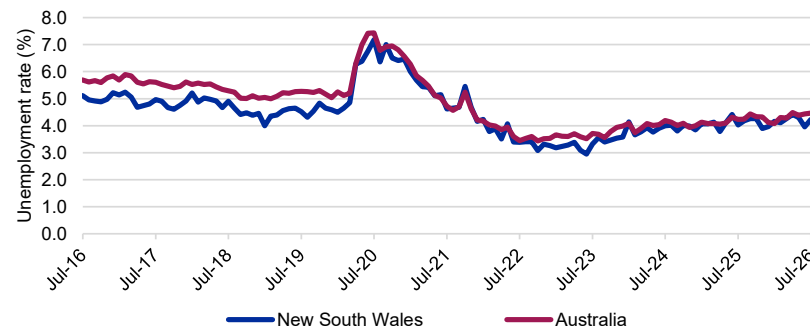
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Largest employing industries



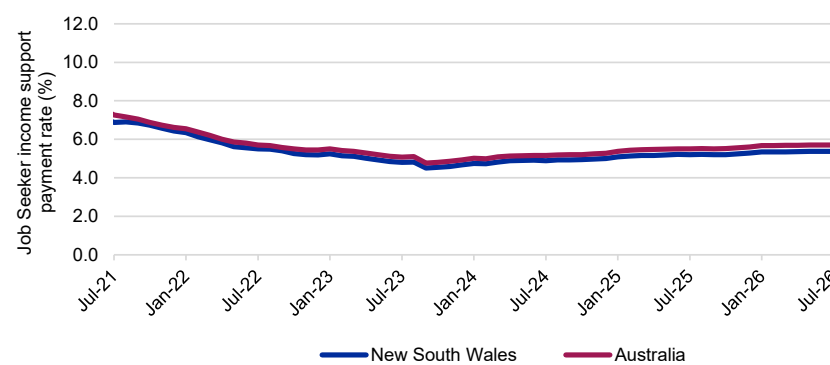
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Unemployment rate



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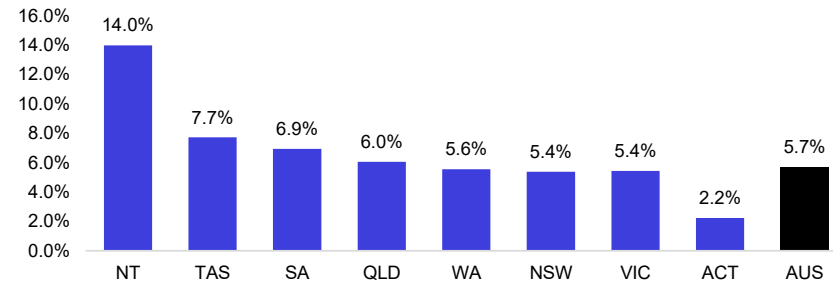
% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

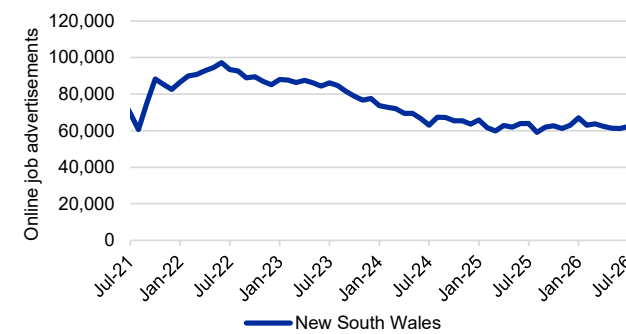
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - July 2025	280,900	986,090
Payments - July 2026	293,000	1,035,160
Change (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 12,100	↑ 49,070
Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 4.3%	↑ 5.0%

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



Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, data.gov.au, July - 26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, July -26

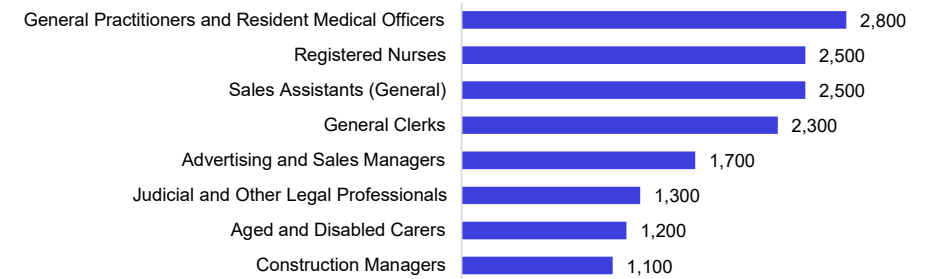
Online job advertisements



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

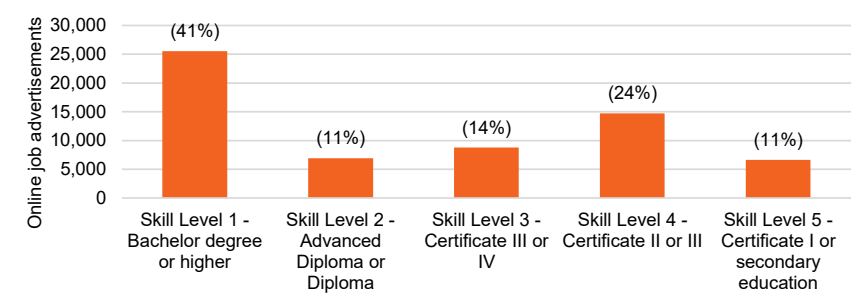
Number of job ads
62,200
Change over the month
1.7%
(or 1,100 job advertisements)
Annual change
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(or -1,700 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), July-26

Online job advertisements by skill level



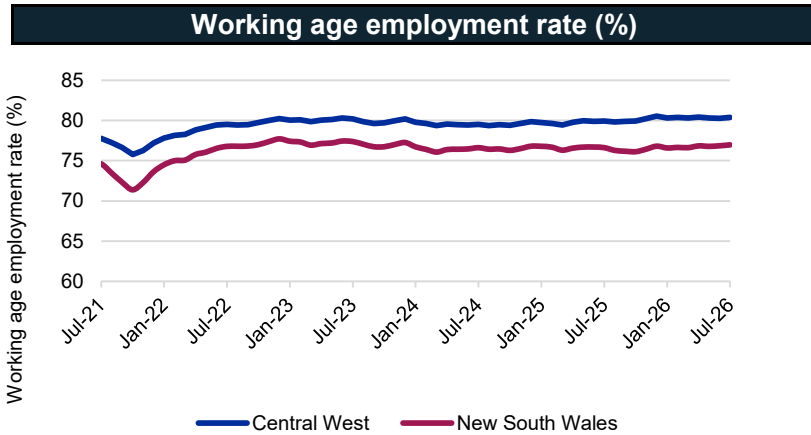
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Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

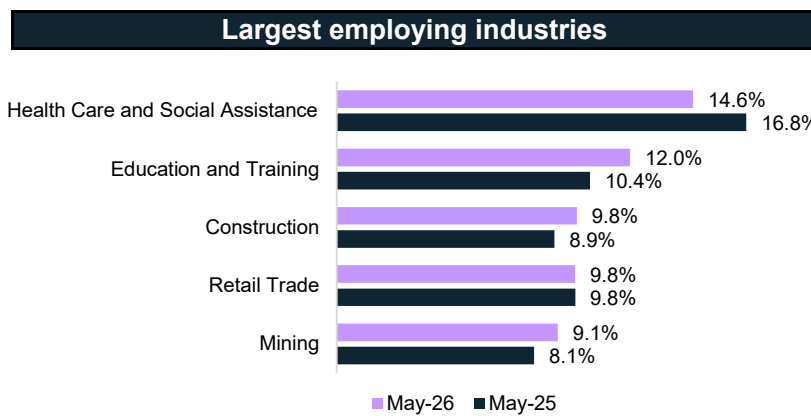
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Central West	80.4	80.0	4.3	4.3	-0.4	3.6	3.6	83.6	83.2	8.3	8.0
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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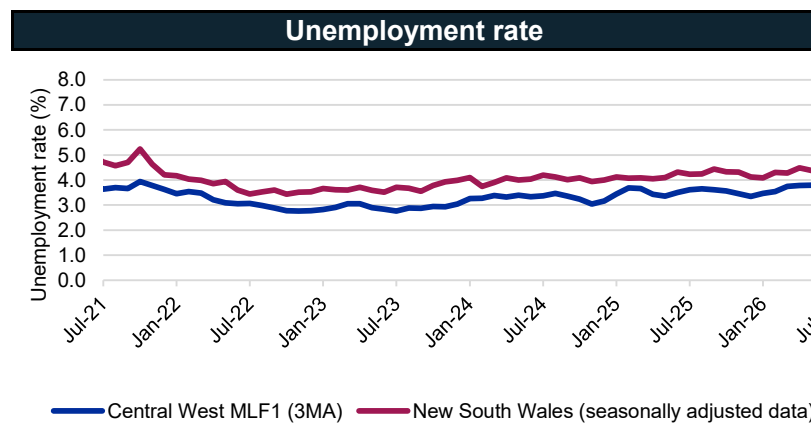
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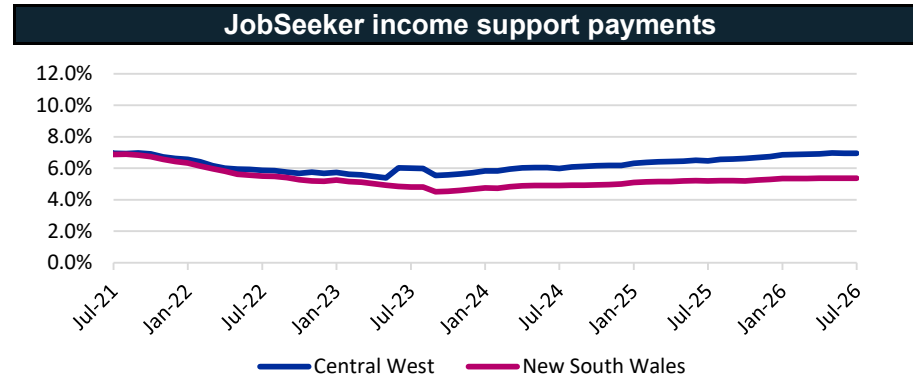
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, MLF1, (3MA), July 2026



Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	8,440	280,900
Payments - July 2026	8,970	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	530	12,100
	6.3%	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
Central West	8,970	6.9%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

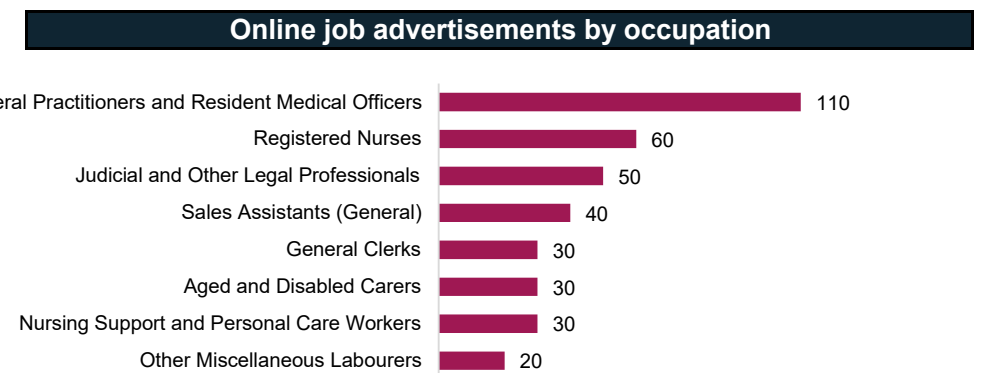
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Lithgow	4.9	3.4
Cowra	4.9	4.0
Lachlan	4.7	3.6
Parkes	4.5	3.2
Forbes	3.4	2.4

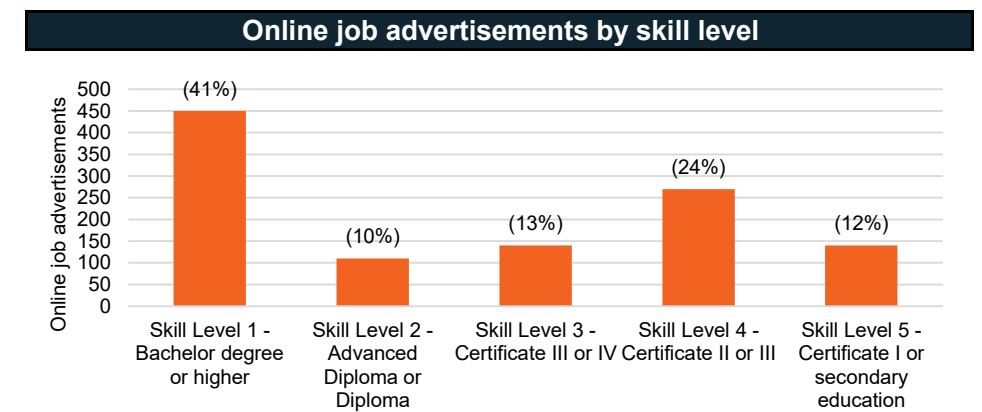
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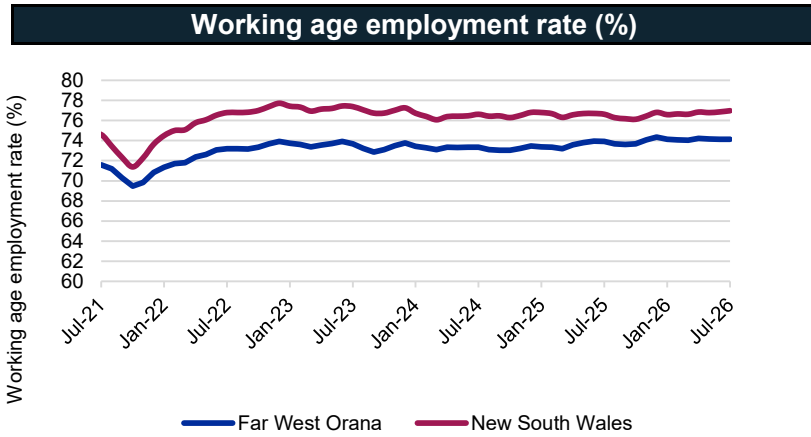


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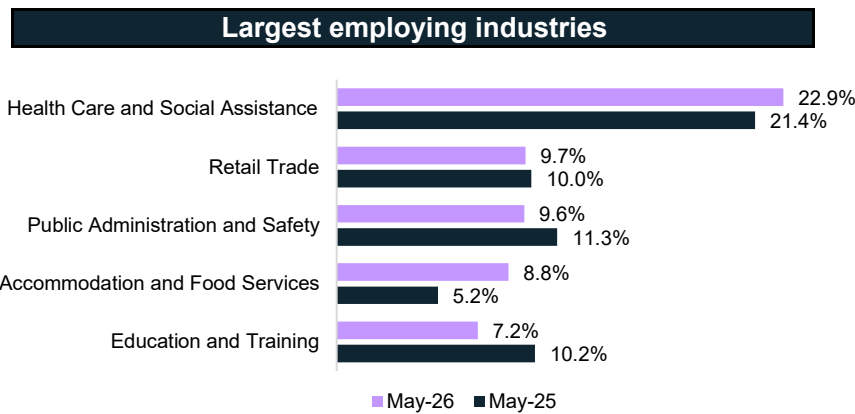
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Far West Orana	74.1	73.9	2.3	2.2	2.4	4.0	3.9	77.4	77.1	10.1	10.0
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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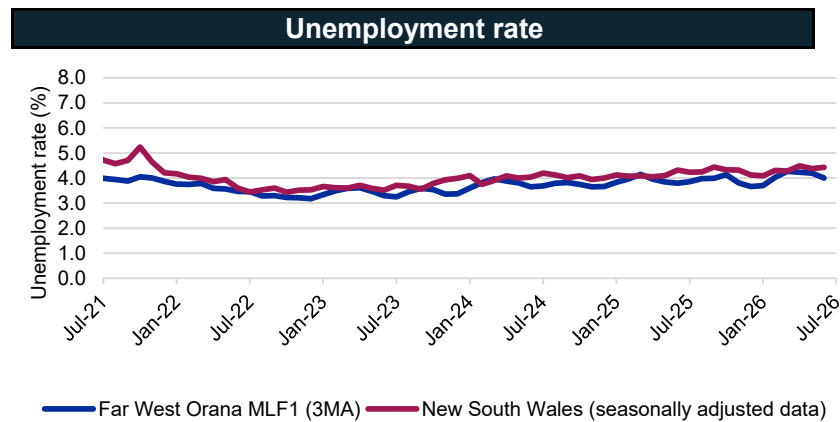
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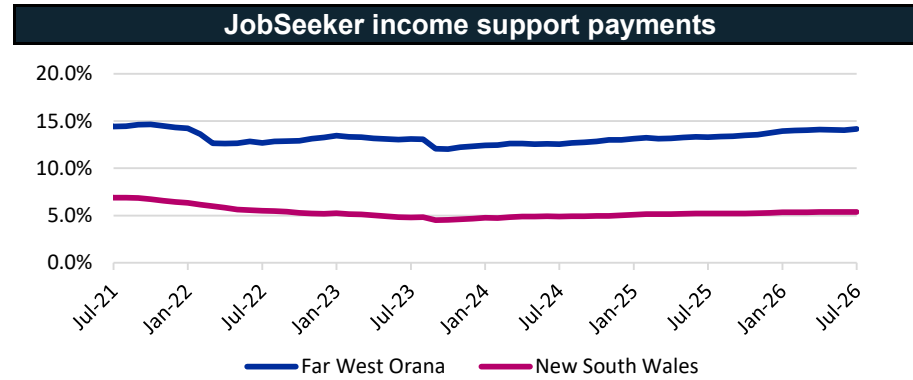
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	9,130	280,900
Payments - July 2026	9,580	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	450	12,100
	4.9%	4.3%

% 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
Far West Orana	9,580	14.2%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Walgett	7.1	10.2
Coonamble	4.2	5.7
Broken Hill	3.1	4.7
Warrumbungle	3.0	3.8
Warren	2.8	4.0

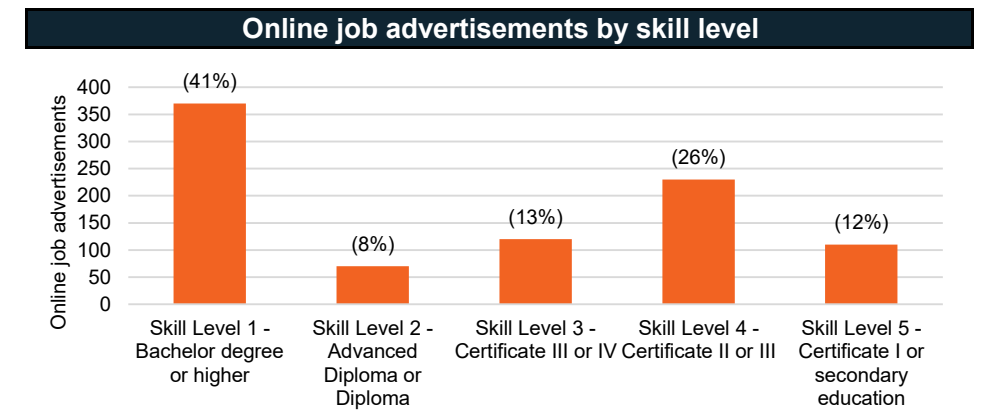
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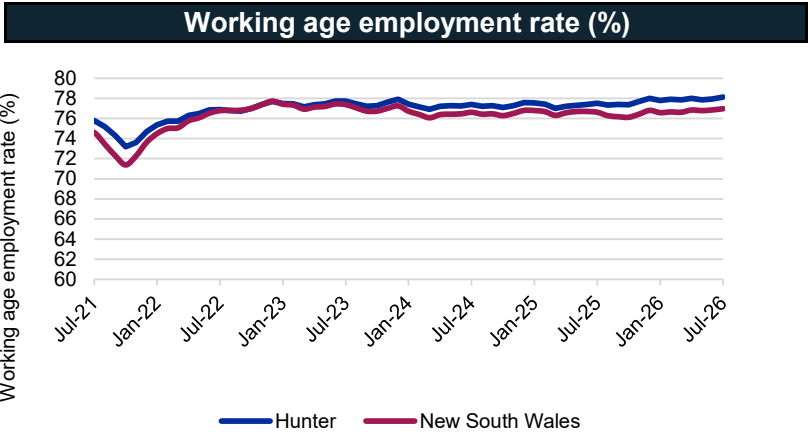


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Hunter	78.1	77.5	16.5	16.2	1.9	4.2	4.2	81.7	81.1	10.1	9.9
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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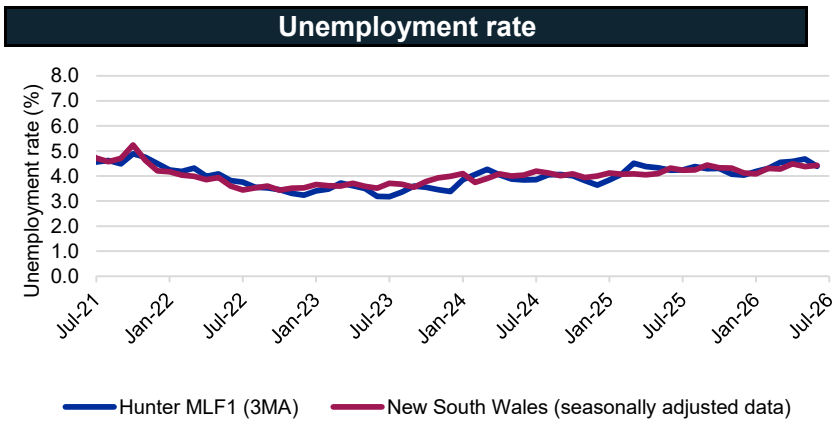
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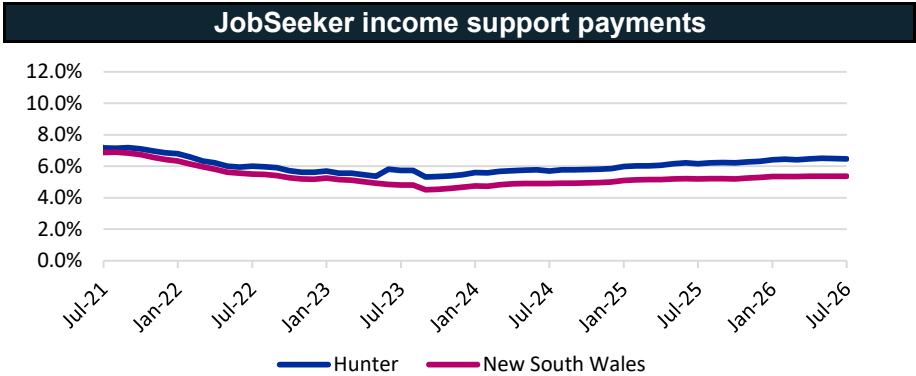
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	27,775	280,900
Payments - July 2026	29,275	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,500	12,100
	5.4%	4.3%

% 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	29,275	6.5%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
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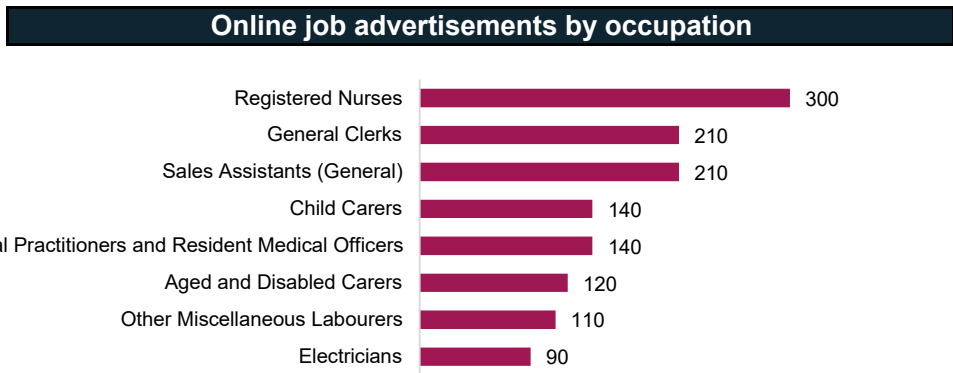
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Muswellbrook	5.5	6.8
Cessnock	4.9	5.6
Newcastle	4.7	3.1
Lake Macquarie	4.5	2.8
Port Stephens	4.2	4.8

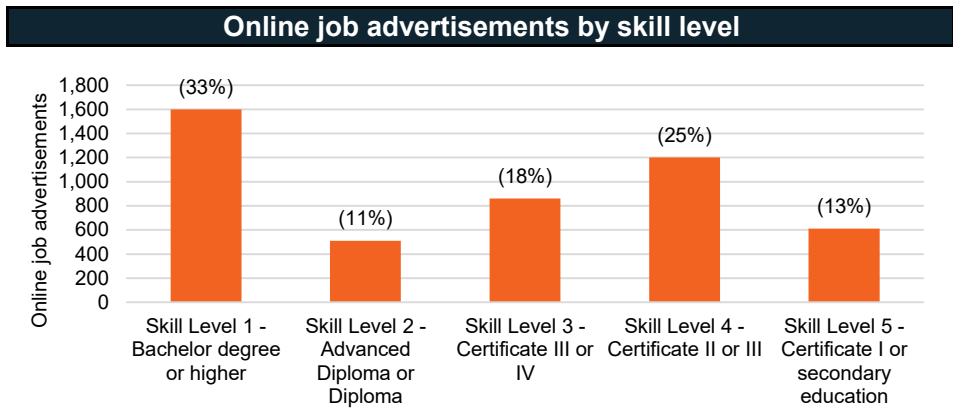
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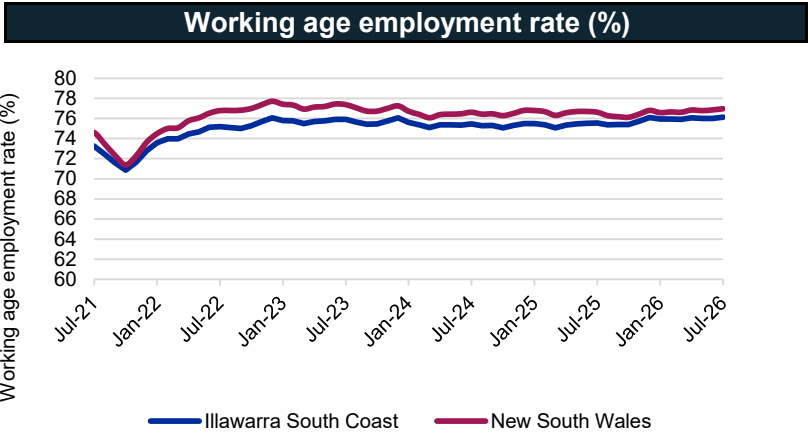


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Illawarra South Coast	76.1	75.5	10.9	11.2	-2.5	4.3	4.5	79.7	79.2	10.8	10.7
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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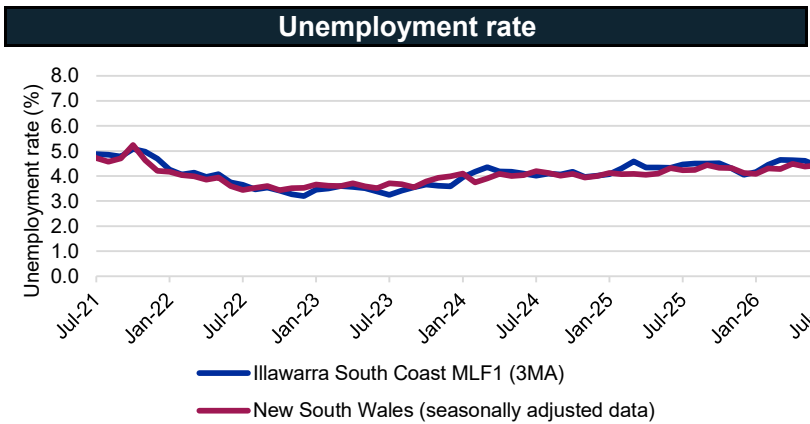
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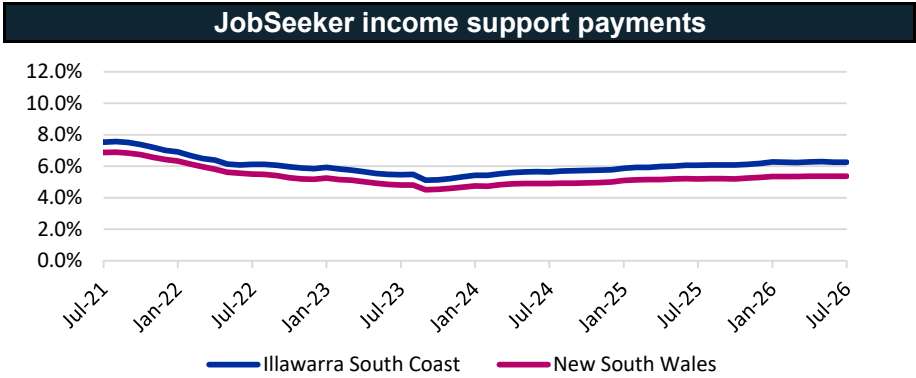
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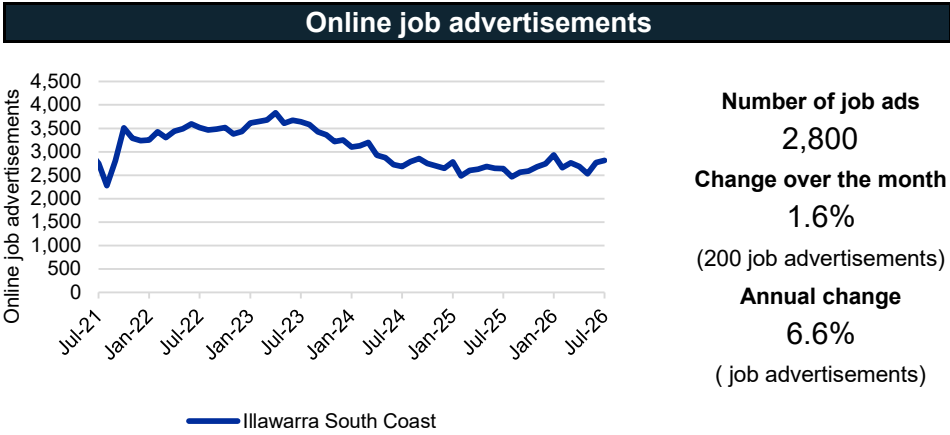
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	18,180	280,900
Payments - July 2026	18,765	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	585	12,100
	3.2%	4.3%

% 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
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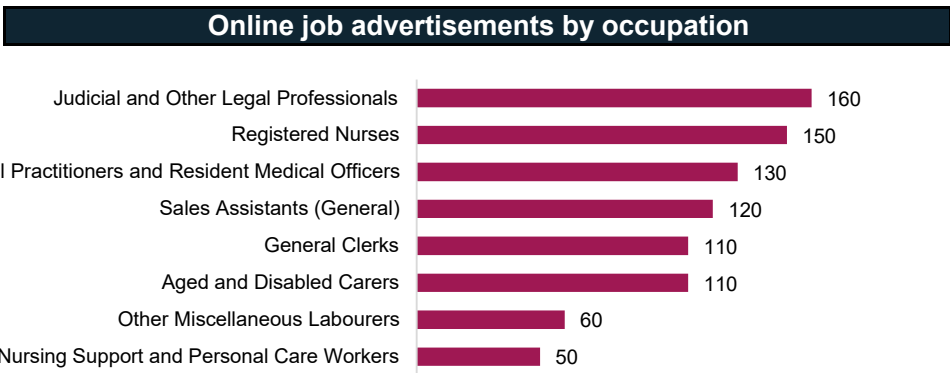
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Shellharbour	6.5	6.4
Wollongong	6.3	6.0
Eurobodalla	4.4	5.0
Shoalhaven	4.3	2.1
Bega Valley	3.5	4.1

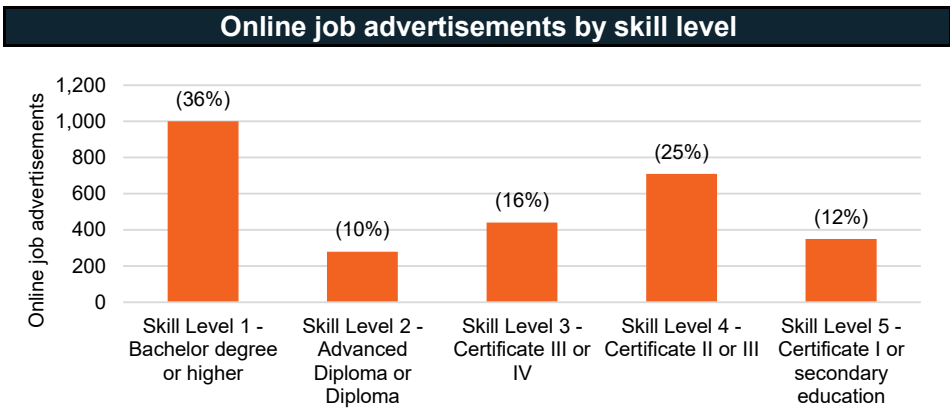
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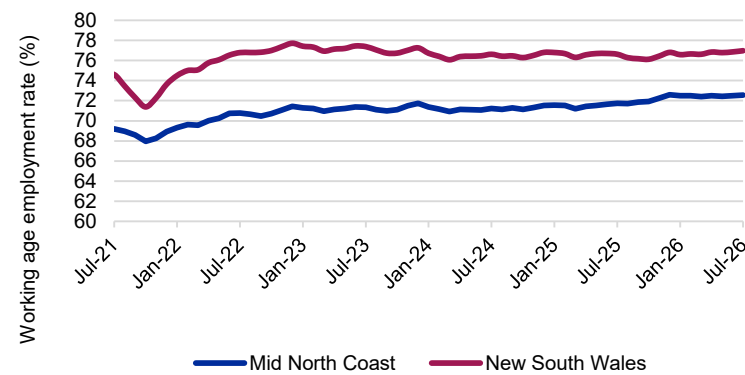
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Mid North Coast	72.5	71.8	7.5	7.7	-3.0	4.3	4.5	76.0	75.3	10.1	10.1
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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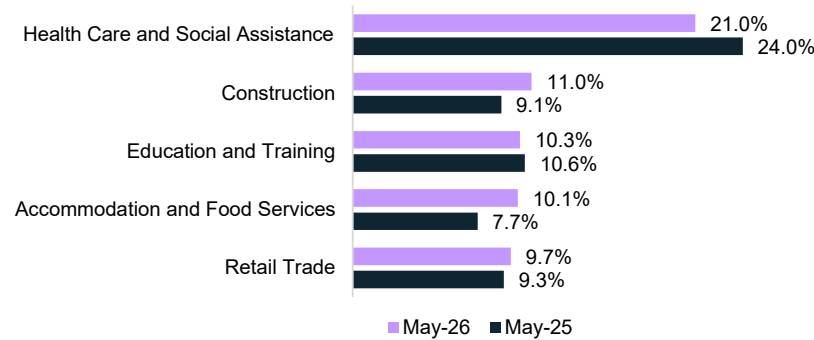
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Working age employment rate (%)



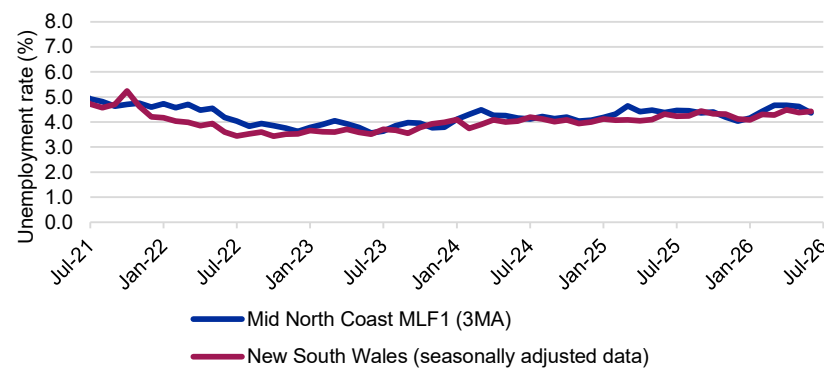
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Largest employing industries



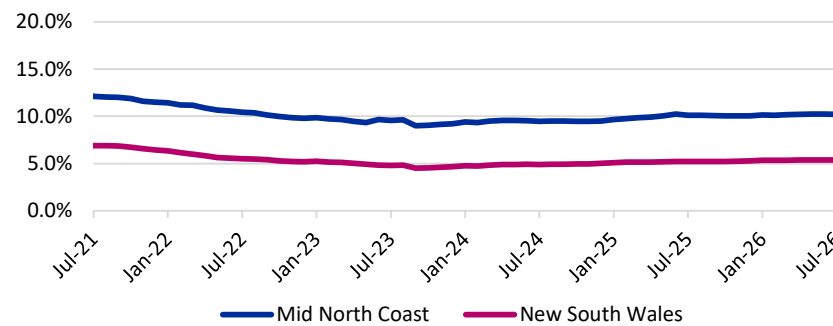
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	21,485	280,900
Payments - July 2026	21,535	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	50	12,100
	0.2%	4.3%

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

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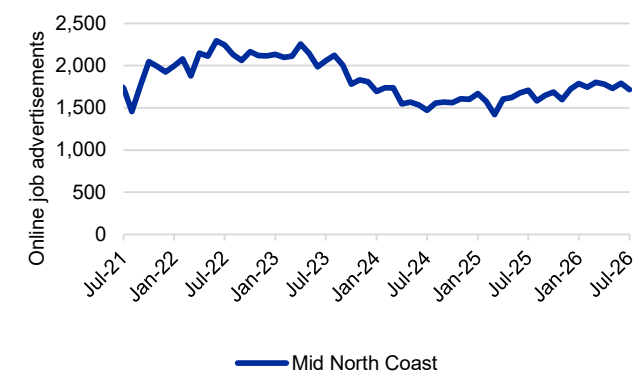
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kempsey	6.4	5.7
Nambucca Valley	6.2	5.6
Mid-Coast	4.9	4.4
Bellingen	4.6	5.2
Armidale	4.0	2.4

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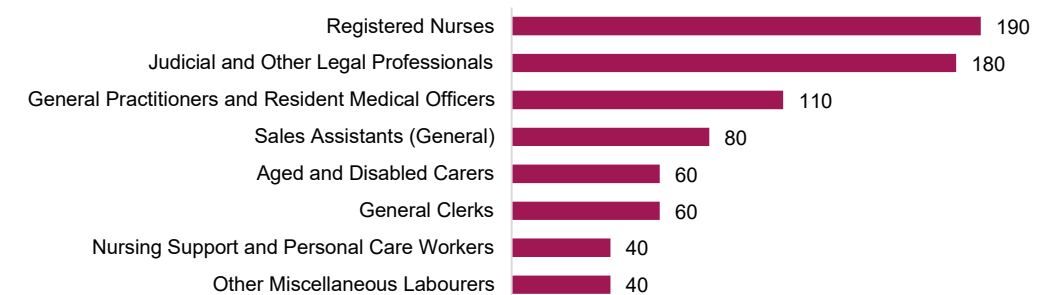
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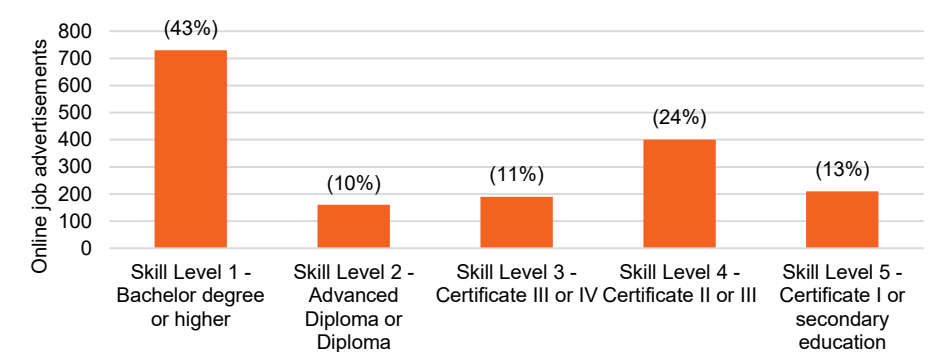
Number of job ads
1,700
Change over the month
-4.2%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.4%
(-100 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level

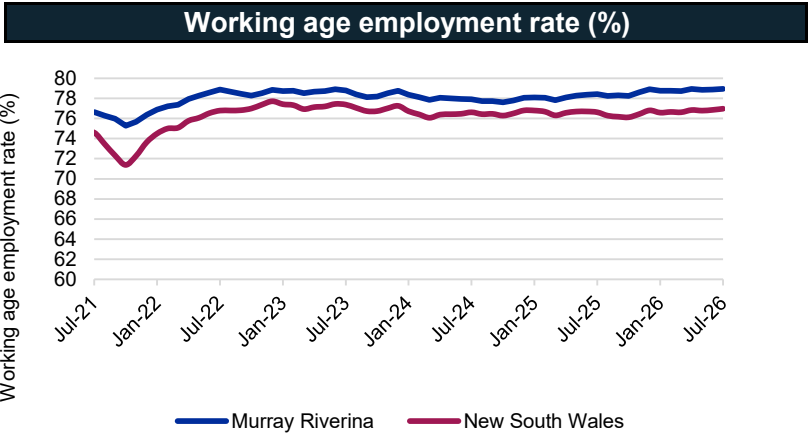


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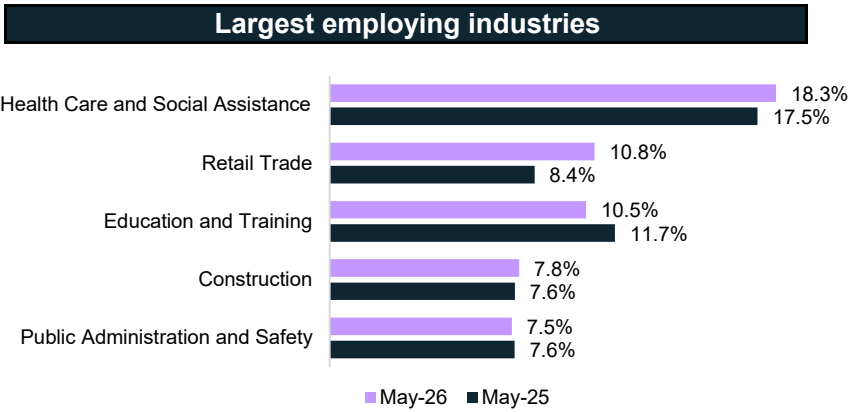
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Murray Riverina	78.9	78.4	5.8	5.7	0.8	3.7	3.7	82.2	81.7	8.6	8.4
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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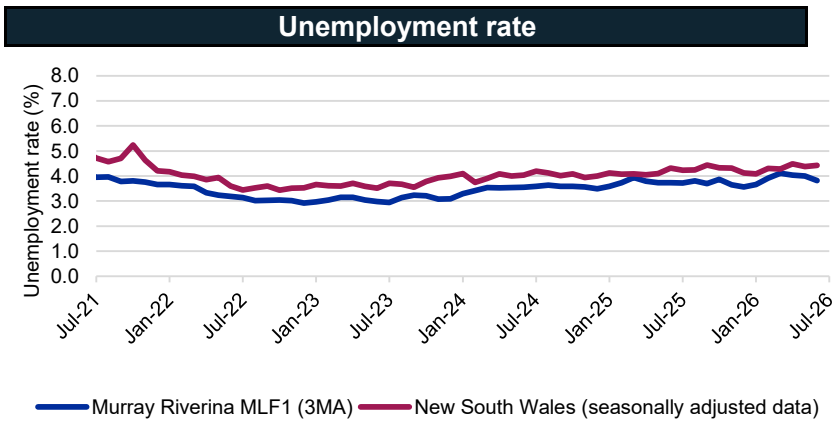
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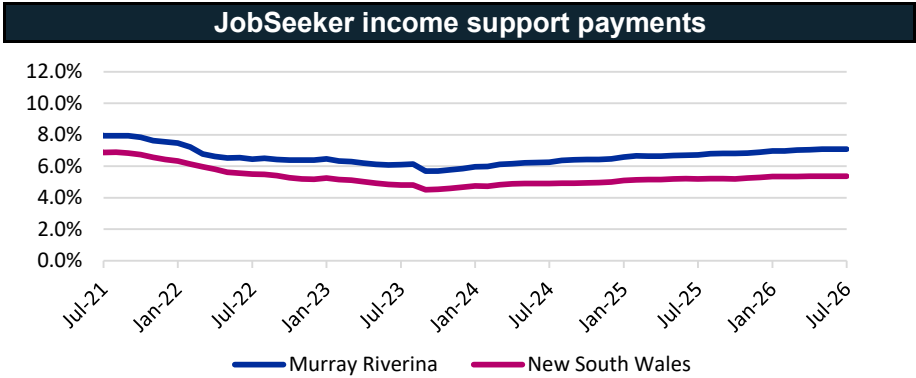
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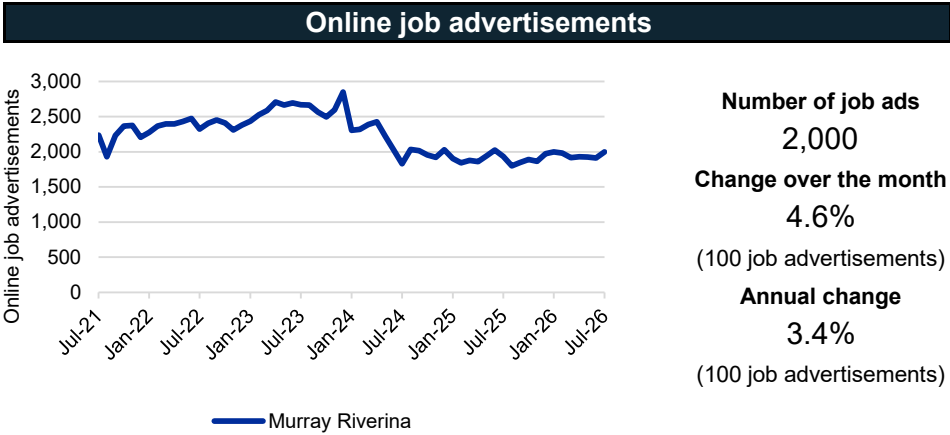
	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	11,595	280,900
Payments - July 2026	12,160	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	↑ 565 (4.9%)	↑ 12,100 (4.3%)

% 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
Murray Riverina	12,160	7.1%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
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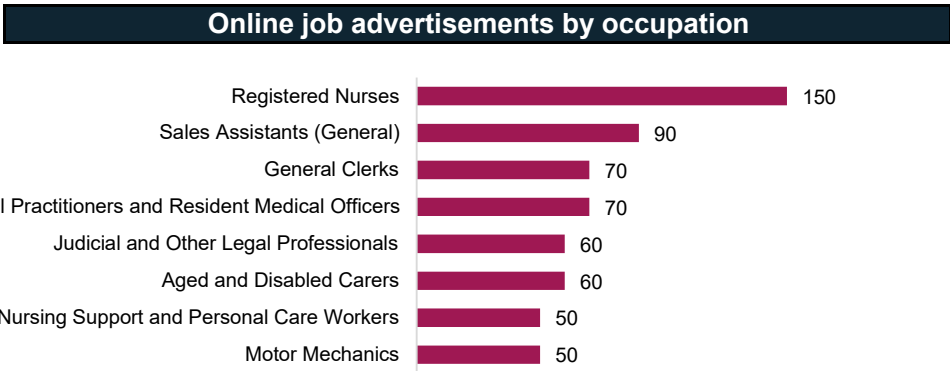
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Narrandera	5.9	6.4
Wentworth	5.8	4.5
Albury	5.6	4.3
Edward River	5.5	4.3
Hay	4.6	3.9

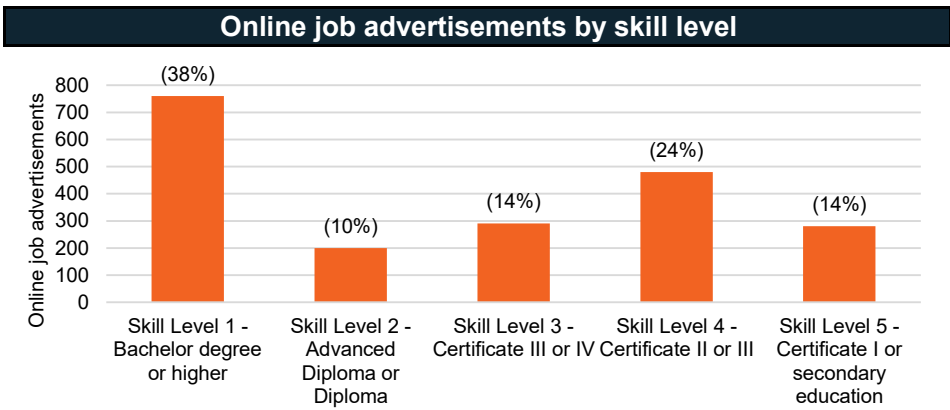
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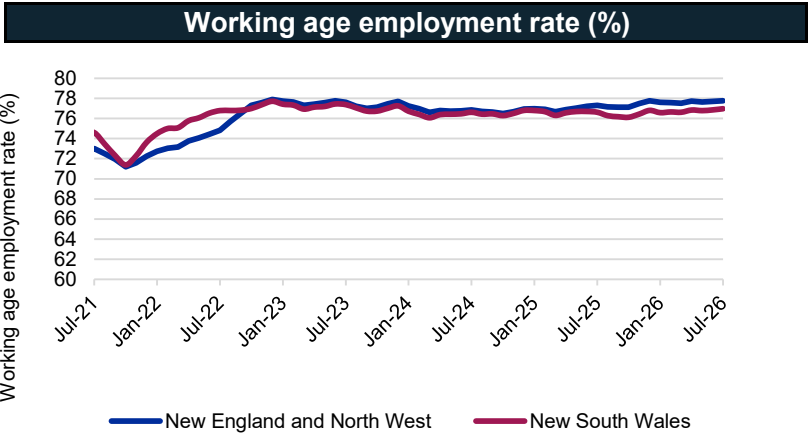


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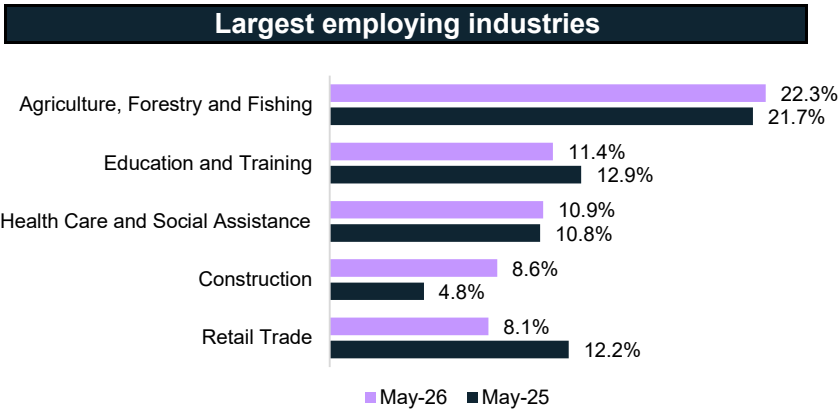
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New England and North West	77.8	77.3	4.7	4.6	2.6	4.6	4.5	81.7	81.2	11.0	10.9
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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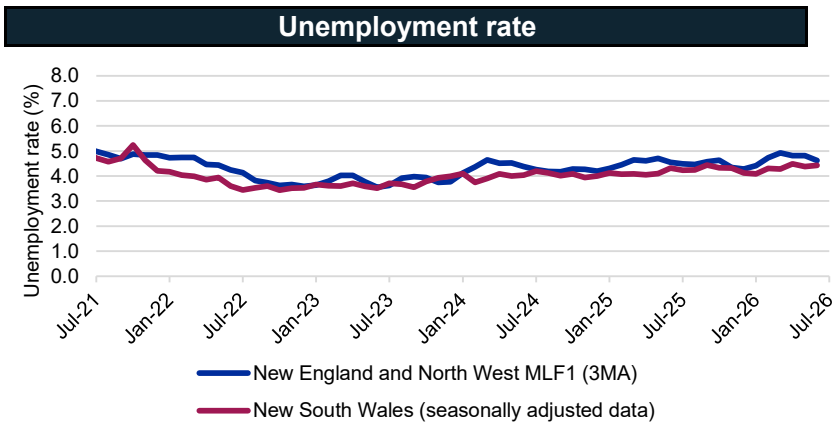
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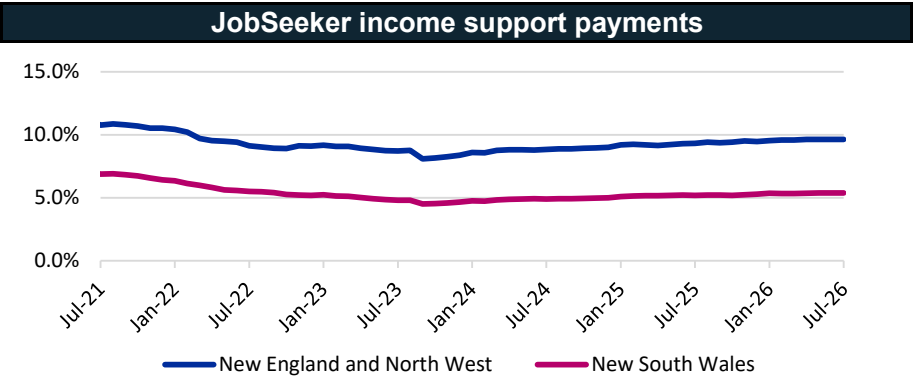
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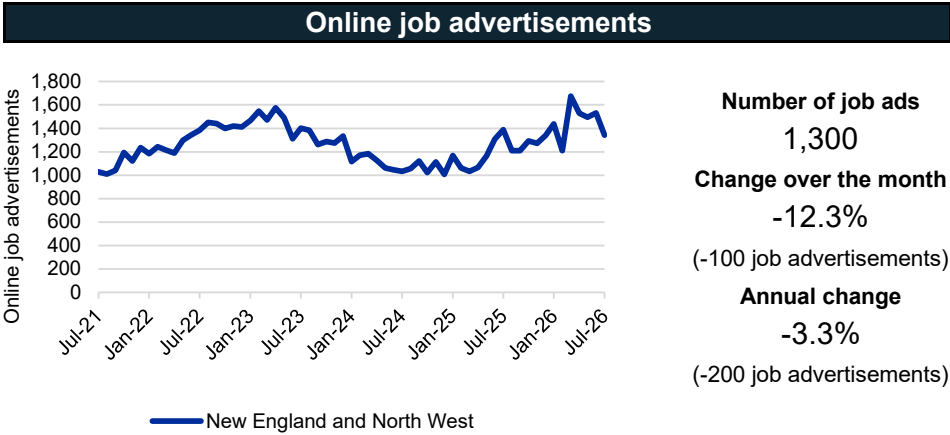
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	10,695	280,900
Payments - July 2026	10,965	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	270	12,100
	2.5%	4.3%

% 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
New England and North West	10,965	9.6%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Tenterfield	5.7	3.0
Glen Innes Severn	5.2	2.9
Moree Plains	4.6	2.7
Inverell	4.3	2.4
Armidale	4.0	2.4

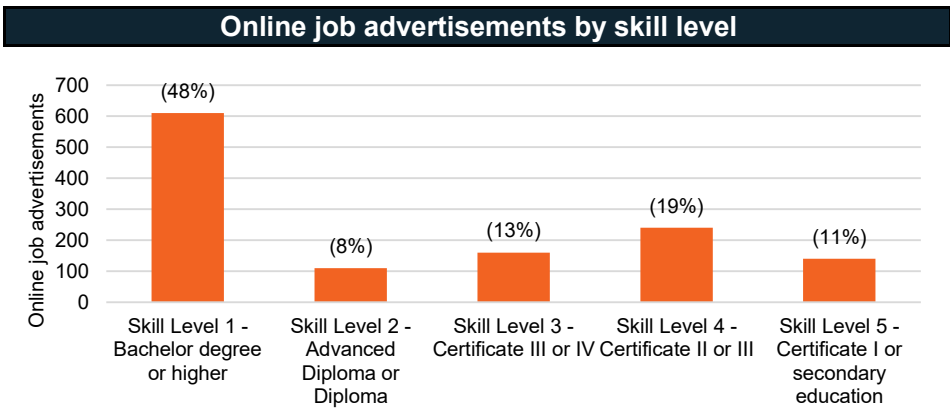
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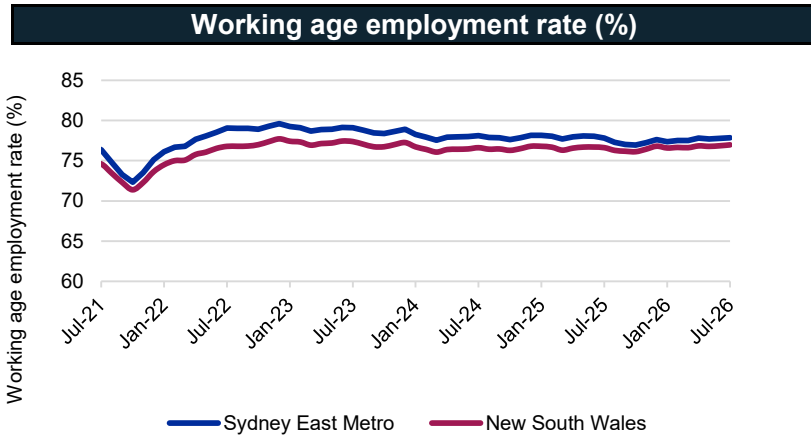


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Sydney East Metro	77.9	77.8	41.7	41.5	0.6	3.7	3.7	80.9	80.9	8.8	7.8
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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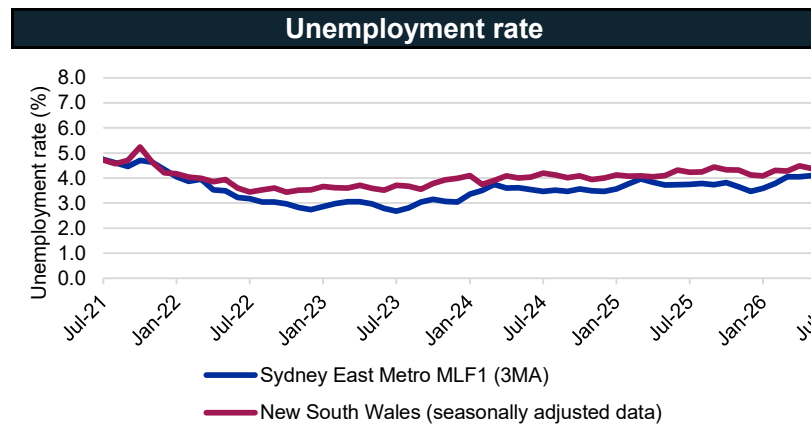
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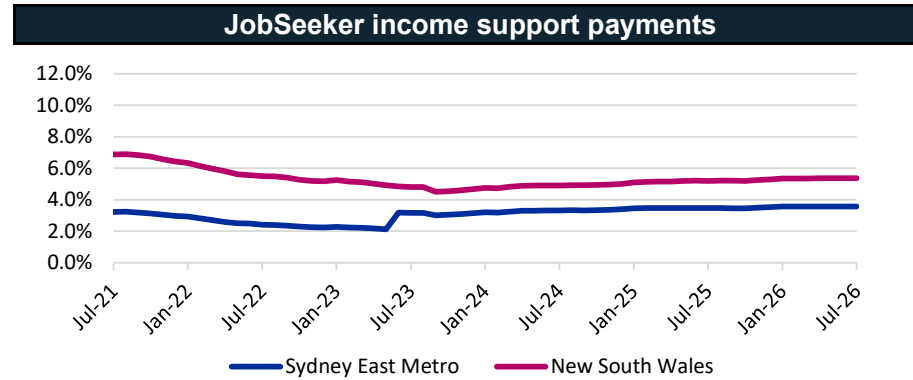
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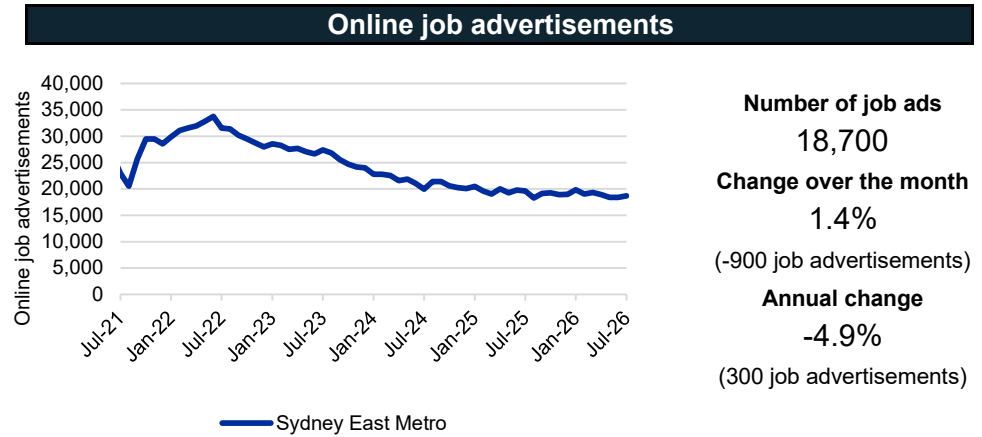
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	45,565	280,900
Payments - July 2026	47,245	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,680	12,100
	3.7%	4.3%

% 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
Sydney East Metro	47,245	3.6%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
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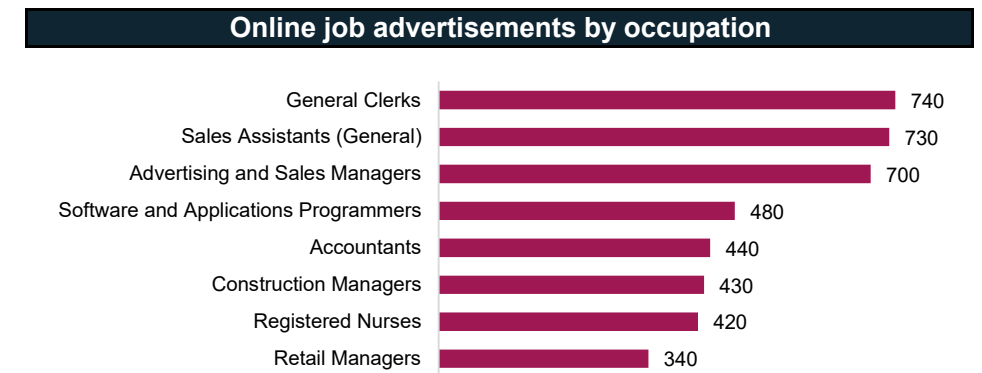
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Inner West	4.8	5.1
Sydney	4.2	4.6
Randwick	4.2	4.4
Burwood	3.7	4.0

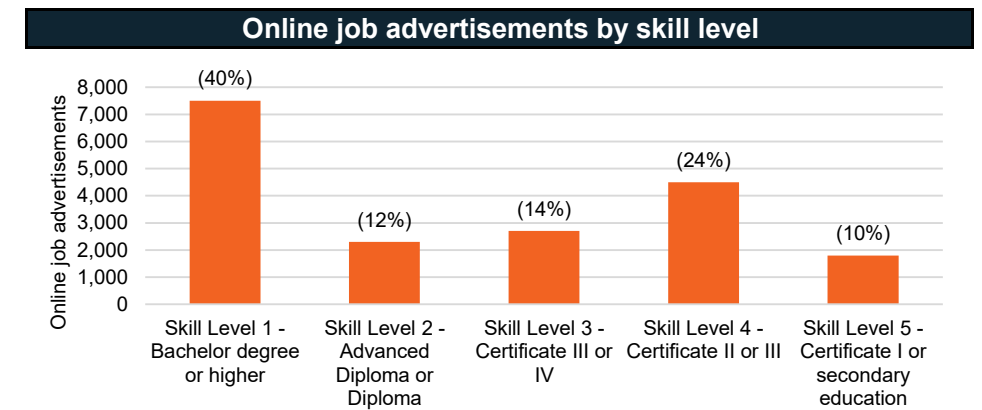
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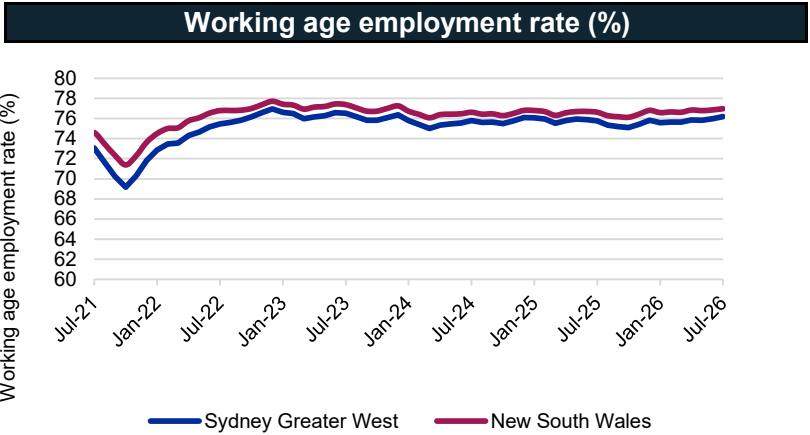


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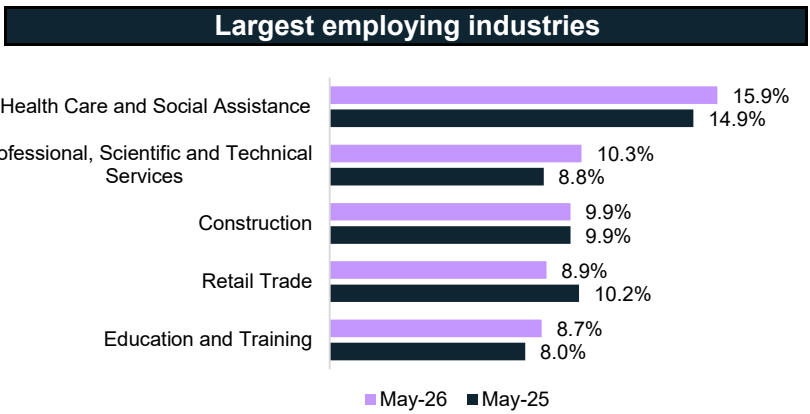
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Sydney Greater West	76.2	75.8	36.6	36.5	0.1	4.8	4.9	80.1	79.7	11.5	10.1
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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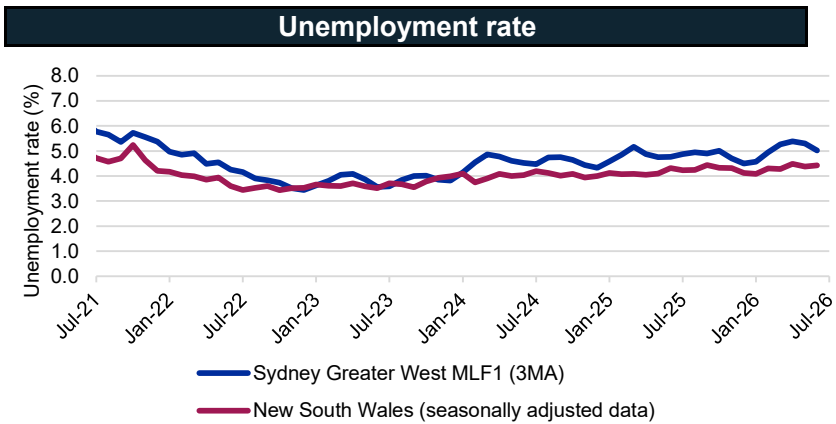
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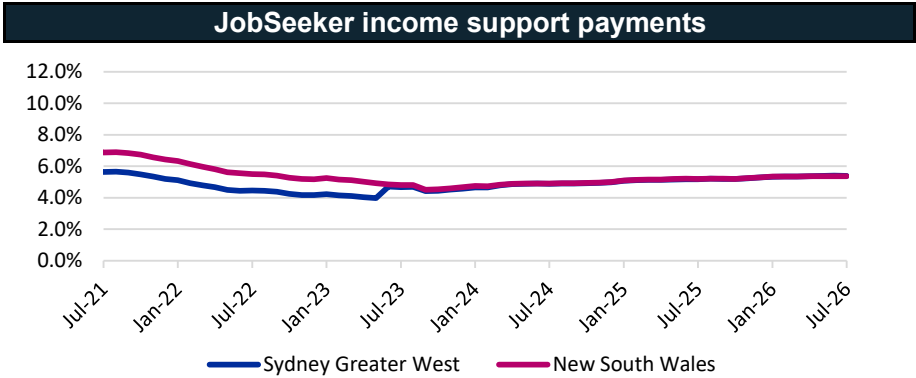
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	46,890	280,900
Payments - July 2026	49,755	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	2,865	12,100
	6.1%	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
Sydney Greater West	49,755	5.4%
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Fairfield	7.5	7.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Cumberland	6.6	7.1
Blacktown	4.7	5.0
Hawkesbury	4.3	4.2

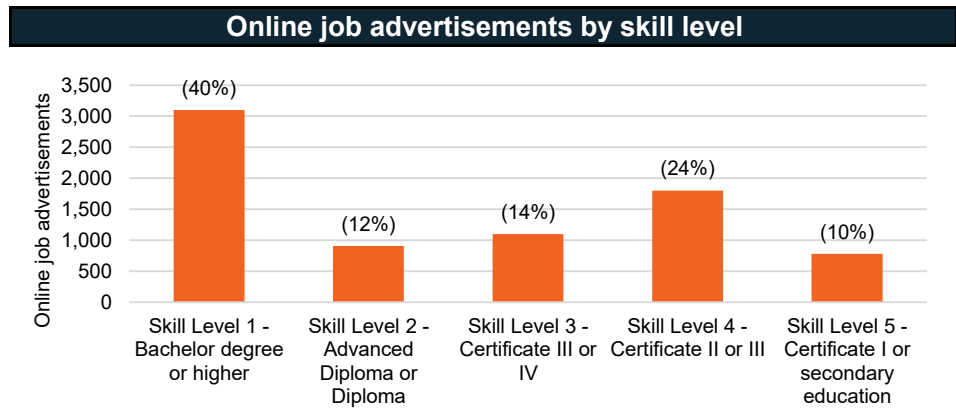
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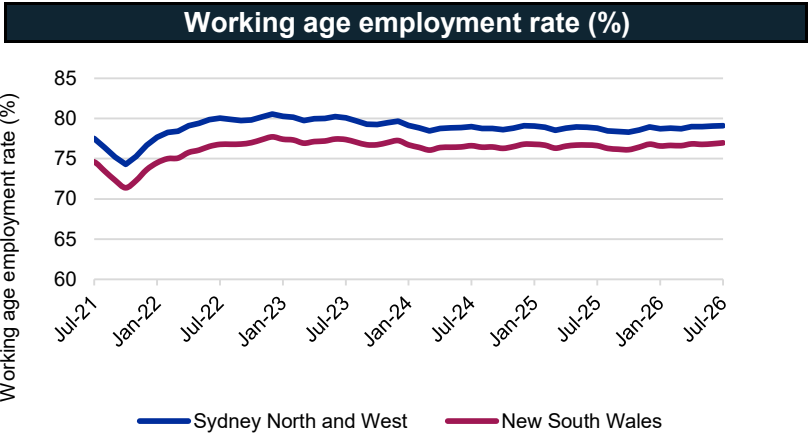


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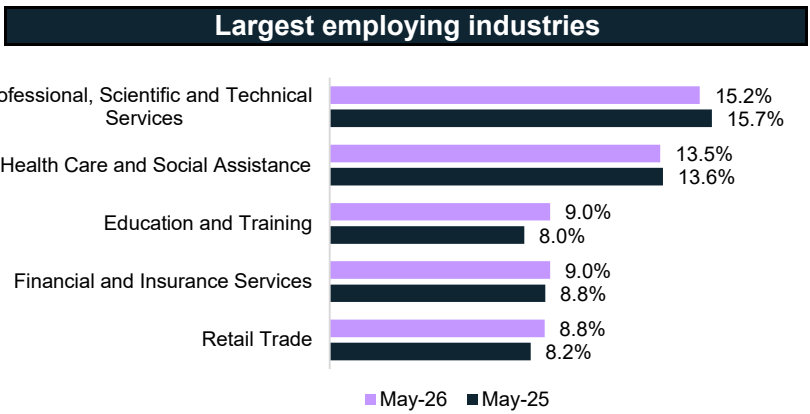
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Sydney North and West	79.1	78.8	32.4	32.0	1.4	3.6	3.6	82.1	81.8	9.1	8.1
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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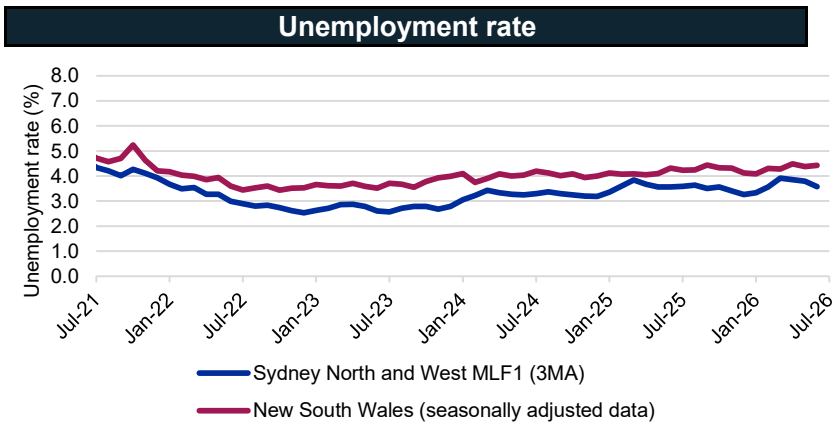
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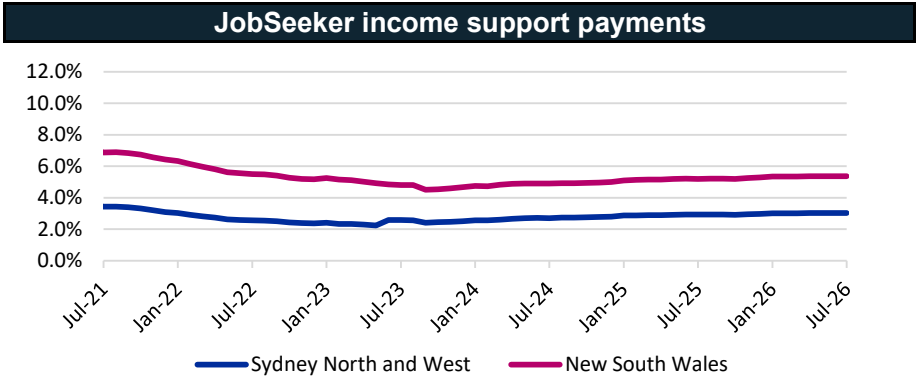
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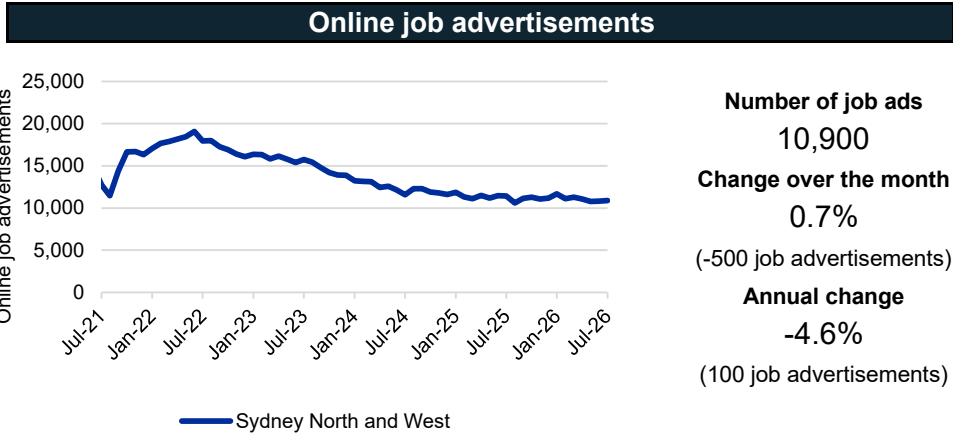
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	29,970	280,900
Payments - July 2026	31,360	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,390	12,100
	4.6%	4.3%

% 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
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New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
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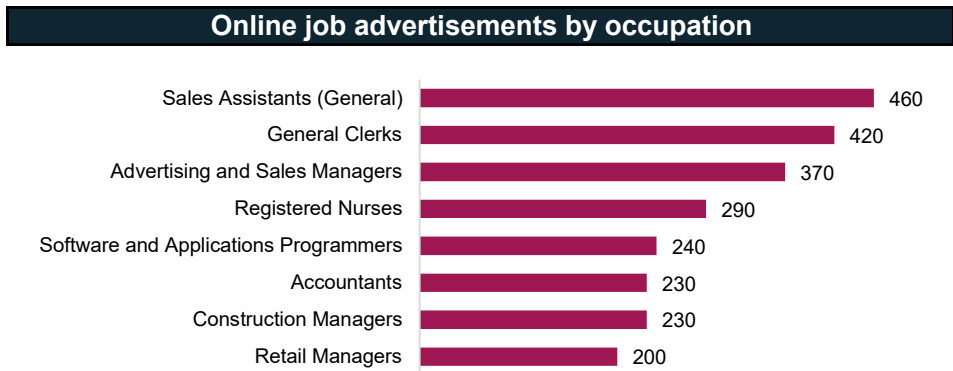
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Hawkesbury	4.3	4.2
Hornsby	4.1	5.1
Northern Beaches	3.8	2.8
Central Coast (NSW)	3.7	3.5
Willoughby	3.7	4.7

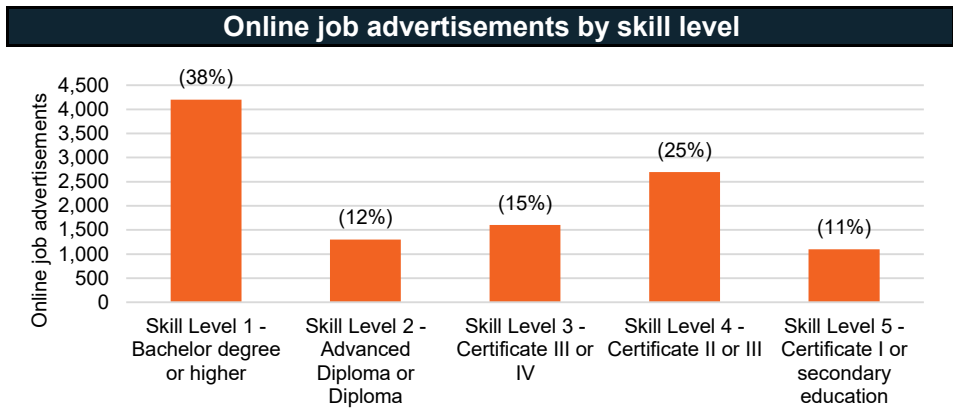
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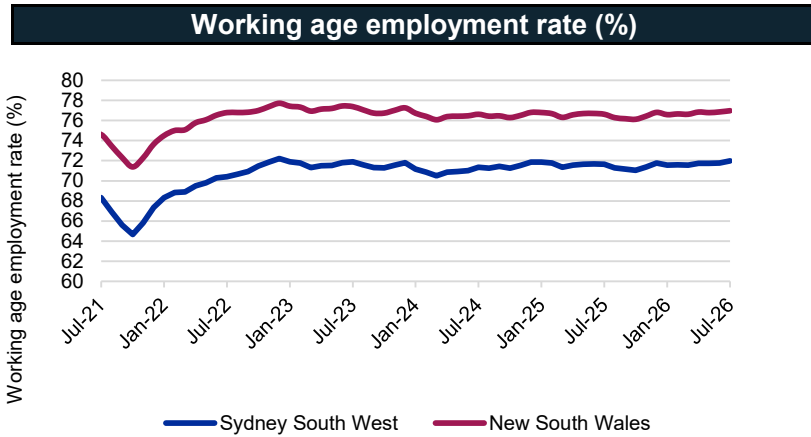


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Sydney South West	72.0	71.7	23.2	21.9	6.1	5.2	5.0	76.0	75.5	11.9	10.5
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
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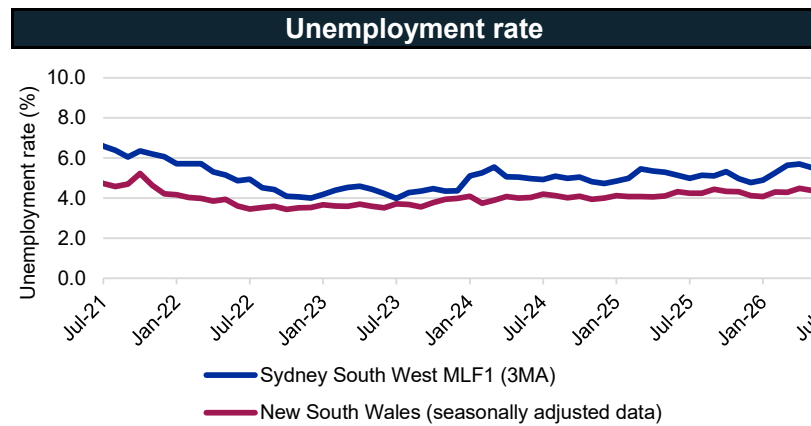
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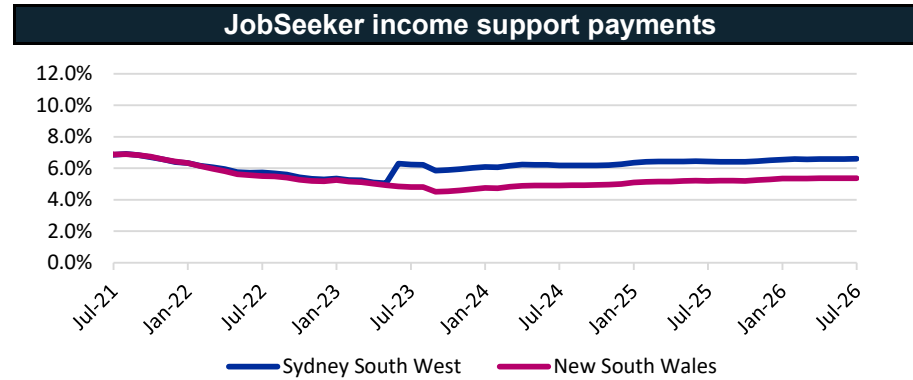
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Sydney South West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	36,050	280,900
Payments - July 2026	37,685	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,635	12,100
	4.5%	4.3%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
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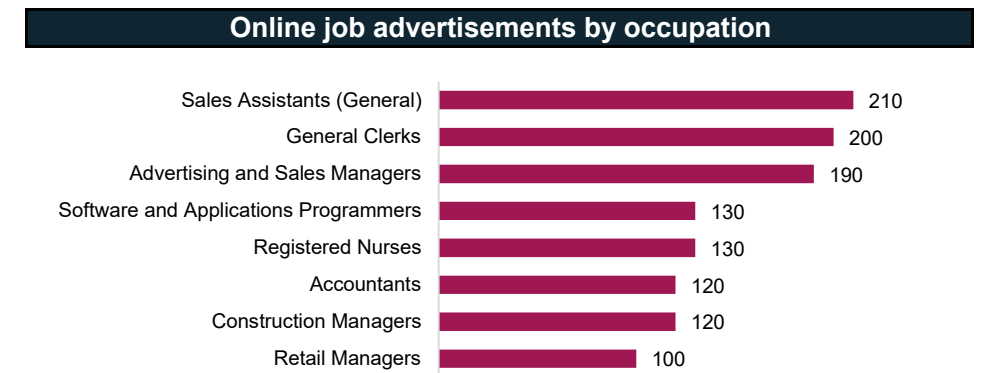
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Fairfield	7.5	7.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Campbelltown (NSW)	6.2	5.5
Liverpool	4.7	4.5
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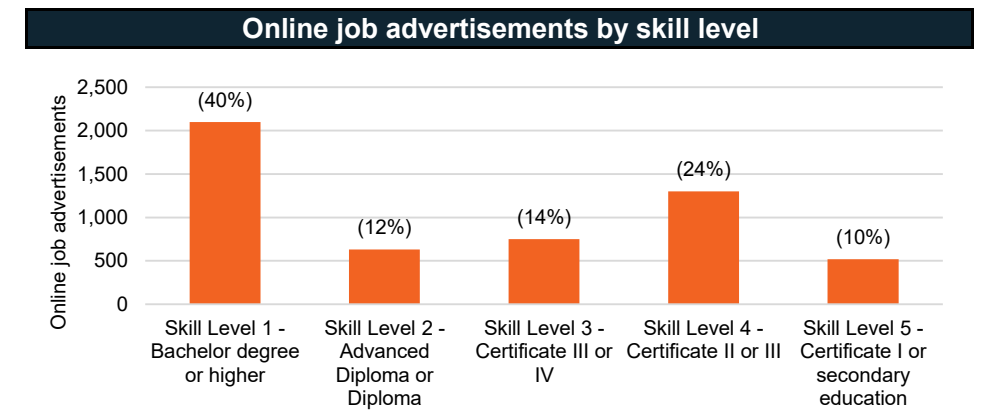
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