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## 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 Donna Maurer 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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	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	1,605.6	151.6	8.6	72.9	1,182.3	106.4	8.3	51.6	2,787.9	258.0	8.5	62.1
Sydney Major SR	1,028.2	82.8	7.5	74.3	777.8	61.3	7.3	53.7	1,806.0	144.1	7.4	63.8
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	114.7	8.1	6.6	72.0	85.4	7.2	7.7	53.8	200.1	15.2	7.1	62.9
Inner Sydney SR	77.0	* 3.3	* 4.1	71.9	59.6	4.2	6.6	59.2	136.5	7.5	5.2	65.7
Eastern Suburbs SR	58.6	3.9	6.2	67.8	49.3	4.2	7.9	55.2	107.9	8.1	7.0	61.3
St. George-Sutherland SR	118.0	6.3	5.1	74.5	92.7	4.4	4.5	56.3	210.8	10.7	4.8	65.3
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	73.8	11.2	13.2	70.7	48.6	5.6	10.4	44.9	122.4	16.8	12.1	57.8
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	137.5	15.3	10.0	77.9	87.4	12.0	12.1	49.7	224.9	27.3	10.8	63.6
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	77.2	10.0	11.4	74.7	45.9	7.9	14.7	44.4	123.1	17.9	12.7	59.3
Central Western Sydney SR	60.0	8.1	11.8	64.6	47.3	6.2	11.7	50.2	107.4	14.3	11.8	57.3
Outer Western Sydney SR	86.6	5.1	5.6	82.4	66.4	4.2	6.0	60.3	153.0	9.3	5.7	71.1
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	97.2	8.2	7.7	78.5	78.5	6.3	7.5	59.8	175.7	14.5	7.6	68.9
Lower Northern Sydney SR	78.9	5.7	6.7	78.5	71.5	* 3.9	* 5.2	59.5	150.4	9.6	6.0	68.3
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	62.7	* 2.8	* 4.3	75.2	50.4	* 1.7	* 3.3	53.1	113.1	4.6	3.9	63.5
Northern Beaches SR	69.0	3.0	4.2	74.4	52.8	2.4	4.4	55.1	121.8	5.5	4.3	64.6
Gosford-Wyong SR	71.2	5.2	6.8	71.2	47.2	* 3.0	* 5.9	46.6	118.5	8.2	6.4	58.9
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	577.4	68.8	10.7	70.7	404.5	45.1	10.0	48.0	981.9	113.9	10.4	59.2
Hunter SR	138.7	16.7	10.8	73.8	94.3	12.3	11.6	48.9	233.0	29.1	11.1	61.1
Newcastle SR Sector	116.2	15.7	11.9	72.7	80.6	11.7	12.7	48.2	196.8	27.4	12.2	60.1
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	140.1	16.3	10.4	68.2	108.9	10.4	8.7	48.6	249.0	26.7	9.7	58.1
Illawarra Statistical Region	91.5	14.3	13.5	67.2	69.6	7.6	9.9	46.7	161.1	22.0	12.0	56.7
Wollongong SR Sector	71.3	10.7	13.1	70.0	50.1	6.0	10.7	47.7	121.4	16.7	12.1	58.8
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	101.6	17.7	14.9	66.2	68.4	10.9	13.8	43.5	169.9	28.7	14.4	54.8
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	122.6	12.9	9.5	73.1	80.0	* 4.4	* 5.2	47.9	202.7	17.3	7.9	60.9
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	69.8	* 4.4	* 5.9	76.0	49.2	6.5	11.6	53.5	119.0	10.8	8.4	64.4

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,184.8	125.0	9.5	74.0	888.2	88.2	9.0	52.8	2,073.0	213.2	9.3	63.2
Melbourne Major SR	860.1	91.1	9.6	74.6	655.2	66.2	9.2	53.9	1,515.3	157.3	9.4	64.0
North Western Melbourne SR	61.2	9.0	12.9	72.3	54.6	7.2	11.7	55.6	115.8	16.2	12.3	63.4
Outer Western Melbourne SR	129.6	18.1	12.2	73.1	95.2	12.3	11.4	52.4	224.7	30.4	11.9	62.7
Inner Melbourne SR	56.7	6.5	10.2	71.7	55.0	5.6	9.2	59.9	111.6	12.0	9.7	65.4
North Eastern Melbourne SR	112.4	12.6	10.1	74.4	81.1	8.9	9.9	49.5	193.5	21.6	10.0	61.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	119.0	10.3	8.0	73.1	94.1	6.0	6.0	56.8	213.2	16.3	7.1	64.9
Southern Melbourne SR	99.4	9.9	9.1	75.1	67.4	6.3	8.6	48.5	166.8	16.2	8.9	61.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	126.6	11.0	8.0	78.3	99.9	6.2	5.9	59.1	226.5	17.2	7.1	68.6
South Eastern Melbourne SR	100.4	9.9	9.0	81.5	69.7	8.9	11.4	56.2	170.1	18.8	10.0	68.6
Mornington Peninsula SR	54.7	3.8	6.6	67.9	38.3	4.7	10.9	46.6	93.1	8.5	8.4	56.9
Balance of Victoria Major SR	324.7	33.9	9.5	72.4	233.0	22.0	8.6	50.0	557.7	55.9	9.1	61.1
Barwon-Western District SR	90.0	9.6	9.6	74.0	63.2	7.3	10.4	51.7	153.2	16.9	9.9	62.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	52.4	5.7	9.8	70.2	39.2	* 2.6	* 6.3	50.1	91.6	8.3	8.3	60.1
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	52.2	7.5	12.6	67.1	38.3	* 3.0	* 7.3	41.1	90.5	10.6	10.5	53.3
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	79.5	4.3	5.1	80.1	54.8	4.5	7.6	58.2	134.3	8.7	6.1	69.3
All Gippsland SR	50.6	6.8	11.9	68.1	37.5	* 4.6	* 10.8	48.2	88.0	11.4	11.4	58.0
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	870.2	109.1	11.1	74.6	642.8	77.3	10.7	53.9	1,513.0	186.4	11.0	64.1
Brisbane Major SR	398.7	52.2	11.6	75.9	305.2	34.7	10.2	55.0	703.9	86.9	11.0	65.2
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	107.9	10.3	8.7	77.7	86.7	7.9	8.4	61.6	194.7	18.2	8.6	69.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	121.1	14.9	11.0	74.5	95.5	11.3	10.6	55.7	216.6	26.2	10.8	64.9
South and East BSD Balance SR	67.1	12.2	15.4	75.8	47.9	6.9	12.6	50.3	115.0	19.1	14.2	62.8
North and West BSD Balance SR	102.6	14.8	12.6	75.9	75.0	8.6	10.3	51.1	177.6	23.4	11.6	63.1
Balance of Queensland Major SR	471.6	56.9	10.8	73.5	337.5	42.6	11.2	52.9	809.1	99.5	11.0	63.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	97.1	13.4	12.2	75.0	75.8	7.9	9.4	53.8	172.8	21.3	11.0	64.1
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	57.2	8.5	13.0	66.8	42.3	5.6	11.7	47.4	99.5	14.1	12.4	56.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	44.0	9.1	17.1	64.7	32.1	5.0	13.4	45.5	76.1	14.0	15.6	55.1
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	71.7	4.7	6.1	77.7	47.3	5.1	9.7	55.6	119.0	9.8	7.6	66.8
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	83.2	9.1	9.9	73.2	54.5	8.9	14.1	50.3	137.7	18.1	11.6	61.7
Northern-North West Statistical Region	62.1	6.8	9.9	78.2	44.5	5.9	11.7	58.8	106.6	12.7	10.6	68.7
Far North Statistical Region	56.3	5.3	8.6	78.6	41.0	4.2	9.3	60.9	97.4	9.5	8.9	70.0

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	366.2	44.9	10.9	70.9	284.8	28.8	9.2	52.2	651.0	73.6	10.2	61.4
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	260.0	35.4	12.0	69.2	212.3	22.9	9.8	52.1	472.4	58.3	11.0	60.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	86.0	11.5	11.8	72.2	63.2	7.9	11.1	51.0	149.2	19.4	11.5	61.5
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	46.8	8.0	14.6	64.1	38.0	4.3	10.1	48.7	84.7	12.2	12.6	56.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	50.6	7.0	12.1	67.8	49.2	3.5	6.6	54.9	99.8	10.5	9.5	60.9
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	76.7	8.9	10.4	70.3	62.0	7.3	10.6	53.4	138.7	16.2	10.5	61.6
Balance of South Australia Major SR	106.1	9.5	8.2	75.6	72.5	5.8	7.4	52.5	178.6	15.3	7.9	64.2
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.9	5.8	13.0	73.5	27.5	2.4	8.1	52.4	66.4	8.2	11.0	63.3
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	67.2	3.7	5.2	77.0	44.9	3.4	7.0	52.6	112.2	7.0	5.9	64.8
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	486.9	42.1	8.0	76.6	359.5	34.1	8.7	56.4	846.4	76.1	8.3	66.4
Perth Major Statistical Region	350.2	31.8	8.3	75.9	273.7	23.4	7.9	56.6	623.9	55.2	8.1	66.0
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	39.3	3.9	9.0	73.9	32.1	2.3	6.6	54.7	71.5	6.2	7.9	63.9
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.4	5.3	8.6	75.2	42.9	4.1	8.8	55.4	99.3	9.5	8.7	65.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	105.6	10.4	9.0	75.1	83.3	5.9	6.6	56.7	189.0	16.3	7.9	65.8
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.4	4.0	5.2	75.5	57.2	3.7	6.1	55.7	130.6	7.8	5.6	65.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	75.5	8.2	9.8	79.2	58.2	7.4	11.3	59.1	133.6	15.6	10.5	68.9
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	136.7	10.3	7.0	78.3	85.8	10.7	11.0	55.9	222.6	20.9	8.6	67.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	75.1	6.0	7.4	76.3	46.0	6.5	12.4	53.7	121.2	12.5	9.4	65.5
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	61.6	4.2	6.4	80.8	39.8	4.1	9.4	58.7	101.4	8.4	7.6	70.2
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	113.6	14.9	11.6	70.8	82.9	10.0	10.8	49.5	196.5	24.9	11.3	59.9
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	55.1	7.1	11.4	69.3	44.5	4.8	9.8	52.3	99.6	11.9	10.7	60.6
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.4	5.6	11.1	68.4	38.2	4.1	9.6	53.5	83.7	9.7	10.4	60.7
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.8	4.4	11.4	73.4	22.9	2.9	11.1	49.0	56.7	7.2	11.3	61.1
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.7	3.5	12.4	70.5	15.5	2.3	13.0	43.6	40.2	5.8	12.6	56.9
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	43.1	3.6	7.7	72.4	34.6	2.6	7.0	59.0	77.7	6.2	7.4	65.8
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.0	9.0	9.9	79.1	68.9	6.2	8.3	63.0	150.9	15.2	9.2	70.9
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,752.4	500.3	9.5	73.7	3,543.9	353.5	9.1	53.0	8,296.3	853.8	9.3	63.2