# New England and North West
## Employment Region
New South Wales

# Labour Market Dashboard

**Data current as at 15 October 2026**

**Refer to source notes for data reference periods**

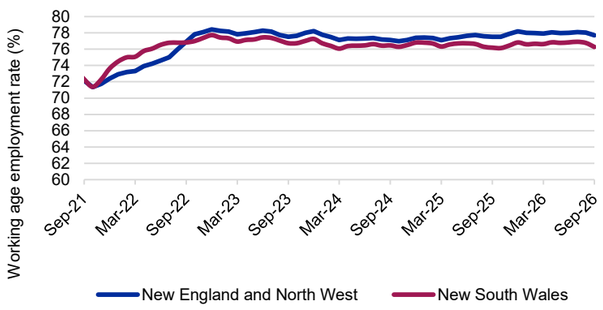
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

## Labour market summary table

| | Working age employment rate | | Unemployment | | | Unemployment rate | | Working age participation rate | | Youth unemployment rate | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sep-26 (%) | Sep-25 (%) | Sep-26 ('000) | Sep-25 ('000) | Change (%) | Sep-26 (%) | Sep-25 (%) | Sep-26 (%) | Sep-25 (%) | Sep-26 (%) | Sep-25 (%) |
| New England and North West | 77.7 | 77.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 81.6 | 81.4 | 10.7 | 10.8 |
| 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 |

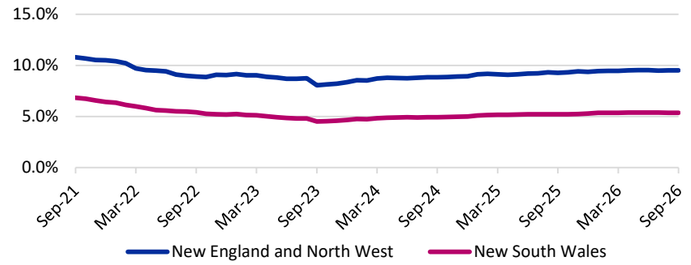
National data are from the ABS Labour Force Survey (seasonally adjusted). State & Territory and Employment Region data are based on ABS Labour Force Survey MLF1 (3-month average) estimates September -26, except youth unemployment rates, which use 12-month average of MLF1 estimates. State and Territory unemployment and unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted,

## Working age employment rate (%)




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

## JobSeeker income support payments




## Change in JobSeeker income support payments

| | New England and North West | New South Wales |
|---|---|---|
| Payments - September 2025 | 10,710 | 281,255 |
| Payments - September 2026 | 10,940 | 292,090 |
| Change from September 2025 to September 2026 | ↑ 230 | ↑ 10,835 |
| | ↑ 2.1% | ↑ 3.9% |

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

| | total persons on JobSeeker income support | % of 15-64 year olds on JobSeeker income support |
|---|---|---|
| New England and North West | 10,940 | 9.5% |
| New South Wales | 292,090 | 5.4% |
| Australia | 1,032,535 | 5.7% |

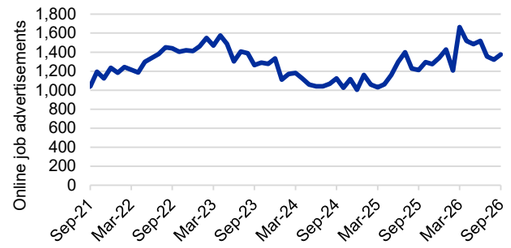
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September 2026; ABS, Labour Force Survey, MLF1 (3MA) September 2026

## LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

| Local Government Area (LGA) | Jun-26 | Jun-25 |
|---|---|---|
| Tenterfield | 6.1 | 3.1 |
| Glen Innes Severn | 5.5 | 2.9 |
| Moree Plains | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| Inverell | 4.5 | 2.6 |
| Armidale | 4.4 | 2.4 |

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

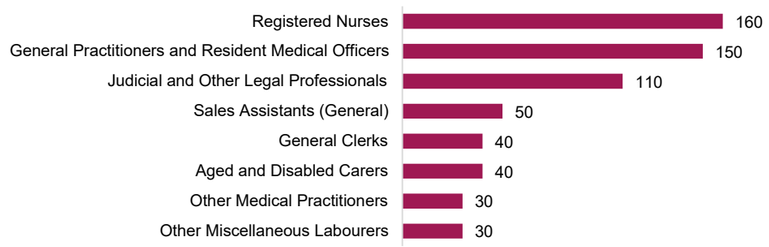
## Online job advertisements




**Number of job ads**
1,400
**Change over the month**
4.2%
(200 job advertisements)
**Annual change**
13.5%
(100 job advertisements)

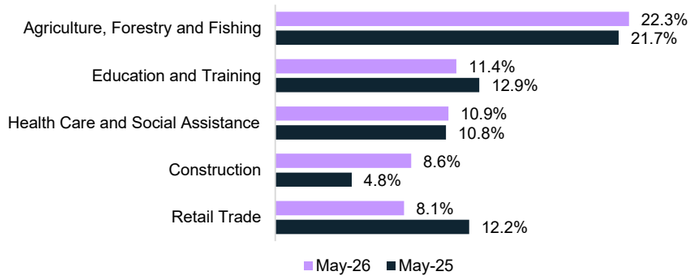
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, September 2026

## Online job advertisements by occupation



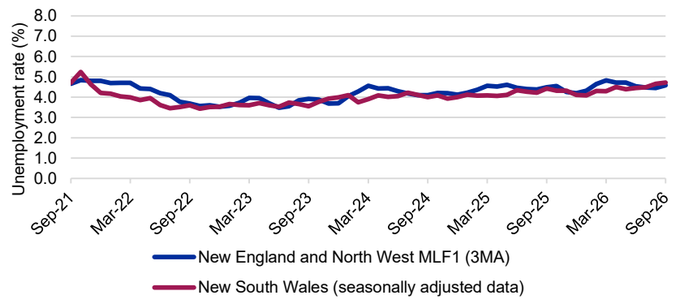

Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original data (3MA), September 2026

## Largest employing industries



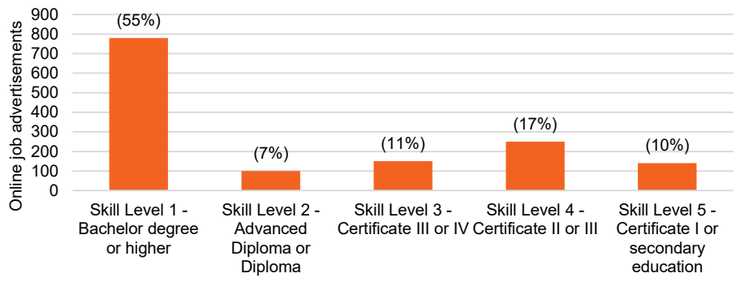

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, 4 quarter averages, May-26 quarter

## 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.