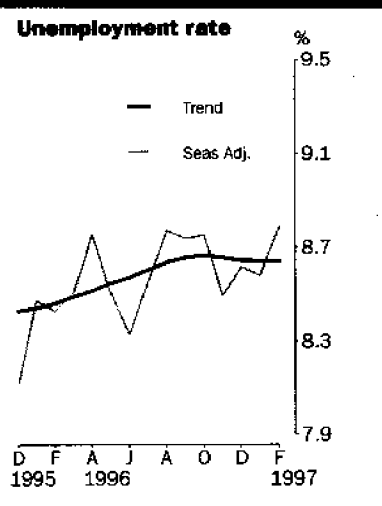
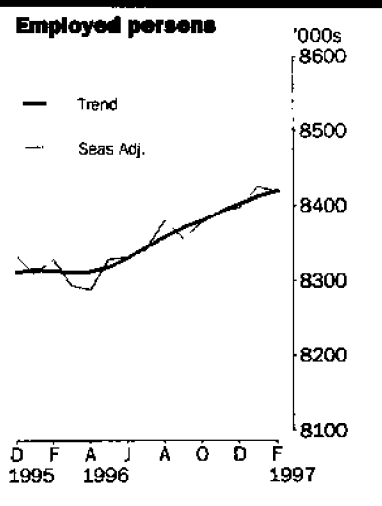


# LABOUR FORCE AUSTRALIA PRELIMINARY

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## FEBRUARY KEY ESTIMATES

TREND ESTIMATES	Jan 97	Feb 97	monthly change
Employed persons (no. in '000s)	8 411.7	8 418.8	0.1 %
Unemployed persons (no. in '000s)	795.6	796.3	0.1 %
Unemployment rate (%)	8.6	8.6	0.0 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.6	0.0 pts

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jan 97	Feb 97	monthly change
Employed persons (no. in '000s)	8 425.1	8 417.9	-7.2
Unemployed persons (no. in '000s)	790.9	810.8	19.9
Unemployment rate (%)	8.6	8.8	0.2 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.7	63.7	0.0 pts

## FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- rose slightly to 8,418,800 in February 1997. Part-time employment continued its recent strong growth, while full-time employment continued to fall slowly.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- rose slightly to 796,300 in February 1997.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- remained steady at 8.6% in February 1997.

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- remained steady at 63.6% in February 1997.

**NOTE**  
New information on telephone interviewing effect - see page 2.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- fell by 7,200 to 8,417,900. Part-time employment rose by 17,000 to 2,141,100 and full-time employment fell by 24,200. Male full-time employment fell by 27,200.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- rose by 19,900 to 810,800. Persons seeking full-time work rose by 18,200, with the number of males looking for full-time work increasing by 21,800.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- rose by 0.2 percentage points to 8.8%. The male rate increased by 0.4 points to 9.0% and the female rate fell by 0.1 points, but due to rounding remained at 8.5%.
- NSW 8.5% (7.8% last month); Vic. 9.0% (8.8%); Qld 9.7% (10.1%); SA 9.4% (9.3%); WA 7.6% (7.6%); Tas. 11.0% (10.4%).

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- remained steady at 63.7%.

## INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Donna Maurer on 06 252 6525 or any ABS office.

# LABOUR FORCE NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
March 1997	10 April 1997
April 1997	8 May 1997
May 1997	12 June 1997
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August 1997	11 September 1997

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## CHANGES THIS MONTH

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates have been revised following the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors. See paragraphs 11 to 14 of the Explanatory notes for more information.

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## EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES AFFECTED BY TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

The ABS progressively implemented the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey over the period August 1996 to February 1997.

As reported in the December 1996 and January 1997 issues, analysis of data during the period of implementation of telephone interviewing indicated that the new collection method was producing different employment estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology.

**On the basis of latest data and analysis, this implementation effect has dissipated over the final months of implementation and is no longer discernible. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.**

The effect that built up in the initial phases of implementation peaked in November 1996. It is estimated that the published estimate of total employment in November 1996 was about 36,000 to 48,000 persons lower than would have been measured under the old methodology.

Any inquiries should be directed to Geoff Neideck on 06 252 6753.

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## ROUNDING

Estimates of monthly change shown on page 1 have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates. The graphs on page 1 also depict movements calculated from unrounded estimates.

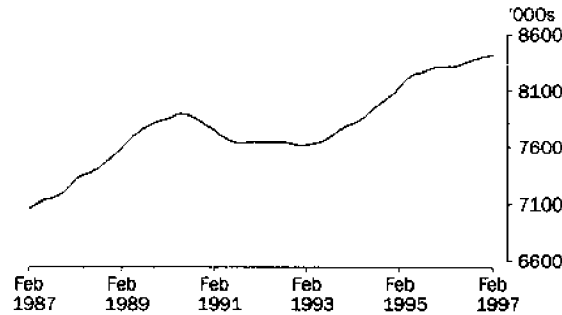
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# PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES: Trend estimates

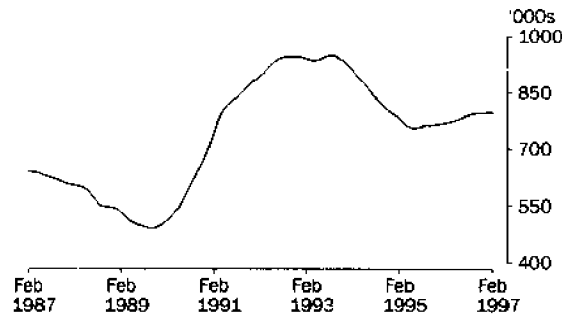
## EMPLOYED PERSONS

From a low of 7,616,200 in January 1993, the trend estimate of employment rose strongly to reach 8,314,300 in January 1996. The trend then fell slightly. Over the past year, the trend has risen steadily, to reach 8,418,800 in February 1997.



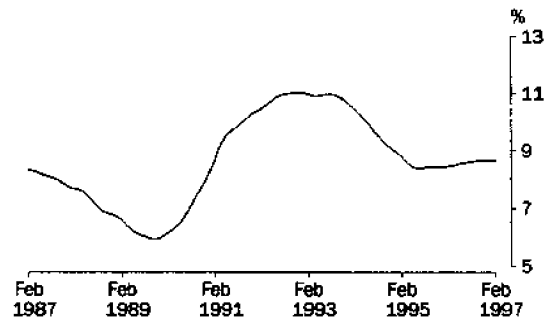
## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

After peaking at 947,800 in September 1993, the trend estimate for unemployed persons fell rapidly to 755,400 in June 1995. The trend then rose slowly until late 1996. Over the past few months the trend has been relatively flat and stood at 796,300 in February 1997.



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

From a high of 11.0% during 1992 and 1993, the trend unemployment rate fell rapidly to reach a low of 8.4% between May 1995 and January 1996. The trend then rose slowly to 8.7% between September and November 1996. In February 1997, the trend was 8.6%, for the third consecutive month.



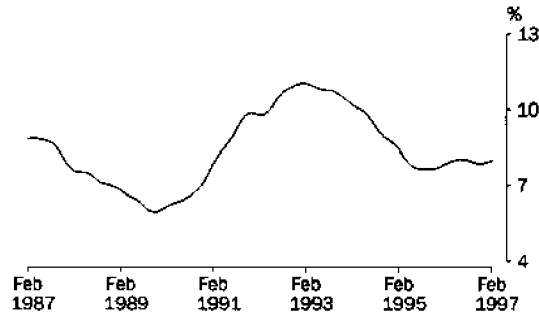
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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

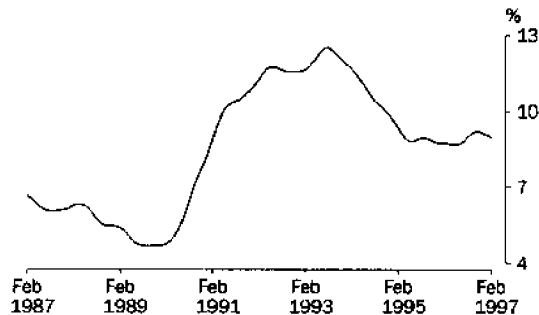
### NEW SOUTH WALES

From a high of 11.0% in late 1992 and early 1993, the trend unemployment rate for New South Wales fell steadily to reach 7.6% in late 1995. The trend then rose to 8.0% during mid 1996 and fell slightly to 7.9% for the remainder of 1996. In February 1997 the trend had again reached 8.0%.



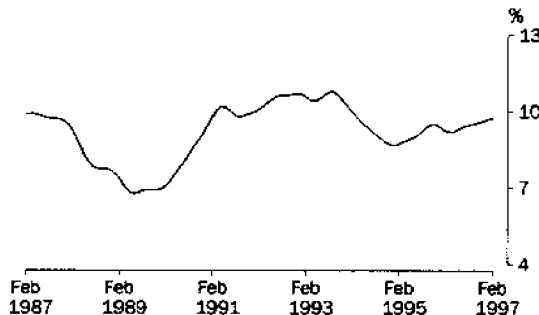
### VICTORIA

After peaking at 12.5% in mid 1993, the trend unemployment rate for Victoria fell rapidly to 8.8% in May 1995. After remaining relatively flat for almost two years, the trend then rose to 9.2% in late 1996, before falling to 9.0% in February 1997.



### QUEENSLAND

The trend unemployment rate for Queensland peaked at 10.8% in September 1993. The trend rate then fell rapidly to a low of 8.6% in late 1994 and early 1995. Since then, the trend has been rising slowly, apart from a small fall in early 1996, to reach 9.7% in February 1997.

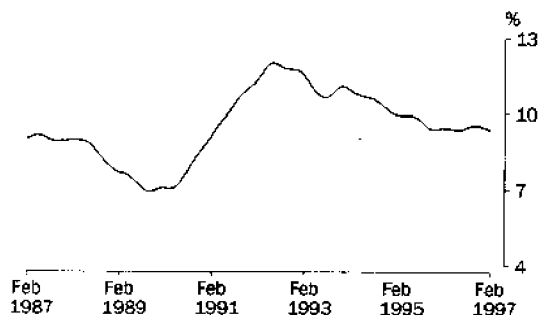


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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

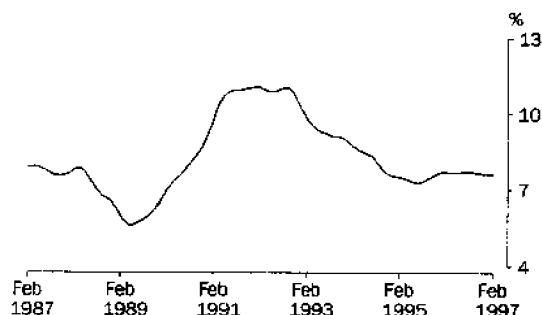
### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia reached a high of 12.0% in June 1992. Apart from a rise in late 1993, the rate fell steadily to reach 9.4% during late 1995 and most of 1996. The rate rose to 9.5% late last year, and has fallen back to 9.4% in February 1997.



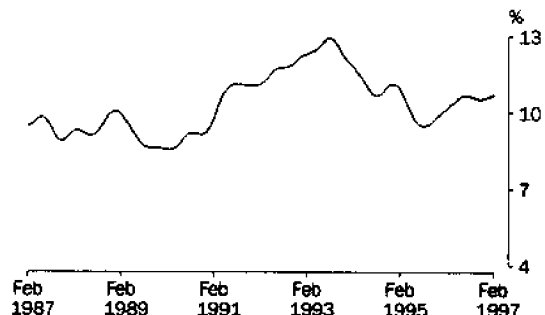
### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

From a high of 11.1% in January 1992, the trend unemployment rate for Western Australia fell steadily to 7.3% in mid 1995. The rate then increased to 7.7% in December 1995 and remained at that level until November 1996. Over the past four months the rate has remained steady at 7.6%.



### TASMANIA

The trend unemployment rate for Tasmania fell from a peak of 12.9% in July and August 1993 to 10.6% in August 1994. The trend rose until December 1994, before again falling to a low of 9.5% in mid 1995. After rising to 10.7% in mid 1996 the trend fell slightly but has returned to 10.7% in February 1997.



# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Original

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....							Participation rate	
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemp. looking for fit work	Unemp. looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate		
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%
<b>MALES</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	4 272.4	513.0	4 785.4	399.4	49.8	449.3	5 234.7	1 767.2	7 001.9	8.6	74.8	
<b>1996</b>												
January	4 208.0	478.8	4 686.9	447.8	59.1	506.9	5 193.7	1 817.8	7 011.6	9.8	74.1	
February	4 223.2	502.7	4 725.9	437.4	54.6	492.0	5 217.9	1 803.2	7 021.2	9.4	74.3	
March	4 180.6	534.4	4 715.0	410.6	63.5	474.1	5 189.1	1 841.7	7 030.8	9.1	73.8	
April	4 187.4	535.4	4 722.9	405.1	57.7	462.8	5 185.7	1 855.2	7 040.9	8.9	73.7	
May	4 210.3	537.6	4 748.0	389.6	52.4	442.0	5 190.0	1 861.0	7 051.0	8.5	73.6	
June	4 201.3	550.4	4 751.6	380.3	51.9	432.1	5 183.8	1 877.4	7 061.1	8.3	73.4	
July	4 237.1	535.5	4 772.6	371.7	50.4	422.1	5 194.7	1 876.2	7 070.9	8.1	73.5	
August	4 176.4	553.9	4 730.3	406.1	54.1	460.2	5 190.5	1 890.2	7 080.7	8.9	73.3	
September	4 212.9	565.4	4 778.3	408.4	57.3	465.8	5 244.0	1 846.4	7 090.5	8.9	74.0	
October	4 215.3	549.5	4 764.8	387.3	58.9	446.3	5 211.1	1 888.2	7 099.3	8.6	73.4	
November	4 208.9	548.4	4 757.3	385.2	49.2	434.4	5 191.7	1 916.4	7 108.1	8.4	73.0	
December	4 277.6	545.2	4 822.8	397.1	65.0	462.1	5 284.9	1 832.0	7 116.9	8.7	74.3	
<b>1997</b>												
January	4 221.2	531.2	4 752.4	435.0	65.3	500.3	5 252.6	1 871.5	7 124.2	9.5	73.7	
February	4 210.6	527.3	4 737.9	451.7	61.9	513.6	5 251.4	1 880.0	7 131.4	9.8	73.6	
<b>FEMALES</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	2 105.3	1 539.9	3 645.3	211.2	88.1	299.3	3 944.6	3 275.7	7 220.3	7.6	54.6	
<b>1996</b>												
January	2 066.9	1 431.2	3 498.1	228.4	96.4	324.8	3 823.0	3 407.1	7 230.1	8.5	52.9	
February	2 049.1	1 489.3	3 538.4	248.5	116.1	364.6	3 903.0	3 336.9	7 239.9	9.3	53.9	
March	2 057.2	1 530.5	3 587.7	219.3	117.5	336.9	3 924.5	3 325.1	7 249.7	8.6	54.1	
April	2 042.8	1 512.1	3 555.0	217.7	112.4	330.1	3 885.1	3 375.2	7 260.2	8.5	53.5	
May	2 042.2	1 546.9	3 589.1	207.7	108.5	316.1	3 905.2	3 365.5	7 270.8	8.1	53.7	
June	2 042.2	1 560.2	3 602.4	194.9	103.5	298.4	3 900.9	3 380.5	7 281.4	7.7	53.6	
July	2 092.0	1 515.4	3 607.3	207.8	101.7	309.5	3 916.8	3 375.7	7 292.5	7.9	53.7	
August	2 059.8	1 529.6	3 589.4	210.1	100.9	310.9	3 900.3	3 403.3	7 303.6	8.0	53.4	
September	2 087.4	1 564.0	3 651.3	220.6	113.9	334.5	3 985.8	3 328.9	7 314.8	8.4	54.5	
October	2 089.2	1 538.5	3 627.7	211.1	107.5	318.6	3 946.3	3 378.2	7 324.5	8.1	53.9	
November	2 075.0	1 560.2	3 635.2	204.5	98.4	302.9	3 938.0	3 396.3	7 334.3	7.7	53.7	
December	2 122.5	1 551.2	3 673.7	231.1	112.4	343.5	4 017.2	3 326.8	7 344.1	8.6	54.7	
<b>1997</b>												
January	2 071.8	1 472.1	3 543.9	251.2	102.3	353.5	3 897.5	3 454.5	7 352.0	9.1	53.0	
February	2 067.3	1 544.8	3 612.1	262.8	129.8	392.5	4 004.6	3 355.3	7 359.9	9.8	54.4	
<b>PERSONS</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	6 377.8	2 052.9	8 430.7	610.7	137.9	748.6	9 179.3	5 042.9	14 222.2	8.2	64.5	
<b>1996</b>												
January	6 275.0	1 910.0	8 185.0	676.2	155.5	831.7	9 016.7	5 225.0	14 241.7	9.2	63.3	
February	6 272.3	1 992.0	8 264.3	686.0	170.7	856.6	9 120.9	5 140.1	14 261.0	9.4	64.0	
March	6 237.7	2 064.9	8 302.7	629.9	181.0	810.9	9 113.6	5 166.8	14 280.5	8.9	63.8	
April	6 230.3	2 047.6	8 277.8	622.8	170.2	793.0	9 070.8	5 230.4	14 301.1	8.7	63.4	
May	6 252.5	2 084.5	8 337.1	597.3	160.9	758.2	9 095.2	5 226.6	14 321.8	8.3	63.5	
June	6 243.5	2 110.6	8 354.1	575.2	155.4	730.5	9 084.6	5 257.9	14 342.5	8.0	63.3	
July	6 329.0	2 050.9	8 379.9	579.5	152.1	731.6	9 111.5	5 251.9	14 363.4	8.0	63.4	
August	6 236.2	2 083.5	8 319.7	616.1	155.0	771.1	9 090.8	5 293.5	14 384.3	8.5	63.2	
September	6 300.3	2 129.3	8 429.6	629.0	171.2	800.2	9 229.8	5 175.4	14 405.2	8.7	64.1	
October	6 304.5	2 088.0	8 392.5	598.4	166.4	764.9	9 157.4	5 266.4	14 423.8	8.4	63.5	
November	6 283.9	2 108.6	8 392.5	589.7	147.6	737.2	9 129.7	5 312.7	14 442.4	8.1	63.2	
December	6 400.1	2 096.4	8 496.5	628.2	177.4	805.7	9 302.2	5 158.8	14 461.0	8.7	64.3	
<b>1997</b>												
January	6 293.0	2 003.3	8 296.3	686.2	167.6	853.8	9 150.1	5 326.0	14 476.2	9.3	63.2	
February	6 277.9	2 072.0	8 349.9	714.5	191.6	906.1	9 256.1	5 235.2	14 491.3	9.8	63.9	

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER): Seasonally adjusted-revised

Month	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....					
	Employed full time '000s	Employed part time '000s	Total employed '000s	Unemp. looking for f/t work '000s	Unemp. looking for p/t work '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Labour force '000s	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partic-ipation rate %
<b>MALES</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	4 213.0	518.7	4 731.6	396.4	46.6	443.0	5 174.7	8.6	73.9
<b>1996</b>									
January	4 219.1	500.3	4 719.4	404.9	52.7	457.6	5 177.1	8.8	73.8
February	4 217.8	523.4	4 741.2	402.4	49.5	452.0	5 193.2	8.7	74.0
March	4 198.4	523.0	4 721.3	405.4	54.1	459.5	5 180.9	8.9	73.7
April	4 200.3	527.9	4 728.2	409.7	57.1	466.8	5 195.0	9.0	73.8
May	4 215.6	535.9	4 751.5	391.3	53.9	445.2	5 196.7	8.6	73.7
June	4 204.9	543.4	4 748.3	387.0	56.6	443.6	5 191.9	8.5	73.5
July	4 215.0	537.3	4 752.3	395.0	56.2	451.3	5 203.6	8.7	73.6
August	4 213.8	546.2	4 760.0	414.8	59.8	474.6	5 234.7	9.1	73.9
September	4 205.6	547.0	4 752.6	412.5	55.7	468.2	5 220.8	9.0	73.6
October	4 210.5	545.3	4 755.8	409.8	61.7	471.5	5 227.3	9.0	73.6
November	4 219.6	554.8	4 774.5	399.6	57.3	456.9	5 231.4	8.7	73.6
December	4 218.2	550.4	4 768.6	393.2	61.6	454.8	5 223.4	8.7	73.4
<b>1997</b>									
January	4 232.4	555.1	4 787.5	393.5	58.2	451.7	5 239.2	8.6	73.5
February	4 205.2	549.2	4 754.4	415.3	56.2	471.5	5 225.9	9.0	73.3
<b>FEMALES</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	2 062.4	1 537.7	3 600.1	205.2	88.0	293.2	3 893.2	7.5	53.9
<b>1996</b>									
January	2 061.5	1 527.4	3 588.9	209.5	102.3	311.8	3 900.7	8.0	54.0
February	2 053.2	1 534.6	3 587.7	214.5	100.4	314.9	3 902.6	8.1	53.9
March	2 054.0	1 518.6	3 572.6	210.0	101.3	311.3	3 883.9	8.0	53.6
April	2 061.4	1 499.6	3 561.0	218.4	110.5	329.0	3 889.9	8.5	53.6
May	2 053.7	1 523.8	3 577.4	216.5	113.0	329.4	3 906.9	8.4	53.7
June	2 052.2	1 531.1	3 583.3	202.3	111.3	313.6	3 896.9	8.0	53.5
July	2 077.9	1 511.9	3 589.8	218.0	111.2	329.2	3 919.0	8.4	53.7
August	2 095.2	1 526.3	3 621.5	221.5	109.9	331.4	3 953.0	8.4	54.1
September	2 079.3	1 524.1	3 603.4	225.3	106.7	332.0	3 935.4	8.4	53.8
October	2 081.3	1 540.8	3 622.1	222.5	109.6	332.1	3 954.2	8.4	54.0
November	2 074.8	1 544.3	3 619.2	219.2	103.2	322.4	3 941.6	8.2	53.7
December	2 080.5	1 547.6	3 628.1	224.8	112.3	337.1	3 965.2	8.5	54.0
<b>1997</b>									
January	2 068.5	1 569.0	3 637.5	230.7	108.5	339.2	3 976.7	8.5	54.1
February	2 071.6	1 591.9	3 663.5	227.1	112.2	339.2	4 002.8	8.5	54.4
<b>PERSONS</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	6 275.4	2 056.3	8 331.7	601.6	134.6	736.2	9 067.9	8.1	63.8
<b>1996</b>									
January	6 280.6	2 027.7	8 308.3	614.4	155.0	769.4	9 077.8	8.5	63.7
February	6 270.9	2 058.0	8 328.9	616.9	149.9	766.9	9 095.8	8.4	63.8
March	6 252.4	2 041.6	8 294.0	615.4	155.4	770.8	9 064.8	8.5	63.5
April	6 261.7	2 027.5	8 289.2	628.1	167.6	795.8	9 084.9	8.8	63.5
May	6 269.3	2 059.6	8 328.9	607.8	166.9	774.6	9 103.6	8.5	63.6
June	6 257.2	2 074.5	8 331.6	589.2	167.9	757.1	9 088.8	8.3	63.4
July	6 292.9	2 049.2	8 342.1	613.0	167.4	780.5	9 122.6	8.6	63.5
August	6 309.1	2 072.5	8 381.6	636.3	169.8	806.1	9 187.6	8.8	63.9
September	6 284.9	2 071.1	8 356.0	637.8	162.4	800.3	9 156.3	8.7	63.6
October	6 291.8	2 086.1	8 377.9	632.4	171.3	803.6	9 181.5	8.8	63.7
November	6 294.5	2 099.2	8 393.6	618.8	160.5	779.3	9 172.9	8.5	63.5
December	6 298.7	2 098.0	8 396.7	618.0	173.9	791.9	9 188.6	8.6	63.5
<b>1997</b>									
January	6 300.9	2 124.1	8 425.1	624.2	166.7	790.9	9 215.9	8.6	63.7
February	6 276.8	2 141.1	8 417.9	642.4	168.4	810.8	9 228.7	8.8	63.7

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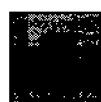
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	Employed full time '000s	Employed part time '000s	Total employed '000s	Unemp. looking for f/t work '000s	Unemp. looking for p/t work '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Labour force '000s	Unemp. loyment rate %	Participation rate %
<b>MALES</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	4 206.3	517.1	4 723.4	404.5	50.9	455.4	5 178.8	8.8	74.0
<b>1996</b>									
January	4 209.4	517.8	4 727.2	404.2	50.9	455.1	5 182.3	8.8	73.9
February	4 210.5	519.6	4 730.2	403.1	51.6	454.7	5 184.9	8.8	73.8
March	4 210.1	523.2	4 733.3	401.1	53.0	454.0	5 187.3	8.8	73.8
April	4 208.8	528.2	4 737.1	399.2	54.4	453.6	5 190.7	8.7	73.7
May	4 207.8	533.8	4 741.7	398.2	55.6	453.8	5 195.4	8.7	73.7
June	4 208.4	538.7	4 747.1	398.8	56.5	455.3	5 202.4	8.8	73.7
July	4 209.5	542.0	4 751.5	401.2	57.2	458.3	5 209.8	8.8	73.7
August	4 211.0	544.6	4 755.6	403.8	57.9	461.7	5 217.3	8.8	73.7
September	4 212.7	546.9	4 759.5	405.3	58.5	463.8	5 223.4	8.9	73.7
October	4 214.4	548.7	4 763.1	405.2	59.0	464.2	5 227.3	8.9	73.6
November	4 216.4	550.3	4 766.7	403.5	59.1	462.6	5 229.4	8.8	73.6
December	4 217.9	551.6	4 769.5	401.8	59.0	460.8	5 230.3	8.8	73.5
<b>1997</b>									
January	4 218.6	552.5	4 771.1	401.0	58.6	459.7	5 230.8	8.8	73.4
February	4 218.9	552.6	4 771.5	400.5	58.1	458.6	5 230.1	8.8	73.3
<b>FEMALES</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	2 062.2	1 525.3	3 587.5	213.7	95.9	309.6	3 897.1	7.9	54.0
<b>1996</b>									
January	2 059.7	1 527.4	3 587.1	213.5	98.0	311.4	3 898.5	8.0	53.9
February	2 056.7	1 526.2	3 582.8	212.7	101.1	313.8	3 896.7	8.1	53.8
March	2 054.9	1 522.6	3 577.5	212.1	104.8	316.9	3 894.4	8.1	53.7
April	2 055.6	1 518.9	3 574.6	212.2	108.0	320.2	3 894.7	8.2	53.6
May	2 059.6	1 517.2	3 576.8	213.2	110.4	323.6	3 900.4	8.3	53.6
June	2 066.0	1 518.1	3 584.1	214.7	111.3	326.0	3 910.1	8.3	53.7
July	2 073.0	1 520.7	3 593.7	216.4	110.9	327.3	3 921.0	8.3	53.8
August	2 078.8	1 524.2	3 603.0	218.5	109.8	328.3	3 931.4	8.4	53.8
September	2 081.7	1 529.3	3 611.0	220.7	108.6	329.3	3 940.4	8.4	53.9
October	2 081.5	1 536.3	3 617.8	222.7	108.0	330.8	3 948.5	8.4	53.9
November	2 079.0	1 545.8	3 624.8	224.3	108.2	332.4	3 957.2	8.4	54.0
December	2 076.0	1 556.6	3 632.5	225.4	108.7	334.2	3 966.7	8.4	54.0
<b>1997</b>									
January	2 073.1	1 567.4	3 640.6	226.4	109.5	335.9	3 976.5	8.4	54.1
February	2 070.6	1 576.7	3 647.3	227.4	110.3	337.7	3 985.0	8.5	54.1
<b>PERSONS</b>									
<b>1995</b>									
December	6 268.5	2 042.3	8 310.8	618.2	146.8	765.0	9 075.8	8.4	63.8
<b>1996</b>									
January	6 269.1	2 045.2	8 314.3	617.7	148.8	766.5	9 080.8	8.4	63.8
February	6 267.2	2 045.8	8 313.0	615.8	152.7	768.5	9 081.5	8.5	63.7
March	6 265.0	2 045.8	8 310.8	613.2	157.7	770.9	9 081.7	8.5	63.6
April	6 264.5	2 047.1	8 311.6	611.3	162.4	773.8	9 085.4	8.5	63.5
May	6 267.5	2 051.0	8 318.5	611.4	166.0	777.3	9 095.8	8.5	63.5
June	6 274.4	2 056.8	8 331.2	613.5	167.7	781.3	9 112.5	8.6	63.5
July	6 282.5	2 062.7	8 345.2	617.6	168.0	785.6	9 130.8	8.6	63.6
August	6 289.8	2 068.8	8 358.6	622.3	167.8	790.0	9 148.6	8.6	63.6
September	6 294.4	2 076.2	8 370.6	626.0	167.2	793.2	9 163.8	8.7	63.6
October	6 295.9	2 085.0	8 380.9	627.9	167.0	795.0	9 175.8	8.7	63.6
November	6 295.4	2 096.1	8 391.5	627.8	167.3	795.1	9 186.6	8.7	63.6
December	6 293.9	2 108.2	8 402.1	627.2	167.7	795.0	9 197.0	8.6	63.6
<b>1997</b>									
January	6 291.8	2 119.9	8 411.7	627.4	168.1	795.6	9 207.3	8.6	63.6
February	6 289.5	2 129.3	8 418.8	627.9	168.4	796.3	9 215.1	8.6	63.6



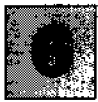
## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
<b>1995</b>												
December	59.6	339.8	399.4	49.8	449.3	26.3	7.6	8.5	8.9	8.6	9.2	5.3
<b>1996</b>												
January	69.4	378.4	447.8	59.1	506.9	28.9	8.6	9.6	11.0	9.8	10.7	5.9
February	58.4	379.0	437.4	54.6	492.0	26.5	8.5	9.4	9.8	9.4	9.0	6.0
March	53.7	356.8	410.6	63.5	474.1	25.5	8.1	8.9	10.6	9.1	8.2	5.6
April	55.0	350.1	405.1	57.7	462.8	25.7	8.0	8.8	9.7	8.9	8.4	5.5
May	55.5	334.2	389.6	52.4	442.0	27.4	7.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.5	5.2
June	55.8	324.5	380.3	51.9	432.1	28.0	7.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.5	5.1
July	46.6	325.1	371.7	50.4	422.1	22.8	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.1	7.1	5.1
August	49.3	356.8	406.1	54.1	460.2	25.4	8.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.5	5.6
September	48.7	359.7	408.4	57.3	465.8	24.6	8.1	8.8	9.2	8.9	7.4	5.6
October	49.7	337.7	387.3	58.9	446.3	25.0	7.7	8.4	9.7	8.6	7.6	5.2
November	50.6	334.5	385.2	49.2	434.4	26.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	8.4	7.7	5.2
December	67.3	329.8	397.1	65.0	462.1	29.3	7.4	8.5	10.7	8.7	10.3	5.1
<b>1997</b>												
January	60.5	374.5	435.0	65.3	500.3	26.7	8.5	9.3	10.9	9.5	9.2	5.8
February	62.6	389.1	451.7	61.9	513.6	29.1	8.7	9.7	10.5	9.8	9.5	6.0
FEMALES												
<b>1995</b>												
December	47.2	164.0	211.2	88.1	299.3	32.6	7.6	9.1	5.4	7.6	7.6	2.5
<b>1996</b>												
January	47.2	181.2	228.4	96.4	324.8	32.2	8.4	10.0	6.3	8.5	7.6	2.7
February	45.9	202.6	248.5	116.1	364.6	33.4	9.4	10.8	7.2	9.3	7.4	3.1
March	37.7	181.6	219.3	117.5	336.9	31.9	8.4	9.6	7.1	8.6	6.1	2.7
April	35.0	182.7	217.7	112.4	330.1	29.9	8.5	9.6	6.9	8.5	5.6	2.8
May	35.1	172.6	207.7	108.5	316.1	30.0	8.1	9.2	6.6	8.1	5.7	2.6
June	30.3	164.6	194.9	103.5	298.4	27.8	7.7	8.7	6.2	7.7	4.9	2.5
July	29.9	177.9	207.8	101.7	309.5	25.2	8.2	9.0	6.3	7.9	4.8	2.7
August	33.2	176.9	210.1	100.9	310.9	30.4	8.2	9.3	6.2	8.0	5.3	2.6
September	35.5	185.1	220.6	113.9	334.5	30.3	8.4	9.6	6.8	8.4	5.7	2.8
October	34.8	176.3	211.1	107.5	318.6	29.0	8.1	9.2	6.5	8.1	5.6	2.6
November	35.6	168.9	204.5	98.4	302.9	31.3	7.8	9.0	5.9	7.7	5.7	2.5
December	51.7	179.4	231.1	112.4	343.5	36.6	8.1	9.8	6.8	8.6	8.3	2.7
<b>1997</b>												
January	48.8	202.4	251.2	102.3	353.5	34.1	9.3	10.8	6.5	9.1	7.8	3.0
February	40.6	222.2	262.8	129.8	392.5	32.7	10.1	11.3	7.8	9.8	6.5	3.3
PERSONS												
<b>1995</b>												
December	106.9	503.8	610.7	137.9	748.6	28.8	7.6	8.7	6.3	8.2	8.4	3.9
<b>1996</b>												
January	116.6	559.6	676.2	155.5	831.7	30.2	8.5	9.7	7.5	9.2	9.2	4.3
February	104.3	581.7	686.0	170.7	856.6	29.2	8.8	9.9	7.9	9.4	8.2	4.5
March	91.4	538.5	629.9	181.0	810.9	27.8	8.2	9.2	8.1	8.9	7.2	4.1
April	90.0	532.8	622.8	170.2	793.0	27.2	8.2	9.1	7.7	8.7	7.1	4.1
May	90.5	506.8	597.3	160.9	758.2	28.3	7.8	8.7	7.2	8.3	7.1	3.9
June	86.1	489.1	575.2	155.4	730.5	27.9	7.5	8.4	6.9	8.0	6.8	3.7
July	76.5	503.0	579.5	152.1	731.6	23.7	7.6	8.4	6.9	8.0	6.0	3.8
August	82.5	533.7	616.1	155.0	771.1	27.2	8.1	9.0	6.9	8.5	6.5	4.1
September	84.2	544.8	629.0	171.2	800.2	26.7	8.2	9.1	7.4	8.7	6.6	4.2
October	84.4	514.0	598.4	166.4	764.9	26.5	7.8	8.7	7.4	8.4	6.6	3.9
November	86.3	503.4	589.7	147.6	737.2	28.2	7.7	8.6	6.5	8.1	6.7	3.8
December	119.0	509.2	628.2	177.4	805.7	32.1	7.6	8.9	7.8	8.7	9.3	3.9
<b>1997</b>												
January	109.3	576.9	686.2	167.6	853.8	29.6	8.7	9.8	7.7	9.3	8.5	4.4
February	103.2	611.2	714.5	191.6	906.1	30.4	9.2	10.2	8.5	9.8	8.1	4.6

# UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Seasonally adjusted-revised



Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES												
<b>1995</b>												
December	50.8	345.6	396.4	46.6	443.0	24.8	7.8	8.6	8.3	8.6	7.8	5.4
<b>1996</b>												
January	56.2	348.7	404.9	52.7	457.6	26.4	7.9	8.8	9.5	8.8	8.6	5.5
February	50.5	351.9	402.4	49.5	452.0	24.8	8.0	8.7	8.6	8.7	7.8	5.5
March	54.6	350.8	405.4	54.1	459.5	25.9	8.0	8.8	9.4	8.9	8.4	5.5
April	55.0	354.7	409.7	57.1	466.8	25.9	8.1	8.9	9.8	9.0	8.4	5.6
May	54.6	336.8	391.3	53.9	445.2	26.3	7.7	8.5	9.1	8.6	8.4	5.3
June	56.7	330.2	387.0	56.6	443.6	27.6	7.5	8.4	9.4	8.5	8.7	5.2
July	54.1	340.9	395.0	56.2	451.3	25.8	7.7	8.6	9.5	8.7	8.3	5.3
August	54.5	360.3	414.8	59.8	474.6	26.2	8.2	9.0	9.9	9.1	8.3	5.6
September	54.2	358.3	412.5	55.7	468.2	26.0	8.1	8.9	9.2	9.0	8.3	5.6
October	56.1	353.7	409.8	61.7	471.5	26.7	8.0	8.9	10.2	9.0	8.6	5.5
November	56.2	343.4	399.6	57.3	456.9	27.1	7.8	8.7	9.4	8.7	8.6	5.3
December	57.2	336.1	393.2	61.6	454.8	27.6	7.6	8.5	10.1	8.7	8.7	5.2
<b>1997</b>												
January	48.9	344.6	393.5	58.2	451.7	24.4	7.8	8.5	9.5	8.6	7.4	5.3
February	54.2	361.2	415.3	56.2	471.5	27.3	8.2	9.0	9.3	9.0	8.2	5.6
FEMALES												
<b>1995</b>												
December	38.2	167.0	205.2	88.0	293.2	30.3	7.8	9.0	5.4	7.5	6.2	2.5
<b>1996</b>												
January	38.4	171.1	209.5	102.3	311.8	30.6	8.0	9.2	6.3	8.0	6.2	2.6
February	37.6	176.9	214.5	100.4	314.9	29.9	8.3	9.5	6.1	8.1	6.1	2.7
March	36.8	173.2	210.0	101.3	311.3	30.1	8.1	9.3	6.3	8.0	5.9	2.6
April	37.8	180.6	218.4	110.5	329.0	30.7	8.4	9.6	6.9	8.5	6.1	2.7
May	36.4	180.0	216.5	113.0	329.4	30.0	8.4	9.5	6.9	8.4	5.9	2.7
June	31.9	170.4	202.3	111.3	313.6	27.6	8.0	9.0	6.8	8.0	5.1	2.6
July	32.6	185.4	218.0	111.2	329.2	27.5	8.5	9.5	6.9	8.4	5.2	2.8
August	36.2	185.3	221.5	109.9	331.4	30.5	8.4	9.6	6.7	8.4	5.8	2.8
September	38.9	186.4	225.3	106.7	332.0	32.0	8.5	9.8	6.5	8.4	6.2	2.8
October	41.6	180.9	222.5	109.6	332.1	33.2	8.3	9.7	6.6	8.4	6.7	2.7
November	41.0	178.2	219.2	103.2	322.4	33.0	8.2	9.6	6.3	8.2	6.6	2.7
December	42.0	182.8	224.8	112.3	337.1	34.3	8.4	9.8	6.8	8.5	6.7	2.7
<b>1997</b>												
January	39.8	190.9	230.7	108.5	339.2	32.5	8.8	10.0	6.5	8.5	6.4	2.8
February	33.3	193.8	227.1	112.2	339.2	29.3	8.9	9.9	6.6	8.5	5.3	2.9
PERSONS												
<b>1995</b>												
December	89.0	512.6	601.6	134.6	736.2	26.9	7.8	8.7	6.1	8.1	7.0	4.0
<b>1996</b>												
January	94.6	519.8	614.4	155.0	769.4	28.0	7.9	8.9	7.1	8.5	7.5	4.0
February	88.1	528.8	616.9	149.9	766.9	26.8	8.1	9.0	6.8	8.4	6.9	4.1
March	91.4	524.0	615.4	155.4	770.8	27.4	8.0	9.0	7.1	8.5	7.2	4.0
April	92.8	535.3	628.1	167.6	795.8	27.7	8.2	9.1	7.6	8.8	7.3	4.1
May	91.0	516.8	607.8	166.9	774.6	27.7	7.9	8.8	7.5	8.5	7.1	4.0
June	88.6	500.6	589.2	167.9	757.1	27.6	7.7	8.6	7.5	8.3	7.0	3.8
July	86.7	526.3	613.0	167.4	780.5	26.4	8.0	8.9	7.6	8.6	6.8	4.0
August	90.7	545.6	636.3	169.8	806.1	27.7	8.2	9.2	7.6	8.8	7.1	4.2
September	93.0	544.8	637.8	162.4	800.3	28.2	8.3	9.2	7.3	8.7	7.3	4.1
October	97.7	534.6	632.4	171.3	803.6	29.2	8.1	9.1	7.6	8.8	7.6	4.1
November	97.1	521.6	618.8	160.5	779.3	29.3	7.9	9.0	7.1	8.5	7.6	4.0
December	99.2	518.9	618.0	173.9	791.9	30.1	7.9	8.9	7.7	8.6	7.7	3.9
<b>1997</b>												
January	88.7	535.5	624.2	166.7	790.9	27.4	8.1	9.0	7.3	8.6	6.9	4.1
February	87.4	555.0	642.4	168.4	810.8	28.0	8.4	9.3	7.3	8.8	6.8	4.2



UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: Trend-revised

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS..... UNEMPLOYMENT RATE..... UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for fit work	Aged 20 and over looking for fit work	Total looking for fit work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for fit work	Aged 20 and over looking for fit work	Total looking for fit work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for fit work	Aged 20 and over looking for fit work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>MALES</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	52.6	351.9	404.5	50.9	455.4	25.3	8.0	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.1	5.5
<b>1996</b>												
January	53.0	351.3	404.2	50.9	455.1	25.5	8.0	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.1	5.5
February	53.6	349.5	403.1	51.6	454.7	25.7	7.9	8.7	9.0	8.8	8.2	5.5
March	54.1	347.0	401.1	53.0	454.0	25.9	7.9	8.7	9.2	8.8	8.3	5.4
April	54.5	344.6	399.2	54.4	453.6	26.1	7.8	8.7	9.3	8.7	8.4	5.4
May	54.9	343.3	398.2	55.6	453.8	26.3	7.8	8.6	9.4	8.7	8.4	5.4
June	55.0	343.9	398.8	56.5	455.3	26.4	7.8	8.7	9.5	8.8	8.4	5.4
July	55.1	346.1	401.2	57.2	458.3	26.4	7.9	8.7	9.5	8.8	8.4	5.4
August	55.3	348.5	403.8	57.9	461.7	26.5	7.9	8.7	9.6	8.8	8.4	5.4
September	55.3	350.0	405.3	58.5	463.8	26.5	7.9	8.8	9.7	8.9	8.4	5.4
October	55.2	350.0	405.2	59.0	464.2	26.5	7.9	8.8	9.7	8.9	8.4	5.4
November	54.9	348.6	403.5	59.1	462.6	26.6	7.9	8.7	9.7	8.8	8.4	5.4
December	54.4	347.4	401.8	59.0	460.8	26.6	7.9	8.7	9.7	8.8	8.3	5.4
<b>1997</b>												
January	53.9	347.2	401.0	58.6	459.7	26.6	7.9	8.7	9.6	8.8	8.2	5.4
February	53.3	347.2	400.5	58.1	458.6	26.5	7.9	8.7	9.5	8.8	8.1	5.4
<b>FEMALES</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	40.5	173.2	213.7	95.9	309.6	32.1	8.1	9.4	5.9	7.9	6.6	2.6
<b>1996</b>												
January	39.6	173.9	213.5	98.0	311.4	31.4	8.1	9.4	6.0	8.0	6.4	2.6
February	38.3	174.4	212.7	101.1	313.8	30.6	8.1	9.4	6.2	8.1	6.2	2.6
March	37.0	175.2	212.1	104.8	316.9	29.9	8.2	9.4	6.4	8.1	6.0	2.6
April	35.7	176.5	212.2	108.0	320.2	29.3	8.2	9.4	6.6	8.2	5.8	2.7
May	34.8	178.4	213.2	110.4	323.6	29.0	8.3	9.4	6.8	8.3	5.6	2.7
June	34.5	180.2	214.7	111.3	326.0	29.0	8.3	9.4	6.8	8.3	5.6	2.7
July	35.0	181.4	216.4	110.9	327.3	29.4	8.4	9.5	6.8	8.3	5.6	2.7
August	36.4	182.1	218.5	109.8	328.3	30.3	8.4	9.5	6.7	8.4	5.9	2.7
September	38.2	182.5	220.7	108.6	329.3	31.5	8.4	9.6	6.6	8.4	6.1	2.7
October	39.7	183.0	222.7	108.0	330.8	32.4	8.4	9.7	6.6	8.4	6.4	2.7
November	40.4	183.9	224.3	108.2	332.4	32.9	8.4	9.7	6.5	8.4	6.5	2.7
December	40.1	185.3	225.4	108.7	334.2	32.9	8.5	9.8	6.5	8.4	6.4	2.8
<b>1997</b>												
January	39.3	187.1	226.4	109.5	335.9	32.5	8.6	9.8	6.5	8.4	6.3	2.8
February	38.1	189.3	227.4	110.3	337.7	31.9	8.7	9.9	6.5	8.5	6.1	2.8
<b>PERSONS</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	93.1	525.1	618.2	146.8	765.0	27.9	8.0	9.0	6.7	8.4	7.3	4.1
<b>1996</b>												
January	92.5	525.1	617.7	148.8	766.5	27.7	8.0	9.0	6.8	8.4	7.3	4.0
February	91.9	524.0	615.8	152.7	768.5	27.5	8.0	8.9	6.9	8.5	7.2	4.0
March	91.0	522.2	613.2	157.7	770.9	27.4	8.0	8.9	7.2	8.5	7.2	4.0
April	90.2	521.1	611.3	162.4	773.8	27.3	8.0	8.9	7.4	8.5	7.1	4.0
May	89.7	521.7	611.4	166.0	777.3	27.3	8.0	8.9	7.5	8.5	7.0	4.0
June	89.5	524.1	613.5	167.7	781.3	27.3	8.0	8.9	7.5	8.6	7.0	4.0
July	90.1	527.5	617.6	168.0	785.6	27.5	8.0	9.0	7.5	8.6	7.1	4.0
August	91.7	530.6	622.3	167.8	790.0	27.9	8.1	9.0	7.5	8.6	7.2	4.0
September	93.5	532.5	626.0	167.2	793.2	28.3	8.1	9.0	7.5	8.7	7.3	4.1
October	94.9	533.0	627.9	167.0	795.0	28.7	8.1	9.1	7.4	8.7	7.4	4.1
November	95.3	532.5	627.8	167.3	795.1	28.9	8.1	9.1	7.4	8.7	7.4	4.0
December	94.6	532.7	627.2	167.7	795.0	28.9	8.1	9.1	7.4	8.6	7.4	4.0
<b>1997</b>												
January	93.2	534.2	627.4	168.1	795.6	28.8	8.1	9.1	7.3	8.6	7.3	4.0
February	91.4	536.5	627.9	168.4	796.3	28.5	8.1	9.1	7.3	8.6	7.1	4.1



PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19—Education and Labour Force: Original—February 1997

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....							
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Employed part time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Unemp. looking for f/t work</i>	<i>Unemp. looking for p/t work</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partic-ipation rate</i>
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	142.7	39.7	182.4	54.6	* 3.2	57.9	240.3	24.1	264.4	24.1	90.9
Females	72.7	47.7	120.4	34.0	4.2	38.2	158.5	33.9	192.4	24.1	82.4
Persons	215.4	87.3	302.8	88.6	7.4	96.0	398.8	58.0	456.8	24.1	87.3
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
Males	8.2	40.9	49.0	5.1	10.2	15.3	64.4	40.4	104.7	23.8	61.5
Females	9.5	66.8	76.4	4.0	14.1	18.1	94.5	43.1	137.6	19.2	68.7
Persons	17.7	107.7	125.4	9.1	24.3	33.4	158.8	83.4	242.3	21.1	65.6
ATTENDING SCHOOL											
Males	* 1.6	69.4	71.0	* 2.8	22.3	25.2	96.2	191.5	287.7	26.2	33.4
Females	* 1.4	91.6	93.0	* 2.6	27.6	30.2	123.2	171.8	295.0	24.5	41.8
Persons	* 3.0	161.0	164.0	5.5	49.9	55.4	219.4	363.3	582.7	25.2	37.6
TOTAL											
Males	152.5	150.0	302.5	62.6	35.8	98.4	400.9	256.0	656.8	24.5	61.0
Females	83.6	206.1	289.7	40.6	45.9	86.5	376.2	248.8	625.0	23.0	60.2
<b>Persons</b>	236.1	356.1	592.2	103.2	81.6	184.9	777.0	504.8	1 281.8	23.8	60.6

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 &amp; OVER)—States &amp; Territories: Original—February 1997

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....							Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %
	Employed full time '000s	Employed part time '000s	Total employed '000s	Unemp. looking for f/t work '000s	Unemp. looking for p/t work '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Labour force '000s	Not in labour force '000s	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s			
MALES												
New South Wales	1 419.3	169.1	1 588.4	142.7	18.9	161.6	1 750.0	661.1	2 411.1	9.2	72.6	
Victoria	1 049.8	131.1	1 180.9	113.2	19.2	132.4	1 313.3	458.2	1 771.5	10.1	74.1	
Queensland	773.9	97.1	871.0	95.7	10.0	105.7	976.7	338.3	1 315.0	10.8	74.3	
South Australia	320.5	47.6	368.1	39.9	4.3	44.2	412.3	167.9	580.3	10.7	71.1	
Western Australia	435.1	53.3	488.3	36.7	5.6	42.2	530.6	161.5	692.1	8.0	76.7	
Tasmania	101.5	11.9	113.4	14.0	* 1.0	15.0	128.4	53.2	181.6	11.7	70.7	
Northern Territory	39.3	6.4	45.7	3.4	* 0.1	3.5	49.2	15.5	64.7	7.1	76.0	
Australian Capital Territory	71.3	10.8	82.1	6.2	2.6	8.8	90.9	24.2	115.1	9.7	79.0	
Australia	4 210.6	527.3	4 737.9	451.7	61.9	513.6	5 251.4	1 880.0	7 131.4	9.8	73.6	
FEMALES												
New South Wales	725.7	468.4	1 194.1	80.0	45.7	125.6	1 319.8	1 180.6	2 500.3	9.5	52.8	
Victoria	511.1	391.9	903.0	72.0	29.6	101.7	1 004.7	845.0	1 849.7	10.1	54.3	
Queensland	376.6	293.1	669.7	55.8	22.9	78.7	748.4	590.9	1 339.3	10.5	55.9	
South Australia	152.4	140.0	292.3	20.1	10.1	30.2	322.5	278.4	601.0	9.4	53.7	
Western Australia	191.9	170.2	362.1	21.6	15.3	36.8	398.9	300.2	699.1	9.2	57.1	
Tasmania	41.9	39.9	81.8	7.6	2.9	10.5	92.3	95.5	187.8	11.4	49.1	
Northern Territory	22.2	14.0	36.3	1.5	* 0.9	2.4	38.6	24.7	63.3	6.2	61.0	
Australian Capital Territory	45.4	27.4	72.8	4.2	2.4	6.6	79.4	40.0	119.4	8.3	66.5	
Australia	2 067.3	1 544.8	3 612.1	262.8	129.8	392.5	4 004.6	3 355.3	7 359.9	9.8	54.4	
PERSONS												
New South Wales	2 145.0	637.5	2 782.5	222.7	64.5	287.2	3 069.7	1 841.7	4 911.4	9.4	62.5	
Victoria	1 560.9	523.0	2 084.0	185.2	48.9	234.1	2 318.0	1 303.2	3 621.2	10.1	64.0	
Queensland	1 150.5	390.1	1 540.6	151.5	32.9	184.5	1 725.1	929.2	2 654.3	10.7	65.0	
South Australia	472.9	187.6	660.5	59.9	14.4	74.4	734.9	446.4	1 181.2	10.1	62.2	
Western Australia	627.0	223.5	850.4	58.2	20.8	79.1	929.5	461.8	1 391.2	8.5	66.8	
Tasmania	143.3	51.8	195.1	21.6	4.0	25.6	220.7	148.7	369.4	11.6	59.8	
Northern Territory	61.5	20.4	81.9	4.9	* 1.0	5.9	87.8	40.2	128.0	6.7	68.6	
Australian Capital Territory	116.8	38.1	154.9	10.4	5.0	15.4	170.3	64.2	234.5	9.0	72.6	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6 277.9</b>	<b>2 072.0</b>	<b>8 349.9</b>	<b>714.5</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>906.1</b>	<b>9 256.1</b>	<b>5 235.2</b>	<b>14 491.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>63.9</b>	

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemp-loyed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	33.3	152.9	186.2	39.3	225.5	27.0	6.8	7.9	5.7	7.4	8.0	3.5
<b>1996</b>												
January	35.4	171.4	206.7	47.9	254.7	27.1	7.7	8.7	7.6	8.5	8.4	3.9
February	30.3	180.5	210.8	49.6	260.4	26.1	8.1	9.0	7.3	8.6	7.2	4.1
March	28.4	171.8	200.1	56.2	256.4	26.2	7.7	8.6	7.9	8.4	6.8	3.9
April	29.2	165.5	194.7	51.3	246.0	26.9	7.5	8.4	7.4	8.2	6.9	3.7
May	26.5	153.9	180.5	51.4	231.9	25.5	7.0	7.9	7.1	7.7	6.3	3.5
June	25.9	148.8	174.7	50.7	225.4	26.3	6.8	7.6	6.9	7.5	6.2	3.3
July	23.2	155.1	178.4	45.3	223.7	22.6	7.0	7.7	6.5	7.4	5.5	3.5
August	24.8	163.9	188.7	49.4	238.1	25.2	7.4	8.2	7.0	7.9	5.9	3.7
September	23.9	168.2	192.1	57.0	249.2	23.7	7.5	8.2	7.9	8.1	5.7	3.8
October	23.7	155.8	179.6	53.4	233.0	22.2	7.0	7.7	7.5	7.6	5.6	3.5
November	22.1	145.7	167.9	48.3	216.2	23.4	6.6	7.3	6.9	7.2	5.2	3.3
December	37.4	154.0	191.4	53.3	244.7	30.6	6.8	8.0	7.6	7.9	8.8	3.4
<b>1997</b>												
January	35.0	173.2	208.1	49.9	258.0	27.7	7.7	8.8	7.4	8.5	8.3	3.9
February	35.9	186.8	222.7	64.5	287.2	30.5	8.3	9.4	9.2	9.4	8.5	4.2
<b>VICTORIA</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	21.3	133.0	154.4	36.2	190.6	28.1	8.0	8.8	6.6	8.3	6.8	4.1
<b>1996</b>												
January	21.2	147.2	168.4	40.2	208.6	29.8	9.0	9.8	7.4	9.2	6.8	4.5
February	26.9	155.6	182.5	47.9	230.4	36.4	9.4	10.5	8.6	10.1	8.6	4.8
March	21.8	135.5	157.3	45.1	202.4	32.5	8.3	9.2	8.0	8.9	7.0	4.1
April	20.3	139.2	159.5	47.8	207.3	30.6	8.5	9.3	8.4	9.1	6.5	4.3
May	19.9	133.3	153.2	38.3	191.5	30.0	8.0	8.9	6.9	8.4	6.3	4.1
June	18.5	118.4	136.9	41.0	177.8	28.6	7.2	8.1	7.3	7.9	5.9	3.6
July	14.6	129.8	144.4	42.6	187.0	21.6	7.8	8.4	7.8	8.2	4.7	4.0
August	18.3	141.0	159.3	38.8	198.2	28.8	8.6	9.3	6.9	8.7	5.8	4.3
September	20.5	149.8	170.3	44.5	214.8	30.2	9.0	9.9	7.6	9.3	6.5	4.6
October	19.1	142.2	161.3	43.4	204.7	30.1	8.6	9.4	7.6	8.9	6.1	4.3
November	20.4	146.6	167.0	37.2	204.2	31.3	8.8	9.6	6.4	8.8	6.5	4.4
December	25.8	141.2	167.0	48.4	215.4	34.4	8.4	9.6	8.2	9.2	8.2	4.3
<b>1997</b>												
January	21.9	150.6	172.5	40.7	213.2	29.4	9.1	9.9	7.4	9.3	7.0	4.6
February	19.9	165.3	185.2	48.9	234.1	30.4	9.8	10.6	8.5	10.1	6.3	5.0
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	23.4	102.8	126.1	29.5	155.7	29.1	8.5	9.8	7.1	9.2	9.6	4.4
<b>1996</b>												
January	29.5	115.2	144.7	26.8	171.5	32.8	9.6	11.2	7.3	10.3	12.2	4.9
February	20.7	115.9	136.6	28.9	165.5	26.3	9.6	10.6	7.5	9.9	8.5	4.9
March	18.6	111.4	130.0	33.0	163.0	26.3	9.3	10.2	8.1	9.7	7.6	4.7
April	20.4	110.6	130.9	31.7	162.7	27.3	9.2	10.3	7.8	9.7	8.4	4.7
May	21.4	102.8	124.2	32.5	156.7	30.7	8.5	9.8	8.0	9.3	8.8	4.3
June	20.9	104.4	125.3	29.7	155.0	30.8	8.7	9.8	7.1	9.2	8.6	4.4
July	16.1	101.1	117.3	31.3	148.6	23.8	8.4	9.2	7.5	8.8	6.6	4.3
August	19.1	106.3	125.4	31.1	156.4	28.7	8.8	9.8	7.6	9.3	7.8	4.5
September	18.5	103.2	121.7	33.0	154.7	26.8	8.4	9.4	7.8	9.0	7.5	4.3
October	20.9	99.0	120.0	34.2	154.2	30.0	8.1	9.3	8.3	9.1	8.5	4.1
November	22.4	94.0	116.4	29.0	145.4	32.9	7.8	9.1	6.9	8.6	9.1	3.9
December	26.8	96.3	123.0	37.7	160.7	33.0	7.9	9.4	9.0	9.3	10.9	4.0
<b>1997</b>												
January	27.4	121.2	148.6	37.8	186.4	35.5	10.0	11.5	9.3	11.0	11.1	5.0
February	23.5	128.1	151.5	32.9	184.5	32.5	10.4	11.6	7.8	10.7	9.5	5.3

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemp-loyed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	10.2	45.6	55.8	10.7	66.5	36.2	8.8	10.2	5.8	9.1	10.4	4.2
<b>1996</b>												
January	12.3	48.8	61.1	13.7	74.8	42.3	9.6	11.4	7.3	10.4	12.7	4.5
February	10.3	51.2	61.5	15.0	76.4	37.8	10.0	11.4	7.8	10.5	10.5	4.8
March	8.4	45.1	53.5	15.5	69.0	34.7	9.0	10.2	7.7	9.5	8.6	4.2
April	7.1	47.7	54.8	14.5	69.3	30.3	9.5	10.5	7.0	9.5	7.3	4.4
May	9.6	44.7	54.3	13.9	68.2	39.7	8.9	10.3	7.0	9.4	9.8	4.1
June	8.0	43.4	51.4	10.4	61.8	37.1	8.7	9.9	5.1	8.5	8.2	4.0
July	9.2	43.0	52.2	11.8	64.1	36.9	8.6	9.9	5.9	8.8	9.5	4.0
August	7.8	48.0	55.8	12.2	68.0	35.5	9.6	10.7	6.0	9.4	8.0	4.4
September	8.9	47.9	56.8	13.6	70.5	38.9	9.5	10.8	6.7	9.7	9.1	4.4
October	7.5	47.6	55.2	12.5	67.7	32.8	9.4	10.4	6.3	9.3	7.7	4.4
November	7.0	47.8	54.8	11.6	66.3	31.6	9.5	10.4	5.8	9.2	7.2	4.4
December	10.9	47.1	58.0	12.6	70.6	39.6	9.2	10.8	6.4	9.6	11.1	4.4
<b>1997</b>												
January	8.2	51.4	59.6	14.1	73.6	32.5	10.1	11.2	7.3	10.2	8.4	4.7
February	8.6	51.3	59.9	14.4	74.4	34.7	10.1	11.2	7.2	10.1	8.8	4.7
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	10.6	43.2	53.8	14.0	67.8	24.4	6.9	8.0	6.1	7.5	8.3	3.5
<b>1996</b>												
January	10.3	48.8	59.1	17.7	76.8	23.0	7.8	8.8	8.0	8.6	8.1	4.0
February	9.2	51.2	60.3	18.6	78.9	21.7	8.0	8.8	8.3	8.7	7.2	4.1
March	8.4	45.6	54.0	20.0	74.0	20.4	7.2	8.1	8.5	8.2	6.6	3.7
April	7.8	41.6	49.5	14.5	64.0	19.4	6.6	7.4	6.5	7.2	6.1	3.4
May	7.8	44.2	52.0	16.9	68.9	20.4	7.0	7.7	7.2	7.6	6.1	3.6
June	7.9	47.0	54.9	15.6	70.5	20.8	7.4	8.1	6.8	7.8	6.2	3.8
July	8.4	44.2	52.5	12.6	65.1	20.4	6.9	7.7	5.5	7.1	6.5	3.5
August	7.8	45.8	53.6	15.3	68.8	21.1	7.2	7.9	6.4	7.5	6.0	3.7
September	7.7	46.3	54.1	15.1	69.1	20.4	7.2	7.9	6.4	7.5	6.0	3.7
October	8.6	41.6	50.2	14.9	65.1	21.9	6.5	7.4	6.4	7.2	6.7	3.3
November	9.8	42.7	52.5	13.8	66.3	25.0	6.7	7.8	5.9	7.3	7.6	3.4
December	12.0	43.7	55.7	15.0	70.8	26.5	6.8	8.1	6.3	7.6	9.3	3.5
<b>1997</b>												
January	10.2	50.3	60.4	15.7	76.1	22.0	7.8	8.8	6.7	8.3	7.8	4.0
February	9.6	48.6	58.2	20.8	79.1	23.3	7.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.4	3.9
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	4.9	15.9	20.8	3.3	24.1	39.3	10.2	12.3	5.4	10.5	14.3	4.8
<b>1996</b>												
January	4.6	15.5	20.2	4.0	24.2	38.9	10.1	12.1	7.1	10.8	13.6	4.7
February	4.2	14.7	18.9	4.7	23.6	34.1	9.4	11.2	8.0	10.4	12.3	4.4
March	3.3	15.8	19.1	4.3	23.4	31.8	10.4	11.7	7.0	10.4	9.7	4.7
April	2.4	15.2	17.6	4.3	21.9	22.7	10.0	10.8	6.9	9.7	6.9	4.6
May	2.9	15.8	18.8	3.5	22.2	29.2	10.4	11.6	5.7	10.0	8.6	4.7
June	2.9	17.1	20.0	3.7	23.7	28.4	11.1	12.2	6.1	10.5	8.5	5.1
July	3.0	16.7	19.7	4.5	24.2	30.8	11.0	12.2	7.0	10.7	8.8	5.0
August	2.2	16.6	18.8	3.9	22.7	24.7	10.9	11.6	6.4	10.2	6.4	5.0
September	2.3	17.6	19.9	3.9	23.8	24.9	11.4	12.2	6.3	10.6	6.8	5.2
October	2.0	17.0	19.0	4.5	23.5	21.8	11.3	11.9	7.1	10.6	5.9	5.1
November	2.5	16.3	18.7	3.4	22.2	26.4	10.8	11.7	5.7	10.1	7.3	4.9
December	3.8	16.2	20.1	5.1	25.1	35.0	10.6	12.2	8.5	11.2	11.1	4.8
<b>1997</b>												
January	4.0	16.5	20.5	4.4	24.9	35.1	11.1	12.8	7.3	11.3	11.7	4.9
February	3.7	17.9	21.6	4.0	25.6	32.8	11.6	13.1	7.1	11.6	10.9	5.3

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS—Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory: Original

Month	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....					UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	
	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemp-loyed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	* 0.9	3.7	4.7	1.3	6.0	* 34.3	5.9	7.0	6.0	6.8	* 7.5	3.4
<b>1996</b>												
January	* 1.0	4.1	5.1	1.3	6.4	* 30.1	6.2	7.4	6.4	7.2	* 8.2	3.7
February	* 0.8	4.6	5.4	* 0.9	6.3	* 30.8	7.0	7.8	* 4.8	7.2	* 6.1	4.1
March	* 0.8	4.7	5.5	1.6	7.1	* 29.5	6.8	7.7	8.5	7.9	* 6.5	4.1
April	* 1.2	4.4	5.5	1.5	7.0	* 41.6	6.7	8.2	7.4	8.0	* 9.2	3.9
May	* 0.7	3.9	4.6	* 0.7	5.3	* 24.3	5.9	6.7	* 3.9	6.1	* 5.6	3.4
June	* 0.3	2.8	3.1	* 0.8	3.9	* 8.4	4.3	4.5	* 4.3	4.4	* 2.2	2.5
July	* 0.4	4.2	4.6	* 1.1	5.7	* 8.6	6.1	6.3	* 6.5	6.3	* 3.2	3.7
August	* 0.6	2.8	3.4	1.3	4.6	* 17.1	4.3	4.9	6.8	5.3	* 4.6	2.5
September	* 0.2	3.5	3.7	1.3	5.0	* 6.0	5.2	5.2	6.1	5.4	* 1.6	3.1
October	* 0.3	2.7	3.1	* 0.9	3.9	* 11.0	4.2	4.5	* 4.1	4.4	* 2.7	2.4
November	* 0.5	2.8	3.3	* 0.7	4.0	* 16.1	4.5	5.0	* 3.2	4.6	* 3.8	2.4
December	* 0.5	2.7	3.2	* 1.1	4.3	* 14.3	4.2	4.7	* 5.8	5.0	* 3.6	2.4
<b>1997</b>												
January	* 0.9	4.2	5.1	* 1.1	6.2	* 23.7	6.8	7.7	* 6.3	7.4	* 6.7	3.7
February	* 0.7	4.1	4.9	* 1.0	5.9	* 24.8	6.5	7.3	* 4.8	6.7	* 5.6	3.6
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
<b>1995</b>												
December	2.3	6.7	9.0	3.6	12.6	43.4	5.3	6.8	8.4	7.2	9.6	3.2
<b>1996</b>												
January	2.2	8.6	10.8	3.8	14.6	43.0	6.8	8.2	9.9	8.6	9.5	4.1
February	2.0	8.0	10.0	5.1	15.1	42.9	6.5	7.8	11.8	8.8	8.4	3.8
March	1.8	8.6	10.4	5.3	15.7	40.7	7.0	8.2	11.8	9.1	7.6	4.1
April	1.6	8.6	10.2	4.6	14.8	35.9	7.1	8.1	10.8	8.8	6.8	4.1
May	1.7	8.1	9.8	3.6	13.5	42.6	6.6	7.8	8.4	7.9	7.5	3.9
June	1.8	7.2	9.0	3.4	12.4	43.9	5.9	7.2	7.8	7.3	7.6	3.4
July	1.5	8.9	10.4	2.9	13.2	38.0	7.2	8.2	6.9	7.9	6.5	4.2
August	1.9	9.3	11.2	3.2	14.4	50.0	7.6	8.9	7.7	8.6	8.3	4.4
September	2.1	8.4	10.5	2.7	13.1	54.2	6.8	8.3	6.2	7.8	9.2	4.0
October	2.1	8.0	10.2	2.7	12.9	53.5	6.7	8.2	6.4	7.8	9.3	3.8
November	1.5	7.6	9.2	3.5	12.7	38.4	6.4	7.4	8.6	7.7	6.7	3.6
December	1.8	8.1	9.9	4.2	14.1	37.2	6.7	7.9	10.0	8.4	7.8	3.8
<b>1997</b>												
January	1.8	9.5	11.3	3.9	15.2	38.3	7.7	8.8	10.3	9.2	7.7	4.5
February	1.3	9.1	10.4	5.0	15.4	35.8	7.4	8.2	11.6	9.0	5.7	4.3



## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—New South Wales—revised

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	1 422.0	1 592.7	130.4	7.6	72.7	1 419.2	1 589.1	139.7	8.1	72.9	2 371.1
<b>1996</b>											
January	1 432.9	1 586.6	143.5	8.3	72.9	1 419.2	1 588.9	140.8	8.1	72.9	2 374.1
February	1 417.5	1 590.0	140.5	8.1	72.8	1 417.5	1 588.0	142.1	8.2	72.8	2 377.1
March	1 405.9	1 585.6	145.8	8.4	72.7	1 414.4	1 587.2	143.4	8.3	72.7	2 380.0
April	1 410.0	1 581.2	150.4	8.7	72.7	1 411.2	1 587.1	144.4	8.3	72.7	2 383.1
May	1 410.1	1 592.0	140.8	8.1	72.6	1 409.4	1 588.3	144.9	8.4	72.6	2 386.2
June	1 409.8	1 591.6	141.6	8.2	72.5	1 410.0	1 590.3	145.0	8.4	72.6	2 389.3
July	1 411.5	1 590.7	141.4	8.2	72.4	1 412.3	1 592.3	144.8	8.3	72.6	2 392.5
August	1 416.5	1 596.5	153.4	8.8	73.0	1 416.0	1 594.8	144.2	8.3	72.6	2 395.8
September	1 420.4	1 596.9	141.5	8.1	72.5	1 420.0	1 597.5	143.1	8.2	72.6	2 399.1
October	1 423.3	1 601.7	141.8	8.1	72.6	1 423.7	1 600.0	142.1	8.2	72.5	2 401.8
November	1 424.2	1 593.0	141.3	8.1	72.1	1 426.5	1 602.2	141.1	8.1	72.5	2 404.6
December	1 432.4	1 610.1	136.2	7.8	72.5	1 428.1	1 603.7	140.8	8.1	72.5	2 407.3
<b>1997</b>											
January	1 438.9	1 618.0	137.3	7.8	72.9	1 428.8	1 604.4	141.1	8.1	72.5	2 409.2
February	1 415.1	1 589.7	151.1	8.7	72.2	1 428.5	1 604.2	141.6	8.1	72.4	2 411.1
<b>FEMALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	729.9	1 210.0	89.0	6.9	52.9	731.7	1 209.0	92.6	7.1	53.0	2 454.4
<b>1996</b>											
January	730.7	1 204.3	91.9	7.1	52.7	729.3	1 206.9	93.5	7.2	52.9	2 457.5
February	718.2	1 201.0	94.3	7.3	52.6	725.7	1 203.2	94.7	7.3	52.7	2 460.7
March	732.8	1 207.7	94.9	7.3	52.9	722.6	1 199.7	95.7	7.4	52.6	2 463.8
April	722.7	1 191.5	100.4	7.8	52.4	720.6	1 197.3	96.4	7.4	52.4	2 467.3
May	707.5	1 188.2	99.6	7.7	52.1	719.9	1 196.3	97.3	7.5	52.4	2 470.9
June	717.8	1 202.2	91.9	7.1	52.3	720.9	1 196.6	98.1	7.6	52.3	2 474.4
July	728.7	1 200.4	98.7	7.6	52.4	723.1	1 197.9	98.2	7.6	52.3	2 478.3
August	733.7	1 201.6	97.8	7.5	52.3	725.8	1 200.0	98.0	7.5	52.3	2 482.3
September	720.4	1 195.2	103.6	8.0	52.2	728.3	1 202.7	97.8	7.5	52.3	2 486.2
October	731.9	1 210.0	100.2	7.6	52.6	729.8	1 205.2	97.9	7.5	52.3	2 489.4
November	730.5	1 206.2	87.1	6.7	51.9	730.0	1 207.5	98.5	7.5	52.4	2 492.6
December	731.9	1 210.7	102.1	7.8	52.6	729.9	1 209.8	99.6	7.6	52.5	2 495.8
<b>1997</b>											
January	730.1	1 213.8	101.3	7.7	52.6	729.6	1 212.0	101.0	7.7	52.6	2 498.1
February	726.1	1 212.3	107.7	8.2	52.8	729.2	1 213.6	102.7	7.8	52.6	2 500.3
<b>PERSONS</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	2 151.9	2 802.6	219.4	7.3	62.6	2 150.9	2 798.2	232.3	7.7	62.8	4 825.5
<b>1996</b>											
January	2 163.6	2 791.0	235.4	7.8	62.6	2 148.4	2 795.8	234.3	7.7	62.7	4 831.6
February	2 135.7	2 791.0	234.8	7.8	62.5	2 143.1	2 791.2	236.8	7.8	62.6	4 837.7
March	2 138.7	2 793.3	240.7	7.9	62.6	2 137.0	2 786.9	239.1	7.9	62.5	4 843.9
April	2 132.7	2 772.7	250.8	8.3	62.3	2 131.8	2 784.4	240.8	8.0	62.4	4 850.5
May	2 117.5	2 780.2	240.4	8.0	62.2	2 129.4	2 784.5	242.2	8.0	62.3	4 857.0
June	2 127.7	2 793.8	233.5	7.7	62.2	2 130.9	2 786.9	243.0	8.0	62.3	4 863.7
July	2 140.2	2 791.1	240.1	7.9	62.2	2 135.4	2 790.2	243.0	8.0	62.3	4 870.9
August	2 150.3	2 798.1	251.2	8.2	62.5	2 141.9	2 794.8	242.2	8.0	62.3	4 878.1
September	2 140.8	2 792.1	245.0	8.1	62.2	2 148.4	2 800.2	240.9	7.9	62.2	4 885.3
October	2 155.1	2 811.8	242.0	7.9	62.4	2 153.5	2 805.2	240.0	7.9	62.3	4 891.3
November	2 154.7	2 799.3	228.4	7.5	61.8	2 156.5	2 809.7	239.7	7.9	62.3	4 897.2
December	2 164.2	2 820.8	238.3	7.8	62.4	2 158.0	2 813.5	240.3	7.9	62.3	4 903.1
<b>1997</b>											
January	2 169.0	2 831.7	238.5	7.8	62.6	2 158.4	2 816.3	242.1	7.9	62.3	4 907.3
February	2 141.3	2 801.9	258.8	8.5	62.3	2 157.6	2 817.8	244.3	8.0	62.3	4 911.4

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)-Victoria-revised

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	1 052.6	1 178.7	114.0	8.8	74.0	1 048.3	1 174.4	114.7	8.9	73.8	1 746.1
<b>1996</b>											
January	1 049.5	1 179.0	113.8	8.8	74.0	1 048.5	1 176.1	115.0	8.9	73.9	1 748.0
February	1 048.1	1 178.3	118.3	9.1	74.1	1 048.8	1 177.3	115.1	8.9	73.9	1 749.9
March	1 045.5	1 172.1	113.1	8.8	73.4	1 050.1	1 178.6	114.6	8.9	73.8	1 751.8
April	1 045.0	1 175.3	121.3	9.4	73.9	1 052.0	1 180.2	113.4	8.8	73.8	1 753.8
May	1 060.8	1 188.5	109.2	8.4	73.9	1 053.7	1 181.9	112.0	8.7	73.7	1 755.8
June	1 057.4	1 186.1	106.3	8.2	73.5	1 054.3	1 183.8	111.4	8.6	73.7	1 757.8
July	1 055.9	1 183.8	109.1	8.4	73.5	1 053.2	1 185.3	112.3	8.7	73.7	1 759.8
August	1 055.8	1 188.5	114.6	8.8	74.0	1 050.7	1 186.3	114.3	8.8	73.8	1 761.9
September	1 035.2	1 181.9	120.9	9.3	73.9	1 048.0	1 186.9	116.8	9.0	73.9	1 763.9
October	1 046.3	1 185.5	121.9	9.3	74.1	1 046.4	1 187.4	118.9	9.1	74.0	1 765.5
November	1 049.1	1 194.8	118.5	9.0	74.3	1 046.4	1 188.1	119.9	9.2	74.0	1 767.2
December	1 043.0	1 185.0	120.2	9.2	73.8	1 047.3	1 188.5	120.0	9.2	74.0	1 768.8
<b>1997</b>											
January	1 056.7	1 193.5	117.5	9.0	74.1	1 048.3	1 188.5	119.9	9.2	73.9	1 770.2
February	1 046.8	1 182.8	120.1	9.2	73.5	1 049.5	1 188.1	119.5	9.1	73.8	1 771.5
<b>FEMALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	512.4	900.3	72.0	7.4	53.4	505.0	894.6	83.7	8.6	53.7	1 821.7
<b>1996</b>											
January	505.4	908.8	85.4	8.6	54.5	505.4	897.2	83.2	8.5	53.8	1 823.8
February	498.8	895.5	86.7	8.8	53.8	506.4	898.3	82.8	8.4	53.7	1 825.4
March	503.3	889.0	80.6	8.3	53.1	507.9	897.4	82.9	8.5	53.7	1 827.2
April	514.0	895.8	87.5	8.9	53.8	509.9	895.4	83.7	8.5	53.5	1 829.4
May	518.2	899.6	83.6	8.5	53.7	512.1	893.5	84.8	8.7	53.4	1 831.6
June	510.2	892.7	80.3	8.3	53.1	513.7	893.1	86.2	8.8	53.4	1 833.8
July	517.5	888.4	88.7	9.1	53.2	514.3	893.8	88.2	9.0	53.5	1 836.2
August	512.1	896.8	95.0	9.6	53.9	513.9	895.7	90.5	9.2	53.6	1 838.6
September	510.1	899.6	90.8	9.2	53.8	513.4	898.8	92.1	9.3	53.8	1 841.0
October	514.0	898.8	94.1	9.5	53.9	513.4	903.2	92.4	9.3	54.0	1 842.9
November	516.4	912.3	93.3	9.3	54.5	513.7	908.0	91.7	9.2	54.2	1 844.9
December	511.7	910.4	89.8	9.0	54.2	513.9	912.5	90.5	9.0	54.3	1 846.8
<b>1997</b>											
January	516.2	921.4	86.4	8.6	54.5	514.0	916.3	89.1	8.9	54.4	1 848.3
February	512.4	916.8	88.0	8.8	54.3	514.2	918.9	87.8	8.7	54.4	1 849.7
<b>PERSONS</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	1 565.0	2 079.0	185.9	8.2	63.5	1 553.2	2 069.0	198.4	8.8	63.6	3 567.8
<b>1996</b>											
January	1 554.9	2 087.8	199.1	8.7	64.0	1 553.9	2 073.3	198.1	8.7	63.6	3 571.8
February	1 546.9	2 073.8	205.0	9.0	63.7	1 555.1	2 075.6	197.9	8.7	63.6	3 575.3
March	1 548.8	2 061.1	193.7	8.6	63.0	1 557.9	2 076.0	197.5	8.7	63.5	3 579.0
April	1 559.0	2 071.1	208.9	9.2	63.6	1 561.9	2 075.5	197.1	8.7	63.4	3 583.2
May	1 579.1	2 088.1	192.8	8.5	63.6	1 565.8	2 075.4	196.8	8.7	63.3	3 587.4
June	1 567.5	2 078.8	186.6	8.2	63.1	1 568.1	2 076.9	197.6	8.7	63.3	3 591.6
July	1 573.4	2 072.1	197.8	8.7	63.1	1 567.5	2 079.0	200.5	8.8	63.4	3 596.0
August	1 567.9	2 085.3	209.5	9.1	63.7	1 564.6	2 082.0	204.8	9.0	63.5	3 600.4
September	1 545.2	2 081.6	211.7	9.2	63.6	1 561.4	2 085.7	208.9	9.1	63.7	3 604.9
October	1 560.3	2 084.3	216.0	9.4	63.7	1 559.7	2 090.6	211.3	9.2	63.8	3 608.5
November	1 565.5	2 107.1	211.8	9.1	64.2	1 560.1	2 096.1	211.6	9.2	63.9	3 612.0
December	1 554.8	2 095.4	210.0	9.1	63.8	1 561.2	2 101.0	210.5	9.1	63.9	3 615.7
<b>1997</b>											
January	1 572.9	2 114.8	203.9	8.8	64.1	1 562.3	2 104.8	209.0	9.0	63.9	3 618.4
February	1 559.2	2 099.6	208.1	9.0	63.7	1 563.7	2 107.0	207.3	9.0	63.9	3 621.2

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Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %	
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	770.4	866.4	96.4	10.0	75.4	770.3	865.2	95.4	9.9	75.2	1 276.9
<b>1996</b>											
January	774.2	867.5	95.7	9.9	75.3	775.0	868.9	93.3	9.7	75.2	1 279.8
February	785.1	875.1	85.9	8.9	74.9	779.0	873.0	90.8	9.4	75.1	1 282.7
March	780.4	874.3	89.4	9.3	75.0	781.5	876.7	88.9	9.2	75.1	1 285.6
April	782.7	881.2	88.9	9.2	75.3	782.1	879.3	88.2	9.1	75.1	1 288.8
May	783.9	883.4	86.4	8.9	75.1	781.4	880.6	88.9	9.2	75.0	1 292.1
June	774.6	878.5	91.5	9.4	74.9	780.5	880.8	90.5	9.3	75.0	1 295.4
July	782.0	883.8	88.7	9.1	74.9	780.0	880.4	92.2	9.5	74.9	1 297.8
August	778.8	876.1	99.5	10.2	75.0	780.3	880.2	93.3	9.6	74.9	1 300.3
September	781.2	880.3	93.3	9.6	74.7	780.9	880.3	93.7	9.6	74.8	1 302.7
October	781.4	876.5	97.0	10.0	74.6	781.3	880.7	93.7	9.6	74.7	1 305.2
November	783.2	886.8	86.5	8.9	74.4	781.1	881.1	93.8	9.6	74.5	1 307.7
December	783.4	882.0	93.6	9.6	74.5	780.3	881.0	94.1	9.7	74.4	1 310.2
<b>1997</b>											
January	774.5	882.4	97.3	9.9	74.6	779.3	880.5	94.8	9.7	74.3	1 312.6
February	777.9	874.2	97.4	10.0	73.9	778.5	880.0	95.2	9.8	74.2	1 315.0
<b>FEMALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	371.6	656.7	61.5	8.6	55.2	375.1	651.1	62.5	8.8	54.9	1 300.4
<b>1996</b>											
January	375.8	652.2	62.9	8.8	54.9	373.9	649.7	63.0	8.8	54.7	1 303.3
February	375.9	647.9	63.2	8.9	54.4	372.2	647.3	63.7	9.0	54.4	1 306.2
March	368.9	641.7	61.4	8.7	53.7	370.6	645.2	64.8	9.1	54.2	1 309.2
April	368.0	639.1	68.7	9.7	53.9	369.8	644.7	65.9	9.3	54.2	1 312.2
May	370.5	646.4	68.9	9.6	54.4	370.3	646.8	66.9	9.4	54.3	1 315.2
June	368.6	651.6	67.2	9.3	54.5	372.2	650.8	67.4	9.4	54.5	1 318.2
July	373.9	656.9	66.8	9.2	54.8	375.1	655.2	67.4	9.3	54.7	1 320.8
August	381.8	661.6	66.8	9.2	55.0	378.3	658.4	67.4	9.3	54.8	1 323.4
September	382.8	662.3	67.1	9.2	55.0	380.3	660.0	67.7	9.3	54.9	1 326.1
October	381.9	660.3	69.4	9.5	54.9	380.7	660.6	68.4	9.4	54.9	1 328.7
November	378.0	657.4	67.7	9.3	54.5	379.9	661.2	69.4	9.5	54.9	1 331.4
December	382.4	662.1	70.0	9.6	54.9	378.6	662.5	70.4	9.6	54.9	1 334.1
<b>1997</b>											
January	370.4	659.4	75.4	10.3	55.0	377.2	664.3	71.1	9.7	55.0	1 336.7
February	377.9	675.5	69.0	9.3	55.6	375.8	666.2	71.7	9.7	55.1	1 339.3
<b>PERSONS</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	1 142.0	1 523.1	157.9	9.4	65.2	1 145.4	1 516.3	157.9	9.4	65.0	2 577.4
<b>1996</b>											
January	1 150.1	1 519.7	158.6	9.4	65.0	1 148.9	1 518.6	156.3	9.3	64.8	2 583.2
February	1 161.0	1 523.0	149.2	8.9	64.6	1 151.3	1 520.3	154.5	9.2	64.7	2 588.9
March	1 149.3	1 516.0	150.8	9.0	64.2	1 152.1	1 521.8	153.7	9.2	64.6	2 594.8
April	1 150.7	1 520.3	157.6	9.4	64.5	1 151.9	1 524.1	154.1	9.2	64.5	2 601.0
May	1 154.4	1 529.7	155.4	9.2	64.6	1 151.7	1 527.4	155.8	9.3	64.6	2 607.3
June	1 143.2	1 530.1	158.7	9.4	64.6	1 152.6	1 531.6	157.9	9.3	64.6	2 613.5
July	1 155.9	1 540.7	155.5	9.2	64.8	1 155.2	1 535.7	159.6	9.4	64.7	2 618.6
August	1 160.6	1 537.7	166.3	9.8	64.9	1 158.6	1 538.6	160.7	9.5	64.8	2 623.7
September	1 163.9	1 542.7	160.3	9.4	64.8	1 161.2	1 540.3	161.4	9.5	64.7	2 628.8
October	1 163.3	1 536.9	166.4	9.8	64.7	1 161.9	1 541.3	162.2	9.5	64.7	2 634.0
November	1 161.2	1 544.2	154.3	9.1	64.4	1 160.9	1 542.3	163.2	9.6	64.6	2 639.1
December	1 165.8	1 544.2	163.6	9.6	64.6	1 158.9	1 543.6	164.5	9.6	64.6	2 644.3
<b>1997</b>											
January	1 144.9	1 541.8	172.7	10.1	64.7	1 156.5	1 544.8	165.9	9.7	64.6	2 649.3
February	1 155.8	1 549.7	166.4	9.7	64.7	1 154.2	1 546.2	166.9	9.7	64.5	2 654.3

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partic-ipation rate %	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partic-ipation rate %	
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	328.2	372.5	40.7	9.8	71.7	327.2	371.8	42.2	10.2	71.9	575.9
<b>1996</b>											
January	326.1	371.9	41.3	10.0	71.7	326.8	371.3	42.2	10.2	71.8	576.2
February	326.5	370.8	43.8	10.6	71.9	326.3	370.7	42.3	10.2	71.6	576.5
March	326.0	369.3	42.4	10.3	71.4	325.5	370.3	42.3	10.2	71.5	576.7
April	323.6	370.6	43.0	10.4	71.7	324.6	369.9	42.0	10.2	71.4	577.0
May	323.4	366.8	42.4	10.4	70.9	323.3	369.6	41.6	10.1	71.2	577.3
June	321.9	371.3	38.9	9.5	71.0	322.0	369.3	41.2	10.0	71.1	577.6
July	323.4	370.7	40.2	9.8	71.1	320.7	368.9	41.0	10.0	70.9	578.0
August	318.4	368.2	41.7	10.2	70.9	319.7	368.4	41.2	10.1	70.8	578.4
September	317.1	365.9	42.6	10.4	70.6	319.4	367.9	41.5	10.1	70.7	578.8
October	318.9	367.2	41.2	10.1	70.5	319.6	367.7	41.8	10.2	70.7	579.1
November	320.8	368.1	42.8	10.4	70.9	320.1	367.7	41.8	10.2	70.7	579.5
December	321.6	368.8	41.4	10.1	70.7	320.8	368.0	41.7	10.2	70.6	579.8
<b>1997</b>											
January	323.1	368.0	40.7	10.0	70.5	321.4	368.3	41.4	10.1	70.6	580.0
February	320.5	369.0	41.4	10.1	70.7	322.1	368.7	41.2	10.1	70.6	580.3
<b>FEMALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	154.2	285.3	25.0	8.0	52.0	150.0	284.2	25.6	8.3	51.9	596.9
<b>1996</b>											
January	148.8	284.0	27.2	8.7	52.1	149.9	285.0	25.9	8.3	52.1	597.2
February	147.9	283.8	26.5	8.5	51.9	149.8	286.3	26.1	8.4	52.3	597.5
March	149.3	288.4	25.7	8.2	52.5	149.7	287.8	26.2	8.4	52.5	597.7
April	149.4	290.8	26.2	8.3	53.0	149.8	289.0	26.4	8.4	52.8	598.0
May	152.2	290.7	27.2	8.6	53.1	150.1	290.2	26.7	8.4	53.0	598.2
June	149.7	290.7	25.8	8.1	52.9	150.6	291.0	27.0	8.5	53.1	598.5
July	151.0	291.1	27.6	8.7	53.2	150.8	291.3	27.3	8.6	53.2	598.9
August	150.2	290.4	28.5	8.9	53.2	150.8	291.2	27.6	8.7	53.2	599.2
September	151.1	290.4	27.9	8.8	53.1	150.6	291.0	27.7	8.7	53.2	599.6
October	151.6	294.8	27.6	8.6	53.7	150.4	290.9	27.6	8.7	53.1	599.9
November	148.2	288.6	26.5	8.4	52.5	150.3	290.9	27.5	8.6	53.1	600.2
December	150.5	289.0	28.4	8.9	52.9	150.2	291.1	27.3	8.6	53.0	600.5
<b>1997</b>											
January	150.6	291.7	26.6	8.4	53.0	150.1	291.4	27.1	8.5	53.0	600.7
February	150.1	293.7	27.0	8.4	53.4	150.1	291.7	27.0	8.5	53.0	601.0
<b>PERSONS</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	482.4	657.8	65.6	9.1	61.7	477.2	656.0	67.8	9.4	61.7	1 172.9
<b>1996</b>											
January	474.8	655.9	68.4	9.4	61.7	476.7	656.3	68.1	9.4	61.7	1 173.4
February	474.4	654.7	70.3	9.7	61.8	476.1	657.0	68.4	9.4	61.8	1 173.9
March	475.3	657.7	68.1	9.4	61.8	475.3	658.0	68.5	9.4	61.9	1 174.4
April	473.0	661.4	69.2	9.5	62.2	474.3	659.0	68.5	9.4	61.9	1 175.0
May	475.5	657.5	69.6	9.6	61.9	473.4	659.8	68.3	9.4	61.9	1 175.6
June	471.6	662.0	64.7	8.9	61.8	472.6	660.3	68.2	9.4	61.9	1 176.1
July	474.4	661.8	67.8	9.3	62.0	471.6	660.2	68.4	9.4	61.9	1 176.9
August	468.6	658.6	70.2	9.6	61.9	470.5	659.6	68.8	9.4	61.9	1 177.6
September	468.2	656.3	70.5	9.7	61.7	469.9	659.0	69.2	9.5	61.8	1 178.4
October	470.5	662.0	68.7	9.4	62.0	469.9	658.6	69.4	9.5	61.7	1 179.0
November	469.0	656.7	69.3	9.5	61.5	470.4	658.7	69.3	9.5	61.7	1 179.6
December	472.0	657.8	69.8	9.6	61.6	471.0	659.1	69.0	9.5	61.7	1 180.3
<b>1997</b>											
January	473.6	659.7	67.3	9.3	61.6	471.5	659.7	68.6	9.4	61.7	1 180.8
February	470.6	662.7	68.4	9.4	61.9	472.2	660.5	68.2	9.4	61.7	1 181.2

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....					TREND.....					Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partic-ipation rate %	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partic-ipation rate %	
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	426.6	477.1	38.4	7.4	76.4	427.5	477.4	39.1	7.6	76.6	674.7
<b>1996</b>											
January	424.9	475.8	41.0	7.9	76.5	426.8	477.1	40.0	7.7	76.5	675.9
February	427.6	476.2	41.4	8.0	76.4	426.3	478.8	40.6	7.9	76.4	677.2
March	426.7	477.6	41.9	8.1	76.6	426.2	476.9	41.1	7.9	76.4	678.4
April	425.4	477.3	39.5	7.6	76.0	426.4	477.4	41.3	8.0	76.3	679.6
May	426.5	478.9	41.1	7.9	76.4	426.8	478.2	41.5	8.0	76.3	680.8
June	425.7	477.4	43.0	8.3	76.3	427.2	479.2	41.7	8.0	76.4	682.1
July	432.1	481.4	40.7	7.8	76.4	427.5	479.9	42.1	8.1	76.4	683.4
August	426.1	481.3	43.3	8.3	76.6	427.7	480.5	42.4	8.1	76.4	684.7
September	426.0	480.4	41.9	8.0	76.1	428.1	481.2	42.4	8.1	76.3	686.0
October	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6	428.8	482.3	42.0	8.0	76.3	687.3
November	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8	429.9	483.8	41.2	7.8	76.2	688.6
December	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1	431.2	485.7	40.3	7.7	76.2	689.9
<b>1997</b>											
January	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4	432.6	487.6	39.3	7.5	76.3	691.0
February	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5	434.2	489.6	38.3	7.3	76.3	692.1
<b>FEMALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	183.9	349.5	29.3	7.7	55.6	188.8	351.5	29.6	7.8	56.0	680.7
<b>1996</b>											
January	188.7	347.3	29.3	7.8	55.2	189.7	351.7	29.0	7.6	55.8	682.0
February	193.0	359.1	29.4	7.6	56.9	191.0	351.9	28.4	7.5	55.7	683.2
March	194.2	354.5	27.6	7.2	55.8	192.5	352.3	27.9	7.3	55.5	684.5
April	195.4	346.5	25.1	6.8	54.2	194.0	353.5	27.7	7.3	55.6	685.8
May	192.6	356.5	27.9	7.3	56.0	195.5	355.6	27.8	7.3	55.8	687.1
June	195.2	356.2	29.3	7.6	56.0	196.6	358.0	28.0	7.3	56.1	688.4
July	197.3	360.9	29.1	7.5	56.5	197.5	360.5	28.1	7.2	56.3	689.9
August	201.4	367.9	28.6	7.2	57.4	198.1	362.7	28.1	7.2	56.5	691.4
September	200.1	365.3	27.3	7.0	56.7	198.2	364.2	28.1	7.2	56.6	692.8
October	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9	197.5	364.5	28.3	7.2	56.6	694.2
November	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3	196.4	364.7	29.0	7.4	56.6	695.5
December	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8	195.1	364.9	30.0	7.6	56.7	696.9
<b>1997</b>											
January	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0	193.8	365.2	31.0	7.8	56.8	698.0
February	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0	192.5	365.4	32.1	8.1	56.8	699.1
<b>PERSONS</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	610.5	826.6	67.7	7.6	66.0	616.3	828.9	68.7	7.7	66.2	1 355.4
<b>1996</b>											
January	613.6	823.1	70.4	7.9	65.8	616.5	828.7	69.0	7.7	66.1	1 357.9
February	620.6	835.3	70.8	7.8	66.6	617.2	828.7	69.0	7.7	66.0	1 360.4
March	620.9	832.1	69.5	7.7	66.2	618.6	829.3	69.0	7.7	65.9	1 362.9
April	620.8	823.8	64.7	7.3	65.1	620.4	831.0	69.0	7.7	65.9	1 365.4
May	619.1	835.4	69.1	7.6	66.1	622.2	833.8	69.3	7.7	66.0	1 368.0
June	620.9	833.6	72.4	8.0	66.1	623.8	837.2	69.8	7.7	66.2	1 370.5
July	629.3	842.3	69.8	7.6	66.4	624.9	840.4	70.2	7.7	66.3	1 373.3
August	627.6	849.2	71.9	7.8	66.9	625.8	843.2	70.5	7.7	66.4	1 376.1
September	626.1	845.7	69.2	7.6	66.3	626.3	845.3	70.5	7.7	66.4	1 378.9
October	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2	626.3	846.8	70.3	7.7	66.4	1 381.5
November	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0	626.2	848.5	70.2	7.6	66.4	1 384.1
December	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4	626.3	850.6	70.2	7.6	66.4	1 386.7
<b>1997</b>											
January	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7	626.4	852.9	70.4	7.6	66.5	1 389.0
February	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7	626.7	854.9	70.4	7.6	66.5	1 391.2

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.....

TREND.....

Month	Employed	Total	Total	Unemp-	Partic-	Employed	Total	Total	Unemp-	Partic-	Civilian
	full time	employed	unemployed	loyment	ipation		full time	employed	unemployed	loyment	
	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	'000s	'000s	'000s	%	%	'000s
<b>MALES</b>											
<b>1995</b>											
December	101.3	114.2	14.4	11.2	71.1	101.3	114.2	13.8	10.8	70.8	180.8
<b>1996</b>											
January	102.3	114.8	14.3	11.1	71.3	101.7	114.8	14.1	11.0	71.3	180.9
February	103.0	116.6	14.1	10.8	72.2	101.8	115.3	14.4	11.1	71.7	181.0
March	100.9	115.2	14.8	11.4	71.8	101.6	115.5	14.7	11.3	71.9	181.1
April	101.3	115.7	15.0	11.5	72.2	101.4	115.6	14.9	11.4	72.1	181.1
May	100.6	114.6	14.8	11.4	71.5	101.2	115.7	15.0	11.5	72.1	181.1
June	101.0	116.0	15.1	11.5	72.4	101.2	115.8	15.0	11.5	72.2	181.1
July	100.5	115.1	15.3	11.8	72.0	101.2	115.9	14.8	11.3	72.1	181.2
August	102.9	117.7	14.1	10.7	72.7	101.2	115.9	14.6	11.2	71.9	181.3
September	101.2	115.6	14.4	11.1	71.7	100.9	115.6	14.3	11.0	71.6	181.4
October	99.9	114.4	14.2	11.1	70.9	100.5	115.0	14.0	10.9	71.1	181.5
November	100.0	114.8	12.8	10.1	70.3	100.0	114.3	13.9	10.9	70.7	181.5
December	99.4	113.0	14.7	11.5	70.3	99.7	113.6	13.9	10.9	70.3	181.6
<b>1997</b>											
January	98.7	113.4	13.6	10.7	69.9	99.4	113.0	14.0	11.0	69.9	181.6
February	100.2	112.1	14.7	11.6	69.8	99.1	112.4	14.1	11.2	69.7	181.6

FEMALES

<b>1995</b>											
December	44.2	88.6	8.3	8.6	51.8	44.1	87.3	8.3	8.7	51.1	187.0
<b>1996</b>											
January	43.3	86.1	7.9	8.4	50.2	43.8	87.0	8.3	8.7	50.9	187.1
February	43.4	86.8	8.3	8.8	50.8	43.6	86.5	8.3	8.8	50.7	187.2
March	43.0	85.6	8.9	9.4	50.5	43.4	86.1	8.4	8.9	50.5	187.2
April	44.8	86.5	7.7	8.2	50.3	43.2	85.8	8.5	9.0	50.4	187.3
May	42.7	84.9	8.7	9.3	50.0	42.9	85.6	8.7	9.2	50.3	187.3
June	42.8	85.7	9.3	9.7	50.7	42.5	85.4	9.0	9.5	50.4	187.3
July	40.8	85.1	9.6	10.1	50.5	42.2	85.2	9.2	9.8	50.4	187.4
August	42.1	85.6	9.1	9.6	50.5	42.1	85.0	9.4	10.0	50.4	187.5
September	41.9	84.0	9.5	10.1	49.8	42.1	84.7	9.5	10.1	50.2	187.6
October	42.6	85.3	9.8	10.3	50.6	42.2	84.4	9.4	10.1	50.0	187.6
November	43.1	84.0	9.4	10.1	49.8	42.1	84.1	9.4	10.1	49.8	187.7
December	41.6	82.6	9.0	9.8	48.8	41.8	83.8	9.4	10.1	49.6	187.8
<b>1997</b>											
January	41.1	84.5	9.3	9.9	49.9	41.5	83.6	9.3	10.1	49.5	187.8
February	40.6	83.3	9.5	10.3	49.4	41.1	83.4	9.4	10.1	49.4	187.8

PERSONS

<b>1995</b>											
December	145.5	202.8	22.7	10.1	61.3	145.4	201.5	22.1	9.9	60.8	367.9
<b>1996</b>											
January	145.6	200.8	22.2	9.9	60.6	145.5	201.8	22.5	10.0	60.9	368.0
February	146.4	203.5	22.4	9.9	61.4	145.4	201.8	22.8	10.1	61.0	368.2
March	143.9	200.8	23.7	10.6	60.9	145.1	201.6	23.1	10.3	61.0	368.3
April	146.1	202.2	22.7	10.1	61.0	144.6	201.4	23.4	10.4	61.0	368.4
May	143.3	199.5	23.5	10.5	60.5	144.1	201.3	23.7	10.5	61.1	368.4
June	143.8	201.7	24.4	10.8	61.4	143.6	201.2	24.0	10.6	61.1	368.4
July	141.3	200.2	24.9	11.1	61.1	143.4	201.1	24.1	10.7	61.1	368.6
August	145.0	203.3	23.2	10.2	61.4	143.3	200.9	24.0	10.7	61.0	368.8
September	143.2	199.6	23.9	10.7	60.6	143.1	200.3	23.7	10.6	60.7	369.0
October	142.5	199.6	24.0	10.7	60.6	142.7	199.4	23.5	10.5	60.4	369.1
November	143.1	198.8	22.3	10.1	59.9	142.1	198.4	23.3	10.5	60.1	369.2
December	141.0	195.6	23.7	10.8	59.4	141.5	197.4	23.3	10.6	59.8	369.4
<b>1997</b>											
January	139.8	197.8	22.9	10.4	59.8	140.9	196.6	23.4	10.6	59.5	369.4
February	140.8	195.4	24.2	11.0	59.5	140.3	195.8	23.5	10.7	59.4	369.4

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Northern Territory<sup>1</sup>—revised

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
MALES						
<b>1995</b>						
December	39.8	45.9	3.6	7.2	78.7	62.9
<b>1996</b>						
January	39.9	46.2	3.5	7.0	78.7	63.1
February	39.9	46.1	3.4	6.9	78.2	63.3
March	39.8	45.7	3.3	6.8	77.3	63.5
April	39.8	45.4	3.2	6.6	76.4	63.6
May	39.9	45.3	3.1	6.4	75.9	63.8
June	40.1	45.5	2.9	6.1	75.6	64.0
July	40.3	45.8	2.7	5.6	75.8	64.0
August	40.4	46.0	2.5	5.2	75.8	64.0
September	40.2	46.1	2.3	4.8	75.6	64.0
October	40.0	45.9	2.3	4.8	75.1	64.2
November	39.8	45.7	2.4	4.9	74.8	64.3
December	39.7	45.6	2.5	5.2	74.6	64.4
<b>1997</b>						
January	39.7	45.5	2.7	5.6	74.7	64.5
February	39.7	45.5	2.9	6.0	74.9	64.7
FEMALES						
<b>1995</b>						
December	23.4	36.4	2.3	6.0	63.3	61.1
<b>1996</b>						
January	23.9	36.9	2.5	6.3	64.2	61.3
February	24.3	37.2	2.7	6.8	64.8	61.6
March	24.5	37.3	2.9	7.3	65.1	61.8
April	24.7	37.3	3.0	7.6	65.1	62.0
May	24.9	37.4	3.0	7.5	65.1	62.1
June	25.2	37.5	2.9	7.1	64.9	62.3
July	25.3	37.7	2.6	6.5	64.8	62.3
August	25.4	37.8	2.4	5.9	64.5	62.4
September	25.2	37.7	2.2	5.6	64.0	62.4
October	24.8	37.5	2.2	5.4	63.3	62.6
November	24.3	37.3	2.1	5.3	62.6	62.8
December	23.7	37.0	2.0	5.1	62.0	63.0
<b>1997</b>						
January	23.2	36.8	1.9	5.0	61.4	63.1
February	22.8	36.7	1.9	4.9	61.0	63.3
PERSONS						
<b>1995</b>						
December	63.1	82.3	5.9	6.7	71.1	124.1
<b>1996</b>						
January	63.8	83.1	6.0	6.7	71.6	124.5
February	64.2	83.3	6.1	6.9	71.6	124.9
March	64.4	83.0	6.3	7.0	71.3	125.3
April	64.5	82.7	6.3	7.1	70.8	125.6
May	64.9	82.7	6.1	6.9	70.5	125.9
June	65.3	83.0	5.8	6.5	70.3	126.3
July	65.7	83.5	5.4	6.0	70.3	126.3
August	65.8	83.9	4.9	5.5	70.2	126.4
September	65.4	83.8	4.6	5.2	69.9	126.5
October	64.8	83.4	4.4	5.1	69.3	126.8
November	64.0	83.0	4.4	5.1	68.8	127.1
December	63.4	82.6	4.5	5.2	68.4	127.4
<b>1997</b>						
January	62.9	82.3	4.6	5.3	68.1	127.7
February	62.5	82.2	4.8	5.5	68.0	128.0

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 AND OVER)—Australian Capital Territory<sup>1</sup>—revised

TREND.....

Month	Employed full time '000s	Total employed '000s	Total unemployed '000s	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000s
<b>MALES</b>						
<b>1995</b>						
December	73.5	84.6	7.0	7.6	80.9	113.3
<b>1996</b>						
January	73.3	84.2	7.1	7.8	80.5	113.5
February	73.2	83.9	7.3	8.0	80.3	113.6
March	73.1	83.7	7.4	8.1	80.1	113.7
April	73.1	83.6	7.5	8.2	80.1	113.8
May	73.0	83.6	7.6	8.3	80.0	113.8
June	72.9	83.6	7.6	8.3	80.0	113.9
July	72.8	83.5	7.6	8.4	79.8	114.1
August	72.7	83.3	7.6	8.4	79.5	114.3
September	72.4	82.9	7.7	8.5	79.1	114.5
October	72.1	82.6	7.7	8.6	78.8	114.6
November	71.9	82.4	7.8	8.6	78.6	114.7
December	71.6	82.2	7.9	8.7	78.4	114.9
<b>1997</b>						
January	71.4	82.1	7.9	8.8	78.3	115.0
February	71.2	82.1	8.0	8.9	78.2	115.1
<b>FEMALES</b>						
<b>1995</b>						
December	45.1	73.8	5.5	7.0	67.2	118.0
<b>1996</b>						
January	44.9	73.5	5.8	7.3	67.1	118.1
February	44.6	73.1	6.0	7.5	66.9	118.1
March	44.3	72.7	6.1	7.8	66.7	118.2
April	44.0	72.4	6.3	8.0	66.5	118.3
May	43.8	72.1	6.5	8.2	66.4	118.4
June	43.7	71.9	6.6	8.5	66.2	118.5
July	43.6	71.6	6.7	8.6	66.0	118.7
August	43.4	71.1	6.7	8.7	65.5	118.9
September	43.1	70.6	6.7	8.6	64.9	119.0
October	43.0	70.2	6.5	8.5	64.5	119.1
November	42.9	70.2	6.3	8.2	64.2	119.2
December	43.0	70.4	6.0	7.9	64.1	119.2
<b>1997</b>						
January	43.2	70.8	5.7	7.5	64.1	119.3
February	43.5	71.3	5.4	7.0	64.2	119.4
<b>PERSONS</b>						
<b>1995</b>						
December	118.6	158.4	12.5	7.3	73.9	231.3
<b>1996</b>						
January	118.3	157.7	12.9	7.6	73.7	231.5
February	117.8	157.0	13.2	7.8	73.5	231.7
March	117.4	156.4	13.5	8.0	73.3	231.9
April	117.1	156.0	13.8	8.1	73.1	232.1
May	116.8	155.7	14.0	8.3	73.1	232.3
June	116.7	155.5	14.2	8.4	73.0	232.4
July	116.4	155.1	14.3	8.5	72.8	232.8
August	116.0	154.3	14.4	8.5	72.4	233.2
September	115.5	153.5	14.4	8.6	71.9	233.6
October	115.1	152.9	14.3	8.5	71.5	233.7
November	114.8	152.6	14.1	8.5	71.3	233.9
December	114.6	152.6	13.9	8.3	71.1	234.1
<b>1997</b>						
January	114.6	152.9	13.6	8.2	71.1	234.3
February	114.7	153.4	13.3	8.0	71.1	234.5

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for the most recent three months may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.



# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey component of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised estimates for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

## MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

**2** The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

## SCOPE OF SURVEY

**3** The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

## COVERAGE

**4** In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

## POPULATION BENCHMARKS

**5** Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1994, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1989 to January 1994.

## REVISION OF SERIES

**6** From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

## SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

**7** The Labour Force Survey sample was redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. The new sample was phased in over the period September to December 1992. For details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (6269.0).

**8** For the most part, one quarter of the new sample was introduced each month so that, by December 1992, the entire new sample was in place. Replacement generally occurred at the rotation group level with two groups being substituted each month. Such a pattern of implementation meant that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the four months rather than being concentrated in one inter-month period.

**9** This phase-in scheme applied to the private dwelling sample in urban areas. The new sample for non-private dwellings and private dwellings in rural areas was introduced in a single stage in November 1992.

**10** Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

*Sampling error* occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 30 and 31. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

*Non sampling error* arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

**11** Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the method of adjustment and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates will be published in the February 1997 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

**12** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

- Employment: 5 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements
- Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements

**13** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in Tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

**14** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND  
TREND ESTIMATION (continued)

**15** Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in Table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in Table 19. Unadjusted series for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

**16** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**17** Users may also wish to refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available from ABS Bookshops.

**18** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

**19** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Donna Maurer on 06 252 6525 or to any ABS office.

EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**20** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**21** Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes in 6203.0 for more details.
- .. not applicable
- r revised
- pts percentage points

## GLOSSARY

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**Actively looking for work** Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

**Attending school** Persons aged 15 to 19 enrolled full time at secondary or high schools in the reference week.

**Attending tertiary educational institution full time** Persons aged 15 to 24 enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.

**Employed** Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
- worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:
  - on paid leave, on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,
  - stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week,
  - on strike or locked out,
  - on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job, or
  - receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

**Full-time workers** Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week

**Labour force** For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.

**Labour force status** A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.

**Not in the labour force** Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.

**Participation rate** For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

**Part-time workers** Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.

**Seasonally adjusted series** A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Note 11 to 12 for more detail.

**Trend series** A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 13 to 15 for more detail.

<b>Unemployed</b>	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week), or</li> <li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.</li> </ul>
<b>Unemployed looking for first full-time job</b>	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work (as defined above) who had never worked full time for two weeks or more
<b>Unemployed looking for full-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work, or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
<b>Unemployed looking for part-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
<b>Unemployment to population ratio</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

## STANDARD ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

### LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 500,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,000. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 500,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,000 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 491,000 to 509,000 (500,000 + or - 9,000)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 482,000 to 518,000 (500,000 + or - 18,000)

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....						
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemp. looking for f/t work	Unemp. looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	pts	pts
NSW	14.6	9.6	16.0	6.5	4.0	7.1	16.5	13.9	0.2	0.3
Vic.	12.1	8.3	13.3	5.6	3.3	6.1	13.8	11.4	0.3	0.4
Qld	9.4	6.4	10.4	4.4	2.4	4.8	10.8	8.7	0.3	0.4
SA	5.1	3.7	5.7	2.4	1.3	2.6	5.9	5.0	0.4	0.5
WA	6.3	4.3	7.0	2.6	1.7	2.9	7.3	5.7	0.3	0.5
Tas.	1.7	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.7	0.5	0.5
NT	1.9	1.2	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	2.3	1.6	0.7	1.8
ACT	1.6	1.1	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.4	0.8
Males	19.8	9.2	20.7	8.6	3.7	9.1	21.4	14.9	0.2	0.3
Females	15.4	13.9	18.8	6.9	5.2	8.2	19.5	18.3	0.2	0.3
Persons	22.7	15.4	25.0	10.4	6.1	11.4	25.8	21.4	0.1	0.2

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....						UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 seeking first f/t job	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemp- loyed
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.5	3.1	6.1	6.5	4.0	7.1	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Vic.	1.9	2.2	5.4	5.6	3.3	6.1	3.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Qld	1.5	2.1	4.2	4.4	2.4	4.8	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
SA	0.8	1.1	2.3	2.4	1.3	2.6	4.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4
WA	0.9	1.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.9	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3
Tas.	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.0	4.5	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.5
NT	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	8.6	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.7
ACT	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	7.6	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
Males	2.9	3.7	8.1	8.6	3.7	9.1	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Females	2.4	3.1	6.5	6.9	5.2	8.2	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Persons	3.6	4.7	9.7	10.4	6.1	11.4	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

# STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

## MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,387,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,400,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,400. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 13,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,400 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement over the two month period falls within the range 2,600 to 23,400 (13,000 + or - 10,400)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -7,800 to 33,800 (13,000 + or - 20,800).

The following tables show the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

	EMPLOYED.....			UNEMPLOYED.....				Labour force	Not in labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Total employed	Unemp. looking for f/t work	Unemp. looking for p/t work	Total unemployed					
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s					
NSW	11.4	7.3	12.5	5.0	3.2	5.4	12.9	10.8	0.2	0.3	
Vic.	8.8	5.9	9.7	4.0	2.5	4.4	10.1	8.3	0.2	0.3	
Qld	6.5	4.5	7.2	3.2	2.0	3.5	7.4	6.1	0.2	0.3	
SA	3.5	2.5	3.9	1.6	1.0	1.8	4.1	3.4	0.2	0.3	
WA	4.5	3.1	5.1	2.0	1.3	2.2	5.2	4.1	0.2	0.4	
Tas.	1.5	1.1	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.8	1.5	0.4	0.5	
NT	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.1	
ACT	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	
Males	15.1	7.0	15.8	6.5	3.2	6.9	16.4	11.2	0.1	0.2	
Females	11.6	10.4	14.3	5.3	4.1	6.2	14.8	14.0	0.2	0.2	
Persons	17.6	11.6	19.5	7.8	4.7	8.5	20.3	16.5	0.1	0.1	

	NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....						UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....				
	Aged 15-19 seeking first f/t job	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed	Aged 15-19 looking for f/t work	Aged 20 and over looking for f/t work	Total looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total unemployed
	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	'000s	pts	pts	pts	pts	pts
NSW	2.3	2.5	4.7	5.0	3.2	5.4	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Vic.	1.6	1.8	3.8	4.0	2.5	4.4	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Qld	1.5	1.8	3.1	3.2	2.0	3.5	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
SA	0.7	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.8	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WA	0.8	1.0	1.8	2.0	1.3	2.2	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Tas.	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	3.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4
NT	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	5.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.5
ACT	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	5.8	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3
Males	2.6	3.1	6.2	6.5	3.2	6.9	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
Females	2.5	2.8	5.0	5.3	4.1	6.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Persons	3.3	3.8	7.3	7.8	4.7	8.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 13 and 14 of Explanatory Notes).

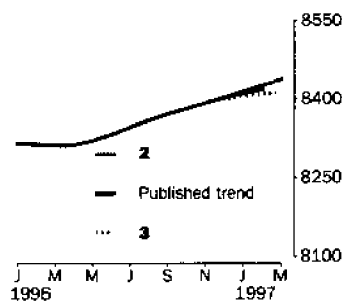
### TREND REVISIONS

The examples in the tables below show four illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and unemployment rate.

- 1** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is the same as the February estimate.
- 2** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the February estimate by:
  - +0.33% for employment
  - +2.2% for the unemployment rate
- 3** The March seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the February estimate by:
  - -0.33% for employment
  - -2.2% for the unemployment rate
- 4** The March seasonally adjusted estimate results in a revised February trend estimate which is identical to the new March trend estimate.

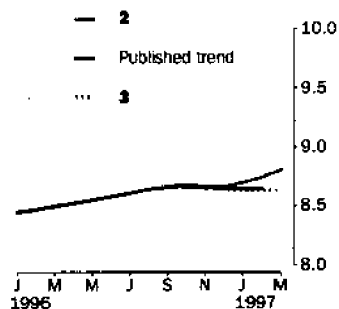
The percentage changes of 0.33% and 2.2% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

### EMPLOYMENT ('000)



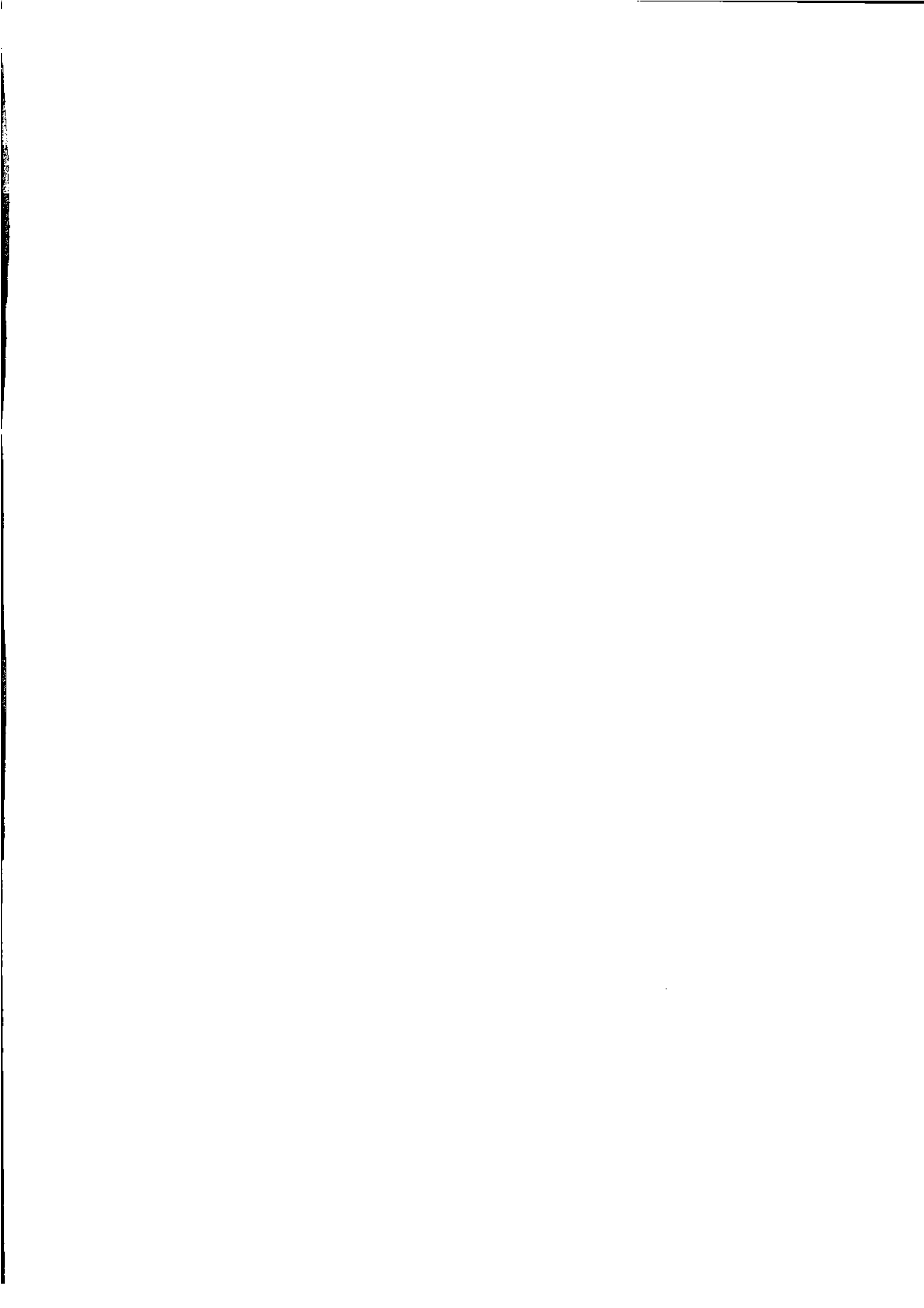
		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:			
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
		8 417.9 <i>i.e. the same as Feb 1997</i>	8 445.5 <i>i.e. rises by 0.33%</i>	8 390.2 <i>i.e. falls by 0.33%</i>	8 369.5 <i>i.e. same trend for Feb &amp; Mar</i>
TREND as PUBLISHED					
1996					
December	8 402.1	8 401.6	8 402.9	8 400.4	8 399.5
1997					
January	8 411.7	8 410.6	8 414.7	8 406.6	8 403.5
February	8 418.8	8 417.9	8 425.7	8 410.2	8 404.4
March (new)	—	8 424.8	8 436.5	8 413.2	8 404.4

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:			
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
		8.8 <i>i.e. the same as Feb 1997</i>	9.0 <i>i.e. rises by 2.2%</i>	8.6 <i>i.e. falls by 2.2%</i>	8.5 <i>i.e. same trend for Feb &amp; Mar</i>
TREND as PUBLISHED					
1996					
December	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
1997					
January	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
February	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
March (new)	—	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.6





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