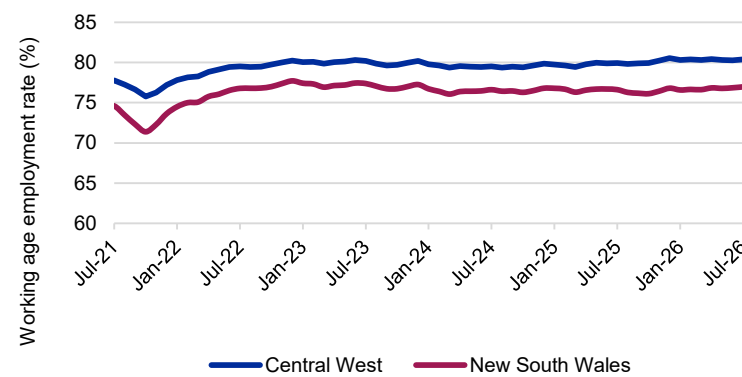


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

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 (%)
Central West	80.4	80.0	4.3	4.3	-0.4	3.6	3.6	83.6	83.2	8.3	8.0
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

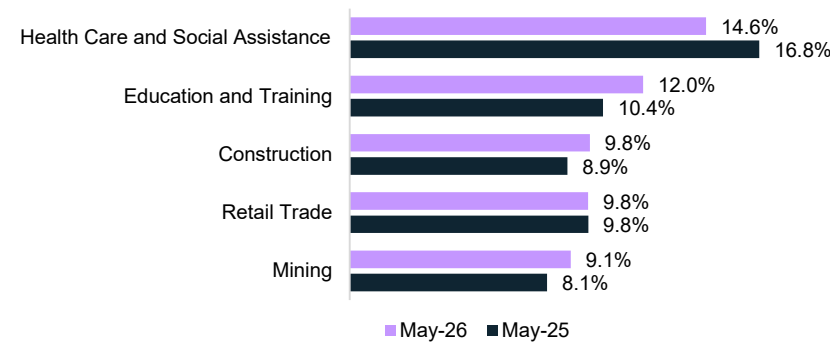
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates July -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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

Working age employment rate (%)



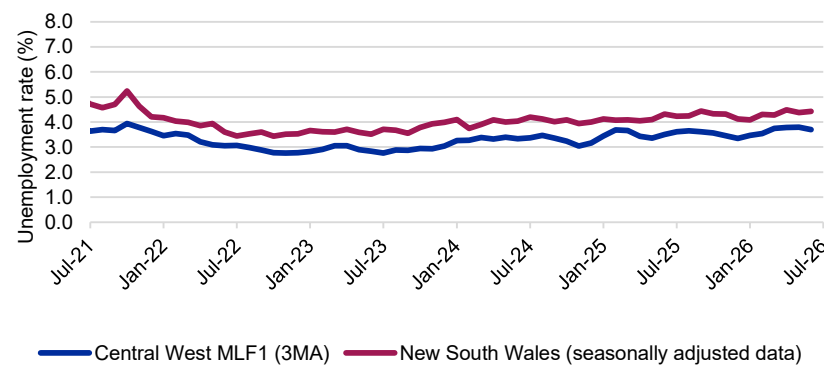
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), July 2026

Largest employing industries



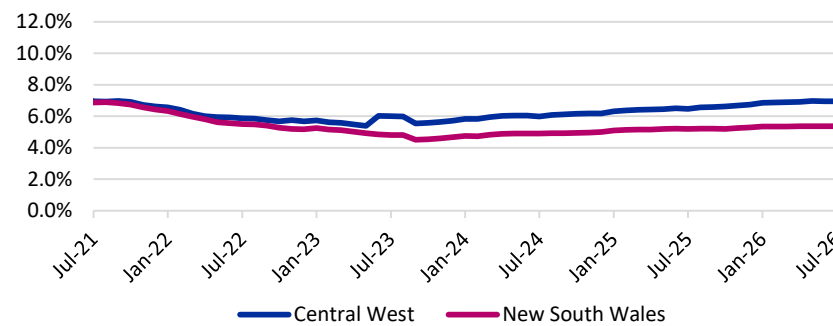
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	8,440	280,900
Payments - July 2026	8,970	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	530	12,100
	6.3%	4.3%

% 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
Central West	8,970	6.9%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

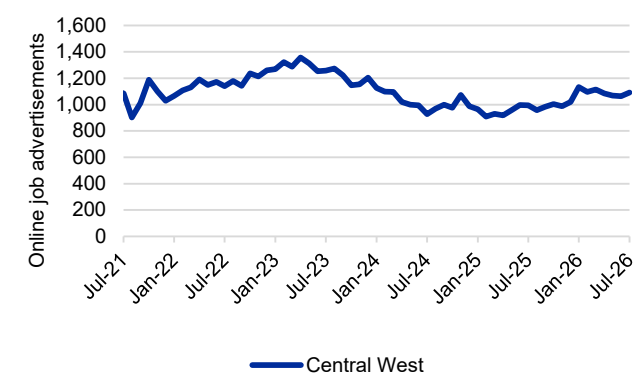
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, July 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) July 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Lithgow	4.9	3.4
Cowra	4.9	4.0
Lachlan	4.7	3.6
Parkes	4.5	3.2
Forbes	3.4	2.4

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

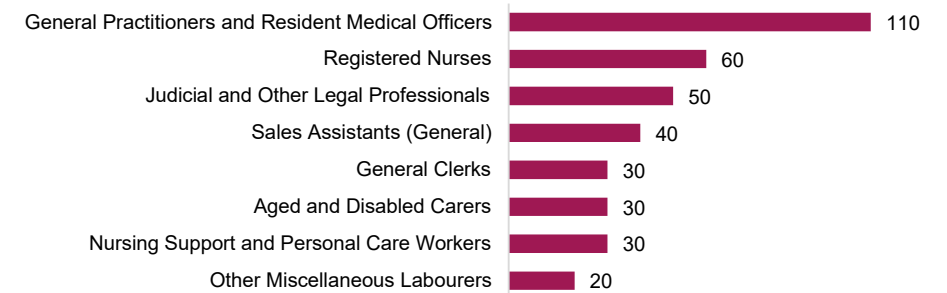
Online job advertisements



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

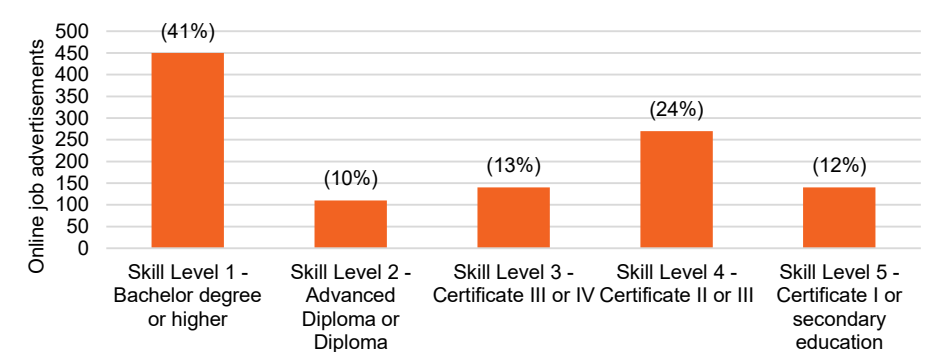
Number of job ads
1,100
Change over the month
2.5%
(110 job advertisements)
Annual change
9.7%
(job advertisements)

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