

# Labour Force Survey: Special Report

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

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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, MAY 1995

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,573.6	137.4	8.0	72.7	1,172.9	89.2	7.1	51.8	2,746.5	226.6	7.6	62.0
Sydney Major SR	1,016.5	76.5	7.0	74.1	768.9	55.8	6.8	53.6	1,785.4	132.3	6.9	63.7
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	112.3	7.4	6.2	73.6	92.7	6.2	6.3	57.3	205.0	13.6	6.2	65.2
Inner Sydney SR	70.3	4.3	5.7	73.5	59.7	* 3.7	* 5.8	60.3	130.0	8.0	5.8	66.8
Eastern Suburbs SR	68.5	5.1	7.0	71.6	56.4	* 2.1	* 3.6	58.0	124.9	7.2	5.5	64.9
St. George-Sutherland SR	122.9	5.8	4.5	77.8	91.7	5.3	5.4	56.7	214.6	11.1	4.9	67.1
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	81.0	6.1	7.0	72.8	54.4	5.1	8.6	50.0	135.4	11.2	7.7	61.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	128.7	18.1	12.4	75.5	92.1	11.4	11.0	52.4	220.8	29.6	11.8	63.8
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	69.8	12.7	15.4	72.0	53.9	8.0	13.0	51.8	123.7	20.7	14.4	61.6
Central Western Sydney SR	52.0	6.8	11.6	67.5	34.3	4.6	11.9	41.6	86.3	11.4	11.7	54.1
Outer Western Sydney SR	87.9	5.3	5.7	79.4	70.5	5.1	6.7	58.7	158.4	10.4	6.2	68.6
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	90.5	7.9	8.0	78.4	68.4	3.8	5.3	52.6	158.9	11.7	6.8	64.9
Lower Northern Sydney SR	78.8	* 2.4	* 2.9	74.3	72.2	* 2.4	* 3.3	61.9	150.9	* 4.8	* 3.1	67.8
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	76.6	* 3.3	* 4.1	75.0	50.8	* 2.2	* 4.2	51.0	127.4	5.5	4.2	63.2
Northern Beaches SR	62.6	* 1.8	* 2.7	75.5	47.4	2.5	5.1	56.6	110.0	4.3	3.8	65.9
Gosford-Wyong SR	54.7	6.5	10.6	62.0	38.0	5.0	11.5	41.3	92.8	11.5	11.0	51.4
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	557.1	60.9	9.9	70.3	404.0	33.4	7.6	48.6	961.2	94.3	8.9	59.3
Hunter SR	130.9	15.7	10.7	69.5	89.2	8.5	8.7	46.6	220.0	24.2	9.9	58.1
Newcastle SR Sector	112.9	15.1	11.8	69.2	78.3	8.5	9.8	47.1	191.2	23.6	11.0	58.2
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	146.2	17.4	10.7	72.8	102.7	6.7	6.1	47.6	248.9	24.1	8.8	60.0
Illawarra Statistical Region	97.6	13.8	12.4	73.1	67.2	5.1	7.1	45.5	164.8	18.9	10.3	59.0
Wollongong SR Sector	78.0	8.4	9.7	74.9	50.5	4.5	8.2	47.6	128.5	12.9	9.1	61.2
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	95.2	12.4	11.5	65.5	67.0	8.9	11.7	43.6	162.2	21.3	11.6	54.3
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	114.5	11.1	8.8	71.7	90.5	5.8	6.0	53.6	205.0	16.8	7.6	62.5
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	65.3	* 3.3	* 4.8	71.5	52.5	* 2.9	* 5.2	55.2	117.8	6.1	5.0	63.2

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,166.4	116.5	9.1	73.9	892.0	80.4	8.3	53.7	2,058.3	196.9	8.7	63.5
Melbourne Major SR	846.3	82.2	8.9	74.4	651.5	56.2	7.9	54.1	1,497.8	138.4	8.5	64.0
North Western Melbourne SR	53.7	9.7	15.3	70.5	45.6	7.4	13.9	51.5	99.4	17.0	14.6	60.4
Outer Western Melbourne SR	109.3	20.8	16.0	71.0	85.9	10.7	11.1	50.0	195.2	31.6	13.9	60.2
Inner Melbourne SR	57.5	7.6	11.7	69.4	51.4	3.5	6.5	58.7	108.9	11.1	9.3	64.0
North Eastern Melbourne SR	106.2	11.5	9.8	77.4	81.5	8.8	9.8	56.1	187.8	20.3	9.8	66.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	122.3	6.3	4.9	74.3	96.6	4.1	4.1	57.6	218.9	10.4	4.5	65.9
Southern Melbourne SR	97.3	5.6	5.5	72.0	70.4	6.5	8.4	49.8	167.7	12.1	6.7	60.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	136.2	7.5	5.3	78.4	104.3	6.0	5.4	56.5	240.5	13.5	5.3	67.1
South Eastern Melbourne SR	114.2	7.5	6.2	81.4	76.5	6.3	7.7	56.2	190.7	13.9	6.8	68.9
Mornington Peninsula SR	49.6	5.6	10.2	69.4	39.2	* 2.9	* 7.0	49.3	88.8	8.5	8.8	59.0
Balance of Victoria Major SR	320.1	34.3	9.7	72.4	240.5	24.1	9.1	52.5	560.5	58.5	9.4	62.3
Barwon-Western District SR	88.4	11.0	11.1	74.2	69.8	8.1	10.4	52.0	158.1	19.1	10.8	62.5
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	44.7	5.4	10.7	68.9	39.5	* 3.8	* 8.8	54.2	84.2	9.2	9.8	61.2
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	58.2	7.5	11.5	71.6	48.1	4.5	8.5	50.5	106.3	12.0	10.1	60.4
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	70.7	4.6	6.2	76.9	47.5	* 3.8	* 7.4	58.9	118.3	8.5	6.7	68.4
All Gippsland SR	58.0	5.8	9.1	68.6	35.6	* 3.9	* 10.0	47.6	93.6	9.7	9.4	58.7
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	848.3	94.5	10.0	75.0	649.3	61.2	8.6	55.5	1,497.6	155.7	9.4	65.2
Brisbane Major SR	395.9	39.3	9.0	76.0	311.3	26.9	7.9	56.6	707.3	66.2	8.6	66.1
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	95.2	9.3	8.9	71.2	81.8	7.2	8.1	56.5	177.0	16.5	8.5	63.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	125.6	8.3	6.2	75.2	99.3	5.7	5.4	57.2	224.9	14.0	5.9	66.1
South and East BSD Balance SR	68.5	6.9	9.2	81.5	49.5	5.9	10.7	56.4	118.0	12.9	9.8	68.6
North and West BSD Balance SR	106.6	14.8	12.2	78.1	80.8	8.1	9.1	56.2	187.3	22.9	10.9	67.0
Balance of Queensland Major SR	452.4	55.2	10.9	74.2	338.0	34.3	9.2	54.5	790.4	89.5	10.2	64.4
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	78.7	8.4	9.7	70.1	66.1	5.4	7.6	54.0	144.8	13.9	8.7	61.8
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	61.8	12.7	17.1	70.4	46.5	4.8	9.4	49.3	108.3	17.6	14.0	59.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	48.9	8.6	15.0	69.1	35.7	6.0	14.5	50.0	84.5	14.7	14.8	59.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	62.3	5.7	8.4	75.8	44.9	3.3	6.9	54.1	107.2	9.0	7.8	65.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	79.8	10.8	12.0	77.2	53.7	7.8	12.7	53.3	133.4	18.6	12.2	65.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	52.8	4.9	8.4	77.8	40.9	3.5	8.0	59.3	93.7	8.4	8.2	68.5
Far North Statistical Region	68.1	4.0	5.5	81.1	50.3	3.4	6.3	64.3	118.4	7.3	5.8	72.9

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	367.9	43.2	10.5	71.5	288.3	26.1	8.3	52.8	656.2	69.3	9.6	62.0
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	264.7	34.6	11.6	70.8	212.0	22.0	9.4	52.2	476.7	56.5	10.6	61.2
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.7	12.1	12.7	75.8	60.9	8.1	11.7	52.5	143.6	20.1	12.3	63.8
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.7	6.5	11.8	67.1	38.4	4.5	10.5	46.9	87.0	11.0	11.2	56.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	58.5	6.5	10.0	69.7	45.2	3.5	7.2	53.6	103.7	10.0	8.8	61.7
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	74.8	9.5	11.3	69.0	67.5	5.9	8.0	54.6	142.3	15.4	9.8	61.5
Balance of South Australia Major SR	103.2	8.6	7.7	73.5	76.3	4.1	5.1	54.6	179.5	12.8	6.6	64.2
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	44.3	3.2	6.8	74.5	33.0	* 1.7	* 4.8	56.7	77.3	4.9	5.9	65.8
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	58.9	5.4	8.4	72.8	43.3	2.5	5.4	53.1	102.2	7.9	7.2	63.1
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	475.7	38.9	7.6	77.2	359.9	26.9	6.9	57.5	835.6	65.8	7.3	67.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	336.5	31.7	8.6	76.1	273.7	20.3	6.9	58.1	610.2	52.1	7.9	66.9
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	37.9	3.4	8.2	68.9	33.0	* 1.6	* 4.5	53.4	70.9	4.9	6.5	60.9
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	51.6	4.3	7.8	77.3	40.8	2.7	6.2	60.6	92.4	7.0	7.1	69.0
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	108.9	9.8	8.3	78.3	86.8	7.5	8.0	61.2	195.8	17.4	8.1	69.7
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	59.2	7.7	11.5	73.5	49.3	4.2	7.9	53.8	108.6	11.9	9.9	63.2
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	78.8	6.5	7.6	78.5	63.8	4.3	6.4	58.8	142.5	10.8	7.1	68.3
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	139.2	7.2	4.9	80.3	86.2	6.6	7.1	55.8	225.4	13.8	5.8	68.6
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	66.2	3.8	5.5	75.6	41.4	3.7	8.2	51.0	107.6	7.5	6.5	63.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	73.0	3.4	4.4	85.1	44.8	2.8	6.0	61.3	117.7	6.2	5.0	74.0
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	114.2	13.9	10.9	71.0	87.2	7.7	8.1	50.8	201.4	21.6	9.7	60.8
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.7	7.2	11.3	71.6	45.7	3.3	6.7	53.0	102.4	10.5	9.3	62.2
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.7	6.1	11.8	71.1	38.2	2.7	6.6	52.9	83.9	8.8	9.5	61.7
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.6	3.3	9.2	72.0	22.8	2.5	9.9	48.9	55.4	5.8	9.5	60.2
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.0	3.4	12.1	68.5	18.6	1.9	9.3	48.4	43.6	5.3	10.9	58.3
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.1	3.2	6.6	77.1	35.4	2.3	6.0	62.7	80.6	5.5	6.4	70.0
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	81.8	7.9	8.8	79.6	72.6	4.2	5.5	65.5	154.4	12.2	7.3	72.4
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,673.1	455.6	8.9	73.8	3,557.7	298.0	7.7	53.8	8,230.8	753.6	8.4	63.7

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