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Labour Market Dashboard
New South Wales

Data current as at 15 October 2026

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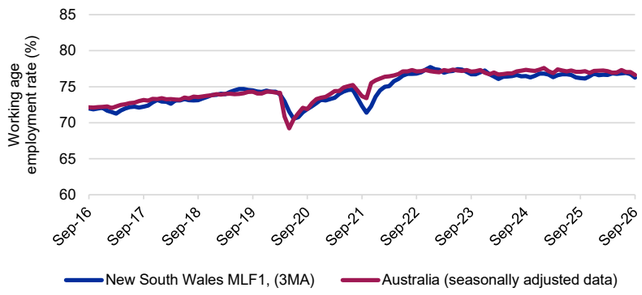
This Labour Market Dashboard provides a summary of the key indicators for the New South Wales labour market. Dashboards for Australia and Employment Regions are also available.

Labour market summary table

	Working Age Employment Rate		Unemployment			Unemployment rate		Working Age Participation Rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 ('000)	Sep-25 ('000)	Change (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)	Sep-26 (%)	Sep-25 (%)
New South Wales	76.3	76.2	223.0	196.6	13.4	4.7	4.2	79.9	79.6	10.0	9.3
Australia	76.6	77.1	732.0	676.8	8.2	4.7	4.4	80.5	80.7	11.1	10.5

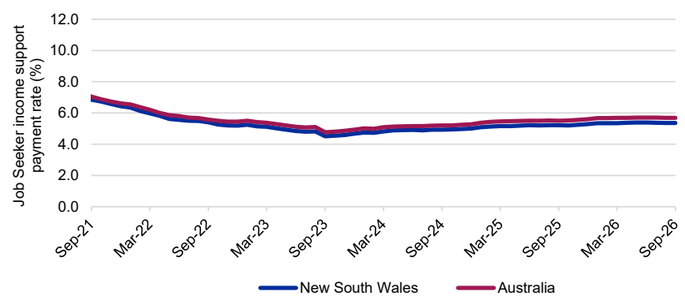
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, September-26. Data are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. state & and territory Youth unemployment rates are based on 12-month average MLF1 estimates, while working-age employment and participation rates are based on 3-month average MLF1 estimates.

Working age employment rate

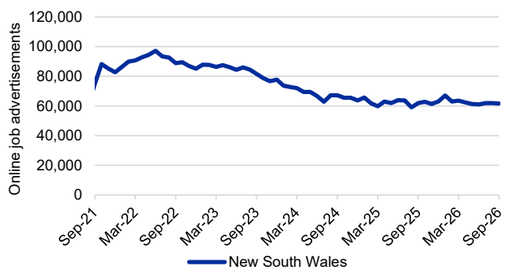


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted & MLF1 data (3MA), September -26

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



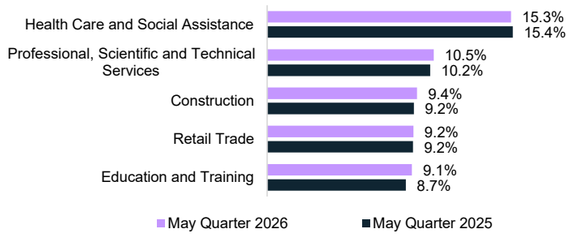
Online job advertisements



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

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

Largest employing industries

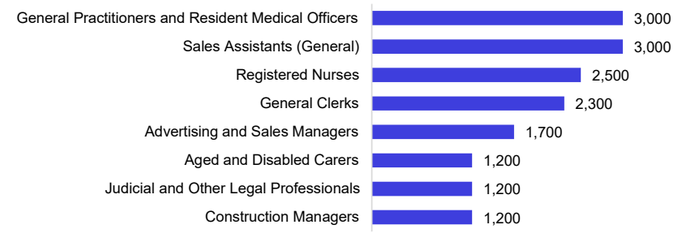


Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter average, May-26 quarter

Change in JobSeeker income support payments

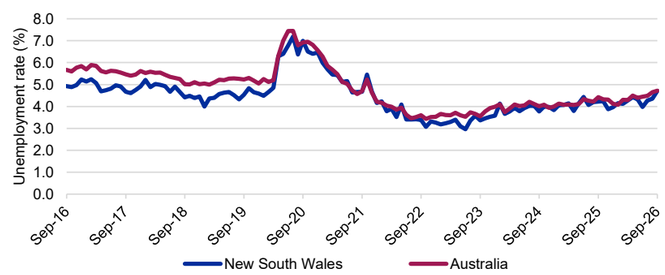
	New South Wales	Australia
Payments - September 2025	281,255	988,745
Payments - September 2026	292,090	1,032,535
Change (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 10,835	↑ 43,790
Change % (September 2025 to September 2026)	↑ 3.9%	↑ 4.4%

Online job advertisements by occupation



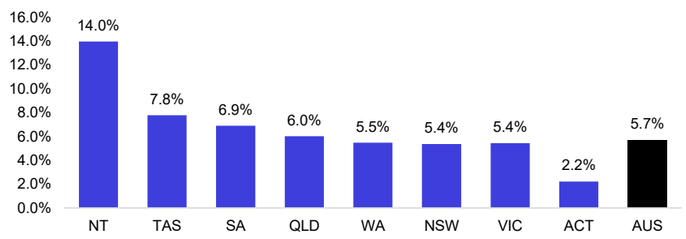
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), September-26

Unemployment rate



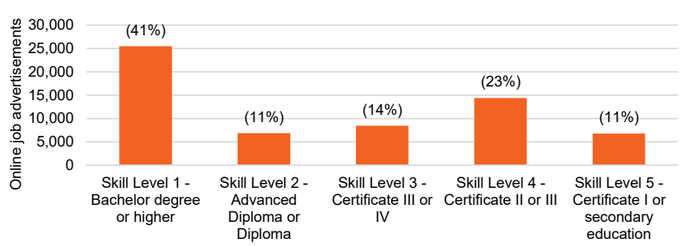
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

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



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

Online job advertisements by skill level



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

Notes: JobSeeker income support is a combination of the JobSeeker payment and Youth Allowance (other) payment. Working age population refers to those aged 15-64 years and youth age population refers to those aged 15-24 years. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.