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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, SEPTEMBER 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 -
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,646.5	135.3	7.6	72.4	1,271.8	97.4	7.1	53.8	2,918.3	232.7	7.4	62.9
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,070.9	70.8	6.2	74.9	839.6	51.6	5.8	56.1	1,910.5	122.4	6.0	65.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	120.5	7.0	5.5	74.3	98.6	6.7	6.3	62.7	219.0	13.6	5.9	68.6
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	75.9	4.9	6.1	75.3	62.9	* 3.4	* 5.1	66.8	138.8	8.3	5.7	71.2
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	71.0	3.8	5.0	76.2	55.1	3.7	6.3	60.2	126.1	7.5	5.6	68.2
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	112.5	5.3	4.5	77.6	102.7	3.8	3.6	61.3	215.2	9.1	4.1	68.9
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	73.9	6.9	8.5	66.6	50.9	3.0	5.6	42.6	124.9	9.9	7.3	54.3
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	134.3	15.3	10.3	74.9	101.6	12.9	11.3	54.6	236.0	28.2	10.7	64.5
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	74.2	10.5	12.4	71.4	57.0	7.2	11.1	52.3	131.3	17.7	11.9	61.7
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	72.8	6.2	7.9	74.7	49.2	* 2.9	* 5.6	44.9	122.0	9.1	6.9	59.1
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	157.2	8.9	5.4	78.4	115.1	7.4	6.0	56.7	272.2	16.3	5.7	67.5
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	71.1	* 3.2	* 4.3	72.3	65.5	* 3.1	* 4.5	64.3	136.6	6.3	4.4	68.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	119.6	5.3	4.2	79.6	103.6	* 2.7	* 2.5	62.5	223.2	8.0	3.4	70.7
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	74.0	2.4	3.1	75.8	50.9	* 1.3	* 2.5	55.9	124.9	3.7	2.9	66.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	63.9	6.5	9.3	67.9	46.4	4.1	8.2	46.0	110.4	10.7	8.8	56.7
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	575.6	64.5	10.1	68.4	432.2	45.8	9.6	49.8	1,007.8	110.3	9.9	59.0
Hunter Statistical Region	132.4	18.6	12.3	67.9	97.0	11.8	10.9	46.6	229.5	30.4	11.7	57.0
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	112.1	16.4	12.8	68.7	79.8	9.8	10.9	47.8	192.0	26.2	12.0	58.2
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	149.2	16.7	10.1	68.1	115.5	11.2	8.8	52.5	264.7	27.9	9.5	60.4
Illawarra Statistical Region	97.9	11.9	10.8	67.9	74.6	8.6	10.4	50.8	172.5	20.5	10.6	59.3
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	70.5	10.0	12.5	69.6	54.8	6.9	11.2	54.2	125.3	17.0	11.9	61.9
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	90.3	13.1	12.7	60.2	75.2	9.8	11.5	45.7	165.6	22.9	12.2	52.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	130.4	12.1	8.5	74.2	91.7	8.3	8.3	53.7	222.1	20.3	8.4	64.1
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	73.3	* 4.0	* 5.2	72.5	52.7	* 4.7	* 8.2	51.1	126.0	8.7	6.5	61.5

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -		- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,231.2	106.3	7.9	74.0	953.2	90.1	8.6	55.3	2,184.5	196.4	8.2	64.4
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	910.1	73.1	7.4	75.0	716.1	62.9	8.1	56.7	1,626.2	136.1	7.7	65.6
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	139.8	11.4	7.6	73.4	105.2	12.9	10.9	55.2	244.9	24.3	9.0	64.1
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	64.6	6.5	9.2	74.5	49.9	5.1	9.3	55.0	114.5	11.6	9.2	64.5
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	60.5	8.2	12.0	78.3	72.7	6.2	7.9	74.7	133.2	14.5	9.8	76.3
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	116.4	9.7	7.7	74.8	91.2	7.3	7.4	55.3	207.6	17.0	7.6	64.8
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	151.4	12.4	7.6	71.5	125.0	7.8	5.9	53.0	276.5	20.2	6.8	61.9
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	105.7	8.4	7.4	73.9	84.4	4.9	5.5	56.5	190.0	13.3	6.6	65.1
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	117.0	8.8	7.0	83.5	86.2	6.1	6.6	60.6	203.3	14.9	6.8	72.0
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	95.9	4.5	4.5	75.1	61.0	8.4	12.1	52.9	156.9	12.9	7.6	64.1
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	58.8	* 3.1	* 5.0	72.9	40.6	4.2	9.4	52.4	99.4	7.3	6.9	62.6
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	321.1	33.2	9.4	71.3	237.1	27.1	10.3	51.7	558.2	60.3	9.8	61.4
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	85.3	7.4	8.0	69.9	66.0	5.4	7.6	49.2	151.3	12.8	7.8	59.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	59.7	5.5	8.4	76.7	41.2	5.1	11.0	54.0	100.9	10.5	9.4	65.3
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	63.3	7.4	10.4	72.7	41.3	5.4	11.5	49.5	104.6	12.7	10.9	61.2
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	71.0	7.1	9.0	71.0	56.8	4.8	7.8	55.6	127.9	11.8	8.5	63.3
All Gippsland Statistical Region	41.7	5.9	12.3	66.3	31.8	6.5	17.0	50.7	73.5	12.4	14.4	58.3
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	925.3	93.3	9.2	75.1	707.4	63.8	8.3	55.9	1,632.7	157.1	8.8	65.4
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	424.8	40.2	8.6	76.0	332.9	28.1	7.8	56.9	757.7	68.3	8.3	66.3
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	103.2	11.2	9.8	74.9	92.0	5.7	5.9	60.6	195.2	17.0	8.0	67.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	131.6	9.7	6.8	74.2	106.7	6.9	6.0	56.8	238.3	16.5	6.5	65.3
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	86.7	9.5	9.9	78.7	60.8	8.8	12.6	55.7	147.5	18.3	11.0	67.1
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	103.4	9.8	8.6	77.2	73.4	6.8	8.4	53.9	176.7	16.5	8.6	65.5
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	500.5	53.1	9.6	74.3	374.5	35.6	8.7	55.0	875.0	88.8	9.2	64.6
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	95.6	10.9	10.3	69.4	73.0	9.9	12.0	55.8	168.6	20.8	11.0	62.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	76.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	65.0	5.4	7.7	52.3	141.6	15.4	9.8	61.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	50.2	8.4	14.3	67.9	36.0	4.6	11.4	44.7	86.3	13.0	13.1	56.0
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	69.8	6.4	8.4	79.0	50.1	3.4	6.3	58.0	119.9	9.8	7.6	68.7
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	92.7	8.0	8.0	78.2	65.5	5.8	8.2	57.1	158.2	13.9	8.1	67.8
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.5	6.2	9.1	80.2	43.1	4.2	9.0	59.0	104.5	10.4	9.1	69.9
Far North Statistical Region	54.1	* 3.2	* 5.6	74.9	41.8	* 2.2	* 5.0	59.2	95.9	5.4	5.3	67.1
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	95.9	12.7	11.7	68.1	73.3	10.2	12.2	54.7	169.2	22.8	11.9	61.5

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	371.5	45.0	10.8	71.0	283.9	27.5	8.8	51.3	655.5	72.6	10.0	61.0
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	270.9	31.8	10.5	70.3	215.8	18.2	7.8	51.5	486.7	50.0	9.3	60.6
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.0	13.5	13.7	74.7	62.7	6.9	10.0	52.0	147.8	20.5	12.2	63.3
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	45.5	5.8	11.4	61.2	39.4	3.7	8.5	47.9	84.8	9.5	10.1	54.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	56.5	5.0	8.1	70.0	49.1	3.4	6.6	52.1	105.6	8.4	7.4	60.4
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.8	7.5	8.2	72.0	64.7	4.2	6.1	53.0	148.5	11.6	7.3	62.4
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	100.7	13.2	11.6	73.1	68.1	9.3	12.0	50.8	168.8	22.5	11.8	62.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	34.5	5.5	13.7	69.1	25.0	3.2	11.3	47.3	59.5	8.7	12.7	58.1
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	66.1	7.8	10.5	75.4	43.1	6.1	12.4	53.0	109.2	13.9	11.3	64.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	509.8	41.4	7.5	77.1	387.1	27.7	6.7	57.6	896.9	69.1	7.2	67.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	368.7	27.5	6.9	76.2	287.8	23.0	7.4	57.5	656.5	50.5	7.1	66.7
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	32.2	3.1	8.7	71.1	21.7	* 1.7	* 7.4	52.1	53.9	4.8	8.2	62.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	59.6	3.8	6.1	76.6	44.1	3.1	6.6	52.1	103.6	6.9	6.3	63.8
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	121.8	7.7	5.9	79.1	99.7	6.4	6.0	62.3	221.5	14.1	6.0	70.5
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.5	6.1	7.7	77.0	55.6	5.2	8.6	57.2	129.1	11.4	8.1	66.9
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	81.6	6.8	7.6	73.6	66.8	6.6	9.0	57.3	148.4	13.3	8.2	65.2
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	141.1	13.9	9.0	79.5	99.3	4.7	4.5	57.8	240.4	18.6	7.2	69.1
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	64.9	6.7	9.4	74.5	48.6	2.8	5.4	53.8	113.5	9.5	7.7	64.2
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	76.2	7.2	8.6	84.4	50.6	* 1.9	* 3.6	62.2	126.9	9.1	6.7	74.2
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	109.0	14.5	11.7	68.2	86.3	7.6	8.1	50.1	195.3	22.1	10.2	59.0
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.5	7.0	11.8	68.0	43.6	3.7	7.8	51.9	96.1	10.7	10.0	59.8
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.6	5.9	11.6	67.6	38.6	2.9	7.0	52.5	83.2	8.8	9.5	59.8
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.5	3.8	10.9	69.3	24.2	2.0	7.5	48.9	55.7	5.8	9.5	58.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.0	3.7	12.8	67.3	18.5	1.9	9.3	47.7	43.5	5.6	11.3	57.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	51.8	3.0	5.5	80.4	42.0	1.6	3.6	66.6	93.8	4.6	4.7	73.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	135.1	11.3	7.7	74.0	114.0	7.1	5.9	61.5	249.1	18.4	6.9	67.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.8	6.4	7.1	78.0	73.1	4.5	5.9	65.0	156.9	11.0	6.5	71.4
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,929.0	445.4	8.3	73.7	3,804.9	320.2	7.8	54.9	8,733.9	765.6	8.1	64.2

(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			
ORIGINAL												
1997 —												
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
August	68.4	37.5	105.9	91.7	47.8	139.4	160.0	85.3	245.3	36.6	29.3	33.7
September	66.8	43.6	110.4	100.5	46.6	147.1	167.3	90.2	257.5	37.6	28.2	33.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1997 —												
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
August	73.5	40.3	113.8	96.9	48.0	144.9	170.4	88.3	258.7	37.6	28.7	34.0
September	65.1	42.7	107.8	98.5	45.5	144.1	163.7	88.2	251.9	37.1	27.6	33.1
TREND SERIES												
1997 —												
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	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	70.4	40.9	111.3	84.6	42.5	127.2	155.1	83.4	238.5	35.5	26.5	31.7
March	67.8	40.4	108.2	84.4	43.7	128.1	152.2	84.2	236.4	34.9	26.7	31.5
April	65.8	40.2	105.9	85.4	45.2	130.6	151.1	85.4	236.5	34.5	27.1	31.4
May	64.9	40.3	105.2	87.2	46.3	133.4	152.1	86.6	238.7	34.5	27.4	31.5
June	65.1	40.8	105.9	89.5	47.0	136.5	154.6	87.8	242.4	34.8	27.8	31.9
July	65.8	41.1	106.9	92.1	47.5	139.6	157.9	88.6	246.5	35.2	28.0	32.3
August	66.5	41.5	108.0	94.8	47.6	142.5	161.3	89.1	250.5	35.9	28.2	32.7
September	67.4	41.9	109.3	97.4	47.6	145.0	164.7	89.5	254.2	36.5	28.4	33.2

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, SEPTEMBER 1998
(*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	75.2	25.8	34.3	60.1	44.4
Victoria	68.7	12.6	25.0	37.7	35.4
Queensland	64.3	12.9	16.2	29.1	31.1
South Australia	24.4	7.2	13.4	20.7	45.9
Western Australia	32.0	4.1	5.2	9.4	22.6
Tasmania	7.8	2.5	4.2	6.7	46.2
Northern Territory	2.1	* 0.7	* 0.3	* 1.0	* 31.3
Australian Capital Territory	3.7	* 0.9	1.8	2.7	42.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>278.1</i>	<i>66.8</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>167.3</i>	<i>37.6</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	67.8	16.4	13.2	29.6	30.4
Victoria	61.4	13.4	15.2	28.6	31.8
Queensland	48.4	6.7	8.7	15.4	24.2
South Australia	19.4	3.3	4.9	8.2	29.7
Western Australia	23.1	* 2.1	* 2.5	4.6	16.7
Tasmania	4.8	* 1.2	1.6	2.8	37.0
Northern Territory	1.5	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 5.8
Australian Capital Territory	3.7	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.9	* 18.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>229.9</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>90.2</i>	<i>28.2</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	143.0	42.2	47.6	89.7	38.6
Victoria	130.1	26.1	40.2	66.3	33.8
Queensland	112.6	19.5	25.0	44.5	28.3
South Australia	43.7	10.6	18.3	28.8	39.7
Western Australia	55.1	6.3	7.7	14.0	20.3
Tasmania	12.6	3.8	5.8	9.5	43.1
Northern Territory	3.6	* 0.7	* 0.4	* 1.0	* 22.7
Australian Capital Territory	7.4	1.4	2.2	3.6	32.5
Australia	508.1	110.4	147.1	257.5	33.6

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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