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Labour Market Dashboard Northern Territory

Data current as at 20 August 2026

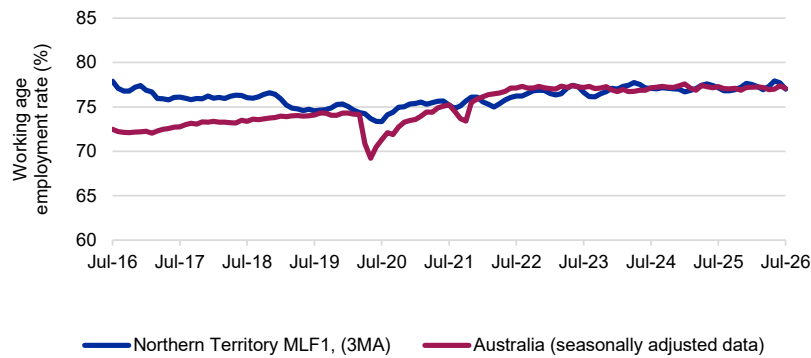
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Northern Territory 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	
	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 ('000)	Jul-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)
Northern Territory	77.0	77.2	7.3	6.4	13.6	4.7	4.2	80.7	80.5	10.4	9.7
Australia	77.1	77.3	691.5	646.5	7.0	4.5	4.2	80.8	80.8	10.4	9.8

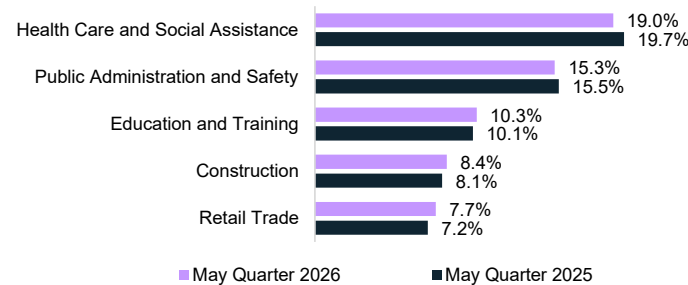
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, July-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates. Trend estimates are used for unemployment and unemployment rates in the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

Working age employment rate



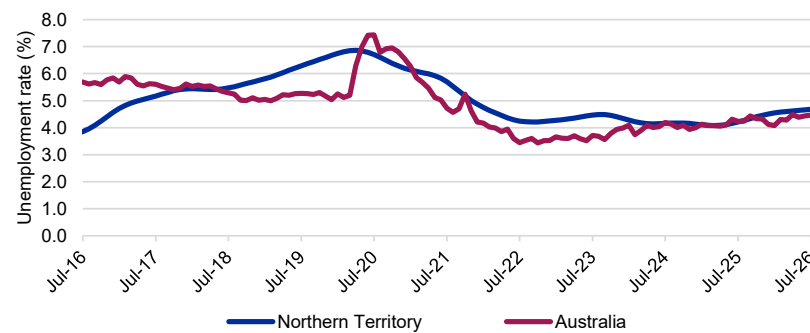
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), July -26

Largest employing industries



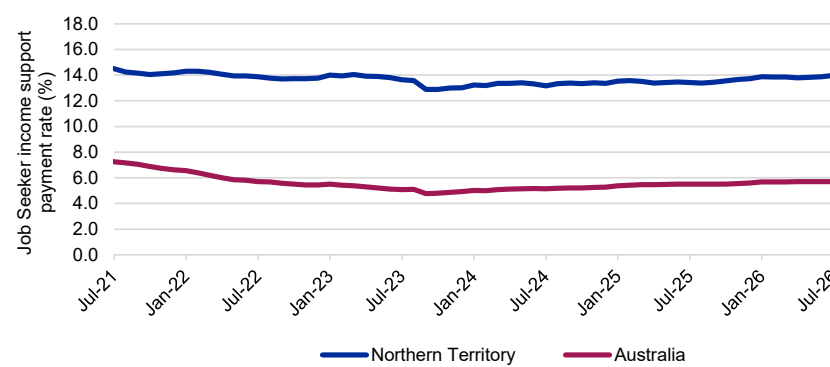
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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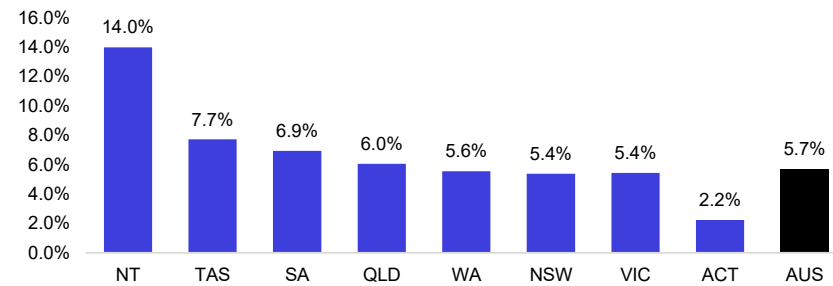
% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

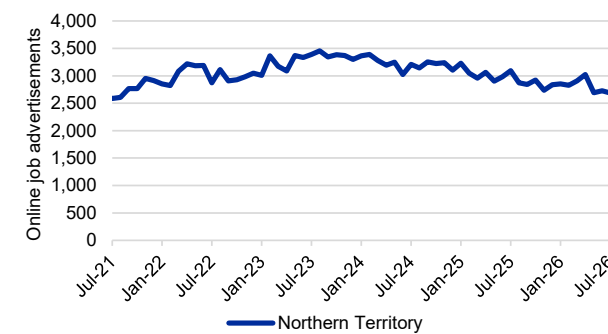
	Northern Territory	Australia
Payments - July 2025	24,160	986,090
Payments - July 2026	25,445	1,035,160
Change (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 1,285	↑ 49,070
Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 5.3%	↑ 5.0%

% 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

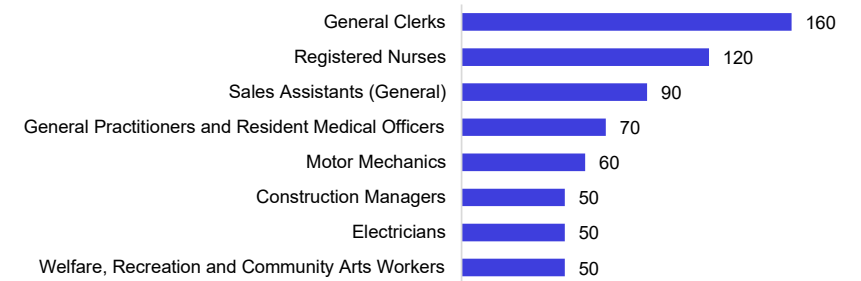
Online job advertisements



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

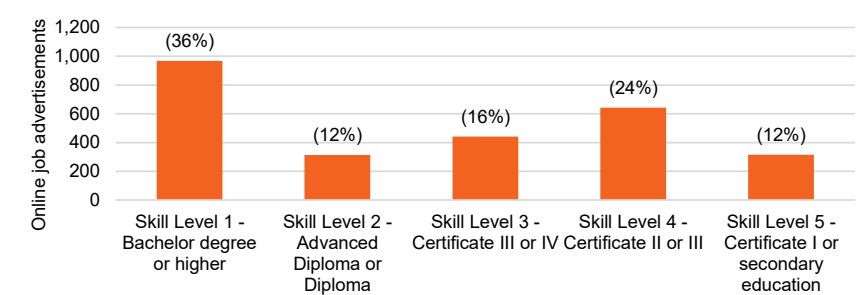
Number of job ads
2,700
Change over the month
-1.5%
(or job advertisements)
Annual change
-13.2%
(or -400 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

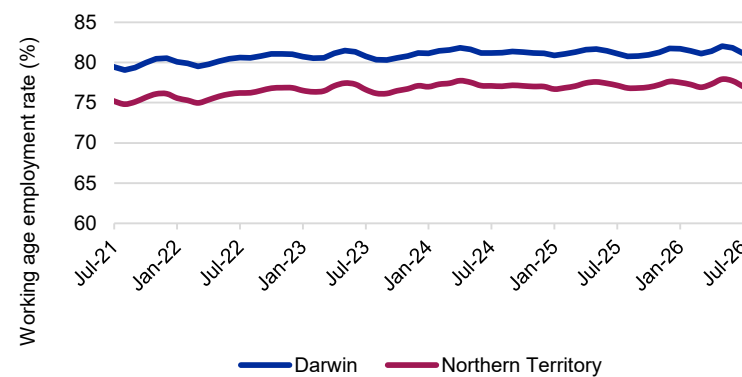
Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

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	
	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 ('000)	Jul-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)
Darwin	81.2	81.1	3.2	3.2	1.5	3.4	3.4	84.0	84.0	9.0	8.1
Northern Territory	77.0	77.2	7.3	6.4	13.6	4.7	4.2	80.7	80.5	10.4	9.7
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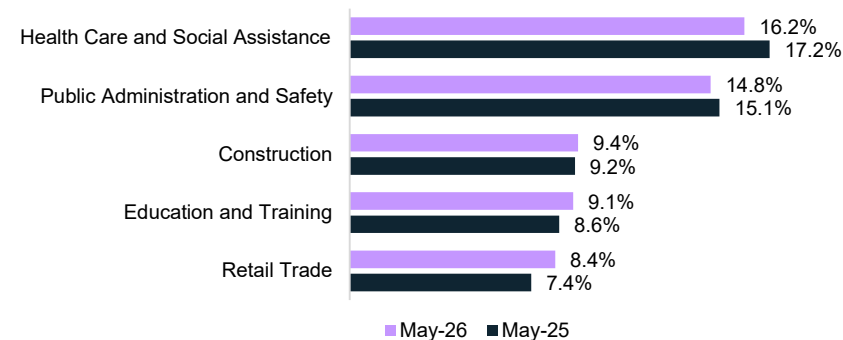
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates July -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment and unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted, with trend data used for the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

Working age employment rate (%)



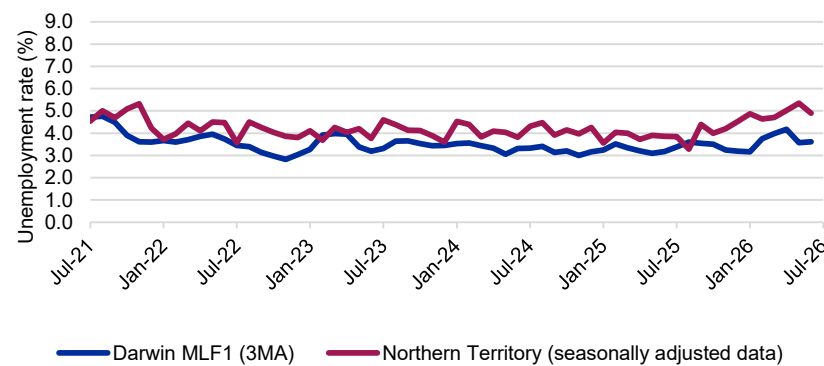
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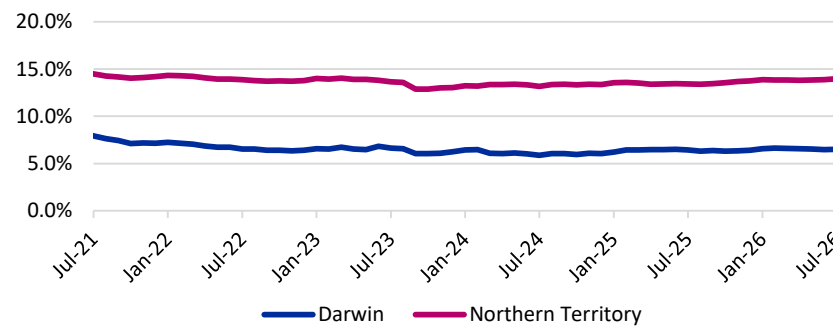
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Darwin	Northern Territory
Payments - July 2025	6,850	24,160
Payments - July 2026	6,985	25,445
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	135	1,285
	2.0%	5.3%

% 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
Darwin	6,985	6.5%
Northern Territory	25,445	14.0%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

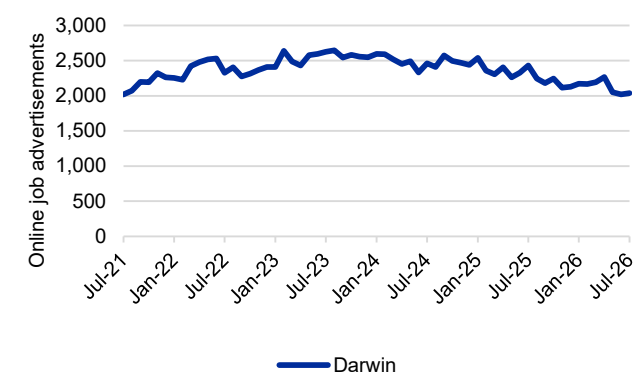
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Palmerston	4.1	3.6
Darwin	3.3	3.0
Alice Springs	1.7	1.7

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

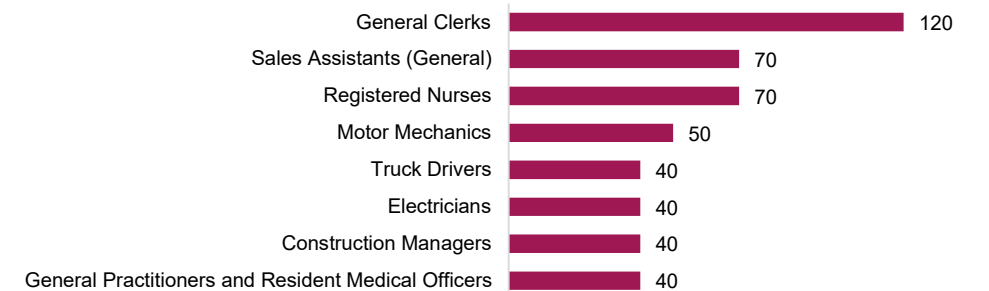
Online job advertisements



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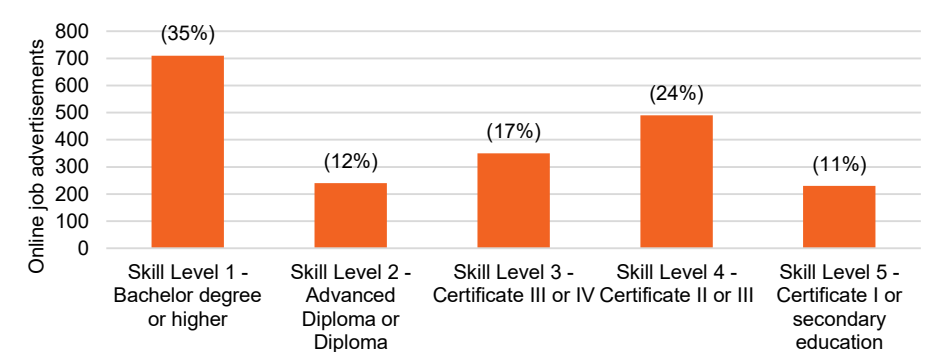
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