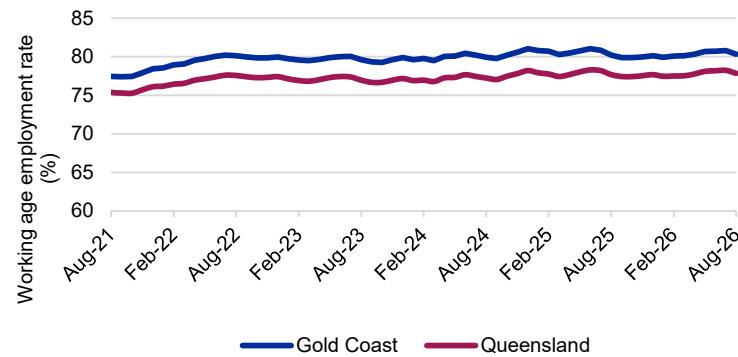


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

| Labour market summary table |                             |            |               |               |            |                   |            |                                |            |                         |            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
|                             | 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 (%) |
| Gold Coast                  | 80.3                        | 80.2       | 14.2          | 13.4          | 6.2        | 3.4               | 3.3        | 83.2                           | 83.0       | 7.1                     | 6.7        |
| 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        |

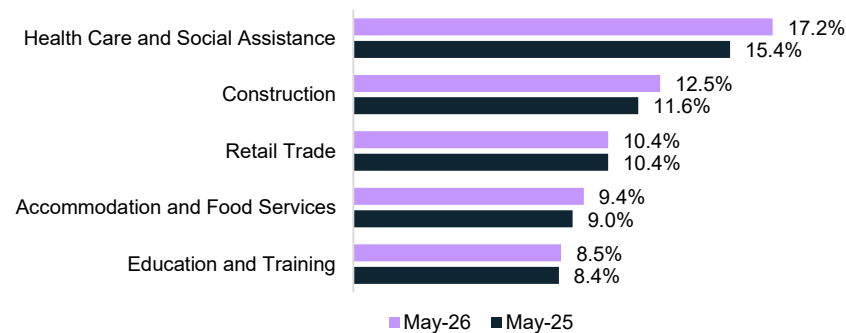
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates August -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment and unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

### Working age employment rate (%)



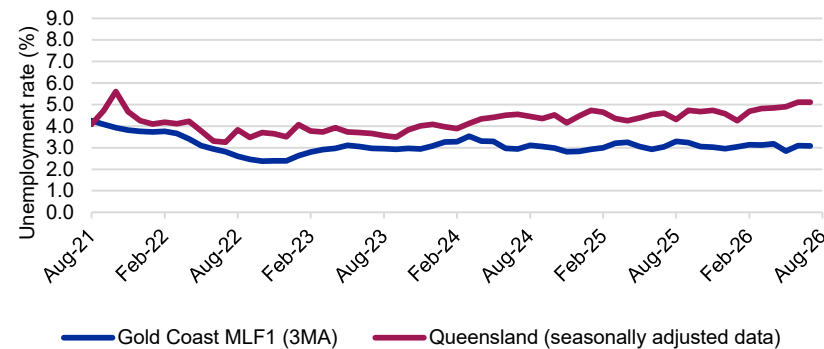
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), August 2026

### Largest employing industries



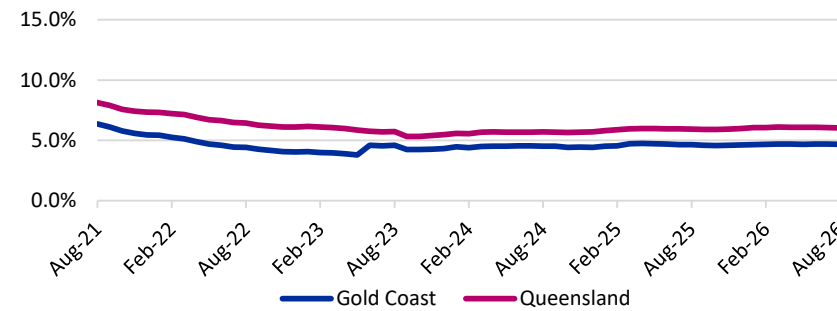
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

### Unemployment rate



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

### JobSeeker income support payments



### Change in JobSeeker income support payments

|                                        | Gold Coast | Queensland |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Payments - August 2025                 | 21,540     | 217,410    |
| Payments - August 2026                 | 21,935     | 224,305    |
| Change from August 2025 to August 2026 | ↑ 395      | ↑ 6,895    |
|                                        | ↑ 1.8%     | ↑ 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 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Gold Coast | 21,935                                    | 4.7%                                             |
| Queensland | 224,305                                   | 6.0%                                             |
| Australia  | 1,033,140                                 | 5.7%                                             |

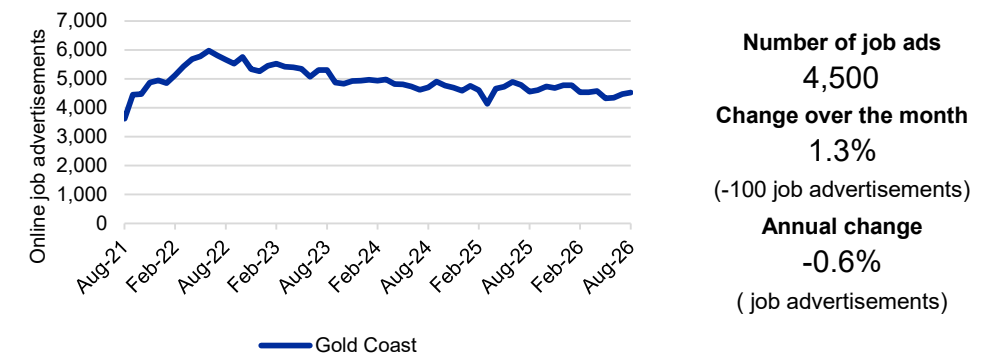
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, August 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) August 2026

### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Mar-26 | Mar-25 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Scenic Rim                  | 3.8    | 4.1    |
| Tweed                       | 3.4    | 2.9    |
| Gold Coast                  | 3.1    | 3.4    |

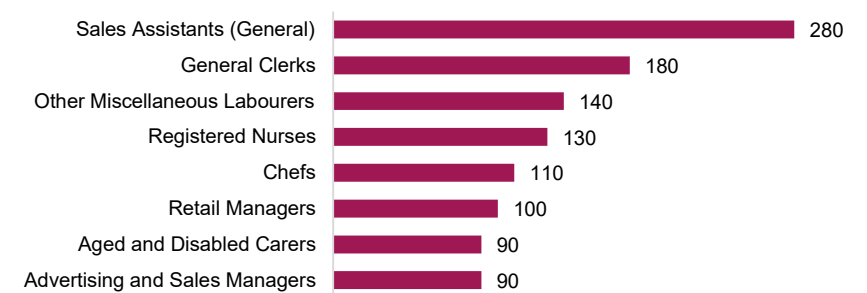
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter

### Online job advertisements



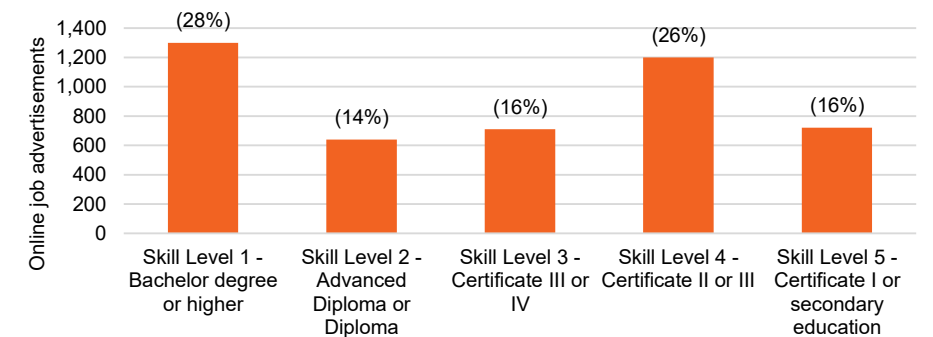
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August 2026

### Online job advertisements by occupation



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

### 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.