

Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

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This special report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Statistical Regions by State. The estimates are from the ABS Labour Force Survey, and are drawn from a representative sample of over 34,000 dwellings. These series have shown historically a high degree of variability which is inherent in data about smaller labour markets.

The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for Statistical Regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, there are no independent population benchmarks at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, but the individual Statistical Regions will show less stability for any estimate than for a similar estimate at the State level. In addition, estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment) are considerably smaller and are subject to higher relative standard errors.

Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates particularly in the month to month movements.

Standard Errors:

Standard errors of the original estimates in this report for the States and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Donna Maurer on (06) 252 6525 or from any ABS State office. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. *1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS BY SEX, MAY 1997

	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,597.3	143.3	8.2	72.0	1,206.6	101.9	7.8	52.2	2,804.0	245.3	8.0	61.9
Sydney Major SR	1,029.2	77.3	7.0	73.8	796.8	55.8	6.5	54.4	1,826.1	133.1	6.8	63.9
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	111.1	10.8	8.9	68.8	88.9	6.2	6.5	55.0	200.0	17.0	7.8	61.9
Inner Sydney SR	76.5	6.9	8.3	69.9	58.7	* 3.1	* 5.0	58.6	135.2	9.9	6.8	64.6
Eastern Suburbs SR	62.0	4.2	6.3	71.6	53.1	* 2.7	* 4.9	60.9	115.1	6.9	5.7	66.3
St. George-Sutherland SR	112.9	7.9	6.5	76.1	91.3	4.4	4.5	57.2	204.1	12.2	5.7	66.4
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	70.2	7.8	10.0	67.4	53.9	4.8	8.2	47.9	124.1	12.6	9.2	57.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	138.1	18.3	11.7	75.5	94.3	14.5	13.3	53.5	232.4	32.8	12.4	64.6
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	76.3	13.9	15.4	71.7	50.2	11.5	18.6	50.7	126.5	25.4	16.7	61.4
Central Western Sydney SR	69.5	5.0	6.7	67.6	46.5	6.0	11.4	49.8	116.0	11.0	8.7	58.9
Outer Western Sydney SR	81.1	6.6	7.5	81.4	66.4	3.9	5.6	56.9	147.5	10.5	6.7	68.3
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	103.6	5.2	4.8	78.7	78.3	5.1	6.1	56.3	181.9	10.3	5.4	67.1
Lower Northern Sydney SR	81.0	* 3.7	* 4.3	77.4	71.3	* 3.0	* 4.1	59.2	152.3	6.7	4.2	67.7
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	70.4	* 2.2	* 3.0	75.0	52.5	* 0.3	* 0.6	53.5	123.0	* 2.5	* 2.0	64.1
Northern Beaches SR	65.3	2.6	3.8	76.3	51.8	* 0.9	* 1.6	52.7	117.1	3.4	2.8	63.8
Gosford-Wyong SR	64.0	* 3.1	* 4.6	68.7	48.5	4.0	7.6	48.9	112.5	7.1	5.9	58.3
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	568.1	66.0	10.4	69.1	409.8	46.1	10.1	48.4	977.9	112.1	10.3	58.6
Hunter SR	131.4	16.7	11.3	69.6	90.2	10.7	10.6	47.2	221.6	27.4	11.0	58.3
Newcastle SR Sector	112.0	15.0	11.8	69.0	75.4	10.4	12.2	46.5	187.4	25.4	11.9	57.7
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	153.0	16.3	9.6	71.5	108.5	11.9	9.9	49.4	261.6	28.2	9.7	60.2
Illawarra Statistical Region	98.8	12.6	11.3	70.8	69.3	9.0	11.5	46.4	168.1	21.5	11.3	58.2
Wollongong SR Sector	78.8	7.7	8.9	74.2	50.8	6.5	11.3	47.6	129.6	14.2	9.9	60.7
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	87.5	13.9	13.7	58.8	65.8	12.1	15.5	42.3	153.3	26.0	14.5	50.3
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	116.6	15.0	11.4	72.0	89.2	* 4.8	* 5.1	50.3	205.9	19.8	8.8	61.0
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	74.8	* 3.9	* 4.9	75.6	53.5	6.5	10.9	57.2	128.3	10.4	7.5	66.4

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,183.3	115.7	8.9	73.1	907.5	92.7	9.3	53.9	2,090.8	208.4	9.1	63.3
Melbourne Major SR	867.7	75.1	8.0	73.7	682.0	64.8	8.7	55.6	1,549.7	139.9	8.3	64.4
North Western Melbourne SR	65.5	7.3	10.0	71.4	44.3	5.2	10.6	49.3	109.8	12.5	10.2	60.4
Outer Western Melbourne SR	126.3	14.6	10.4	72.0	99.1	10.6	9.7	53.4	225.4	25.3	10.1	62.5
Inner Melbourne SR	63.6	5.6	8.1	70.7	52.5	5.6	9.6	59.3	116.1	11.2	8.8	65.0
North Eastern Melbourne SR	112.4	10.5	8.5	74.4	91.6	11.9	11.5	56.6	204.0	22.4	9.9	65.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	122.4	8.4	6.5	76.4	98.0	4.7	4.5	58.0	220.5	13.1	5.6	67.0
Southern Melbourne SR	96.8	6.7	6.5	74.6	79.5	5.7	6.7	54.6	176.4	12.4	6.6	64.0
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	124.8	11.7	8.5	76.7	100.9	8.9	8.1	58.3	225.7	20.6	8.4	67.3
South Eastern Melbourne SR	105.0	6.5	5.8	76.4	78.9	7.9	9.1	57.3	183.9	14.4	7.3	66.7
Mornington Peninsula SR	50.8	3.9	7.1	64.0	37.0	4.2	10.1	49.2	87.8	8.0	8.4	56.6
Balance of Victoria Major SR	315.6	40.6	11.4	71.7	225.5	27.9	11.0	49.6	541.1	68.5	11.2	60.5
Barwon-Western District SR	80.6	10.8	11.9	69.9	59.9	10.0	14.3	50.3	140.5	20.8	12.9	59.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	51.8	6.4	11.0	74.7	37.2	* 3.2	* 8.0	49.5	89.1	9.6	9.8	61.8
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	53.7	8.2	13.2	66.7	38.3	4.7	10.9	43.7	91.9	12.9	12.3	54.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	71.5	7.2	9.2	77.7	51.2	* 3.6	* 6.6	52.6	122.7	10.8	8.1	65.0
All Gippsland SR	58.0	8.0	12.1	70.1	38.9	6.3	14.0	51.5	96.9	14.3	12.9	61.1
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	874.6	95.6	9.9	73.4	669.1	71.3	9.6	55.0	1,543.7	166.9	9.8	64.1
Brisbane Major SR	403.0	42.4	9.5	74.5	322.2	31.4	8.9	56.8	725.2	73.8	9.2	65.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	110.0	8.4	7.1	73.6	90.2	6.8	7.0	60.7	200.2	15.2	7.1	67.1
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	123.7	12.5	9.2	74.2	98.8	9.5	8.7	55.3	222.5	22.0	9.0	64.5
South and East BSD Balance SR	69.5	9.4	11.9	76.6	57.6	5.9	9.3	59.7	127.1	15.3	10.7	68.0
North and West BSD Balance SR	99.8	12.1	10.8	74.2	75.6	9.2	10.8	52.9	175.4	21.3	10.8	63.3
Balance of Queensland Major SR	471.6	53.2	10.1	72.5	346.9	40.0	10.3	53.4	818.4	93.1	10.2	63.0
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	94.6	11.5	10.8	72.0	74.3	8.7	10.5	55.6	169.0	20.2	10.7	63.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	62.0	9.9	13.8	68.3	45.1	7.6	14.4	48.3	107.0	17.5	14.1	58.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	46.9	9.2	16.4	65.8	36.9	6.5	15.1	49.7	83.8	15.7	15.8	57.7
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.9	* 2.8	* 4.1	78.4	49.4	2.9	5.5	56.6	115.3	5.7	4.7	67.2
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	77.0	9.3	10.7	69.1	55.8	6.9	11.0	50.3	132.8	16.2	10.9	59.7
Northern-North West Statistical Region	60.4	4.2	6.5	75.8	40.6	2.6	5.9	53.7	101.0	6.8	6.3	65.1
Far North Statistical Region	64.7	6.3	8.9	80.8	44.8	4.8	9.6	61.4	109.5	11.1	9.2	71.5

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	369.9	44.0	10.6	71.2	289.4	25.7	8.2	52.4	659.2	69.8	9.6	61.6
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	267.9	32.5	10.8	70.2	213.4	20.8	8.9	51.7	481.3	53.3	10.0	60.7
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.2	12.6	13.0	72.9	63.5	7.0	10.0	50.4	147.8	19.7	11.7	61.3
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.8	8.3	14.6	62.7	37.2	5.1	12.1	46.8	86.1	13.5	13.5	54.8
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	55.7	4.5	7.4	71.7	47.4	* 2.1	* 4.2	54.6	103.1	6.5	5.9	62.8
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	79.2	7.1	8.2	71.8	65.2	6.6	9.2	54.7	144.4	13.7	8.6	62.8
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.0	11.5	10.2	74.1	76.0	4.9	6.1	54.2	178.0	16.5	8.5	64.3
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.5	5.1	11.3	74.1	31.9	* 2.0	* 5.8	52.8	72.4	7.1	9.0	63.2
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	61.5	6.4	9.4	74.2	44.1	3.0	6.3	55.3	105.5	9.3	8.1	65.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	491.2	37.9	7.2	76.0	358.8	25.4	6.6	54.7	850.0	63.2	6.9	65.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	352.3	29.1	7.6	75.2	268.0	19.4	6.8	54.3	620.3	48.5	7.2	64.6
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	40.1	3.6	8.3	72.3	31.2	* 1.8	* 5.3	52.7	71.2	5.4	7.0	62.3
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.1	5.0	8.1	77.2	40.8	3.2	7.3	54.8	97.9	8.2	7.7	66.0
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	108.3	9.2	7.8	77.4	85.4	5.3	5.8	56.5	193.6	14.5	7.0	66.6
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	72.6	5.0	6.5	72.1	51.4	3.7	6.8	49.1	123.9	8.8	6.6	60.4
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.3	6.2	7.7	75.5	59.3	5.4	8.4	57.1	133.6	11.6	8.0	66.0
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	138.9	8.8	6.0	78.2	90.8	5.9	6.1	55.6	229.7	14.8	6.0	67.4
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	64.9	4.3	6.2	73.3	45.8	3.6	7.3	54.0	110.7	7.9	6.7	63.8
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	74.0	4.5	5.7	83.1	45.0	* 2.3	* 4.9	57.4	119.0	6.8	5.4	71.2
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	112.6	12.7	10.1	68.9	83.4	8.8	9.6	49.1	195.9	21.5	9.9	58.8
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	54.0	6.1	10.1	66.9	43.9	3.9	8.1	51.0	97.9	10.0	9.3	58.8
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.7	4.6	9.1	67.4	37.6	3.2	7.8	51.4	83.3	7.8	8.5	59.2
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.1	3.8	10.3	70.6	21.0	2.2	9.5	44.6	54.1	6.0	10.0	57.6
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.5	2.8	9.8	71.3	18.5	2.7	12.9	50.2	43.9	5.5	11.1	60.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	47.0	3.0	6.1	77.1	38.8	2.1	5.1	64.1	85.8	5.1	5.6	70.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	139.1	9.6	6.4	76.3	114.4	8.8	7.1	63.2	253.5	18.4	6.8	69.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.9	5.8	6.4	78.7	75.1	5.8	7.2	67.8	160.0	11.7	6.8	73.1
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,760.7	458.1	8.8	72.9	3,628.6	333.8	8.4	53.7	8,389.3	791.9	8.6	63.1

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