

Labour Market Dashboard  
Queensland

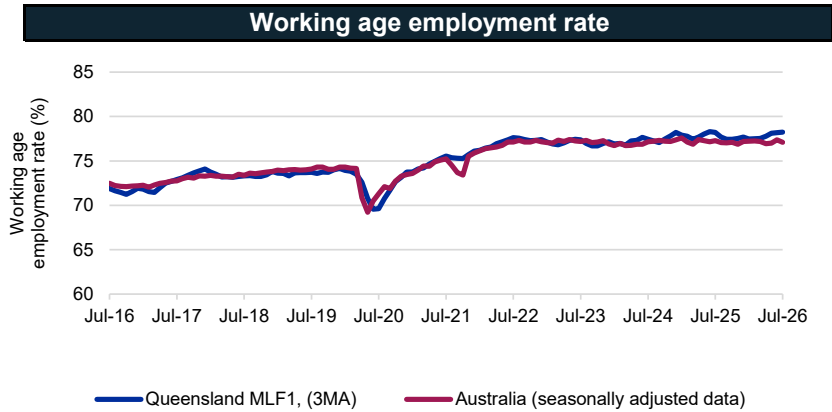
Data current as at 20 August 2026

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

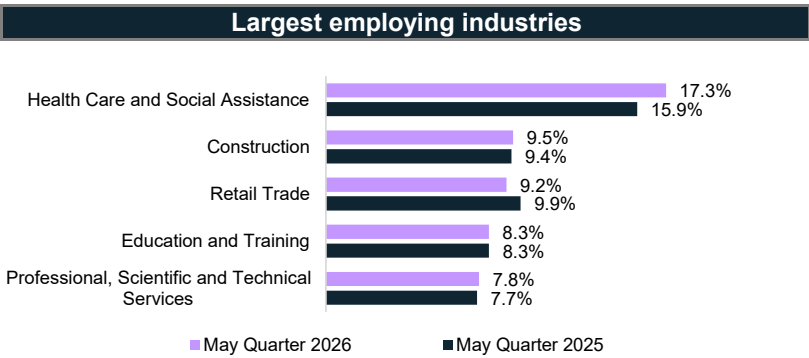
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

| 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 (%) |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| 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.



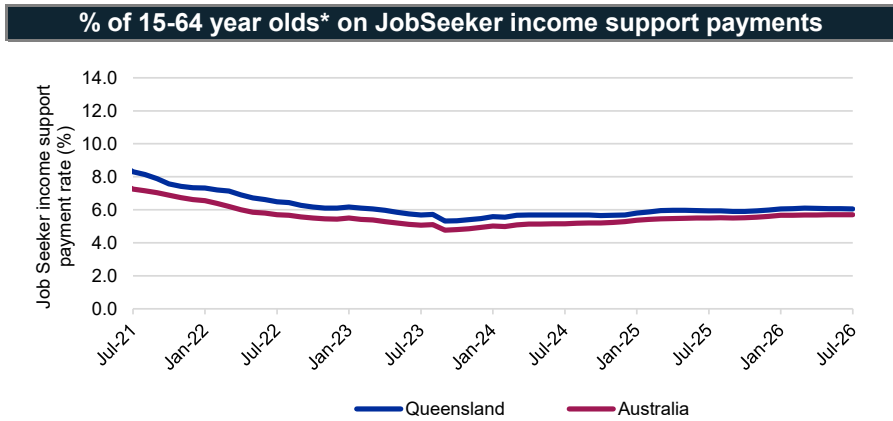
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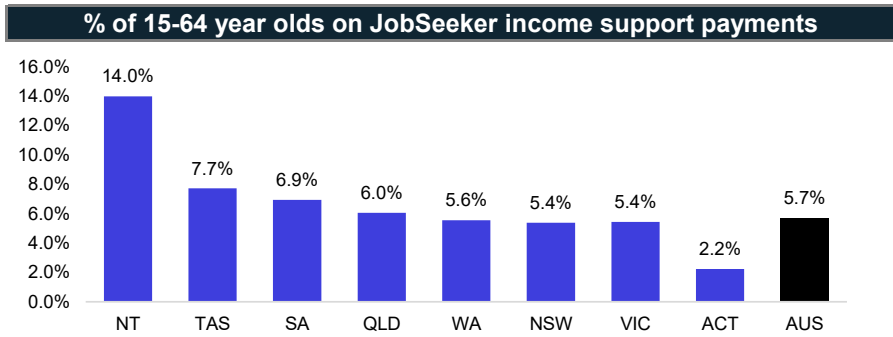
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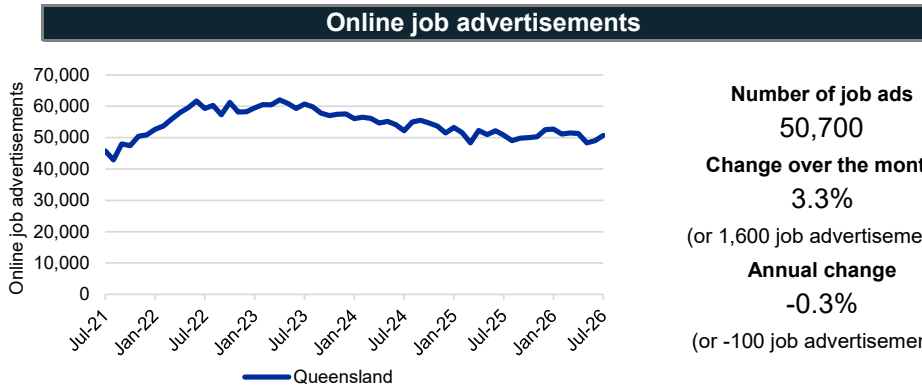
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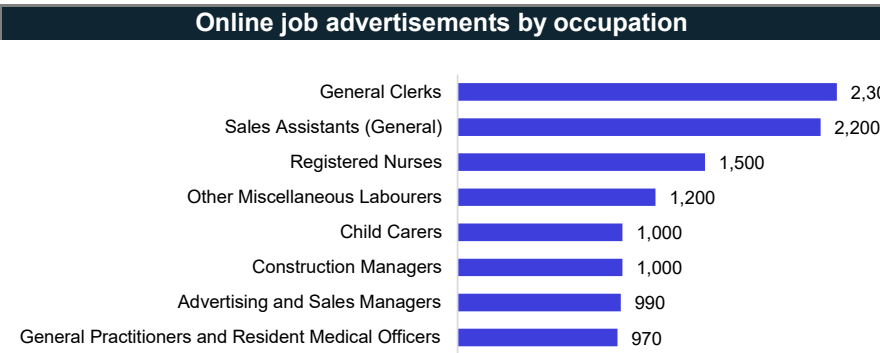
| Change in JobSeeker income support payments |            |           |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                             | Queensland | Australia |
| Payments - July 2025                        | 217,830    | 986,090   |
| Payments - July 2026                        | 225,215    | 1,035,160 |
| Change (July 2025 to July 2026)             | ↑ 7,385    | ↑ 49,070  |
| Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)           | ↑ 3.4%     | ↑ 5.0%    |



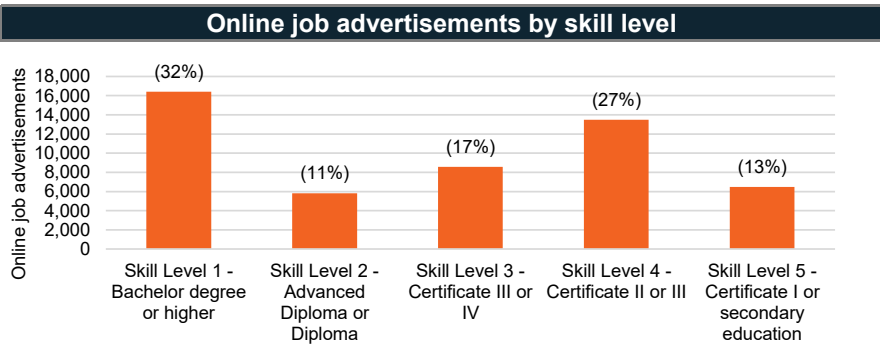
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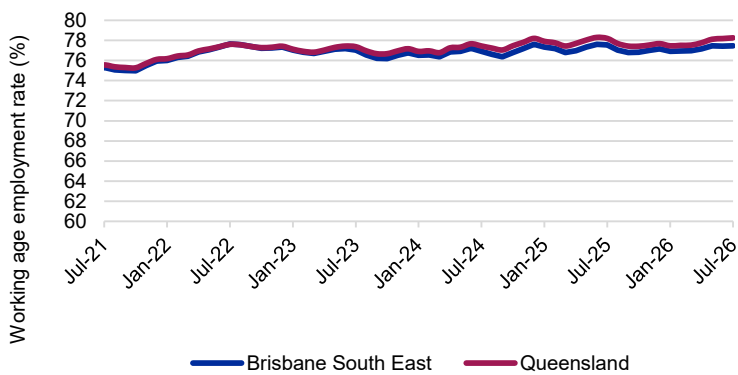
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|                             | Working age employment rate |               | Unemployment     |                  |               | Unemployment rate |               | Working age participation rate |               | Youth unemployment rate |               |
|                             | Jul-26<br>(%)               | Jul-25<br>(%) | Jul-26<br>('000) | Jul-25<br>('000) | Change<br>(%) | Jul-26<br>(%)     | Jul-25<br>(%) | Jul-26<br>(%)                  | Jul-25<br>(%) | Jul-26<br>(%)           | Jul-25<br>(%) |
| Brisbane South East         | 77.5                        | 77.5          | 28.4             | 26.8             | 6.0           | 4.6               | 4.4           | 81.2                           | 81.1          | 11.2                    | 10.6          |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2          | 133.3            | 128.7            | 3.6           | 4.2               | 4.1           | 81.7                           | 81.5          | 9.8                     | 9.2           |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3          | 691.5            | 646.5            | 7.0           | 4.5               | 4.2           | 80.8                           | 80.8          | 10.4                    | 9.8           |

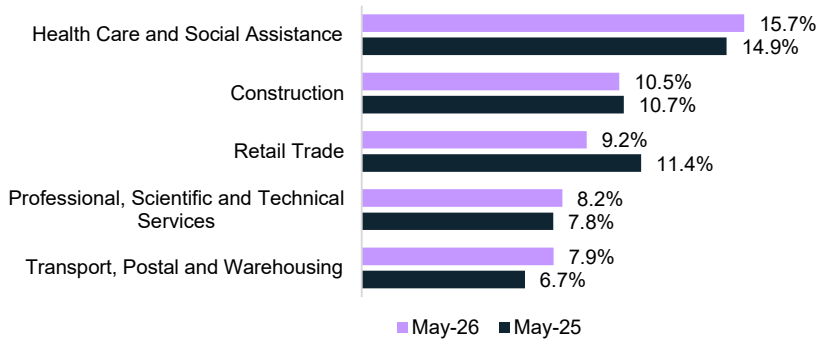
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#### Working age employment rate (%)



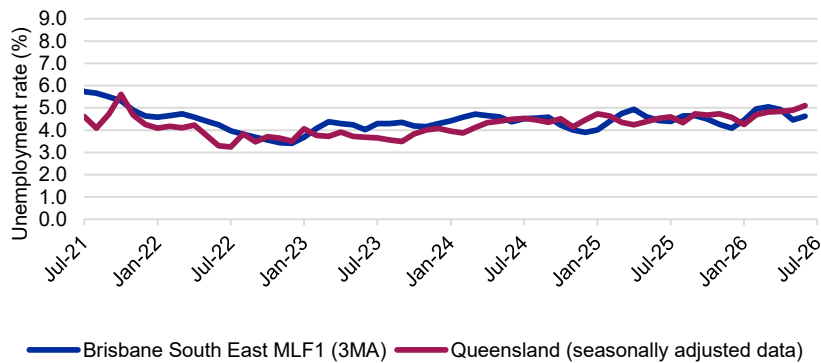
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#### Largest employing industries



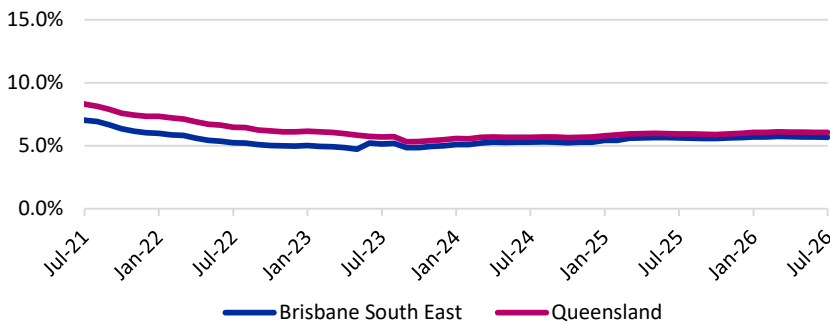
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#### Unemployment rate



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#### JobSeeker income support payments



#### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Brisbane South East | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 40,625              | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 41,920              | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 1,295               | 7,385      |
|                                    | 3.2%                | 3.4%       |

#### % 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 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Brisbane South East | 41,920                                    | 5.7%                                             |
| Queensland          | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia           | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

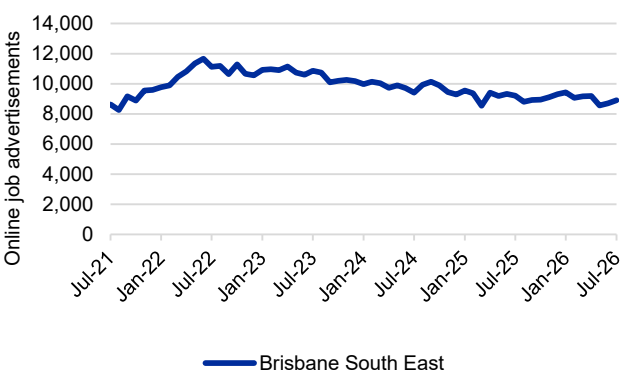
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#### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Logan                       | 5.6    | 4.8    |
| Brisbane                    | 4.0    | 3.8    |
| Scenic Rim                  | 3.8    | 4.1    |
| Redland                     | 3.6    | 3.4    |

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

#### Online job advertisements



Number of job ads  
8,900

Change over the month  
2.4%

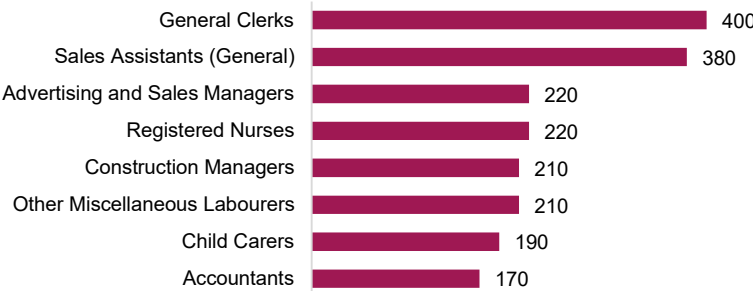
(-300 job advertisements)

Annual change  
-3.3%

(200 job advertisements)

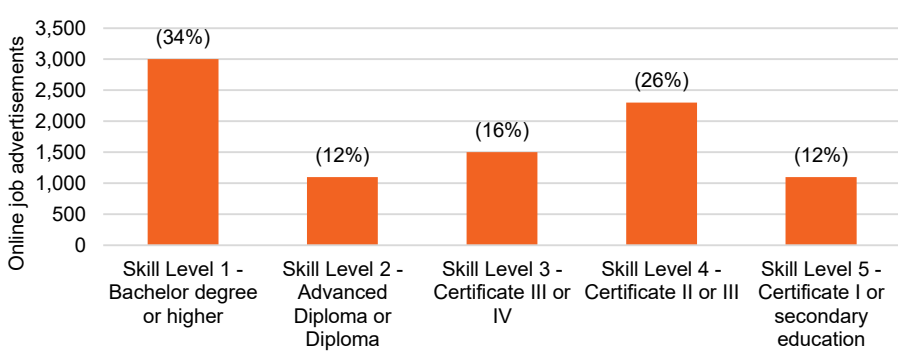
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#### Online job advertisements by occupation



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#### Online job advertisements by skill level



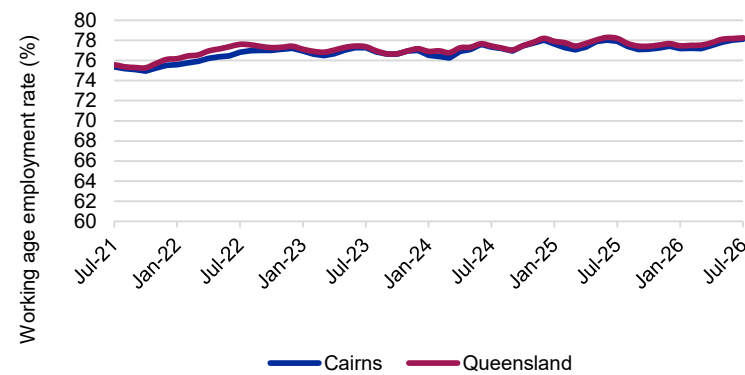
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|                             | Working age employment rate |            | Unemployment  |               |            | Unemployment rate |            | Working age participation rate |            | Youth unemployment rate |            |
|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Cairns                      | 78.1                        | 77.9       | 7.2           | 7.0           | 2.9        | 4.7               | 4.6        | 82.1                           | 81.8       | 11.5                    | 10.7       |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

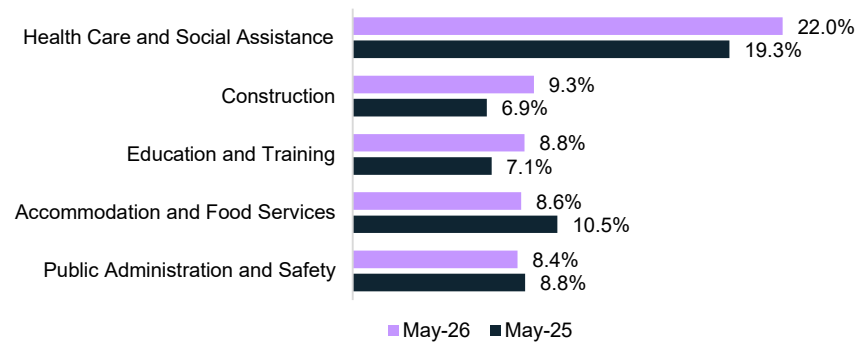
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### Working age employment rate (%)



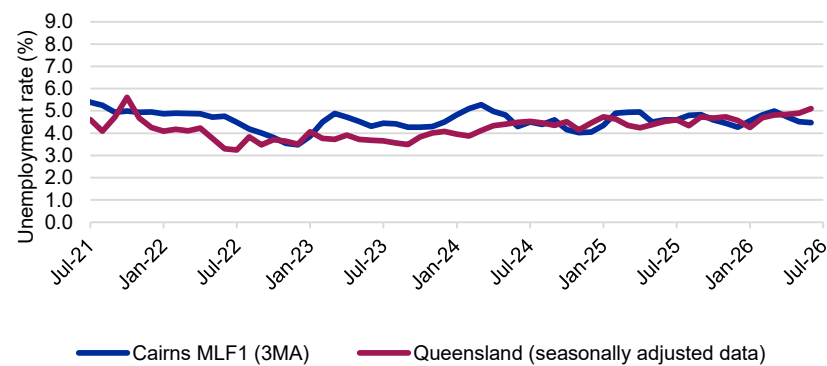
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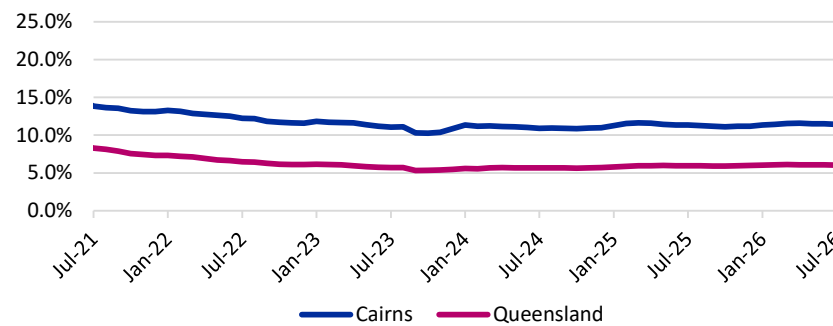
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### Unemployment rate



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### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Cairns | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 19,715 | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 20,020 | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 305    | 7,385      |
|                                    | 1.5%   | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Cairns     | 20,020                                    | 11.4%                                            |
| Queensland | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia  | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

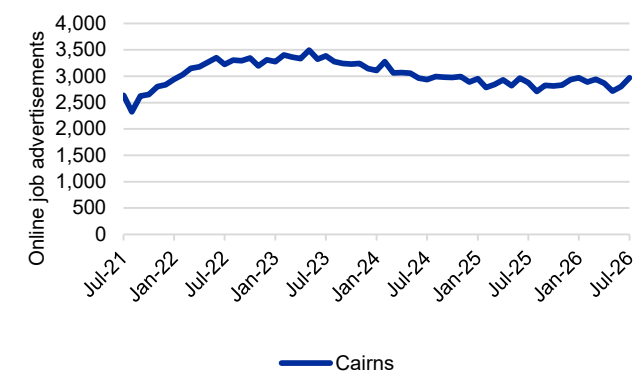
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Yarrabah*                   | 74.5   | 42.7   |
| Mareeba                     | 7.5    | 4.8    |
| Cassowary Coast             | 7.1    | 4.2    |
| Tablelands                  | 6.0    | 3.5    |
| Douglas                     | 5.1    | 3.2    |

Note: \* data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter

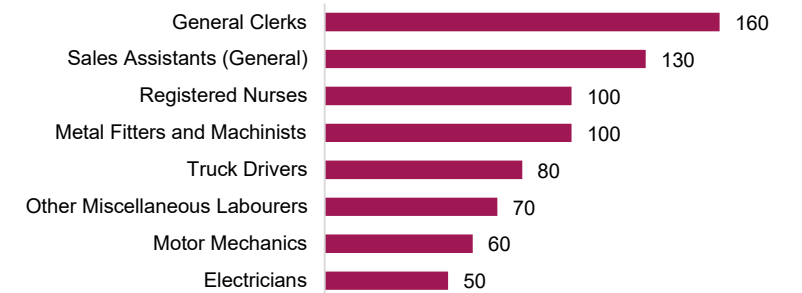
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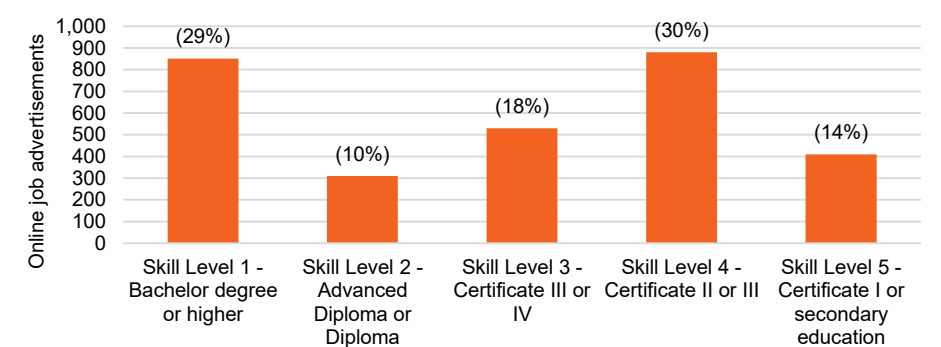
Number of job ads  
3,000  
Change over the month  
6.0%  
(100 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
3.1%  
(200 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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### Online job advertisements by skill level



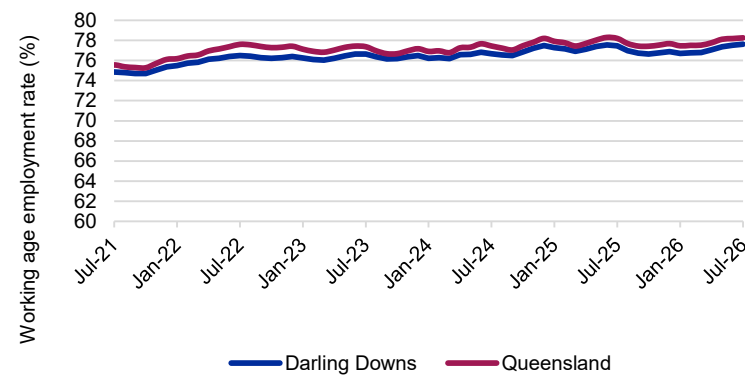
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|                             | Working age employment rate |            | Unemployment  |               |            | Unemployment rate |            | Working age participation rate |            | Youth unemployment rate |            |
|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Darling Downs               | 77.6                        | 77.5       | 5.9           | 5.7           | 3.7        | 3.6               | 3.5        | 80.7                           | 80.4       | 8.8                     | 8.1        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

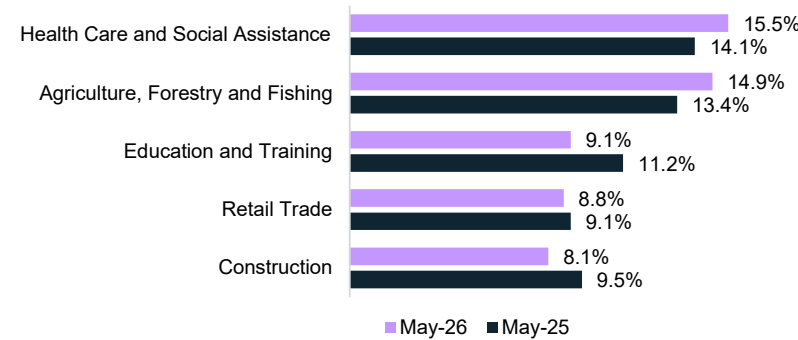
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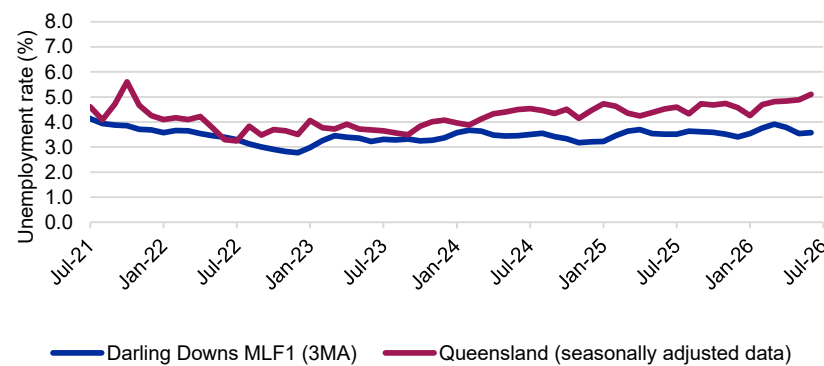
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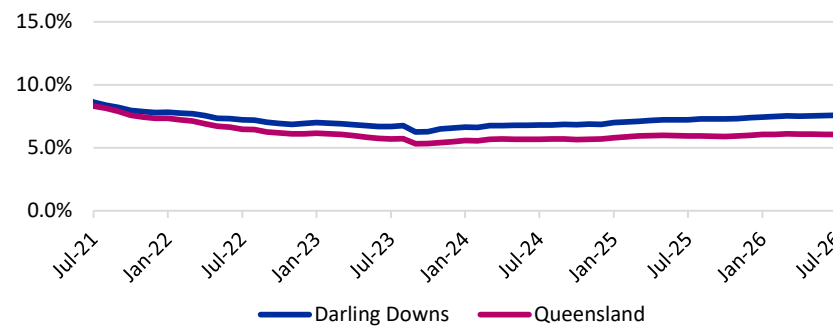
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### Unemployment rate



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### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Darling Downs | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 13,515        | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 14,180        | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 665           | 7,385      |
|                                    | 4.9%          | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Darling Downs | 14,180                                    | 7.6%                                             |
| Queensland    | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia     | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

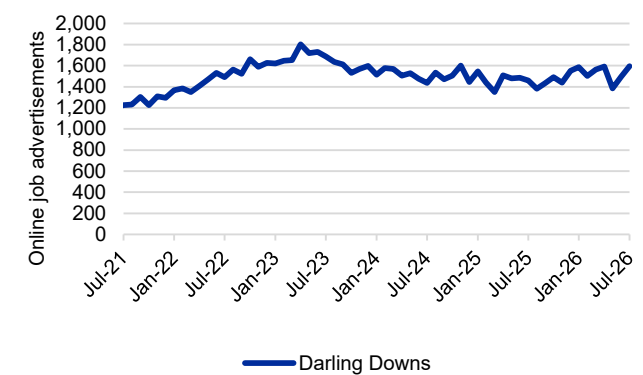
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Balonne                     | 5.4    | 3.3    |
| Western Downs               | 4.5    | 3.1    |
| Southern Downs              | 4.3    | 2.8    |
| Toowoomba                   | 3.8    | 2.5    |
| Lockyer Valley              | 3.7    | 3.7    |

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

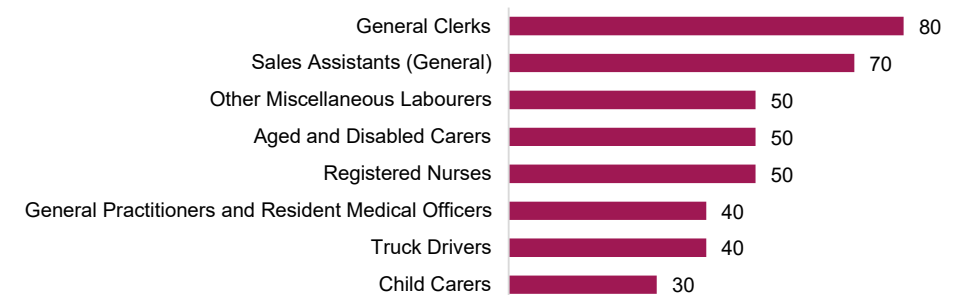
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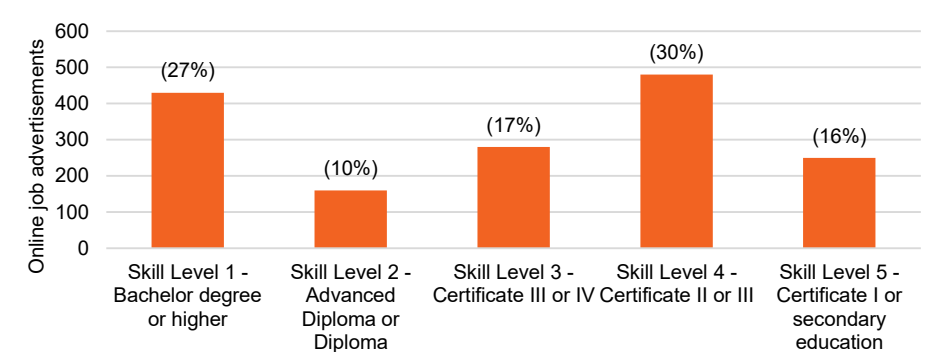
Number of job ads  
1,600  
Change over the month  
6.7%  
(100 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
9.3%  
(100 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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### Online job advertisements by skill level

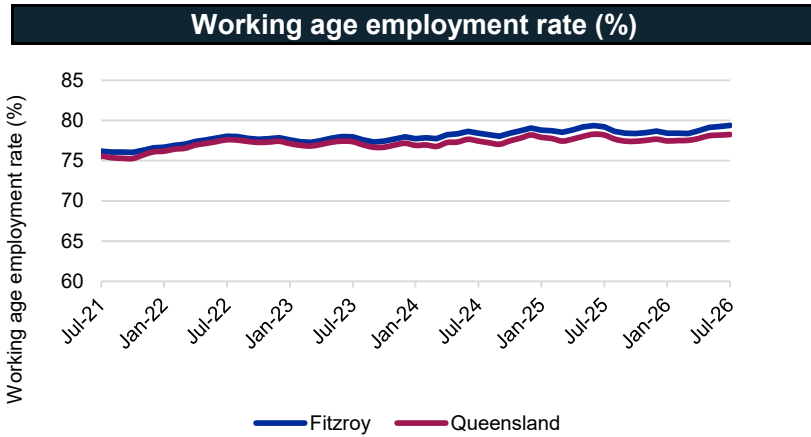


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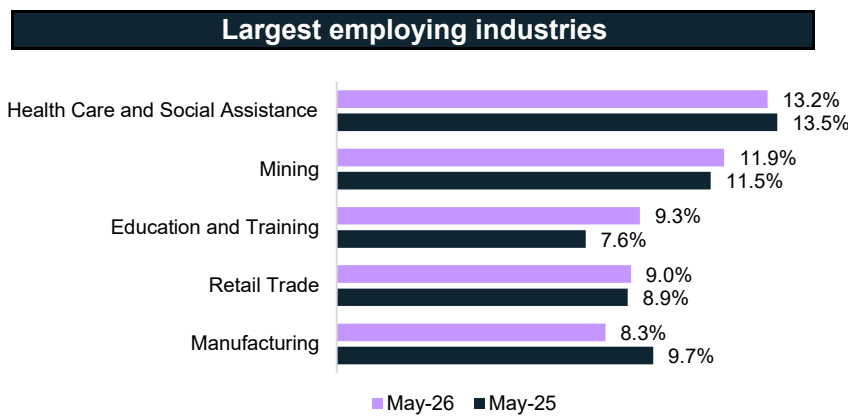
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|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Fitzroy                     | 79.4                        | 79.2       | 6.3           | 6.1           | 3.5        | 4.6               | 4.5        | 83.3                           | 83.0       | 10.0                    | 9.2        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
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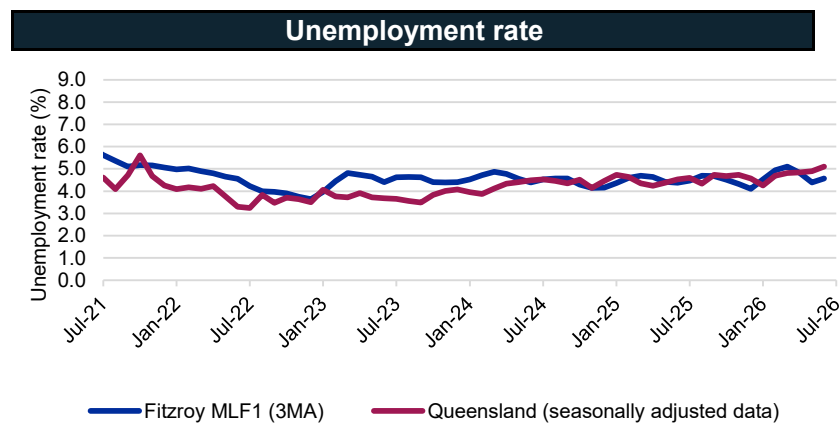
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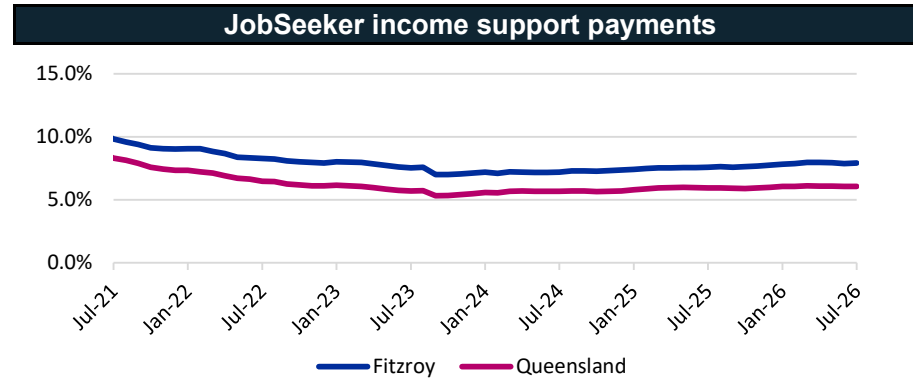
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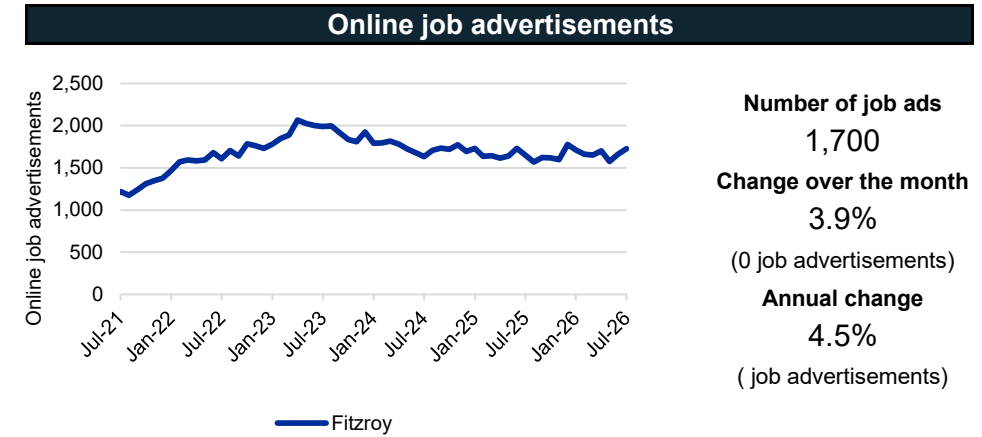
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|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 11,755  | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 12,325  | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 570     | 7,385      |
|                                    | 4.8%    | 3.4%       |

| % 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 |
| Fitzroy                                                   | 12,325                                    | 7.9%                                             |
| Queensland                                                | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia                                                 | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

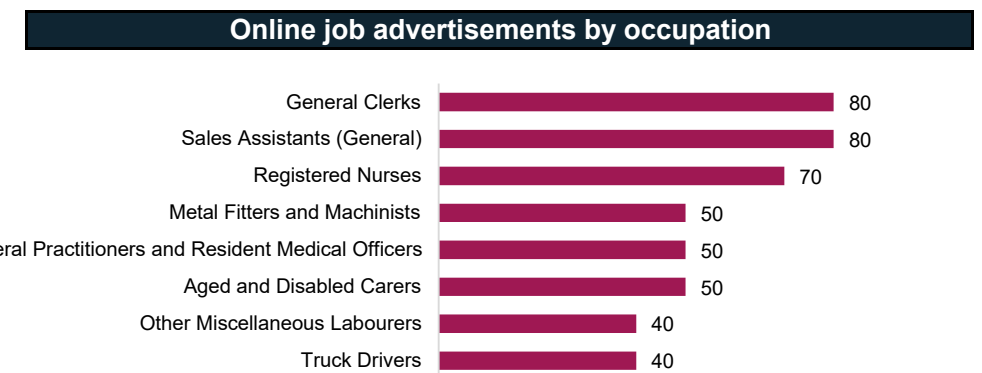
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| LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%) |        |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Local Government Area (LGA)              | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
| Woorabinda*                              | 6.0    | 8.6    |
| Gladstone                                | 4.6    | 6.6    |
| Rockhampton                              | 4.2    | 6.3    |
| Central Highlands (Qld)                  | 2.9    | 4.3    |
| Banana                                   | 2.6    | 3.7    |

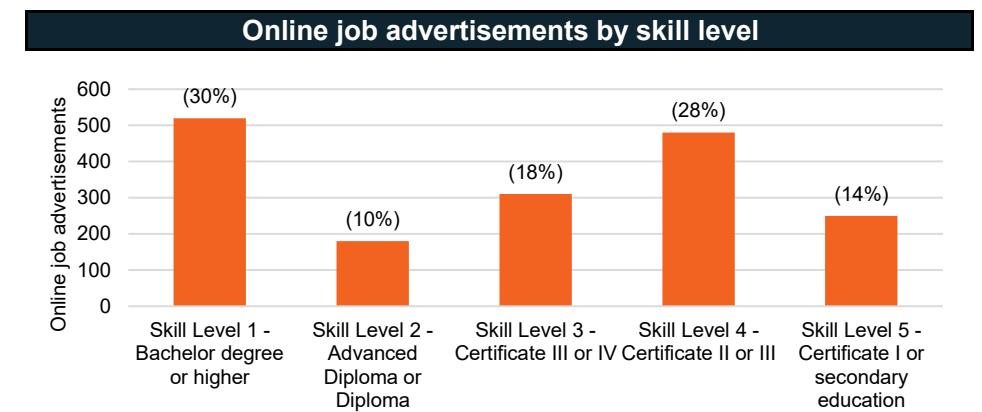
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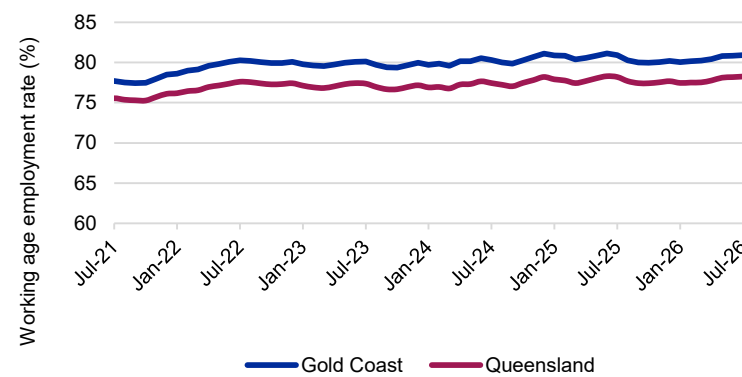
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|                             | Working age employment rate |            | Unemployment  |               |            | Unemployment rate |            | Working age participation rate |            | Youth unemployment rate |            |
|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Gold Coast                  | 80.9                        | 80.9       | 12.9          | 12.4          | 4.6        | 3.1               | 3.0        | 83.6                           | 83.5       | 7.1                     | 6.7        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

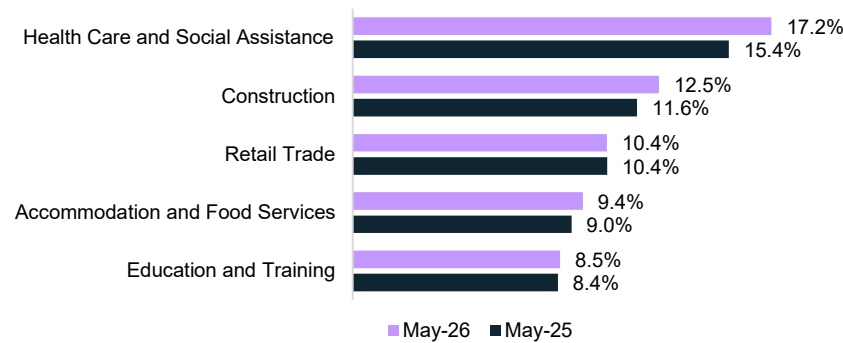
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### Working age employment rate (%)



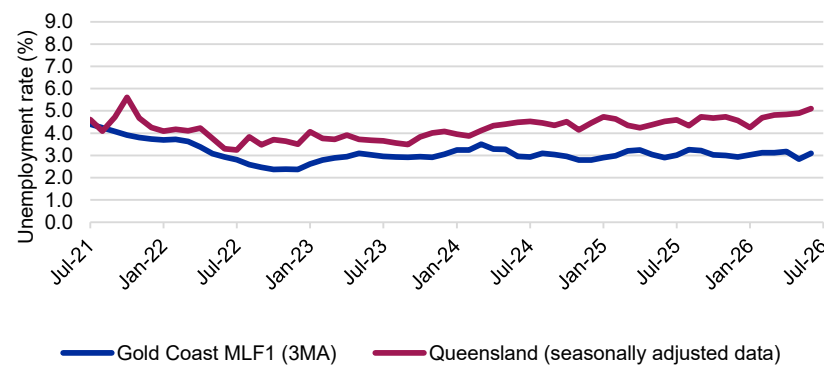
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### Largest employing industries



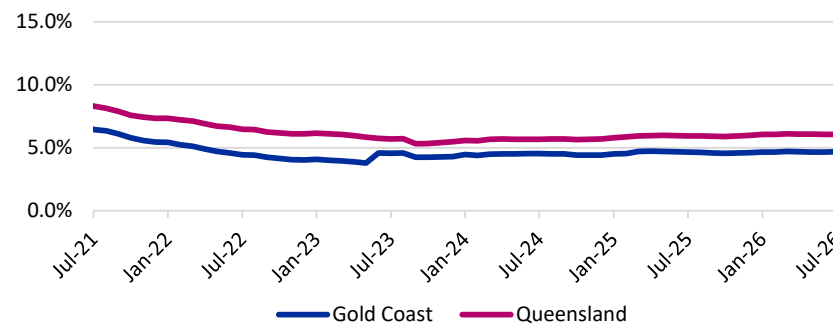
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### Unemployment rate



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

### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Gold Coast | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 21,665     | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 22,105     | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 440        | 7,385      |
|                                    | 2.0%       | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Gold Coast | 22,105                                    | 4.7%                                             |
| Queensland | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia  | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

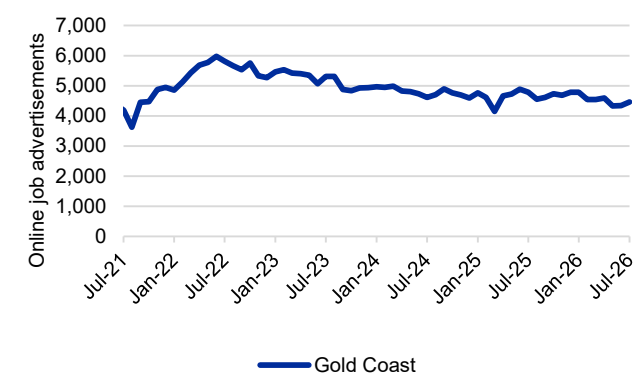
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Scenic Rim                  | 3.8    | 4.1    |
| Tweed                       | 3.4    | 2.9    |
| Gold Coast                  | 3.1    | 3.4    |

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

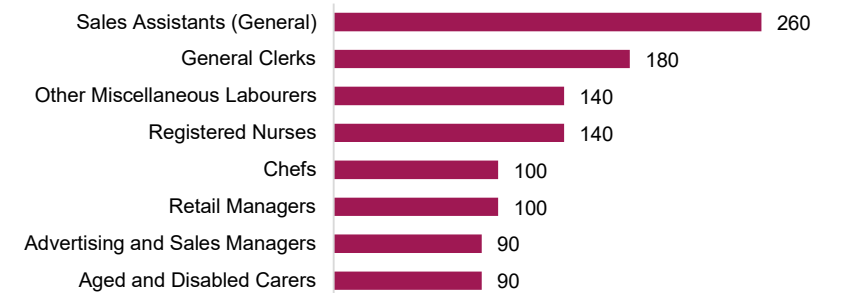
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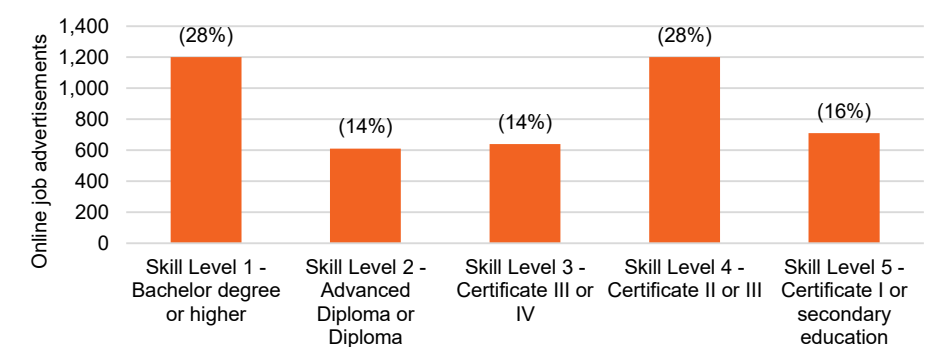
Number of job ads  
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Change over the month  
2.8%  
(-300 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
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(200 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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### Online job advertisements by skill level

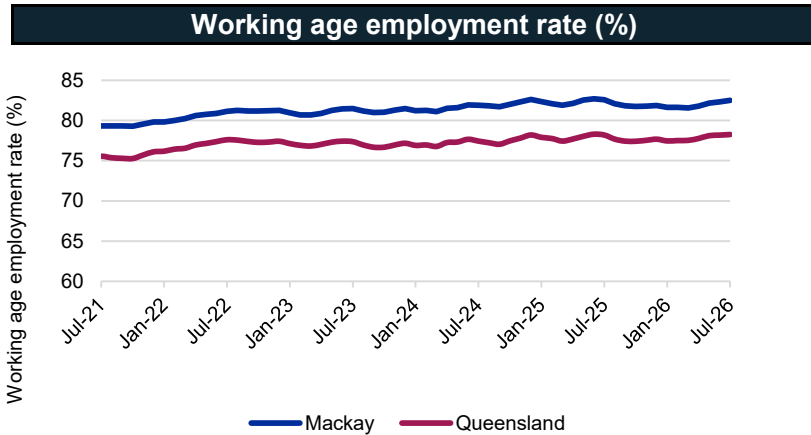


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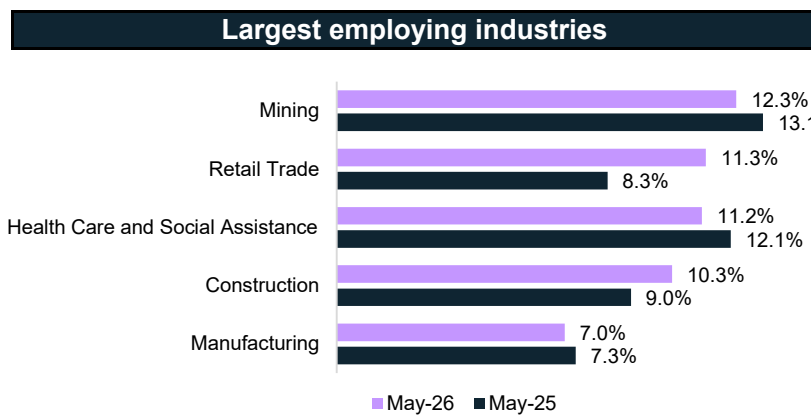
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|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Mackay                      | 82.5                        | 82.6       | 3.4           | 3.3           | 3.8        | 3.0               | 2.9        | 85.1                           | 85.1       | 6.2                     | 5.6        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

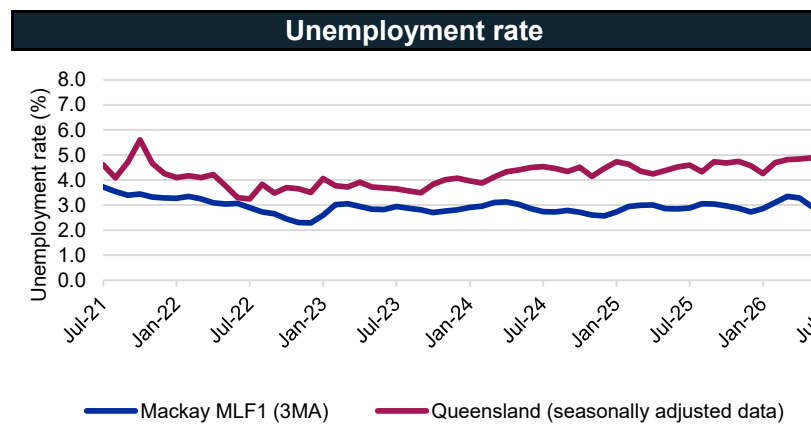
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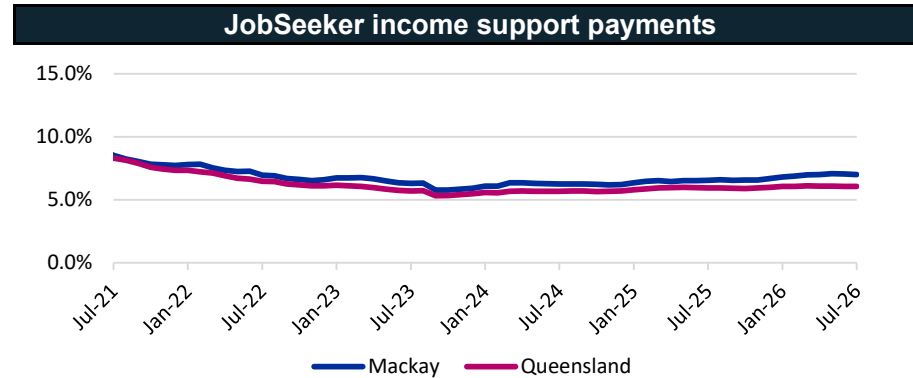
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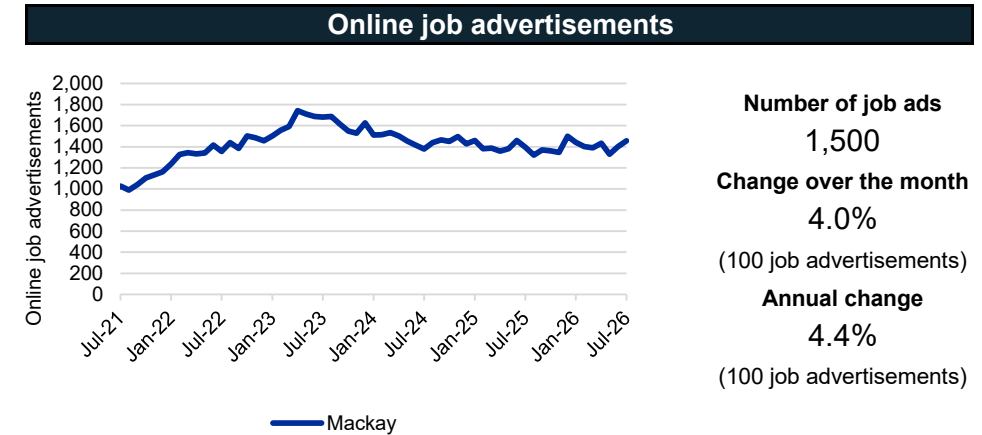
| Change in JobSeeker income support payments |        |            |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                                             | Mackay | Queensland |
| Payments - July 2025                        | 8,355  | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026                        | 9,000  | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026          | ↑ 645  | ↑ 7,385    |
|                                             | ↑ 7.7% | ↑ 3.4%     |

| % 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 |
| Mackay                                                    | 9,000                                     | 7.0%                                             |
| Queensland                                                | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia                                                 | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

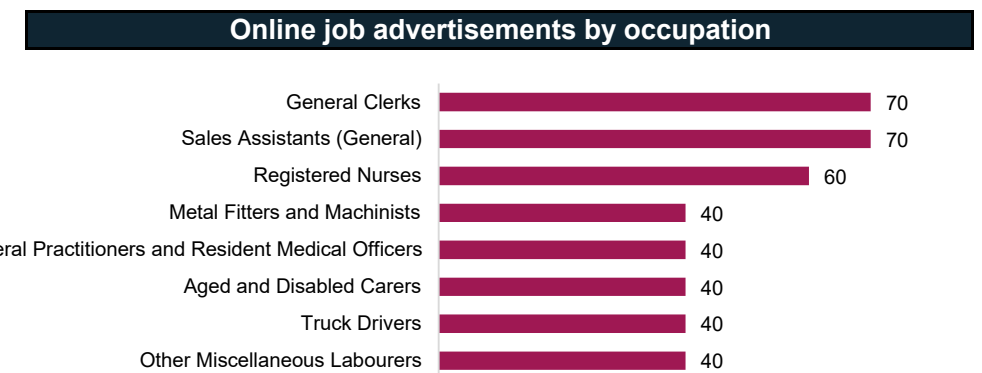
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| LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%) |        |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Local Government Area (LGA)              | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
| Whitsunday                               | 3.6    | 2.2    |
| Mackay                                   | 3.2    | 2.0    |
| Isaac                                    | 1.5    | 0.8    |

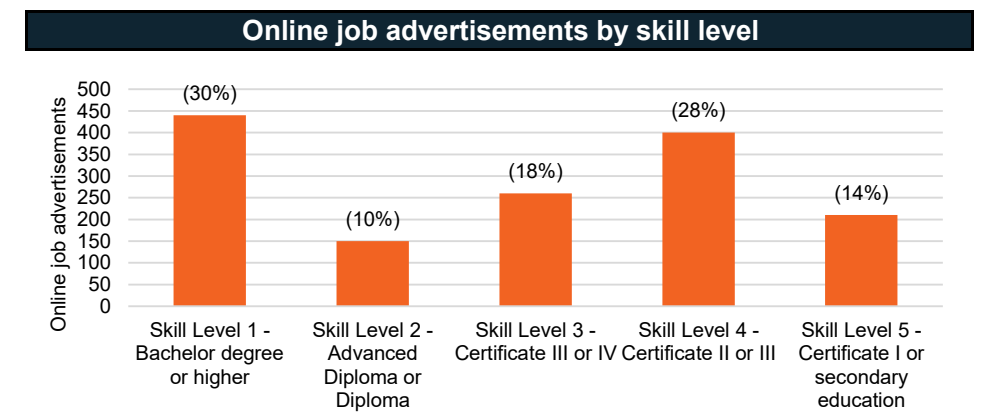
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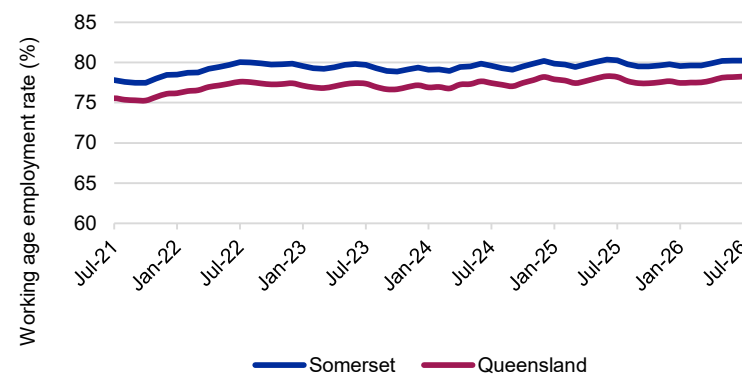
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|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Somerset                    | 80.2                        | 80.3       | 25.5          | 24.6          | 3.7        | 3.8               | 3.7        | 83.4                           | 83.4       | 9.1                     | 8.8        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

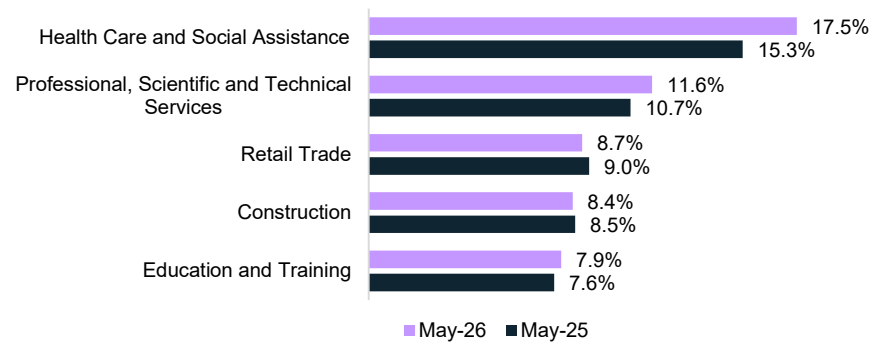
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### Working age employment rate (%)



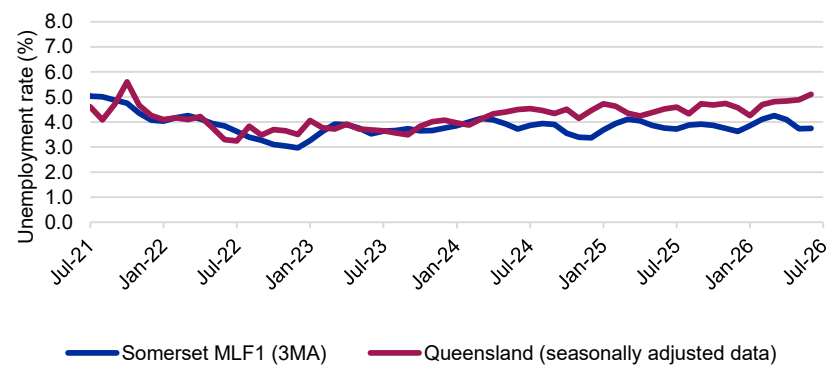
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### Largest employing industries



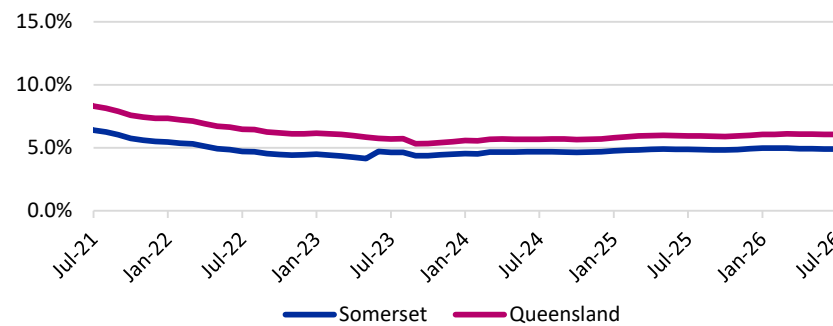
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### Unemployment rate



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

### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Somerset | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 37,000   | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 38,040   | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 1,040    | 7,385      |
|                                    | 2.8%     | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Somerset   | 38,040                                    | 4.9%                                             |
| Queensland | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia  | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

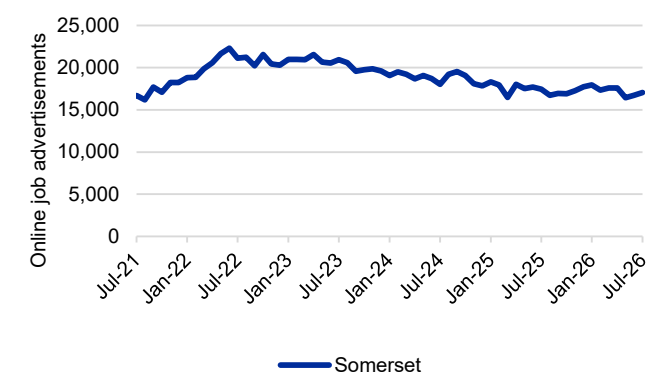
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Moreton Bay                 | 4.8    | 4.7    |
| Brisbane                    | 4.0    | 3.8    |
| Somerset                    | 4.0    | 4.8    |

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

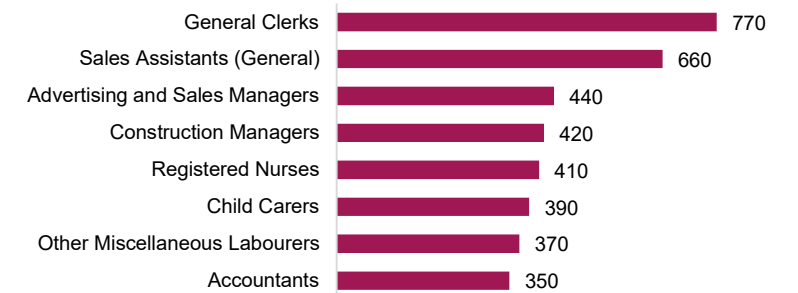
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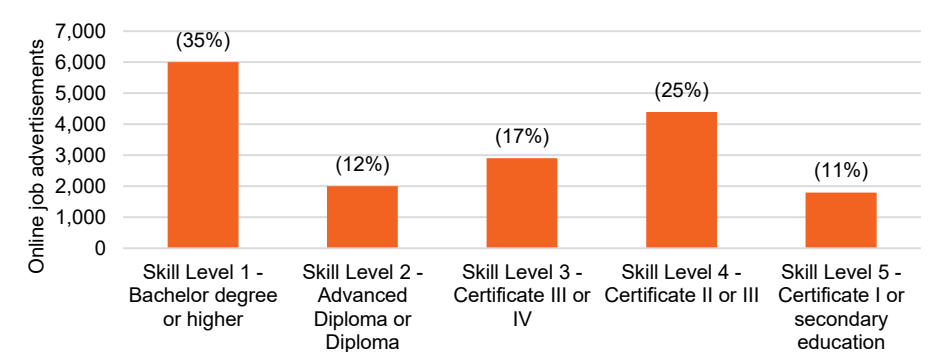
Number of job ads  
17,100  
Change over the month  
2.1%  
(-300 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
-2.3%  
(400 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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

### Online job advertisements by skill level



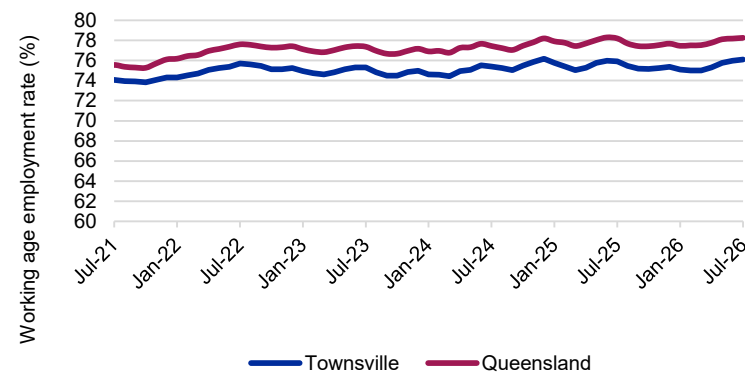
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|                             | Working age employment rate |            | Unemployment  |               |            | Unemployment rate |            | Working age participation rate |            | Youth unemployment rate |            |
|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Townsville                  | 76.1                        | 75.9       | 6.7           | 6.5           | 3.0        | 5.0               | 4.9        | 80.2                           | 80.0       | 10.9                    | 10.2       |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

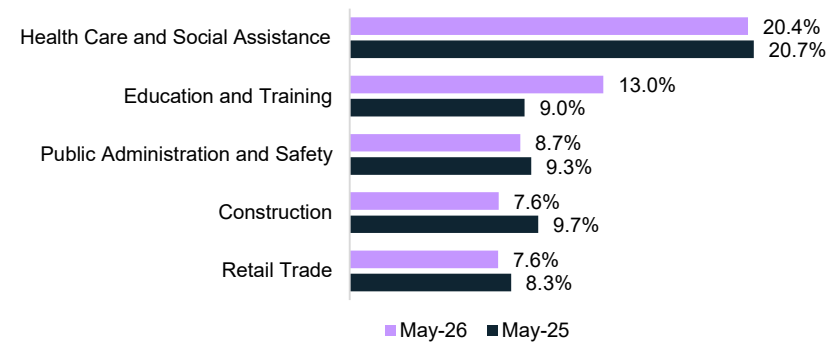
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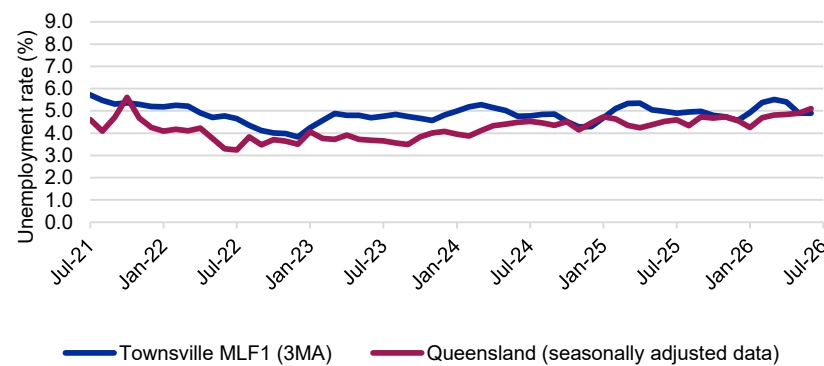
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### Largest employing industries



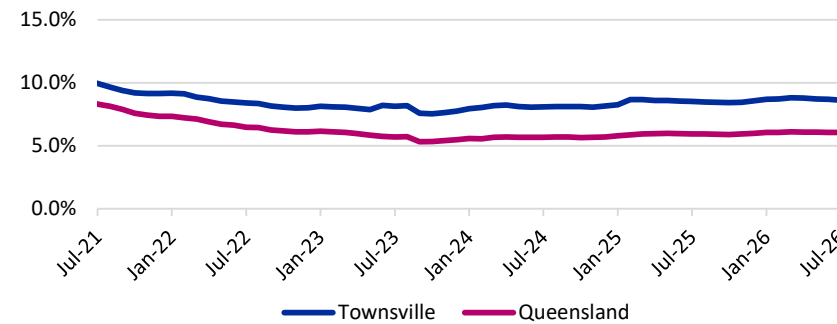
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### Unemployment rate



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

### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Townsville | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 13,395     | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 13,630     | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 235        | 7,385      |
|                                    | 1.8%       | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Townsville | 13,630                                    | 8.6%                                             |
| Queensland | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia  | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

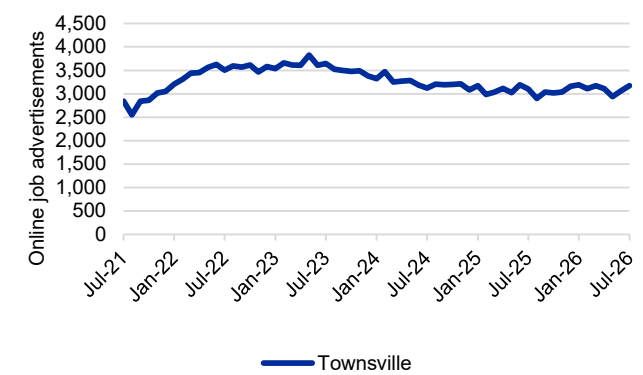
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Charters Towers             | 6.6    | 5.9    |
| Hinchinbrook                | 5.7    | 5.3    |
| Burdekin                    | 5.5    | 4.8    |
| Townsville                  | 5.1    | 4.7    |
| Mount Isa                   | 3.6    | 3.7    |

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

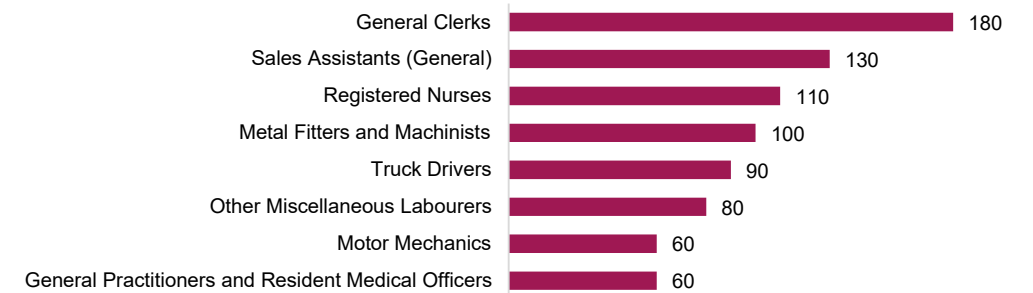
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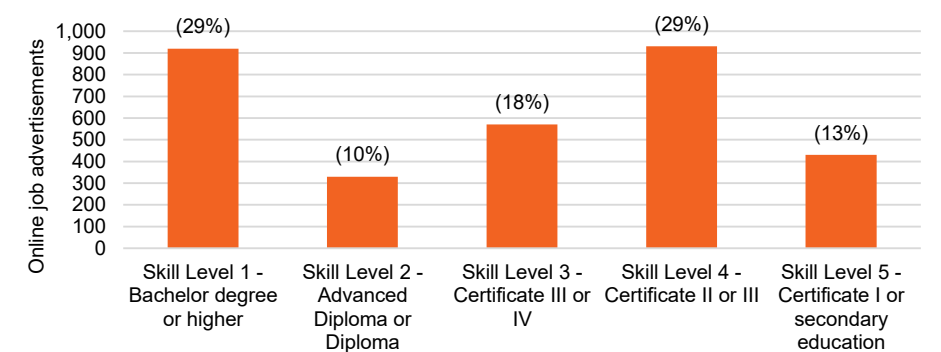
Number of job ads  
3,200  
Change over the month  
3.7%  
(100 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
2.3%  
(100 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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

### Online job advertisements by skill level



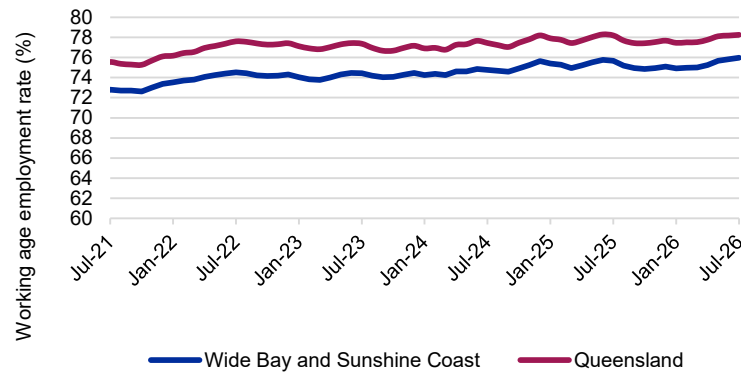
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|                             | Working age employment rate |            | Unemployment  |               |            | Unemployment rate |            | Working age participation rate |            | Youth unemployment rate |            |
|                             | Jul-26 (%)                  | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 ('000) | Jul-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Jul-26 (%)        | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)                     | Jul-25 (%) | Jul-26 (%)              | Jul-25 (%) |
| Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast | 76.0                        | 75.7       | 15.1          | 15.1          | 0.0        | 3.8               | 3.9        | 79.1                           | 78.9       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

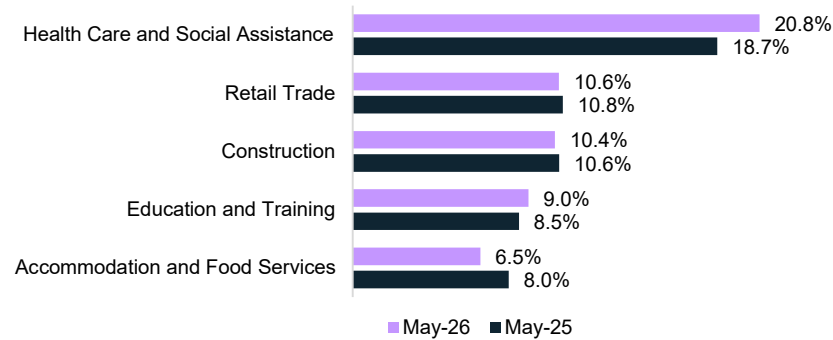
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### Working age employment rate (%)



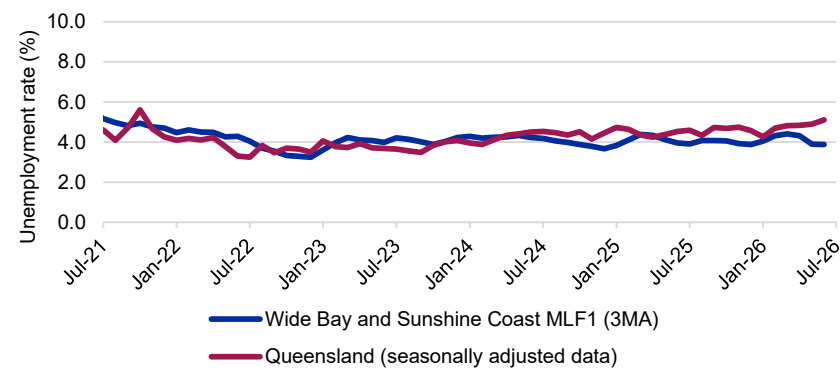
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### Largest employing industries



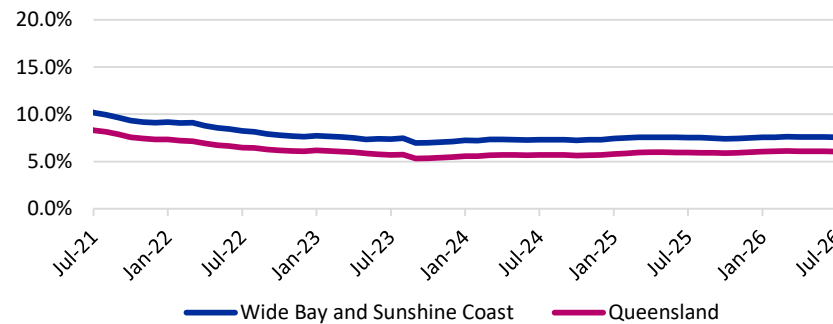
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### Unemployment rate



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### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                    | Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast | Queensland |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Payments - July 2025               | 34,500                      | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026               | 35,055                      | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026 | 555                         | 7,385      |
|                                    | 1.6%                        | 3.4%       |

### % 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 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast | 35,055                                    | 7.6%                                             |
| Queensland                  | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
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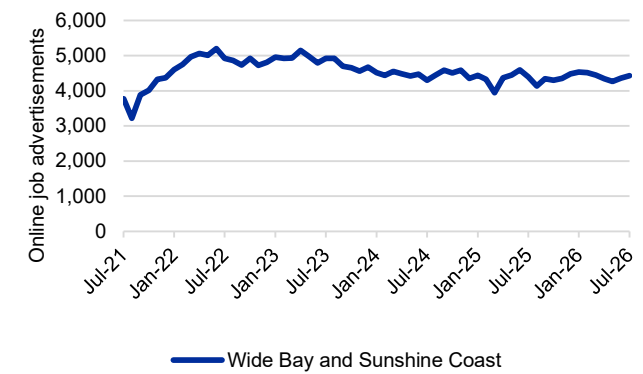
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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cherbourg*                  | 7.0    | 10.6   |
| South Burnett               | 5.0    | 8.0    |
| Fraser Coast                | 4.5    | 7.0    |
| Gympie                      | 4.0    | 6.0    |
| Bundaberg                   | 3.8    | 6.0    |

Note: \* data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter

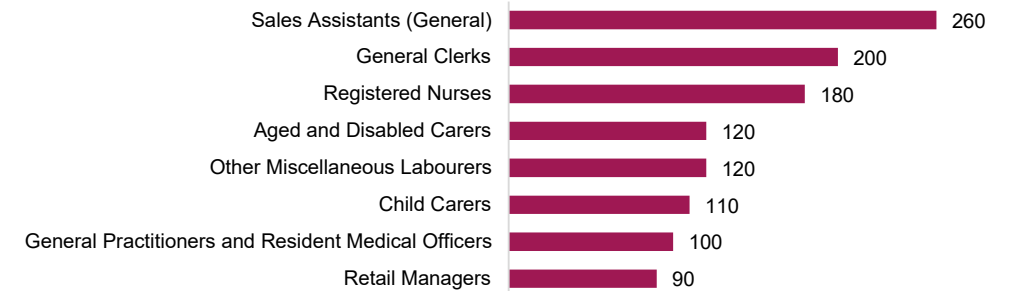
### Online job advertisements



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

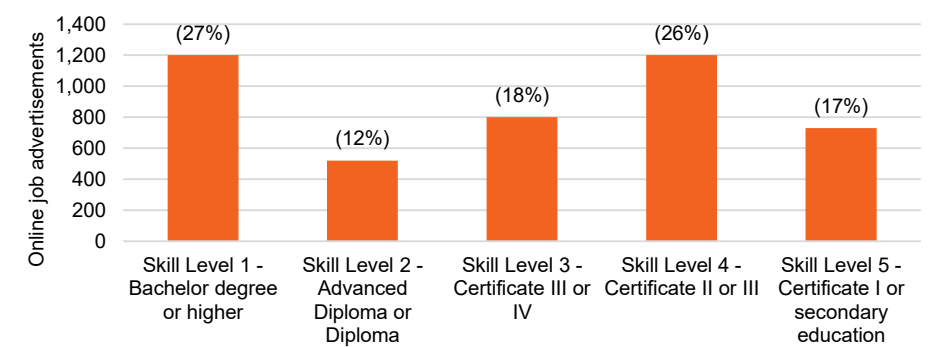
Number of job ads  
4,400  
Change over the month  
1.7%  
(0 job advertisements)  
Annual change  
0.8%  
( job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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

### Online job advertisements by skill level

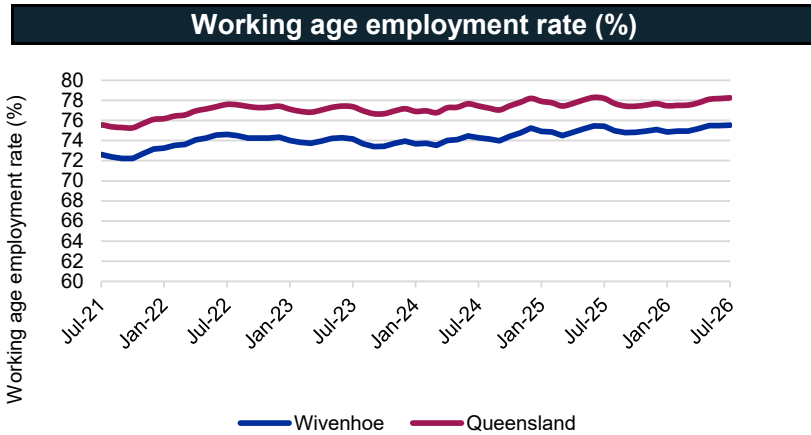


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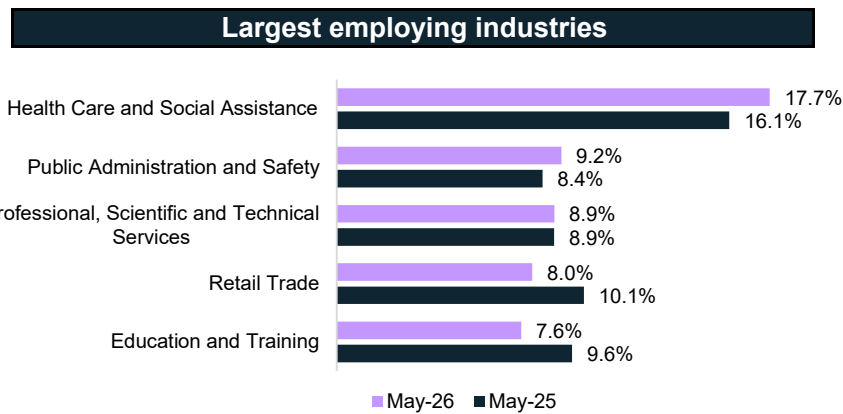
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

| 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 (%) |
| Wivenhoe                    | 75.5                        | 75.4       | 16.4          | 15.5          | 5.6        | 4.8               | 4.6        | 79.4                           | 79.2       | 10.9                    | 10.5       |
| Queensland                  | 78.3                        | 78.2       | 133.3         | 128.7         | 3.6        | 4.2               | 4.1        | 81.7                           | 81.5       | 9.8                     | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.3       | 691.5         | 646.5         | 7.0        | 4.5               | 4.2        | 80.8                           | 80.8       | 10.4                    | 9.8        |

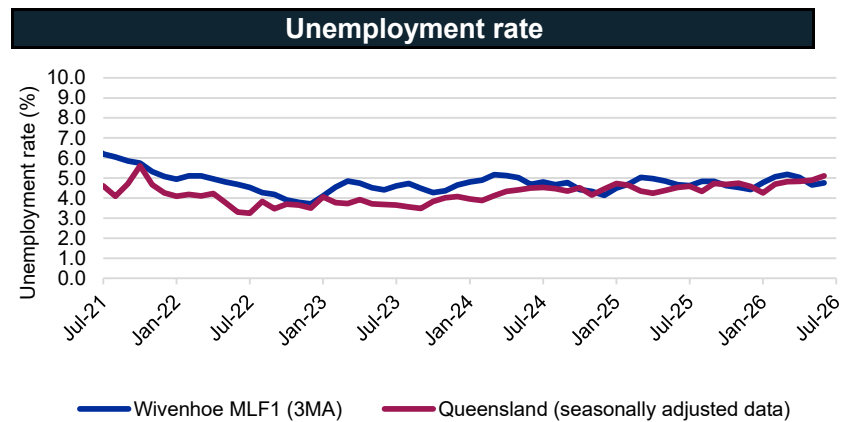
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates July -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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



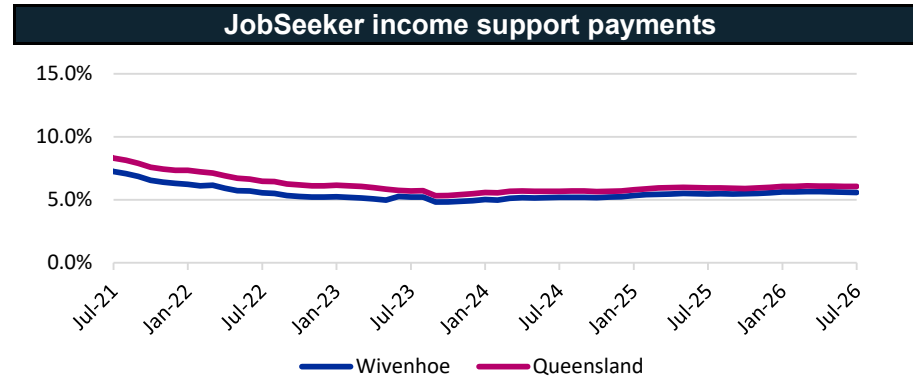
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), July 2026



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



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



| Change in JobSeeker income support payments |          |            |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
|                                             | Wivenhoe | Queensland |
| Payments - July 2025                        | 22,140   | 217,830    |
| Payments - July 2026                        | 23,125   | 225,215    |
| Change from July 2025 to July 2026          | 985      | 7,385      |
|                                             | 4.4%     | 3.4%       |

| % 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 |
| Wivenhoe                                                  | 23,125                                    | 5.6%                                             |
| Queensland                                                | 225,215                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia                                                 | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

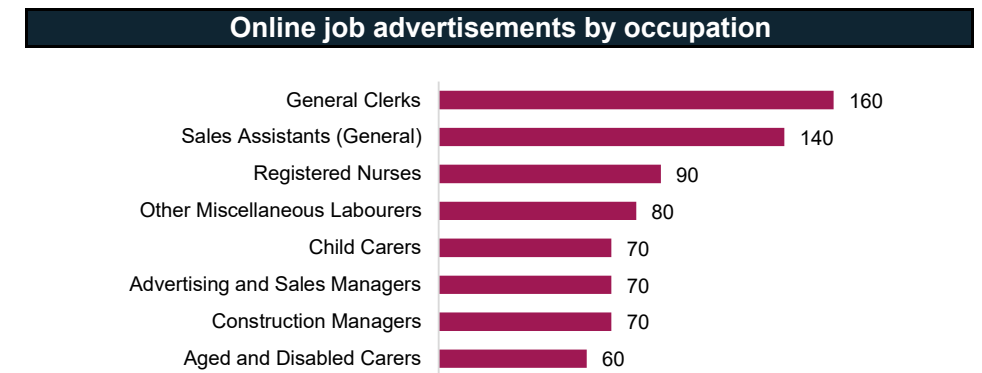
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, July 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) July 2026

| LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%) |        |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Local Government Area (LGA)              | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
| Ipswich                                  | 4.2    | 5.2    |
| Brisbane                                 | 4.0    | 3.8    |
| Somerset                                 | 4.0    | 4.8    |
| Scenic Rim                               | 3.8    | 4.1    |
| Lockyer Valley                           | 3.7    | 3.7    |

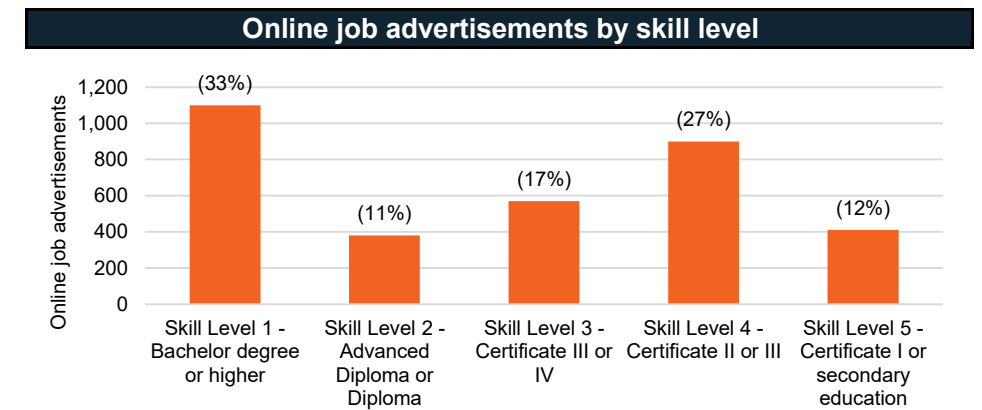
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



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