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# March 2001 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, MARCH 2001(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 -
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,696.5	112.5	6.2	70.8	1,328.9	83.3	5.9	53.7	3,025.4	195.8	6.1	62.1
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,121.9	62.9	5.3	73.1	883.5	46.8	5.0	55.5	2,005.5	109.7	5.2	64.1
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	148.7	6.1	4.0	77.2	129.6	5.7	4.2	66.7	278.3	11.8	4.1	71.9
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	95.4	5.2	5.1	78.8	86.4	* 3.2	* 3.6	68.9	181.8	8.4	4.4	73.8
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	62.4	2.5	3.9	68.3	52.2	2.7	4.9	55.7	114.6	5.2	4.3	61.9
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	115.2	3.1	2.6	72.5	101.2	3.0	2.9	56.8	216.5	6.1	2.7	64.2
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	76.5	4.8	5.9	66.4	44.0	3.3	7.0	38.6	120.5	8.2	6.3	52.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	141.9	17.0	10.7	71.5	109.2	10.7	8.9	52.5	251.1	27.7	9.9	61.9
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	81.6	8.7	9.6	68.1	61.1	5.0	7.6	47.4	142.7	13.7	8.8	57.5
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	78.9	* 2.1	* 2.5	66.9	53.4	2.3	4.2	47.0	132.3	4.4	3.2	57.1
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	164.6	11.2	6.4	77.0	124.0	5.4	4.2	58.1	288.7	16.6	5.4	67.7
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	73.8	4.0	5.2	75.4	68.9	4.4	5.9	61.4	142.8	8.4	5.5	67.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	118.9	5.2	4.2	77.7	96.3	4.3	4.3	59.4	215.2	9.5	4.2	68.3
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	74.0	* 1.0	* 1.4	80.1	53.4	* 0.7	* 1.2	58.3	127.4	* 1.7	* 1.3	69.3
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	67.1	5.9	8.0	64.7	51.2	4.4	7.9	47.3	118.3	10.3	8.0	55.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	574.5	49.6	7.9	66.9	445.4	36.5	7.6	50.5	1,019.9	86.1	7.8	58.6
Hunter Statistical Region	144.8	16.4	10.2	66.7	106.4	12.2	10.3	50.0	251.2	28.6	10.2	58.4
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	118.1	14.9	11.2	66.4	89.1	10.5	10.5	49.9	207.2	25.4	10.9	58.2
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	139.1	7.9	5.4	65.7	110.8	6.8	5.8	49.8	250.0	14.7	5.6	57.5
Illawarra Statistical Region	99.2	6.0	5.7	66.6	80.6	4.5	5.3	51.5	179.9	10.5	5.5	58.9
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	74.2	4.2	5.3	67.8	60.9	3.3	5.1	52.4	135.1	7.5	5.2	59.9
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	97.5	14.0	12.6	62.1	86.7	10.5	10.8	50.9	184.2	24.5	11.8	56.3
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	121.6	6.3	4.9	69.4	87.9	* 4.5	* 4.9	49.5	209.5	10.8	4.9	59.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	71.6	* 5.0	* 6.6	73.3	53.5	* 2.4	* 4.4	54.3	125.1	7.5	5.6	63.8

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
<b>VICTORIA</b>												
VICTORIA	1,285.7	94.9	6.9	73.0	1,009.3	78.1	7.2	55.3	2,295.0	173.0	7.0	64.0
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	946.2	67.5	6.7	73.5	754.0	58.1	7.2	56.3	1,700.2	125.7	6.9	64.7
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	137.3	13.1	8.7	71.8	104.4	8.9	7.9	53.5	241.7	22.0	8.4	62.6
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	77.1	5.9	7.1	76.2	52.2	7.6	12.7	51.4	129.3	13.5	9.4	63.4
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	78.3	6.7	7.9	78.1	72.2	6.2	7.9	70.5	150.5	12.9	7.9	74.3
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.8	8.0	6.8	71.7	94.0	4.0	4.0	55.7	203.9	12.0	5.5	63.4
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	163.8	8.1	4.7	71.2	127.7	8.0	5.9	52.3	291.5	16.1	5.2	61.4
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	95.6	4.5	4.5	68.5	90.6	4.7	4.9	57.8	186.2	9.1	4.7	62.8
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	130.1	8.6	6.2	78.7	98.6	6.8	6.5	60.6	228.8	15.4	6.3	69.7
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	97.0	7.4	7.1	74.2	69.7	6.9	9.0	55.6	166.7	14.2	7.9	65.0
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	57.2	5.2	8.4	74.2	44.6	5.1	10.3	54.8	101.8	10.4	9.3	64.1
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	339.5	27.4	7.5	71.7	255.3	20.0	7.3	52.4	594.8	47.4	7.4	61.9
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	92.0	6.7	6.8	72.4	70.9	4.7	6.2	52.2	162.9	11.4	6.5	62.0
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	55.4	* 3.8	* 6.5	72.9	44.2	* 3.3	* 6.9	55.7	99.6	7.1	6.7	64.1
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	65.3	5.3	7.5	72.6	48.5	* 4.0	* 7.6	51.8	113.7	9.3	7.5	62.0
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	74.5	6.1	7.5	75.0	55.3	* 3.4	* 5.8	53.5	129.8	9.5	6.8	64.1
All Gippsland Statistical Region	52.4	5.5	9.6	64.5	36.4	4.6	11.2	48.8	88.8	10.1	10.2	56.9
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>												
QUEENSLAND	933.3	94.2	9.2	73.0	747.6	77.9	9.4	57.5	1,680.8	172.1	9.3	65.2
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	432.5	40.0	8.5	73.6	358.9	33.7	8.6	58.6	791.4	73.7	8.5	65.9
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	104.3	9.6	8.5	73.8	97.5	8.3	7.8	63.8	201.8	17.9	8.1	68.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	133.8	9.0	6.3	72.1	109.4	9.2	7.7	56.8	243.2	18.1	6.9	64.2
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	88.2	10.6	10.7	76.1	70.6	8.0	10.2	58.8	158.8	18.6	10.5	67.3
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	106.2	10.8	9.2	73.3	81.3	8.2	9.2	55.4	187.5	19.0	9.2	64.3
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	500.8	54.1	9.8	72.6	388.7	44.3	10.2	56.5	889.5	98.4	10.0	64.6
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	115.7	14.2	10.9	74.5	95.0	10.0	9.5	56.5	210.7	24.2	10.3	65.2
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	78.2	8.2	9.5	69.8	64.9	8.5	11.6	56.3	143.1	16.7	10.5	62.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	42.3	8.9	17.4	60.3	33.2	4.9	12.9	43.5	75.5	13.8	15.5	51.7
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	67.5	* 2.1	* 3.0	76.2	48.4	* 2.5	* 4.9	59.4	115.9	4.6	3.8	68.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	83.7	10.5	11.1	78.3	56.9	7.9	12.2	57.8	140.6	18.4	11.5	68.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	52.1	4.6	8.1	70.2	37.7	5.7	13.1	58.7	89.8	10.2	10.2	64.7
Far North Statistical Region	61.3	5.7	8.5	75.1	52.6	4.8	8.3	63.6	113.9	10.5	8.4	69.3
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	114.3	15.0	11.6	73.3	95.9	10.5	9.8	55.7	210.2	25.4	10.8	64.2

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	368.3	33.8	8.4	67.9	301.2	19.1	6.0	51.9	669.5	52.9	7.3	59.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	266.7	26.2	8.9	67.5	222.6	15.6	6.5	51.6	489.3	41.7	7.9	59.3
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.3	10.7	11.2	67.7	61.4	6.5	9.5	49.9	145.7	17.1	10.5	58.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	49.7	4.1	7.6	65.6	44.0	3.8	7.9	50.4	93.7	7.8	7.7	57.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	55.1	5.2	8.7	69.9	51.1	2.1	4.0	55.6	106.2	7.3	6.5	62.4
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	77.6	6.2	7.4	66.7	66.1	3.2	4.6	51.3	143.8	9.4	6.1	58.7
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	101.6	7.7	7.0	69.0	78.6	3.6	4.4	52.8	180.2	11.2	5.9	61.0
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	37.1	3.3	8.2	66.0	25.7	* 2.1	* 7.7	48.3	62.8	5.5	8.0	57.4
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.5	4.3	6.3	70.9	52.9	* 1.4	* 2.6	55.4	117.4	5.8	4.7	63.1
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	521.2	46.0	8.1	75.5	410.8	31.8	7.2	58.8	932.1	77.8	7.7	67.2
Perth Major Statistical Region	379.4	33.4	8.1	74.9	309.2	24.4	7.3	58.7	688.6	57.8	7.7	66.7
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.1	3.3	9.1	74.1	28.5	3.4	10.7	61.3	61.6	6.8	9.9	67.5
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	63.2	5.4	7.9	75.5	49.7	3.8	7.0	60.5	113.0	9.2	7.5	68.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	120.4	12.0	9.1	75.7	94.8	8.2	7.9	60.3	215.3	20.2	8.6	68.1
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	75.9	5.0	6.2	73.9	62.5	4.3	6.4	55.9	138.4	9.3	6.3	64.5
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	86.8	7.6	8.1	74.6	73.6	4.8	6.1	57.0	160.3	12.4	7.2	65.4
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	141.8	12.6	8.1	77.0	101.7	7.4	6.8	59.2	243.5	20.0	7.6	68.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	73.4	7.3	9.1	71.8	54.5	5.5	9.2	55.6	127.9	12.8	9.1	63.9
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	68.4	5.3	7.1	83.5	47.2	* 1.9	* 3.9	64.4	115.6	7.2	5.8	74.7
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	110.8	11.7	9.6	67.7	89.0	7.7	7.9	50.5	199.8	19.4	8.8	58.9
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.5	6.2	10.8	66.8	44.0	3.5	7.4	50.9	95.5	9.8	9.3	58.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.6	5.4	10.9	67.2	38.1	3.4	8.2	51.3	82.7	8.8	9.6	58.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	35.2	3.1	8.1	70.8	26.9	2.2	7.5	52.9	62.1	5.3	7.9	61.8
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.1	2.4	9.1	65.5	18.1	1.9	9.6	46.8	42.2	4.3	9.3	55.9
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	51.7	2.9	5.2	73.8	42.0	1.8	4.0	64.5	93.7	4.6	4.7	69.4
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	128.1	6.6	4.9	72.9	110.8	6.4	5.5	60.1	238.9	13.0	5.2	66.3
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	88.2	4.7	5.1	78.1	80.6	4.1	4.9	68.1	168.8	8.9	5.0	73.0
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	5,055.7	400.7	7.3	72.1	4,009.5	303.8	7.0	55.4	9,065.2	704.5	7.2	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

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												
2000 —												
January	41.1	26.1	67.2	78.3	41.0	119.2	119.4	67.1	186.5	29.3	23.2	26.8
February	41.2	24.5	65.7	86.2	44.4	130.6	127.4	68.8	196.2	32.4	21.1	27.3
March	38.3	33.0	71.3	78.4	39.4	117.8	116.8	72.4	189.1	30.6	22.8	27.0
April	41.1	29.3	70.4	74.0	43.2	117.2	115.2	72.5	187.7	31.6	24.6	28.5
May	43.3	30.0	73.3	73.8	35.4	109.1	117.1	65.4	182.5	32.8	22.8	28.4
June	39.5	21.8	61.3	73.6	33.5	107.0	113.1	55.2	168.3	32.5	21.2	27.7
July	38.0	23.2	61.2	66.2	33.4	99.6	104.1	56.6	160.8	30.9	23.7	27.9
August	38.6	24.9	63.5	69.1	34.9	104.0	107.7	59.8	167.5	30.5	24.0	27.9
September	34.8	21.2	55.9	70.8	36.0	106.8	105.6	57.1	162.7	28.5	21.8	25.7
October	41.6	21.1	62.7	66.0	31.9	97.9	107.6	53.0	160.6	31.1	22.1	27.4
November	37.5	22.5	60.0	64.5	29.1	93.6	102.0	51.6	153.6	29.0	20.7	25.6
December	37.7	24.2	62.0	69.1	29.4	98.5	106.9	53.6	160.5	28.5	20.5	25.2
2001 —												
January	42.2	22.0	64.2	63.2	24.9	88.1	105.4	46.9	152.4	25.6	16.9	22.1
February	41.5	28.2	69.6	70.2	37.4	107.6	111.7	65.5	177.3	26.0	20.5	23.7
March	41.8	26.5	68.3	62.0	35.9	98.0	103.8	62.4	166.2	25.9	20.5	23.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
2000 —												
January	39.7	25.5	65.3	77.7	44.3	122.0	117.4	69.8	187.3	31.4	25.1	28.7
February	40.2	21.4	61.5	78.0	39.9	117.9	118.2	61.3	179.4	32.8	21.5	27.8
March	39.0	32.0	71.0	76.6	38.4	115.0	115.6	70.4	186.0	31.5	24.1	28.2
April	42.3	29.1	71.3	75.8	42.6	118.4	118.1	71.6	189.7	32.1	25.0	29.0
May	42.8	30.2	73.0	76.4	37.1	113.5	119.2	67.3	186.5	32.9	23.2	28.6
June	41.3	25.4	66.8	77.6	35.3	112.9	118.9	60.8	179.7	32.8	22.4	28.4
July	40.0	24.7	64.7	70.5	34.6	105.1	110.5	59.4	169.9	30.7	22.8	27.4
August	39.4	25.1	64.5	71.4	34.9	106.3	110.7	60.0	170.7	30.6	22.7	27.2
September	33.5	19.6	53.2	65.9	32.7	98.5	99.4	52.3	151.7	27.8	20.6	24.8
October	40.0	23.0	63.0	65.3	31.0	96.3	105.3	54.1	159.3	28.8	21.5	25.8
November	37.5	23.1	60.6	64.6	30.6	95.2	102.1	53.6	155.8	27.7	20.1	24.5
December	37.5	23.3	60.9	70.3	30.1	100.4	107.8	53.4	161.2	28.9	20.0	25.2
2001 —												
January	40.7	21.5	62.2	62.6	27.0	89.6	103.3	48.5	151.8	27.2	18.1	23.4
February	40.5	24.6	65.1	63.6	33.6	97.2	104.1	58.2	162.3	26.4	20.8	24.1
March	42.7	25.7	68.4	60.7	35.0	95.7	103.3	60.8	164.1	26.9	21.9	24.8
TREND SERIES												
2000 —												
January	42.0	25.8	67.8	78.7	40.9	119.6	120.7	66.7	187.4	32.4	23.5	28.6
February	41.2	26.5	67.7	78.0	40.9	118.8	119.2	67.4	186.5	32.3	23.6	28.5
March	41.0	27.5	68.5	77.3	40.3	117.6	118.3	67.8	186.2	32.3	23.7	28.5
April	41.1	28.2	69.3	76.7	39.3	116.0	117.8	67.5	185.3	32.3	23.7	28.5
May	41.0	28.0	69.1	75.8	38.0	113.8	116.9	66.0	182.8	32.2	23.5	28.4
June	40.7	26.9	67.6	74.2	36.5	110.8	114.9	63.4	178.4	31.8	23.1	28.0
July	39.8	25.4	65.2	72.2	35.1	107.3	112.0	60.5	172.5	31.0	22.6	27.5
August	38.7	23.8	62.5	70.0	33.8	103.8	108.7	57.5	166.3	30.1	22.0	26.7
September r	37.8	22.6	60.4	68.2	32.3	100.5	105.9	55.0	160.9	29.3	21.3	26.0
October r	37.5	22.3	59.8	66.8	31.2	98.0	104.3	53.5	157.8	28.6	20.7	25.3
November r	37.9	22.4	60.4	65.9	30.6	96.5	103.8	53.0	156.9	28.1	20.2	24.8
December r	38.8	22.9	61.6	65.2	30.4	95.6	104.0	53.3	157.3	27.8	20.0	24.5
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January r	39.7	23.4	63.1	64.3	30.8	95.1	104.1	54.2	158.2	27.4	20.0	24.3
February r	40.7	24.0	64.7	63.4	31.4	94.8	104.1	55.4	159.5	27.0	20.1	24.2
March	41.7	24.7	66.4	62.6	32.4	95.0	104.4	57.1	161.4	26.8	20.5	24.2

**TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 2001  
(’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>		
<b>MALES</b>					
New South Wales	82.5	10.8	19.2	30.0	26.7
Victoria	71.8	10.0	13.2	23.2	24.4
Queensland	71.2	10.7	12.2	22.9	24.4
South Australia	20.8	4.5	8.5	13.0	38.5
Western Australia	38.2	3.5	4.3	7.8	16.9
Tasmania	6.3	1.5	3.9	5.4	46.4
Northern Territory	2.4	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 0.4	* 14.9
Australian Capital Territory	3.7	* 0.4	* 0.6	1.1	22.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>296.9</i>	<i>41.8</i>	<i>62.0</i>	<i>103.8</i>	<i>25.9</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>					
New South Wales	66.2	* 5.7	11.5	17.2	20.6
Victoria	60.3	8.4	9.4	17.8	22.8
Queensland	63.2	7.5	7.2	14.7	18.8
South Australia	13.4	2.7	3.0	5.7	30.0
Western Australia	27.3	* 1.7	2.9	4.6	14.4
Tasmania	5.5	* 0.4	1.7	2.1	27.7
Northern Territory	1.7	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 5.6
Australian Capital Territory	4.0	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 4.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>241.4</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>20.5</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>					
New South Wales	148.6	16.4	30.7	47.2	24.1
Victoria	132.0	18.4	22.6	41.0	23.7
Queensland	134.5	18.2	19.4	37.6	21.9
South Australia	34.2	7.3	11.5	18.8	35.4
Western Australia	65.5	5.2	7.2	12.4	15.9
Tasmania	11.8	1.9	5.6	7.6	39.0
Northern Territory	4.1	* 0.4	* 0.1	* 0.5	* 11.4
Australian Capital Territory	7.6	* 0.4	* 0.8	1.2	13.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>538.3</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>23.6</b>

## 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 Kate Nielsen 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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