

# Labour Market Dashboard Queensland

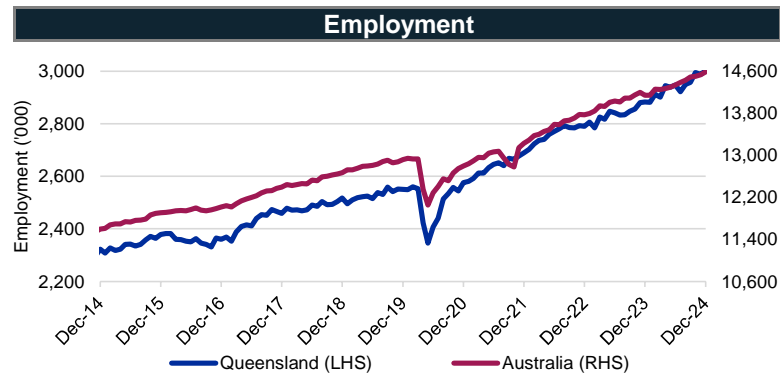
Data current as at 23 January 2025

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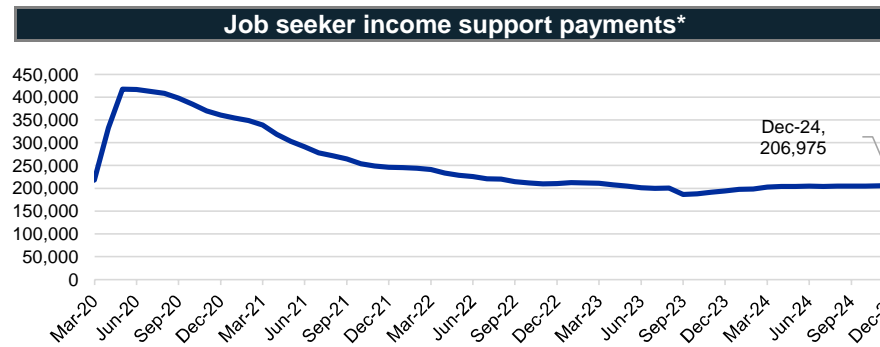
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Australia	14,584.4	14,140.1	3.1	604.1	584.6	3.3	4.0	4.0	67.1	66.6	9.1	9.6

Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, seasonally adjusted data, December-24

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



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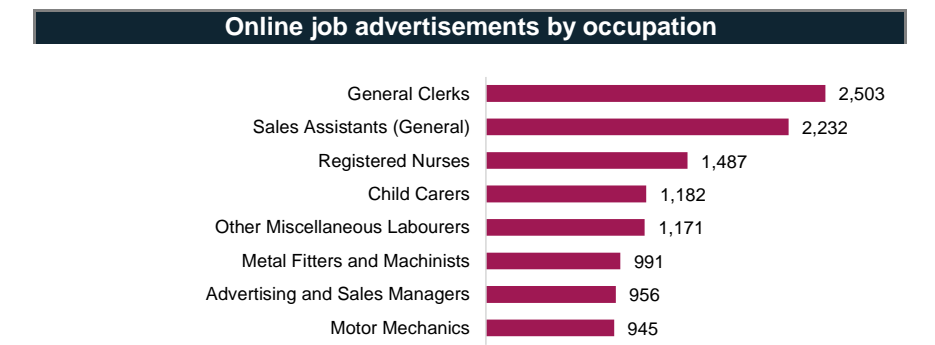


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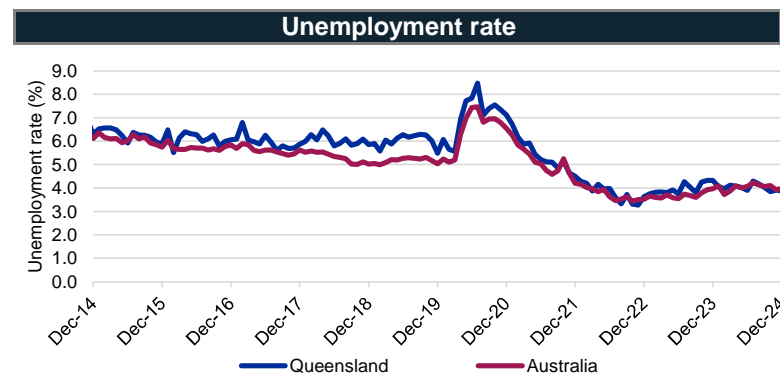


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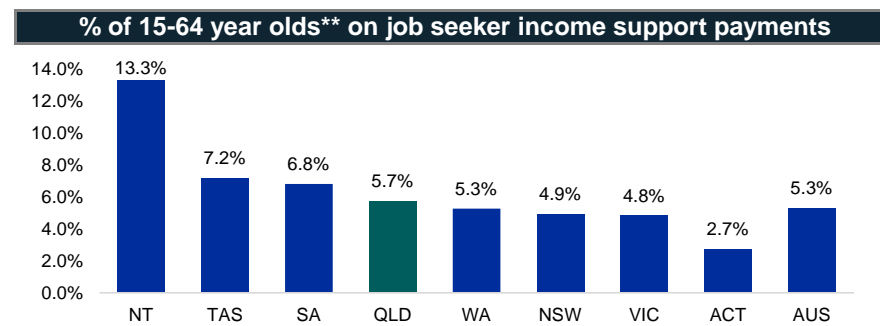
	Queensland	Australia
Payments - December 2023	194,290	861,455
Payments - December 2024	206,975	939,160
Change (Dec 2023 to Dec 2024)	↑ 12,685	↑ 77,705
Change % (Dec 2023 to Dec 2024)	↑ 6.5%	↑ 9.0%



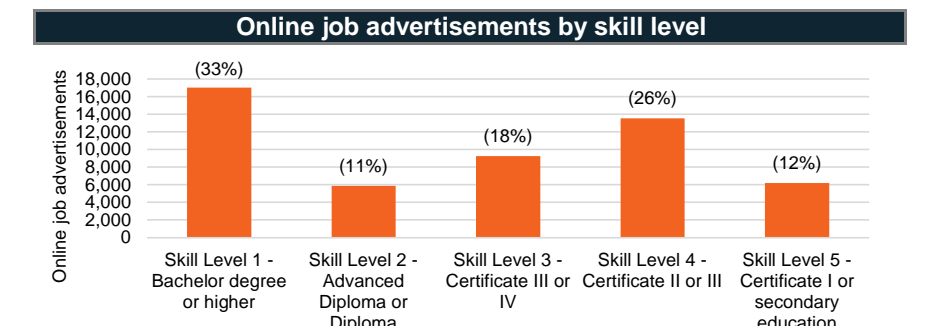
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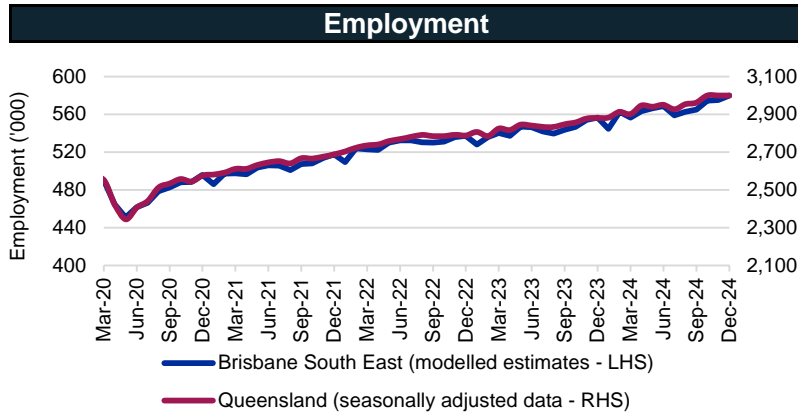
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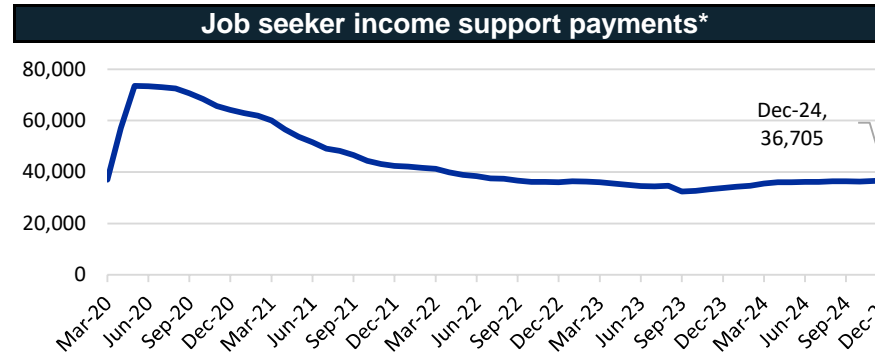
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Brisbane South East	580.0	556.4	4.2	23.5	25.6	-8.1	3.9	4.4	69.0	68.5	9.2	8.7
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
Australia	14,584.4	14,140.1	3.1	604.1	584.6	3.3	4.0	4.0	67.1	66.6	9.1	9.6

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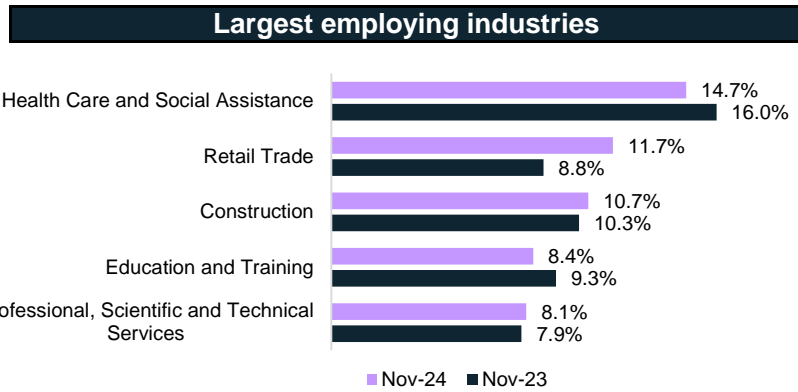
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	Brisbane South East	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	33,825	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	36,705	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 2,880	↑ 12,685
	↑ 8.5%	↑ 6.5%



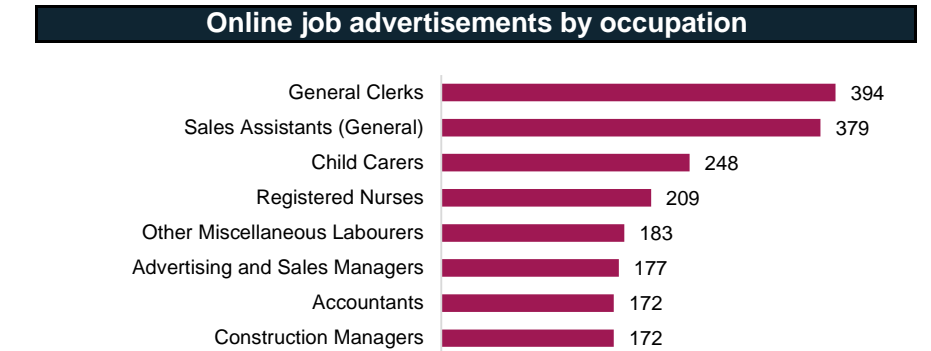
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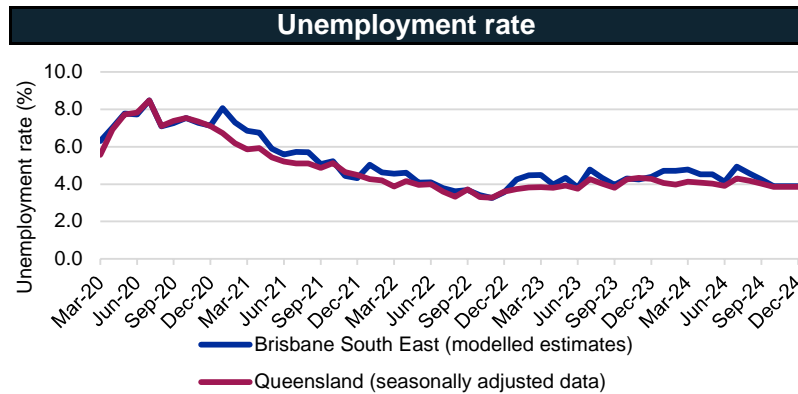
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	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
<b>Brisbane South East</b>	<b>36,705</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
Australia	939,160	5.3%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Dec-24; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23



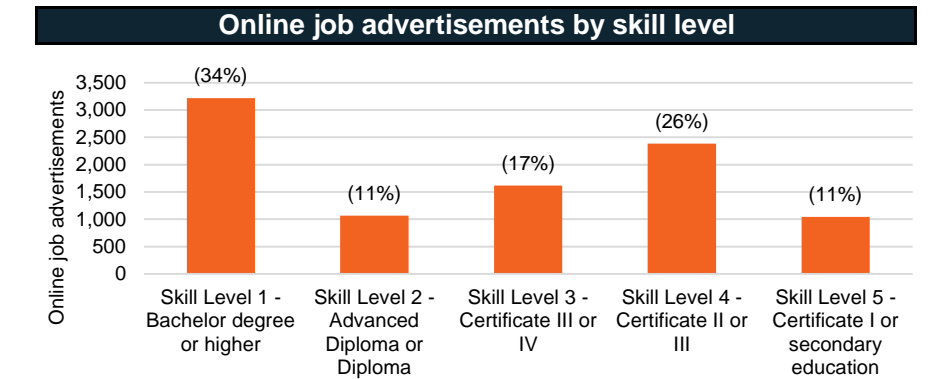
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Logan	5.8	4.8
Scenic Rim	4.5	3.9
Brisbane	3.8	3.4
Redland	3.2	3.6

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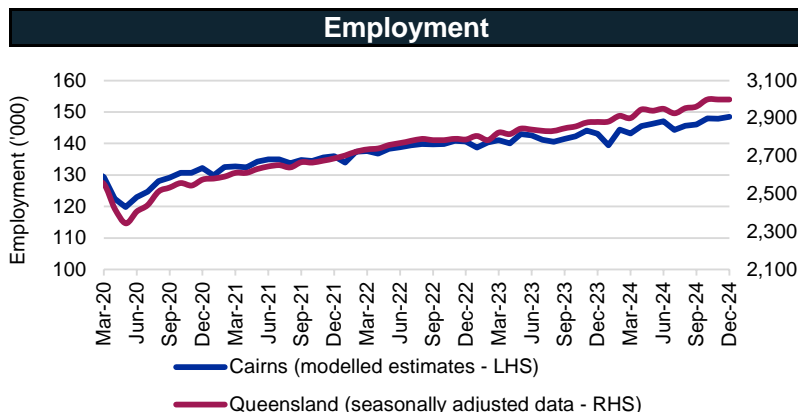
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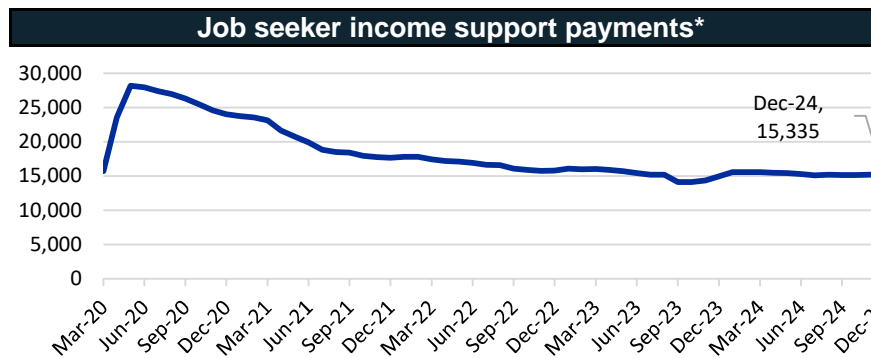
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Cairns	148.5	143.1	3.8	6.4	6.8	-5.0	4.1	4.5	69.5	68.4	9.3	9.2
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
Australia	14,584.4	14,140.1	3.1	604.1	584.6	3.3	4.0	4.0	67.1	66.6	9.1	9.6

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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Cairns	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	14,955	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	15,335	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 380	↑ 12,685
	↑ 2.5%	↑ 6.5%

### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

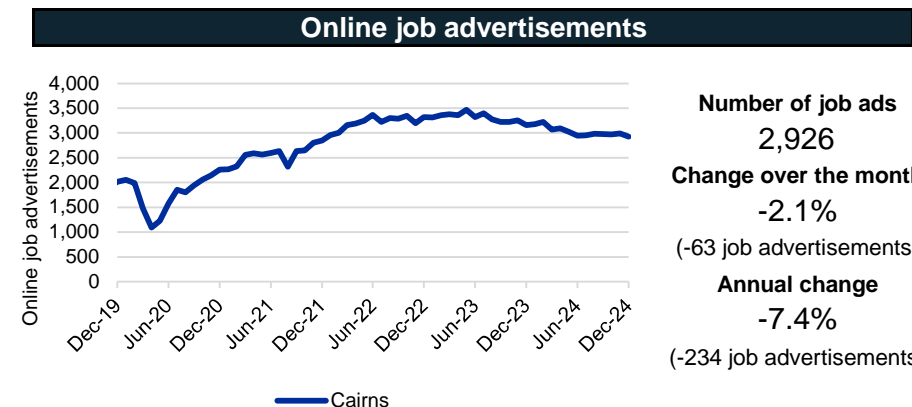
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Cairns	15,335	9.3%
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Dec-24; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

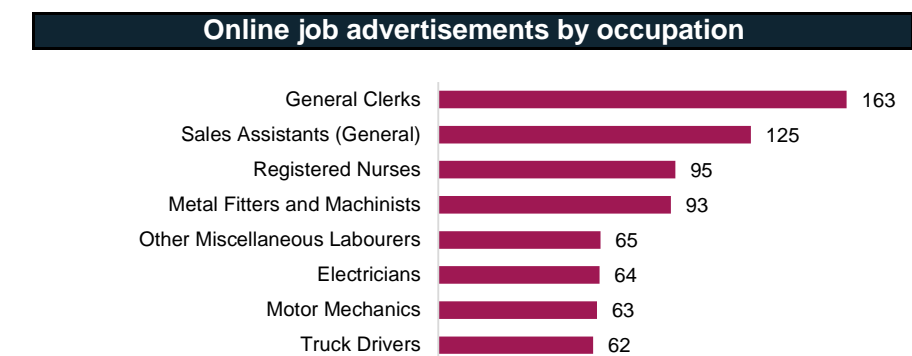
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Yarrabah*	44.6	43.9
Mareeba	5.0	4.2
Cassowary Coast	4.2	3.7
Tablelands	3.4	3.3
Douglas	3.1	2.8

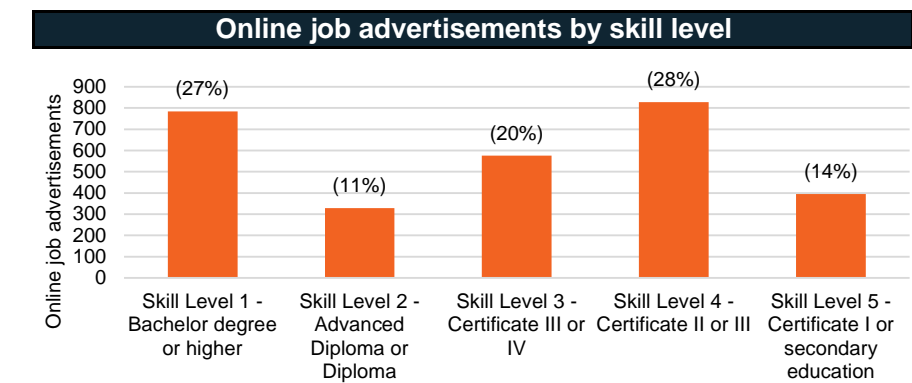
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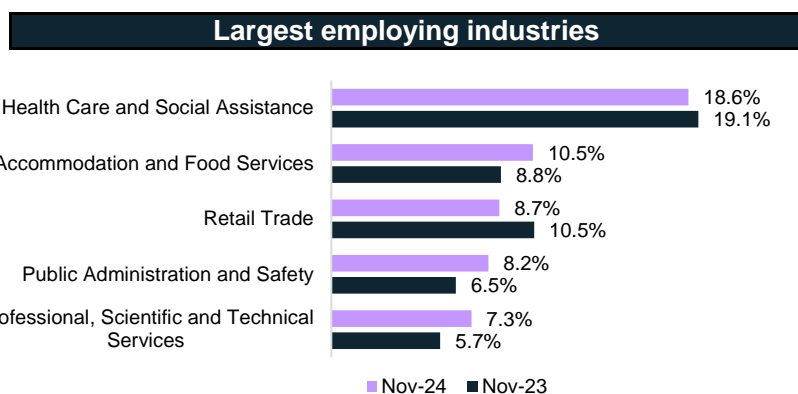
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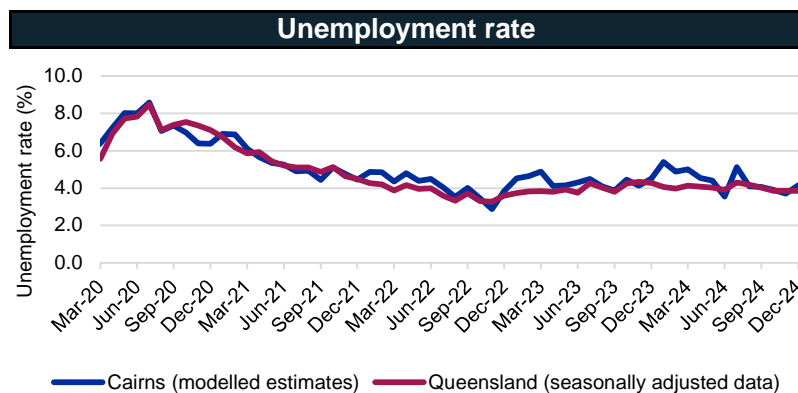
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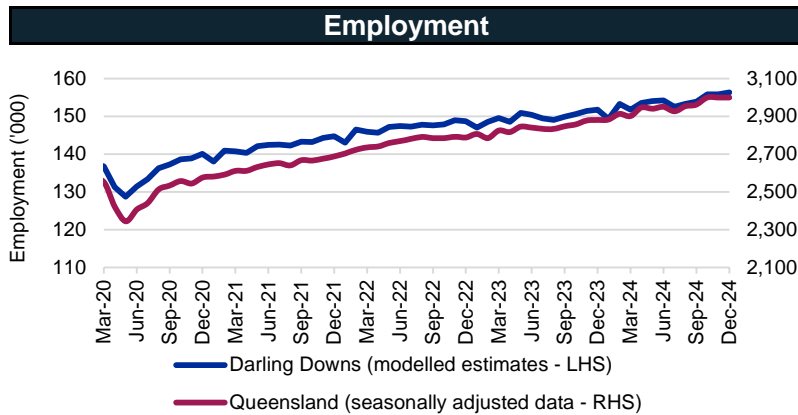
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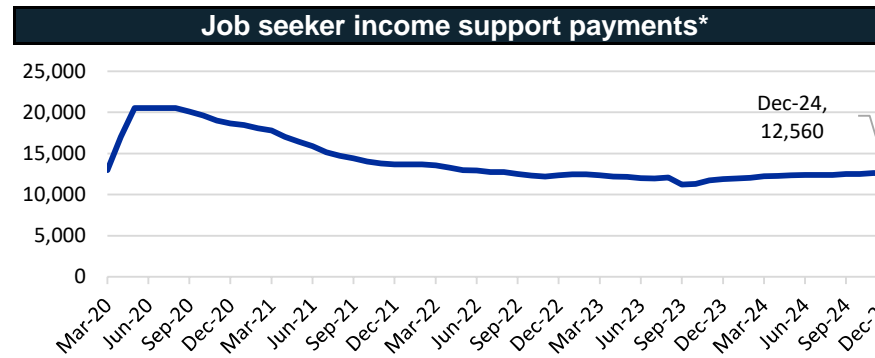
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Darling Downs	156.3	151.7	3.0	5.0	5.4	-8.4	3.1	3.5	64.4	63.8	7.2	8.2
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Darling Downs	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	11,875	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	12,560	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 685	↑ 12,685
	↑ 5.8%	↑ 6.5%

### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

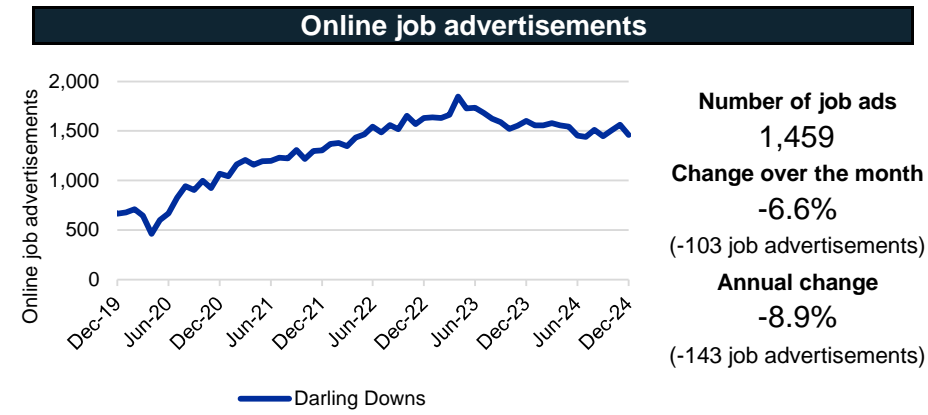
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Darling Downs	12,560	6.8%
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Dec-24; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Lockyer Valley	4.6	4.9
Toowoomba	3.5	4.2
Western Downs	2.0	3.5
Southern Downs	1.8	3.3
Balonne	1.8	3.2

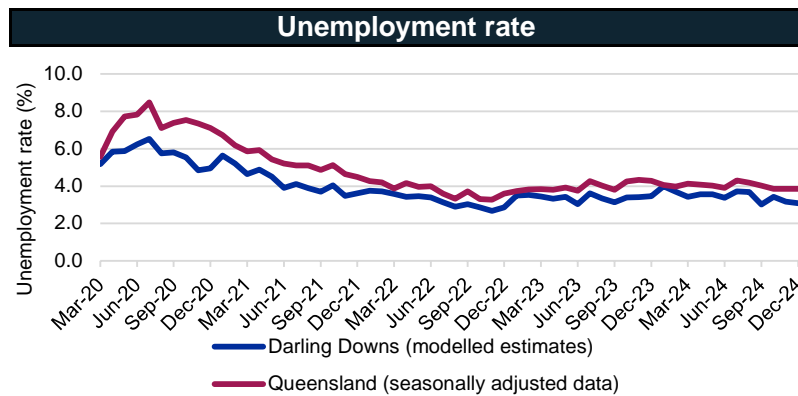
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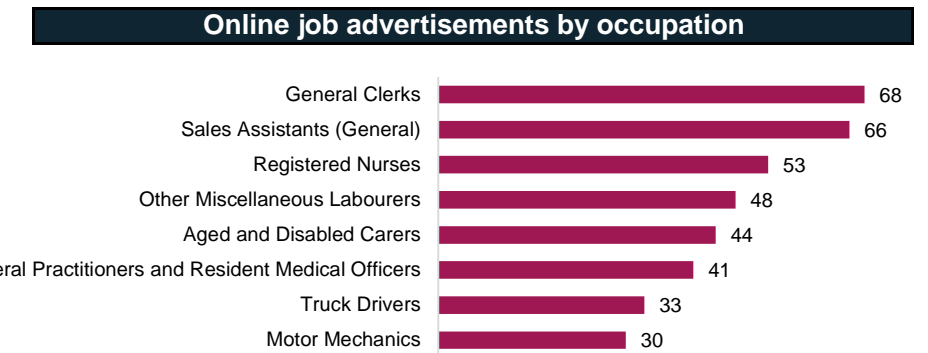
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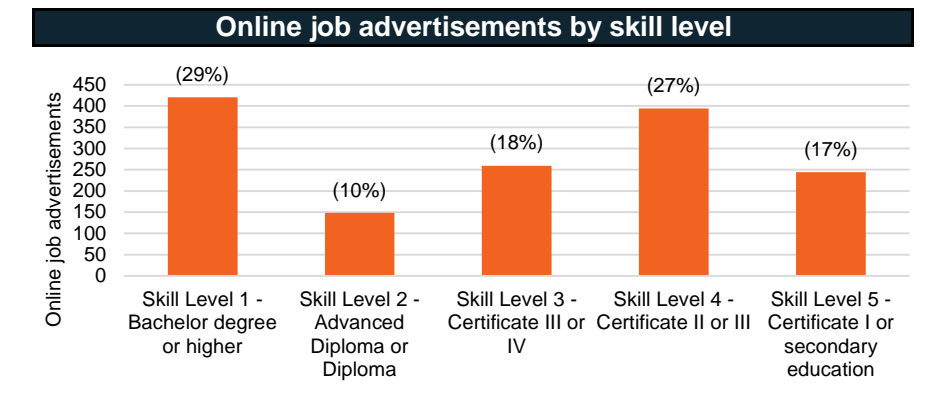
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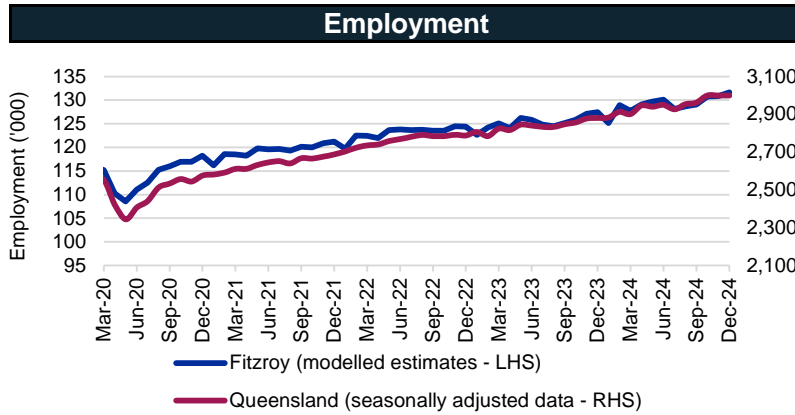
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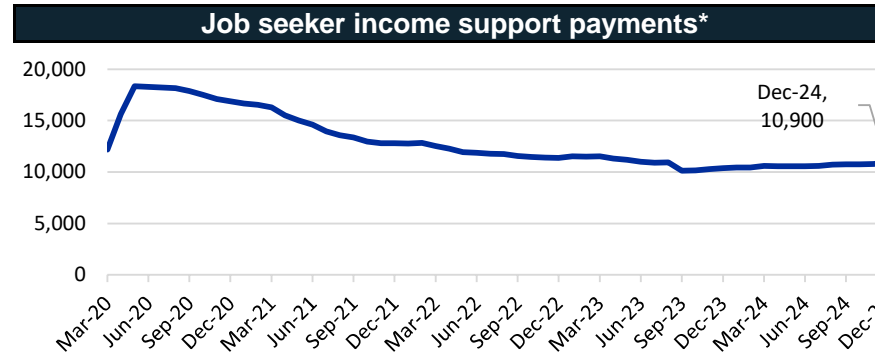
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Fitzroy	131.7	127.5	3.3	5.9	5.8	1.4	4.3	4.4	70.9	69.8	11.0	9.2
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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	Fitzroy	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	10,385	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	10,900	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 515	↑ 12,685
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### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

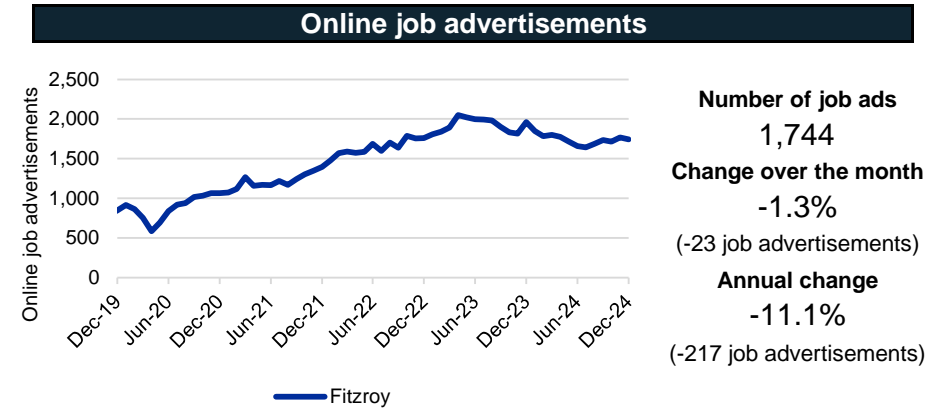
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<b>Fitzroy</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
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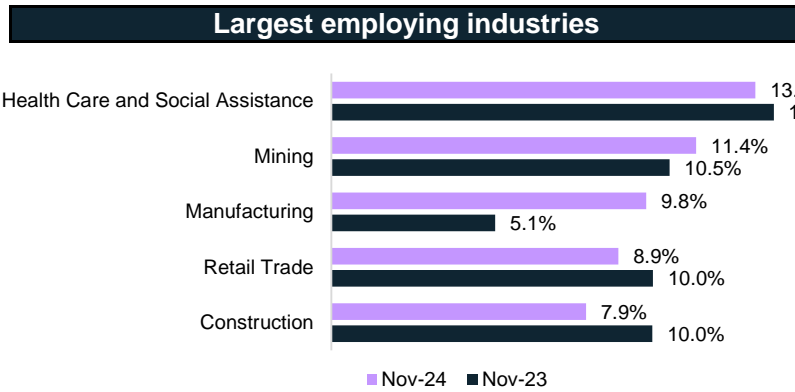
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Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Gladstone	5.4	5.9
Rockhampton	5.0	5.3
Central Highlands (Qld)	3.4	3.9
Banana	2.9	2.8
Livingstone	2.4	2.8

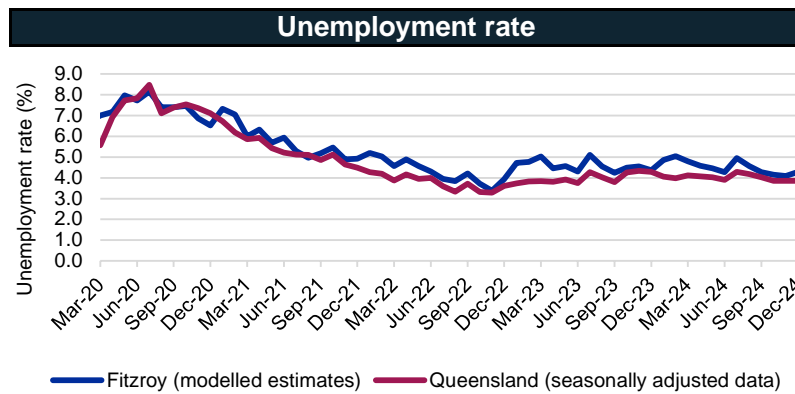
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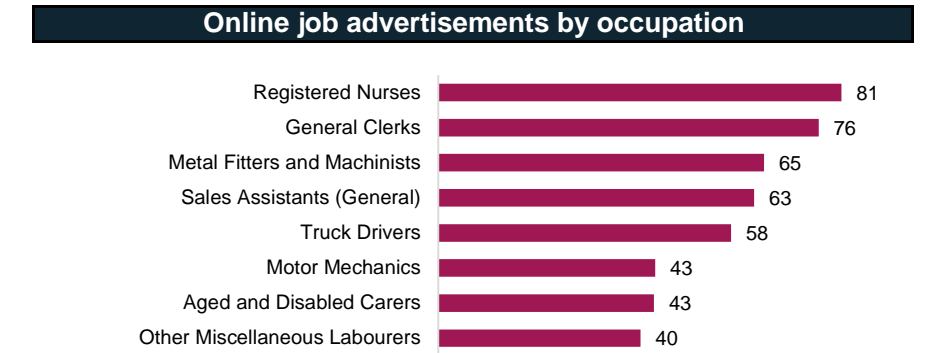
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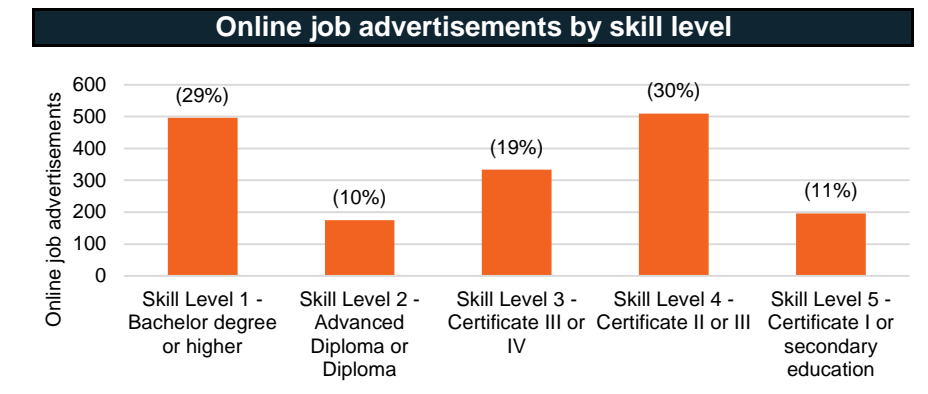
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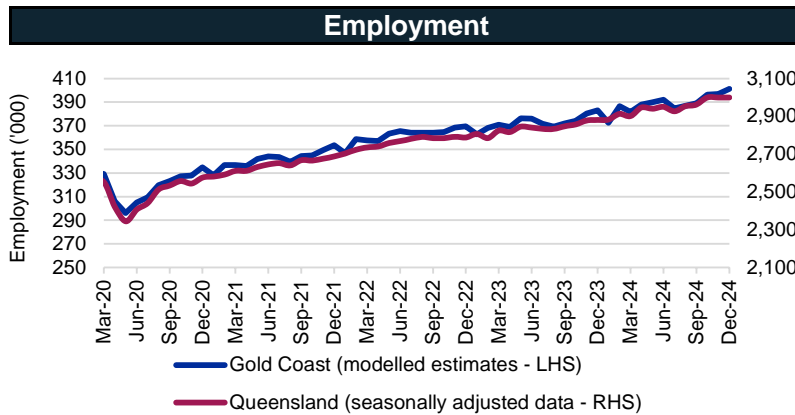
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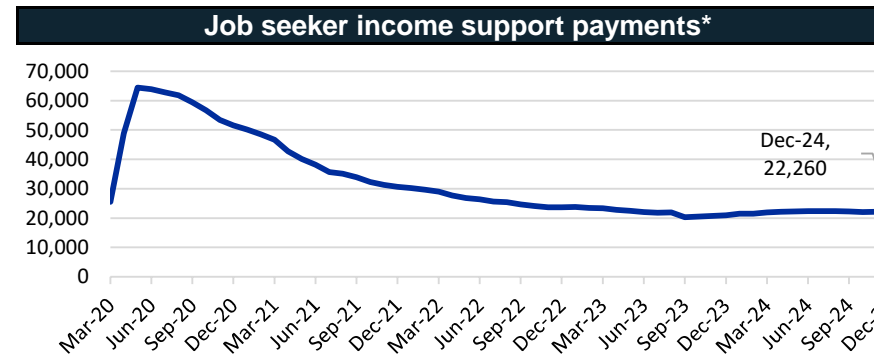
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Gold Coast	401.3	383.1	4.8	11.1	11.9	-7.1	2.7	3.0	69.8	68.7	7.6	8.0
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
Australia	14,584.4	14,140.1	3.1	604.1	584.6	3.3	4.0	4.0	67.1	66.6	9.1	9.6

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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Gold Coast	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	20,980	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	22,260	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 1,280	↑ 12,685
	↑ 6.1%	↑ 6.5%

### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

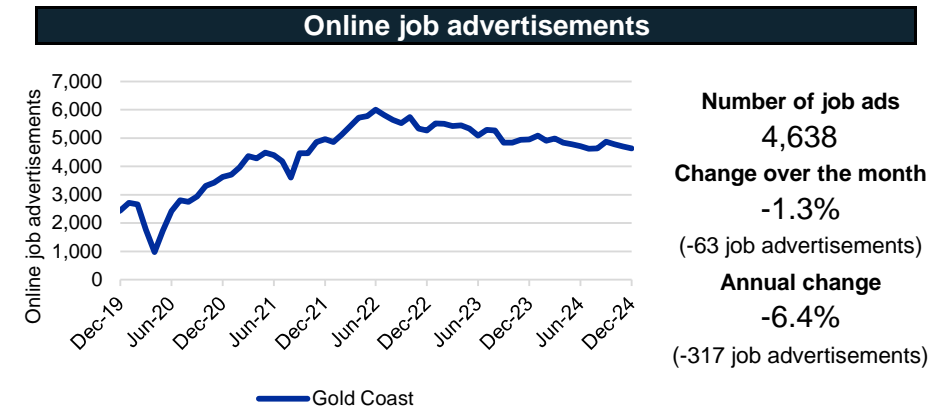
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Gold Coast	22,260	4.6%
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
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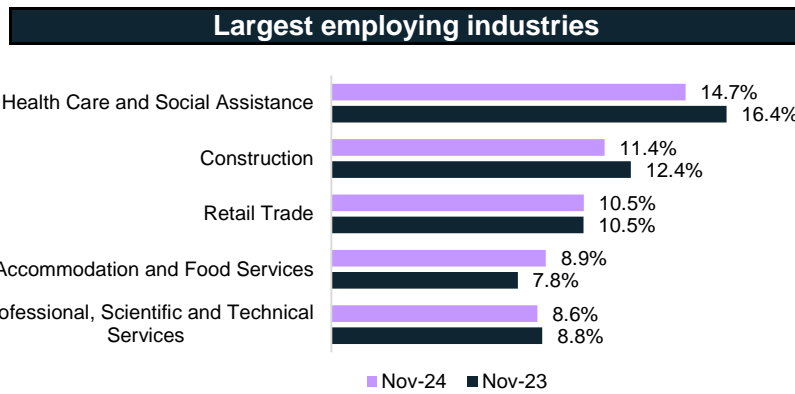
### LGA's with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Scenic Rim	4.5	3.9
Tweed	3.6	2.3
Gold Coast	3.5	3.0

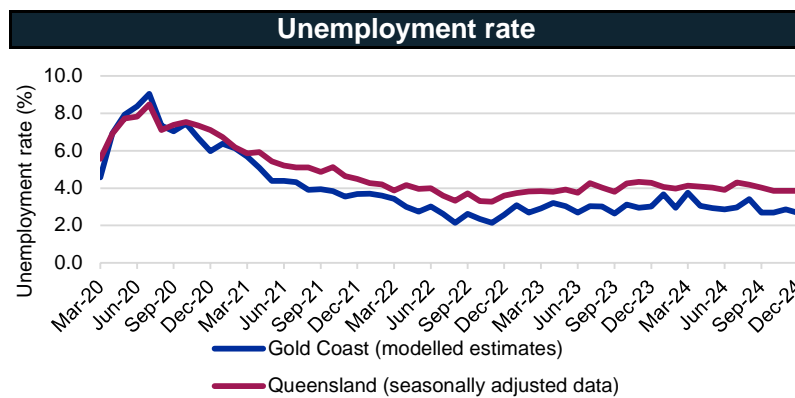
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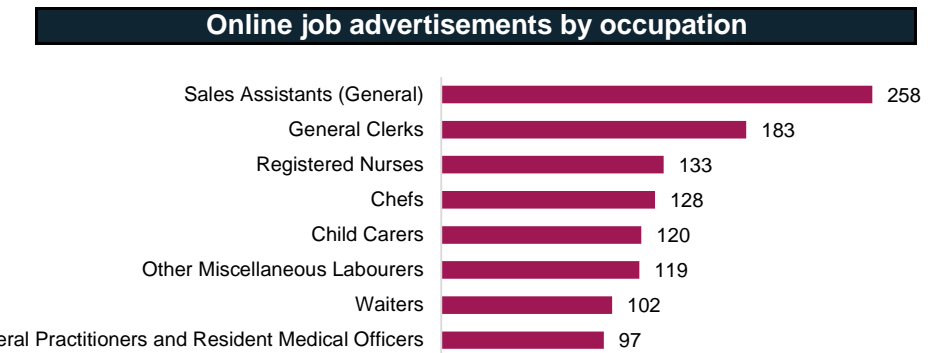
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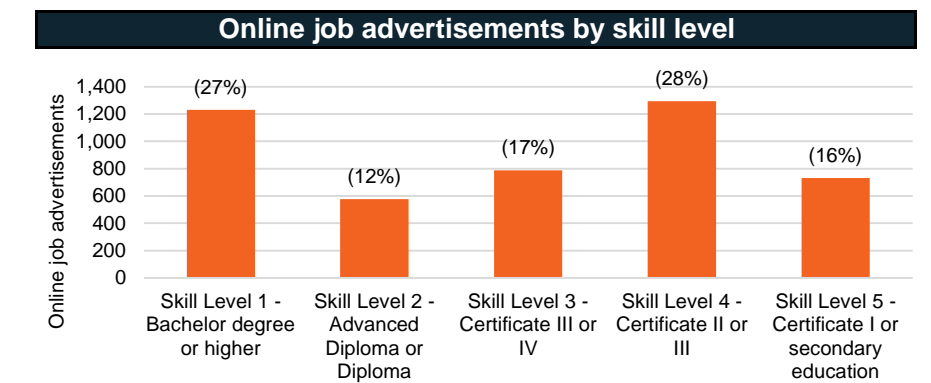
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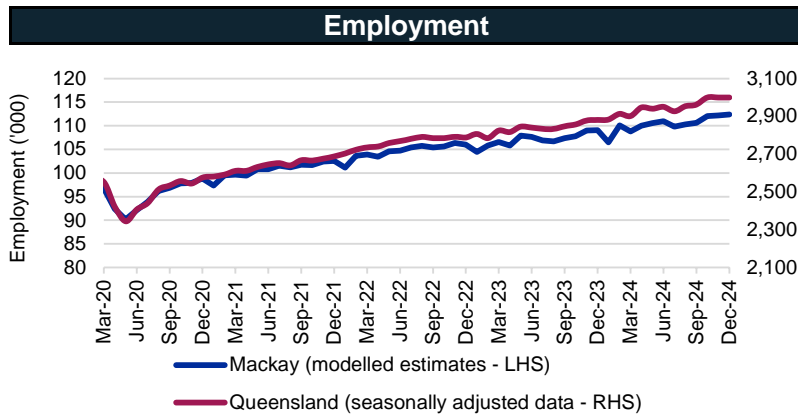
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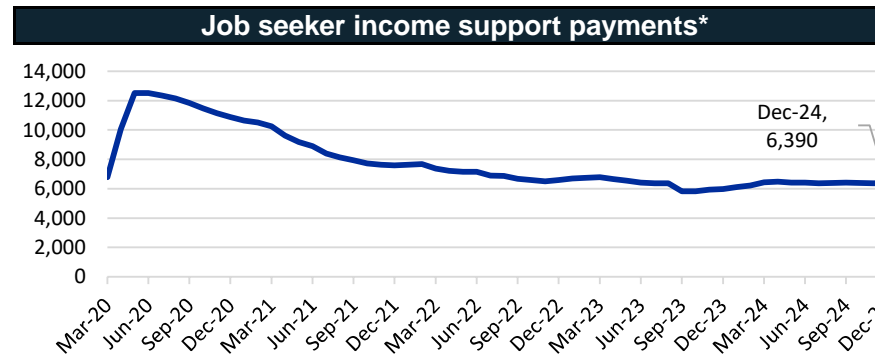
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Mackay	112.4	109.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	-0.9	2.6	2.7	73.4	72.6	5.4	7.3
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Mackay	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	5,985	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	6,390	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 405	↑ 12,685
	↑ 6.8%	↑ 6.5%

### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

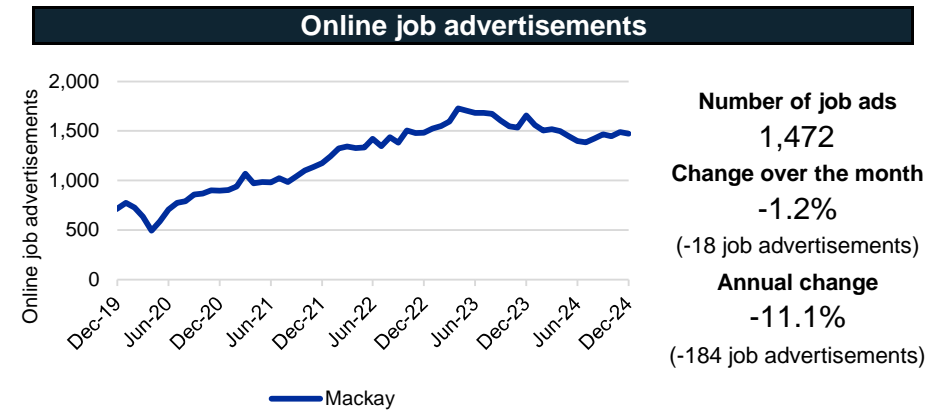
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
<b>Mackay</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
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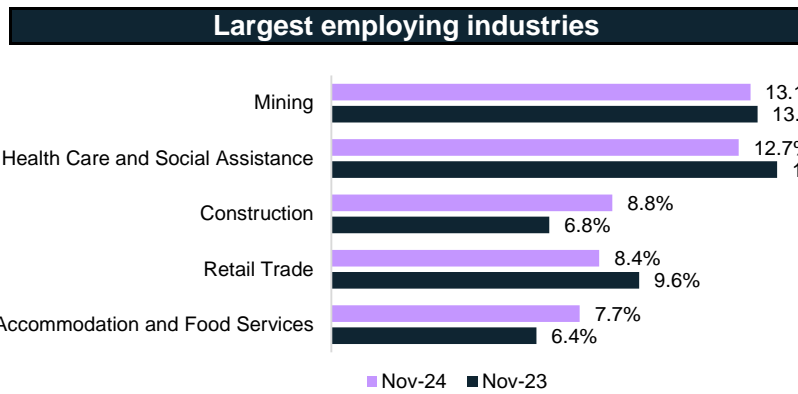
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
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Mackay	3.0	3.8
Isaac	1.2	1.6

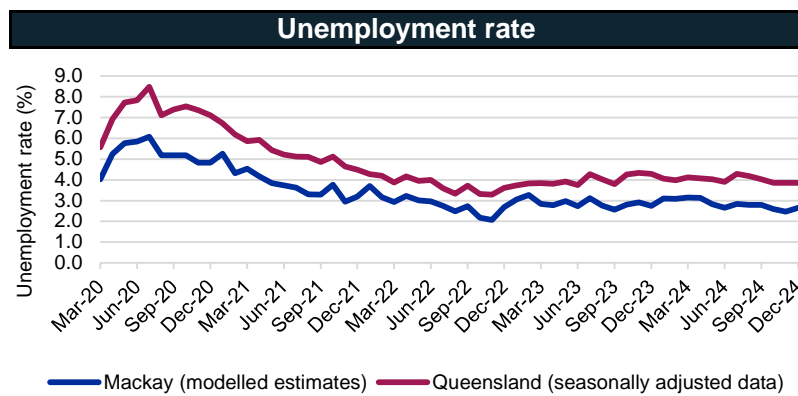
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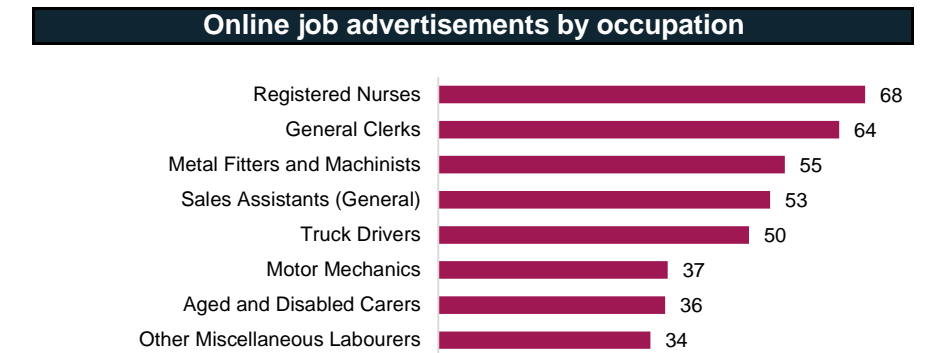
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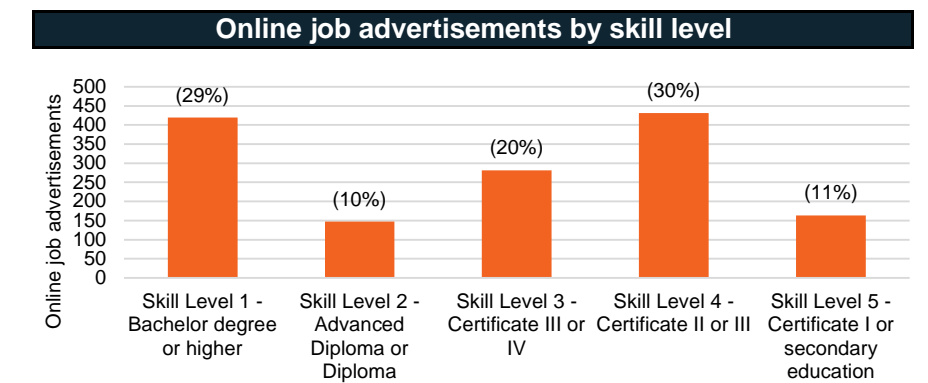
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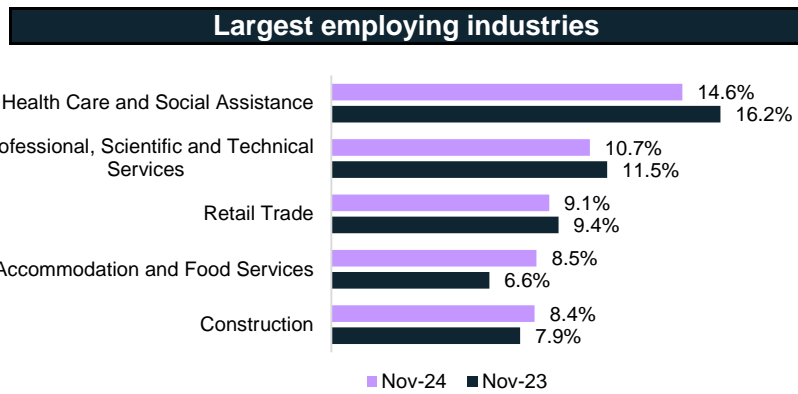
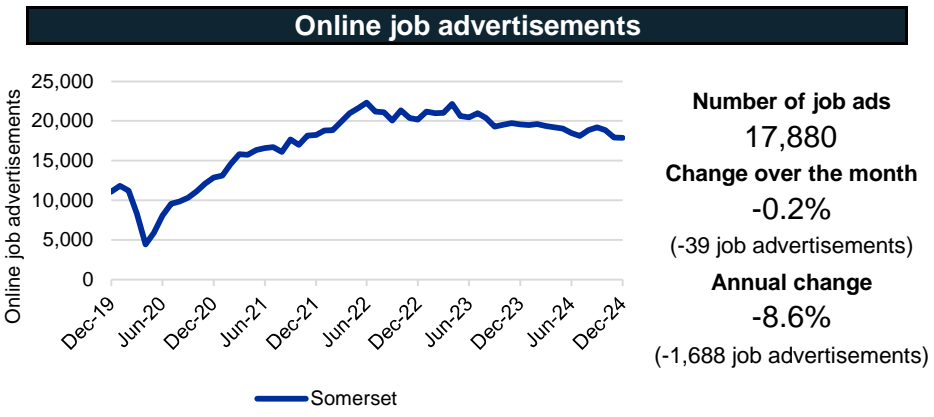
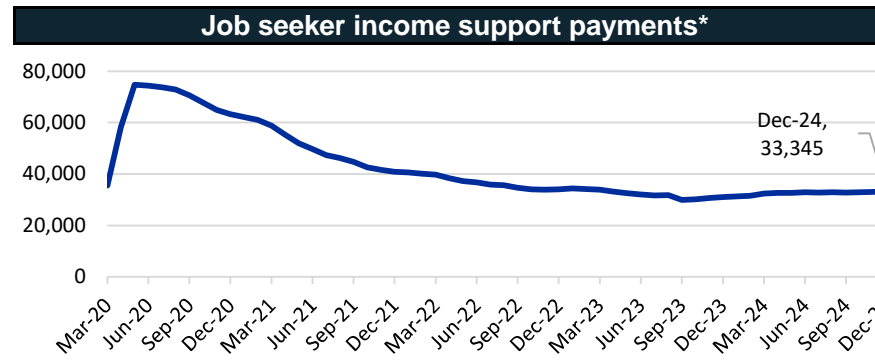
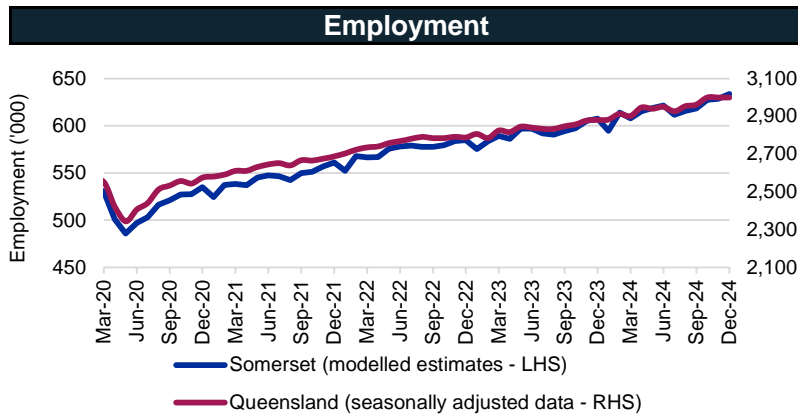
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Somerset	633.5	607.3	4.3	22.7	23.9	-5.2	3.5	3.8	70.4	69.9	10.0	9.8
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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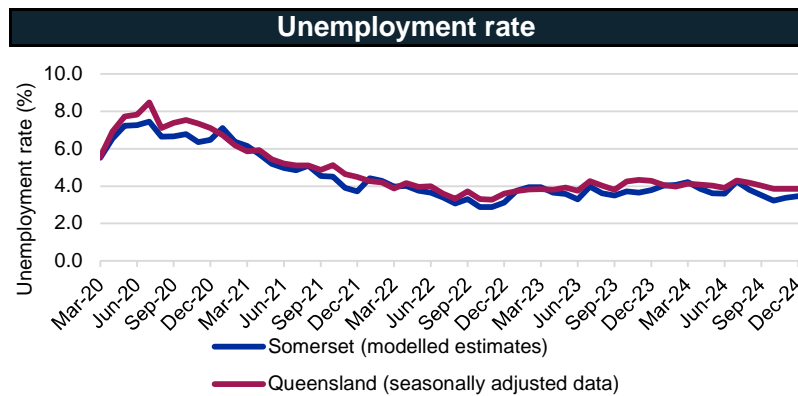
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### Change in job seeker income support payments

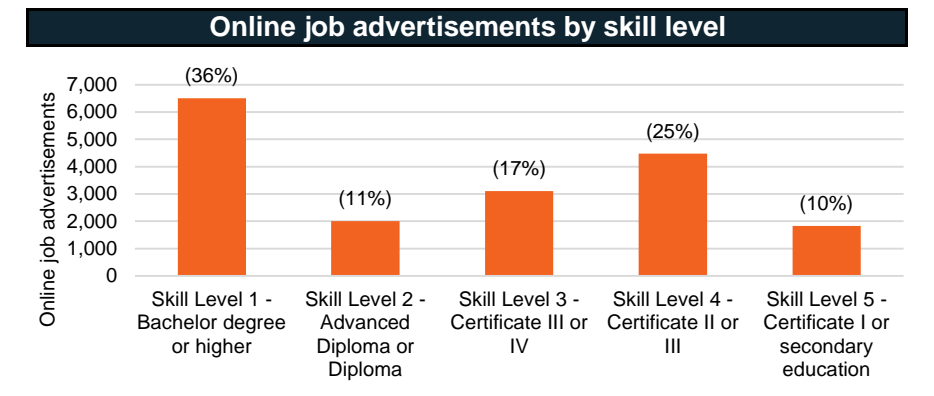
	Somerset	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	31,090	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	33,345	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 2,255	↑ 12,685
	↑ 7.3%	↑ 6.5%



### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Somerset	33,345	4.3%
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
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Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Dec-24; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23



### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Somerset	5.6	5.3
Moreton Bay	5.2	4.6
Brisbane	3.8	3.4

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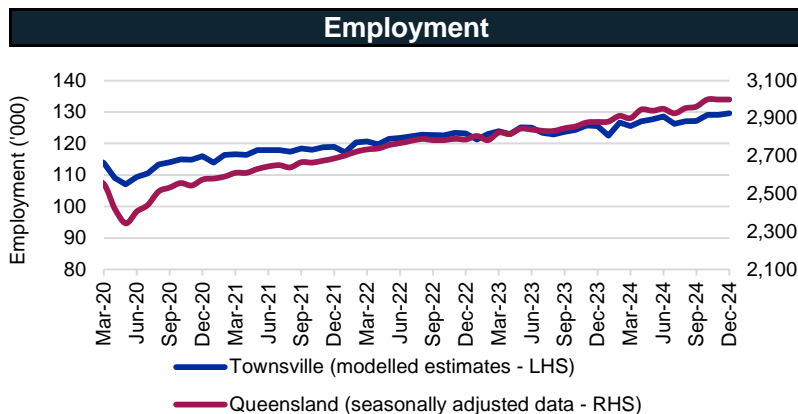
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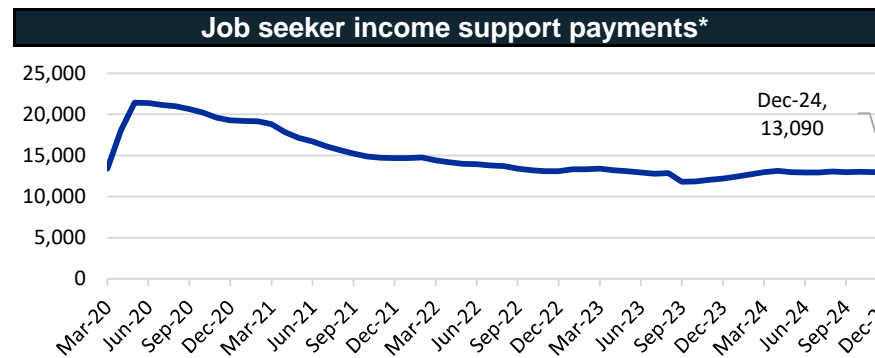
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Townsville	129.6	125.5	3.2	5.9	6.3	-5.5	4.4	4.8	68.3	67.5	9.6	8.4
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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	Townsville	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	12,195	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	13,090	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 895	↑ 12,685
	↑ 7.3%	↑ 6.5%

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### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Charters Towers	5.6	3.3
Hinchinbrook	4.6	2.9
Townsville	4.1	2.5
Burdekin	4.0	2.6
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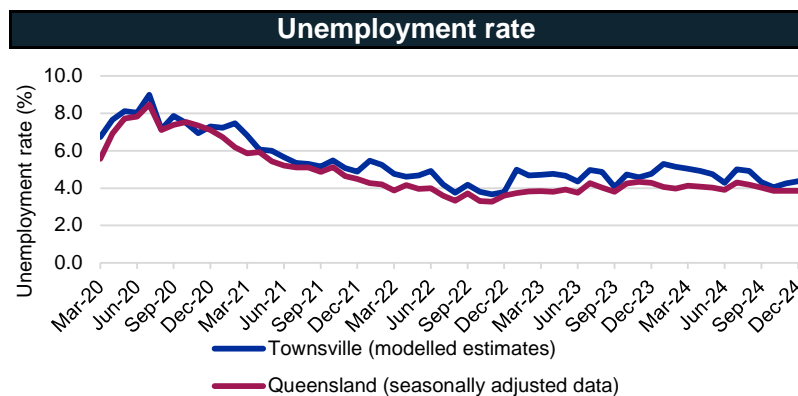
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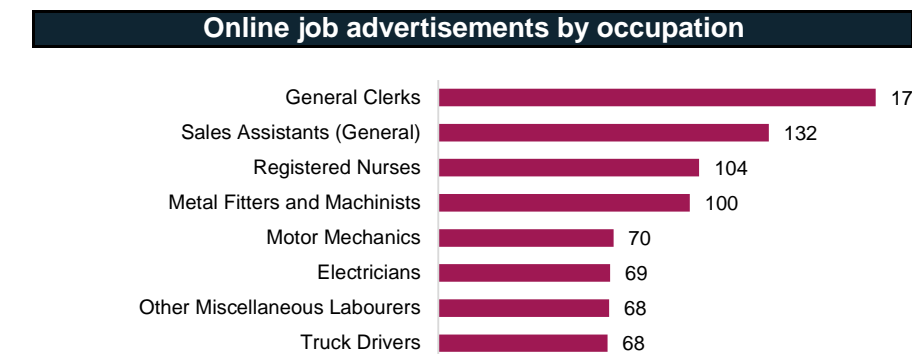
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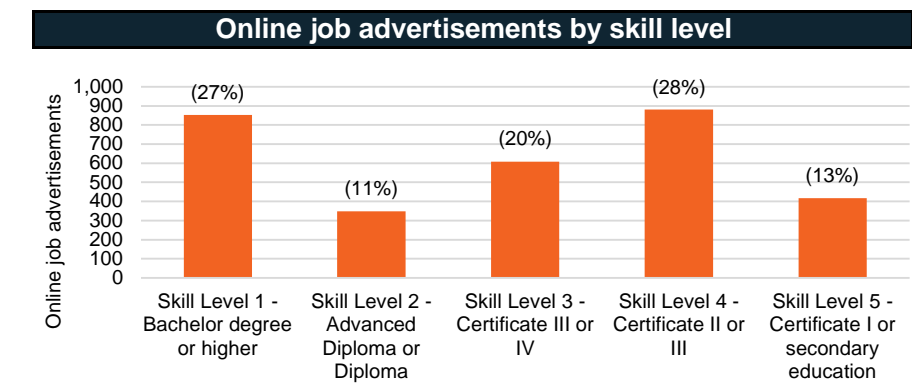
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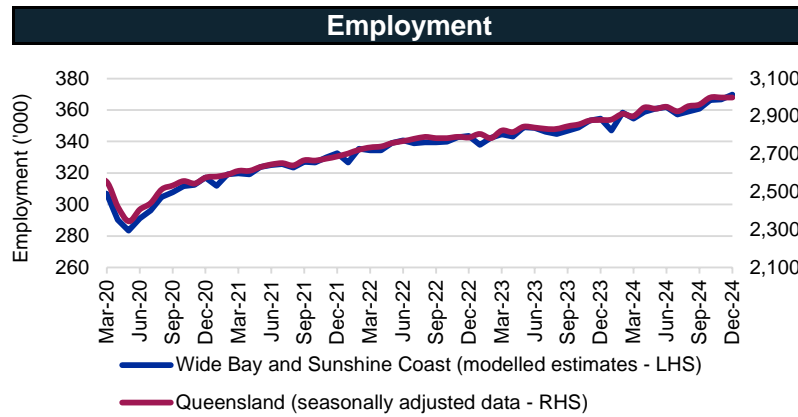
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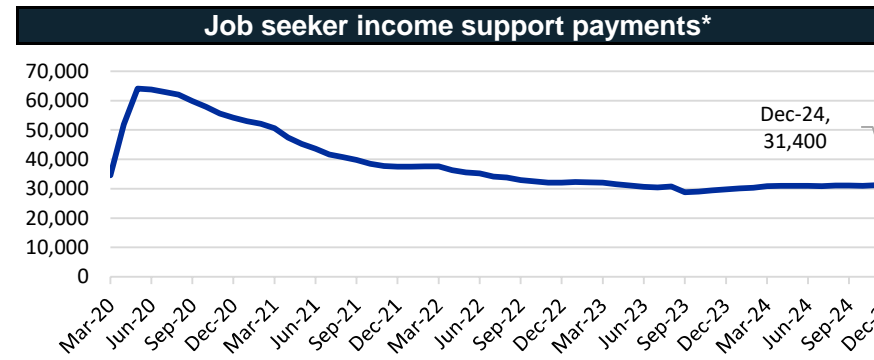
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Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	369.8	354.5	4.3	13.8	15.9	-13.6	3.6	4.3	59.1	58.5	8.0	8.4
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
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Payments - Dec 2024	31,400	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 1,580	↑ 12,685
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### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

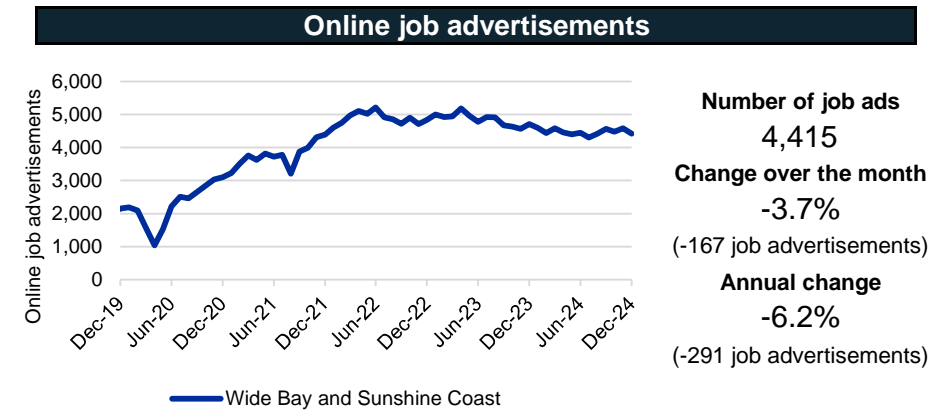
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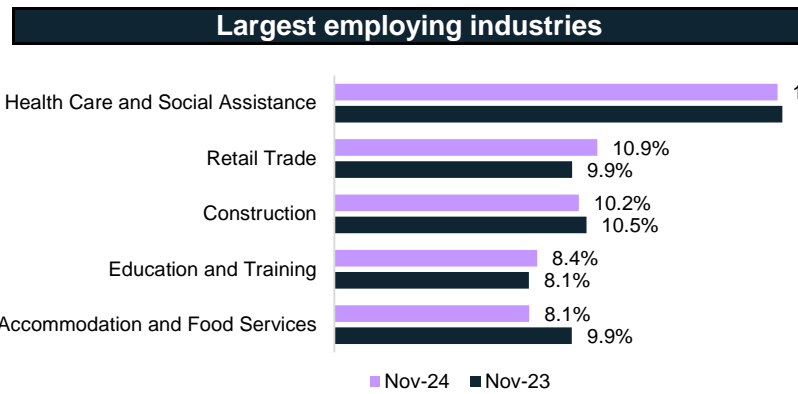
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
South Burnett	5.9	6.4
Fraser Coast	5.3	5.8
Bundaberg	4.5	4.9
North Burnett	4.5	4.8
Gympie	4.4	4.7

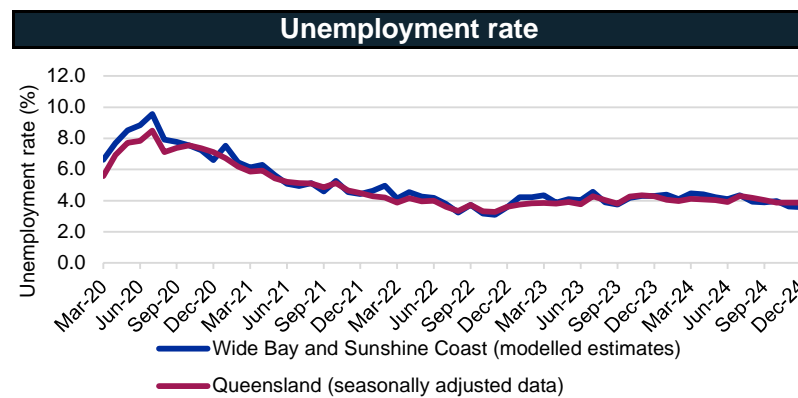
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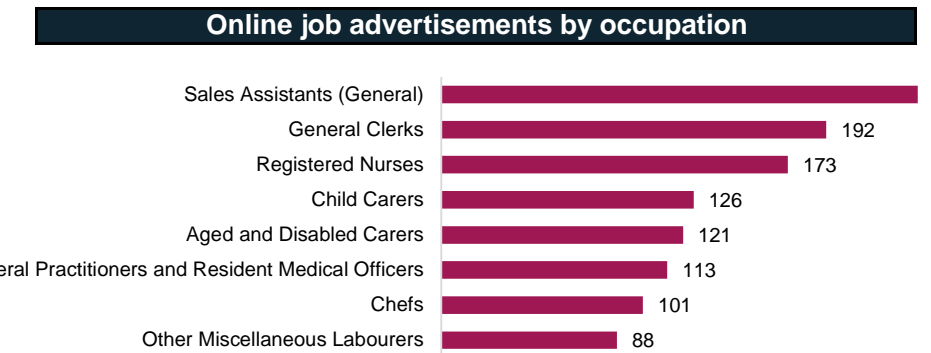
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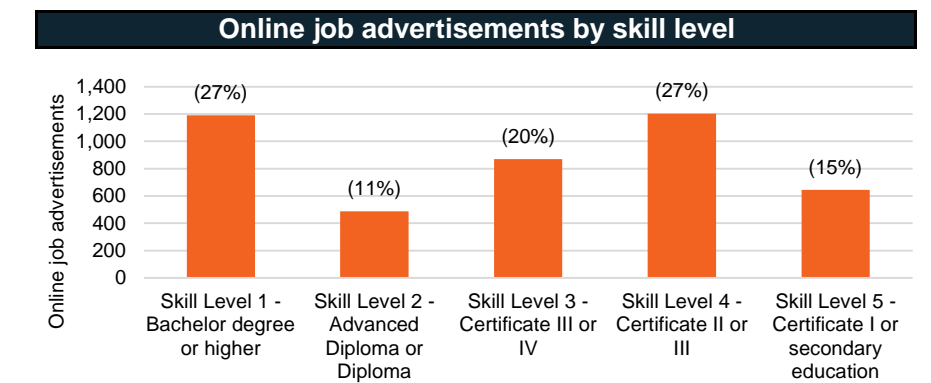
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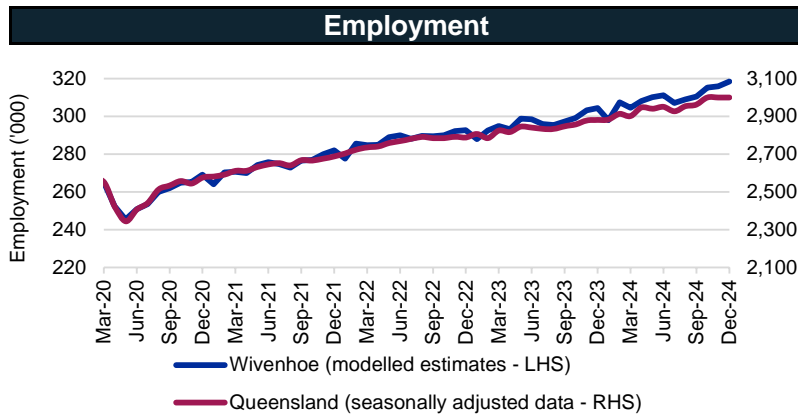
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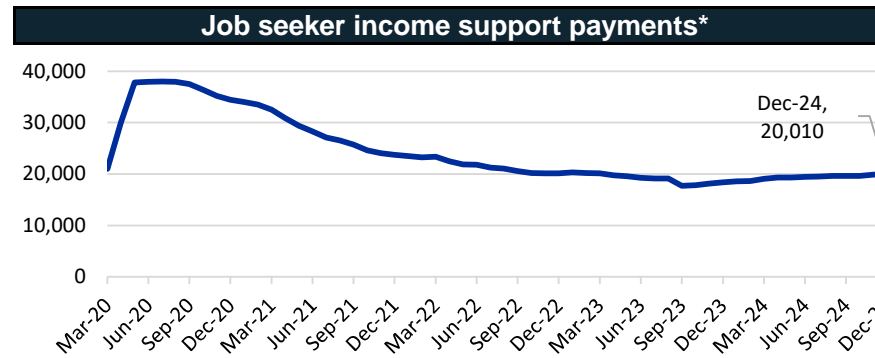
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	Dec-24 ('000)	Dec-23 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-24 ('000)	Dec-23 ('000)	Change (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-23 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-23 (%)	Dec-24 (%)	Dec-23 (%)
Wivenhoe	318.4	304.3	4.6	13.9	14.8	-6.1	4.2	4.6	67.7	67.0	11.2	10.4
Queensland	3,002.4	2,882.6	4.2	120.7	130.0	-7.1	3.9	4.3	67.5	66.8	9.2	8.9
Australia	14,584.4	14,140.1	3.1	604.1	584.6	3.3	4.0	4.0	67.1	66.6	9.1	9.6

Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, December 2024, table MRM1 for Employment Region data, except for the youth unemployment rate, which is a 12-month average of the original estimates from the Labour Force Survey. State youth unemployment rates are 12-month averages of original estimates. Remaining data are seasonally adjusted.

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



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), December-24



### Change in job seeker income support payments

	Wivenhoe	Queensland
Payments - Dec 2023	18,370	194,290
Payments - Dec 2024	20,010	206,975
Change from Dec 2023 to Dec 2024	↑ 1,640	↑ 12,685
	↑ 8.9%	↑ 6.5%

### % of 15-64 year olds\*\* on job seeker income support payments

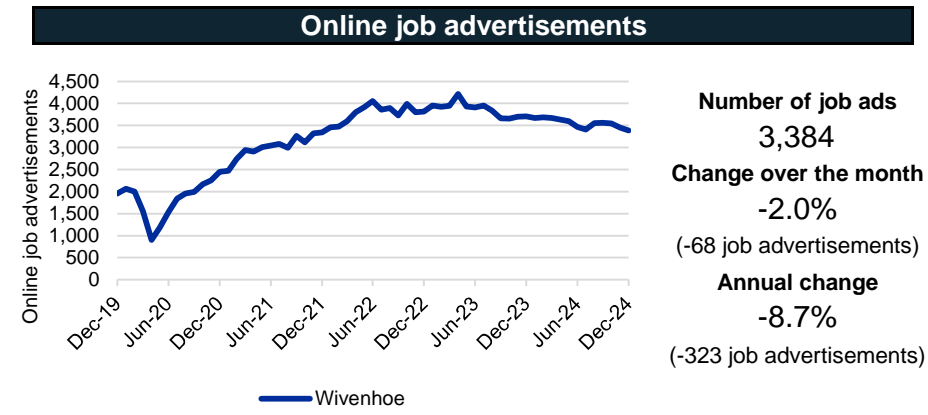
	total persons on job seeker income support	% of 15-64 year olds on job seeker income support
Wivenhoe	20,010	5.7%
Queensland	206,975	5.7%
Australia	939,160	5.3%

Source: Department of Social Services, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance (other) payment recipients, Dec-24; ABS, Estimated Resident Population, Jun-23

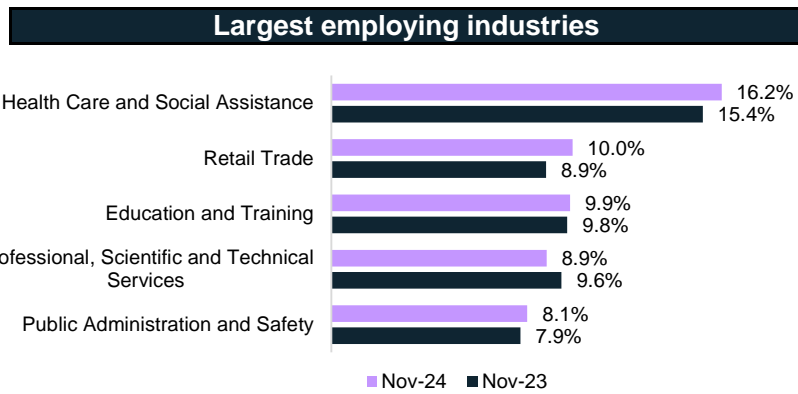
### LGAs with highest unemployment rates (%)

Local Government Area (LGA)	Sep-24	Sep-23
Ipswich	5.7	5.0
Somerset	5.6	5.3
Lockyer Valley	4.6	4.9
Scenic Rim	4.5	3.9
Brisbane	3.8	3.4

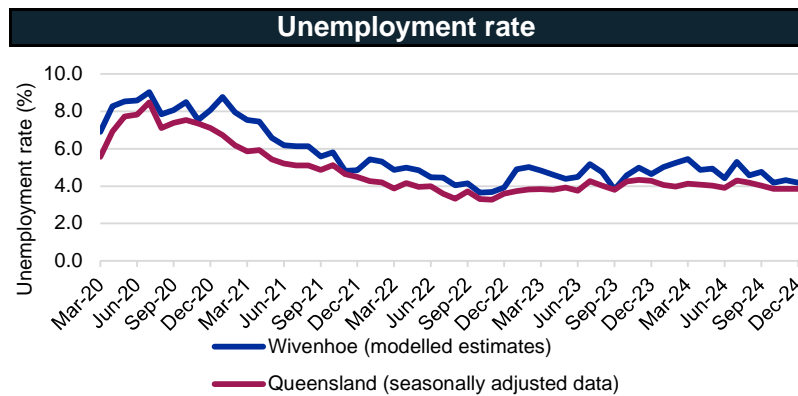
For more insights, access SALM data via [jobsandskills.gov.au](http://jobsandskills.gov.au). Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, September-24 quarter



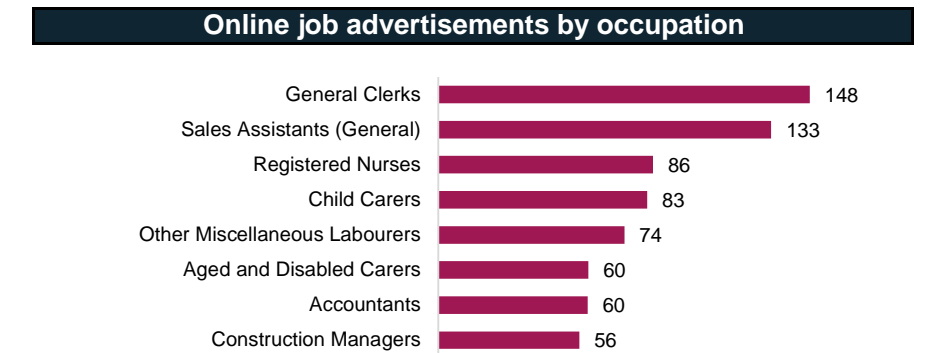
Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Dec-24



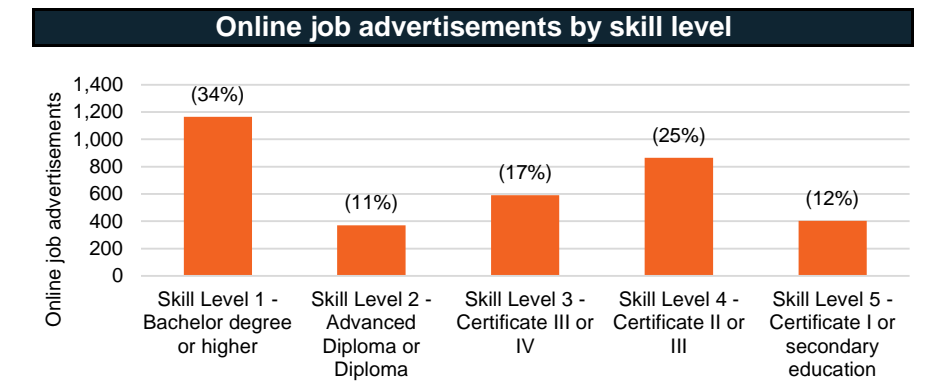
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, Detailed, four quarter averages, November-24 quarter#



Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), December-24



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, 3 month average of original data, December-24



Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Internet Vacancy Index, seasonally adjusted data, Dec-24

Note: Data are not readily available by Employment Region. ABS modelled estimates are based on the Brisbane - West; and Ipswich SA4. The Internet Vacancy Index (IVI) and income support data are apportioned to Employment Regions using an SA2 based concordance. \*Job seeker payments include those who are in receipt of either JobSeeker (aged 22 and over but under the Age Pension qualifying age) or Youth Allowance (other) payments (those aged 16 to 21). The reporting population for income support payments has changed to include those who are suspended from payment, and those who are current but on zero rate of payment for JobSeeker payments and those who are suspended from payment for Youth Allowance. Note that not everyone in receipt of income support is on the caseload. Data are published on [data.gov.au](http://data.gov.au). \*\*Estimated Resident Population estimates are only available by standard 5 year age groups. For more information about the data in this dashboard, refer to the Employment Region Labour Market Dashboard data sources and quality document on [jobsandskills.gov.au](http://jobsandskills.gov.au).

#Given the volatility of the underlying data, industry employment proportions should be treated with a high degree of caution, particularly change over the year figures.