

Labour Market Dashboard
South Australia

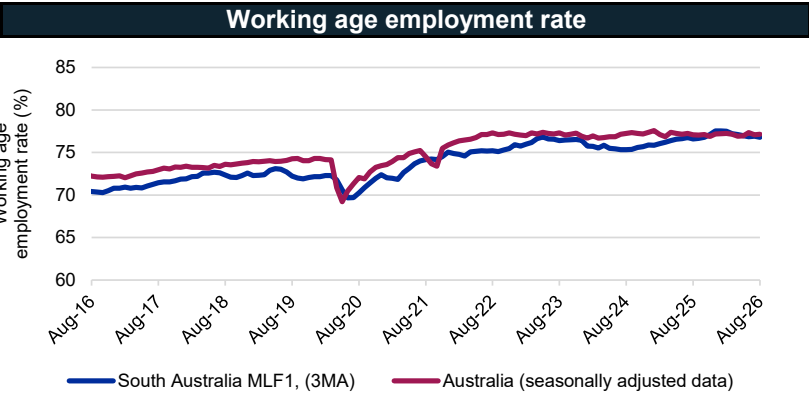
Data current as at 24 September 2026

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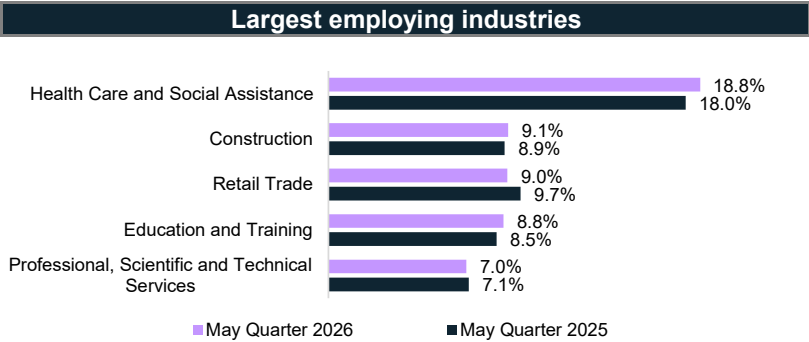
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the South Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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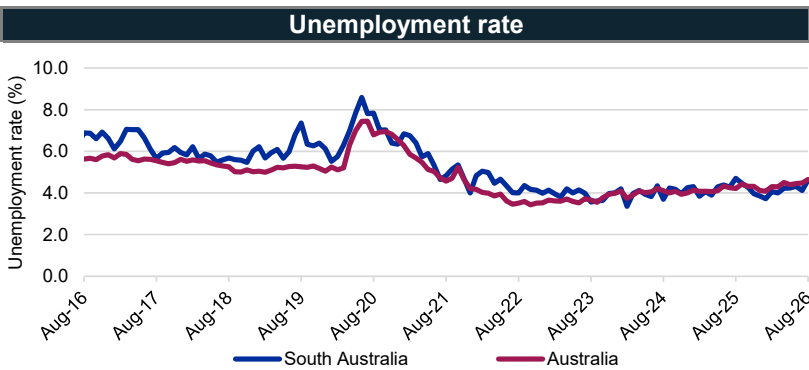
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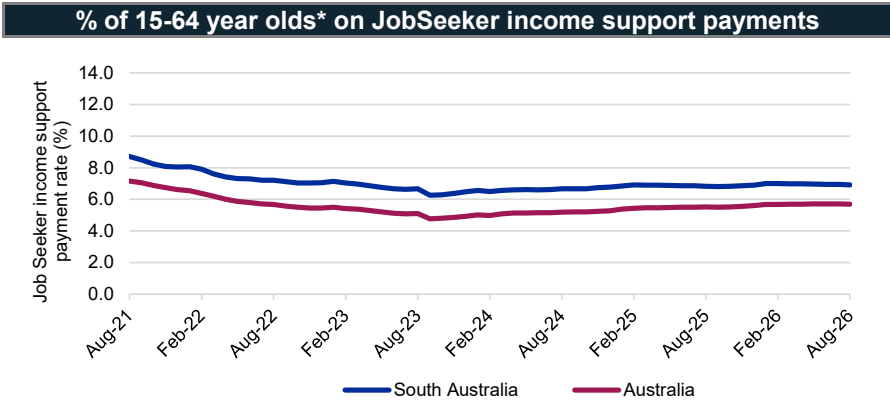
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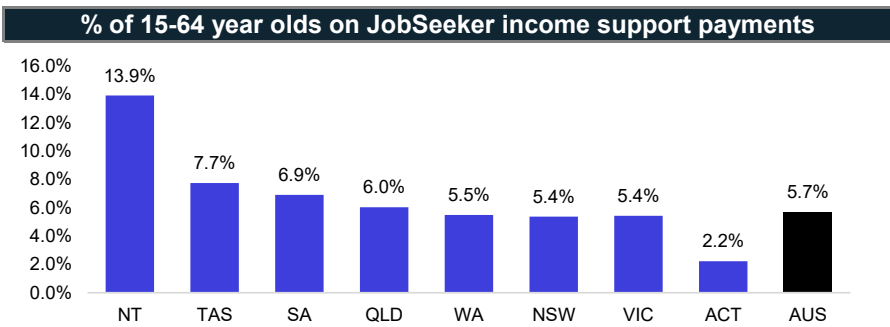
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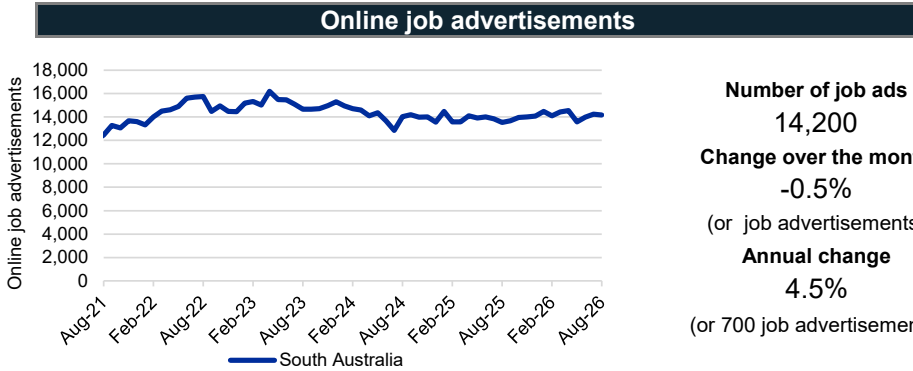
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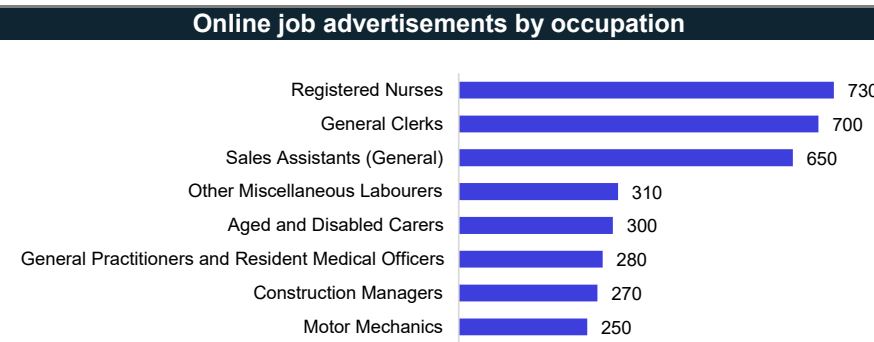
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	South Australia	Australia
Payments - August 2025	82,330	987,955
Payments - August 2026	83,950	1,033,140
Change (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 1,620	↑ 45,185
Change % (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 2.0%	↑ 4.6%



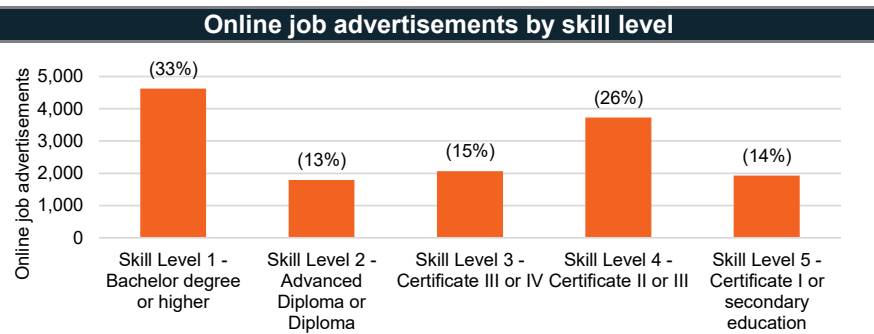
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, data.gov.au, August -26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, August -26



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August-26



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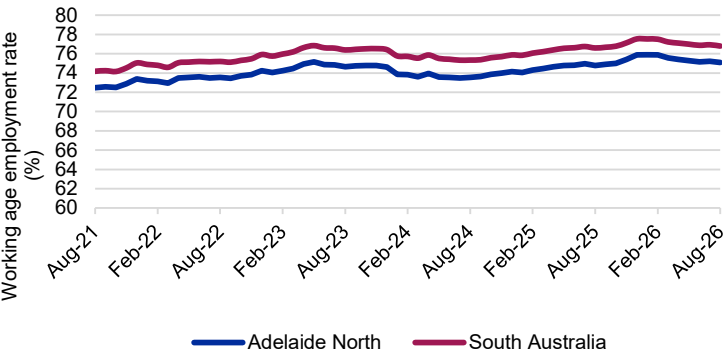
Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

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Adelaide North	75.1	74.8	20.7	21.0	-1.3	5.0	5.2	79.2	79.0	11.4	11.3
South Australia	76.8	76.6	48.0	48.5	-1.0	4.6	4.7	80.4	80.3	9.7	9.8
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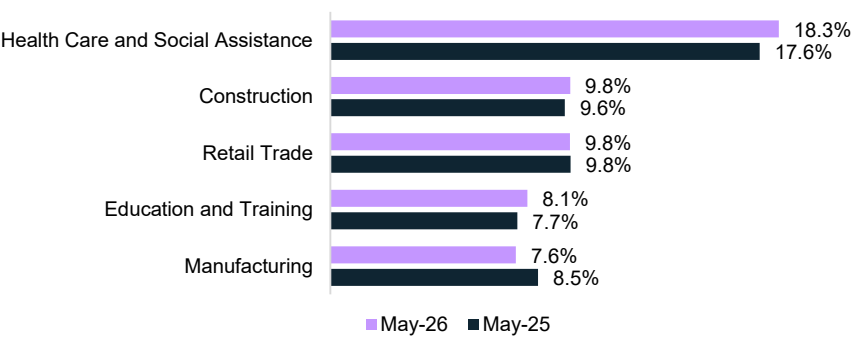
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Working age employment rate (%)



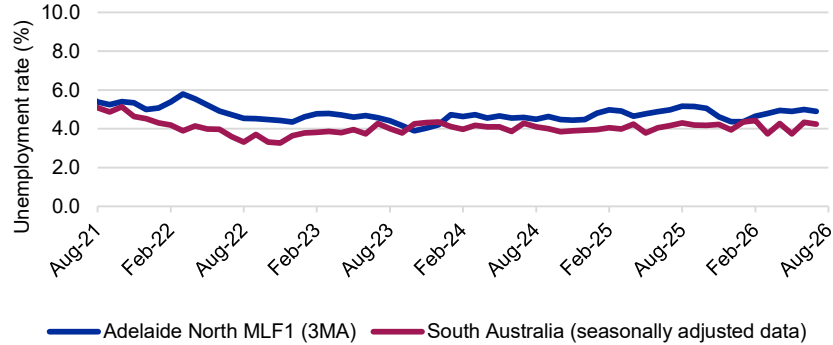
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Largest employing industries



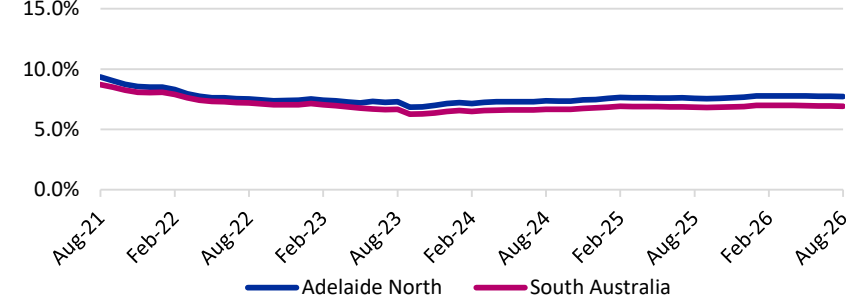
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Adelaide North		South Australia	
Payments - August 2025	37,560	82,330	
Payments - August 2026	38,520	83,950	
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 960	↑ 1,620	
	↑ 2.6%	↑ 2.0%	

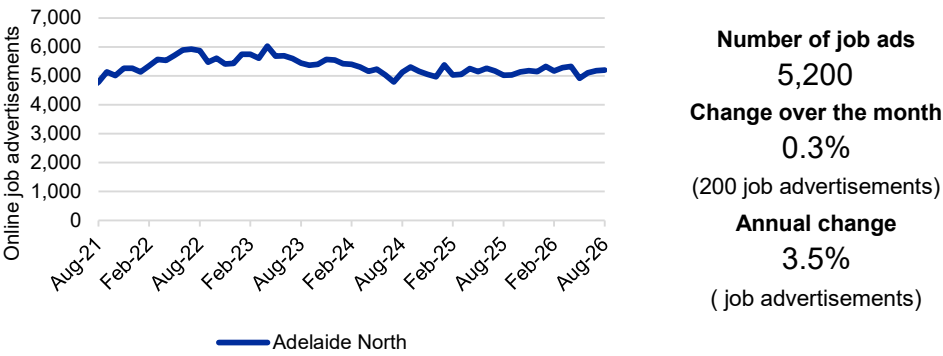
% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
Adelaide North	38,520	7.7%
South Australia	83,950	6.9%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

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
Playford	9.6	8.1
Salisbury	5.9	5.2
Port Adelaide Enfield	4.2	4.9
Gawler	4.1	3.8
Adelaide Plains	3.5	3.5

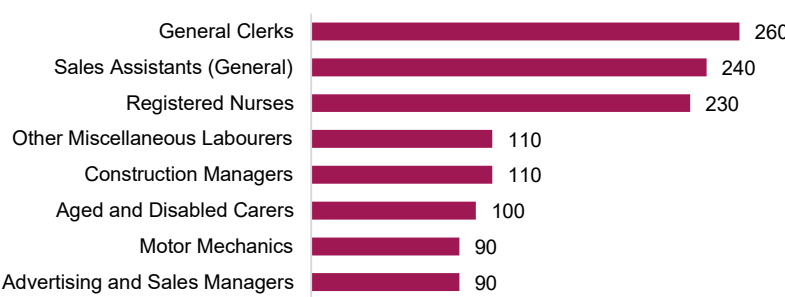
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Online job advertisements



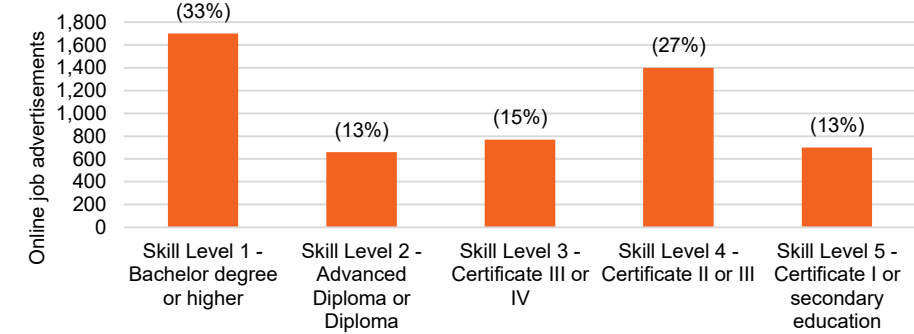
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



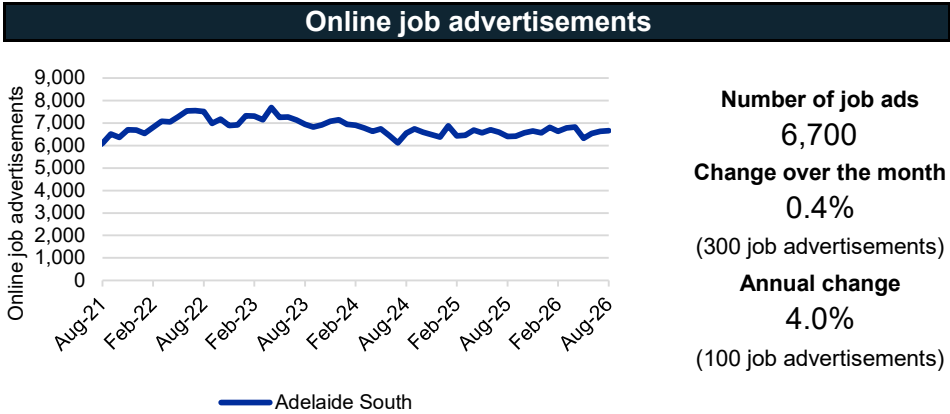
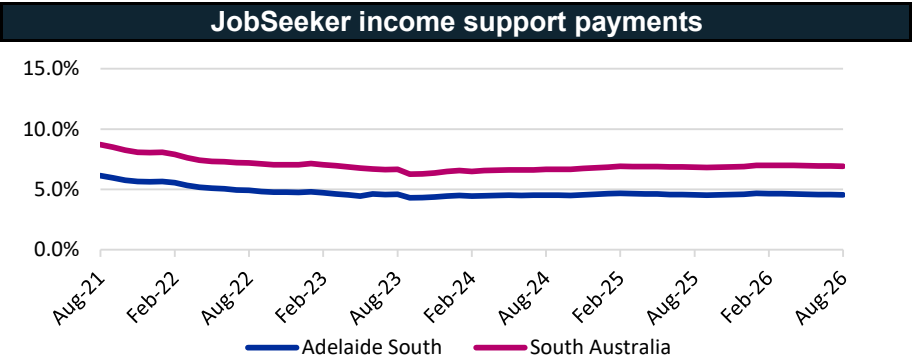
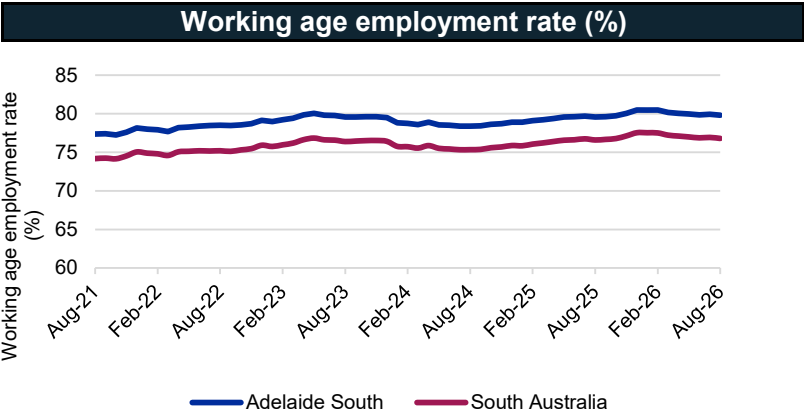
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Adelaide South	79.8	79.6	14.8	15.3	-3.1	3.5	3.7	82.8	82.7	8.8	8.8
South Australia	76.8	76.6	48.0	48.5	-1.0	4.6	4.7	80.4	80.3	9.7	9.8
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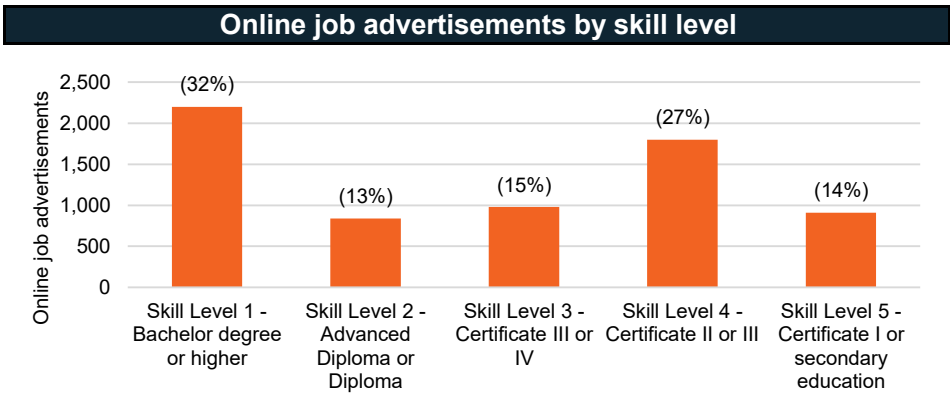
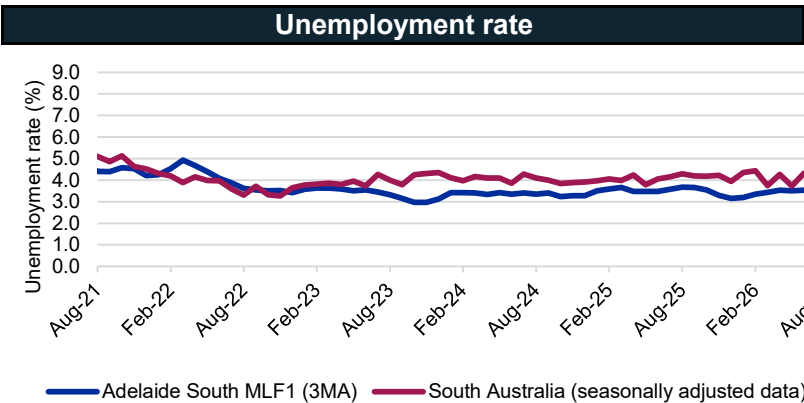
	Adelaide South	South Australia
Payments - August 2025	21,505	82,330
Payments - August 2026	21,680	83,950
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 175	↑ 1,620
	➔ 0.8%	↑ 2.0%

% 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
Adelaide South	21,680	4.5%
South Australia	83,950	6.9%
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
Adelaide	6.0	6.9
Onkaparinga	4.6	5.2
Victor Harbor	3.7	3.1
Mount Barker	3.6	3.6
Campbelltown (SA)	3.3	3.5

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



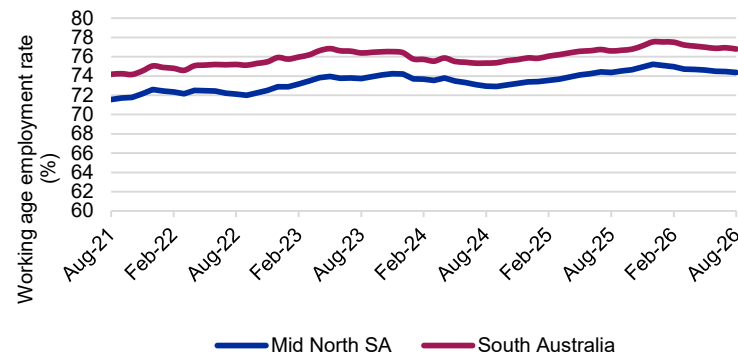
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Mid North SA	74.4	74.4	2.6	2.7	-3.5	4.4	4.6	77.9	78.2	8.7	9.2
South Australia	76.8	76.6	48.0	48.5	-1.0	4.6	4.7	80.4	80.3	9.7	9.8
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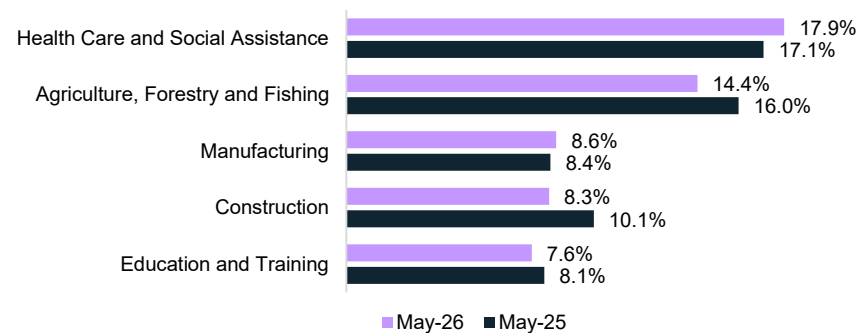
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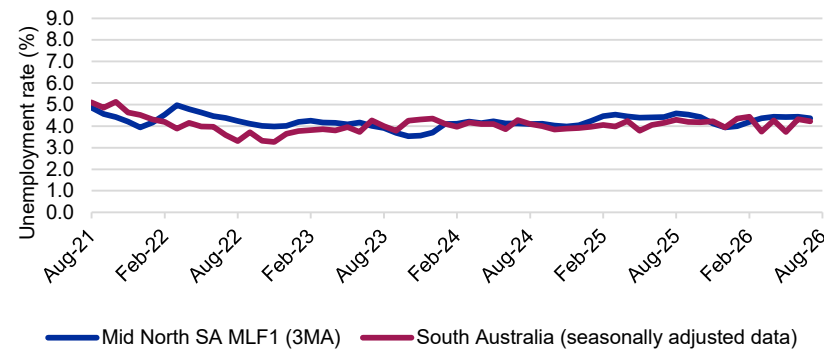
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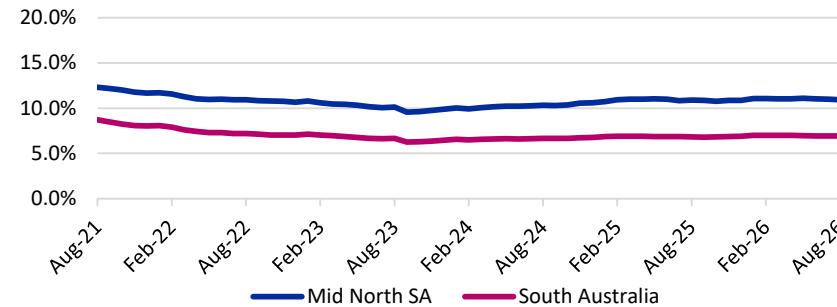
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Mid North SA	South Australia
Payments - August 2025	7,455	82,330
Payments - August 2026	7,500	83,950
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	45	1,620
	0.6%	2.0%

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

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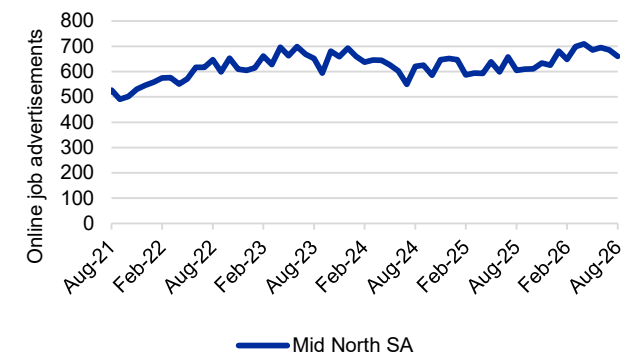
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Port Pirie	9.1	10.1
Goyder	6.9	6.4
Peterborough*	6.8	7.0
Orroroo Carrieton*	6.8	7.0
Copper Coast	6.6	7.3

Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter

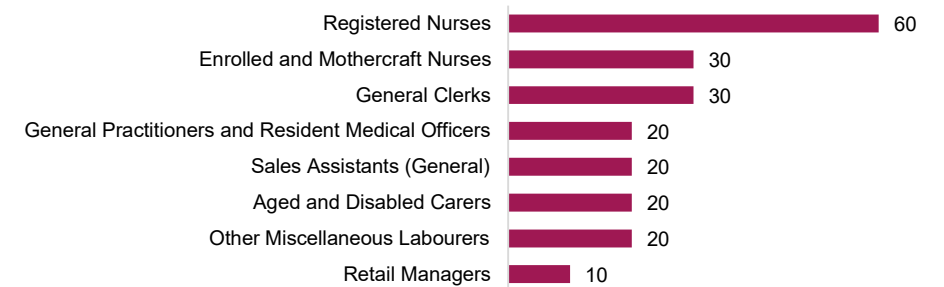
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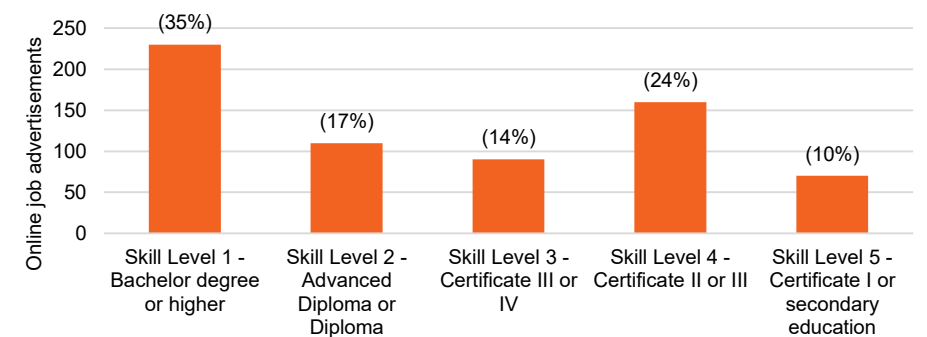
Number of job ads
660
Change over the month
-3.8%
(50 job advertisements)
Annual change
9.0%
(-30 job advertisements)

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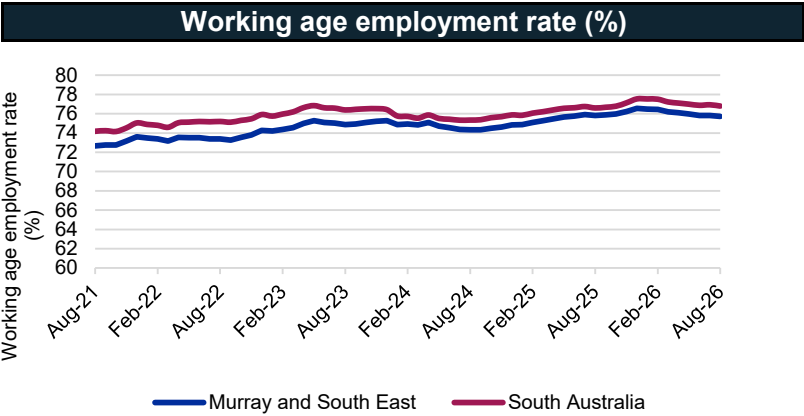
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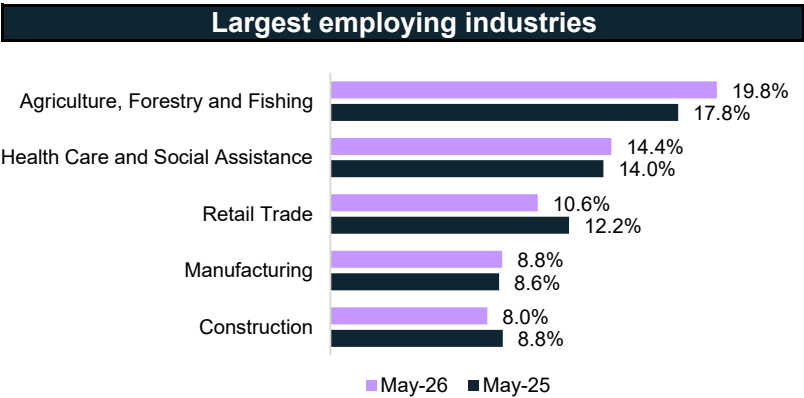
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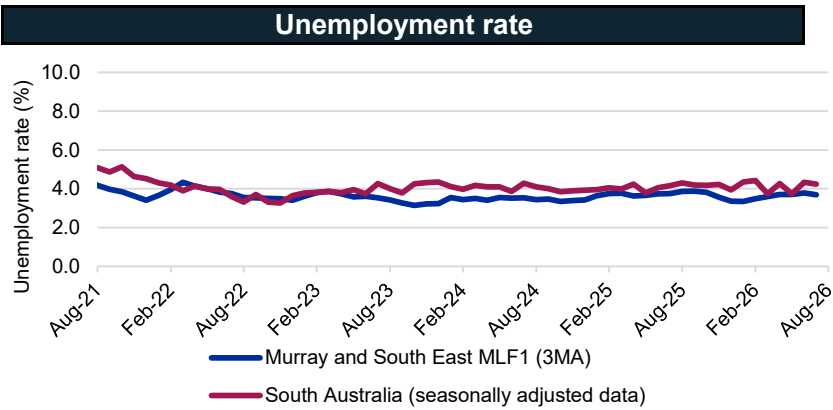
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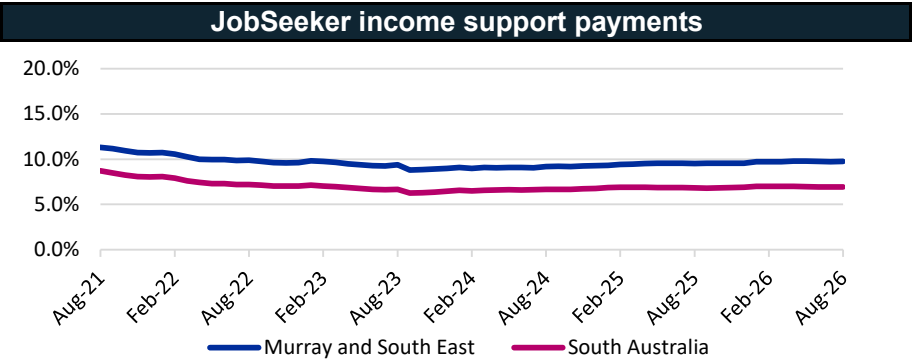
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Murray and South East		South Australia	
Payments - August 2025	11,035	82,330	
Payments - August 2026	11,370	83,950	
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 335	↑ 1,620	
	↑ 3.0%	↑ 2.0%	

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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Murray Bridge	5.6	4.3
Berri Barmera	5.0	4.1
Mid Murray	4.9	4.0
Mount Gambier	4.2	3.3
Coorong	4.1	3.3

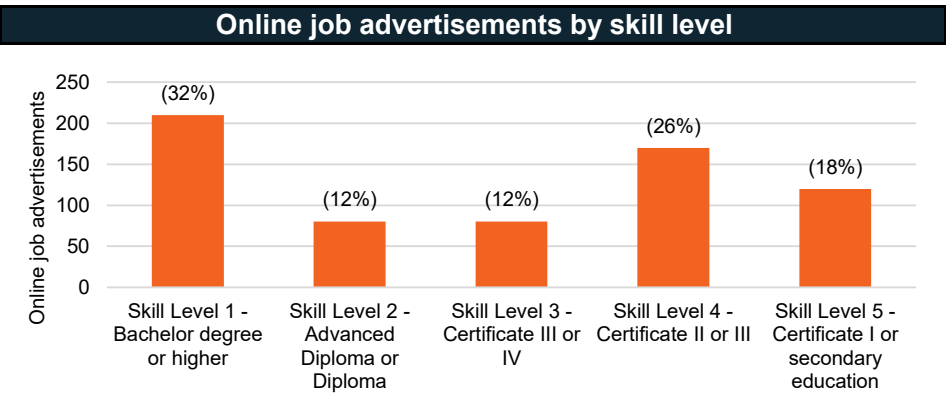
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