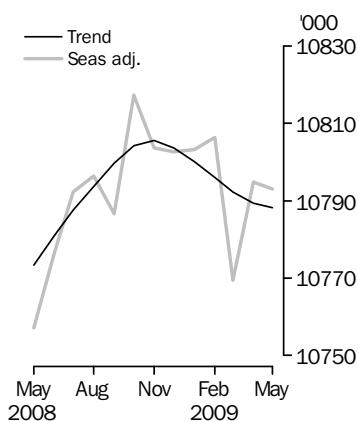


# LABOUR FORCE

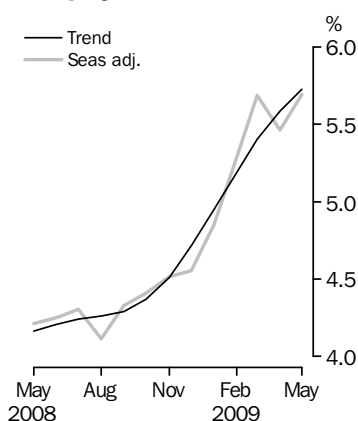
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## Employed Persons



## Unemployment rate



## KEY FIGURES

	Apr 2009	May 2009	Apr 09 to May 09	May 08 to May 09
<b>Trend</b>				
Employed persons ('000)	10 789.3	10 788.1	-1.2	0.1 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	638.0	654.9	16.9	39.8 %
Unemployment rate (%)	5.6	5.7	0.1 pts	1.6 pts
Participation rate (%)	65.5	65.5	0.0 pts	0.0 pts
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>				
Employed persons ('000)	10 794.8	10 793.1	-1.7	0.3 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	624.0	651.2	27.2	37.7 %
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	5.7	0.2 pts	1.5 pts
Participation rate (%)	65.4	65.5	0.1 pts	0.1 pts

## KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES (MONTHLY CHANGE)

- EMPLOYMENT decreased to 10,788,100
- UNEMPLOYMENT increased to 654,900
- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE increased to 5.7%
- PARTICIPATION RATE remained steady at 65.5%

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES (MONTHLY CHANGE)

#### EMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 1,700 to 10,793,100. Full-time employment decreased by 26,200 to 7,643,100 and part-time employment increased by 24,500 to 3,150,000.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- increased by 27,200 to 651,200. The number of persons looking for full-time work increased by 30,000 to 482,600 and the number of persons looking for part-time work decreased by 2,800 to 168,600.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- increased by 0.2 percentage points to 5.7%. The male unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 5.9%, and the female unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.4%.

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.1 percentage point to 65.5%.

## INQUIRIES

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 2009	9 July 2009
July 2009	6 August 2009
August 2009	10 September 2009
September 2009	8 October 2009
October 2009	12 November 2009
November 2009	10 December 2009

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## REVISIONS

The estimates for Inner Western Sydney Dissemination Region and Outer South Western Sydney Dissemination Region have been revised for the period from November 2007 to April 2009 due to a coding error. Correction of this error has resulted in very minor revisions over the same period to published estimates from February 2009 for New South Wales and Australia in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) and related releases. These revisions have had no effect on the published unemployment rates.

## SAMPLE RE-INSTATEMENT

On 13 May 2009, the Australian Statistician announced the full re-instatement of the Labour Force Survey sample. The re-instatement will occur over four reference months, from September to December 2009. The December 2009 estimates, released in January 2010, will be the first under the fully re-instated sample. The reversal of the 24% reduction in sample size is expected to decrease standard errors by approximately 15%.

## LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION

This issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) includes an article on labour underutilisation. From the August 2009 issue, labour underutilisation will be included as tables in the publication and as timeseries spreadsheets on the website.

## SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates in this publication are based on a sample survey, therefore, published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability, see pages 30 and 31.

The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval, which provides another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates. This represents a 95% chance that the true value of the estimate lies within that interval.

## MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN APRIL 2009 AND MAY 2009

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	<u>Monthly change</u>	<u>95% Confidence interval</u>	
Total Employment	-1 700	-62 300	to 58 900
Total Unemployment	27 200	-10 200	to 64 600
Unemployment rate	0.2 pts	-0.2 pts	to 0.6 pts
Participation rate	0.1 pts	-0.3 pts	to 0.5 pts

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# LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION

## INTRODUCTION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) currently releases detailed measures of labour underutilisation in *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

The labour force underutilisation rate represents the under use of labour resources within the labour force. Underemployment, like unemployment, reflects labour resources that have been offered, but which are under used, and is an important component of underutilised labour. The unemployment rate together with the labour force underutilisation rate are widely used as indicators of current economic conditions and of future economic performance.

This article introduces the labour force underutilisation rate to Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

## LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE

Labour underutilisation is the extent to which available labour is underutilised - either through unemployment or underemployment. The extent to which available labour is underutilised is of interest from a number of perspectives. From an economic perspective, there is interest in the amount of spare capacity in the labour supply and its potential to contribute to the production of goods and services – there is a strong correlation between movements in unemployment and underemployment over the economic cycle. From a social viewpoint, there is concern that people whose aspirations for work are not being met may suffer financially, personally and/or socially.

### *Unemployed persons*

The number of unemployed persons is defined as the number of persons aged 15 years and over, who were not employed during the reference period, had actively looked for work and were currently available for work. All three of these criteria must be met for a person to be classified as unemployed. Estimates of the number of people unemployed represent a relatively narrow measure of available labour resources which are not being utilised in the Australian economy.

### *Underemployed persons*

The number of underemployed persons refers to employed persons who work fewer hours than they want to, such as persons who work part-time (i.e. less than 35 hours per week) and would prefer to work more hours or persons who work full-time that worked part-time hours in the reference week for economic reasons (such as being stood down or insufficient work being available). Refer to the Glossary for a detailed description.

### *Labour force underutilisation rate*

The labour force underutilisation rate is defined as the number of unemployed persons plus the number of underemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the number of persons in the labour force.

## COMPARISON WITH MONTHLY ESTIMATES

Seasonally adjusted and trend unemployment rates derived from these estimates should not be used in place of the official monthly unemployment rate published in Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

In order to produce the labour force underutilisation rate, the ABS calculates seasonally adjusted and trend unemployment rates using data from only the quarter months (i.e. February, May, August and November). As a result the estimates may differ slightly from the official monthly seasonally adjusted and trend unemployment rates.

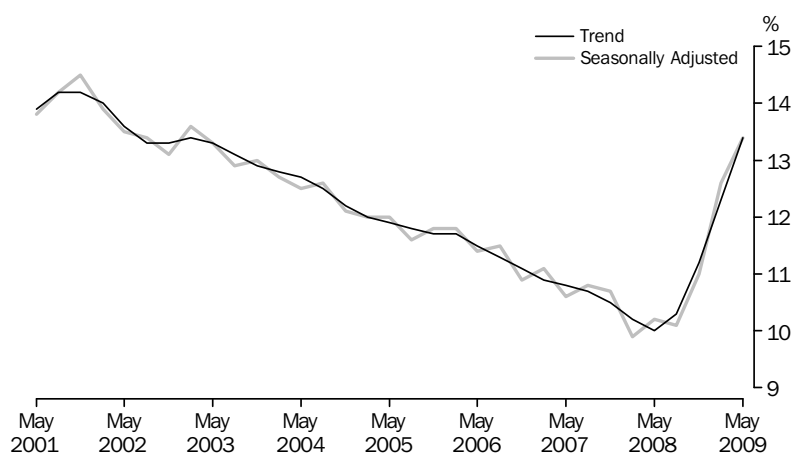
## LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

### LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE FOR MAY 2009

In trend terms, the labour force underutilisation rate stands at 13.4% in May 2009, an increase of 1.1 percentage points from February 2009.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the labour force underutilisation rate stands at 13.4% in May 2009, an increase of 0.8 percentage points from February 2009.

### LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, PERSONS: MAY 2001–MAY 2009



In trend terms, the number of underemployed persons increased by 54,900 persons to stand at 866,700 persons in May 2009. The number of underemployed persons represents 7.7% of the labour force, an increase of 0.6 percentage points from February 2009.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the number of underemployed persons increased by 34,600 persons to stand at 870,800 persons in May 2009. The number of underemployed persons represents 7.6% of the labour force, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from February 2009.

#### *Detailed tables*

The following tables details labour underutilisation at the Australia and state and territory levels. These tables will be included in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) from August 2009.

## LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

### LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER) (a)—May 2009

	TREND			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			ORIGINAL		
	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
MALES									
May 2005	290.0	5.0	9.9	293.3	5.1	10.0	287.9	5.0	10.0
May 2006	286.3	4.9	9.6	276.2	4.7	9.4	272.9	4.7	9.4
May 2007	282.3	4.7	8.8	273.3	4.6	8.4	272.3	4.5	8.5
2008									
February	267.4	4.4	8.3	269.2	4.4	8.0	283.7	4.6	8.6
May	259.1	4.2	8.0	262.9	4.3	8.2	263.5	4.3	8.4
August	264.1	4.3	8.2	255.0	4.2	8.0	246.0	4.0	7.6
November	294.7	4.8	9.2	291.5	4.7	8.9	284.7	4.6	8.5
2009									
February	339.4	5.5	10.6	335.8	5.4	10.7	354.6	5.7	11.5
May	378.8	6.2	12.2	399.2	6.4	12.5	401.9	6.5	12.7
FEMALES									
May 2005	424.2	9.0	14.2	424.2	9.0	14.4	428.5	9.1	14.4
May 2006	428.1	8.9	13.8	428.8	8.9	13.8	435.1	8.9	13.8
May 2007	418.6	8.4	13.3	420.7	8.5	13.2	424.8	8.5	13.2
2008									
February	399.0	7.9	12.4	391.9	7.7	12.1	406.5	8.0	13.1
May	397.0	7.8	12.3	404.0	8.0	12.5	409.2	8.0	12.6
August	415.6	8.1	12.8	407.1	8.0	12.6	388.9	7.7	11.9
November	445.9	8.7	13.6	436.7	8.5	13.4	434.3	8.5	12.9
2009									
February	472.4	9.1	14.3	500.4	9.6	14.9	519.5	9.9	16.1
May	488.0	9.4	14.8	471.6	9.1	14.5	477.7	9.1	14.5
PERSONS									
May 2005	714.2	6.8	11.9	717.5	6.8	12.0	716.4	6.8	12.0
May 2006	714.5	6.7	11.5	705.0	6.6	11.4	708.0	6.6	11.4
May 2007	700.9	6.4	10.8	694.0	6.3	10.6	697.1	6.3	10.6
2008									
February	666.4	6.0	10.2	661.1	5.9	9.9	690.2	6.2	10.6
May	656.0	5.9	10.0	667.0	6.0	10.2	672.7	6.0	10.3
August	679.6	6.0	10.3	662.1	5.9	10.1	634.9	5.7	9.6
November	740.6	6.5	11.2	728.2	6.5	11.0	719.0	6.4	10.5
2009									
February	811.8	7.1	12.3	836.2	7.4	12.6	874.1	7.6	13.6
May	866.7	7.7	13.4	870.8	7.6	13.4	879.6	7.7	13.5

(a) Seasonally adjusted and trend data are compiled using estimates only from the quarter months (i.e. February, May, August and November), and therefore may differ from the official monthly estimates produced in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

## LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

### LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)(a), States and territories—May 2009

	TREND			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			ORIGINAL		
	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>	<i>Under-employed workers</i>	<i>Under-employment rate</i>	<i>Labour force under-utilisation rate</i>
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
MALES									
New South Wales	127.5	6.5	13.0	127.0	6.5	13.2	127.0	6.4	13.4
Victoria	114.7	7.4	13.5	125.0	8.2	14.3	118.4	7.7	14.1
Queensland	70.7	5.6	11.5	74.4	5.9	11.8	75.1	5.9	11.9
South Australia	29.1	6.4	12.5	28.1	6.2	12.1	28.1	6.3	12.3
Western Australia	33.6	4.9	9.5	39.5	5.7	10.5	40.9	5.9	10.8
Tasmania	7.1	5.3	10.4	6.8	5.1	10.6	7.5	5.7	10.8
Northern Territory	1.3	1.9	5.9	1.3	2.0	6.1	1.6	2.4	6.8
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	3.5	6.8	3.5	3.4	7.5	3.3	3.2	7.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>378.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>399.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>401.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>
FEMALES									
New South Wales	156.5	9.5	15.7	152.0	9.2	15.3	153.6	9.3	15.3
Victoria	118.8	9.3	14.9	114.8	9.0	14.5	114.6	8.9	14.5
Queensland	106.7	9.9	14.4	101.7	9.5	14.0	102.3	9.5	14.4
South Australia	42.2	10.8	16.0	41.3	10.5	15.3	41.9	10.7	15.3
Western Australia	45.4	8.4	13.4	46.1	8.5	13.6	46.2	8.5	13.9
Tasmania	11.2	9.7	15.2	10.6	9.3	15.1	10.5	9.1	14.1
Northern Territory	2.7	4.8	8.1	2.5	4.4	7.1	2.9	5.0	7.7
Australian Capital Territory	6.0	6.2	9.0	6.1	6.3	9.7	5.6	5.8	9.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>488.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>471.6</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>14.5</b>
PERSONS									
New South Wales	283.9	7.9	14.3	279.0	7.7	14.2	280.6	7.7	14.2
Victoria	233.5	8.3	14.2	239.8	8.5	14.4	233.0	8.3	14.3
Queensland	177.4	7.6	12.8	176.1	7.5	12.8	177.4	7.6	13.0
South Australia	71.3	8.4	14.1	69.4	8.2	13.6	69.9	8.3	13.7
Western Australia	79.0	6.5	11.3	85.5	7.0	11.8	87.1	7.1	12.2
Tasmania	18.3	7.3	12.6	17.4	7.1	12.6	18.0	7.3	12.3
Northern Territory	4.0	3.2	6.9	3.8	3.1	6.6	4.5	3.6	7.2
Australian Capital Territory	9.6	4.8	7.8	9.6	4.8	8.6	8.9	4.4	8.5
<b>Australia</b>	<b>866.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>870.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>879.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>13.5</b>

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# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER): Trend

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Looking for f/t work	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES									
May 2006	4 769.7	839.2	5 608.9	217.9	276.7	5 885.6	4.4	4.7	72.2
May 2007	4 919.2	861.7	5 780.9	183.7	235.9	6 016.7	3.6	3.9	72.5
2008									
May	5 009.9	888.6	5 898.4	184.5	238.0	6 136.4	3.6	3.9	72.6
June	5 021.4	880.6	5 902.0	186.0	240.2	6 142.2	3.6	3.9	72.5
July	5 031.3	875.0	5 906.3	186.3	241.1	6 147.4	3.6	3.9	72.5
August	5 038.0	872.5	5 910.5	186.9	242.0	6 152.6	3.6	3.9	72.5
September	5 040.0	872.8	5 912.7	190.1	245.6	6 158.3	3.6	4.0	72.4
October	5 034.6	876.7	5 911.3	197.8	253.9	6 165.2	3.8	4.1	72.4
November	5 022.1	883.6	5 905.7	209.6	267.2	6 173.0	4.0	4.3	72.3
December	5 004.1	892.5	5 896.5	224.7	284.7	6 181.3	4.3	4.6	72.3
2009									
January	4 983.8	901.6	5 885.3	241.8	304.2	6 189.5	4.6	4.9	72.3
February	4 963.4	910.6	5 874.0	258.7	323.1	6 197.2	5.0	5.2	72.3
March	4 944.7	919.5	5 864.2	274.1	340.4	6 204.6	5.3	5.5	72.2
April	4 928.6	927.5	5 856.2	287.4	355.2	6 211.4	5.5	5.7	72.2
May	4 916.1	934.1	5 850.2	297.9	366.8	6 217.0	5.7	5.9	72.2
FEMALES									
May 2006	2 525.8	2 083.4	4 609.2	144.3	241.8	4 851.0	5.4	5.0	57.5
May 2007	2 624.8	2 105.8	4 730.7	144.1	238.0	4 968.6	5.2	4.8	58.0
2008									
May	2 708.7	2 166.1	4 874.8	132.9	230.4	5 105.1	4.7	4.5	58.6
June	2 711.1	2 167.8	4 878.9	135.8	233.5	5 112.5	4.8	4.6	58.6
July	2 710.6	2 170.7	4 881.2	139.1	236.5	5 117.7	4.9	4.6	58.6
August	2 707.0	2 176.1	4 883.1	141.7	238.2	5 121.3	5.0	4.7	58.5
September	2 702.0	2 185.0	4 887.0	143.5	238.4	5 125.4	5.0	4.7	58.5
October	2 696.3	2 196.5	4 892.8	145.0	239.5	5 132.3	5.1	4.7	58.5
November	2 692.2	2 207.6	4 899.8	147.3	243.3	5 143.1	5.2	4.7	58.5
December	2 692.0	2 215.0	4 907.0	151.1	249.9	5 156.9	5.3	4.8	58.6
2009									
January	2 696.6	2 218.1	4 914.7	156.7	258.5	5 173.2	5.5	5.0	58.7
February	2 703.9	2 218.0	4 921.9	163.3	267.5	5 189.4	5.7	5.2	58.8
March	2 711.4	2 216.7	4 928.1	170.0	275.9	5 204.0	5.9	5.3	58.8
April	2 718.5	2 214.5	4 933.1	175.9	282.7	5 215.8	6.1	5.4	58.9
May	2 724.4	2 213.5	4 937.9	180.9	288.1	5 226.0	6.2	5.5	59.0
PERSONS									
May 2006	7 295.5	2 922.7	10 218.1	362.2	518.5	10 736.6	4.7	4.8	64.7
May 2007	7 544.0	2 967.5	10 511.5	327.8	473.8	10 985.4	4.2	4.3	65.1
2008									
May	7 718.6	3 054.7	10 773.2	317.5	468.3	11 241.6	4.0	4.2	65.5
June	7 732.5	3 048.4	10 781.0	321.8	473.8	11 254.7	4.0	4.2	65.5
July	7 741.9	3 045.7	10 787.5	325.4	477.6	11 265.1	4.0	4.2	65.4
August	7 745.1	3 048.6	10 793.7	328.6	480.2	11 273.9	4.1	4.3	65.4
September	7 742.0	3 057.7	10 799.7	333.6	484.0	11 283.7	4.1	4.3	65.3
October	7 730.9	3 073.2	10 804.1	342.8	493.4	11 297.5	4.2	4.4	65.3
November	7 714.3	3 091.2	10 805.5	356.9	510.5	11 316.0	4.4	4.5	65.3
December	7 696.1	3 107.5	10 803.6	375.8	534.6	11 338.2	4.7	4.7	65.3
2009									
January	7 680.4	3 119.7	10 800.1	398.5	562.6	11 362.7	4.9	5.0	65.4
February	7 667.4	3 128.6	10 796.0	422.0	590.6	11 386.6	5.2	5.2	65.4
March	7 656.1	3 136.2	10 792.3	444.1	616.3	11 408.5	5.5	5.4	65.4
April	7 647.2	3 142.1	10 789.3	463.3	638.0	11 427.2	5.7	5.6	65.5
May	7 640.5	3 147.6	10 788.1	478.8	654.9	11 443.0	5.9	5.7	65.5

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER): **Seasonally Adjusted**

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Looking for f/t work	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES									
May 2006	4 776.2	821.0	5 597.2	219.1	271.9	5 869.1	4.4	4.6	72.0
May 2007	4 932.4	853.2	5 785.7	176.4	229.2	6 014.9	3.5	3.8	72.5
2008									
May	4 993.5	896.9	5 890.3	183.4	238.3	6 128.7	3.5	3.9	72.5
June	5 023.1	888.2	5 911.3	185.8	245.5	6 156.9	3.6	4.0	72.7
July	5 038.7	864.7	5 903.4	184.4	240.4	6 143.8	3.5	3.9	72.5
August	5 050.3	857.1	5 907.3	187.3	235.7	6 143.0	3.6	3.8	72.4
September	5 031.1	882.4	5 913.5	191.8	250.0	6 163.6	3.7	4.1	72.5
October	5 031.6	881.9	5 913.5	194.6	251.8	6 165.3	3.7	4.1	72.4
November	5 025.8	882.8	5 908.5	203.9	260.1	6 168.6	3.9	4.2	72.3
December	5 013.3	890.0	5 903.3	224.1	282.5	6 185.8	4.3	4.6	72.4
2009									
January	4 988.8	895.4	5 884.2	240.6	305.1	6 189.3	4.6	4.9	72.3
February	4 960.9	909.8	5 870.7	263.5	325.6	6 196.4	5.0	5.3	72.3
March	4 914.9	936.6	5 851.4	284.0	353.5	6 205.0	5.5	5.7	72.2
April	4 946.0	916.9	5 862.9	278.3	347.2	6 210.1	5.3	5.6	72.2
May	4 914.3	937.7	5 852.1	303.1	369.5	6 221.6	5.8	5.9	72.2
FEMALES									
May 2006	2 525.5	2 094.7	4 620.2	142.9	239.4	4 859.5	5.4	4.9	57.6
May 2007	2 651.1	2 095.6	4 746.7	144.8	234.2	4 980.8	5.2	4.7	58.1
2008									
May	2 709.7	2 157.1	4 866.9	127.1	234.5	5 101.4	4.5	4.6	58.5
June	2 691.3	2 173.8	4 865.1	133.6	233.2	5 098.3	4.7	4.6	58.4
July	2 729.9	2 159.0	4 888.9	144.1	245.0	5 133.9	5.0	4.8	58.7
August	2 713.5	2 175.6	4 889.1	139.3	227.5	5 116.6	4.9	4.4	58.5
September	2 703.9	2 169.1	4 873.0	141.8	238.3	5 111.3	5.0	4.7	58.3
October	2 686.6	2 217.2	4 903.8	152.5	246.9	5 150.7	5.4	4.8	58.7
November	2 700.4	2 194.7	4 895.1	152.9	250.6	5 145.7	5.4	4.9	58.5
December	2 661.2	2 238.0	4 899.2	137.2	233.1	5 132.3	4.9	4.5	58.3
2009									
January	2 720.8	2 198.2	4 919.0	147.0	245.9	5 164.9	5.1	4.8	58.6
February	2 698.4	2 237.1	4 935.5	173.5	277.3	5 212.8	6.0	5.3	59.0
March	2 707.2	2 210.8	4 918.0	177.3	295.6	5 213.6	6.1	5.7	58.9
April	2 723.3	2 208.6	4 931.9	174.4	276.8	5 208.7	6.0	5.3	58.8
May	2 728.8	2 212.3	4 941.1	179.5	281.7	5 222.7	6.2	5.4	58.9
PERSONS									
May 2006	7 301.7	2 915.7	10 217.4	362.0	511.2	10 728.6	4.7	4.8	64.7
May 2007	7 583.5	2 948.8	10 532.3	321.2	463.4	10 995.7	4.1	4.2	65.2
2008									
May	7 703.2	3 054.0	10 757.2	310.4	472.8	11 230.0	3.9	4.2	65.4
June	7 714.4	3 062.1	10 776.5	319.4	478.7	11 255.2	4.0	4.3	65.5
July	7 768.6	3 023.7	10 792.3	328.5	485.4	11 277.7	4.1	4.3	65.5
August	7 763.8	3 032.7	10 796.4	326.6	463.2	11 259.6	4.0	4.1	65.3
September	7 735.0	3 051.5	10 786.5	333.5	488.3	11 274.8	4.1	4.3	65.3
October	7 718.2	3 099.0	10 817.3	347.1	498.7	11 316.0	4.3	4.4	65.4
November	7 726.2	3 077.4	10 803.6	356.8	510.7	11 314.3	4.4	4.5	65.3
December	7 674.6	3 128.0	10 802.5	361.3	515.6	11 318.1	4.5	4.6	65.2
2009									
January	7 709.6	3 093.6	10 803.2	387.6	551.0	11 354.2	4.8	4.9	65.3
February	7 659.4	3 146.9	10 806.3	436.9	602.9	11 409.2	5.4	5.3	65.5
March	7 622.0	3 147.4	10 769.4	461.2	649.1	11 418.5	5.7	5.7	65.5
April	7 669.3	3 125.5	10 794.8	452.6	624.0	11 418.8	5.6	5.5	65.4
May	7 643.1	3 150.0	10 793.1	482.6	651.2	11 444.3	5.9	5.7	65.5



LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER): Original

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total				Looking for f/t work	Total	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000	'000	%
MALES											
May 2006	4 756.1	832.6	5 588.7	224.6	279.0	5 867.7	2 287.2	8 154.9	4.5	4.8	72.0
May 2007	4 908.8	866.6	5 775.4	182.7	237.2	6 012.6	2 289.1	8 301.7	3.6	3.9	72.4
2008											
May	4 966.3	912.2	5 878.5	191.8	248.5	6 127.0	2 328.0	8 455.0	3.7	4.1	72.5
June	4 995.5	916.1	5 911.6	185.3	238.4	6 150.0	2 316.6	8 466.5	3.6	3.9	72.6
July	5 061.2	860.7	5 921.9	168.2	215.3	6 137.2	2 341.2	8 478.5	3.2	3.5	72.4
August	5 019.7	851.2	5 870.9	174.9	218.5	6 089.3	2 401.0	8 490.3	3.4	3.6	71.7
September	5 072.4	872.1	5 944.5	188.3	252.2	6 196.6	2 305.6	8 502.3	3.6	4.1	72.9
October	5 026.3	902.0	5 928.3	180.4	234.9	6 163.2	2 354.2	8 517.4	3.5	3.8	72.4
November	5 022.0	863.2	5 885.3	189.7	238.0	6 123.3	2 409.3	8 532.6	3.6	3.9	71.8
December	5 076.0	891.0	5 967.0	217.1	277.5	6 244.5	2 303.2	8 547.7	4.1	4.4	73.1
2009											
January	4 983.9	853.9	5 837.9	272.0	340.5	6 178.4	2 383.6	8 562.0	5.2	5.5	72.2
February	4 978.3	881.8	5 860.1	292.4	362.3	6 222.3	2 353.9	8 576.2	5.5	5.8	72.6
March	4 891.3	960.8	5 852.1	295.0	375.4	6 227.6	2 363.0	8 590.5	5.7	6.0	72.5
April	4 925.6	938.6	5 864.2	283.2	356.0	6 220.2	2 382.5	8 602.7	5.4	5.7	72.3
May	4 885.8	955.3	5 841.1	318.7	387.1	6 228.2	2 386.3	8 614.6	6.1	6.2	72.3
FEMALES											
May 2006	2 496.3	2 127.8	4 624.1	142.1	238.0	4 862.1	3 569.4	8 431.5	5.4	4.9	57.7
May 2007	2 622.2	2 125.4	4 747.6	144.6	233.0	4 980.6	3 591.9	8 572.5	5.2	4.7	58.1
2008											
May	2 682.9	2 183.4	4 866.3	127.8	233.2	5 099.5	3 617.6	8 717.1	4.5	4.6	58.5
June	2 666.9	2 213.0	4 879.9	130.4	227.7	5 107.6	3 619.9	8 727.6	4.7	4.5	58.5
July	2 735.9	2 149.1	4 885.0	133.6	225.1	5 110.1	3 628.8	8 738.9	4.7	4.4	58.5
August	2 679.4	2 185.5	4 864.9	127.5	214.7	5 079.6	3 670.6	8 750.2	4.5	4.2	58.1
September	2 766.3	2 164.5	4 930.8	134.9	235.3	5 166.1	3 595.4	8 761.5	4.6	4.6	59.0
October	2 662.4	2 240.2	4 902.6	138.7	226.7	5 129.3	3 646.7	8 775.9	5.0	4.4	58.4
November	2 705.0	2 187.9	4 892.9	140.3	228.3	5 121.2	3 669.1	8 790.4	4.9	4.5	58.3
December	2 719.3	2 246.5	4 965.8	137.2	231.0	5 196.7	3 608.1	8 804.8	4.8	4.4	59.0
2009											
January	2 737.7	2 109.9	4 847.6	168.7	263.1	5 110.7	3 707.5	8 818.1	5.8	5.1	58.0
February	2 718.9	2 191.9	4 910.9	202.8	324.3	5 235.2	3 596.3	8 831.5	6.9	6.2	59.3
March	2 684.1	2 234.1	4 918.2	187.1	321.3	5 239.5	3 605.3	8 844.8	6.5	6.1	59.2
April	2 687.1	2 233.5	4 920.6	177.7	284.3	5 204.9	3 650.8	8 855.7	6.2	5.5	58.8
May	2 704.3	2 236.3	4 940.5	180.8	280.6	5 221.1	3 645.7	8 866.8	6.3	5.4	58.9
PERSONS											
May 2006	7 252.4	2 960.3	10 212.8	366.6	517.0	10 729.8	5 856.6	16 586.4	4.8	4.8	64.7
May 2007	7 531.0	2 992.0	10 523.0	327.3	470.1	10 993.1	5 881.1	16 874.2	4.2	4.3	65.1
2008											
May	7 649.2	3 095.6	10 744.8	319.6	481.7	11 226.5	5 945.6	17 172.0	4.0	4.3	65.4
June	7 662.4	3 129.1	10 791.5	315.7	466.1	11 257.6	5 936.5	17 194.1	4.0	4.1	65.5
July	7 797.1	3 009.8	10 807.0	301.8	440.3	11 247.3	5 970.0	17 217.3	3.7	3.9	65.3
August	7 699.1	3 036.7	10 735.8	302.4	433.2	11 169.0	6 071.5	17 240.5	3.8	3.9	64.8
September	7 838.7	3 036.6	10 875.3	323.2	487.5	11 362.7	5 901.0	17 263.8	4.0	4.3	65.8
October	7 688.7	3 142.2	10 830.9	319.1	461.6	11 292.5	6 000.9	17 293.4	4.0	4.1	65.3
November	7 727.1	3 051.1	10 778.2	330.0	466.3	11 244.5	6 078.4	17 322.9	4.1	4.1	64.9
December	7 795.3	3 137.5	10 932.8	354.2	508.5	11 441.3	5 911.3	17 352.5	4.3	4.4	65.9
2009											
January	7 721.7	2 963.8	10 685.5	440.7	603.6	11 289.1	6 091.1	17 380.2	5.4	5.3	65.0
February	7 697.2	3 073.7	10 770.9	495.3	686.6	11 457.5	5 950.2	17 407.7	6.0	6.0	65.8
March	7 575.5	3 194.9	10 770.4	482.1	696.7	11 467.1	5 968.3	17 435.4	6.0	6.1	65.8
April	7 612.7	3 172.1	10 784.8	460.9	640.2	11 425.1	6 033.3	17 458.4	5.7	5.6	65.4
May	7 590.1	3 191.6	10 781.6	499.6	667.8	11 449.4	6 032.0	17 481.4	6.2	5.8	65.5

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)—New South Wales

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES											
May 2006	1 527.5	1 794.2	100.0	5.3	70.7	1 530.4	1 794.0	100.0	5.3	70.8	2 677.0
May 2007	1 559.5	1 838.4	83.9	4.4	70.9	1 565.1	1 838.4	81.2	4.2	70.8	2 711.9
2008											
May	1 594.3	1 877.4	86.9	4.4	71.4	1 584.0	1 877.9	88.9	4.5	71.5	2 750.7
June	1 593.5	1 873.6	88.1	4.5	71.2	1 597.9	1 880.6	86.8	4.4	71.5	2 753.2
July	1 591.0	1 869.0	88.9	4.5	71.0	1 591.0	1 866.3	88.5	4.5	70.9	2 756.1
August	1 587.5	1 865.1	89.5	4.6	70.8	1 585.6	1 853.1	91.8	4.7	70.5	2 759.1
September	1 583.4	1 862.4	90.6	4.6	70.7	1 585.0	1 865.6	85.4	4.4	70.6	2 762.1
October	1 578.4	1 860.1	93.4	4.8	70.6	1 579.8	1 863.8	100.5	5.1	71.0	2 765.9
November	1 571.7	1 857.5	97.8	5.0	70.6	1 569.6	1 855.8	89.6	4.6	70.2	2 769.7
December	1 564.1	1 854.2	103.6	5.3	70.6	1 565.5	1 859.8	104.5	5.3	70.8	2 773.5
2009											
January	1 556.5	1 849.9	110.0	5.6	70.6	1 556.5	1 849.6	110.6	5.6	70.6	2 776.9
February	1 549.0	1 845.4	116.3	5.9	70.6	1 552.8	1 843.0	114.6	5.9	70.4	2 780.4
March	1 542.5	1 841.6	121.8	6.2	70.5	1 535.2	1 835.9	130.9	6.7	70.7	2 783.8
April	1 537.0	1 838.8	126.4	6.4	70.5	1 534.1	1 841.1	121.3	6.2	70.4	2 786.9
May	1 533.1	1 836.9	130.5	6.6	70.5	1 537.2	1 839.2	130.6	6.6	70.6	2 789.8
FEMALES											
May 2006	829.7	1 473.5	79.6	5.1	55.7	829.8	1 486.2	74.6	4.8	56.0	2 787.1
May 2007	843.9	1 492.2	86.6	5.5	55.9	857.2	1 508.3	87.0	5.5	56.5	2 822.2
2008											
May	887.5	1 548.1	77.7	4.8	56.8	886.8	1 537.8	80.0	4.9	56.6	2 860.3
June	885.6	1 544.3	80.3	4.9	56.7	880.4	1 544.8	81.4	5.0	56.8	2 862.6
July	882.1	1 540.3	83.1	5.1	56.7	884.7	1 542.9	82.5	5.1	56.7	2 865.5
August	878.6	1 537.6	85.5	5.3	56.6	881.7	1 537.9	84.0	5.2	56.5	2 868.5
September	876.5	1 537.1	86.9	5.4	56.5	880.0	1 533.6	88.0	5.4	56.5	2 871.4
October	876.2	1 538.3	88.1	5.4	56.6	866.7	1 535.8	89.7	5.5	56.5	2 875.4
November	877.3	1 540.4	89.9	5.5	56.6	875.2	1 541.6	96.1	5.9	56.9	2 879.3
December	879.2	1 543.1	92.6	5.7	56.7	873.2	1 543.0	82.8	5.1	56.4	2 883.3
2009											
January	881.4	1 545.9	95.7	5.8	56.9	898.9	1 549.7	90.4	5.5	56.8	2 886.8
February	882.8	1 548.3	99.0	6.0	57.0	880.0	1 550.5	100.9	6.1	57.1	2 890.2
March	883.3	1 550.1	101.9	6.2	57.1	881.4	1 543.8	116.1	7.0	57.4	2 893.7
April	883.2	1 551.8	104.1	6.3	57.2	878.5	1 553.2	99.6	6.0	57.1	2 897.0
May	882.5	1 553.0	105.4	6.4	57.2	883.8	1 555.2	100.6	6.1	57.1	2 899.9
PERSONS											
May 2006	2 357.2	3 267.6	179.6	5.2	63.1	2 360.2	3 280.3	174.6	5.1	63.2	5 464.1
May 2007	2 403.4	3 330.6	170.4	4.9	63.3	2 422.3	3 346.6	168.3	4.8	63.5	5 534.1
2008											
May	2 481.8	3 425.5	164.6	4.6	64.0	2 470.8	3 415.7	168.9	4.7	63.9	5 611.0
June	2 479.0	3 417.9	168.4	4.7	63.9	2 478.3	3 425.3	168.2	4.7	64.0	5 615.7
July	2 473.1	3 409.3	172.0	4.8	63.7	2 475.7	3 409.2	171.0	4.8	63.7	5 621.6
August	2 466.1	3 402.7	175.0	4.9	63.6	2 467.3	3 391.0	175.8	4.9	63.4	5 627.6
September	2 459.9	3 399.5	177.5	5.0	63.5	2 465.0	3 399.2	173.3	4.9	63.4	5 633.5
October	2 454.6	3 398.4	181.5	5.1	63.5	2 446.5	3 399.6	190.2	5.3	63.6	5 641.3
November	2 449.0	3 397.9	187.7	5.2	63.5	2 444.8	3 397.4	185.7	5.2	63.4	5 649.0
December	2 443.4	3 397.2	196.1	5.5	63.5	2 438.6	3 402.8	187.3	5.2	63.5	5 656.7
2009											
January	2 437.8	3 395.8	205.7	5.7	63.6	2 455.5	3 399.4	201.0	5.6	63.6	5 663.7
February	2 431.9	3 393.6	215.3	6.0	63.6	2 432.7	3 393.5	215.5	6.0	63.6	5 670.6
March	2 425.8	3 391.7	223.7	6.2	63.7	2 416.6	3 379.7	247.0	6.8	63.9	5 677.5
April	2 420.3	3 390.5	230.5	6.4	63.7	2 412.6	3 394.3	220.9	6.1	63.6	5 683.9
May	2 415.6	3 390.0	235.9	6.5	63.7	2 421.0	3 394.4	231.2	6.4	63.7	5 689.7

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)—Victoria

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES											
May 2006	1 176.1	1 395.2	71.3	4.9	72.3	1 175.1	1 389.4	69.5	4.8	71.9	2 027.9
May 2007	1 216.2	1 438.4	62.2	4.1	72.7	1 219.3	1 441.4	63.0	4.2	72.9	2 063.6
2008											
May	1 223.5	1 461.7	61.7	4.1	72.5	1 225.9	1 470.1	57.7	3.8	72.7	2 102.1
June	1 222.7	1 460.8	62.3	4.1	72.3	1 222.2	1 460.3	67.4	4.4	72.6	2 104.9
July	1 221.7	1 460.0	62.0	4.1	72.2	1 223.0	1 457.8	64.2	4.2	72.2	2 108.0
August	1 220.8	1 459.0	61.2	4.0	72.0	1 222.5	1 458.3	59.4	3.9	71.9	2 111.0
September	1 219.7	1 457.2	60.9	4.0	71.8	1 217.7	1 456.6	61.2	4.0	71.8	2 114.1
October	1 217.6	1 454.9	62.1	4.1	71.6	1 215.5	1 457.1	60.0	4.0	71.6	2 117.9
November	1 215.0	1 452.4	64.9	4.3	71.5	1 214.1	1 453.4	61.2	4.0	71.4	2 121.6
December	1 211.9	1 449.8	69.3	4.6	71.5	1 217.5	1 449.2	70.0	4.6	71.5	2 125.3
2009											
January	1 207.9	1 447.3	74.8	4.9	71.5	1 210.5	1 447.3	76.7	5.0	71.6	2 128.9
February	1 203.5	1 445.3	80.1	5.3	71.5	1 199.2	1 442.5	82.3	5.4	71.5	2 132.5
March	1 198.9	1 443.8	85.0	5.6	71.6	1 191.5	1 442.3	84.6	5.5	71.5	2 136.0
April	1 194.5	1 442.8	89.2	5.8	71.6	1 208.1	1 446.4	87.0	5.7	71.7	2 139.3
May	1 190.7	1 442.3	92.7	6.0	71.7	1 181.4	1 442.1	95.5	6.2	71.8	2 142.2
FEMALES											
May 2006	612.2	1 140.2	64.3	5.3	57.0	606.5	1 138.9	64.3	5.3	56.9	2 114.1
May 2007	642.2	1 175.6	65.1	5.2	57.7	644.9	1 176.0	64.8	5.2	57.8	2 148.4
2008											
May	641.7	1 201.6	61.5	4.9	57.8	640.2	1 198.8	61.0	4.8	57.6	2 186.3
June	641.3	1 203.2	62.1	4.9	57.8	632.6	1 203.9	62.3	4.9	57.8	2 188.9
July	642.1	1 204.8	62.6	4.9	57.8	644.9	1 204.5	64.7	5.1	57.9	2 191.9
August	643.1	1 206.1	62.7	4.9	57.8	647.0	1 209.9	61.0	4.8	57.9	2 194.8
September	643.5	1 207.4	62.3	4.9	57.8	648.2	1 203.6	61.3	4.8	57.6	2 197.7
October	642.6	1 208.9	62.2	4.9	57.7	637.5	1 210.0	63.6	5.0	57.9	2 201.4
November	640.5	1 210.1	63.0	4.9	57.7	646.2	1 208.1	65.6	5.2	57.8	2 205.1
December	638.3	1 210.4	64.6	5.1	57.7	632.4	1 209.6	61.1	4.8	57.5	2 208.7
2009											
January	637.5	1 209.9	66.7	5.2	57.7	639.1	1 214.7	60.0	4.7	57.6	2 212.2
February	638.2	1 208.8	68.9	5.4	57.7	635.4	1 211.1	75.3	5.9	58.1	2 215.6
March	640.0	1 207.3	70.8	5.5	57.6	638.5	1 207.4	74.6	5.8	57.8	2 219.1
April	642.2	1 205.9	72.3	5.7	57.5	641.5	1 195.2	71.2	5.6	57.0	2 221.7
May	644.3	1 204.9	73.3	5.7	57.5	651.4	1 210.8	70.8	5.5	57.6	2 224.6
PERSONS											
May 2006	1 788.3	2 535.4	135.6	5.1	64.5	1 781.6	2 528.3	133.8	5.0	64.3	4 142.0
May 2007	1 858.4	2 614.0	127.2	4.6	65.1	1 864.3	2 617.4	127.8	4.7	65.2	4 212.0
2008											
May	1 865.2	2 663.3	123.2	4.4	65.0	1 866.1	2 668.9	118.7	4.3	65.0	4 288.4
June	1 864.0	2 664.0	124.4	4.5	64.9	1 854.8	2 664.2	129.7	4.6	65.1	4 293.8
July	1 863.8	2 664.8	124.7	4.5	64.9	1 867.9	2 662.3	128.9	4.6	64.9	4 299.8
August	1 863.9	2 665.1	123.8	4.4	64.8	1 869.5	2 668.2	120.3	4.3	64.8	4 305.8
September	1 863.2	2 664.6	123.2	4.4	64.6	1 865.8	2 660.2	122.6	4.4	64.5	4 311.9
October	1 860.2	2 663.8	124.3	4.5	64.5	1 853.0	2 667.1	123.6	4.4	64.6	4 319.3
November	1 855.5	2 662.5	127.9	4.6	64.5	1 860.3	2 661.6	126.8	4.5	64.4	4 326.7
December	1 850.2	2 660.2	133.9	4.8	64.5	1 849.9	2 658.8	131.1	4.7	64.4	4 334.0
2009											
January	1 845.4	2 657.2	141.5	5.1	64.5	1 849.6	2 662.1	136.7	4.9	64.5	4 341.1
February	1 841.7	2 654.1	149.0	5.3	64.5	1 834.6	2 653.6	157.6	5.6	64.7	4 348.1
March	1 838.8	2 651.2	155.8	5.6	64.5	1 830.0	2 649.7	159.2	5.7	64.5	4 355.1
April	1 836.8	2 648.7	161.6	5.7	64.5	1 849.6	2 641.7	158.2	5.7	64.2	4 360.9
May	1 835.0	2 647.2	166.0	5.9	64.5	1 832.8	2 652.8	166.4	5.9	64.6	4 366.8

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)—Queensland

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp-loyed	Unemp-loyment rate	Partici-pation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp-loyed	Unemp-loyment rate	Partici-pation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES											
May 2006	966.3	1 127.0	49.2	4.2	73.4	967.5	1 126.4	49.8	4.2	73.4	1 603.4
May 2007	1 019.5	1 181.6	38.2	3.1	74.2	1 023.3	1 188.6	36.8	3.0	74.5	1 643.9
2008											
May	1 024.3	1 193.7	40.3	3.3	73.4	1 017.4	1 191.4	41.5	3.4	73.3	1 681.0
June	1 030.3	1 196.6	40.6	3.3	73.5	1 029.8	1 197.9	41.5	3.3	73.6	1 684.5
July	1 036.3	1 200.0	40.9	3.3	73.5	1 043.4	1 201.2	38.7	3.1	73.5	1 687.4
August	1 040.8	1 202.8	41.7	3.4	73.6	1 042.8	1 202.4	39.4	3.2	73.5	1 690.2
September	1 043.2	1 204.6	43.7	3.5	73.7	1 042.0	1 203.4	45.6	3.7	73.8	1 693.1
October	1 043.4	1 205.3	46.8	3.7	73.8	1 038.3	1 207.5	46.2	3.7	73.9	1 696.8
November	1 042.1	1 205.4	50.6	4.0	73.9	1 051.9	1 211.3	50.9	4.0	74.2	1 700.5
December	1 040.1	1 205.2	54.7	4.3	73.9	1 035.3	1 198.2	53.3	4.3	73.4	1 704.2
2009											
January	1 038.3	1 205.1	58.7	4.6	74.0	1 035.3	1 201.2	60.1	4.8	73.9	1 708.0
February	1 036.9	1 205.2	62.5	4.9	74.1	1 038.7	1 208.7	63.9	5.0	74.3	1 711.7
March	1 035.7	1 205.3	66.1	5.2	74.1	1 033.2	1 208.0	65.5	5.1	74.2	1 715.4
April	1 034.8	1 205.4	69.4	5.4	74.2	1 038.8	1 205.6	67.9	5.3	74.1	1 718.0
May	1 033.7	1 205.3	72.0	5.6	74.3	1 032.5	1 203.1	74.7	5.8	74.2	1 721.1
FEMALES											
May 2006	518.4	931.9	50.1	5.1	59.8	518.8	933.5	50.6	5.1	59.9	1 643.0
May 2007	558.0	977.0	41.2	4.0	60.5	561.4	973.7	37.9	3.7	60.1	1 682.7
2008											
May	566.4	1 006.8	44.0	4.2	61.2	564.8	1 012.2	44.1	4.2	61.5	1 717.6
June	570.8	1 011.6	44.0	4.2	61.4	565.7	1 002.0	44.8	4.3	60.8	1 720.7
July	573.5	1 015.0	43.6	4.1	61.4	588.0	1 016.8	47.9	4.5	61.8	1 723.7
August	574.2	1 017.3	42.8	4.0	61.4	575.8	1 028.3	37.9	3.6	61.8	1 726.6
September	573.5	1 019.4	41.9	3.9	61.3	567.8	1 013.2	41.9	4.0	61.0	1 729.6
October	571.8	1 021.4	41.2	3.9	61.3	567.7	1 020.2	44.1	4.1	61.4	1 733.1
November	570.6	1 023.6	41.1	3.9	61.3	578.5	1 019.3	39.6	3.7	61.0	1 736.6
December	570.9	1 025.6	41.9	3.9	61.4	560.0	1 027.2	40.2	3.8	61.3	1 740.0
2009											
January	572.5	1 027.2	43.4	4.1	61.4	576.1	1 029.6	43.6	4.1	61.6	1 743.4
February	574.1	1 028.4	45.0	4.2	61.5	574.6	1 033.0	44.5	4.1	61.7	1 746.8
March	575.1	1 028.6	46.7	4.3	61.5	576.4	1 026.0	48.7	4.5	61.4	1 750.1
April	575.6	1 028.1	48.2	4.5	61.4	581.0	1 026.9	48.0	4.5	61.3	1 752.4
May	575.5	1 027.5	49.7	4.6	61.4	569.2	1 025.4	49.8	4.6	61.3	1 755.2
PERSONS											
May 2006	1 484.7	2 058.9	99.3	4.6	66.5	1 486.3	2 059.9	100.5	4.7	66.5	3 246.4
May 2007	1 577.5	2 158.6	79.4	3.5	67.3	1 584.7	2 162.2	74.7	3.3	67.2	3 326.6
2008											
May	1 590.7	2 200.4	84.3	3.7	67.2	1 582.3	2 203.6	85.6	3.7	67.4	3 398.6
June	1 601.1	2 208.2	84.6	3.7	67.3	1 595.5	2 200.0	86.2	3.8	67.1	3 405.2
July	1 609.8	2 215.0	84.5	3.7	67.4	1 631.4	2 218.0	86.6	3.8	67.6	3 411.0
August	1 615.1	2 220.2	84.6	3.7	67.4	1 618.6	2 230.7	77.4	3.4	67.5	3 416.9
September	1 616.7	2 224.0	85.6	3.7	67.5	1 609.8	2 216.6	87.5	3.8	67.3	3 422.7
October	1 615.1	2 226.7	88.0	3.8	67.5	1 605.9	2 227.7	90.2	3.9	67.6	3 429.9
November	1 612.7	2 228.9	91.7	4.0	67.5	1 630.4	2 230.6	90.4	3.9	67.5	3 437.1
December	1 610.9	2 230.8	96.6	4.2	67.6	1 595.4	2 225.5	93.5	4.0	67.3	3 444.3
2009											
January	1 610.8	2 232.4	102.1	4.4	67.6	1 611.4	2 230.9	103.8	4.4	67.6	3 451.4
February	1 611.0	2 233.6	107.5	4.6	67.7	1 613.2	2 241.7	108.3	4.6	68.0	3 458.5
March	1 610.9	2 233.9	112.8	4.8	67.7	1 609.6	2 234.0	114.2	4.9	67.8	3 465.6
April	1 610.5	2 233.5	117.6	5.0	67.8	1 619.7	2 232.5	115.9	4.9	67.7	3 470.5
May	1 609.2	2 232.8	121.7	5.2	67.8	1 601.7	2 228.5	124.5	5.3	67.7	3 476.4

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)—South Australia

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp-loyed	Unemp-loyment rate	Partici-pation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp-loyed	Unemp-loyment rate	Partici-pation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES											
May 2006	343.3	409.7	22.2	5.1	69.2	343.0	409.4	22.5	5.2	69.2	624.5
May 2007	346.2	414.0	22.2	5.1	68.9	347.3	417.0	21.4	4.9	69.3	632.6
2008											
May	359.6	430.7	20.9	4.6	70.5	358.6	426.0	21.8	4.9	69.9	640.3
June	361.3	431.5	21.2	4.7	70.6	360.5	431.1	21.5	4.7	70.6	640.8
July	362.9	432.3	21.6	4.8	70.8	364.4	435.2	20.5	4.5	71.1	641.4
August	364.3	432.9	22.1	4.8	70.9	365.0	433.7	18.0	4.0	70.4	641.9
September	365.3	433.1	22.6	4.9	70.9	363.3	430.8	28.4	6.2	71.5	642.4
October	365.4	432.7	23.2	5.1	70.9	365.6	432.1	22.7	5.0	70.7	643.2
November	364.4	431.4	23.8	5.2	70.7	366.7	434.5	23.2	5.1	71.1	644.0
December	362.7	429.4	24.6	5.4	70.4	363.9	429.2	23.0	5.1	70.1	644.8
2009											
January	360.7	427.4	25.3	5.6	70.1	360.9	427.0	24.8	5.5	70.0	645.5
February	358.8	425.4	26.1	5.8	69.9	355.5	425.3	26.8	5.9	70.0	646.2
March	357.2	423.6	26.9	6.0	69.7	355.2	421.3	28.7	6.4	69.6	646.8
April	356.0	422.3	27.5	6.1	69.5	359.7	422.2	27.4	6.1	69.5	647.3
May	355.1	421.3	27.9	6.2	69.3	354.8	423.3	26.5	5.9	69.4	647.9
FEMALES											
May 2006	176.2	347.5	17.3	4.7	55.9	173.7	346.7	17.0	4.7	55.7	652.6
May 2007	177.0	350.6	17.2	4.7	55.7	178.6	351.1	16.5	4.5	55.7	660.5
2008											
May	186.4	357.6	18.3	4.9	56.3	188.7	358.4	19.9	5.3	56.6	668.2
June	186.1	357.9	18.7	5.0	56.3	187.9	357.9	18.3	4.9	56.2	668.7
July	185.2	358.4	19.1	5.1	56.4	182.8	357.7	18.5	4.9	56.2	669.2
August	183.7	359.0	19.6	5.2	56.5	182.0	356.5	18.7	5.0	56.0	669.7
September	181.7	359.5	20.3	5.4	56.7	187.4	363.7	20.2	5.3	57.3	670.2
October	179.9	359.8	21.1	5.5	56.8	178.9	360.1	22.0	5.8	56.9	671.0
November	178.8	360.2	21.9	5.7	56.9	175.8	361.0	22.2	5.8	57.0	671.8
December	178.8	361.3	22.1	5.8	57.0	177.3	357.8	21.8	5.7	56.4	672.6
2009											
January	179.9	363.1	21.9	5.7	57.2	179.6	362.2	22.7	5.9	57.2	673.2
February	181.7	365.8	21.3	5.5	57.4	182.0	366.0	21.4	5.5	57.5	673.9
March	183.7	368.8	20.6	5.3	57.7	184.3	367.8	20.7	5.3	57.6	674.5
April	185.6	371.7	19.9	5.1	58.0	187.4	375.3	19.3	4.9	58.5	675.1
May	187.2	374.3	19.3	4.9	58.3	186.4	374.6	18.7	4.8	58.2	675.6
PERSONS											
May 2006	519.5	757.3	39.5	5.0	62.4	516.7	756.1	39.5	5.0	62.3	1 277.2
May 2007	523.2	764.6	39.4	4.9	62.2	525.9	768.1	37.9	4.7	62.3	1 293.2
2008											
May	546.1	788.3	39.2	4.7	63.2	547.3	784.4	41.8	5.1	63.1	1 308.6
June	547.4	789.4	39.9	4.8	63.3	548.3	789.0	39.8	4.8	63.3	1 309.6
July	548.1	790.7	40.7	4.9	63.4	547.3	792.9	39.0	4.7	63.5	1 310.6
August	548.0	791.9	41.7	5.0	63.6	547.0	790.2	36.6	4.4	63.0	1 311.6
September	547.1	792.6	42.9	5.1	63.6	550.7	794.5	48.5	5.8	64.2	1 312.6
October	545.2	792.5	44.3	5.3	63.7	544.5	792.1	44.7	5.3	63.7	1 314.2
November	543.2	791.5	45.7	5.5	63.6	542.5	795.5	45.4	5.4	63.9	1 315.8
December	541.5	790.7	46.7	5.6	63.6	541.2	787.0	44.8	5.4	63.1	1 317.4
2009											
January	540.6	790.5	47.2	5.6	63.5	540.4	789.2	47.5	5.7	63.4	1 318.7
February	540.5	791.1	47.4	5.6	63.5	537.5	791.4	48.2	5.7	63.6	1 320.0
March	540.9	792.4	47.5	5.7	63.6	539.5	789.1	49.3	5.9	63.5	1 321.3
April	541.6	794.0	47.4	5.6	63.6	547.1	797.5	46.8	5.5	63.8	1 322.5
May	542.3	795.6	47.2	5.6	63.7	541.2	797.9	45.2	5.4	63.7	1 323.6

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS & OVER)—Western Australia

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
May 2006	524.6	608.6	19.2	3.1	76.3	525.7	609.2	17.9	2.9	76.2	822.8
May 2007	536.4	623.1	17.9	2.8	75.9	533.4	621.6	17.9	2.8	75.8	844.0
2008											
May	561.1	642.4	19.8	3.0	76.2	554.4	637.1	22.8	3.4	76.0	868.6
June	565.5	646.3	19.3	2.9	76.5	565.5	643.3	18.4	2.8	76.0	870.4
July	570.4	651.8	18.4	2.7	76.8	573.6	652.0	18.1	2.7	76.8	872.4
August	575.1	657.6	17.3	2.6	77.2	577.5	664.5	15.9	2.3	77.8	874.3
September	578.5	662.4	16.5	2.4	77.5	574.7	658.4	20.9	3.1	77.5	876.2
October	579.4	664.6	16.5	2.4	77.5	582.4	670.0	12.0	1.8	77.6	878.8
November	577.6	663.9	17.7	2.6	77.3	578.0	659.8	18.9	2.8	77.0	881.3
December	573.6	661.2	20.1	3.0	77.1	577.0	667.9	18.6	2.7	77.7	883.9
2009											
January	568.8	658.2	23.2	3.4	76.9	570.9	656.8	22.0	3.2	76.6	886.2
February	564.0	655.9	26.4	3.9	76.8	557.3	651.9	26.1	3.9	76.3	888.5
March	559.9	654.5	29.4	4.3	76.8	556.6	649.1	35.1	5.1	76.8	890.9
April	556.6	653.7	32.0	4.7	76.8	559.7	656.1	29.8	4.3	76.8	893.3
May	554.3	654.1	33.6	4.9	76.9	555.5	659.0	33.1	4.8	77.3	895.3
FEMALES											
May 2006	242.4	469.2	19.1	3.9	59.5	242.2	470.4	17.9	3.7	59.5	820.6
May 2007	255.5	488.0	17.4	3.4	60.2	254.5	489.7	17.5	3.4	60.5	838.9
2008											
May	273.5	503.5	17.9	3.4	60.7	272.9	501.6	17.9	3.4	60.4	859.4
June	274.7	505.2	17.7	3.4	60.7	277.0	503.9	18.5	3.5	60.7	860.8
July	275.8	507.4	17.4	3.3	60.9	276.0	509.0	18.5	3.5	61.2	862.4
August	276.2	509.4	17.0	3.2	60.9	275.4	510.1	16.9	3.2	61.0	864.0
September	275.7	510.7	16.6	3.2	60.9	276.4	510.2	15.5	2.9	60.7	865.6
October	274.6	511.6	16.8	3.2	60.9	276.9	513.3	16.0	3.0	61.0	867.6
November	273.4	512.1	17.6	3.3	60.9	272.4	509.8	18.6	3.5	60.8	869.6
December	272.7	512.3	19.2	3.6	61.0	269.8	516.3	18.3	3.4	61.3	871.6
2009											
January	272.8	512.4	21.2	4.0	61.1	273.0	506.7	20.0	3.8	60.3	873.5
February	273.4	512.7	23.2	4.3	61.2	272.8	514.4	24.8	4.6	61.6	875.4
March	274.5	512.9	24.9	4.6	61.3	274.9	516.5	25.6	4.7	61.8	877.2
April	275.6	513.1	26.4	4.9	61.4	276.4	509.7	26.4	4.9	61.0	878.8
May	276.9	513.4	27.6	5.1	61.5	277.7	514.2	27.5	5.1	61.5	880.3
PERSONS											
May 2006	767.0	1 077.8	38.3	3.4	67.9	767.9	1 079.6	35.8	3.2	67.9	1 643.4
May 2007	792.0	1 111.1	35.3	3.1	68.1	787.9	1 111.3	35.3	3.1	68.1	1 682.8
2008											
May	834.6	1 145.9	37.7	3.2	68.5	827.2	1 138.7	40.7	3.4	68.3	1 728.0
June	840.2	1 151.6	37.1	3.1	68.6	842.6	1 147.2	36.9	3.1	68.4	1 731.2
July	846.1	1 159.2	35.8	3.0	68.9	849.6	1 161.0	36.5	3.1	69.0	1 734.8
August	851.3	1 167.1	34.3	2.9	69.1	853.0	1 174.6	32.8	2.7	69.5	1 738.3
September	854.2	1 173.1	33.1	2.7	69.2	851.1	1 168.6	36.3	3.0	69.2	1 741.8
October	854.0	1 176.2	33.3	2.8	69.3	859.3	1 183.4	28.0	2.3	69.4	1 746.4
November	850.9	1 176.0	35.4	2.9	69.2	850.4	1 169.6	37.5	3.1	68.9	1 751.0
December	846.3	1 173.5	39.3	3.2	69.1	846.8	1 184.2	36.9	3.0	69.6	1 755.5
2009											
January	841.5	1 170.7	44.4	3.6	69.0	843.9	1 163.5	42.0	3.5	68.5	1 759.7
February	837.4	1 168.6	49.6	4.1	69.1	830.1	1 166.2	51.0	4.2	69.0	1 763.9
March	834.4	1 167.4	54.3	4.4	69.1	831.5	1 165.6	60.7	5.0	69.4	1 768.1
April	832.2	1 166.9	58.4	4.8	69.2	836.1	1 165.9	56.2	4.6	69.0	1 772.1
May	831.2	1 167.5	61.2	5.0	69.2	833.2	1 173.2	60.6	4.9	69.5	1 775.6

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES											
May 2006	101.8	121.4	9.5	7.2	68.3	102.4	121.8	9.8	7.5	68.7	191.6
May 2007	104.3	124.8	6.3	4.8	67.8	103.8	125.5	5.8	4.4	68.0	193.2
2008											
May	109.0	129.7	4.5	3.4	68.7	110.0	129.5	5.0	3.7	68.9	195.4
June	110.0	131.2	4.4	3.2	69.4	106.5	129.2	4.5	3.4	68.4	195.5
July	110.9	132.5	4.4	3.2	70.0	111.7	132.4	4.7	3.4	70.1	195.7
August	111.5	133.3	4.4	3.2	70.3	113.8	136.1	4.3	3.1	71.7	195.9
September	111.6	133.4	4.5	3.2	70.3	111.7	134.1	3.8	2.8	70.3	196.0
October	111.1	132.9	4.6	3.4	70.1	111.7	132.9	4.6	3.4	70.1	196.3
November	110.2	132.0	4.9	3.6	69.7	108.2	130.8	5.4	4.0	69.3	196.5
December	108.9	130.9	5.3	3.9	69.2	108.8	129.1	5.4	4.0	68.4	196.7
2009											
January	107.7	129.9	5.7	4.2	68.9	108.5	130.4	5.4	4.0	69.0	196.9
February	106.6	129.0	6.2	4.6	68.6	106.9	131.5	5.9	4.3	69.7	197.1
March	105.6	128.1	6.6	4.9	68.3	105.4	127.7	6.5	4.8	68.0	197.3
April	104.6	127.2	7.0	5.2	68.0	103.9	125.6	7.5	5.6	67.4	197.4
May	103.8	126.4	7.3	5.5	67.7	103.5	126.1	7.5	5.6	67.6	197.6
FEMALES											
May 2006	52.1	104.1	6.5	5.9	54.9	52.0	103.7	6.9	6.2	54.9	201.4
May 2007	51.4	102.2	5.7	5.2	53.1	51.4	102.6	4.4	4.1	52.7	203.1
2008											
May	54.6	106.4	6.0	5.3	54.8	54.7	108.1	5.3	4.7	55.3	205.1
June	54.8	106.8	5.8	5.2	54.9	54.2	108.1	5.6	4.9	55.4	205.2
July	54.9	107.1	5.7	5.1	54.9	54.7	104.3	6.6	6.0	54.0	205.3
August	54.9	107.2	5.6	5.0	54.9	55.4	107.2	5.8	5.1	55.0	205.5
September	54.9	107.3	5.7	5.0	54.9	55.1	106.9	5.7	5.0	54.8	205.6
October	54.9	107.6	5.7	5.0	55.0	54.5	109.9	4.4	3.9	55.5	205.9
November	55.0	108.1	5.7	5.0	55.2	55.0	107.4	6.0	5.3	55.0	206.1
December	55.0	108.6	5.7	5.0	55.4	54.2	107.2	6.6	5.8	55.1	206.3
2009											
January	54.9	108.8	5.8	5.1	55.5	54.9	107.6	5.9	5.2	55.0	206.5
February	54.8	108.9	6.0	5.2	55.6	56.8	112.0	5.7	4.9	56.9	206.7
March	54.6	108.9	6.1	5.3	55.6	53.9	109.4	4.5	4.0	55.1	206.9
April	54.4	108.7	6.3	5.4	55.5	53.6	107.4	7.6	6.6	55.6	207.1
May	54.1	108.6	6.4	5.5	55.5	54.1	107.7	6.5	5.7	55.1	207.3
PERSONS											
May 2006	153.9	225.6	16.0	6.6	61.5	154.4	225.6	16.7	6.9	61.6	393.0
May 2007	155.7	227.0	12.0	5.0	60.3	155.2	228.0	10.2	4.3	60.1	396.4
2008											
May	163.6	236.1	10.5	4.3	61.6	164.7	237.6	10.3	4.2	61.9	400.4
June	164.8	238.0	10.2	4.1	61.9	160.7	237.3	10.1	4.1	61.8	400.6
July	165.8	239.6	10.1	4.0	62.3	166.4	236.7	11.3	4.5	61.8	401.0
August	166.4	240.5	10.0	4.0	62.4	169.2	243.3	10.1	4.0	63.1	401.3
September	166.4	240.6	10.1	4.0	62.4	166.8	241.0	9.5	3.8	62.4	401.7
October	166.0	240.4	10.3	4.1	62.4	166.2	242.8	9.0	3.6	62.6	402.1
November	165.1	240.1	10.6	4.2	62.3	163.3	238.2	11.4	4.6	62.0	402.6
December	163.9	239.5	11.0	4.4	62.2	163.0	236.3	12.0	4.8	61.6	403.1
2009											
January	162.7	238.7	11.5	4.6	62.0	163.5	238.0	11.4	4.6	61.8	403.4
February	161.5	237.9	12.1	4.8	61.9	163.7	243.5	11.7	4.6	63.2	403.8
March	160.2	237.0	12.7	5.1	61.8	159.3	237.2	11.0	4.4	61.4	404.1
April	158.9	235.9	13.3	5.3	61.6	157.5	233.1	15.1	6.1	61.3	404.6
May	157.9	235.0	13.7	5.5	61.5	157.6	233.8	14.0	5.7	61.2	404.9

	TREND					<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES						
May 2006	46.9	55.0	3.1	5.4	74.4	78.1
May 2007	50.4	58.4	3.1	5.1	76.7	80.1
2008						
May	51.7	60.5	2.1	3.4	76.0	82.4
June	51.7	60.6	1.9	3.1	75.7	82.6
July	51.9	60.7	1.8	2.9	75.4	82.9
August	52.2	60.8	1.8	2.9	75.3	83.1
September	52.6	60.9	2.0	3.2	75.4	83.4
October	53.3	61.1	2.2	3.4	75.7	83.5
November	54.1	61.5	2.4	3.7	76.3	83.6
December	55.0	62.0	2.6	4.0	77.0	83.8
2009						
January	55.9	62.6	2.7	4.1	77.8	83.9
February	56.7	63.3	2.8	4.3	78.7	84.1
March	57.3	64.0	3.0	4.4	79.5	84.3
April	57.8	64.5	3.1	4.5	80.1	84.3
May	58.2	65.0	3.1	4.6	80.8	84.4
FEMALES						
May 2006	34.2	48.6	2.5	4.9	67.6	75.7
May 2007	35.4	49.3	2.0	3.9	66.2	77.5
2008						
May	36.3	52.5	1.9	3.5	68.6	79.3
June	35.9	52.7	1.8	3.3	68.6	79.4
July	35.7	53.0	1.7	3.1	68.7	79.6
August	35.7	53.1	1.7	3.2	68.7	79.8
September	36.0	53.1	1.8	3.3	68.7	80.0
October	36.4	53.1	1.9	3.5	68.7	80.1
November	36.9	53.2	2.0	3.7	68.8	80.2
December	37.4	53.3	2.1	3.8	68.9	80.4
2009						
January	37.9	53.6	2.1	3.7	69.1	80.5
February	38.5	54.0	2.0	3.6	69.4	80.7
March	39.1	54.5	1.9	3.4	69.8	80.9
April	39.7	55.0	1.8	3.2	70.2	81.1
May	40.2	55.6	1.7	3.0	70.6	81.2
PERSONS						
May 2006	81.1	103.6	5.6	5.2	71.0	153.7
May 2007	85.8	107.6	5.1	4.5	71.5	157.6
2008						
May	87.9	113.0	4.0	3.4	72.3	161.7
June	87.7	113.4	3.7	3.2	72.2	162.1
July	87.6	113.7	3.5	3.0	72.1	162.5
August	87.9	113.9	3.6	3.0	72.1	162.9
September	88.6	114.0	3.8	3.2	72.1	163.4
October	89.7	114.2	4.1	3.5	72.3	163.6
November	91.0	114.6	4.4	3.7	72.6	163.9
December	92.4	115.3	4.7	3.9	73.0	164.1
2009						
January	93.8	116.2	4.8	4.0	73.5	164.5
February	95.1	117.3	4.8	3.9	74.1	164.8
March	96.4	118.5	4.9	3.9	74.7	165.1
April	97.5	119.5	4.9	3.9	75.3	165.4
May	98.5	120.6	4.9	3.9	75.8	165.6



	TREND					<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES						
May 2006	83.0	97.5	3.6	3.6	77.9	129.7
May 2007	86.1	101.7	3.2	3.0	79.2	132.3
2008						
May	85.5	101.8	3.1	2.9	78.1	134.3
June	85.7	101.8	3.2	3.1	78.1	134.6
July	85.9	101.7	3.3	3.1	78.0	134.7
August	86.2	101.7	3.3	3.2	77.9	134.8
September	86.6	101.8	3.3	3.1	77.9	134.8
October	87.1	102.1	3.2	3.0	77.9	135.0
November	87.5	102.4	3.0	2.8	77.9	135.3
December	87.7	102.5	2.9	2.7	77.8	135.5
2009						
January	87.5	102.2	2.9	2.7	77.5	135.7
February	87.1	101.7	3.0	2.9	77.1	135.9
March	86.7	101.2	3.2	3.1	76.8	136.0
April	86.2	100.6	3.5	3.3	76.5	136.1
May	85.8	100.1	3.7	3.6	76.2	136.2
FEMALES						
May 2006	59.1	91.4	2.4	2.6	68.5	137.0
May 2007	59.9	92.1	2.7	2.9	68.1	139.2
2008						
May	60.9	94.5	2.4	2.5	68.7	141.0
June	60.9	94.5	2.3	2.4	68.6	141.2
July	61.0	94.6	2.3	2.3	68.5	141.3
August	60.9	94.6	2.2	2.3	68.5	141.3
September	60.6	94.6	2.3	2.3	68.5	141.4
October	60.2	94.5	2.3	2.3	68.4	141.5
November	59.9	94.5	2.2	2.3	68.3	141.7
December	59.9	94.4	2.3	2.3	68.1	141.8
2009						
January	60.0	94.4	2.3	2.4	68.1	142.0
February	60.3	94.3	2.5	2.5	68.1	142.2
March	60.6	94.3	2.6	2.7	68.1	142.4
April	60.9	94.2	2.7	2.8	68.1	142.4
May	61.0	94.2	2.8	2.9	68.1	142.6
PERSONS						
May 2006	142.0	188.9	6.1	3.1	73.1	266.7
May 2007	146.1	193.8	5.9	2.9	73.5	271.5
2008						
May	146.4	196.3	5.5	2.7	73.3	275.4
June	146.6	196.3	5.5	2.7	73.2	275.8
July	146.9	196.3	5.5	2.7	73.1	276.0
August	147.1	196.3	5.6	2.8	73.1	276.1
September	147.2	196.4	5.5	2.7	73.1	276.2
October	147.3	196.6	5.4	2.7	73.0	276.6
November	147.5	196.9	5.2	2.6	73.0	277.0
December	147.6	196.9	5.1	2.5	72.8	277.3
2009						
January	147.6	196.6	5.2	2.6	72.7	277.7
February	147.5	196.0	5.5	2.7	72.5	278.1
March	147.3	195.4	5.8	2.9	72.3	278.4
April	147.1	194.8	6.2	3.1	72.2	278.5
May	146.9	194.3	6.6	3.3	72.1	278.8

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	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total				Looking for f/t work	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000	'000	
MALES											
New South Wales	1 538.4	298.6	1 837.0	112.9	136.8	1 973.8	816.0	2 789.8	6.8	6.9	70.7
Victoria	1 176.6	263.9	1 440.6	81.0	98.2	1 538.7	603.5	2 142.2	6.4	6.4	71.8
Queensland	1 024.4	171.4	1 195.8	63.3	76.4	1 272.2	449.0	1 721.1	5.8	6.0	73.9
South Australia	350.5	71.0	421.5	21.5	27.3	448.8	199.1	647.9	5.8	6.1	69.3
Western Australia	550.5	106.1	656.6	28.1	33.7	690.3	205.0	895.3	4.9	4.9	77.1
Tasmania	103.1	23.2	126.3	6.5	6.8	133.1	64.5	197.6	6.0	5.1	67.4
Northern Territory	57.6	7.0	64.6	2.7	3.0	67.7	16.7	84.4	4.5	4.5	80.2
Australian Capital Territory	84.6	14.1	98.8	*2.7	4.9	103.7	32.5	136.2	*3.1	4.8	76.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 885.8</b>	<b>955.3</b>	<b>5 841.1</b>	<b>318.7</b>	<b>387.1</b>	<b>6 228.2</b>	<b>2 386.3</b>	<b>8 614.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>72.3</b>
FEMALES											
New South Wales	872.9	685.5	1 558.4	64.3	99.6	1 657.9	1 242.0	2 899.9	6.9	6.0	57.2
Victoria	651.1	558.6	1 209.6	43.9	71.0	1 280.6	943.9	2 224.6	6.3	5.5	57.6
Queensland	561.1	463.5	1 024.7	37.0	52.3	1 076.9	678.3	1 755.2	6.2	4.9	61.4
South Australia	186.2	187.9	374.1	12.9	18.0	392.1	283.6	675.6	6.5	4.6	58.0
Western Australia	277.3	237.3	514.7	17.3	29.4	544.1	336.3	880.3	5.9	5.4	61.8
Tasmania	53.9	54.9	108.8	2.9	5.7	114.5	92.8	207.3	5.1	5.0	55.2
Northern Territory	40.7	15.9	56.6	*0.8	*1.6	58.2	23.1	81.2	*2.0	*2.7	71.6
Australian Capital Territory	61.0	32.6	93.7	*1.6	3.2	96.9	45.7	142.6	*2.5	3.3	67.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2 704.3</b>	<b>2 236.3</b>	<b>4 940.5</b>	<b>180.8</b>	<b>280.6</b>	<b>5 221.1</b>	<b>3 645.7</b>	<b>8 866.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>58.9</b>
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 411.2	984.1	3 395.4	177.2	236.4	3 631.7	2 058.0	5 689.7	6.8	6.5	63.8
Victoria	1 827.7	822.5	2 650.2	124.9	169.2	2 819.4	1 547.4	4 366.8	6.4	6.0	64.6
Queensland	1 585.6	634.9	2 220.4	100.4	128.6	2 349.1	1 127.3	3 476.4	6.0	5.5	67.6
South Australia	536.7	258.9	795.6	34.4	45.3	840.9	482.7	1 323.6	6.0	5.4	63.5
Western Australia	827.8	343.5	1 171.3	45.4	63.1	1 234.4	541.3	1 775.6	5.2	5.1	69.5
Tasmania	157.0	78.1	235.1	9.4	12.5	247.6	157.3	404.9	5.7	5.0	61.2
Northern Territory	98.3	22.9	121.2	3.6	4.6	125.8	39.8	165.6	3.5	3.6	76.0
Australian Capital Territory	145.7	46.8	192.4	4.3	8.2	200.6	78.2	278.8	2.8	4.1	72.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7 590.1</b>	<b>3 191.6</b>	<b>10 781.6</b>	<b>499.6</b>	<b>667.8</b>	<b>11 449.4</b>	<b>6 032.0</b>	<b>17 481.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>65.5</b>

\* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Participation rate	Employment to population ratio	Unemployment to population ratio – looking for full-time work
	Full time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%			
MALES									
May 2006	156.4	356.5	36.0	67.9	18.7	16.0	58.7	49.3	5.0
May 2007	162.5	368.1	31.0	57.6	16.0	13.5	57.9	50.0	4.2
2008									
May	176.6	386.5	28.9	54.7	14.1	12.4	58.9	51.6	3.9
June	176.9	384.6	29.2	55.2	14.2	12.5	58.7	51.3	3.9
July	176.7	383.2	29.1	55.2	14.1	12.6	58.5	51.1	3.9
August	175.5	381.8	28.4	55.0	13.9	12.6	58.2	50.9	3.8
September	173.2	379.5	27.7	55.3	13.8	12.7	57.9	50.5	3.7
October	169.5	376.2	27.9	56.8	14.1	13.1	57.6	50.0	3.7
November	164.9	371.6	29.5	59.7	15.1	13.8	57.3	49.4	3.9
December	160.0	366.1	32.2	63.8	16.8	14.8	57.1	48.6	4.3
2009									
January	155.2	360.8	35.7	68.2	18.7	15.9	56.9	47.8	4.7
February	150.7	356.1	39.1	72.2	20.6	16.9	56.8	47.2	5.2
March	146.6	352.2	42.0	75.7	22.3	17.7	56.7	46.7	5.6
April	143.1	349.3	44.3	78.5	23.6	18.3	56.6	46.2	5.9
May	140.3	347.4	46.0	80.7	24.7	18.8	56.7	46.0	6.1
FEMALES									
May 2006	80.5	358.5	25.7	60.9	24.2	14.5	60.9	52.0	3.7
May 2007	86.0	371.7	22.7	55.2	20.9	12.9	61.0	53.1	3.2
2008									
May	87.2	372.2	24.8	57.1	22.1	13.3	60.3	52.3	3.5
June	85.2	371.7	25.2	56.7	22.8	13.2	60.2	52.2	3.5
July	83.7	371.7	25.0	55.6	23.0	13.0	59.9	52.1	3.5
August	82.5	371.4	24.5	54.3	22.9	12.7	59.7	52.0	3.4
September	81.2	370.5	23.8	53.3	22.6	12.6	59.3	51.9	3.3
October	79.5	369.1	23.3	53.3	22.6	12.6	59.0	51.6	3.3
November	78.1	367.4	23.3	54.5	23.0	12.9	58.9	51.3	3.3
December	77.3	365.5	23.9	56.3	23.6	13.4	58.8	51.0	3.3
2009									
January	77.3	363.6	25.1	58.4	24.4	13.8	58.8	50.7	3.5
February	78.2	361.8	26.4	60.0	25.2	14.2	58.7	50.4	3.7
March	79.7	360.2	27.7	61.4	25.8	14.6	58.6	50.1	3.9
April	81.4	358.7	28.8	62.5	26.2	14.8	58.6	49.9	4.0
May	82.8	357.7	29.6	63.2	26.4	15.0	58.5	49.7	4.1
PERSONS									
May 2006	236.9	715.0	61.7	128.8	20.7	15.3	59.8	50.6	4.4
May 2007	248.5	739.8	53.7	112.8	17.8	13.2	59.4	51.5	3.7
2008									
May	263.8	758.8	53.6	111.7	16.9	12.8	59.6	52.0	3.7
June	262.1	756.4	54.4	111.9	17.2	12.9	59.4	51.8	3.7
July	260.4	754.8	54.1	110.8	17.2	12.8	59.2	51.6	3.7
August	258.0	753.2	52.9	109.3	17.0	12.7	58.9	51.4	3.6
September	254.3	750.1	51.5	108.6	16.8	12.6	58.6	51.2	3.5
October	249.0	745.3	51.2	110.1	17.1	12.9	58.3	50.8	3.5
November	243.0	739.0	52.8	114.2	17.9	13.4	58.1	50.3	3.6
December	237.3	731.6	56.2	120.1	19.1	14.1	57.9	49.8	3.8
2009									
January	232.5	724.4	60.8	126.6	20.7	14.9	57.8	49.2	4.1
February	228.9	717.9	65.5	132.2	22.2	15.5	57.7	48.7	4.4
March	226.3	712.5	69.7	137.1	23.5	16.1	57.6	48.3	4.7
April	224.5	708.0	73.1	141.0	24.6	16.6	57.6	48.0	5.0
May	223.0	705.1	75.6	143.9	25.3	17.0	57.5	47.8	5.1

	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Participation rate	Employment to population ratio	Unemployment to population ratio – looking for full-time work
	Full time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%			
MALES									
May 2006	157.3	353.8	36.7	66.0	18.9	15.7	58.1	48.9	5.1
May 2007	164.8	370.1	30.6	59.2	15.6	13.8	58.4	50.3	4.2
2008									
May	176.2	385.4	27.7	52.8	13.6	12.0	58.5	51.5	3.7
June	177.2	381.8	31.9	61.9	15.3	13.9	59.2	51.0	4.3
July	175.5	384.6	28.3	55.6	13.9	12.6	58.7	51.3	3.8
August	182.9	380.7	28.5	49.8	13.5	11.6	57.3	50.7	3.8
September	171.7	380.0	28.3	57.0	14.1	13.1	58.1	50.6	3.8
October	166.4	379.2	28.8	58.0	14.7	13.3	58.1	50.4	3.8
November	162.7	371.0	25.7	57.0	13.6	13.3	56.8	49.3	3.4
December	163.2	368.4	32.5	62.0	16.6	14.4	57.1	48.9	4.3
2009									
January	157.7	357.7	31.3	68.4	16.6	16.1	56.5	47.4	4.2
February	149.7	354.5	45.2	76.2	23.2	17.7	57.1	47.0	6.0
March	140.7	352.2	45.6	76.6	24.5	17.9	56.8	46.6	6.0
April	145.1	347.4	40.6	77.2	21.8	18.2	56.2	46.0	5.4
May	140.8	350.4	45.2	79.9	24.3	18.6	56.9	46.4	6.0
FEMALES									
May 2006	78.4	355.0	24.4	58.8	23.7	14.2	60.1	51.6	3.5
May 2007	85.8	377.8	23.2	55.5	21.3	12.8	61.9	54.0	3.3
2008									
May	89.2	371.8	25.1	58.2	22.0	13.5	60.4	52.3	3.5
June	87.7	371.6	24.3	58.8	21.7	13.7	60.5	52.2	3.4
July	81.8	372.7	24.9	58.9	23.3	13.6	60.5	52.3	3.5
August	79.2	370.2	24.7	45.8	23.8	11.0	58.3	51.9	3.5
September	84.3	366.8	25.5	54.7	23.2	13.0	59.0	51.3	3.6
October	77.7	374.3	22.5	55.5	22.5	12.9	60.1	52.3	3.1
November	83.6	370.7	24.4	55.6	22.6	13.1	59.5	51.7	3.4
December	77.0	364.9	17.5	51.9	18.5	12.5	58.1	50.9	2.4
2009									
January	70.5	354.5	29.3	59.2	29.4	14.3	57.6	49.4	4.1
February	76.6	363.4	27.0	60.9	26.0	14.3	59.1	50.6	3.8
March	81.5	368.6	27.2	64.2	25.0	14.8	60.2	51.3	3.8
April	86.8	355.2	29.5	62.8	25.4	15.0	58.1	49.4	4.1
May	81.6	355.7	29.0	60.6	26.2	14.6	57.8	49.4	4.0
PERSONS									
May 2006	235.7	708.8	61.1	124.9	20.6	15.0	59.1	50.2	4.3
May 2007	250.6	748.0	53.8	114.7	17.7	13.3	60.1	52.1	3.7
2008									
May	265.4	757.1	52.8	110.9	16.6	12.8	59.5	51.9	3.6
June	264.9	753.5	56.2	120.7	17.5	13.8	59.8	51.6	3.8
July	257.3	757.3	53.2	114.5	17.1	13.1	59.6	51.8	3.6
August	262.2	750.9	53.2	95.5	16.9	11.3	57.8	51.3	3.6
September	256.0	746.8	53.8	111.7	17.4	13.0	58.6	50.9	3.7
October	244.1	753.5	51.3	113.4	17.4	13.1	59.1	51.3	3.5
November	246.2	741.6	50.1	112.7	16.9	13.2	58.2	50.5	3.4
December	240.2	733.3	50.0	113.9	17.2	13.4	57.6	49.9	3.4
2009									
January	228.2	712.2	60.6	127.6	21.0	15.2	57.1	48.4	4.1
February	226.3	717.9	72.2	137.1	24.2	16.0	58.0	48.7	4.9
March	222.2	720.8	72.9	140.9	24.7	16.3	58.4	48.9	4.9
April	231.9	702.6	70.0	140.0	23.2	16.6	57.1	47.6	4.8
May	222.4	706.1	74.2	140.5	25.0	16.6	57.4	47.8	5.0

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Unemployment to population ratio – looking for full-time work		
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15–19 years	Looking for f/t work	Total	Participation rate	Unemployment to population ratio – looking for full-time work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%
NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
<b>Males</b>												
May 2006	147.4	36.6	184.0	30.7	33.8	217.7	26.0	243.7	17.2	15.5	89.3	12.6
May 2007	155.9	42.7	198.7	25.7	27.8	226.5	25.9	252.4	14.1	12.3	89.7	10.2
May 2008	163.7	39.0	202.8	22.5	24.3	227.1	22.2	249.3	12.1	10.7	91.1	9.0
May 2009	132.8	51.1	184.0	39.0	40.9	224.8	23.4	248.2	22.7	18.2	90.6	15.7
<b>Females</b>												
May 2006	70.0	56.3	126.3	18.5	22.1	148.3	29.3	177.7	20.9	14.9	83.5	10.4
May 2007	73.8	53.4	127.1	18.7	21.6	148.8	26.6	175.4	20.2	14.5	84.8	10.7
May 2008	78.4	56.8	135.2	19.8	22.7	157.9	29.8	187.7	20.2	14.4	84.1	10.5
May 2009	72.5	56.5	129.0	26.7	30.0	159.1	40.5	199.5	26.9	18.9	79.7	13.4
<b>Persons</b>												
May 2006	217.4	92.9	310.2	49.2	55.8	366.1	55.3	421.4	18.5	15.2	86.9	11.7
May 2007	229.7	96.1	325.8	44.4	49.5	375.3	52.6	427.8	16.2	13.2	87.7	10.4
May 2008	242.2	95.8	338.0	42.3	47.1	385.0	52.0	437.0	14.9	12.2	88.1	9.7
May 2009	205.3	107.6	313.0	65.7	70.9	383.9	63.8	447.7	24.2	18.5	85.7	14.7
ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
<b>Males</b>												
May 2006	6.0	158.6	164.7	6.0	31.9	196.5	282.6	479.1	49.7	16.2	41.0	1.2
May 2007	*4.9	162.0	166.9	5.1	31.2	198.1	285.1	483.2	51.1	15.8	41.0	1.1
May 2008	8.4	170.1	178.4	*5.5	28.6	207.1	292.1	499.2	*39.5	13.8	41.5	*1.1
May 2009	*4.7	158.3	163.0	*6.5	39.3	202.3	305.3	507.6	*58.2	19.4	39.9	*1.3
<b>Females</b>												
May 2006	*2.7	222.6	225.4	5.8	34.7	260.0	250.9	511.0	67.8	13.3	50.9	1.1
May 2007	5.8	240.5	246.3	4.8	32.3	278.6	245.9	524.5	45.1	11.6	53.1	0.9
May 2008	*4.6	227.1	231.7	6.0	34.1	265.8	257.9	523.7	56.7	12.8	50.8	1.2
May 2009	*3.8	218.0	221.8	*3.5	29.4	251.3	269.1	520.4	*48.0	11.7	48.3	*0.7
<b>Persons</b>												
May 2006	8.8	381.3	390.0	11.7	66.6	456.6	533.5	990.1	57.2	14.6	46.1	1.2
May 2007	10.7	402.5	413.2	9.9	63.5	476.6	531.0	1 007.7	48.0	13.3	47.3	1.0
May 2008	13.0	397.2	410.2	11.5	62.7	472.9	550.0	1 022.9	47.0	13.3	46.2	1.1
May 2009	8.5	376.2	384.8	10.1	68.8	453.5	574.4	1 028.0	54.2	15.2	44.1	1.0
TOTAL												
<b>Males</b>												
May 2006	153.4	195.2	348.6	36.7	65.6	414.3	308.6	722.9	19.3	15.8	57.3	5.1
May 2007	160.8	204.7	365.5	30.8	59.0	424.6	311.1	735.6	16.1	13.9	57.7	4.2
May 2008	172.1	209.1	381.2	28.0	53.0	434.2	314.3	748.4	14.0	12.2	58.0	3.7
May 2009	137.5	209.4	346.9	45.5	80.2	427.1	328.7	755.8	24.9	18.8	56.5	6.0
<b>Females</b>												
May 2006	72.7	278.9	351.6	24.3	56.7	408.4	280.3	688.6	25.0	13.9	59.3	3.5
May 2007	79.6	293.9	373.4	23.5	53.9	427.3	272.5	699.9	22.8	12.6	61.1	3.4
May 2008	83.0	283.9	366.9	25.8	56.8	423.7	287.7	711.4	23.7	13.4	59.6	3.6
May 2009	76.3	274.5	350.8	30.3	59.5	410.3	309.6	719.9	28.4	14.5	57.0	4.2
<b>Persons</b>												
May 2006	226.1	474.1	700.3	60.9	122.4	822.6	588.9	1 411.5	21.2	14.9	58.3	4.3
May 2007	240.4	498.6	739.0	54.2	112.9	851.9	583.6	1 435.5	18.4	13.3	59.3	3.8
May 2008	255.1	493.0	748.1	53.8	109.8	857.9	602.0	1 459.8	17.4	12.8	58.8	3.7
May 2009	213.9	483.9	697.7	75.8	139.7	837.4	638.3	1 475.7	26.2	16.7	56.7	5.1

\* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15–19 years	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Unemployment to population ratio – looking for full-time work
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Looking for f/t work				Total	Participation rate		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000	%	%	
NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION													
New South Wales	57.3	33.2	90.5	22.7	24.3	114.8	16.5	131.3	28.4	21.1	87.4	17.3	
Victoria	35.5	15.6	51.1	17.5	19.6	70.7	13.7	84.4	33.0	27.7	83.8	20.7	
Queensland	55.9	31.3	87.2	14.4	15.3	102.5	16.1	118.6	20.5	14.9	86.4	12.1	
South Australia	15.1	9.6	24.7	4.8	5.0	29.7	4.9	34.6	24.2	16.9	85.9	13.9	
Western Australia	29.4	12.7	42.2	*4.3	*4.7	46.9	8.7	55.6	*12.7	*10.0	84.3	*7.7	
Tasmania	4.8	*1.5	6.3	*1.3	*1.3	7.6	3.0	10.6	*21.0	*16.9	72.0	*12.2	
Northern Territory	3.7	2.3	5.9	*0.5	*0.5	6.4	*0.8	7.2	*11.4	*7.4	88.5	*6.5	
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	*1.4	5.0	*0.3	*0.3	5.3	*0.1	5.4	*7.2	*5.3	97.6	*5.2	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>205.3</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>313.0</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>383.9</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>447.7</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>14.7</b>	
ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION													
New South Wales	*3.1	103.5	106.5	*4.1	26.1	132.6	210.2	342.8	*57.1	19.7	38.7	*1.2	
Victoria	*1.0	105.0	106.0	*1.9	16.5	122.5	153.0	275.6	*64.8	13.5	44.5	*0.7	
Queensland	*2.4	78.7	81.1	*1.6	12.5	93.6	94.1	187.7	*39.5	13.4	49.9	*0.8	
South Australia	*0.9	27.9	28.9	*0.5	*3.3	32.2	40.3	72.5	*35.6	*10.3	44.4	*0.7	
Western Australia	*0.8	43.4	44.2	*1.6	6.5	50.7	47.5	98.3	*67.6	12.9	51.6	*1.6	
Tasmania	*0.3	8.5	8.8	*0.3	*1.7	10.5	13.5	24.0	*46.0	*16.3	43.8	*1.2	
Northern Territory	*—	1.9	1.9	*—	*0.4	2.3	6.6	8.9	*—	*18.3	26.0	*—	
Australian Capital Territory	*—	7.4	7.4	*0.1	*1.7	9.1	9.1	18.2	*100.0	*18.3	50.0	*0.6	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>376.2</b>	<b>384.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>453.5</b>	<b>574.4</b>	<b>1 028.0</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
TOTAL													
New South Wales	60.4	136.7	197.0	26.8	50.4	247.4	226.8	474.1	30.7	20.4	52.2	5.7	
Victoria	36.6	120.6	157.2	19.4	36.1	193.3	166.7	360.0	34.6	18.7	53.7	5.4	
Queensland	58.3	109.9	168.2	16.0	27.8	196.0	110.2	306.3	21.5	14.2	64.0	5.2	
South Australia	16.0	37.5	53.6	5.3	8.3	61.9	45.2	107.1	24.9	13.5	57.8	5.0	
Western Australia	30.2	56.2	86.4	*5.9	11.2	97.6	56.3	153.9	*16.3	11.5	63.4	*3.8	
Tasmania	5.2	10.0	15.1	*1.6	3.0	18.1	16.4	34.6	*23.4	16.6	52.5	*4.6	
Northern Territory	3.7	4.2	7.8	*0.5	*0.9	8.7	7.4	16.2	*11.4	*10.3	54.0	*2.9	
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	8.8	12.4	*0.4	*1.9	14.4	9.2	23.6	*9.8	*13.5	60.9	*1.7	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>213.9</b>	<b>483.9</b>	<b>697.7</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>837.4</b>	<b>638.3</b>	<b>1 475.7</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

## Original

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS IN MAY 2009

<i>Labour force status in April 2009</i>	<i>Employed Full time</i>	<i>Employed Part time</i>	<i>Employed Total</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Labour Force</i>	<i>Not in Labour Force</i>	<i>Matched Civilian Population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES							
Employed Full time	3 869	118	3 987	34	4 021	42	4 063
Employed Part time	125	571	696	23	719	51	769
Employed Total	3 994	689	4 683	57	4 740	93	4 832
Unemployed Total	31	30	61	176	237	47	284
Labour Force	4 025	719	4 744	232	4 977	140	5 116
Not in Labour Force	24	49	73	65	138	1 663	1 801
Matched Civilian Population	4 049	767	4 817	298	5 115	1 802	6 917
FEMALES							
Employed Full time	2 027	157	2 184	11	2 195	28	2 223
Employed Part time	185	1 571	1 756	20	1 776	86	1 862
Employed Total	2 211	1 729	3 940	30	3 971	114	4 085
Unemployed Total	14	30	44	121	165	69	233
Labour Force	2 226	1 759	3 984	151	4 135	183	4 318
Not in Labour Force	20	98	118	60	178	2 579	2 757
Matched Civilian Population	2 245	1 857	4 102	211	4 313	2 762	7 075
PERSONS							
Employed Full time	5 896	275	6 171	45	6 216	70	6 286
Employed Part time	310	2 142	2 452	43	2 494	137	2 632
Employed Total	6 206	2 417	8 623	87	8 710	207	8 918
Unemployed Total	45	60	105	296	402	115	517
Labour Force	6 251	2 477	8 728	384	9 112	322	9 434
Not in Labour Force	44	147	191	125	316	4 242	4 558
Matched Civilian Population	6 295	2 624	8 919	509	9 428	4 564	13 992

(a) Gross flows figures do not match published labour force estimates. Refer to gross flows in Glossary.

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

### TREND REVISIONS

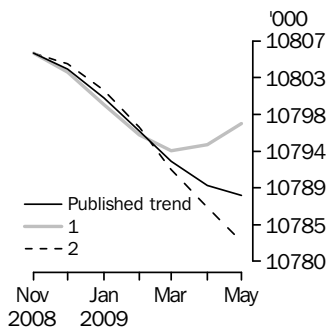
Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised. This revision is a combined result of the concurrent seasonal adjustment process and the application of surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series (see paragraphs 25 to 33 of the Explanatory Notes).

The examples in the tables below show two illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and the unemployment rate. The revisions in the scenarios below are only due to the use of surrogates of the Henderson average, as the impact of revision of the seasonally adjusted estimates can not be estimated in advance.

- (1) The June seasonally adjusted estimate is *higher* than the May estimate by:
  - 0.24% for employment
  - 2.10% for the unemployment rate
- (2) The June seasonally adjusted estimate is *lower* than the May estimate by:
  - 0.24% for employment
  - 2.10% for the unemployment rate

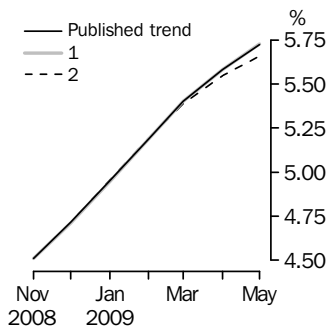
The percentage changes of 0.24% and 2.10% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

### EMPLOYMENT



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:		
		<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>(1) 10 819.0 i.e. rises by 0.24%</i>	<i>(2) 10 767.2 i.e. falls by 0.24%</i>
<b>2009</b>				
February	10 796.0	10 795.5	10 796.4	
March	10 792.3	10 793.6	10 791.3	
April	10 789.3	10 794.3	10 786.6	
May	10 788.1	10 796.9	10 782.4	

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:		
		<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>(1) 5.8 i.e. rises by 2.10%</i>	<i>(2) 5.8 i.e. falls by 2.10%</i>
<b>2009</b>				
February	5.2	5.2	5.2	
March	5.4	5.4	5.4	
April	5.6	5.6	5.5	
May	5.7	5.7	5.7	



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. The full time series for estimates from this publication are also available electronically. More detailed estimates are released one week after this publication in various electronic formats – see *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed – Electronic Delivery* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) and *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

### CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

**2** The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of International Conferences of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling the estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001) which is available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> .

### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

**3** The Labour Force Survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 22,800 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.24% of the population of Australia. Information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers.

**4** The information is collected using computer-assisted interviewing (CAI), whereby responses are recorded directly onto an electronic questionnaire on a notebook computer. The CAI method was progressively implemented from October 2003 to August 2004, replacing the 'pen and paper' method previously used.

**5** Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for eight months, with one-eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent).

**6** The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Sunday between the 5th and 11th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week). Each year, to deal with operational difficulties involved with collecting and processing the Labour Force Survey around the Christmas and New Year holiday period, interviews for December start four weeks after November interviews start, and January interviews start five weeks after December interviews start. As a result, January interviewing may commence as early as the 7th or as late as the 13th, depending on the year. Occasionally, circumstances that present significant operational difficulties for survey collection can result in a change to the normal pattern for the start of interviewing.

**7** Estimates from the Labour Force Survey are published first in this publication 32 days after the commencement of interviews for that month, with the exception of estimates for each December which are published 39 days after the commencement of interviews.

### SCOPE OF SURVEY

**8** The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

### COVERAGE

**9** In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### POPULATION BENCHMARKS

**10** Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 years and over (population benchmarks). These population benchmarks are projections of the most recently released quarterly Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data. For information on the methodology used to produce the ERP see *Australian Demographic Statistics* (cat. no. 3101.0). To create the population benchmarks for the Labour Force Survey, the most recently released quarterly ERP estimates are projected forward one quarter past the period for which they are required. The projection is based on the historical pattern of each population component - births, deaths, interstate migration and net overseas migration (NOM). By projecting one quarter past that needed for the current population benchmarks, demographic changes are smoothed in, thereby making them less noticeable in the population benchmarks.

**11** The ERP series are revised annually in the September quarter issue of *Australian Demographic Statistics* (cat. no. 3101.0), released in March each year, to incorporate more up to date information available for the population components. The revised ERP estimates are used to update the quarterly population projections used in creating the Labour Force Survey population benchmarks. Benchmarks already used in producing Labour Force Survey estimates are not updated. A process of smoothing is used in the creation of population benchmarks to reduce the effect of these annual revisions to ERP estimates on the Labour Force Survey population benchmarks.

**12** Every five years the ERP series are revised to incorporate additional information available from the latest Census of Population and Housing. Following the incorporation of Census information, the ERP series prior to the latest Census are final and subject to no further revision. Labour Force Survey population benchmarks, and the estimates, are revised following this 5-yearly revision in the ERP. From the February 2009 issue of this publication, labour force estimates have been compiled using population benchmarks based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Revisions were made in the February 2009 issue to historical labour force estimates from June 2001 to January 2009.

### ESTIMATION METHOD

**13** The estimation method used in the Labour Force Survey is Composite Estimation, which was introduced in May 2007. Composite Estimation combines data collected in the previous six months with current month's data to produce the current month's estimates, thereby exploiting the high correlation between overlapping samples across months in the Labour Force Survey. The Composite Estimator combines the previous and current months' data by applying different factors according to length of time in the survey. After these factors are applied, the seven months of data are weighted to align with current month population benchmarks. For details see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 6292.0).

### COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

**14** From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Explanatory Notes in the February 2003 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

**15** The ABS introduced telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey in August 1996. Implementation was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997. During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. The estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996. For further details, see the feature article in the June 1997 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

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**16** From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. The definition of unemployed persons was changed to include all persons who were waiting to start work and were available to start in the reference week. This change was introduced in February 2004, when historical unit record data were revised from April 2001 to January 2004. This revision created a small trend break at April 2001 in unemployed persons and unemployment rate series. For further details, see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6292.0), released in December 2003.

**17** Core labour force series were revised in April 2001 for the period April 1986 to March 2001 for the remaining definitional changes introduced with the redesigned questionnaire, to reduce the impact of the changes on labour force series. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

**18** In May 2007, an improved method of estimation, known as composite estimation, was introduced into the Labour Force Survey. In introducing this change the ABS revised unit record data from April 2001 to April 2007 based on the new estimation method. While estimates for periods prior to April 2001 are unrevised and were compiled using a different estimation method, no trend break was identified in the employed persons series. Also, no change was identified in the trend breaks in the unemployed persons and unemployment rate series which arose with the introduction of a redesigned survey form in April 2001 (as noted above in paragraph 16). For further details, see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 6292.0), released on 21 May 2007.

### SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

**19** The Labour Force Survey sample has been reselected using information collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing.

**20** The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period November 2007 to June 2008, with one-eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 20% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in March 2008, and for Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania in April 2008. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

**21** For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (cat. no. 6269.0), released on 28 November 2007.

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**22** Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

**23** Sampling error occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of key estimates for the latest month and of movements since the previous month of these estimates are shown in the standard errors section of this publication. Standard errors for other estimates and other movements may be calculated by using the spreadsheet contained in *Labour Force Survey Standard Errors, Data Cube*

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

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(cat. no. 6298.0.55.001) which is available free of charge on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

**24** Non-sampling error arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures. Non-sampling error also arises because information cannot be obtained from all persons selected in the survey. The Labour Force Survey receives a high level of co-operation from individuals in selected dwellings, with the average response rate over the last year being 97%. See Glossary for definition of response rate.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

**25** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

**26** The Labour Force Survey uses the concurrent seasonal adjustment method to derive seasonal factors. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses data up to the current month to estimate seasonal factors for the current and all previous months. This process can result in revisions each month to estimates for earlier periods. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the seasonally adjusted estimates for the previous month and one year prior to the current month.

**27** The revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates can be improved by the use of Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The Labour Force Survey uses an ARIMA model for 95% of the individual time series. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis. For further details, see the feature article in *Australian Economic Indicators, Oct 2004* (cat. no. 1350.0).

**28** Seasonal adjustment is able to remove the effect of events which occur at the same time in the survey every year. However, there are some events, like holidays, which are not always at the same time in the survey cycle or which are not at the same time across Australia. The effects of these types of events on Labour Force Survey estimates cannot in all cases be removed, because the pattern of their effects cannot be determined. However, two events which are adjusted for in the seasonally adjusted series are the January interview start date and the timing of Easter. For further details, see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6292.0) released in December 2003.

**29** While seasonal factors for the complete time series are estimated each month, they will continue to be reviewed annually at a more detailed level to take into account each additional year's original data. This annual review will not normally result in significant changes to published estimates. The review is usually conducted in February each year with the results released in the February issue of this publication.

**30** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to produce 'trend' series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend estimates are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of a series over time.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

**31** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions in addition to those caused by the revision of seasonally adjusted estimates. Generally, revisions due to the use of surrogates of the Henderson average become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series.

**32** Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 10 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 11. Unadjusted series for the two territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates each month when seasonal factors are estimated. For this reason, seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. In addition, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of trend estimates for the two territories, particularly for the three most recent months, where revisions may be relatively large.

**33** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345 or email [time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au](mailto:time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au).

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**34** Users may also wish to refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0). This publication contains additional tables and a detailed list of related publications. For further information about this publication, please contact the Assistant Director, Labour Market Statistics on (02) 6252 7636.

**35** ABS Information about the labour market can be found on the Labour theme page on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>(Themes), or from ABS Bookshops.

**36** Information about current publications and other products released by the ABS is available from the statistics page on the ABS website. The ABS also issues a daily release advice on the website, Upcoming Product Releases which details products to be released in the week ahead.

### DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**37** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries should be made to the Labour Force contact officer on (02) 6252 6525, email [labourforce@abs.gov.au](mailto:labourforce@abs.gov.au) or to any ABS office.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**38** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**39** Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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'000	thousands
%	percentage
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CAI	computer assisted interviewing
cat. no.	catalogue number
ERP	estimated resident population
f/t	full time
LFS	Labour Force Survey
p/t	part time
pts	percentage points
Seas adj.	seasonally adjusted
TAFE	Technical and Further Education

## STANDARD ERRORS

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The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic. For more information, see paragraph 23 of the Explanatory Notes.

### LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15–19 years is 700,000 and the associated standard error is 8,300. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 700,000. For instance, the standard error of 8,300 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 691,700 to 708,300 ( $700,000 \pm 8,300$ )
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 683,400 to 716,600 ( $700,000 \pm 16,600$ ).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

		AUSTRALIA										
		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Aged 15 years and over</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	23.2	23.0	17.3	7.7	11.1	3.1	4.4	2.7	30.1	21.7	36.7
Part time	'000	16.1	14.6	11.3	5.5	7.8	2.3	1.4	1.7	12.3	19.5	23.9
Total	'000	25.6	28.1	19.8	8.9	12.3	3.6	5.2	2.8	32.8	30.3	41.7
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	10.8	8.5	7.1	3.2	4.2	1.2	0.7	0.9	12.4	9.3	15.7
Looking for p/t work	'000	6.1	4.9	3.8	1.8	2.6	0.7	0.3	0.8	5.7	6.9	9.0
Total	'000	12.5	9.9	7.9	3.6	4.9	1.4	0.8	1.2	13.7	11.6	18.2
Labour force	'000	26.0	29.0	20.2	9.0	12.4	3.7	5.4	2.9	33.8	31.1	42.5
Not in labour force	'000	24.0	26.5	17.3	8.0	11.6	3.5	3.6	2.6	27.6	32.8	38.8
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	pts	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
Looking for p/t work	pts	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
Total	pts	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Participation rate	pts	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	3.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.2
<b>Aged 15–19 years</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	3.8	2.9	3.1	1.3	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.5	5.2	4.2	6.2
Part time	'000	5.2	4.6	4.2	1.9	2.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	6.1	6.8	8.8
Total	'000	6.1	5.3	5.3	2.2	3.3	0.9	0.6	0.8	7.6	7.6	10.5
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	4.0	3.1	2.7	1.2	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	4.6	3.7	6.0
Looking for p/t work	'000	3.7	2.9	2.3	0.9	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	4.0	3.7	5.5
Total	'000	5.6	4.4	3.7	1.6	2.0	0.7	0.3	0.6	6.1	5.3	8.1
Labour force	'000	6.9	5.9	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.0	0.6	0.9	8.3	8.2	11.5
Not in labour force	'000	9.5	7.5	5.8	2.8	3.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	9.5	9.2	13.5
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	pts	4.3	5.2	3.6	5.5	4.0	7.0	4.9	6.5	2.4	3.3	2.0
Looking for p/t work	pts	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.3	4.1	4.1	4.8	1.6	1.2	1.0
Total	pts	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.1	3.7	3.4	3.9	1.4	1.3	0.9
Participation rate	pts	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.9	3.9	3.7	1.1	1.1	0.8
Unemployment to population ratio – looking for f/t work												
	pts	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.4

## STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

### MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part-time in Australia is 1,890,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,900,000 and the associated standard error for the movement estimate is 9,500. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,500 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement between the two months falls within the range 500 to 19,500 (10,000 + or - 9,500)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -9,000 to 29,000 (10,000 + or - 19,000).

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

		AUSTRALIA										
		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Aged 15 years and over</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	15.5	12.4	11.2	4.4	7.0	1.9	1.4	1.8	19.6	14.4	24.9
Part time	'000	10.0	8.2	6.9	3.1	4.5	1.4	0.7	1.1	8.8	13.1	15.7
Total	'000	18.6	15.0	14.8	6.1	8.8	2.4	1.6	2.2	21.6	19.7	30.3
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	10.8	8.3	7.8	3.1	4.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	12.7	9.5	16.1
Looking for p/t work	'000	6.1	5.6	4.0	2.1	2.8	0.8	0.3	0.9	6.0	7.3	9.5
Total	'000	12.6	9.7	8.9	3.7	5.1	1.4	0.7	1.3	14.1	12.0	18.7
Labour force	'000	19.2	15.5	15.6	6.5	9.2	2.5	1.6	2.2	22.3	20.3	31.3
Not in labour force	'000	17.5	14.5	13.1	5.7	7.7	2.4	1.3	2.1	17.0	21.3	28.1
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	pts	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
Looking for p/t work	pts	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.3
Total	pts	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Participation rate	pts	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Aged 15-19 years</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	3.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	4.1	3.4	4.9
Part time	'000	4.1	3.5	3.2	1.4	2.1	0.6	0.3	0.6	4.7	5.2	6.6
Total	'000	4.8	3.9	3.9	1.6	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	5.8	5.8	7.7
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	4.0	3.2	3.3	1.2	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	4.8	4.0	6.1
Looking for p/t work	'000	4.2	3.1	2.5	1.3	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.6	4.3	4.1	6.0
Total	'000	5.7	4.4	3.9	1.6	2.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	6.3	5.7	8.4
Labour force	'000	5.3	4.2	4.1	1.7	2.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	6.2	6.2	8.3
Not in labour force	'000	5.9	4.8	4.0	1.8	2.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	6.7	6.6	9.0
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	pts	4.4	5.4	3.8	5.4	4.1	7.9	5.8	8.5	2.5	3.5	2.0
Looking for p/t work	pts	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.7	4.3	3.8	4.6	1.7	1.3	1.1
Total	pts	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.3	3.9	3.8	4.0	1.5	1.3	1.0
Participation rate	pts	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.9	0.8	0.9	0.6
Unemployment to population ratio - looking for f/t work												
	pts	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.4

## GLOSSARY

<b>Actively looking for work</b>	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
<b>Attending full-time education</b>	Persons aged 15–24 years enrolled at secondary or high school or enrolled as a full-time student at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
<b>Attending school</b>	Persons aged 15–19 years enrolled at secondary or high school in the reference week.
<b>Attending tertiary educational institution full time</b>	Persons aged 15–24 years enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week, except those persons aged 15–19 years who were still attending school.
<b>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</b>	All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
<b>Composite Estimation</b>	The estimation methodology used in the Labour Force Survey. Composite Estimation uses sample responses from nearby months as well as from the reference month to derive estimates for the reference month. This approach achieves gains in efficiency by exploiting the high similarity between the responses provided by the same respondent in previous months. For details see <i>Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2007</i> (cat. no. 6292.0).
<b>Employed</b>	All persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or</li><li>■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or</li><li>■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or</li><li>■ on strike or locked out; or</li><li>■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or</li></ul></li><li>■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li></ul>
<b>Employment to population ratio</b>	For any group, the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.
<b>Full-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
<b>Gross flows</b>	The matching of respondents who report in consecutive months enables analysis of the transition of individuals between the different labour force status classifications, referred to as the <i>matched sample</i> . The transition counts between the different labour force status classifications from one point in time to the next are commonly referred to as <i>gross flows</i> .



## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Gross flows <i>continued</i></b>	<p>The figures presented in gross flows are presented in original terms only and do not align with published labour force estimates. The gross flows figures are derived from the matched sample between consecutive months, which after taking account of the sample rotation and varying non-response in each month is approximately 80 percent of the sample.</p> <p>Caution should be exercised when analysing these gross flows data due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ the figures presented sum to approximately 80 percent of the population values as the gross flows data are based on the matched sample only;</li><li>■ there is no adjustment applied to account for changes due to seasonal patterns (referred to commonly as seasonal adjustment); and</li><li>■ the relative sizes of each transition class are subject to bias due to the matched sample being a non-representative sample.</li></ul>
<b>Labour force</b>	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
<b>Labour force status</b>	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
<b>Labour force underutilisation rate</b>	The sum of the number of persons unemployed and the number of persons in underemployment, expressed as a proportion of the labour force.
<b>Not in labour force</b>	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
<b>Participation rate</b>	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
<b>Part-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.
<b>Response rate</b>	The number of fully responding dwellings expressed as a percentage of the total number of dwellings excluding sample loss. Examples of sample loss include: dwellings where all persons are out of scope and/or coverage; vacant dwellings; dwellings under construction; dwellings converted to non-dwellings; derelict dwellings; and demolished dwellings.
<b>Seasonally adjusted series</b>	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 25 to 29 for more detail.
<b>Trend series</b>	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 30 to 33 for more detail.
<b>Underemployment rate</b>	The number of underemployed workers expressed as a percentage of the labour force.
<b>Underemployed workers</b>	Employed persons aged 15 years and over who want, and are available for, more hours of work than they currently have. They comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ persons employed part-time who want to work more hours and are available to start work with more hours, either in the reference week or in the four weeks subsequent to the survey; or</li><li>■ persons employed full-time who worked part-time hours in the reference week for economic reasons (such as being stood down or insufficient work being available). It is assumed that these people wanted to work full-time in the reference week and would have been available to do so.</li></ul>
<b>Unemployed</b>	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and were available for work in the reference week; or</li><li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.</li></ul>

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<b>Unemployed looking for full-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ actively looked for full-time work; or</li><li>■ were waiting to start a new full-time job.</li></ul>
<b>Unemployed looking for part-time work</b>	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ actively looked for part-time work only; or</li><li>■ were waiting to start a new part-time job.</li></ul>
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.
<b>Unemployment to population ratio</b>	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.



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