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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, DECEMBER 2002(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	1,765.1	117.7	6.3	72.1	1,404.2	85.9	5.8	55.5	3,169.3	203.6	6.0	63.7
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,188.4	63.3	5.1	74.7	944.1	49.2	5.0	57.7	2,132.5	112.5	5.0	66.1
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	129.9	4.4	3.3	73.3	109.8	* 2.9	* 2.6	61.8	239.7	7.4	3.0	67.6
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	86.5	* 3.0	* 3.3	74.6	70.1	* 2.6	* 3.6	64.6	156.7	5.6	3.4	69.8
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	67.3	3.2	4.5	78.0	53.3	4.6	7.9	60.3	120.6	7.8	6.0	68.9
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	134.0	5.4	3.9	76.2	104.1	3.0	2.8	58.0	238.1	8.4	3.4	67.1
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	75.2	6.3	7.7	64.4	54.7	3.6	6.1	46.4	129.9	9.8	7.0	55.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	168.1	12.9	7.1	73.0	122.3	9.7	7.4	55.8	290.4	22.6	7.2	64.6
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	99.5	10.4	9.5	70.7	68.5	6.0	8.1	50.1	168.0	16.5	8.9	60.6
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	75.9	4.6	5.8	69.6	54.9	2.7	4.8	48.6	130.8	7.4	5.3	59.0
North Western Sydney Statistical Region(c)	168.0	7.0	4.0	77.8	131.5	7.3	5.2	60.8	299.5	14.3	4.5	69.2
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	85.7	6.0	6.5	79.2	79.4	* 1.7	* 2.1	61.8	165.1	7.7	4.4	70.0
Central Northern Sydney Statistical Region(d)	133.2	5.4	3.9	77.9	102.4	4.1	3.8	61.3	235.6	9.5	3.9	69.7
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	74.2	* 2.6	* 3.4	82.6	63.7	* 0.4	* 0.6	63.9	137.9	* 3.0	* 2.1	72.9
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	76.8	5.5	6.7	70.7	68.1	9.2	11.9	53.5	144.9	14.7	9.2	61.2
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	576.7	54.4	8.6	67.3	460.1	36.7	7.4	51.7	1,036.8	91.2	8.1	59.4
Hunter Statistical Region	138.8	14.0	9.1	65.2	109.5	9.3	7.8	48.3	248.3	23.2	8.6	56.5
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	117.2	11.4	8.9	67.0	95.7	8.9	8.6	50.8	212.8	20.4	8.7	58.6
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions	149.5	16.1	9.7	68.3	120.6	8.2	6.3	52.6	270.2	24.3	8.2	60.4
Illawarra Statistical Region	91.4	13.5	12.9	67.2	72.6	6.0	7.6	49.4	164.0	19.5	10.6	58.2
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	63.1	10.3	14.0	69.4	51.2	5.4	9.5	51.1	114.3	15.7	12.1	60.1
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	99.4	10.3	9.4	63.4	83.0	6.7	7.5	49.0	182.4	17.0	8.5	56.0
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	114.9	10.4	8.3	69.7	87.9	7.2	7.5	52.3	202.8	17.6	8.0	60.9
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	74.1	* 3.7	* 4.7	71.7	59.0	* 5.4	* 8.3	61.3	133.1	9.1	6.4	66.6

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,350.9	83.0	5.8	73.6	1,085.9	62.7	5.5	56.9	2,436.8	145.7	5.6	65.1
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	1,009.2	60.5	5.7	74.7	811.6	46.5	5.4	57.6	1,820.7	107.0	5.5	66.0
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	159.1	10.7	6.3	71.3	122.8	12.4	9.2	55.2	281.9	23.1	7.6	63.2
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	72.9	4.2	5.4	70.3	58.8	4.7	7.5	56.1	131.7	8.9	6.3	63.1
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	72.6	6.1	7.7	76.1	72.6	3.5	4.6	66.4	145.3	9.6	6.2	71.0
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	115.5	7.1	5.8	75.7	93.9	4.9	5.0	55.8	209.3	12.0	5.4	65.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	173.3	8.5	4.7	74.6	136.1	5.6	3.9	57.5	309.4	14.0	4.3	66.0
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	108.3	4.5	4.0	72.1	91.4	* 1.2	* 1.3	54.4	199.8	5.7	2.8	62.9
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	129.6	6.4	4.7	78.1	103.5	6.3	5.8	63.2	233.1	12.7	5.2	70.6
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	116.5	9.3	7.4	82.2	85.5	4.8	5.3	58.8	202.0	14.1	6.5	70.5
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.2	3.7	5.7	70.4	47.0	3.0	6.1	51.9	108.2	6.7	5.9	60.9
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	341.7	22.5	6.2	70.6	274.3	16.2	5.6	55.0	616.0	38.7	5.9	62.7
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	93.1	8.3	8.2	70.7	75.3	* 3.2	* 4.0	53.6	168.4	11.4	6.4	62.1
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	47.9	* 3.7	* 7.2	68.5	41.2	* 2.2	* 5.1	50.7	89.1	5.9	6.2	59.0
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	64.4	* 3.8	* 5.6	73.1	50.1	* 3.8	* 7.1	59.3	114.5	7.6	6.3	66.3
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	79.4	* 2.6	* 3.2	72.5	63.9	* 4.3	* 6.3	60.2	143.3	6.9	4.6	66.3
All Gippsland Statistical Region	56.9	4.1	6.7	67.3	43.8	* 2.7	* 5.8	50.8	100.8	6.8	6.3	59.0
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	1,000.6	72.2	6.7	73.8	800.1	64.7	7.5	58.0	1,800.7	136.9	7.1	65.8
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	467.6	31.8	6.4	75.1	382.4	28.3	6.9	59.1	850.0	60.1	6.6	67.0
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	102.0	6.8	6.3	74.2	92.0	5.8	5.9	60.0	194.0	12.6	6.1	66.7
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	154.1	8.1	5.0	76.9	119.2	6.1	4.9	58.1	273.3	14.2	4.9	67.4
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	95.3	6.1	6.0	74.7	73.8	8.0	9.8	58.8	169.1	14.1	7.7	66.7
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	116.2	10.8	8.5	74.1	97.4	8.5	8.0	59.8	213.6	19.3	8.3	66.8
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	532.9	40.3	7.0	72.6	417.7	36.4	8.0	57.1	950.6	76.7	7.5	64.8
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	119.2	7.7	6.1	72.1	91.6	5.5	5.7	56.0	210.8	13.2	5.9	64.1
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	81.9	5.5	6.2	66.5	64.5	6.1	8.7	52.5	146.4	11.6	7.3	59.4
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	46.8	8.4	15.2	61.6	39.2	6.7	14.6	47.9	86.0	15.1	15.0	54.5
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	74.9	3.5	4.5	80.7	54.8	3.5	6.0	57.4	129.7	7.0	5.1	68.8
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	94.1	5.8	5.8	75.4	72.4	5.2	6.7	62.5	166.5	11.1	6.2	69.1
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.4	5.8	8.6	81.5	44.8	6.8	13.2	64.5	106.2	12.6	10.6	73.1
Far North Statistical Region	54.7	* 3.6	* 6.3	72.5	50.4	* 2.5	* 4.8	61.5	105.1	6.2	5.5	66.8
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	127.5	7.6	5.6	72.7	96.7	5.4	5.3	56.0	224.2	13.0	5.5	64.4

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	393.9	24.3	5.8	69.7	317.1	17.6	5.3	53.5	710.9	41.9	5.6	61.4
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	289.8	18.4	6.0	69.7	240.7	12.2	4.8	53.9	530.5	30.6	5.5	61.6
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	96.3	7.8	7.5	72.6	75.3	3.5	4.4	55.1	171.6	11.2	6.1	63.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.2	3.2	5.9	64.9	42.4	2.5	5.6	50.2	93.6	5.7	5.8	57.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	61.5	2.6	4.1	71.3	51.5	2.7	5.0	54.9	113.0	5.3	4.5	62.7
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	80.8	4.8	5.6	68.5	71.5	3.5	4.7	54.4	152.2	8.3	5.2	61.1
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	104.1	5.9	5.4	69.6	76.4	5.4	6.6	52.4	180.5	11.3	5.9	61.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	37.6	3.6	8.7	67.1	28.6	* 1.9	* 6.2	50.8	66.2	5.5	7.6	59.0
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	66.5	2.3	3.4	71.2	47.8	3.5	6.8	53.4	114.3	5.8	4.8	62.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	552.2	36.0	6.1	76.0	437.8	27.1	5.8	60.0	990.0	63.2	6.0	68.0
Perth Major Statistical Region	400.9	27.7	6.5	75.4	328.5	20.1	5.8	59.7	729.4	47.9	6.2	67.4
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	32.4	2.1	6.2	72.0	26.4	* 1.1	* 4.1	57.5	58.9	3.3	5.2	64.8
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	58.3	3.9	6.2	74.7	53.0	3.1	5.5	60.0	111.3	6.9	5.9	66.9
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	124.8	9.7	7.2	76.9	108.3	5.7	5.0	62.8	233.0	15.4	6.2	69.7
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	88.2	4.8	5.1	73.8	65.2	5.5	7.8	57.8	153.5	10.3	6.3	65.9
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	97.2	7.3	7.0	76.6	75.5	4.7	5.9	57.8	172.7	12.0	6.5	67.1
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	151.3	8.3	5.2	77.8	109.3	7.0	6.0	61.1	260.6	15.3	5.5	69.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	76.2	6.1	7.5	75.4	51.0	3.1	5.7	55.6	127.3	9.2	6.8	66.1
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	75.1	* 2.1	* 2.8	80.6	58.2	3.9	6.3	66.9	133.3	6.0	4.3	73.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	112.7	13.0	10.3	69.0	92.7	8.1	8.1	52.2	205.4	21.1	9.3	60.4
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.4	5.9	10.2	68.9	46.2	3.4	6.8	54.2	98.6	9.3	8.6	61.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	46.2	5.1	9.9	68.4	41.9	3.2	7.1	55.2	88.0	8.2	8.6	61.5
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.8	3.8	10.1	69.5	27.1	2.3	8.0	52.7	60.9	6.1	9.1	61.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.4	3.3	11.0	68.6	19.4	2.4	11.0	47.7	45.9	5.7	11.0	57.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	54.7	3.6	6.1	78.9	44.3	2.9	6.1	69.0	99.0	6.4	6.1	74.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	152.0	6.4	4.1	76.1	133.7	3.6	2.6	64.5	285.7	10.1	3.4	70.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	93.8	3.9	4.0	80.1	85.7	1.5	1.7	68.5	179.6	5.3	2.9	74.2
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	5,323.8	353.7	6.2	73.1	4,267.7	270.5	6.0	56.9	9,591.5	624.1	6.1	64.9

(a) As part of periodic redesigns of the 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: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, November 2002 (6269.0). (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) Known as Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown prior to November 2002. (d) Known as Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills prior to November 2002.

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												
2001 —												
October	33.6	24.0	57.6	57.6	30.9	88.4	91.2	54.9	146.1	23.9	19.7	22.1
November	33.1	22.7	55.9	55.5	27.7	83.2	88.7	50.4	139.1	23.9	19.5	22.1
December	32.4	25.0	57.4	54.3	32.7	87.0	86.7	57.7	144.4	23.0	20.3	21.8
2002 —												
January	33.5	24.3	57.9	60.1	31.8	91.9	93.6	56.2	149.8	22.1	18.4	20.6
February	45.7	24.1	69.8	61.6	32.1	93.7	107.3	56.2	163.5	25.7	18.2	22.5
March	46.3	23.7	70.0	62.2	31.5	93.7	108.5	55.1	163.7	28.4	19.7	24.7
April	43.4	21.4	64.8	55.6	29.0	84.6	99.0	50.4	149.4	26.7	19.4	23.7
May	37.2	22.3	59.5	57.1	26.7	83.7	94.2	49.0	143.2	25.9	18.7	22.9
June	36.1	22.2	58.3	57.1	22.2	79.2	93.1	44.4	137.5	26.4	16.3	22.0
July	33.5	25.1	58.6	54.3	22.9	77.3	87.8	48.0	135.8	27.4	20.3	24.3
August	34.3	20.6	55.0	54.0	22.9	76.9	88.3	43.5	131.9	25.9	17.1	22.1
September	37.4	21.5	58.9	52.2	29.0	81.2	89.5	50.6	140.1	25.2	18.5	22.3
October	35.1	14.1	49.2	48.9	26.7	75.6	84.0	40.8	124.8	26.1	16.4	21.9
November	30.3	20.3	50.7	55.7	28.3	83.9	86.0	48.6	134.6	26.4	19.4	23.3
December	31.9	24.5	56.3	57.2	28.9	86.1	89.0	53.4	142.4	25.2	19.7	22.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
2001 —												
October	32.6	25.2	57.8	57.4	30.6	88.0	90.0	55.8	145.8	22.4	19.1	21.0
November	32.9	23.1	56.0	55.9	30.0	85.9	88.8	53.1	141.9	23.0	18.7	21.2
December	32.8	25.1	57.9	54.5	33.3	87.8	87.3	58.4	145.7	23.2	20.2	21.9
2002 —												
January	32.9	24.3	57.1	60.1	33.9	94.0	93.0	58.2	151.2	23.7	19.4	21.8
February	45.1	20.8	65.9	56.5	29.3	85.8	101.5	50.1	151.7	26.5	18.6	23.2
March	47.0	22.8	69.7	62.6	29.5	92.2	109.6	52.3	161.9	29.7	20.6	26.0
April	44.3	21.9	66.3	57.5	28.7	86.2	101.8	50.6	152.5	27.4	20.2	24.5
May	36.0	21.3	57.3	57.8	28.3	86.0	93.8	49.6	143.4	25.6	19.3	23.0
June	37.2	25.9	63.1	59.2	22.5	81.7	96.4	48.4	144.9	26.5	17.3	22.5
July	34.5	27.5	62.1	58.4	23.7	82.1	92.9	51.2	144.1	27.0	19.3	23.7
August	35.0	20.1	55.1	55.0	23.2	78.2	90.0	43.3	133.3	25.4	16.1	21.4
September	36.7	20.5	57.2	47.6	26.6	74.2	84.3	47.1	131.4	24.3	17.4	21.3
October	34.1	14.7	48.8	48.8	26.6	75.3	82.9	41.3	124.1	24.5	15.9	20.7
November	30.2	20.7	50.9	56.1	30.6	86.7	86.3	51.3	137.6	25.3	18.6	22.3
December	32.2	24.7	56.9	57.4	29.4	86.8	89.6	54.1	143.7	25.4	19.6	22.9
TREND SERIES												
2001 —												
October	31.4	23.0	54.4	58.4	30.4	88.8	89.7	53.4	143.1	23.0	18.5	21.1
November	32.7	23.3	56.1	57.6	30.9	88.5	90.3	54.3	144.6	23.2	18.8	21.3
December	35.2	23.5	58.8	57.3	31.5	88.8	92.5	55.0	147.6	24.0	19.2	22.0
2002 —												
January	38.2	23.3	61.5	57.5	31.7	89.2	95.7	55.0	150.7	25.0	19.6	22.8
February	40.7	22.8	63.5	58.2	31.1	89.3	98.9	54.0	152.9	26.1	19.8	23.5
March	41.9	22.6	64.6	59.0	29.8	88.9	101.0	52.4	153.4	27.0	19.8	24.0
April	41.7	23.0	64.7	59.5	28.0	87.5	101.2	51.0	152.2	27.4	19.6	24.1
May	40.3	23.5	63.8	59.0	26.2	85.2	99.3	49.7	149.0	27.2	19.1	23.8
June r	38.2	23.5	61.7	57.5	24.8	82.4	95.7	48.4	144.1	26.7	18.4	23.2
July r	36.2	22.9	59.1	55.6	24.4	80.0	91.9	47.3	139.1	26.0	17.8	22.5
August r	35.0	21.8	56.8	54.0	24.8	78.8	89.0	46.6	135.6	25.5	17.4	21.9
September r	34.2	20.8	55.0	53.0	25.8	78.8	87.2	46.6	133.8	25.2	17.3	21.7
October r	33.5	20.1	53.6	52.6	27.1	79.7	86.1	47.2	133.3	25.0	17.5	21.7
November r	32.8	20.0	52.7	52.8	28.4	81.2	85.6	48.4	133.9	24.9	17.8	21.8
December	31.9	20.0	51.9	53.4	29.7	83.1	85.3	49.7	135.0	24.8	18.3	21.9

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, DECEMBER 2002
(’000)

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		
MALES					
New South Wales	85.2	10.3	22.2	32.5	27.6
Victoria	62.8	6.8	13.5	20.2	24.4
Queensland	56.5	6.5	9.1	15.6	21.7
South Australia	17.7	* 2.1	4.5	6.6	27.2
Western Australia	27.0	4.5	4.5	9.1	25.1
Tasmania	9.3	1.3	2.5	3.7	28.8
Northern Territory	3.1	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 12.2
Australian Capital Territory	3.1	* 0.1	* 0.7	* 0.8	* 21.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>264.6</i>	<i>31.9</i>	<i>57.2</i>	<i>89.0</i>	<i>25.2</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	63.5	11.3	11.1	22.4	26.1
Victoria	50.9	4.8	7.0	11.8	18.8
Queensland	54.2	* 3.4	7.1	10.5	16.3
South Australia	15.0	* 1.3	* 1.3	2.6	14.9
Western Australia	23.9	* 1.8	* 1.4	3.2	11.8
Tasmania	5.9	1.3	* 1.0	2.3	28.0
Northern Territory	2.4	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 17.4
Australian Capital Territory	1.4	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 5.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>217.1</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>19.7</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	148.7	21.7	33.3	55.0	27.0
Victoria	113.7	11.5	20.4	32.0	21.9
Queensland	110.7	10.0	16.2	26.2	19.1
South Australia	32.6	3.5	5.8	9.2	22.1
Western Australia	50.9	6.3	5.9	12.3	19.4
Tasmania	15.1	2.6	3.4	6.0	28.5
Northern Territory	5.5	* 0.7	* 0.2	* 0.9	* 14.5
Australian Capital Territory	4.4	* 0.1	* 0.8	* 0.9	* 16.7
Australia	481.7	56.3	86.1	142.4	22.8

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 November 2002. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (cat. no. 6269.0).
- 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 Marjory Smith on Canberra 02 6252 6525.
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- SYMBOLS** * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
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