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# **May 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, MAY 1998(b)**

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,614.6	133.2	7.6	71.3	1,220.7	94.0	7.1	51.8	2,835.3	227.2	7.4	61.4
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,043.9	69.7	6.3	73.3	810.5	53.5	6.2	54.6	1,854.4	123.2	6.2	63.8
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	115.0	* 3.5	* 3.0	70.5	85.2	6.1	6.7	53.3	200.2	9.6	4.6	61.8
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	68.6	* 1.1	* 1.5	70.2	49.0	* 3.2	* 6.2	52.5	117.6	4.3	3.5	61.4
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	63.3	4.9	7.2	71.4	64.4	* 2.6	* 3.8	67.7	127.8	7.4	5.5	69.5
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	116.1	5.2	4.3	74.6	94.7	4.2	4.3	59.8	210.8	9.4	4.3	67.1
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	67.7	5.4	7.4	67.0	47.2	4.2	8.2	44.2	114.9	9.6	7.7	55.2
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	130.3	16.4	11.2	72.5	92.7	11.0	10.6	50.7	223.0	27.4	10.9	61.5
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	70.9	9.3	11.5	68.4	47.2	6.7	12.5	45.6	118.1	16.0	11.9	57.0
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	70.6	6.8	8.8	69.5	49.4	3.5	6.6	45.3	120.0	10.3	7.9	57.1
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	162.3	12.8	7.3	78.3	113.9	8.7	7.1	55.4	276.2	21.5	7.2	66.9
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.7	* 2.7	* 3.4	79.2	70.5	* 3.3	* 4.5	65.3	146.1	6.0	3.9	71.8
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	106.8	* 3.2	* 2.9	75.3	92.6	4.5	4.6	58.9	199.4	7.7	3.7	66.6
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	67.9	3.2	4.4	74.7	56.4	* 0.9	* 1.7	58.6	124.3	4.1	3.2	66.5
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	68.1	5.6	7.6	70.0	43.6	4.4	9.2	42.7	111.8	10.1	8.3	55.9
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	570.7	63.5	10.0	68.1	410.2	40.5	9.0	47.2	980.9	104.0	9.6	57.5
Hunter Statistical Region	129.6	17.6	11.9	65.3	93.7	7.7	7.6	45.5	223.3	25.2	10.2	55.5
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	105.4	15.9	13.1	64.9	77.6	6.0	7.2	46.7	183.0	21.9	10.7	56.0
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	142.7	13.3	8.5	68.6	104.3	11.7	10.1	48.6	247.0	25.0	9.2	58.3
Illawarra Statistical Region	95.3	9.6	9.2	69.4	67.3	10.6	13.6	48.0	162.6	20.3	11.1	58.3
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	71.5	8.1	10.2	74.0	51.2	9.0	15.0	51.7	122.7	17.2	12.3	62.4
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	92.3	16.0	14.7	62.4	76.5	11.6	13.2	44.6	168.7	27.6	14.0	52.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	132.2	11.6	8.1	73.1	93.7	5.9	5.9	52.2	226.0	17.5	7.2	62.8
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	73.9	5.1	6.5	72.7	42.0	* 3.6	* 7.9	43.5	115.9	8.7	7.0	58.4

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	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment	Partici- pation	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment	Partici- pation	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment	Partici- pation
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,217.7	109.7	8.3	73.7	935.1	79.6	7.8	54.0	2,152.8	189.3	8.1	63.7
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	898.2	78.8	8.1	74.9	690.2	57.5	7.7	54.7	1,588.4	136.3	7.9	64.5
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	141.4	17.1	10.8	72.7	99.2	10.0	9.2	51.1	240.5	27.1	10.1	62.0
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	60.9	6.6	9.8	73.2	50.0	6.1	10.8	54.2	111.0	12.7	10.3	63.1
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	61.4	6.6	9.7	75.2	58.4	3.5	5.7	63.8	119.8	10.1	7.8	69.3
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	108.6	10.5	8.8	75.4	85.0	5.8	6.4	53.3	193.5	16.3	7.8	63.9
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	150.4	11.3	7.0	71.2	122.5	8.5	6.5	50.7	272.9	19.8	6.8	60.3
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	103.6	6.3	5.7	75.1	85.2	4.8	5.3	55.8	188.8	11.1	5.6	65.0
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	120.6	6.8	5.4	82.3	86.7	6.9	7.4	61.8	207.3	13.7	6.2	72.2
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	91.0	8.2	8.3	76.2	62.4	7.2	10.4	55.9	153.4	15.5	9.2	66.3
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	60.4	5.3	8.0	75.0	40.8	4.6	10.0	52.0	101.2	9.8	8.8	63.6
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	319.5	30.9	8.8	70.7	244.9	22.1	8.3	52.3	564.4	53.0	8.6	61.4
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	84.5	9.5	10.1	72.7	67.5	5.8	7.9	53.8	151.9	15.3	9.1	63.0
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	56.8	* 4.5	* 7.4	71.4	37.9	5.0	11.7	51.8	94.7	9.6	9.2	61.8
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	64.3	5.1	7.4	74.2	47.0	* 2.5	* 5.1	51.4	111.3	7.6	6.4	62.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	68.6	5.1	6.9	69.0	57.3	5.9	9.4	55.6	126.0	11.0	8.0	62.1
All Gippsland Statistical Region	45.4	6.7	12.9	64.6	35.1	* 2.8	* 7.5	46.9	80.5	9.6	10.6	55.7
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	903.2	87.1	8.8	73.4	706.2	60.2	7.9	55.8	1,609.4	147.3	8.4	64.5
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	418.3	33.8	7.5	74.2	335.9	25.1	6.9	57.1	754.3	58.8	7.2	65.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	105.7	7.6	6.7	72.1	94.2	3.5	3.6	61.9	199.9	11.1	5.2	67.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	128.1	9.3	6.8	72.0	97.1	8.1	7.7	54.2	225.2	17.3	7.1	63.0
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	86.6	7.5	8.0	77.8	65.7	6.9	9.4	57.1	152.3	14.4	8.6	67.2
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	98.0	9.4	8.7	76.5	78.8	6.6	7.8	55.9	176.8	16.0	8.3	65.8
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	484.9	53.3	9.9	72.7	370.3	35.2	8.7	54.7	855.2	88.5	9.4	63.7
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	95.2	10.4	9.8	68.4	74.7	7.3	8.9	53.5	169.9	17.6	9.4	61.0
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	72.7	11.5	13.7	72.1	66.0	6.3	8.8	55.6	138.7	17.9	11.4	63.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	44.9	8.7	16.2	60.5	34.8	4.7	11.9	45.2	79.7	13.4	14.4	52.9
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.4	3.3	4.8	75.4	50.0	3.4	6.4	57.9	115.3	6.7	5.5	66.6
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	97.4	9.0	8.5	82.7	64.6	6.3	8.9	60.2	162.0	15.3	8.6	71.9
Northern-North West Statistical Region	56.7	5.0	8.1	73.7	41.0	5.1	11.0	53.6	97.7	10.1	9.3	63.5
Far North Statistical Region	52.6	5.4	9.3	75.7	39.2	* 2.1	* 5.0	55.5	91.8	7.4	7.5	65.7
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	96.4	10.9	10.1	67.7	76.7	8.3	9.7	53.6	173.1	19.1	10.0	60.6

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	363.3	42.5	10.5	69.3	274.9	29.9	9.8	50.3	638.2	72.4	10.2	59.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.2	29.9	10.1	69.1	211.5	21.4	9.2	51.3	478.7	51.3	9.7	60.0
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.2	10.9	11.5	72.7	58.7	6.8	10.4	49.3	142.9	17.7	11.0	60.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.9	7.2	12.9	62.6	39.3	5.4	12.1	50.1	88.2	12.7	12.6	56.4
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.7	4.2	7.1	67.9	46.8	4.0	8.0	51.7	101.5	8.2	7.5	59.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	79.4	7.5	8.7	70.9	66.6	5.1	7.1	53.8	146.1	12.7	8.0	62.0
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	96.2	12.6	11.6	70.0	63.3	8.5	11.9	47.3	159.5	21.1	11.7	58.8
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	35.6	3.3	8.5	66.1	25.0	3.7	13.0	48.1	60.6	7.1	10.4	57.0
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	60.6	9.2	13.2	72.3	38.3	4.8	11.1	46.8	98.9	14.0	12.4	59.8
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	503.5	38.0	7.0	76.2	381.3	27.1	6.6	57.0	884.8	65.1	6.9	66.6
Perth Major Statistical Region	362.4	27.3	7.0	75.4	284.0	22.3	7.3	57.0	646.4	49.6	7.1	66.0
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	30.6	* 1.5	* 4.6	74.5	21.6	* 1.4	* 6.0	50.5	52.2	2.9	5.2	62.2
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	61.2	3.8	5.8	75.9	45.2	3.5	7.1	56.1	106.4	7.3	6.4	65.9
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	116.4	10.0	7.9	76.8	98.2	8.0	7.5	61.8	214.7	17.9	7.7	69.2
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	69.1	4.8	6.5	74.5	52.2	5.0	8.7	54.3	121.3	9.8	7.5	64.1
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	85.0	7.2	7.9	74.4	66.8	4.5	6.3	55.6	151.8	11.7	7.2	64.8
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	141.1	10.7	7.0	78.4	97.3	4.8	4.7	57.1	238.4	15.5	6.1	68.2
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	69.3	4.6	6.2	74.0	48.5	* 2.1	* 4.2	52.1	117.8	6.7	5.4	63.2
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	71.8	6.1	7.8	83.0	48.8	2.7	5.2	63.0	120.6	8.8	6.8	73.7
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	113.2	13.5	10.7	69.9	86.6	8.0	8.5	50.5	199.8	21.6	9.7	60.0
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	54.3	5.6	9.3	68.2	43.7	4.1	8.5	52.5	98.0	9.6	8.9	60.2
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.4	4.4	8.7	68.0	38.0	3.4	8.3	52.3	84.4	7.9	8.5	59.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.5	4.3	12.0	70.3	24.4	2.4	9.0	50.0	55.9	6.7	10.7	59.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	27.3	3.7	11.9	72.8	18.5	1.6	7.8	46.6	45.8	5.2	10.3	59.6
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	48.6	2.9	5.6	76.7	40.0	1.4	3.5	63.7	88.6	4.3	4.7	70.3
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN(NSW) STATISTICAL REGION</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	131.1	10.4	7.4	73.6	111.9	5.7	4.8	60.0	243.0	16.1	6.2	66.7
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.7	6.7	7.4	78.0	75.0	4.6	5.8	66.4	158.6	11.3	6.7	72.1
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,847.8	433.5	8.2	72.8	3,719.8	304.9	7.6	53.8	8,567.6	738.5	7.9	63.1

(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			as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females per cent	Persons
	ORIGINAL											
1997 —												
March	69.5	45.1	114.7	79.5	50.6	130.1	149.0	95.7	244.7	30.5	26.8	29.0
April	66.3	39.1	105.3	83.2	51.3	134.5	149.4	90.4	239.8	32.5	26.6	30.0
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
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1997 —												
March	67.2	41.8	109.0	73.4	49.1	122.4	140.6	90.9	231.5	30.0	27.4	28.9
April	68.0	41.2	109.2	82.5	51.6	134.2	150.6	92.8	243.4	32.4	27.7	30.4
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
TREND SERIES												
1997 —												
March	67.4	40.6	107.9	79.9	49.6	129.5	147.3	90.2	237.5	31.7	26.8	29.7
April	69.2	41.4	110.7	80.8	49.4	130.2	150.0	90.9	240.8	32.3	27.0	30.1
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 r	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 r	73.7	41.8	115.5	87.6	42.8	130.4	161.3	84.6	245.9	36.1	26.6	32.2
1998 —												
January r	72.5	41.4	114.0	86.1	42.4	128.5	158.6	83.8	242.5	35.9	26.5	32.0
February r	70.6	41.0	111.6	85.3	42.8	128.1	155.9	83.8	239.6	35.5	26.6	31.8
March r	68.3	40.5	108.8	85.1	43.8	128.8	153.3	84.3	237.6	35.2	26.8	31.7
April r	66.1	40.2	106.3	85.1	44.9	130.0	151.2	85.1	236.3	34.8	27.1	31.6
May	63.8	39.9	103.7	85.4	46.2	131.6	149.2	86.0	235.2	34.5	27.4	31.5

**TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1998**  
(**'000**)

State or Territory	( 000)				Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
	Long-term unemployed				
	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over	Total	
MALES					
New South Wales	84.3	21.0	27.9	48.9	36.7
Victoria	74.3	14.7	20.7	35.4	32.3
Queensland	59.9	12.4	14.7	27.2	31.2
South Australia	25.9	6.4	10.1	16.5	38.9
Western Australia	28.1	3.5	6.3	9.9	25.9
Tasmania	7.4	2.8	3.3	6.1	45.0
Northern Territory	2.3	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.6	* 20.1
Australian Capital Territory	4.8	1.2	* 0.7	1.9	27.9
Australia	287.1	62.5	83.9	146.4	33.8
FEMALES					
New South Wales	67.3	12.9	13.8	26.7	28.4
Victoria	57.5	10.4	11.6	22.1	27.7
Queensland	43.2	6.5	10.6	17.0	28.3
South Australia	21.1	3.0	5.8	8.9	29.6
Western Australia	20.7	3.5	2.9	6.4	23.7
Tasmania	5.4	* 1.0	1.7	2.6	32.8
Northern Territory	* 1.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 12.8
Australian Capital Territory	3.5	* 0.6	* 0.5	1.1	24.3
Australia	219.9	38.0	47.0	85.0	27.9
PERSONS					
New South Wales	151.6	33.9	41.7	75.6	33.3
Victoria	131.8	25.1	32.4	57.5	30.4
Queensland	103.1	18.9	25.3	44.2	30.0
South Australia	47.0	9.4	15.9	25.4	35.1
Western Australia	48.8	7.0	9.3	16.3	25.0
Tasmania	12.8	3.8	4.9	8.7	40.5
Northern Territory	3.6	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 0.8	* 17.7
Australian Capital Territory	8.3	1.8	1.2	3.0	26.4
Australia	507.0	100.6	130.9	231.4	31.3

**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									
1996 —									
May	424.0	87.5	1,103.8	73.9	596.7	500.8	1,256.8	377.5	395.6
August	422.2	91.0	1,119.3	68.5	603.4	494.6	1,238.4	378.5	392.8
November	419.6	89.5	1,138.5	66.4	584.9	481.4	1,261.6	394.2	392.6
1997 —									
February	438.1	83.8	1,133.4	63.5	582.5	493.5	1,225.7	412.5	404.5
May	428.0	82.3	1,128.1	68.3	576.4	500.6	1,225.2	411.3	395.1
August	419.4	81.5	1,144.7	66.2	567.1	471.8	1,197.2	393.2	390.6
November	457.9	83.2	1,137.6	64.8	597.1	492.1	1,277.5	402.7	389.0
1998 —									
February	445.9	81.3	1,109.8	61.5	605.5	504.8	1,263.2	395.4	400.0
May	422.8	86.9	1,095.0	65.8	619.9	527.1	1,243.7	423.0	394.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1996 —									
May	428.9	85.8	1,110.6	73.8	596.7	490.2	1,251.0	374.4	394.3
August	430.0	90.5	1,118.3	68.0	607.3	497.8	1,253.6	383.3	397.1
November	412.8	90.0	1,135.0	66.6	582.1	483.3	1,251.1	393.2	395.6
1997 —									
February	432.0	85.4	1,130.5	63.8	581.6	499.3	1,226.6	411.7	398.4
May	433.1	80.8	1,136.2	68.3	576.1	489.2	1,220.2	408.0	393.9
August	427.7	81.1	1,142.6	65.7	571.2	475.6	1,211.6	398.4	394.8
November	450.3	83.7	1,134.7	64.9	593.9	493.7	1,266.4	401.7	392.0
1998 —									
February	439.4	82.9	1,106.5	61.8	604.7	510.9	1,264.3	394.6	393.8
May	427.8	85.3	1,103.3	65.8	619.5	514.7	1,239.0	419.5	393.6
TREND									
1996 —									
May	427.2	88.4	1,112.1	74.5	601.6	491.2	1,251.5	373.3	393.3
August	424.5	89.7	1,120.7	68.9	596.9	490.4	1,254.2	382.2	396.0
November	424.2	88.6	1,128.5	65.9	589.4	493.2	1,245.6	396.8	397.2
1997 —									
February	425.4	85.5	1,134.4	65.7	579.4	491.0	1,228.8	405.5	396.6
May	430.8	82.2	1,139.0	66.3	574.2	486.3	1,219.5	407.2	395.3
August r	437.7	81.3	1,138.3	65.8	578.4	485.6	1,230.3	401.8	393.9
November r	440.0	82.5	1,129.1	64.6	590.0	493.0	1,248.0	399.2	393.2
1998 —									
February r	438.9	83.8	1,114.8	63.8	604.9	505.8	1,256.5	403.3	393.3
May	434.6	84.8	1,100.2	64.1	619.6	516.5	1,256.4	411.2	393.4

**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								
1996 —								
May	166.3	321.6	802.3	365.9	596.2	767.7	178.0	322.5
August	164.2	312.1	812.6	371.7	590.4	765.9	188.8	305.3
November	170.3	317.9	834.3	371.3	595.5	786.5	179.6	308.5
1997 —								
February	158.7	320.6	826.0	375.5	552.5	762.2	200.7	316.3
May	160.9	316.4	837.2	357.8	589.2	771.8	200.9	339.6
August	151.6	311.8	885.9	339.2	584.0	780.4	196.2	334.6
November	148.8	307.5	873.1	351.5	586.8	798.5	210.3	343.1
1998 —								
February	147.6	306.7	903.0	341.3	554.6	800.0	201.2	340.4
May	145.9	323.1	918.2	329.9	608.4	819.5	203.8	339.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1996 —								
May	167.1	317.5	805.3	367.0	584.3	763.2	177.2	320.1
August	169.7	313.5	803.9	376.7	581.8	766.1	192.6	313.3
November	166.8	320.0	836.0	370.5	587.7	781.3	176.8	304.1
1997 —								
February	156.3	321.3	830.4	370.1	580.5	771.5	200.6	315.1
May	161.6	312.3	840.0	359.1	577.5	767.5	200.4	337.1
August	156.4	313.2	877.1	343.8	575.7	780.8	200.1	343.3
November	146.1	309.7	873.8	350.5	578.9	792.8	206.9	338.6
1998 —								
February	145.3	307.3	908.1	336.4	582.9	809.7	200.9	339.0
May	146.4	318.9	921.1	331.3	596.3	815.0	203.4	337.3
TREND								
1996 —								
May	168.6	314.8	801.7	374.7	584.4	762.9	183.3	317.5
August	169.0	317.2	813.1	372.6	584.6	770.5	187.0	311.0
November	164.8	318.6	823.5	372.2	583.9	773.4	193.5	309.9
1997 —								
February	161.7	318.2	834.9	367.2	581.4	772.6	198.0	318.2
May	158.4	315.7	847.9	358.3	578.0	772.5	200.6	331.9
August r	154.2	311.3	864.1	350.5	575.9	779.5	202.6	340.8
November r	149.5	310.0	884.3	344.1	579.2	793.5	203.1	340.9
1998 —								
February r	145.8	311.4	902.9	338.4	585.3	806.4	203.4	338.8
May	144.4	314.2	919.6	333.0	592.4	816.9	203.1	337.2



## NOTES

INTRODUCTION	<p><b>1</b> 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 <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.</p>
REGIONAL ESTIMATES	<p><b>2</b> 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.</p> <p><b>3</b> 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.</p> <p><b>4</b> 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 <i>Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics</i> (cat. no. 6262.0).</p>
INDUSTRY	<p><b>5</b> 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 <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993</i> (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.</p>
STANDARD ERRORS	<p><b>6</b> 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 <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (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.</p> <p><b>7</b> 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.</p>
SYMBOLS	<p>* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.</p> <p>r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.</p>
FURTHER INFORMATION	<p><b>8</b> For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6203.0).</p>





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