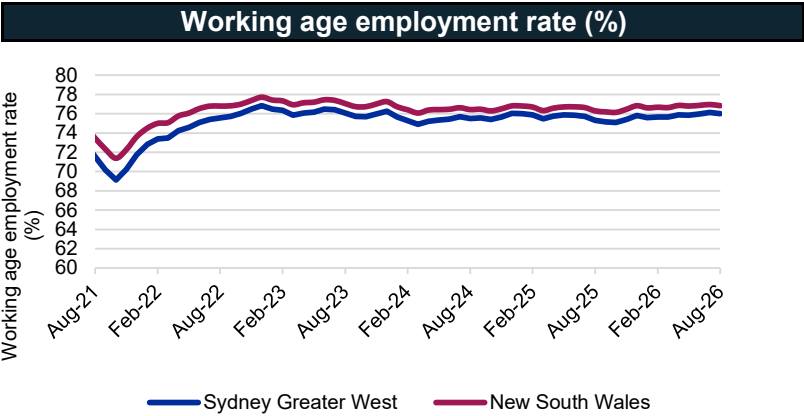


This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

| 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 (%) |
| Sydney Greater West         | 76.0                        | 75.3       | 36.5          | 36.7          | -0.5       | 4.8               | 4.9        | 79.9                           | 79.3       | 11.5                    | 10.1       |
| New South Wales             | 76.8                        | 76.3       | 205.5         | 193.4         | 6.3        | 4.3               | 4.2        | 80.3                           | 79.7       | 10.0                    | 9.2        |
| Australia                   | 77.1                        | 77.1       | 722.9         | 642.9         | 12.4       | 4.6               | 4.2        | 81.0                           | 80.6       | 10.8                    | 9.7        |

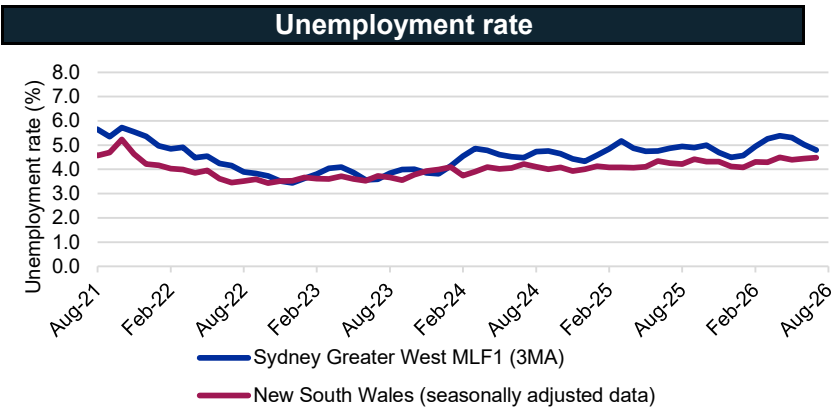
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates August -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment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



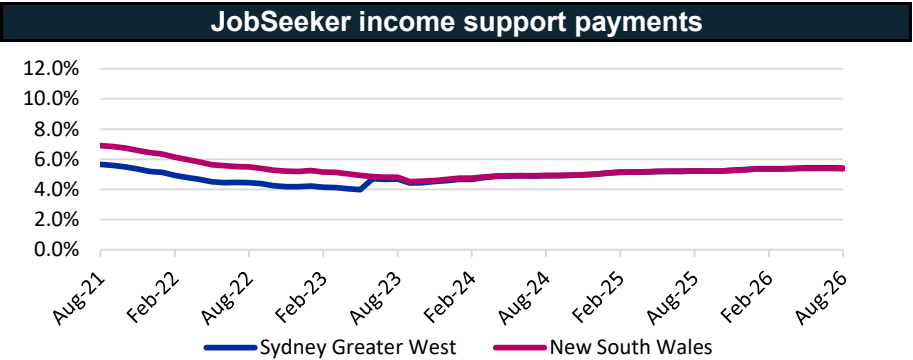
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, (3MA), August 2026



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



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



| Change in JobSeeker income support payments |                     |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                                             | Sydney Greater West | New South Wales |
| Payments - August 2025                      | 47,185              | 281,370         |
| Payments - August 2026                      | 49,535              | 292,305         |
| Change from August 2025 to August 2026      | ↑ 2,350             | ↑ 10,935        |
|                                             | ↑ 5.0%              | ↑ 3.9%          |

| % 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 |
| Sydney Greater West                                       | 49,535                                    | 5.4%                                             |
| New South Wales                                           | 292,305                                   | 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 |
| Fairfield                                | 7.5    | 7.9    |
| Canterbury-Bankstown                     | 6.9    | 6.3    |
| Cumberland                               | 6.6    | 7.1    |
| Blacktown                                | 4.7    | 5.0    |
| Hawkesbury                               | 4.3    | 4.2    |

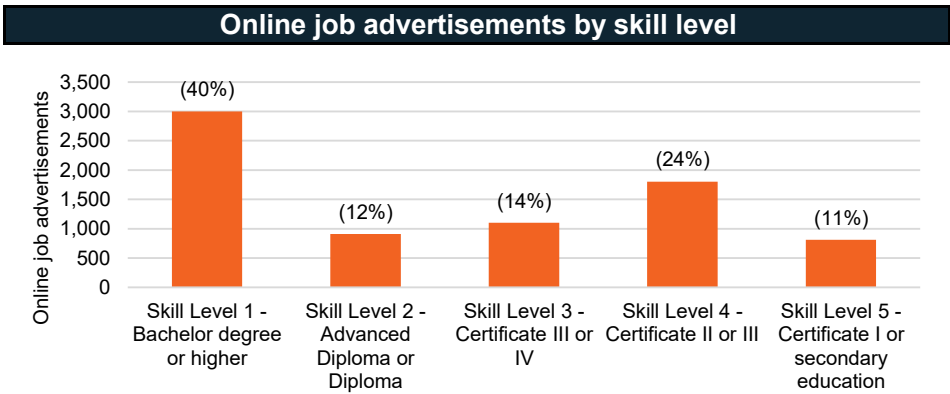
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



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



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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](mailto:RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au).