

Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 1995

	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,607.7	136.3	7.8	73.6	1,224.3	89.2	6.8	53.5	2,832.0	225.5	7.4	63.4
Sydney Major SR	1,029.0	82.7	7.4	75.1	799.9	51.3	6.0	55.2	1,828.8	134.0	6.8	65.0
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	117.1	6.4	5.2	73.4	93.3	4.7	4.7	57.3	210.4	11.0	5.0	65.3
Inner Sydney SR	76.8	4.2	5.2	75.2	60.6	* 2.2	* 3.5	60.8	137.4	6.4	4.5	68.1
Eastern Suburbs SR	73.2	4.9	6.2	74.2	57.3	* 2.9	* 4.8	60.3	130.5	7.8	5.6	67.5
St. George-Sutherland SR	120.1	5.5	4.4	74.5	102.7	* 2.8	* 2.7	60.3	222.9	8.3	3.6	67.3
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	80.5	10.4	11.5	74.8	56.6	4.9	8.0	49.4	137.1	15.4	10.1	61.9
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	137.6	22.7	14.2	79.2	93.7	14.6	13.5	52.1	231.3	37.4	13.9	65.5
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	74.4	17.9	19.4	78.4	46.7	12.4	21.0	48.4	121.1	30.3	20.0	63.1
Central Western Sydney SR	56.2	9.4	14.3	70.9	38.0	5.5	12.6	45.5	94.2	14.9	13.7	58.0
Outer Western Sydney SR	77.0	* 3.5	* 4.4	77.4	59.9	* 3.1	* 5.0	59.9	137.0	6.6	4.6	68.6
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	107.4	6.3	5.5	82.0	78.3	5.9	7.0	58.0	185.6	12.2	6.2	69.7
Lower Northern Sydney SR	67.4	* 3.1	* 4.4	76.2	64.7	* 1.6	* 2.4	56.8	132.1	* 4.7	* 3.4	65.4
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	72.5	* 2.6	* 3.5	75.0	57.8	* 0.6	* 1.1	56.6	130.3	* 3.2	* 2.4	65.7
Northern Beaches SR	64.1	* 1.6	* 2.4	76.9	53.0	2.6	4.7	57.9	117.1	4.2	3.4	66.8
Gosford-Wyong SR	55.7	6.2	10.0	62.2	44.6	* 2.0	* 4.4	45.9	100.3	8.2	7.6	54.0
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	578.7	53.6	8.5	70.9	424.5	37.9	8.2	50.7	1,003.2	91.5	8.4	60.7
Hunter SR	125.0	13.7	9.9	69.3	92.1	9.9	9.7	48.8	217.1	23.6	9.8	58.8
Newcastle SR Sector	101.7	13.1	11.4	68.7	78.0	7.9	9.2	47.5	179.8	21.0	10.5	57.7
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	145.3	13.1	8.3	70.6	106.9	8.1	7.0	47.9	252.1	21.2	7.7	58.9
Illawarra Statistical Region	92.1	11.9	11.4	71.0	62.2	5.9	8.7	41.6	154.3	17.8	10.3	55.5
Wollongong SR Sector	68.8	9.4	12.1	74.1	42.3	4.0	8.6	40.2	111.0	13.4	10.8	56.4
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	90.4	14.3	13.6	61.4	72.1	8.4	10.5	45.3	162.5	22.7	12.2	53.1
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	131.7	8.8	6.3	77.2	94.5	7.6	7.5	58.0	226.2	16.4	6.8	67.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	82.2	* 3.5	* 4.0	79.0	55.6	* 3.4	* 5.7	57.7	137.7	6.8	4.7	68.7

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,195.3	114.0	8.7	75.0	908.3	76.6	7.8	54.1	2,103.6	190.6	8.3	64.3
Melbourne Major SR	867.7	80.7	8.5	75.5	669.9	58.1	8.0	55.3	1,537.6	138.7	8.3	65.2
North Western Melbourne SR	66.0	7.2	9.9	75.8	47.4	7.9	14.2	52.4	113.4	15.1	11.8	63.6
Outer Western Melbourne SR	130.1	17.8	12.0	76.3	103.4	10.4	9.1	54.4	233.5	28.1	10.7	64.9
Inner Melbourne SR	51.4	6.3	10.9	69.9	43.3	4.3	9.1	55.2	94.7	10.6	10.1	62.4
North Eastern Melbourne SR	101.1	12.6	11.0	72.7	84.2	6.0	6.7	53.6	185.3	18.6	9.1	62.8
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	121.7	6.6	5.2	75.3	101.7	3.6	3.4	57.2	223.4	10.2	4.4	65.9
Southern Melbourne SR	100.7	7.0	6.5	74.0	76.3	6.3	7.6	52.1	177.0	13.3	7.0	62.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	139.5	10.1	6.8	80.4	108.3	7.3	6.3	60.4	247.9	17.4	6.6	70.3
South Eastern Melbourne SR	103.8	9.2	8.1	81.5	70.3	7.9	10.1	59.8	174.1	17.1	8.9	70.9
Mornington Peninsula SR	53.4	3.9	6.8	67.0	35.1	4.3	11.0	47.3	88.5	8.2	8.5	57.3
Balance of Victoria Major SR	327.6	33.4	9.2	73.6	238.4	18.5	7.2	50.9	566.0	51.9	8.4	62.1
Barwon-Western District SR	89.5	9.1	9.2	73.6	66.5	6.3	8.6	52.1	156.0	15.4	9.0	62.6
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	50.0	6.5	11.5	72.7	37.7	* 3.7	* 8.9	53.2	87.7	10.2	10.4	62.9
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	66.5	5.5	7.7	74.1	40.4	* 2.2	* 5.1	44.0	106.9	7.7	6.7	59.1
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	68.2	6.9	9.2	77.2	55.5	* 2.4	* 4.2	58.6	123.7	9.3	7.0	67.9
All Gippsland SR	53.5	5.3	9.0	69.8	38.2	* 4.0	* 9.4	46.2	91.8	9.3	9.2	57.5
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	876.3	94.5	9.7	76.0	667.3	61.2	8.4	56.0	1,543.6	155.7	9.2	65.9
Brisbane Major SR	410.3	41.5	9.2	77.9	323.1	26.6	7.6	57.9	733.4	68.1	8.5	67.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	101.5	7.5	6.9	76.2	85.2	5.4	6.0	58.4	186.6	12.9	6.4	67.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	125.8	9.0	6.7	76.8	103.5	9.2	8.2	61.1	229.3	18.2	7.4	68.8
South and East BSD Balance SR	70.1	10.8	13.4	81.0	50.8	4.7	8.5	56.2	120.9	15.5	11.4	68.7
North and West BSD Balance SR	112.9	14.2	11.1	78.6	83.6	7.3	8.0	54.8	196.6	21.5	9.8	66.5
Balance of Queensland Major SR	466.0	53.0	10.2	74.5	344.1	34.6	9.1	54.4	810.1	87.6	9.8	64.4
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	90.5	9.7	9.7	74.0	71.6	5.7	7.4	56.5	162.1	15.4	8.7	65.2
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	62.4	10.4	14.3	74.3	44.6	6.8	13.1	51.0	107.0	17.1	13.8	62.5
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	50.0	12.5	20.0	66.9	35.5	7.4	17.2	46.3	85.5	19.9	18.9	56.6
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	59.2	4.3	6.7	75.0	40.9	3.0	6.8	51.3	100.1	7.2	6.7	63.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	82.4	9.3	10.1	74.5	57.6	5.5	8.7	53.4	140.0	14.8	9.5	64.2
Northern-North West Statistical Region	59.1	3.6	5.8	79.4	41.4	3.7	8.2	57.0	100.6	7.3	6.8	68.2
Far North Statistical Region	62.4	3.3	5.0	78.6	52.6	* 2.5	* 4.6	66.5	115.0	5.8	4.8	72.6

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	377.4	40.7	9.7	72.6	289.0	25.8	8.2	52.7	666.3	66.5	9.1	62.5
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	268.9	32.9	10.9	71.2	216.0	19.9	8.4	52.5	484.9	52.8	9.8	61.6
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.1	11.3	12.0	75.7	69.0	7.6	9.9	56.6	152.1	18.9	11.1	65.8
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	47.4	7.1	13.1	63.9	39.3	4.8	11.0	51.2	86.7	12.0	12.1	57.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	55.3	5.7	9.4	71.6	45.7	2.8	5.7	51.6	101.0	8.5	7.8	61.1
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.1	8.7	9.5	71.4	62.0	4.7	7.0	49.9	145.2	13.4	8.4	60.4
Balance of South Australia Major SR	108.5	7.8	6.7	76.4	72.9	5.9	7.5	53.3	181.5	13.7	7.0	65.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	45.7	3.9	7.9	78.0	29.1	2.8	8.8	53.9	74.8	6.7	8.2	66.4
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	62.8	3.9	5.8	75.3	43.8	3.1	6.7	52.9	106.7	7.0	6.1	64.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	481.4	38.1	7.3	77.0	354.4	29.7	7.7	56.4	835.8	67.8	7.5	66.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	338.6	28.8	7.8	74.9	263.1	23.0	8.0	55.8	601.7	51.8	7.9	65.2
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	35.7	3.4	8.7	68.5	27.0	2.0	6.8	47.4	62.7	5.4	7.9	57.6
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	55.2	3.7	6.3	76.5	41.3	2.5	5.7	54.8	96.5	6.2	6.0	65.5
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	104.9	11.2	9.7	76.2	82.6	8.6	9.4	58.6	187.5	19.8	9.5	67.3
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	65.4	5.7	8.0	74.3	56.5	4.7	7.6	56.1	121.9	10.3	7.8	64.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.4	4.8	5.9	75.9	55.7	5.3	8.7	57.1	133.1	10.1	7.1	66.6
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	142.7	9.3	6.1	82.5	91.4	6.7	6.8	58.2	234.1	16.0	6.4	70.9
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	65.4	5.5	7.8	78.3	42.9	3.3	7.1	52.8	108.4	8.8	7.5	65.7
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	77.3	3.7	4.6	86.6	48.4	3.4	6.6	64.2	125.7	7.2	5.4	76.2
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	115.8	15.2	11.6	72.4	90.2	8.8	8.9	52.9	205.9	24.1	10.5	62.5
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	56.3	7.1	11.2	71.3	46.1	3.8	7.7	53.4	102.3	10.9	9.7	62.1
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	47.0	5.9	11.1	71.8	39.5	3.1	7.2	54.5	86.5	8.9	9.3	62.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.5	4.6	12.0	74.7	25.7	2.2	7.9	53.6	59.3	6.8	10.3	64.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.0	3.5	11.9	72.2	18.4	2.8	13.2	51.0	44.3	6.3	12.5	61.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.5	3.7	7.6	78.2	36.4	2.2	5.8	63.1	81.8	6.0	6.8	70.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	86.1	6.8	7.3	81.9	75.5	5.8	7.2	68.9	161.6	12.6	7.2	75.3
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,785.4	449.3	8.6	74.8	3,645.3	299.3	7.6	54.6	8,430.7	748.6	8.2	64.5