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# January 2002 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, JANUARY 2002(b)

		Mal	'es		Females				Persons			
			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-
		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
	-	'000 -	- per c			'000 -	- per c	ent -	-	'000 -	- per ce	ent
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NEW SOUTH WALES	1,703.6	125.6	6.9	70.8	1,344.8	96.2	6.7	54.3	3,048.4	221.8	6.8	62.4
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,141.1	70.0	5.8	73.5	909.1	56.6	5.9	56.9	2,050.3	126.6	5.8	65.1
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical												
Regions	141.6	8.1	5.4	75.0	120.7	8.3	6.4	66.2	262.3	16.4	5.9	70.6
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	93.3	5.5	5.6	75.1	79.0	5.6	6.7	69.1	172.3	11.2	6.1	72.2
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	68.9	3.7	5.1	77.2	66.1	4.9	7.0	67.8	135.0	8.6	6.0	72.2
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	126.4	8.0	6.0	73.1	98.0	4.1	4.0	59.1	224.4	12.1	5.1	66.3
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	69.5	5.0	6.7	60.6	55.4	4.9	8.1	46.4	124.9	9.9	7.3	53.3
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western												
Sydney Statistical Regions	143.7	13.1	8.4	73.5	110.5	12.2	10.0	53.3	254.2	25.3	9.1	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	76.6	7.3	8.7	68.2	62.8	6.2	9.0	49.7	139.4	13.5	8.9	58.4
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	83.1	6.1	6.8	71.6	61.0	2.4	3.8	52.8	144.1	8.5	5.6	62.4
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	164.6	9.0	5.2	78.1	116.9	7.9	6.3	57.2	281.5	17.0	5.7	67.7
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.7	4.3	5.4	72.1	70.4	* 2.4	* 3.2	53.5	146.1	6.7	4.4	61.8
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	124.1	3.5	2.8	78.1	97.9	4.1	4.0	59.4	221.9	7.6	3.3	68.5
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	74.5	3.3	4.3	79.8	63.0	3.3	5.0	61.6	137.5	6.7	4.6	70.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	69.1	5.8	7.8	65.3	49.3	* 2.0	* 3.9	46.1	118.4	7.8	6.2	55.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	562.5	55.6	9.0	66.1	435.7	39.7	8.3	49.7	998.2	95.3	8.7	57.8
Hunter Statistical Region	130.5	16.7	11.4	65.3	93.5	11.7	11.1	47.0	224.0	28.4	11.3	56.2
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	108.5	13.4	11.0	65.3	82.1	9.4	10.3	48.7	190.6	22.8	10.7	56.9
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	146.5	13.1	8.2	64.5	114.4	10.3	8.3	49.9	260.9	23.4	8.2	57.2
Illawarra Statistical Region	104.1	8.3	7.3	65.1	74.7	5.9	7.3	47.7	178.9	14.2	7.3	56.5
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	80.1	6.8	7.8	67.4	55.2	4.4	7.3	48.9	135.4	11.1	7.6	58.4
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	94.8	15.5	14.1	63.4	82.0	7.8	8.7	48.2	176.8	23.3	11.6	55.6
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West												
Statistical Regions	114.7	7.0	5.7	67.1	82.8	7.6	8.4	48.7	197.5	14.5	6.9	57.8
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	76.0	* 3.3	* 4.1	74.1	62.9	* 2.3	* 3.5	58.9	138.9	* 5.6	* 3.9	66.3

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		Mai	les		Females				Persons			
			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-
		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
		'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -	- per c	ent -
			VIC	CTORIA								
VICTORIA	1,309.4	98.6	7.0	73.4	1,006.4	71.6	6.6	54.2	2,315.8	170.2	6.8	63.6
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	970.0	76.1	7.3	74.4	753.4	54.9	6.8	55.2	1,723.4	131.0	7.1	64.6
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	148.9	16.0	9.7	73.3	106.2	12.3	10.4	51.6	255.1	28.3	10.0	62.3
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	66.9	7.8	10.4	73.8	54.8	5.4	9.0	54.8	121.7	13.2	9.8	63.9
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	68.9	6.1	8.1	73.4	66.2	* 3.1	* 4.4	64.6	135.1	9.2	6.4	68.9
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.8	7.6	6.5	73.1	86.8	6.4	6.9	53.7	196.7	14.0	6.6	63.0
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	175.0	11.1	6.0	73.6	137.9	8.4	5.8	54.6	312.9	19.6	5.9	63.8
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	104.4	9.3	8.2	73.7	87.4	4.1	4.4	53.7	191.8	13.3	6.5	63.2
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	136.3	9.4	6.5	81.3	99.4	4.4	4.3	61.1	235.7	13.8	5.5	71.4
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	101.5	5.4	5.0	75.6	72.9	6.9	8.7	54.8	174.4	12.3	6.6	65.0
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	58.3	3.4	5.5	69.8	41.7	3.8	8.4	51.0	100.0	7.2	6.7	60.3
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	339.4	22.5	6.2	70.5	253.0	16.7	6.2	51.4	592.4	39.2	6.2	60.8
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	99.7	4.7	4.5	71.6	78.0	* 3.2	* 4.0	52.5	177.7	7.9	4.3	61.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	50.5	5.3	9.6	71.3	35.5	* 2.5	* 6.6	47.8	86.1	7.8	8.4	59.4
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	63.1	* 3.5	* 5.3	71.2	53.6	5.2	8.9	59.0	116.6	8.8	7.0	64.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	74.8	4.7	5.9	71.6	54.5	* 3.5	* 6.0	52.0	129.3	8.2	6.0	61.8
All Gippsland Statistical Region	51.2	4.2	7.6	65.9	31.4	* 2.3	* 6.8	42.1	82.7	6.5	7.3	54.3
			QUE	ENSLAND	1							
QUEENSLAND	950.9	95.9	9.2	73.4	744.1	64.1	7.9	55.4	1,695.0	160.0	8.6	64.3
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	439.9	44.5	9.2	74.3	358.7	32.7	8.4	57.5	798.5	77.2	8.8	65.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	106.9	11.0	9.3	77.2	95.7	9.7	9.2	62.5	202.5	20.8	9.3	69.5
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	132.2	12.2	8.4	75.0	107.8	7.9	6.8	57.0	240.0	20.1	7.7	65.8
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	88.2	7.9	8.2	71.6	66.6	6.8	9.3	52.6	154.8	14.7	8.7	61.9
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	112.7	13.4	10.7	73.1	88.6	8.2	8.5	57.3	201.2	21.7	9.7	65.3
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	511.1	51.4	9.1	72.6	385.4	31.4	7.5	53.5	896.5	82.8	8.5	63.0
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	112.2	9.9	8.1	72.9	85.8	7.1	7.6	52.9	198.1	17.0	7.9	62.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	84.3	9.6	10.2	69.8	71.6	7.8	9.8	55.1	155.9	17.4	10.0	62.2
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	52.0	8.4	13.9	64.9	36.2	6.1	14.5	45.9	88.3	14.6	14.2	55.4
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.2	3.9	5.7	76.9	42.1	* 1.8	* 4.1	48.7	107.2	5.7	5.1	62.8
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	86.9	8.3	8.7	74.2	62.1	* 3.0	* 4.6	56.1	149.0	11.2	7.0	65.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	52.4	5.8	10.0	74.2	43.1	* 3.3	* 7.1	57.5	95.5	9.1	8.7	65.7
Far North Statistical Region	58.0	5.4	8.5	76.5	44.4	* 2.3	* 5.0	58.8	102.4	7.7	7.0	67.8
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	118.6	9.5	7.4	72.7	88.2	8.0	8.3	53.3	206.8	17.5	7.8	62.8

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		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
	-	'000 -	- per c			'000 -	- per c	ent -	-	'000 -	- per c	ent -
			SOUTH	AUSTRAL	JIA							
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	379.0	33.4	8.1	69.3	298.8	22.8	7.1	51.8	677.7	56.3	7.7	60.4
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	276.8	24.8	8.2	68.9	224.7	17.3	7.2	52.1	501.5	42.2	7.8	60.2
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	88.0	7.3	7.7	69.1	65.4	5.3	7.5	50.8	153.5	12.6	7.6	59.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	50.1	6.2	11.0	63.7	43.9	2.5	5.5	48.7	94.0	8.7	8.5	55.9
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	56.0	3.9	6.5	69.8	49.9	4.4	8.0	57.3	105.9	8.3	7.2	63.2
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.6	7.4	8.2	71.9	65.5	5.2	7.3	52.1	148.1	12.6	7.8	61.6
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	102.2	8.6	7.8	70.1	74.0	5.5	6.9	51.1	176.2	14.1	7.4	60.7
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	37.2	4.5	10.8	66.2	23.7	* 1.5	* 6.0	44.4	60.9	6.0	9.0	55.9
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.0	4.1	6.0	72.7	50.4	4.0	7.3	54.9	115.4	8.1	6.6	63.6
<del>-</del>			WESTER	N AUSTRA	ALIA							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	531.2	45.8	7.9	75.7	400.3	33.5	7.7	56.9	931.5	79.3	7.8	66.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	386.1	34.1	8.1	75.1	302.2	24.5	7.5	56.8	688.3	58.6	7.9	65.8
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	31.5	2.5	7.3	67.1	24.6	* 1.1	* 4.2	53.0	56.2	3.6	6.0	60.2
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	61.6	6.4	9.3	75.8	48.3	3.7	7.1	56.4	109.9	10.0	8.4	66.0
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	119.7	9.0	7.0	76.5	95.9	7.6	7.3	57.8	215.6	16.6	7.1	66.8
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	81.9	7.4	8.3	74.0	62.9	5.2	7.6	55.3	144.8	12.6	8.0	64.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	91.4	8.9	8.9	77.2	70.5	7.0	9.0	58.3	161.9	15.9	8.9	67.6
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	145.0	11.7	7.4	77.3	98.1	9.0	8.4	57.3	243.2	20.7	7.8	67.7
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	74.8	5.2	6.5	72.2	55.7	4.1	6.9	53.7	130.5	9.3	6.7	62.9
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	70.2	6.5	8.5	83.4	42.4	4.9	10.3	62.7	112.7	11.4	9.2	74.1
			TAS	SMANIA								
TASMANIA	110.6	12.4	10.1	67.9	85.8	8.5	9.0	49.1	196.4	20.9	9.6	58.2
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.5	5.7	9.9	65.7	43.6	3.6	7.6	50.5	95.1	9.2	8.9	57.8
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.0	4.8	9.9	65.6	38.0	3.2	7.7	50.7	82.0	8.0	8.9	57.8
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.1	4.0	11.0	70.1	24.3	3.1	11.2	49.5	56.4	7.0	11.1	59.4
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	27.0	2.8	9.4	69.5	17.8	1.9	9.5	45.7	44.8	4.7	9.4	57.6
			NORTHER									
NORTHERN TERRITORY	53.4	5.6	9.6	79.6	41.9	4.3	9.3	67.4	95.3	9.9	9.4	73.7
	ALIAN CAPIT	AL TERRIT	ORY AND	SOUTH EA	ASTERN (N	(SW) STATI	STICAL REC	GION				
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH						,						
EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	129.0	10.2	7.3	71.3	116.7	7.8	6.2	60.2	245.7	18.0	6.8	65.6
			TRALIAN C									
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	86.6	5.4	5.9	76.5	77.0	3.3	4.2	63.9	163.7	8.7	5.1	70.0
ATTOCKE AT IA	5 10 1 7	400.0		STRALIA	2.000.1	204.7	7.1	547	0.102.0	707.2	7.4	
AUSTRALIA	5,124.7	422.8	7.6	72.4	3,999.1	304.5	7.1	54.7	9,123.8	727.3	7.4	63.4

<sup>(</sup>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

					n unemploy	ment					n unemplo	
		employed s and under	· 104		iemployed eeks and ov	er		Total			proportion nemploym	
Month		Females	Persons		Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
					-'000- ORIGINA	L					per cent	
2000 — November	24.7	22.0	577	566	25.1	01.7	01.2	40.1	120.4	26.6	20.6	24.1
December	34.7 36.4	23.0 22.8	57.7 59.2	56.6 57.4	25.1 25.6	81.7 83.0	91.2 93.8	48.1 48.4	139.4 142.2	26.6 25.7	20.6 19.2	24.1 23.0
December	30.4	22.0	39.2	37.4	23.0	65.0	93.0	40.4	142.2	23.1	19.2	23.0
2001 —												
January	39.3	22.0	61.3	54.4	20.8	75.2	93.7	42.8	136.5	23.9	16.7	21.1
February	36.6	26.5	63.2	59.6	31.4	91.0	96.3	57.9	154.2	23.2	18.9	21.4
March	38.9	25.5	64.4	52.2	29.3	81.5	91.1	54.8	145.9	23.7	18.8	21.6
April	37.8	24.1	61.9	60.3	27.5	87.9	98.1	51.7	149.8	25.5	18.2	22.4
May	40.0	24.0	63.9	58.4	27.8	86.2	98.4	51.7	150.2	25.8	17.8	22.4
June	34.2	26.2	60.5	59.4	31.6	91.0	93.7	57.8	151.5	24.8	20.9	23.1
July	34.1	22.6	56.6	55.2	28.6	83.8	89.3	51.2	140.4	24.4	20.3	22.7
August	28.0	17.8	45.8	61.8	30.9	92.7	89.8	48.6	138.5	24.1	18.0	21.5
September	33.3	23.1	56.4	67.3	28.9	96.2	100.6	52.0	152.6	25.4	18.8	22.7
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
				SEASC	NALLY A	DJUSTED						
2000 —												
November	33.9	23.0	56.8	56.5	26.3	82.8	90.4	49.3	139.7	25.4	19.7	23.0
December	36.9	22.5	59.4	57.0	26.0	83.0	93.9	48.5	142.5	26.0	19.1	23.2
2001 —	20.2	21.6	50.0	547	22.0	77.5	02.0	44.5	107.5	25.5	17.6	22.2
January	38.3	21.6	59.9	54.7	22.9	77.5	93.0	44.5	137.5	25.5	17.6	22.3
February	35.9 40.1	22.4 24.9	58.3 65.0	54.0 51.7	28.5 27.5	82.5 79.2	89.9 91.8	50.9 52.5	140.9 144.3	23.7 24.9	19.2 19.9	21.8 22.8
March	39.2	25.2	64.5	62.5	26.8	79.2 89.3	101.7	52.5 52.0	153.7	24.9		22.8
April	39.8	24.1	63.9	60.2	29.7	89.9	99.9	53.8	153.7	25.9	18.6 18.6	22.7
May June	35.3	30.2	65.6	63.2	33.5	96.7	98.5	63.7	162.3	25.0	22.2	23.8
July	35.3	24.7	60.0	58.8	29.5	88.3	94.1	54.2	148.3	23.9	19.3	22.0
August	28.1	17.6	45.7	64.0	31.9	95.9	92.1	49.5	141.6	24.0	17.4	21.2
September	32.0	21.1	53.1	62.1	26.1	88.2	94.1	47.2	141.3	24.4	17.4	21.5
October	32.5	26.1	58.6	56.8	29.8	86.5	89.2	55.9	145.1	22.1	19.1	20.8
November	32.4	22.7	55.0	55.4	29.0	84.4	87.8	51.7	139.5	22.8	18.7	21.1
December	32.9	24.7	57.6	53.9	33.3	87.1	86.8	58.0	144.8	23.4	20.1	21.9
2002 —	32.7	23.9	56.5	60.4	35.0	95.3	93.0	58.8	151.9	23.6	19.6	21.9
January	32.1	23.9	30.3		REND SEF		93.0	36.6	131.9	23.0	19.0	21.9
				1	KEND SER	des						
2000 —												
November	35.6	22.1	57.8	56.1	25.9	81.9	91.7	48.0	139.7	25.9	19.5	23.3
December	36.4	22.3	58.8	55.2	25.5	80.7	91.7	47.8	139.5	25.5	19.1	22.9
2001 —												
January	37.4	22.7	60.1	55.0	25.6	80.6	92.4	48.3	140.7	25.2	18.8	22.6
February	38.4	23.4	61.8	55.3	26.3	81.7	93.7	49.8	143.5	25.1	18.9	22.5
March	38.9	24.4	63.3	56.5	27.5	83.9	95.3	51.9	147.3	25.1	19.1	22.6
April	38.6	25.2	63.8	58.2	28.7	86.9	96.8	53.9	150.7	25.2	19.4	22.8
May	37.6	25.4	63.0	60.1	29.8	89.8	97.7	55.1	152.8	25.2	19.6	22.8
June	35.9	24.9	60.8	61.5	30.3	91.8	97.5	55.2	152.6	25.0	19.4	22.6
July r	34.1	24.0	58.1	62.0	30.2	92.1	96.0	54.2	150.2	24.5	19.1	22.2
August r	32.6	23.2	55.7	61.2	29.8	91.0	93.8	53.0	146.8	24.0	18.7	21.8
September r	31.9	22.7	54.6	59.8	29.6	89.4	91.7	52.4	144.0	23.5	18.6	21.4
October r	31.8	22.8	54.6	58.5	29.9	88.3	90.3	52.7	143.0	23.2	18.6	21.3
November r	32.0	23.2	55.3	57.4 56.7	30.6	88.0	89.5	53.8	143.3	23.1	18.9	21.3
December r	32.4	23.7	56.0	56.7	31.6	88.3	89.0	55.3	144.3	23.1	19.2	21.4
2002 —												
January	32.7	24.4	57.1	56.4	32.9	89.3	89.1	57.3	146.3	23.1	19.6	21.6

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 2002 ('000)

		(1000)			
			g-term unemployed		Long-term
State or		Unemployed	Unemployed		unemployment as
Territory	Unemployed	52 weeks and	104 weeks		a proportion of total
	under 52 weeks	under 104	and over	Total	unemployment
		MALES			
New South Wales	95.9	8.5	21.2	29.7	23.6
Victoria	79.4	7.2	12.1	19.2	19.5
Queensland	75.7	9.1	11.0	20.2	21.0
South Australia	24.2	2.6	6.7	9.3	27.7
Western Australia	37.0	4.2	4.5	8.7	19.1
Tasmania	7.2	1.2	3.9	5.2	41.7
Northern Territory	5.3	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 5.6
Australian Capital Territory	4.3	* 0.6	* 0.5	1.1	19.7
Australia	329.1	33.5	60.1	93.6	22.1
		FEMALES			
New South Wales	81.3	6.5	8.5	15.0	15.6
Victoria	57.5	5.8	8.3	14.1	19.7
Queensland	47.9	6.6	9.6	16.2	25.3
South Australia	17.8	* 1.9	3.2	5.0	21.9
Western Australia	30.1	* 2.1	* 1.3	3.4	10.2
Tasmania	6.4	1.1	* 1.0	2.1	24.5
Northern Territory	4.1	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 5.3
Australian Capital Territory	3.3	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 2.6
Australia	248.4	24.3	31.8	56.2	18.4
		PERSONS			
New South Wales	177.2	15.0	29.7	44.7	20.1
Victoria	136.9	13.0	20.4	33.3	19.6
Queensland	123.6	15.8	20.7	36.4	22.8
South Australia	42.0	4.4	9.8	14.3	25.4
Western Australia	67.2	6.3	5.8	12.2	15.3
Tasmania	13.7	2.4	4.9	7.3	34.7
Northern Territory	9.4	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 5.5
Australian Capital Territory	7.6	* 0.7	* 0.5	1.1	13.1
Australia	577.5	57.9	91.9	149.8	20.6

#### **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 Mark Webb on Canberra 02 6252 6525.
- 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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