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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, APRIL 1997

	<i>Males</i>				<i>Females</i>				<i>Persons</i>			
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,610.1	139.1	8.0	72.4	1,211.6	104.5	7.9	52.5	2,821.7	243.6	7.9	62.3
Sydney Major SR	1,030.1	75.3	6.8	73.8	801.5	57.4	6.7	54.9	1,831.6	132.7	6.8	64.1
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	116.6	7.8	6.3	70.7	94.9	7.9	7.7	60.9	211.5	15.7	6.9	65.9
Inner Sydney SR	79.1	5.0	6.0	69.6	64.0	5.3	7.7	64.7	143.1	10.4	6.8	67.3
Eastern Suburbs SR	64.4	* 3.1	* 4.5	69.2	50.7	* 3.1	* 5.7	57.9	115.1	6.2	5.1	63.7
St. George-Sutherland SR	117.0	6.3	5.1	75.9	91.0	4.9	5.1	57.0	208.0	11.2	5.1	66.3
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	70.1	9.3	11.7	69.6	51.1	4.7	8.3	45.6	121.2	13.9	10.3	57.2
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	136.4	18.4	11.9	76.0	91.3	16.2	15.1	54.3	227.7	34.6	13.2	65.3
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	72.6	13.1	15.3	70.6	48.3	11.4	19.1	49.4	120.8	24.5	16.9	60.0
Central Western Sydney SR	65.5	6.5	9.0	65.5	47.2	* 2.1	* 4.2	47.6	112.7	8.5	7.0	56.8
Outer Western Sydney SR	87.2	6.9	7.3	84.5	69.4	4.1	5.6	58.6	156.5	11.0	6.5	70.8
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	100.2	5.6	5.3	77.8	83.3	4.4	5.0	58.4	183.5	10.0	5.1	67.6
Lower Northern Sydney SR	79.3	* 3.2	* 3.9	78.8	74.0	* 2.8	* 3.7	60.8	153.3	6.1	3.8	68.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	65.3	* 1.6	* 2.4	71.9	50.4	* 2.1	* 3.9	51.8	115.7	* 3.7	* 3.1	61.4
Northern Beaches SR	58.9	2.5	4.0	72.6	51.0	* 1.7	* 3.2	54.2	109.9	4.2	3.6	62.8
Gosford-Wyong SR	69.3	4.2	5.7	69.5	47.1	* 3.5	* 6.9	45.9	116.4	7.7	6.2	57.4
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	580.0	63.8	9.9	70.2	410.1	47.1	10.3	48.6	990.1	111.0	10.1	59.3
Hunter SR	134.3	17.2	11.4	71.4	95.3	11.1	10.4	49.5	229.6	28.3	11.0	60.4
Newcastle SR Sector	114.4	15.8	12.1	71.5	80.7	10.2	11.2	48.9	195.1	26.0	11.7	60.1
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	148.8	16.8	10.1	70.6	102.1	13.1	11.4	46.7	250.9	29.9	10.7	58.3
Illawarra Statistical Region	95.4	14.9	13.5	70.3	62.8	10.4	14.2	43.3	158.2	25.4	13.8	56.3
Wollongong SR Sector	78.2	10.1	11.4	74.5	48.3	6.9	12.4	45.0	126.6	17.0	11.8	59.5
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	97.1	17.1	15.0	63.5	73.0	9.0	10.9	43.6	170.1	26.0	13.3	53.3
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	120.5	7.8	6.1	72.6	88.8	6.9	7.2	53.0	209.4	14.7	6.6	62.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	74.3	4.9	6.2	77.1	48.4	7.1	12.8	55.3	122.7	12.0	8.9	66.3

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,186.3	116.5	8.9	73.4	914.2	93.4	9.3	54.4	2,100.6	209.9	9.1	63.7
Melbourne Major SR	868.4	77.3	8.2	74.0	677.5	69.9	9.3	55.7	1,545.9	147.2	8.7	64.6
North Western Melbourne SR	63.2	6.5	9.3	69.3	41.4	6.3	13.3	48.1	104.6	12.8	10.9	58.8
Outer Western Melbourne SR	127.2	17.1	11.8	72.8	98.3	11.4	10.4	52.8	225.5	28.5	11.2	62.6
Inner Melbourne SR	63.2	5.6	8.2	71.8	54.6	6.5	10.7	61.4	117.8	12.1	9.3	66.5
North Eastern Melbourne SR	111.3	10.2	8.4	74.4	91.6	9.5	9.4	56.3	202.8	19.8	8.9	64.9
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	119.4	10.3	7.9	75.9	95.9	7.4	7.1	57.3	215.4	17.6	7.6	66.3
Southern Melbourne SR	97.5	6.2	6.0	75.4	80.3	6.4	7.4	56.6	177.7	12.7	6.6	65.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	130.1	10.4	7.4	78.5	100.5	9.2	8.4	58.6	230.7	19.6	7.8	68.3
South Eastern Melbourne SR	104.1	7.3	6.6	77.0	77.3	7.8	9.1	57.5	181.5	15.1	7.7	67.1
Mornington Peninsula SR	52.4	3.7	6.5	63.7	37.6	5.4	12.5	48.8	90.0	9.0	9.1	56.3
Balance of Victoria Major SR	317.9	39.1	11.0	71.9	236.7	23.6	9.1	51.0	554.6	62.7	10.2	61.3
Barwon-Western District SR	83.6	9.8	10.5	70.9	64.8	7.6	10.5	51.4	148.4	17.4	10.5	60.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	48.4	7.6	13.6	72.7	39.5	* 1.8	* 4.3	52.3	87.9	9.4	9.6	62.4
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	52.7	7.8	12.9	67.4	40.5	4.5	9.9	45.0	93.2	12.3	11.6	55.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	76.0	6.3	7.7	78.1	53.0	4.3	7.4	55.8	129.0	10.6	7.6	67.1
All Gippsland SR	57.3	7.6	11.7	70.3	38.9	5.5	12.3	50.2	96.2	13.1	12.0	60.4
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	871.4	100.6	10.3	73.7	671.2	67.4	9.1	54.9	1,542.6	167.9	9.8	64.2
Brisbane Major SR	401.4	44.3	9.9	74.7	322.8	25.6	7.4	56.1	724.2	69.9	8.8	65.2
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	104.6	9.1	8.0	73.0	92.2	5.6	5.7	61.5	196.7	14.8	7.0	67.2
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	124.8	11.9	8.7	74.8	96.8	7.8	7.5	54.0	221.6	19.7	8.2	64.1
South and East BSD Balance SR	70.5	8.9	11.2	75.3	54.9	5.6	9.2	56.0	125.4	14.5	10.3	65.5
North and West BSD Balance SR	101.6	14.4	12.4	75.7	78.9	6.6	7.7	53.3	180.5	21.0	10.4	64.2
Balance of Queensland Major SR	470.0	56.2	10.7	72.8	348.4	41.7	10.7	54.0	818.4	98.0	10.7	63.4
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	94.3	10.6	10.1	73.0	76.6	5.6	6.8	54.4	170.9	16.2	8.7	63.5
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	57.7	10.4	15.3	68.8	40.7	9.3	18.6	47.9	98.4	19.7	16.7	58.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	47.4	10.6	18.2	66.1	35.8	6.0	14.5	47.7	83.2	16.6	16.6	56.9
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	65.7	3.7	5.4	76.1	48.2	4.5	8.5	58.0	113.9	8.2	6.7	67.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	81.8	7.2	8.1	70.5	57.8	7.4	11.3	52.4	139.6	14.5	9.4	61.5
Northern-North West Statistical Region	59.0	6.9	10.5	78.6	45.2	4.4	8.8	59.7	104.2	11.3	9.8	69.2
Far North Statistical Region	64.1	6.8	9.6	78.2	44.0	4.6	9.5	59.9	108.1	11.4	9.6	69.5

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	369.2	43.8	10.6	71.1	291.5	27.4	8.6	53.0	660.7	71.1	9.7	61.9
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	265.1	33.5	11.2	69.8	213.9	22.4	9.5	52.3	479.0	55.9	10.5	60.8
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.2	11.4	11.9	72.5	63.3	8.5	11.9	51.2	147.4	19.9	11.9	61.5
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.3	7.5	13.4	63.5	36.2	3.8	9.5	46.1	84.5	11.3	11.8	54.9
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.4	6.1	10.1	71.3	48.2	3.7	7.2	55.1	102.6	9.8	8.7	62.8
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	78.2	8.5	9.8	70.3	66.3	6.4	8.8	55.4	144.5	14.9	9.4	62.6
Balance of South Australia Major SR	104.1	10.3	9.0	74.8	77.6	4.9	6.0	55.3	181.7	15.2	7.7	65.2
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	40.7	5.3	11.5	73.0	32.3	* 2.2	* 6.3	55.5	73.0	7.5	9.3	64.3
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	63.4	5.0	7.3	76.0	45.3	2.8	5.8	55.1	108.7	7.7	6.6	65.7
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	489.9	36.2	6.9	75.8	360.1	30.5	7.8	55.7	850.0	66.8	7.3	65.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	350.2	27.4	7.3	74.6	270.3	22.3	7.6	55.4	620.5	49.7	7.4	64.8
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	40.8	3.6	8.1	72.3	32.6	2.9	8.1	55.0	73.4	6.5	8.1	63.5
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	55.0	4.2	7.1	74.7	39.9	3.0	7.1	54.0	94.9	7.2	7.1	64.3
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	105.7	8.3	7.3	76.1	87.3	5.9	6.3	58.0	193.0	14.2	6.8	66.7
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	73.9	5.0	6.4	72.2	54.7	4.4	7.5	52.1	128.7	9.5	6.9	62.0
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.8	6.3	7.8	76.4	55.8	6.1	9.8	56.3	130.5	12.4	8.7	66.1
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	139.6	8.8	5.9	78.7	89.8	8.2	8.4	56.5	229.5	17.1	6.9	68.1
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	67.5	5.1	7.0	75.7	45.6	4.6	9.2	53.5	113.1	9.7	7.9	64.7
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	72.1	3.8	5.0	81.8	44.3	3.6	7.5	60.1	116.4	7.4	5.9	71.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	111.8	14.5	11.5	69.6	83.4	8.3	9.0	48.8	195.3	22.8	10.5	59.0
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	55.0	6.8	11.0	68.2	44.9	3.9	8.0	51.2	99.9	10.7	9.7	59.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.4	6.0	11.6	68.8	38.0	3.2	7.7	52.0	83.3	9.2	9.9	60.1
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.4	4.0	10.9	70.0	21.0	2.5	10.5	45.6	53.4	6.4	10.8	57.8
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.4	3.8	13.4	72.2	17.5	1.9	9.8	47.3	41.9	5.7	11.9	59.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	44.9	2.7	5.8	73.5	37.6	2.8	6.8	63.5	82.5	5.5	6.2	68.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	137.2	8.6	5.9	75.6	113.4	7.9	6.5	61.5	250.5	16.5	6.2	68.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	83.7	6.8	7.5	78.5	74.1	5.2	6.5	66.3	157.8	11.9	7.0	72.3
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,767.5	460.2	8.8	73.1	3,643.7	339.4	8.5	54.0	8,411.2	799.6	8.7	63.4

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