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Labour Market Dashboard
New South Wales

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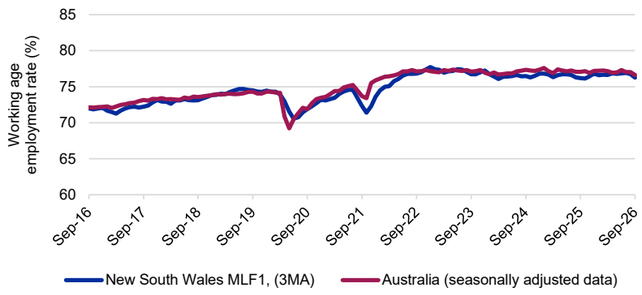
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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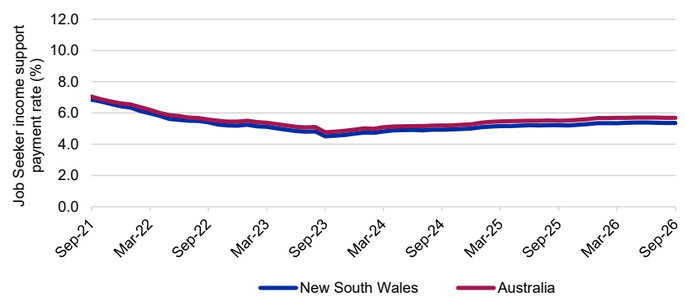
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, September-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.

Working age employment rate

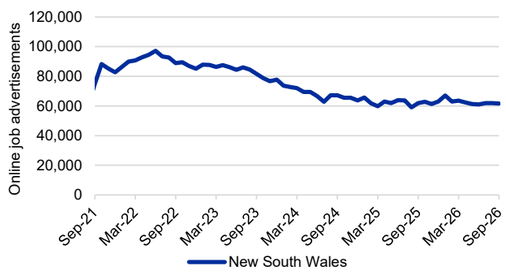


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), September -26

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



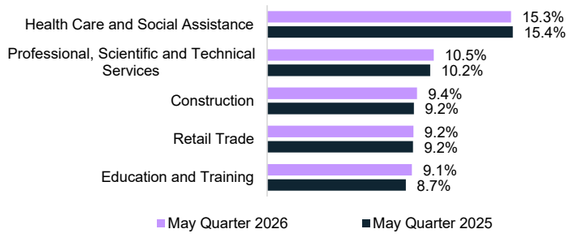
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
61,600
Change over the month
-0.6%
(or -400 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.3%
(or -300 job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries

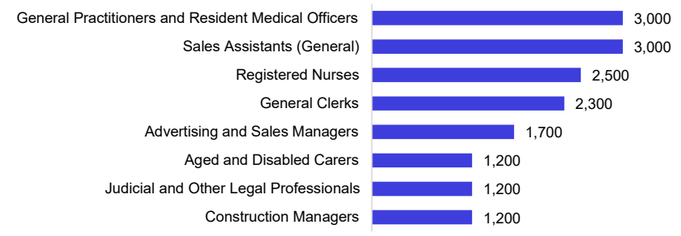


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

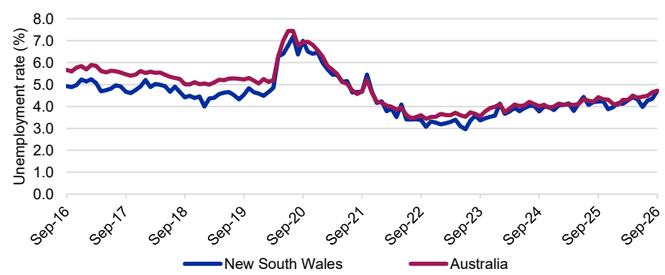
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - September 2025	281,255	988,745
Payments - September 2026	292,090	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 10,835	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 3.9%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



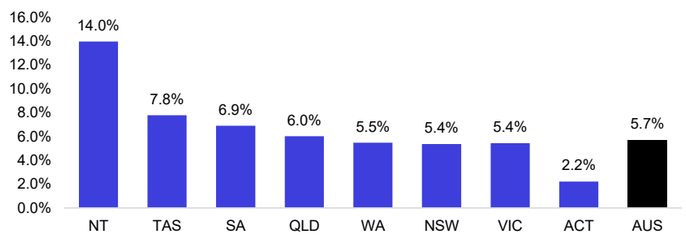
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Unemployment rate



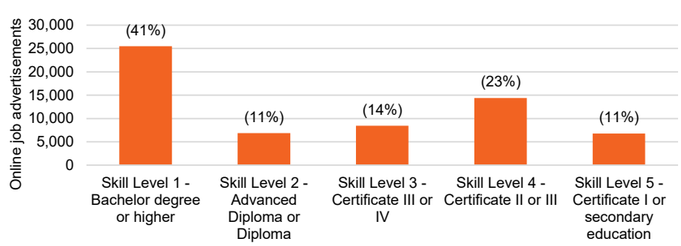
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

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



Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, data.gov.au, September -26; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1, September -26

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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.

Central West
Employment Region
New South Wales

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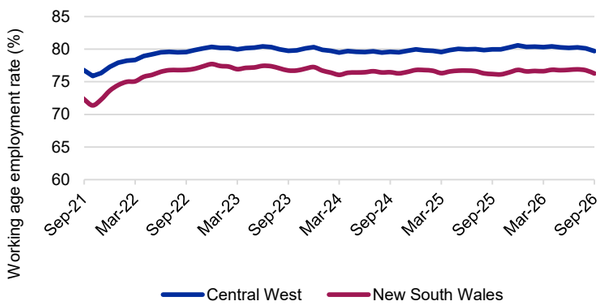
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Central West	79.7	80.0	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.6	83.0	83.2	8.3	8.1
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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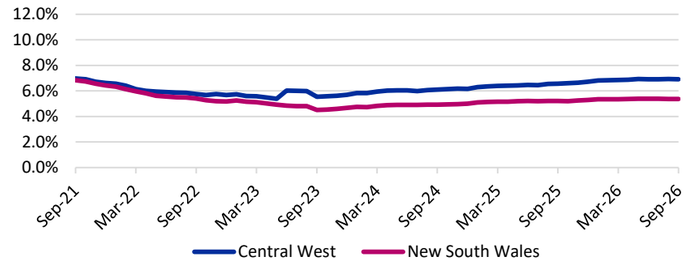
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Working age employment rate (%)



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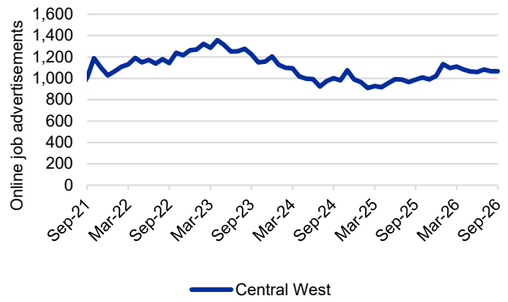
JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Central West	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	8,550	281,255
Payments - September 2026	8,945	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 395	↑ 10,835
	↑ 4.6%	↑ 3.9%

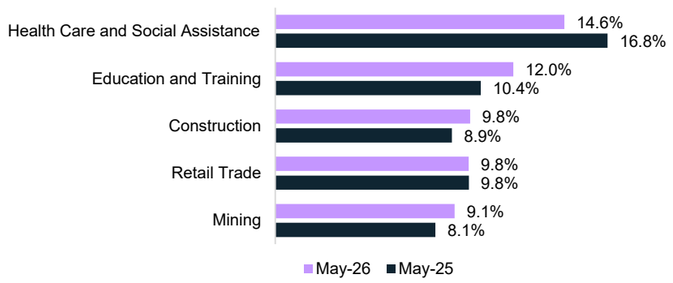
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,100
Change over the month
0.0%
(110 job advertisements)
Annual change
7.9%
(job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries



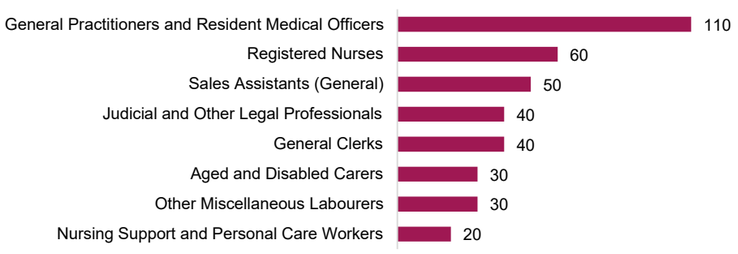
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

% 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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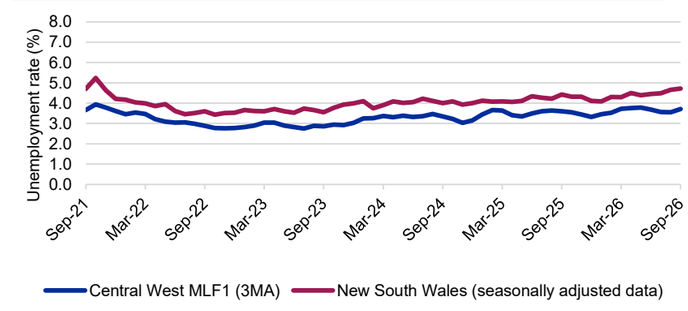
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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

Unemployment rate



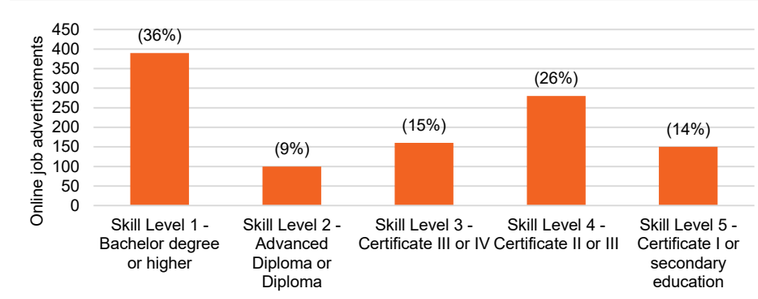
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, MLF1, (3MA), September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Lithgow	5.5	3.5
Cowra	5.5	3.9
Lachlan	5.3	3.5
Parkes	5.0	3.2
Forbes	3.9	2.3

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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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Far West Orana
Employment Region
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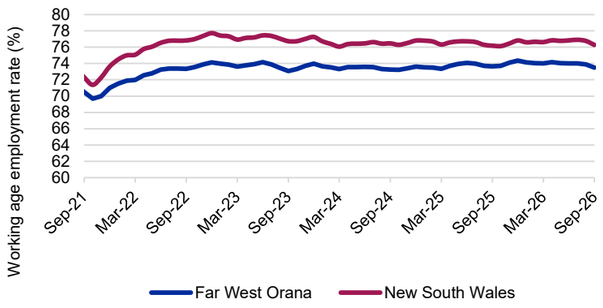
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Far West Orana	73.5	73.6	2.4	2.3	3.6	4.1	3.9	76.8	76.9	9.9	10.0
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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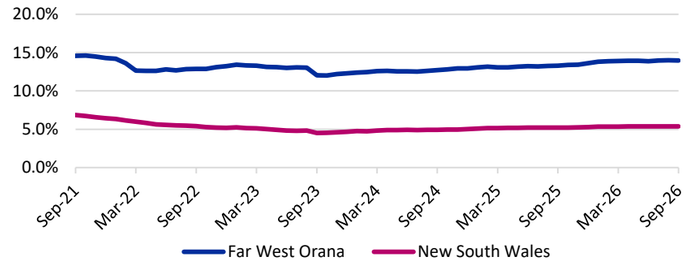
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Far West Orana	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	9,175	281,255
Payments - September 2026	9,530	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 355	↑ 10,835
	↑ 3.9%	↑ 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
Far West Orana	9,530	14.0%
New South Wales	292,090	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

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

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Walgett	7.6	10.0
Coonamble	4.5	5.6
Broken Hill	3.3	4.5
Warrumbungle	3.2	3.7
Warren	3.1	3.8

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

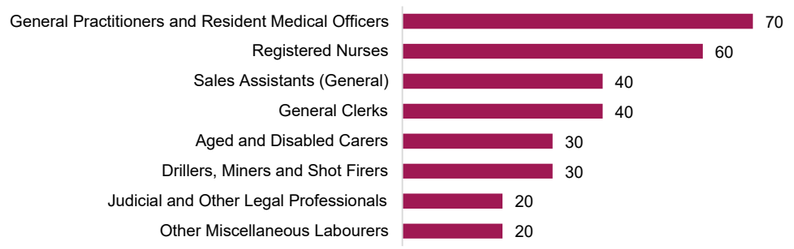
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
890
Change over the month
0.9%
(10 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.4%
(job advertisements)

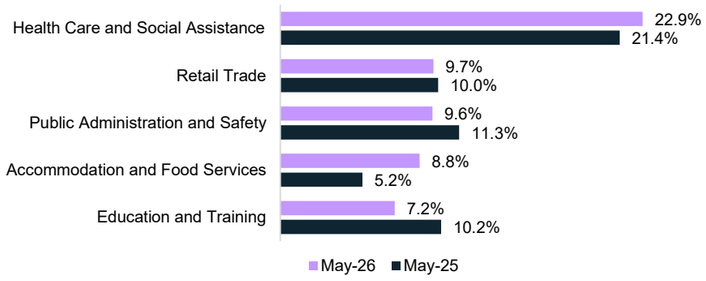
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, September 2026

Online job advertisements by occupation



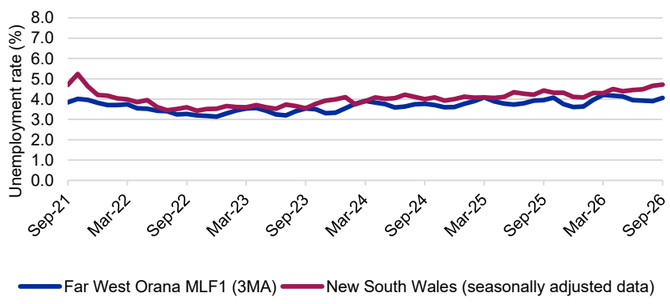
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Largest employing industries



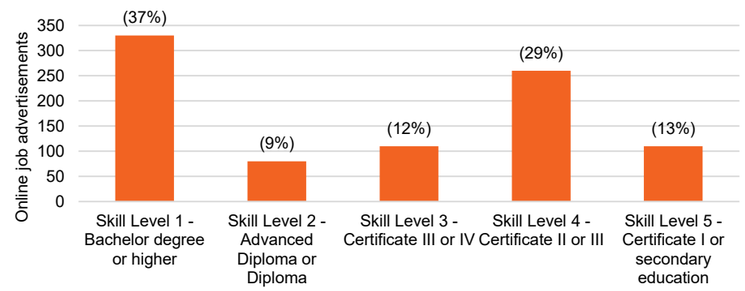
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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Hunter
Employment Region
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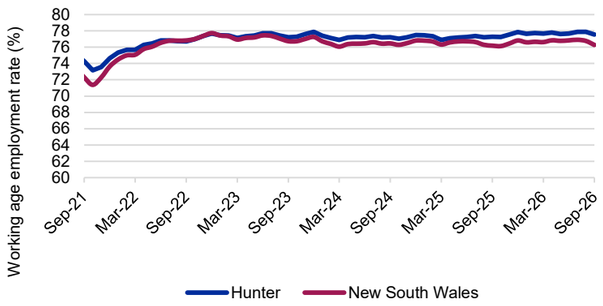
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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Hunter	77.5	77.3	18.0	16.4	9.5	4.6	4.3	81.4	80.9	10.2	10.1
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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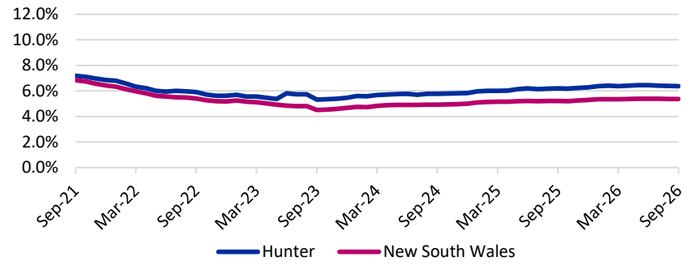
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Hunter	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	27,945	281,255
Payments - September 2026	29,130	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,185	↑ 10,835
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

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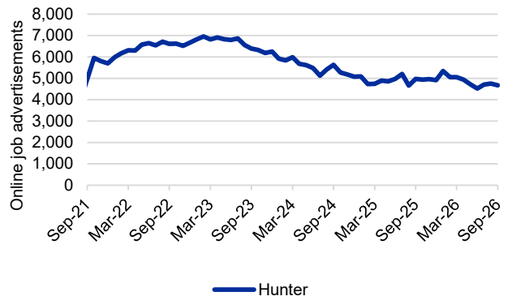
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Muswellbrook	5.9	6.2
Cessnock	5.2	5.4
Newcastle	4.8	3.5
Lake Macquarie	4.6	3.2
Port Stephens	4.3	4.6

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

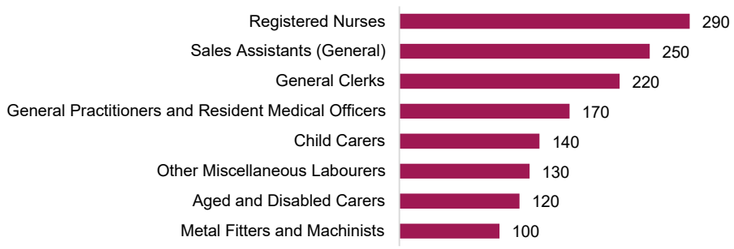
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
4,700
Change over the month
-1.9%
(-300 job advertisements)
Annual change
-6.1%
(-100 job advertisements)

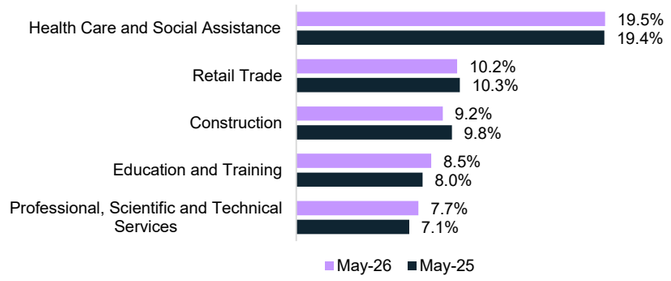
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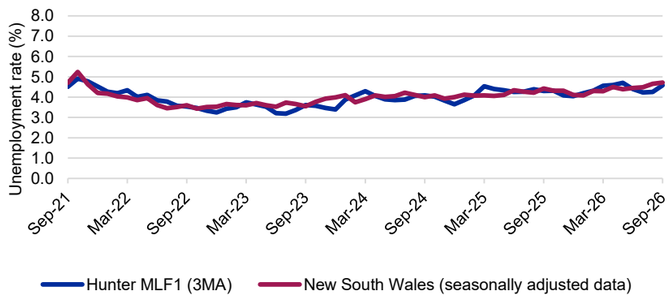
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Largest employing industries



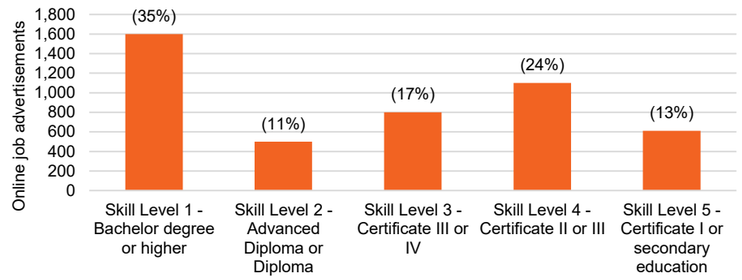
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Illawarra South Coast
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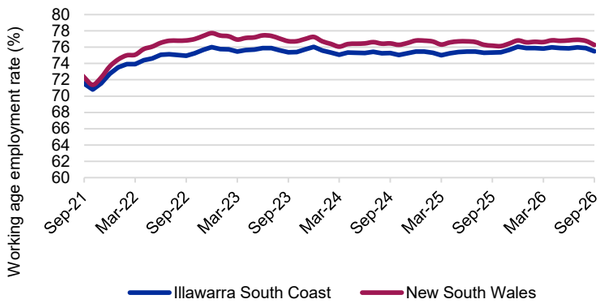
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Illawarra South Coast	75.5	75.3	11.8	11.3	4.3	4.6	4.5	79.2	79.0	10.8	11.0
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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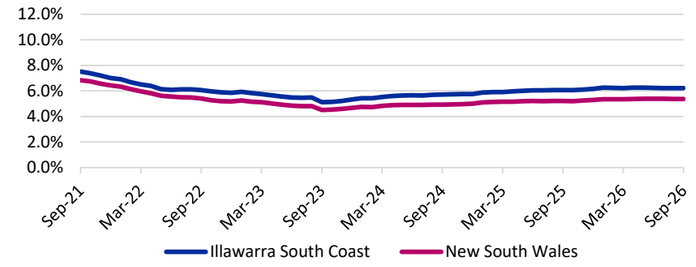
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

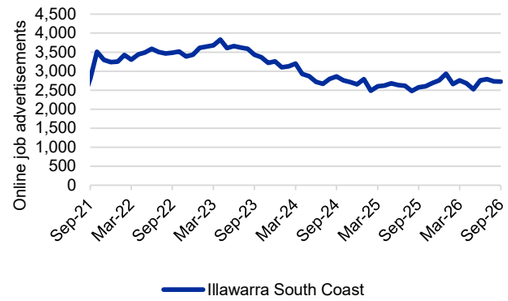
	Illawarra South Coast	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	18,250	281,255
Payments - September 2026	18,745	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 495	↑ 10,835
	↑ 2.7%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
Illawarra South Coast	18,745	6.2%
New South Wales	292,090	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

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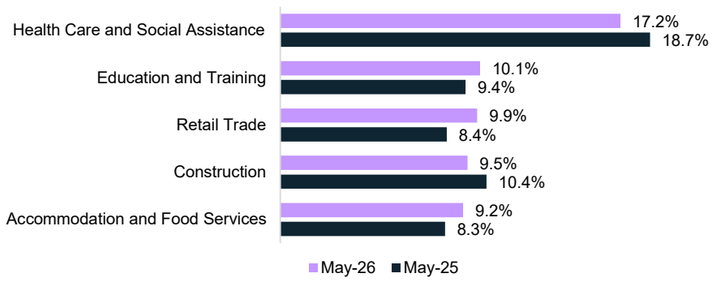
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
2,700
Change over the month
-0.2%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
6.0%
(job advertisements)

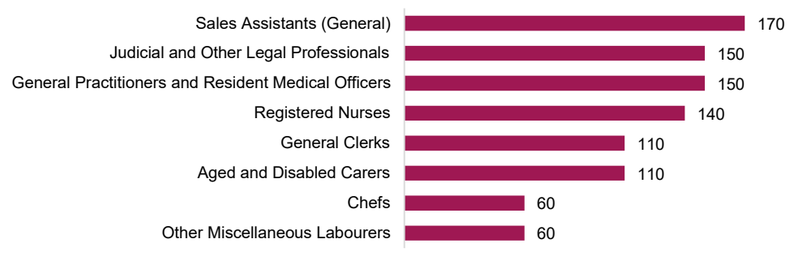
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Largest employing industries



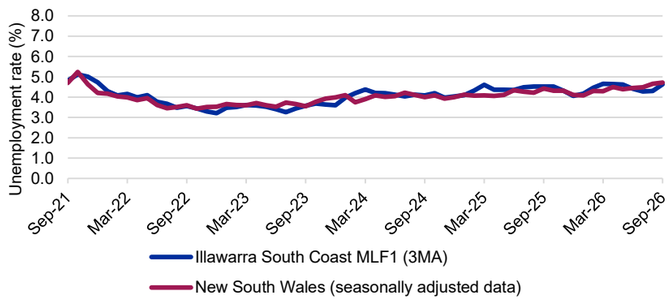
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



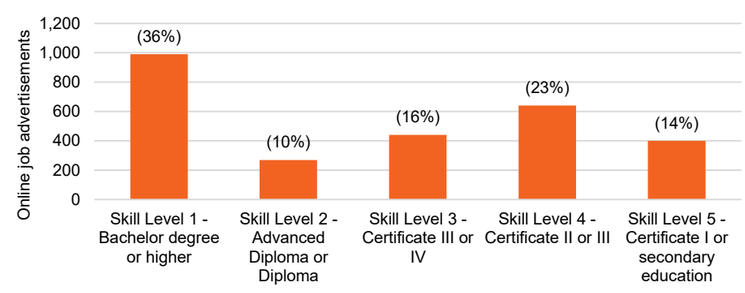
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, MLF1, (3MA), September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Wollongong	5.8	5.9
Shellharbour	5.8	6.2
Shoalhaven	4.6	2.4
Eurobodalla	4.3	5.2
Bega Valley	3.4	4.2

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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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Mid North Coast
Employment Region
New South Wales

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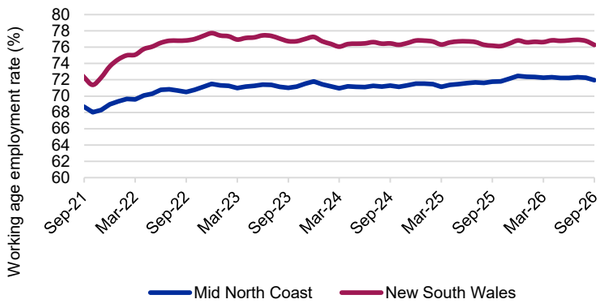
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Labour market summary table

	Working age employment rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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Mid North Coast	71.9	71.8	7.8	7.5	4.8	4.5	4.3	75.4	75.2	10.1	10.3
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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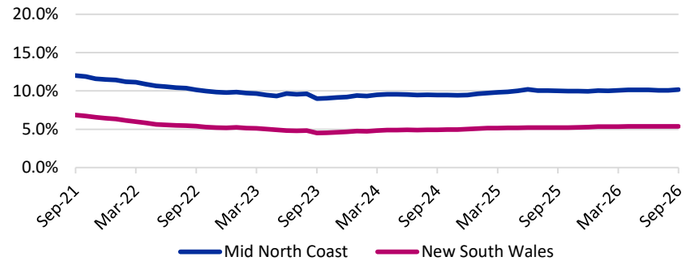
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

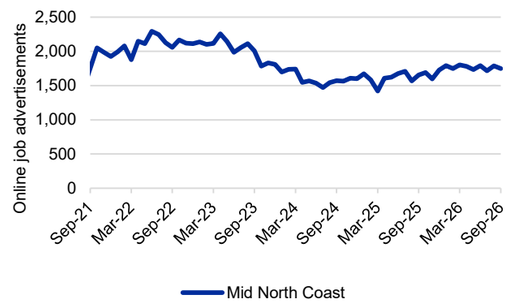
	Mid North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	21,355	281,255
Payments - September 2026	21,585	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 230	↑ 10,835
	↑ 1.1%	↑ 3.9%

% 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
Mid North Coast	21,585	10.2%
New South Wales	292,090	5.4%
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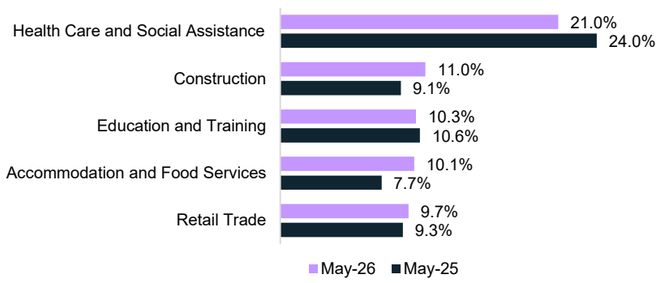
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,700
Change over the month
-2.3%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
5.7%
(-100 job advertisements)

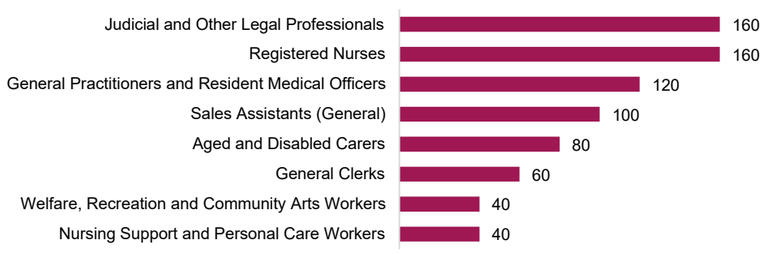
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Largest employing industries



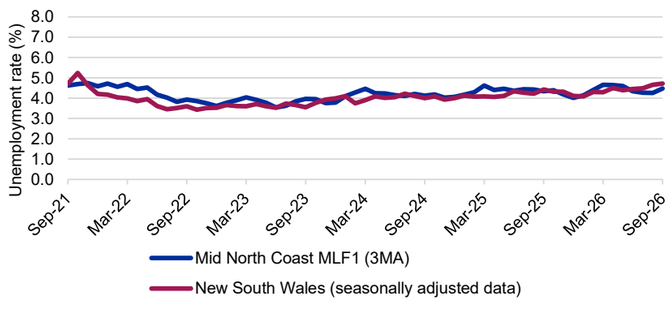
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Unemployment rate



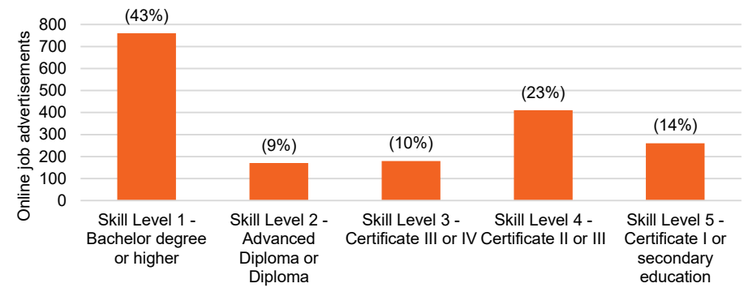
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Kempsey	7.1	5.8
Nambucca Valley	6.9	5.6
Mid-Coast	5.4	4.6
Armidale	4.4	2.4
Bellingen	4.3	5.4

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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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Murray Riverina
Employment Region
New South Wales

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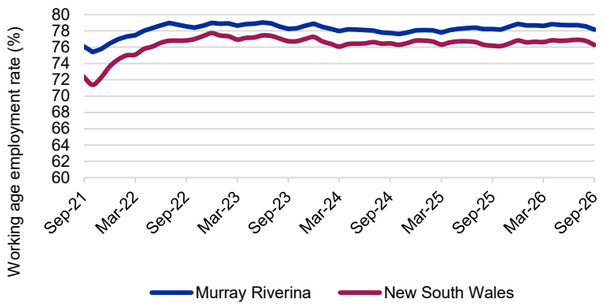
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Labour market summary table

	Working age employment rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Murray Riverina	78.2	78.2	6.0	5.6	6.7	3.8	3.7	81.5	81.4	8.5	8.4
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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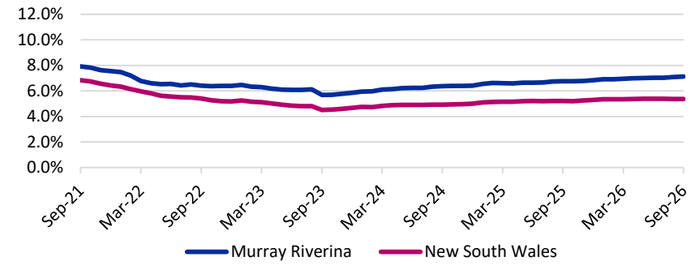
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Murray Riverina	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	11,735	281,255
Payments - September 2026	12,275	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 540	↑ 10,835
	↑ 4.6%	↑ 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
Murray Riverina	12,275	7.1%
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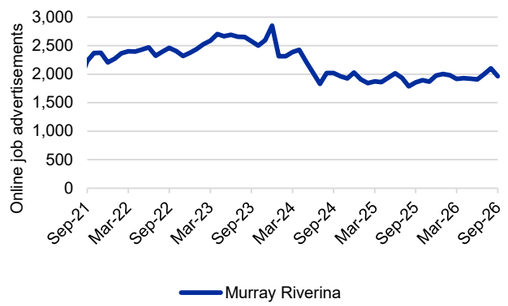
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Wentworth	6.0	4.8
Edward River	5.9	4.6
Albury	5.8	4.7
Narrandera	5.8	6.6
Hay	4.9	4.2

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

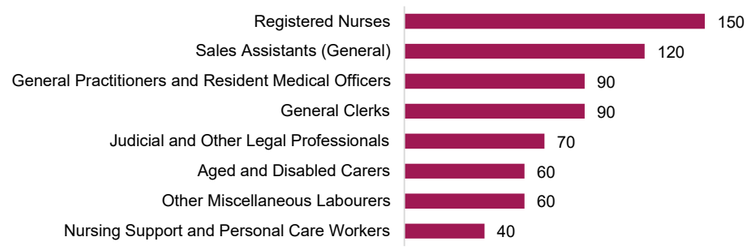
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-6.5%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
5.9%
(-100 job advertisements)

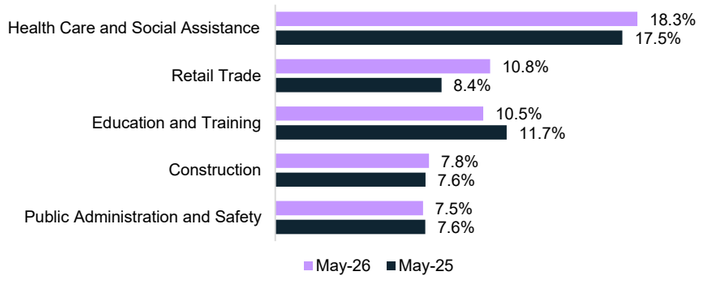
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Online job advertisements by occupation



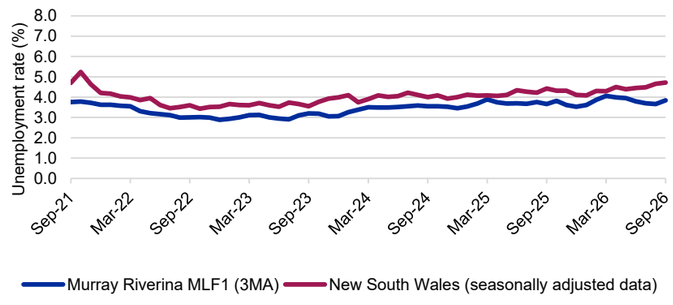
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Largest employing industries



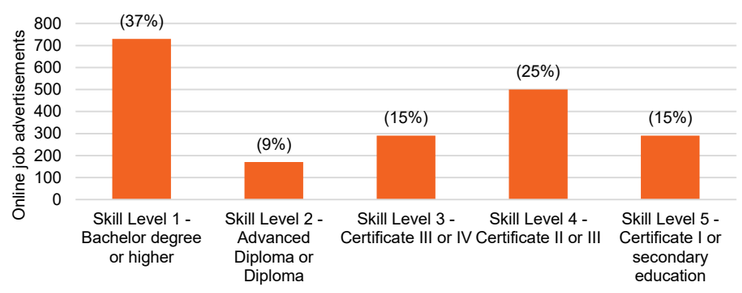
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Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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New England and North West
Employment Region
New South Wales

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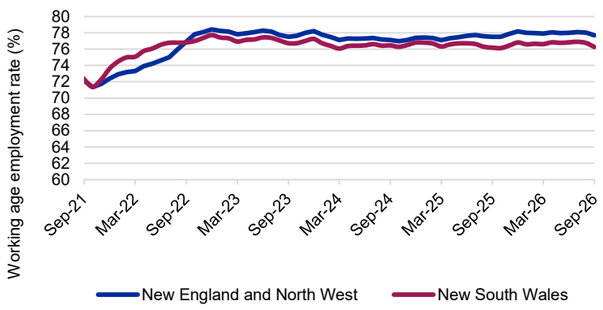
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Labour market summary table

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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
New England and North West	77.7	77.5	4.8	4.6	3.9	4.6	4.5	81.6	81.4	10.7	10.8
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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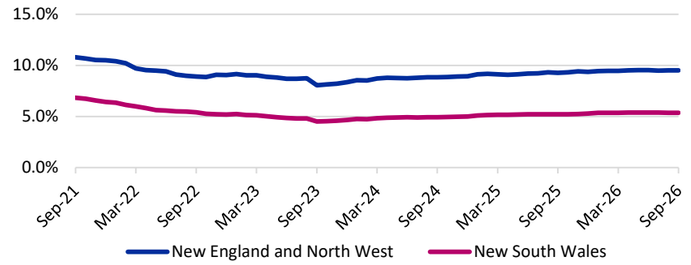
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	New England and North West	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	10,710	281,255
Payments - September 2026	10,940	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 230	↑ 10,835
	↑ 2.1%	↑ 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
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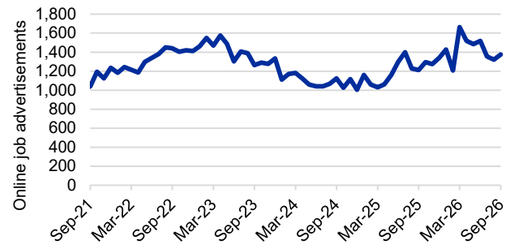
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Tenterfield	6.1	3.1
Glen Innes Severn	5.5	2.9
Moree Plains	4.9	2.8
Inverell	4.5	2.6
Armidale	4.4	2.4

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

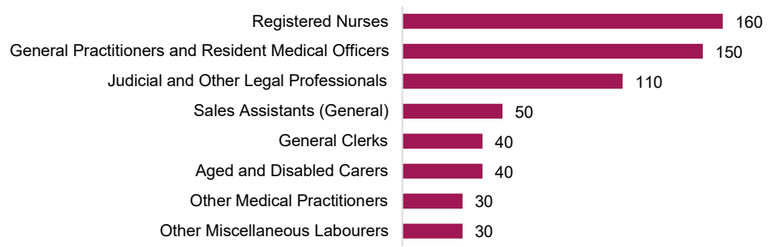
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
4.2%
(200 job advertisements)
Annual change
13.5%
(100 job advertisements)

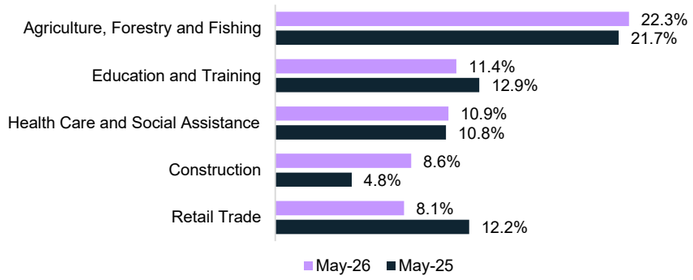
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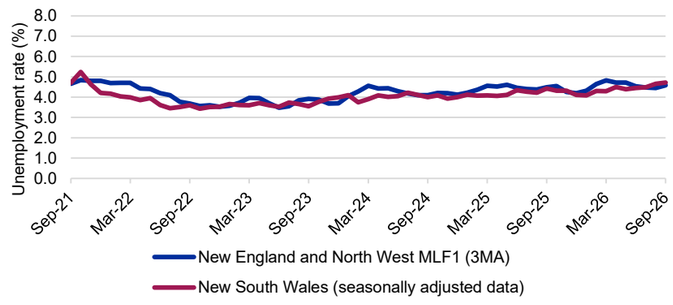
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Largest employing industries



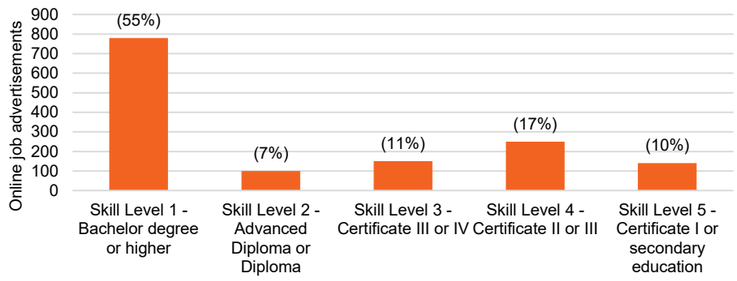
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Unemployment rate



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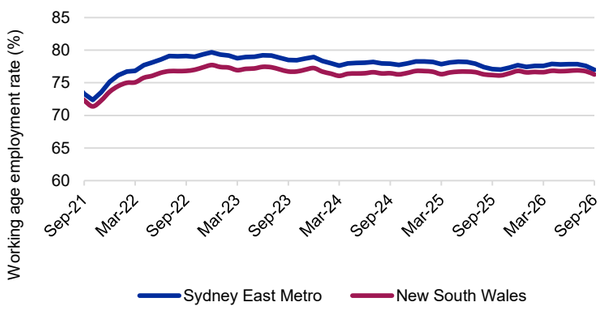
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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Sydney East Metro	77.0	77.1	44.2	40.8	8.4	4.0	3.7	80.3	80.1	8.9	7.9
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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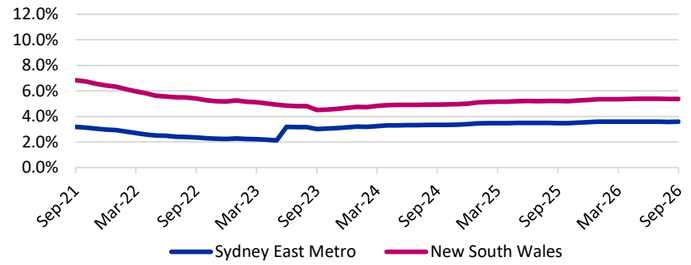
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Sydney East Metro	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	45,360	281,255
Payments - September 2026	47,110	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,750	↑ 10,835
	↑ 3.9%	↑ 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 East Metro	47,110	3.6%
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Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

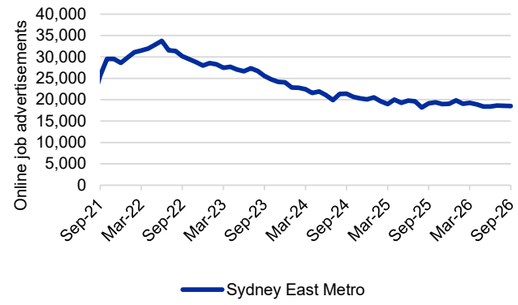
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Canterbury-Bankstown	7.0	6.4
Inner West	4.9	5.0
Sydney	4.1	4.5
Randwick	4.0	4.6
Burwood	3.8	3.9

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

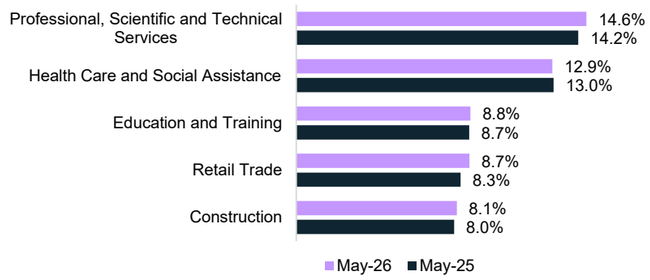
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
18,500
Change over the month
-0.5%
(-600 job advertisements)
Annual change
-3.3%
(-100 job advertisements)

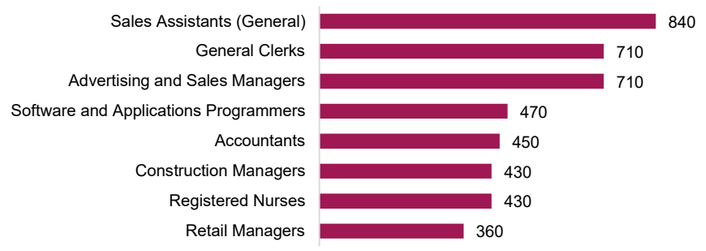
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Largest employing industries



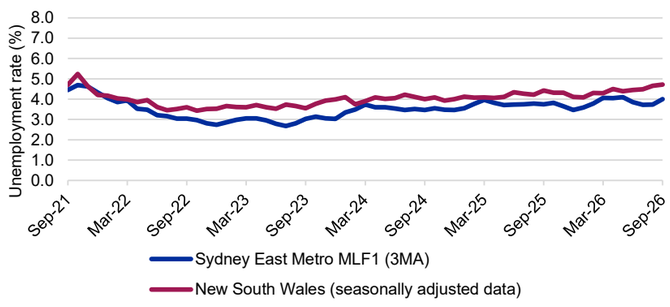
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Online job advertisements by occupation



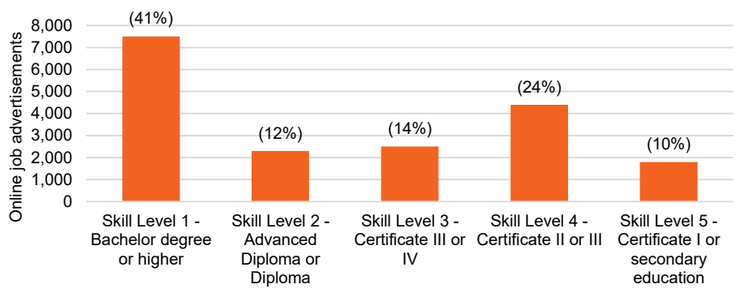
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Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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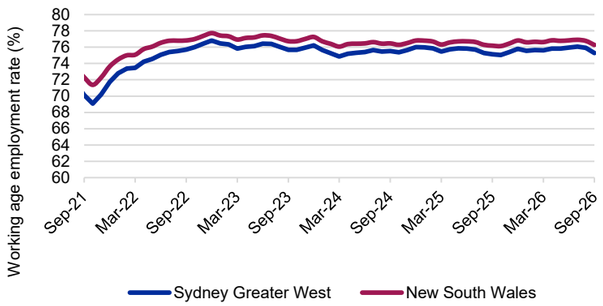
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Labour market summary table

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Sydney Greater West	75.3	75.1	39.8	36.4	9.2	5.2	4.9	79.5	79.1	11.7	10.3
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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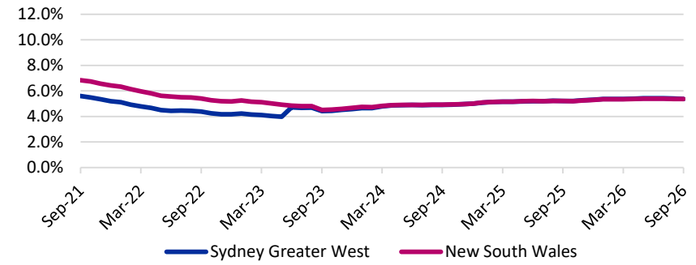
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Sydney Greater West	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	47,140	281,255
Payments - September 2026	49,410	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 2,270	↑ 10,835
	↑ 4.8%	↑ 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	49,410	5.4%
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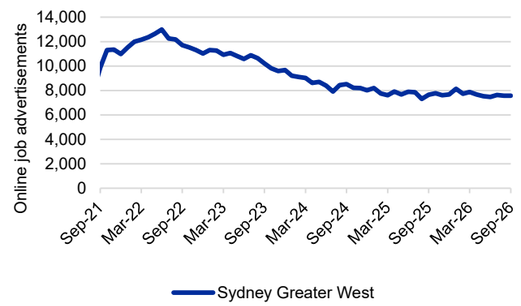
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Fairfield	8.2	7.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	7.0	6.4
Cumberland	6.7	7.3
Blacktown	5.2	4.8
Hawkesbury	4.2	4.2

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

Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
7,600
Change over the month
0.2%
(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-1.1%
(job advertisements)

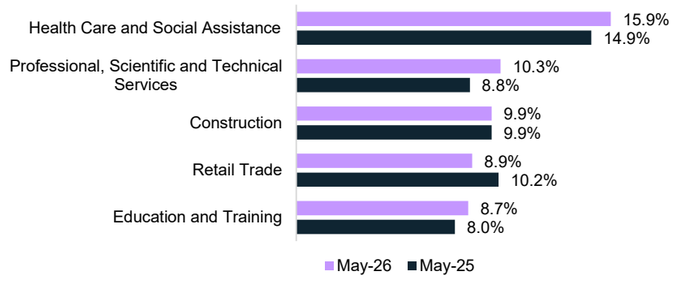
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Online job advertisements by occupation



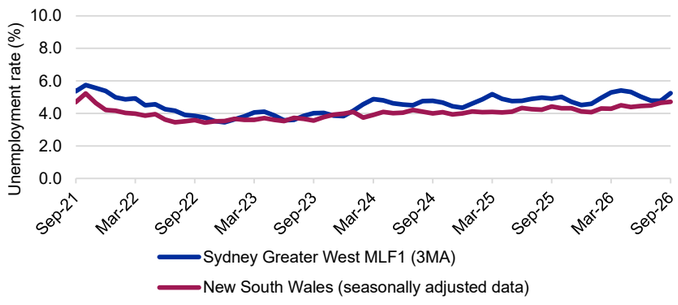
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Largest employing industries



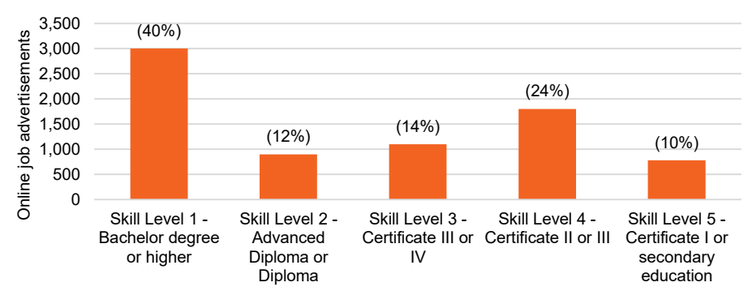
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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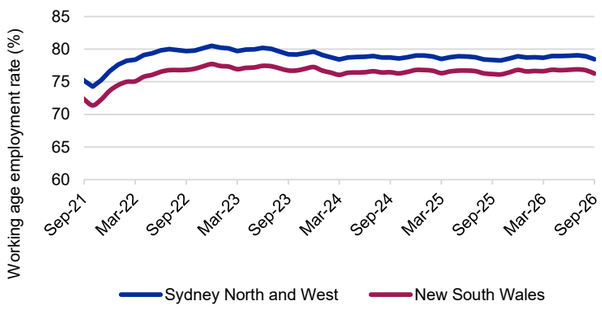
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Labour market summary table

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Sydney North and West	78.5	78.3	34.2	31.0	10.4	3.8	3.5	81.7	81.3	9.3	8.3
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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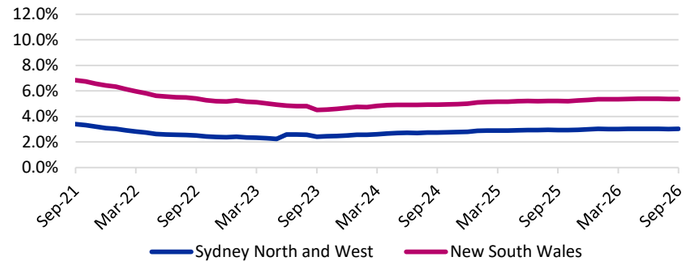
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Sydney North and West	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	29,915	281,255
Payments - September 2026	31,320	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,405	↑ 10,835
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 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 North and West	31,320	3.0%
New South Wales	292,090	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

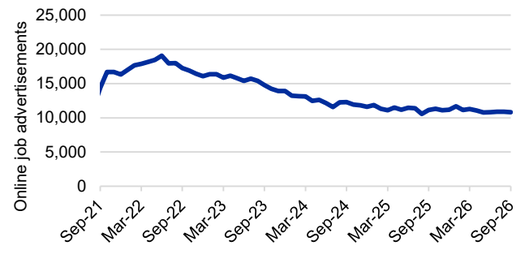
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Hawkesbury	4.2	4.2
Central Coast (NSW)	4.0	3.7
Hornsby	3.8	5.3
Ryde	3.4	3.1
Northern Beaches	3.2	3.2

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

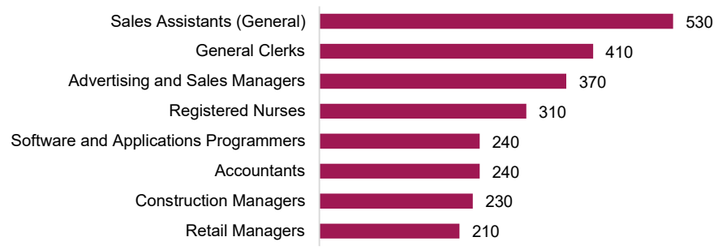
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
10,800
Change over the month
-0.6%
(-300 job advertisements)
Annual change
-2.9%
(-100 job advertisements)

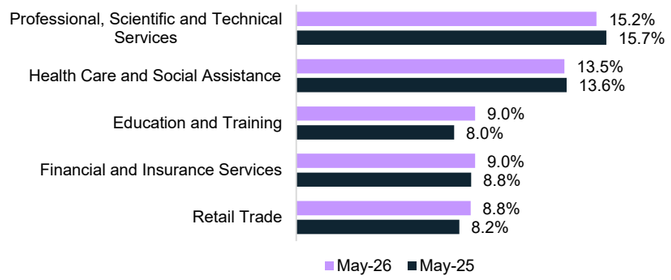
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Online job advertisements by occupation



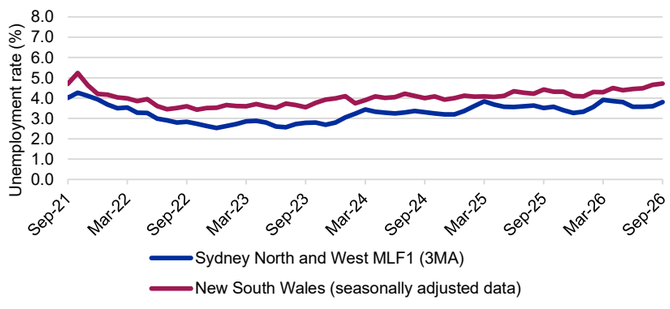
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Largest employing industries



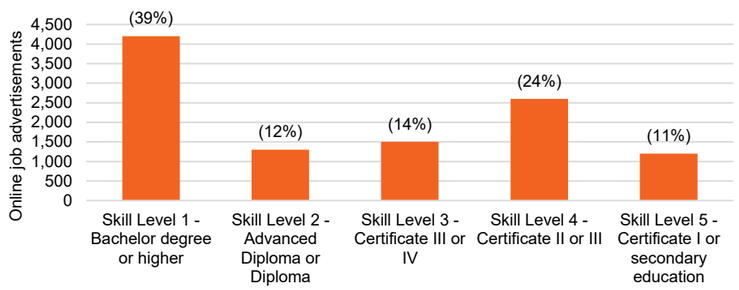
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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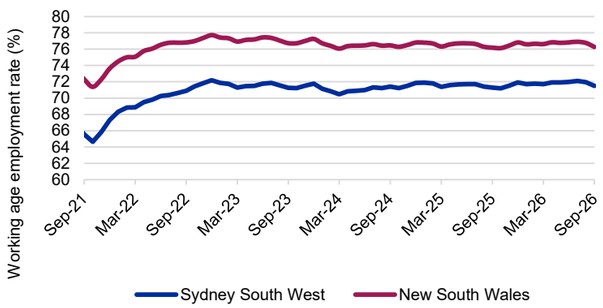
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Sydney South West	71.5	71.3	23.9	22.3	7.4	5.3	5.1	75.6	75.2	11.9	10.6
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
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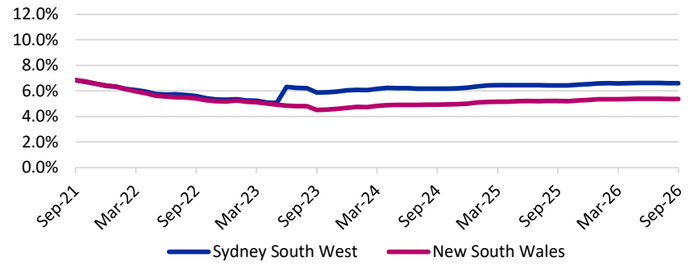
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Working age employment rate (%)



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Sydney South West	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	36,085	281,255
Payments - September 2026	37,505	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,420	↑ 10,835
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

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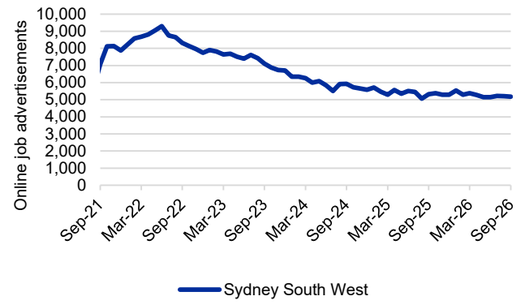
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Fairfield	8.2	7.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	7.0	6.4
Campbelltown (NSW)	6.1	6.2
Liverpool	5.1	4.3
Sutherland	3.1	2.7

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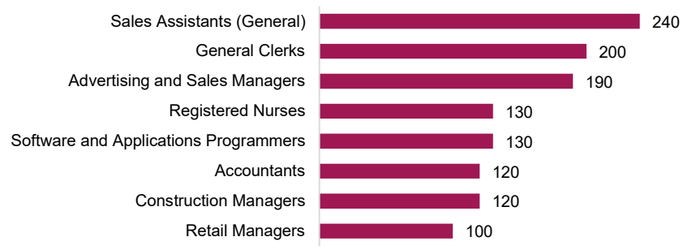
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
5,200
Change over the month
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Annual change
-2.7%
(job advertisements)

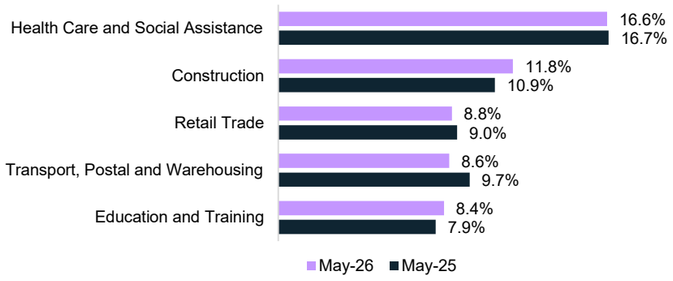
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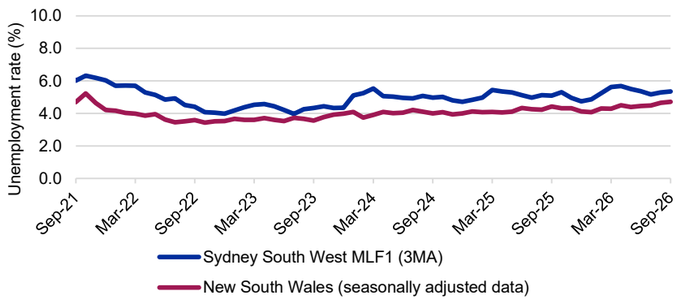
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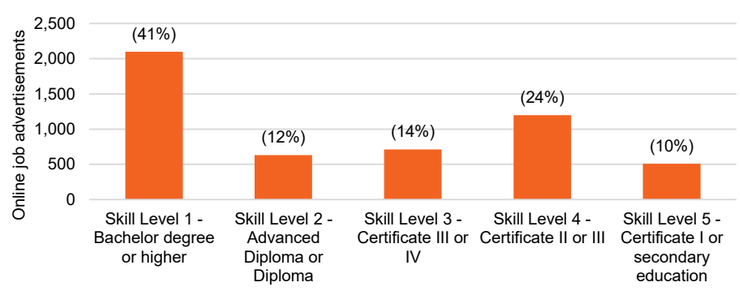
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