

Labour Market Dashboard
New South Wales

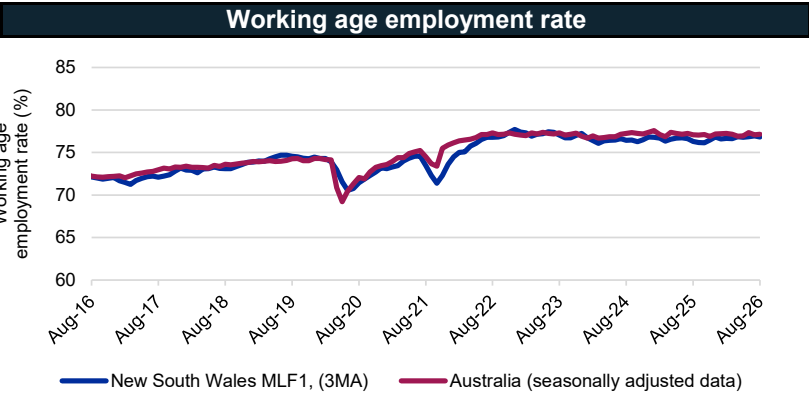
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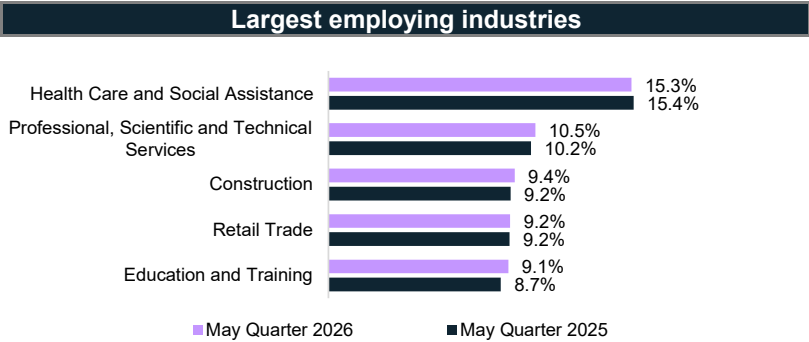
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
Australia	77.1	77.1	722.9	642.9	12.4	4.6	4.2	81.0	80.6	10.8	9.7

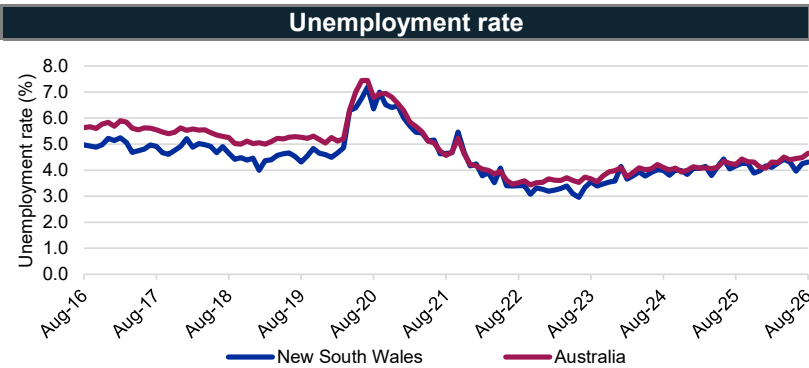
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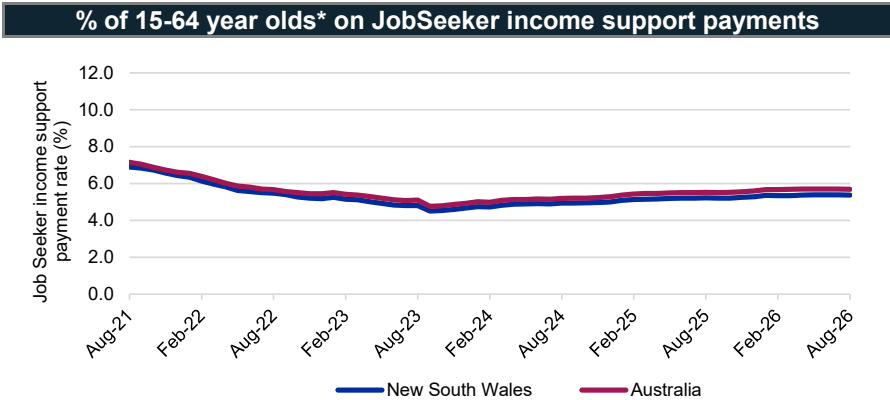
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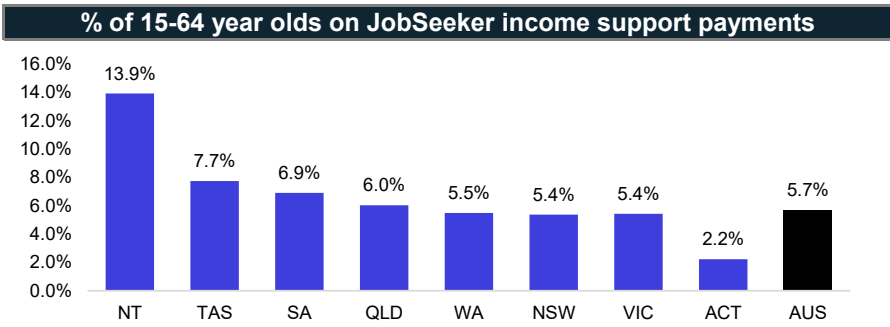
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Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, August-26



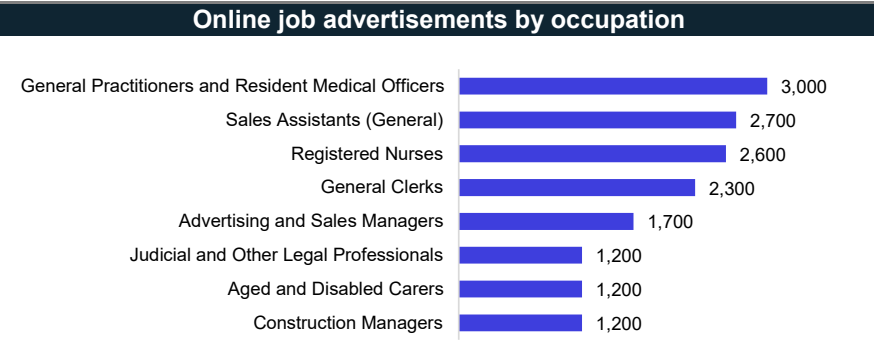
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - August 2025	281,370	987,955
Payments - August 2026	292,305	1,033,140
Change (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 10,935	↑ 45,185
Change % (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 3.9%	↑ 4.6%



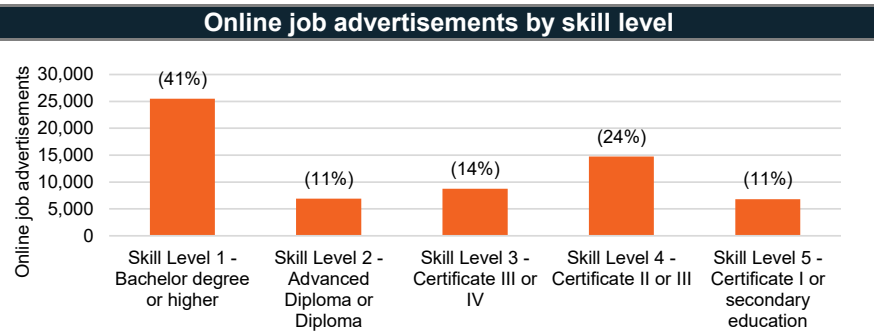
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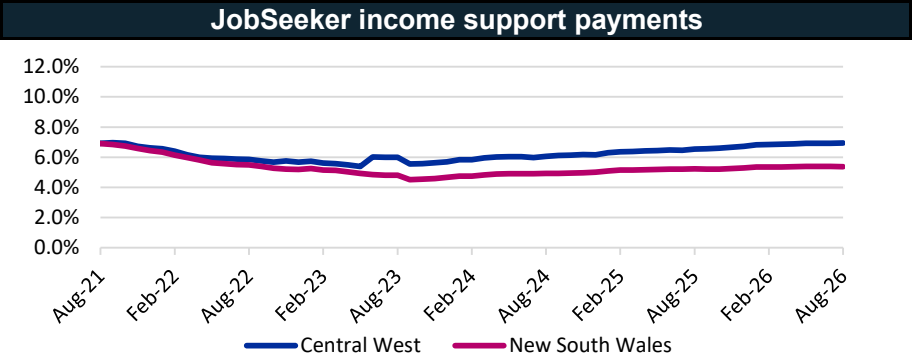
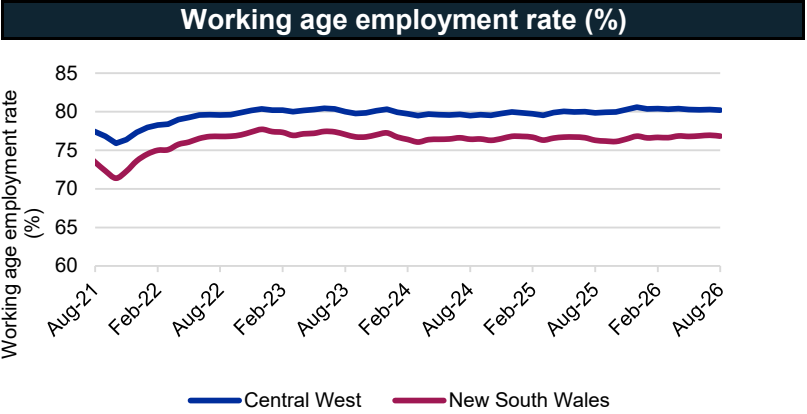
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Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

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Central West	80.2	79.9	4.3	4.3	-0.8	3.6	3.6	83.4	83.1	8.2	7.9
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
Australia	77.1	77.1	722.9	642.9	12.4	4.6	4.2	81.0	80.6	10.8	9.7

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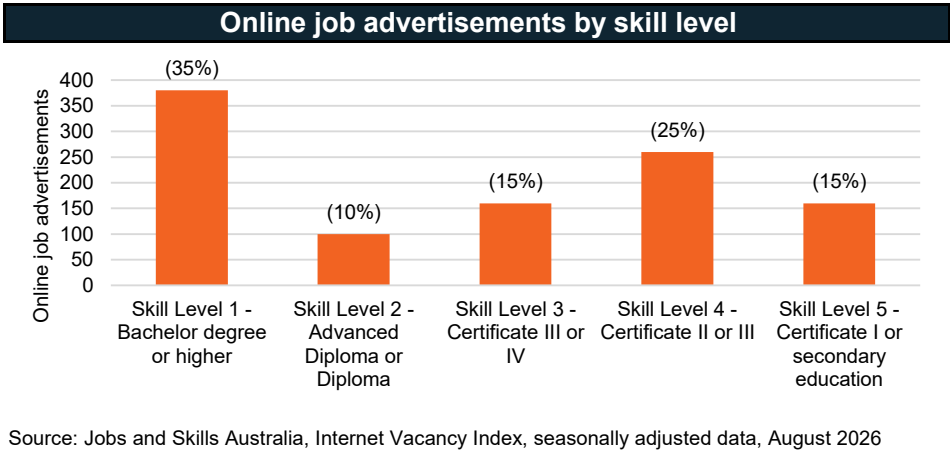
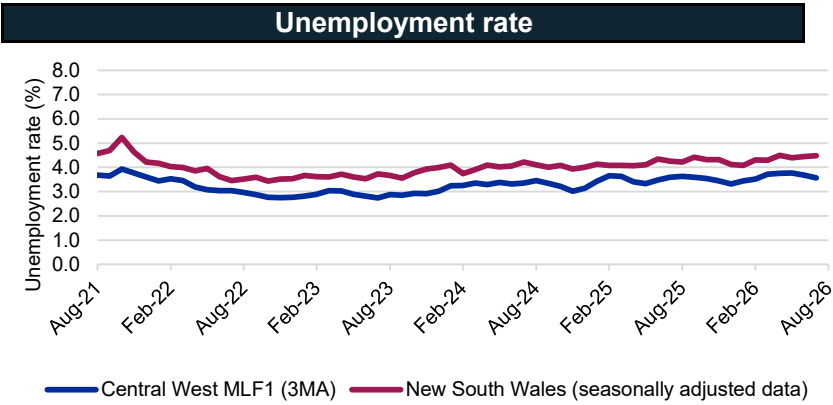
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	8,510	281,370
Payments - August 2026	8,975	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 465	↑ 10,935
	↑ 5.5%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
Central West	8,975	6.9%
New South Wales	292,305	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

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



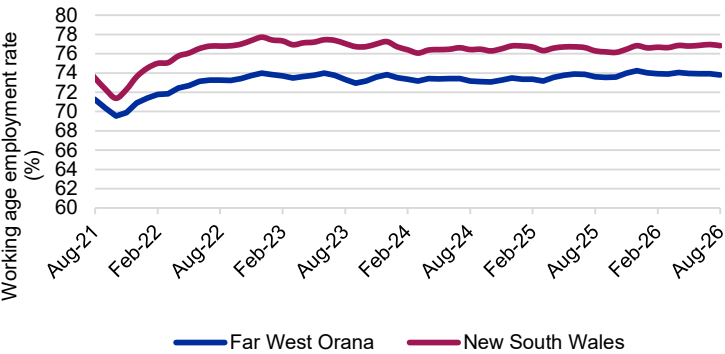
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Far West Orana	73.8	73.6	2.3	2.3	0.1	3.9	4.0	77.0	76.8	9.9	9.9
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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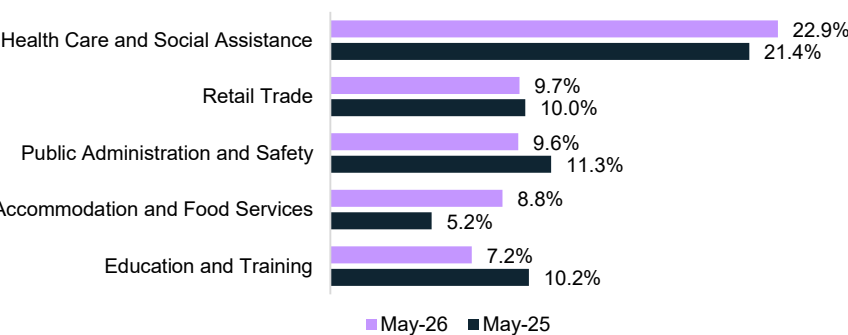
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Working age employment rate (%)



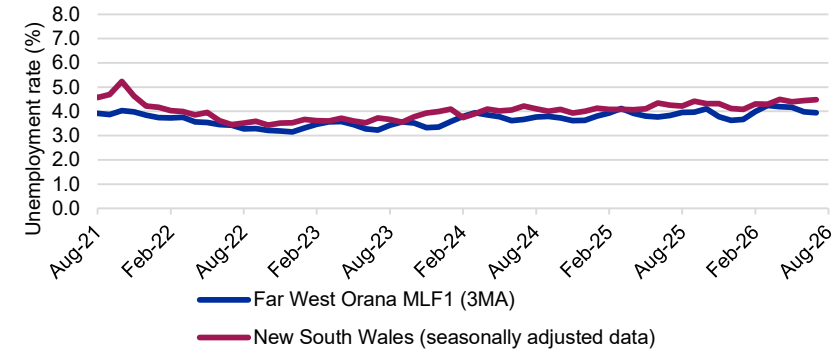
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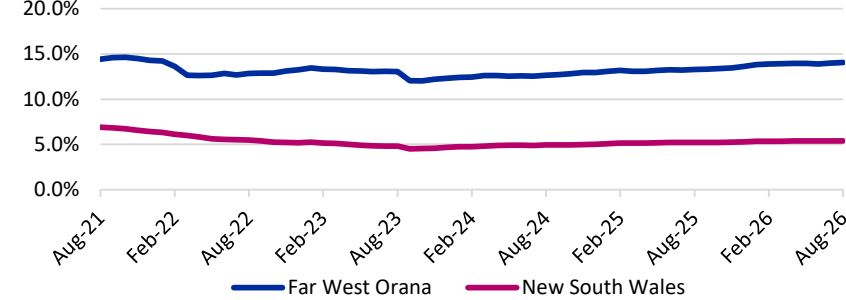
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	9,150	281,370
Payments - August 2026	9,580	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 430	↑ 10,935
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 3.9%

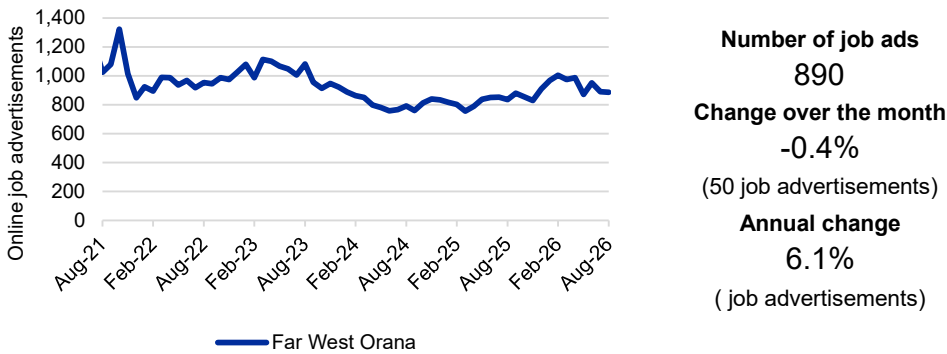
% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Walgett	7.1	10.2
Coonamble	4.2	5.7
Broken Hill	3.1	4.7
Warrumbungle	3.0	3.8
Warren	2.8	4.0

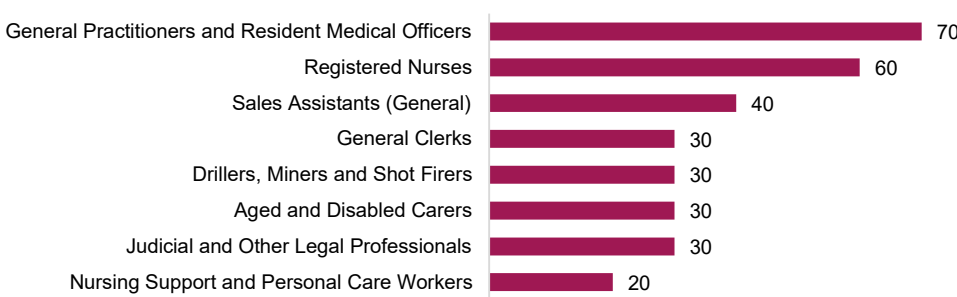
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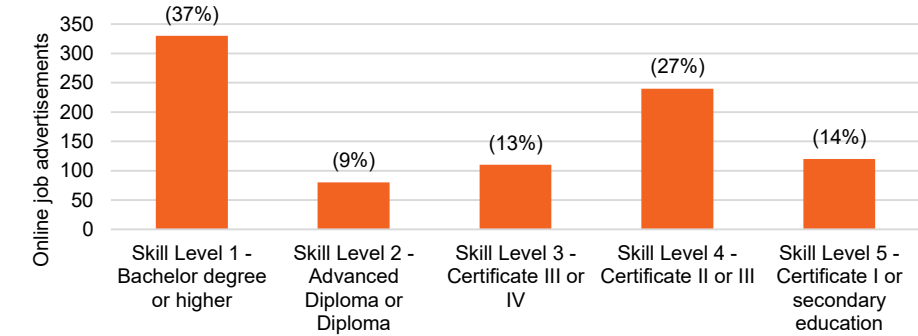
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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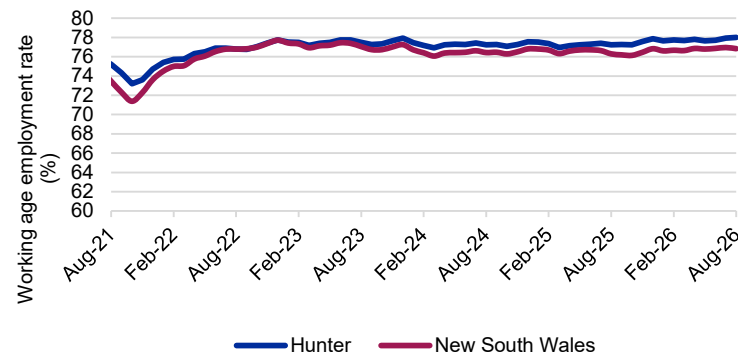
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	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
Hunter	78.0	77.2	16.7	16.7	-0.3	4.3	4.4	81.6	80.9	10.1	10.0
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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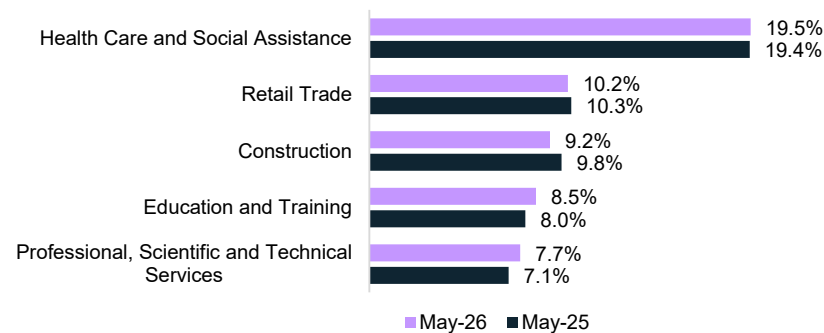
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Working age employment rate (%)



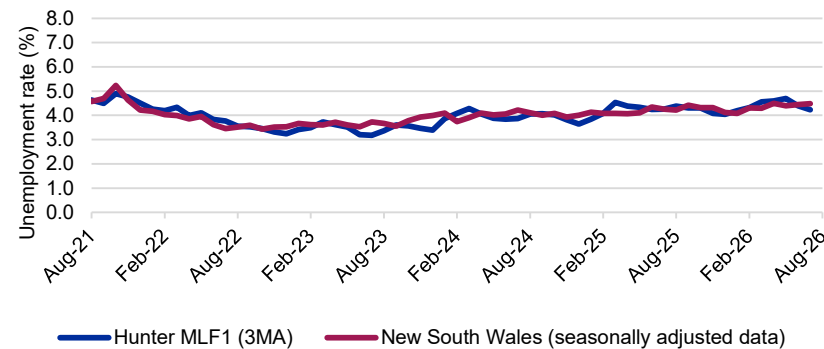
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Largest employing industries



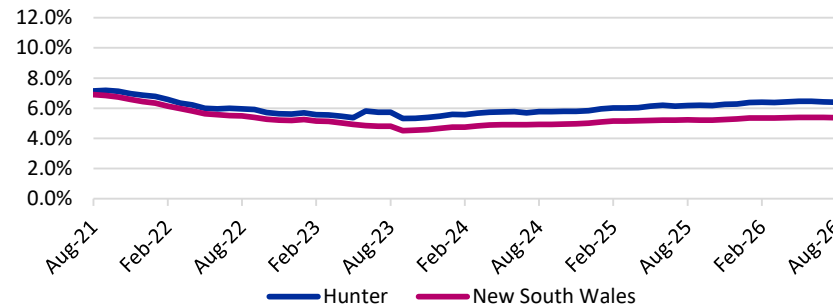
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	27,860	281,370
Payments - August 2026	29,245	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 1,385	↑ 10,935
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
Hunter	29,245	6.4%
New South Wales	292,305	5.4%
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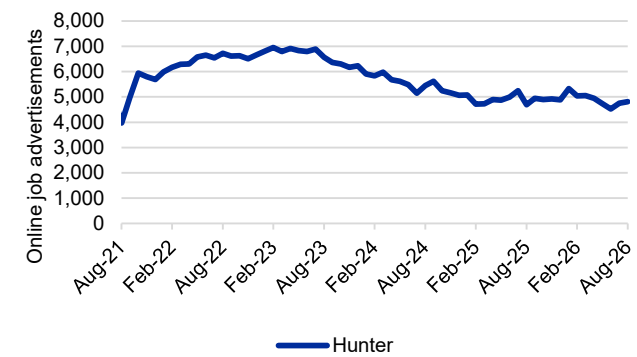
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Muswellbrook	5.5	6.8
Cessnock	4.9	5.6
Newcastle	4.7	3.1
Lake Macquarie	4.5	2.8
Port Stephens	4.2	4.8

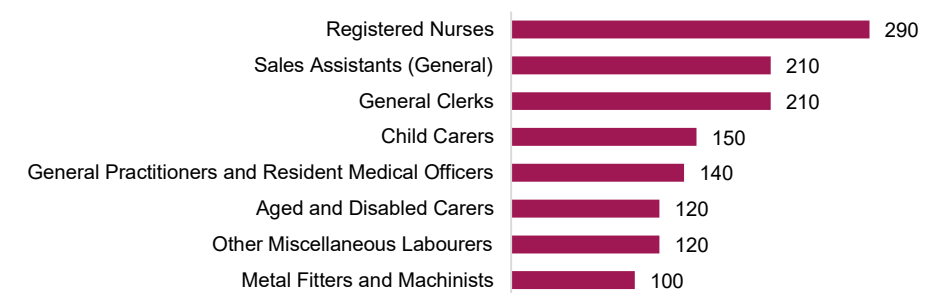
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Online job advertisements



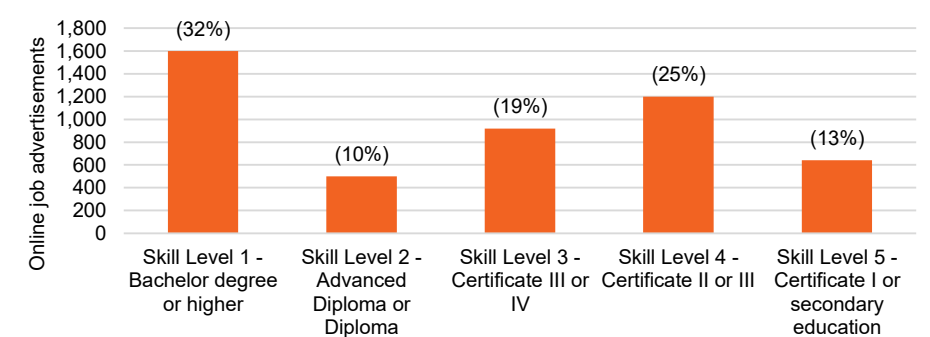
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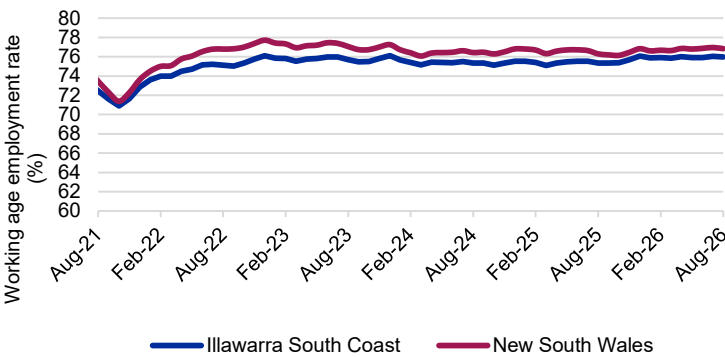
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Illawarra South Coast	76.0	75.4	11.0	11.3	-2.9	4.3	4.5	79.5	79.0	10.8	10.8
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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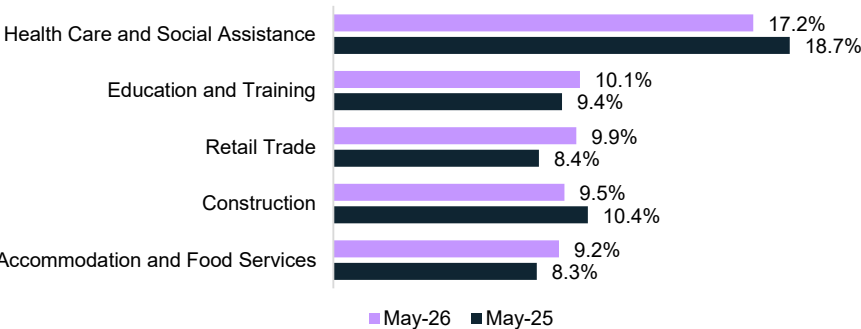
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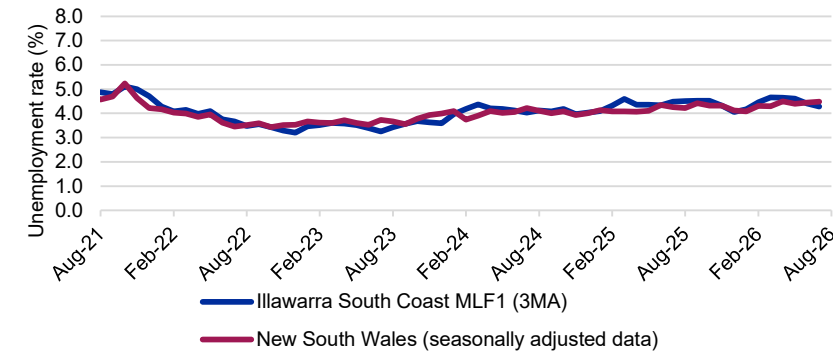
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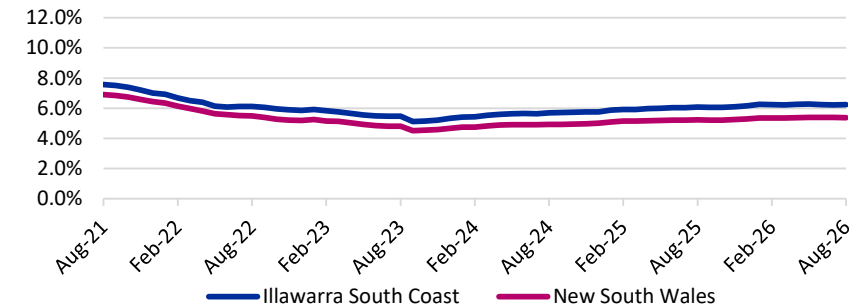
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	18,220	281,370
Payments - August 2026	18,795	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 575	↑ 10,935
	↑ 3.2%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
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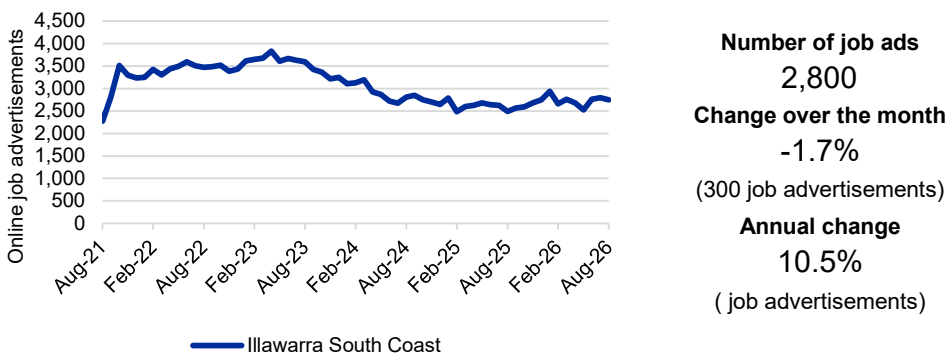
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LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

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

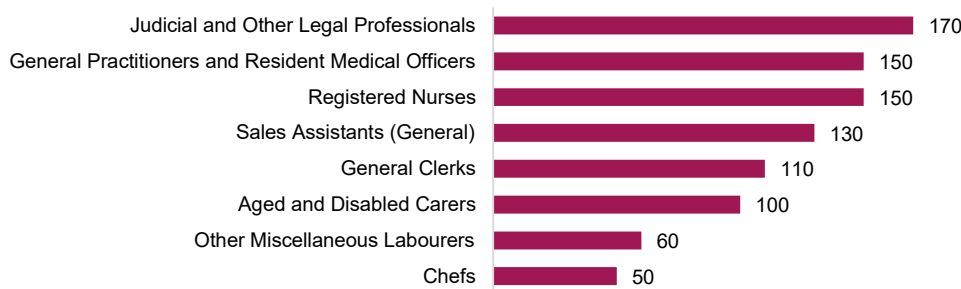
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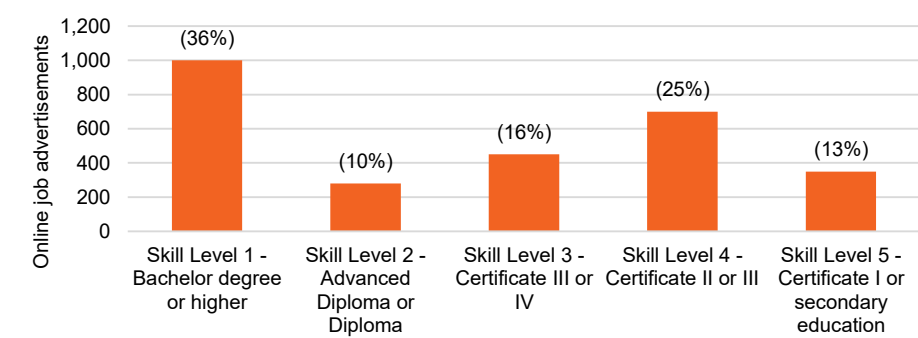
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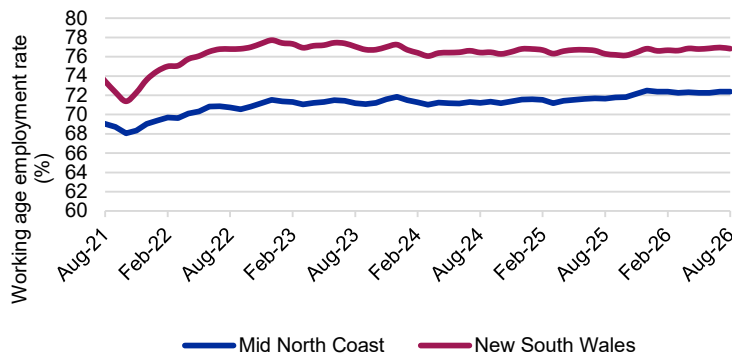
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New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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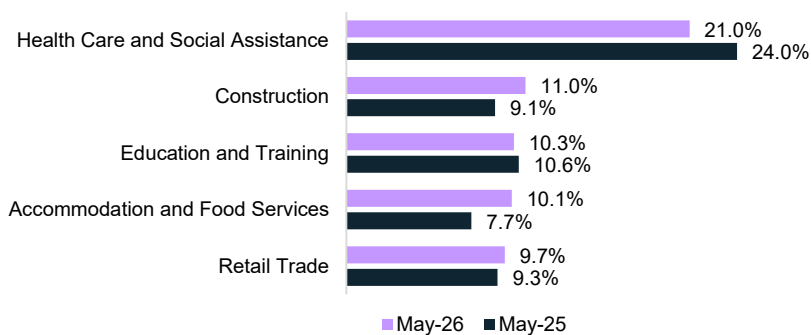
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Working age employment rate (%)



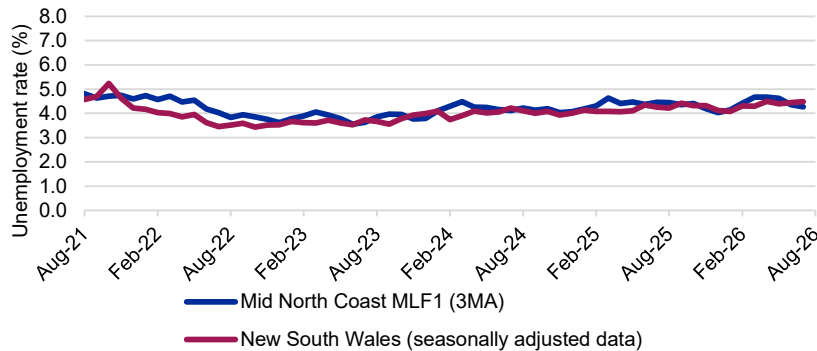
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Largest employing industries



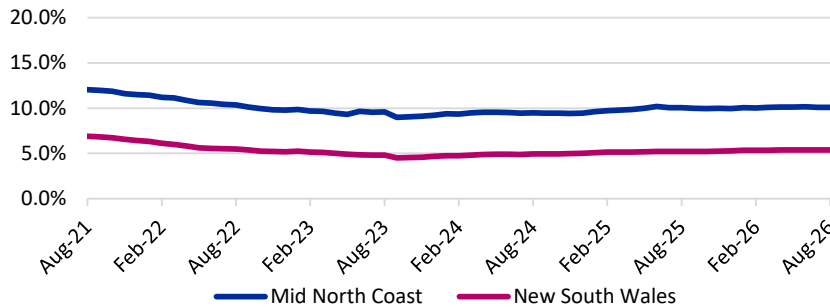
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
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Change from August 2025 to August 2026	70	10,935
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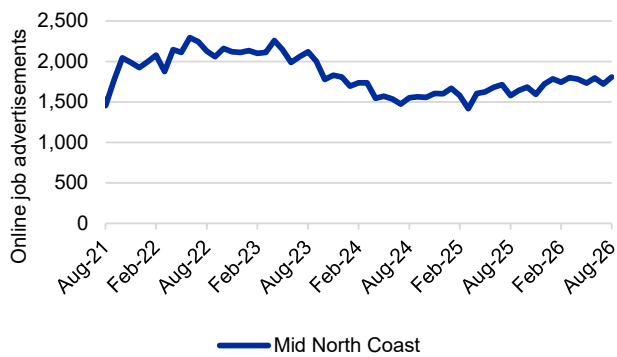
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kempsey	6.4	5.7
Nambucca Valley	6.2	5.6
Mid-Coast	4.9	4.4
Bellingen	4.6	5.2
Armidale	4.0	2.4

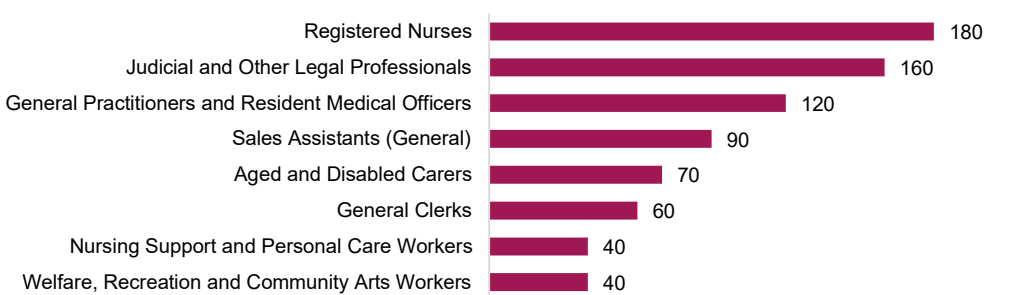
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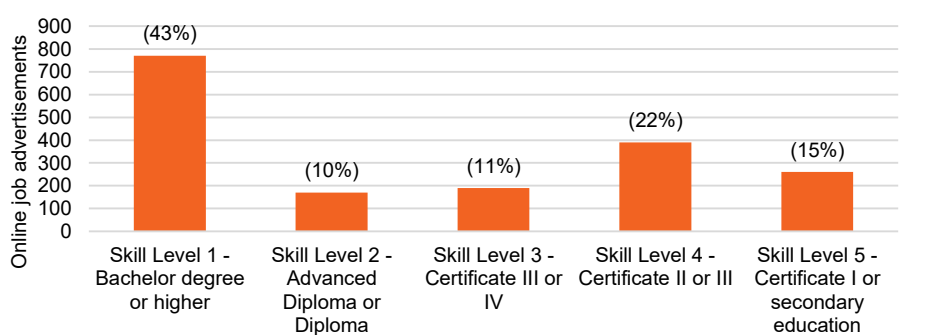
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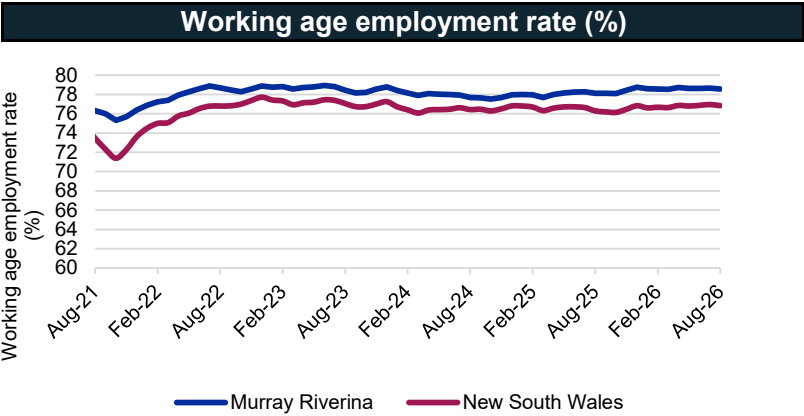
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Murray Riverina	78.5	78.1	5.7	5.8	-1.8	3.7	3.8	81.8	81.4	8.5	8.4
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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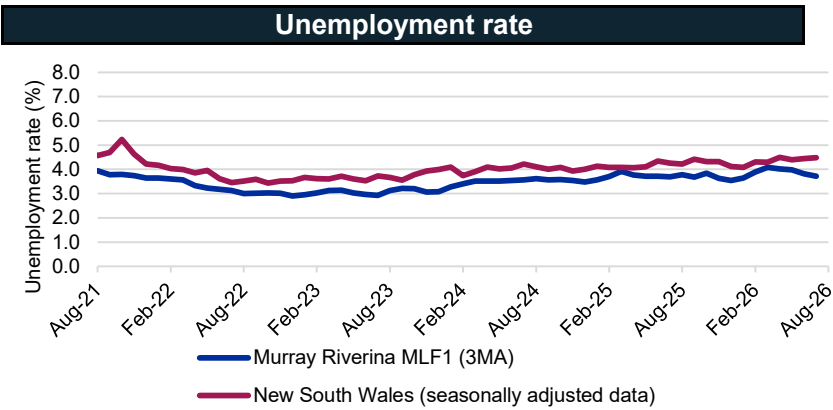
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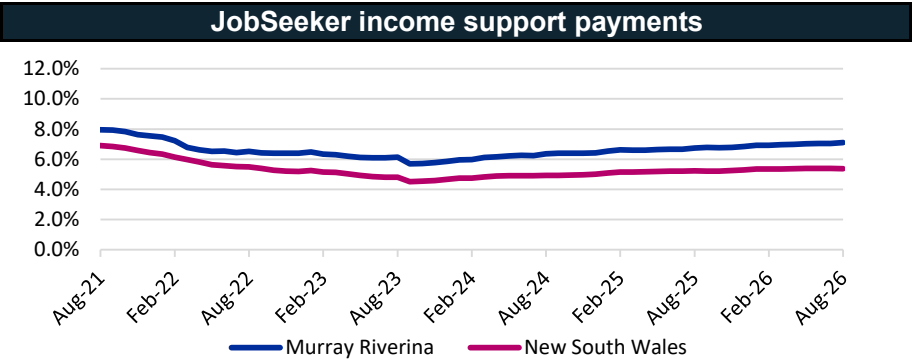
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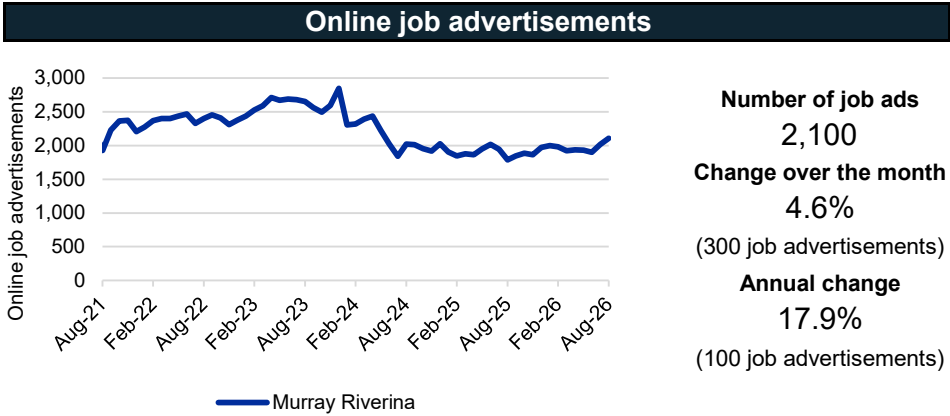
	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	11,690	281,370
Payments - August 2026	12,225	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 535	↑ 10,935
	↑ 4.6%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
Murray Riverina	12,225	7.1%
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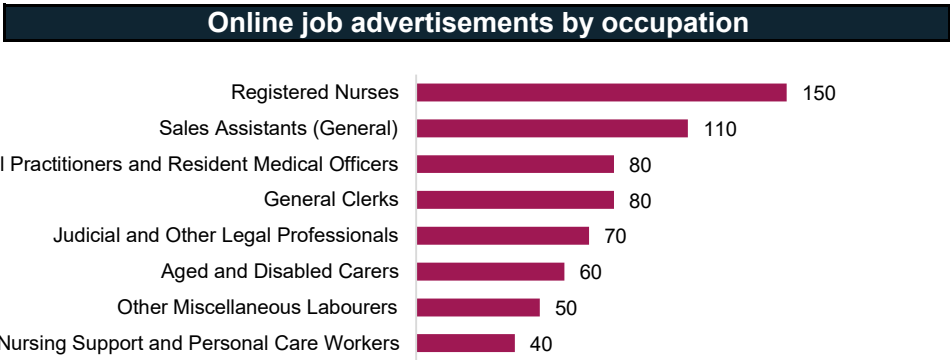
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Narrandera	5.9	6.4
Wentworth	5.8	4.5
Albury	5.6	4.3
Edward River	5.5	4.3
Hay	4.6	3.9

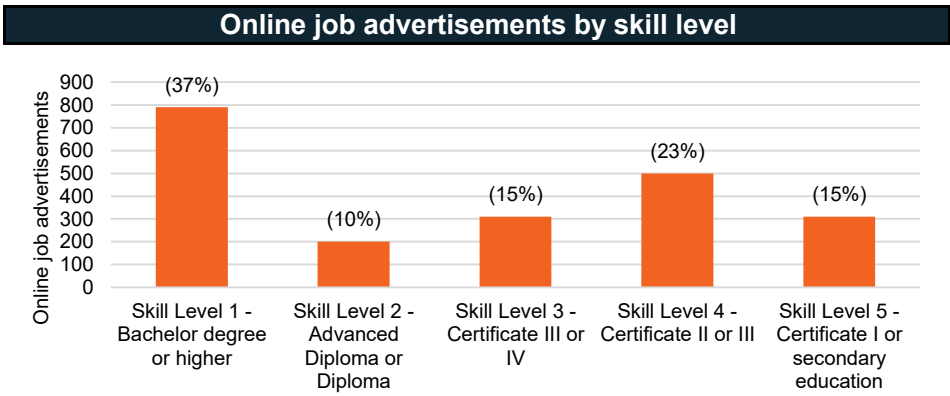
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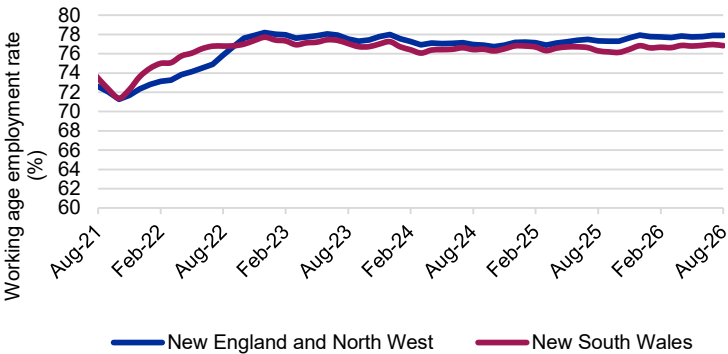
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New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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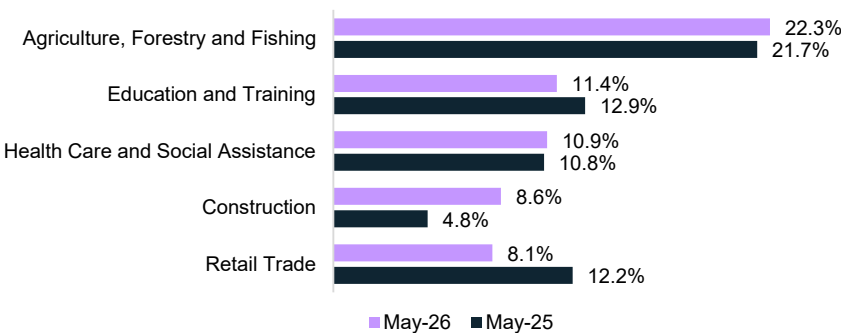
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Working age employment rate (%)



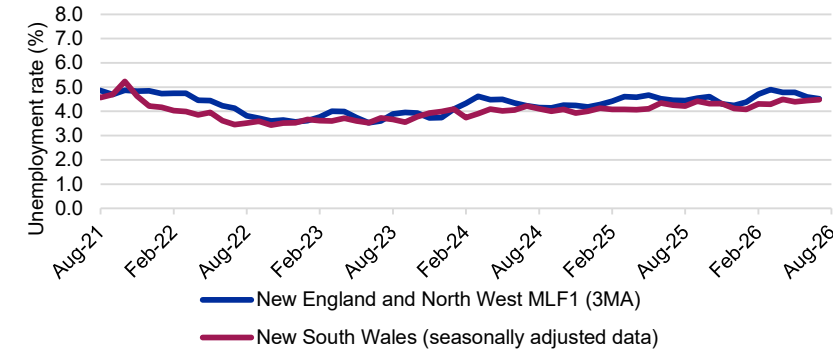
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Largest employing industries



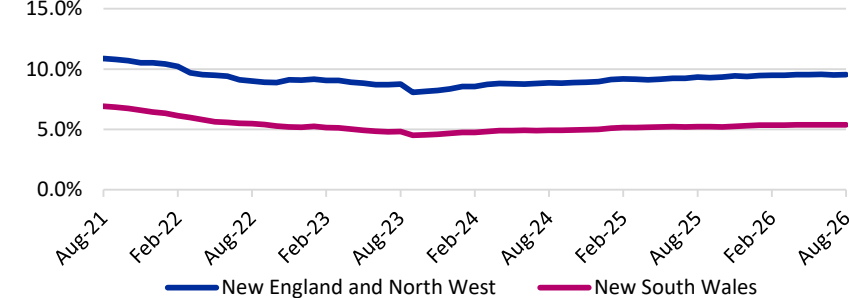
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	10,780	281,370
Payments - August 2026	10,975	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 195	↑ 10,935
	↑ 1.8%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
New England and North West	10,975	9.5%
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Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

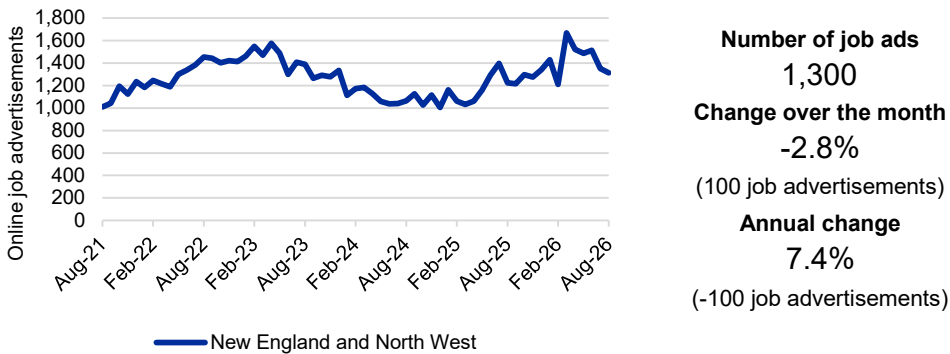
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Tenterfield	5.7	3.0
Glen Innes Severn	5.2	2.9
Moree Plains	4.6	2.7
Inverell	4.3	2.4
Armidale	4.0	2.4

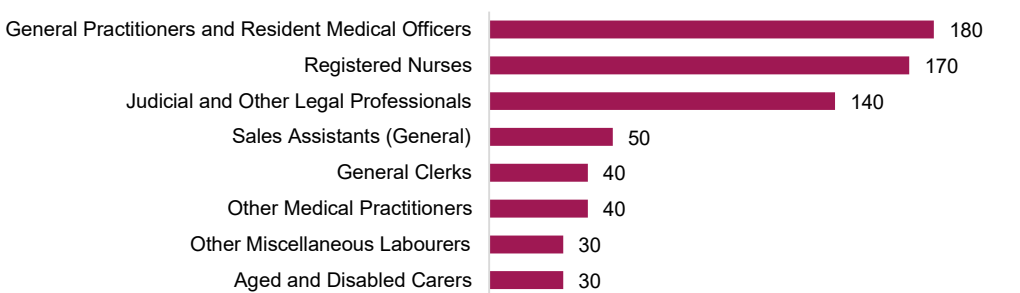
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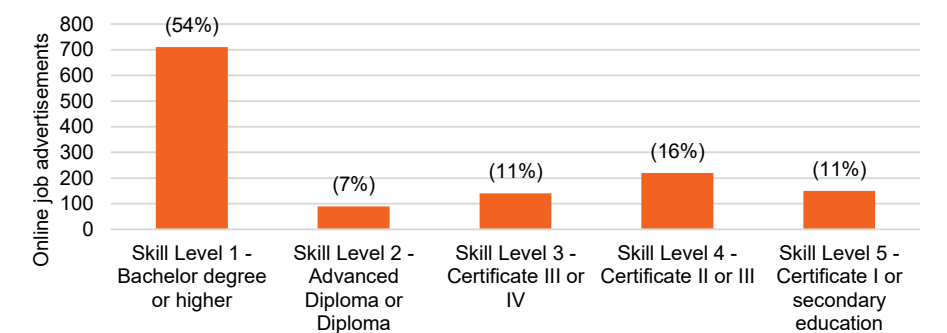
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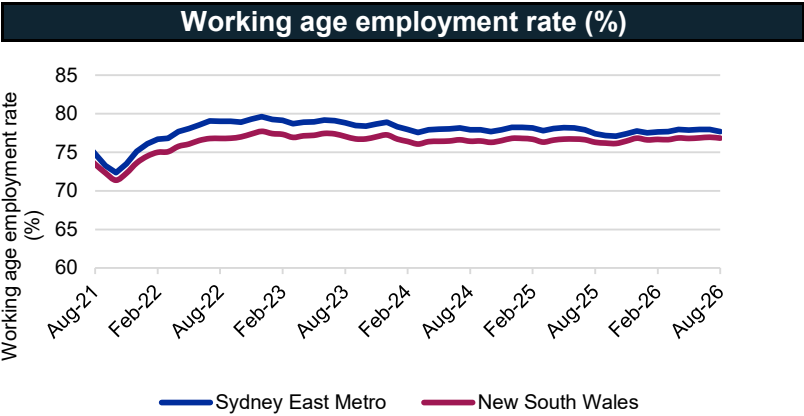
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Sydney East Metro	77.7	77.4	41.5	41.5	0.1	3.7	3.8	80.8	80.5	8.8	7.8
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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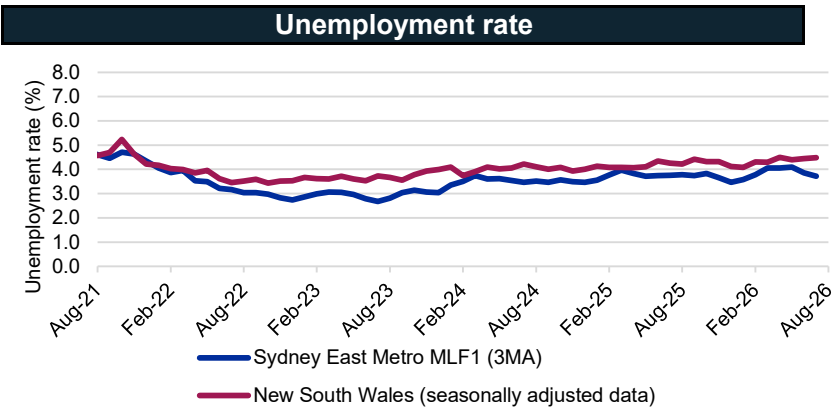
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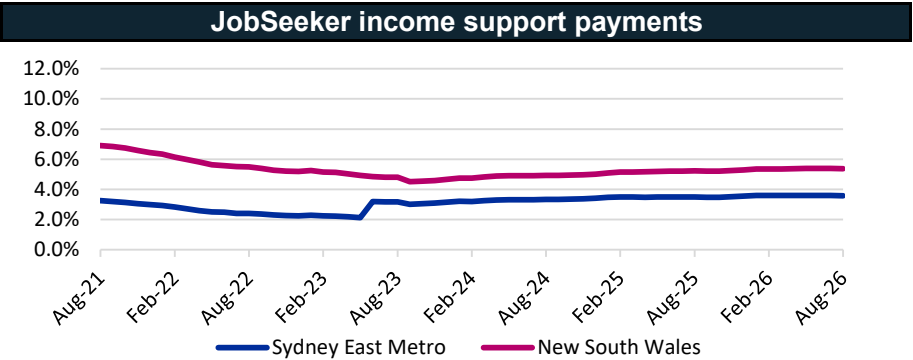
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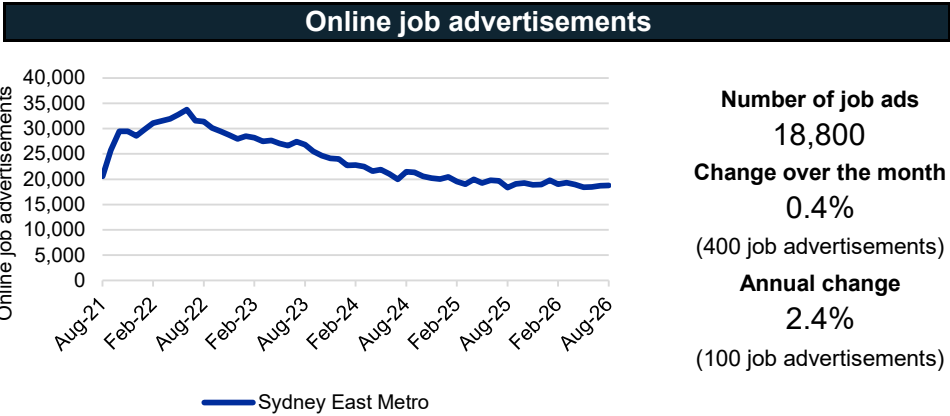
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	45,465	281,370
Payments - August 2026	47,120	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 1,655	↑ 10,935
	↑ 3.6%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
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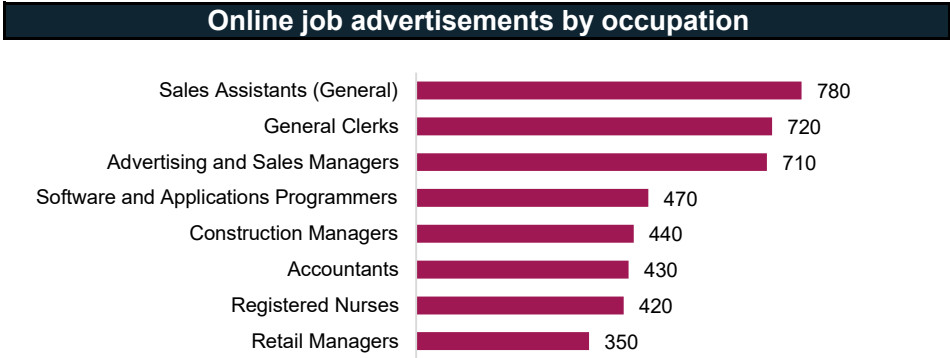
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Inner West	4.8	5.1
Sydney	4.2	4.6
Randwick	4.2	4.4
Burwood	3.7	4.0

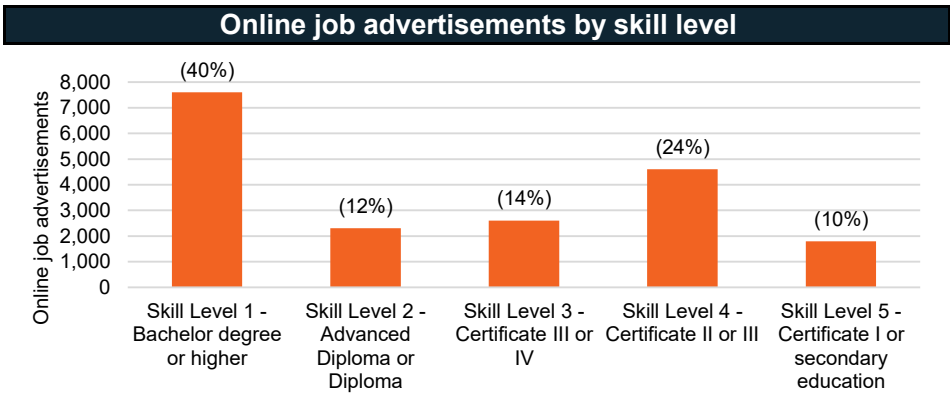
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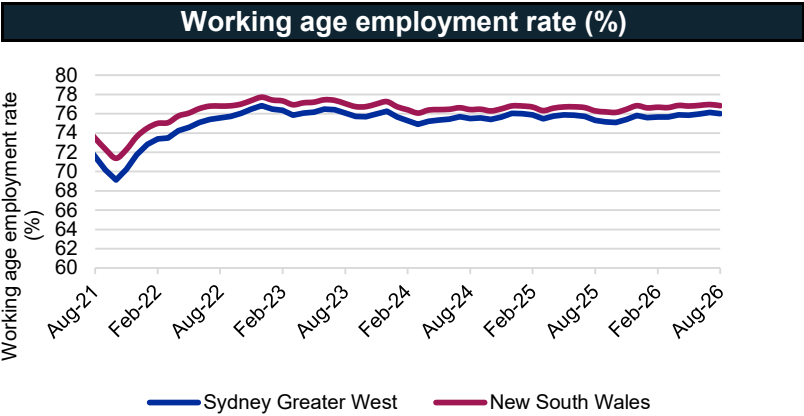
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New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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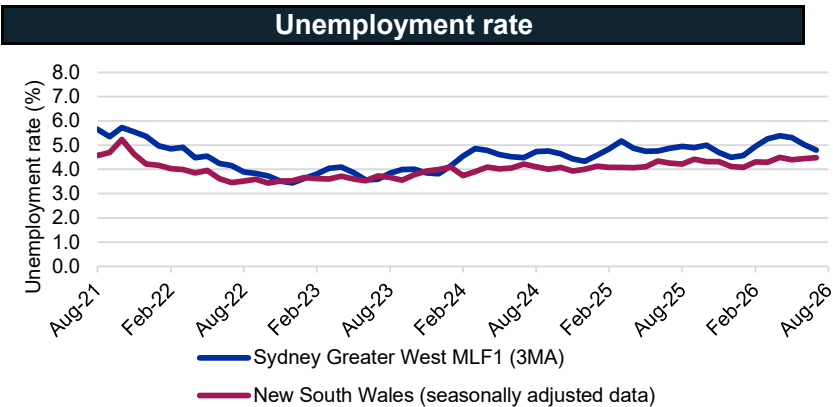
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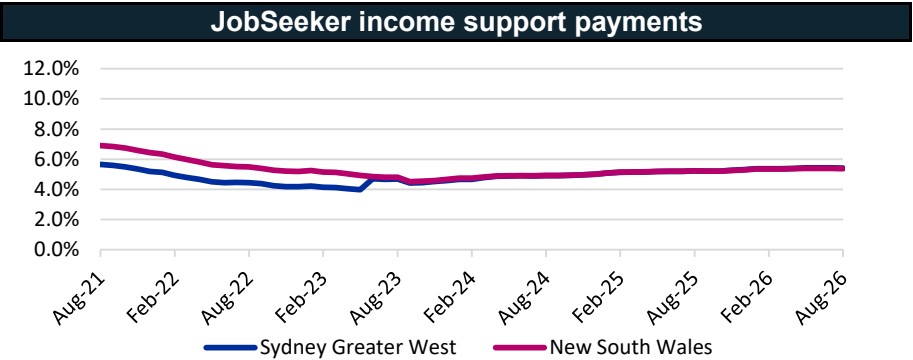
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - August 2025	47,185	281,370
Payments - August 2026	49,535	292,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 2,350	↑ 10,935
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 3.9%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Fairfield	7.5	7.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Cumberland	6.6	7.1
Blacktown	4.7	5.0
Hawkesbury	4.3	4.2

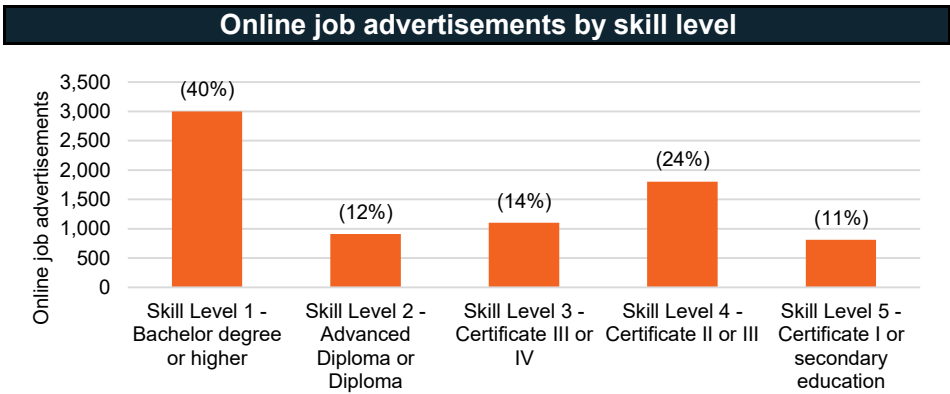
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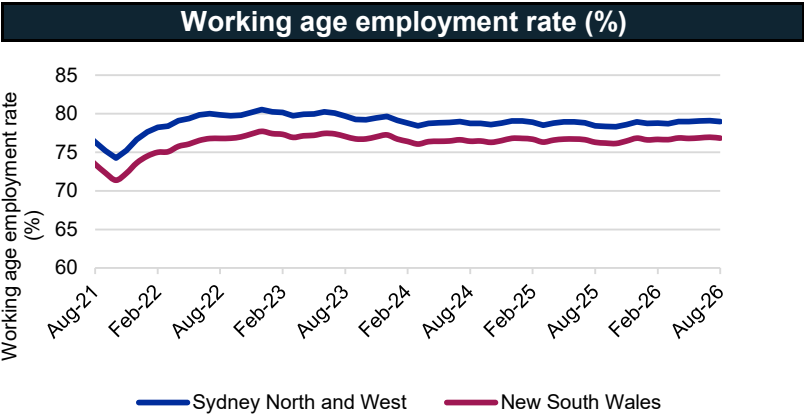
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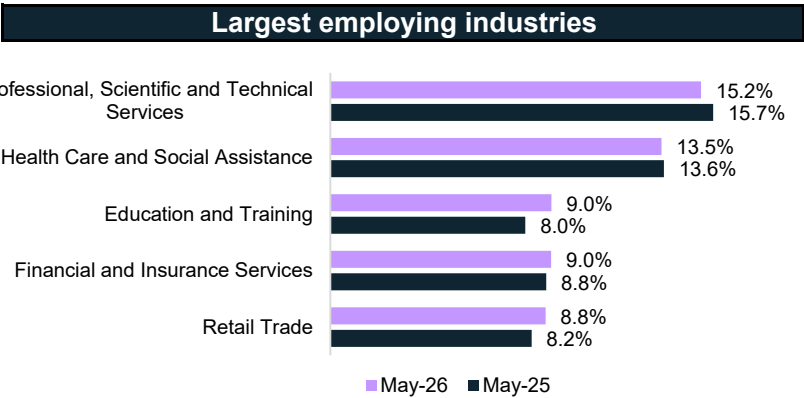
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Sydney North and West	79.0	78.4	32.5	32.2	1.0	3.6	3.6	82.0	81.5	9.2	8.2
New South Wales	76.8	76.3	205.5	193.4	6.3	4.3	4.2	80.3	79.7	10.0	9.2
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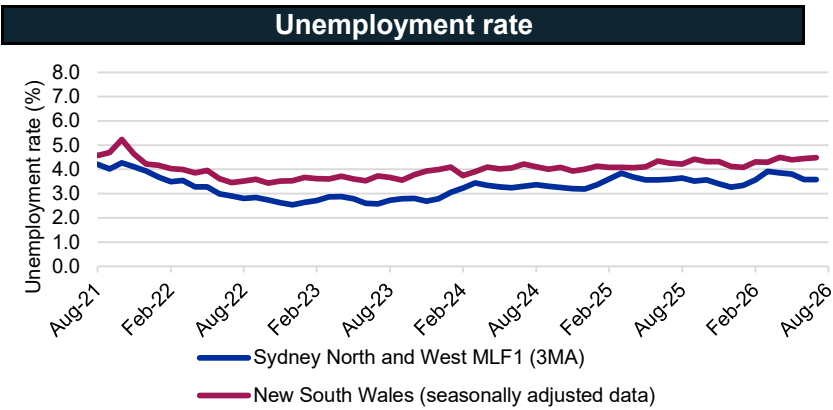
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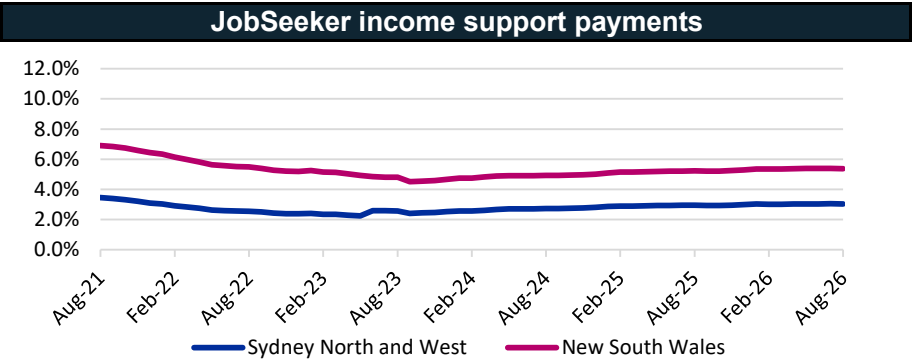
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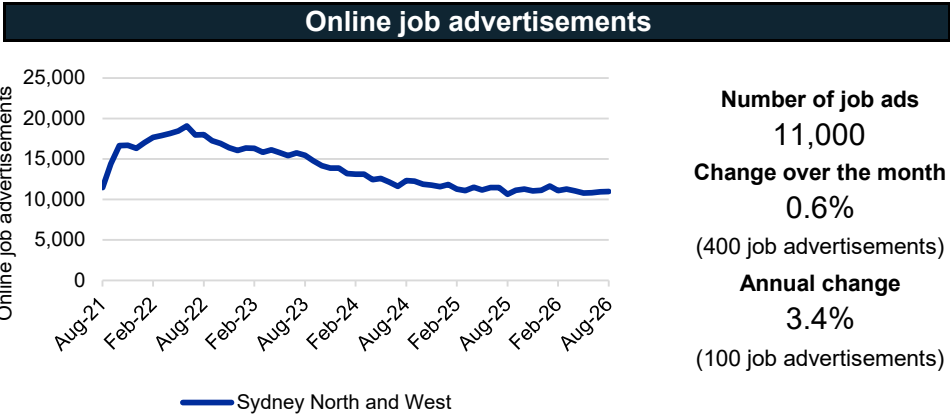
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Payments - August 2026	31,185	292,305	
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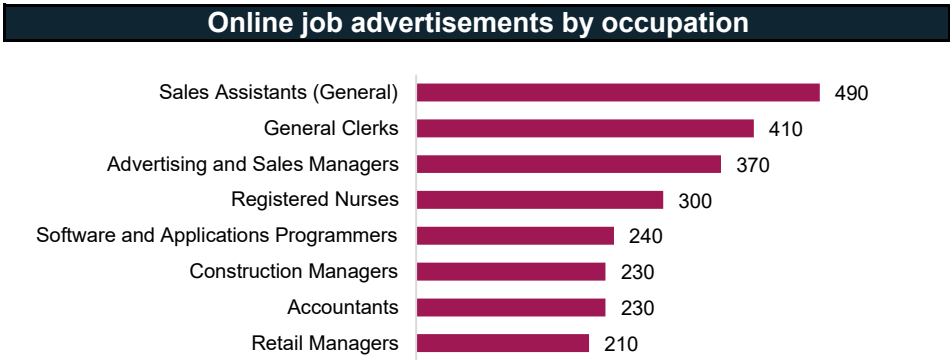
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Hawkesbury	4.3	4.2
Hornsby	4.1	5.1
Northern Beaches	3.8	2.8
Central Coast (NSW)	3.7	3.5
Willoughby	3.7	4.7

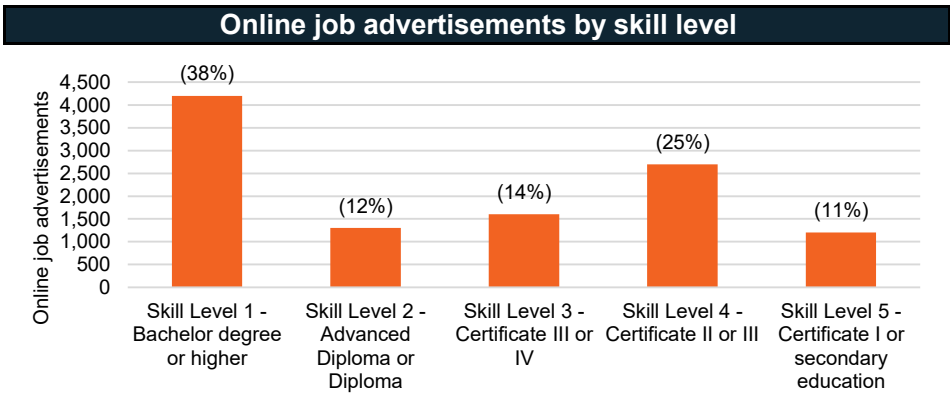
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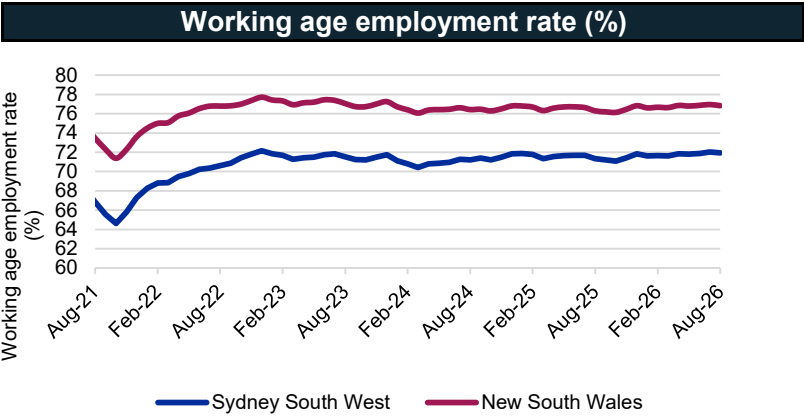
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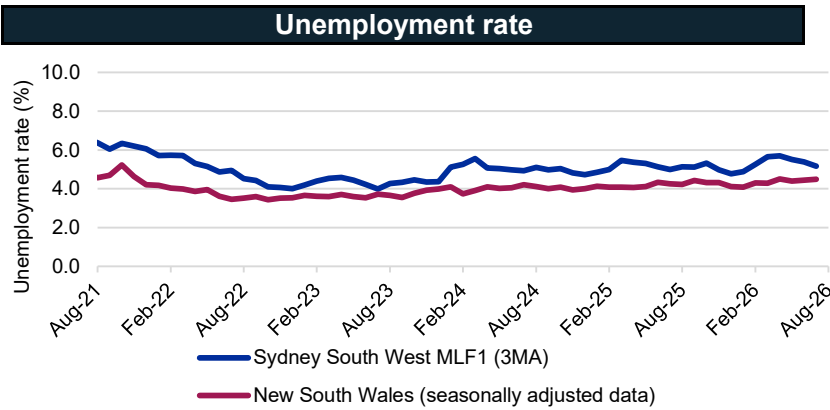
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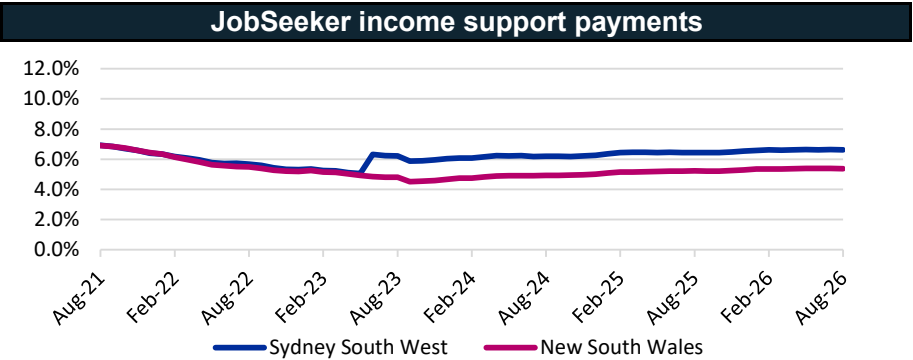
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			Sydney South West	New South Wales
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Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑	1,560	↑	10,935
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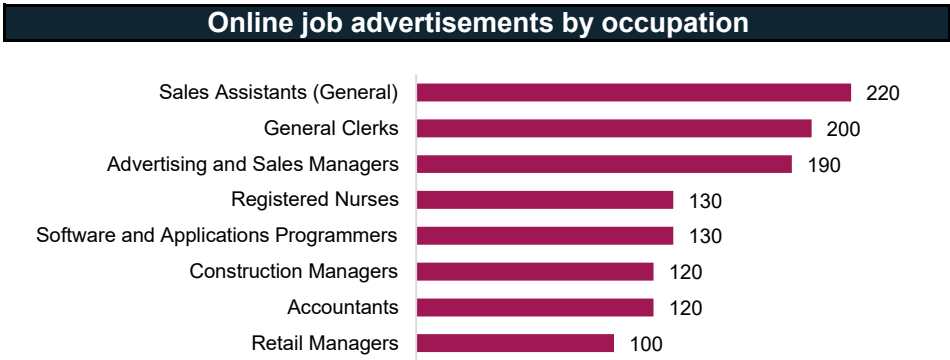
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, August 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) August 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Fairfield	7.5	7.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	6.9	6.3
Campbelltown (NSW)	6.2	5.5
Liverpool	4.7	4.5
Sutherland	3.0	2.7

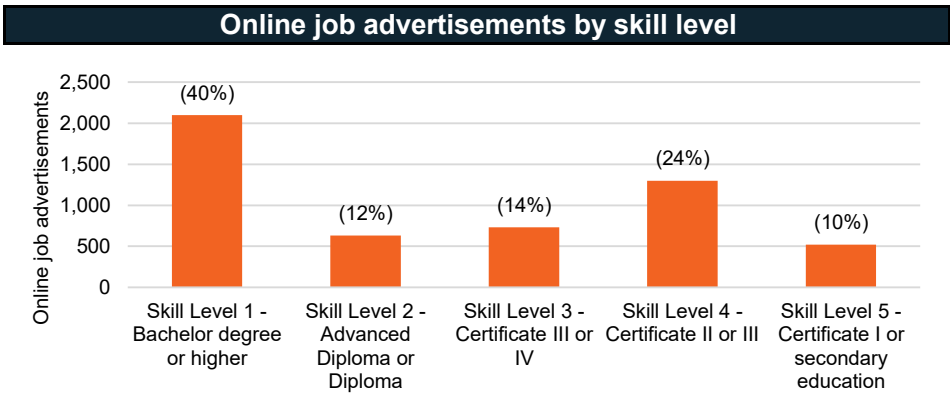
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



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