



## South West WA Employment Region Western Australia

## **Labour Market Dashboard**

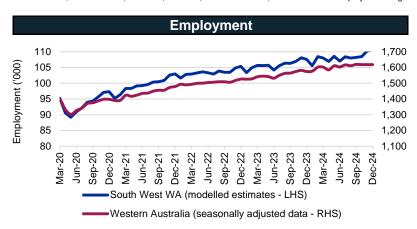
## Data current as at 23 January 2025

Refer to source notes for data reference periods

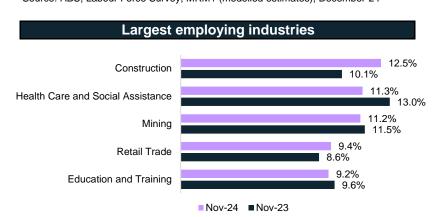
This **Labour Market Dashboard** provides key indicators for the labour market by Employment Region and is updated monthly.

Labour market summary table												
		Employment			Unemployment		Unemployment rate		Participation rate		Youth unemployment rate	
	Dec-24	Dec-23	Change	Dec-24	Dec-23	Change	Dec-24	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-23
	('000)	('000)	(%)	('000')	('000)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
South West WA	110.7	107.5	3.0	2.8	3.3	-14.5	2.5	3.0	66.9	66.6	5.0	11.9
Western Australia	1,641.8	1,570.7	4.5	56.2	67.5	-16.8	3.3	4.1	69.1	68.7	8.9	8.8
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

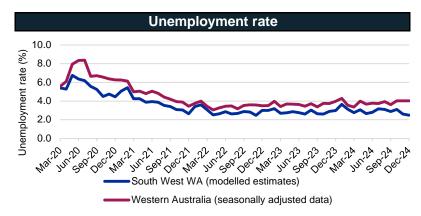
Source: ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, December 2024, table MRM1 for Employment Region data, except for the original estimates from the Labour Force Survey. State youth unemployment rates are 12-month averages of original estimates. Remaining data are seasonally adjusted.



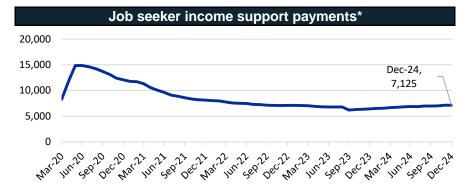
Source: ABS, Labour Force Survey, MRM1 (modelled estimates), December-24



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



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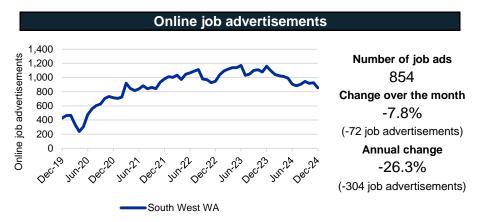
Change in job seeker income support payments						
		South West WA		Western Australia		
Payments - Dec 2023		6,425		93,930		
Payments - Dec 2024		7,125		102,020		
Change from Dec 2023	1	700	<b>1</b>	8,090		
to Dec 2024	<b>1</b>	10.9%	<b>1</b>	8.6%		

% 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				
South West WA	7,125	6.0%				
Western Australia	102,020	5.3%				
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					
Collie	6.2	8.5					
Bunbury	5.3	6.6					
Manjimup	3.4	4.0					
Donnybrook-Balingup	3.0	4.0					
Bridgetown-Greenbushes	2.9	3.5					

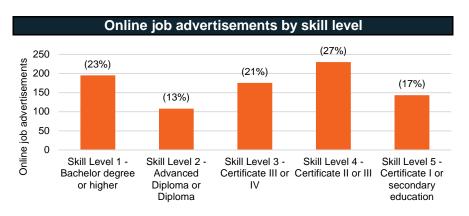
For more insights, access SALM data via jobsandskills.gov.au. Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, Small Area Labour Markets, smoothed data, September-24 quarter



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



Source: 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 Bunbury 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 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. \*\*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.

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