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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, MARCH 1997

	<i>Males</i>				<i>Females</i>				<i>Persons</i>			
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,603.9	147.2	8.4	72.6	1,212.4	110.0	8.3	52.8	2,816.3	257.1	8.4	62.5
Sydney Major SR	1,026.5	81.3	7.3	74.0	801.0	58.5	6.8	55.0	1,827.5	139.8	7.1	64.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	111.1	5.9	5.0	69.6	95.4	6.0	5.9	59.8	206.5	11.9	5.4	64.7
Inner Sydney SR	74.5	* 3.2	* 4.1	69.3	63.2	* 3.6	* 5.4	62.8	137.7	6.8	4.7	66.1
Eastern Suburbs SR	64.1	4.0	5.9	70.6	50.1	* 3.0	* 5.6	58.8	114.2	7.0	5.8	64.9
St. George-Sutherland SR	118.1	9.6	7.5	76.9	90.8	5.6	5.9	56.1	208.9	15.3	6.8	66.3
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	67.1	9.2	12.1	68.7	48.7	4.8	9.0	44.6	115.9	14.0	10.8	56.2
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	136.8	17.5	11.4	76.9	96.4	13.5	12.3	54.3	233.2	31.0	11.7	65.5
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	73.0	13.7	15.8	72.4	52.2	9.6	15.6	49.9	125.2	23.3	15.7	61.0
Central Western Sydney SR	68.7	6.3	8.4	65.6	47.7	5.7	10.6	51.0	116.4	11.9	9.3	58.7
Outer Western Sydney SR	88.2	5.5	5.8	83.1	69.1	4.9	6.7	59.8	157.3	10.4	6.2	70.9
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	96.7	8.2	7.9	77.6	82.5	5.8	6.6	59.4	179.2	14.1	7.3	68.1
Lower Northern Sydney SR	81.4	* 4.7	* 5.5	78.2	77.2	* 1.7	* 2.2	61.9	158.6	6.5	3.9	69.5
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	63.8	* 3.2	* 4.8	75.9	46.9	* 1.9	* 4.0	50.5	110.7	5.2	4.4	62.6
Northern Beaches SR	63.0	2.2	3.4	74.9	48.1	* 1.9	* 3.8	51.7	111.1	4.1	3.6	62.7
Gosford-Wyong SR	67.6	4.9	6.8	67.6	48.1	* 3.5	* 6.7	46.3	115.6	8.4	6.8	56.8
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	577.4	65.9	10.2	70.3	411.4	51.5	11.1	49.3	988.8	117.4	10.6	59.6
Hunter SR	131.0	19.9	13.2	72.9	92.7	10.9	10.5	48.3	223.7	30.8	12.1	60.4
Newcastle SR Sector	113.5	17.7	13.5	72.9	80.1	10.5	11.6	48.5	193.6	28.3	12.7	60.4
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	142.7	15.1	9.6	69.2	100.9	12.3	10.9	47.4	243.7	27.4	10.1	58.0
Illawarra Statistical Region	91.8	12.8	12.2	68.4	63.7	8.0	11.2	44.0	155.5	20.8	11.8	55.8
Wollongong SR Sector	73.6	8.4	10.3	72.1	47.7	6.3	11.6	46.2	121.4	14.7	10.8	59.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	100.3	17.3	14.7	64.4	78.2	9.2	10.5	46.4	178.5	26.6	13.0	55.2
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	124.8	9.4	7.0	72.0	88.1	9.8	10.0	52.5	212.9	19.2	8.3	62.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	74.5	* 4.1	* 5.2	77.3	49.3	8.9	15.3	57.7	123.8	13.0	9.5	67.5

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,184.1	124.8	9.5	73.8	904.3	95.8	9.6	54.0	2,088.4	220.6	9.6	63.7
Melbourne Major SR	860.5	88.9	9.4	74.3	674.4	68.2	9.2	55.4	1,534.9	157.1	9.3	64.6
North Western Melbourne SR	62.9	9.0	12.5	72.7	46.0	7.1	13.3	52.0	108.9	16.0	12.8	62.2
Outer Western Melbourne SR	126.8	18.6	12.8	73.3	99.3	11.3	10.2	53.4	226.1	29.8	11.7	63.1
Inner Melbourne SR	59.0	6.6	10.0	73.4	57.2	5.0	8.1	61.7	116.2	11.6	9.1	67.2
North Eastern Melbourne SR	110.3	11.3	9.3	73.6	87.1	9.4	9.7	53.4	197.4	20.7	9.5	63.0
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	113.1	11.3	9.1	73.2	95.7	5.7	5.6	56.3	208.8	17.0	7.5	64.5
Southern Melbourne SR	96.5	7.9	7.6	74.3	76.9	6.5	7.8	55.5	173.3	14.5	7.7	64.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	132.4	9.5	6.7	78.3	100.4	8.4	7.8	58.7	232.9	18.0	7.2	68.4
South Eastern Melbourne SR	106.9	9.5	8.2	78.7	75.2	8.8	10.5	57.5	182.1	18.3	9.1	68.2
Mornington Peninsula SR	52.6	5.2	9.1	67.6	36.6	6.0	14.0	48.3	89.2	11.2	11.2	57.8
Balance of Victoria Major SR	323.6	35.9	10.0	72.5	229.9	27.6	10.7	50.5	553.5	63.5	10.3	61.3
Barwon-Western District SR	84.1	10.0	10.6	72.5	63.4	8.9	12.3	51.8	147.5	18.9	11.3	61.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	51.5	6.7	11.5	72.8	37.7	* 2.7	* 6.6	50.0	89.2	9.4	9.5	61.4
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	51.8	6.6	11.4	66.7	37.5	* 4.1	* 9.9	42.2	89.4	10.8	10.7	53.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	78.0	5.1	6.2	78.2	53.6	5.0	8.5	56.9	131.7	10.1	7.1	67.7
All Gippsland SR	58.2	7.5	11.4	71.3	37.6	7.0	15.6	50.5	95.8	14.4	13.1	61.1
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	865.6	110.4	11.3	74.1	670.0	71.3	9.6	55.2	1,535.6	181.8	10.6	64.6
Brisbane Major SR	403.0	48.7	10.8	75.8	325.7	28.5	8.0	57.1	728.6	77.2	9.6	66.2
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	106.5	10.2	8.7	75.8	91.1	6.7	6.9	62.4	197.6	16.9	7.9	69.1
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	125.3	15.0	10.7	75.8	100.8	6.8	6.3	55.2	226.1	21.8	8.8	65.2
South and East BSD Balance SR	70.0	10.9	13.5	76.1	54.2	6.6	10.9	55.3	124.2	17.6	12.4	65.5
North and West BSD Balance SR	101.2	12.6	11.1	75.4	79.6	8.4	9.5	55.4	180.8	21.0	10.4	65.2
Balance of Queensland Major SR	462.6	61.7	11.8	72.7	344.4	42.8	11.1	53.7	807.0	104.5	11.5	63.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	89.9	13.7	13.3	72.8	77.3	6.2	7.4	54.3	167.1	19.9	10.6	63.2
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	58.6	9.4	13.8	67.2	42.4	8.7	17.0	50.3	101.0	18.1	15.2	58.7
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	45.2	10.6	19.0	64.7	33.3	6.7	16.7	47.8	78.6	17.3	18.0	56.4
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	67.4	3.4	4.8	77.2	49.1	3.8	7.1	58.6	116.6	7.2	5.8	68.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	82.6	9.6	10.4	71.2	57.3	7.2	11.1	50.6	139.9	16.7	10.7	60.9
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.4	7.1	10.3	78.1	43.1	4.9	10.2	55.0	104.5	12.0	10.3	66.6
Far North Statistical Region	57.5	8.0	12.2	79.1	41.8	5.4	11.5	61.1	99.3	13.4	11.9	70.4

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	373.5	41.6	10.0	71.5	294.1	29.5	9.1	53.8	667.6	71.1	9.6	62.5
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.6	32.6	10.9	70.2	217.7	23.1	9.6	53.3	485.3	55.7	10.3	61.5
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.6	10.5	10.9	73.3	63.6	7.6	10.7	50.9	149.3	18.2	10.8	61.7
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	49.0	7.3	13.0	63.9	38.7	4.4	10.3	49.3	87.7	11.8	11.8	56.6
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	53.4	6.4	10.7	70.7	50.2	5.4	9.7	58.5	103.6	11.8	10.2	64.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	79.5	8.3	9.5	71.1	65.2	5.7	8.0	54.7	144.7	14.0	8.8	62.7
Balance of South Australia Major SR	105.9	9.0	7.8	75.1	76.4	6.3	7.7	55.5	182.3	15.3	7.8	65.4
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.6	4.8	10.6	72.4	29.7	* 1.6	* 5.2	53.2	70.4	6.5	8.4	63.1
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.3	4.2	6.0	77.0	46.7	4.7	9.2	57.0	111.9	8.9	7.3	67.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	487.7	39.2	7.4	76.0	361.2	34.3	8.7	56.5	848.9	73.4	8.0	66.2
Perth Major Statistical Region	350.2	29.0	7.6	75.1	271.7	24.8	8.4	56.2	621.9	53.8	8.0	65.5
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	40.2	3.0	6.9	71.2	32.7	3.2	8.8	56.7	72.9	6.1	7.8	63.8
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	55.6	5.1	8.4	76.9	41.3	3.9	8.6	55.4	96.9	9.0	8.5	66.0
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	106.1	9.0	7.8	75.8	84.2	7.2	7.9	57.8	190.4	16.2	7.8	66.6
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.3	4.9	6.3	73.8	55.9	3.4	5.8	53.1	129.2	8.4	6.1	63.2
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.9	6.9	8.5	76.2	57.5	7.1	11.0	57.5	132.4	14.0	9.6	66.7
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	137.5	10.2	6.9	78.4	89.5	9.5	9.6	57.2	227.0	19.7	8.0	68.2
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	70.3	5.2	6.9	76.1	48.2	5.3	10.0	55.0	118.5	10.6	8.2	65.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	67.2	4.9	6.8	81.1	41.3	4.1	9.1	59.9	108.5	9.1	7.7	71.3
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	114.1	13.8	10.8	70.4	82.7	9.7	10.5	49.2	196.8	23.5	10.7	59.6
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	55.4	6.4	10.3	68.5	44.1	4.6	9.4	51.0	99.5	11.0	9.9	59.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.7	5.4	10.6	68.5	37.0	4.1	9.9	51.9	82.7	9.5	10.3	60.0
Northern Statistical Region Sector	34.2	3.9	10.1	72.9	21.8	3.1	12.3	47.6	56.0	6.9	11.0	60.3
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.5	3.6	12.7	71.5	16.8	2.1	10.9	46.9	41.3	5.6	12.0	59.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.3	2.5	5.2	73.8	37.9	2.5	6.1	63.7	83.3	5.0	5.6	68.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	132.2	10.8	7.5	75.1	112.3	8.8	7.3	61.9	244.5	19.6	7.4	68.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	81.3	8.5	9.4	77.8	75.1	4.5	5.6	66.6	156.3	12.9	7.6	72.1
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,755.6	487.9	9.3	73.5	3,637.7	357.4	8.9	54.2	8,393.3	845.4	9.2	63.7

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