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# Recruitment trends and employers' needs: Regional Snapshot update

## Sydney Greater West

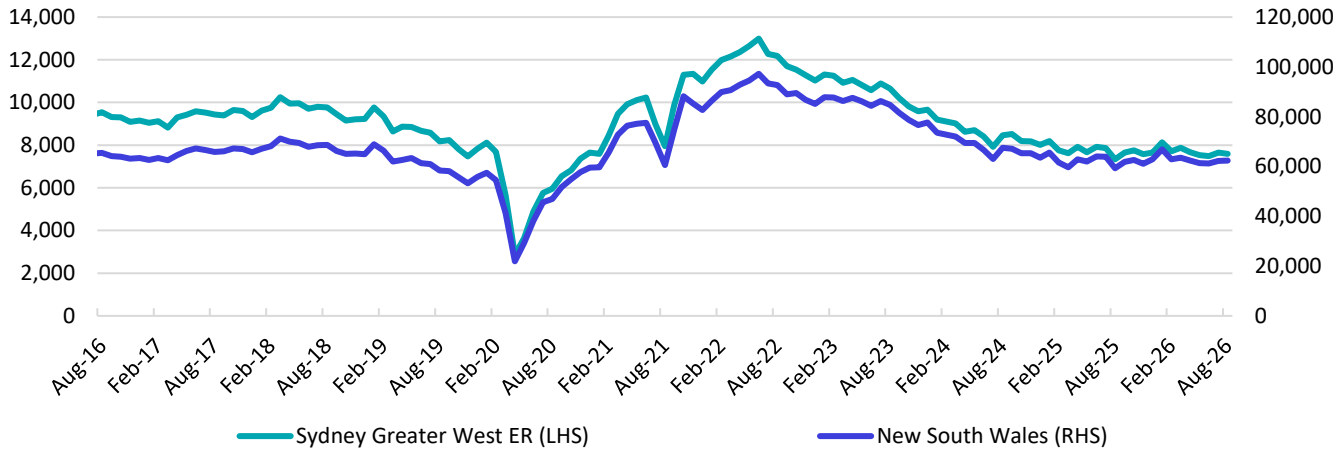
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This snapshot provides information about trends in employers' recruitment experiences and future staffing outlook. Information on this page is sourced from the online job advertisements measured by the Internet Vacancy Index (IVI).

### Internet vacancies, headline figures, Sydney Greater West ER, August 2026

| Job advertisement count | Change over the month | Change since Aug-25 |
|---|---|---|
| 7,600 | ↓ -0.6% | ↓ -2.0% |
| seasonally adjusted count | (or <5 job advertisements) | (or -100 job advertisements) |

### Number of online job advertisements over the ten years to August 2026




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

### Top 10 occupations recruited for

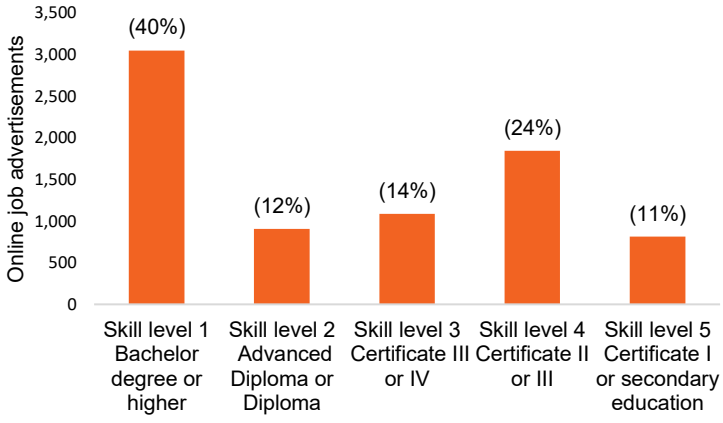
Number of job ads online




Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, three month averages, August-2026

### Job demand by skill level

Proportion of job ads




Source: JSA, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, August-2026

# Insights from the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey

Sydney Greater West

Information on this page is based on the Recruitment Experiences and Outlook Survey, which is an ongoing survey of employers across Australia run by JSA. The survey collects insights on a range of topics, including recruitment activity, recruitment difficulty and employers' future staffing expectations. Data are for the year to August 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

## Recruitment activity and experiences

In Sydney Greater West, there were 250 responding employers in the 12 months to August 2026, of whom 45% were recruiting or had recruited in the past month. Of these recruiting businesses, 45% had difficulty recruiting. By comparison, 44% of employers were recruiting in Greater Sydney over the same period, of whom 44% had difficulty recruiting.

Employers in Sydney Greater West were most likely to report the following reasons for recruitment difficulty:

- Lack of suitable applicants
- Applicants lack technical skills
- Undesirable working conditions/hours
- Applicants lack experience.

A chart showing reasons for recruitment for Sydney Greater West and Greater Sydney is included to the right.

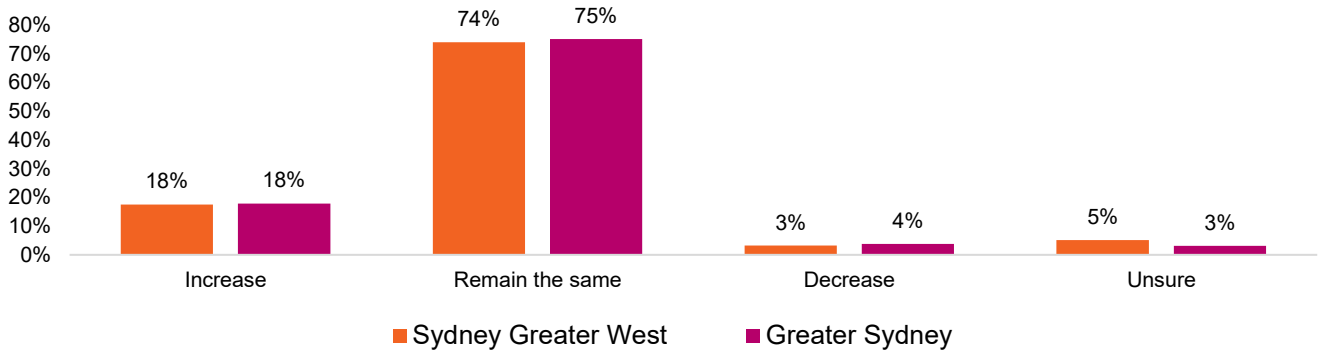
**Reasons for recruitment**




## Staffing outlook for coming months

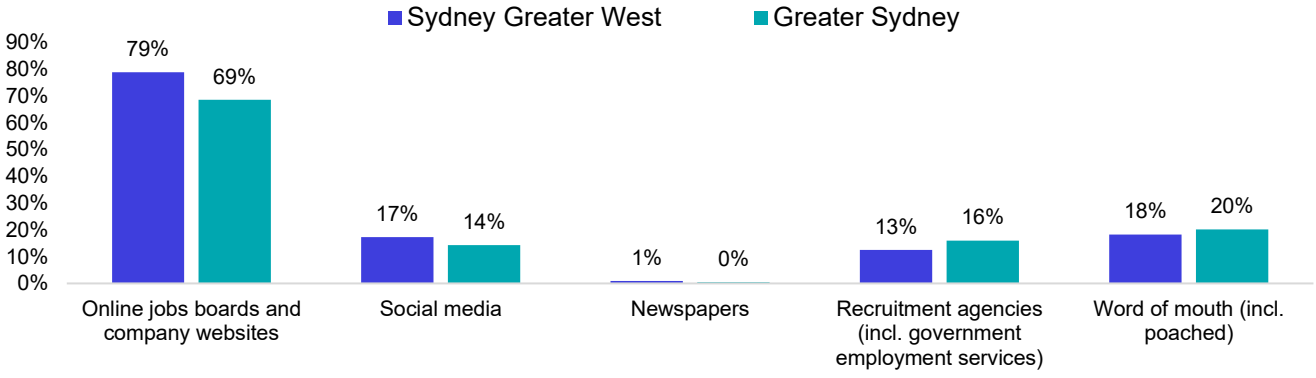
proportion of employers

**Employers' staffing expectations**




## Recruitment methods

proportion of employers who were recruiting




Note: employers can select multiple methods of recruitment.

Due to small sample sizes for regional data, caution should be exercised interpreting these results. Unweighted data are used for Sydney Greater West, while weighted data are used for Greater Sydney. Number of responses for each item varies depending on whether employers recruited or not. Reasons for recruitment difficulty data are only available for employers who have completed recruitment.