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# **July 1998 Labour Force Selected Summary Tables Australia**

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**TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, JULY 1998(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>
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,639.4	128.2	7.3	72.0	1,255.2	88.7	6.6	52.9	2,894.6	216.9	7.0	62.3
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,063.2	59.9	5.3	73.8	834.8	46.7	5.3	55.6	1,897.9	106.6	5.3	64.5
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	118.6	* 3.3	* 2.7	71.6	96.0	5.2	5.1	58.3	214.6	8.5	3.8	64.9
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	73.1	* 2.7	* 3.5	72.7	57.9	* 2.9	* 4.8	60.7	131.0	5.6	4.1	66.8
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	70.3	* 2.7	* 3.7	72.4	64.6	* 1.1	* 1.6	62.9	134.9	3.8	2.7	67.6
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	110.9	4.6	4.0	75.9	92.9	* 2.9	* 3.0	57.5	203.8	7.5	3.5	66.3
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	68.5	5.8	7.8	65.9	52.7	3.3	5.9	46.6	121.2	9.1	7.0	56.0
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	136.5	14.8	9.8	73.8	98.2	11.3	10.3	52.6	234.8	26.1	10.0	63.1
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	75.2	8.4	10.1	69.6	54.3	5.3	8.9	48.3	129.5	13.7	9.6	58.8
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	75.2	5.1	6.3	71.8	52.8	* 2.3	* 4.1	47.4	128.0	7.3	5.4	59.3
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	155.5	9.3	5.7	76.6	113.7	8.4	6.9	57.5	269.2	17.7	6.2	67.1
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	80.2	* 2.5	* 3.0	81.9	72.4	* 2.8	* 3.7	67.9	152.7	5.2	3.3	74.6
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	111.5	* 3.1	* 2.7	76.2	89.5	4.4	4.7	57.0	201.0	7.5	3.6	66.2
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	69.1	2.4	3.3	74.2	53.5	* 0.9	* 1.7	56.3	122.6	3.3	2.6	65.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	66.9	6.4	8.7	69.2	48.3	4.1	7.8	47.1	115.2	10.5	8.3	57.9
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	576.2	68.3	10.6	69.0	420.5	42.1	9.1	48.3	996.7	110.3	10.0	58.5
Hunter Statistical Region	127.5	15.6	10.9	65.6	92.5	9.4	9.2	44.6	220.0	25.0	10.2	54.9
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	104.9	14.1	11.8	67.0	75.9	7.6	9.1	46.0	180.8	21.7	10.7	56.4
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	151.6	14.7	8.9	69.5	107.7	11.8	9.9	50.1	259.3	26.6	9.3	59.8
Illawarra Statistical Region	100.6	12.9	11.4	69.9	69.5	9.3	11.8	47.9	170.1	22.3	11.6	58.8
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	73.1	11.5	13.6	72.9	51.7	6.9	11.8	50.4	124.8	18.4	12.9	61.6
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	88.5	21.0	19.2	64.0	74.8	11.3	13.1	44.9	163.3	32.3	16.5	53.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	138.7	11.2	7.5	74.7	98.8	* 4.5	* 4.4	53.7	237.5	15.7	6.2	64.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	70.0	5.8	7.6	72.0	46.6	5.0	9.7	48.9	116.6	10.8	8.5	60.4

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	<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>
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
<b>VICTORIA</b>												
VICTORIA	1,212.5	102.7	7.8	72.9	940.4	82.8	8.1	54.4	2,152.9	185.5	7.9	63.4
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	899.1	71.0	7.3	74.2	707.2	60.2	7.8	55.9	1,606.2	131.2	7.6	64.8
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	143.5	14.6	9.2	73.7	100.9	9.4	8.5	51.3	244.4	24.0	8.9	62.5
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	65.0	3.5	5.1	72.0	51.2	6.5	11.3	53.8	116.2	10.0	7.9	62.4
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	60.0	7.1	10.6	77.1	64.8	5.1	7.3	70.5	124.8	12.2	8.9	73.6
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.8	10.2	8.5	75.2	85.7	7.5	8.1	54.2	195.6	17.8	8.3	64.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	151.1	11.2	6.9	70.4	127.1	7.5	5.6	53.3	278.1	18.7	6.3	61.5
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	103.8	7.4	6.7	74.0	82.8	6.3	7.0	55.9	186.5	13.7	6.9	64.7
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	117.6	6.6	5.3	81.5	90.0	5.1	5.3	63.3	207.6	11.7	5.3	72.4
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	90.7	6.4	6.6	73.9	64.3	9.1	12.4	56.8	155.0	15.5	9.1	65.4
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	57.6	4.0	6.4	70.6	40.4	3.6	8.3	50.3	98.1	7.6	7.2	60.5
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	313.4	31.7	9.2	69.6	233.2	22.6	8.8	50.1	546.7	54.3	9.0	59.7
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	83.9	9.3	10.0	70.8	64.6	5.8	8.2	50.3	148.6	15.1	9.2	60.2
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	59.8	* 3.7	* 5.8	75.8	38.0	5.0	11.6	51.5	97.8	8.7	8.2	63.7
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	62.2	6.7	9.7	69.8	42.1	* 3.7	* 8.1	48.1	104.4	10.4	9.0	59.2
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	63.4	* 4.1	* 6.1	66.7	56.0	* 3.5	* 5.9	54.1	119.5	7.7	6.0	60.1
All Gippsland Statistical Region	44.1	7.9	15.2	64.4	32.5	* 4.6	* 12.5	45.3	76.5	12.5	14.1	54.8
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>												
QUEENSLAND	911.0	91.6	9.1	74.1	704.8	59.5	7.8	55.5	1,615.8	151.2	8.6	64.7
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	420.5	37.2	8.1	75.0	334.0	27.7	7.7	57.1	754.5	65.0	7.9	65.9
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	106.0	8.1	7.1	72.7	97.5	4.6	4.5	62.3	203.4	12.7	5.9	67.4
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	134.1	7.7	5.4	74.2	98.8	8.2	7.7	54.9	232.9	15.9	6.4	64.4
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	82.7	10.3	11.0	78.6	65.7	5.8	8.1	56.6	148.4	16.1	9.8	67.2
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	97.7	11.2	10.3	75.5	72.0	9.1	11.2	54.8	169.7	20.3	10.7	65.0
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	490.4	54.4	10.0	73.4	370.8	31.8	7.9	54.1	861.3	86.2	9.1	63.8
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	96.4	12.7	11.7	70.2	75.4	6.2	7.6	53.4	171.8	18.9	9.9	61.9
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	74.8	10.3	12.1	72.0	65.2	5.7	8.0	54.8	140.0	15.9	10.2	63.0
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	48.4	7.6	13.6	61.0	34.9	5.0	12.5	43.3	83.2	12.6	13.2	52.2
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	67.0	4.6	6.4	76.6	51.6	* 2.7	* 5.0	57.9	118.6	7.4	5.8	67.2
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	92.4	8.5	8.4	79.4	59.6	6.0	9.2	55.4	152.0	14.5	8.7	67.8
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.3	5.9	9.1	78.5	42.3	4.2	9.1	55.6	100.6	10.1	9.1	66.9
Far North Statistical Region	53.2	4.9	8.4	77.5	41.8	* 2.0	* 4.5	59.9	95.1	6.8	6.7	68.8
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	97.6	13.8	12.4	69.6	75.1	5.7	7.0	52.5	172.7	19.4	10.1	61.2

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	366.8	42.6	10.4	69.9	273.2	26.6	8.9	49.4	640.0	69.2	9.8	59.5
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	265.8	32.3	10.8	69.3	208.6	19.0	8.3	50.1	474.4	51.3	9.8	59.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	86.4	10.7	11.0	72.2	60.8	7.9	11.5	49.9	147.3	18.6	11.2	60.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	43.8	7.1	14.0	60.9	39.2	3.4	7.9	49.1	83.1	10.5	11.2	54.9
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	57.0	4.7	7.7	68.2	44.5	2.3	4.9	47.0	101.5	7.0	6.5	57.1
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	78.5	9.7	11.0	72.7	64.1	5.4	7.8	53.4	142.6	15.2	9.6	62.7
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	101.0	10.3	9.3	71.5	64.6	7.6	10.5	47.4	165.6	17.9	9.8	59.6
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	34.8	4.4	11.1	66.8	25.9	2.4	8.4	49.4	60.8	6.8	10.0	58.2
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	66.2	6.0	8.2	74.4	38.7	5.2	11.9	46.2	104.9	11.2	9.6	60.4
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	501.4	40.5	7.5	76.1	388.0	25.1	6.1	57.5	889.4	65.6	6.9	66.8
Perth Major Statistical Region	361.3	29.4	7.5	75.4	288.5	19.9	6.4	57.2	649.9	49.2	7.0	66.2
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	26.9	3.1	10.4	69.9	22.7	* 0.8	* 3.2	57.0	49.5	3.9	7.3	63.6
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	59.1	4.6	7.3	73.9	45.0	3.1	6.4	54.5	104.1	7.7	6.9	64.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	116.5	9.2	7.3	77.9	98.2	5.9	5.6	60.7	214.7	15.0	6.5	69.0
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.0	6.3	7.9	76.4	55.2	4.9	8.1	54.3	128.2	11.1	8.0	65.0
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	85.8	6.2	6.7	74.4	67.5	5.3	7.3	57.1	153.3	11.4	6.9	65.6
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	140.1	11.2	7.4	77.8	99.5	5.2	4.9	58.3	239.6	16.3	6.4	68.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	65.2	4.8	6.8	74.9	46.0	3.3	6.8	52.1	111.2	8.1	6.8	63.4
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	74.9	6.4	7.9	80.5	53.5	* 1.8	* 3.3	65.2	128.4	8.2	6.0	73.5
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	107.9	15.9	12.8	68.3	86.0	7.2	7.7	49.7	194.0	23.1	10.6	58.9
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.8	6.6	11.1	67.5	44.0	2.8	6.0	51.5	96.8	9.4	8.9	59.4
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.7	5.7	11.4	67.6	38.6	2.1	5.2	51.5	83.3	7.9	8.6	59.3
Northern Statistical Region Sector	30.0	5.6	15.6	70.6	23.8	2.9	10.9	50.0	53.8	8.5	13.6	60.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.1	3.7	13.0	67.5	18.3	1.4	7.2	45.7	43.4	5.2	10.7	56.6
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	49.5	3.5	6.6	78.3	39.7	* 1.0	* 2.5	62.4	89.3	4.5	4.8	70.5
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	135.9	9.3	6.4	75.4	114.0	6.8	5.6	62.5	249.9	16.1	6.1	68.9
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.9	7.6	8.2	79.9	75.9	4.3	5.3	67.0	160.8	11.8	6.9	73.3
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,873.4	432.7	8.2	72.9	3,763.3	295.1	7.3	54.1	8,636.8	727.8	7.8	63.4

(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-			per cent	
ORIGINAL														
1997 —														
May	72.4	38.4	110.8	80.6	46.8	127.4	153.0	85.2	238.2	33.4	25.5	30.1		
June	69.1	39.6	108.7	84.3	46.2	130.5	153.4	85.9	239.3	35.1	27.3	31.9		
July	73.3	39.1	112.4	78.9	44.7	123.6	152.2	83.8	236.0	34.0	27.6	31.4		
August	65.6	39.9	105.5	82.6	47.2	129.8	148.2	87.1	235.3	33.1	27.5	30.8		
September	74.6	41.8	116.4	97.4	54.0	151.4	172.0	95.8	267.8	36.6	29.6	33.8		
October	67.9	39.6	107.5	90.1	49.1	139.2	158.0	88.7	246.7	37.0	28.6	33.5		
November	78.2	43.9	122.1	86.1	40.0	126.1	164.3	83.9	248.2	37.6	28.0	33.7		
December	78.4	44.7	123.2	85.7	41.2	126.9	164.2	85.9	250.1	36.8	27.1	32.7		
1998 —														
January	72.1	42.0	114.1	84.9	39.2	124.1	157.0	81.2	238.3	32.9	24.0	29.2		
February	74.2	47.5	121.7	94.1	47.9	142.0	168.3	95.4	263.7	34.9	26.5	31.3		
March	69.3	38.7	108.1	93.4	45.2	138.6	162.7	83.9	246.6	35.4	24.5	30.8		
April	65.0	41.9	106.9	85.4	43.6	129.1	150.4	85.6	236.0	36.0	26.9	32.0		
May	62.5	38.0	100.6	83.9	47.0	130.9	146.4	85.0	231.4	33.8	27.9	31.3		
June	60.5	35.9	96.4	83.4	44.6	127.9	143.9	80.4	224.4	33.3	26.5	30.5		
July	63.9	40.1	103.9	89.0	46.0	135.0	152.9	86.0	238.9	35.3	29.2	32.8		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED														
1997 —														
May	72.0	39.8	111.7	82.0	48.2	130.2	153.9	88.0	241.9	33.2	25.5	29.9		
June	71.9	43.8	115.7	86.0	47.7	133.6	157.9	91.5	249.3	34.9	27.6	31.8		
July	74.0	41.5	115.5	84.5	47.5	132.0	158.5	89.0	247.5	33.4	27.3	30.9		
August	70.4	42.8	113.2	87.3	47.5	134.8	157.7	90.3	248.1	34.1	27.0	31.1		
September	72.9	41.0	113.8	95.7	52.7	148.4	168.6	93.7	262.2	36.3	29.0	33.3		
October	69.2	39.5	108.8	94.4	47.0	141.4	163.6	86.5	250.1	36.3	26.8	32.3		
November	75.2	42.9	118.1	87.9	39.1	127.0	163.1	82.0	245.1	35.6	25.6	31.5		
December	79.4	44.9	124.3	84.9	42.9	127.8	164.3	87.8	252.1	36.9	27.8	33.1		
1998 —														
January	71.2	41.2	112.4	82.9	42.0	124.9	154.1	83.2	237.3	35.5	25.9	31.4		
February	70.3	40.6	111.0	87.1	42.9	129.9	157.4	83.5	240.9	35.4	27.2	32.1		
March	67.0	36.0	103.0	86.3	43.9	130.2	153.3	79.9	233.2	34.7	25.1	30.7		
April	66.7	44.3	110.9	84.9	43.8	128.6	151.5	88.0	239.6	35.9	28.0	32.5		
May	62.2	39.5	101.7	85.4	48.6	133.9	147.5	88.1	235.6	33.6	28.0	31.3		
June	63.3	39.6	102.9	85.0	46.0	131.1	148.3	85.7	234.0	33.1	26.8	30.5		
July	64.3	42.4	106.7	95.5	49.0	144.5	159.8	91.4	251.2	34.8	28.7	32.3		
TREND SERIES														
1997 —														
May	70.7	41.9	112.6	82.3	49.2	131.5	153.0	91.1	244.0	32.9	27.2	30.5		
June	71.4	41.9	113.3	84.6	49.0	133.6	156.1	90.9	246.9	33.6	27.2	30.9		
July	71.9	41.8	113.7	87.4	48.8	136.1	159.3	90.6	249.8	34.3	27.3	31.4		
August	72.3	41.8	114.1	89.6	48.2	137.8	161.9	90.0	251.9	35.0	27.4	31.8		
September	72.9	41.9	114.8	90.7	47.2	137.9	163.6	89.1	252.7	35.5	27.4	32.2		
October	73.5	42.1	115.5	90.4	45.7	136.2	163.9	87.8	251.7	35.9	27.2	32.3		
November	73.9	42.0	115.9	89.3	44.1	133.4	163.2	86.1	249.3	36.1	26.9	32.3		
December	73.7	41.8	115.5	87.6	42.8	130.4	161.4	84.5	245.9	36.1	26.6	32.2		
1998 —														
January r	72.6	41.4	114.1	85.9	42.2	128.0	158.5	83.6	242.1	35.9	26.5	32.0		
February r	70.6	40.9	111.5	84.8	42.6	127.4	155.5	83.5	238.9	35.5	26.5	31.7		
March r	68.2	40.5	108.6	84.9	43.8	128.7	153.1	84.2	237.4	35.1	26.7	31.6		
April r	66.0	40.2	106.2	85.8	45.1	130.9	151.8	85.4	237.1	34.7	27.1	31.5		
May r	64.3	40.4	104.7	86.9	46.2	133.2	151.3	86.6	237.9	34.3	27.4	31.4		
June r	63.2	40.6	103.8	88.2	47.2	135.4	151.4	87.8	239.2	34.1	27.7	31.4		
July	62.7	41.1	103.8	89.6	48.2	137.8	152.3	89.3	241.6	33.9	28.1	31.5		

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1998  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed		Total	Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over		
<b>MALES</b>					
New South Wales	79.5	19.4	29.3	48.7	38.0
Victoria	66.6	15.6	20.6	36.2	35.2
Queensland	63.4	11.0	17.2	28.3	30.9
South Australia	23.7	8.8	10.2	19.0	44.5
Western Australia	29.9	4.5	6.2	10.6	26.3
Tasmania	9.0	3.0	3.9	6.9	43.3
Northern Territory	2.7	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 0.8	* 22.7
Australian Capital Territory	5.2	1.2	1.1	2.4	31.5
<i>Australia</i>	<i>279.8</i>	<i>63.9</i>	<i>89.0</i>	<i>152.9</i>	<i>35.3</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>					
New South Wales	61.4	12.3	15.1	27.3	30.8
Victoria	58.3	10.6	13.9	24.5	29.6
Queensland	42.4	9.6	7.6	17.1	28.8
South Australia	18.5	3.7	4.4	8.1	30.4
Western Australia	20.2	* 2.1	* 2.7	4.8	19.3
Tasmania	4.5	1.4	1.3	2.7	37.6
Northern Territory	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 18.6
Australian Capital Territory	3.0	* 0.4	* 0.8	1.3	29.5
<i>Australia</i>	<i>209.1</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>46.0</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>29.2</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>					
New South Wales	140.9	31.7	44.3	76.0	35.1
Victoria	124.8	26.3	34.5	60.7	32.7
Queensland	105.8	20.6	24.8	45.4	30.0
South Australia	42.1	12.4	14.6	27.0	39.1
Western Australia	50.1	6.6	8.9	15.5	23.6
Tasmania	13.5	4.4	5.2	9.6	41.5
Northern Territory	3.5	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 21.7
Australian Capital Territory	8.2	1.7	2.0	3.6	30.8
<b>Australia</b>	<b>488.9</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>238.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>

## 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 Matthew Paull on Canberra (02) 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
- 7** 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.
- SYMBOLS**      \*      subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.  
r      revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.
- FURTHER INFORMATION**      **8** For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

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