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## Labour Force Survey: Special Report

### LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

MARCH 1995

This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

**Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.**

#### Standard Errors

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Sylvia Sajler on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. \*1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, MARCH 1995

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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,560.8	146.9	8.6	72.7	1,152.2	111.8	8.8	51.9	2,713.0	258.7	8.7	62.1
Sydney Major SR	1,010.1	84.2	7.7	74.3	751.5	70.5	8.6	53.5	1,761.5	154.7	8.1	63.7
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	118.0	11.2	8.6	74.9	96.5	7.0	6.8	56.7	214.5	18.2	7.8	65.5
Inner Sydney SR	74.7	6.3	7.8	74.3	61.6	4.2	6.4	59.8	136.3	10.6	7.2	67.0
Eastern Suburbs SR	69.0	5.4	7.3	70.6	58.7	4.0	6.3	57.5	127.7	9.4	6.8	63.9
St. George-Sutherland SR	125.0	5.9	4.5	76.8	92.1	6.7	6.7	56.9	217.1	12.6	5.5	66.7
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	82.9	7.9	8.7	73.5	47.1	10.2	17.9	47.2	130.0	18.2	12.3	60.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	122.1	19.7	13.9	76.0	84.1	14.6	14.8	50.7	206.2	34.3	14.3	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	68.1	15.2	18.3	75.8	47.4	8.7	15.5	47.5	115.5	23.9	17.2	61.1
Central Western Sydney SR	57.3	4.8	7.7	68.5	33.8	4.5	11.8	40.3	91.1	9.3	9.3	54.1
Outer Western Sydney SR	83.1	6.5	7.2	80.8	58.5	4.0	6.4	57.2	141.6	10.5	6.9	69.1
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	88.9	7.7	8.0	75.9	66.2	5.2	7.2	52.8	155.0	12.9	7.7	64.0
Lower Northern Sydney SR	76.8	* 3.9	* 4.8	74.6	71.5	5.0	6.6	60.9	148.4	9.0	5.7	67.3
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	70.2	* 3.6	* 4.8	76.6	56.3	* 2.4	* 4.1	59.5	126.5	5.9	4.5	67.9
Northern Beaches SR	59.1	* 1.7	* 2.9	74.1	48.0	2.5	4.9	57.6	107.2	4.2	3.8	65.6
Gosford-Wyong SR	57.5	5.8	9.1	64.3	38.7	4.4	10.3	42.0	96.2	10.2	9.6	53.0
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	550.7	62.8	10.2	70.0	400.8	41.2	9.3	49.3	951.5	104.0	9.9	59.5
Hunter SR	126.2	17.2	12.0	68.5	86.3	10.6	10.9	47.2	212.4	27.8	11.6	57.9
Newcastle SR Sector	108.1	16.9	13.5	68.1	74.6	10.3	12.1	47.1	182.6	27.1	12.9	57.7
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	148.6	17.5	10.6	73.7	103.8	9.7	8.6	49.5	252.4	27.3	9.7	61.5
Illawarra Statistical Region	100.7	11.8	10.5	74.0	69.7	7.6	9.9	48.7	170.4	19.4	10.2	61.0
Wollongong SR Sector	78.3	7.1	8.4	76.3	53.3	5.6	9.5	51.7	131.6	12.8	8.8	63.9
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	97.9	13.2	11.9	67.0	74.6	8.3	10.1	48.1	172.4	21.6	11.1	57.4
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	112.5	9.8	8.0	68.8	82.0	8.6	9.5	48.8	194.5	18.5	8.7	58.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	61.7	* 4.3	* 6.5	72.2	52.2	* 3.4	* 6.1	57.1	113.9	7.7	6.4	64.4

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,170.3	116.8	9.1	74.2	876.2	94.8	9.8	53.7	2,046.5	211.6	9.4	63.7
Melbourne Major SR	840.6	88.5	9.5	74.6	637.3	70.3	9.9	54.2	1,477.9	158.8	9.7	64.2
North Western Melbourne SR	59.3	9.1	13.2	72.5	45.7	6.3	12.1	51.4	105.0	15.4	12.8	61.6
Outer Western Melbourne SR	115.4	19.6	14.5	73.0	86.0	16.0	15.7	51.4	201.5	35.5	15.0	61.8
Inner Melbourne SR	55.5	7.2	11.5	71.8	49.5	4.4	8.2	58.6	105.0	11.7	10.0	65.0
North Eastern Melbourne SR	102.0	12.6	11.0	74.8	82.0	8.5	9.4	56.0	183.9	21.1	10.3	65.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	120.1	9.9	7.6	73.3	91.3	7.8	7.8	56.8	211.4	17.6	7.7	65.1
Southern Melbourne SR	87.5	4.7	5.1	70.1	64.7	6.7	9.4	48.6	152.3	11.4	7.0	58.7
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	139.9	11.5	7.6	80.9	103.3	6.7	6.1	57.0	243.2	18.3	7.0	68.8
South Eastern Melbourne SR	112.8	8.0	6.6	80.9	79.5	8.5	9.7	59.0	192.3	16.6	7.9	70.0
Mornington Peninsula SR	48.1	5.9	10.9	67.7	35.2	5.3	13.1	46.1	83.3	11.2	11.9	56.4
Balance of Victoria Major SR	329.7	28.4	7.9	73.2	238.9	24.5	9.3	52.3	568.6	52.8	8.5	62.6
Barwon-Western District SR	90.2	10.6	10.5	72.6	65.7	9.5	12.7	49.7	155.9	20.1	11.4	60.7
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	51.5	* 3.6	* 6.5	73.6	38.4	* 3.2	* 7.7	55.0	89.9	6.8	7.0	64.2
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	63.8	6.1	8.7	75.3	48.5	4.7	8.8	51.6	112.4	10.8	8.8	62.8
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	67.1	* 3.2	* 4.6	75.1	46.2	* 3.5	* 7.0	57.8	113.3	6.7	5.6	66.8
All Gippsland SR	57.1	4.9	7.9	69.7	40.1	* 3.6	* 8.2	49.8	97.2	8.5	8.0	59.8
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	851.8	88.3	9.4	75.2	645.6	70.9	9.9	56.2	1,497.4	159.2	9.6	65.6
Brisbane Major SR	404.8	33.2	7.6	76.8	314.9	32.3	9.3	58.3	719.6	65.6	8.4	67.4
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	96.9	9.1	8.6	72.7	82.5	9.3	10.1	57.3	179.5	18.3	9.3	64.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	131.4	7.7	5.6	77.0	102.5	7.9	7.2	58.8	233.8	15.7	6.3	67.8
South and East BSD Balance SR	64.9	5.6	7.9	78.9	46.4	7.0	13.2	57.8	111.3	12.6	10.2	68.2
North and West BSD Balance SR	111.6	10.9	8.9	79.2	83.5	8.1	8.8	59.2	195.1	19.0	8.9	69.2
Balance of Queensland Major SR	447.0	55.1	11.0	73.8	330.8	38.6	10.4	54.4	777.7	93.6	10.7	64.1
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	79.7	8.3	9.4	70.6	60.4	6.1	9.1	51.9	140.1	14.4	9.3	61.1
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	63.3	10.6	14.3	70.5	51.4	6.1	10.6	53.8	114.7	16.7	12.7	62.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.0	7.2	12.8	70.2	37.8	7.0	15.7	52.3	86.8	14.2	14.1	60.9
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	64.3	5.3	7.6	73.9	47.7	2.9	5.8	55.7	111.9	8.2	6.8	65.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	75.8	10.4	12.1	75.7	48.2	7.9	14.1	49.7	124.0	18.3	12.9	62.7
Northern-North West Statistical Region	51.2	6.8	11.8	74.0	37.9	5.3	12.3	57.8	89.1	12.2	12.0	66.1
Far North Statistical Region	63.8	6.5	9.2	83.3	47.4	* 3.2	* 6.3	63.5	111.1	9.7	8.0	73.7

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	365.6	43.7	10.7	71.3	282.2	30.4	9.7	52.5	647.8	74.0	10.3	61.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	263.1	35.3	11.8	70.6	207.2	24.2	10.5	51.6	470.3	59.6	11.2	60.9
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.4	11.6	12.3	74.5	60.4	8.1	11.8	52.7	142.8	19.7	12.1	63.4
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	47.1	6.7	12.5	65.1	40.0	4.9	11.0	47.0	87.1	11.7	11.8	55.4
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	57.9	7.0	10.8	70.8	43.3	6.0	12.2	54.3	101.1	13.0	11.4	62.5
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	75.8	10.0	11.7	70.3	63.5	5.2	7.6	52.1	139.3	15.2	9.9	60.9
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.5	8.3	7.5	73.0	75.0	6.1	7.5	55.1	177.5	14.4	7.5	64.2
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	42.9	4.1	8.6	75.4	31.0	2.9	8.5	56.9	73.9	6.9	8.6	66.4
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	59.6	4.3	6.7	71.3	43.9	3.2	6.8	53.9	103.5	7.5	6.8	62.7
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	472.8	39.5	7.7	77.2	351.1	30.1	7.9	56.9	823.9	69.5	7.8	67.0
Perth Major Statistical Region	331.4	32.5	8.9	75.5	265.2	22.5	7.8	57.1	596.5	55.0	8.4	66.1
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	37.3	3.2	7.9	66.7	29.9	2.8	8.4	51.3	67.2	6.0	8.1	58.8
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	51.0	3.3	6.1	76.4	42.1	* 1.9	* 4.3	58.1	93.1	5.3	5.3	67.0
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	106.2	11.5	9.8	79.0	85.0	8.0	8.6	61.1	191.3	19.6	9.3	70.0
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	59.6	6.6	10.0	73.5	48.5	4.7	8.8	53.8	108.1	11.3	9.5	63.2
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.2	7.8	9.1	76.6	59.7	5.2	8.0	57.1	136.9	13.0	8.6	66.7
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	141.4	7.0	4.7	81.6	85.9	7.5	8.1	56.4	227.3	14.5	6.0	69.6
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	68.8	4.3	5.9	77.0	44.5	3.3	7.0	53.5	113.2	7.6	6.3	65.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	72.6	2.7	3.6	86.7	41.4	4.2	9.2	59.9	114.1	6.9	5.7	74.2
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	114.7	13.8	10.7	71.2	85.2	8.6	9.2	50.3	199.9	22.4	10.1	60.6
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.8	7.7	11.9	72.3	44.6	4.1	8.5	52.2	101.5	11.8	10.4	62.0
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.0	6.5	12.3	72.2	36.5	3.4	8.5	51.6	82.5	9.9	10.7	61.6
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.5	3.3	9.3	70.6	22.3	2.4	9.8	47.7	54.8	5.8	9.5	59.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.3	2.8	9.9	69.6	18.2	2.0	10.1	49.0	43.6	4.8	10.0	59.2
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.8	3.9	7.9	79.6	36.9	2.6	6.5	66.1	82.7	6.5	7.3	73.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.5	8.0	8.8	80.5	70.9	5.7	7.5	65.6	153.5	13.7	8.2	72.9
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,664.3	460.9	9.0	74.0	3,500.3	354.8	9.2	54.0	8,164.6	815.7	9.1	63.8

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