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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, DECEMBER 1999(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 | 1,711.0 | 116.1 | 6.4 | 72.7 | 1,307.0 | 80.9 | 5.8 | 53.4 | 3,017.9 | 197.0 | 6.1 | 62.9 |
| Sydney Major Statistical Region | 1,126.3 | 57.5 | 4.9 | 74.2 | 873.9 | 41.5 | 4.5 | 55.3 | 2,000.2 | 99.0 | 4.7 | 64.6 |
| Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions | 134.5 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 74.3 | 116.9 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 63.9 | 251.4 | 10.3 | 3.9 | 69.1 |
| Inner Sydney Statistical Region | 87.0 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 76.4 | 72.8 | * 1.9 | * 2.6 | 63.0 | 159.8 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 69.7 |
| Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region | 79.8 | * 1.7 | * 2.1 | 75.3 | 54.9 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 57.4 | 134.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 66.6 |
| St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region | 125.2 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 75.4 | 93.2 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 56.6 | 218.4 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 66.1 |
| Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region | 79.9 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 72.2 | 63.2 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 52.9 | 143.2 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 62.2 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions | 148.7 | 14.6 | 8.9 | 72.4 | 112.1 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 51.5 | 260.9 | 23.2 | 8.2 | 61.8 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region | 78.3 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 67.0 | 61.6 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 48.1 | 139.9 | 13.7 | 8.9 | 57.2 |
| Central Western Sydney Statistical Region | 77.4 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 70.8 | 52.6 | * 1.4 | * 2.6 | 47.2 | 130.0 | 8.8 | 6.4 | 59.3 |
| Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown | 157.9 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 75.5 | 122.7 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 56.6 | 280.5 | 13.3 | 4.5 | 65.9 |
| Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region | 75.1 | * 1.1 | * 1.4 | 78.1 | 60.8 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 55.9 | 135.9 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 66.1 |
| Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills | 117.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 79.1 | 99.1 | * 2.7 | * 2.6 | 60.3 | 216.9 | 6.8 | 3.0 | 69.3 |
| Northern Beaches Statistical Region | 67.4 | * 1.4 | * 2.0 | 78.4 | 57.1 | * 1.3 | * 2.3 | 60.9 | 124.4 | * 2.7 | * 2.1 | 69.2 |
| Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region | 62.6 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 64.4 | 41.4 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 39.8 | 104.0 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 51.6 |
| Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region | 584.7 | 58.6 | 9.1 | 69.9 | 433.0 | 39.4 | 8.3 | 50.2 | 1,017.7 | 98.0 | 8.8 | 59.9 |
| Hunter Statistical Region | 148.4 | 17.9 | 10.8 | 70.1 | 112.3 | 11.9 | 9.6 | 51.2 | 260.7 | 29.8 | 10.3 | 60.6 |
| Newcastle Statistical Region Sector | 129.6 | 16.5 | 11.3 | 71.0 | 99.2 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 52.7 | 228.8 | 26.0 | 10.2 | 61.8 |
| Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c) | 141.2 | 15.8 | 10.0 | 69.4 | 100.2 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 49.9 | 241.4 | 23.3 | 8.8 | 59.8 |
| Illawarra Statistical Region | 95.3 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 67.7 | 69.7 | * 3.5 | * 4.8 | 47.8 | 165.0 | 14.2 | 7.9 | 57.8 |
| Wollongong Statistical Region Sector | 71.5 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 70.5 | 50.5 | 3.5 | 6.5 | 52.3 | 122.0 | 10.5 | 7.9 | 61.7 |
| Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions | 99.3 | 13.6 | 12.0 | 61.5 | 81.7 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 45.6 | 180.9 | 23.8 | 11.6 | 53.2 |
| Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions | 121.6 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 73.8 | 91.5 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 53.2 | 213.2 | 12.9 | 5.7 | 63.3 |
| Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region | 74.2 | * 3.8 | * 4.8 | 79.9 | 47.3 | * 4.4 | * 8.6 | 51.9 | 121.5 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 65.7 |

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| | Males | | | | Females | | | | Persons | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate | Employed - '000 - | Unemp- loyed - '000 - | Unemp- loyment rate - per cent - | Partici- pation rate |
| VICTORIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VICTORIA | 1,262.9 | 95.0 | 7.0 | 73.3 | 997.4 | 70.4 | 6.6 | 55.2 | 2,260.3 | 165.3 | 6.8 | 64.1 |
| Melbourne Major Statistical Region | 940.3 | 66.0 | 6.6 | 74.5 | 746.1 | 51.5 | 6.5 | 56.3 | 1,686.4 | 117.5 | 6.5 | 65.2 |
| Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region | 149.2 | 13.6 | 8.4 | 73.9 | 110.9 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 55.1 | 260.0 | 23.0 | 8.1 | 64.6 |
| North Western Melbourne Statistical Region | 63.2 | 7.4 | 10.5 | 70.2 | 51.1 | 7.4 | 12.6 | 54.9 | 114.3 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 62.3 |
| Inner Melbourne Statistical Region | 69.0 | 5.8 | 7.7 | 78.5 | 57.9 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 64.2 | 126.9 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 71.3 |
| North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region | 122.0 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 76.1 | 92.3 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 56.9 | 214.2 | 16.5 | 7.1 | 66.4 |
| Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region | 164.2 | 8.5 | 4.9 | 71.4 | 129.6 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 54.4 | 293.8 | 15.3 | 4.9 | 62.7 |
| Southern Melbourne Statistical Region | 98.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 70.6 | 91.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 55.6 | 189.9 | 10.8 | 5.4 | 62.5 |
| Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region | 124.7 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 82.1 | 93.0 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 62.6 | 217.7 | 12.5 | 5.4 | 72.5 |
| South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region | 90.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 76.5 | 66.5 | * 3.4 | * 4.8 | 51.6 | 156.4 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 63.5 |
| Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region | 59.6 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 71.2 | 53.5 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 54.7 | 113.1 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 62.4 |
| Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region | 322.6 | 29.0 | 8.2 | 70.1 | 251.3 | 18.9 | 7.0 | 52.2 | 573.9 | 47.9 | 7.7 | 61.0 |
| Barwon-Western District Statistical Region | 78.4 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 67.7 | 63.1 | 5.3 | 7.7 | 48.8 | 141.5 | 11.5 | 7.5 | 57.7 |
| Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region | 60.0 | 5.6 | 8.5 | 76.8 | 40.8 | * 4.1 | * 9.0 | 53.3 | 100.8 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 65.1 |
| Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region | 56.0 | 5.8 | 9.4 | 70.8 | 45.1 | * 2.7 | * 5.7 | 49.6 | 101.0 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 59.7 |
| Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region | 80.3 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 70.7 | 66.1 | * 3.3 | * 4.8 | 58.5 | 146.4 | 8.3 | 5.4 | 64.6 |
| All Gippsland Statistical Region | 47.9 | 6.4 | 11.8 | 65.0 | 36.4 | * 3.5 | * 8.8 | 51.0 | 84.3 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 58.2 |
| QUEENSLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QUEENSLAND | 939.1 | 83.3 | 8.1 | 74.3 | 740.6 | 66.1 | 8.2 | 57.6 | 1,679.7 | 149.4 | 8.2 | 65.8 |
| Brisbane Major Statistical Region | 432.6 | 38.5 | 8.2 | 75.2 | 357.9 | 29.5 | 7.6 | 59.2 | 790.5 | 68.0 | 7.9 | 67.0 |
| Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions | 91.2 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 71.7 | 87.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 61.3 | 178.5 | 15.5 | 8.0 | 66.4 |
| Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions | 143.0 | 9.6 | 6.3 | 73.5 | 106.8 | 10.4 | 8.9 | 57.3 | 249.8 | 20.1 | 7.4 | 65.5 |
| South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions | 92.7 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 78.4 | 77.8 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 59.9 | 170.5 | 16.8 | 9.0 | 68.7 |
| North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions | 105.7 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 78.0 | 86.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 59.0 | 191.7 | 15.7 | 7.6 | 68.2 |
| Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region | 506.5 | 44.8 | 8.1 | 73.5 | 382.6 | 36.6 | 8.7 | 56.1 | 889.2 | 81.4 | 8.4 | 64.8 |
| South and East Moreton Statistical Region | 95.0 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 70.8 | 72.4 | 7.6 | 9.5 | 54.2 | 167.4 | 16.0 | 8.7 | 62.5 |
| North and West Moreton Statistical Region | 87.2 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 69.3 | 66.6 | 8.4 | 11.1 | 55.4 | 153.8 | 15.6 | 9.2 | 62.4 |
| Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region | 49.2 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 68.0 | 37.7 | 4.0 | 9.6 | 51.3 | 86.9 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 59.7 |
| Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region | 66.6 | * 1.7 | * 2.5 | 77.0 | 53.1 | * 2.6 | * 4.6 | 58.4 | 119.7 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 67.3 |
| Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region | 98.4 | 12.2 | 11.0 | 79.9 | 69.4 | 7.9 | 10.3 | 60.4 | 167.8 | 20.2 | 10.7 | 70.5 |
| Northern-North West Statistical Region | 56.8 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 76.1 | 41.4 | * 3.0 | * 6.7 | 56.3 | 98.2 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 66.3 |
| Far North Statistical Region | 53.3 | * 3.7 | * 6.6 | 73.7 | 42.1 | * 3.2 | * 7.1 | 55.8 | 95.3 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 64.5 |
| Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors | 100.4 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 71.6 | 75.0 | 8.4 | 10.0 | 54.6 | 175.4 | 16.8 | 8.7 | 63.1 |

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| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | 386.6 | 35.0 | 8.3 | 71.8 | 305.6 | 24.2 | 7.3 | 53.7 | 692.1 | 59.2 | 7.9 | 62.5 |
| Adelaide Major Statistical Region | 281.5 | 25.4 | 8.3 | 71.3 | 226.5 | 17.9 | 7.3 | 53.2 | 507.9 | 43.3 | 7.9 | 62.0 |
| Northern Adelaide Statistical Region | 87.6 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 72.0 | 69.2 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 55.2 | 156.8 | 16.2 | 9.3 | 63.4 |
| Western Adelaide Statistical Region | 52.5 | 5.8 | 10.0 | 68.3 | 41.1 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 50.4 | 93.6 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 59.2 |
| Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region | 56.8 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 71.2 | 54.5 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 55.7 | 111.3 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 62.9 |
| Southern Adelaide Statistical Region | 84.6 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 72.6 | 61.7 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 51.0 | 146.3 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 61.7 |
| Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region | 105.1 | 9.7 | 8.4 | 73.0 | 79.1 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 55.2 | 184.2 | 15.9 | 7.9 | 64.2 |
| Northern and Western SA Statistical Region | 40.6 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 73.6 | 29.4 | 2.9 | 9.1 | 52.8 | 70.0 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 63.3 |
| Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region | 64.5 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 72.6 | 49.8 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 56.7 | 114.2 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 64.7 |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WESTERN AUSTRALIA | 529.9 | 37.6 | 6.6 | 76.9 | 408.3 | 24.0 | 5.6 | 58.6 | 938.2 | 61.5 | 6.2 | 67.7 |
| Perth Major Statistical Region | 381.3 | 32.3 | 7.8 | 76.6 | 305.5 | 18.5 | 5.7 | 58.1 | 686.9 | 50.7 | 6.9 | 67.2 |
| Central Metropolitan Statistical Region | 32.8 | 3.3 | 9.1 | 75.8 | 25.0 | 1.9 | 6.9 | 58.9 | 57.9 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 67.5 |
| East Metropolitan Statistical Region | 59.2 | 4.7 | 7.4 | 78.8 | 48.7 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 57.2 | 107.9 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 67.4 |
| North Metropolitan Statistical Region | 120.1 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 77.8 | 97.5 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 59.2 | 217.5 | 14.8 | 6.4 | 68.3 |
| South West Metropolitan Statistical Region | 80.8 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 74.3 | 64.5 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 58.8 | 145.3 | 9.5 | 6.1 | 66.5 |
| South East Metropolitan Statistical Region | 88.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 75.9 | 69.9 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 56.4 | 158.3 | 13.5 | 7.9 | 66.1 |
| Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region | 148.6 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 77.9 | 102.8 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 60.0 | 251.4 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 69.3 |
| Lower Western WA Statistical Region | 72.0 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 71.7 | 50.8 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 54.2 | 122.9 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 63.2 |
| Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region | 76.6 | * 1.9 | * 2.4 | 84.9 | 51.9 | * 2.4 | * 4.4 | 67.0 | 128.5 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 76.6 |
| TASMANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TASMANIA | 111.9 | 13.1 | 10.5 | 69.4 | 89.6 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 51.3 | 201.5 | 21.0 | 9.4 | 60.1 |
| Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector | 54.1 | 6.4 | 10.6 | 68.2 | 44.8 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 52.0 | 98.9 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 59.9 |
| Greater Hobart Statistical Division | 45.4 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 68.2 | 38.4 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 51.9 | 83.8 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 59.7 |
| Northern Statistical Region Sector | 32.3 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 70.0 | 25.2 | 2.0 | 7.2 | 49.7 | 57.5 | 5.2 | 8.3 | 59.4 |
| Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector | 25.6 | 3.5 | 11.9 | 71.4 | 19.5 | 1.9 | 8.8 | 52.0 | 45.1 | 5.3 | 10.6 | 61.6 |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NORTHERN TERRITORY | 52.6 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 75.3 | 39.7 | 2.4 | 5.7 | 63.3 | 92.3 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 69.6 |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c) | 131.4 | 10.3 | 7.3 | 76.5 | 109.6 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 63.2 | 241.0 | 18.0 | 7.0 | 69.9 |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY | 85.5 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 78.5 | 79.1 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 67.5 | 164.7 | 9.0 | 5.2 | 72.9 |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | 5,079.6 | 387.7 | 7.1 | 73.5 | 3,967.2 | 279.5 | 6.6 | 55.4 | 9,046.8 | 667.2 | 6.9 | 64.3 |

(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- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 64.3 | 35.4 | 99.7 | 83.4 | 47.1 | 130.5 | 147.7 | 82.5 | 230.2 | 37.4 | 28.6 | 33.7 |
| November | 59.1 | 37.2 | 96.3 | 99.3 | 46.6 | 145.9 | 158.5 | 83.8 | 242.2 | 38.6 | 28.3 | 34.3 |
| December | 55.3 | 40.7 | 96.0 | 85.7 | 43.9 | 129.6 | 141.0 | 84.6 | 225.6 | 34.2 | 29.0 | 32.0 |
| 1999 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 62.6 | 41.4 | 104.0 | 91.9 | 42.0 | 133.9 | 154.5 | 83.4 | 237.9 | 34.5 | 27.1 | 31.5 |
| February | 58.5 | 41.1 | 99.6 | 96.3 | 47.8 | 144.1 | 154.9 | 88.9 | 243.7 | 34.9 | 26.4 | 31.2 |
| March | 55.5 | 36.9 | 92.4 | 85.1 | 43.8 | 128.9 | 140.5 | 80.7 | 221.2 | 34.7 | 24.4 | 30.0 |
| April | 52.2 | 32.3 | 84.5 | 83.0 | 42.1 | 125.2 | 135.2 | 74.5 | 209.7 | 33.6 | 24.6 | 29.7 |
| May | 54.4 | 36.9 | 91.3 | 84.9 | 36.1 | 121.0 | 139.3 | 73.0 | 212.3 | 35.0 | 25.1 | 30.8 |
| June | 49.0 | 25.6 | 74.6 | 75.8 | 41.2 | 117.0 | 124.8 | 66.8 | 191.6 | 33.6 | 24.1 | 29.5 |
| July | 43.6 | 28.6 | 72.2 | 76.9 | 38.2 | 115.1 | 120.5 | 66.8 | 187.3 | 33.5 | 25.2 | 30.0 |
| August | 46.0 | 32.3 | 78.4 | 76.0 | 37.3 | 113.3 | 122.0 | 69.6 | 191.6 | 31.9 | 25.8 | 29.4 |
| September | 48.3 | 33.4 | 81.7 | 86.9 | 43.2 | 130.1 | 135.2 | 76.6 | 211.8 | 33.5 | 24.7 | 29.7 |
| October | 46.8 | 26.6 | 73.4 | 82.0 | 40.7 | 122.7 | 128.8 | 67.3 | 196.1 | 34.9 | 24.5 | 30.5 |
| November | 45.3 | 26.1 | 71.4 | 80.3 | 36.8 | 117.2 | 125.6 | 62.9 | 188.5 | 35.9 | 24.2 | 30.9 |
| December | 46.3 | 26.0 | 72.4 | 79.2 | 38.2 | 117.5 | 125.6 | 64.3 | 189.8 | 32.4 | 23.0 | 28.4 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 64.5 | 36.5 | 100.9 | 88.8 | 44.8 | 133.6 | 153.3 | 81.2 | 234.5 | 36.7 | 27.2 | 32.7 |
| November | 59.6 | 36.8 | 96.4 | 100.4 | 45.4 | 145.8 | 160.0 | 82.2 | 242.1 | 37.4 | 26.1 | 32.6 |
| December | 57.2 | 39.4 | 96.6 | 85.6 | 45.8 | 131.5 | 142.8 | 85.3 | 228.0 | 34.4 | 28.9 | 32.1 |
| 1999 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 60.1 | 39.7 | 99.8 | 90.7 | 45.8 | 136.5 | 150.8 | 85.5 | 236.3 | 36.8 | 29.1 | 33.6 |
| February | 55.3 | 35.5 | 90.8 | 87.4 | 43.7 | 131.0 | 142.7 | 79.2 | 221.9 | 35.1 | 27.3 | 31.9 |
| March | 53.9 | 36.0 | 89.9 | 79.2 | 42.9 | 122.1 | 133.1 | 78.9 | 212.0 | 34.2 | 25.8 | 30.5 |
| April | 53.7 | 33.3 | 86.9 | 84.1 | 41.8 | 125.8 | 137.8 | 75.0 | 212.8 | 33.7 | 25.2 | 30.1 |
| May | 55.4 | 38.8 | 94.2 | 88.4 | 36.7 | 125.2 | 143.9 | 75.5 | 219.4 | 35.6 | 25.4 | 31.3 |
| June | 52.7 | 28.5 | 81.2 | 77.7 | 43.0 | 120.8 | 130.4 | 71.5 | 202.0 | 33.8 | 24.4 | 29.7 |
| July | 44.0 | 29.6 | 73.6 | 83.0 | 40.1 | 123.0 | 127.0 | 69.7 | 196.7 | 33.8 | 24.4 | 29.8 |
| August | 45.7 | 34.9 | 80.6 | 79.0 | 37.1 | 116.1 | 124.7 | 72.0 | 196.7 | 31.5 | 25.1 | 28.8 |
| September | 46.6 | 31.9 | 78.4 | 81.6 | 42.2 | 123.8 | 128.1 | 74.1 | 202.2 | 32.4 | 24.1 | 28.8 |
| October | 46.9 | 27.5 | 74.4 | 87.4 | 38.6 | 125.9 | 134.3 | 66.0 | 200.3 | 34.5 | 23.2 | 29.7 |
| November | 45.7 | 25.8 | 71.5 | 81.1 | 36.0 | 117.1 | 126.8 | 61.8 | 188.6 | 34.7 | 22.4 | 29.4 |
| December | 48.0 | 25.2 | 73.1 | 79.2 | 39.9 | 119.1 | 127.2 | 65.0 | 192.2 | 32.7 | 23.1 | 28.6 |
| TREND SERIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 63.0 | 39.0 | 102.0 | 93.7 | 45.9 | 139.6 | 156.7 | 84.9 | 241.6 | 36.5 | 27.7 | 32.8 |
| November | 61.2 | 38.4 | 99.6 | 92.5 | 45.6 | 138.1 | 153.6 | 84.1 | 237.7 | 36.4 | 27.8 | 32.8 |
| December | 59.2 | 38.0 | 97.1 | 90.5 | 45.3 | 135.8 | 149.7 | 83.2 | 232.9 | 36.1 | 27.8 | 32.6 |
| 1999 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 57.5 | 37.6 | 95.1 | 88.4 | 44.6 | 133.0 | 145.9 | 82.2 | 228.2 | 35.6 | 27.6 | 32.2 |
| February | 56.4 | 37.0 | 93.3 | 86.5 | 43.8 | 130.2 | 142.8 | 80.7 | 223.6 | 35.2 | 27.2 | 31.8 |
| March | 55.3 | 36.0 | 91.3 | 84.8 | 42.6 | 127.4 | 140.1 | 78.6 | 218.7 | 34.8 | 26.5 | 31.3 |
| April | 53.9 | 34.8 | 88.8 | 83.3 | 41.4 | 124.8 | 137.3 | 76.3 | 213.6 | 34.5 | 25.8 | 30.8 |
| May | 52.2 | 33.8 | 86.0 | 82.4 | 40.6 | 122.9 | 134.6 | 74.3 | 208.9 | 34.1 | 25.2 | 30.2 |
| June r | 50.2 | 32.9 | 83.1 | 82.0 | 40.0 | 122.0 | 132.2 | 73.0 | 205.2 | 33.6 | 24.8 | 29.8 |
| July r | 48.4 | 32.1 | 80.5 | 81.8 | 39.8 | 121.6 | 130.2 | 71.9 | 202.1 | 33.3 | 24.5 | 29.6 |
| August r | 47.1 | 31.2 | 78.2 | 82.0 | 39.5 | 121.5 | 129.0 | 70.7 | 199.7 | 33.2 | 24.3 | 29.4 |
| September r | 46.3 | 30.0 | 76.2 | 82.0 | 39.2 | 121.2 | 128.2 | 69.2 | 197.4 | 33.2 | 23.9 | 29.2 |
| October r | 46.1 | 28.6 | 74.7 | 82.0 | 38.9 | 120.9 | 128.1 | 67.5 | 195.5 | 33.3 | 23.5 | 29.1 |
| November r | 46.1 | 27.2 | 73.3 | 81.9 | 38.6 | 120.5 | 128.0 | 65.8 | 193.8 | 33.4 | 23.1 | 29.0 |
| December | 46.5 | 26.3 | 72.8 | 82.1 | 38.1 | 120.2 | 128.6 | 64.4 | 193.0 | 33.6 | 22.8 | 29.0 |

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, DECEMBER 1999
(’000)

| State or Territory | Unemployed under 52 weeks | Long-term unemployed | | Total | Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104 | Unemployed 104 weeks and over | | |
| MALES | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 78.5 | 12.7 | 24.9 | 37.6 | 32.4 |
| Victoria | 60.4 | 12.1 | 22.4 | 34.5 | 36.3 |
| Queensland | 60.6 | 9.0 | 13.7 | 22.7 | 27.2 |
| South Australia | 19.9 | 6.2 | 8.9 | 15.1 | 43.2 |
| Western Australia | 29.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 21.4 |
| Tasmania | 7.1 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 45.7 |
| Northern Territory | 2.0 | * 0.1 | * 0.2 | * 0.3 | * 13.4 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 4.0 | * 0.4 | * 0.9 | 1.3 | 24.2 |
| <i>Australia</i> | <i>262.1</i> | <i>46.3</i> | <i>79.2</i> | <i>125.6</i> | <i>32.4</i> |
| FEMALES | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 66.8 | * 5.3 | 8.8 | 14.1 | 17.4 |
| Victoria | 51.5 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 18.9 | 26.8 |
| Queensland | 49.6 | 5.2 | 11.3 | 16.5 | 24.9 |
| South Australia | 16.5 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 7.7 | 31.7 |
| Western Australia | 20.3 | * 2.2 | * 1.4 | 3.7 | 15.3 |
| Tasmania | 5.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 33.5 |
| Northern Territory | 2.1 | * 0.3 | * 0.0 | * 0.3 | * 12.5 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 3.2 | * 0.3 | * 0.2 | * 0.5 | * 12.9 |
| <i>Australia</i> | <i>215.2</i> | <i>26.0</i> | <i>38.2</i> | <i>64.3</i> | <i>23.0</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | |
| New South Wales | 145.3 | 18.1 | 33.6 | 51.7 | 26.3 |
| Victoria | 111.9 | 20.4 | 33.0 | 53.4 | 32.3 |
| Queensland | 110.3 | 14.2 | 25.0 | 39.2 | 26.2 |
| South Australia | 36.4 | 9.1 | 13.7 | 22.8 | 38.5 |
| Western Australia | 49.8 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 11.7 | 19.0 |
| Tasmania | 12.4 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 41.2 |
| Northern Territory | 4.1 | * 0.4 | * 0.2 | * 0.6 | * 13.0 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 7.2 | * 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 19.6 |
| Australia | 477.4 | 72.4 | 117.5 | 189.8 | 28.4 |

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 Michael Johnson on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
- 7** Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.
- SYMBOLS** * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.
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