

# Labour Force Survey: Special Report

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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 Ms Audrey Graviou 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, JULY 1997

			Fema	iles		Persons						
		Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate		Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate - per ce	Partici- pation rate
	Employed											
		'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -		
			NEW SO	UTH WAL	ES		-					
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,600.4	145.4	8.3	72.0	1,213.2	92.7	7.1	52.0	2,813.6	238.1	7.8	61.8
Sydney Major SR	1,026.1	77.6	7.0	73.4	801.7	51.0	6.0	54.3	1,827.8	128.6	6.6	63.7
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	125.3	7.1	5.3	70.7	93.0	8.7	8.5	57.8	218.3	15.7	6.7	64.4
Inner Sydney SR	88.2	* 3.8	* 4.1	71.5	60.4	4.2	6.5	60.4	148.6	7.9	5.1	66.5
Eastern Suburbs SR	66.4	* 2.4	* 3.4	72.5	53.2	* 1.2	* 2.1	58.7	119.5	3.5	2.9	65.7
St. George-Sutherland SR	116.7	6.9	5.5	76.6	93.7	4.4	4.5	56.1	210.4	11.2	5.1	65.9
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	67.2	8.8	11.6	65.5	48.6	3.8	7.3	43.3	115.8	12.6	9.8	54.1
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western												
Sydney SRs	134.9	18.1	11.8	76.8	92.7	14.1	13.2	52.6	227.6	32.2	12.4	64.6
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	73.9	13.5	15.4	72.5	50.9	10.5	17.1	50.3	124.8	24.0	16.1	61.3
Central Western Sydney SR	68.3	7.5	9.9	67.7	46.7	3.6	7.2	48.8	115.1	11.2	8.9	58.6
Outer Western Sydney SR	76.7	7.2	8.5	80.2	62.2	* 3.5	* 5.4	54.4		10.7	7.2	66.4
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	96.0	5.7	5.6	76.5	80.5	2.6	3.1	59.0		8.3	4.5	67.5
Lower Northern Sydney SR	82.3	5.1	5.9	76.8	78.5	* 2.1	* 2.6	61.9		7.2	4.3	68.8
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	72.8	* 1.1	* 1.4	72.3	53.8	* 1.3	* 2.3	52.3	126.6	* 2.3	* 1.8	62.2
Northern Beaches SR	62.3	4.4	6.7	80.9	51.0	* 0.9	* 1.8	58.5		5.4	4.5	69.3
Gosford-Wyong SR	57.3	* 3.4	* 5.7	63.0	47.8	4.8	9.2	46.9	105.1	8.3	7.3	54.3
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	574.3	67.8	10.6	69.8	411.4	41.7	9.2	48.0	985.8	109.4	10.0	58.7
Hunter SR	133.9	21.1	13.6	71.2	91.6	11.4	11.1	47.2	225.5	32.5	12.6	59.2
Newcastle SR Sector	113.6	19.0	14.3	70.1	76.2	11.1	12.7	45.9	189.7	30.1	13.7	58.0
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	155.4	15.6	9.1	70.1	109.3	12.5	10.2	49.0	264.7	28.1	9.6	59.5
Illawarra Statistical Region	101.2	10.7	9.5	68.6	68.6	9.2	11.9	44.4	169.8	19.9	10.5	56.1
Wollongong SR Sector	78.5	6.5	7.7	70.8	52.4	6.1	10.5	45.6	130.9	12.7	8.8	57.8
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	91.4	15.3	14.4	61.5	73.6	9.3	11.2	42.9	164.9	24.6	13.0	51.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and												
Central West SRs	120.1	11.3	8.6	73.3	84.4	* 4.3	* 4.8	50.0	204.5	15.6	7.1	61.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	69.0	* 4.1	* 5.7	75.1	50.4	* 3.9	* 7.2	54.7	119.4	8.1	6.3	64.8

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		Mal	es			Fema	iles		Persons			
			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-
	Employed	Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
		loyed	rate	rate	<i>Employed</i>	loyed	rate	rate	<b>Employed</b>	loyed	rate	rate
		'000 -	- per c		-	' <i>000</i> -	- per cent -		-	'000 -	- per c	ent -
			VIC	CTORIA								
VICTORIA	1,185.2	112.3	8.7	72.9	917.8	82.0	8.2	53.8	2,103.0	194.3	8.5	63.1
Melbourne Major SR	870.5	74.8	7.9	73.6	689.7	55.8	7.5	55.3	1,560.2	130.5	7.7	64.3
North Western Melbourne SR	63.3	9.3	12.8	71.1	43.9	5.3	10.8	51.4	107.3	14.7	12.0	61.6
Outer Western Melbourne SR	126.6	14.5	10.2	71.0	98.3	12.3	11.1	53.4	224.9	26.7	10.6	62.0
Inner Melbourne SR	63.0	4.1	6.1	70.7	54.5	* 3.3	* 5.7	61.4	117.5	7.4	5.9	66.1
North Eastern Melbourne SR	110.7	11.0	9.0	74.0	93.3	6.3	6.3	54.3	204.0	17.2	7.8	63.6
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	120.9	4.7	3.8	73.3	101.5	4.6	4.3	58.7	222.4	9.4	4.0	65.8
Southern Melbourne SR	94.9	7.0	6.8	74.7	81.3	4.8	5.6	55.2	176.3	11.8	6.3	64.3
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	133.2	10.5	7.3	77.4	100.7	9.2	8.4	57.7	233.9	19.8	7.8	67.4
South Eastern Melbourne SR	105.0	7.0	6.3	78.6	76.1	7.6	9.1	56.1	181.1	14.6	7.5	67.1
Mornington Peninsula SR	52.7	6.6	11.1	68.5	40.0	* 2.3	* 5.5	46.8	92.8	8.9	8.8	57.4
Balance of Victoria Major SR	314.8	37.5	10.7	70.9	228.1	26.2	10.3	49.7	542.9	63.8	10.5	60.1
Barwon-Western District SR	80.5	10.2	11.2	68.2	59.0	8.5	12.6	49.5	139.5	18.7	11.8	58.7
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	53.8	6.0	10.0	73.6	36.9	* 3.0	* 7.4	50.7	90.7	8.9	9.0	62.3
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	58.3	8.2	12.3	67.4	44.4	* 3.3	* 7.0	45.6	102.6	11.5	10.1	56.2
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	67.0	5.5	7.6	78.0	47.3	5.0	9.5	52.5	114.2	10.5	8.4	64.8
All Gippsland SR	55.3	7.7	12.2	68.9	40.5	6.5	13.8	51.0	95.8	14.2	12.9	59.9
				ENSLAND								
QUEENSLAND	894.4	88.8	9.0	74.1	682.6	61.2	8.2	55.1	1,577.0	150.0	8.7	64.5
Brisbane Major SR	410.7	39.5	8.8	75.0	322.4	26.9	7.7	56.0	733.0	66.4	8.3	65.3
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	105.3	8.7	7.6	73.8	87.4	6.3	6.8	59.3	192.8	15.0	7.2	66.5
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	129.1	10.1	7.2	73.4	100.2	5.8	5.5	54.3	229.3	15.9	6.5	63.7
South and East BSD Balance SR	70.2	9.5	11.9	76.5	53.7	7.0	11.5	56.3	123.9	16.5	11.7	66.2
North and West BSD Balance SR	106.0	11.2	9.6	77.2	81.0	7.8	8.8	54.6	187.1	19.0	9.2	65.5
Balance of Queensland Major SR	483.7	49.3	9.3	73.4	360.2	34.2	8.7	54.3	844.0	83.6	9.0	63.8
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	92.8	10.8	10.5	74.1	78.0	5.5	6.6	55.5	170.8	16.3	8.7	64.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	61.4	7.3	10.6	65.7	49.3	5.9	10.6	50.9	110.7	13.1	10.6	58.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	54.1	8.4	13.4	68.0	39.2	5.6	12.5	47.7	93.3	14.0	13.0	57.7
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.4	3.7	5.3	78.6	47.4	3.1	6.1	54.9	112.9	6.7	5.6	66.5
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	83.7	7.3	8.0	73.2	56.0	6.9	11.0	53.1	139.8	14.2	9.2	63.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.9	6.3	9.2	77.6	41.9	3.5	7.8	57.4		9.8	8.6	68.0
Far North Statistical Region	64.4	5.6	7.9	78.1	48.3	3.8	7.2	62.0	112.7	9.3	7.6	70.3

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		1,14,	Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-
		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
		'000 -	- per c			'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -	- per ce	ent -
			SOUTH	AUSTRAL	IA							
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	373.4	40.9	9.9	71.2	289.4	27.0	8.5	52.5	662.8	68.0	9.3	61.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	269.7	29.8	10.0	69.9	211.1	20.8	9.0	51.2	480.9	50.7	9.5	60.3
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.2	11.2	11.7	72.2	62.7	6.4	9.2	49.7	146.9	17.6	10.7	60.7
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	49.5	5.9	10.7	62.2	35.8	4.9	12.1	46.6	85.3	10.8	11.3	54.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	55.3	4.8	8.0	70.9	46.7	2.7	5.4	53.5	102.1	7.4	6.8	61.9
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	80.7	8.0	9.0	72.4	65.8	6.9	9.5	54.2	146.5	14.8	9.2	62.9
Balance of South Australia Major SR	103.7	11.1	9.7	74.8	78.3	6.2	7.3	56.5	182.0	17.3	8.7	65.8
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.2	5.1	11.9	73.0	29.6	2.6	8.0	52.4	67.8	7.7	10.2	62.5
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.5	6.0	8.3	76.0	48.8	3.6	6.9	59.3	114.2	9.6	7.7	67.9
			WESTER	N AUSTRA	LIA							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	496.5	37.0	6.9	76.4	361.7	24.6	6.4	54.8	858.2	61.6	6.7	65.5
Perth Major Statistical Region	357.6	26.3	6.8	75.4	270.9	18.2	6.3	54.5	628.5	44.4	6.6	64.7
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	38.6	2.2	5.3	72.9	31.6	* 1.5	* 4.5	51.5	70.2	3.7	4.9	61.5
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.8	4.9	7.9	77.2	42.2	2.2	5.0	55.3	100.0	7.1	6.7	66.4
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	107.6	7.8	6.8	76.5	84.1	7.0	7.6	57.4	191.7	14.8	7.2	66.7
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	80.3	5.9	6.8	74.9	53.9	4.5	7.7	49.9	134.3	10.4	7.2	62.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.2	5.4	6.9	74.5	59.0	3.0	4.9	56.1	132.3	8.5	6.0	65.1
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	138.9	10.7	7.2	78.9	90.8	6.5	6.6	55.7	229.8	17.2	7.0	67.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	63.6	4.2	6.3	74.4	43.5	4.0	8.5	53.3	107.0	8.3	7.2	64.0
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	75.4	6.5	7.9	83.1	47.3	* 2.4	* 4.9	58.2	122.7	8.9	6.8	71.5
			TA	SMANIA								
TASMANIA	111.1	14.7	11.7	69.2	80.5	8.6	9.7	47.4			10.9	58.1
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	53.9	6.9	11.3	67.3	42.5	4.2	8.9	49.7	96.4		10.3	58.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.1	5.4	10.7	67.6	36.5	3.1	7.9	50.0	81.6		9.5	58.5
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.7	4.2	11.6	70.1	20.6	1.8	8.2	42.9	52.3		10.3	56.4
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.4	3.7	12.8	72.5	17.4	2.6	13.2	47.9	42.7	6.4	12.9	59.9
				RN TERRIT	ORY							
NORTHERN TERRITORY	47.5	2.4	4.9	76.8	39.6	2.0	4.8	65.1	87.1	4.4	4.8	71.0
	STRALIAN CA	APITAL TE	RRITORY A	ND SOUTE	I EASTERI	N STATISTI	CAL REGIO	N				
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH								22.00				
EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	139.9	10.9	7.2	76.9	113.8	8.4	6.9	63.4	253.8	19.3	7.1	70.2
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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	85.8	6.0	6.5	79.5	73.1	5.2	6.6	65.5	158.9	11.1	6.6	72.4
AUSTRALIA	4,794.2	447.6	8.5	STRALIA 73.1	3,657.9	303.3	7.7	53.5	8,452.1	750.9	8.2	63.1
AUSTRALIA	4,794.2	447.0	0.5	/3.1	3,037.9	303.3	1.1	33.3	0,432.1	730.9	0.2	03.1

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