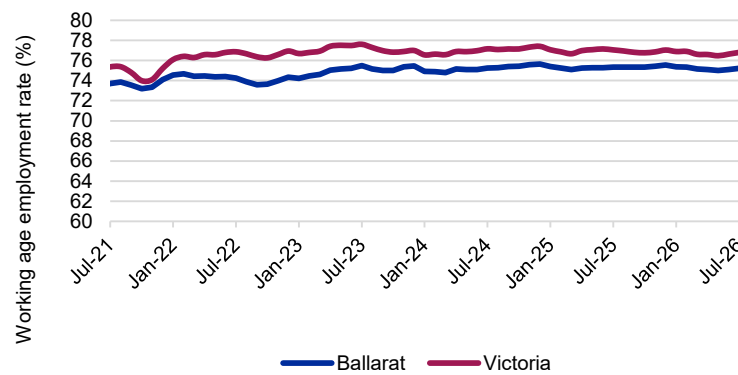


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

| 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 (%) |
| Ballarat                    | 75.2                        | 75.3       | 3.7           | 3.4           | 7.8        | 3.8               | 3.6        | 78.3                           | 78.3       | 9.0                     | 8.1        |
| 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        |

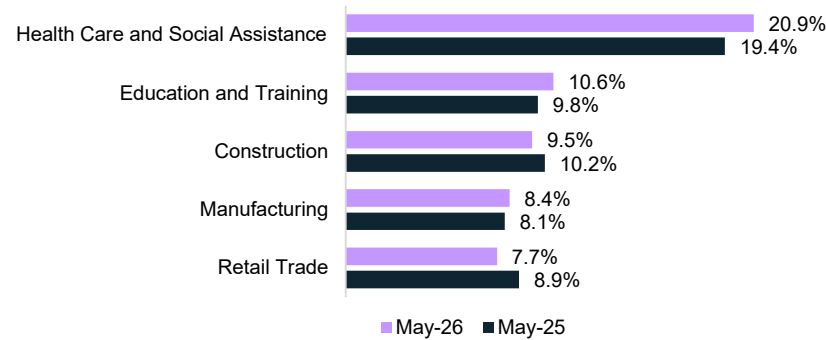
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates July -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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

### Working age employment rate (%)



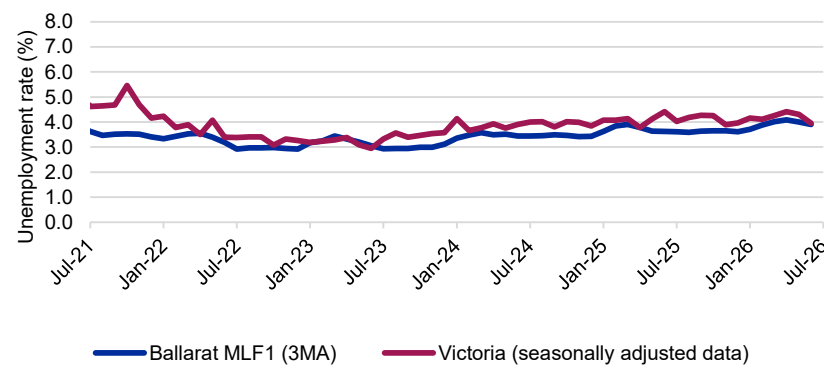
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), July 2026

### Largest employing industries



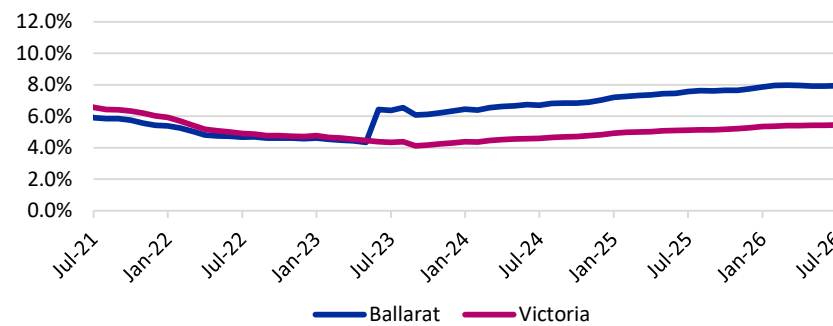
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

### Unemployment rate



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

### 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%                                             |
| Victoria  | 256,555                                   | 5.4%                                             |
| Australia | 1,035,160                                 | 5.7%                                             |

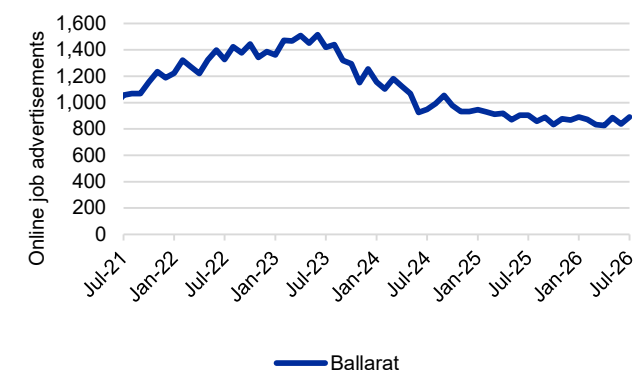
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, July 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) July 2026

### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 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

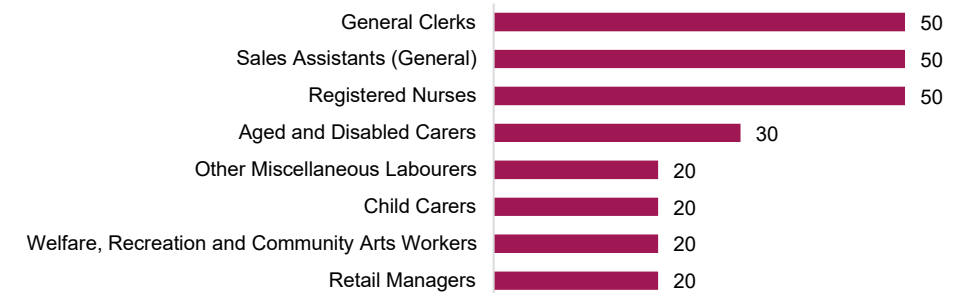
### Online job advertisements



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

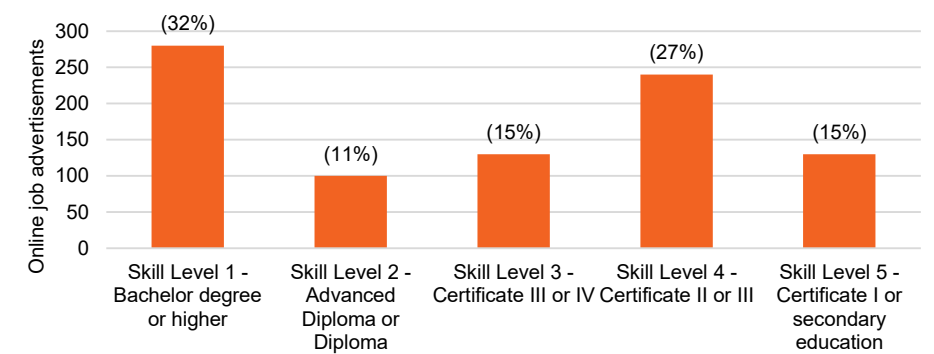
**Number of job ads**  
890  
**Change over the month**  
6.4%  
(-20 job advertisements)  
**Annual change**  
-1.5%  
(50 job advertisements)

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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

### Online job advertisements by skill level



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