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Labour Market Dashboard Victoria

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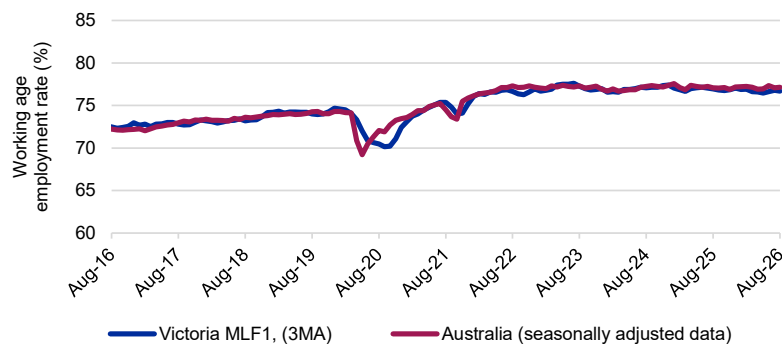
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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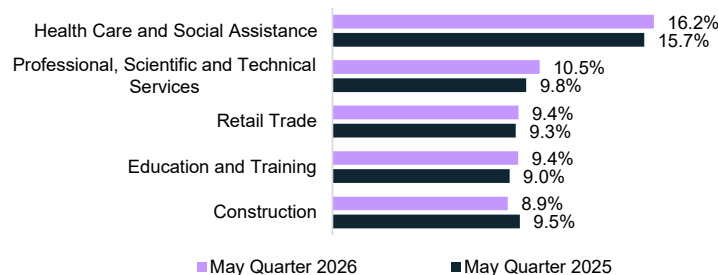
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Working age employment rate



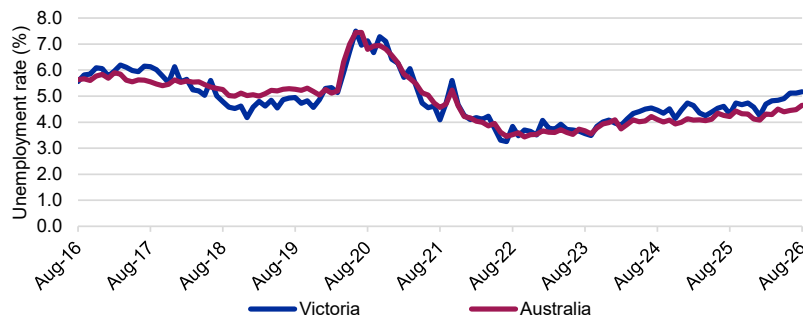
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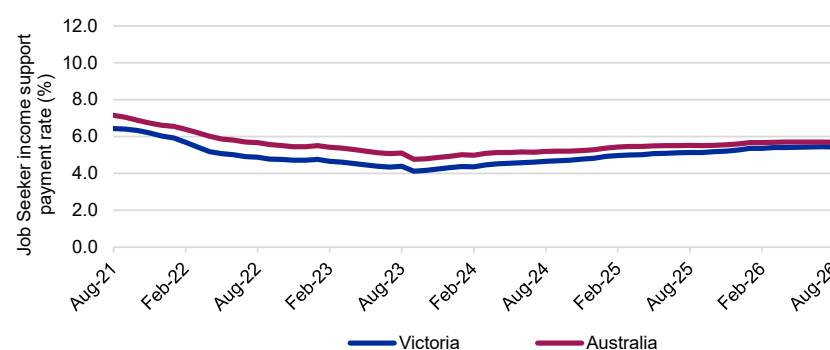
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Unemployment rate



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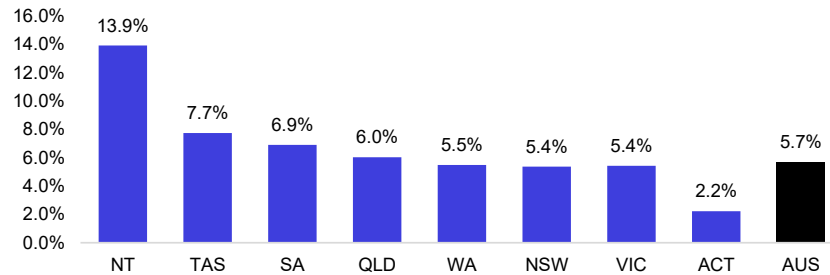
% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Victoria	Australia
Payments - August 2025	238,725	987,955
Payments - August 2026	256,635	1,033,140
Change (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 17,910	↑ 45,185
Change % (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 7.5%	↑ 4.6%

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



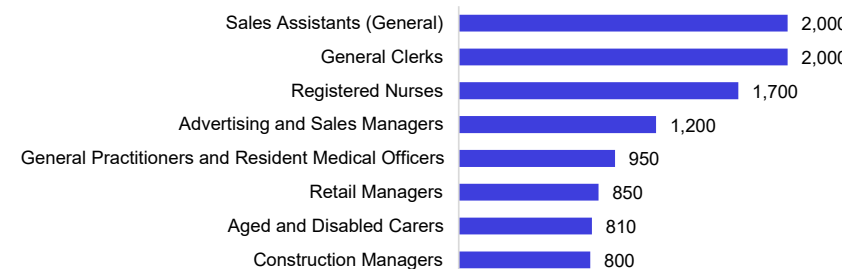
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Online job advertisements



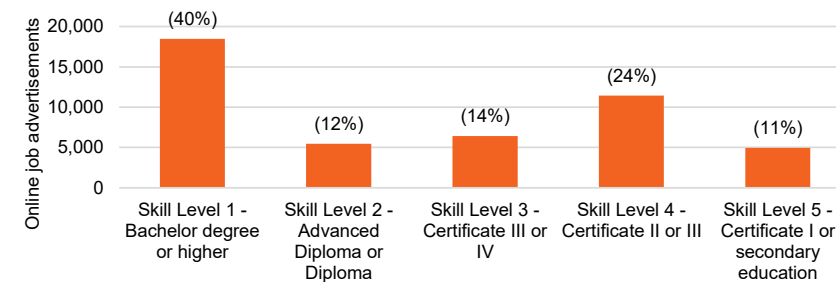
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August-26

Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), August-26

Online job advertisements by skill level



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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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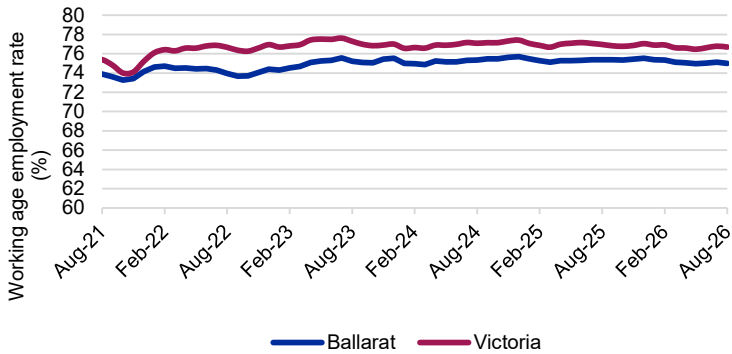
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Ballarat	75.0	75.4	3.7	3.4	8.6	3.8	3.6	78.1	78.2	9.2	7.9
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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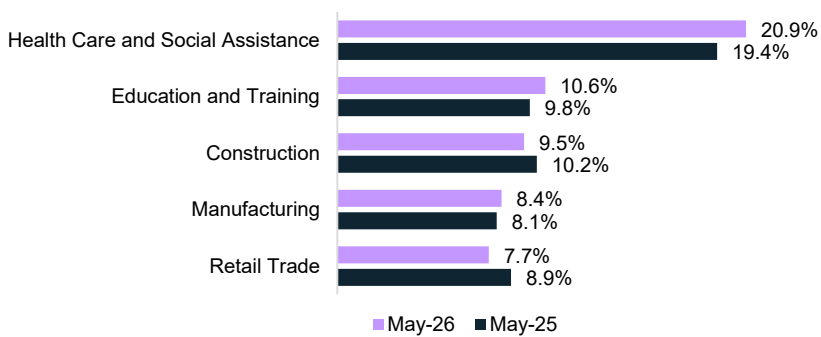
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Working age employment rate (%)



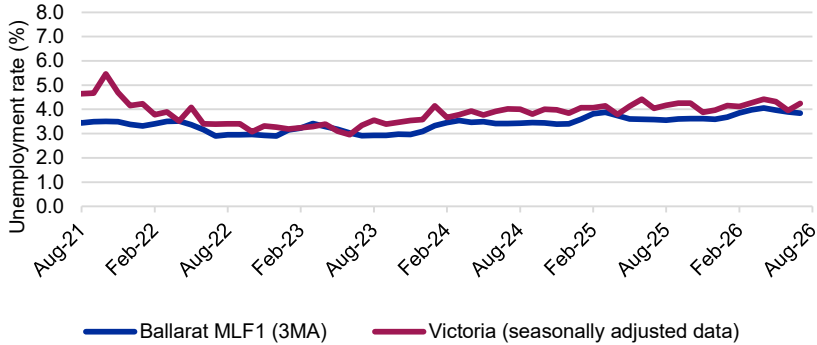
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Largest employing industries



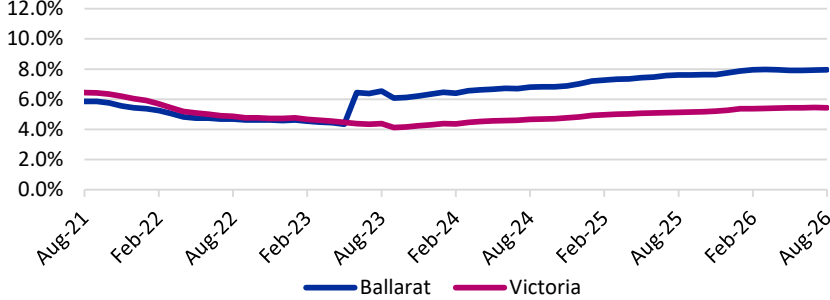
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Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	8,565	238,725
Payments - August 2026	8,985	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 420	↑ 17,910
	↑ 4.9%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
Ballarat	8,985	7.9%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

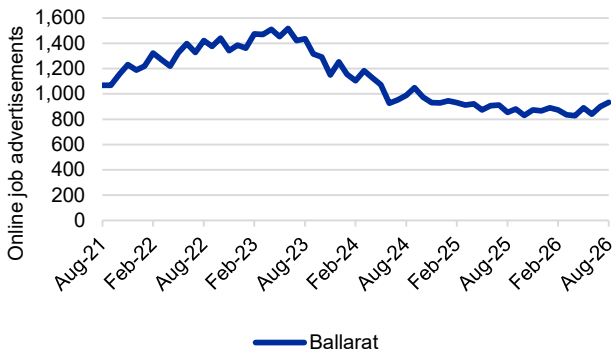
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, August 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) August 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Central Goldfields	8.0	6.7
Pyrenees	4.9	3.8
Ballarat	4.5	3.5
Moorabool	3.6	3.5
Hepburn	2.9	2.2

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, August 2026

Number of job ads
930

Change over the month
3.8%

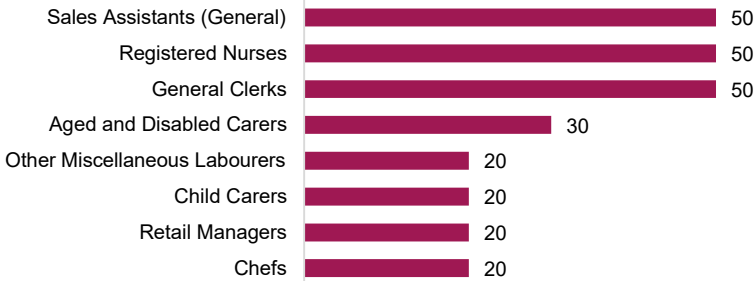
(80 job advertisements)

Annual change

9.2%

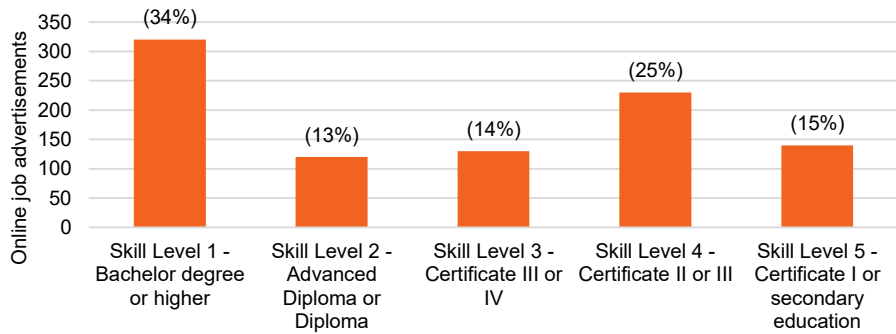
(30 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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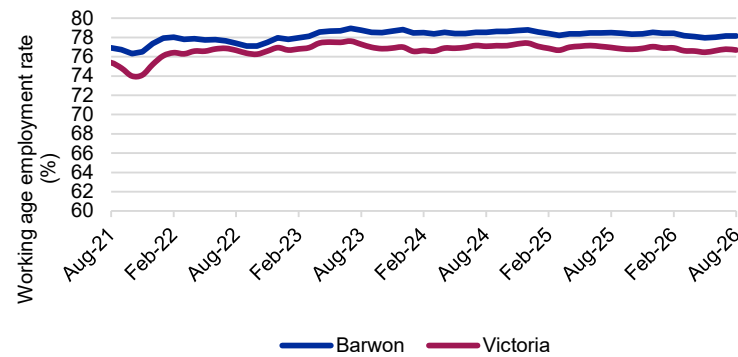
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Barwon	78.2	78.5	7.3	6.2	17.2	3.7	3.2	81.3	81.2	9.0	7.7
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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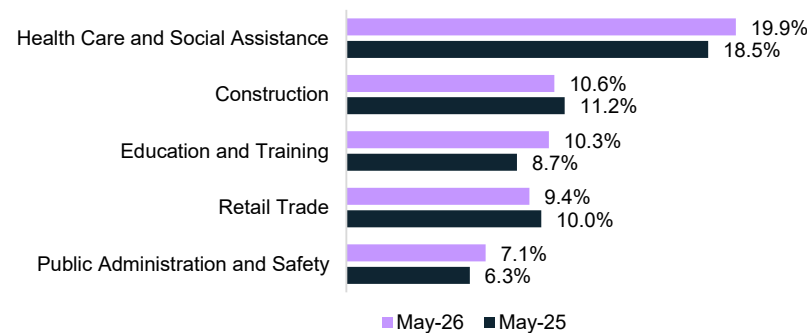
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Working age employment rate (%)



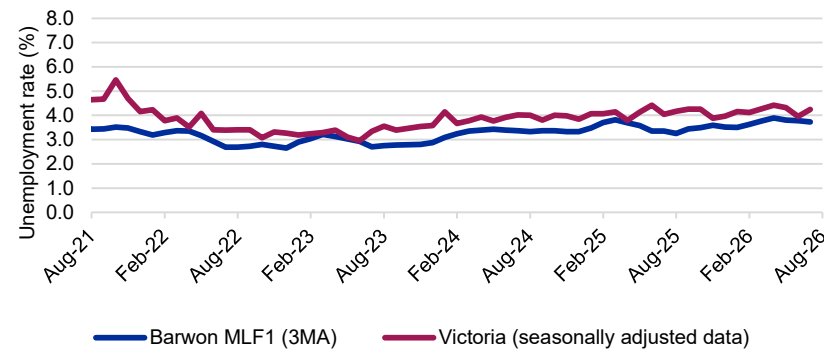
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Largest employing industries



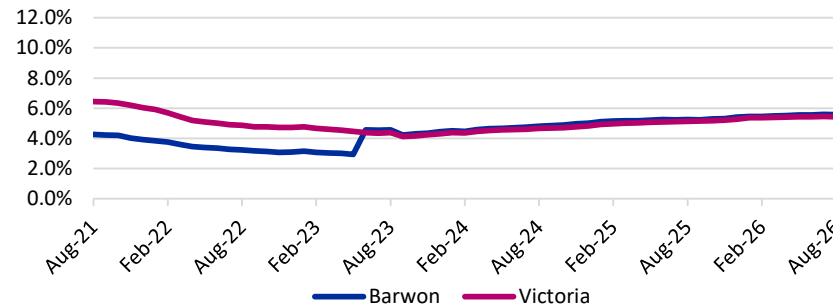
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	11,620	238,725
Payments - August 2026	12,495	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 875	↑ 17,910
	↑ 7.5%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
Barwon	12,495	5.6%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
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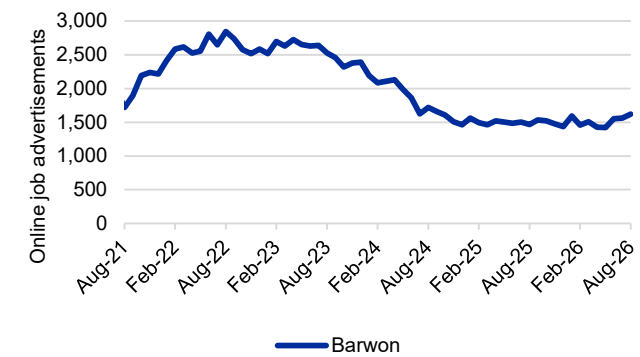
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Greater Geelong	4.5	4.9
Golden Plains	2.7	2.9
Queenscliffe	2.0	1.9
Surf Coast	1.7	1.7

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

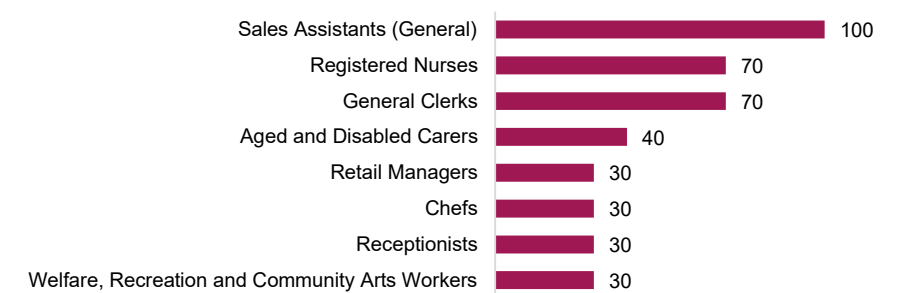
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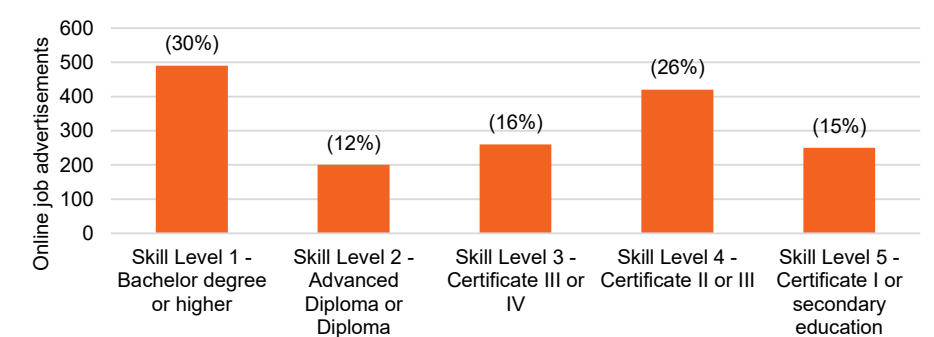
Number of job ads
1,600
Change over the month
3.7%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
10.4%
(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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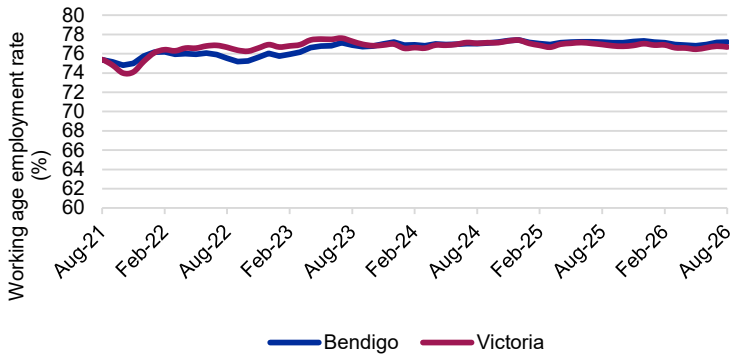
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Bendigo	77.2	77.2	3.1	2.8	9.9	3.5	3.2	80.0	79.8	8.5	7.3
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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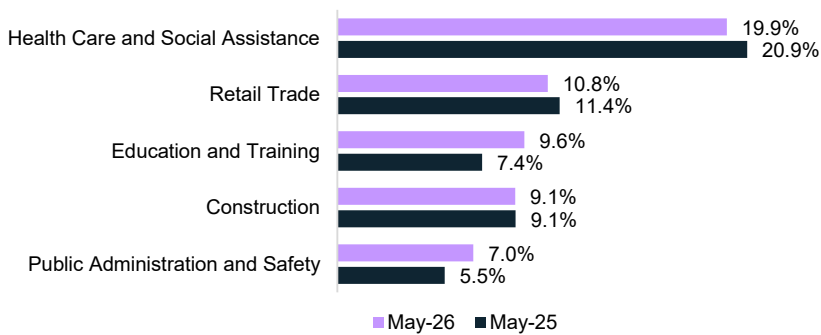
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Working age employment rate (%)



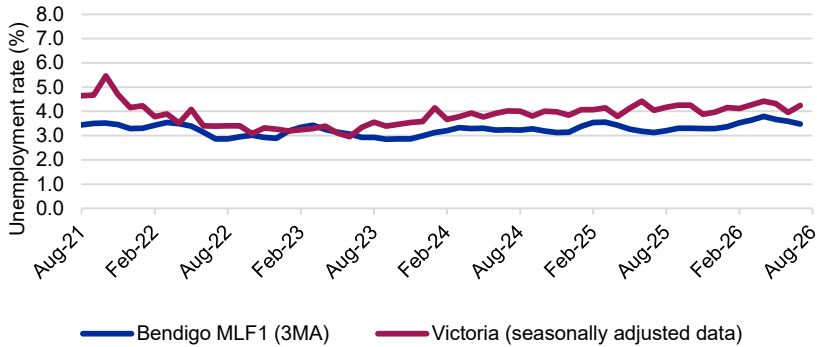
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Largest employing industries



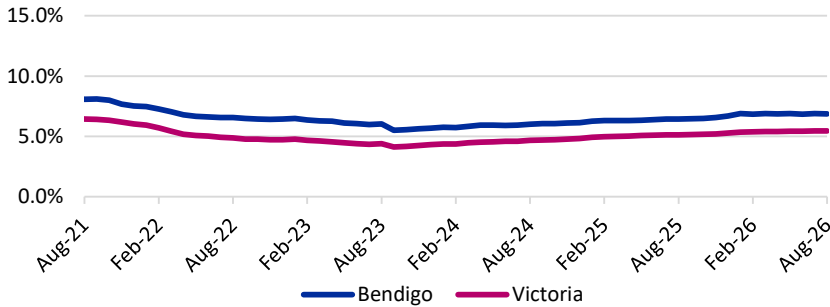
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	6,675	238,725
Payments - August 2026	7,125	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	450	17,910
	6.7%	7.5%

% 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
Bendigo	7,125	6.8%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
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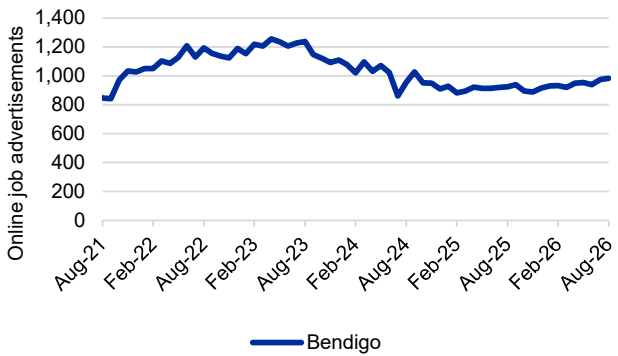
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, August 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) August 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Loddon	5.0	5.5
Greater Bendigo	3.9	4.3
Mount Alexander	3.0	3.4
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

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

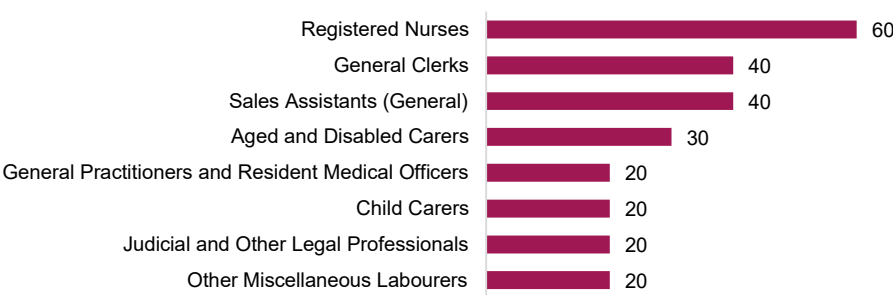
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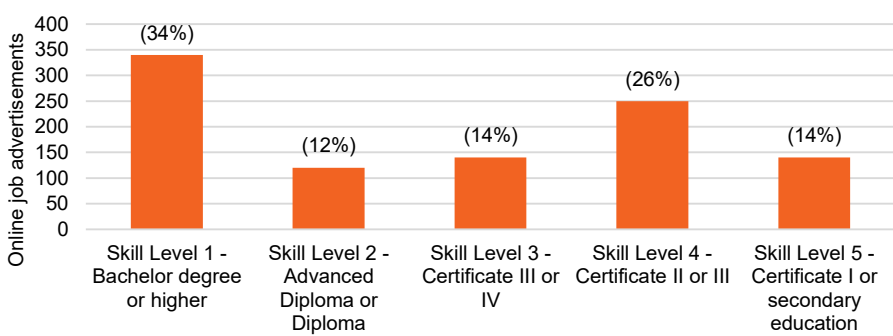
Number of job ads
 980
 Change over the month
 0.8%
 (60 job advertisements)
 Annual change
 6.4%
 (10 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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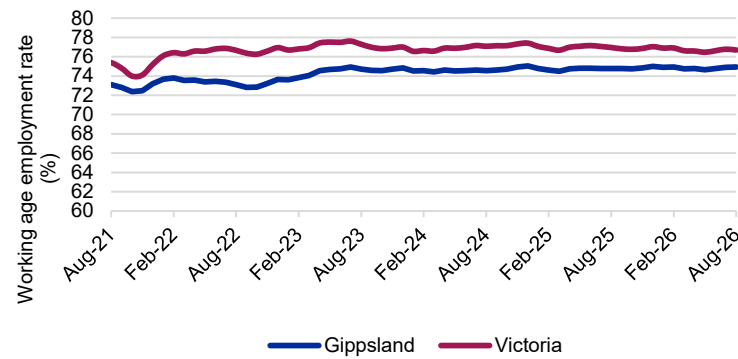
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Gippsland	74.9	74.8	6.4	6.0	7.8	4.2	3.9	78.3	77.9	9.9	8.8
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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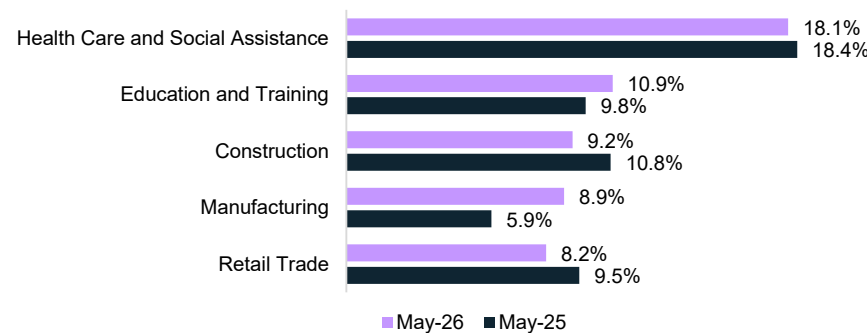
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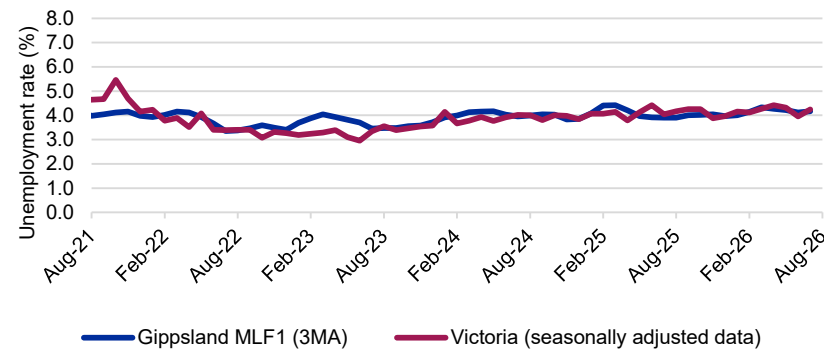
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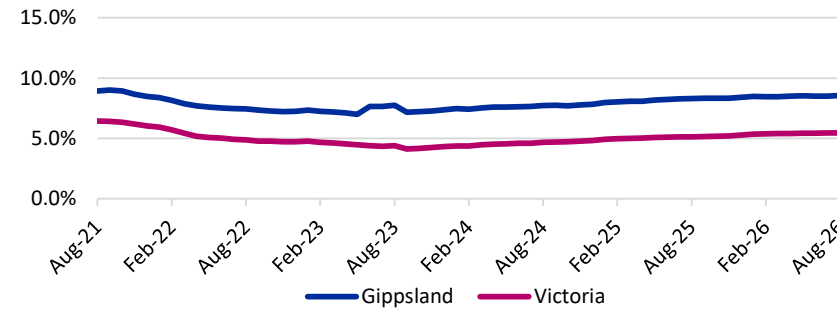
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Gippsland	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	14,880	238,725
Payments - August 2026	15,340	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	460	17,910
	3.1%	7.5%

% 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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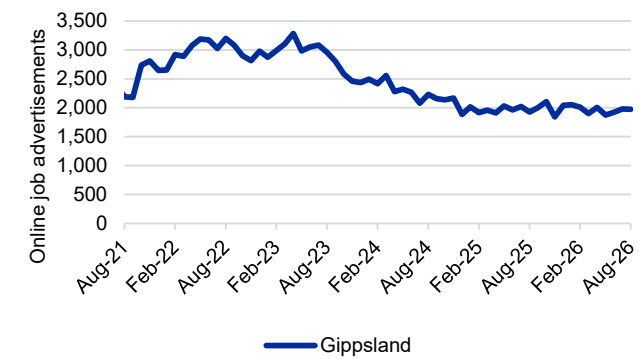
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Latrobe (Vic.)	5.8	7.3
East Gippsland	4.8	5.9
Wellington	4.0	4.7
Bass Coast	3.2	3.8
Baw Baw	2.7	3.1

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

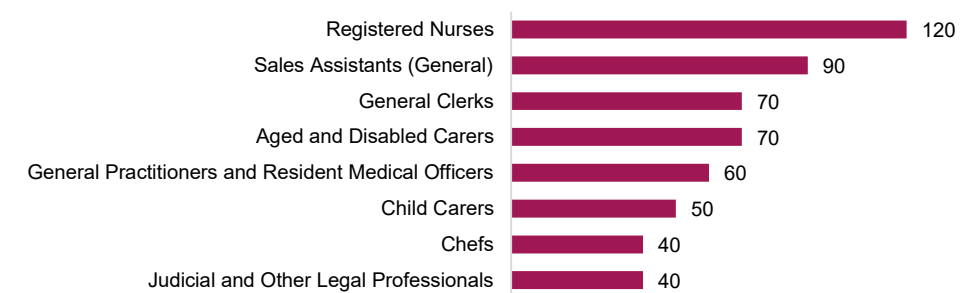
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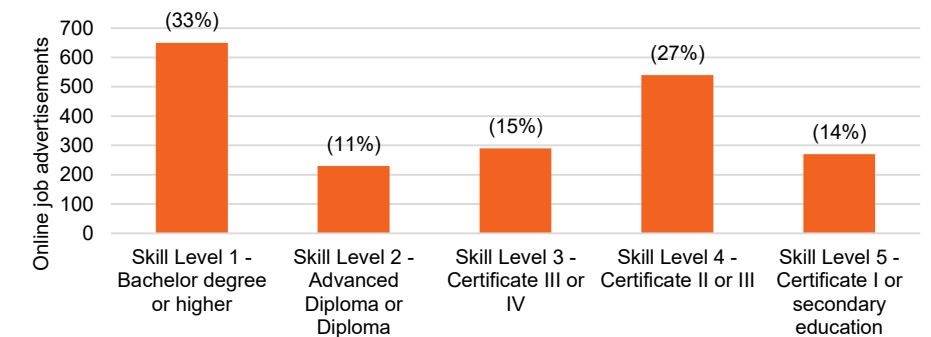
Number of job ads
2,000
Change over the month
-0.2%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.5%
(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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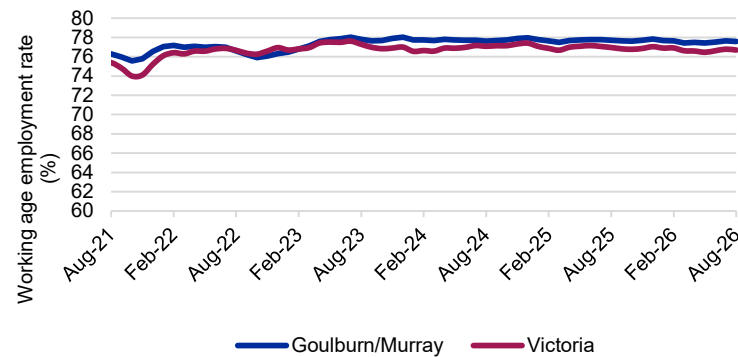
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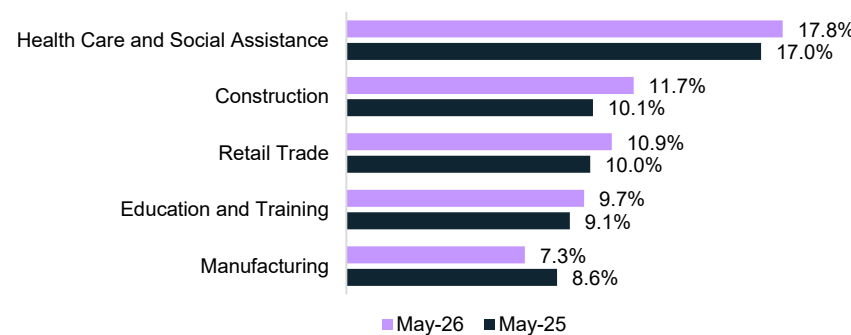
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Working age employment rate (%)



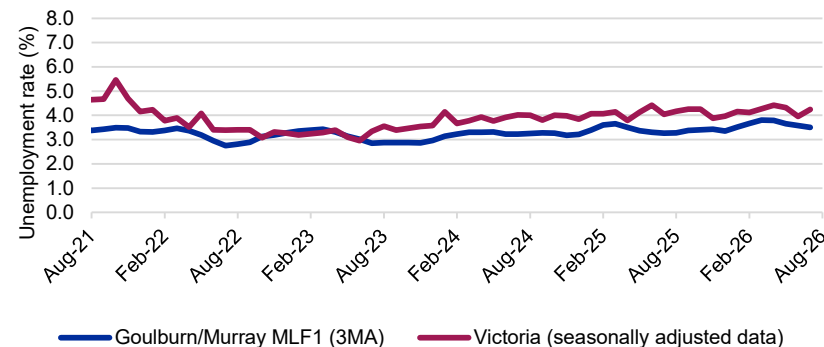
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Largest employing industries



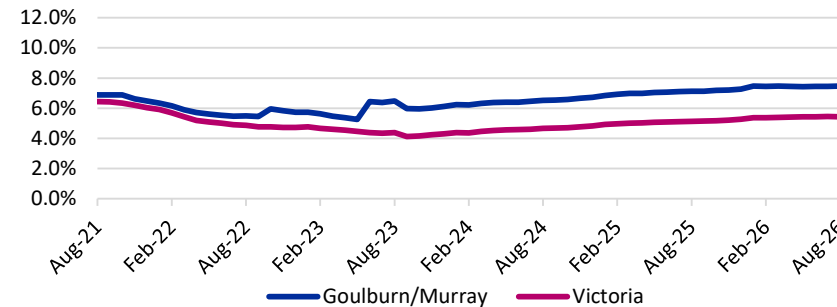
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Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Goulburn/Murray	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	13,505	238,725
Payments - August 2026	14,145	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 640	↑ 17,910
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
Goulburn/Murray	14,145	7.5%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

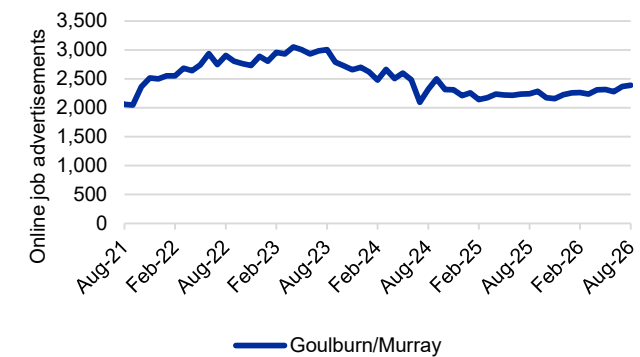
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Albury	5.6	4.3
Benalla	5.4	5.3
Wodonga	5.3	5.0
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2

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

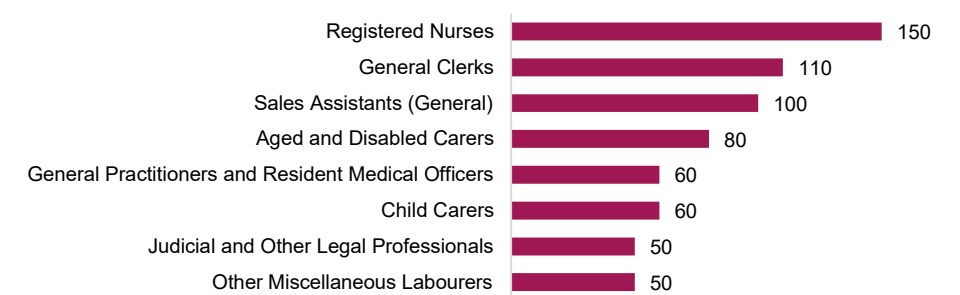
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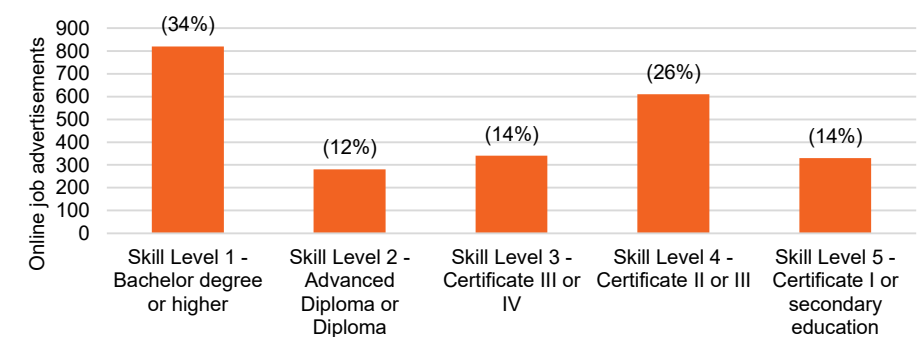
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Change over the month
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(200 job advertisements)
Annual change
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(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



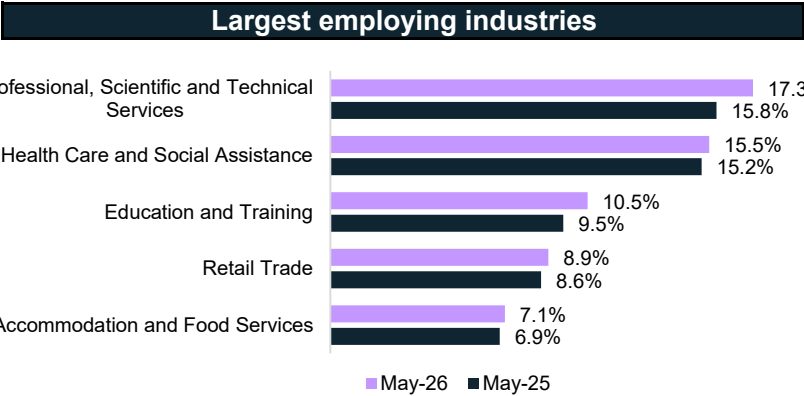
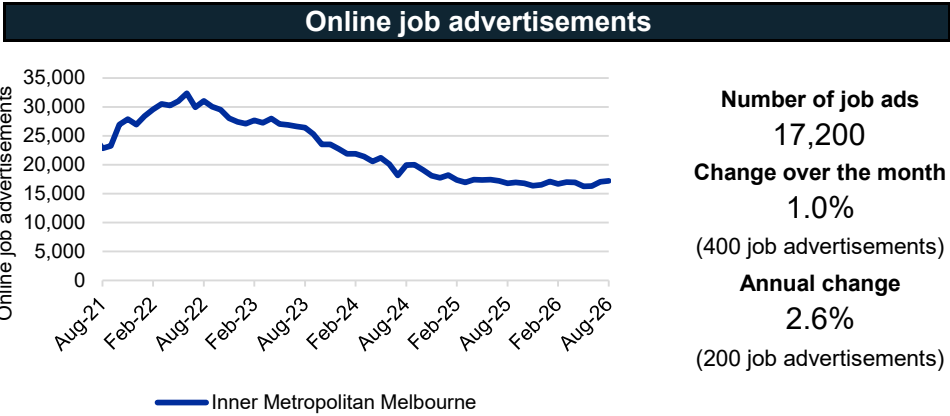
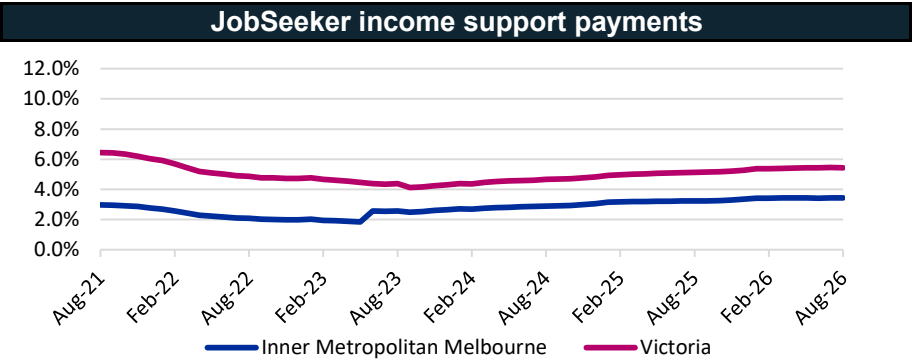
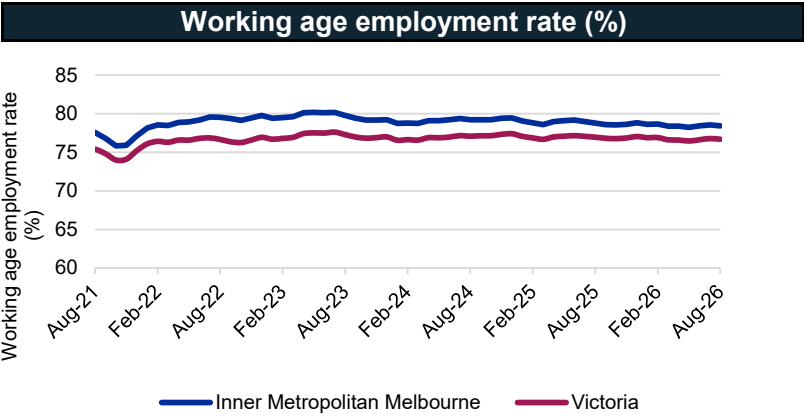
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	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.4	78.8	44.6	39.7	12.2	4.5	4.0	82.2	82.2	11.7	10.3
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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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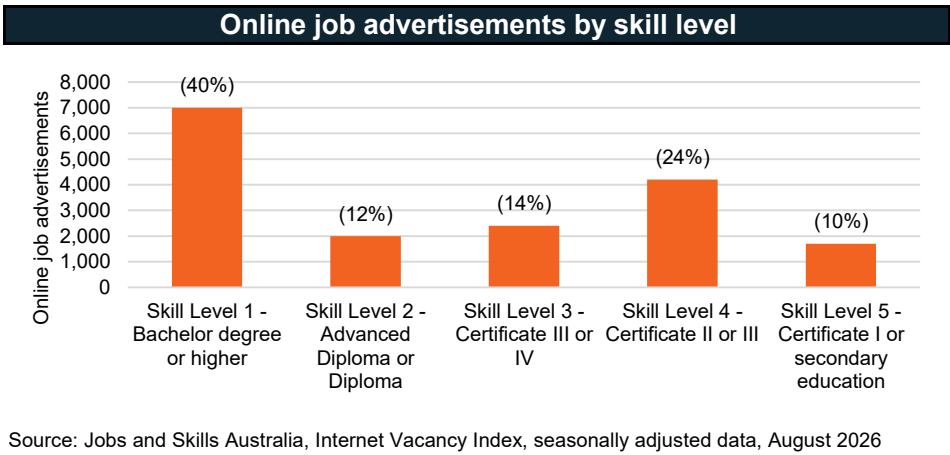
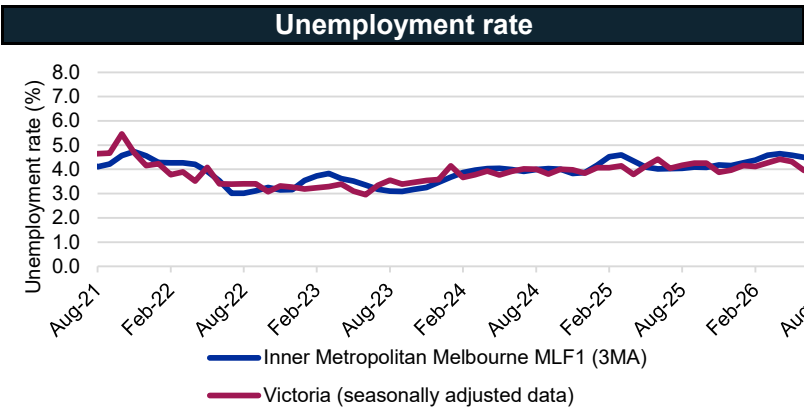
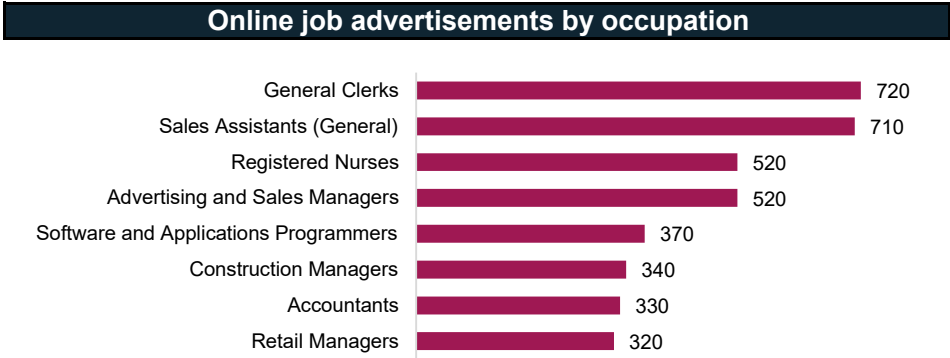
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	36,605	238,725
Payments - August 2026	39,390	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 2,785	↑ 17,910
	↑ 7.6%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	39,390	3.4%
Victoria	256,635	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
Yarra	5.6	5.7
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Port Phillip	4.9	4.9
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1

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



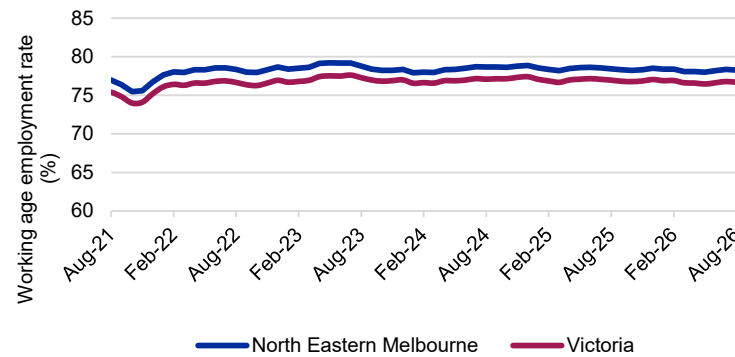
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	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
North Eastern Melbourne	78.3	78.4	28.1	24.3	15.3	4.4	3.8	81.9	81.6	11.6	10.2
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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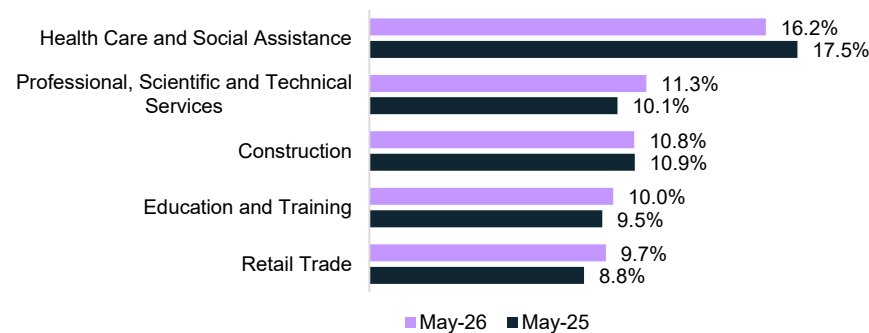
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Working age employment rate (%)



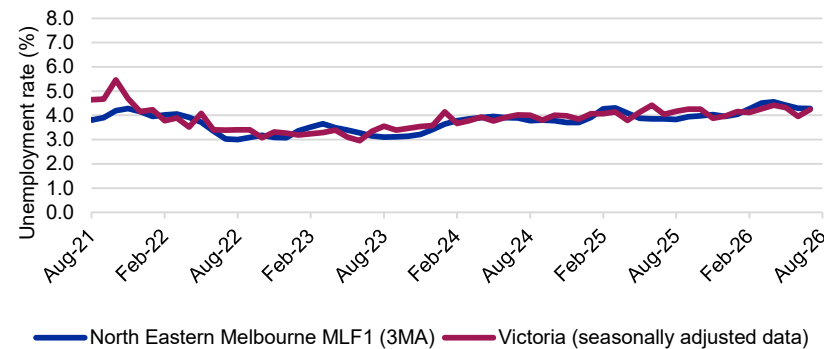
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Largest employing industries



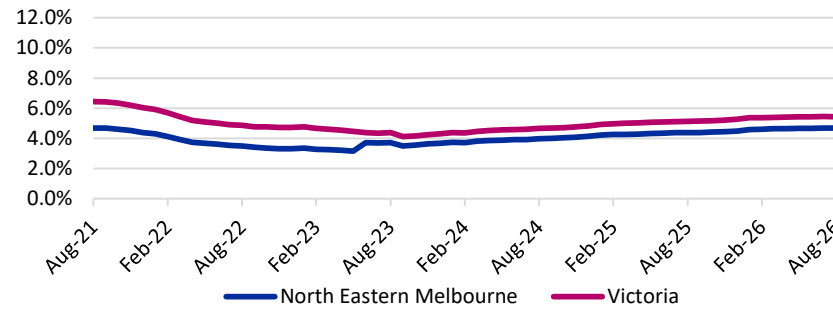
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Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	32,250	238,725
Payments - August 2026	34,925	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 2,675	↑ 17,910
	↑ 8.3%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
North Eastern Melbourne	34,925	4.7%
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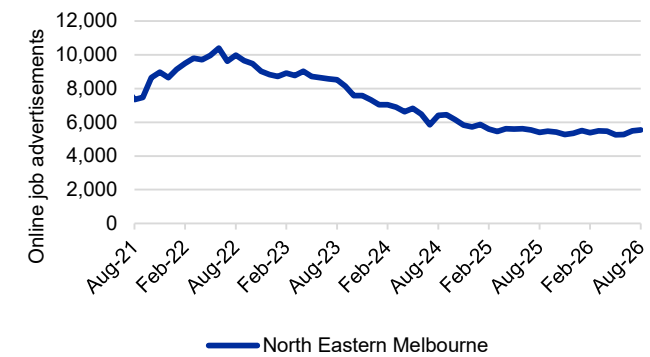
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whittlesea	5.9	4.3
Mitchell	5.8	4.5
Darebin	5.4	4.8
Murrindindi	4.9	4.2
Whitehorse	4.5	3.8

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

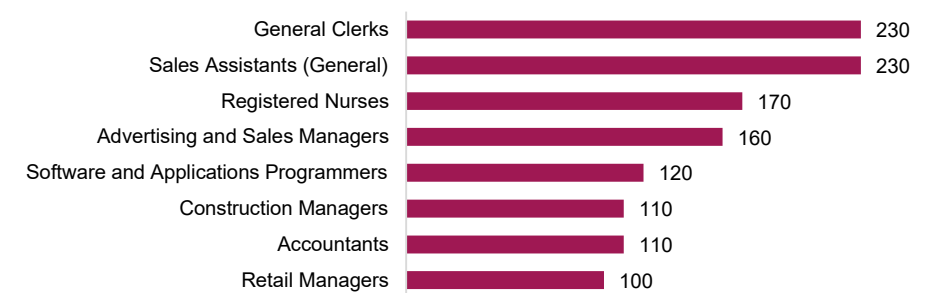
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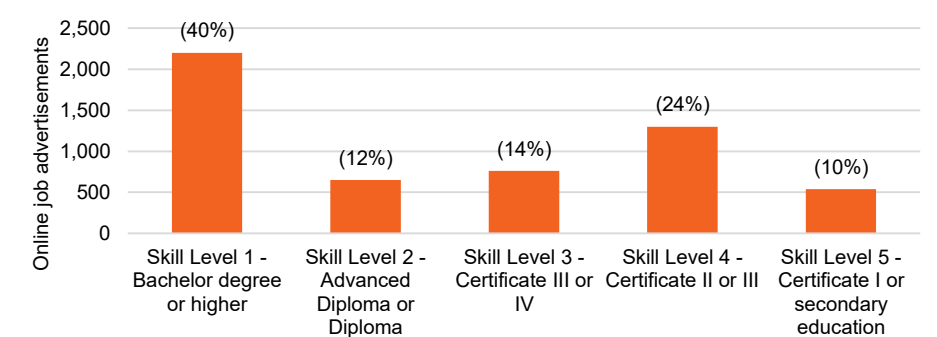
Number of job ads
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Change over the month
1.0%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.6%
(job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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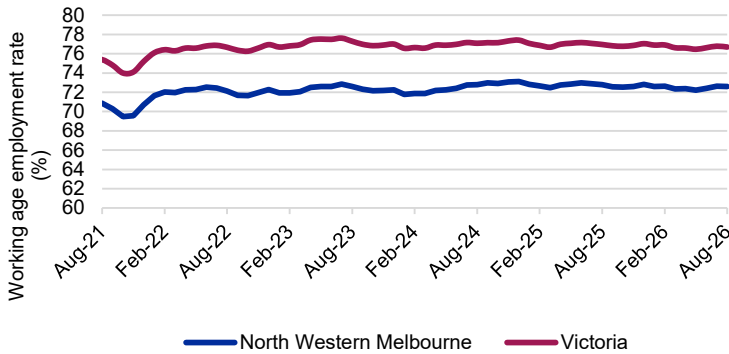
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North Western Melbourne	72.6	72.8	14.2	12.7	12.0	5.6	5.1	77.0	76.8	14.1	12.8
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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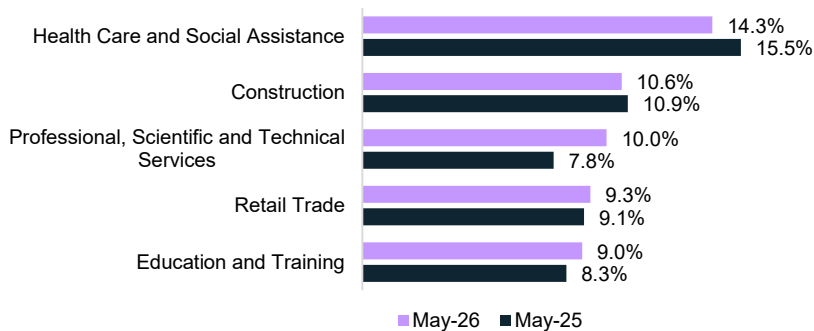
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Working age employment rate (%)



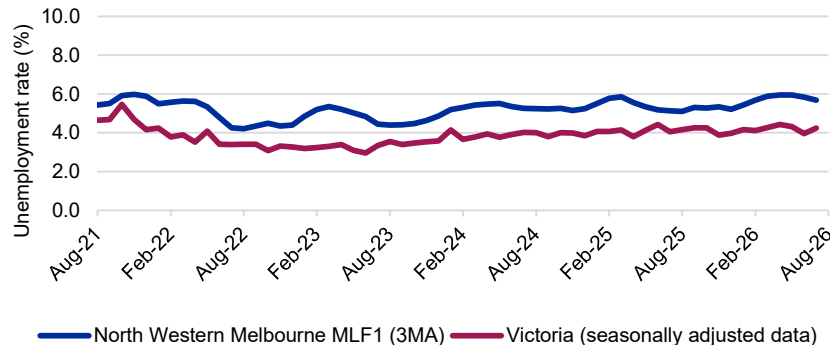
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Largest employing industries



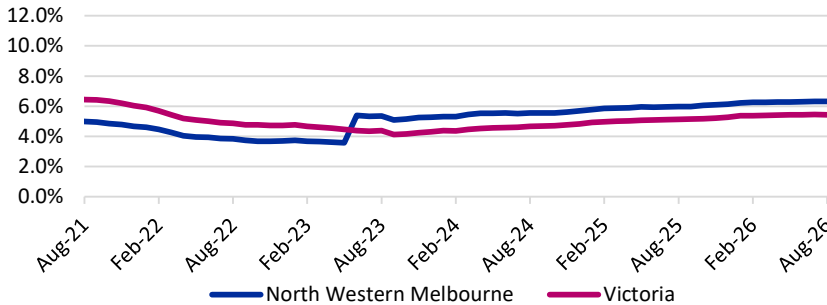
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	North Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	18,650	238,725
Payments - August 2026	20,135	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 1,485	↑ 17,910
	↑ 8.0%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
North Western Melbourne	20,135	6.3%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
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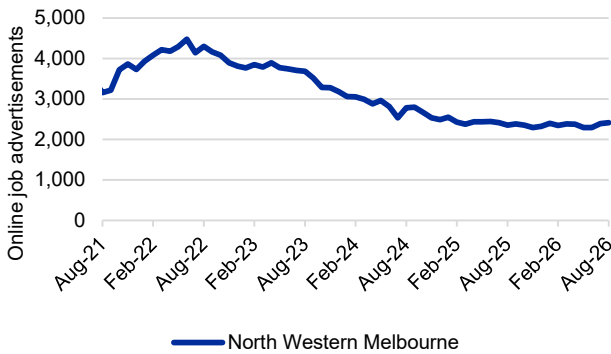
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Hume	6.4	8.0
Merri-bek	4.9	5.3
Moonee Valley	4.2	4.7
Macedon Ranges	1.6	1.9

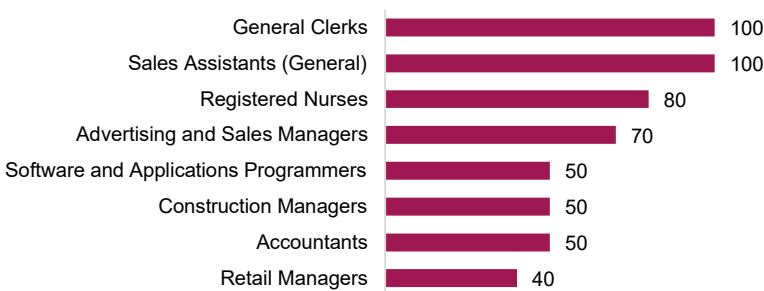
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Online job advertisements



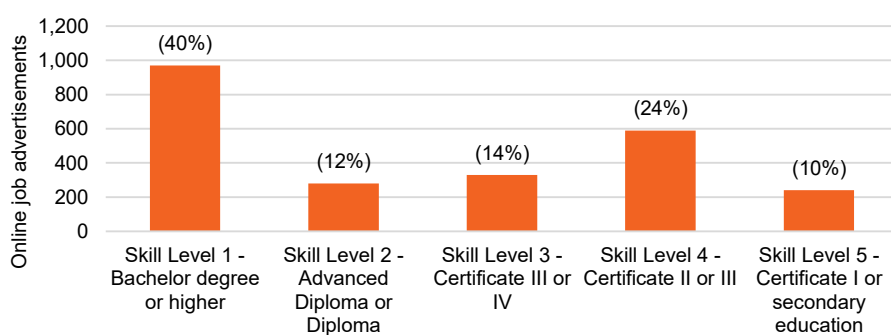
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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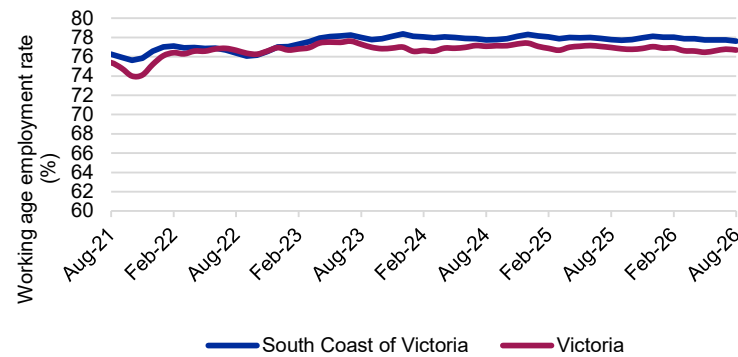
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South Coast of Victoria	77.6	77.8	2.0	1.8	8.1	2.9	2.7	80.1	80.0	7.0	6.1
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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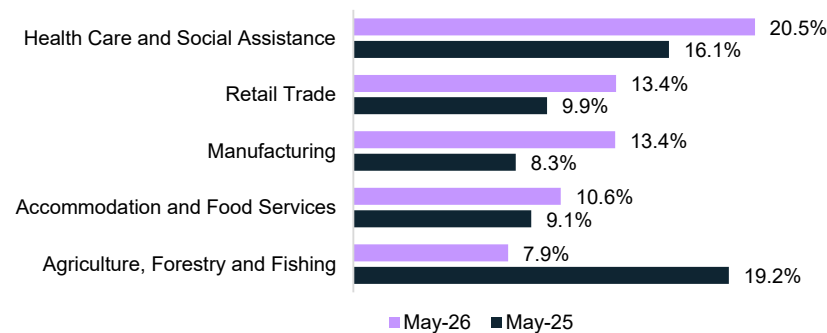
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Working age employment rate (%)



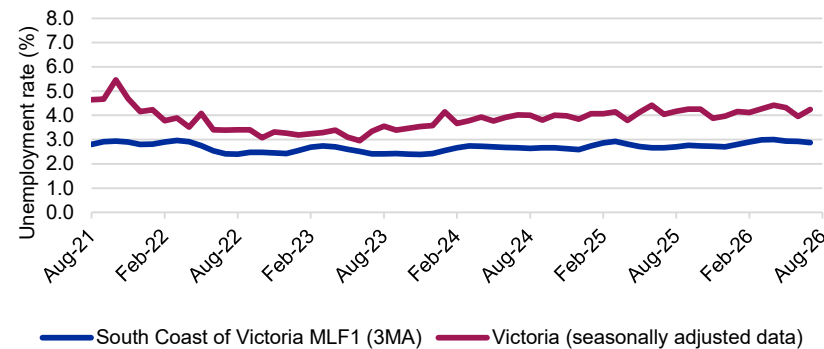
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Largest employing industries



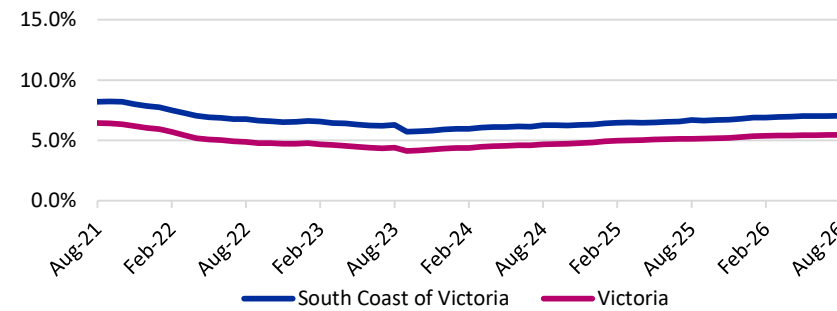
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Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	4,910	238,725
Payments - August 2026	5,145	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 235	↑ 17,910
	↑ 4.8%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
South Coast of Victoria	5,145	7.0%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

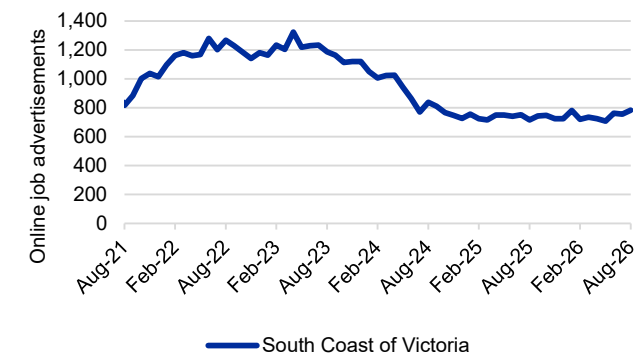
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Glenelg	2.5	3.0
Southern Grampians	2.2	2.4
Warrnambool	1.7	1.9
Colac Otway	1.6	1.9
Corangamite	1.4	1.7

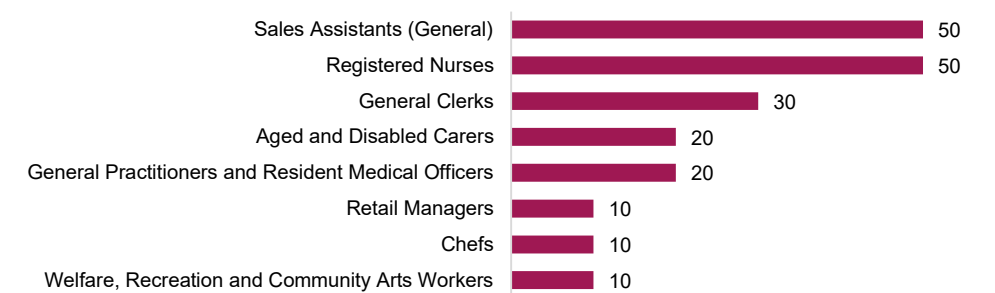
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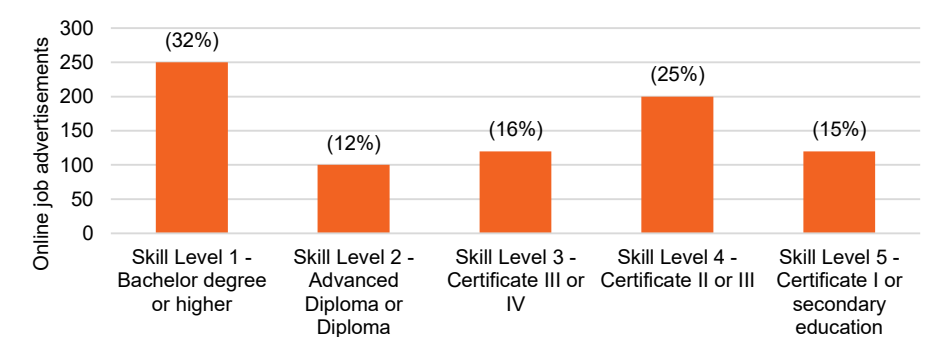
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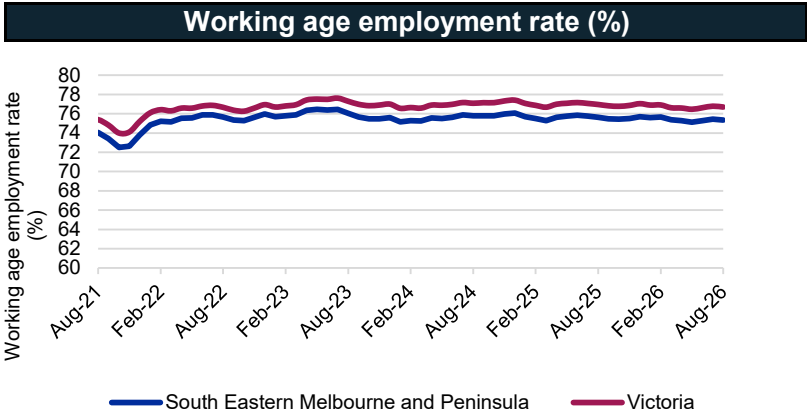


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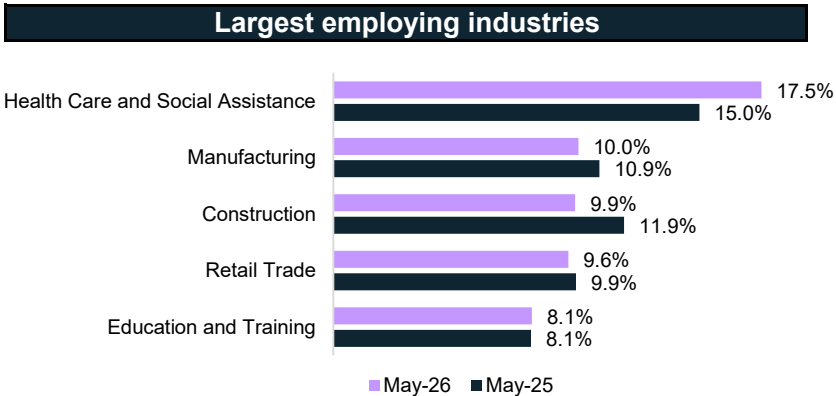
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.4	75.6	41.2	34.3	20.1	5.8	4.9	80.1	79.6	13.9	12.2
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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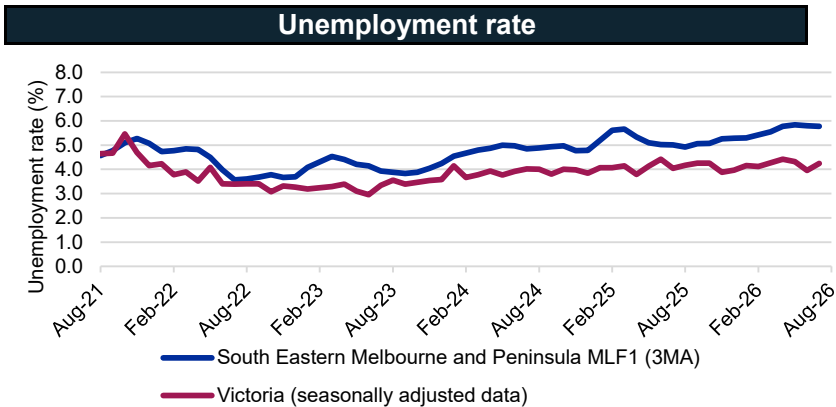
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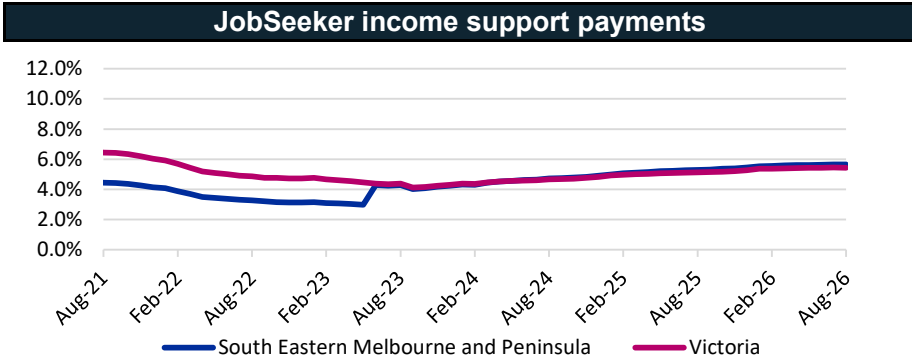
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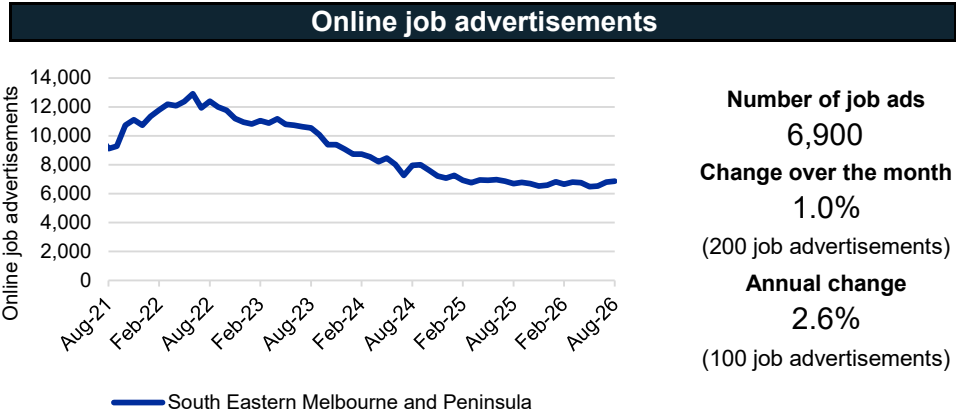
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - August 2025		44,065	238,725
Payments - August 2026		47,805	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑	3,740	17,910
	↑	8.5%	7.5%

% 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
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	47,805	5.6%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

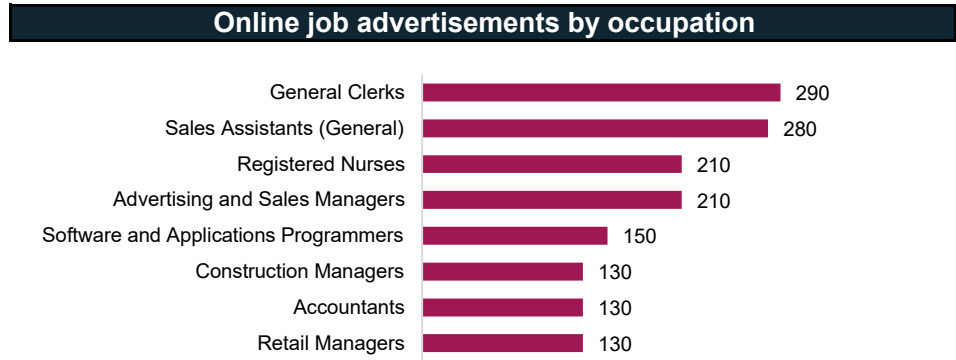
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Greater Dandenong	7.5	7.5
Casey	5.6	5.3
Frankston	5.0	5.4
Kingston (Vic.)	4.8	5.1
Cardinia	4.1	4.0

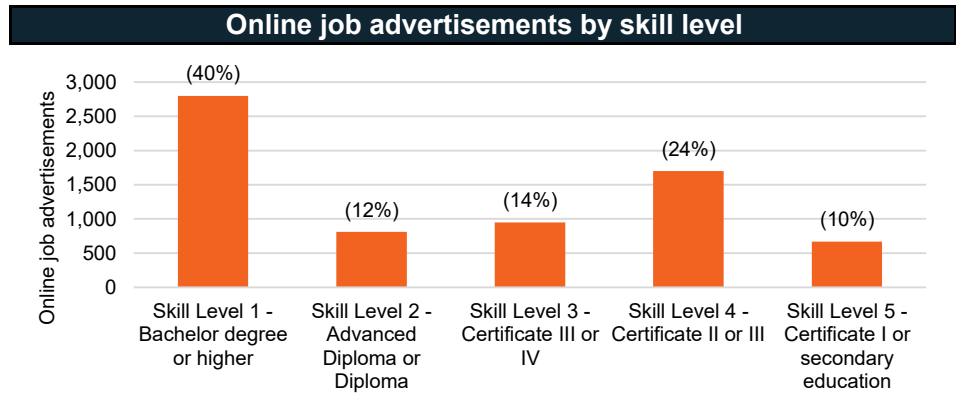
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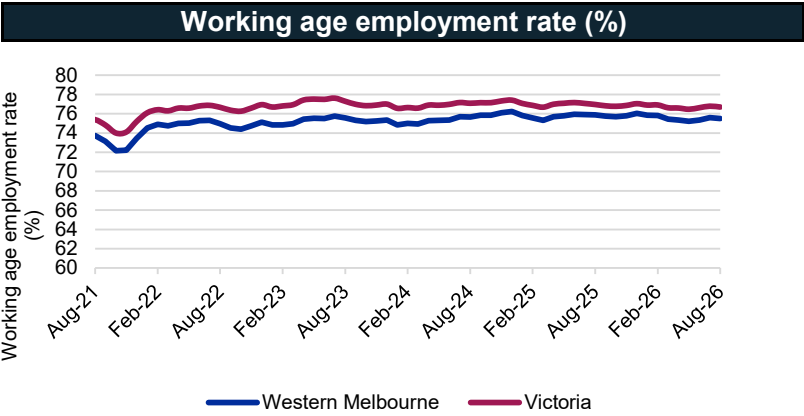
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	Working age employment rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
Western Melbourne	75.5	75.9	37.4	30.7	21.6	6.6	5.6	80.9	80.4	15.8	13.9
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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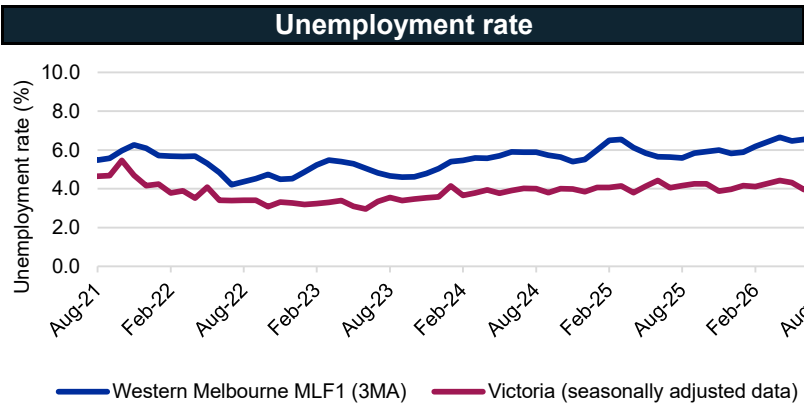
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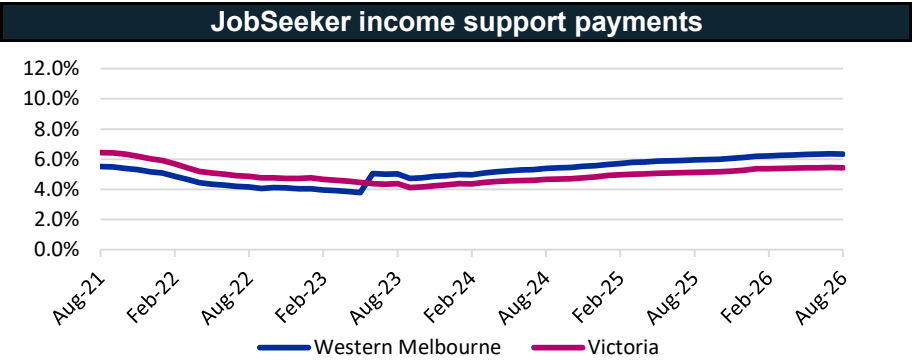
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	39,630	238,725
Payments - August 2026	43,405	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 3,775	↑ 17,910
	↑ 9.5%	↑ 7.5%

% 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
Western Melbourne	43,405	6.3%
Victoria	256,635	5.4%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

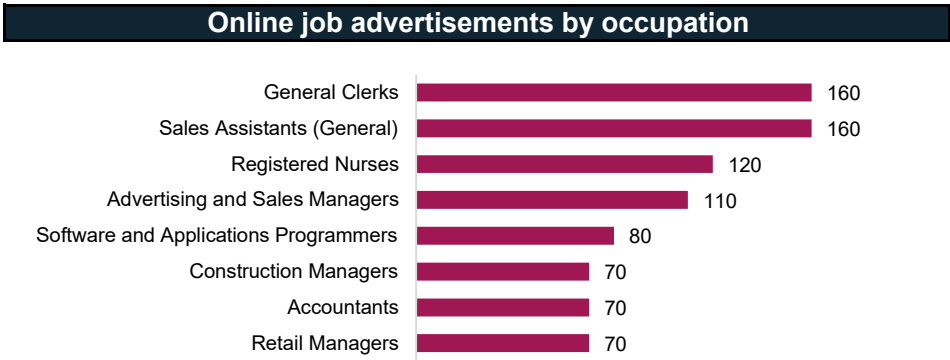
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Brimbank	6.8	6.8
Melton	6.3	5.7
Wyndham	5.2	4.9
Maribyrnong	4.3	4.3
Moorabool	3.6	3.5

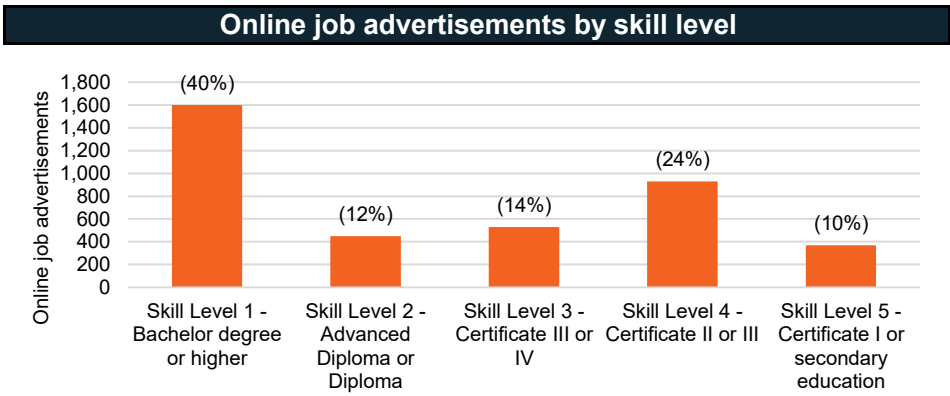
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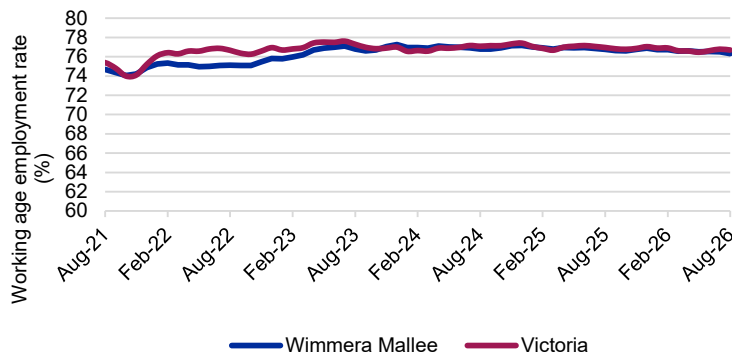
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Wimmera Mallee	76.3	76.7	2.8	2.6	9.3	3.5	3.2	79.2	79.4	8.4	7.2
Victoria	76.7	77.0	209.0	171.5	21.9	5.2	4.3	80.7	80.5	12.2	10.7
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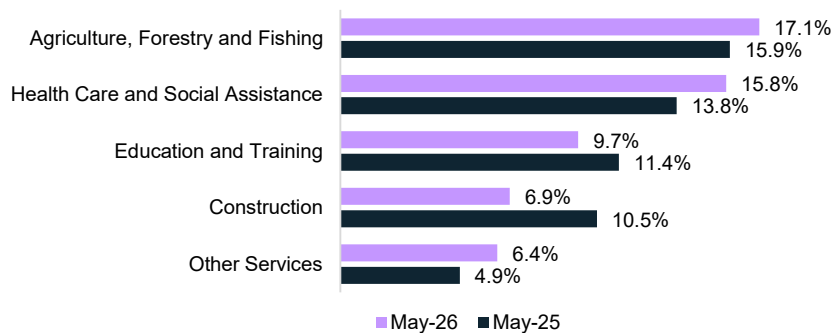
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Working age employment rate (%)



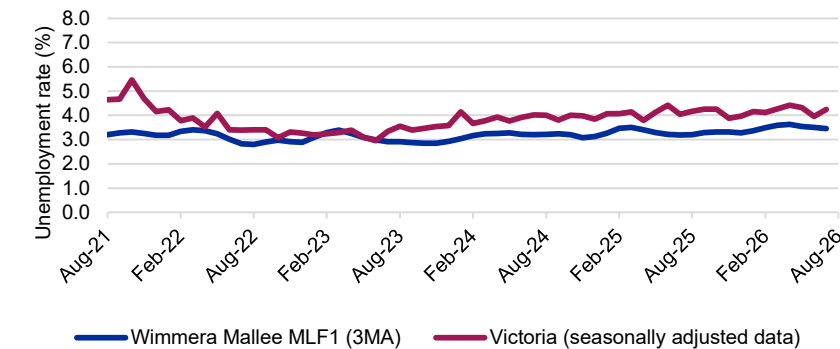
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Largest employing industries



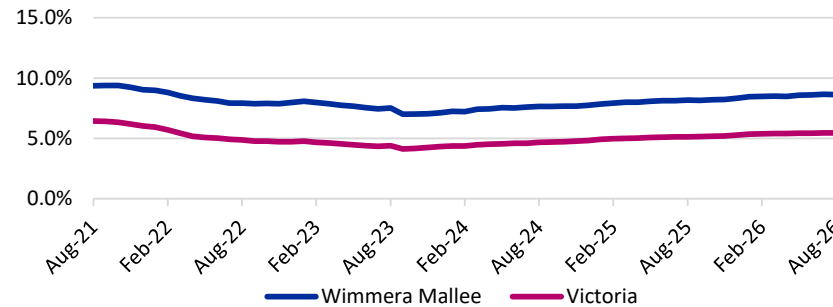
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - August 2025	7,445	238,725
Payments - August 2026	7,805	256,635
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 360	↑ 17,910
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

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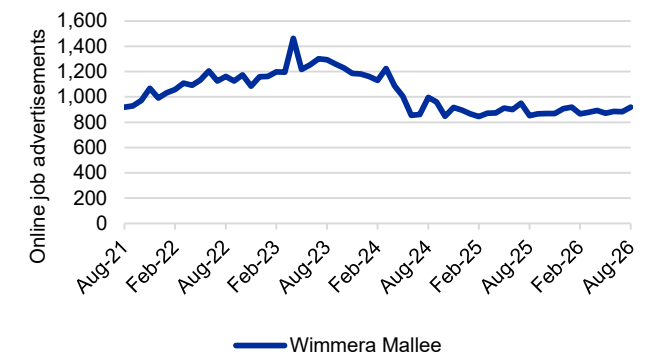
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

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Ararat	2.2	4.3
Gannawarra	2.1	3.5

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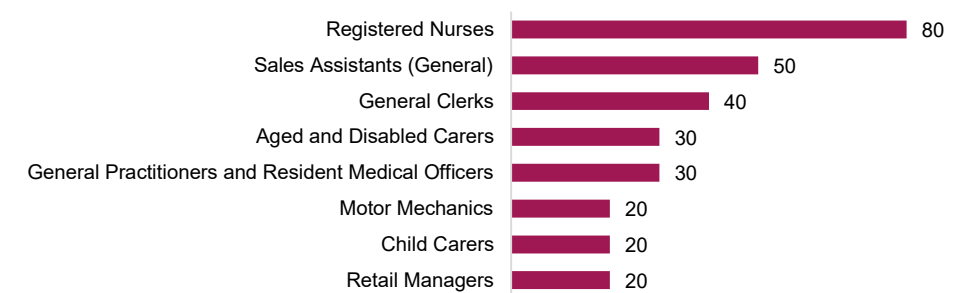
Online job advertisements



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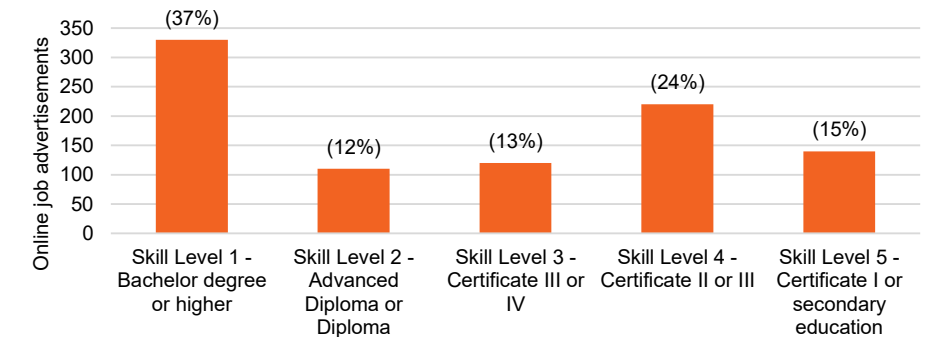
Number of job ads
920
Change over the month
4.0%
(70 job advertisements)
Annual change
7.7%
(40 job advertisements)

Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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