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Labour Market Dashboard
Western Australia

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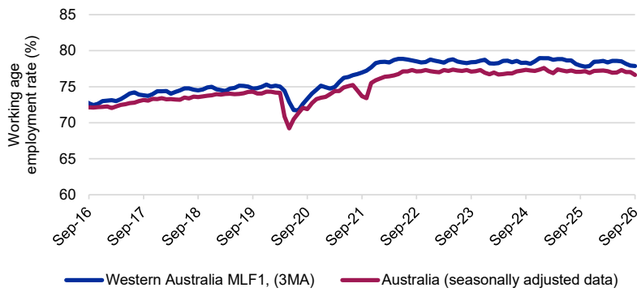
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the Western Australian labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

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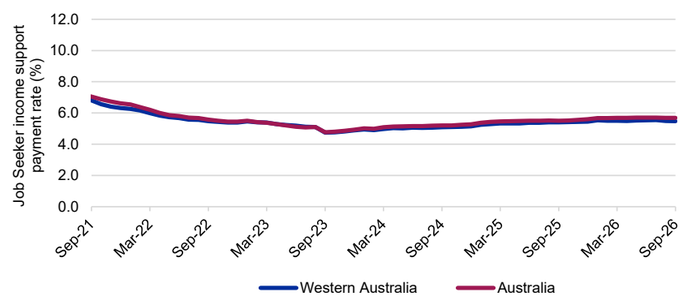
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, September-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.

Working age employment rate

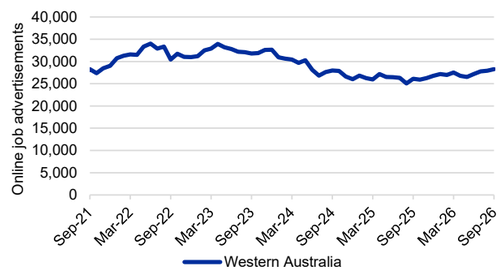


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), September -26

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



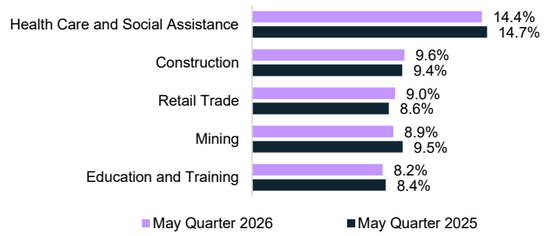
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
28,300
Change over the month
1.2%
(or 400 job advertisements)
Annual change
8.3%
(or 2,200 job advertisements)

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

Largest employing industries

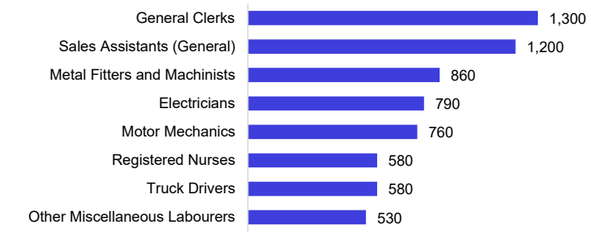


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

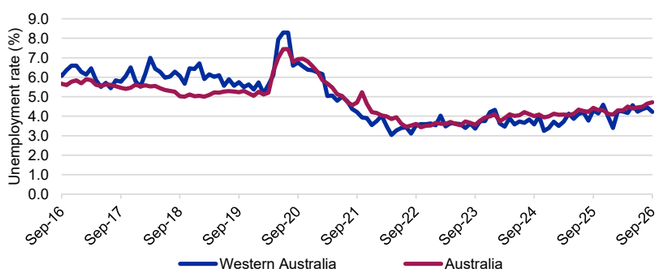
	Western Australia	Australia
Payments - September 2025	107,890	988,745
Payments - September 2026	112,380	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 4,490	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 4.2%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



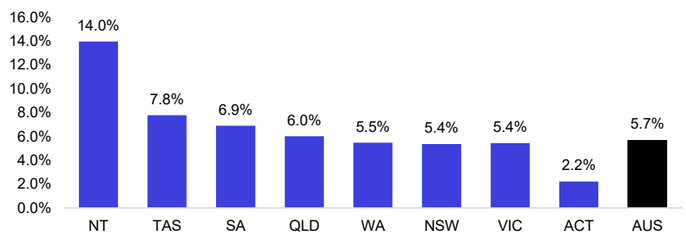
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Unemployment rate



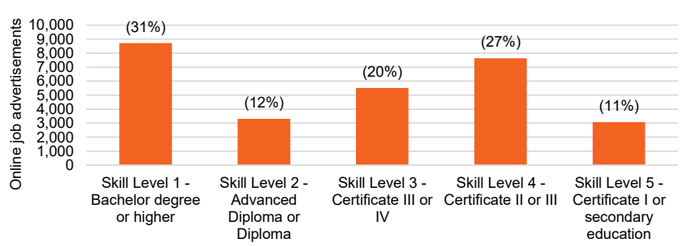
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

% 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



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.

Great Southern - Wheatbelt

Employment Region

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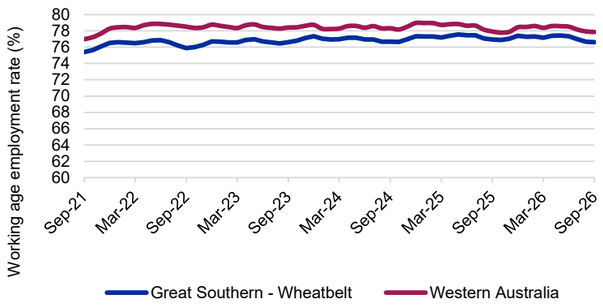
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Western Australia	77.9	77.9	75.2	74.0	1.7	4.2	4.3	81.5	81.4	9.8	8.9
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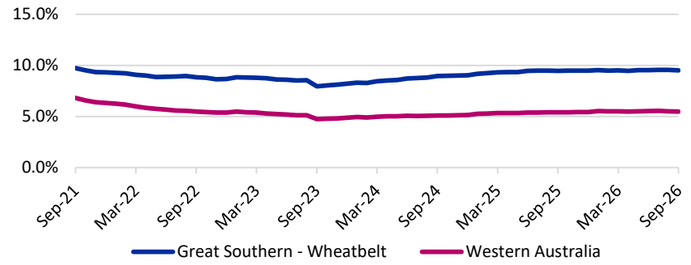
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Great Southern - Wheatbelt	Western Australia
Payments - September 2025	8,345	107,890
Payments - September 2026	8,525	112,380
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 180	↑ 4,490
	↑ 2.2%	↑ 4.2%

% 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
Great Southern - Wheatbelt	8,525	9.5%
Western Australia	112,380	5.5%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

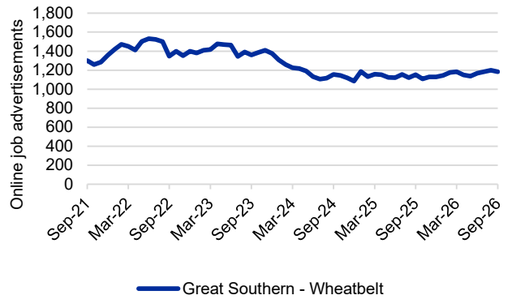
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Cunderdin*	6.2	2.8
Kellerberrin*	6.2	2.8
Quairading*	6.2	2.7
Tammin*	5.9	3.1
Woodanilling*	5.6	2.7

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

1,200

Change over the month

-1.4%

(0 job advertisements)

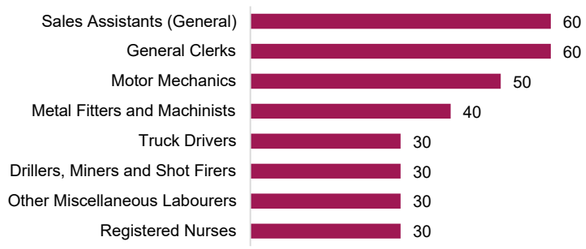
Annual change

2.6%

(job advertisements)

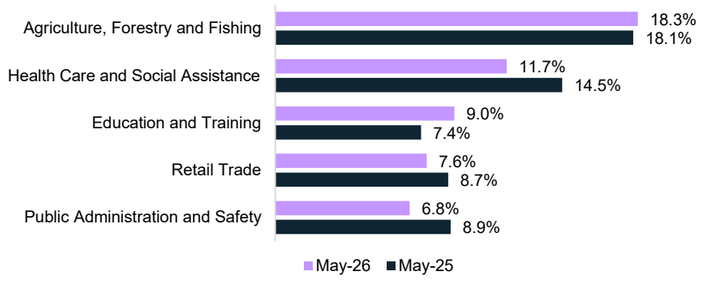
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Online job advertisements by occupation



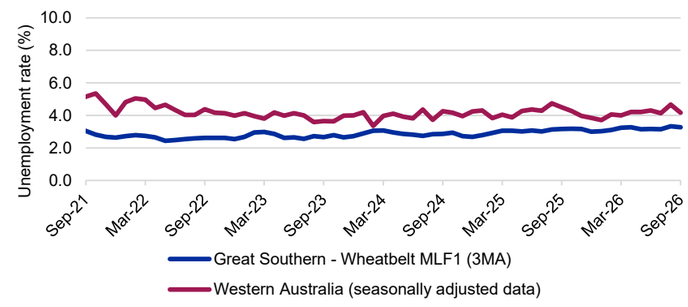
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Largest employing industries



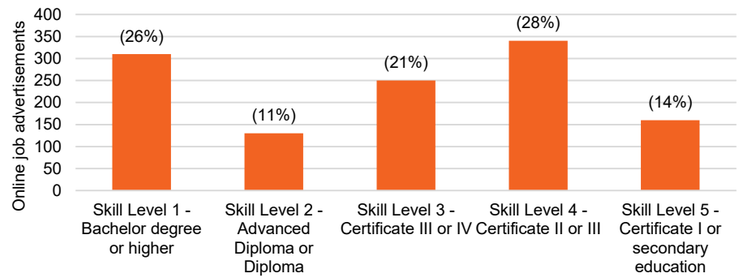
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

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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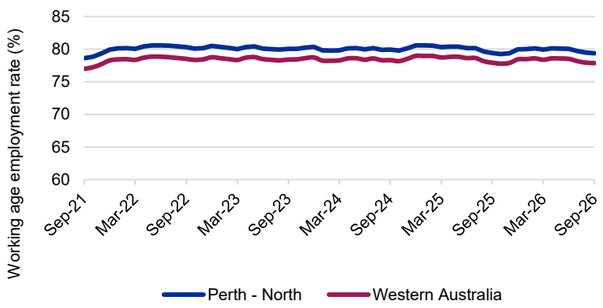
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Perth - North	79.4	79.4	28.3	26.6	6.3	4.0	3.8	82.8	82.6	9.7	8.7
Western Australia	77.9	77.9	75.2	74.0	1.7	4.2	4.3	81.5	81.4	9.8	8.9
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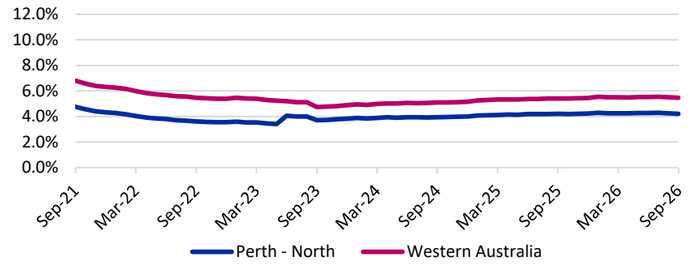
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JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

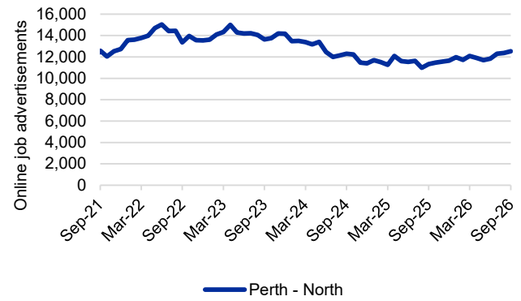
	Perth - North	Western Australia
Payments - September 2025	33,615	107,890
Payments - September 2026	34,680	112,380
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 1,065	↑ 4,490
	↑ 3.2%	↑ 4.2%

% 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
Perth - North	34,680	4.2%
Western Australia	112,380	5.5%
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

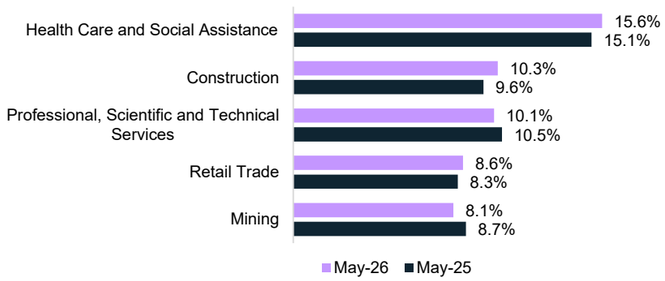
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
12,500
Change over the month
1.3%
(1,200 job advertisements)
Annual change
10.4%
(100 job advertisements)

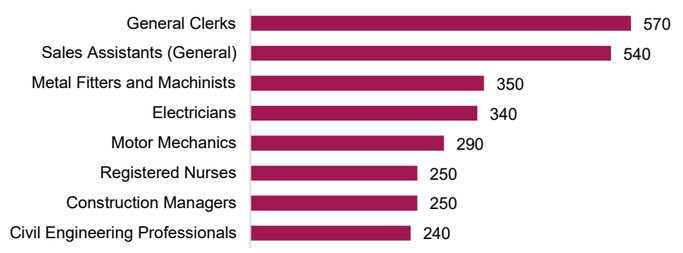
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, September 2026

Largest employing industries



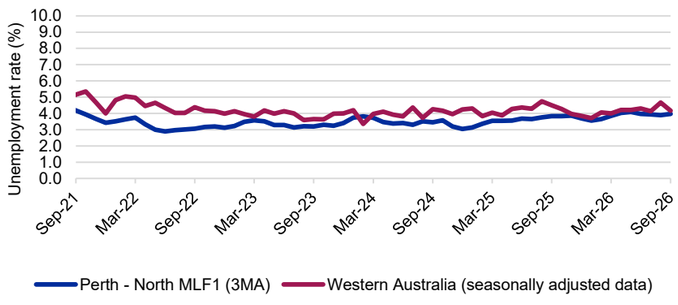
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Online job advertisements by occupation



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Unemployment rate



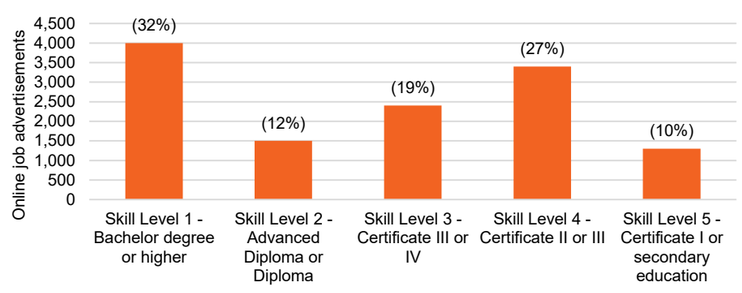
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LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Perth	7.6	5.3
Vincent	5.7	4.0
Wanneroo	5.5	4.6
Swan	4.2	4.3
Stirling	3.9	3.4

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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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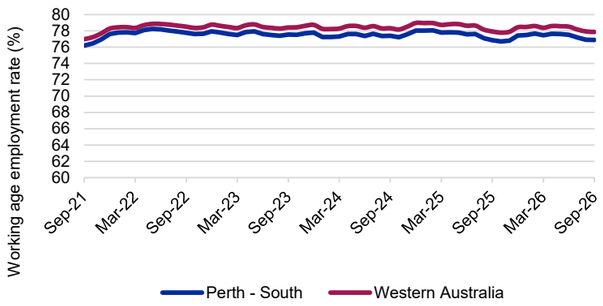
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Western Australia	77.9	77.9	75.2	74.0	1.7	4.2	4.3	81.5	81.4	9.8	8.9
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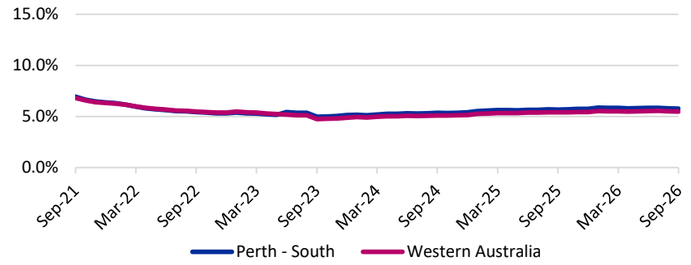
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	Perth - South	Western Australia
Payments - September 2025	47,045	107,890
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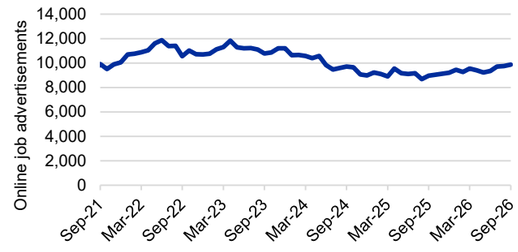
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Kwinana	7.7	7.3
Rockingham	6.2	5.8
Armadale	5.8	5.7
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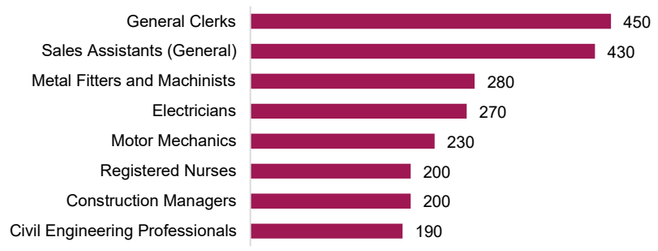
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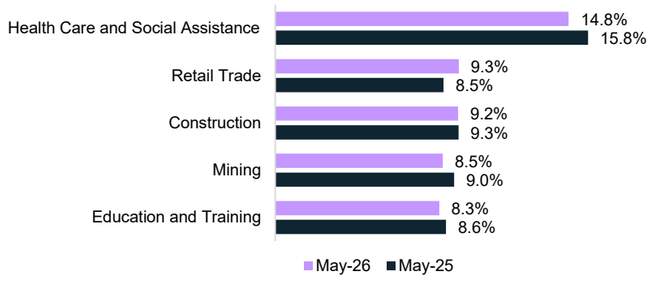
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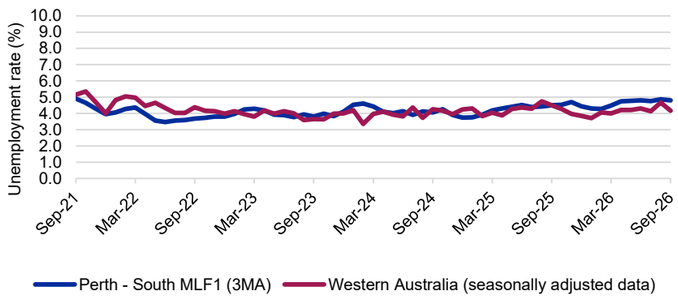
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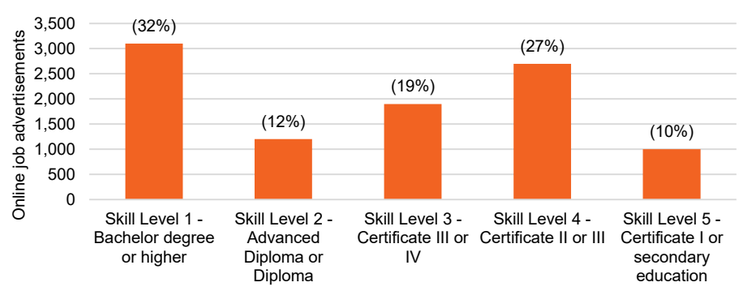
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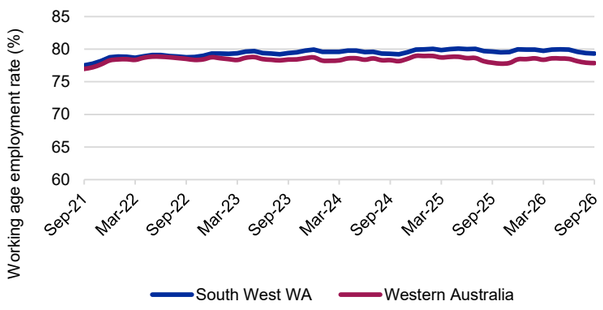
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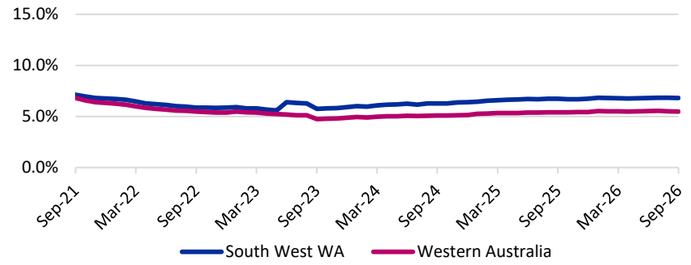
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Working age employment rate (%)



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

JobSeeker income support payments



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	South West WA	Western Australia
Payments - September 2025	8,670	107,890
Payments - September 2026	9,015	112,380
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 345	↑ 4,490
	↑ 4.0%	↑ 4.2%

% 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
South West WA	9,015	6.8%
Western Australia	112,380	5.5%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

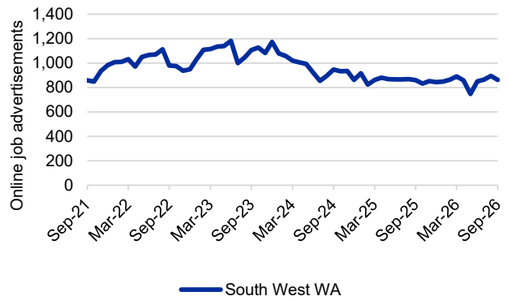
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Collie	5.9	6.2
Bunbury	5.0	5.3
Manjimup	3.7	3.5
Nannup*	3.3	3.1
Donnybrook-Balingup	2.9	2.8

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

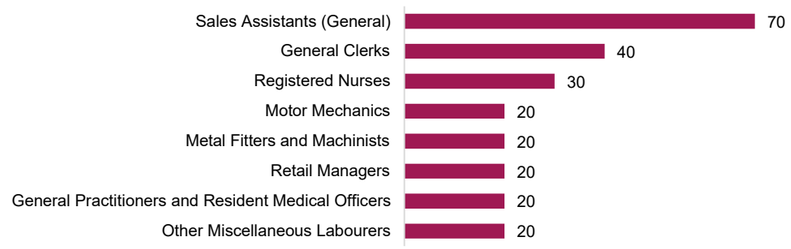
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
860
Change over the month
-3.7%
(0 job advertisements)
Annual change
0.0%
(-30 job advertisements)

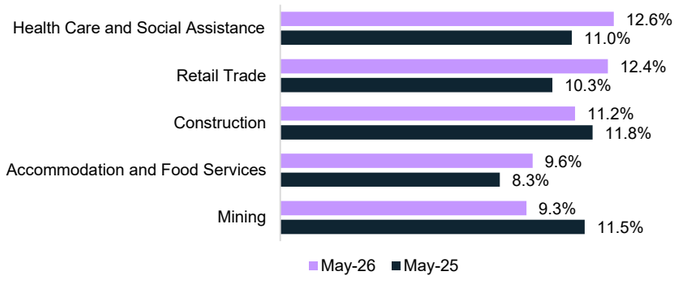
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Online job advertisements by occupation



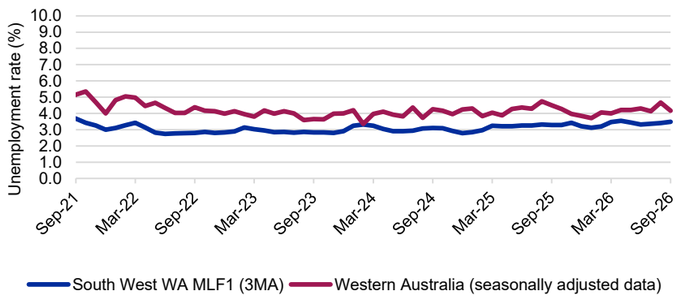
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Largest employing industries



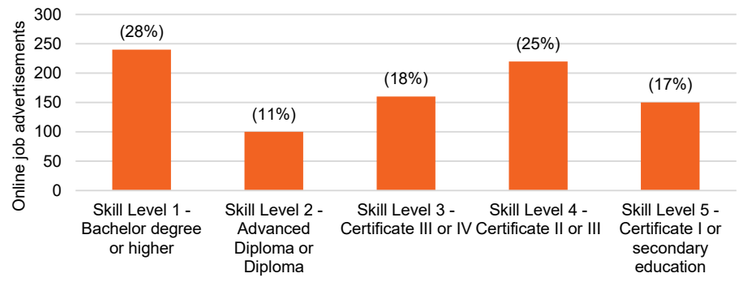
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

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

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.