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Labour Market Dashboard
Victoria

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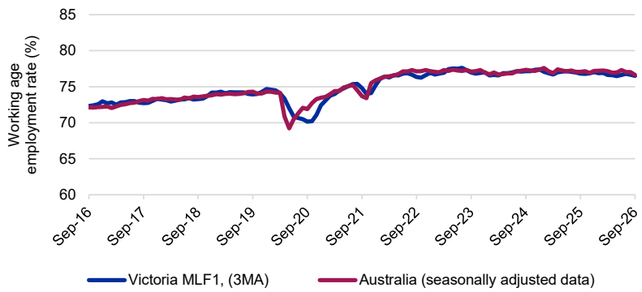
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Victorian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

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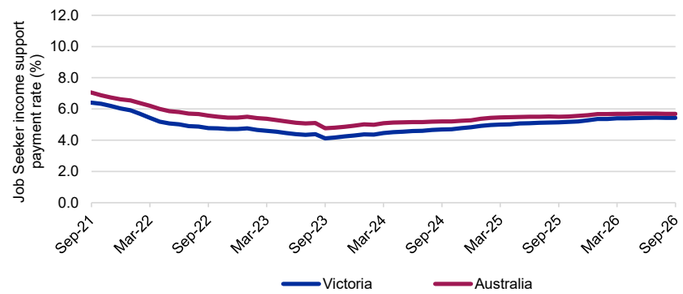
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Working age employment rate



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

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



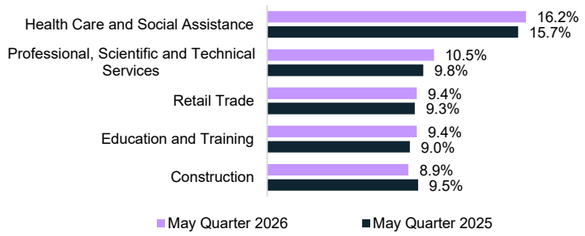
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
46,000
Change over the month
-0.9%
(or -400 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.1%
(or 100 job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries

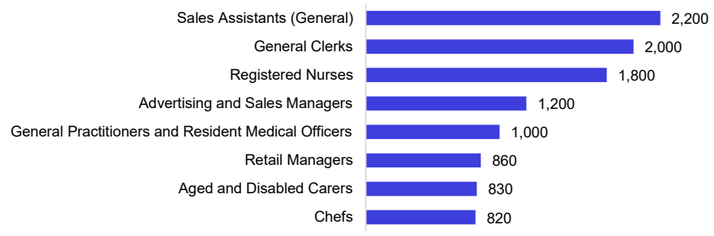


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

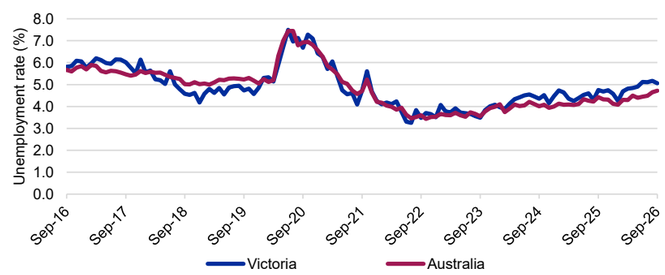
	Victoria	Australia
Payments - September 2025	239,670	988,745
Payments - September 2026	256,675	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 17,005	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 7.1%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



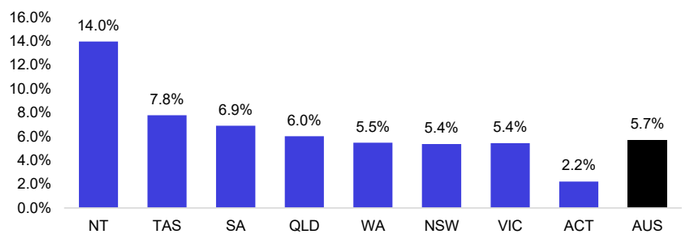
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Unemployment rate



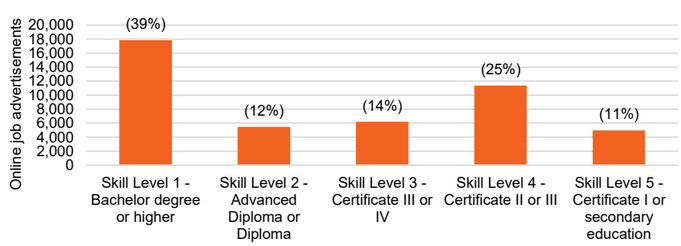
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

% 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.

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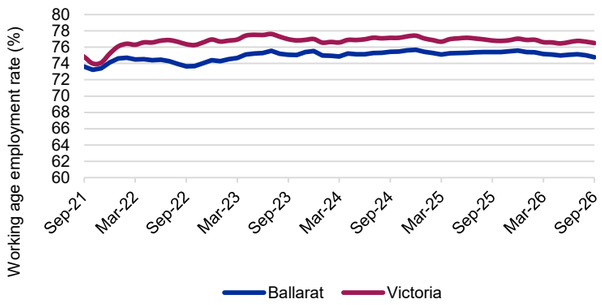
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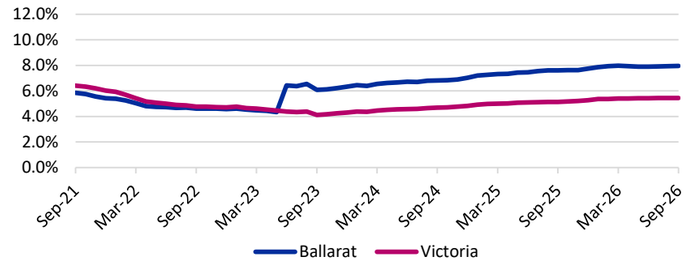
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Ballarat	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	8,575	239,670
Payments - September 2026	9,005	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 430	↑ 17,005
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 7.1%

% 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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Victoria	256,675	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

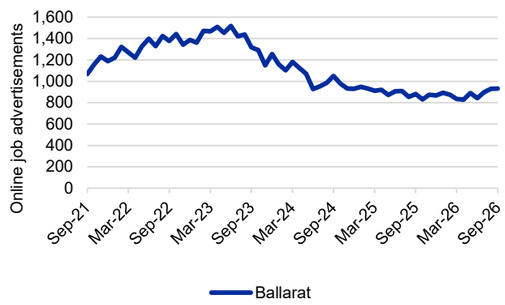
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Central Goldfields	7.6	8.2
Pyrenees	4.5	4.8
Ballarat	4.2	4.3
Moorabool	3.8	3.6
Golden Plains	2.8	2.9

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

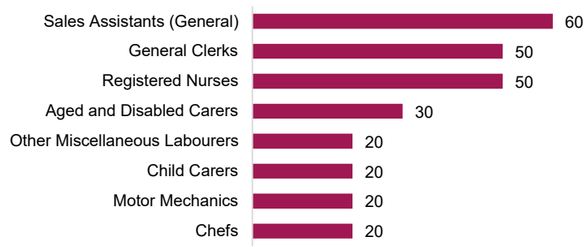
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
930
Change over the month
0.1%
(50 job advertisements)
Annual change
5.8%
(job advertisements)

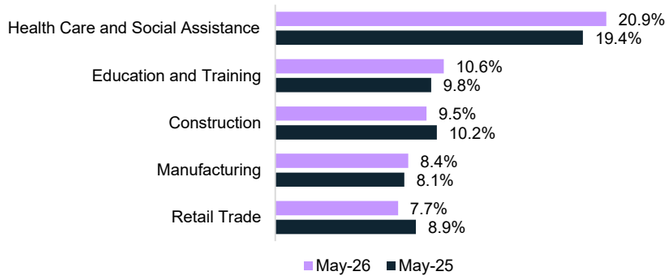
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Online job advertisements by occupation



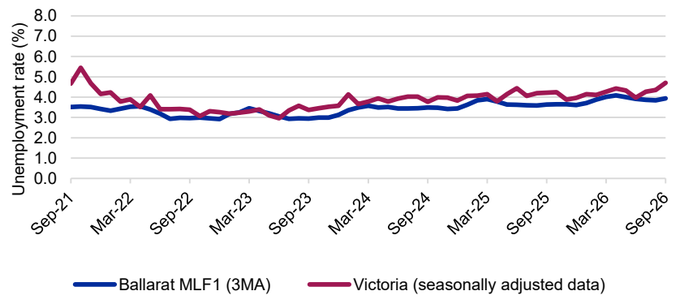
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Largest employing industries



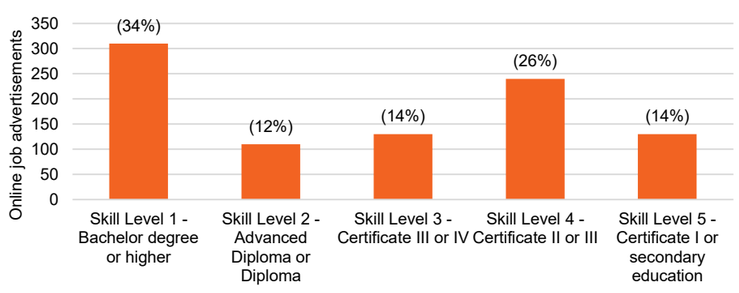
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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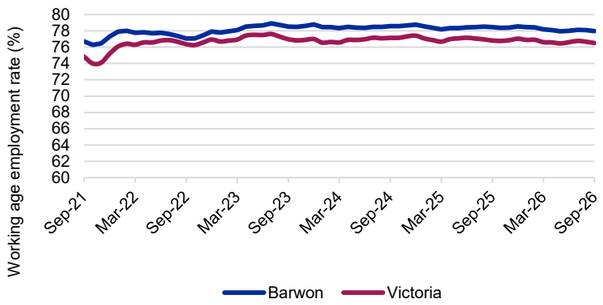
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Barwon	78.0	78.4	7.4	6.6	11.4	3.8	3.5	81.1	81.3	9.3	7.7
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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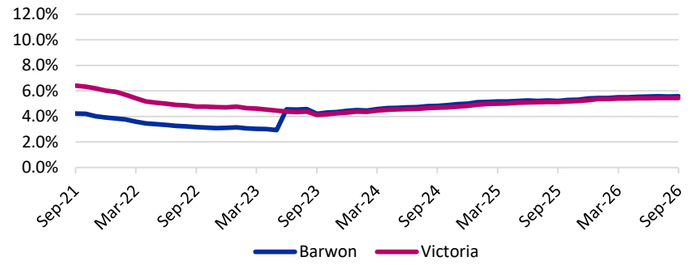
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Working age employment rate (%)



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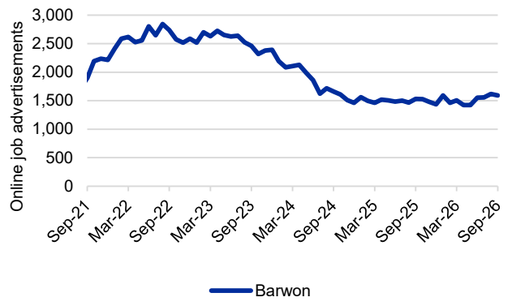
JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Barwon	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	11,590	239,670
Payments - September 2026	12,530	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 940	↑ 17,005
	↑ 8.1%	↑ 7.1%

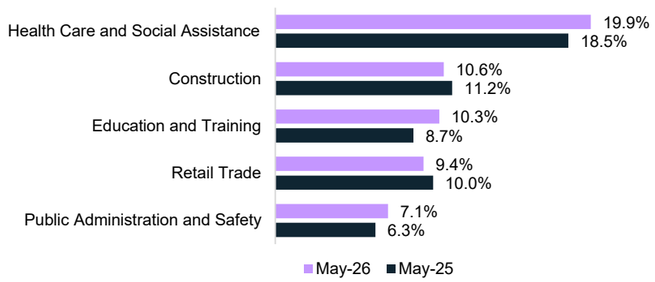
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,600
Change over the month
-1.5%
(100 job advertisements)
Annual change
3.8%
(job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries



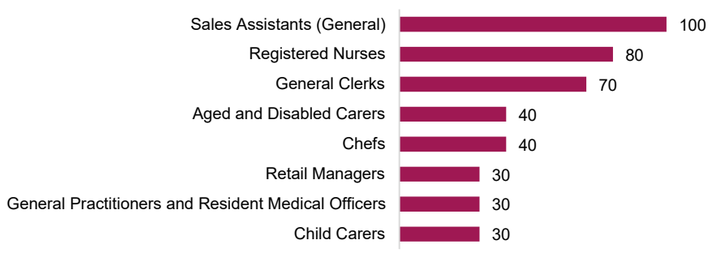
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

% 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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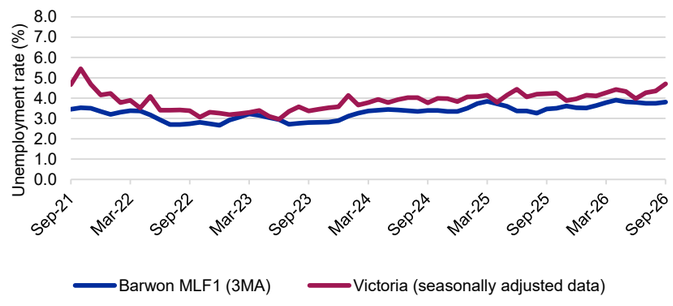
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



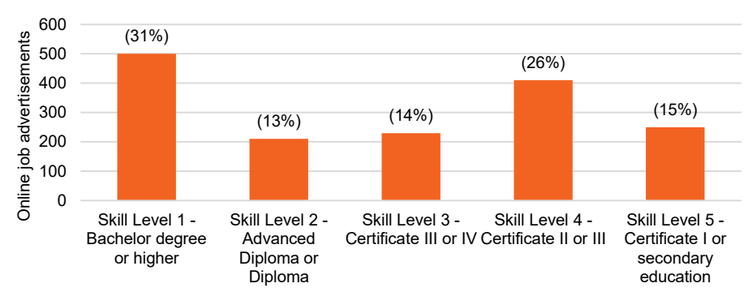
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Greater Geelong	5.1	4.6
Golden Plains	2.8	2.9
Queenscliffe	2.2	2.0
Surf Coast	1.9	1.7

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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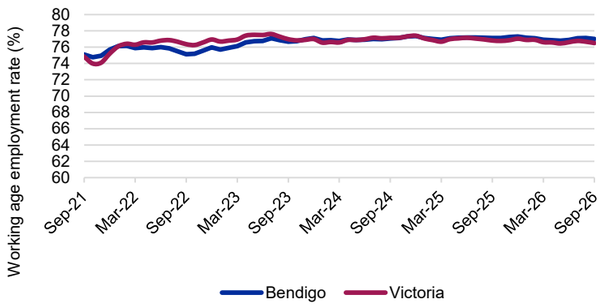
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Bendigo	77.0	77.1	3.2	3.0	7.2	3.5	3.3	79.9	79.8	8.8	7.3
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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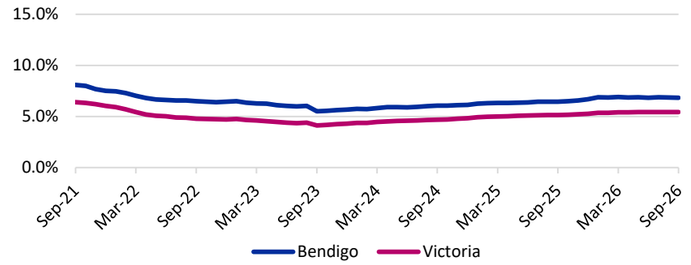
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Bendigo	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	6,695	239,670
Payments - September 2026	7,100	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 405	↑ 17,005
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

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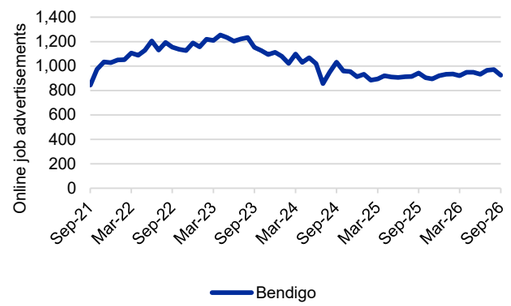
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Loddon	5.2	5.4
Greater Bendigo	4.2	4.1
Mount Alexander	3.2	3.2
Macedon Ranges	1.7	1.9

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

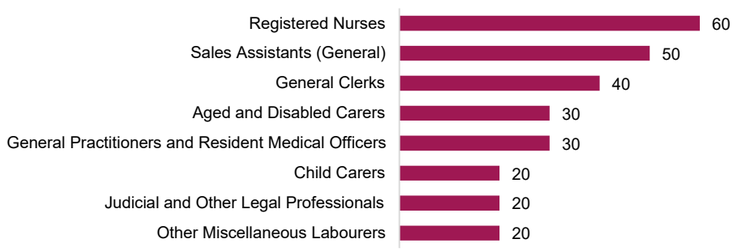
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
-4.7%
(-20 job advertisements)
Annual change
-2.0%
(-50 job advertisements)

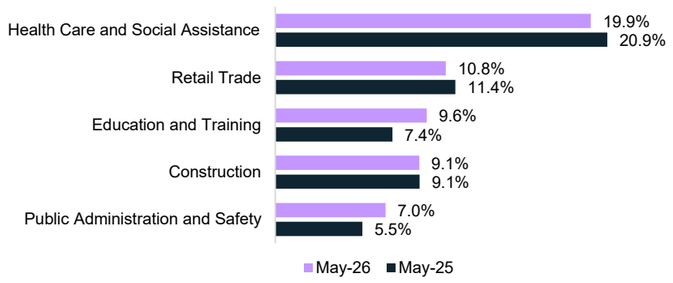
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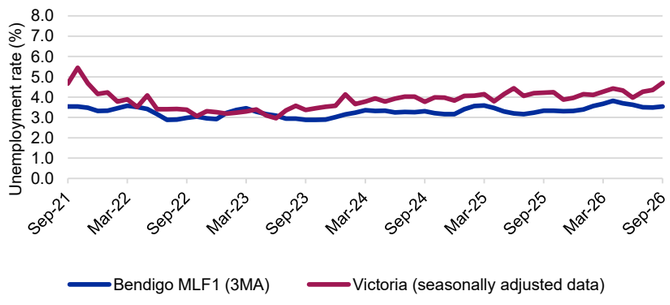
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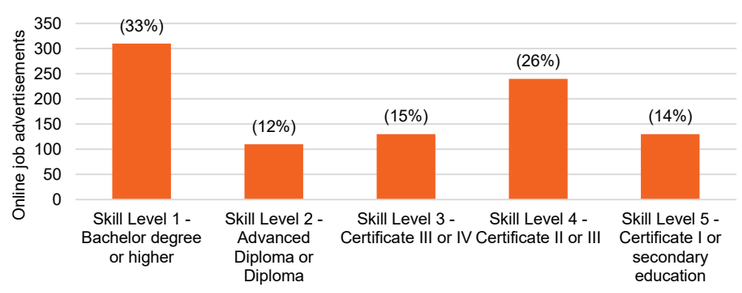
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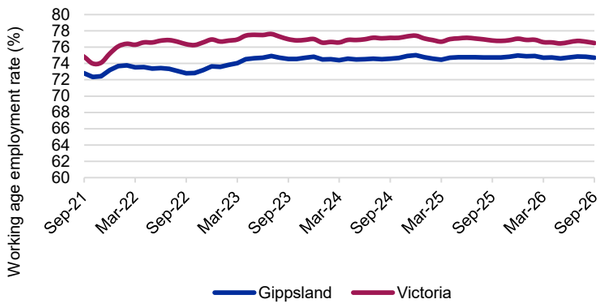
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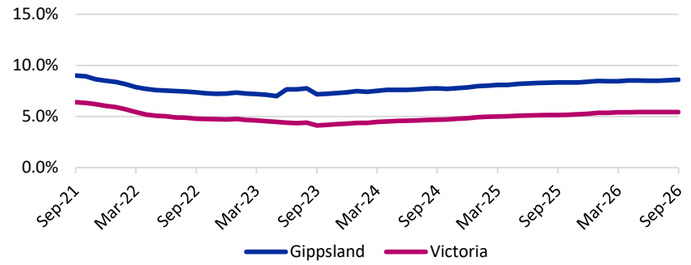
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Gippsland	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	14,945	239,670
Payments - September 2026	15,390	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 445	↑ 17,005
	↑ 3.0%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
Gippsland	15,390	8.6%
Victoria	256,675	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

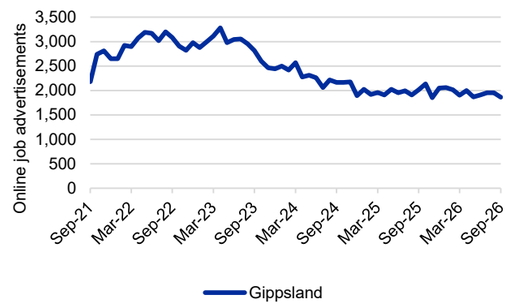
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Latrobe (Vic.)	5.9	6.9
East Gippsland	4.9	5.5
Wellington	4.0	4.5
Bass Coast	3.1	3.5
Baw Baw	2.7	2.9

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

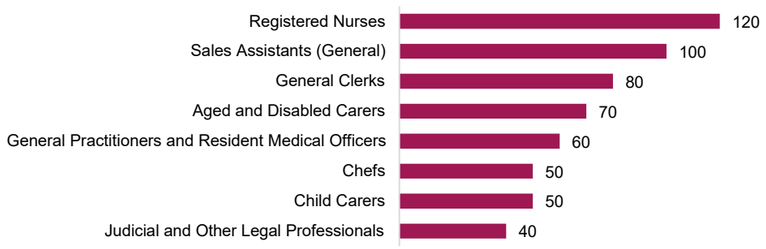
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,900
Change over the month
-4.5%
(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-7.4%
(-100 job advertisements)

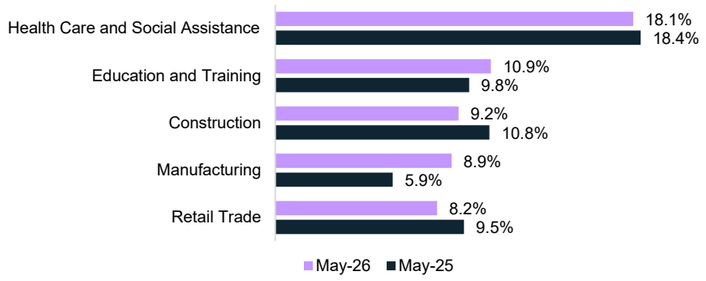
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Online job advertisements by occupation



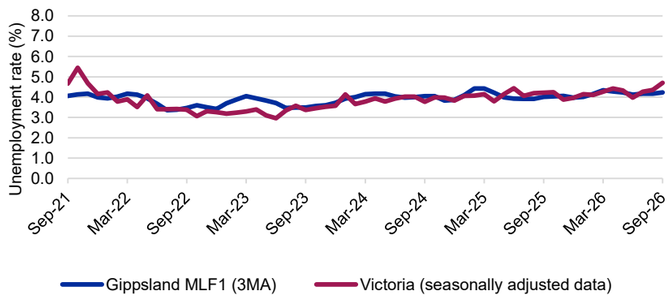
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Largest employing industries



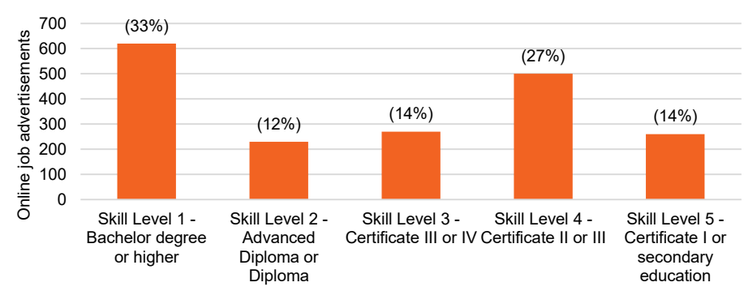
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

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Goulburn/Murray
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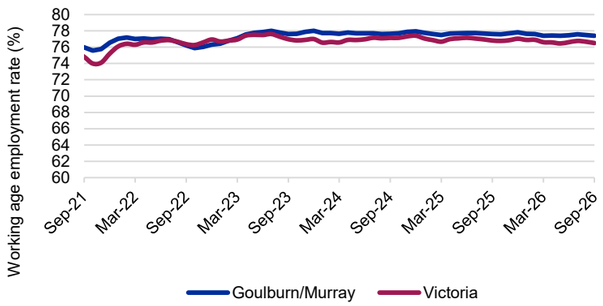
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Goulburn/Murray	77.4	77.6	6.0	5.7	6.4	3.6	3.4	80.4	80.4	8.9	7.5
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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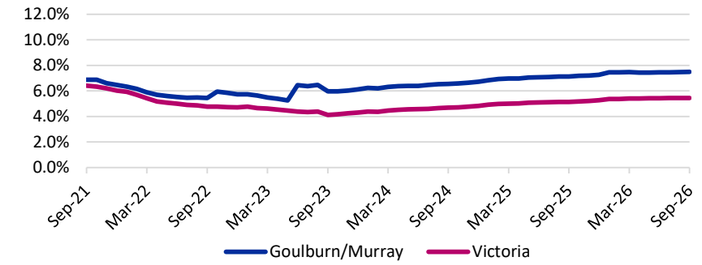
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Working age employment rate (%)



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

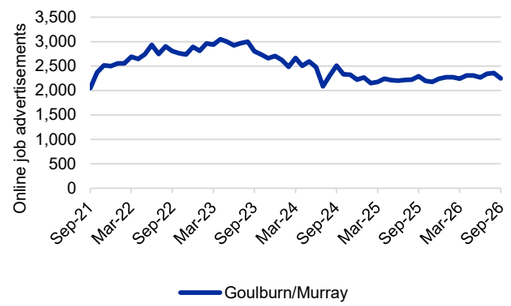
	Goulburn/Murray	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	13,540	239,670
Payments - September 2026	14,170	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 630	↑ 17,005
	↑ 4.7%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
Goulburn/Murray	14,170	7.5%
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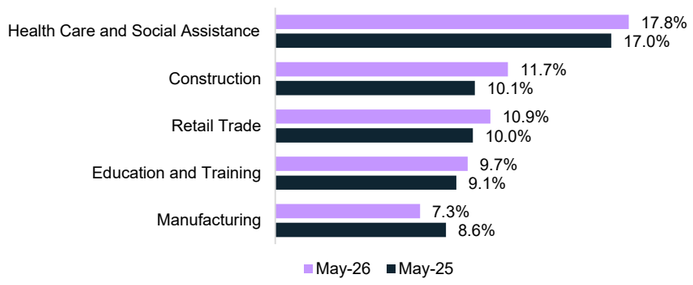
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
2,200
Change over the month
-4.7%
(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
-2.0%
(-200 job advertisements)

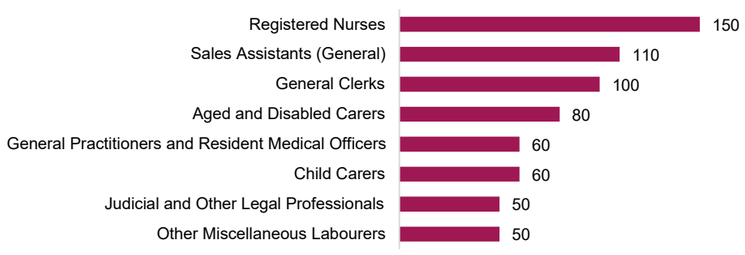
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Largest employing industries



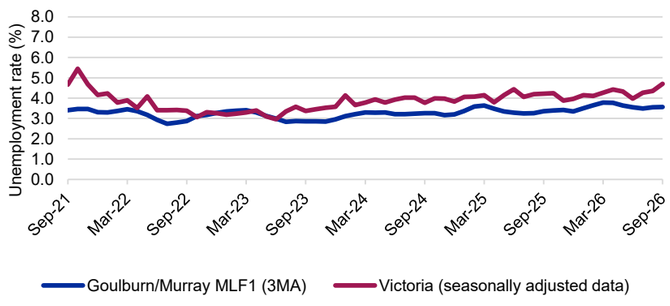
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



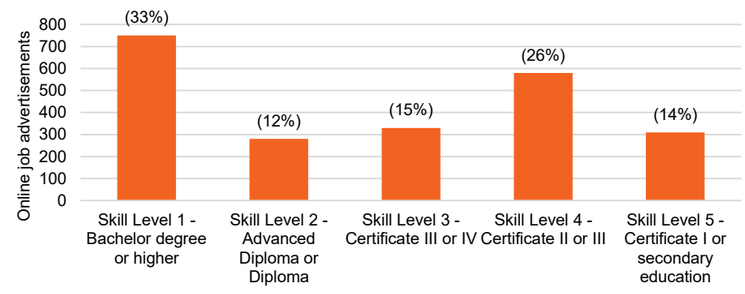
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Albury	5.8	4.7
Mitchell	5.4	4.7
Benalla	4.6	5.7
Murrindindi	4.5	4.4
Wodonga	4.3	5.6

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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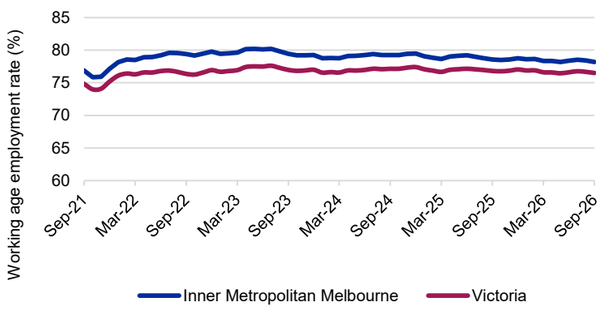
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Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	78.2	78.6	44.7	40.2	11.3	4.5	4.1	82.0	82.0	11.8	10.3
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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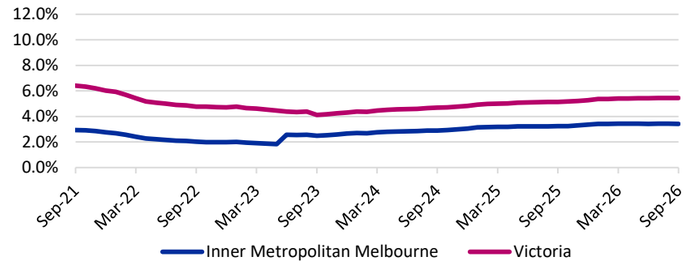
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

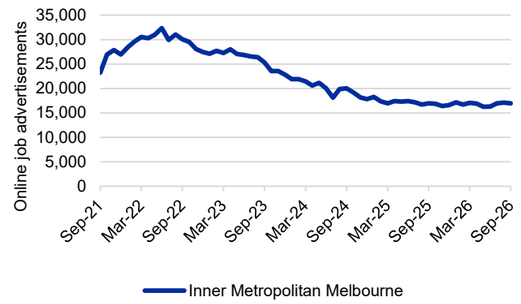
	Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	36,770	239,670
Payments - September 2026	39,255	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 2,485	↑ 17,005
	↑ 6.8%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
Inner Metropolitan Melbourne	39,255	3.4%
Victoria	256,675	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

Online job advertisements



Number of job ads

17,000

Change over the month

-0.8%

(0 job advertisements)

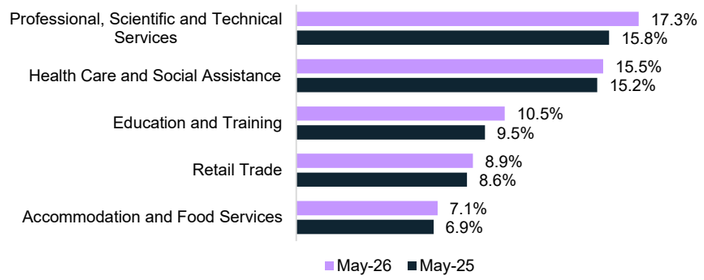
Annual change

0.1%

(-100 job advertisements)

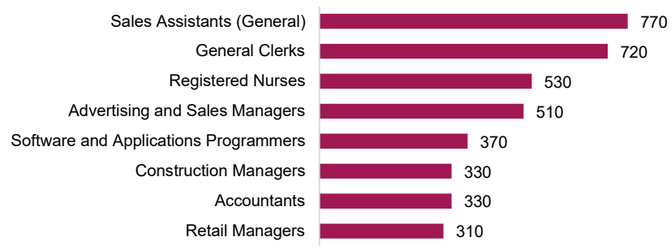
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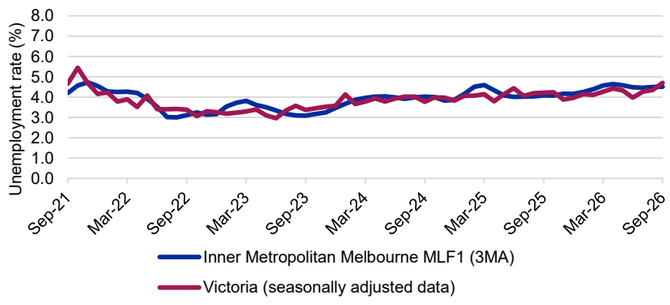
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Unemployment rate



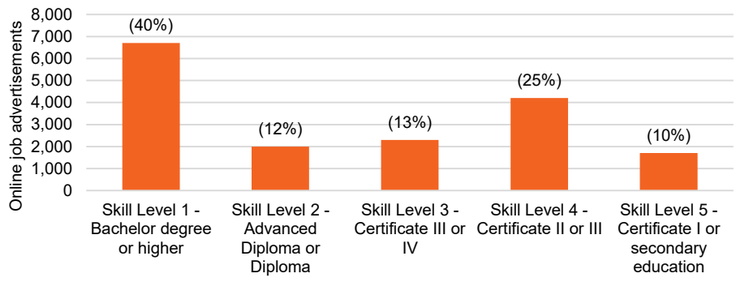
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Yarra	5.7	5.9
Darebin	5.4	4.7
Merri-bek	5.0	5.4
Kingston (Vic.)	4.9	5.1
Port Phillip	4.8	5.1

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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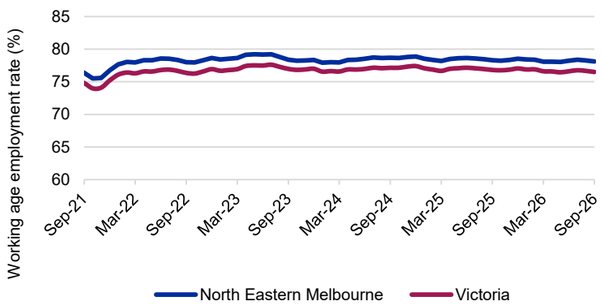
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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
North Eastern Melbourne	78.1	78.3	28.3	25.1	12.9	4.4	3.9	81.8	81.6	11.6	10.2
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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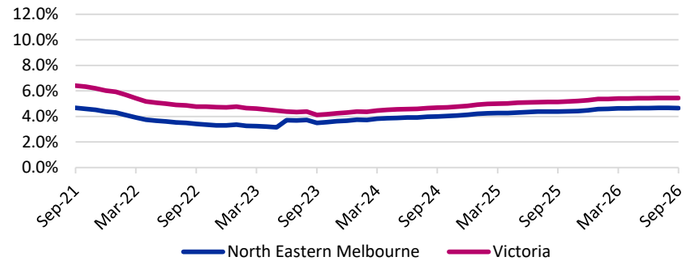
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Working age employment rate (%)



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Change in JobSeeker income support payments

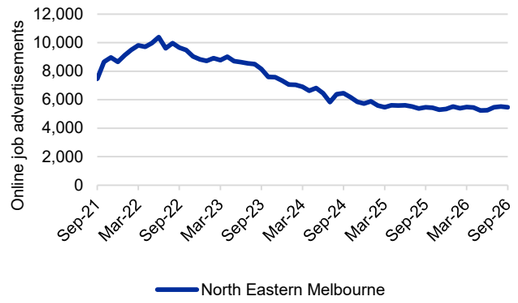
	North Eastern Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	32,380	239,670
Payments - September 2026	34,850	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 2,470	↑ 17,005
	↑ 7.6%	↑ 7.1%

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

	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
North Eastern Melbourne	34,850	4.7%
Victoria	256,675	5.4%
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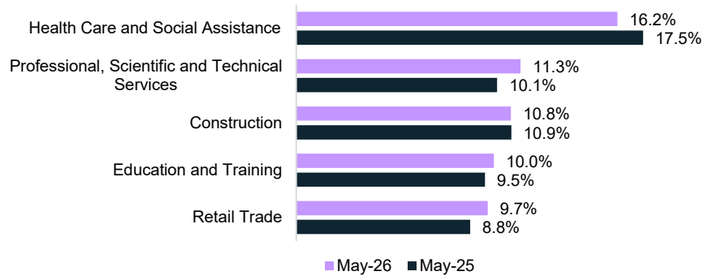
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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Change over the month
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(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.0%
(job advertisements)

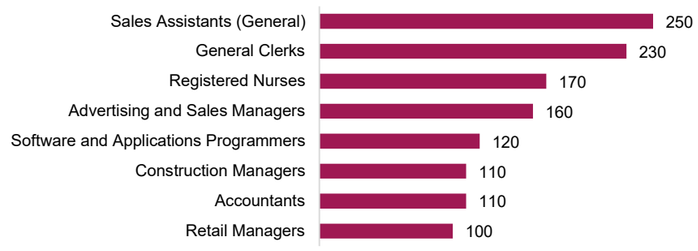
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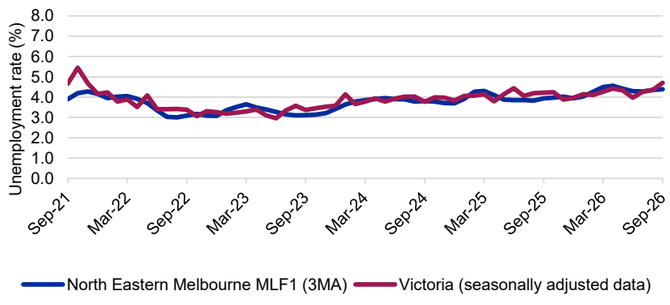
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Unemployment rate



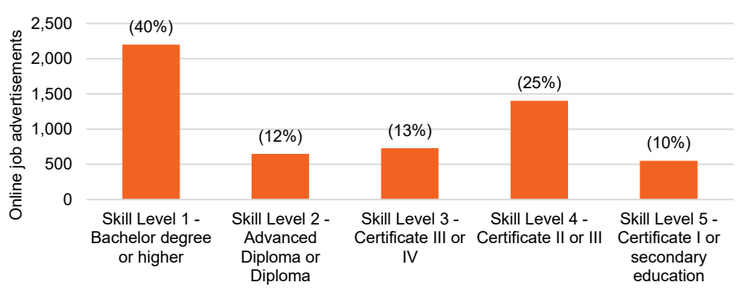
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Whittlesea	5.9	4.1
Darebin	5.4	4.7
Mitchell	5.4	4.7
Yarra Ranges	4.7	3.5
Maroondah	4.7	3.7

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

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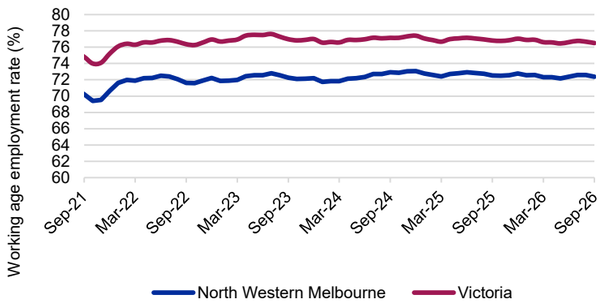
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North Western Melbourne	72.4	72.5	14.5	13.3	9.5	5.7	5.3	76.9	76.7	14.3	13.0
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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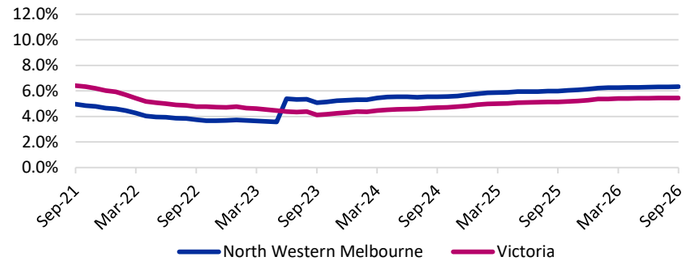
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Working age employment rate (%)



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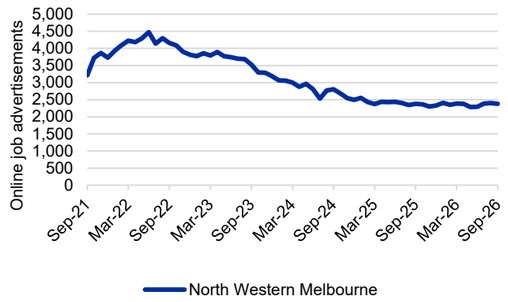
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% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support payments

	total persons on JobSeeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support
North Western Melbourne	20,205	6.3%
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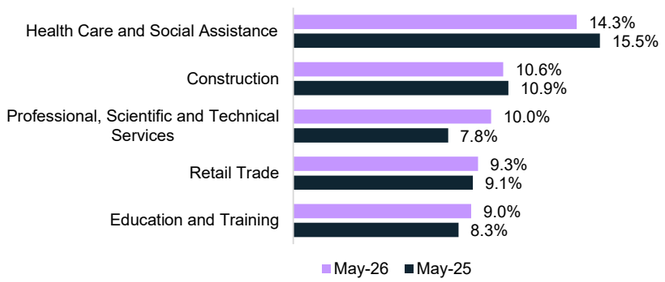
Online job advertisements



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

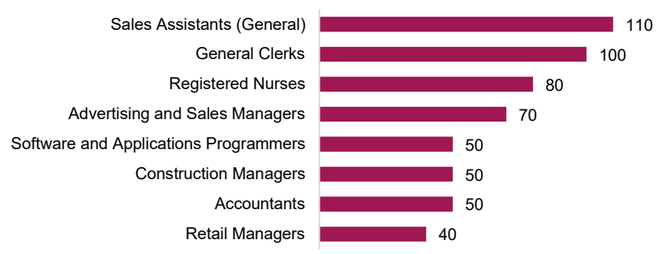
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Largest employing industries



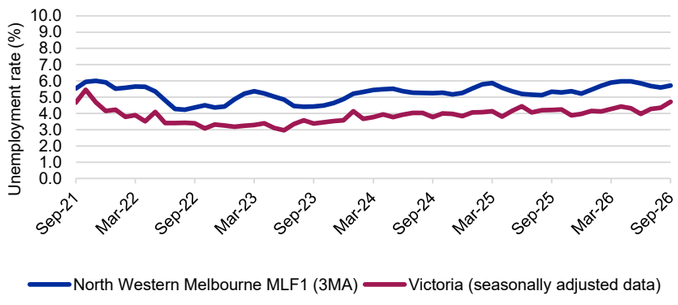
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



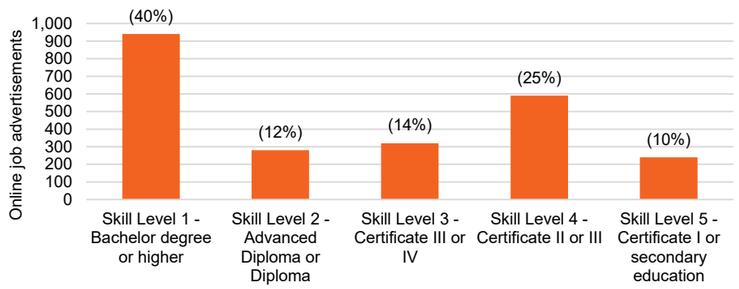
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, MLF1, (3MA), September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Brimbank	7.2	6.8
Hume	6.7	7.9
Merri-bek	5.0	5.4
Moonee Valley	4.2	4.8
Macedon Ranges	1.7	1.9

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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South Coast of Victoria
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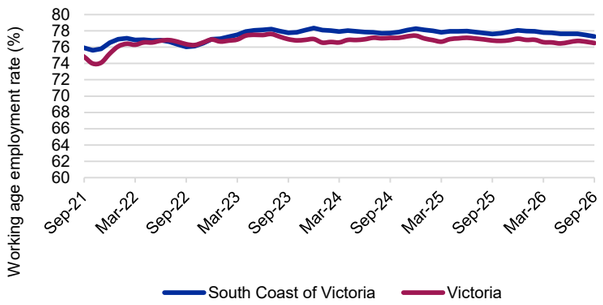
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Labour market summary table

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South Coast of Victoria	77.3	77.6	2.0	1.9	6.1	2.9	2.8	79.8	79.9	7.2	6.0
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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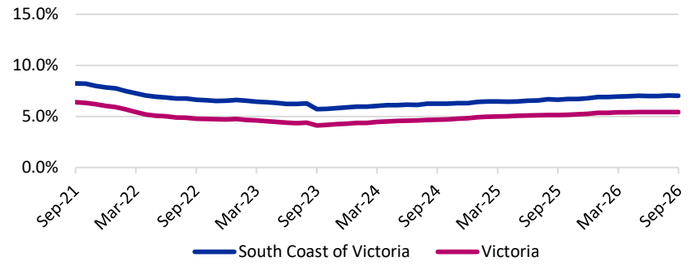
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	South Coast of Victoria	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	4,885	239,670
Payments - September 2026	5,120	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 235	↑ 17,005
	↑ 4.8%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
South Coast of Victoria	5,120	7.0%
Victoria	256,675	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

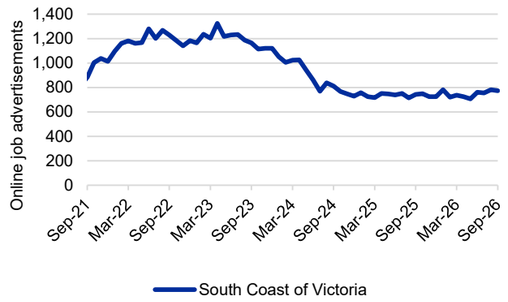
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Glenelg	3.2	2.5
Southern Grampians	2.7	2.2
Warrnambool	2.1	1.6
Colac Otway	2.1	1.6
Corangamite	1.9	1.3

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

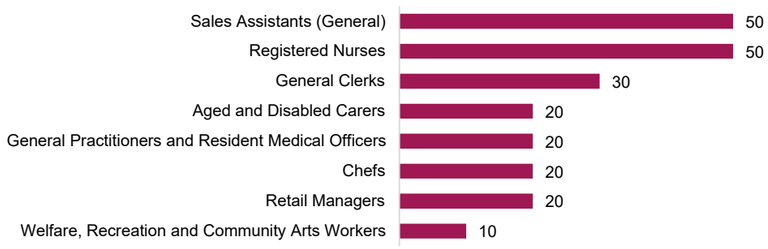
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
770
Change over the month
-1.1%
(30 job advertisements)
Annual change
3.9%
(-10 job advertisements)

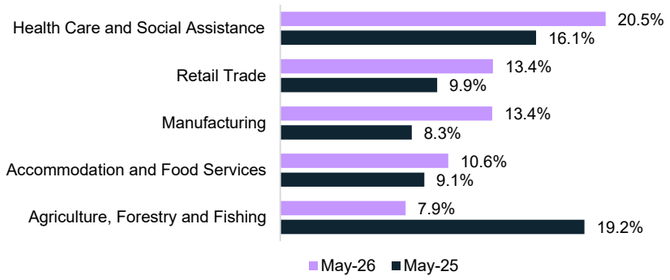
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Online job advertisements by occupation



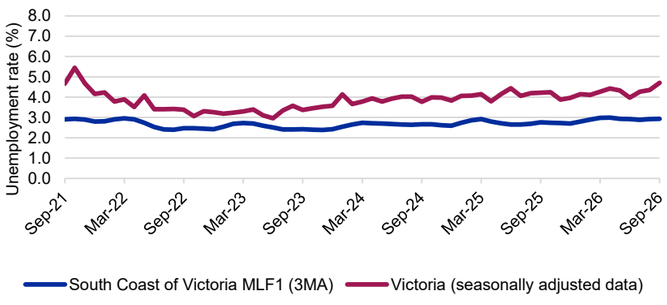
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Largest employing industries



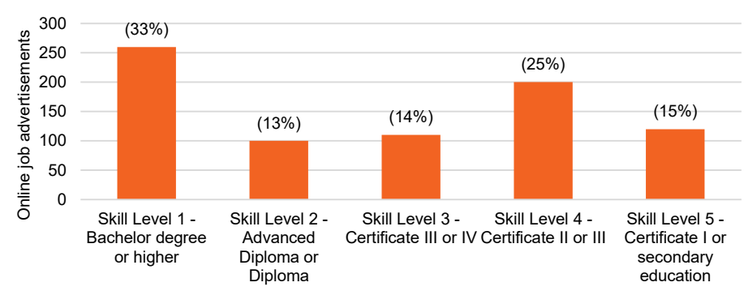
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula
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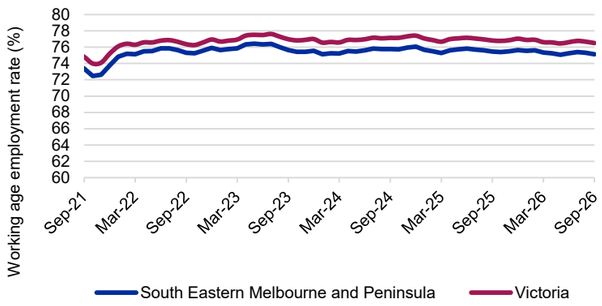
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South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	75.1	75.5	41.5	35.3	17.5	5.8	5.1	79.9	79.6	14.1	12.2
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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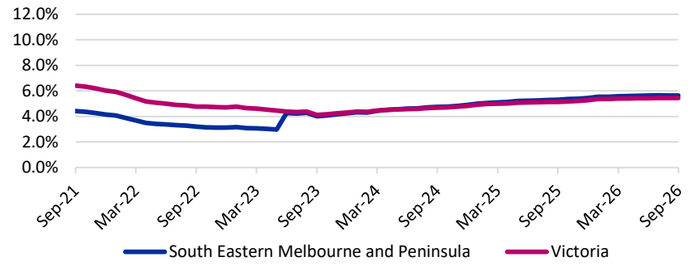
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	44,325	239,670
Payments - September 2026	47,815	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 3,490	↑ 17,005
	↑ 7.9%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula	47,815	5.6%
Victoria	256,675	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

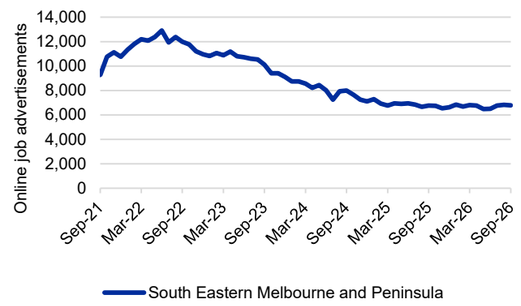
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Greater Dandenong	8.4	7.7
Casey	6.2	5.5
Kingston (Vic.)	4.9	5.1
Frankston	4.6	5.2
Cardinia	4.5	4.1

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

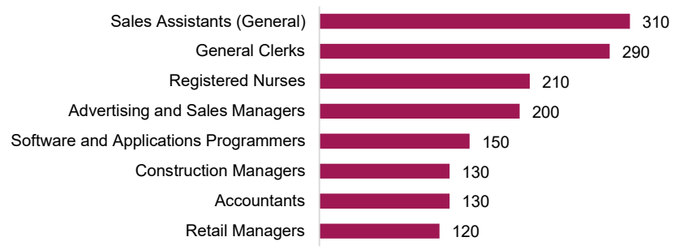
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
6,800
Change over the month
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(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.1%
(job advertisements)

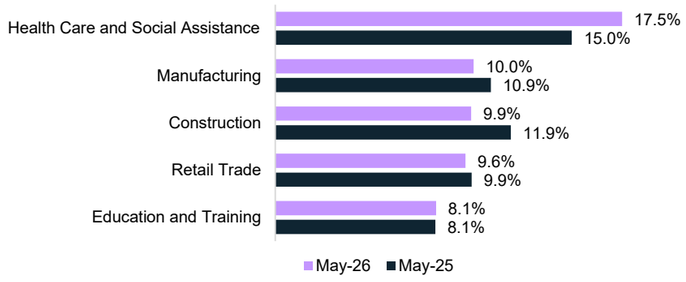
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Online job advertisements by occupation



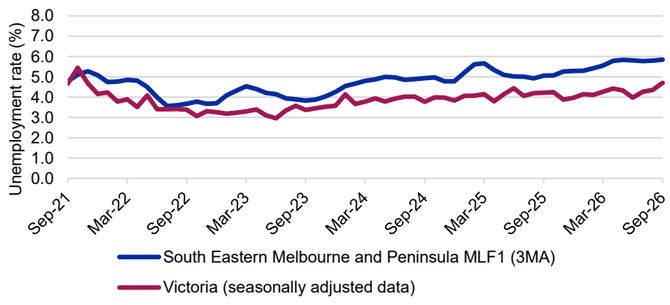
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Largest employing industries



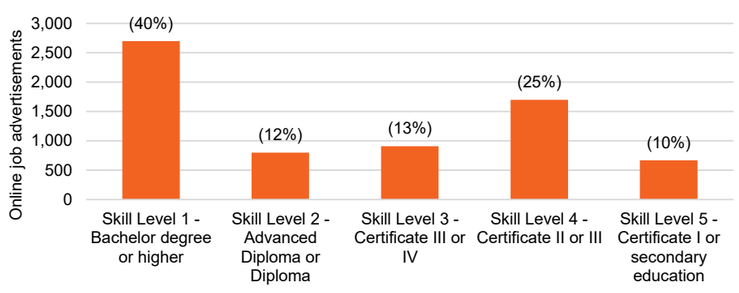
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

Unemployment rate



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Online job advertisements by skill level



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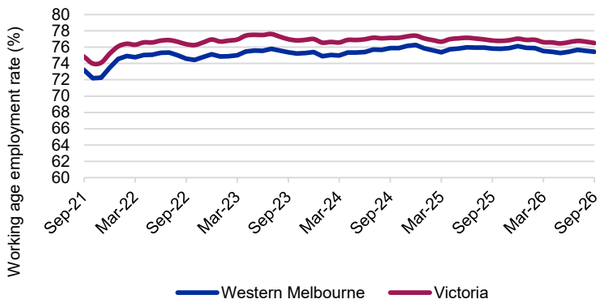
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	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
Western Melbourne	75.4	75.8	37.2	32.2	15.8	6.6	5.8	80.8	80.6	15.9	14.0
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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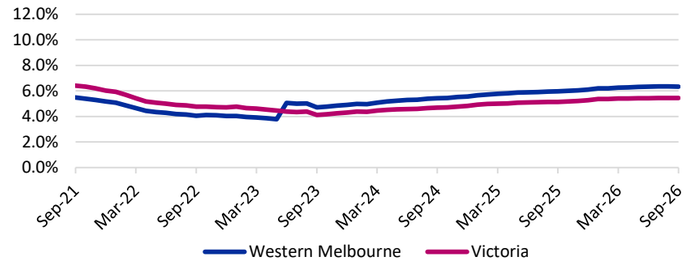
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Working age employment rate (%)



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

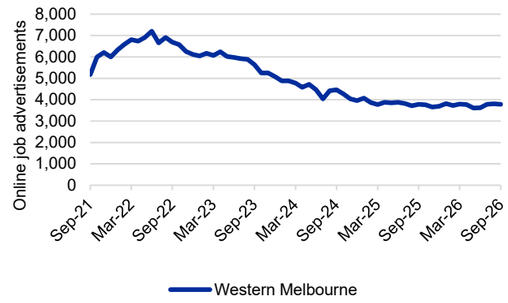
	Western Melbourne	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	39,885	239,670
Payments - September 2026	43,415	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 3,530	↑ 17,005
	↑ 8.9%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
Western Melbourne	43,415	6.3%
Victoria	256,675	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

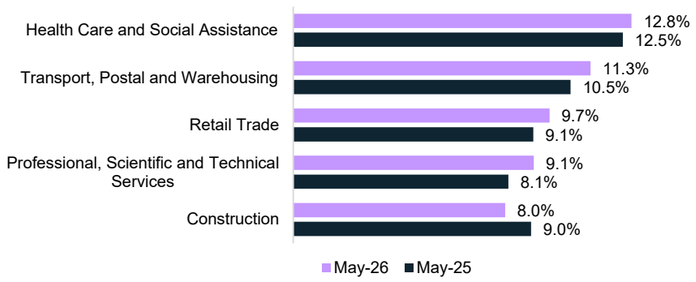
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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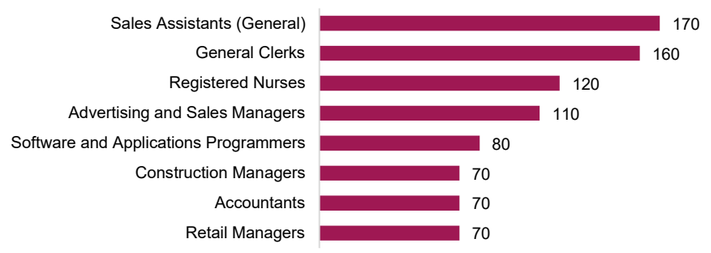
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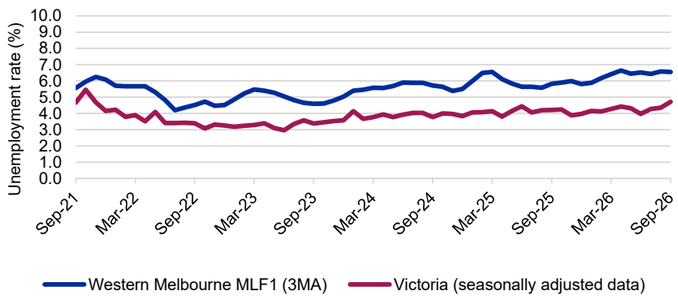
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Unemployment rate



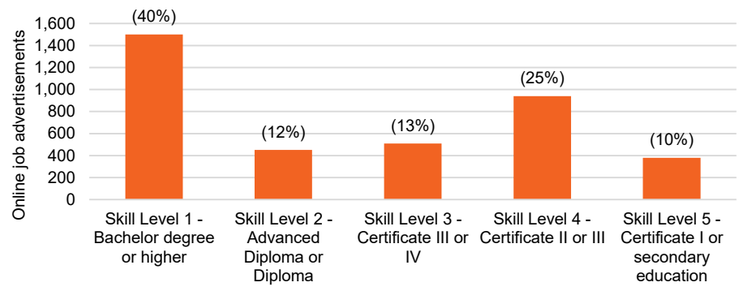
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Brimbank	7.2	6.8
Melton	6.6	5.7
Wyndham	5.4	4.9
Maribyrnong	4.6	4.3
Moorabool	3.8	3.6

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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Wimmera Mallee
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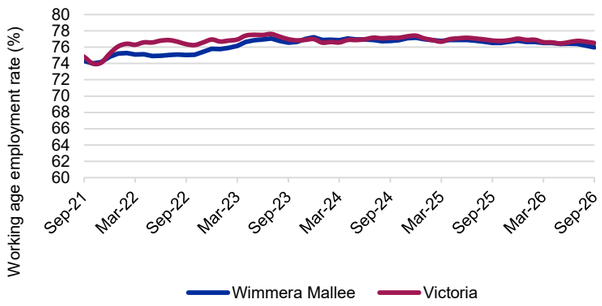
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Wimmera Mallee	76.0	76.5	2.7	2.6	5.7	3.4	3.2	78.8	79.2	8.5	7.1
Victoria	76.5	76.8	203.4	189.5	7.3	5.1	4.7	80.6	80.5	12.3	10.7
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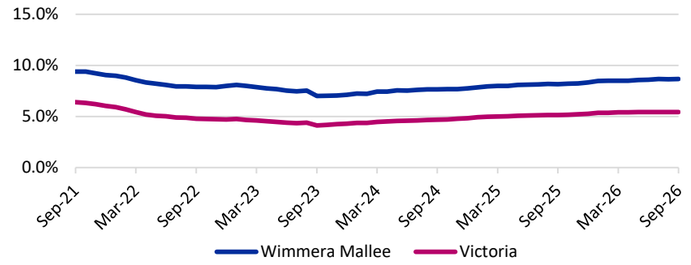
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Working age employment rate (%)



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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

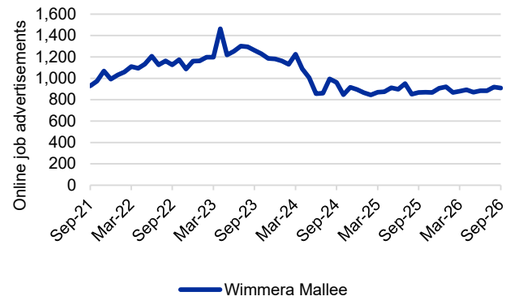
	Wimmera Mallee	Victoria
Payments - September 2025	7,435	239,670
Payments - September 2026	7,810	256,675
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 375	↑ 17,005
	↑ 5.0%	↑ 7.1%

% 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
Wimmera Mallee	7,810	8.7%
Victoria	256,675	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

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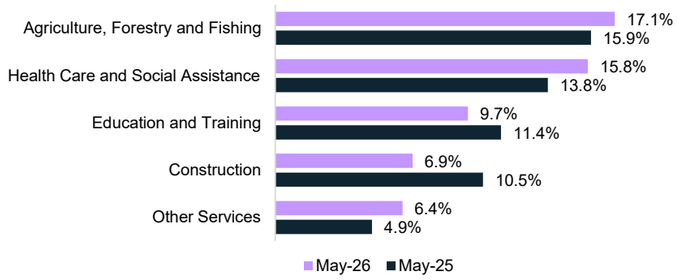
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
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(40 job advertisements)
Annual change
4.6%
(-10 job advertisements)

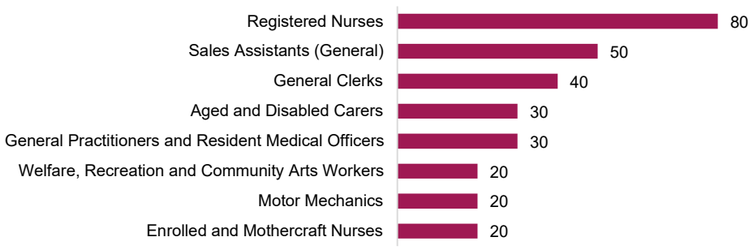
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Largest employing industries



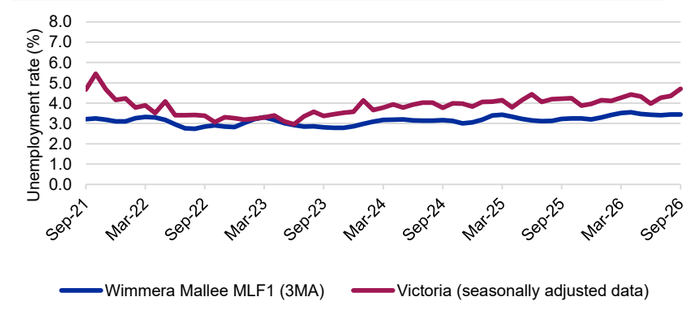
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



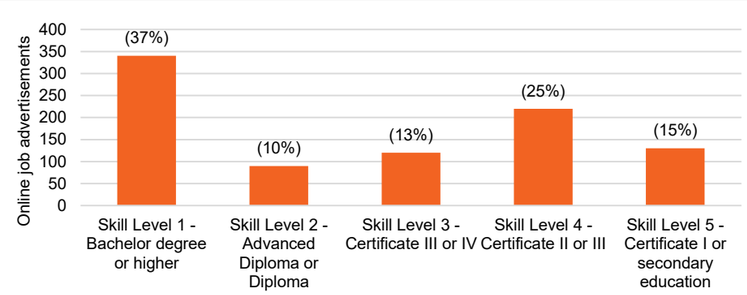
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Wentworth	6.0	4.8
Yarriambiack	2.8	3.0
Mildura	2.7	3.2
Ararat	2.7	3.2
Gannawarra	2.4	2.7

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

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.