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Labour Market Dashboard
Northern Territory

Data current as at 15 October 2026

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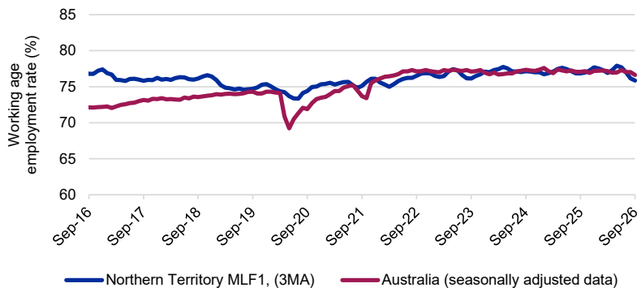
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Northern Territory labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Northern Territory	75.9	76.8	7.4	6.6	12.2	4.8	4.3	79.6	80.4	10.7	9.8
Australia	76.6	77.1	732.0	676.8	8.2	4.7	4.4	80.5	80.7	11.1	10.5

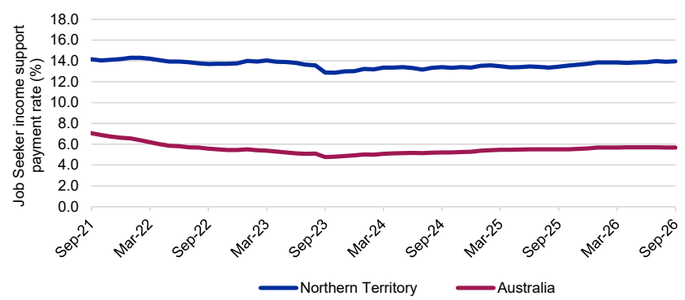
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, September-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.Trend estimates are used for unemployment and unemployment rates in the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

Working age employment rate

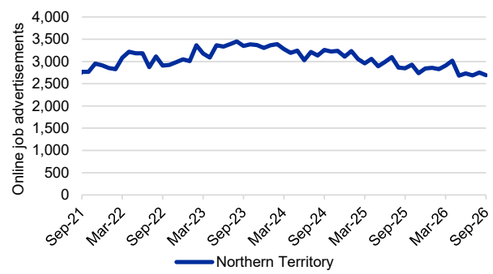


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), September -26

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



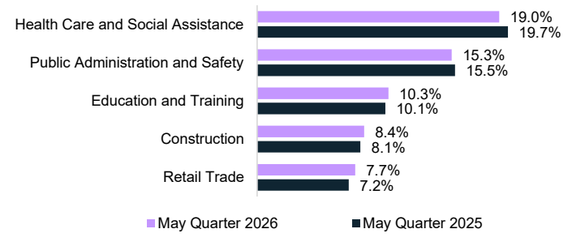
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
2,700
Change over the month
-2.3%
(or -100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-5.5%
(or -100 job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries

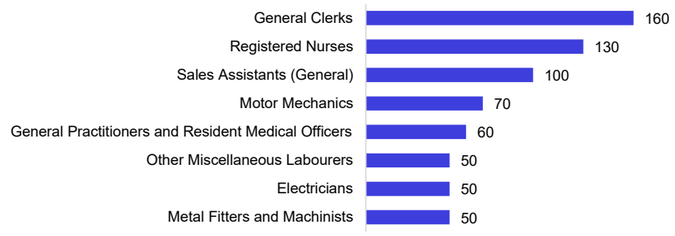


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

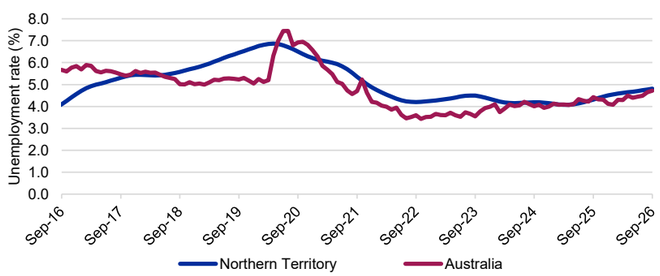
	Northern Territory	Australia
Payments - September 2025	24,280	988,745
Payments - September 2026	25,480	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 1,200	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 4.9%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



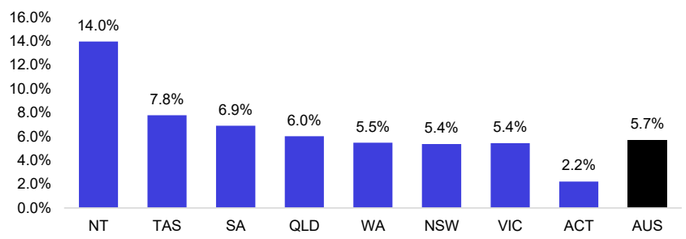
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), September-26

Unemployment rate



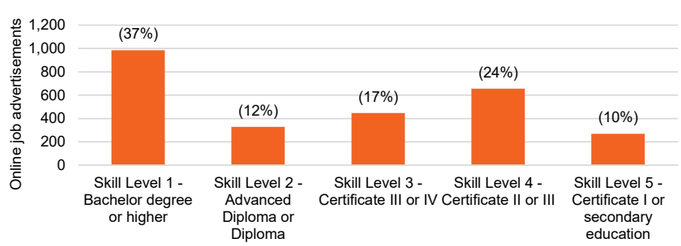
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

% 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.

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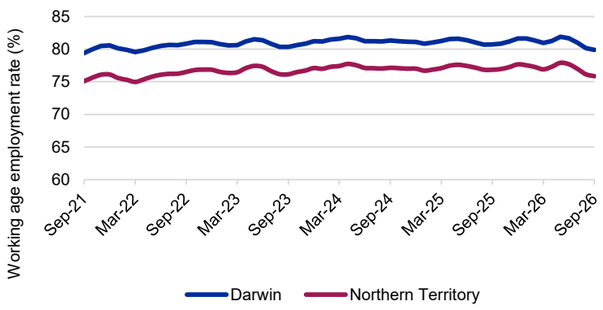
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table

	Working age employment rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working age participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Darwin	79.9	80.7	3.2	3.3	-5.0	3.3	3.5	82.7	83.7	9.0	8.1
Northern Territory	75.9	76.8	7.4	6.6	12.2	4.8	4.3	79.6	80.4	10.7	9.8
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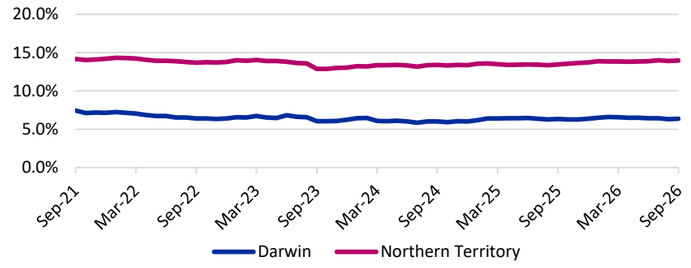
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates September -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment and unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted,with trend data used for the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Darwin	Northern Territory
Payments - September 2025	6,815	24,280
Payments - September 2026	6,915	25,480
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 100	↑ 1,200
	↑ 1.5%	↑ 4.9%

% 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
Darwin	6,915	6.4%
Northern Territory	25,480	14.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

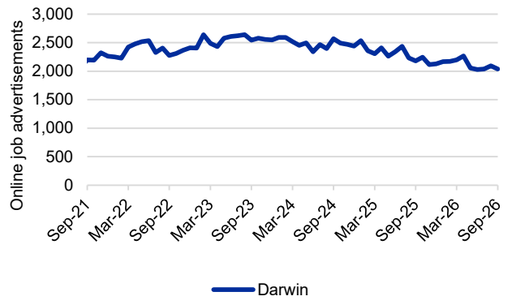
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Palmerston	4.5	3.6
Darwin	3.4	2.9
Alice Springs	1.6	1.7

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

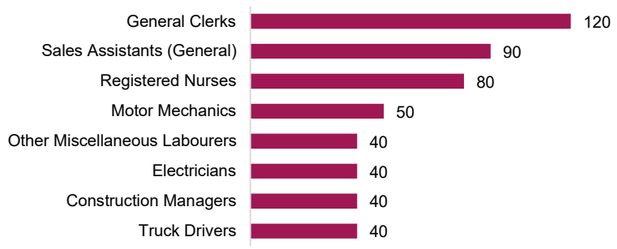
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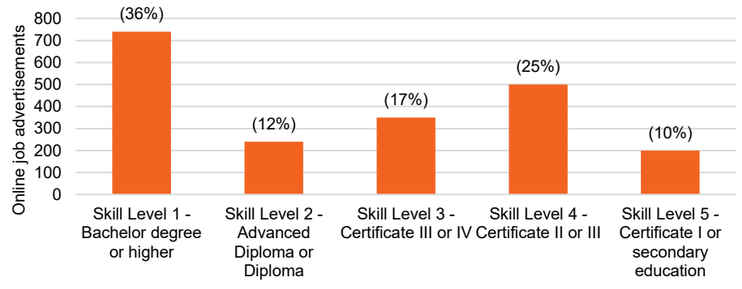
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Online job advertisements by occupation



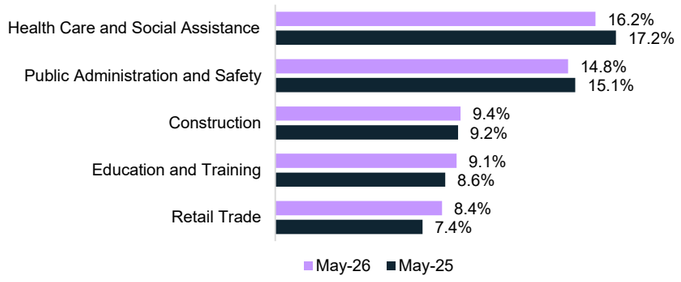
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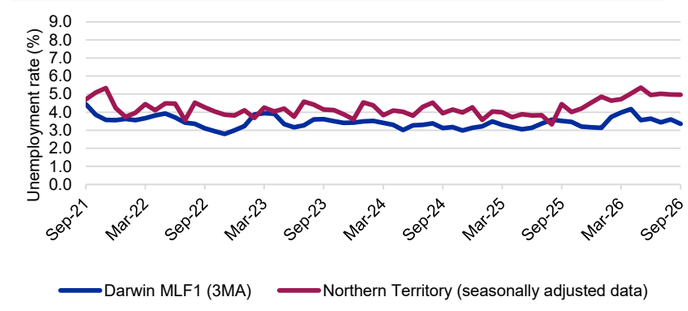
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Largest employing industries



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

Note: Employment Region data are not directly available. Employment Regions were derived from ABS Labour Force and JobSeeker Income support payments are aggreagated 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.