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	<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 -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,616.3	141.7	8.1	72.0	1,185.5	102.6	8.0	50.9	2,801.8	244.3	8.0	61.3
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,043.2	70.3	6.3	73.6	785.1	57.1	6.8	53.4	1,828.3	127.4	6.5	63.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	121.3	8.6	6.6	73.3	88.5	5.6	6.0	53.9	209.8	14.2	6.4	63.7
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	72.9	* 3.5	* 4.6	74.8	49.6	* 3.0	* 5.7	52.4	122.5	6.6	5.1	63.7
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	59.0	3.7	6.0	67.1	56.0	* 1.7	* 3.0	59.0	115.1	5.5	4.6	63.0
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	123.3	4.9	3.8	73.7	90.8	3.6	3.8	54.5	214.1	8.5	3.8	64.1
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	66.6	9.3	12.2	66.6	45.0	3.4	7.0	43.0	111.6	12.7	10.2	54.9
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	126.3	14.9	10.6	72.8	88.5	11.8	11.8	50.8	214.8	26.7	11.1	61.7
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	72.5	12.2	14.4	72.1	48.1	9.2	16.0	48.5	120.6	21.3	15.0	60.3
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	76.5	4.5	5.5	73.1	50.4	5.8	10.3	46.2	126.9	10.3	7.5	59.0
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	142.4	5.2	3.6	75.4	102.3	8.5	7.7	55.5	244.8	13.8	5.3	65.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	77.7	5.3	6.4	81.4	72.7	5.7	7.2	62.6	150.4	11.0	6.8	71.0
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	109.0	4.4	3.9	75.9	87.1	* 3.5	* 3.9	55.4	196.1	8.0	3.9	65.2
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	72.8	4.8	6.2	79.4	53.6	2.4	4.2	60.1	126.4	7.1	5.4	70.0
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	68.2	4.6	6.3	69.6	50.2	5.1	9.3	46.3	118.3	9.7	7.6	57.2
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	573.2	71.3	11.1	69.5	400.4	45.5	10.2	46.9	973.5	116.9	10.7	58.0
Hunter Statistical Region	130.7	17.2	11.6	68.6	91.0	10.1	10.0	45.3	221.6	27.3	11.0	56.8
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	108.9	15.5	12.5	69.6	74.6	8.5	10.3	46.0	183.5	24.1	11.6	57.8
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	144.6	16.9	10.5	70.2	100.7	12.4	10.9	47.9	245.3	29.3	10.7	58.9
Illawarra Statistical Region	92.3	11.1	10.7	69.3	59.0	7.4	11.2	43.9	151.3	18.5	10.9	56.5
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	61.5	7.0	10.2	71.3	37.2	6.4	14.6	44.4	98.7	13.4	11.9	57.7
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	92.3	22.6	19.7	65.5	74.5	11.3	13.2	44.9	166.8	33.9	16.9	54.8
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	128.2	9.9	7.1	71.2	87.3	6.8	7.3	49.1	215.5	16.7	7.2	60.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	77.4	* 4.8	* 5.8	73.1	46.9	4.9	9.5	47.5	124.2	9.7	7.3	60.5

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,185.7	122.4	9.4	73.0	893.6	89.4	9.1	52.6	2,079.3	211.8	9.2	62.6
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	877.7	88.8	9.2	74.6	656.1	64.8	9.0	53.0	1,533.8	153.6	9.1	63.5
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	130.9	16.6	11.2	71.0	85.3	11.2	11.6	46.3	216.2	27.8	11.4	58.6
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	59.5	12.0	16.8	72.4	52.2	6.2	10.6	56.2	111.6	18.2	14.0	64.1
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	61.7	5.3	8.0	71.9	51.3	5.8	10.2	56.9	113.0	11.2	9.0	64.1
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	118.4	14.4	10.8	76.0	89.6	8.7	8.8	54.0	208.1	23.0	10.0	64.8
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	145.4	10.4	6.7	71.6	123.2	7.9	6.0	54.2	268.6	18.3	6.4	62.4
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	91.7	8.1	8.2	74.6	79.3	4.3	5.1	50.7	171.1	12.4	6.8	61.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	107.6	7.1	6.2	81.1	70.6	8.1	10.3	57.5	178.2	15.2	7.9	69.5
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	101.4	9.4	8.5	80.4	63.5	7.3	10.3	54.5	164.9	16.8	9.2	67.8
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.1	5.3	8.0	73.4	41.1	5.4	11.6	50.8	102.2	10.8	9.5	62.1
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	308.0	33.6	9.8	68.8	237.5	24.6	9.4	51.3	545.5	58.1	9.6	59.9
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	81.2	8.8	9.8	71.5	60.3	7.3	10.9	52.9	141.5	16.2	10.3	62.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	54.0	4.8	8.2	74.4	39.7	* 4.4	* 9.9	55.6	93.7	9.2	8.9	65.0
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	65.3	6.5	9.0	65.4	48.9	* 4.0	* 7.6	48.7	114.3	10.5	8.4	57.1
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	65.5	8.4	11.4	70.0	56.6	5.3	8.6	52.1	122.2	13.8	10.1	60.5
All Gippsland Statistical Region	41.9	5.0	10.7	61.9	32.0	* 3.5	* 9.8	46.7	73.9	8.5	10.3	54.3
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	901.2	99.2	9.9	74.6	670.5	66.0	9.0	54.0	1,571.6	165.2	9.5	64.2
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	420.0	36.3	8.0	75.4	323.6	28.6	8.1	56.0	743.6	64.9	8.0	65.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	98.7	8.4	7.9	70.9	78.2	5.8	6.9	55.5	177.0	14.2	7.4	63.2
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	130.4	9.2	6.6	75.1	102.9	6.9	6.3	55.9	233.3	16.1	6.4	65.3
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	90.8	8.4	8.4	79.9	64.7	9.0	12.2	58.2	155.5	17.3	10.0	68.9
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	100.1	10.3	9.4	76.5	77.7	7.0	8.2	54.7	177.8	17.3	8.9	65.2
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	481.1	62.9	11.6	74.1	346.9	37.4	9.7	52.2	828.1	100.3	10.8	63.1
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	96.2	12.8	11.7	71.0	75.1	5.6	7.0	51.9	171.3	18.4	9.7	61.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	71.0	10.0	12.4	70.1	56.5	5.8	9.3	50.2	127.5	15.8	11.0	59.8
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	53.1	11.8	18.2	66.8	35.9	6.8	16.0	44.3	89.0	18.6	17.3	55.6
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.5	3.6	5.4	75.4	43.1	3.9	8.3	51.1	106.7	7.5	6.6	63.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	92.8	11.4	10.9	84.6	61.7	5.6	8.3	58.1	154.4	17.0	9.9	71.8
Northern-North West Statistical Region	55.0	8.7	13.6	73.6	38.0	4.7	11.1	52.6	93.0	13.4	12.6	63.4
Far North Statistical Region	49.5	4.6	8.5	77.8	36.7	4.9	11.8	59.0	86.1	9.5	9.9	68.3
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	100.7	13.7	12.0	71.7	81.8	6.9	7.7	53.0	182.5	20.6	10.1	62.1

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	368.4	46.1	11.1	70.9	274.9	32.8	10.7	50.9	643.3	78.9	10.9	60.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	266.5	34.9	11.6	70.1	205.5	25.8	11.1	51.0	471.9	60.6	11.4	60.3
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.8	13.0	13.5	72.4	54.1	7.2	11.7	47.4	137.9	20.2	12.8	60.1
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.7	6.9	12.4	66.6	38.7	5.3	12.0	51.8	87.4	12.2	12.3	59.1
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.3	5.5	9.3	68.3	44.0	5.0	10.2	47.7	98.3	10.5	9.7	57.2
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	79.6	9.3	10.5	71.4	68.7	8.4	10.8	56.2	148.3	17.7	10.7	63.5
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	101.9	11.3	9.9	73.2	69.4	7.0	9.1	50.6	171.3	18.3	9.6	62.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.3	4.9	11.4	69.6	26.2	3.5	11.8	47.8	64.5	8.5	11.6	58.7
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	63.6	6.3	9.0	75.5	43.2	3.5	7.4	52.5	106.8	9.8	8.4	64.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	498.0	42.0	7.8	76.5	362.9	31.0	7.9	55.3	860.9	73.0	7.8	65.8
Perth Major Statistical Region	357.4	30.9	8.0	75.6	269.7	24.0	8.2	54.9	627.0	54.9	8.1	65.0
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.7	* 1.7	* 4.8	77.1	23.2	* 0.5	* 2.0	54.4	56.8	2.2	3.7	66.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	53.0	4.1	7.2	76.0	39.7	4.1	9.4	53.8	92.8	8.3	8.2	64.5
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	106.0	9.7	8.4	76.6	84.2	9.4	10.0	56.1	190.2	19.1	9.1	65.9
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	79.7	7.7	8.9	72.9	58.3	4.8	7.6	52.6	138.0	12.5	8.3	62.8
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	85.0	7.6	8.2	75.9	64.3	5.3	7.6	56.1	149.3	12.9	8.0	65.9
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	140.6	11.1	7.3	78.9	93.2	7.0	7.0	56.5	233.9	18.0	7.2	68.2
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	70.8	5.0	6.6	75.6	48.0	4.1	7.9	51.8	118.8	9.2	7.2	63.7
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	69.8	6.0	8.0	82.5	45.3	2.9	5.9	62.7	115.1	8.9	7.2	73.5
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	112.6	16.3	12.6	70.9	80.8	8.8	9.8	47.7	193.4	25.1	11.5	59.1
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	53.3	6.3	10.6	70.7	40.9	3.9	8.8	50.8	94.3	10.3	9.8	60.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	47.0	5.9	11.1	70.7	36.3	3.5	8.7	50.2	83.4	9.3	10.1	60.1
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.9	4.7	12.7	71.3	22.9	3.0	11.5	48.4	54.8	7.6	12.2	59.6
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	27.3	5.3	16.2	70.9	17.0	1.9	10.1	41.1	44.3	7.2	14.0	56.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	47.2	2.1	4.3	74.8	37.6	2.4	6.0	61.9	84.8	4.5	5.0	68.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	134.9	13.9	9.3	75.5	110.3	11.1	9.1	59.3	245.2	25.0	9.2	67.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.6	8.1	8.9	78.2	68.6	6.1	8.2	62.4	151.2	14.2	8.6	70.1
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,811.9	477.8	9.0	73.2	3,574.4	339.1	8.7	52.5	8,386.3	816.9	8.9	62.7

(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												
1996 —												
November	61.2	37.7	98.9	78.1	43.0	121.1	139.3	80.7	220.0	32.1	26.6	29.8
December	63.0	34.7	97.7	80.6	47.4	128.0	143.5	82.1	225.6	31.1	23.9	28.0
1997 —												
January	66.5	40.2	106.7	79.3	46.0	125.3	145.8	86.2	231.9	29.1	24.4	27.2
February	69.4	47.1	116.5	92.4	55.3	147.6	161.7	102.4	264.1	31.5	26.1	29.2
March	69.5	45.1	114.7	79.5	50.6	130.1	149.0	95.7	244.8	30.5	26.8	29.0
April	66.3	39.1	105.3	83.2	51.3	134.5	149.4	90.4	239.8	32.5	26.6	30.0
May	72.4	38.4	110.8	80.6	46.8	127.4	153.0	85.2	238.2	33.4	25.5	30.1
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
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1996 —												
November	61.0	36.8	97.8	80.4	40.9	121.3	141.4	77.7	219.1	30.9	24.1	28.1
December	63.2	36.1	99.4	79.6	49.6	129.2	142.8	85.8	228.6	31.4	25.4	28.9
1997 —												
January	63.8	38.5	102.3	76.2	50.0	126.2	140.0	88.5	228.5	31.0	26.1	28.9
February	65.0	40.7	105.7	87.1	49.8	137.0	152.1	90.6	242.7	32.3	26.7	29.9
March	68.0	41.8	109.8	72.8	48.0	120.8	140.8	89.8	230.6	29.8	27.2	28.7
April	67.6	41.4	109.0	82.3	55.1	137.4	149.9	96.5	246.4	32.3	28.5	30.7
May	72.3	38.8	111.1	81.3	47.0	128.3	153.6	85.9	239.5	33.3	24.7	29.6
June	69.8	44.6	114.4	86.4	46.1	132.4	156.2	90.6	246.9	34.9	27.5	31.7
July	76.6	41.8	118.5	81.6	46.8	128.4	158.3	88.6	246.9	33.1	27.5	30.8
August	69.7	42.9	112.6	87.4	47.7	135.2	157.1	90.6	247.8	34.1	26.9	31.0
September	74.0	40.7	114.7	97.3	52.9	150.2	171.3	93.6	264.9	36.4	29.2	33.5
October	68.3	38.7	107.0	96.7	48.4	145.1	165.0	87.1	252.1	36.6	27.0	32.6
November	77.9	42.8	120.7	88.6	38.0	126.6	166.5	80.8	247.3	36.2	25.4	31.8
December	78.9	46.7	125.6	84.6	43.2	127.7	163.5	89.8	253.3	37.1	28.8	33.6
1998 —												
January	69.2	40.2	109.4	81.6	42.5	124.1	150.8	82.7	233.5	35.0	25.4	30.9
TREND SERIES												
1996 —												
November	64.8	37.2	102.0	80.2	47.2	127.4	144.9	84.4	229.4	31.3	25.4	28.8
December	63.9	37.8	101.7	79.9	48.1	128.0	143.8	85.9	229.7	31.1	25.7	28.9
1997 —												
January	63.9	38.6	102.6	79.6	49.0	128.6	143.5	87.6	231.2	31.1	26.1	29.0
February	65.1	39.6	104.7	79.5	49.7	129.2	144.6	89.4	234.0	31.3	26.5	29.3
March	67.0	40.6	107.6	79.7	49.9	129.7	146.7	90.5	237.2	31.7	26.8	29.6
April	69.0	41.4	110.4	80.3	49.6	129.9	149.3	91.0	240.3	32.2	26.9	29.9
May	70.6	41.9	112.5	81.7	49.1	130.7	152.3	91.0	243.3	32.8	27.0	30.4
June	71.5	41.9	113.5	84.0	48.7	132.7	155.6	90.6	246.2	33.5	27.1	30.8
July r	72.2	41.8	114.0	87.1	48.5	135.5	159.2	90.3	249.5	34.3	27.2	31.3
August r	72.7	41.7	114.4	89.7	48.0	137.7	162.4	89.7	252.1	35.0	27.4	31.8
September r	73.1	41.7	114.8	91.1	47.2	138.3	164.2	88.9	253.1	35.5	27.4	32.2
October r	73.5	41.9	115.4	91.0	46.1	137.1	164.5	87.9	252.4	35.9	27.3	32.4
November r	73.9	42.1	116.0	89.8	44.6	134.4	163.7	86.7	250.4	36.2	27.1	32.5
December r	74.1	42.3	116.4	87.9	43.1	131.0	162.1	85.4	247.5	36.4	26.8	32.4
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January	74.0	42.7	116.6	86.0	41.8	127.8	160.0	84.4	244.4	36.5	26.5	32.3

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1998
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<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	90.1	23.4	28.1	51.6	36.4
Victoria	84.4	17.6	20.4	38.0	31.1
Queensland	69.6	15.5	14.2	29.6	29.8
South Australia	28.0	7.2	10.9	18.2	39.4
Western Australia	32.4	4.1	5.5	9.6	22.9
Tasmania	8.7	3.0	4.6	7.6	46.4
Northern Territory	2.0	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 4.6
Australian Capital Territory	5.6	1.3	1.2	2.4	30.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>320.7</i>	<i>72.1</i>	<i>84.9</i>	<i>157.0</i>	<i>32.9</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	78.6	12.7	11.3	24.0	23.4
Victoria	64.4	11.8	13.2	25.0	28.0
Queensland	52.3	8.0	5.8	13.7	20.8
South Australia	22.6	4.6	5.6	10.1	31.0
Western Australia	26.7	2.9	* 1.4	4.3	13.8
Tasmania	5.6	1.6	1.6	3.3	36.9
Northern Territory	2.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
Australian Capital Territory	5.4	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 12.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>257.9</i>	<i>42.0</i>	<i>39.2</i>	<i>81.2</i>	<i>24.0</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	168.7	36.2	39.5	75.6	31.0
Victoria	148.7	29.4	33.6	63.0	29.8
Queensland	121.9	23.4	19.9	43.3	26.2
South Australia	50.6	11.8	16.5	28.3	35.9
Western Australia	59.1	6.9	6.9	13.9	19.0
Tasmania	14.3	4.6	6.2	10.8	43.1
Northern Territory	4.4	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 2.2
Australian Capital Territory	11.0	1.8	1.4	3.2	22.5
Australia	578.6	114.1	124.1	238.3	29.2

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 Donna Maurer on (02) 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
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- 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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