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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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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, FEBRUARY 1997

	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,588.4	161.6	9.2	72.6	1,194.1	125.6	9.5	52.8	2,782.5	287.2	9.4	62.5
Sydney Major SR	1,019.0	86.0	7.8	73.8	791.0	72.4	8.4	55.3	1,810.1	158.4	8.0	64.4
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	104.2	9.8	8.6	70.5	86.2	9.9	10.3	58.6	190.4	19.7	9.4	64.5
Inner Sydney SR	69.2	5.7	7.6	68.6	55.4	6.1	10.0	59.3	124.6	11.8	8.7	64.1
Eastern Suburbs SR	59.5	4.0	6.3	71.4	48.6	* 2.4	* 4.7	56.2	108.1	6.4	5.6	63.7
St. George-Sutherland SR	119.6	9.0	7.0	75.9	93.4	5.2	5.2	56.1	213.0	14.2	6.2	65.8
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	70.0	11.3	13.9	68.9	51.9	7.0	11.8	48.4	121.9	18.3	13.0	58.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	134.6	18.9	12.3	78.1	92.3	17.6	16.0	54.1	226.9	36.5	13.9	65.9
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	72.8	13.2	15.4	75.0	50.2	11.2	18.3	49.8	122.9	24.4	16.6	61.9
Central Western Sydney SR	65.2	7.8	10.7	65.1	47.7	6.3	11.6	51.4	112.9	14.1	11.1	58.4
Outer Western Sydney SR	90.6	* 3.2	* 3.4	82.1	68.3	4.9	6.8	60.4	158.9	8.1	4.9	71.0
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	97.3	5.6	5.5	76.1	79.5	6.9	8.0	60.4	176.8	12.6	6.6	68.0
Lower Northern Sydney SR	83.7	4.9	5.5	78.9	75.7	* 2.8	* 3.6	61.6	159.4	7.7	4.6	69.7
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	60.9	* 2.8	* 4.5	73.1	49.9	* 1.6	* 3.2	52.3	110.8	4.5	3.9	62.0
Northern Beaches SR	64.8	3.6	5.2	74.7	50.3	2.6	5.0	53.0	115.2	6.2	5.1	63.4
Gosford-Wyong SR	68.6	5.0	6.7	67.5	47.1	5.2	10.0	46.8	115.8	10.2	8.1	57.0
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	569.3	75.6	11.7	70.5	403.1	53.2	11.7	48.6	972.4	128.8	11.7	59.4
Hunter SR	131.7	20.4	13.4	74.5	91.5	12.3	11.9	48.7	223.2	32.8	12.8	61.4
Newcastle SR Sector	112.5	18.4	14.0	74.0	77.1	11.7	13.2	47.7	189.6	30.1	13.7	60.5
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	144.1	17.3	10.7	69.3	102.4	12.5	10.9	47.5	246.6	29.8	10.8	58.2
Illawarra Statistical Region	93.2	14.8	13.7	68.6	63.0	9.6	13.2	44.7	156.2	24.4	13.5	56.4
Wollongong SR Sector	74.7	10.3	12.1	72.9	47.1	7.7	14.0	46.8	121.7	17.9	12.8	59.8
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	98.0	20.4	17.2	64.6	74.2	12.0	14.0	45.6	172.2	32.4	15.8	55.0
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	120.9	12.0	9.0	72.4	83.6	9.5	10.2	50.5	204.5	21.6	9.5	61.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	69.8	* 4.4	* 5.9	74.2	47.0	6.8	12.6	54.3	116.8	11.2	8.7	64.3

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,180.9	132.4	10.1	74.1	903.0	101.7	10.1	54.3	2,084.0	234.1	10.1	64.0
Melbourne Major SR	860.7	94.9	9.9	74.9	668.3	76.0	10.2	55.6	1,529.0	170.9	10.1	65.0
North Western Melbourne SR	63.9	8.8	12.1	73.0	49.0	8.4	14.6	54.2	112.8	17.1	13.2	63.3
Outer Western Melbourne SR	126.9	17.6	12.2	73.2	95.9	12.3	11.4	53.2	222.8	30.0	11.9	63.0
Inner Melbourne SR	59.6	8.0	11.8	72.2	55.2	7.8	12.3	61.2	114.9	15.7	12.0	66.4
North Eastern Melbourne SR	107.9	13.5	11.2	75.2	86.0	9.9	10.4	53.3	193.9	23.5	10.8	63.7
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	114.9	10.2	8.2	72.7	94.6	6.9	6.8	57.7	209.5	17.1	7.5	65.1
Southern Melbourne SR	98.8	10.1	9.3	76.8	73.1	8.2	10.1	53.5	171.9	18.4	9.7	64.8
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	129.9	10.6	7.6	78.7	106.3	6.5	5.7	60.2	236.2	17.1	6.8	69.2
South Eastern Melbourne SR	103.5	11.2	9.8	80.2	70.6	11.3	13.8	57.6	174.1	22.5	11.4	69.0
Mornington Peninsula SR	55.3	4.7	7.9	68.0	37.6	4.7	11.2	46.8	92.9	9.5	9.3	57.3
Balance of Victoria Major SR	520.2	37.5	10.5	72.2	234.7	25.7	9.9	51.1	554.9	63.2	10.2	61.5
Barwon-Western District SR	82.7	11.0	11.7	71.9	62.3	7.6	10.9	50.8	145.0	18.6	11.4	61.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	50.3	6.0	10.7	70.5	37.5	* 4.1	* 9.8	51.3	87.9	10.1	10.3	60.8
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	52.8	7.2	12.1	67.5	41.0	* 3.9	* 8.6	45.4	93.8	11.1	10.6	55.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	75.7	5.4	6.7	79.4	53.3	* 3.8	* 6.6	56.9	129.0	9.2	6.7	68.2
All Gippsland SR	58.7	7.8	11.7	70.6	40.6	6.3	13.4	51.0	99.3	14.1	12.4	60.9
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	871.0	105.7	10.8	74.3	669.7	78.7	10.5	55.9	1,540.6	184.5	10.7	65.0
Brisbane Major SR	402.6	48.1	10.7	75.7	322.6	36.0	10.0	57.9	725.2	84.1	10.4	66.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	110.1	9.8	8.2	77.8	88.8	7.5	7.8	62.1	198.9	17.3	8.0	69.9
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	125.4	14.2	10.2	74.9	100.3	10.7	9.6	57.4	225.8	24.9	9.9	66.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	67.9	10.2	13.1	75.2	53.4	6.4	10.7	54.5	121.3	16.7	12.1	64.6
North and West BSD Balance SR	99.1	13.9	12.3	75.0	80.1	11.4	12.5	56.9	179.2	25.3	12.4	65.7
Balance of Queensland Major SR	468.4	57.6	11.0	73.1	347.0	42.7	11.0	54.1	815.4	100.4	11.0	63.6
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	94.5	12.7	11.9	73.5	76.4	7.6	9.0	55.5	170.9	20.3	10.6	64.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	59.2	10.0	14.5	69.3	44.4	9.2	17.1	51.3	103.6	19.2	15.6	60.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	43.5	10.4	19.2	63.7	34.1	5.8	14.5	47.4	77.6	16.1	17.2	55.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	69.5	3.3	4.6	74.8	48.3	4.7	8.9	55.8	117.8	8.0	6.4	65.4
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	80.1	7.9	9.0	73.0	59.0	8.7	12.9	53.2	139.1	16.6	10.7	62.9
Northern-North West Statistical Region	62.5	7.2	10.3	78.2	43.0	2.9	6.2	54.6	105.5	10.1	8.7	66.7
Far North Statistical Region	59.2	6.1	9.4	78.8	41.8	3.9	8.5	61.8	101.0	10.0	9.0	70.8

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	368.1	44.2	10.7	71.1	292.3	30.2	9.4	53.7	660.5	74.4	10.1	62.2
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	263.3	34.7	11.6	69.7	218.1	23.4	9.7	53.4	481.4	58.1	10.8	61.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.7	10.8	11.3	73.2	65.6	7.5	10.2	52.2	150.3	18.3	10.8	62.3
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	50.1	8.3	14.2	65.0	39.1	4.8	10.9	50.1	89.2	13.1	12.8	57.6
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	50.8	7.0	12.1	68.5	49.3	5.0	9.2	57.4	100.1	12.0	10.7	62.7
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	77.6	8.7	10.0	70.4	64.1	6.1	8.7	54.2	141.7	14.8	9.4	62.0
Balance of South Australia Major SR	104.9	9.5	8.3	74.8	74.2	6.8	8.4	54.3	179.1	16.3	8.3	64.7
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	39.6	4.8	10.9	73.3	27.6	2.5	8.4	52.9	67.2	7.4	9.9	63.4
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.2	4.7	6.7	75.8	46.6	4.2	8.3	55.2	111.9	8.9	7.4	65.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	488.3	42.2	8.0	76.7	362.1	36.8	9.2	57.1	850.4	79.1	8.5	66.8
Perth Major Statistical Region	350.8	32.3	8.4	76.0	272.7	25.6	8.6	56.7	623.6	57.9	8.5	66.1
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	39.2	4.1	9.4	74.1	31.1	2.6	7.6	54.6	70.4	6.7	8.6	64.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.0	5.9	9.6	77.5	40.9	4.6	10.1	55.5	96.9	10.6	9.8	66.3
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	108.1	9.2	7.9	76.6	83.4	8.2	9.0	58.5	191.5	17.5	8.4	67.5
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	71.4	5.2	6.8	74.3	58.7	4.0	6.4	55.4	130.1	9.2	6.6	64.4
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	76.1	7.9	9.4	76.8	58.6	6.1	9.5	57.4	134.7	14.0	9.4	66.9
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	137.5	9.9	6.7	78.4	89.4	11.2	11.2	58.2	226.9	21.2	8.5	68.7
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	69.5	5.4	7.2	75.9	45.5	6.5	12.4	55.4	114.9	11.8	9.3	65.9
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	68.1	4.6	6.3	81.2	43.9	4.8	9.8	61.5	111.9	9.3	7.7	71.9
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	113.4	15.0	11.7	70.7	81.8	10.5	11.4	49.1	195.1	25.6	11.6	59.8
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	54.7	6.9	11.2	68.4	43.6	5.2	10.7	51.5	98.4	12.1	11.0	59.7
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.3	5.6	11.1	68.3	36.8	4.4	10.7	52.1	82.1	10.1	10.9	60.0
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.4	4.8	12.5	73.3	22.0	2.9	11.6	46.7	55.4	7.7	12.2	59.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.2	3.4	11.8	72.5	16.1	2.5	13.2	46.8	41.3	5.8	12.3	59.6
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.7	3.5	7.1	76.0	36.3	2.4	6.2	61.0	81.9	5.9	6.7	68.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	133.0	11.3	7.9	75.7	112.2	9.5	7.8	61.2	245.2	20.9	7.8	68.3
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	82.1	8.8	9.7	79.0	72.8	6.6	8.3	66.5	154.9	15.4	9.0	72.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,737.9	513.6	9.8	73.6	3,612.1	392.5	9.8	54.4	8,349.9	906.1	9.8	63.9