North Coast
Employment Region
New South Wales

Labour Market Dashboard

Data current as at 15 October 2026
Refer to source notes for data reference periods

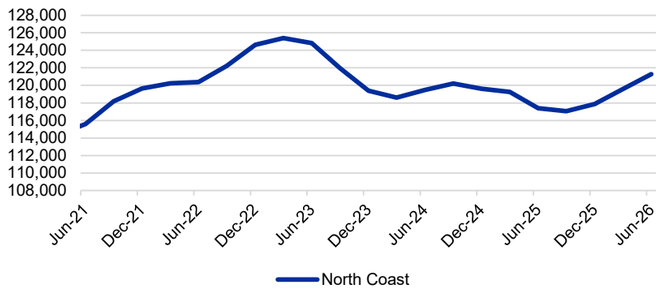
This monthly **Labour Market Dashboard** provides select key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region with available data. For this Employment Region, given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy, ABS Labour Force data have been replaced with DEWR Small Area Labour Markets quarterly smoothed estimates (labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and 2021 ABS Census data (largest employing industries), for a more geographically representative fit.

Labour market summary table

	Labour Force			Unemployment			Unemployment rate	
	Jun-26	Jun-25	Change	Jun-26	Jun-25	Change	Jun-26	Jun-25
North Coast	122,162	117,067	4.4%	5,197	4,654	11.7%	4.3%	4.0%

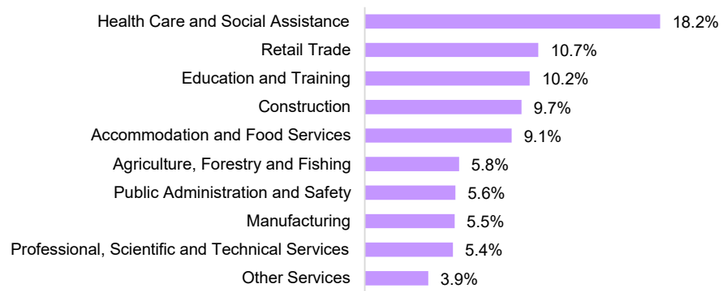
Source: DEWR, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June-26 quarter

Labour Force



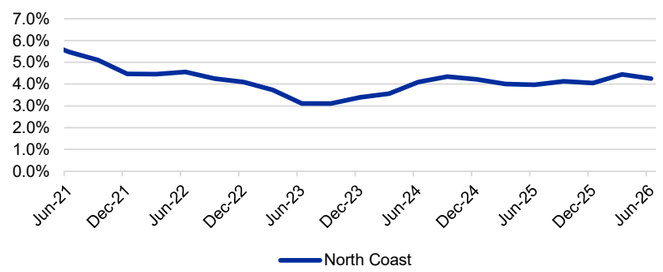
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Largest employing industries (as at September 2021)



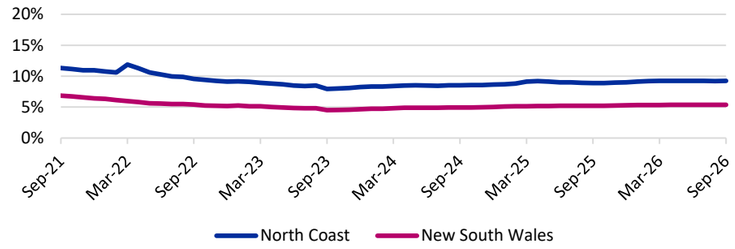
Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2021

Unemployment rate



Source: DEWR, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, June - 26 quarter

Job seeker income support payments*



Change in JobSeeker income support payments

	North Coast	New South Wales
Payments - September 2025	13,310	281,255
Payments - September 2026	13,800	292,090
Change from September 2025 to September 2026	↑ 490	↑ 10,835
	↑ 3.7%	↑ 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
North Coast	13,800	9.2%
New South Wales	292,090	5.4%
Australia	1,032,535	5.7%

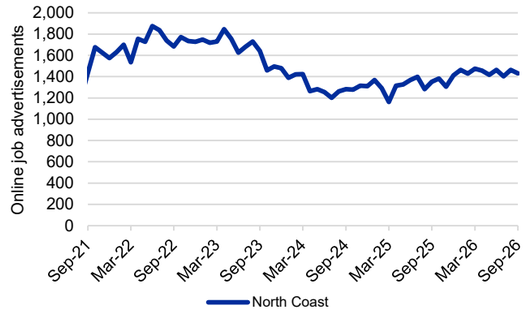
Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker income support payment recipients, September-26; ABS Labour Force Survey, MLF1, September-26

LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Jun-26	Jun-25
Kyogle	5.8	5.1
Richmond Valley	5.5	4.5
Clarence Valley	5.0	6.2
Lismore	4.7	4.0
Byron	4.0	3.4

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

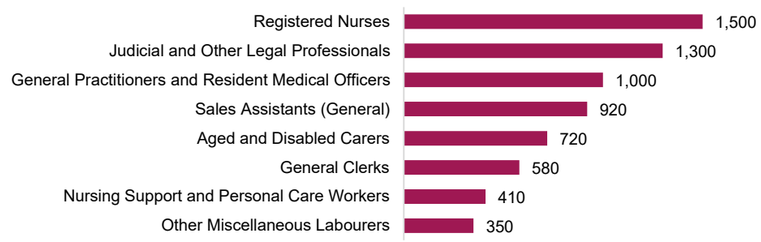
Online job advertisements



Number of job ads
1,400
Change over the month
-2.3%
(-100 job advertisements)
Annual change
5.7%
(job advertisements)

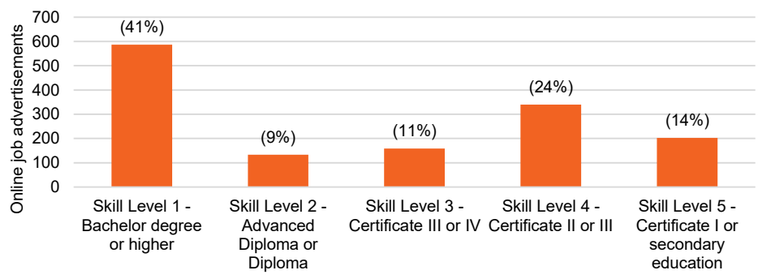
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, September-26

Online job advertisements by occupation



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original estimates (12MSUM) September-26

Online job advertisements by skill level



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, original estimates (12MSUM) September-26

Data are not readily available by Employment Region. Given the relevant SA4 can only provide a poor proxy for this Employment Region, apportioned SALM SA2 data have been used for select labour market indicators (labour force, unemployment and the unemployment rate) and ABS 2021 Census data for the largest employing industries, in lieu of ABS Labour Force data. For Employment Regions with multiple SA2s, aggregated SALM labour force and unemployment estimates have been used to derive unemployment rates for this Employment Region. The JobSeeker income support payment data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. For enquiries related to this dashboard, contact RegionalWorkforceAssessment@jobsandskills.gov.au.