

Labour Market Dashboard
Western Australia

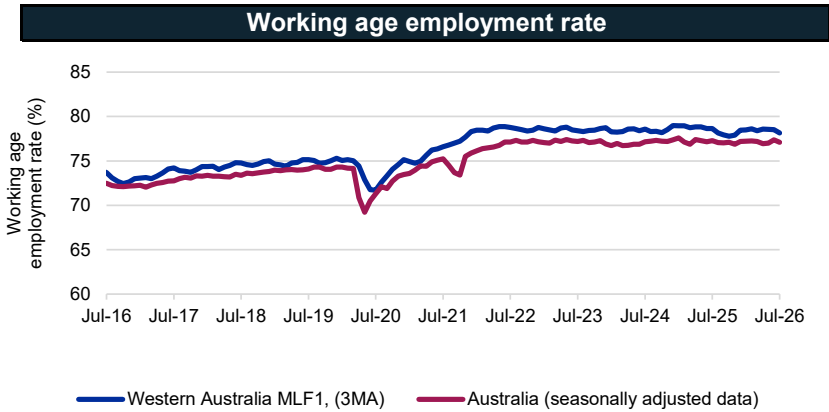
Data current as at 20 August 2026

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

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

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	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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Western Australia	78.2	78.7	76.2	72.3	5.5	4.4	4.2	81.8	82.0	9.7	8.8
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.



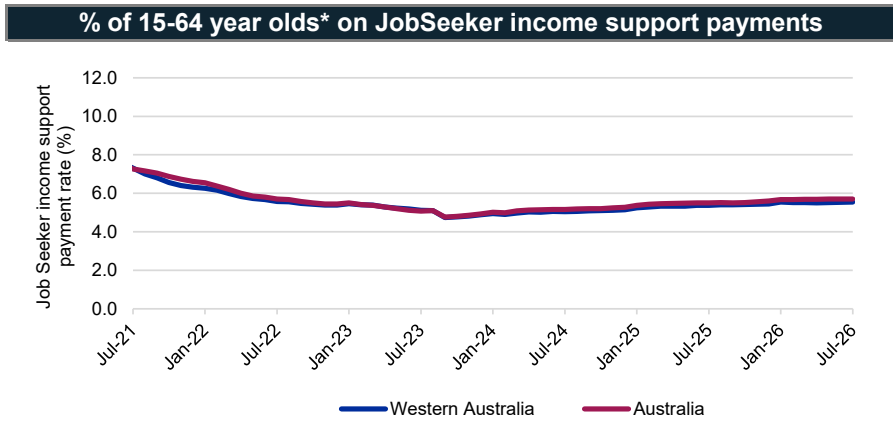
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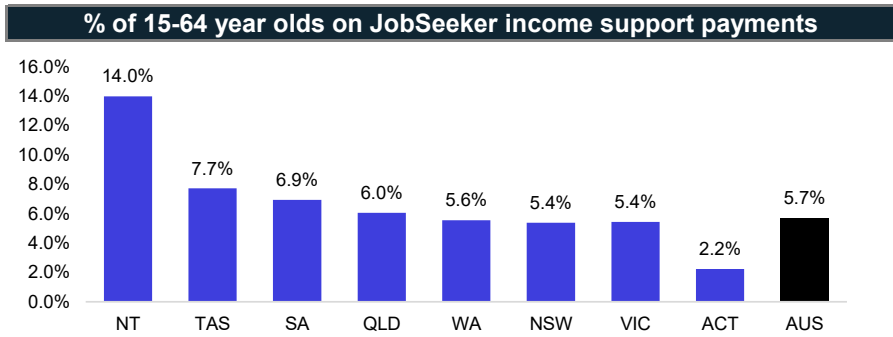
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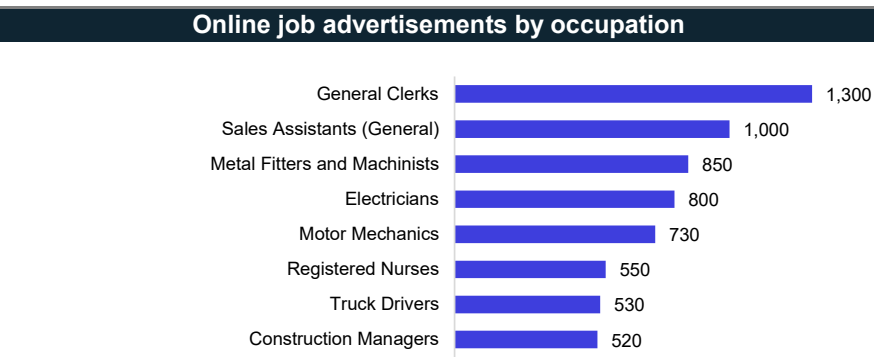
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - July 2025	107,390	986,090
Payments - July 2026	112,670	1,035,160
Change (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 5,280	↑ 49,070
Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 4.9%	↑ 5.0%



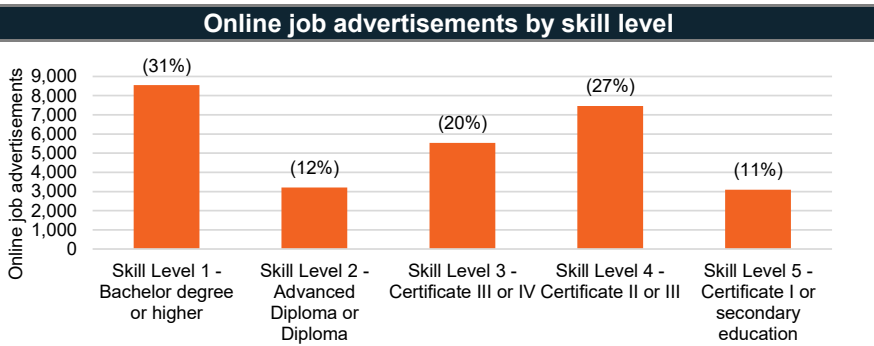
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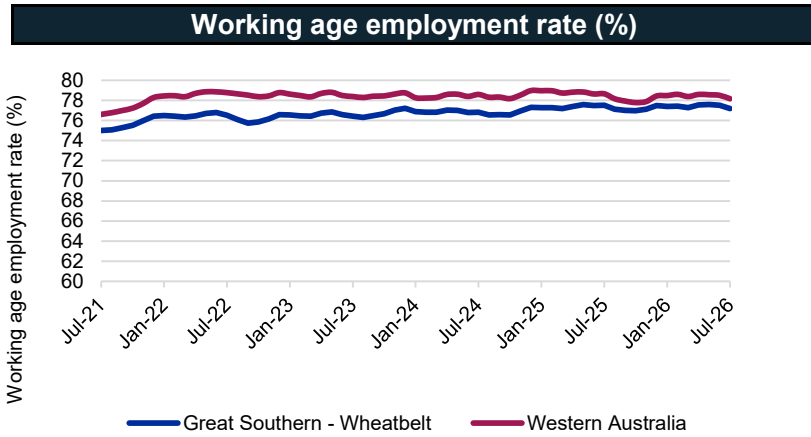


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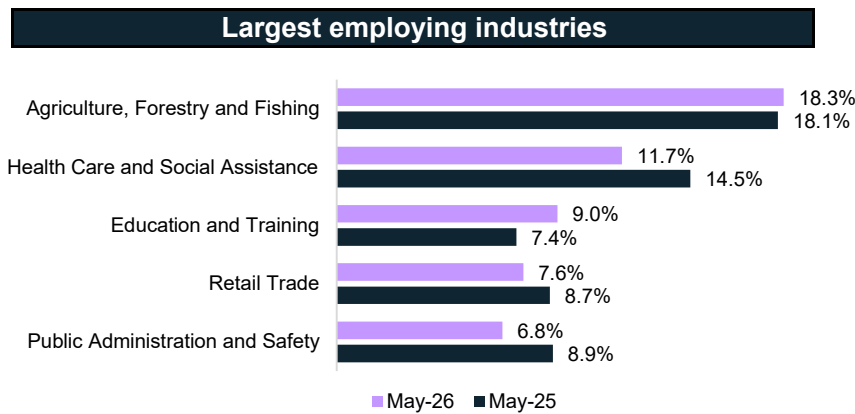
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Great Southern - Wheatbelt	77.2	77.5	2.5	2.4	5.6	3.2	3.0	79.9	80.1	7.3	7.3
Western Australia	78.2	78.7	76.2	72.3	5.5	4.4	4.2	81.8	82.0	9.7	8.8
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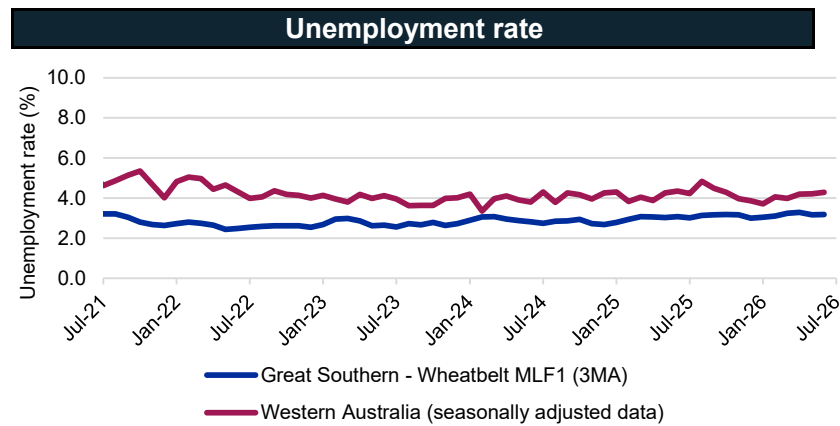
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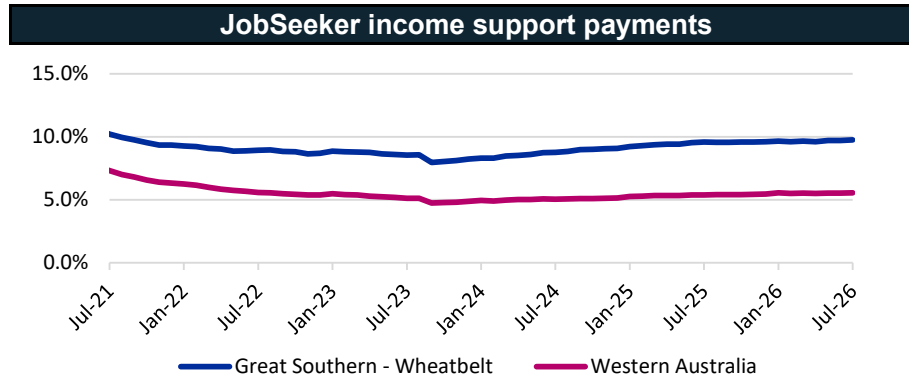
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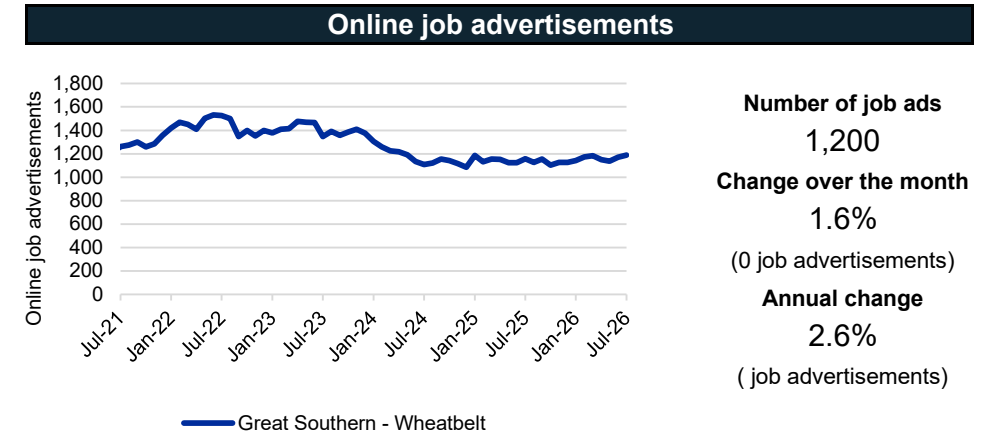
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - July 2025	8,370	107,390
Payments - July 2026	8,535	112,670
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	165	5,280
	2.0%	4.9%

% 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
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	8,535	9.8%
Western Australia	112,670	5.6%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

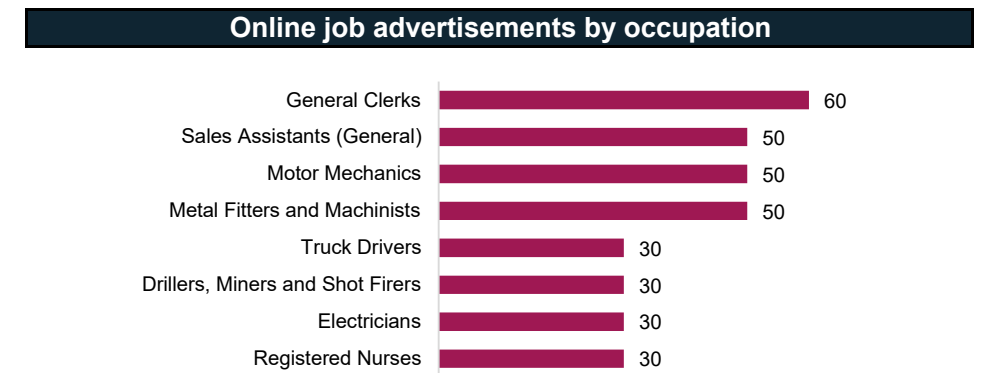
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kellerberrin*	5.6	2.9
Cunderdin*	5.5	2.8
Quairading*	5.5	2.8
Tammin*	5.3	3.0
Woodanilling*	5.2	2.7

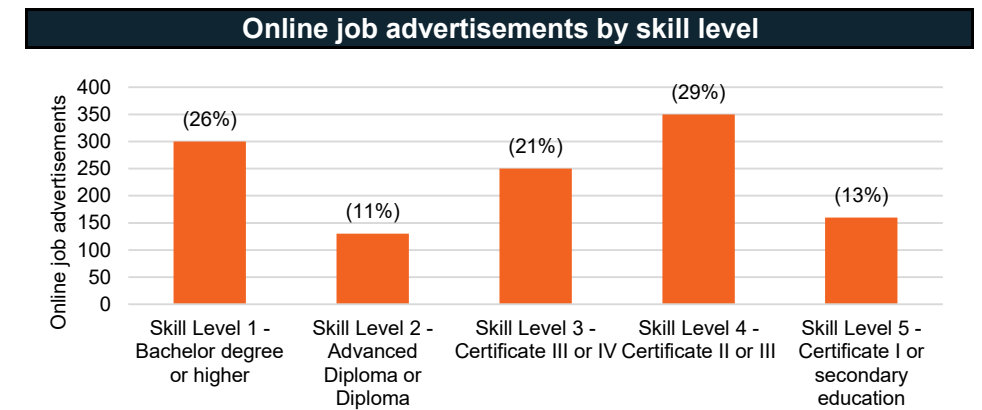
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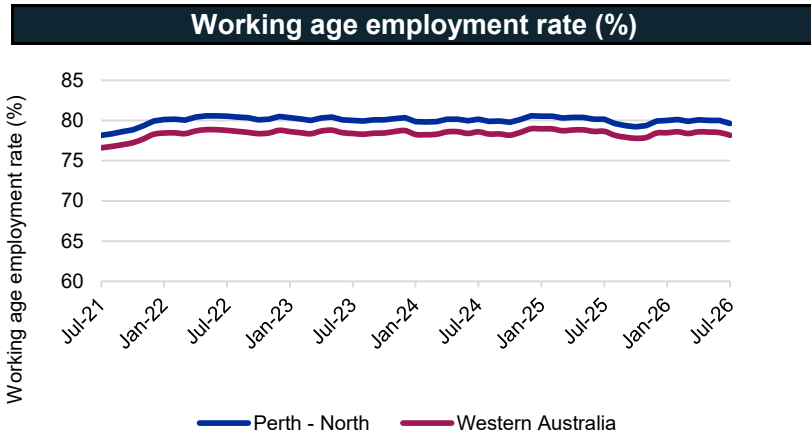


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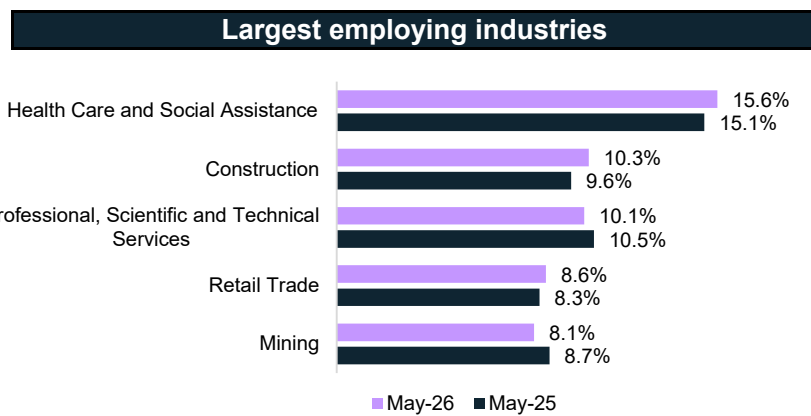
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Perth - North	79.6	80.1	28.0	25.6	9.6	3.9	3.6	83.0	83.3	9.7	8.6
Western Australia	78.2	78.7	76.2	72.3	5.5	4.4	4.2	81.8	82.0	9.7	8.8
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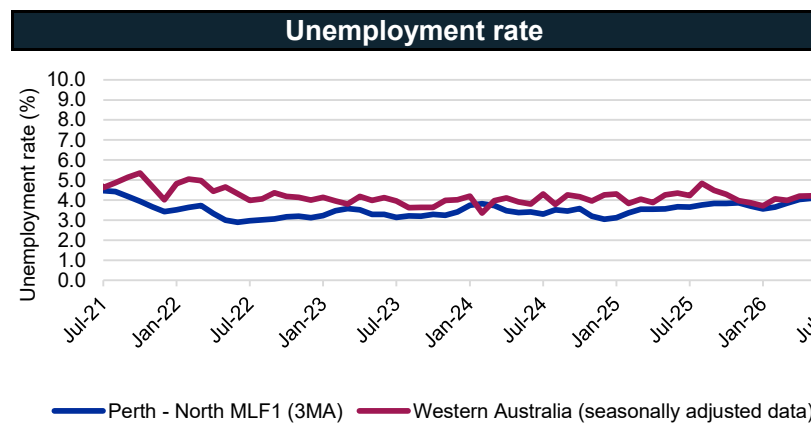
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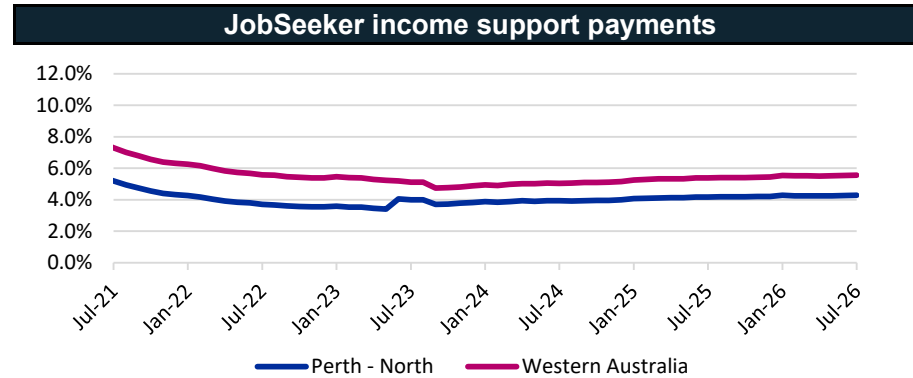
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - July 2025	33,485	107,390
Payments - July 2026	34,935	112,670
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	1,450	5,280
	4.3%	4.9%

% 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
Perth - North	34,935	4.3%
Western Australia	112,670	5.6%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

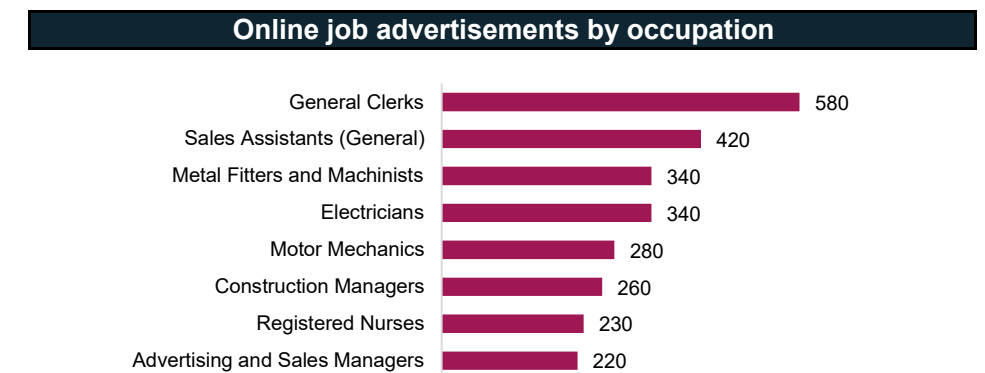
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Perth	7.1	5.4
Wanneroo	5.4	4.7
Vincent	5.4	3.9
Swan	4.3	4.2
Bassendean	3.9	3.8

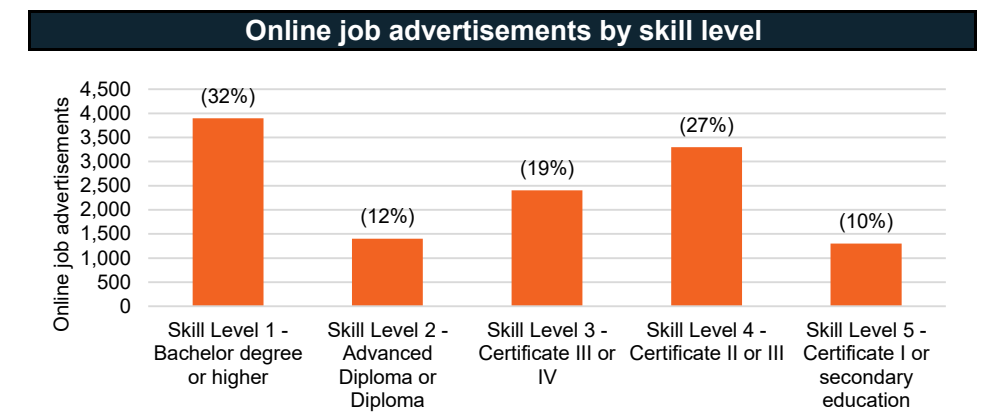
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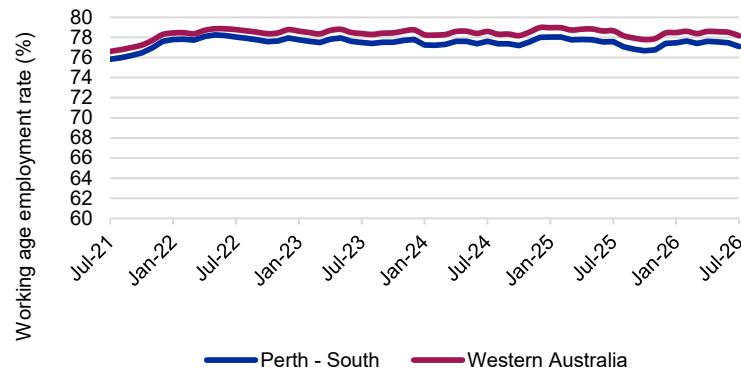
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Perth - South	77.1	77.6	34.5	30.9	11.4	4.8	4.4	81.1	81.2	10.4	9.4
Western Australia	78.2	78.7	76.2	72.3	5.5	4.4	4.2	81.8	82.0	9.7	8.8
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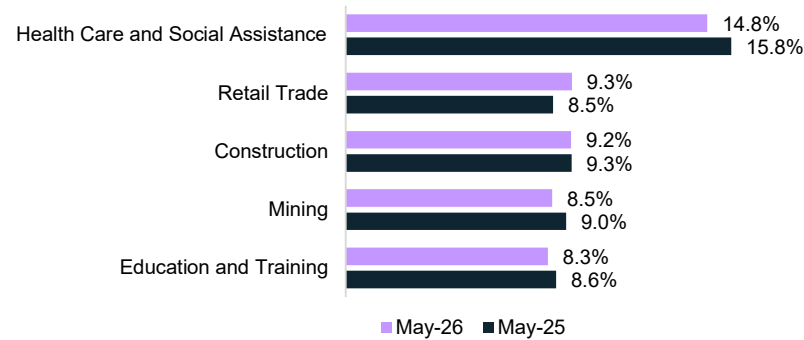
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Working age employment rate (%)



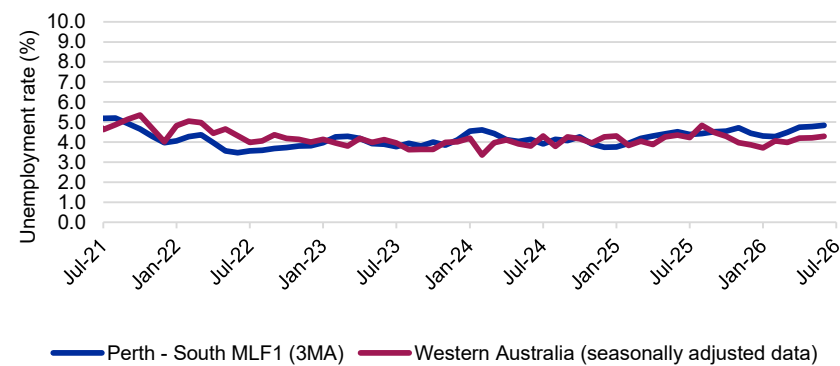
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Largest employing industries



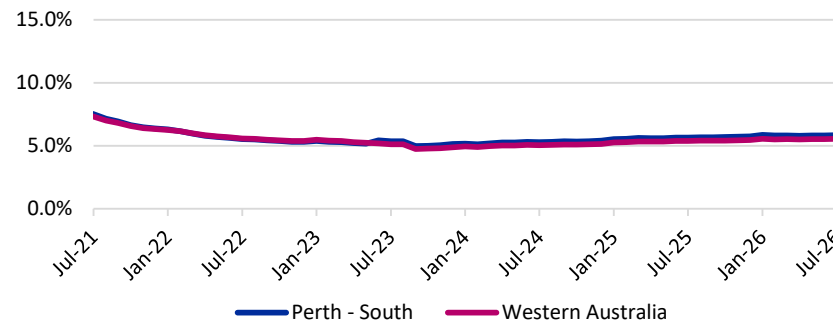
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - July 2025	46,775	107,390
Payments - July 2026	49,380	112,670
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	2,605	5,280
	5.6%	4.9%

% 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
Perth - South	49,380	5.8%
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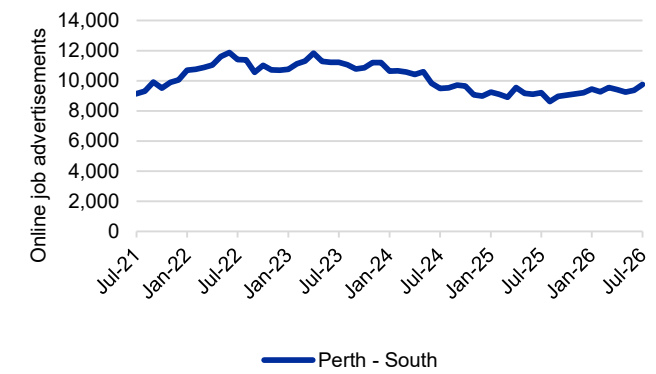
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kwinana	7.7	7.1
Rockingham	6.1	5.7
Gosnells	6.0	5.4
Armadale	6.0	5.4
Waroona	5.7	5.5

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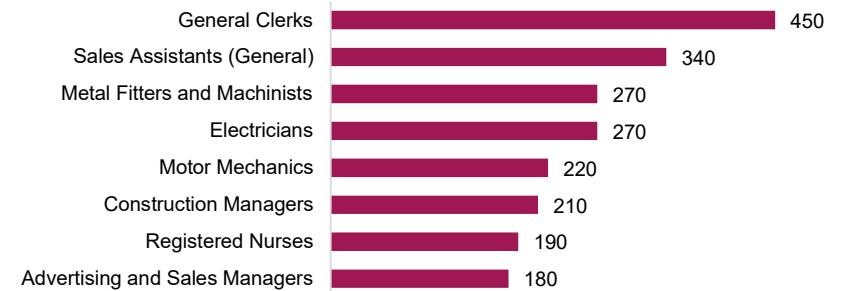
Online job advertisements



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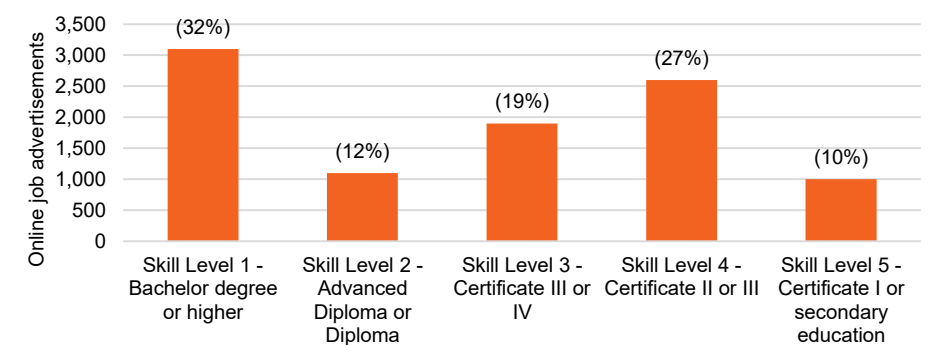
Number of job ads
9,700
Change over the month
4.0%
(500 job advertisements)
Annual change
5.9%
(300 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level

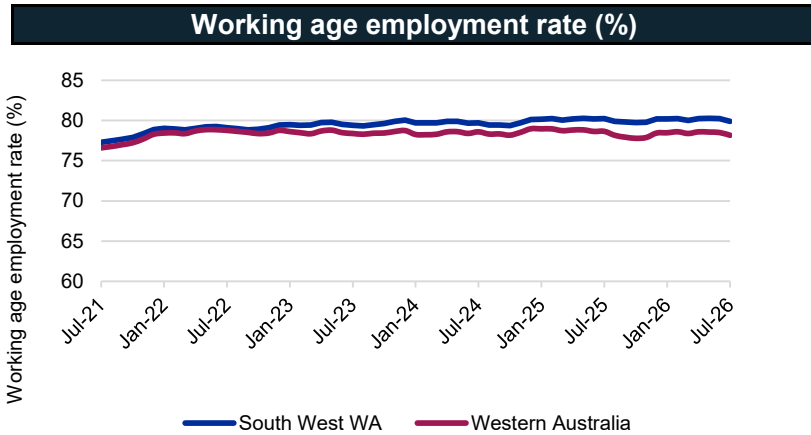


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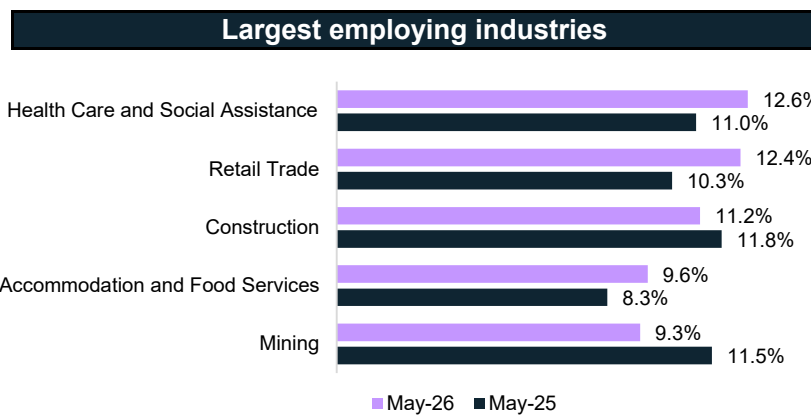
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South West WA	79.9	80.2	3.9	3.7	5.5	3.4	3.2	82.8	83.0	7.0	7.0
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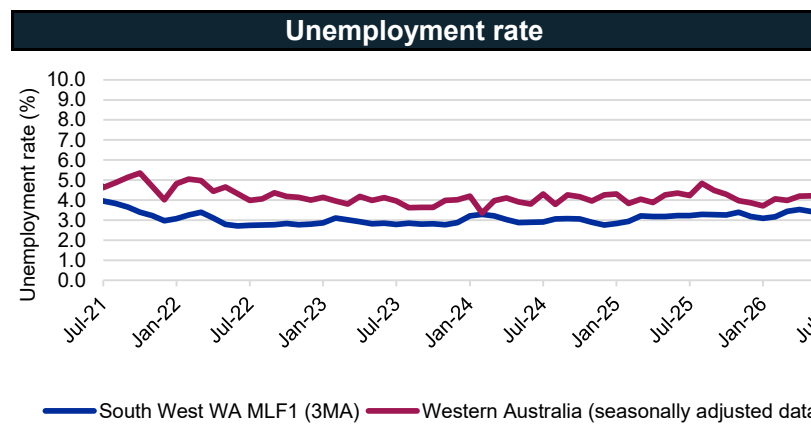
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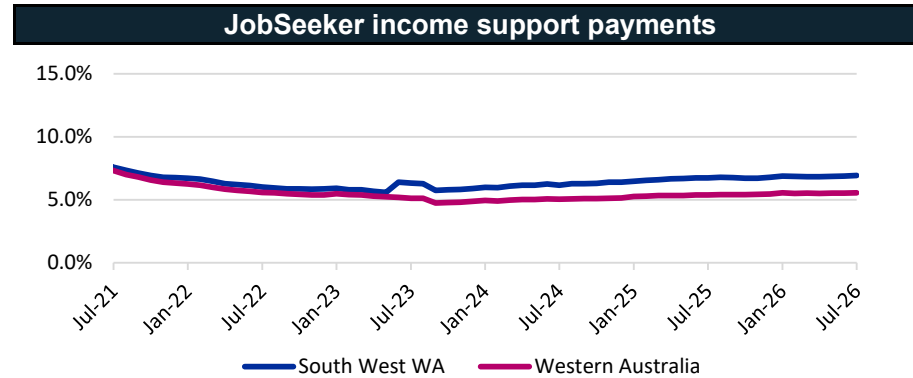
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - July 2025	8,625	107,390
Payments - July 2026	8,980	112,670
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	355	5,280
	4.1%	4.9%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
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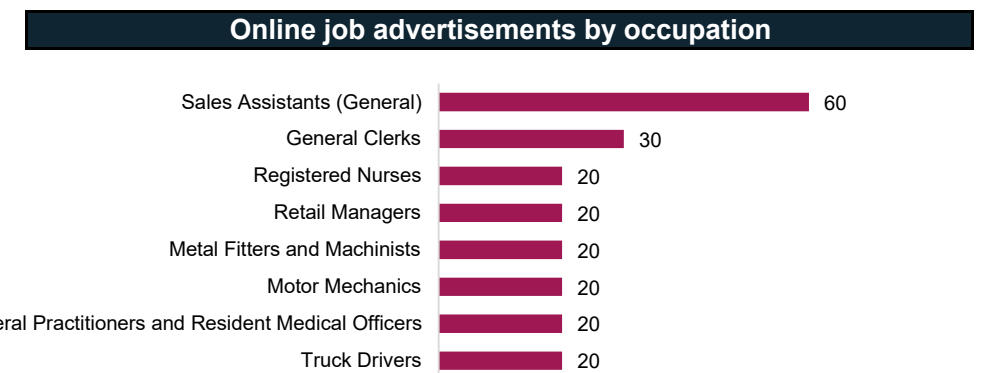
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Collie	5.8	5.7
Bunbury	4.9	5.0
Manjimup	3.6	3.2
Nannup*	3.1	2.8
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.9	2.5

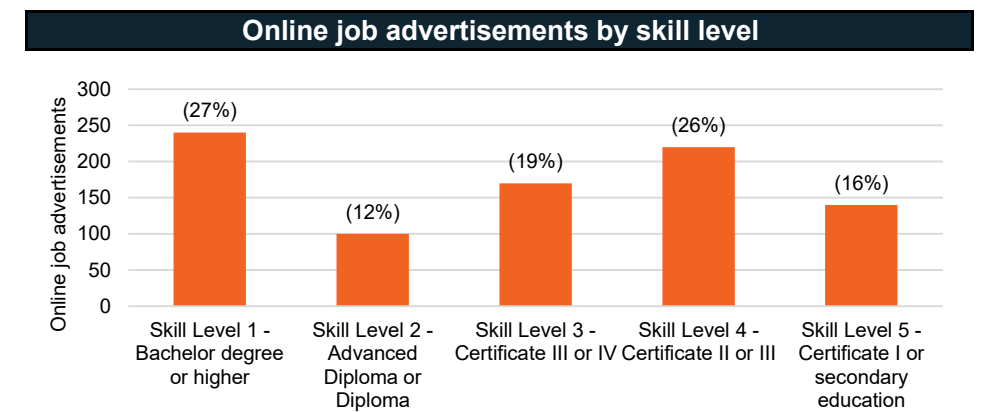
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