

Labour Force Survey: Special Report

LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

JUNE 1997

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 Ms Alex Cheeseman 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, JUNE 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>
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,598.9	129.1	7.5	71.4	1,192.4	92.3	7.2	51.2	2,791.3	221.4	7.3	61.1
Sydney Major SR	1,027.1	69.4	6.3	73.0	793.6	47.4	5.6	53.6	1,820.7	116.8	6.0	63.1
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	116.6	8.8	7.0	70.7	90.2	6.3	6.5	55.9	206.8	15.1	6.8	63.4
Inner Sydney SR	81.8	5.7	6.5	72.5	60.0	* 3.6	* 5.7	60.4	141.8	9.3	6.2	66.8
Eastern Suburbs SR	65.8	* 3.0	* 4.3	72.1	54.2	* 2.2	* 3.8	61.4	120.0	5.1	4.1	66.8
St. George-Sutherland SR	113.0	6.4	5.4	76.6	93.1	3.6	3.7	57.0	206.1	10.0	4.6	66.3
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	66.9	5.9	8.1	64.1	48.2	3.0	5.9	42.1	115.0	8.9	7.2	52.8
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	134.7	15.8	10.5	74.1	91.8	11.2	10.8	51.6	226.5	27.0	10.7	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	74.3	11.3	13.2	68.8	49.0	7.9	13.9	47.5	123.3	19.2	13.5	58.4
Central Western Sydney SR	70.9	6.1	8.0	67.9	44.3	4.7	9.6	46.8	115.2	10.8	8.6	57.8
Outer Western Sydney SR	80.6	7.1	8.1	79.0	66.6	* 2.4	* 3.4	55.2	147.2	9.5	6.1	66.4
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	101.7	6.3	5.8	77.2	76.5	5.1	6.3	55.2	178.2	11.4	6.0	65.9
Lower Northern Sydney SR	80.9	* 3.3	* 3.9	75.0	75.0	* 2.4	* 3.1	60.9	155.9	5.7	3.5	67.5
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	71.6	* 1.2	* 1.6	73.5	53.8	* 1.5	* 2.7	54.4	125.4	* 2.7	* 2.1	63.8
Northern Beaches SR	64.5	2.8	4.1	77.8	50.8	* 1.0	* 1.8	52.4	115.3	3.7	3.1	64.2
Gosford-Wyong SR	60.1	* 2.8	* 4.4	66.7	49.2	4.1	7.7	49.5	109.3	6.9	5.9	57.5
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	571.8	59.8	9.5	68.7	398.8	44.9	10.1	47.0	970.7	104.6	9.7	57.7
Hunter SR	138.5	18.6	11.8	72.1	94.1	12.6	11.8	48.8	232.7	31.2	11.8	60.4
Newcastle SR Sector	118.0	16.5	12.3	71.4	78.5	11.9	13.2	47.7	196.5	28.4	12.6	59.5
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	154.6	13.4	8.0	70.2	105.3	12.2	10.4	48.5	259.9	25.6	9.0	59.3
Illawarra Statistical Region	100.7	8.5	7.8	69.0	66.1	9.7	12.8	45.1	166.8	18.2	9.8	56.7
Wollongong SR Sector	79.9	6.2	7.2	73.1	50.5	6.1	10.8	45.6	130.4	12.4	8.6	59.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	91.5	12.9	12.4	59.4	69.6	9.4	11.9	41.2	161.1	22.3	12.2	49.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	118.3	9.3	7.3	69.4	82.4	5.5	6.3	47.7	200.7	14.8	6.9	58.5
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	64.4	4.9	7.1	73.7	44.9	* 4.5	* 9.1	51.3	109.4	9.4	7.9	62.4

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,182.8	119.8	9.2	73.2	921.1	87.6	8.7	54.3	2,103.9	207.5	9.0	63.6
Melbourne Major SR	868.0	81.1	8.5	74.1	686.3	65.6	8.7	55.9	1,554.3	146.6	8.6	64.8
North Western Melbourne SR	62.2	6.8	9.9	69.9	44.0	4.5	9.4	49.1	106.1	11.4	9.7	59.5
Outer Western Melbourne SR	129.3	19.2	12.9	73.1	103.7	11.9	10.3	55.5	233.0	31.1	11.8	64.2
Inner Melbourne SR	61.2	4.2	6.4	68.9	54.2	5.4	9.0	60.8	115.4	9.5	7.6	64.8
North Eastern Melbourne SR	115.1	11.0	8.7	74.3	89.2	10.6	10.6	54.7	204.3	21.6	9.6	64.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	124.8	7.7	5.8	76.5	99.1	5.7	5.4	57.6	223.9	13.3	5.6	66.8
Southern Melbourne SR	91.7	8.0	8.1	74.1	82.5	5.8	6.5	57.7	174.2	13.8	7.3	65.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	131.2	12.6	8.8	77.7	103.2	7.1	6.4	57.8	234.4	19.6	7.7	67.6
South Eastern Melbourne SR	102.1	7.2	6.6	77.7	74.6	9.6	11.4	56.8	176.7	16.8	8.7	67.0
Mornington Peninsula SR	50.6	4.4	7.9	67.2	35.8	5.1	12.4	48.6	86.4	9.4	9.8	57.8
Balance of Victoria Major SR	314.8	38.8	11.0	71.1	234.8	22.1	8.6	50.2	549.6	60.8	10.0	60.5
Barwon-Western District SR	80.5	12.3	13.3	69.5	62.3	7.4	10.6	50.5	142.7	19.6	12.1	59.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	56.3	6.2	9.9	74.2	39.9	* 2.8	* 6.6	51.2	96.1	9.0	8.5	62.8
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	55.1	8.7	13.6	67.3	44.7	* 3.4	* 7.0	47.1	99.8	12.1	10.8	56.8
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	66.6	4.5	6.4	76.4	48.0	* 2.2	* 4.4	50.6	114.6	6.7	5.5	63.1
All Gippsland SR	56.3	7.1	11.2	69.2	40.0	6.3	13.7	51.9	96.4	13.4	12.2	60.7
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	888.0	86.3	8.9	73.6	680.8	63.3	8.5	55.2	1,568.8	149.5	8.7	64.3
Brisbane Major SR	407.3	38.9	8.7	74.5	322.1	26.5	7.6	55.9	729.5	65.4	8.2	65.0
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	104.2	7.3	6.5	70.4	90.5	5.8	6.0	60.5	194.7	13.1	6.3	65.5
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	127.3	9.8	7.1	75.3	99.1	7.6	7.2	55.4	226.5	17.4	7.1	65.0
South and East BSD Balance SR	71.3	9.6	11.8	77.3	53.2	6.4	10.7	55.9	124.5	16.0	11.4	66.5
North and West BSD Balance SR	104.5	12.3	10.5	75.8	79.3	6.7	7.8	52.2	183.8	19.0	9.4	63.6
Balance of Queensland Major SR	480.7	47.3	9.0	72.8	358.6	36.7	9.3	54.5	839.3	84.1	9.1	63.7
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	93.4	9.1	8.9	72.8	74.4	3.5	4.5	53.1	167.9	12.7	7.0	62.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	60.5	8.2	11.9	66.2	46.1	9.0	16.3	51.2	106.6	17.2	13.9	58.6
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	47.8	9.3	16.3	65.1	41.0	5.3	11.4	50.8	88.8	14.6	14.1	57.8
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	64.0	3.5	5.3	79.6	49.4	3.8	7.1	58.5	113.5	7.3	6.1	68.7
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	82.3	9.4	10.2	70.9	57.6	7.6	11.7	52.0	139.9	17.0	10.8	61.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	61.8	3.6	5.5	77.3	41.8	3.1	6.9	55.7	103.6	6.7	6.0	66.8
Far North Statistical Region	70.8	4.3	5.7	80.0	48.3	4.4	8.4	63.5	119.1	8.7	6.8	72.2

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	374.0	41.4	10.0	71.4	292.7	26.8	8.4	53.1	666.7	68.2	9.3	62.1
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	271.9	30.0	9.9	70.5	215.3	20.9	8.8	52.2	487.2	50.9	9.5	61.1
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.1	10.3	10.8	72.7	61.0	7.8	11.3	50.6	146.0	18.0	11.0	61.4
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.2	7.2	12.4	64.6	36.3	4.5	11.1	45.4	87.4	11.7	11.8	55.1
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	54.5	4.9	8.2	70.2	49.1	2.6	5.1	55.8	103.6	7.5	6.7	62.7
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.2	7.7	8.6	72.7	69.0	5.9	7.9	55.7	150.2	13.6	8.3	63.8
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.1	11.4	10.1	74.1	77.4	5.9	7.1	55.7	179.5	17.3	8.8	65.1
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	39.3	5.2	11.7	72.2	29.7	* 2.2	* 6.9	51.0	68.9	7.4	9.7	61.5
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	62.8	6.2	9.0	75.5	47.7	3.7	7.2	59.2	110.6	9.9	8.3	67.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	496.0	36.3	6.8	76.4	356.2	27.9	7.3	54.5	852.2	64.2	7.0	65.4
Perth Major Statistical Region	355.2	28.1	7.3	75.4	265.4	21.5	7.5	54.1	620.6	49.6	7.4	64.6
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	39.6	* 1.5	* 3.7	72.5	31.2	* 1.4	* 4.4	54.3	70.8	3.0	4.0	63.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.3	5.2	8.4	77.2	40.5	2.9	6.7	53.5	96.8	8.1	7.7	65.3
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	109.2	9.9	8.3	77.3	84.9	7.9	8.6	57.5	194.1	17.8	8.4	67.2
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	77.2	5.9	7.1	73.0	54.3	3.5	6.1	48.7	131.5	9.5	6.7	60.6
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	72.8	5.6	7.1	75.6	54.4	5.7	9.5	55.4	127.3	11.3	8.1	65.3
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	140.8	8.2	5.5	78.8	90.8	6.4	6.6	55.8	231.6	14.6	5.9	67.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	64.6	5.4	7.8	74.5	43.1	4.3	9.1	52.7	107.7	9.8	8.3	63.9
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	76.2	2.8	3.5	83.0	47.7	* 2.1	* 4.1	59.1	123.9	4.8	3.7	71.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	110.0	13.7	11.1	68.1	79.5	9.0	10.2	47.1	189.6	22.8	10.7	57.5
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	52.8	6.9	11.5	66.2	41.4	4.6	9.9	49.1	94.2	11.4	10.8	57.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.9	5.3	10.5	67.1	35.7	3.8	9.6	49.9	80.6	9.1	10.1	58.2
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.4	4.3	11.7	70.1	21.2	1.6	6.8	43.8	53.6	5.9	9.9	57.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.9	2.6	9.4	70.0	16.9	2.9	14.7	46.9	41.8	5.5	11.6	58.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	48.2	2.7	5.3	78.4	39.1	2.2	5.3	64.7	87.3	4.8	5.3	71.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	138.3	12.0	8.0	76.5	113.1	7.8	6.4	62.4	251.4	19.8	7.3	69.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.4	7.0	7.7	79.3	73.9	5.3	6.7	66.3	158.3	12.3	7.2	72.7
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	4,782.4	436.4	8.4	72.8	3,635.8	314.4	8.0	53.4	8,418.1	750.8	8.2	63.0

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