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# September 2000 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, SEPTEMBER 2000(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 c	ent -
			NEW SO	UTH WAI	LES							
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,738.0	106.6	5.8	72.5	1,356.4	73.9	5.2	54.6	3,094.4	180.5	5.5	63.4
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,148.2	53.7	4.5	74.4	912.9	39.0	4.1	56.9	2,061.1	92.7	4.3	65.5
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical												
Regions	137.1	5.9	4.1	74.0	119.0	* 4.3	* 3.5	63.5	256.1	10.1	3.8	68.7
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	82.3	4.5	5.2	73.8	74.3	* 3.6	* 4.6	65.1	156.6	8.1	4.9	69.4
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	73.5	2.5	3.2	74.5	61.6	* 0.7	* 1.1	63.3	135.1	3.1	2.3	69.0
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	124.6	1.7	1.4	74.1	99.0	2.4	2.3	55.8	223.6	4.1	1.8	64.7
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	82.5	3.8	4.4	68.7	58.2	4.4	7.1	47.7	140.7	8.2	5.5	58.0
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western												
Sydney Statistical Regions	157.8	15.0	8.7	77.3	117.2	12.9	9.9	57.4	275.0	27.9	9.2	67.3
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	91.1	10.2	10.0	77.0	60.5	8.8	12.8	52.9	151.6	19.0	11.2	65.0
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	77.1	4.9	5.9	68.8	48.7	* 2.0	* 4.0	44.3	125.7	6.9	5.2	56.8
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	157.6	8.9	5.4	76.9	129.1	7.1	5.2	60.6	286.6	16.0	5.3	68.6
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	80.8	* 1.8	* 2.2	80.0	68.2	* 0.7	* 1.0	60.5	149.0	* 2.5	* 1.6	69.8
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	121.5	* 2.3	* 1.9	76.1	94.6	* 1.5	* 1.5	55.2	216.1	3.8	1.7	65.3
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	72.0	* 1.0	* 1.4	76.7	59.2	* 0.7	* 1.1	62.1	131.3	* 1.7	* 1.3	69.4
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	63.7	5.9	8.5	67.4	58.3	2.4	3.9	52.0	121.9	8.3	6.4	59.2
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	589.7	52.9	8.2	69.2	443.6	34.9	7.3	50.4	1,033.3	87.8	7.8	59.7
Hunter Statistical Region	144.6	13.9	8.8	66.9	111.8	10.1	8.3	47.8	256.4	24.1	8.6	57.0
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	126.5	12.6	9.0	67.5	99.2	9.5	8.7	48.3	225.7	22.1	8.9	57.5
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	146.2	9.8	6.3	69.0	109.3	11.3	9.3	49.2	255.5	21.1	7.6	58.7
Illawarra Statistical Region	101.0	7.0	6.5	68.2	76.3	8.0	9.5	49.5	177.3	15.1	7.8	58.5
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	74.7	6.3	7.8	69.0	53.9	7.4	12.1	49.9	128.6	13.7	9.6	59.2
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	97.3	15.3	13.6	63.2	77.2	5.6	6.8	47.3	174.5	20.9	10.7	55.3
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West												
Statistical Regions	127.1	6.5	4.9	72.7	85.8	* 5.0	* 5.5	52.9	212.9	11.6	5.1	63.1
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	74.6	7.3	9.0	79.0	59.4	* 2.9	* 4.7	60.3	134.0	10.2	7.1	69.7

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER; STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, SEPTEMBER 2000(b)

VICTORIA	1,285.8 946.8 143.7	Unemp- loyed '000 -			Employed	Unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation		Unemp-	Unemp- loyment	Partici- pation
VICTORIA	1,285.8 946.8	loyed '000 - 88.7	rate - per c VIO	rate ent -		loyed	-		F 1 1	Unemp-	loyment	pation
VICTORIA	1,285.8 946.8	<u>'000 -</u> 88.7	- per c VIO	ent -			rate	rata	T 1 1			
VICTORIA	1,285.8 946.8	88.7	VIC		_			ruie	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
VICTORIA	946.8			TORIA		'000 -	- per ce	ent -	-	'000 -	- per c	ent -
VICTORIA	946.8		<i>( -</i>									
			6.5	73.3	1,018.5	73.1	6.7	55.9	2,304.2	161.8	6.6	64.4
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	143.7	63.7	6.3	73.9	768.1	49.6	6.1	57.1	1,714.9	113.3	6.2	65.3
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region		12.2	7.8	73.6	121.2	10.3	7.9	56.9	264.9	22.6	7.9	64.9
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	68.0	6.3	8.5	68.4	49.2	4.0	7.5	48.2	117.3	10.3	8.1	58.2
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	68.6	4.8	6.5	75.4	66.2	3.5	5.1	66.5	134.8	8.3	5.8	70.8
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	115.5	8.6	6.9	76.4	89.5	6.9	7.2	56.7	205.0	15.5	7.0	66.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	162.0	8.7	5.1	72.8	135.5	6.9	4.8	57.2	297.4	15.6	5.0	64.8
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	99.4	3.3	3.2	69.5	86.5	2.7	3.1	54.3	185.9	6.0	3.1	61.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	126.4	7.1	5.3	79.5	98.7	3.2	3.1	60.6	225.1	10.3	4.4	70.0
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	105.7	9.0	7.9	77.7	71.2	8.2	10.3	57.0	176.9	17.2	8.9	67.6
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	57.5	3.7	6.1	69.1	50.1	3.9	7.2	57.5	107.6	7.6	6.6	63.1
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	338.9	25.0	6.9	71.7	250.4	23.5	8.6	52.5	589.3	48.5	7.6	62.0
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	91.1	8.6	8.6	71.7	62.6	6.9	9.9	47.4	153.7	15.4	9.1	59.2
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	54.9	* 3.5	* 5.9	68.5	41.0	* 3.1	* 6.9	54.7	95.9	6.5	6.4	61.8
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	57.7	* 3.8	* 6.2	72.2	45.7	5.5	10.8	52.9	103.4	9.4	8.3	61.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	79.9	4.5	5.3	74.1	60.7	5.0	7.6	57.8	140.6	9.5	6.3	66.0
All Gippsland Statistical Region	55.3	4.6	7.7	71.2	40.4	* 3.0	* 7.0	51.8	95.7	7.7	7.4	61.5
			QUE	ENSLAND								
QUEENSLAND	953.1	80.8	7.8	74.2	756.1	57.3	7.0	57.2	1,709.2	138.2	7.5	65.6
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	439.9	35.1	7.4	74.7	361.6	24.7	6.4	58.2	801.5	59.8	6.9	66.3
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	103.7	7.6	6.9	75.8	88.9	4.5	4.9	60.6	192.7	12.2	6.0	68.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	145.7	11.2	7.1	74.8	119.9	7.8	6.1	59.7	265.6	19.0	6.7	67.1
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	92.9	7.9	7.8	77.0	73.5	7.2	8.9	58.8	166.4	15.1	8.3	67.7
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	97.6	8.4	7.9	71.4	79.3	5.2	6.1	53.4	176.9	13.6	7.1	62.1
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	513.2	45.7	8.2	73.7	394.5	32.6	7.6	56.4	907.7	78.4	7.9	65.0
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	112.5	11.2	9.1	71.8	89.9	10.6	10.5	58.5	202.4	21.8	9.7	65.1
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	74.5	11.7	13.6	72.0	62.4	5.7	8.4	53.5	136.9	17.5	11.3	62.5
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	50.9	7.5	12.8	63.9	39.8	4.1	9.4	48.3	90.7	11.6	11.3	56.1
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	70.9	* 1.0	* 1.4	79.8	50.0	* 2.3	* 4.4	55.5	121.0	3.4	2.7	67.4
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	90.7	8.0	8.1	78.6	64.9	* 3.5	* 5.2	57.9	155.6	11.6	6.9	68.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.5	* 3.0	* 4.7	74.1	41.7	4.7	10.1	58.8	103.2	7.7	6.9	66.8
Far North Statistical Region	52.2	* 3.2	* 5.9	77.3	45.7	* 1.7	* 3.5	62.1	97.9	4.9	4.8	69.5
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	117.5	13.0	9.9	72.2	93.5	10.9	10.5	58.5	211.0	23.9	10.2	65.4

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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 -
			SOUTH	AUSTRAI								
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	382.4	33.8	8.1	70.4	301.9	22.4	6.9	52.6	684.3	56.2	7.6	61.4
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	278.5	25.6	8.4	70.2	225.8	18.0	7.4	52.9	504.3	43.6	8.0	61.3
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	86.7	10.0	10.3	70.4	68.1	6.4	8.6	53.3	154.7	16.4	9.6	61.8
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	50.8	6.0	10.5	68.7	38.9	5.3	12.1	48.2	89.7	11.3	11.2	57.9
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	59.4	4.1	6.5	71.8	52.6	2.0	3.6	57.0	112.0	6.1	5.2	64.1
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.5	5.5	6.4	70.0	66.3	4.3	6.0	52.8	147.8	9.8	6.2	61.1
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	103.9	8.2	7.3	71.0	76.1	4.5	5.5	51.9	180.0	12.6	6.6	61.5
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	35.0	2.5	6.7	65.0	21.8	* 1.2	* 5.4	42.7	56.8	3.8	6.2	54.2
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	68.9	5.6	7.6	74.5	54.3	3.2	5.6	56.8	123.2	8.9	6.7	65.6
-			WESTERI	N AUSTRA	ALIA							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	521.3	39.2	7.0	75.2	414.5	20.8	4.8	58.3	935.8	60.0	6.0	66.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	377.2	27.8	6.9	74.1	311.1	14.7	4.5	57.8	688.3	42.5	5.8	65.8
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	38.6	* 0.7	* 1.9	74.3	31.5	* 0.8	* 2.3	61.8	70.2	1.5	2.1	68.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.7	3.5	5.8	71.8	47.4	2.9	5.8	57.0	105.1	6.5	5.8	64.3
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	119.8	9.7	7.5	76.2	100.7	4.9	4.6	61.2	220.5	14.6	6.2	68.7
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	75.5	8.2	9.8	73.7	59.0	2.4	3.8	51.5	134.5	10.6	7.3	62.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	85.5	5.6	6.1	72.9	72.5	3.8	4.9	57.9	158.0	9.3	5.6	65.2
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	144.2	11.4	7.3	78.1	103.4	6.1	5.6	60.0	247.5	17.5	6.6	69.4
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	72.1	6.5	8.2	72.2	50.6	3.6	6.6	53.4	122.8	10.1	7.6	63.1
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	72.0	4.9	6.3	85.3	52.8	* 2.5	* 4.6	68.2	124.8	7.4	5.6	77.2
			TAS	SMANIA								
TASMANIA	110.4	12.7	10.3	68.2	88.2	8.5	8.8	50.7	198.6	21.2	9.7	59.2
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.8	7.1	11.8	67.6	45.4	3.5	7.1	52.2	98.2	10.5	9.7	59.7
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.5	6.3	12.6	67.0	38.7	3.3	7.8	52.1	82.2	9.6	10.4	59.3
Northern Statistical Region Sector	34.2	2.8	7.5	70.7	25.3	2.7	9.5	50.8	59.4	5.5	8.4	60.5
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	23.5	2.9	11.0	66.2	17.5	2.4	11.9	47.3	41.0	5.3	11.4	56.5
			NORTHER	N TERRIT	TORY							
NORTHERN TERRITORY	52.5	3.6	6.5	76.2	42.3	2.1	4.8	66.1	94.7	5.7	5.7	71.4
	RALIAN CAPIT	AL TERRIT	ORY AND	SOUTH EA	ASTERN (N	ISW) STATI	STICAL RE	GION				
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH							_					
EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	135.5	7.5	5.2	76.7	114.6	6.9	5.6	61.0	250.2	14.4	5.4	68.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	90.4	AUS' 4.7	FRALIAN C 4.9	APITAL T 79.9	ERRITORY 81.6	3.6	4.3	68.5	172.0	8.3	4.6	74.1
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	90.4	4./			81.0	3.0	4.5	08.5	1/2.0	8.3	4.6	/4.1
AUSTRALIA	5.133.9	370.2	6.7	TRALIA 73.2	4,059.4	261.8	6.1	55.8	9.193.3	632.0	6.4	64.4
AUSTRALIA	3,133.9	370.2	0.7	13.2	4,039.4	201.8	0.1	33.8	9,193.3	032.0	0.4	04.4

<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

				Long-te	rm unemplo	yment					rm unemple		
Unemployed 52 weeks and under 1					Inemployed weeks and o	ver		Total		as a proportion of total unemployment			
Month	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
					-'000- ORIGIN	AL					per cent		
1999 —													
July	43.6	28.6	72.2	76.9	38.2	115.1	120.5	66.8	187.3	33.5	25.2	30.0	
August	46.0	32.3	78.4	76.0	37.3	113.3	122.0	69.6	191.6	31.9	25.8	29.4	
September	48.3	33.4	81.7	86.9	43.2	130.1	135.2	76.6	211.8	33.5	24.7	29.7	
October	46.8	26.6	73.4	82.0	40.7	122.7	128.8	67.3	196.1	34.9	24.5	30.5	
November	45.3	26.1	71.4	80.3	36.8	117.2	125.6	62.9	188.5	35.9	24.2	30.9	
December	46.3	26.0	72.4	79.2	38.2	117.5	125.6	64.3	189.8	32.4	23.0	28.4	
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 38.6	23.2 24.9	61.2 63.5	66.2 69.1	33.4 34.9	99.6 104.0	104.1 107.7	56.6 59.8	160.8 167.5	30.9 30.5	23.7 24.0	27.9 27.9	
August September	34.8	24.9	55.9	70.8	34.9 36.0	104.0	107.7	59.8 57.1	167.5	28.5	24.0	27.9 25.7	
				SEAS	ONALLY A	ADJUSTED	1						
1999 —													
July	43.9	30.4	74.3	82.3	39.6	121.9	126.2	70.0	196.2	33.6	24.6	29.8	
August	48.7	34.1	82.8	79.4	37.4	116.8	128.0	71.5	199.6	32.8	24.9	29.5	
September	46.4	31.3	77.7	80.4	40.5	121.0	126.9	71.8	198.7	32.4	23.8	28.6	
October	46.2	28.2	74.4	81.9	38.6	120.5	128.1	66.9	195.0	32.8	23.5	28.9	
November	44.8	26.2	71.0	80.8	38.9	119.7	125.6	65.1	190.7	34.3	23.3	29.5	
December	45.3	24.8	70.2	80.4	39.8	120.2	125.7	64.7	190.4	32.3	22.8	28.3	
2000 —													
January	40.6	24.6	65.1	78.0	43.3	121.3	118.6	67.9	186.4	31.4	24.5	28.5	
February	39.6	21.2	60.8	77.4	40.5	117.9	116.9	61.7	178.6	32.5	21.8	27.8	
March	37.7	32.2	69.9	74.8	38.5	113.3	112.6	70.7	183.3	30.7	23.9	27.7	
April	42.7	30.2	72.9	75.2	42.6	117.9	117.9	72.9	190.8	32.0	25.3	29.1	
May	43.5	31.8	75.3	77.8	36.7	114.6	121.3	68.6	189.9	33.5	23.7	29.1	
June	41.9	24.0	65.9	77.9	34.3	112.3	119.8	58.4	178.2	32.8	21.1	27.7	
July	38.2	24.7	62.9	70.8	34.6	105.4	109.0	59.3	168.3	30.9	23.1	27.6	
August	40.9	26.2	67.1	72.1	35.0	107.1	113.0	61.3	174.2	31.5	23.2	27.9	
September	33.5	19.8	53.2	65.3	33.7	99.0	98.8	53.5	152.3	27.5	21.0	24.8	
					TREND SE	RIES							
1999 —													
July	48.8	32.2	80.9	81.9	39.3	121.2	130.7	71.5	202.2	33.6	24.5	29.7	
August	47.5	31.2	78.8	81.4	39.0	120.4	128.9	70.3	199.2	33.3	24.3	29.4	
September	46.5	29.9	76.4	80.9	39.1	120.0	127.4	69.0	196.4	33.0	23.9	29.2	
October	45.6	28.2	73.8	80.6	39.4	120.0	126.2	67.6	193.7	32.9	23.6	28.9	
November December	44.4 43.1	26.5 25.5	71.0 68.6	80.2 79.4	39.8 40.4	120.0 119.9	124.6 122.5	66.3 66.0	191.0 188.5	32.7 32.4	23.4 23.3	28.7 28.5	
	43.1	23.3	08.0	79.4	40.4	119.9	122.3	00.0	100.5	32.4	23.3	26.3	
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January	41.8	25.5	67.3	78.4	40.9	119.3	120.2	66.4	186.6	32.2	23.4	28.4	
February	40.9	26.4	67.4	77.5	40.9	118.4	118.4	67.3	185.8	32.0	23.5	28.3	
March r	40.8	27.8	68.6	76.9	40.2	117.1	117.7	68.0	185.7	32.1	23.6	28.4	
April r	41.0	28.6	69.6	76.4	39.1	115.5	117.5	67.6	185.1	32.2	23.6	28.4	
May r June r	41.1 40.8	28.4 27.3	69.6 68.1	75.7 74.5	37.6 36.2	113.3 110.8	116.9 115.3	66.0 63.5	182.9 178.9	32.2 31.9	23.4 23.0	28.3 28.1	
July r	39.9	25.7	65.6	72.9	35.1	10.8	112.8	60.8	178.9	31.9	22.6	27.6	
August r	39.9	24.1	62.8	71.0	34.2	105.0	109.7	58.3	168.0	30.6	22.3	27.0	
September	37.4	22.2	59.6	69.3	33.6	103.2	106.7	55.7	162.4	29.9	21.8	26.5	

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, SEPTEMBER 2000 ('000)

		( 000)	g-term unemployed		Long-term
		Unemployed	Unemployed		unemployment as
State or	Unemployed	52 weeks and	104 weeks		a proportion of total
Territory	under 52 weeks	under 104	and over	Total	unemployment
	unaer 32 weeks	MALES	una over	Тош	ипетриоутен
New South Wales	72.5	10.4	23.7	34.1	32.0
Victoria	63.8	6.7	18.1	24.8	28.0
Oueensland	61.8	7.7	11.3	19.1	23.6
South Australia	23.1	2.9	7.8	10.7	31.7
Western Australia	30.9	4.4	3.9	8.3	21.2
Tasmania	6.8	1.6	4.3	6.0	46.8
Northern Territory	2.7	* 0.2	* 0.7	* 0.9	* 24.5
Australian Capital Territory	3.0	* 0.7	* 0.9	1.7	35.4
Australia	264.6	34.8	70.8	105.6	28.5
		FEMALES			
New South Wales	54.5	6.5	13.0	19.4	26.3
Victoria	57.9	5.1	10.2	15.3	20.9
Queensland	46.5	5.3	5.5	10.8	18.9
South Australia	17.2	* 1.7	3.5	5.2	23.4
Western Australia	17.7	* 1.3	* 1.7	3.1	14.8
Tasmania	6.0	* 0.9	1.6	2.5	29.6
Northern Territory	1.9	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 10.6
Australian Capital Territory	3.0	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 0.6	* 16.0
Australia	204.7	21.2	36.0	57.1	21.8
		PERSONS			
New South Wales	127.0	16.9	36.6	53.5	29.6
Victoria	121.7	11.8	28.3	40.1	24.8
Queensland	108.3	13.0	16.8	29.9	21.6
South Australia	40.2	4.6	11.3	16.0	28.4
Western Australia	48.6	5.8	5.6	11.4	19.0
Tasmania	12.8	2.6	5.9	8.5	40.0
Northern Territory	4.6	* 0.3	* 0.8	1.1	19.3
Australian Capital Territory	6.1	* 0.9	1.3	2.2	26.9
Australia	469.3	55.9	106.8	162.7	25.7

#### **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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