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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, AUGUST 1998(b)

	<i>Males</i>				<i>Females</i>				<i>Persons</i>			
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,597.4	136.1	7.9	70.5	1,216.6	85.2	6.5	51.2	2,814.1	221.3	7.3	60.7
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,036.1	67.3	6.1	72.5	804.7	49.2	5.8	53.8	1,840.9	116.5	6.0	62.9
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	100.3	5.7	5.4	66.9	83.6	4.8	5.4	54.1	183.8	10.5	5.4	60.4
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	57.3	* 3.9	* 6.4	64.3	46.7	* 2.8	* 5.7	55.4	104.0	6.7	6.1	60.0
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	62.3	3.2	4.8	70.2	56.6	* 2.8	* 4.7	61.9	118.9	5.9	4.7	66.0
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	112.0	6.0	5.1	76.1	95.9	* 2.6	* 2.6	56.2	208.0	8.6	4.0	65.6
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	71.0	7.1	9.0	64.9	52.9	3.3	6.0	44.5	123.9	10.4	7.7	54.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	136.3	13.8	9.2	74.0	98.6	11.1	10.1	52.5	234.9	24.9	9.6	63.1
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	72.5	8.3	10.2	69.9	54.6	4.8	8.1	48.6	127.1	13.1	9.3	58.9
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	73.4	4.8	6.1	70.5	49.2	* 2.0	* 3.9	44.5	122.6	6.8	5.2	57.2
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	157.9	9.2	5.5	76.5	110.9	8.5	7.1	54.7	268.8	17.6	6.2	65.6
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	71.4	* 3.1	* 4.2	73.3	65.6	* 2.5	* 3.7	64.4	137.0	5.6	3.9	68.7
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	113.9	5.0	4.2	75.8	94.6	4.2	4.3	57.6	208.5	9.2	4.2	66.3
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	69.8	3.5	4.8	73.6	49.1	2.3	4.4	54.4	118.9	5.8	4.7	64.3
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	67.7	6.0	8.1	69.9	47.8	5.1	9.7	47.3	115.6	11.1	8.8	58.2
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	561.3	68.8	10.9	67.4	411.9	36.1	8.1	46.8	973.2	104.9	9.7	56.9
Hunter Statistical Region	120.6	17.9	12.9	63.6	85.6	7.2	7.7	40.6	206.2	25.0	10.8	51.8
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	101.8	14.7	12.6	64.7	70.9	5.4	7.1	41.8	172.7	20.2	10.5	53.1
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	152.9	16.6	9.8	70.5	109.9	11.3	9.3	50.6	262.8	27.9	9.6	60.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	102.0	12.8	11.2	71.7	72.5	9.0	11.0	49.4	174.5	21.8	11.1	60.3
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	73.0	11.3	13.4	74.9	52.5	6.2	10.6	51.6	125.5	17.6	12.3	63.2
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	84.8	16.8	16.6	59.1	68.5	8.8	11.4	41.2	153.3	25.6	14.3	49.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	135.3	12.2	8.3	73.9	98.1	* 4.7	* 4.6	53.1	233.4	16.9	6.8	63.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	67.7	5.2	7.2	69.2	49.7	* 4.1	* 7.6	49.5	117.5	9.4	7.4	59.2

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	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,202.0	103.8	8.0	72.3	949.7	81.2	7.9	54.7	2,151.7	185.0	7.9	63.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	891.6	68.4	7.1	73.3	715.9	56.5	7.3	56.2	1,607.4	124.9	7.2	64.6
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	136.8	13.1	8.7	72.4	102.7	8.5	7.7	52.3	239.5	21.6	8.3	62.2
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	65.8	5.4	7.5	73.1	53.5	5.4	9.1	54.6	119.3	10.7	8.2	63.4
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	56.1	8.3	12.9	74.6	65.9	5.1	7.1	70.1	122.0	13.4	9.9	72.1
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	112.8	8.0	6.6	73.0	84.2	8.9	9.6	53.8	197.0	16.9	7.9	63.2
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	148.6	9.8	6.2	68.0	127.7	6.3	4.7	52.8	276.3	16.1	5.5	60.1
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	105.1	7.7	6.8	72.8	86.1	4.7	5.2	57.0	191.2	12.4	6.1	64.8
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	115.8	6.8	5.6	82.9	89.0	7.3	7.6	63.5	204.8	14.1	6.4	73.1
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	93.0	5.0	5.1	74.8	66.0	6.9	9.4	57.0	159.0	11.9	7.0	66.0
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	57.5	4.4	7.1	71.5	40.8	3.5	7.9	51.2	98.3	7.9	7.4	61.4
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	310.4	35.4	10.2	69.7	233.8	24.7	9.5	50.6	544.2	60.1	9.9	60.0
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	82.0	9.8	10.7	69.4	62.2	7.6	10.9	49.5	144.2	17.4	10.8	59.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	56.9	6.2	9.9	73.7	40.7	* 4.2	* 9.5	52.8	97.5	10.5	9.7	63.3
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	59.7	7.5	11.1	71.4	40.9	4.7	10.2	49.4	100.6	12.1	10.8	60.5
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	67.9	4.9	6.7	68.5	55.8	* 4.1	* 6.8	52.1	123.7	9.0	6.8	60.0
All Gippsland Statistical Region	43.9	7.0	13.8	65.2	34.3	* 4.1	* 10.7	49.4	78.3	11.1	12.5	57.3
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	904.5	89.6	9.0	73.4	699.2	57.9	7.7	54.9	1,603.7	147.5	8.4	64.1
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	410.7	38.2	8.5	73.4	329.3	24.2	6.9	55.8	740.0	62.5	7.8	64.4
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	99.3	10.4	9.5	72.8	92.9	3.2	3.3	58.4	192.3	13.5	6.6	65.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	127.1	10.2	7.4	72.1	100.2	7.2	6.7	55.4	227.3	17.3	7.1	63.7
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	87.6	8.4	8.7	76.5	63.3	6.7	9.5	54.7	150.9	15.0	9.1	65.5
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	96.7	9.3	8.8	73.3	72.8	7.2	9.0	54.2	169.6	16.6	8.9	63.6
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	493.8	51.3	9.4	73.3	369.9	33.7	8.3	54.2	863.7	85.0	9.0	63.7
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	91.2	11.2	11.0	68.3	70.6	11.6	14.1	54.5	161.8	22.9	12.4	61.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	71.3	10.2	12.5	70.8	64.5	6.2	8.7	53.4	135.8	16.4	10.7	61.5
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	48.9	7.3	12.9	65.0	33.7	4.6	12.1	42.2	82.7	11.9	12.6	53.3
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	71.6	5.6	7.2	78.9	53.9	* 1.8	* 3.3	58.9	125.4	7.4	5.6	69.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	93.1	7.7	7.6	76.5	62.1	4.7	7.1	55.3	155.2	12.4	7.4	66.3
Northern-North West Statistical Region	63.2	5.9	8.5	79.4	44.2	3.1	6.6	57.6	107.4	9.0	7.8	68.8
Far North Statistical Region	54.5	3.5	6.0	76.7	41.0	* 1.5	* 3.6	58.1	95.5	5.0	5.0	67.5
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	93.8	12.1	11.4	67.7	70.8	11.4	13.9	53.5	164.6	23.5	12.5	60.6

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	367.9	42.9	10.4	70.1	275.1	29.2	9.6	50.1	643.0	72.1	10.1	59.9
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.8	31.6	10.5	69.6	211.2	19.9	8.6	50.9	479.0	51.5	9.7	60.0
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.4	13.1	13.4	73.2	61.2	8.3	11.9	51.1	145.7	21.3	12.8	62.0
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	44.1	7.7	14.8	62.0	40.2	3.0	6.9	49.6	84.3	10.6	11.2	55.7
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	57.0	3.7	6.1	68.5	45.3	3.9	7.8	49.1	102.3	7.6	6.9	58.2
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.3	7.1	8.0	71.5	64.5	4.8	6.9	52.9	146.8	11.9	7.5	62.0
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	100.1	11.3	10.2	71.6	63.8	9.3	12.7	48.0	163.9	20.6	11.2	59.9
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	35.0	4.4	11.2	67.6	24.5	3.6	12.9	47.1	59.5	8.0	11.9	57.2
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.2	6.9	9.6	73.9	39.3	5.7	12.6	48.5	104.4	12.6	10.8	61.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	498.5	40.1	7.4	75.5	385.3	23.3	5.7	56.8	883.8	63.4	6.7	66.1
Perth Major Statistical Region	360.5	29.9	7.7	75.3	284.4	18.6	6.1	56.2	644.9	48.5	7.0	65.5
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	28.8	3.1	9.7	71.8	20.1	2.0	8.9	48.0	49.0	5.1	9.4	59.7
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	60.0	4.4	6.8	74.3	41.9	2.2	5.1	50.6	101.9	6.6	6.1	62.4
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	117.5	9.1	7.2	77.5	99.9	5.1	4.9	61.6	217.4	14.2	6.1	69.4
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.0	6.7	8.4	76.0	57.3	3.8	6.2	55.3	130.3	10.4	7.4	65.4
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	81.2	6.7	7.6	73.4	65.2	5.5	7.8	56.5	146.4	12.2	7.7	64.8
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	138.0	10.2	6.9	76.1	100.9	4.7	4.4	58.7	238.9	14.9	5.9	67.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	66.9	5.0	7.0	73.1	48.1	3.5	6.9	54.5	115.0	8.6	6.9	64.0
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	71.1	5.2	6.8	79.2	52.8	* 1.1	* 2.1	63.4	123.9	6.3	4.8	71.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	108.0	15.8	12.8	68.4	84.0	8.7	9.4	49.5	192.1	24.6	11.3	58.8
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.9	6.8	11.6	67.5	43.1	4.3	9.0	52.2	95.1	11.1	10.4	59.7
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.4	5.8	11.5	67.2	37.5	3.7	8.9	52.0	81.9	9.4	10.3	59.4
Northern Statistical Region Sector	30.7	4.9	13.7	70.1	22.5	2.3	9.4	46.2	53.2	7.2	12.0	57.8
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.4	4.1	14.0	68.1	18.5	2.2	10.5	48.0	43.8	6.3	12.6	58.1
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	49.5	2.8	5.4	76.9	40.3	* 0.5	* 1.3	62.4	89.7	3.3	3.6	69.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	135.6	9.9	6.8	74.3	110.7	6.9	5.9	60.6	246.2	16.8	6.4	67.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.7	6.1	6.8	78.5	73.2	4.6	5.9	65.0	157.8	10.7	6.3	71.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,812.6	437.2	8.3	72.1	3,723.4	290.7	7.2	53.5	8,535.9	727.9	7.9	62.6

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
	- '000-									per cent		
ORIGINAL												
1997 —												
June	69.1	39.6	108.7	84.3	46.2	130.5	153.4	85.9	239.3	35.1	27.3	31.9
July	73.3	39.1	112.4	78.9	44.7	123.6	152.2	83.8	236.0	34.0	27.6	31.4
August	65.6	39.9	105.5	82.6	47.2	129.8	148.2	87.1	235.3	33.1	27.5	30.8
September	74.6	41.8	116.4	97.4	54.0	151.4	172.0	95.8	267.8	36.6	29.6	33.8
October	67.9	39.6	107.5	90.1	49.1	139.2	158.0	88.7	246.7	37.0	28.6	33.5
November	78.2	43.9	122.1	86.1	40.0	126.1	164.3	83.9	248.2	37.6	28.0	33.7
December	78.4	44.7	123.2	85.7	41.2	126.9	164.2	85.9	250.1	36.8	27.1	32.7
1998 —												
January	72.1	42.0	114.1	84.9	39.2	124.1	157.0	81.2	238.3	32.9	24.0	29.2
February	74.2	47.5	121.7	94.1	47.9	142.0	168.3	95.4	263.7	34.9	26.5	31.3
March	69.3	38.7	108.1	93.4	45.2	138.6	162.7	83.9	246.6	35.4	24.5	30.8
April	65.0	41.9	106.9	85.4	43.6	129.1	150.4	85.6	236.0	36.0	26.9	32.0
May	62.5	38.0	100.6	83.9	47.0	130.9	146.4	85.0	231.4	33.8	27.9	31.3
June	60.5	35.9	96.4	83.4	44.6	127.9	143.9	80.4	224.4	33.3	26.5	30.5
July	63.9	40.1	103.9	89.0	46.0	135.0	152.9	86.0	238.9	35.3	29.2	32.8
August	68.4	37.5	105.9	91.7	47.8	139.4	160.0	85.3	245.3	36.6	29.3	33.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1997 —												
June	71.9	43.8	115.7	86.0	47.7	133.6	157.9	91.5	249.3	34.9	27.6	31.8
July	74.0	41.5	115.5	84.5	47.5	132.0	158.5	89.0	247.5	33.4	27.3	30.9
August	70.4	42.8	113.2	87.3	47.5	134.8	157.7	90.3	248.1	34.1	27.0	31.1
September	72.9	41.0	113.8	95.7	52.7	148.4	168.6	93.7	262.2	36.3	29.0	33.3
October	69.2	39.5	108.8	94.4	47.0	141.4	163.6	86.5	250.1	36.3	26.8	32.3
November	75.2	42.9	118.1	87.9	39.1	127.0	163.1	82.0	245.1	35.6	25.6	31.5
December	79.4	44.9	124.3	84.9	42.9	127.8	164.3	87.8	252.1	36.9	27.8	33.1
1998 —												
January	71.2	41.2	112.4	82.9	42.0	124.9	154.1	83.2	237.3	35.5	25.9	31.4
February	70.3	40.6	111.0	87.1	42.9	129.9	157.4	83.5	240.9	35.4	27.2	32.1
March	67.0	36.0	103.0	86.3	43.9	130.2	153.3	79.9	233.2	34.7	25.1	30.7
April	66.7	44.3	110.9	84.9	43.8	128.6	151.5	88.0	239.6	35.9	28.0	32.5
May	62.2	39.5	101.7	85.4	48.6	133.9	147.5	88.1	235.6	33.6	28.0	31.3
June	63.3	39.6	102.9	85.0	46.0	131.1	148.3	85.7	234.0	33.1	26.8	30.5
July	64.3	42.4	106.7	95.5	49.0	144.5	159.8	91.4	251.2	34.8	28.7	32.3
August	73.5	40.3	113.8	96.9	48.0	144.9	170.4	88.3	258.7	37.6	28.7	34.0
TREND SERIES												
1997 —												
June	71.4	41.9	113.3	84.6	49.0	133.6	156.1	90.9	246.9	33.6	27.2	30.9
July	71.9	41.8	113.7	87.4	48.8	136.1	159.3	90.6	249.8	34.3	27.3	31.4
August	72.3	41.8	114.1	89.6	48.2	137.8	161.9	90.0	251.9	35.0	27.4	31.8
September	72.9	41.9	114.8	90.7	47.2	137.9	163.6	89.1	252.7	35.5	27.4	32.2
October	73.5	42.1	115.5	90.4	45.7	136.2	163.9	87.8	251.7	35.9	27.2	32.3
November	73.9	42.0	115.9	89.3	44.1	133.4	163.2	86.1	249.3	36.1	26.9	32.3
December	73.7	41.8	115.5	87.6	42.8	130.4	161.4	84.5	245.9	36.1	26.6	32.2
1998 —												
January	72.6	41.4	114.1	85.9	42.2	128.0	158.5	83.6	242.1	35.9	26.5	32.0
February r	70.4	40.9	111.3	84.6	42.5	127.2	155.1	83.4	238.5	35.5	26.5	31.7
March r	67.8	40.5	108.3	84.6	43.7	128.3	152.4	84.2	236.6	35.0	26.7	31.5
April r	65.8	40.3	106.0	85.6	45.1	130.8	151.4	85.4	236.8	34.6	27.0	31.4
May r	64.9	40.4	105.3	87.3	46.2	133.5	152.2	86.6	238.8	34.5	27.4	31.5
June r	65.1	40.6	105.7	89.2	47.2	136.4	154.3	87.8	242.1	34.7	27.8	31.8
July r	65.9	40.9	106.8	91.5	48.0	139.5	157.4	88.9	246.2	35.0	28.2	32.2
August	67.0	41.1	108.0	93.5	48.6	142.1	160.5	89.7	250.2	35.4	28.5	32.6

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1998
(**'000**)

<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Unemployed under 52 weeks</i>	<i>Long-term unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment</i>
		<i>Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104</i>	<i>Unemployed 104 weeks and over</i>		
MALES					
New South Wales	84.1	21.2	30.8	52.0	38.2
Victoria	64.4	17.3	22.2	39.5	38.0
Queensland	61.8	12.8	14.9	27.7	31.0
South Australia	20.9	8.4	13.6	22.0	51.2
Western Australia	31.4	4.0	4.7	8.7	21.7
Tasmania	8.8	2.7	4.3	7.0	44.4
Northern Territory	1.8	* 0.6	* 0.4	* 1.0	* 34.7
Australian Capital Territory	4.0	1.3	* 0.8	2.1	34.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>277.2</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>91.7</i>	<i>160.0</i>	<i>36.6</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	55.0	12.7	17.6	30.3	35.5
Victoria	58.5	10.3	12.4	22.7	28.0
Queensland	45.4	6.4	6.1	12.6	21.7
South Australia	18.0	3.9	7.2	11.2	38.2
Western Australia	19.4	* 2.1	* 1.8	3.9	16.7
Tasmania	5.1	1.6	2.1	3.7	42.3
Northern Territory	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	* 0.5	* 0.5	1.0	21.5
<i>Australia</i>	<i>205.4</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>47.8</i>	<i>85.3</i>	<i>29.3</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	139.1	33.9	48.3	82.2	37.2
Victoria	122.8	27.6	34.6	62.2	33.6
Queensland	107.2	19.3	21.0	40.3	27.3
South Australia	39.0	12.3	20.9	33.1	46.0
Western Australia	50.8	6.1	6.6	12.6	19.9
Tasmania	13.9	4.3	6.4	10.7	43.6
Northern Territory	2.4	* 0.6	* 0.4	* 1.0	* 29.2
Australian Capital Territory	7.6	1.9	1.3	3.1	29.1
Australia	482.6	105.9	139.4	245.3	33.7

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY
(^{'000})

<i>Month</i>	<i>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Wholesale trade</i>	<i>Retail trade</i>	<i>Accommodation, cafes and restaurants</i>	<i>Transport and storage</i>
ORIGINAL									
1996 —									
August	422.2	91.0	1,119.3	68.5	603.4	494.6	1,238.4	378.5	392.8
November	419.6	89.5	1,138.5	66.4	584.9	481.4	1,261.6	394.2	392.6
1997 —									
February	438.1	83.8	1,133.4	63.5	582.5	493.5	1,225.7	412.5	404.5
May	428.0	82.3	1,128.1	68.3	576.4	500.6	1,225.2	411.3	395.1
August	419.4	81.5	1,144.7	66.2	567.1	471.8	1,197.2	393.2	390.6
November	457.9	83.2	1,137.6	64.8	597.1	492.1	1,277.5	402.7	389.0
1998 —									
February	445.9	81.3	1,109.8	61.5	605.5	504.8	1,263.2	395.4	400.0
May	422.8	86.9	1,095.0	65.8	619.9	527.1	1,243.7	423.0	394.8
August	418.1	87.1	1,104.2	69.3	623.8	506.5	1,253.3	402.7	379.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1996 —									
August	430.0	90.5	1,118.3	68.0	607.3	497.8	1,253.6	383.3	397.1
November	412.8	90.0	1,135.0	66.6	582.1	483.3	1,251.1	393.2	395.6
1997 —									
February	432.0	85.4	1,130.5	63.8	581.6	499.3	1,226.6	411.7	398.4
May	433.1	80.8	1,136.2	68.3	576.1	489.2	1,220.2	408.0	393.9
August	427.7	81.1	1,142.6	65.7	571.2	475.6	1,211.6	398.4	394.8
November	450.3	83.7	1,134.7	64.9	593.9	493.7	1,266.4	401.7	392.0
1998 —									
February	439.4	82.9	1,106.5	61.8	604.7	510.9	1,264.3	394.6	393.8
May	427.8	85.3	1,103.3	65.8	619.5	514.7	1,239.0	419.5	393.6
August	426.6	86.7	1,101.7	68.8	628.5	510.9	1,268.2	407.9	383.3
TREND									
1996 —									
August	424.5	89.7	1,120.7	68.9	596.9	490.4	1,254.2	382.2	396.0
November	424.2	88.6	1,128.5	65.9	589.4	493.2	1,245.6	396.8	397.2
1997 —									
February	425.4	85.5	1,134.4	65.7	579.4	491.0	1,228.8	405.5	396.6
May	430.8	82.2	1,139.0	66.3	574.2	486.3	1,219.5	407.2	395.3
August	437.7	81.3	1,138.3	65.8	578.4	485.6	1,230.3	401.8	393.9
November r	440.6	82.3	1,129.2	64.3	589.5	493.1	1,247.6	399.1	393.7
1998 —									
February r	438.7	83.8	1,114.9	63.9	604.9	505.6	1,256.5	403.3	393.1
May r	432.3	85.1	1,103.9	65.4	618.4	513.1	1,257.7	408.8	390.6
August	425.7	86.2	1,097.1	67.7	628.8	514.8	1,255.7	413.0	387.2

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY—continued
(*000)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Communication services</i>	<i>Finance and insurance</i>	<i>Property and business services</i>	<i>Government administration and defence</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Health and community services</i>	<i>Cultural and recreational services</i>	<i>Personal and other services</i>
ORIGINAL								
<i>1996 —</i>								
August	164.2	312.1	812.6	371.7	590.4	765.9	188.8	305.3
November	170.3	317.9	834.3	371.3	595.5	786.5	179.6	308.5
<i>1997 —</i>								
February	158.7	320.6	826.0	375.5	552.5	762.2	200.7	316.3
May	160.9	316.4	837.2	357.8	589.2	771.8	200.9	339.6
August	151.6	311.8	885.9	339.2	584.0	780.4	196.2	334.6
November	148.8	307.5	873.1	351.5	586.8	798.5	210.3	343.1
<i>1998 —</i>								
February	147.6	306.7	903.0	341.3	554.6	800.0	201.2	340.4
May	145.9	323.1	918.2	329.9	608.4	819.5	203.8	339.8
August	151.0	321.0	936.8	329.9	602.9	808.8	199.1	342.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
<i>1996 —</i>								
August	169.7	313.5	803.9	376.7	581.8	766.1	192.6	313.3
November	166.8	320.0	836.0	370.5	587.7	781.3	176.8	304.1
<i>1997 —</i>								
February	156.3	321.3	830.4	370.1	580.5	771.5	200.6	315.1
May	161.6	312.3	840.0	359.1	577.5	767.5	200.4	337.1
August	156.4	313.2	877.1	343.8	575.7	780.8	200.1	343.3
November	146.1	309.7	873.8	350.5	578.9	792.8	206.9	338.6
<i>1998 —</i>								
February	145.3	307.3	908.1	336.4	582.9	809.7	200.9	339.0
May	146.4	318.9	921.1	331.3	596.3	815.0	203.4	337.3
August	155.8	322.4	927.8	334.4	594.3	809.4	203.0	351.3
TREND								
<i>1996 —</i>								
August	169.0	317.2	813.1	372.6	584.6	770.5	187.0	311.0
November	164.8	318.6	823.5	372.2	583.9	773.4	193.5	309.9
<i>1997 —</i>								
February	161.7	318.2	834.9	367.2	581.4	772.6	198.0	318.2
May	158.4	315.7	847.9	358.3	578.0	772.5	200.6	331.9
August	154.2	311.3	864.1	350.5	575.9	779.5	202.6	340.8
November r	148.7	309.3	885.0	343.5	579.1	794.3	203.2	340.5
<i>1998 —</i>								
February r	146.1	311.6	902.7	338.6	585.3	806.0	203.3	339.0
May r	148.3	316.2	918.2	334.3	591.7	812.0	203.0	341.6
August	152.5	322.0	932.7	330.8	596.6	814.6	202.5	346.4

NOTES

- INTRODUCTION** **1** This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.
- REGIONAL ESTIMATES** **2** This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.
- 3** The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability than for similar estimates at the State level. In addition estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.
- 4** Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6262.0).
- INDUSTRY** **5** From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993* (cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.
- STANDARD ERRORS** **6** Standard errors of the estimates in this report for the States, Territories and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Matthew Paull on Canberra (02) 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
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 r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.
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