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## REVISIONS TO LABOUR FORCE ESTIMATES

Revised employment and unemployment statistics for recent years were released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The revisions follow two regular analyses undertaken by the ABS rebasing of benchmarks incorporating the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing and the annual re-analysis of seasonal adjustment factors. Original, seasonally adjusted and trend data are affected.

Original estimates for the period January 1989 to January 1994 have been recompiled to take account of revisions to population estimates based on the results of the 1991 Census. All labour force estimates for February 1994 and later will be compiled using 1991 Census benchmarks.

Estimates prior to January 1989 (based on 1986 Census benchmarks) have not been revised as the revisions would have been of no consequence.

The annual re-analysis of seasonal factors has resulted in revised seasonally adjusted and trend data back to February 1978. This re-analysis takes account of the most recent 12 months labour force estimates and their impact on seasonal patterns.

Revised seasonally adjusted estimates of employment and the unemployment rate for each of the six months to January 1994 are:

	Employment ('000)		Unemployment rate (%)	
	As published	As revised	As published	As revised
Aug 93	7729.6	7668.2	11.1	11.0
Sep	7774.7	7706.5	10.9	10.9
Oct	7807.0	7733.0	11.2	11.1
Nov	7829.5	7771.3	11.1	11.0
Dec	7852.6	7792.0	10.7	10.6
Jan 94	7874.6	7805.3	10.6	10.5

The revisions have been applied to the majority of labour force data items from the Labour Force Survey. Time series tables of revised data will be published in *The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat No 6202.0) to be published on March 10 1994, and more extensively in *The Labour Force, Australia* (Cat No 6203.0) towards the end of March 1994.

Revised data will also be available on PC-AUSSTATS from March 10 1994. Revised microfiche tables are available now. Revised data are also available on request from the Labour Force Section as a special data service.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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