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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER; STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, JULY 2001(b)

		Mal	'es		<u>Females</u>				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 -
			NEW SO	UTH WAI	LES							
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,732.4	103.8	5.7	71.6	1,350.9	70.6	5.0	53.9	3,083.3	174.4	5.4	62.6
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,144.9	58.3	4.8	73.9	909.2	37.8	4.0	56.3	2,054.1	96.1	4.5	64.9
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical												
Regions	147.8	6.7	4.3	74.9	119.2	* 3.8	* 3.1	63.3	267.0	10.4	3.8	69.3
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	99.7	3.9	3.8	76.7	77.4	* 2.3	* 2.9	66.7	177.1	6.3	3.4	72.0
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	61.2	3.0	4.7	72.2	58.5	* 2.1	* 3.4	58.5	119.7	5.1	4.1	64.8
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	115.0	6.5	5.4	73.3	102.0	* 1.4	* 1.4	57.2	217.0	8.0	3.5	64.9
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	78.0	5.1	6.2	66.7	54.2	* 1.8	* 3.2	44.8	132.2	6.9	5.0	55.7
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western												
Sydney Statistical Regions	159.7	12.6	7.3	72.8	119.1	10.3	8.0	53.9	278.8	23.0	7.6	63.3
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	87.3	6.7	7.1	68.1	66.2	4.9	6.9	49.4	153.5	11.6	7.0	58.6
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	71.3	3.0	4.1	63.0	52.3	* 2.0	* 3.7	48.4	123.6	5.0	3.9	55.9
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	164.6	8.2	4.7	77.5	128.9	6.4	4.7	56.5	293.5	14.5	4.7	66.6
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	80.0	4.5	5.3	79.7	70.9	* 1.7	* 2.4	62.5	150.9	6.2	4.0	70.7
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	124.6	* 1.8	* 1.5	80.7	98.7	3.1	3.1	62.5	223.2	5.0	2.2	71.4
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	68.5	* 1.1	* 1.6	78.7	55.7	* 1.4	* 2.4	59.5	124.2	* 2.5	* 2.0	68.7
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	74.2	5.7	7.1	69.6	49.7	3.8	7.0	47.7	124.0	9.4	7.1	58.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	587.4	45.5	7.2	67.6	441.8	32.8	6.9	49.6	1,029.2	78.3	7.1	58.5
Hunter Statistical Region	136.6	14.5	9.6	64.9	101.5	11.7	10.3	49.8	238.2	26.2	9.9	57.5
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	114.7	12.1	9.5	66.0	89.0	10.9	10.9	51.8	203.7	23.0	10.1	58.9
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	142.9	8.4	5.6	66.9	107.4	7.4	6.5	47.9	250.4	15.9	6.0	57.1
Illawarra Statistical Region	96.9	6.4	6.2	65.4	71.6	6.1	7.8	47.0	168.5	12.5	6.9	56.0
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	74.7	5.2	6.5	69.4	52.4	4.3	7.5	46.6	127.1	9.4	6.9	57.7
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	106.7	8.4	7.3	63.0	87.8	7.7	8.0	48.8	194.5	16.1	7.6	55.7
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West												
Statistical Regions	119.4	9.0	7.0	72.2	89.8	* 2.3	* 2.5	49.7	209.1	11.3	5.1	60.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	81.7	* 5.2	* 6.0	74.4	55.3	* 3.7	* 6.3	54.5	137.0	9.0	6.1	64.8

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			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 c	ent -	
			VI	CTORIA									
VICTORIA	1,301.8	82.6	6.0	72.8	1,019.1	64.9	6.0	54.9	2,320.9	147.5	6.0	63.7	
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	961.6	60.6	5.9	73.6	762.9	47.6	5.9	55.9	1,724.5	108.2	5.9	64.6	
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	145.0	9.5	6.1	70.6	109.8	9.4	7.9	51.0	254.8	18.9	6.9	60.5	
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	73.6	7.9	9.6	71.4	54.4	7.5	12.2	54.5	128.0	15.4	10.7	63.0	
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	69.6	6.5	8.5	74.9	73.5	* 2.5	* 3.2	66.9	143.1	9.0	5.9	70.7	
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	106.9	9.3	8.0	71.8	87.3	5.1	5.5	53.5	194.1	14.4	6.9	62.4	
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	169.7	7.7	4.3	73.1	132.9	6.7	4.8	54.6	302.6	14.3	4.5	63.6	
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	105.4	5.7	5.1	73.2	89.2	3.0	3.3	57.3	194.6	8.7	4.3	65.0	
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	130.9	5.0	3.7	80.5	102.6	3.9	3.7	62.8	233.5	8.9	3.7	71.6	
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	99.1	6.4	6.0	73.7	66.6	5.9	8.2	53.9	165.7	12.3	6.9	64.1	
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.4	2.7	4.2	74.7	46.7	3.6	7.1	53.1	108.1	6.2	5.5	63.4	
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	340.2	22.0	6.1	70.6	256.1	17.3	6.3	51.9	596.4	39.4	6.2	61.1	
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	95.4	5.0	5.0	71.7	76.4	* 3.6	* 4.5	54.5	171.8	8.6	4.8	62.9	
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	51.8	* 3.1	* 5.7	67.9	39.6	* 2.8	* 6.6	49.7	91.4	6.0	6.1	58.5	
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	62.0	4.8	7.2	70.4	44.8	5.2	10.4	52.9	106.8	10.0	8.6	61.6	
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	78.4	4.6	5.5	73.4	60.0	* 2.4	* 3.9	53.9	138.4	7.0	4.8	63.6	
All Gippsland Statistical Region	52.6	4.5	7.9	67.7	35.4	* 3.3	* 8.6	46.1	88.0	7.9	8.2	56.9	
			QUE	ENSLAND									
QUEENSLAND	945.5	82.6	8.0	72.7	768.8	57.8	7.0	57.2	1,714.3	140.4	7.6	64.9	
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	431.9	41.5	8.8	73.3	365.2	29.7	7.5	58.6	797.0	71.2	8.2	65.8	
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	100.4	8.3	7.6	74.6	101.2	6.3	5.8	64.7	201.6	14.6	6.7	69.3	
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	128.5	11.5	8.2	71.5	105.8	8.5	7.4	55.2	234.3	20.0	7.9	63.1	
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	91.4	9.2	9.1	74.9	68.3	8.6	11.2	55.6	159.7	17.8	10.0	65.1	
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	111.6	12.6	10.1	73.1	89.9	6.3	6.5	59.1	201.4	18.8	8.5	66.2	
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	513.7	41.1	7.4	72.2	403.6	28.1	6.5	56.0	917.3	69.2	7.0	64.1	
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	104.4	9.4	8.3	69.0	87.5	7.0	7.4	55.3	192.0	16.5	7.9	62.0	
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	78.8	10.7	12.0	68.2	68.5	5.8	7.8	54.4	147.3	16.6	10.1	61.1	
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	48.6	6.2	11.3	63.4	39.3	* 3.1	* 7.4	48.4	87.9	9.3	9.6	55.8	
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.9	3.3	4.9	76.2	47.8	* 2.5	* 4.9	54.2	111.7	5.7	4.9	64.9	
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	89.7	4.6	4.9	78.6	64.4	3.8	5.5	58.2	154.1	8.4	5.2	68.5	
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.4	* 3.3	* 5.1	73.7	41.9	* 3.2	* 7.0	59.2	103.3	6.5	5.9	67.0	
Far North Statistical Region	66.9	* 3.5	* 5.0	78.4	54.1	* 2.8	* 4.9	63.8	121.0	6.3	4.9	71.1	
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	107.9	11.2	9.4	69.4	90.5	7.4	7.5	55.9	198.4	18.6	8.6	62.6	

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	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	371.0	33.2	8.2	68.1	301.3	19.4	6.1	51.9	672.3	52.6	7.3	59.8
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.9	26.1	8.9	67.6	224.3	14.8	6.2	51.7	492.1	41.0	7.7	59.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	88.6	9.6	9.8	68.3	66.3	6.1	8.5	51.3	154.9	15.8	9.2	59.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	49.9	5.2	9.4	67.2	42.7	3.2	7.1	49.4	92.6	8.4	8.3	57.8
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	53.9	3.4	5.9	66.2	49.8	2.2	4.2	56.2	103.7	5.5	5.1	61.0
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	75.4	8.0	9.6	67.8	65.5	3.3	4.8	50.6	141.0	11.3	7.4	58.8
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	103.1	7.1	6.4	69.6	77.0	4.6	5.6	52.3	180.1	11.7	6.1	61.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.3	3.8	8.7	67.1	24.4	2.5	9.1	45.6	64.7	6.3	8.9	57.0
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	62.8	3.2	4.9	71.3	52.7	2.2	3.9	56.4	115.4	5.4	4.5	63.7
			WESTER	N AUSTRA	ALIA							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	530.7	40.9	7.2	75.7	408.8	25.4	5.9	57.4	939.5	66.3	6.6	66.5
Perth Major Statistical Region	384.0	31.0	7.5	74.9	303.9	19.6	6.0	56.7	688.0	50.5	6.8	65.6
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.7	2.5	6.9	74.0	25.8	* 0.4	* 1.4	55.1	59.5	2.9	4.6	64.7
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	66.1	3.8	5.5	75.3	48.3	4.4	8.3	59.4	114.4	8.2	6.7	67.5
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	118.6	7.2	5.7	76.7	98.0	5.8	5.6	61.4	216.6	13.0	5.7	68.9
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	84.8	6.7	7.3	75.3	61.9	3.8	5.8	52.0	146.7	10.5	6.7	63.5
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	80.8	10.8	11.8	72.3	69.8	5.2	6.9	53.9	150.7	16.0	9.6	62.7
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	146.7	9.9	6.3	77.7	104.9	5.9	5.3	59.8	251.6	15.8	5.9	69.1
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	77.5	6.0	7.1	74.5	56.6	2.9	4.9	56.4	134.1	8.9	6.2	65.7
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	69.2	4.0	5.4	81.7	48.2	* 2.9	* 5.7	64.3	117.4	6.9	5.6	73.5
			TAS	SMANIA								
TASMANIA	109.0	12.1	10.0	66.9	87.5	6.9	7.3	49.3	196.6	19.0	8.8	57.9
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.2	6.2	10.9	65.5	42.6	3.0	6.6	48.6	93.9	9.3	9.0	56.8
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.5	5.4	11.0	65.6	37.5	2.7	6.6	49.6	81.0	8.0	9.0	57.3
Northern Statistical Region Sector	34.4	3.2	8.5	70.3	26.1	1.8	6.6	51.6	60.6	5.0	7.7	60.9
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	23.4	2.7	10.2	65.3	18.8	2.0	9.8	48.1	42.2	4.7	10.0	56.4
			NORTHER	N TERRIT	ORY							
NORTHERN TERRITORY	55.6	4.3	7.2	81.0	42.7	3.1	6.8	67.2	98.3	7.4	7.0	74.4
AUSTR	ALIAN CAPIT	AL TERRIT	ORY AND	SOUTH EA	ASTERN (N	SW) STATI	STICAL RE	GION				
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH					. (-							
EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	132.8	8.4	5.9	75.2	114.8	4.9	4.1	60.0	247.6	13.3	5.1	67.3
			ΓRALIAN C									
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	86.7	6.3	6.8	77.9	79.0	3.6	4.3	66.0	165.7	9.9	5.6	71.8
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AUSTRALIA	5,132.8	365.8	6.7	72.3	4,058.2	251.8	5.8	55.1	9,191.0	617.6	6.3	63.6

⁽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

		Inemployed eks and unde		U	<u>rm unemplo</u> Inemployed weeks and o			Total		Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
Month	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
					- '000- ORIGIN	AL					per cent	
2000 —												
May	39.9	28.3	68.3	65.7	30.5	96.2	105.6	58.9	164.5	30.2	21.4	26.4
June	37.7	21.4	59.1	65.9	28.8	94.7	103.6	50.2	153.8	30.7	20.5	26.4
July	36.6	20.4	57.1	56.3	29.3	85.6	93.0	49.7	142.7	29.0	22.4	26.3
August	36.1	24.1	60.1	58.8	29.0	87.8	94.9	53.1	148.0	27.8	22.7	25.8
September	32.2	20.9	53.1	62.8	30.6	93.4	95.0	51.5	146.4	26.9	21.1	24.5
October	40.4	22.3	62.6	58.5	26.7	85.1	98.8	49.0	147.8	29.9	21.5	26.5
November	34.7	23.0	57.7	56.6	25.1	81.7	91.2	48.1	139.4	26.6	20.6	24.1
December	36.4	22.8	59.2	57.4	25.6	83.0	93.8	48.4	142.2	25.7	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
				SEAS	ONALLY A	ADJUSTED						
2000 —												
May	39.7	28.6	68.3	67.8	32.6	100.4	107.6	61.2	168.7	30.4	22.3	26.9
June	39.0	24.5	63.6	69.9	30.6	100.5	108.9	55.2	164.1	31.0	21.7	27.1
July	37.9	22.3	60.2	60.1	30.3	90.4	98.0	52.5	150.6	28.5	21.2	25.5
August	36.2	24.0	60.1	60.9	29.9	90.8	97.1	53.8	150.9	27.8	21.9	25.3
September	30.9	19.1	50.0	57.9	27.6	85.5	88.8	46.7	135.6	25.9	19.5	23.3
October	39.1	24.1	63.2	57.6	25.6	83.2	96.7	49.7	146.5	27.7	20.9	24.9
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 —												
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	22.4	58.3	54.0	28.5	82.5	89.9	50.9	140.9	23.7	19.2	21.8
March	40.1	24.9	65.0	51.7	27.5	79.2	91.8	52.5	144.3	24.9	19.9	22.8
April	39.2	25.2	64.5	62.5	26.8	89.3	101.7	52.0	153.7	26.0	18.6	22.9
May	39.8	24.1	63.9	60.2	29.7	89.9	99.9	53.8	153.7	25.9	18.6	22.7
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
					TREND SE	RIES						
2000 —												
May	38.5	26.1	64.5	66.9	32.4	99.3	105.4	58.5	163.9	29.9	22.0	26.5
June	37.9	25.2	63.1	65.4	31.2	96.6	103.3	56.5	159.7	29.5	21.8	26.2
July	37.0	24.0	61.1	63.3	30.1	93.4	100.4	54.1	154.5	28.8	21.5	25.8
August	36.2	22.9	59.1	61.1	28.9	90.0	97.3	51.8	149.1	28.0	21.1	25.2
September	35.5	22.2	57.8	59.1	27.6	86.8	94.7	49.9	144.5	27.2	20.6	24.5
October	35.3	22.0	57.4	57.4	26.6	84.0	92.7	48.6	141.4	26.5	20.1	23.9
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 r	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 r	38.2	23.3	61.5	55.4	26.4	81.8	93.6	49.6	143.3	25.1	18.8	22.5
March r	38.5	24.1	62.5	56.6	27.4	84.0	95.1	51.5	146.5	25.1	19.0	22.6
April r	38.4	25.0	63.4	58.1	28.5	86.6	96.5	53.5	150.0	25.2	19.3	22.7
May r	38.0	25.8	63.8	59.6	29.6	89.1	97.5	55.4	152.9	25.1	19.7	22.8
June r	37.3	26.5	63.8	60.7	30.5	91.2	98.1	57.0	155.0	25.0	20.0	22.9
July	36.6	27.0	63.6	61.7	31.3	93.0	98.3	58.3	156.6	24.9	20.2	22.9

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 2001 ('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	79.6	6.9	17.3	24.1	23.3
Victoria	64.4	7.0	11.2	18.2	22.0
Queensland	62.9	9.5	10.2	19.7	23.9
South Australia	21.7	3.9	7.6	11.5	34.6
Western Australia	31.7	4.3	4.9	9.2	22.5
Tasmania	7.9	1.6	2.5	4.2	34.5
Northern Territory	3.5	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.8	* 19.0
Australian Capital Territory	4.8	* 0.5	1.1	1.5	24.3
Australia	276.6	34.1	55.2	89.3	24.4
		FEMALES			
New South Wales	56.6	6.3	7.7	14.0	19.8
Victoria	51.9	5.6	7.4	13.0	20.1
Queensland	44.0	6.6	7.3	13.8	24.0
South Australia	14.6	* 1.9	2.8	4.8	24.6
Western Australia	22.6	* 1.1	* 1.7	2.8	11.2
Tasmania	5.2	* 0.8	* 0.9	1.7	24.4
Northern Territory	2.4	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.7	* 23.6
Australian Capital Territory	3.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 8.4
Australia	200.6	22.6	28.6	51.2	20.3
		PERSONS			
New South Wales	136.3	13.2	24.9	38.1	21.9
Victoria	116.3	12.6	18.6	31.2	21.2
Queensland	106.9	16.0	17.5	33.6	23.9
South Australia	36.4	5.9	10.4	16.3	30.9
Western Australia	54.3	5.4	6.6	12.0	18.1
Tasmania	13.1	2.4	3.5	5.9	30.8
Northern Territory	5.9	* 0.7	* 0.9	1.5	20.9
Australian Capital Territory	8.1	* 0.5	1.4	1.8	18.6
Australia	477.2	56.6	83.8	140.4	22.7

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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