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Labour Market Dashboard New South Wales

Data current as at 20 August 2026

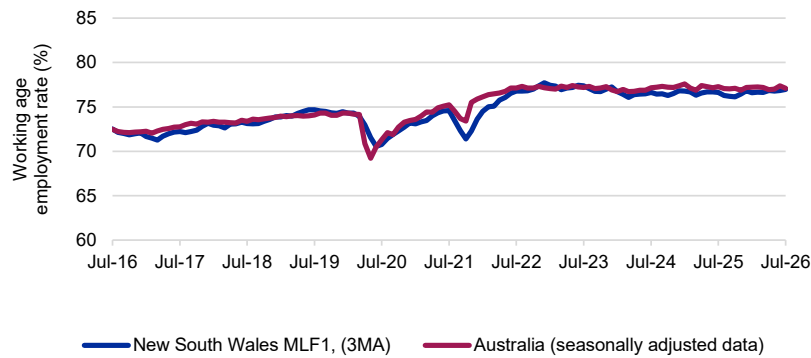
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

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

Labour market summary table											
	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 ('000)	Jul-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)	Jul-26 (%)	Jul-25 (%)
New South Wales	77.0	76.6	201.5	188.6	6.8	4.2	4.0	80.4	80.0	9.9	9.1
Australia	77.1	77.3	691.5	646.5	7.0	4.5	4.2	80.8	80.8	10.4	9.8

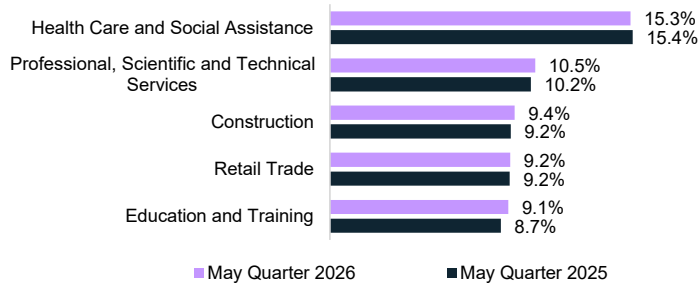
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, July-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.

Working age employment rate



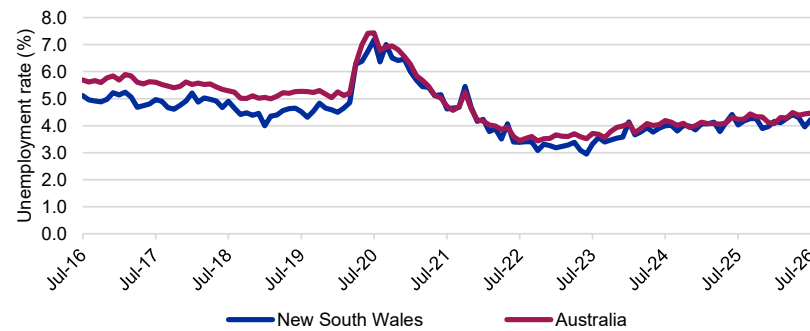
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), July -26

Largest employing industries



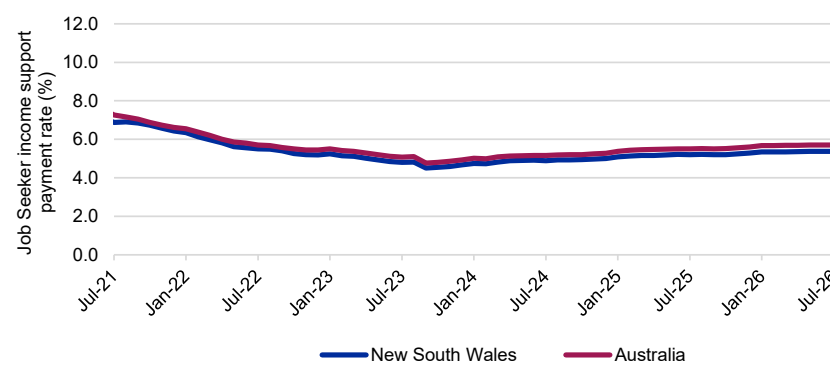
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, July-26

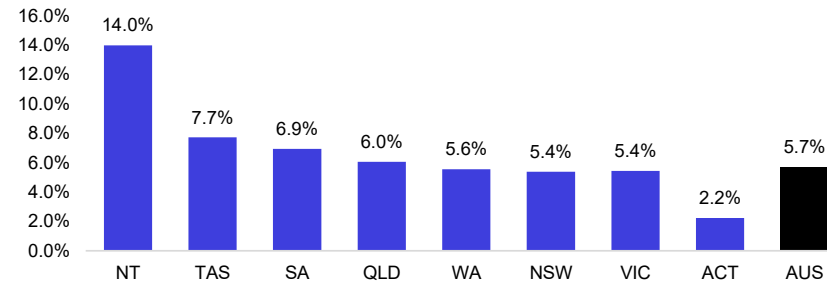
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments

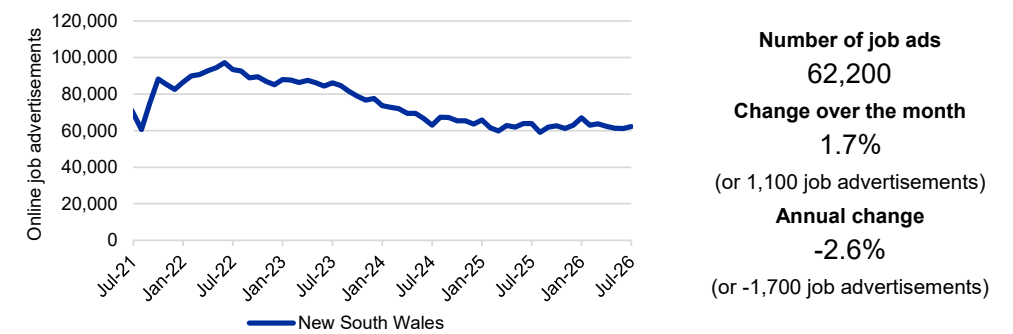
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - July 2025	280,900	986,090
Payments - July 2026	293,000	1,035,160
Change (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 12,100	↑ 49,070
Change % (July 2025 to July 2026)	↑ 4.3%	↑ 5.0%

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



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

Online job advertisements



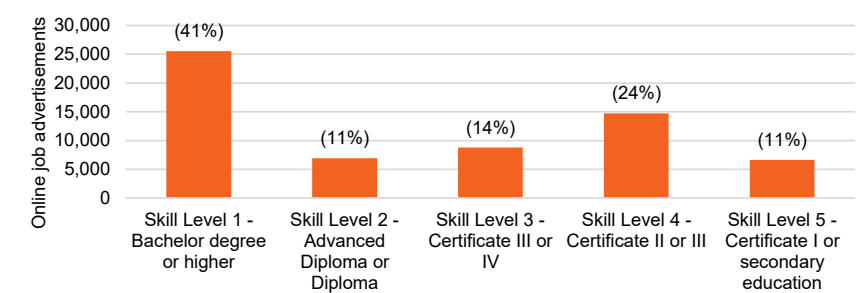
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, July-26

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.