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Labour Market Dashboard Queensland

Data current as at 24 September 2026

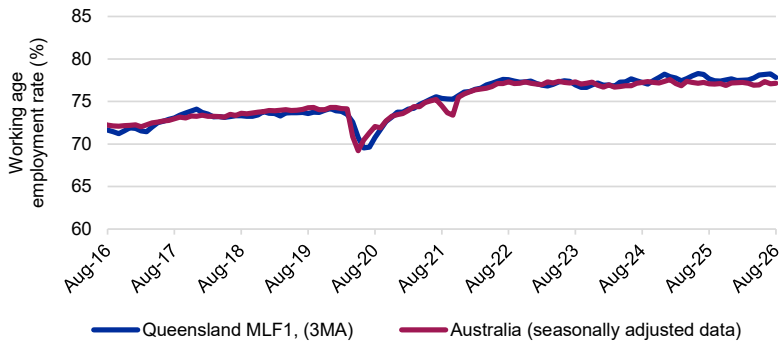
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This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queensland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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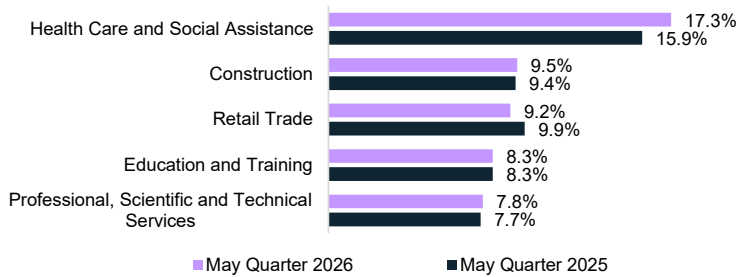
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Working age employment rate



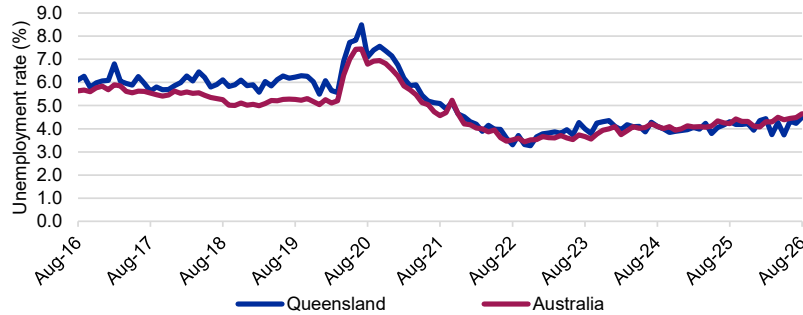
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Largest employing industries



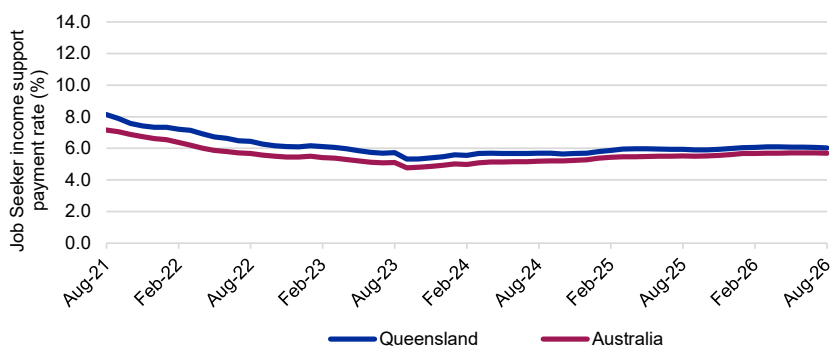
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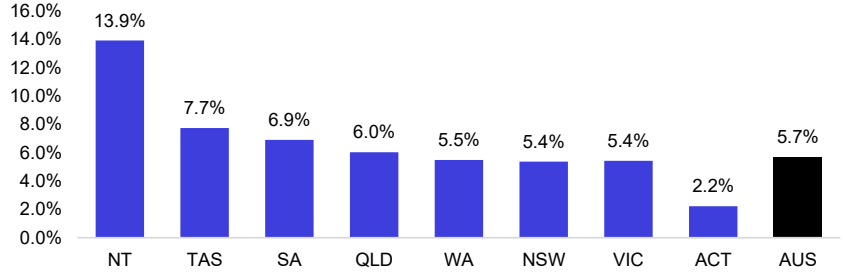
% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

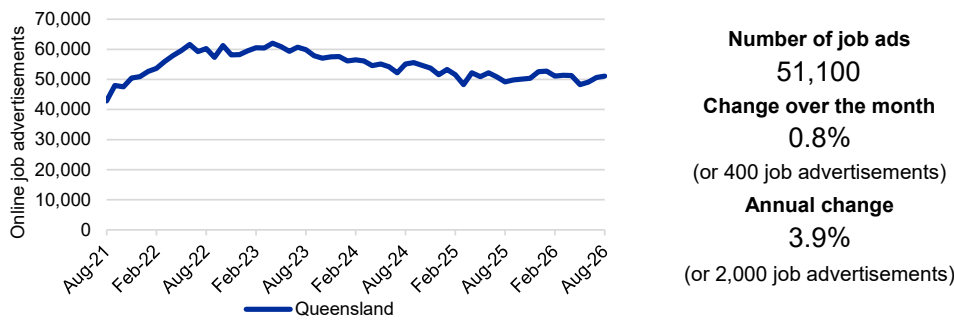
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - August 2025	217,410	987,955
Payments - August 2026	224,305	1,033,140
Change (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 6,895	↑ 45,185
Change % (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 3.2%	↑ 4.6%

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



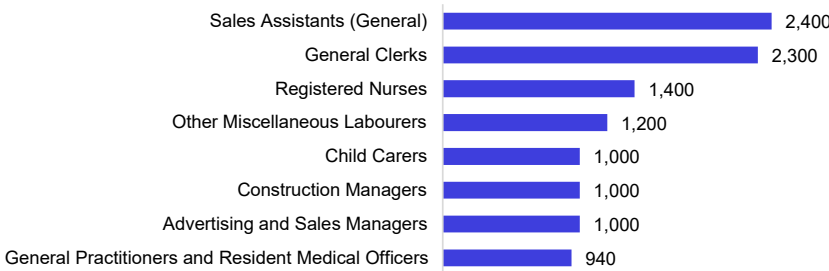
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Online job advertisements



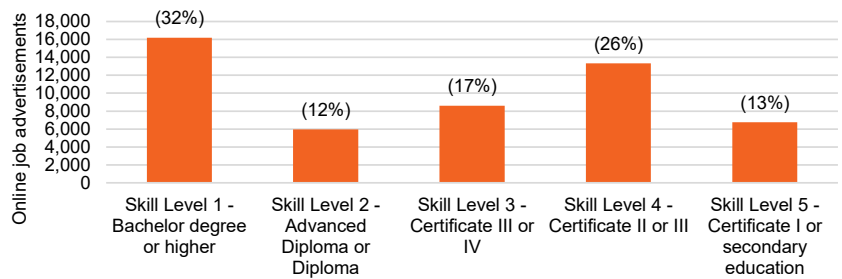
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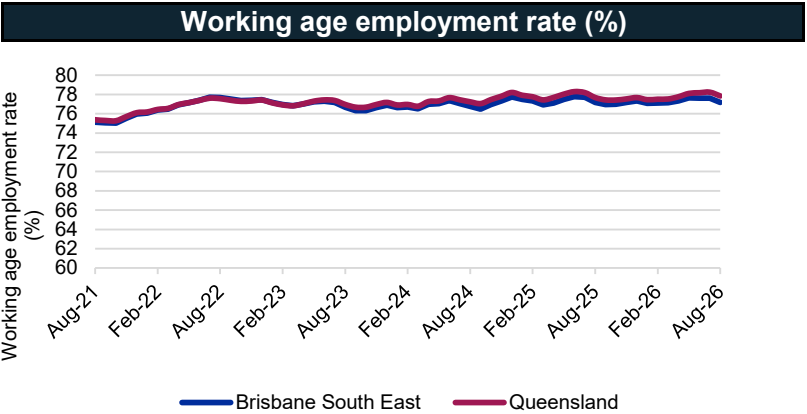
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Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related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

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Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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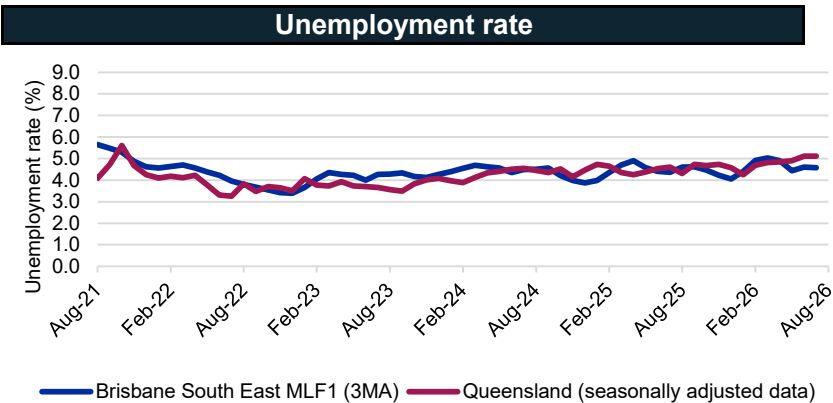
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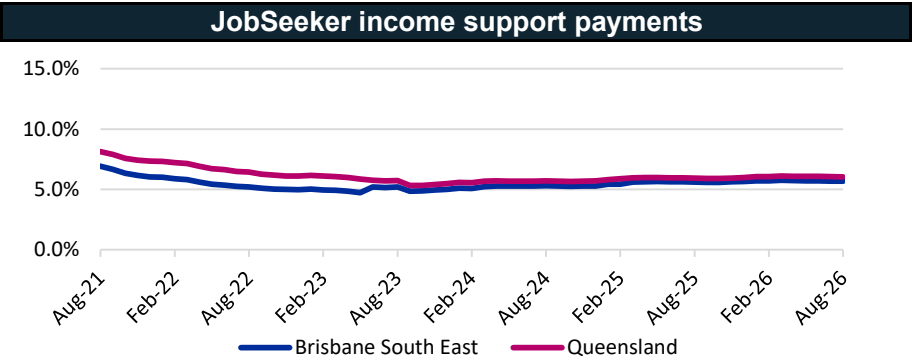
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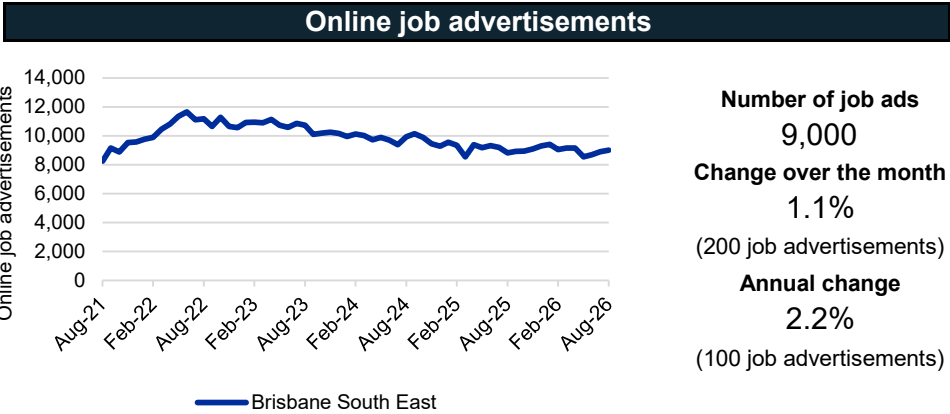
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	40,385	217,410
Payments - August 2026	41,815	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 1,430	↑ 6,895
	↑ 3.5%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Brisbane South East	41,815	5.7%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
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
Logan	5.6	4.8
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Redland	3.6	3.4

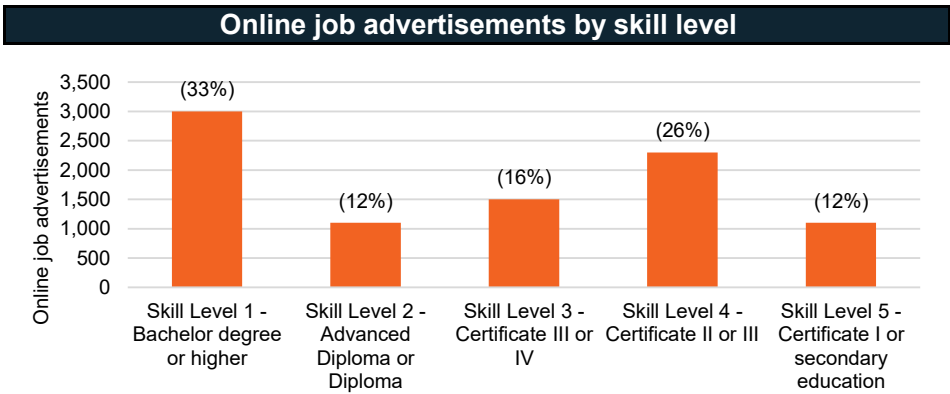
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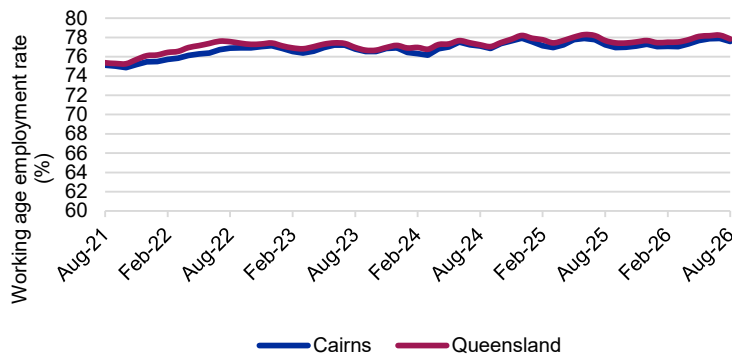
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Cairns	77.6	77.2	7.5	7.3	3.0	4.9	4.8	81.7	81.3	11.4	10.9
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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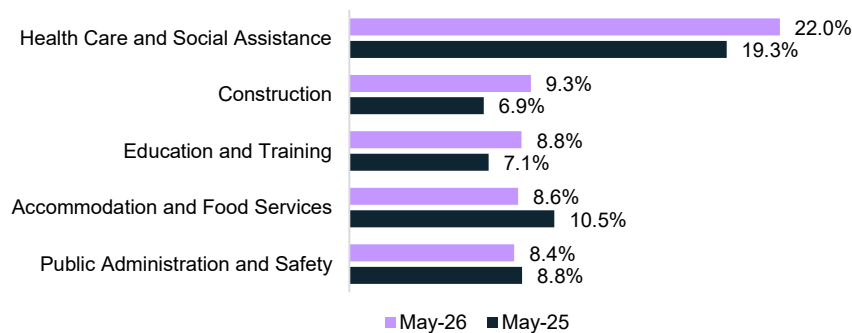
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Working age employment rate (%)



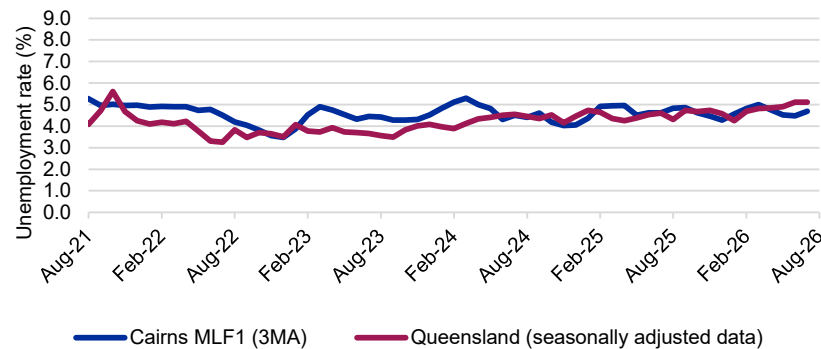
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Largest employing industries



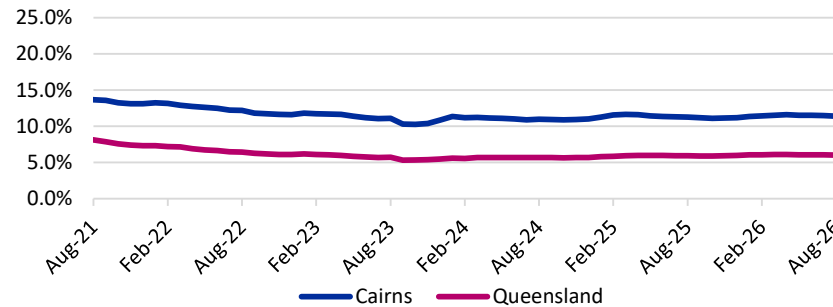
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	19,575	217,410
Payments - August 2026	19,850	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	275	6,895
	1.4%	3.2%

% 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
Cairns	19,850	11.4%
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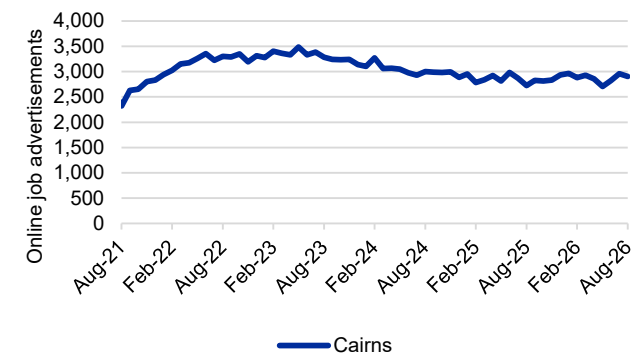
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Yarrabah*	74.5	42.7
Mareeba	7.5	4.8
Cassowary Coast	7.1	4.2
Tablelands	6.0	3.5
Douglas	5.1	3.2

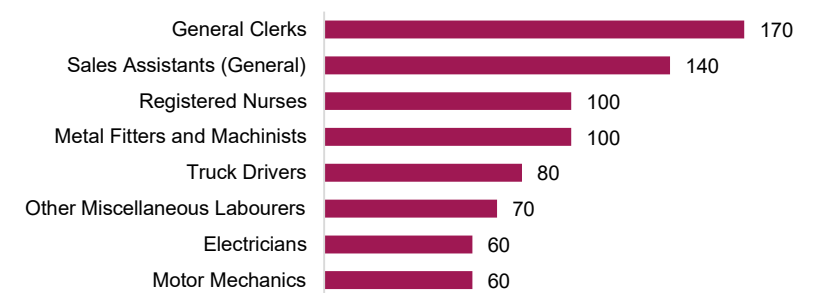
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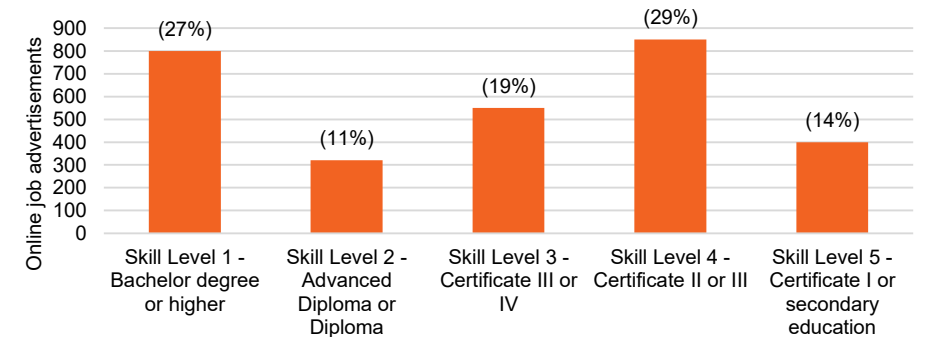
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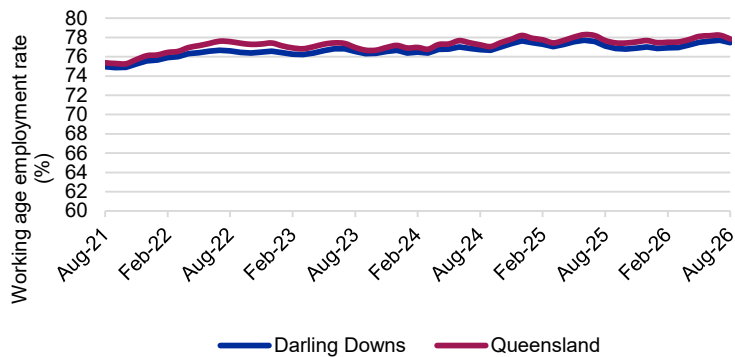
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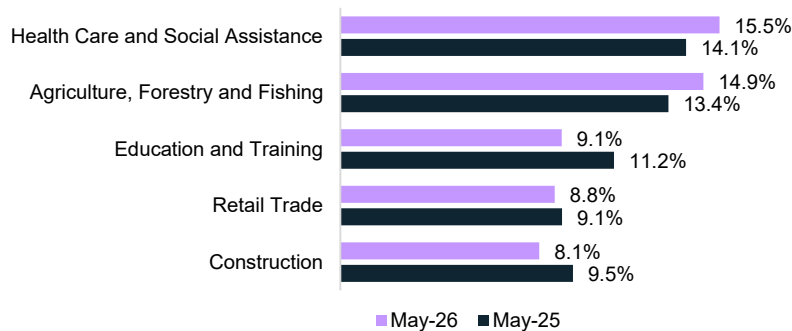
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Working age employment rate (%)



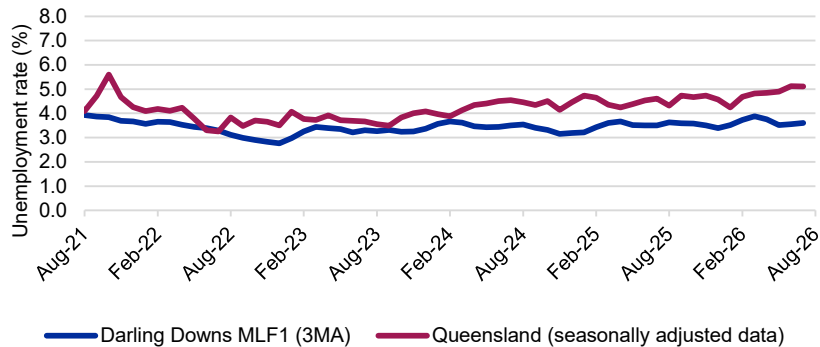
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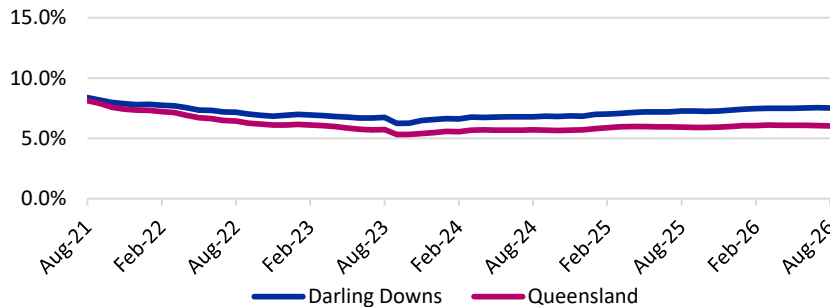
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	13,615	217,410
Payments - August 2026	14,105	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	490	6,895
	3.6%	3.2%

% 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
Darling Downs	14,105	7.5%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

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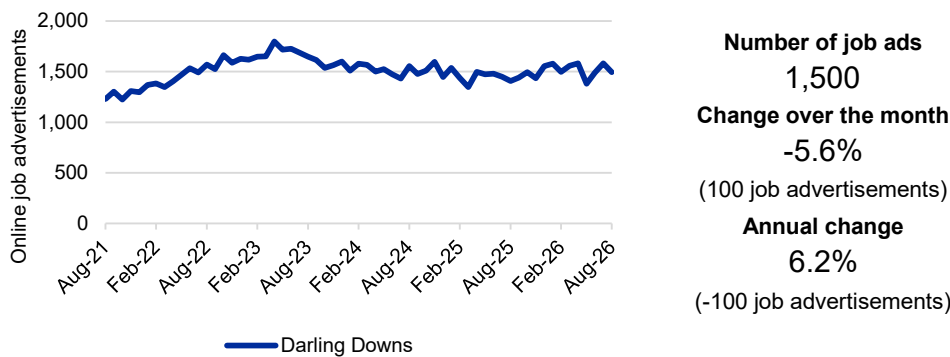
LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Balonne	5.4	3.3
Western Downs	4.5	3.1
Southern Downs	4.3	2.8
Toowoomba	3.8	2.5
Lockyer Valley	3.7	3.7

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

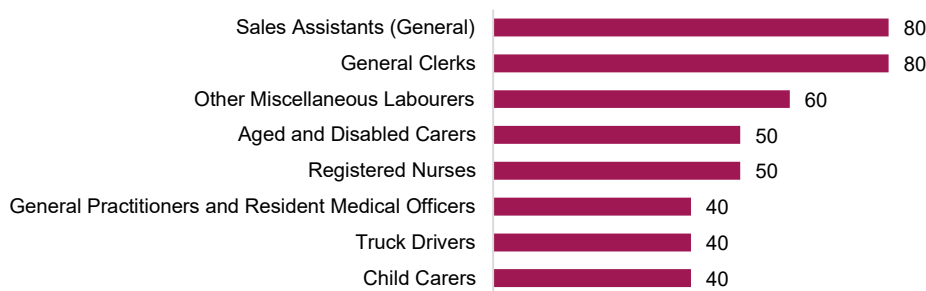
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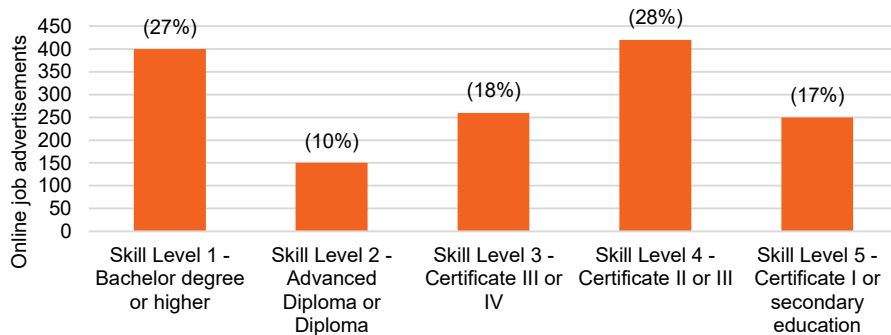
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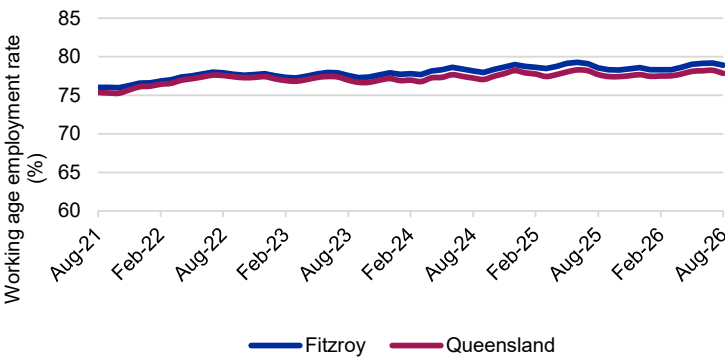
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Fitzroy	78.9	78.6	6.4	6.3	2.0	4.7	4.6	82.8	82.5	9.7	9.1
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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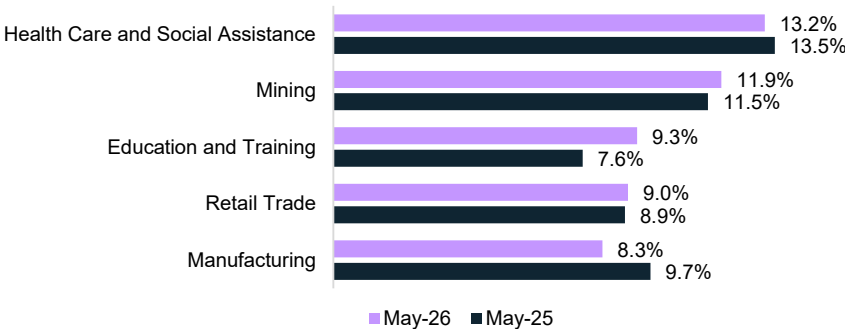
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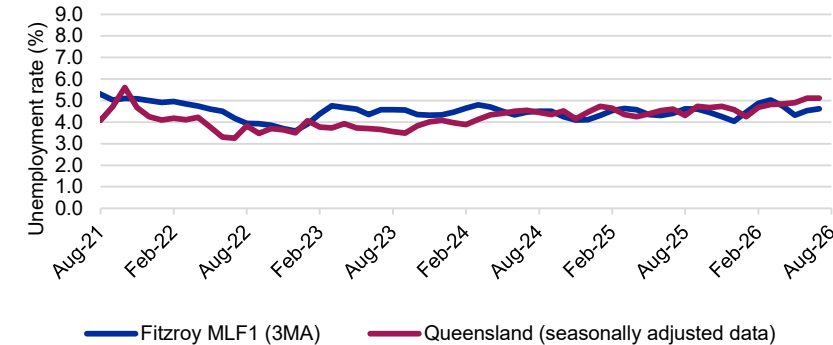
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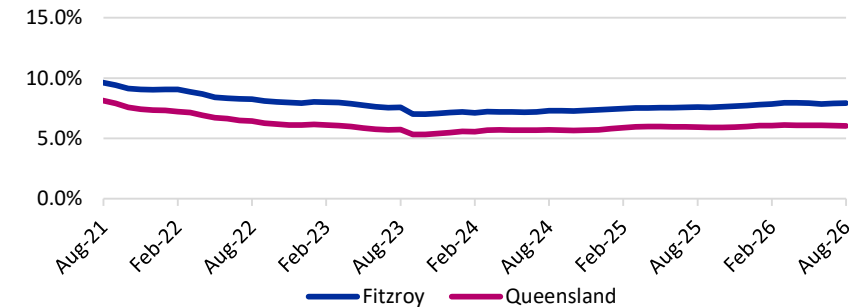
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JobSeeker income support payments



	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	11,805	217,410
Payments - August 2026	12,305	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 500	↑ 6,895
	↑ 4.2%	↑ 3.2%

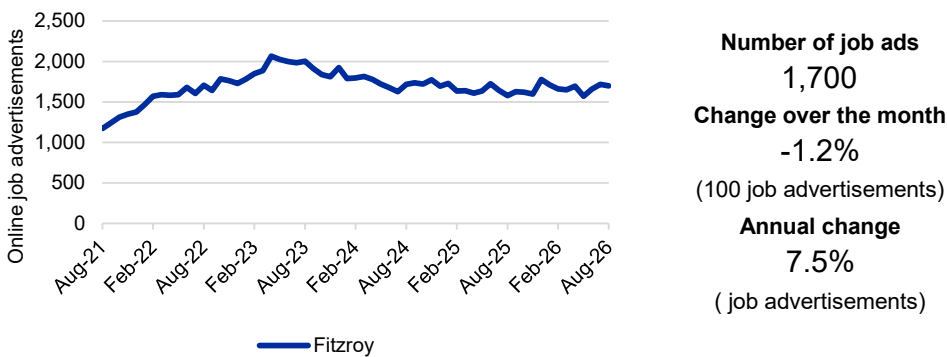
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Woorabinda*	6.0	8.6
Gladstone	4.6	6.6
Rockhampton	4.2	6.3
Central Highlands (Qld)	2.9	4.3
Banana	2.6	3.7

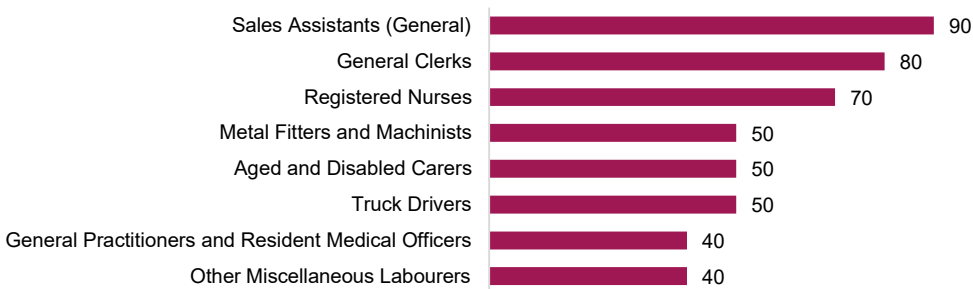
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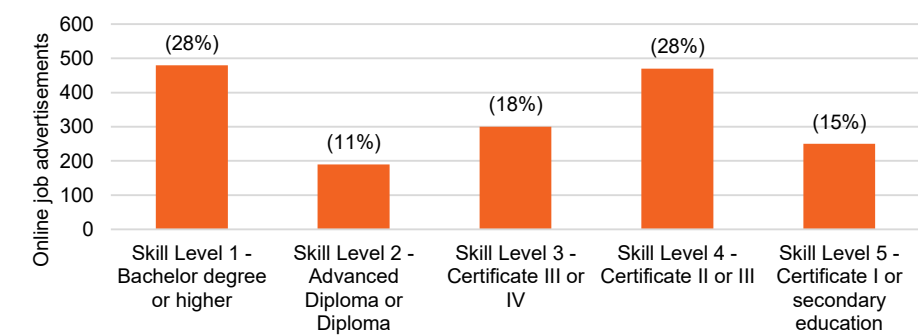
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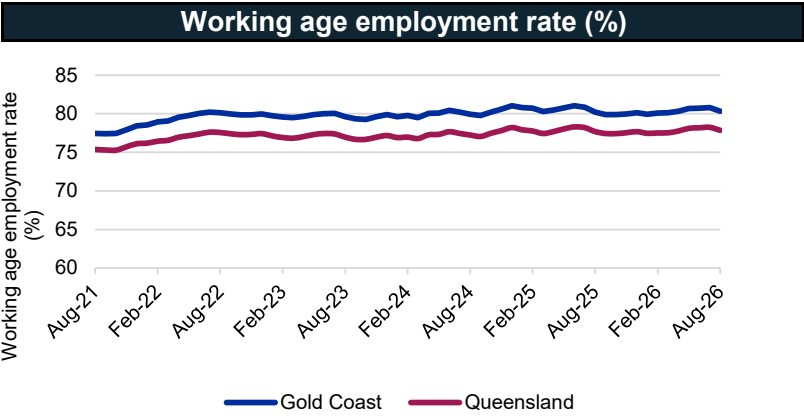
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Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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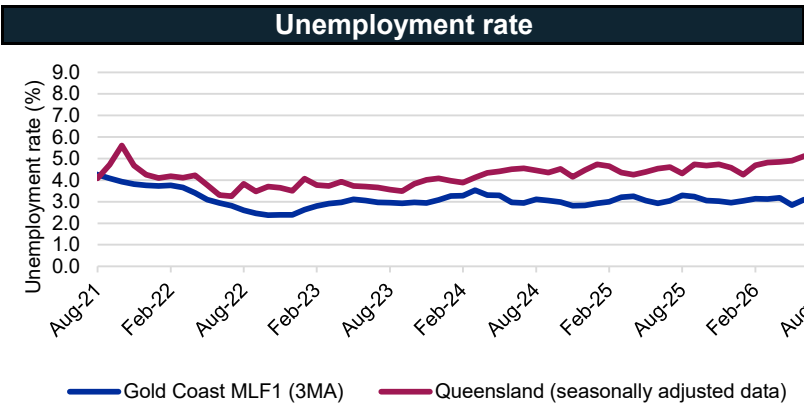
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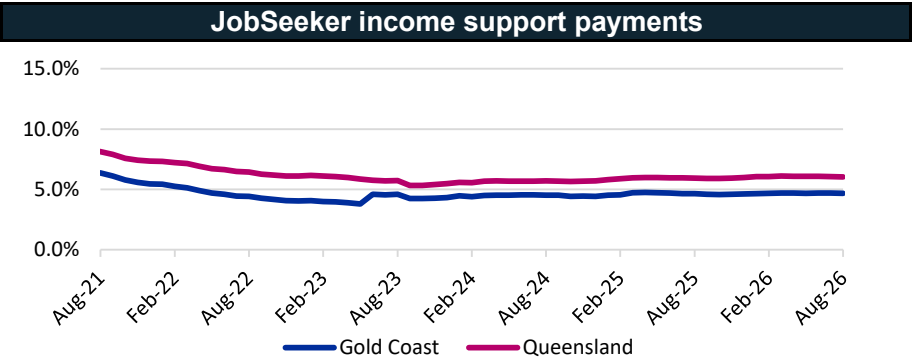
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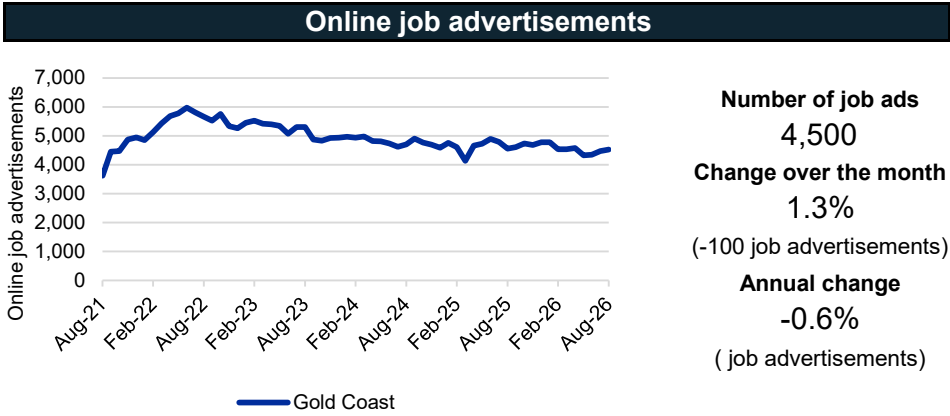
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
Gold Coast	21,935	4.7%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

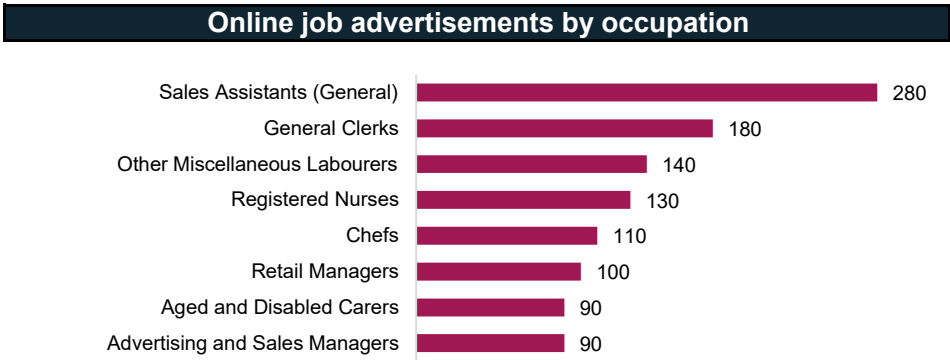
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Tweed	3.4	2.9
Gold Coast	3.1	3.4

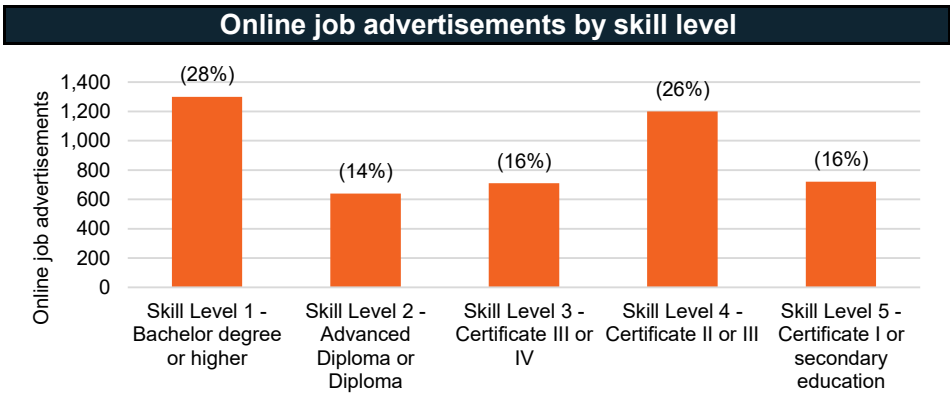
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Labour Market Dashboard

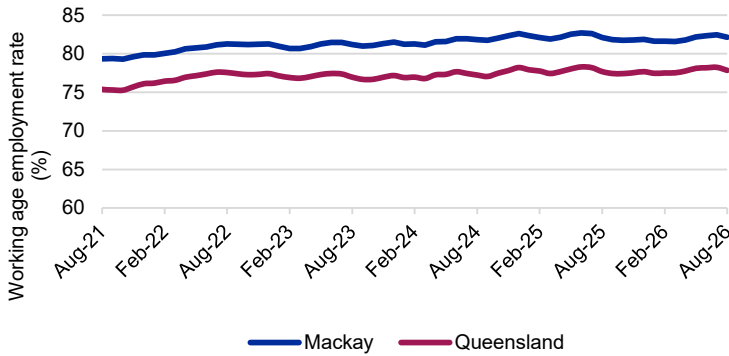
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	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
Mackay	82.1	82.1	3.7	3.5	5.8	3.2	3.1	84.9	84.7	6.3	5.8
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
Australia	77.1	77.1	722.9	642.9	12.4	4.6	4.2	81.0	80.6	10.8	9.7

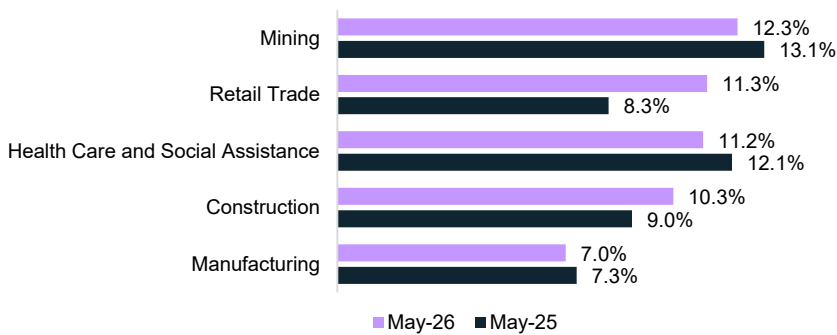
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Working age employment rate (%)



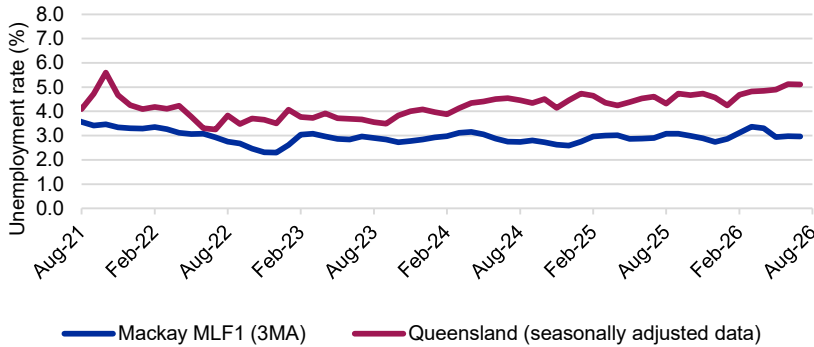
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Largest employing industries



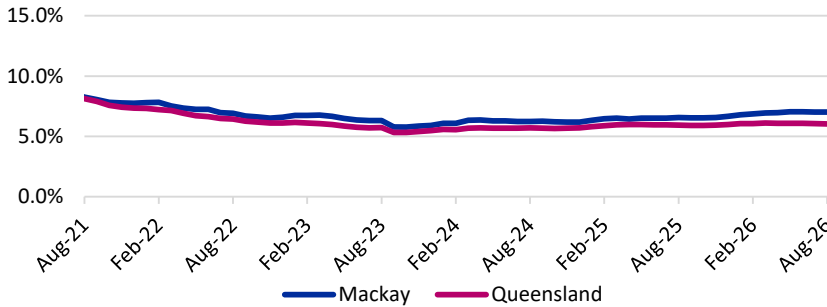
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	8,410	217,410
Payments - August 2026	9,005	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 595	↑ 6,895
	↑ 7.1%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Mackay	9,005	7.0%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
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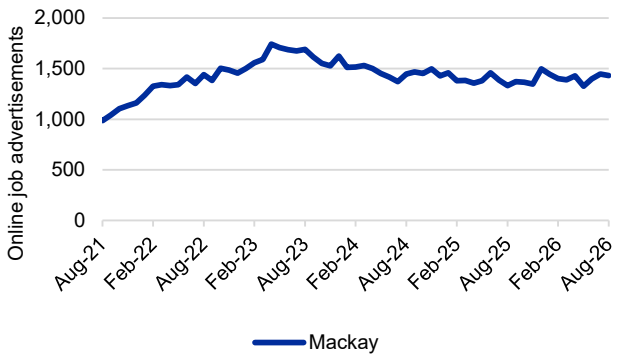
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whitsunday	3.6	2.2
Mackay	3.2	2.0
Isaac	1.5	0.8

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

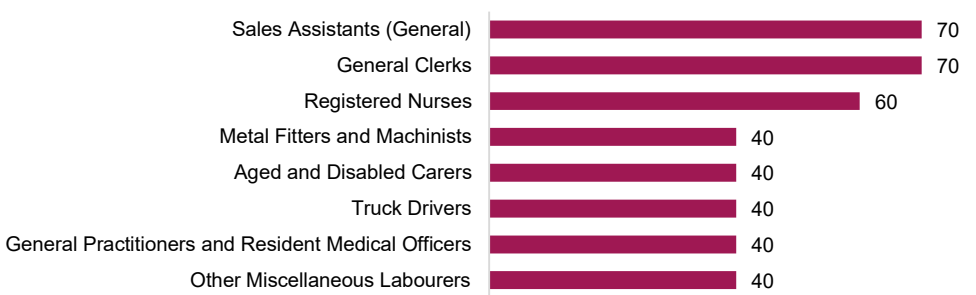
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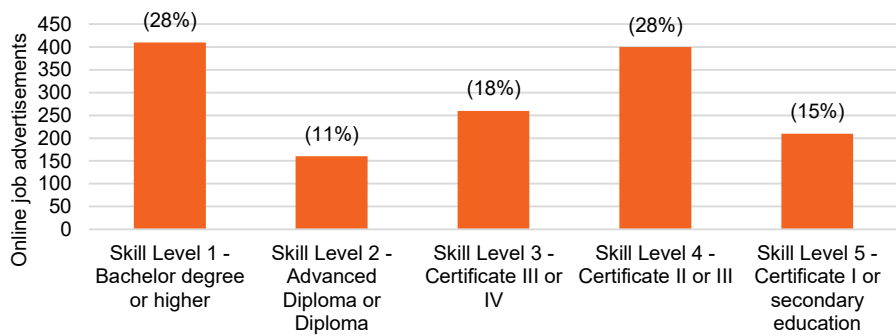
Number of job ads
1,400
Change over the month
-1.1%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
7.5%
(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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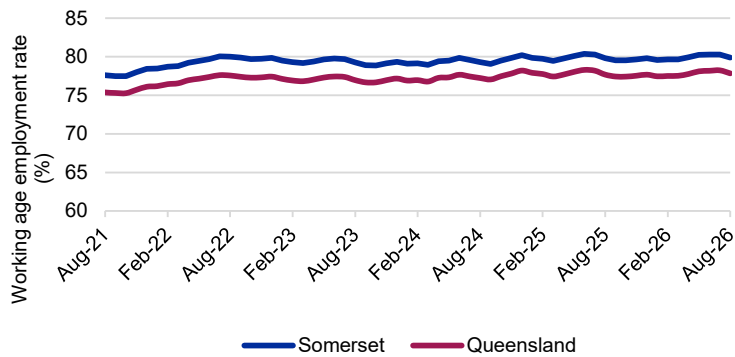
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Somerset	79.9	79.8	26.9	25.5	5.6	4.0	3.9	83.3	83.0	9.1	8.8
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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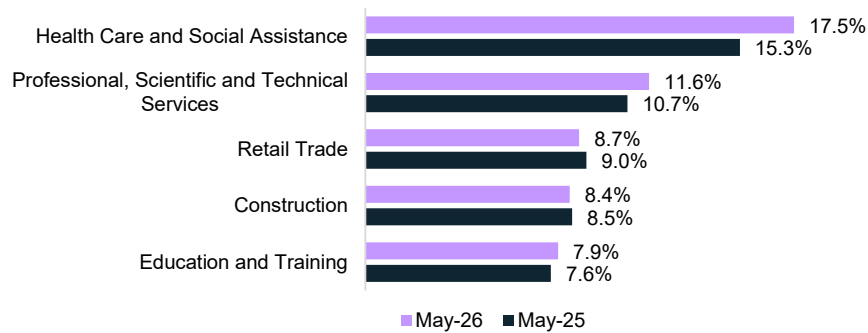
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Working age employment rate (%)



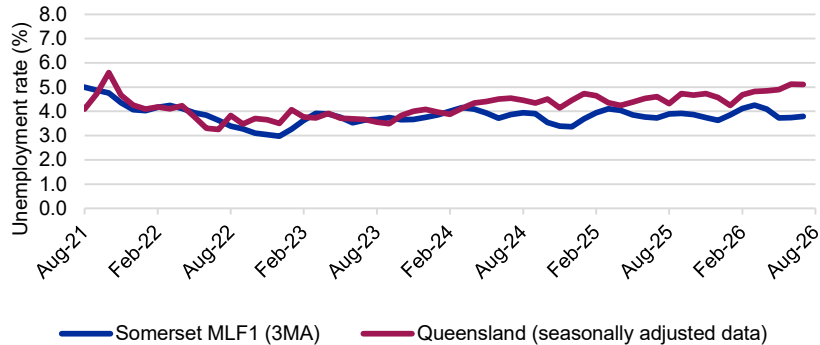
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Largest employing industries



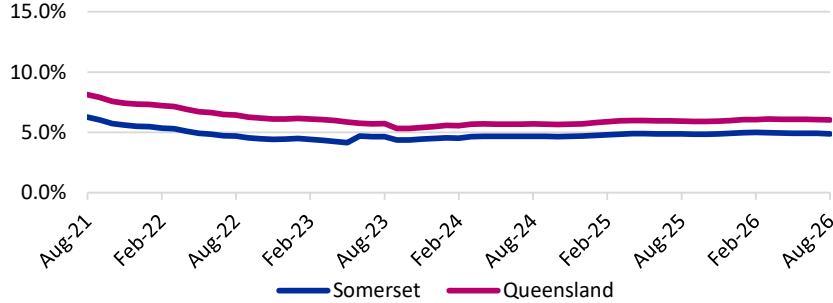
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	36,880	217,410
Payments - August 2026	37,800	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 920	↑ 6,895
	↑ 2.5%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Somerset	37,800	4.9%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

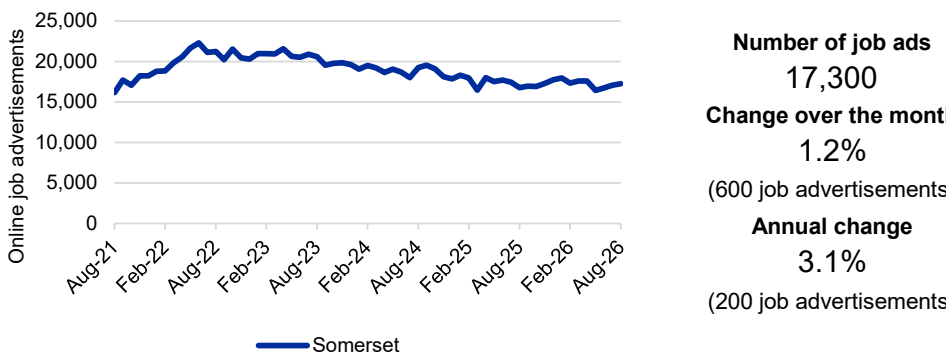
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Moreton Bay	4.8	4.7
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Somerset	4.0	4.8

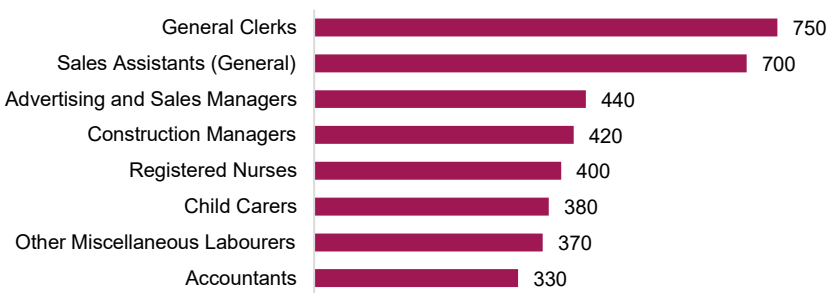
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Online job advertisements



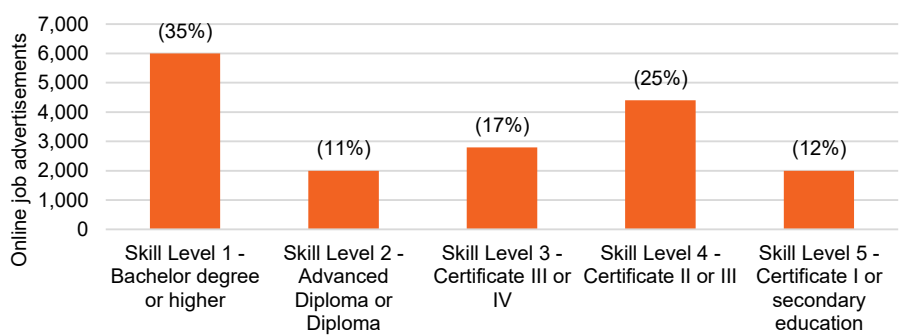
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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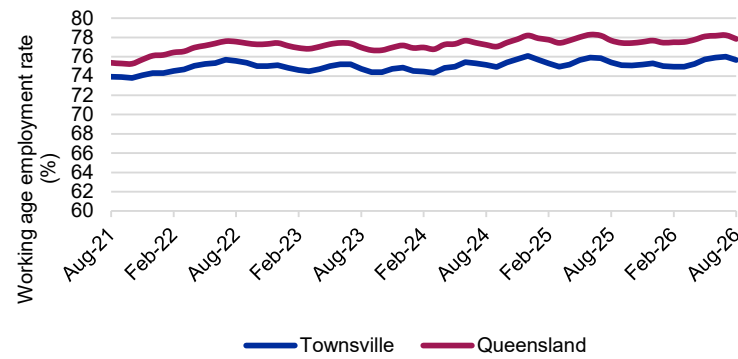
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Townsville	75.7	75.4	7.1	6.5	8.3	5.3	5.0	80.0	79.5	11.1	10.3
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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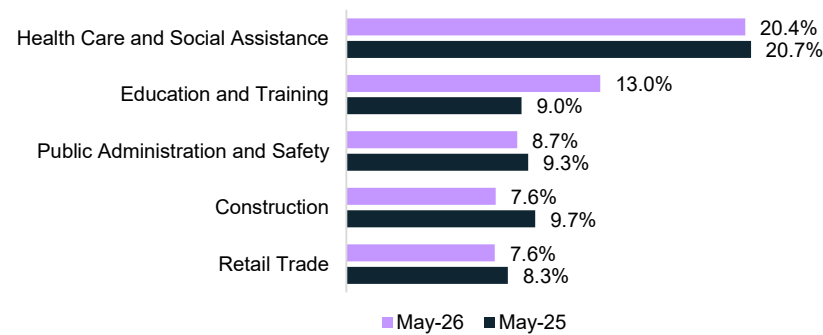
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Working age employment rate (%)



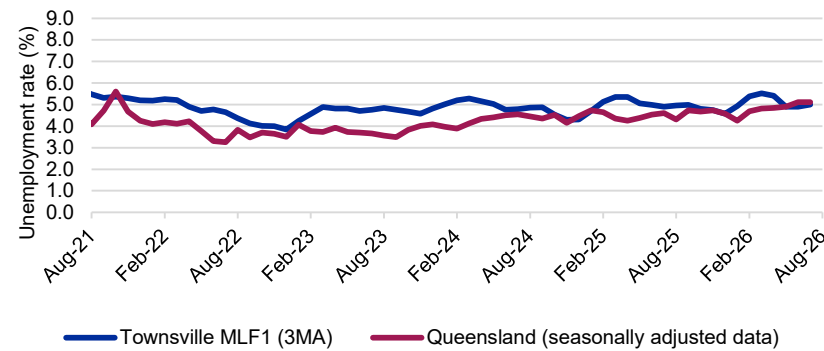
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Largest employing industries



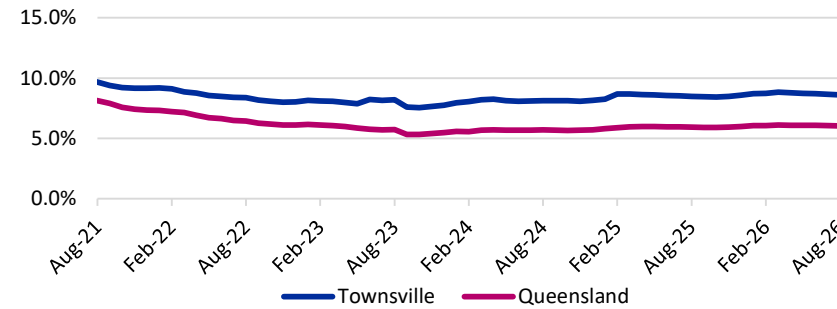
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	13,290	217,410
Payments - August 2026	13,515	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	225	6,895
	1.7%	3.2%

% 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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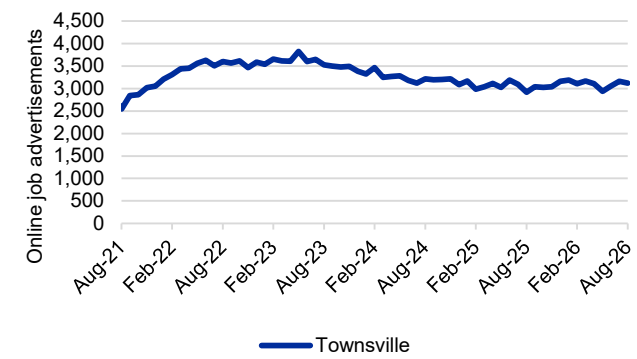
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Charters Towers	6.6	5.9
Hinchinbrook	5.7	5.3
Burdekin	5.5	4.8
Townsville	5.1	4.7
Mount Isa	3.6	3.7

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

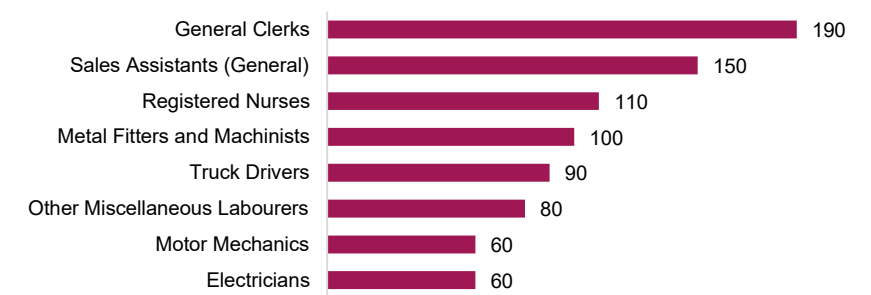
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-1.4%
(200 job advertisements)
Annual change
6.9%
(-100 job advertisements)

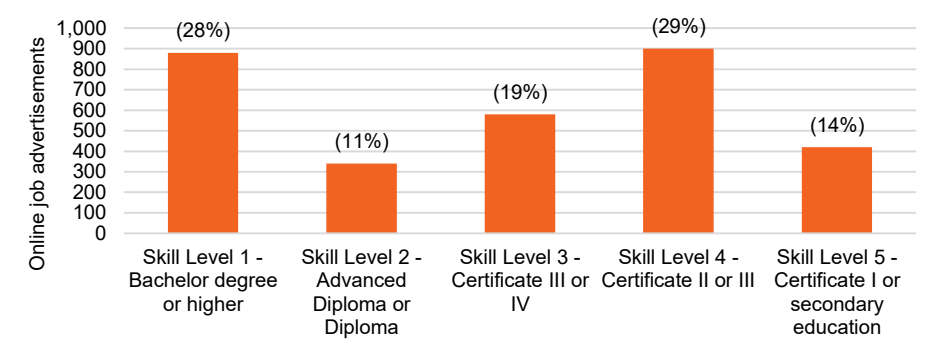
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Online job advertisements by skill level



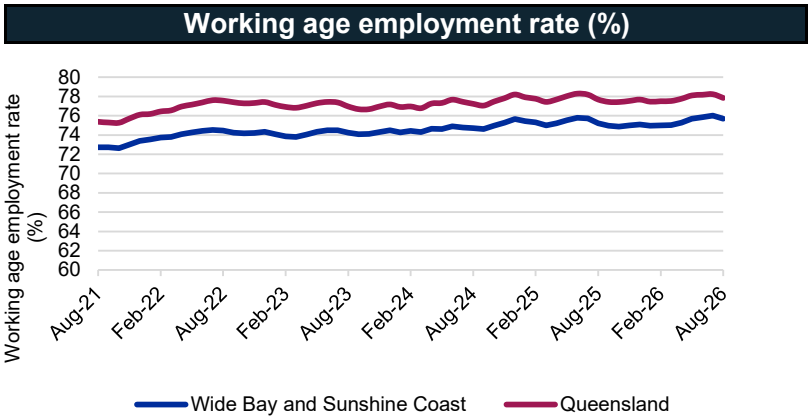
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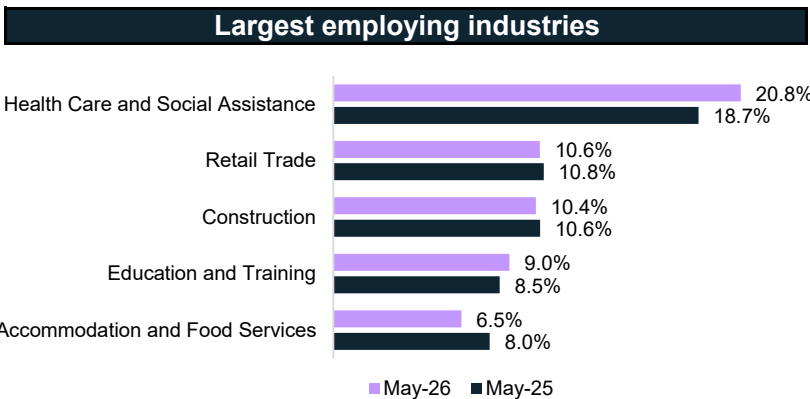
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Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	75.7	75.2	16.5	15.7	5.2	4.2	4.1	79.1	78.5	9.7	9.4
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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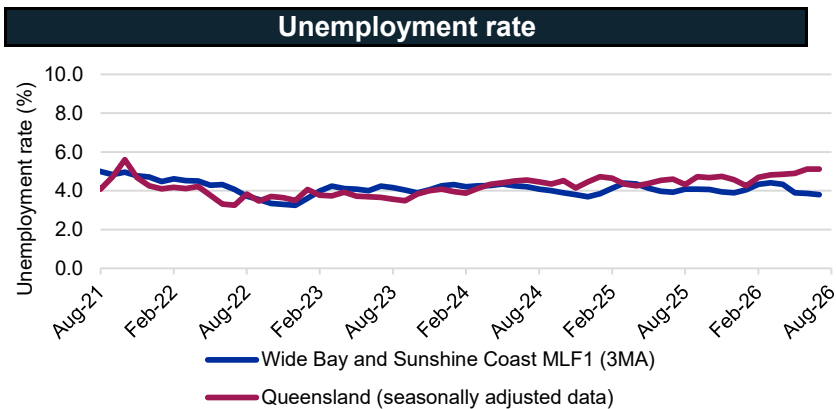
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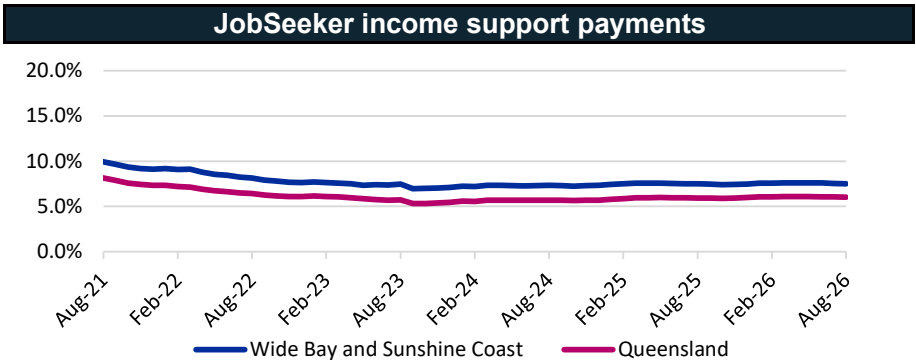
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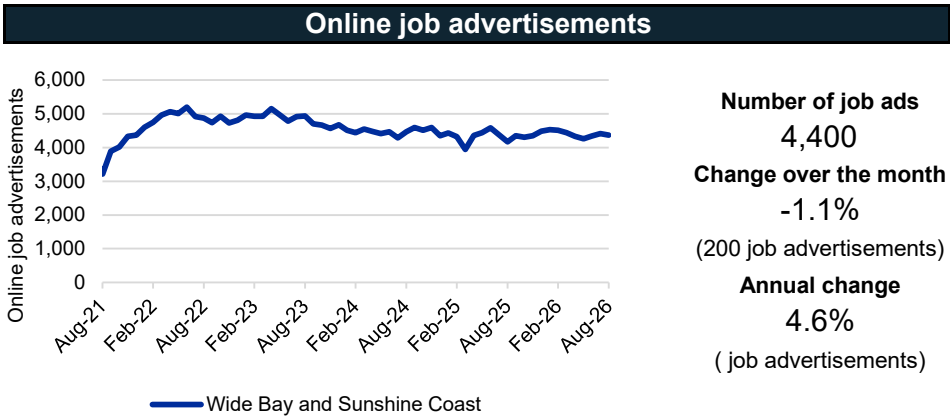
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	34,500	217,410
Payments - August 2026	34,915	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	415	6,895
	1.2%	3.2%

% 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
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	34,915	7.5%
Queensland	224,305	6.0%
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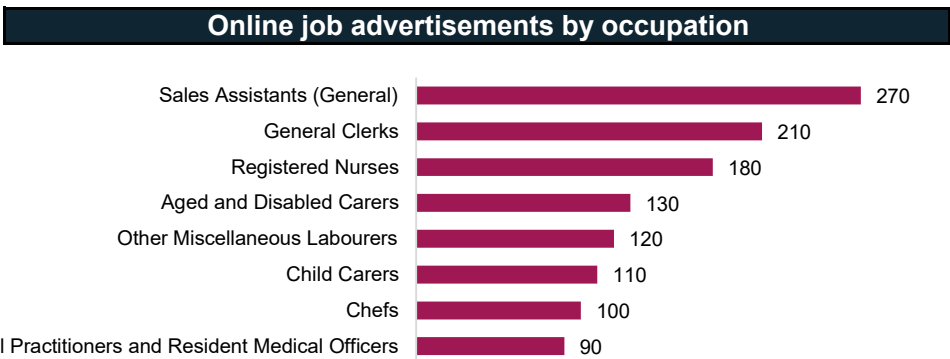
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Cherbourg*	7.0	10.6
South Burnett	5.0	8.0
Fraser Coast	4.5	7.0
Gympie	4.0	6.0
Bundaberg	3.8	6.0

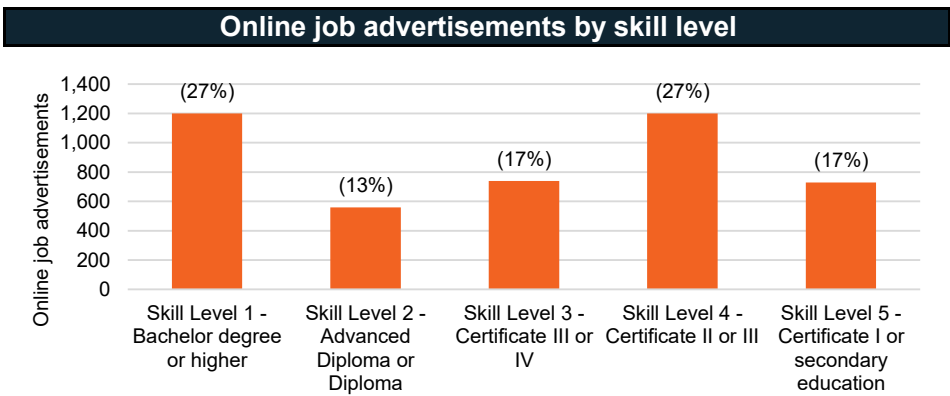
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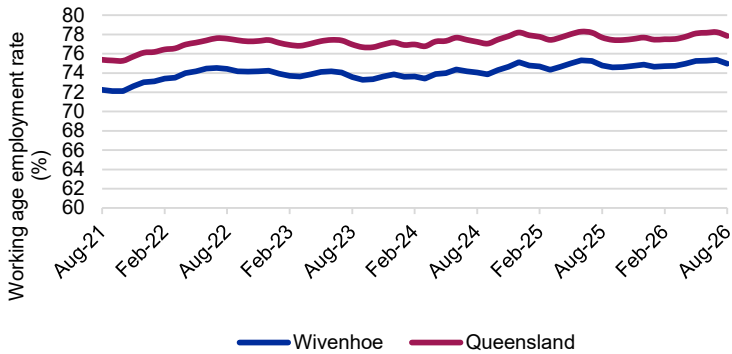
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Wivenhoe	75.0	74.8	17.4	16.2	7.1	5.1	4.8	79.1	78.7	10.9	10.6
Queensland	77.8	77.7	143.3	134.3	6.6	4.5	4.3	81.4	81.1	9.7	9.3
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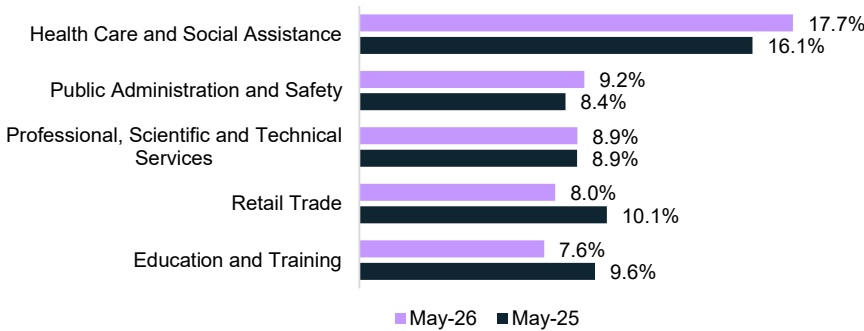
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Working age employment rate (%)



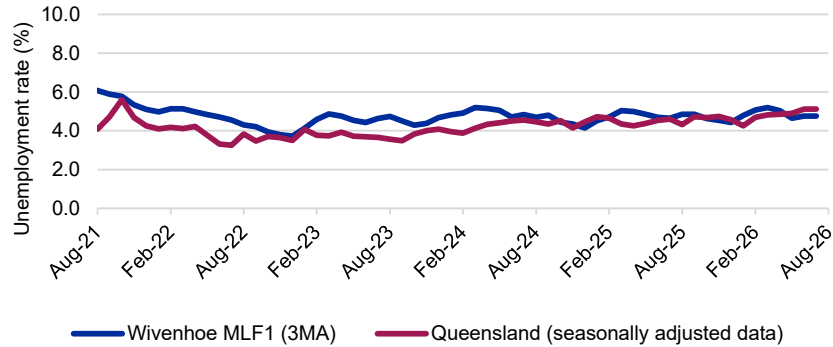
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Largest employing industries



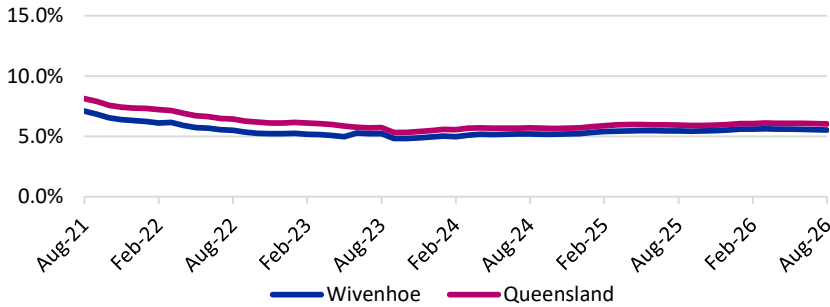
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - August 2025	22,190	217,410
Payments - August 2026	23,050	224,305
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 860	↑ 6,895
	↑ 3.9%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Wivenhoe	23,050	5.5%
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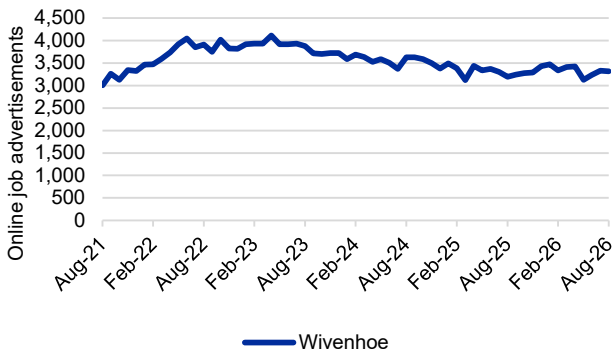
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Ipswich	4.2	5.2
Brisbane	4.0	3.8
Somerset	4.0	4.8
Scenic Rim	3.8	4.1
Lockyer Valley	3.7	3.7

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

Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
3,300

Change over the month
-0.3%

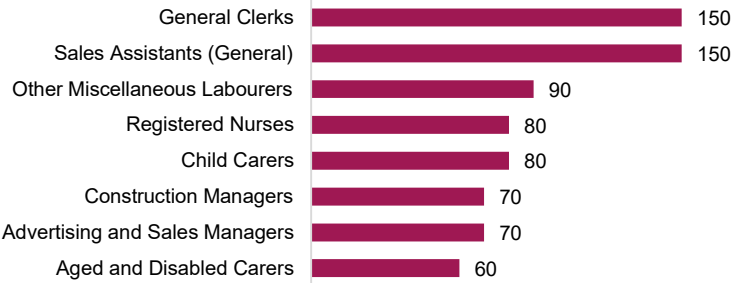
(100 job advertisements)

Annual change
3.8%

(job advertisements)

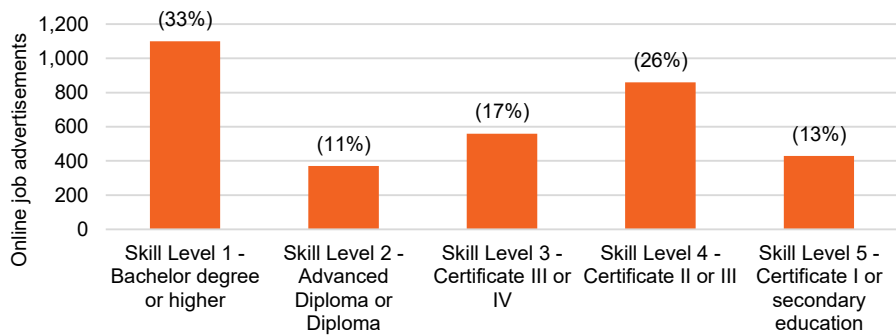
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Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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.