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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, AUGUST 1999(b)

	<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	1,662.6	115.3	6.5	71.1	1,237.1	86.7	6.5	51.2	2,899.6	202.0	6.5	61.0
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,101.9	55.7	4.8	73.1	829.8	42.3	4.9	52.9	1,931.7	98.0	4.8	62.8
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	130.8	7.6	5.5	73.1	109.4	4.8	4.2	61.4	240.2	12.4	4.9	67.3
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	83.5	5.1	5.7	73.1	59.4	* 3.4	* 5.4	58.8	142.9	8.5	5.6	66.4
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	72.8	3.7	4.9	75.8	59.0	* 1.7	* 2.8	61.0	131.8	5.4	4.0	68.4
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	113.6	3.4	2.9	69.5	85.7	2.7	3.0	50.8	199.3	6.1	3.0	60.0
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	91.4	3.2	3.3	70.8	53.3	3.3	5.8	44.6	144.7	6.4	4.2	58.1
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	143.9	13.7	8.7	74.2	97.1	8.7	8.3	46.9	241.0	22.5	8.5	60.2
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	80.1	8.3	9.4	70.5	53.4	6.5	10.8	43.8	133.5	14.8	10.0	56.6
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	75.3	5.3	6.6	72.5	54.4	3.2	5.5	46.9	129.7	8.5	6.2	59.0
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	162.9	5.7	3.4	76.4	117.2	8.6	6.9	56.5	280.1	14.3	4.9	66.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	70.3	3.8	5.2	73.2	67.6	* 2.0	* 2.9	58.0	137.9	5.9	4.1	64.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	110.9	* 2.2	* 2.0	74.8	86.3	* 2.9	* 3.2	56.5	197.2	5.1	2.5	65.4
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	67.0	* 2.1	* 3.0	78.1	54.2	* 1.7	* 3.1	58.9	121.2	3.8	3.0	68.1
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	63.0	4.8	7.1	63.4	45.4	2.7	5.6	41.2	108.4	7.5	6.5	51.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	560.6	59.6	9.6	67.8	407.3	44.4	9.8	48.2	967.9	104.0	9.7	57.9
Hunter Statistical Region	129.3	18.9	12.8	66.7	90.5	11.2	11.0	44.1	219.8	30.1	12.1	55.2
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	107.8	17.1	13.7	66.4	79.8	8.8	10.0	45.4	187.6	25.9	12.1	55.7
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	140.2	14.7	9.5	69.6	99.5	9.0	8.3	47.3	239.7	23.7	9.0	58.3
Illawarra Statistical Region	91.2	10.1	9.9	69.4	65.0	6.6	9.3	45.9	156.2	16.7	9.7	57.3
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	66.4	7.3	9.9	73.4	48.8	3.7	7.1	49.1	115.2	11.0	8.7	60.9
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	99.2	11.8	10.7	58.9	75.0	11.2	13.0	43.6	174.2	23.1	11.7	51.1
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	121.9	9.1	7.0	72.8	91.2	6.6	6.7	56.1	213.1	15.7	6.9	64.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	70.0	* 5.0	* 6.7	73.9	51.1	6.3	11.0	54.5	121.2	11.4	8.6	64.0

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,225.7	98.4	7.4	71.9	953.3	67.4	6.6	53.1	2,179.0	165.8	7.1	62.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	909.4	69.2	7.1	72.9	715.7	50.1	6.5	54.4	1,625.1	119.3	6.8	63.4
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	141.7	17.7	11.1	74.4	105.8	10.8	9.3	55.7	247.5	28.5	10.3	65.2
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	64.7	6.0	8.5	70.2	48.4	4.9	9.2	51.1	113.1	10.9	8.8	60.5
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	69.1	5.7	7.6	75.9	61.2	* 2.3	* 3.7	62.2	130.2	8.0	5.8	69.0
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	108.0	9.3	7.9	72.5	80.1	4.3	5.1	49.6	188.1	13.6	6.8	60.8
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	166.5	8.1	4.6	70.3	136.3	8.0	5.5	55.6	302.7	16.0	5.0	62.8
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	98.8	5.4	5.2	67.5	83.3	4.9	5.6	51.8	182.1	10.4	5.4	59.3
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	110.1	5.3	4.6	78.0	78.7	5.6	6.6	55.5	188.7	10.9	5.5	66.6
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	88.8	5.7	6.1	74.5	67.6	5.6	7.6	53.1	156.4	11.3	6.7	63.4
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.9	6.1	8.9	75.0	54.4	3.6	6.2	56.6	116.2	9.7	7.7	65.3
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	316.3	29.2	8.5	69.2	237.6	17.3	6.8	49.5	553.9	46.5	7.7	59.2
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	77.8	7.0	8.3	68.9	59.9	6.5	9.8	47.6	137.8	13.6	9.0	57.6
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	60.3	4.8	7.4	75.3	37.4	* 2.5	* 6.3	51.1	97.6	7.3	7.0	63.9
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	55.2	5.9	9.7	67.9	44.8	* 3.2	* 6.6	48.4	100.0	9.1	8.3	57.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	76.1	5.3	6.5	69.9	59.0	* 2.2	* 3.6	53.6	135.1	7.5	5.3	61.8
All Gippsland Statistical Region	46.9	6.1	11.5	63.6	36.5	* 2.8	* 7.2	46.7	83.3	8.9	9.7	55.1
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	924.7	77.8	7.8	73.3	712.9	55.4	7.2	55.2	1,637.6	133.3	7.5	64.2
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	425.2	33.5	7.3	73.8	339.6	26.2	7.2	56.3	764.8	59.7	7.2	64.8
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	97.6	6.8	6.5	70.2	89.2	4.2	4.5	58.9	186.8	11.0	5.6	64.4
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	132.9	9.1	6.4	71.9	105.6	7.0	6.2	55.0	238.5	16.0	6.3	63.3
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	91.6	9.4	9.3	78.0	69.7	6.3	8.3	57.5	161.3	15.7	8.9	67.6
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	103.1	8.2	7.4	76.1	75.1	8.7	10.4	54.4	178.2	16.9	8.7	65.0
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	499.5	44.3	8.1	73.0	373.3	29.2	7.3	54.2	872.8	73.5	7.8	63.6
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	100.4	11.1	10.0	71.4	70.4	8.3	10.5	50.3	170.8	19.4	10.2	60.8
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	76.3	8.7	10.3	71.6	61.0	5.0	7.6	53.5	137.3	13.7	9.1	62.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	47.7	8.0	14.4	64.5	38.2	* 3.6	* 8.6	50.5	85.9	11.6	11.9	57.6
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	66.8	* 1.9	* 2.8	72.6	50.6	* 2.5	* 4.7	55.7	117.3	4.4	3.6	64.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	90.7	6.6	6.7	80.2	61.2	4.2	6.5	56.5	151.8	10.8	6.6	68.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	67.6	* 3.3	* 4.6	76.3	51.0	* 2.7	* 5.0	60.9	118.6	6.0	4.8	68.8
Far North Statistical Region	50.1	4.7	8.6	73.1	40.9	* 2.9	* 6.7	54.8	91.1	7.6	7.7	63.7
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	106.7	11.0	9.3	72.4	73.4	7.8	9.6	49.5	180.1	18.7	9.4	60.9

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	371.3	36.5	9.0	69.6	288.5	24.5	7.8	51.1	659.9	61.0	8.5	60.1
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	273.5	26.5	8.8	69.9	213.4	19.3	8.3	50.8	486.9	45.9	8.6	60.0
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.4	9.1	9.7	70.5	65.9	7.2	9.8	51.4	150.3	16.3	9.8	60.7
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.1	6.3	10.9	66.5	40.2	4.3	9.7	50.6	91.3	10.6	10.4	58.4
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	53.3	3.9	6.8	67.8	48.4	2.6	5.1	50.9	101.7	6.5	6.0	58.7
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.7	7.3	7.9	73.0	58.9	5.3	8.2	50.1	143.6	12.5	8.0	61.5
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	97.8	10.0	9.3	68.7	75.1	5.1	6.4	52.0	172.9	15.1	8.0	60.4
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.1	4.7	11.0	67.6	28.4	* 1.3	* 4.4	50.8	66.4	6.0	8.3	59.5
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	59.7	5.3	8.1	69.5	46.8	3.8	7.5	52.7	106.5	9.1	7.9	61.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	513.1	36.2	6.6	75.0	390.3	23.5	5.7	56.4	903.4	59.7	6.2	65.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	372.8	27.4	6.9	74.6	294.4	17.2	5.5	56.3	667.2	44.7	6.3	65.3
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	34.3	1.7	4.6	73.4	26.8	* 1.2	* 4.4	59.5	61.1	2.9	4.5	66.6
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	58.2	4.2	6.8	72.6	43.7	3.3	6.9	53.1	102.0	7.5	6.8	62.7
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	119.9	8.1	6.3	76.8	94.5	5.3	5.3	58.3	214.4	13.4	5.9	67.4
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.3	5.7	6.9	74.7	64.0	3.8	5.6	56.5	141.3	9.5	6.3	65.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	83.1	7.8	8.5	73.6	65.4	3.6	5.2	54.4	148.5	11.4	7.1	63.9
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	140.3	8.8	5.9	75.9	95.9	6.3	6.1	56.9	236.2	15.1	6.0	66.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	66.2	4.7	6.6	69.0	48.7	3.7	7.1	52.8	114.9	8.4	6.8	61.1
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	74.1	4.1	5.2	83.5	47.2	* 2.5	* 5.1	61.9	121.2	6.6	5.2	73.5
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	109.2	11.2	9.3	66.8	85.2	7.0	7.6	48.6	194.3	18.3	8.6	57.5
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.2	5.2	9.1	65.1	43.1	3.3	7.2	49.2	95.3	8.6	8.3	56.9
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.7	4.1	8.7	64.5	36.4	3.0	7.6	49.1	80.1	7.1	8.2	56.5
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.0	3.0	8.2	68.9	23.4	1.4	5.7	46.8	56.4	4.4	7.2	57.7
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.0	3.0	11.1	67.8	18.6	2.3	10.9	49.6	42.6	5.3	11.1	58.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	54.9	1.0	1.8	76.8	42.7	2.1	4.6	67.6	97.6	3.1	3.1	72.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	132.1	10.9	7.7	74.6	111.6	5.8	4.9	59.9	243.8	16.7	6.4	67.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.1	6.3	7.1	77.7	77.2	3.4	4.2	65.9	160.2	9.7	5.7	71.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,944.5	382.9	7.2	72.0	3,787.1	269.9	6.7	53.2	8,731.6	652.8	7.0	62.5

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
	- '000-											
ORIGINAL												
1998 —												
June	60.3	35.9	96.2	82.8	44.3	127.1	143.1	80.3	223.3	33.2	26.5	30.4
July	63.4	40.0	103.3	88.1	45.8	133.9	151.5	85.8	237.3	35.2	29.1	32.8
August	68.1	37.4	105.5	90.6	47.6	138.1	158.7	84.9	243.6	36.5	29.3	33.6
September	66.5	43.2	109.7	99.5	46.4	145.9	166.0	89.6	255.6	37.5	28.1	33.5
October	64.3	35.4	99.7	83.4	47.1	130.5	147.7	82.5	230.2	37.4	28.6	33.7
November	59.1	37.2	96.3	99.3	46.6	145.9	158.5	83.8	242.2	38.6	28.3	34.3
December	55.3	40.7	96.0	85.7	43.9	129.6	141.0	84.6	225.6	34.2	29.0	32.0
1999 —												
January	62.6	41.4	104.0	91.9	42.0	133.9	154.5	83.4	237.9	34.5	27.1	31.5
February	58.5	41.1	99.6	96.3	47.8	144.1	154.9	88.9	243.7	34.9	26.4	31.2
March	55.5	36.9	92.4	85.1	43.8	128.9	140.5	80.7	221.2	34.7	24.4	30.0
April	52.2	32.3	84.5	83.0	42.1	125.2	135.2	74.5	209.7	33.6	24.6	29.7
May	54.4	36.9	91.3	84.9	36.1	121.0	139.3	73.0	212.3	35.0	25.1	30.8
June	49.0	25.6	74.6	75.8	41.2	117.0	124.8	66.8	191.6	33.6	24.1	29.5
July	43.6	28.6	72.2	76.9	38.2	115.1	120.5	66.8	187.3	33.5	25.2	30.0
August	46.0	32.3	78.4	76.0	37.3	113.3	122.0	69.6	191.6	31.9	25.8	29.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1998 —												
June	64.6	39.9	104.5	84.9	46.2	131.1	149.5	86.1	235.6	33.5	26.8	30.7
July	64.0	41.5	105.6	94.8	48.0	142.9	158.9	89.6	248.4	35.4	28.3	32.5
August	67.8	40.3	108.2	94.2	47.3	141.6	162.1	87.7	249.8	36.2	28.5	33.0
September	64.3	41.3	105.6	93.7	45.5	139.2	158.0	86.8	244.7	36.2	27.3	32.5
October	64.5	36.5	100.9	88.8	44.8	133.6	153.3	81.2	234.5	36.7	27.2	32.7
November	59.6	36.8	96.4	100.4	45.4	145.8	160.0	82.2	242.1	37.4	26.1	32.6
December	57.2	39.4	96.6	85.6	45.8	131.5	142.8	85.3	228.0	34.4	28.9	32.1
1999 —												
January	60.1	39.7	99.8	90.7	45.8	136.5	150.8	85.5	236.3	36.8	29.1	33.6
February	55.3	35.5	90.8	87.4	43.7	131.0	142.7	79.2	221.9	35.1	27.3	31.9
March	53.9	36.0	89.9	79.2	42.9	122.1	133.1	78.9	212.0	34.2	25.8	30.5
April	53.7	33.3	86.9	84.1	41.8	125.8	137.8	75.0	212.8	33.7	25.2	30.1
May	55.4	38.8	94.2	88.4	36.7	125.2	143.9	75.5	219.4	35.6	25.4	31.3
June	52.7	28.5	81.2	77.7	43.0	120.8	130.4	71.5	202.0	33.8	24.4	29.7
July	44.0	29.6	73.6	83.0	40.1	123.0	127.0	69.7	196.7	33.8	24.4	29.8
August	45.7	34.9	80.6	79.0	37.1	116.1	124.7	72.0	196.7	31.5	25.1	28.8
TREND SERIES												
1998 —												
June	64.9	40.7	105.6	89.1	46.7	135.8	154.1	87.3	241.4	34.8	27.7	31.9
July	65.1	40.5	105.6	91.0	46.9	137.9	156.1	87.4	243.6	35.2	27.8	32.1
August	64.9	40.1	105.0	92.6	46.7	139.3	157.5	86.8	244.3	35.7	27.7	32.4
September	64.2	39.5	103.7	93.7	46.3	140.0	157.9	85.8	243.7	36.2	27.6	32.6
October	63.0	39.0	102.0	93.7	45.9	139.6	156.7	84.9	241.6	36.5	27.7	32.8
November	61.2	38.4	99.6	92.5	45.6	138.1	153.6	84.1	237.7	36.4	27.8	32.8
December	59.2	38.0	97.1	90.5	45.3	135.8	149.7	83.2	232.9	36.1	27.8	32.6
1999 —												
January	57.5	37.6	95.1	88.4	44.6	133.0	145.9	82.2	228.2	35.6	27.6	32.2
February r	56.4	37.0	93.3	86.5	43.8	130.2	142.8	80.7	223.6	35.2	27.2	31.8
March r	55.3	36.0	91.3	84.8	42.7	127.5	140.2	78.7	218.9	34.8	26.5	31.3
April r	54.0	34.8	88.8	83.6	41.6	125.2	137.6	76.4	214.0	34.5	25.7	30.8
May r	52.3	33.6	85.9	82.8	40.6	123.4	135.1	74.2	209.3	34.2	25.1	30.3
June r	50.4	32.7	83.1	82.0	39.8	121.8	132.3	72.5	204.9	33.8	24.8	29.9
July r	48.3	32.1	80.4	81.1	39.2	120.2	129.4	71.2	200.6	33.3	24.5	29.5
August	46.7	31.8	78.5	80.5	38.7	119.2	127.2	70.5	197.7	32.9	24.5	29.3

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1999
(**'000**)

<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Unemployed under 52 weeks</i>	<i>Long-term unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment</i>
		<i>Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104</i>	<i>Unemployed 104 weeks and over</i>		
MALES					
New South Wales	78.1	12.6	24.6	37.2	32.3
Victoria	64.4	12.6	21.4	34.0	34.5
Queensland	54.6	9.7	13.5	23.2	29.8
South Australia	22.6	5.5	8.5	14.0	38.3
Western Australia	29.4	2.9	4.0	6.8	18.9
Tasmania	6.7	1.7	2.8	4.5	40.4
Northern Territory	* 0.9	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 13.8
Australian Capital Territory	4.2	* 0.8	1.4	2.1	34.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>260.9</i>	<i>46.0</i>	<i>76.0</i>	<i>122.0</i>	<i>31.9</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	64.8	10.4	11.5	21.9	25.2
Victoria	49.9	8.6	8.9	17.5	26.0
Queensland	42.6	5.2	7.6	12.8	23.2
South Australia	15.5	3.8	5.2	9.0	36.7
Western Australia	18.4	2.9	* 2.2	5.1	21.7
Tasmania	4.7	1.1	1.2	2.3	32.6
Northern Territory	1.9	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 9.3
Australian Capital Territory	2.5	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 0.8	* 24.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>200.3</i>	<i>32.3</i>	<i>37.3</i>	<i>69.6</i>	<i>25.8</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	142.9	23.0	36.1	59.1	29.2
Victoria	114.3	21.2	30.3	51.5	31.1
Queensland	97.2	14.9	21.1	36.0	27.0
South Australia	38.0	9.3	13.7	23.0	37.6
Western Australia	47.8	5.8	6.1	11.9	20.0
Tasmania	11.4	2.9	4.0	6.8	37.4
Northern Territory	2.7	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 10.8
Australian Capital Territory	6.7	1.2	1.8	3.0	30.7
Australia	461.2	78.4	113.3	191.6	29.4

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY
(‘000)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Wholesale trade</i>	<i>Retail trade</i>	<i>Accommodation, cafes and restaurants</i>	<i>Transport and storage</i>
ORIGINAL									
<i>1997 —</i>									
August	414.6	80.8	1,143.0	66.0	566.8	472.5	1,195.1	392.1	390.8
November	451.5	82.8	1,137.2	64.6	597.2	493.1	1,276.0	401.5	389.4
<i>1998 —</i>									
February	439.8	80.8	1,109.7	61.3	605.2	506.0	1,261.5	395.3	401.0
May	417.4	86.5	1,095.0	65.7	619.2	528.3	1,243.3	422.8	395.8
August	412.5	86.6	1,104.4	69.0	624.3	507.9	1,254.0	402.0	380.0
November	412.7	81.7	1,083.6	64.2	639.9	497.1	1,301.4	410.6	403.4
<i>1999 —</i>									
February	429.5	74.4	1,074.5	58.8	624.5	507.8	1,315.6	413.8	435.2
May	432.6	75.8	1,067.3	66.9	647.7	514.0	1,323.1	418.6	416.3
August	435.7	75.6	1,067.5	67.0	675.5	535.9	1,313.0	400.9	414.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
<i>1997 —</i>									
August	421.0	80.1	1,138.7	65.3	573.5	476.6	1,212.4	397.4	395.3
November	445.6	83.5	1,132.0	64.6	591.8	498.5	1,261.1	398.2	392.5
<i>1998 —</i>									
February	432.8	82.4	1,109.7	62.5	603.8	509.3	1,259.8	400.7	394.6
May	423.4	84.8	1,104.6	65.1	618.9	514.6	1,242.0	414.7	394.7
August	419.1	85.9	1,100.0	68.4	632.0	512.7	1,272.5	407.7	384.3
November	407.2	82.4	1,078.3	64.1	633.8	502.6	1,285.2	407.4	406.7
<i>1999 —</i>									
February	422.4	75.9	1,074.6	60.0	623.2	511.0	1,313.9	419.7	428.2
May	438.8	74.3	1,076.8	66.2	647.3	500.4	1,322.0	410.3	415.2
August	442.8	75.0	1,063.1	66.3	684.1	541.3	1,332.6	406.7	419.4
TREND									
<i>1997 —</i>									
August	432.3	80.7	1,136.7	65.5	578.6	487.0	1,229.0	399.9	394.3
November	435.0	81.9	1,127.9	64.2	588.9	494.8	1,244.7	398.4	394.3
<i>1998 —</i>									
February	434.0	83.6	1,116.1	64.0	604.5	507.6	1,253.7	403.8	392.7
May	425.4	85.0	1,104.6	65.5	620.0	513.3	1,257.4	407.9	390.2
August	415.2	84.6	1,093.5	65.7	628.0	511.6	1,266.7	410.4	394.8
November r	414.4	81.6	1,084.1	64.3	628.9	506.0	1,288.2	412.2	406.2
<i>1999 —</i>									
February r	422.6	77.6	1,076.5	63.4	634.7	506.4	1,308.3	412.8	416.9
May r	434.1	74.9	1,071.3	64.2	650.5	514.7	1,322.6	412.0	421.2
August	443.2	73.7	1,067.2	66.2	672.6	526.8	1,334.8	409.1	420.0

TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY—continued
(’000)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Communication services</i>	<i>Finance and insurance</i>	<i>Property and business services</i>	<i>Government administration and defence</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Health and community services</i>	<i>Cultural and recreational services</i>	<i>Personal and other services</i>
ORIGINAL								
<i>1997 —</i>								
August	151.9	312.5	887.3	337.9	583.6	779.7	196.4	335.4
November	148.9	308.4	874.7	350.4	587.2	798.1	210.6	343.0
<i>1998 —</i>								
February	147.8	307.7	905.2	340.1	554.7	800.0	201.6	340.1
May	146.0	324.6	921.3	328.7	608.1	819.6	204.8	339.4
August	151.1	322.3	939.9	329.0	602.9	808.5	200.2	342.6
November	154.3	332.5	944.4	339.8	606.4	816.8	213.0	349.1
<i>1999 —</i>								
February	144.5	322.2	942.0	351.9	580.5	833.4	206.6	333.4
May	155.6	302.4	953.8	360.5	624.1	810.9	217.2	329.8
August	149.3	308.5	971.8	343.4	627.6	792.4	207.5	345.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
<i>1997 —</i>								
August	155.5	314.5	879.5	343.2	576.1	780.2	201.1	341.9
November	147.1	310.0	875.7	348.3	579.1	794.6	205.9	339.9
<i>1998 —</i>								
February	146.0	309.8	911.3	334.8	583.3	808.4	201.7	338.9
May	146.2	318.6	922.0	331.0	595.0	814.3	204.8	337.2
August	154.5	324.6	932.3	334.0	595.4	809.2	205.0	349.0
November	152.8	334.2	944.8	337.6	597.7	812.7	208.0	346.5
<i>1999 —</i>								
February	142.7	324.4	948.8	346.3	610.6	842.1	206.6	332.2
May	155.7	296.7	954.2	363.3	610.5	805.8	217.4	327.5
August	152.6	310.8	964.2	348.5	619.9	793.2	212.5	351.7
TREND								
<i>1997 —</i>								
August	154.4	312.2	865.9	349.4	576.0	779.0	202.8	341.0
November	149.1	310.2	887.1	342.1	579.2	794.4	203.2	340.8
<i>1998 —</i>								
February	146.1	312.0	905.5	336.6	585.3	806.7	203.7	339.0
May	148.7	318.1	921.4	332.8	591.1	810.2	204.3	341.9
August	150.7	327.3	934.7	332.4	596.2	814.7	204.9	345.0
November r	150.5	328.2	942.3	339.8	600.9	821.4	207.2	341.5
<i>1999 —</i>								
February r	149.9	319.8	949.4	348.2	606.6	821.8	210.0	336.4
May r	150.9	309.9	955.9	353.9	613.1	813.2	212.8	335.9
August	153.1	302.3	962.1	356.2	619.0	798.7	214.8	340.8

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NOTES

- INTRODUCTION** **1** This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.
- REGIONAL ESTIMATES** **2** This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.
- 3** The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability than for similar estimates at the State level. In addition estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.
- 4** Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6262.0).
- INDUSTRY** **5** From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993* (cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.
- STANDARD ERRORS** **6** Standard errors of the estimates in this report for the States, Territories and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Michael Johnson on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
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