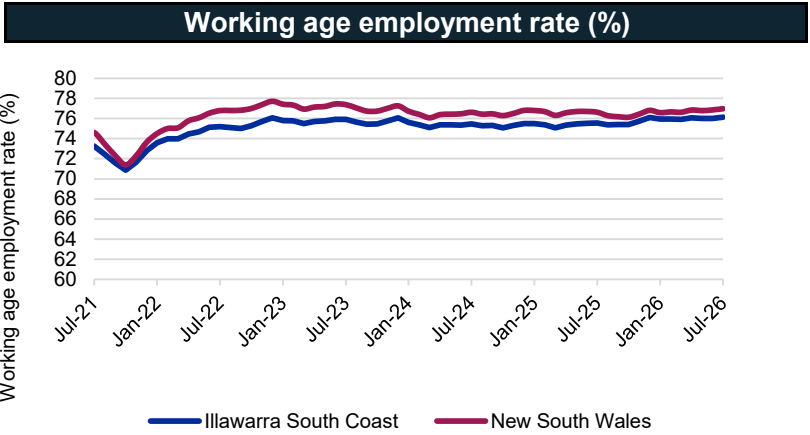


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

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 (%)
Illawarra South Coast	76.1	75.5	10.9	11.2	-2.5	4.3	4.5	79.7	79.2	10.8	10.7
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

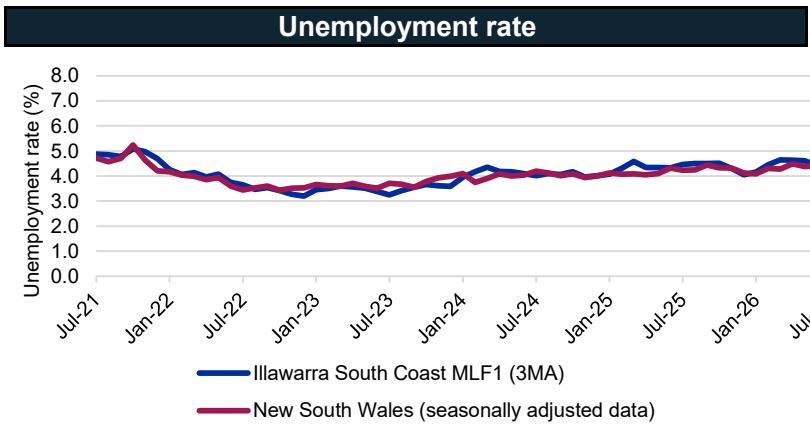
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates July -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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



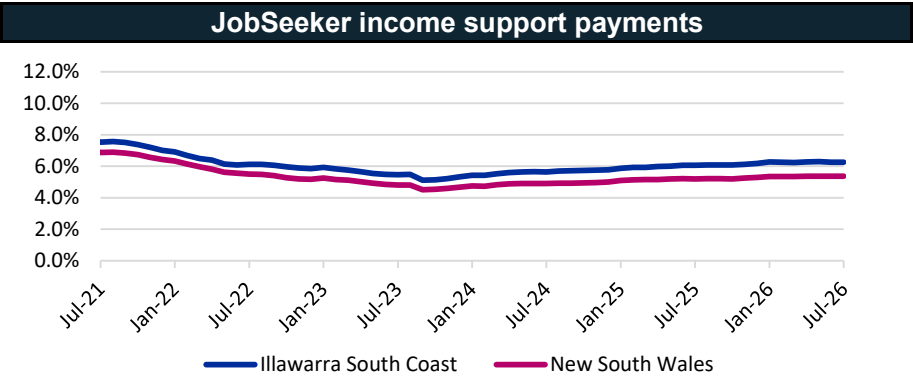
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), July 2026



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



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



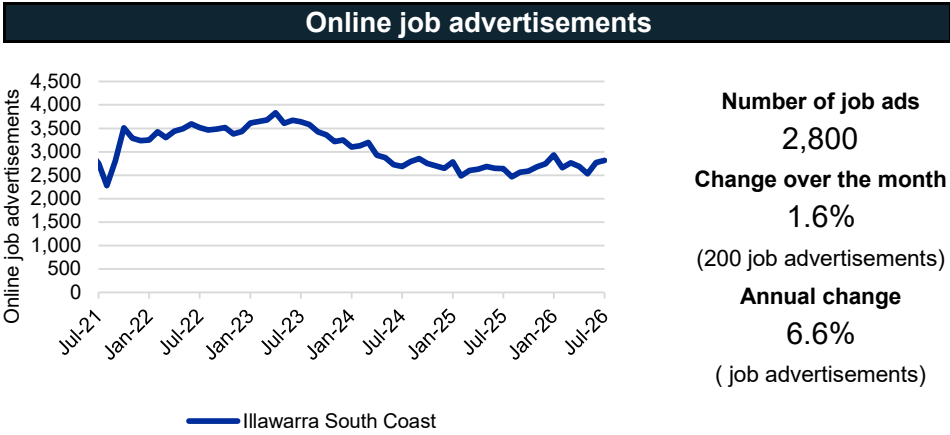
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - July 2025	18,180	280,900
Payments - July 2026	18,765	293,000
Change from July 2025 to July 2026	585	12,100
	3.2%	4.3%

% 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
Illawarra South Coast	18,765	6.3%
New South Wales	293,000	5.4%
Australia	1,035,160	5.7%

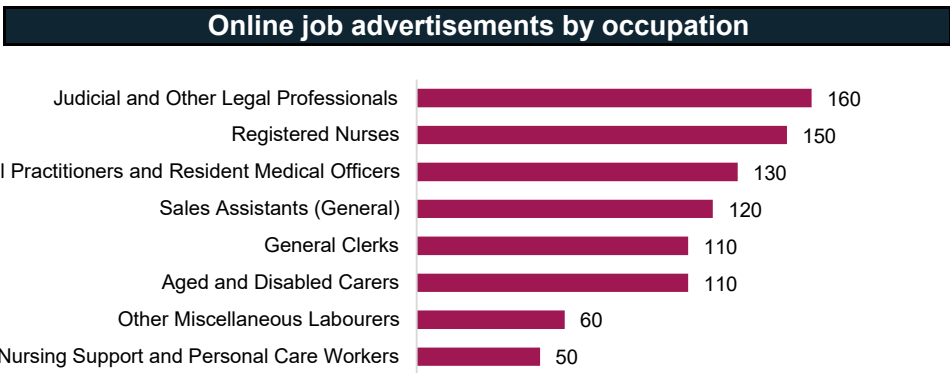
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, July 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) July 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Shellharbour	6.5	6.4
Wollongong	6.3	6.0
Eurobodalla	4.4	5.0
Shoalhaven	4.3	2.1
Bega Valley	3.5	4.1

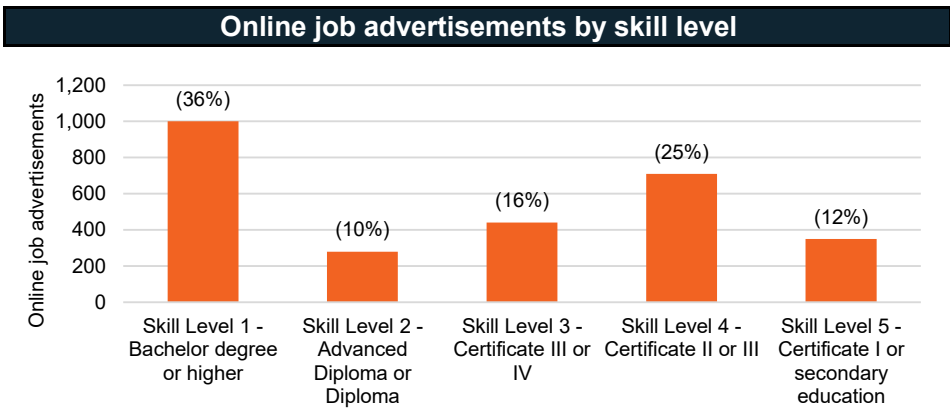
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



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



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Note: Employment Region data are not directly available. Employment Regions were derived from ABS Labour Force and JobSeeker Income support payments are aggregated and apportioned using a SA4 to ER concordance. 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.