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Labour Market Dashboard Victoria

Data current as at 20 August 2026

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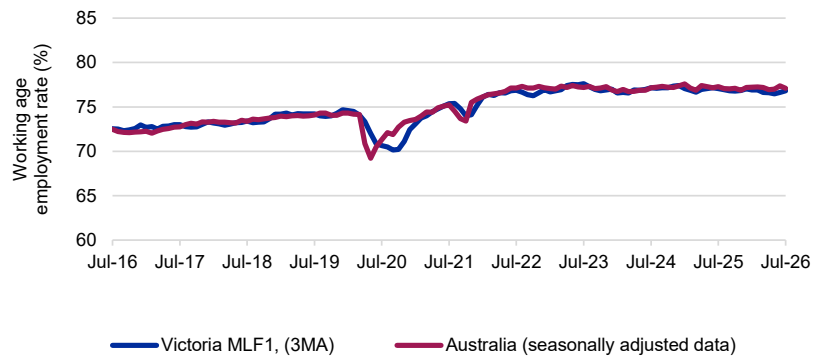
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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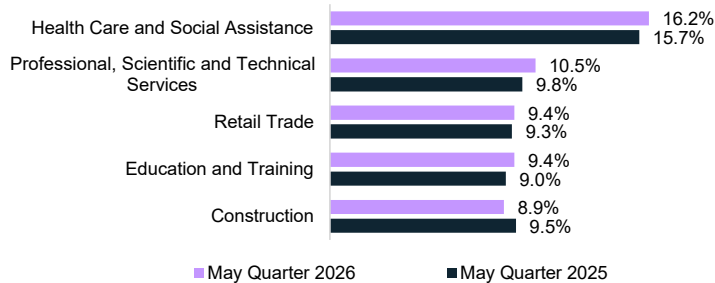
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Working age employment rate



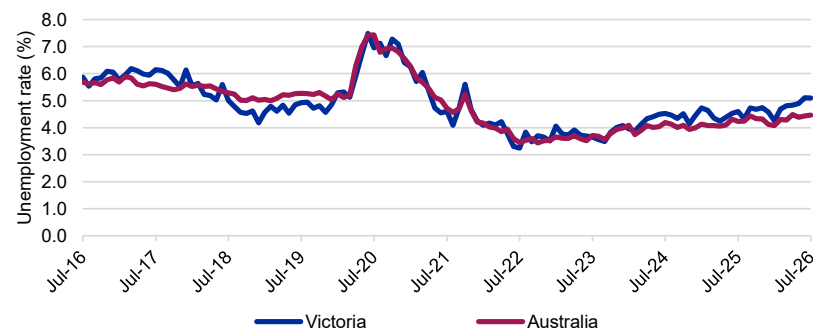
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), July -26

Largest employing industries



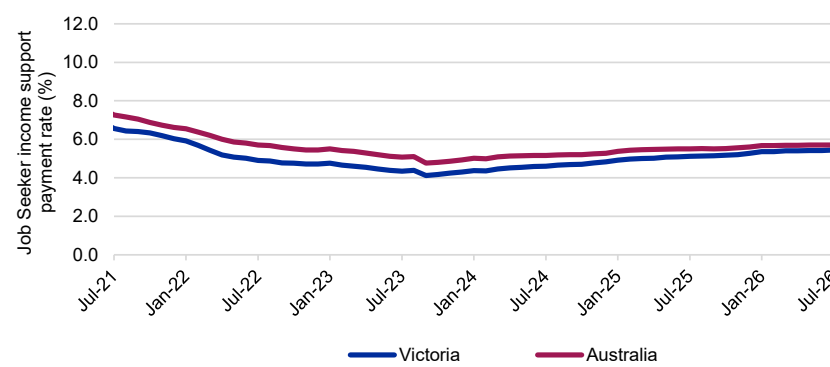
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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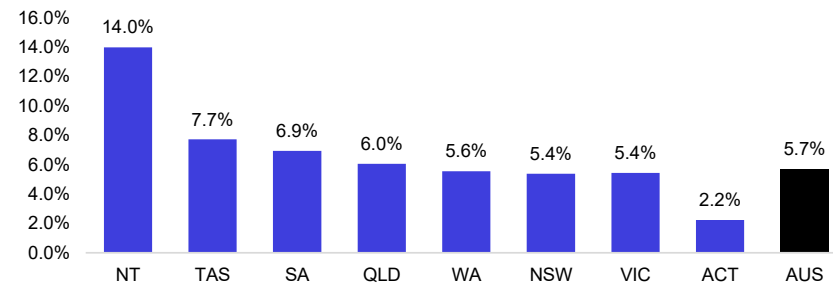
% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

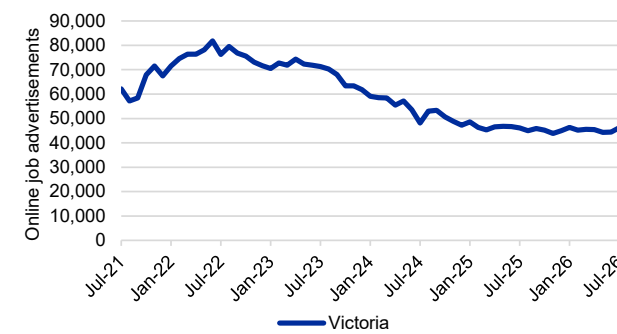
	Victoria	Australia
Payments - July 2025	237,235	986,090
Payments - July 2026	256,555	1,035,160
Change (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 19,320	↑ 49,070
Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 8.1%	↑ 5.0%

% 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

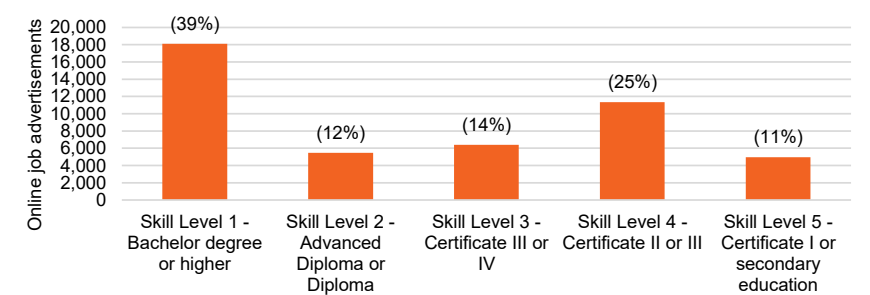
Number of job ads
46,200
Change over the month
4.2%
(or 1,800 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.3%
(or 100 job advertisements)

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.

Labour Market Dashboard

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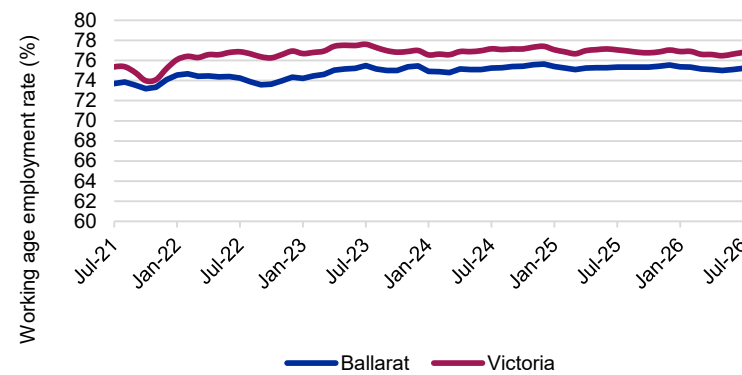
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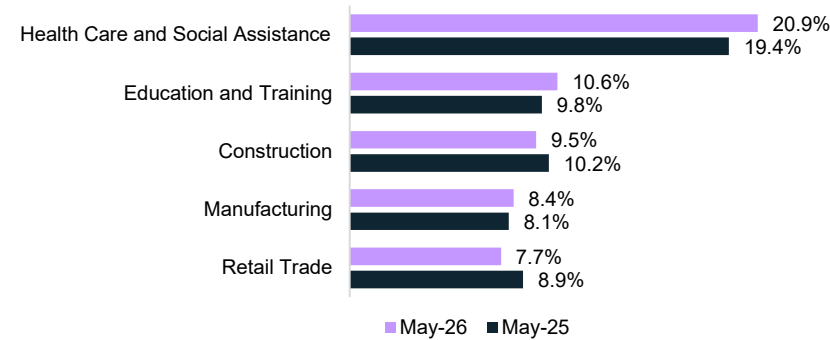
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Working age employment rate (%)



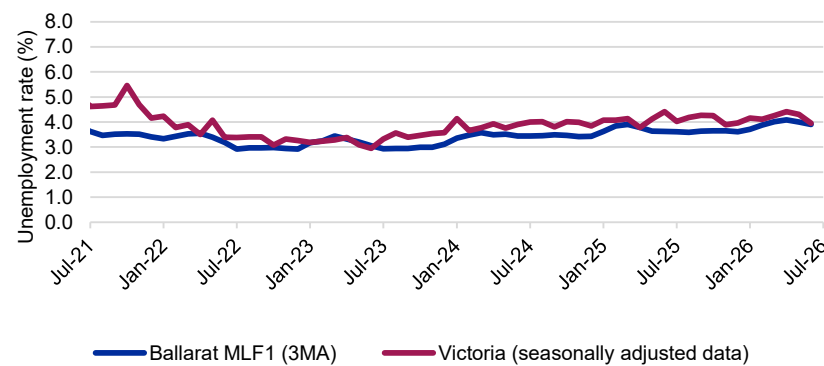
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Largest employing industries



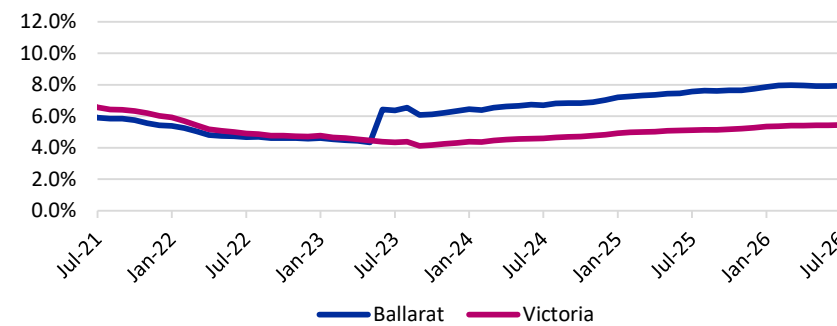
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	8,485	237,235
Payments - July 2026	8,975	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	490	19,320
	5.8%	8.1%

% 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
Ballarat	8,975	7.9%
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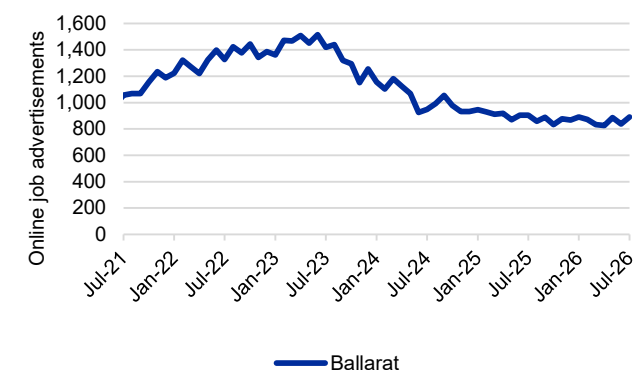
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Central Goldfields	8.0	6.7
Pyrenees	4.9	3.8
Ballarat	4.5	3.5
Moorabool	3.6	3.5
Hepburn	2.9	2.2

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

890

Change over the month

6.4%

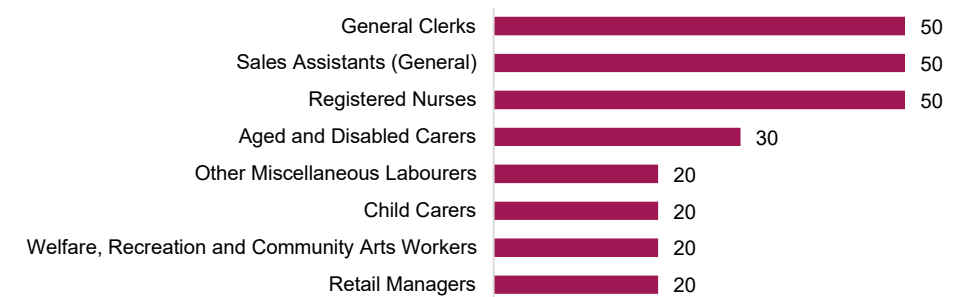
(-20 job advertisements)

Annual change

-1.5%

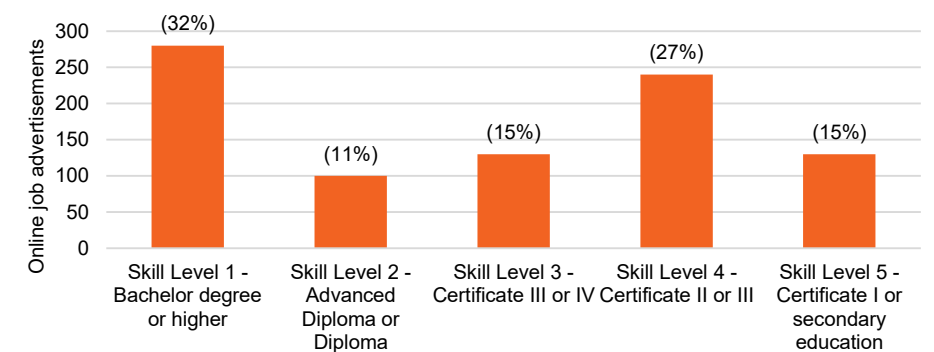
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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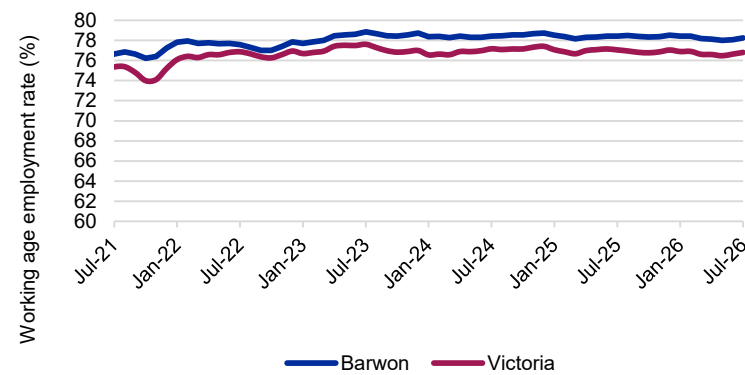
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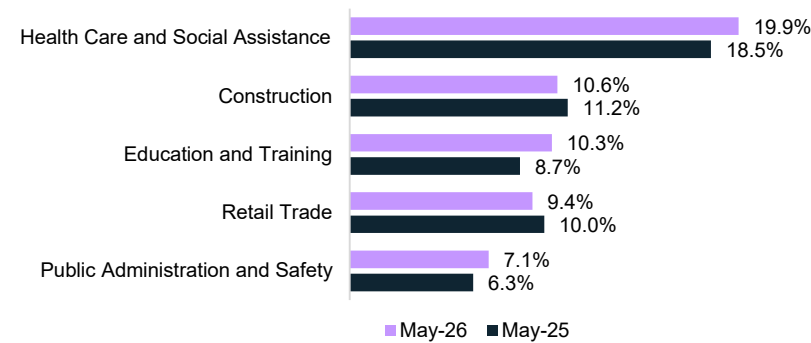
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Working age employment rate (%)



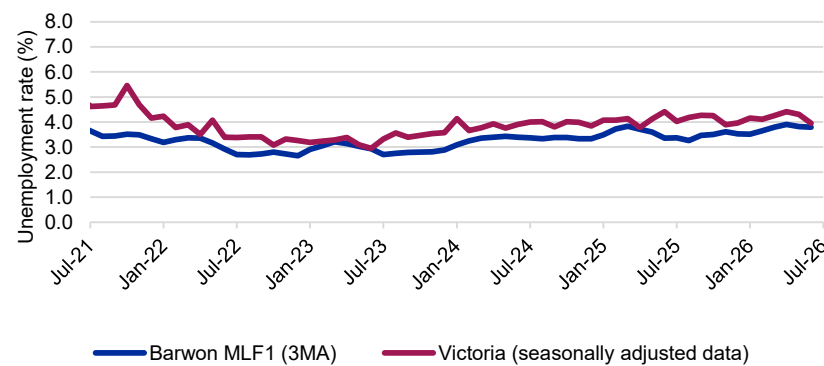
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Largest employing industries



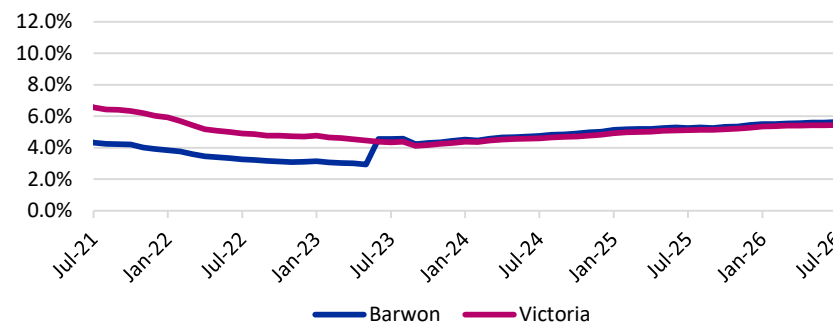
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	11,525	237,235
Payments - July 2026	12,525	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,000	19,320
	8.7%	8.1%

% 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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Victoria	256,555	5.4%
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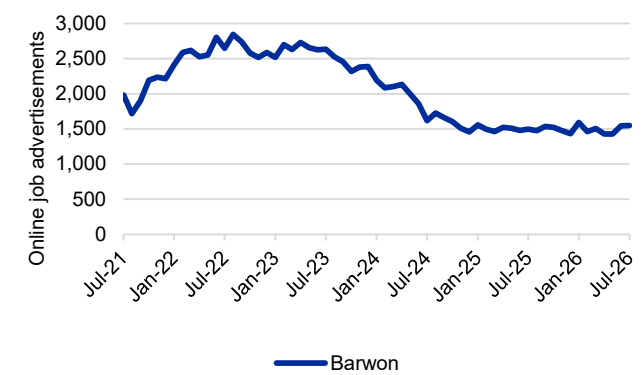
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Greater Geelong	4.5	4.9
Golden Plains	2.7	2.9
Queenscliffe	2.0	1.9
Surf Coast	1.7	1.7

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

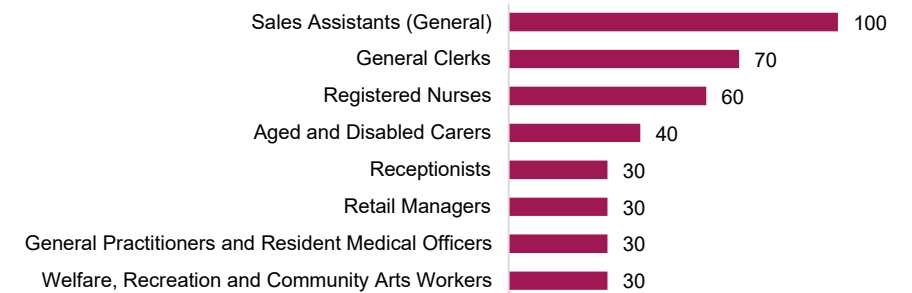
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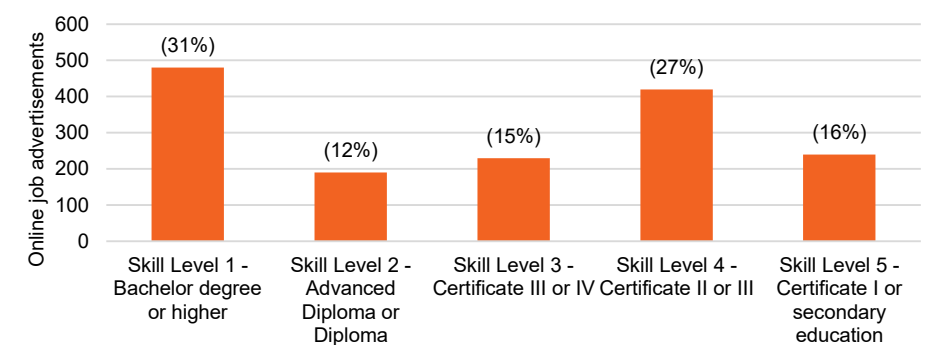
Number of job ads
1,500
Change over the month
0.2%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
3.6%
(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level

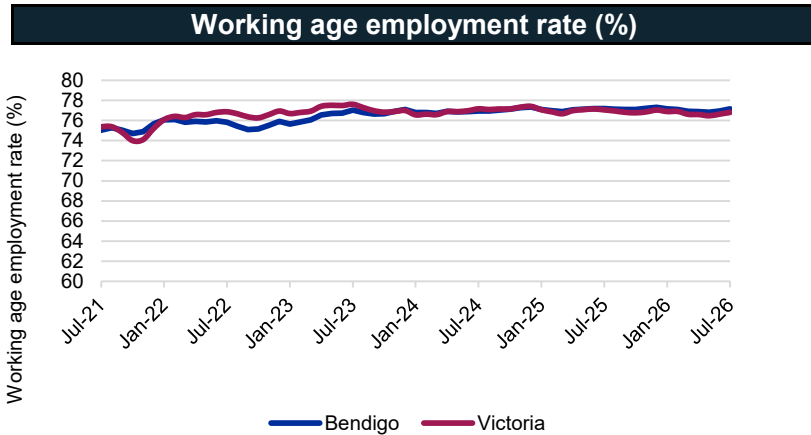


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Bendigo	77.2	77.2	3.1	2.8	10.9	3.5	3.2	80.0	79.8	8.4	7.5
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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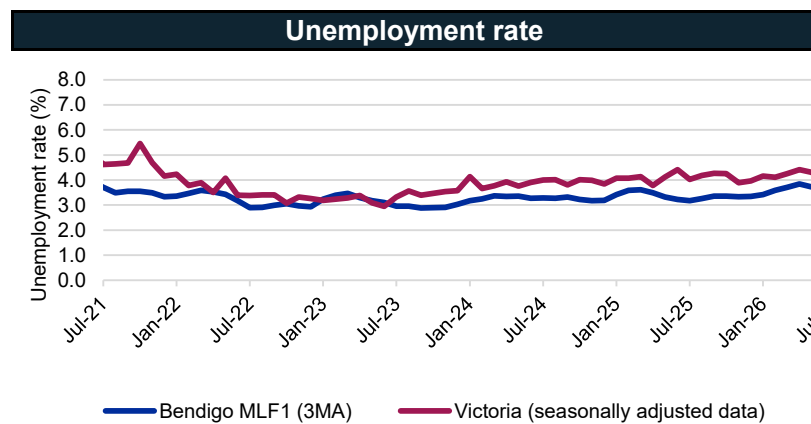
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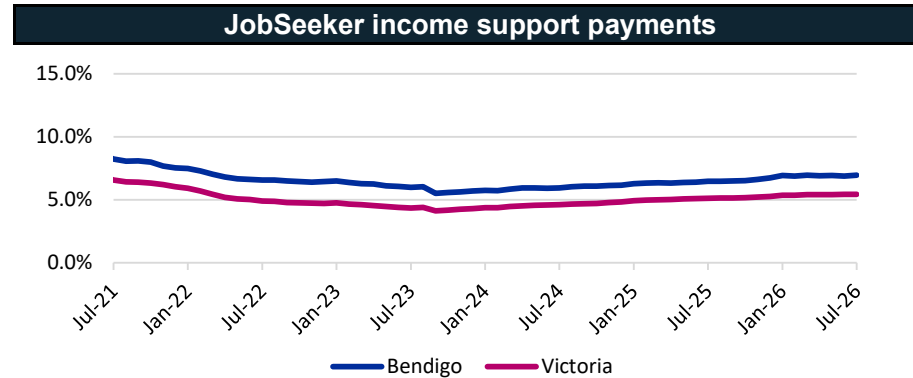
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter



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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	6,660	237,235
Payments - July 2026	7,160	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	500	19,320
	7.5%	8.1%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
Bendigo	7,160	6.9%
Victoria	256,555	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

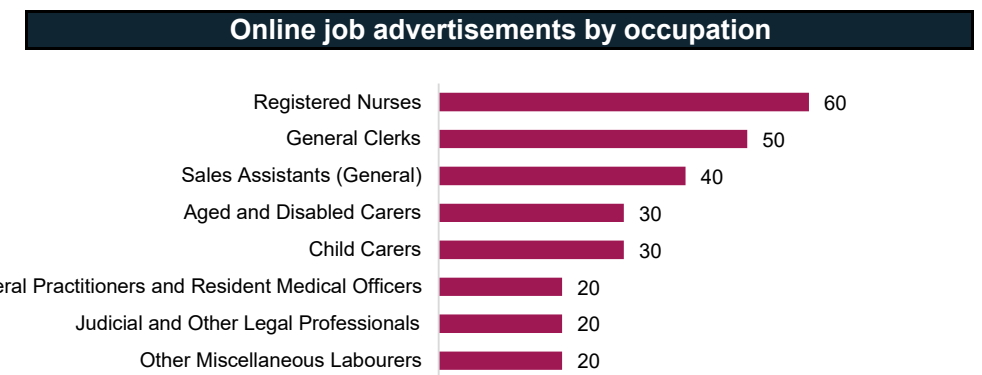
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Loddon	5.0	5.5
Greater Bendigo	3.9	4.3
Mount Alexander	3.0	3.4
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

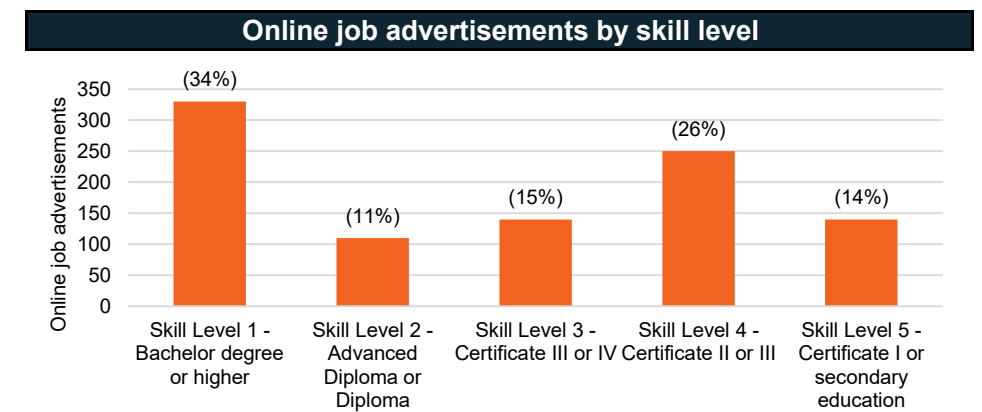
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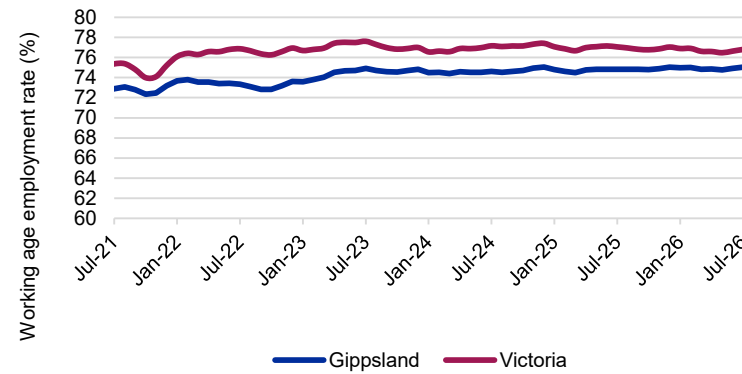
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	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 ('000)	Jul-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)
Gippsland	75.0	74.8	6.4	6.0	6.9	4.2	3.9	78.4	78.0	9.6	8.9
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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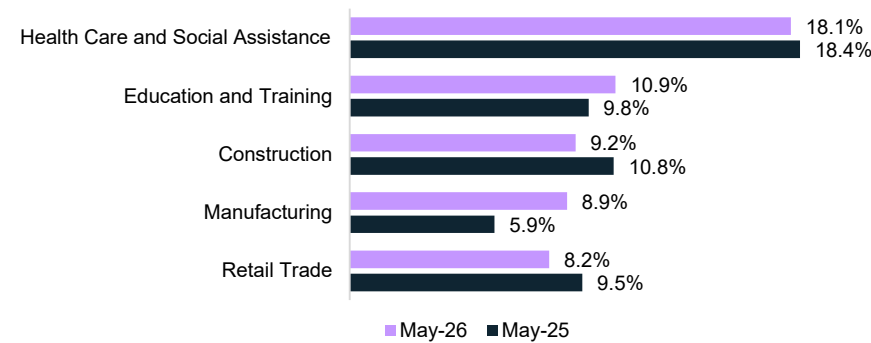
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Working age employment rate (%)



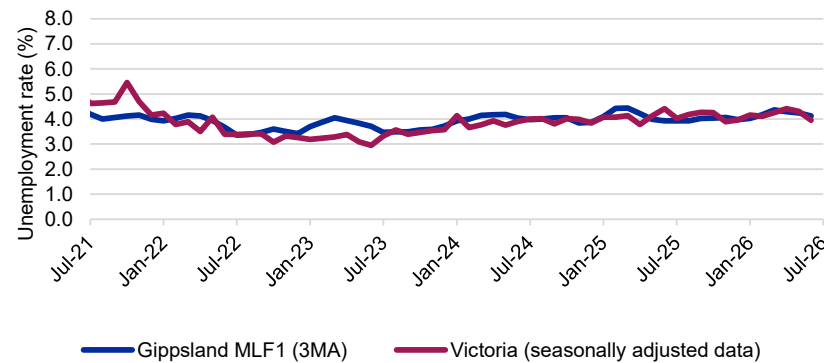
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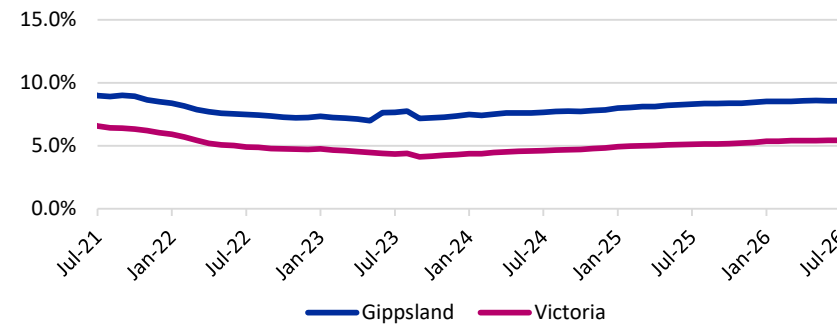
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Gippsland	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	14,805	237,235
Payments - July 2026	15,260	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	455	19,320
	3.1%	8.1%

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

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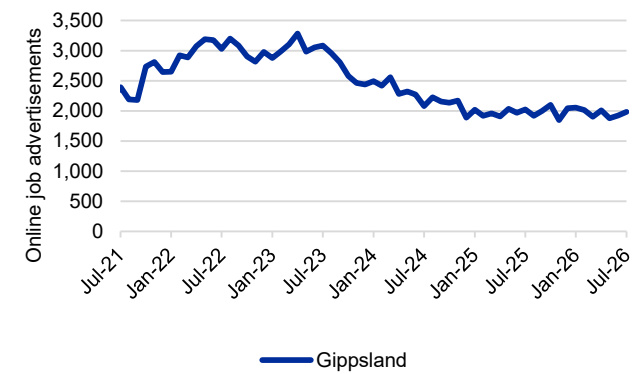
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Latrobe (Vic.)	5.8	7.3
East Gippsland	4.8	5.9
Wellington	4.0	4.7
Bass Coast	3.2	3.8
Baw Baw	2.7	3.1

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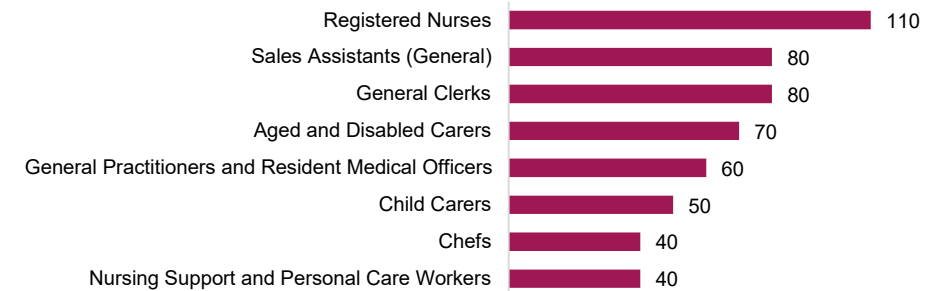
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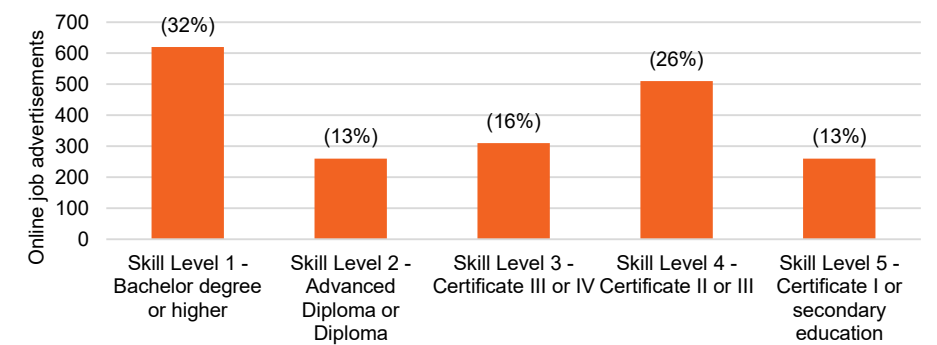
Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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Annual change
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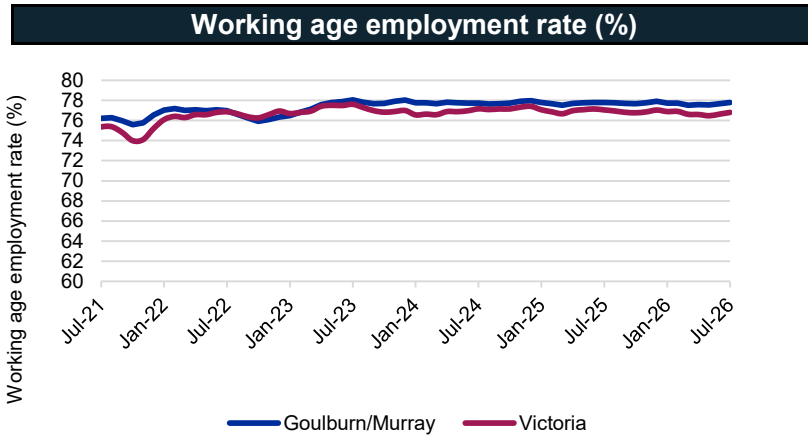


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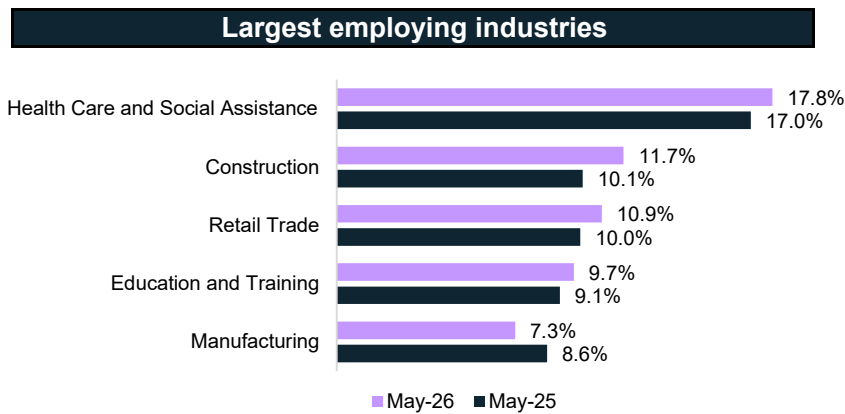
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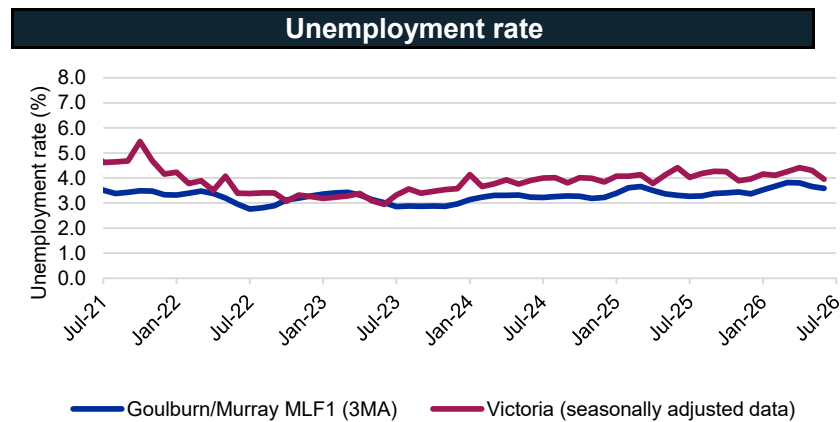
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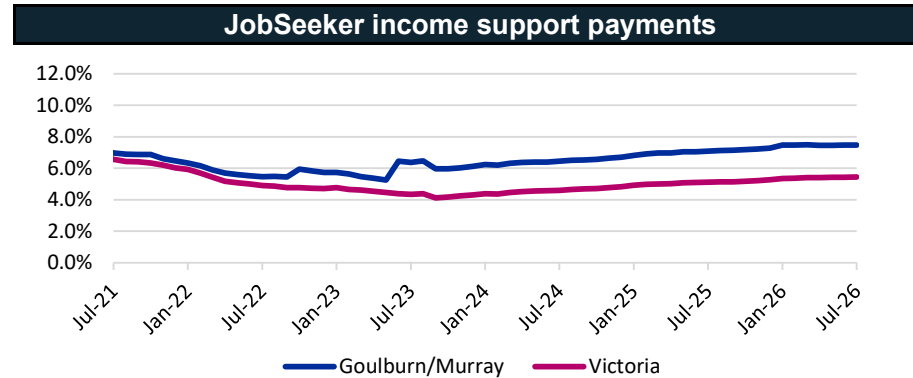
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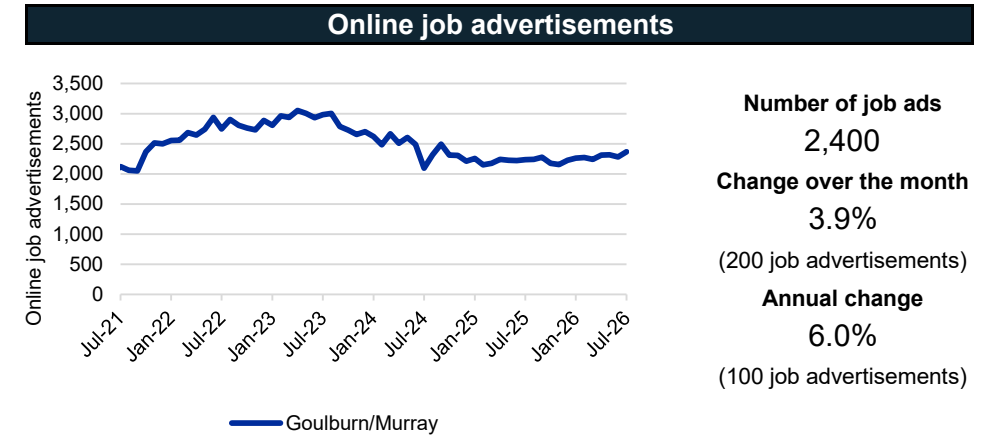
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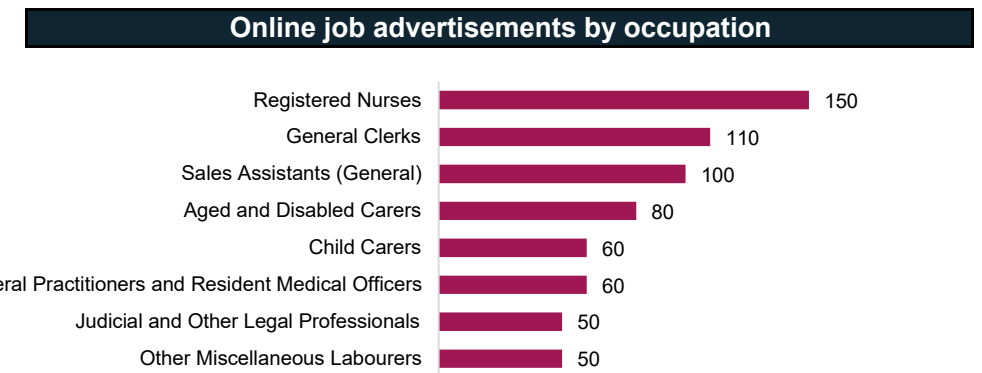
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Albury	5.6	4.3
Benalla	5.4	5.3
Wodonga	5.3	5.0
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2

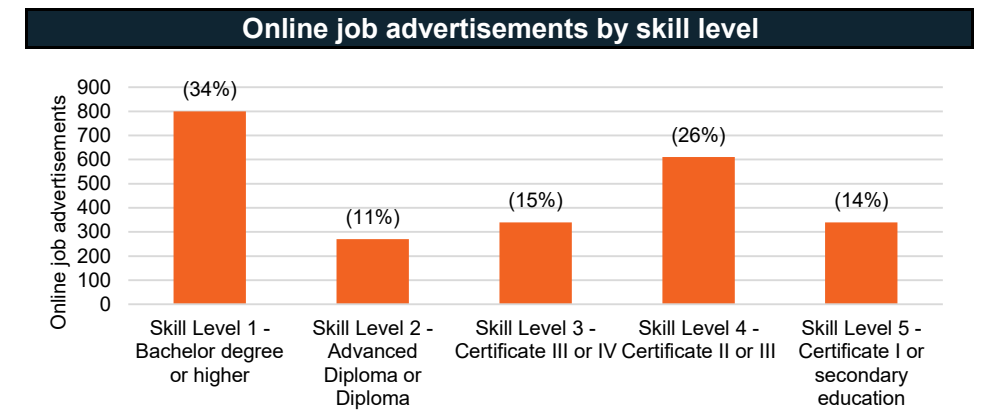
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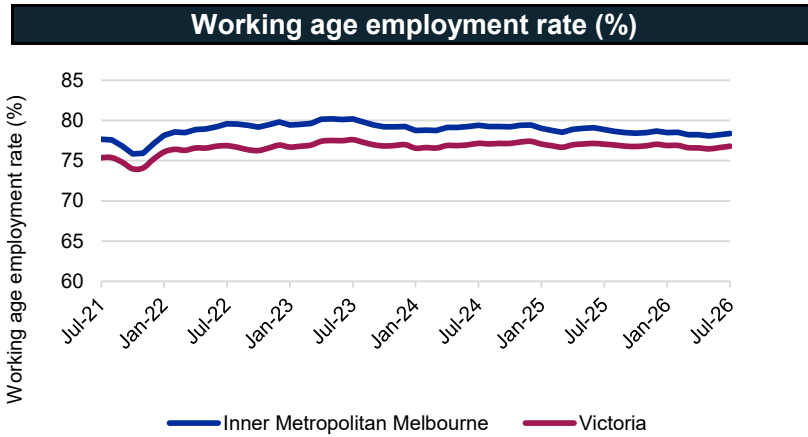


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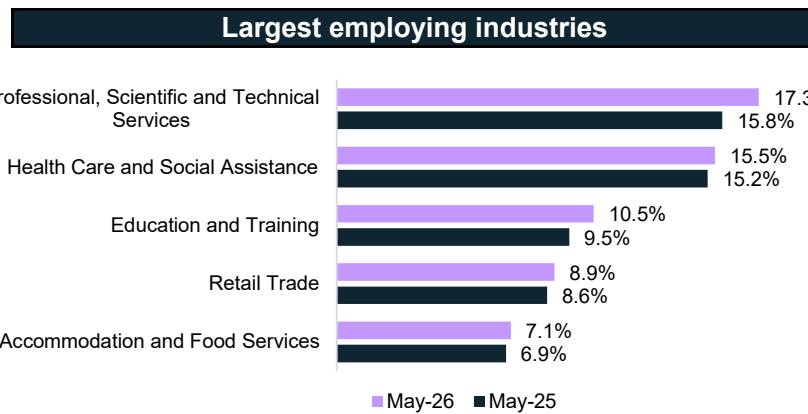
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Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.4	78.9	44.6	39.8	12.0	4.4	4.0	82.1	82.3	11.5	10.4
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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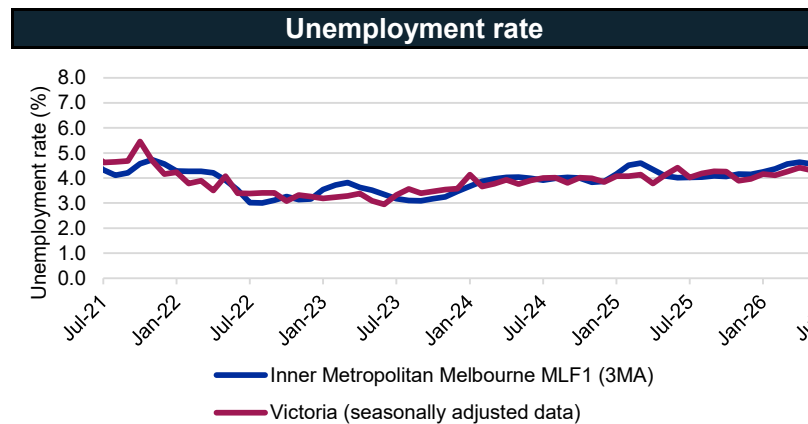
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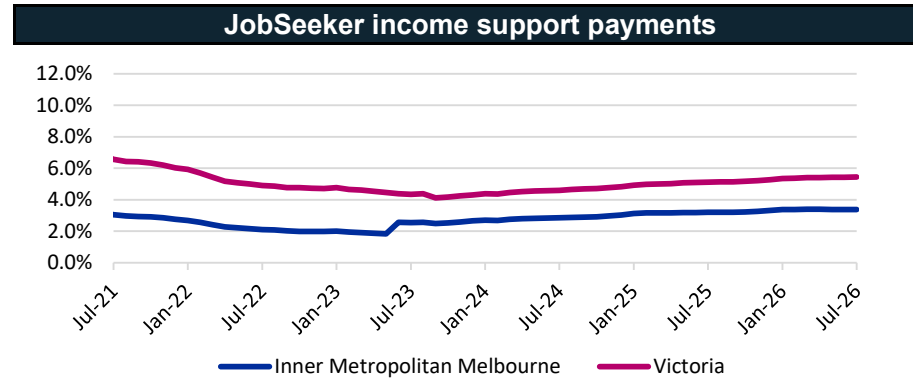
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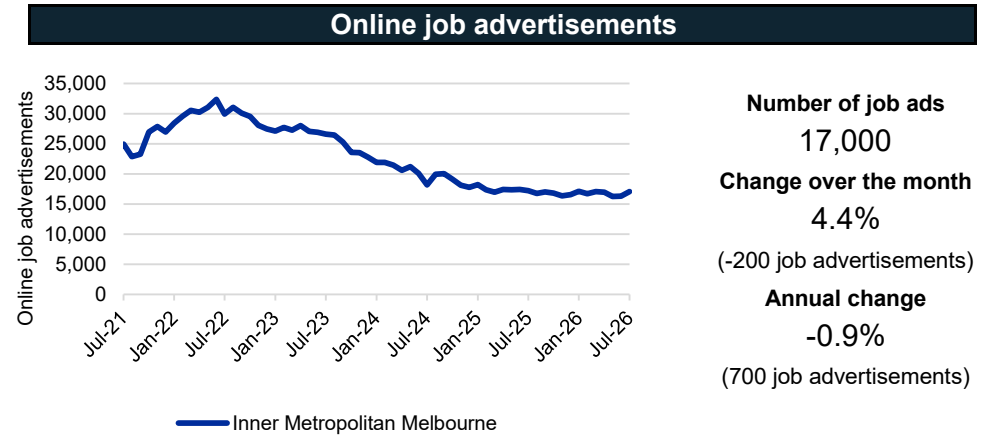
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	36,525	237,235
Payments - July 2026	39,420	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	2,895	19,320
	7.9%	8.1%

% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	39,420	3.4%
Victoria	256,555	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

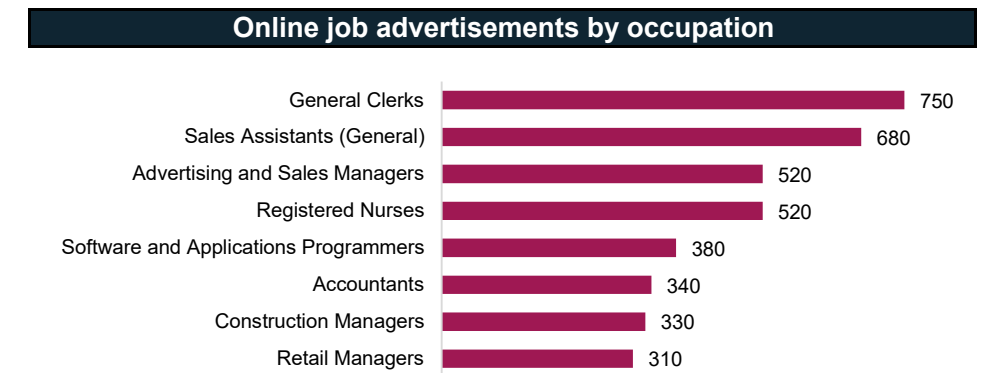
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Yarra	5.6	5.7
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Port Phillip	4.9	4.9
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1

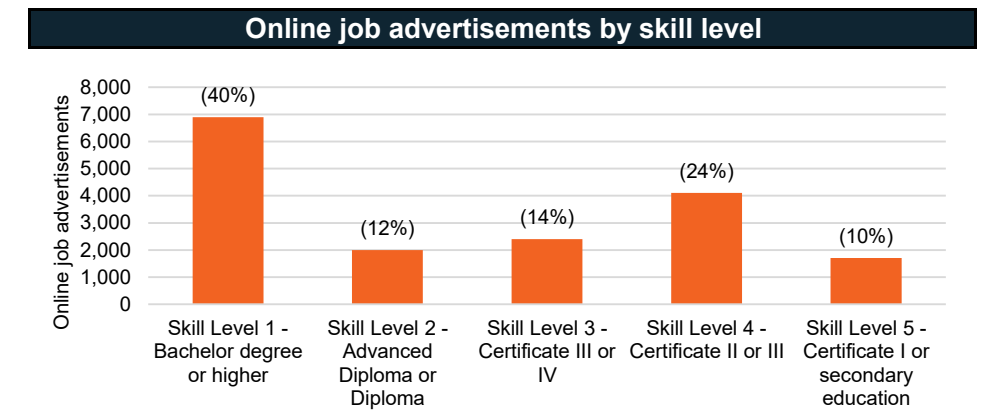
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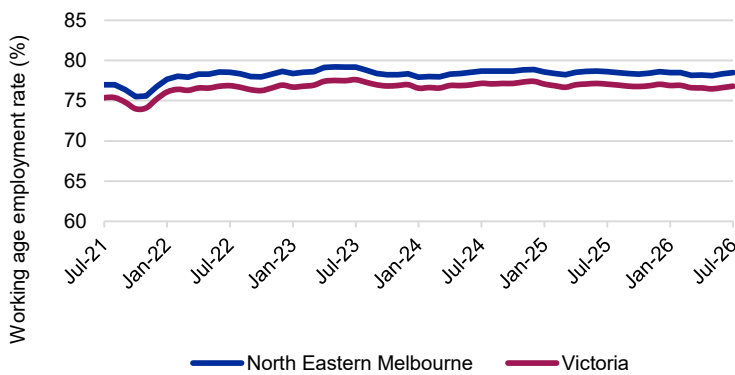
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Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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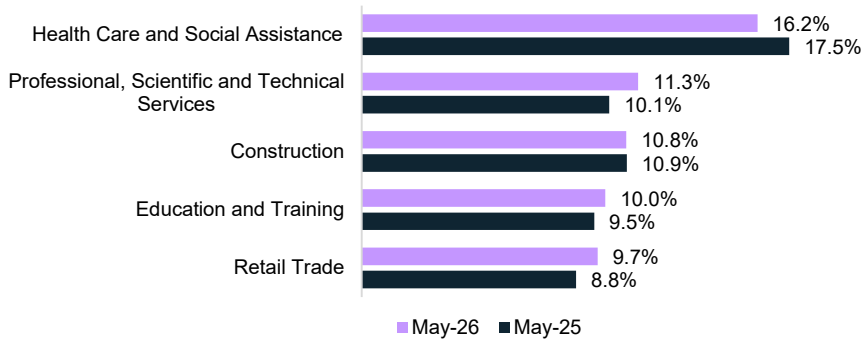
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Working age employment rate (%)



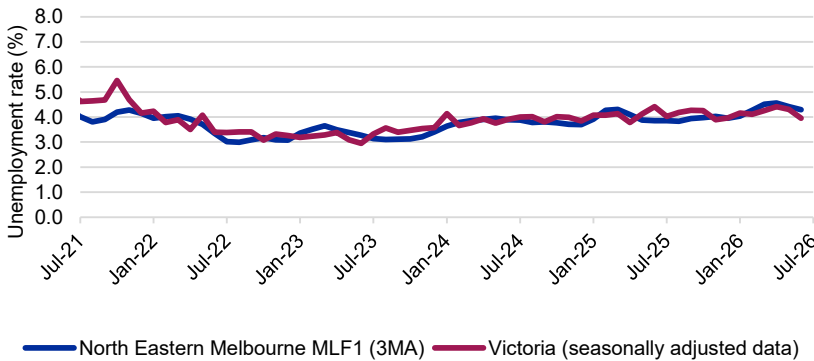
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Largest employing industries



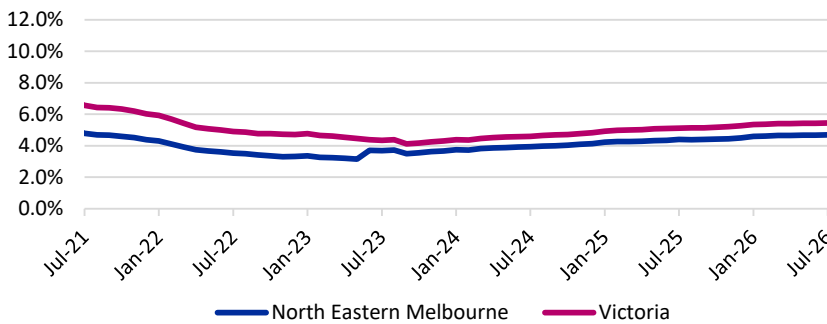
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	32,170	237,235
Payments - July 2026	34,895	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	2,725	19,320
	8.5%	8.1%

% 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
North Eastern Melbourne	34,895	4.7%
Victoria	256,555	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

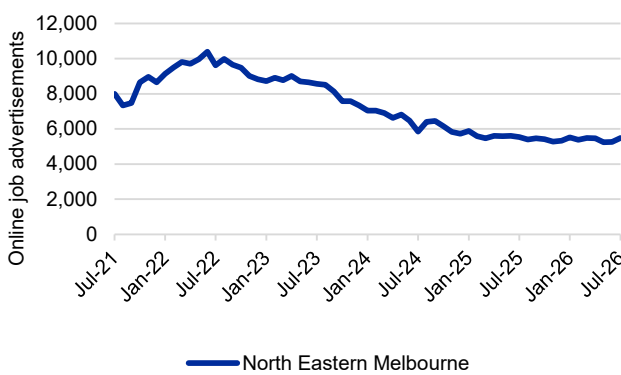
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whittlesea	5.9	4.3
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2
Whitehorse	4.5	3.8

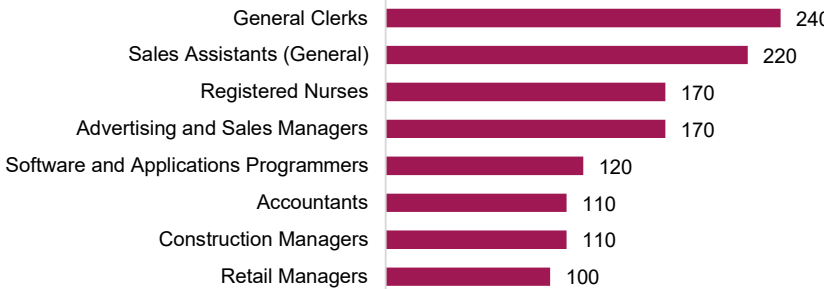
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Online job advertisements



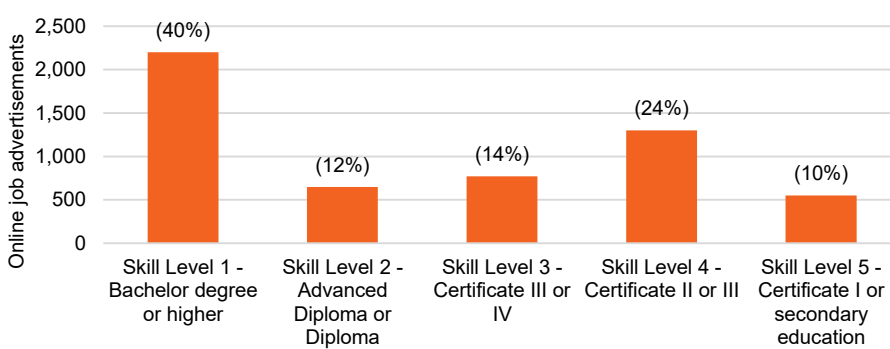
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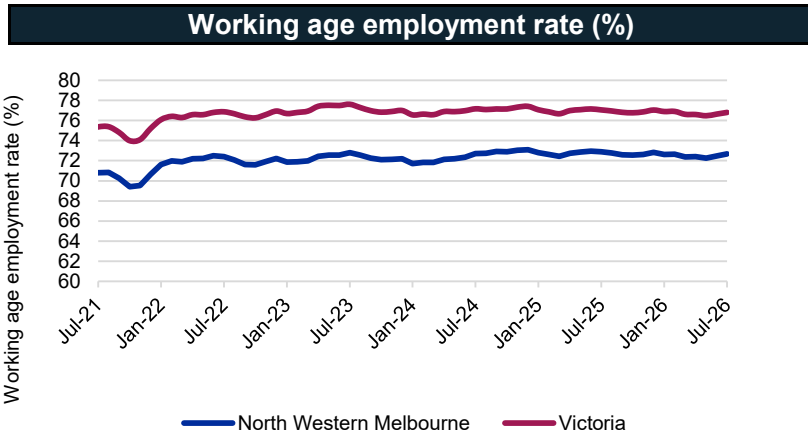


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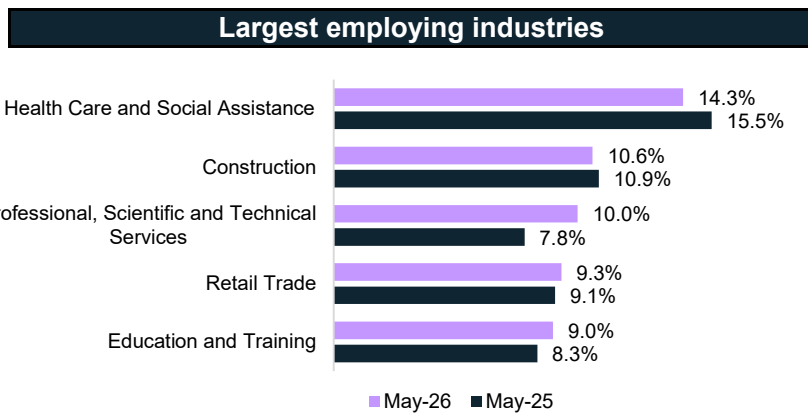
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North Western Melbourne	72.7	72.9	14.4	12.8	12.3	5.7	5.2	77.1	76.9	14.1	13.0
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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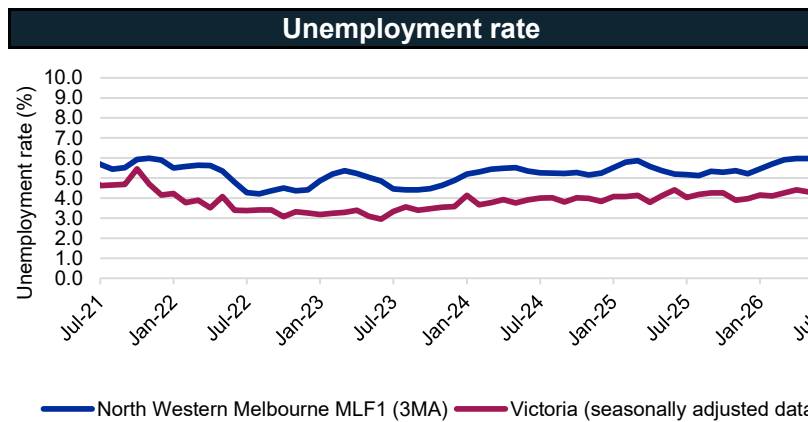
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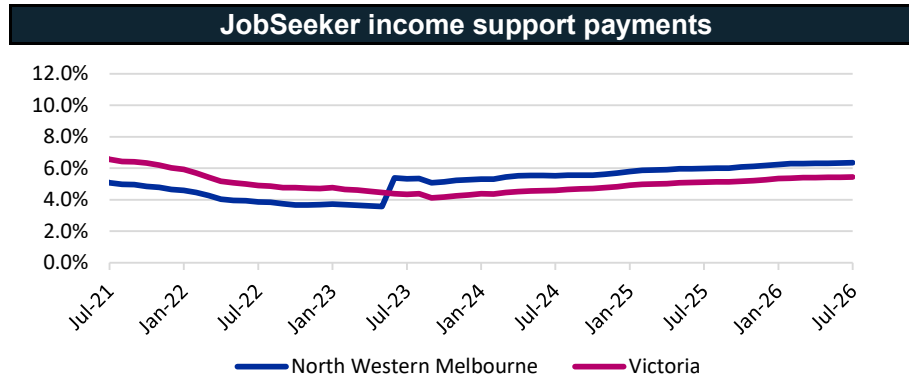
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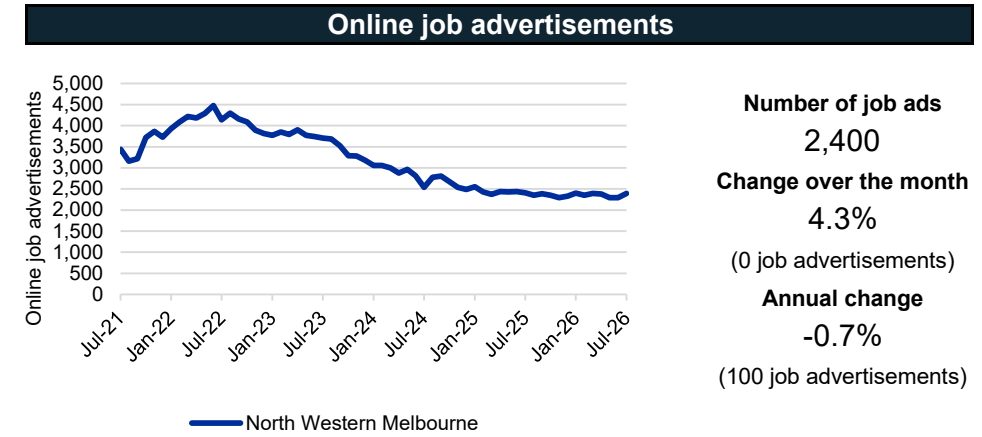
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	18,525	237,235
Payments - July 2026	20,060	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,535	19,320
	8.3%	8.1%

% 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
North Western Melbourne	20,060	6.3%
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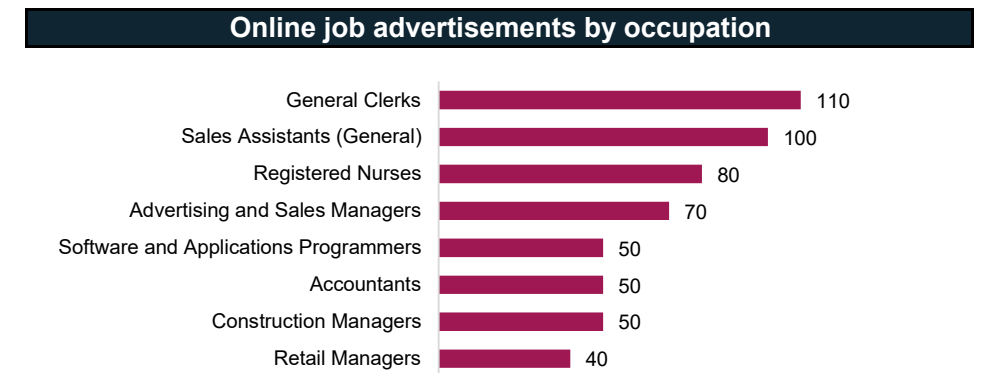
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Hume	6.4	8.0
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Moonee Valley	4.2	4.7
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

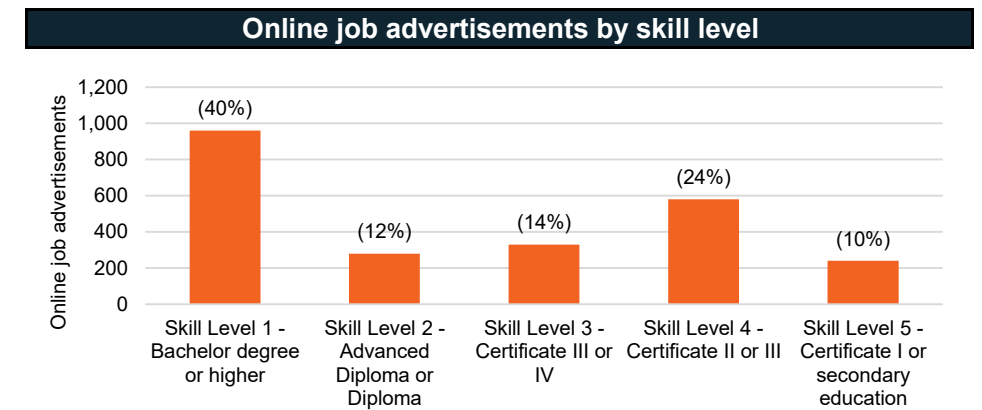
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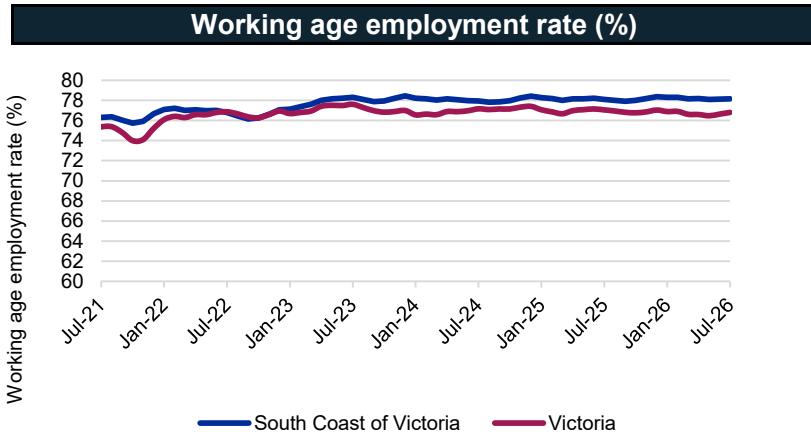


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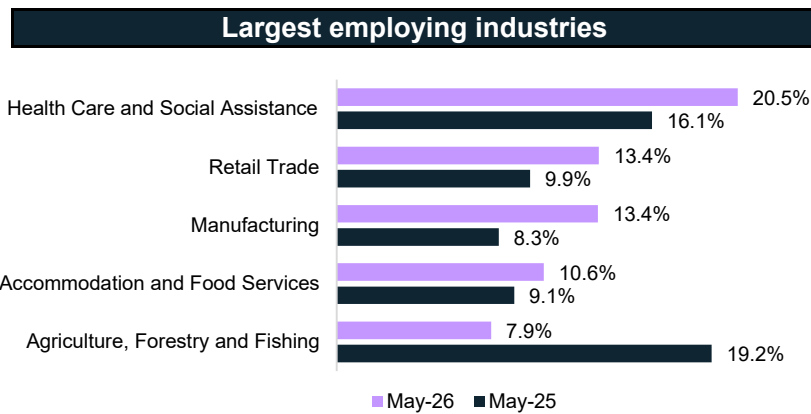
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South Coast of Victoria	78.2	78.1	1.9	1.8	7.6	2.9	2.7	80.6	80.4	6.9	6.2
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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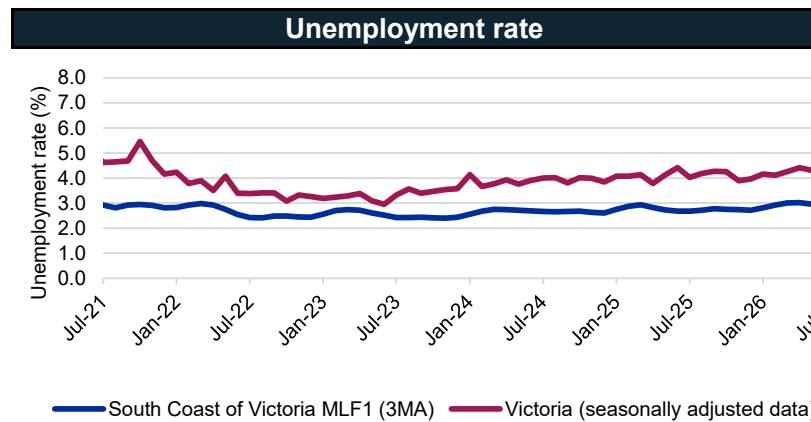
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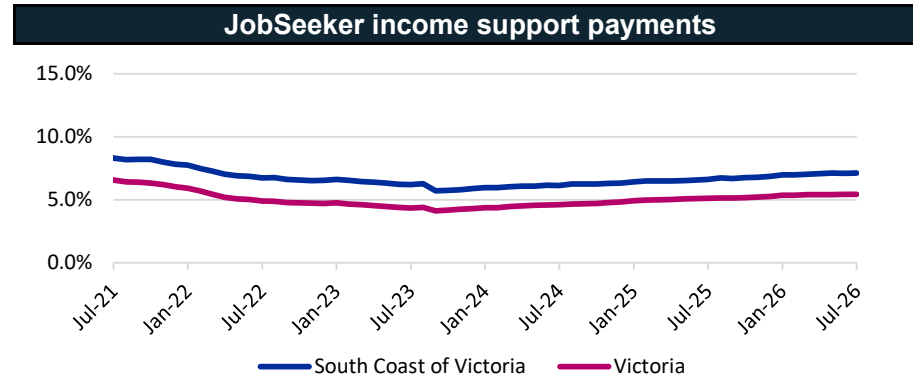
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	4,815	237,235
Payments - July 2026	5,125	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	310	19,320
	6.4%	8.1%

% 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
South Coast of Victoria	5,125	7.1%
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Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Glenelg	2.5	3.0
Southern Grampians	2.2	2.4
Warrnambool	1.7	1.9
Colac Otway	1.6	1.9
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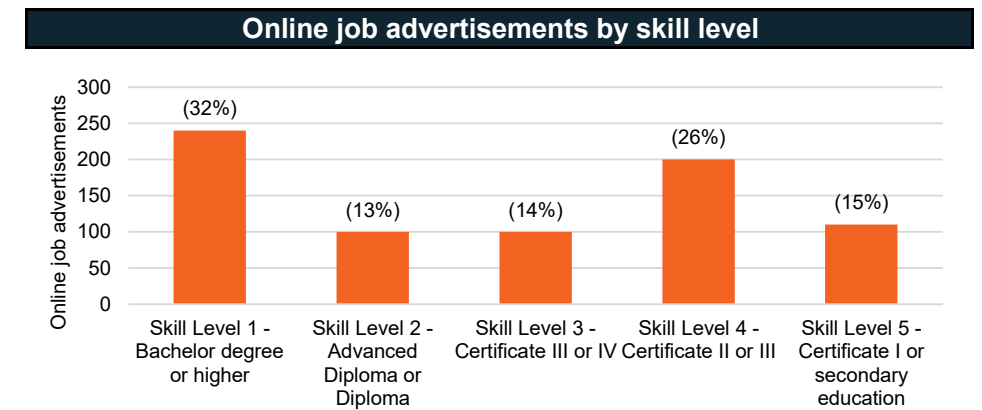
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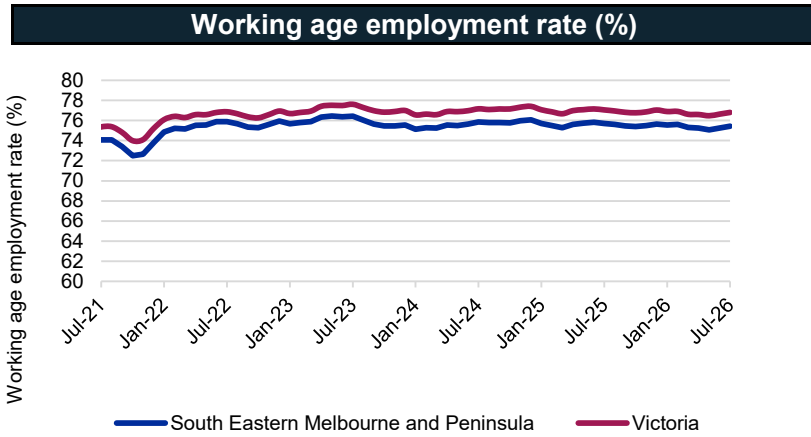


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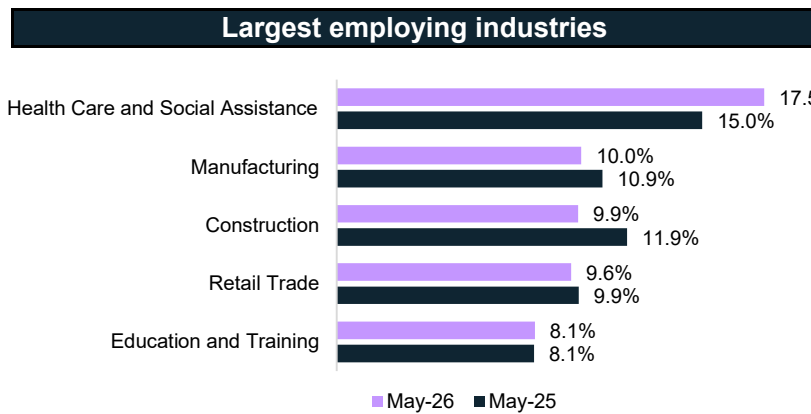
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.4	75.7	41.1	34.9	17.7	5.8	5.0	80.2	79.8	13.7	12.3
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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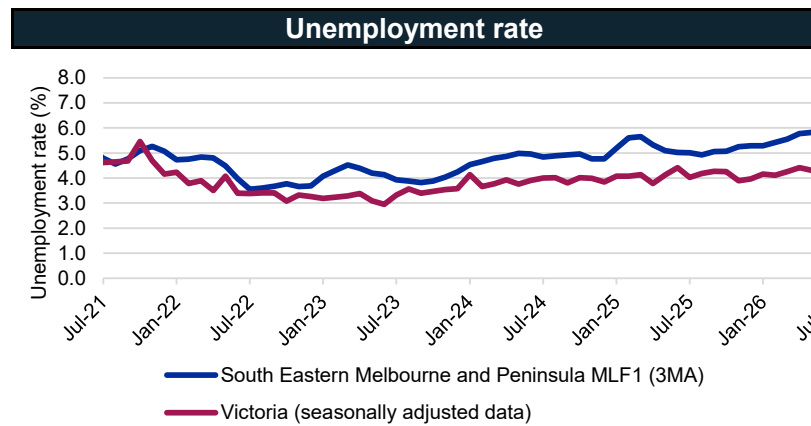
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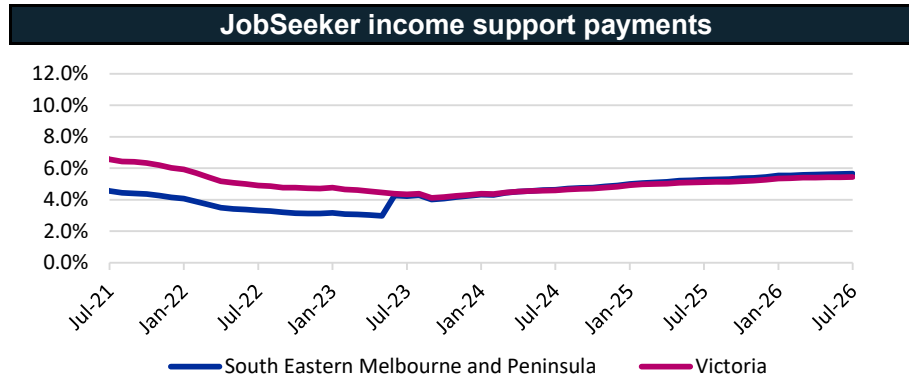
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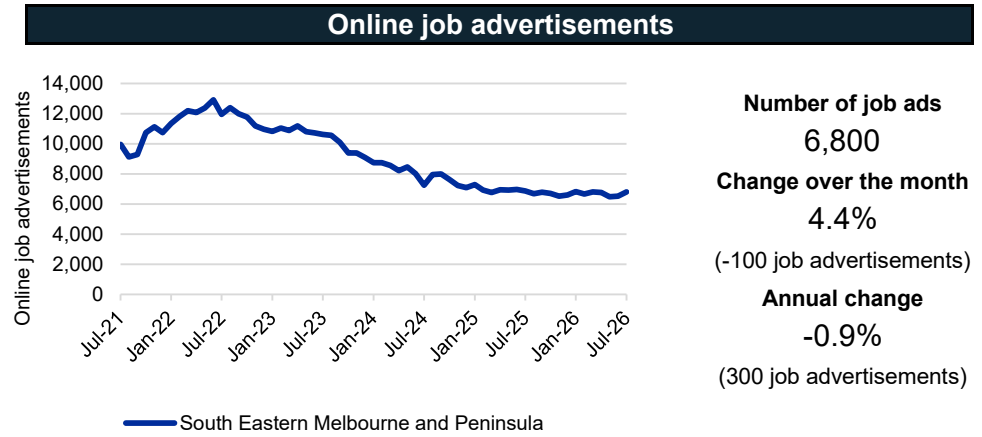
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - July 2025		43,720	237,235
Payments - July 2026		47,810	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026		4,090	19,320
		9.4%	8.1%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
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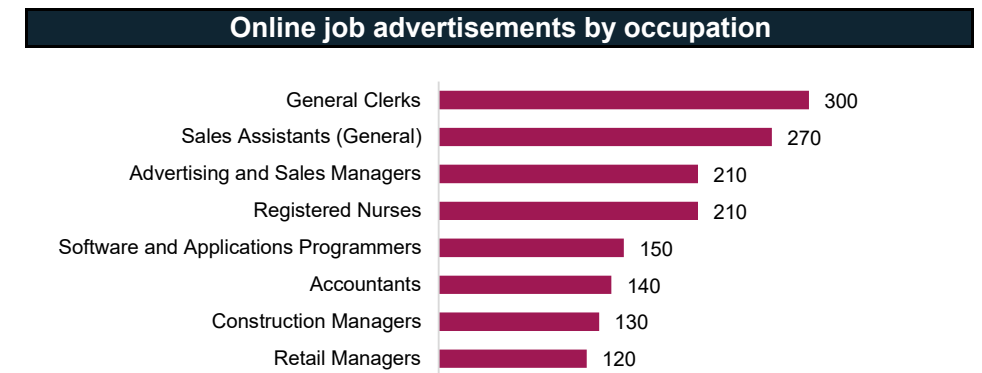
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Greater Dandenong	7.5	7.5
Casey	5.6	5.3
Frankston	5.0	5.4
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1
Cardinia	4.1	4.0

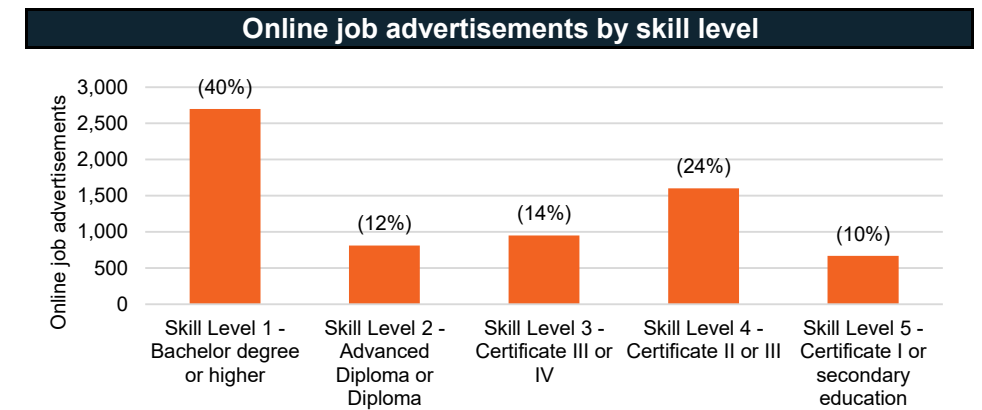
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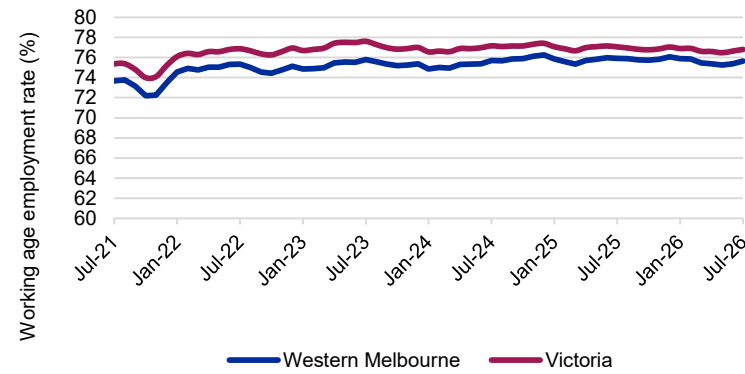
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Western Melbourne	75.6	75.9	36.3	30.9	17.5	6.4	5.6	80.9	80.5	15.6	14.0
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
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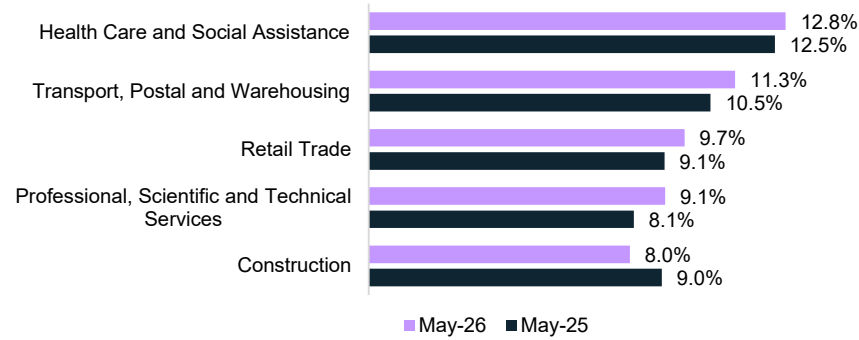
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Working age employment rate (%)



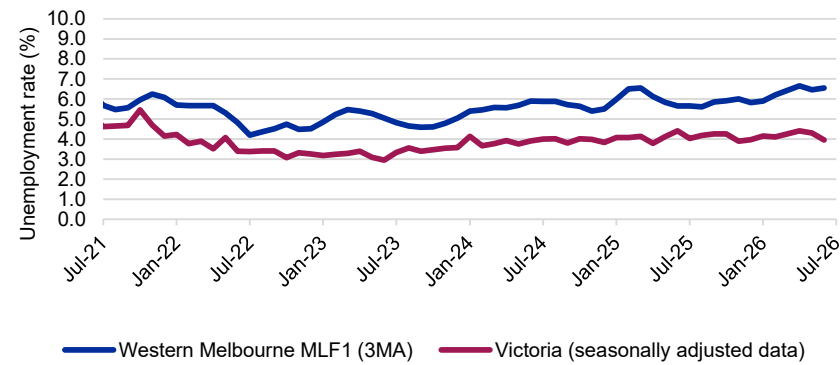
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Largest employing industries



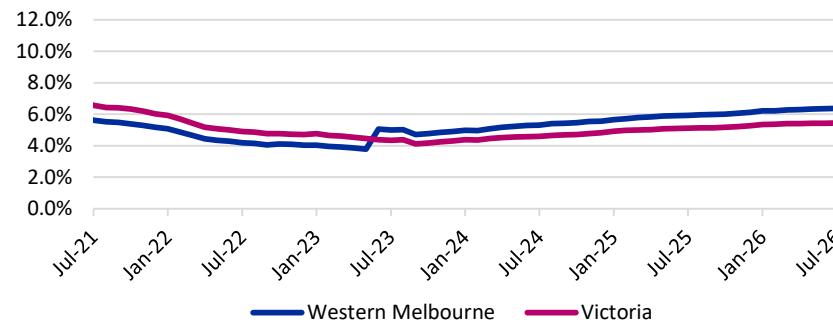
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	39,210	237,235
Payments - July 2026	43,305	256,555
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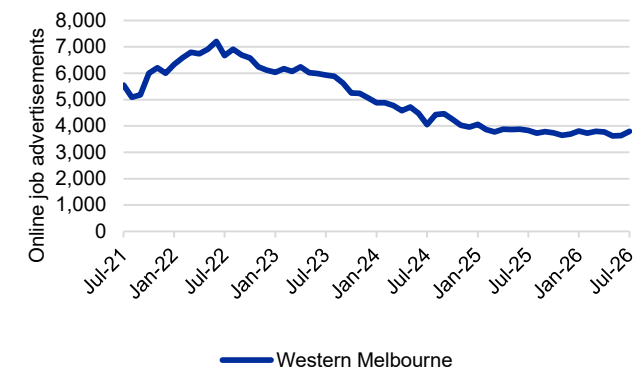
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, July 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) July 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Melton	6.3	5.7
Wyndham	5.2	4.9
Maribyrnong	4.3	4.3
Moorabool	3.6	3.5

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

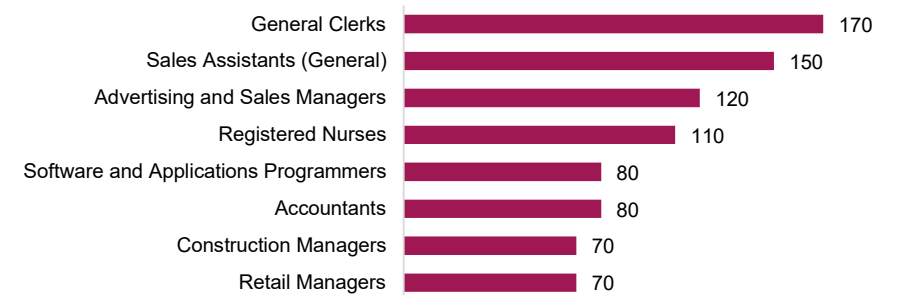
Online job advertisements



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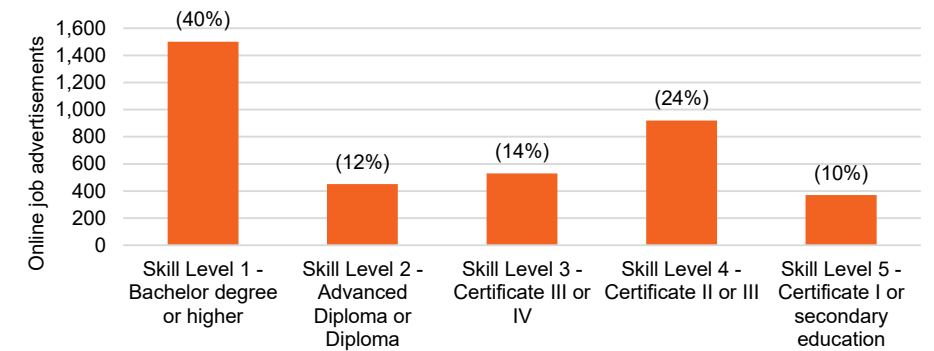
Number of job ads
3,800
Change over the month
4.4%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.9%
(200 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level

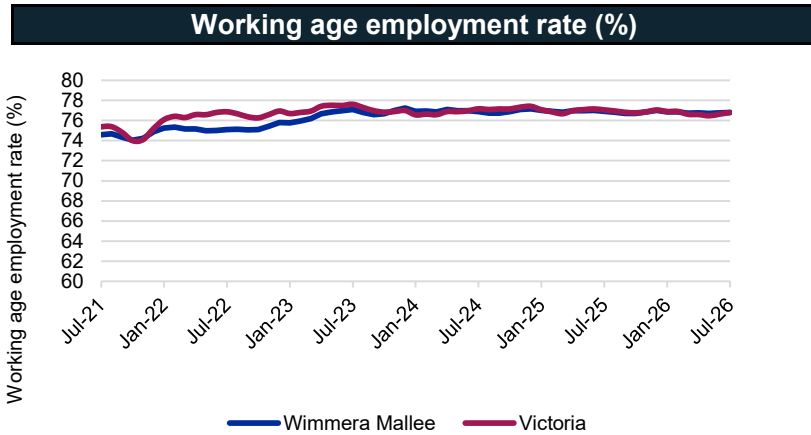


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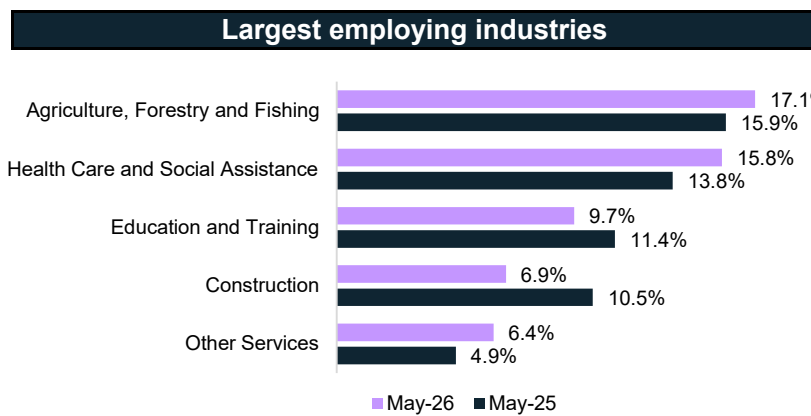
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

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 (%)
Wimmera Mallee	76.8	76.9	2.7	2.6	7.0	3.5	3.2	79.7	79.6	8.2	7.4
Victoria	76.8	77.1	205.2	181.8	12.9	5.1	4.6	80.8	80.6	12.0	10.8
Australia	77.1	77.3	691.5	646.5	7.0	4.5	4.2	80.8	80.8	10.4	9.8

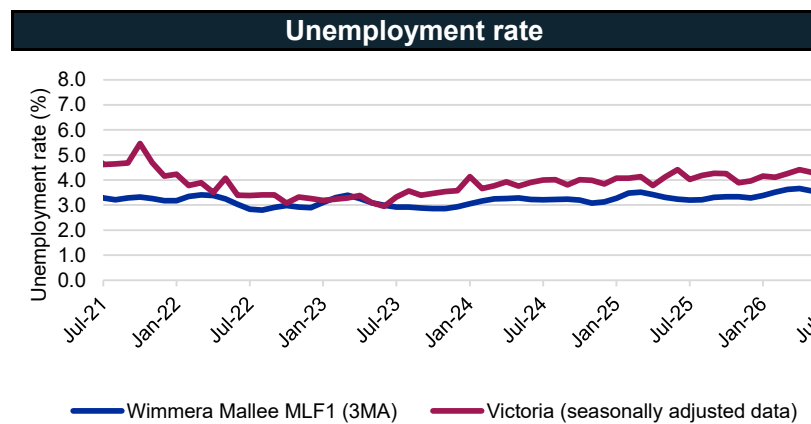
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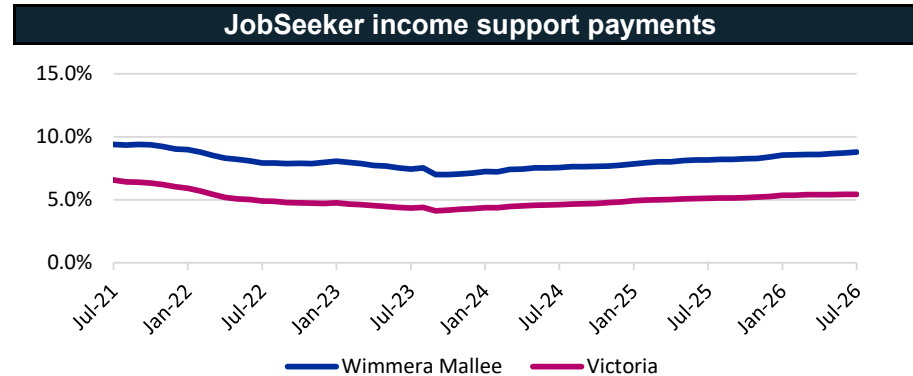
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter



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



Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - July 2025	7,395	237,235
Payments - July 2026	7,840	256,555
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	445	19,320
	6.0%	8.1%

% 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
Wimmera Mallee	7,840	8.8%
Victoria	256,555	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

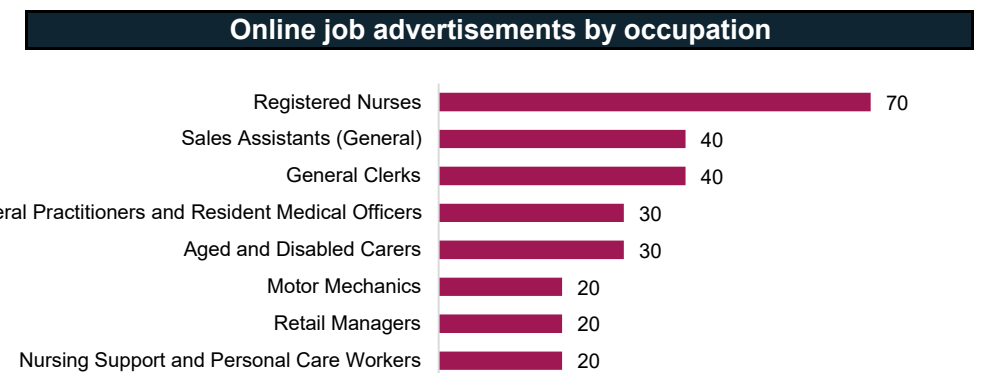
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Mildura	2.2	4.1
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Gannawarra	2.1	3.5

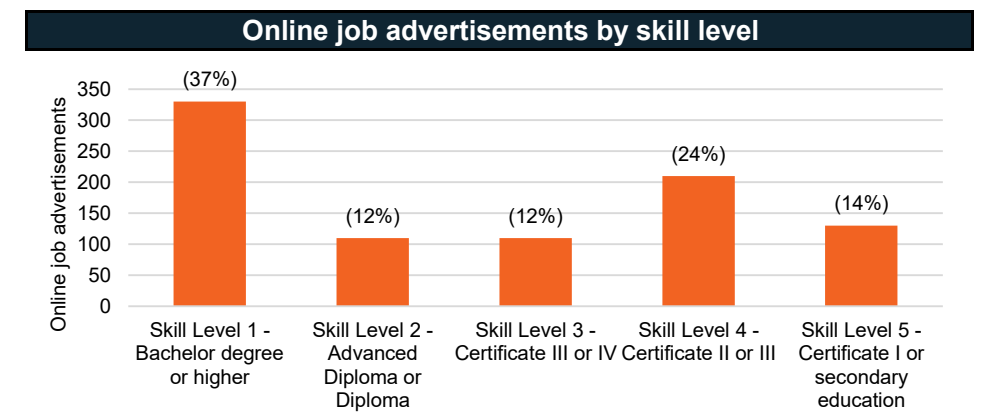
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