

Labour Market Dashboard
Western Australia

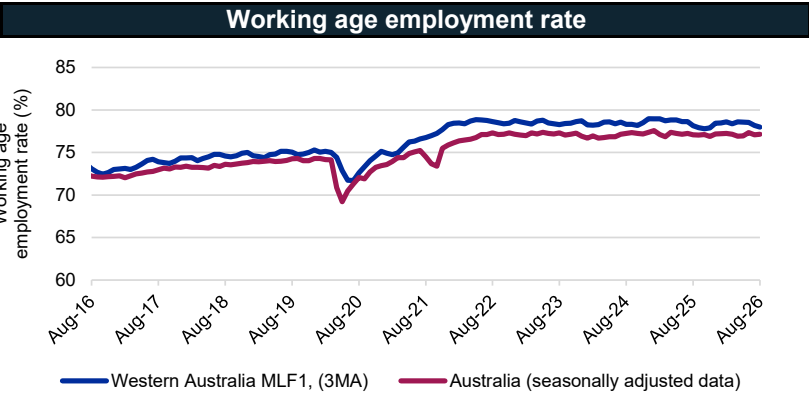
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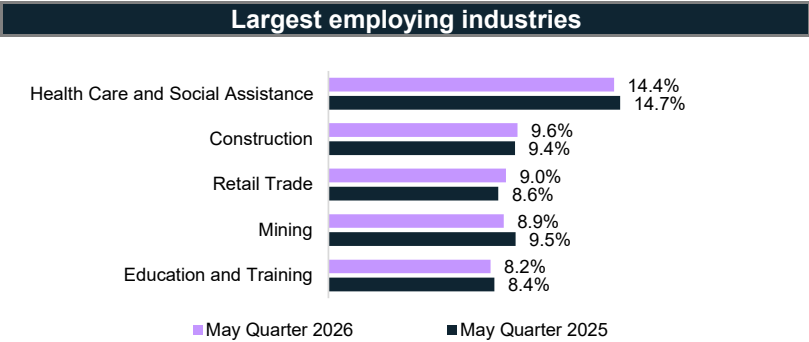
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

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	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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Australia	77.1	77.1	722.9	642.9	12.4	4.6	4.2	81.0	80.6	10.8	9.7

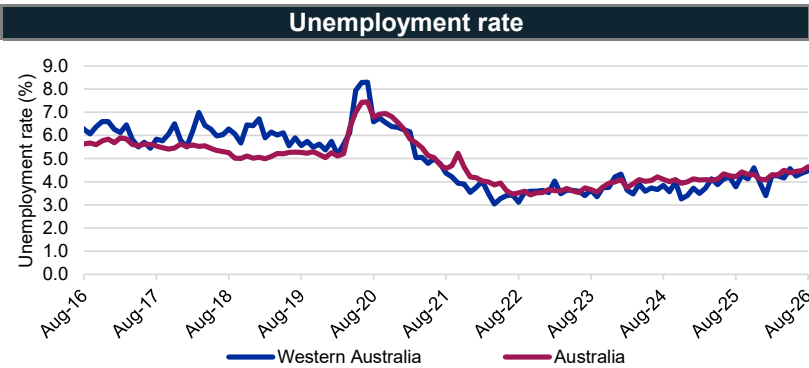
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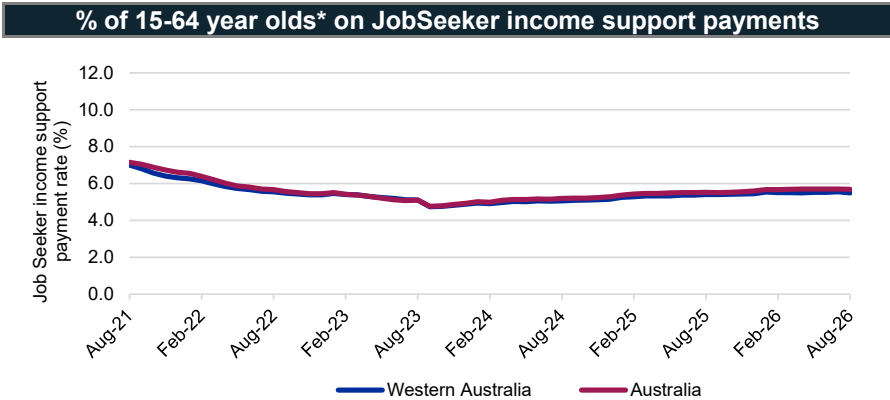
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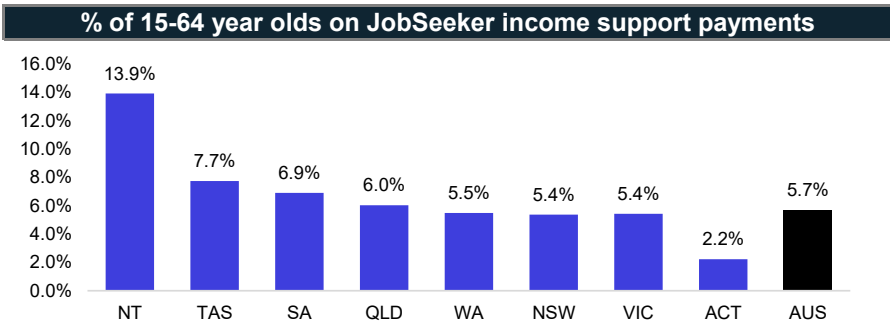
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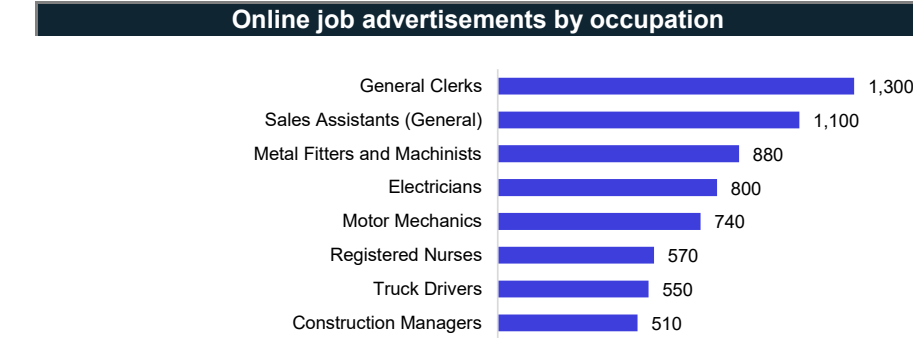
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
Western Australia		Australia
Payments - August 2025	107,685	987,955
Payments - August 2026	112,320	1,033,140
Change (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 4,635	↑ 45,185
Change % (August 2025 to August 2026)	↑ 4.3%	↑ 4.6%



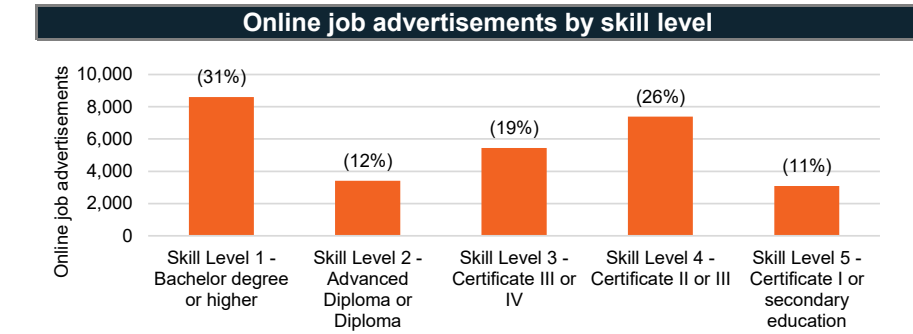
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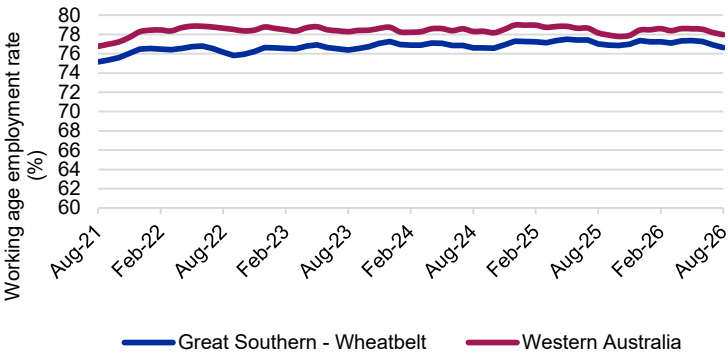
Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.

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	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 ('000)	Aug-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)	Aug-26 (%)	Aug-25 (%)
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	76.6	77.0	2.6	2.5	7.1	3.3	3.2	79.4	79.7	7.5	7.3
Western Australia	78.0	78.2	78.8	64.7	21.8	4.5	3.8	81.6	81.5	9.8	8.7
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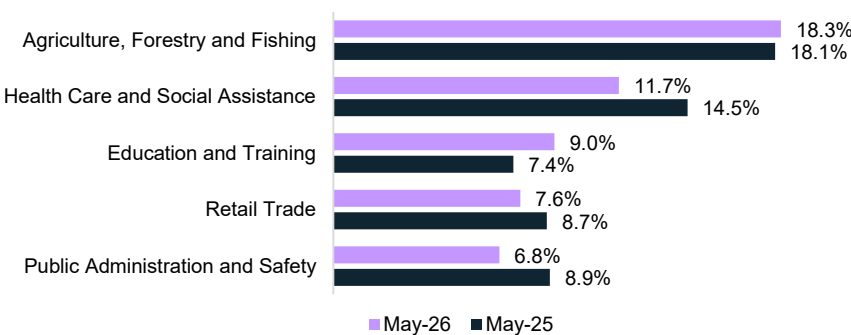
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Working age employment rate (%)



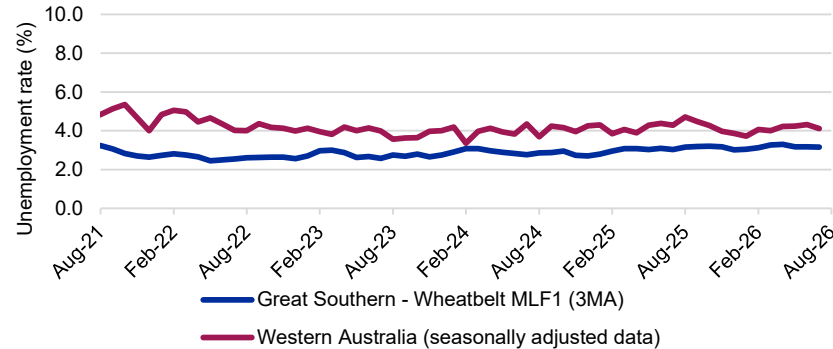
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Largest employing industries



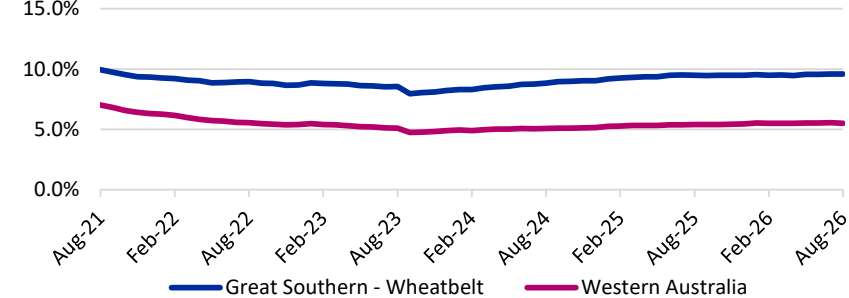
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - August 2025	8,355	107,685
Payments - August 2026	8,560	112,320
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	205	4,635
	2.5%	4.3%

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

	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	8,560	9.6%
Western Australia	112,320	5.5%
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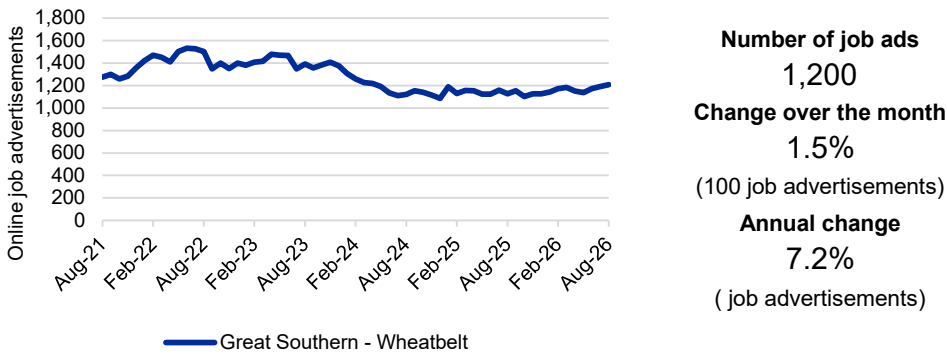
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kellerberrin*	5.6	2.9
Cunderdin*	5.5	2.8
Quairading*	5.5	2.8
Tammin*	5.3	3.0
Woodanilling*	5.2	2.7

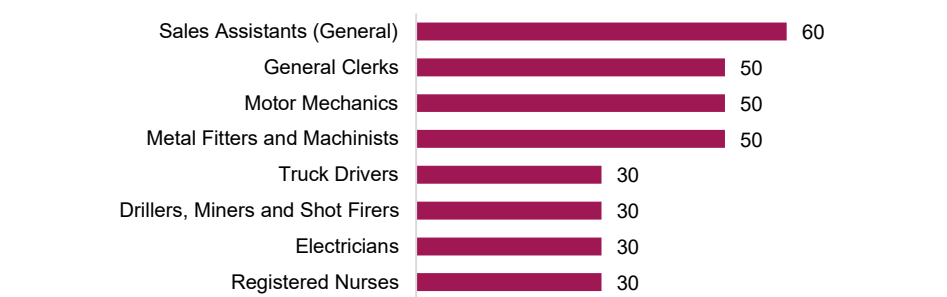
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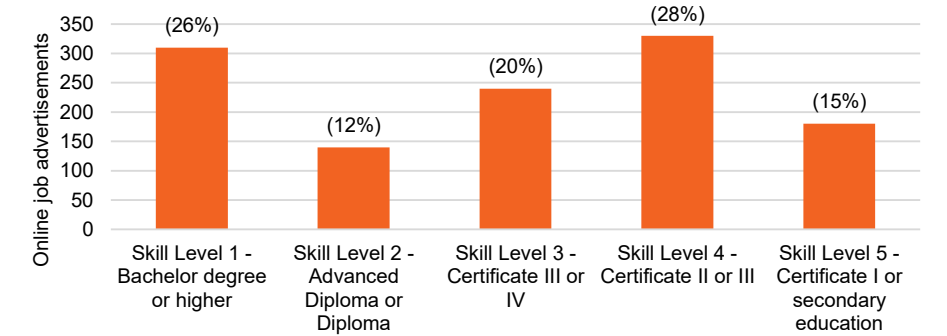
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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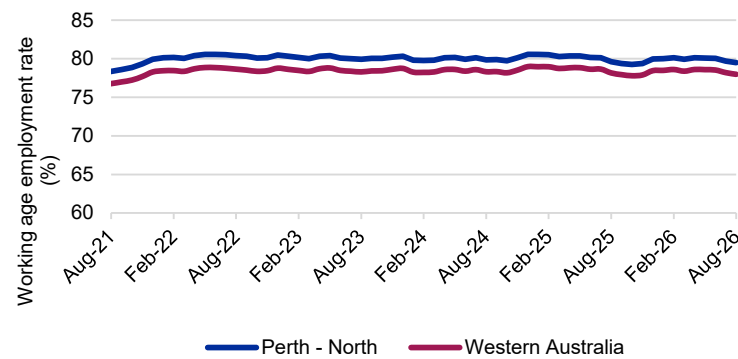
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Perth - North	79.5	79.6	27.7	26.2	5.9	3.9	3.8	82.8	82.8	9.7	8.6
Western Australia	78.0	78.2	78.8	64.7	21.8	4.5	3.8	81.6	81.5	9.8	8.7
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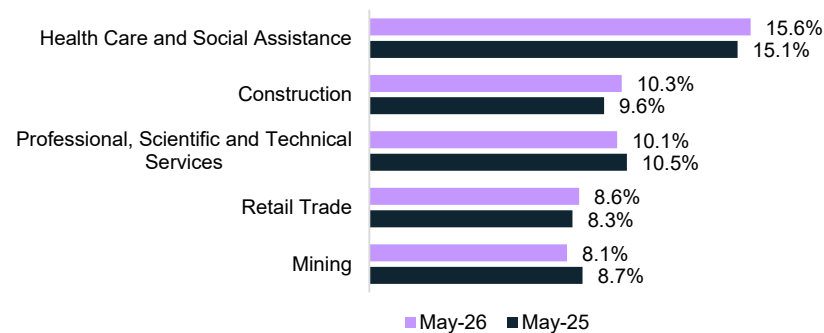
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Working age employment rate (%)



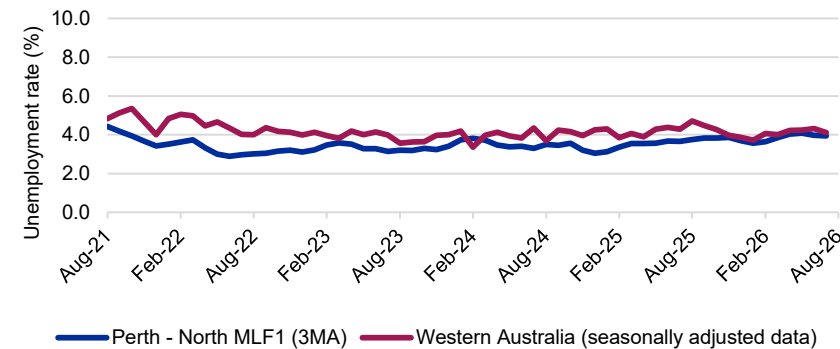
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Largest employing industries



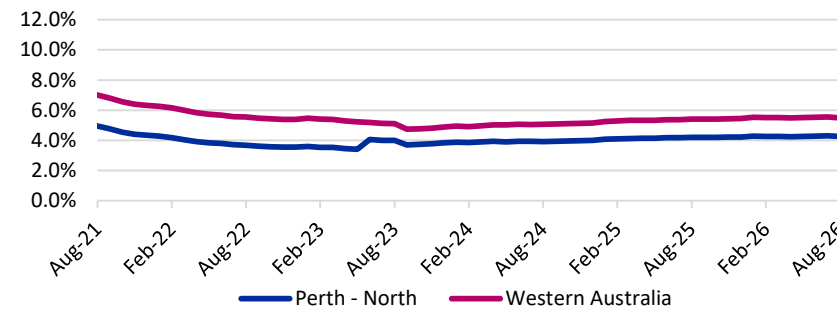
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - August 2025	33,540	107,685
Payments - August 2026	34,760	112,320
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 1,220	↑ 4,635
	↑ 3.6%	↑ 4.3%

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

	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
Perth - North	34,760	4.3%
Western Australia	112,320	5.5%
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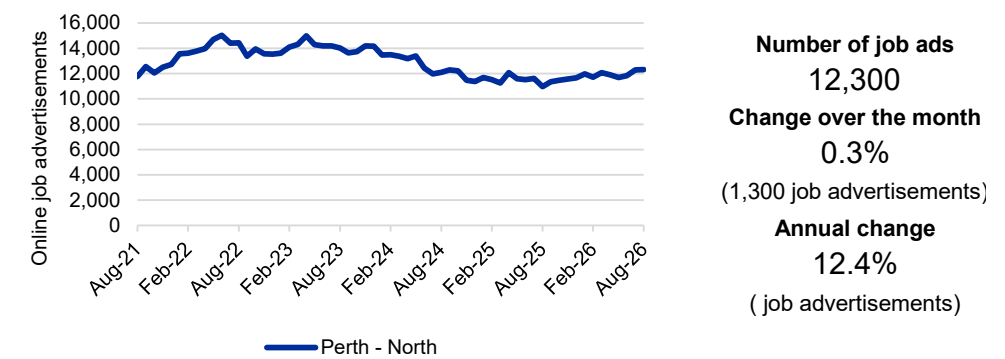
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Perth	7.1	5.4
Wanneroo	5.4	4.7
Vincent	5.4	3.9
Swan	4.3	4.2
Bassendean	3.9	3.8

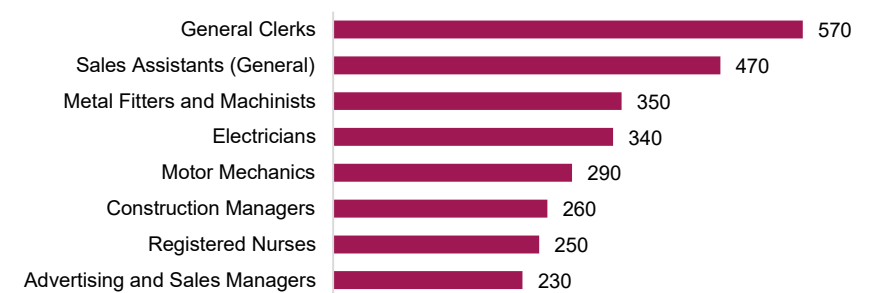
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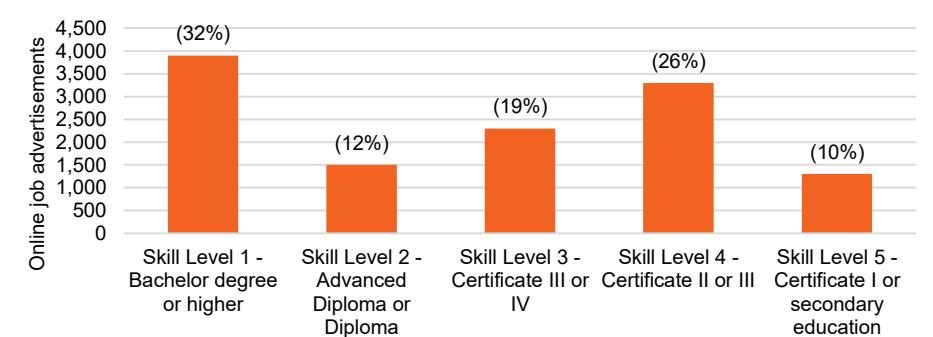
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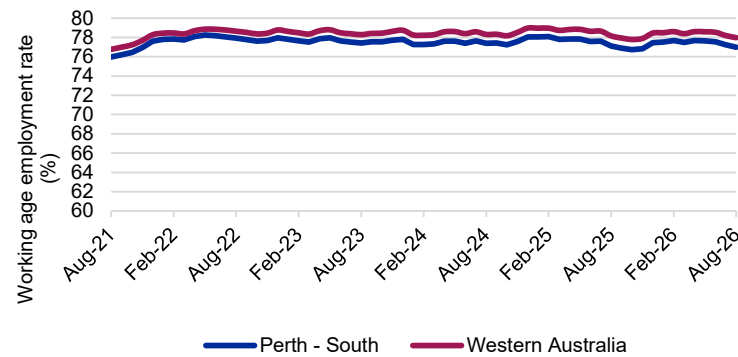
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Perth - South	77.0	77.1	35.0	31.0	12.8	4.9	4.4	81.0	80.8	10.5	9.4
Western Australia	78.0	78.2	78.8	64.7	21.8	4.5	3.8	81.6	81.5	9.8	8.7
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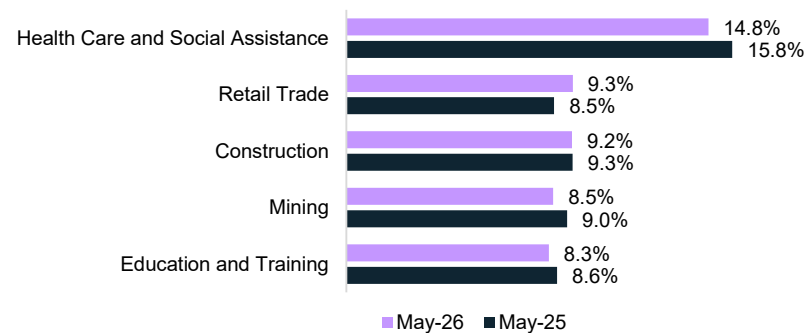
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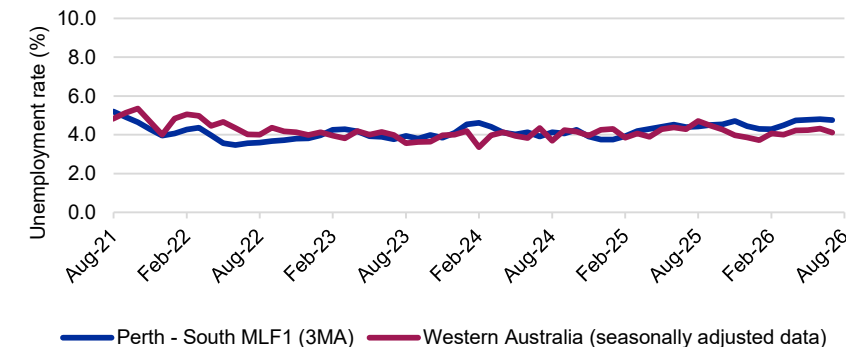
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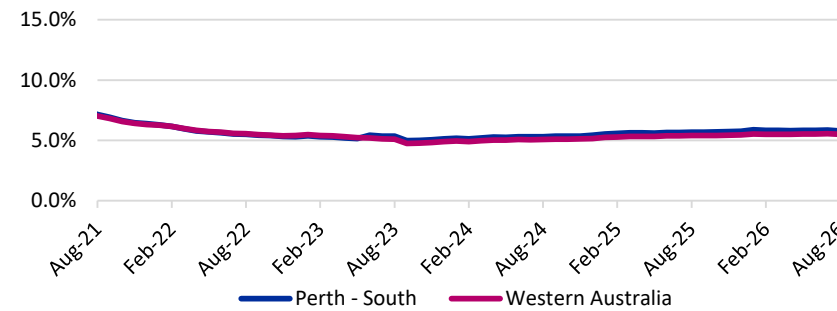
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - August 2025	46,945	107,685
Payments - August 2026	49,165	112,320
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 2,220	↑ 4,635
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 4.3%

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

	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
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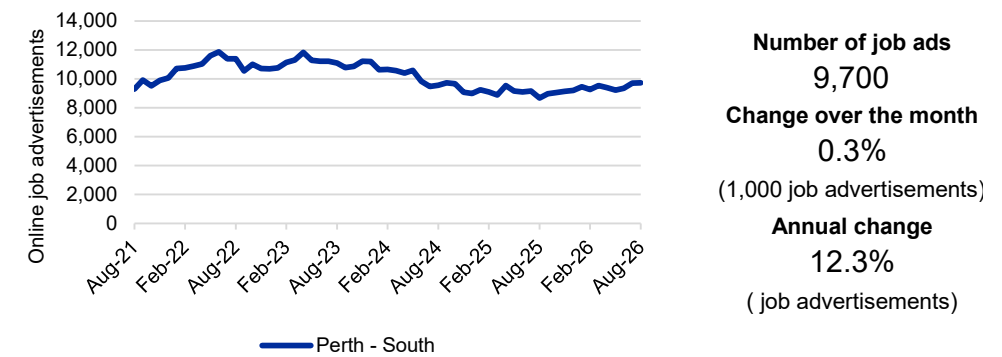
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Kwinana	7.7	7.1
Rockingham	6.1	5.7
Gosnells	6.0	5.4
Armadale	6.0	5.4
Waroona	5.7	5.5

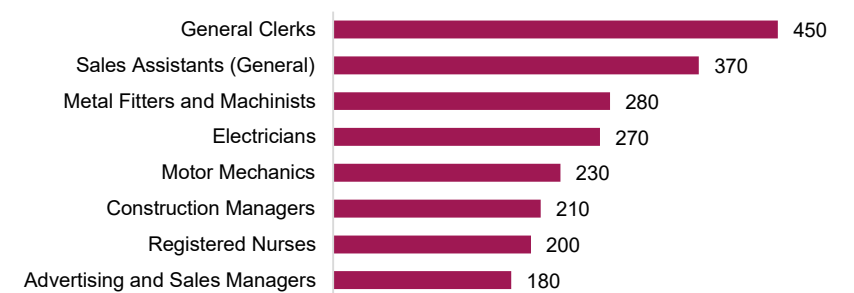
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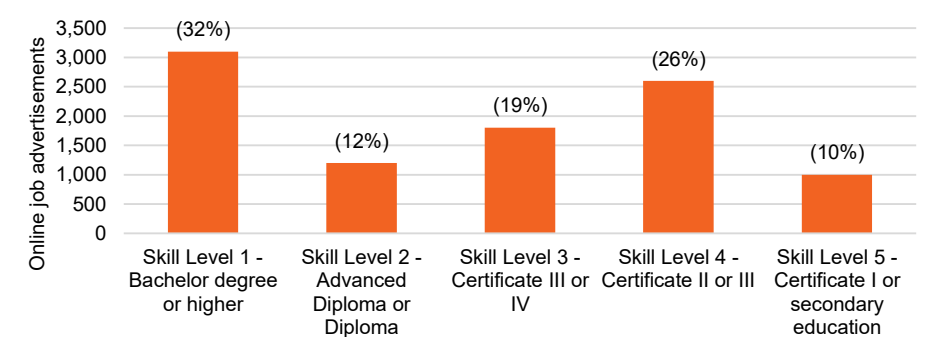
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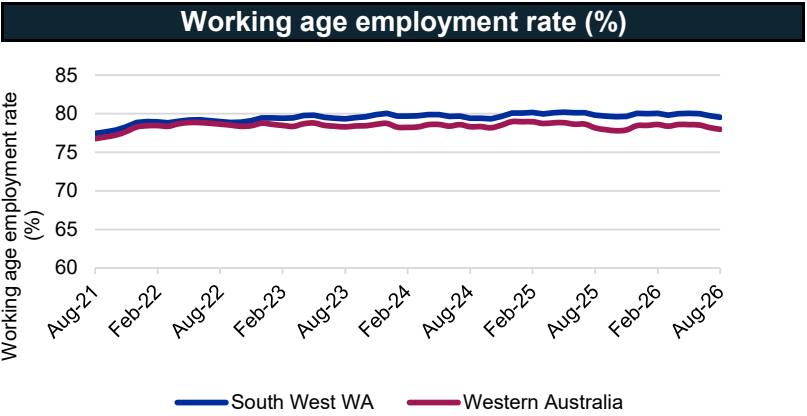
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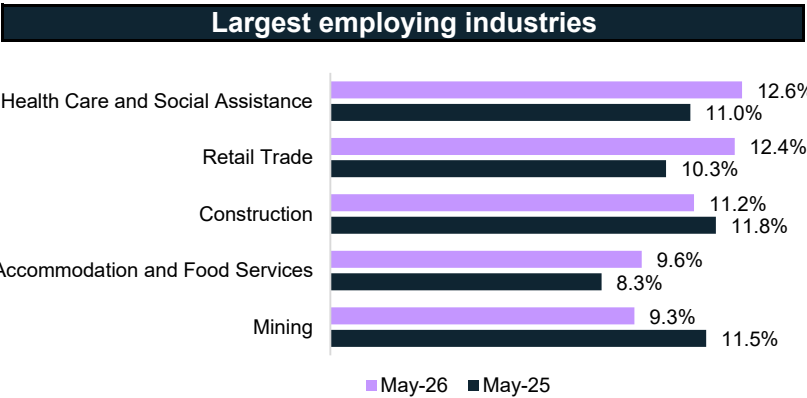
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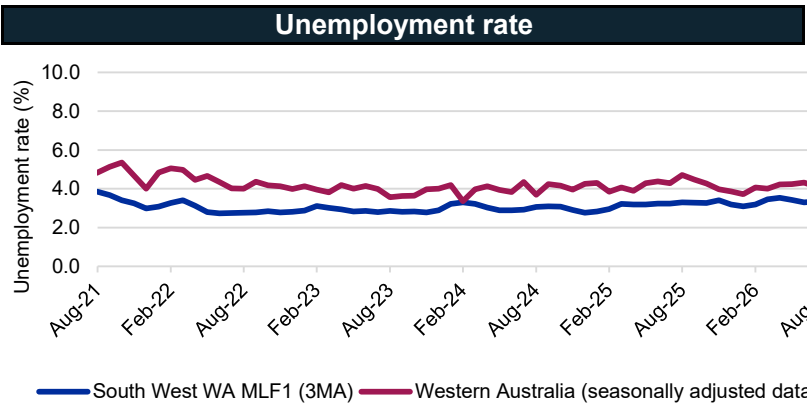
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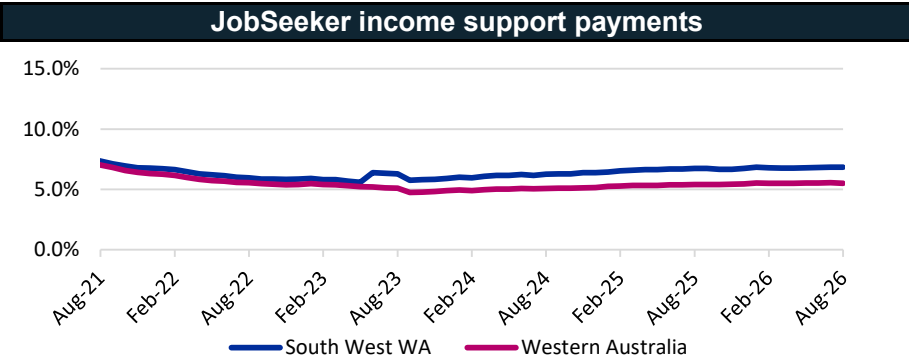
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Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - August 2025	8,660	107,685
Payments - August 2026	9,020	112,320
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↑ 360	↑ 4,635
	↑ 4.2%	↑ 4.3%

% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments		
	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
South West WA	9,020	6.8%
Western Australia	112,320	5.5%
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Collie	5.8	5.7
Bunbury	4.9	5.0
Manjimup	3.6	3.2
Nannup*	3.1	2.8
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.9	2.5

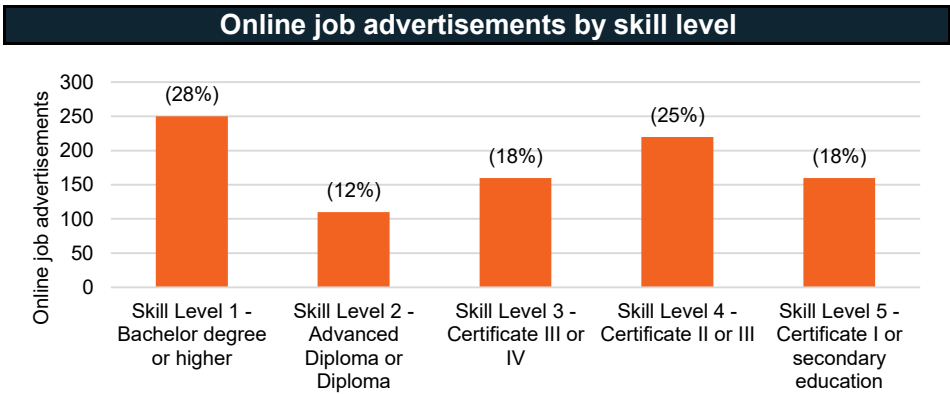
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