

## Labour Force Survey: Special Report

### LABOUR FORCE STATUS - STATISTICAL REGIONS ORIGINAL SERIES

AUGUST 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 Audrey Graviou 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, AUGUST 1997

	Males				Females				Persons			
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,567.6	135.2	7.9	70.2	1,182.9	92.7	7.3	50.7	<u>2,750.5</u>	228.0	7.7	60.3
Sydney Major SR	1,010.2	71.4	6.6	71.9	787.0	50.2	6.0	53.3	<u>1,797.1</u>	121.6	6.3	62.4
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney SRs	111.2	9.7	8.1	66.4	85.9	5.8	6.3	53.9	197.0	15.5	7.3	60.4
Inner Sydney SR	74.6	5.3	6.6	67.0	54.1	4.3	7.4	56.4	128.7	9.6	6.9	62.1
Eastern Suburbs SR	65.5	4.4	6.3	70.9	53.4	* 1.6	* 2.8	57.7	118.9	6.0	4.8	64.4
St. George-Sutherland SR	109.2	3.8	3.4	72.5	86.3	4.9	5.3	53.3	195.6	8.7	4.3	62.5
Canterbury-Bankstown SR	68.3	8.2	10.8	65.0	55.5	4.2	7.1	46.9	123.7	12.5	9.2	55.6
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney SRs	132.0	15.8	10.7	73.8	88.4	9.6	9.8	48.7	220.4	25.4	10.3	61.2
Fairfield-Liverpool SR	73.9	12.3	14.2	69.2	49.4	6.7	12.0	45.6	123.3	19.0	13.4	57.5
Central Western Sydney SR	66.7	6.0	8.3	70.3	46.3	5.8	11.2	50.4	113.0	11.8	9.5	60.3
Outer Western Sydney SR	70.6	4.6	6.1	74.0	57.7	* 1.8	* 3.1	51.0	128.3	6.4	4.8	61.7
Blacktown-Baulkham Hills SR	103.5	6.5	5.9	76.8	77.3	7.0	8.3	58.3	180.8	13.5	6.9	67.5
Lower Northern Sydney SR	83.8	* 3.5	* 4.0	76.2	77.4	* 2.8	* 3.5	61.2	161.2	6.3	3.7	68.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR	73.6	* 2.5	* 3.3	73.6	58.7	* 0.7	* 1.1	55.8	132.3	* 3.2	* 2.3	64.6
Northern Beaches SR	66.7	2.9	4.1	84.2	52.8	* 1.9	* 3.4	62.0	119.5	4.7	3.8	72.8
Gosford-Wyong SR	59.1	* 3.5	* 5.6	61.8	47.4	4.2	8.1	44.4	106.5	7.7	6.8	52.5
Balance of New South Wales Major SR	557.4	63.8	10.3	67.4	395.9	42.5	9.7	46.4	<u>953.3</u>	106.3	10.0	56.7
Hunter SR	127.2	15.9	11.1	69.2	84.4	9.4	10.0	45.1	<u>211.6</u>	25.3	10.7	57.1
Newcastle SR Sector	107.0	14.2	11.7	67.9	71.3	8.4	10.6	43.6	178.3	22.6	11.3	55.6
Illawarra and South Eastern SRs	155.0	16.9	9.8	68.7	108.9	10.2	8.5	48.0	263.8	27.0	9.3	58.4
Illawarra Statistical Region	101.6	11.8	10.4	67.2	69.1	7.6	9.8	44.0	170.7	19.4	10.2	55.4
Wollongong SR Sector	77.1	9.1	10.5	69.6	52.4	5.8	10.0	45.7	129.5	14.9	10.3	57.5
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast SRs	86.5	14.7	14.5	57.5	67.8	9.8	12.7	39.7	154.3	24.5	13.7	48.1
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West SRs	117.9	11.1	8.6	69.8	85.7	8.2	8.7	49.9	203.6	19.3	8.6	59.7
Murray-Murrumbidgee SR	65.6	5.0	7.1	74.4	47.0	* 4.6	* 9.0	53.4	112.6	9.7	7.9	63.8

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,168.7	115.4	9.0	72.0	891.5	86.7	8.9	52.6	2,060.2	202.1	8.9	62.1
Melbourne Major SR	860.8	78.1	8.3	73.0	669.9	61.3	8.4	54.2	1,530.7	139.4	8.3	63.4
North Western Melbourne SR	64.1	8.0	11.1	70.7	43.5	4.8	10.0	48.7	107.6	12.9	10.7	59.9
Outer Western Melbourne SR	124.6	15.1	10.8	70.5	92.1	11.4	11.0	50.2	216.7	26.5	10.9	60.1
Inner Melbourne SR	59.5	5.4	8.4	69.8	54.3	5.7	9.5	60.4	113.8	11.1	8.9	64.9
North Eastern Melbourne SR	115.7	13.1	10.2	73.1	92.8	8.1	8.1	54.6	208.5	21.2	9.2	63.6
Inner Eastern Melbourne SR	119.6	5.6	4.5	74.6	103.6	5.5	5.1	57.9	223.2	11.1	4.8	65.8
Southern Melbourne SR	89.4	9.4	9.6	72.9	78.5	6.9	8.1	54.0	167.8	16.4	8.9	62.7
Outer Eastern Melbourne SR	132.3	10.7	7.5	76.4	94.4	7.5	7.3	55.6	226.7	18.2	7.4	66.1
South Eastern Melbourne SR	101.3	6.3	5.8	77.1	72.3	5.4	7.0	54.1	173.6	11.7	6.3	65.4
Mornington Peninsula SR	54.2	4.4	7.5	68.5	38.5	5.8	13.1	51.4	92.8	10.2	9.9	59.9
Balance of Victoria Major SR	307.9	37.3	10.8	69.4	221.6	25.5	10.3	48.3	529.4	62.7	10.6	58.7
Barwon-Western District SR	80.6	11.4	12.4	68.4	59.5	9.6	13.9	49.4	140.0	21.0	13.1	58.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera SR	49.8	6.9	12.1	70.7	35.4	* 2.6	* 7.0	49.6	85.2	9.5	10.0	60.4
Loddon-Campaspe-Mallee SR	57.0	7.1	11.0	63.6	42.7	* 3.2	* 6.9	44.5	99.7	10.2	9.3	53.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray SR	68.8	4.8	6.5	76.7	47.0	4.3	8.3	49.5	115.8	9.0	7.2	62.6
All Gippsland SR	51.8	7.2	12.2	68.6	37.0	5.8	13.5	48.5	88.7	12.9	12.7	58.4
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	882.9	93.7	9.6	73.5	672.1	67.1	9.1	54.6	1,555.0	160.8	9.4	64.0
Brisbane Major SR	402.8	39.4	8.9	73.6	321.0	29.8	8.5	56.2	723.8	69.2	8.7	64.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring SR	101.1	9.0	8.2	72.1	84.4	6.4	7.0	57.6	185.5	15.4	7.7	64.7
Brisbane City Outer Ring SR	126.0	12.2	8.8	72.6	100.0	7.0	6.5	54.7	226.0	19.2	7.8	63.5
South and East BSD Balance SR	70.8	7.8	10.0	76.1	52.5	7.7	12.8	57.3	123.3	15.6	11.2	66.6
North and West BSD Balance SR	104.8	10.4	9.0	74.6	84.2	8.6	9.3	55.8	189.0	19.0	9.1	64.9
Balance of Queensland Major SR	480.1	54.3	10.2	73.5	351.1	37.3	9.6	53.3	831.2	91.6	9.9	63.4
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	95.7	10.7	10.1	74.2	74.7	6.5	8.0	55.4	170.4	17.2	9.2	64.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	62.3	8.1	11.6	68.9	46.0	6.2	12.0	49.2	108.2	14.4	11.7	58.9
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	54.5	8.5	13.5	66.2	37.6	5.8	13.4	45.3	92.0	14.3	13.5	55.7
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	66.0	4.2	6.0	78.1	46.7	4.8	9.3	54.4	112.7	9.0	7.4	65.9
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	80.7	8.9	9.9	72.5	55.3	6.5	10.5	51.5	136.0	15.4	10.1	62.1
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.1	7.7	11.7	77.3	42.1	4.1	8.8	57.9	100.2	11.8	10.5	68.0
Far North Statistical Region	62.8	6.1	8.8	78.2	48.7	3.4	6.6	61.0	111.6	9.5	7.9	69.8

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	373.3	42.1	10.1	71.3	286.1	25.6	8.2	51.7	659.3	67.6	9.3	61.3
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	271.3	31.2	10.3	70.6	209.7	20.4	8.9	50.8	480.9	51.6	9.7	60.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.2	11.9	12.2	72.7	63.2	6.4	9.2	49.6	148.4	18.3	11.0	60.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	48.8	6.2	11.3	63.1	36.0	4.4	10.9	45.7	84.8	10.6	11.1	54.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	55.5	4.9	8.1	72.1	43.2	2.2	4.9	49.9	98.7	7.1	6.7	60.6
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.7	8.2	9.2	72.4	67.3	7.3	9.8	56.0	149.0	15.6	9.5	63.9
Balance of South Australia Major SR	102.0	10.9	9.6	73.5	76.4	5.2	6.4	54.4	178.4	16.1	8.3	64.1
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	37.6	5.1	12.0	72.8	27.8	* 1.9	* 6.3	49.3	65.4	7.0	9.7	60.9
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.4	5.7	8.2	73.9	48.5	3.3	6.4	57.9	113.0	9.1	7.4	66.1
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	496.2	37.4	7.0	76.3	363.2	26.8	6.9	55.2	859.4	64.3	7.0	65.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	356.2	27.3	7.1	75.3	270.4	19.5	6.7	54.5	626.6	46.9	7.0	64.7
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	39.6	3.5	8.2	72.9	31.6	* 1.8	* 5.3	52.1	71.2	5.3	6.9	62.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.7	4.8	7.7	77.7	43.5	3.1	6.7	56.7	101.2	7.9	7.3	67.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	105.9	7.2	6.4	76.9	82.9	6.2	6.9	55.9	188.7	13.4	6.6	66.0
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	78.6	6.7	7.9	74.2	53.3	5.5	9.4	51.4	131.9	12.3	8.5	62.8
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	74.5	5.1	6.4	73.6	59.2	2.9	4.7	55.5	133.6	8.0	5.6	64.4
Balance of Western Australia Major SR	139.9	10.1	6.7	78.9	92.9	7.3	7.3	57.2	232.8	17.4	6.9	68.5
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	65.6	5.0	7.0	75.0	44.5	4.1	8.5	53.2	110.1	9.1	7.6	64.3
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	74.3	5.1	6.4	82.8	48.4	3.2	6.1	61.6	122.7	8.3	6.3	72.9
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	110.6	13.9	11.2	68.5	80.3	9.7	10.7	47.9	190.9	23.6	11.0	58.0
Greater Hobart-Southern SR Sector	53.2	7.2	11.9	67.4	41.9	4.9	10.5	50.2	95.2	12.1	11.3	58.6
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.7	6.1	12.0	67.9	36.5	3.8	9.4	50.8	81.2	9.9	10.8	59.1
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.1	4.2	11.5	69.9	20.3	2.2	9.9	43.6	52.4	6.4	10.9	56.8
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.3	2.5	9.1	69.4	18.0	2.5	12.2	48.0	43.3	5.1	10.5	58.3
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	45.3	2.8	5.9	74.1	38.7	2.0	4.8	63.5	84.0	4.8	5.4	68.9
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION	138.0	12.3	8.2	76.4	111.3	8.8	7.3	62.2	249.3	21.1	7.8	69.4
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	84.7	7.3	7.9	79.7	71.6	6.2	7.9	65.1	156.2	13.4	7.9	72.3
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,729.2	447.8	8.7	72.1	3,586.3	316.8	8.1	52.7	8,315.5	764.6	8.4	62.2

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