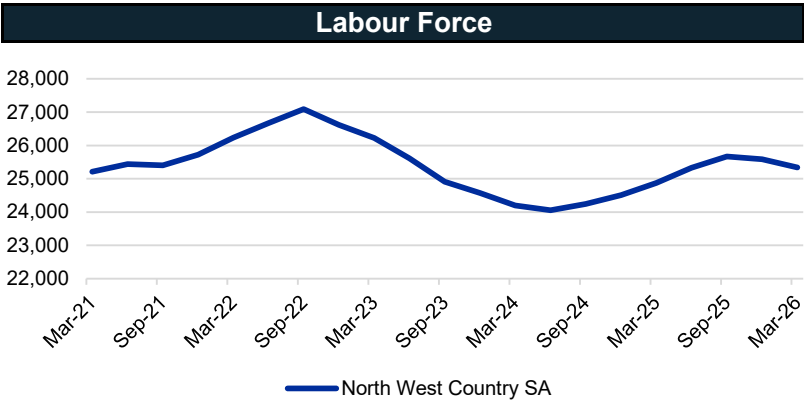


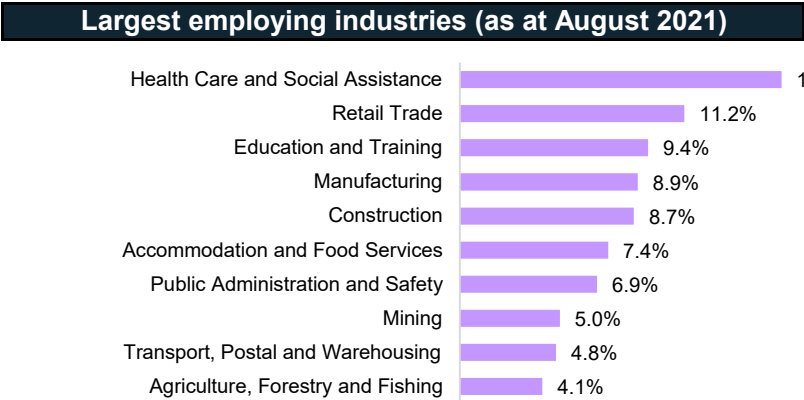
This monthly **Labour Market Dashboard** provides select key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region with available data. For this Employment Region, given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy, ABS Labour Force data have been replaced with DEWR Small Area Labour Markets quarterly smoothed estimates (labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and 2021 ABS Census data (largest employing industries), for a more geographically representative fit.

Labour market summary table								
	Labour Force			Unemployment			Unemployment rate	
	Mar-26	Mar-25	Change	Mar-26	Mar-25	Change	Mar-26	Mar-25
North West Country SA	24,905	25,332	-1.7%	2,761	1,380	100.1%	11.1%	5.4%

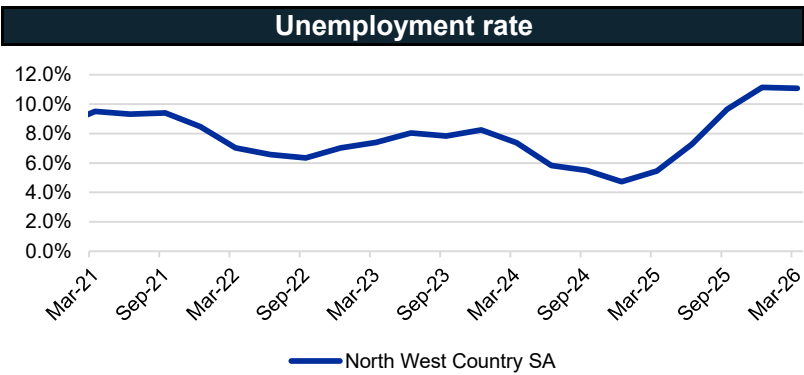
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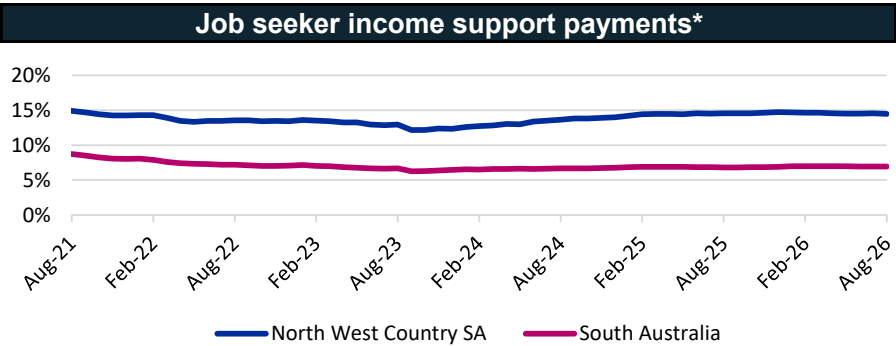
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Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021



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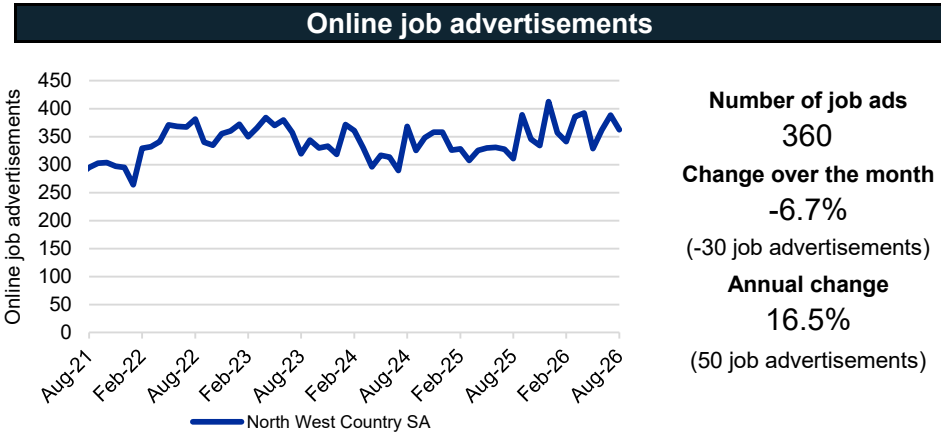
Change in JobSeeker income support payments		
	North West Country SA	South Australia
Payments - August 2025	4,665	82,330
Payments - August 2026	4,643	83,950
Change from August 2025 to August 2026	↓ -22	↑ 1,620
	↓ -0.5%	↑ 2.0%

% 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 West Country SA	4,643	14.5%
South Australia	83,950	6.9%
Australia	1,033,140	5.7%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, August-26; ABS Labour Force Survey, MLF1, August-26

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)		
Local Government Area (LGA)	Mar-26	Mar-25
Whyalla	13.5	6.7
Port Augusta	13.4	6.4
Port Lincoln	5.6	3.0

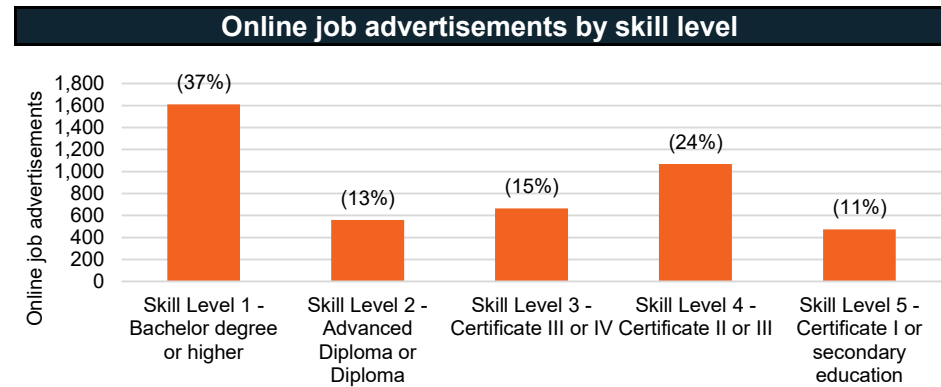
Source: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, March-26 quarter



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



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original estimates (12MSUM) August-26



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Data are not readily available by Employment Region. Given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy for this Employment Region, apportioned SALM SA2 data have been used for select labour market indicators (labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and ABS 2021 Census data for the largest employing industries, in lieu of ABS Labour Force data. For Employment Regions with multiple SA2s, aggregated SALM labour force and unemployment estimates have been used to derive unemployment rates for this Employment Region. The JobSeeker income support payment data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.