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Labour Market Dashboard
Queensland

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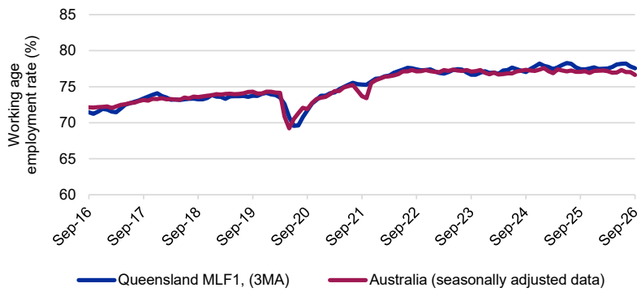
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Queesland labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
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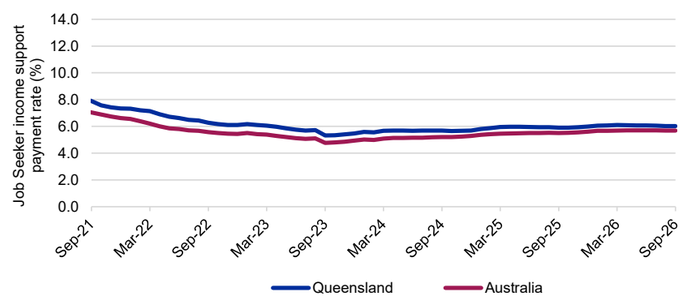
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Working age employment rate

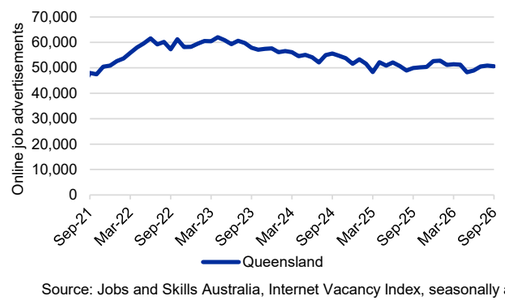


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% of 15-64 year olds* on JobSeeker income support payments



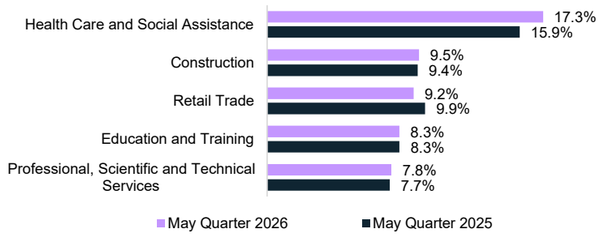
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
50,600
Change over the month
-0.6%
(or -300 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.4%
(or 700 job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries

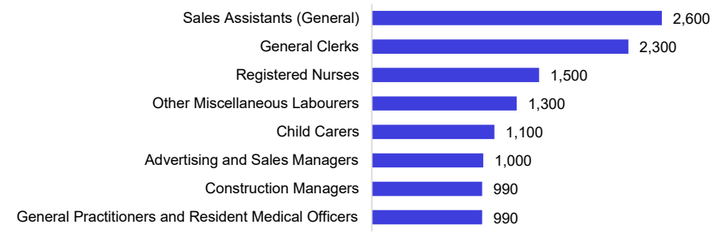


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

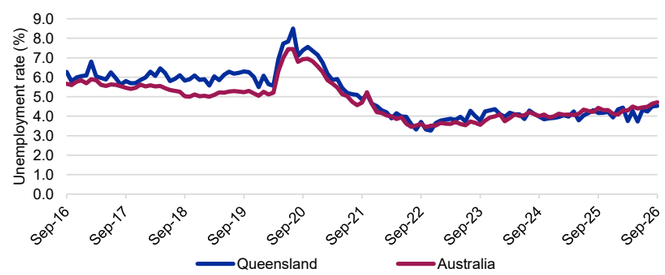
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - September 2025	216,970	988,745
Payments - September 2026	223,990	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 7,020	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 3.2%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



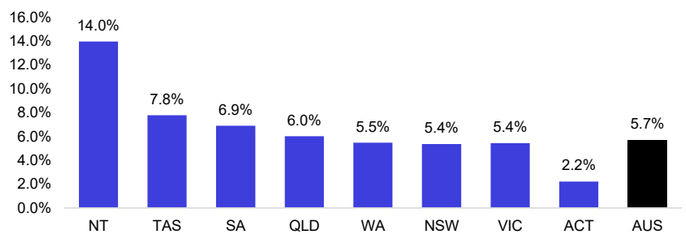
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Unemployment rate



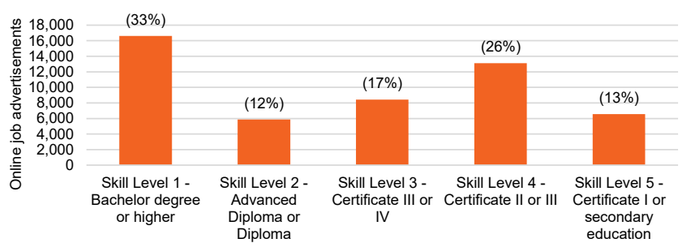
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

% 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



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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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Brisbane South East
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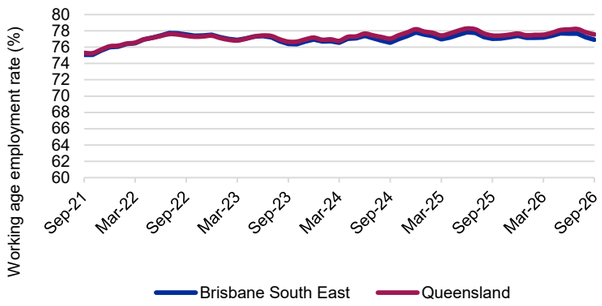
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Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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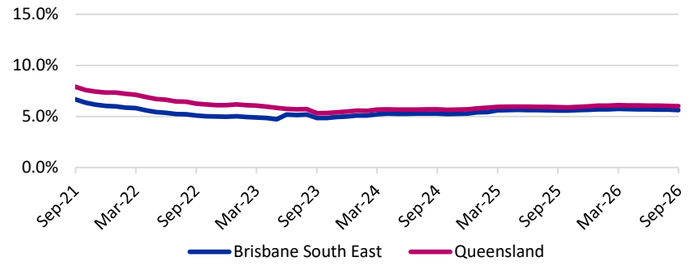
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	40,340	216,970
Payments - September 2026	41,685	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,345	↑ 7,020
	↑ 3.3%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Brisbane South East	41,685	5.6%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

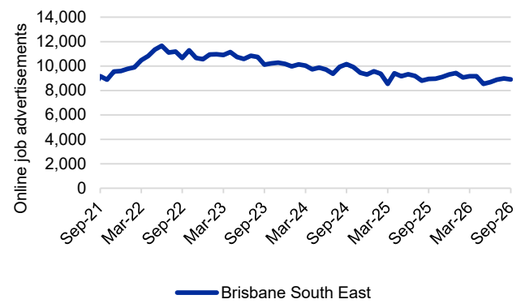
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Logan	6.6	4.5
Scenic Rim	4.2	3.9
Redland	4.0	3.2
Brisbane	3.9	3.7

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

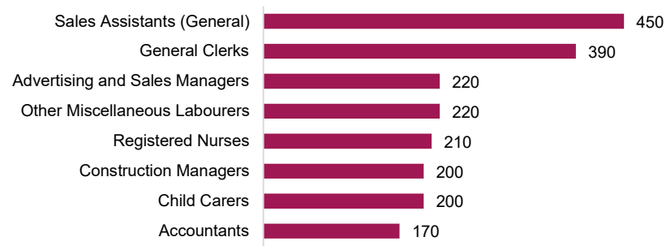
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-0.9%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.4%
(-100 job advertisements)

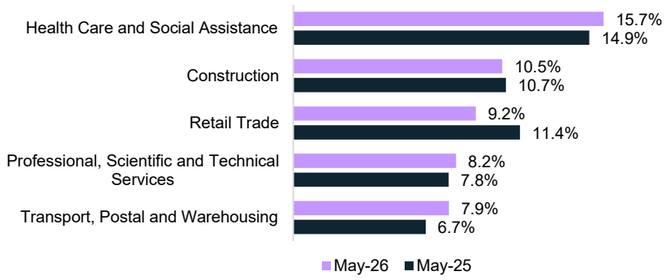
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Online job advertisements by occupation



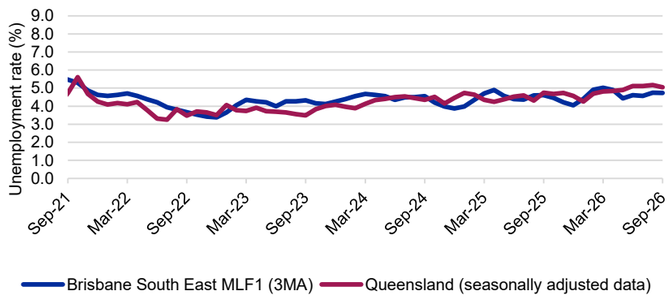
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Largest employing industries



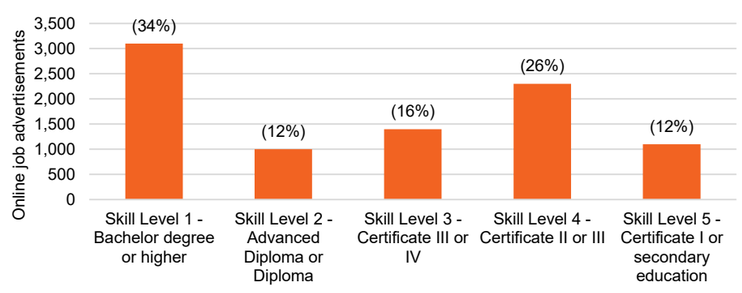
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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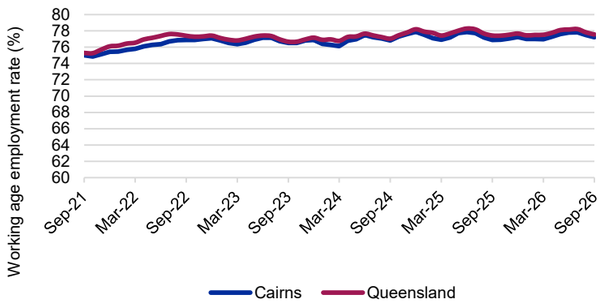
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Cairns	77.2	76.9	7.6	7.3	4.0	5.0	4.9	81.4	81.0	11.4	11.2
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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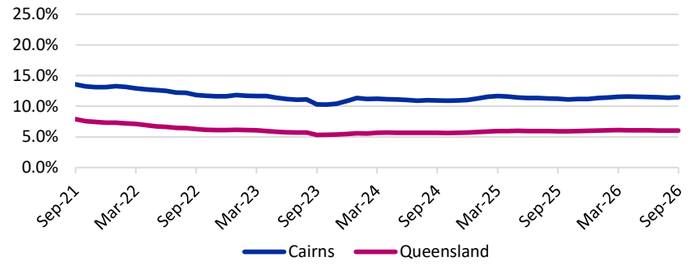
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Working age employment rate (%)



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

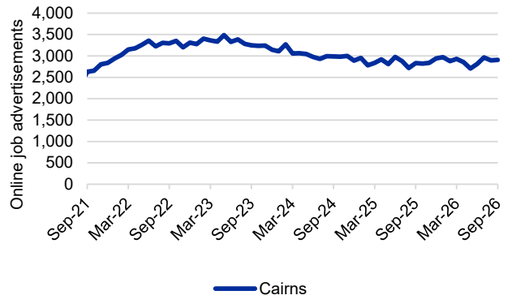
	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	19,515	216,970
Payments - September 2026	19,900	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 385	↑ 7,020
	↑ 2.0%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Cairns	19,900	11.5%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
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

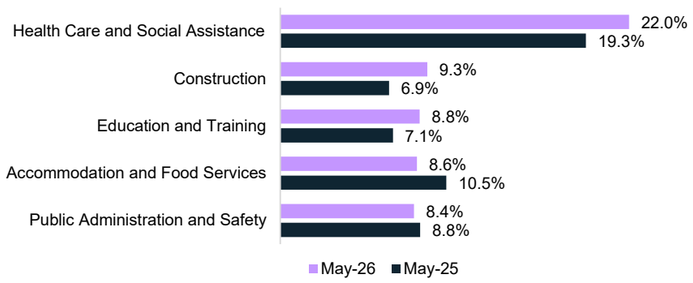
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
2,900
Change over the month
0.3%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.6%
(job advertisements)

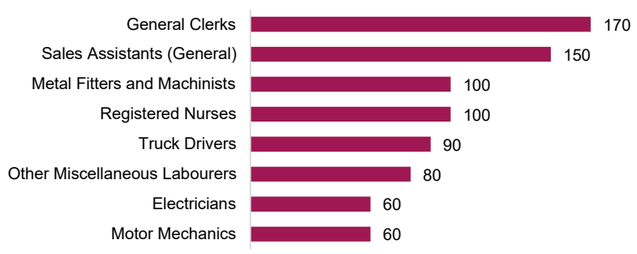
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Largest employing industries



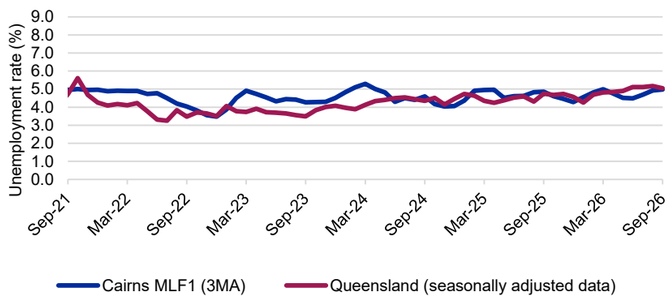
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Unemployment rate



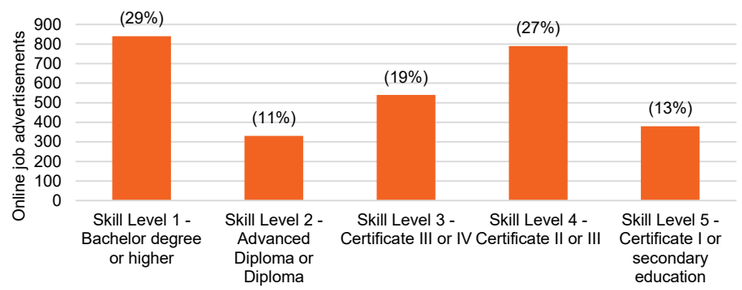
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Yarrabah*	71.3	54.2
Mareeba	7.1	5.8
Cassowary Coast	6.7	5.4
Tablelands	5.6	4.5
Douglas	4.6	4.0

Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Deparment of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June-26 quarter

Online job advertisements by skill level



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Darling Downs
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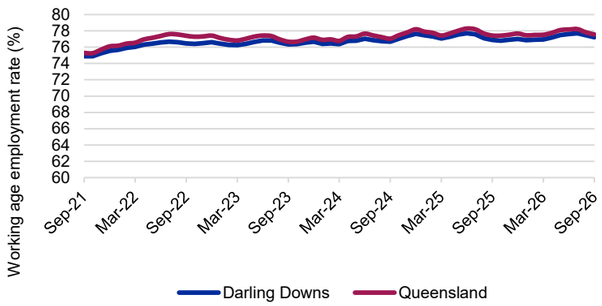
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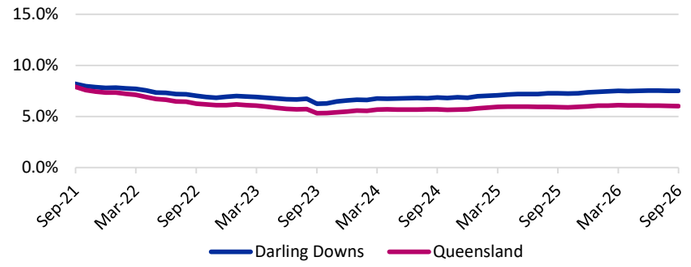
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	13,660	216,970
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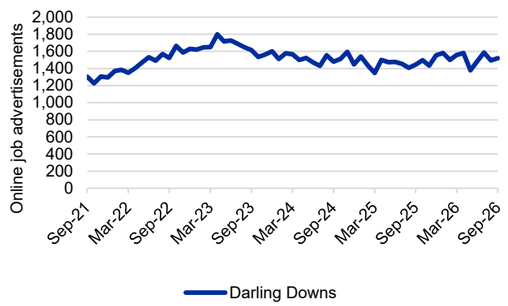
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Balonne	4.6	4.4
Western Downs	3.9	3.8
Southern Downs	3.7	3.5
Toowoomba	3.6	2.8
Lockyer Valley	3.6	3.7

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

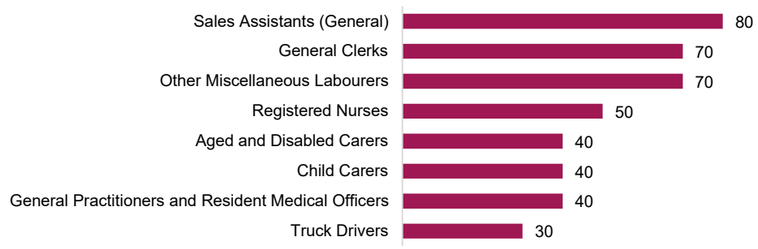
Online job advertisements



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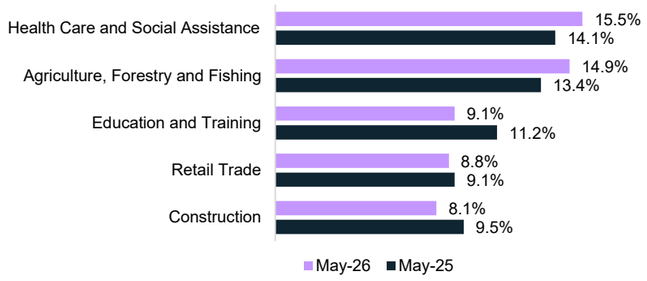
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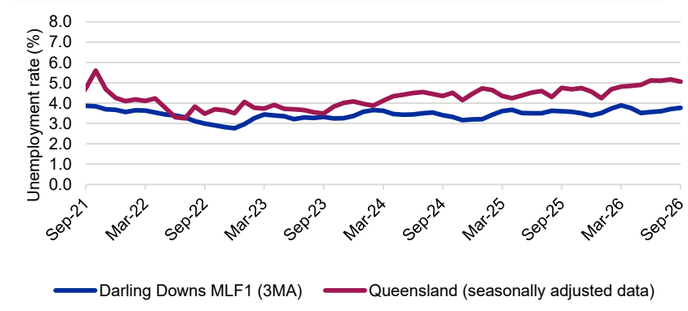
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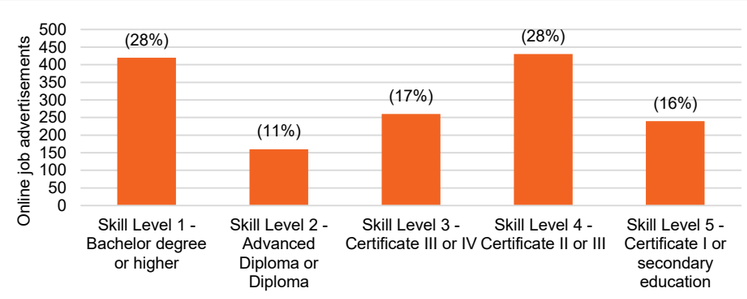
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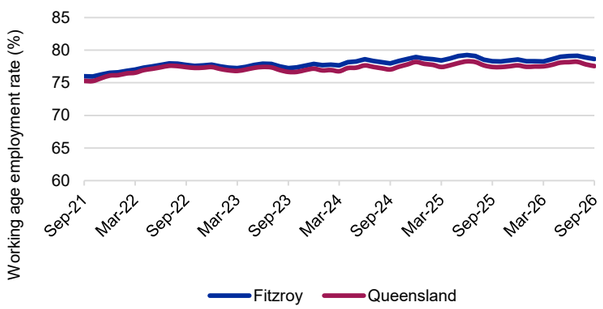
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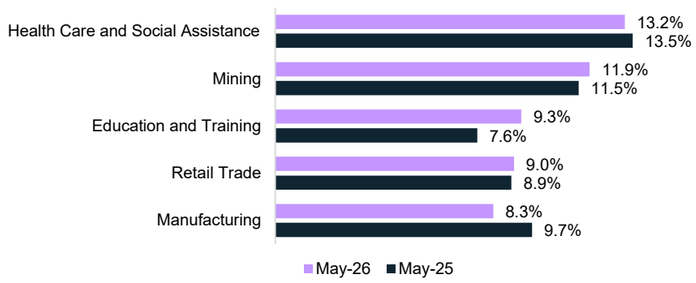
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Working age employment rate (%)



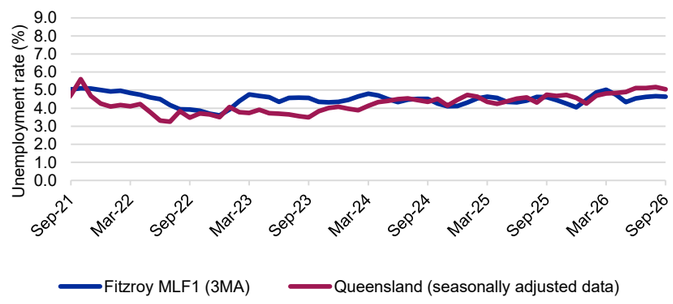
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Largest employing industries



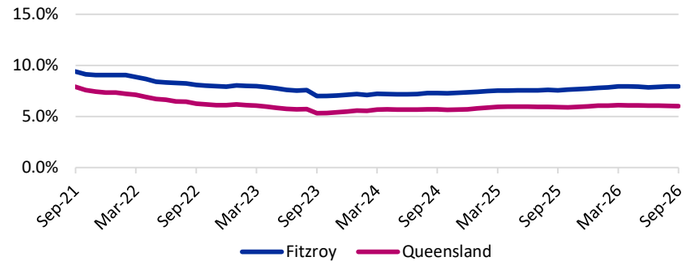
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Unemployment rate



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	11,760	216,970
Payments - September 2026	12,340	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 580	↑ 7,020
	↑ 4.9%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Fitzroy	12,340	7.9%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

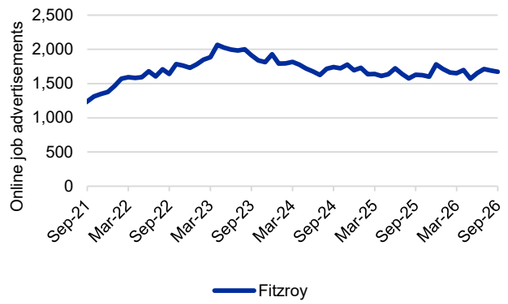
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Woorabinda*	5.9	9.0
Gladstone	4.6	6.7
Rockhampton	4.1	6.4
Central Highlands (Qld)	2.9	4.4
Banana	2.5	3.8

Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Deparment of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June-26 quarter

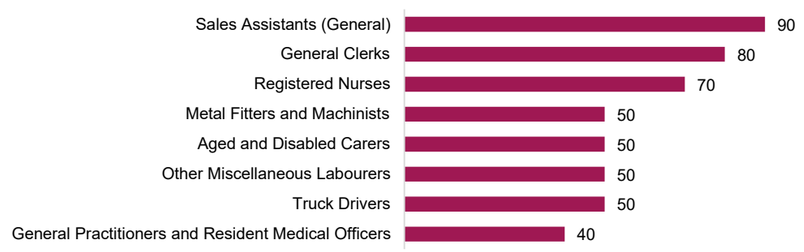
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,700
Change over the month
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(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.5%
(job advertisements)

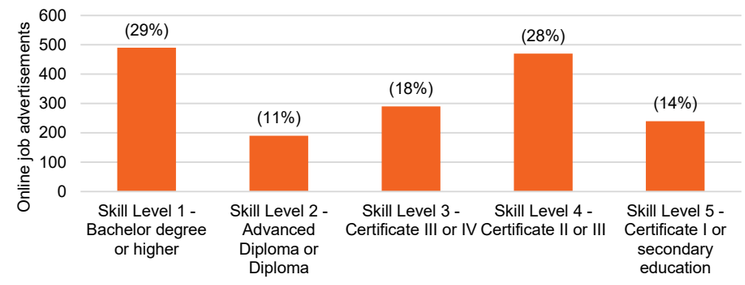
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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Gold Coast
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Queensland

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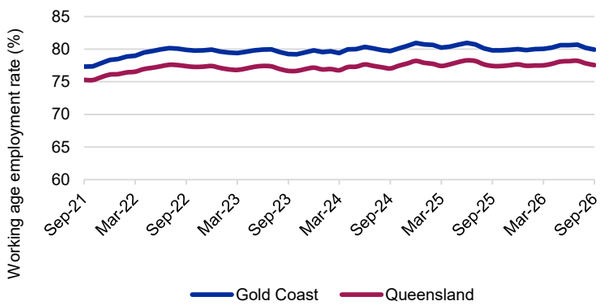
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Gold Coast	79.9	79.8	14.2	13.2	7.5	3.4	3.3	82.8	82.6	7.2	6.8
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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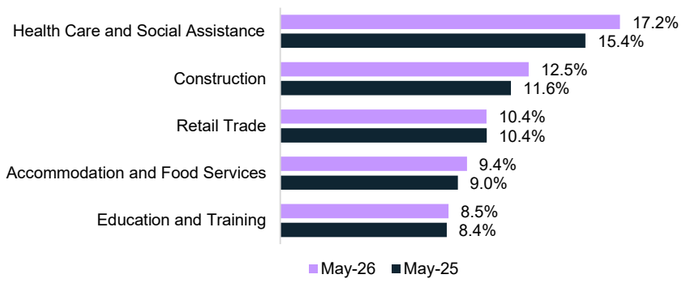
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Working age employment rate (%)



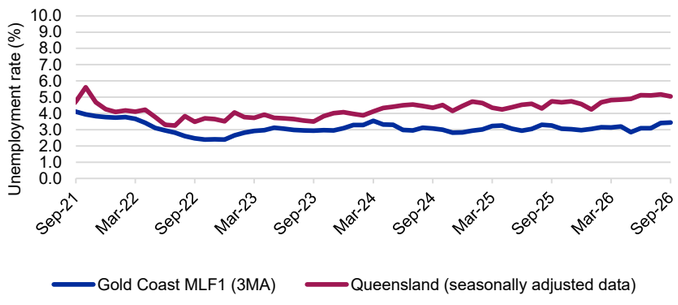
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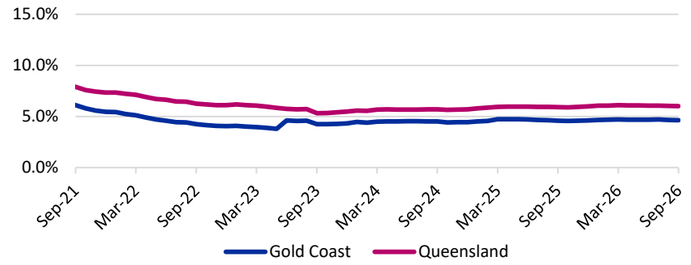
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Unemployment rate



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	21,400	216,970
Payments - September 2026	21,850	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 450	↑ 7,020
	↑ 2.1%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Gold Coast	21,850	4.6%
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Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

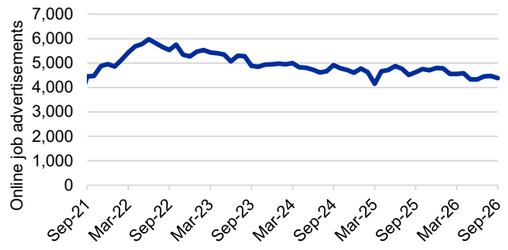
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Scenic Rim	4.2	3.9
Gold Coast	3.3	3.4
Tweed	3.3	2.8

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

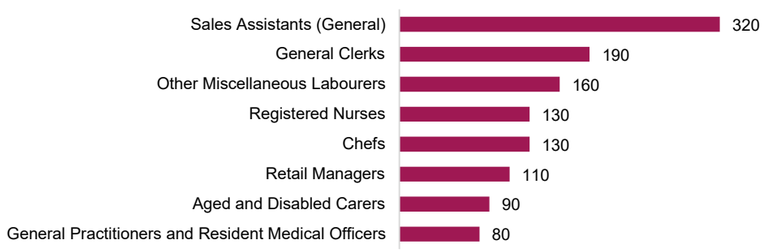
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
4,400
Change over the month
-1.9%
(-200 job advertisements)
Annual change
-5.2%
(-100 job advertisements)

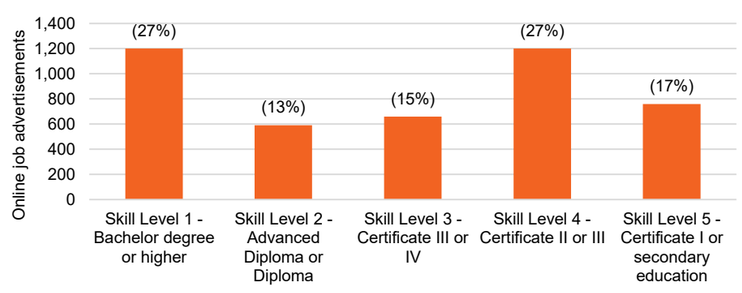
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Mackay
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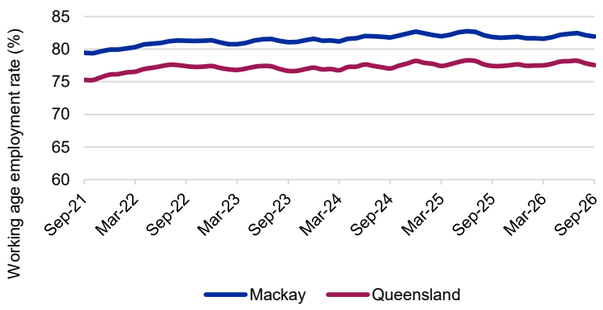
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Labour market summary table

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Mackay	82.0	81.8	3.7	3.5	5.9	3.2	3.1	84.7	84.5	6.3	5.8
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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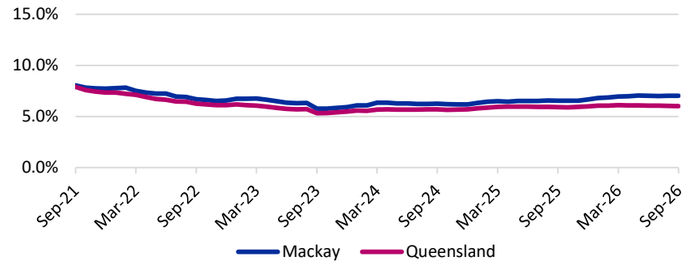
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	8,380	216,970
Payments - September 2026	9,000	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 620	↑ 7,020
	↑ 7.4%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Mackay	9,000	7.0%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

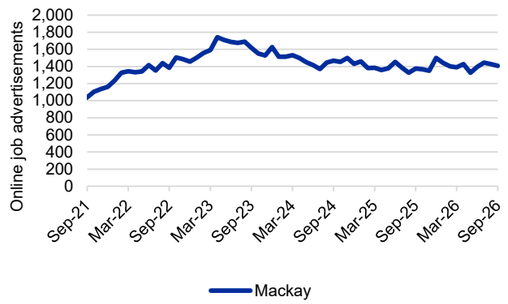
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Whitsunday	3.3	2.3
Mackay	3.0	2.1
Isaac	1.4	0.9

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

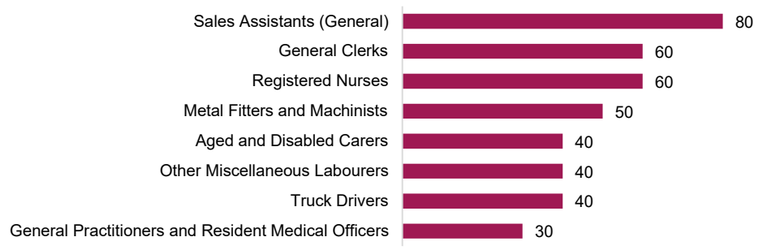
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.4%
(job advertisements)

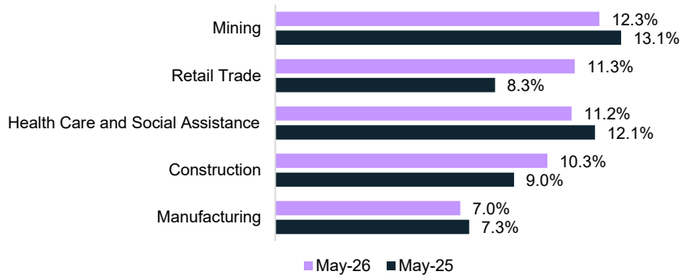
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Online job advertisements by occupation



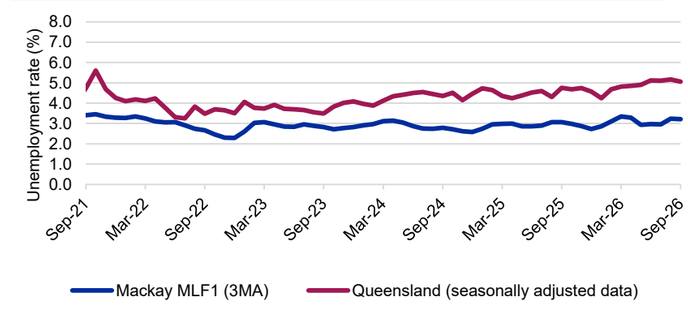
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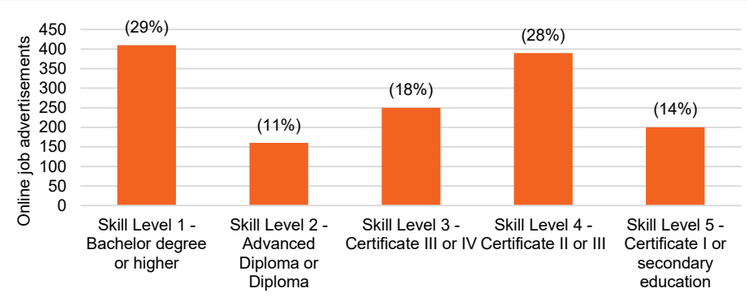
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Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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Somerset
Employment Region
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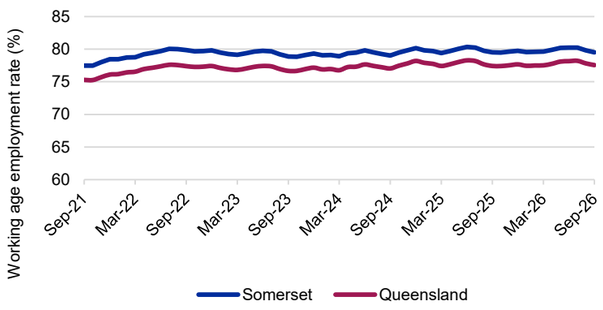
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Labour market summary table

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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 (%)
Somerset	79.5	79.5	27.0	25.6	5.6	4.1	3.9	82.9	82.7	9.2	8.8
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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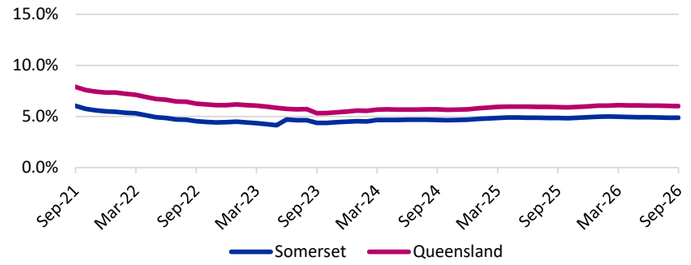
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	36,855	216,970
Payments - September 2026	37,855	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,000	↑ 7,020
	↑ 2.7%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Somerset	37,855	4.9%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

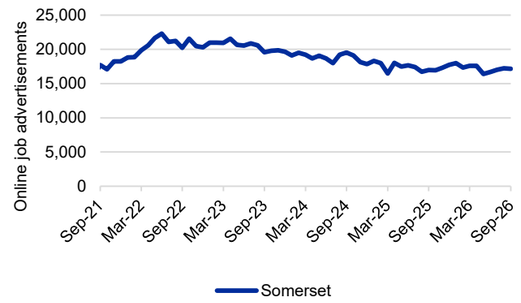
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Moreton Bay	4.8	4.7
Somerset	4.1	4.6
Brisbane	3.9	3.7

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

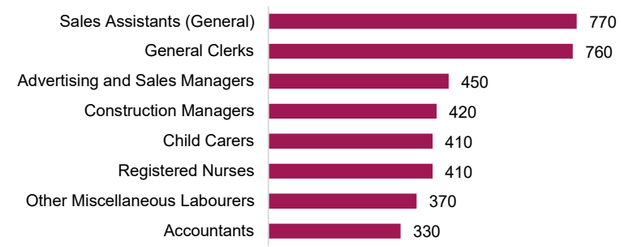
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Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-0.4%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
1.0%
(-100 job advertisements)

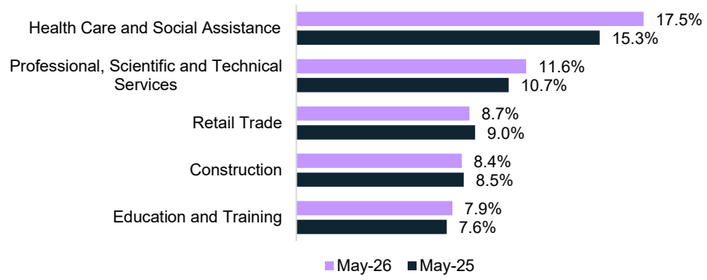
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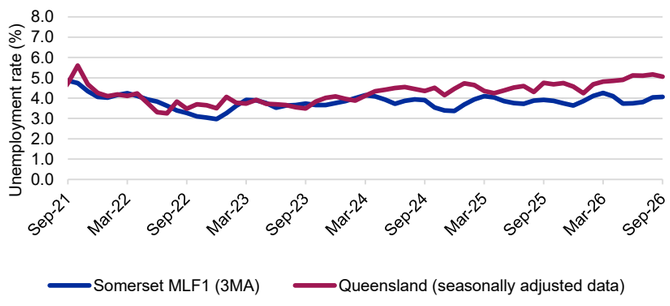
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Largest employing industries



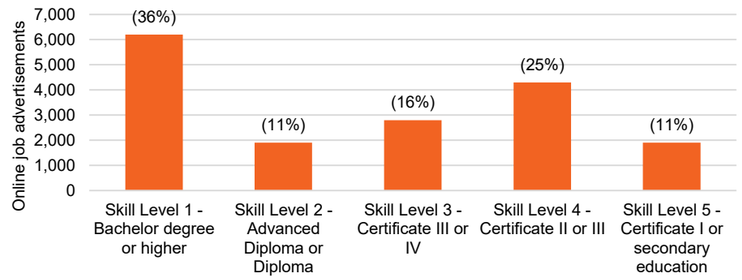
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Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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Townsville
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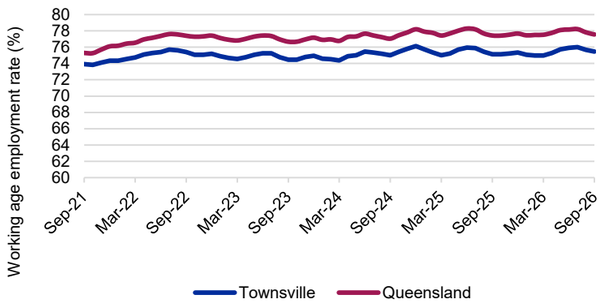
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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Townsville	75.5	75.1	7.2	6.6	9.5	5.4	5.0	79.9	79.2	11.1	10.5
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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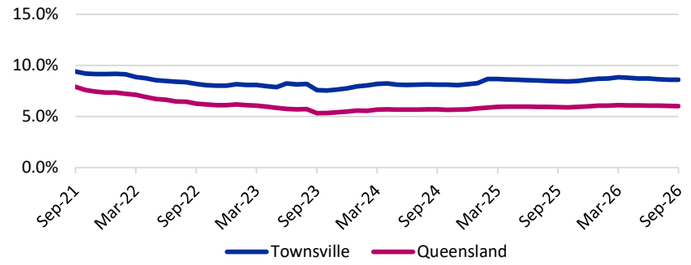
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	13,300	216,970
Payments - September 2026	13,505	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 205	↑ 7,020
	↑ 1.5%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Townsville	13,505	8.6%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

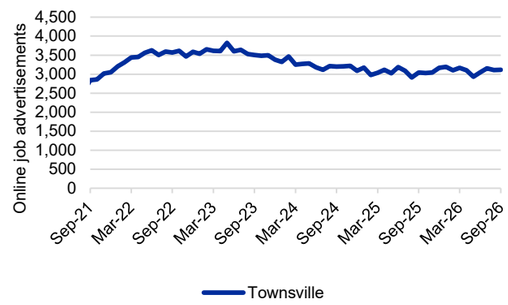
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Charters Towers	6.0	6.8
Hinchinbrook	5.3	6.1
Burdekin	5.1	5.6
Townsville	4.6	5.3
Mount Isa	3.5	3.9

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

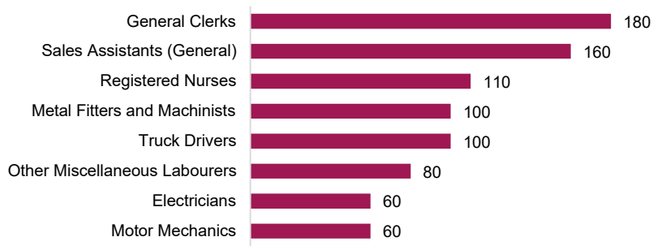
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
2.3%
(job advertisements)

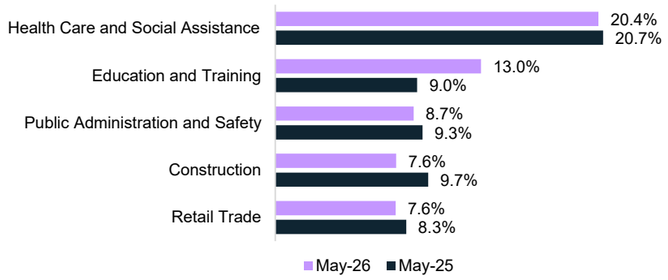
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Online job advertisements by occupation



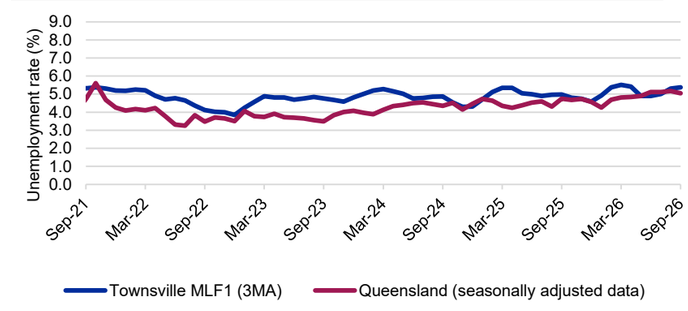
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Largest employing industries



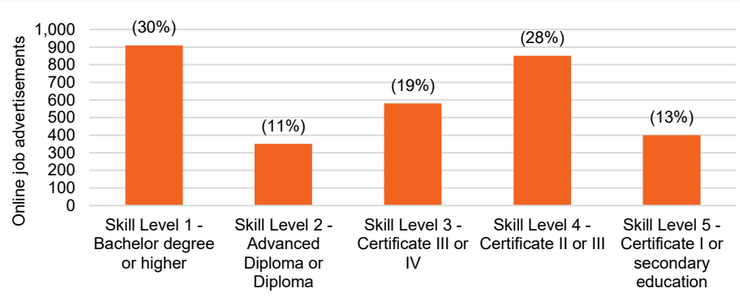
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Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast
Employment Region
Queensland

Labour Market Dashboard

Data current as at 15 October 2026

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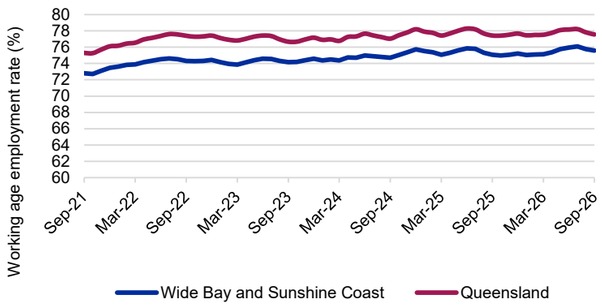
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Labour market summary table

	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 (%)
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	75.6	75.1	16.9	15.6	8.2	4.3	4.1	79.1	78.4	9.7	9.4
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
Australia	76.6	77.1	732.0	676.8	8.2	4.7	4.4	80.5	80.7	11.1	10.5

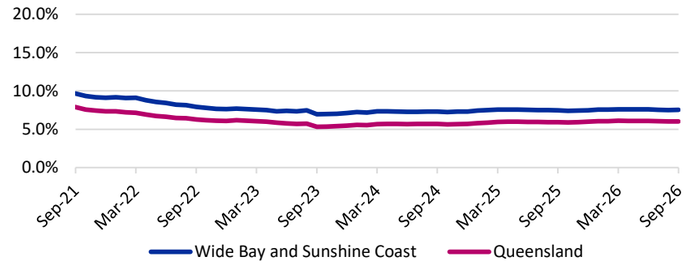
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	34,410	216,970
Payments - September 2026	34,905	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 495	↑ 7,020
	↑ 1.4%	↑ 3.2%

% 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
Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	34,905	7.5%
Queensland	223,990	6.0%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

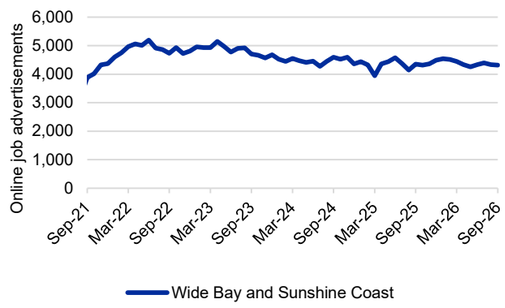
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Cherbourg*	7.2	9.8
South Burnett	5.1	7.2
Fraser Coast	4.5	6.3
Gympie	4.0	5.5
Bundaberg	3.8	5.4

Note: * data should be used with caution due to the small size of the labour force. For more insights, access SALM data via DEWR Source: Deparment of Employment and Workplace Relations Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June-26 quarter

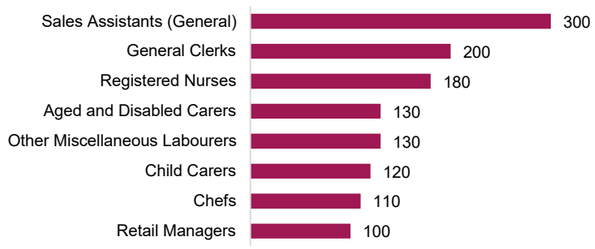
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-0.3%
(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-0.8%
(job advertisements)

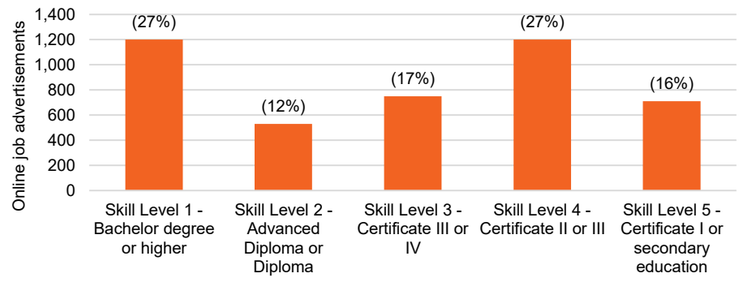
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Online job advertisements by occupation



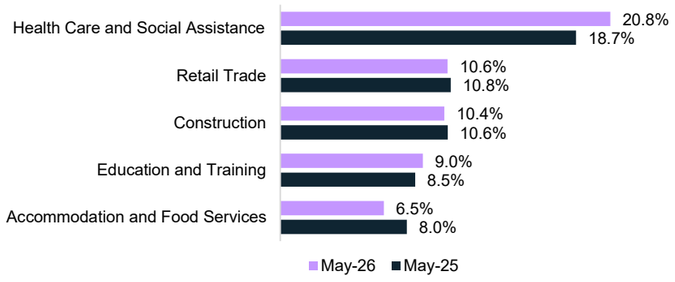
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Online job advertisements by skill level



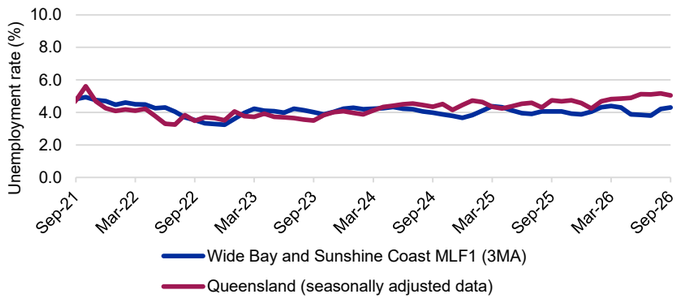
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Largest employing industries



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

Unemployment rate



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Wivenhoe
Employment Region
Queensland

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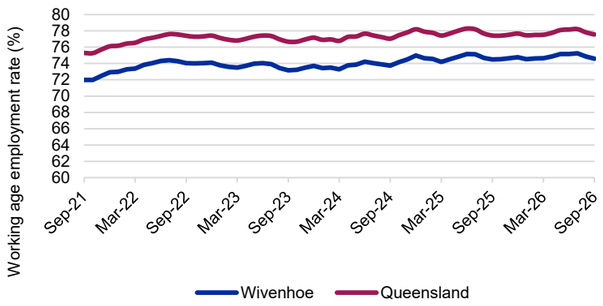
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Wivenhoe	74.6	74.5	17.8	16.2	9.6	5.2	4.9	78.8	78.4	11.1	10.6
Queensland	77.6	77.4	144.4	130.6	10.5	4.5	4.2	81.2	80.9	9.8	9.3
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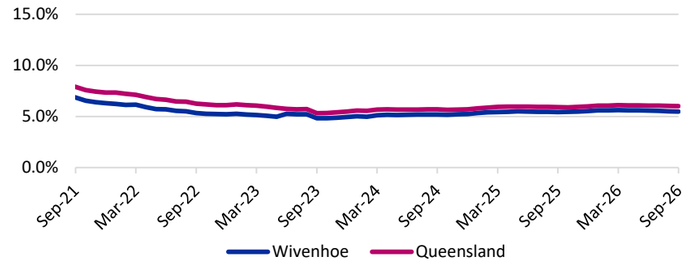
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - September 2025	22,160	216,970
Payments - September 2026	23,020	223,990
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 860	↑ 7,020
	↑ 3.9%	↑ 3.2%

% 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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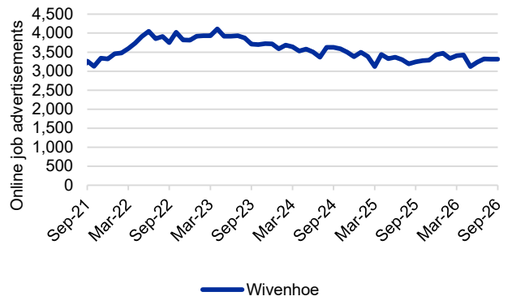
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Ipswich	4.2	5.0
Scenic Rim	4.2	3.9
Somerset	4.1	4.6
Brisbane	3.9	3.7
Lockyer Valley	3.6	3.7

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

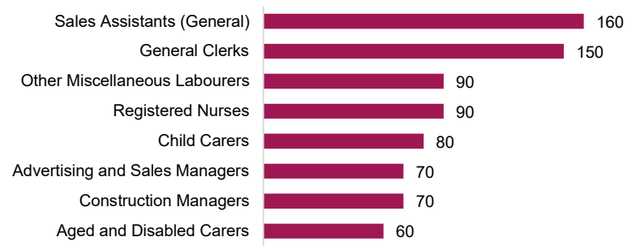
Online job advertisements



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Annual change
2.1%
(job advertisements)

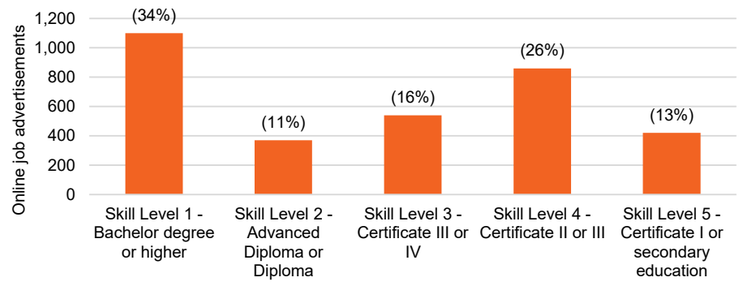
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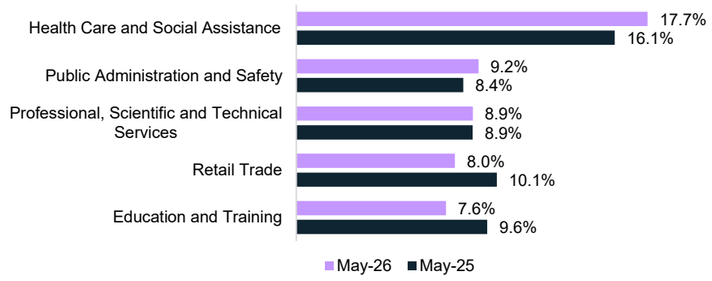
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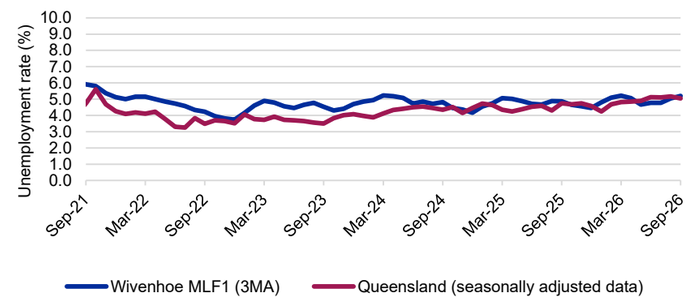
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