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# INTRODUCTION

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## THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) collects a range of data on the labour market. These labour statistics are important economic and social indicators. They provide insight into the economy and the effects of labour market policy settings, and they also provide information about people's lives — their participation in the labour force, success in finding employment, type of work and working hours.

The monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) is one of the most important ABS labour collections, providing timely information on labour market activity within Australia. The statistics of most interest each month are the estimates of the number of employed and unemployed, the unemployment rate, and the labour force participation rate.

Data from the monthly LFS are released in two stages. The initial release of data, which is generally 31 days after the collection of data commences, is known as the first release. One week after the first release a more detailed range of estimates is disseminated. This is known as the detailed release.

Only the first release products will be discussed in this paper. Changes made to the detailed release products were outlined in the 2002 issue of this information paper, and were introduced in early 2003.

## BACKGROUND

In late 2000, the ABS commenced a review of the range of products released from the LFS. Recommendations related to detailed release products were implemented earlier this year. For further details about the changes to these products, or about the review in general, please refer to the 2002 issue of this information paper.

The review also made recommendations related to first release products. The catalyst for the review of first release products was concern over the interpretation of teenage labour force data. However, the ABS has also used this opportunity to give greater focus to trend data and to provide longer time series comparisons. Before choosing the current publication layout, a range of alternative layouts were discussed with key users of LFS data.

## THIS INFORMATION PAPER

This paper sets out the changes to the LFS first release product set recommended by the review, and the timing of these changes.

To ensure that the transition during these changes is as smooth for clients as possible, this paper includes an August issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) showing how it would have looked under the new format.

As a further reference tool, tables are included on pages 5 and 6, which list the new spreadsheets in detail, and provide links from the current first release product set to the new first release product set.

## THE NEW FIRST RELEASE PRODUCT SET

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### CHANGES TO THE PRODUCT SET

LFS data will continue to be released in two stages.

#### *First release data*

First release data includes a limited range of estimates, including:

- number of employed persons, and whether working full time or part time
- number of unemployed persons, and whether looking for full-time or part-time work
- number of persons not in the labour force
- unemployment rate
- labour force participation rate
- employment to population ratio
- unemployment to population ratio — looking for full-time work
- educational attendance of 15–19 year olds.

These estimates are produced for Australia, individual states and territories, and for males and females. Apart from information on persons aged 15 and over, selected information is also available for persons aged 15–19.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are also produced for a range of data items.

#### *First release product set*

The existing products used to disseminate first release data every month are:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) — printed publication
- *Labour Force, Teenage Employment and Unemployment, Australia — Data Report* (cat. no. 6202.0.40.001) — printed data report
- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) — WKS spreadsheets
- *Labour Force, Australia — Data on Floppy Disk* (cat. no. 6271.0).

The products used to disseminate first release data every month will become:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) — printed publication (new format)
- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001) — Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

These products will be released together at 11.30am (Canberra time) on the scheduled release day.

The move to the new product set for first release data will introduce changes to these products, as detailed below.

#### *First release products*

*Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0)

This is the only monthly printed publication of LFS data. It will continue to be released both as a paper publication and electronically as a PDF file via the ABS web site. The publication will continue to be a Main Economic Indicator, and, in the new format, will contain most of the first release data items (a sample publication has been included at the end of this information paper, which shows exactly which data items are included). This publication will not contain detailed data, which will continue to be included in the detailed release products.

## THE NEW FIRST RELEASE PRODUCT SET *continued*

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### *First release products continued*

The structure of the publication will be changed to give a stronger focus on trend data series, to improve the presentation of teenage and education data, and to incorporate the *Labour Force, Teenage Employment and Unemployment, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0.40.001) data report (see below). Some tables in the 6202.0 publication will be discontinued, with the data moved to other tables. Table 2 in this information paper shows the link between the new and the old tables.

#### *Labour Force, Teenage Employment and Unemployment, Australia— Data Report* (cat. no. 6202.0.40.001)

This printed data report will be discontinued, with the data included in the 6202.0 publication. Data will also be available from the 6202.0.55.001 spreadsheet range.

#### *Labour Force, Australia, spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0) to become (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001)

The 29 Lotus 1-2-3 WKS spreadsheets will be discontinued and replaced with a set of 16 Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, similar in style to the detailed release spreadsheets (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001). The content and layout of the tables contained within the spreadsheets will also change to reflect the changes in the *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) publication. The catalogue number for these spreadsheets will change to 6202.0.55.001 to reflect the electronic delivery of these spreadsheets.

These spreadsheets will contain all the first release data items, including useful series not able to be shown in the publication for space reasons. Complete time series will be available, removing the current limitation of 20 years. Table 1 in this information paper shows the data items to be contained in each spreadsheet. Table 3 shows the link between the new and old spreadsheets.

#### *Labour Force, Australia — Data on Floppy Disk* (cat. no. 6271.0)

This product is being reviewed with users to determine whether the new Excel spreadsheets are a better way of meeting their needs.

## TRANSITION INFORMATION

### TRANSITION TO THE NEW PRODUCT SET

#### *Timing of changes*

The first issue of the revised publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) will be the November 2003 issue, released on 11 December 2003. The associated new 6202.0 spreadsheets will be implemented at the same time.

To assist with the introduction of these new products, the old format 6202.0 spreadsheets and the 6271.0 floppy disk will continue to be available for the first two months after the release of the new format spreadsheets.

#### *Subscriber information*

Current subscribers to LFS first release products will receive a letter (via post or email as appropriate) informing them of forthcoming changes to the products they use, and providing a list of alternative options for those products that are changing or will no longer be available.

AusStats users will be informed via the AusStats notice board and messages on the relevant download pages, e.g. 6202.0 publication page and 6202.0 time series spreadsheets page.

#### *Samples of new products*

A sample redesigned *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) publication containing August data is at the rear of this paper. Also the new 6202.0.55.001 spreadsheets have been developed and sample spreadsheets (cat. no. 1900.3) are available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Themes—People, Labour).

#### *Pricing information*

The price of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) will remain at \$22. The price of the majority of spreadsheets will remain at \$10. Three tables, tables 12, 15 and 16, will increase to \$25, \$15 and \$25 respectively, as they contain more detailed data.

#### *Other queries*

If users have any queries regarding the new first release products or the transition to the new product set, they are encouraged to call Craig Blair on Canberra (02) 6252 5967, or via email at <[craig.blair@abs.gov.au](mailto:craig.blair@abs.gov.au)>.

LIST OF NEW 6202.0.55.001 SPREADSHEETS

<i>Spreadsheet no.</i>	<i>Classifications/series</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1-3	Sex Trend (spreadsheet 1) Seasonally adjusted (spreadsheet 2) Original (spreadsheet 3)	Labour Force Status(a) (b)	Monthly From Feb 1978
4-11	Sex State (separate spreadsheets for each state) Trend/Seasonally adjusted (Trend only is available for NT and ACT)	Labour Force Status(a) (b)	Monthly From Feb 1978
12	Sex State Original	Labour Force Status(a)	Monthly From Feb 1978
13-14	Sex Age (15-19)(c) Trend (spreadsheet 13) Seasonally adjusted (spreadsheet 14)	Labour Force Status(a) (b)	Monthly From Feb 1978
15	Sex Age (15-19)(c) Full-time educational attendance Original	Labour Force Status(a)	Monthly From Apr 1986
16	Sex Age (15-19)(c) Full-time educational attendance State Original	Labour Force Status(a)	Monthly From Apr 1986
(a)	Labour Force Status: Employed (full-time, part-time, total); Unemployed (looking for full-time work, looking for part-time work, total); Labour Force; Not in the Labour Force, Civilian Population; Unemployment Rate (looking for full-time work, total); Participation Rate; Employment	to Population Ratio; Unemployment to Population Ratio (looking for full-time work).	
(b)		Reduced number of derived totals for seasonally adjusted and trend series. See ABS web site for details.	
(c)		15-19 age group only — not single years.	

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### LINKS BETWEEN CURRENT AND NEW 6202.0 PUBLICATION TABLES

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4	15: for data on persons age 15–19 3: for data on persons aged 15 and above (numbers and unemployment rates for persons aged 15 and above seeking part-time work not included)
5	14: for data on persons age 15–19 2: for data on persons aged 15 and above (numbers and unemployment rates for persons aged 15 and above seeking part-time work not included)
6	13: for data on persons age 15–19 1: for data on persons aged 15 and above (numbers and unemployment rates for persons aged 15 and above seeking part-time work not included)
7	15 (split between school and tertiary education institution for persons aged 15–19 in full-time education not included)
8	12 (numbers for persons aged 15 and above seeking part-time work not included)
9–11	16: for data on persons age 15–19 12: for data on persons aged 15 and above (numbers and unemployment rates for persons aged 15 and above seeking part-time work not included)
12–17	4–9 (seasonally adjusted & trend data swapped around)
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12–17	4–9 (seasonally adjusted & trend data swapped around)
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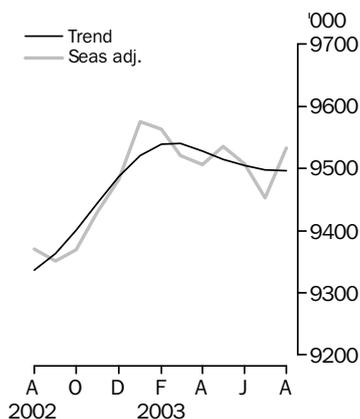
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# LABOUR FORCE

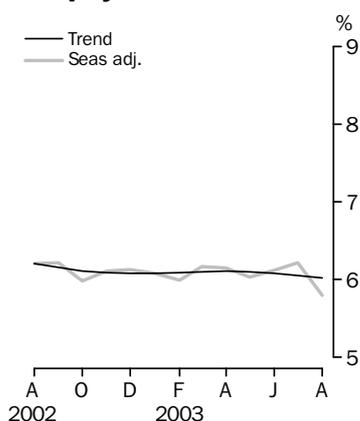
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## Employed persons



## Unemployment rate



## KEY FIGURES

	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Jul 03 to Aug 03	Aug 02 to Aug 03
<b>Trend</b>				
Employed persons ('000)	9 498.2	9 496.1	-2.1	1.7 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	612.1	608.3	-3.9	-1.5 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	6.0	0.0 pts	-0.2 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.5	-0.1 pts	-0.1 pts
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>				
Employed persons ('000)	9 452.3	9 532.9	80.6	1.7 %
Unemployed persons ('000)	626.9	586.9	-40.1	-5.4 %
Unemployment rate (%)	6.2	5.8	-0.4 pts	-0.4 pts
Participation rate (%)	63.4	63.5	0.2 pts	-0.2 pts

## KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- EMPLOYMENT decreased to 9,496,100.
- UNEMPLOYMENT decreased to 608,300.
- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE decreased marginally to 6.0%.
- PARTICIPATION RATE decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 63.5%.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

#### EMPLOYMENT

- increased by 80,600 to 9,532,900. Full-time employment increased by 63,500 to 6,821,400 and part-time employment increased by 17,100 to 2,711,500.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- decreased by 40,100 to 586,900. The number of persons looking for full-time work decreased by 26,500 to 439,400 and the number of persons looking for part-time work decreased by 13,600 to 147,400.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 5.8%. Both the male and female rates also decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 5.7% and 6.0% respectively.

#### PARTICIPATION RATE

- increased by 0.2 percentage points to 63.5%.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or Craig Blair on Canberra (02) 6252 6525.

## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
September 2003	9 October 2003
October 2003	6 November 2003
November 2003	11 December 2003
December 2003	15 January 2004
January 2004	12 February 2004

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### FORTHCOMING CHANGES

In October 2003, the ABS will begin the progressive implementation of computer assisted interviewing (CAI) into the Labour Force Survey (LFS). LFS interviewers currently record survey responses by hand onto a paper questionnaire; under CAI, interviewers will record responses directly onto an electronic questionnaire in a laptop computer. Most other ABS household surveys currently use CAI.

Over the last two years, the ABS has been developing and testing a CAI version of the current LFS questionnaire and associated systems and procedures. The CAI version has been designed to replicate the current questionnaire and procedures as closely as possible. This has been done to minimise the chance of any impact on labour force series from the change to CAI.

In October 2003, approximately 10% of LFS interviews will be conducted using CAI. The proportion of interviews conducted using CAI will remain at 10% until January 2004. Subject to the results of impact studies, it is intended to increase the use of CAI to 40% of interviews in February 2004, then to 70% in April 2004, and finally to 100% in May 2004.

The impact studies will involve extensive analysis of survey data each month, and are expected to confirm that the change in method is not having a significant impact on survey estimates.

Users will be informed of the progress of CAI implementation, including the results of impact studies, through updates in this publication.

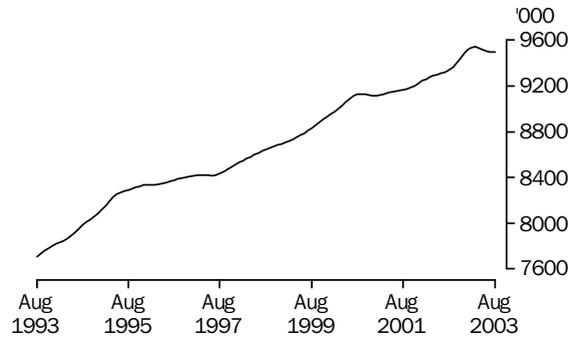
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# PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE SERIES TREND ESTIMATES

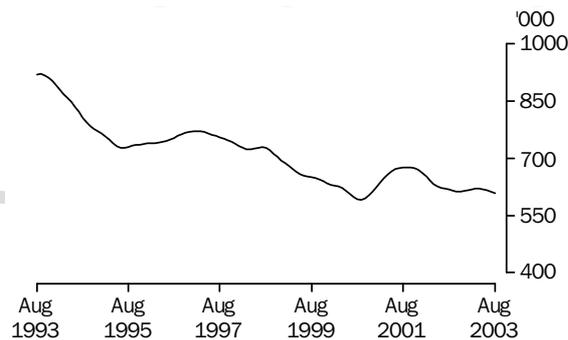
## EMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of employed persons generally rose from a low of 7,634,000 in January 1993 to 9,129,300 in September 2000. The trend then fell slightly to 9,112,900 in December 2000, before rising to 9,540,200 in March 2003. The trend has since fallen to stand at 9,496,100 in August 2003.



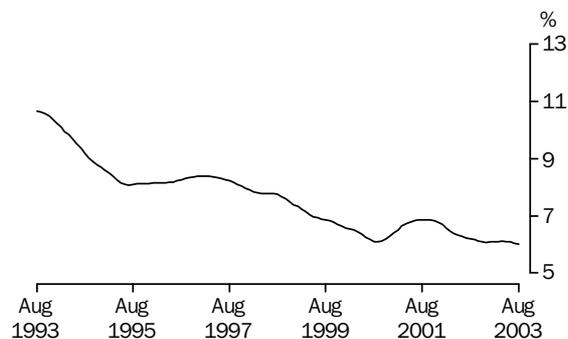
## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

The trend estimate of unemployed persons fell rapidly from 920,600 in September 1993 to 728,100 in July 1995. The trend then rose to 771,800 in February 1997, before falling to 590,900 in September 2000. After rising to 675,900 in October 2001, the trend has generally fallen to stand at 608,300 in August 2003.



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The trend unemployment rate fell rapidly from 10.7% in August 1993 to 8.1% in July 1995. The trend then rose slowly until February 1997, before falling to 6.1% in September 2000. The trend rate then rose to 6.9% in September 2001, before falling to 6.1% in October 2002. Since then, the trend has remained relatively stable, and stands at 6.0% in August 2003.

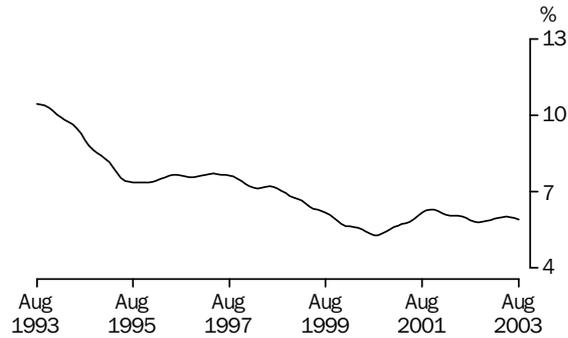


## STATES TREND ESTIMATES

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

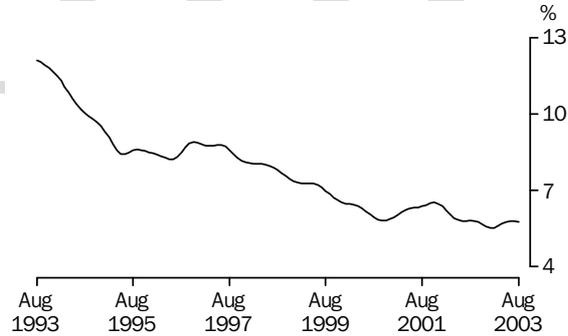
#### NEW SOUTH WALES

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for New South Wales fell steadily from 10.7% in February 1993 to 7.4% in November 1995. The trend then rose gradually, reaching 7.7% in April 1997, before falling to 5.3% in September 2000. The trend rate then rose to 6.3% in October 2001, before generally falling to stand at 5.9% in August 2003.



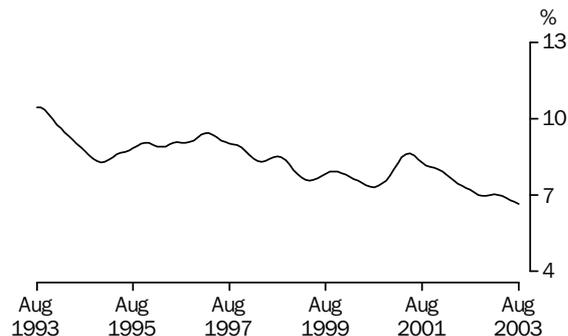
#### VICTORIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria decreased from a peak of 12.1% in August 1993 to 8.2% in June 1996. The trend then rose until November 1996, before falling steadily to 5.8% in October 2000. The trend then rose to 6.5% in November 2001, before decreasing to 5.8% in August 2003.



#### QUEENSLAND

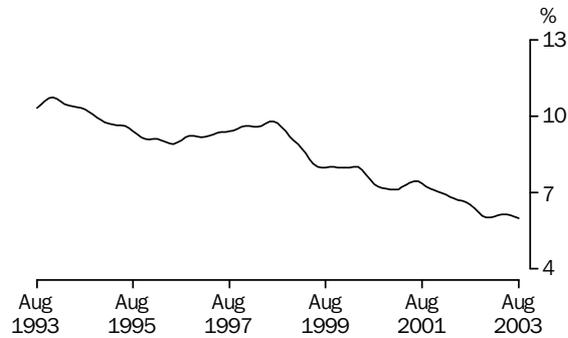
The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Queensland decreased from a peak of 10.5% in September 1993 to 8.3% in December 1994. The trend then rose to 9.5% in February 1997, before generally falling to 7.3% in August 2000. After rising to 8.6% in May 2001, the trend rate has fallen to stand at 6.7% in August 2003.



## STATES TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

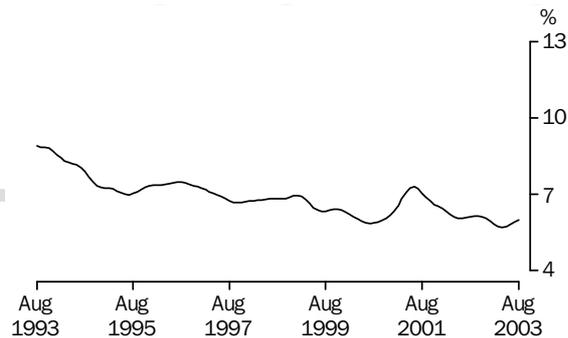
### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for South Australia declined from 11.2% in February 1993 to 8.9% in June 1996. The trend then rose slowly to 9.8% in July 1998. Apart from a small increase in early 2001, the trend rate has generally fallen for the last five years, and stands at 6.0% in August 2003.



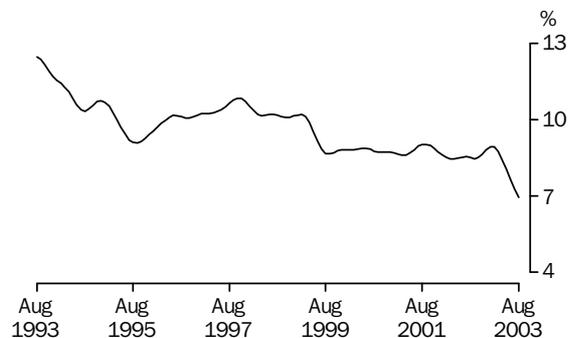
### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Western Australia fell to 7.0% in July 1995. The trend then rose slightly to 7.5% in July 1996 before generally falling to 5.9% in July 2000. The trend then rose sharply to 7.3% in June 2001, before falling to stand at 6.0% in August 2003.



### TASMANIA

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Tasmania fell from a peak of 12.5% in August 1993 to 9.1% in September 1995. After rising to 10.8% in October 1997, the trend generally fell to 8.7% in September 1999. The trend estimate remained relatively steady until early 2003, then decreased sharply to stand at 7.0% in August 2003.



# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER): Trend

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Looking for f/t work	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES									
August 2000	4 453.3	661.3	5 114.6	293.3	347.2	5 461.8	6.2	6.4	72.7
August 2001	4 385.1	733.0	5 118.0	328.8	391.9	5 509.9	7.0	7.1	72.4
2002									
August	4 436.3	774.3	5 210.6	287.1	348.8	5 559.4	6.1	6.3	71.9
September	4 438.4	779.3	5 217.7	283.2	345.6	5 563.3	6.0	6.2	71.9
October	4 447.8	781.6	5 229.4	280.8	343.9	5 573.3	5.9	6.2	71.9
November	4 463.4	781.5	5 245.0	280.5	343.9	5 588.8	5.9	6.2	72.0
December	4 481.7	780.1	5 261.8	281.8	344.8	5 606.6	5.9	6.2	72.2
2003									
January	4 497.6	778.1	5 275.7	284.2	346.2	5 622.0	5.9	6.2	72.3
February	4 507.3	775.6	5 282.9	286.7	348.0	5 631.0	6.0	6.2	72.3
March	4 509.6	773.7	5 283.3	288.4	349.2	5 632.5	6.0	6.2	72.2
April	4 506.5	773.1	5 279.6	288.4	348.7	5 628.3	6.0	6.2	72.0
May	4 503.2	773.3	5 276.5	286.7	346.5	5 623.0	6.0	6.2	71.9
June	4 502.7	773.5	5 276.2	283.9	343.2	5 619.3	5.9	6.1	71.7
July	4 504.2	773.6	5 277.8	280.4	338.8	5 616.7	5.9	6.0	71.6
August	4 508.1	773.5	5 281.6	276.8	334.5	5 616.1	5.8	6.0	71.5
FEMALES									
August 2000	2 268.0	1 741.8	4 009.8	155.8	245.1	4 254.9	6.4	5.8	55.0
August 2001	2 238.5	1 807.6	4 046.0	186.0	283.3	4 329.3	7.7	6.5	55.3
2002									
August	2 254.1	1 872.2	4 126.3	170.9	268.6	4 394.9	7.0	6.1	55.4
September	2 266.0	1 879.8	4 145.9	169.9	268.9	4 414.8	7.0	6.1	55.5
October	2 279.4	1 892.0	4 171.4	169.5	268.4	4 439.8	6.9	6.0	55.8
November	2 291.4	1 907.8	4 199.2	170.8	268.3	4 467.5	6.9	6.0	56.1
December	2 300.7	1 924.1	4 224.8	173.6	269.0	4 493.8	7.0	6.0	56.3
2003									
January	2 305.8	1 939.3	4 245.1	177.0	269.9	4 515.0	7.1	6.0	56.5
February	2 306.0	1 950.3	4 256.3	179.7	270.5	4 526.8	7.2	6.0	56.6
March	2 301.2	1 955.7	4 256.9	181.3	271.0	4 527.9	7.3	6.0	56.5
April	2 292.5	1 956.2	4 248.7	181.5	271.4	4 520.1	7.3	6.0	56.3
May	2 284.5	1 953.7	4 238.2	181.2	271.9	4 510.1	7.3	6.0	56.1
June	2 279.1	1 949.8	4 228.8	180.6	272.6	4 501.5	7.3	6.1	55.9
July	2 275.3	1 945.0	4 220.4	179.9	273.3	4 493.7	7.3	6.1	55.8
August	2 273.1	1 941.4	4 214.5	179.2	273.8	4 488.3	7.3	6.1	55.6
PERSONS									
August 2000	6 721.3	2 403.1	9 124.4	449.1	592.3	9 716.7	6.3	6.1	63.7
August 2001	6 623.5	2 540.5	9 164.0	514.7	675.2	9 839.2	7.2	6.9	63.7
2002									
August	6 690.4	2 646.4	9 336.8	458.0	617.5	9 954.3	6.4	6.2	63.5
September	6 704.4	2 659.1	9 363.5	453.1	614.5	9 978.1	6.3	6.2	63.6
October	6 727.3	2 673.6	9 400.8	450.3	612.3	10 013.2	6.3	6.1	63.7
November	6 754.8	2 689.3	9 444.2	451.3	612.1	10 056.3	6.3	6.1	63.9
December	6 782.4	2 704.2	9 486.6	455.4	613.8	10 100.5	6.3	6.1	64.1
2003									
January	6 803.4	2 717.4	9 520.8	461.1	616.2	10 137.0	6.3	6.1	64.3
February	6 813.3	2 725.9	9 539.3	466.4	618.5	10 157.8	6.4	6.1	64.3
March	6 810.7	2 729.4	9 540.2	469.7	620.2	10 160.4	6.5	6.1	64.2
April	6 799.1	2 729.3	9 528.3	470.0	620.1	10 148.4	6.5	6.1	64.1
May	6 787.7	2 727.0	9 514.7	467.9	618.5	10 133.2	6.4	6.1	63.9
June	6 781.7	2 723.3	9 505.0	464.6	615.8	10 120.8	6.4	6.1	63.7
July	6 779.6	2 718.6	9 498.2	460.3	612.1	10 110.3	6.4	6.1	63.6
August	6 781.2	2 714.9	9 496.1	456.0	608.3	10 104.4	6.3	6.0	63.5

**LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER): Seasonally Adjusted**

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Looking for f/t work	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	
MALES									
August 2000	4 448.4	660.3	5 108.8	297.4	350.3	5 459.1	6.3	6.4	72.7
August 2001	4 382.9	738.6	5 121.5	327.9	385.2	5 506.7	7.0	7.0	72.3
2002									
August	4 440.4	775.5	5 215.8	283.7	351.4	5 567.3	6.0	6.3	72.0
September	4 445.8	769.5	5 215.2	284.1	346.7	5 561.9	6.0	6.2	71.9
October	4 428.0	784.8	5 212.8	277.1	338.0	5 550.8	5.9	6.1	71.6
November	4 455.5	788.6	5 244.2	278.7	342.1	5 586.3	5.9	6.1	72.0
December	4 472.7	784.6	5 257.3	284.8	348.8	5 606.2	6.0	6.2	72.2
2003									
January	4 523.2	772.3	5 295.5	286.9	351.5	5 646.9	6.0	6.2	72.6
February	4 519.9	765.5	5 285.4	282.1	344.2	5 629.7	5.9	6.1	72.3
March	4 515.6	781.7	5 297.3	288.0	341.1	5 638.4	6.0	6.0	72.3
April	4 487.7	776.0	5 263.7	292.6	357.2	5 621.0	6.1	6.4	71.9
May	4 510.7	767.2	5 277.9	287.7	346.1	5 624.0	6.0	6.2	71.9
June	4 492.7	771.7	5 264.4	288.3	350.3	5 614.7	6.0	6.2	71.7
July	4 488.4	780.9	5 269.4	280.5	341.3	5 610.7	5.9	6.1	71.5
August	4 537.0	769.5	5 306.5	266.2	318.6	5 625.1	5.5	5.7	71.6
FEMALES									
August 2000	2 271.3	1 762.8	4 034.1	156.7	246.3	4 280.4	6.5	5.8	55.4
August 2001	2 242.5	1 823.7	4 066.2	186.2	285.2	4 351.5	7.7	6.6	55.6
2002									
August	2 285.3	1 869.8	4 155.1	174.6	268.7	4 423.8	7.1	6.1	55.7
September	2 272.9	1 862.6	4 135.6	171.2	272.9	4 408.5	7.0	6.2	55.5
October	2 258.6	1 898.5	4 157.1	157.5	258.9	4 415.9	6.5	5.9	55.5
November	2 280.3	1 905.3	4 185.6	176.3	272.0	4 457.6	7.2	6.1	55.9
December	2 307.1	1 917.4	4 224.5	170.8	270.4	4 494.8	6.9	6.0	56.3
2003									
January	2 318.9	1 961.4	4 280.3	179.9	268.2	4 548.6	7.2	5.9	56.9
February	2 332.2	1 945.9	4 278.1	176.1	265.5	4 543.6	7.0	5.8	56.8
March	2 271.8	1 951.6	4 223.4	193.5	284.6	4 508.0	7.8	6.3	56.2
April	2 287.7	1 955.0	4 242.7	175.4	265.5	4 508.2	7.1	5.9	56.2
May	2 301.9	1 955.6	4 257.5	175.3	266.5	4 523.9	7.1	5.9	56.3
June	2 265.9	1 977.2	4 243.1	184.7	269.7	4 512.8	7.5	6.0	56.1
July	2 269.5	1 913.4	4 182.9	185.5	285.6	4 468.5	7.6	6.4	55.4
August	2 284.5	1 942.0	4 226.4	173.2	268.2	4 494.7	7.0	6.0	55.7
PERSONS									
August 2000	6 719.8	2 423.2	9 142.9	454.1	596.6	9 739.5	6.3	6.1	63.9
August 2001	6 625.4	2 562.4	9 187.7	514.1	670.4	9 858.2	7.2	6.8	63.8
2002									
August	6 725.6	2 645.3	9 370.9	458.3	620.2	9 991.1	6.4	6.2	63.8
September	6 718.7	2 632.1	9 350.8	455.3	619.6	9 970.4	6.3	6.2	63.6
October	6 686.6	2 683.3	9 369.8	434.5	596.9	9 966.7	6.1	6.0	63.5
November	6 735.9	2 693.9	9 429.8	455.0	614.1	10 043.9	6.3	6.1	63.9
December	6 779.8	2 702.0	9 481.8	455.6	619.2	10 101.0	6.3	6.1	64.1
2003									
January	6 842.1	2 733.7	9 575.8	466.8	619.7	10 195.5	6.4	6.1	64.7
February	6 852.1	2 711.4	9 563.5	458.2	609.7	10 173.3	6.3	6.0	64.4
March	6 787.4	2 733.3	9 520.7	481.5	625.6	10 146.3	6.6	6.2	64.1
April	6 775.4	2 731.0	9 506.4	468.0	622.7	10 129.1	6.5	6.1	64.0
May	6 812.6	2 722.8	9 535.4	463.0	612.5	10 147.9	6.4	6.0	64.0
June	6 758.6	2 748.9	9 507.5	473.0	620.0	10 127.5	6.5	6.1	63.8
July	6 757.9	2 694.4	9 452.3	465.9	626.9	10 079.2	6.5	6.2	63.4
August	6 821.4	2 711.5	9 532.9	439.4	586.9	10 119.8	6.1	5.8	63.5

# LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER): Original

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate	
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour Force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Looking for f/t work		Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%		%
MALES											
August 2000	4 401.6	667.3	5 068.9	290.9	340.8	5 409.8	2 102.5	7 512.2	6.2	6.3	72.0
August 2001	4 337.6	747.8	5 085.4	319.1	373.6	5 459.0	2 155.7	7 614.7	6.9	6.8	71.7
2002											
August	4 395.0	785.9	5 180.9	276.4	341.3	5 522.2	2 206.5	7 728.7	5.9	6.2	71.5
September	4 475.8	768.6	5 244.4	287.3	355.5	5 599.9	2 138.8	7 738.7	6.0	6.3	72.4
October	4 430.8	794.6	5 225.4	265.2	321.4	5 546.9	2 201.4	7 748.3	5.6	5.8	71.6
November	4 450.4	775.3	5 225.7	270.0	326.1	5 551.8	2 206.0	7 757.8	5.7	5.9	71.6
December	4 556.1	767.7	5 323.8	285.8	353.7	5 677.5	2 089.9	7 767.4	5.9	6.2	73.1
2003											
January	4 511.4	736.0	5 247.3	316.7	380.6	5 627.9	2 151.2	7 779.1	6.6	6.8	72.3
February	4 532.8	739.5	5 272.2	309.3	376.4	5 648.6	2 142.1	7 790.7	6.4	6.7	72.5
March	4 493.9	786.5	5 280.4	289.6	349.8	5 630.2	2 172.2	7 802.4	6.1	6.2	72.2
April	4 468.8	794.8	5 263.6	288.2	357.6	5 621.2	2 191.5	7 812.7	6.1	6.4	71.9
May	4 488.8	780.9	5 269.7	283.7	344.0	5 613.7	2 209.4	7 823.1	5.9	6.1	71.8
June	4 473.0	800.9	5 274.0	282.2	338.7	5 612.7	2 220.8	7 833.5	5.9	6.0	71.6
July	4 503.9	787.6	5 291.5	261.9	314.6	5 606.1	2 239.1	7 845.2	5.5	5.6	71.5
August	4 490.8	780.3	5 271.0	258.9	309.2	5 580.3	2 276.6	7 856.9	5.5	5.5	71.0
FEMALES											
August 2000	2 233.5	1 768.4	4 001.9	147.3	233.6	4 235.5	3 496.1	7 731.6	6.2	5.5	54.8
August 2001	2 206.0	1 832.8	4 038.8	175.5	270.4	4 309.2	3 518.1	7 827.2	7.4	6.3	55.1
2002											
August	2 248.3	1 880.8	4 129.1	164.7	254.8	4 383.9	3 555.2	7 939.1	6.8	5.8	55.2
September	2 304.5	1 898.5	4 203.0	167.4	273.0	4 475.9	3 473.7	7 949.7	6.8	6.1	56.3
October	2 260.9	1 904.2	4 165.2	150.9	248.4	4 413.6	3 545.8	7 959.4	6.3	5.6	55.5
November	2 276.2	1 918.8	4 195.0	166.8	250.5	4 445.5	3 523.7	7 969.2	6.8	5.6	55.8
December	2 354.8	1 912.9	4 267.7	175.0	270.5	4 538.2	3 440.8	7 979.0	6.9	6.0	56.9
2003											
January	2 332.3	1 860.0	4 192.3	191.3	272.2	4 464.5	3 526.6	7 991.1	7.6	6.1	55.9
February	2 335.6	1 908.1	4 243.8	199.4	303.3	4 547.1	3 456.1	8 003.1	7.9	6.7	56.8
March	2 268.2	1 950.0	4 218.2	200.1	307.0	4 525.2	3 490.0	8 015.2	8.1	6.8	56.5
April	2 261.8	1 972.2	4 234.0	176.9	272.2	4 506.2	3 520.0	8 026.1	7.3	6.0	56.1
May	2 276.7	1 972.2	4 248.9	182.8	276.9	4 525.8	3 511.2	8 037.1	7.4	6.1	56.3
June	2 237.4	2 012.3	4 249.6	179.1	263.6	4 513.3	3 534.8	8 048.0	7.4	5.8	56.1
July	2 294.7	1 921.7	4 216.4	165.4	253.4	4 469.7	3 591.2	8 060.9	6.7	5.7	55.4
August	2 247.2	1 954.2	4 201.4	163.4	254.3	4 455.6	3 618.2	8 073.8	6.8	5.7	55.2
PERSONS											
August 2000	6 635.1	2 435.7	9 070.8	438.2	574.5	9 645.3	5 598.6	15 243.9	6.2	6.0	63.3
August 2001	6 543.6	2 580.6	9 124.2	494.6	644.0	9 768.2	5 673.7	15 441.9	7.0	6.6	63.3
2002											
August	6 643.4	2 666.7	9 310.1	441.1	596.1	9 906.1	5 761.7	15 667.8	6.2	6.0	63.2
September	6 780.3	2 667.1	9 447.4	454.7	628.5	10 075.9	5 612.5	15 688.4	6.3	6.2	64.2
October	6 691.7	2 698.9	9 390.6	416.1	569.9	9 960.5	5 747.2	15 707.7	5.9	5.7	63.4
November	6 726.6	2 694.1	9 420.7	436.8	576.6	9 997.3	5 729.7	15 727.0	6.1	5.8	63.6
December	6 910.9	2 680.7	9 591.5	460.7	624.1	10 215.7	5 530.7	15 746.4	6.2	6.1	64.9
2003											
January	6 843.7	2 596.0	9 439.7	507.9	652.7	10 092.4	5 677.7	15 770.1	6.9	6.5	64.0
February	6 868.4	2 647.6	9 516.0	508.7	679.7	10 195.7	5 598.1	15 793.8	6.9	6.7	64.6
March	6 762.1	2 736.5	9 498.6	489.8	656.8	10 155.4	5 662.2	15 817.6	6.8	6.5	64.2
April	6 730.6	2 767.1	9 497.7	465.1	629.7	10 127.4	5 711.5	15 838.9	6.5	6.2	63.9
May	6 765.5	2 753.1	9 518.6	466.5	620.9	10 139.5	5 720.6	15 860.2	6.5	6.1	63.9
June	6 710.4	2 813.2	9 523.6	461.3	602.4	10 125.9	5 755.6	15 881.6	6.4	5.9	63.8
July	6 798.6	2 709.2	9 507.9	427.3	568.0	10 075.9	5 830.3	15 906.1	5.9	5.6	63.3
August	6 738.0	2 734.4	9 472.4	422.3	563.5	10 035.9	5 894.8	15 930.7	5.9	5.6	63.0

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER)—New South Wales

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici-pation rate</i>	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici-pation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
August 2000	1 512.5	1 721.6	100.9	5.5	71.7	1 512.7	1 716.9	101.5	5.6	71.6	2 540.5
August 2001	1 481.6	1 718.4	114.2	6.2	71.4	1 484.3	1 721.8	108.5	5.9	71.3	2 568.4
2002											
August	1 495.9	1 743.1	109.8	5.9	71.2	1 497.8	1 747.2	106.1	5.7	71.2	2 602.9
September	1 497.8	1 746.0	107.8	5.8	71.1	1 501.3	1 740.4	110.3	6.0	71.0	2 605.7
October	1 500.8	1 750.0	106.9	5.8	71.2	1 497.4	1 754.3	101.0	5.4	71.1	2 608.1
November	1 504.7	1 755.1	107.0	5.7	71.3	1 502.7	1 754.6	107.1	5.8	71.3	2 610.5
December	1 508.3	1 760.2	108.0	5.8	71.5	1 505.6	1 748.3	111.8	6.0	71.2	2 612.9
2003											
January	1 510.6	1 764.1	109.8	5.9	71.6	1 512.7	1 769.2	111.9	6.0	71.9	2 615.5
February	1 510.6	1 765.0	112.1	6.0	71.7	1 517.3	1 774.6	110.7	5.9	72.0	2 618.1
March	1 508.4	1 762.7	114.2	6.1	71.6	1 515.9	1 771.9	105.7	5.6	71.6	2 620.6
April	1 505.4	1 758.3	115.5	6.2	71.4	1 496.0	1 748.1	120.9	6.5	71.3	2 622.7
May	1 503.3	1 753.8	115.7	6.2	71.2	1 501.5	1 749.7	119.8	6.4	71.2	2 624.8
June	1 503.0	1 750.4	114.8	6.2	71.0	1 502.6	1 755.5	117.4	6.3	71.3	2 626.8
July	1 504.3	1 748.5	113.0	6.1	70.8	1 489.4	1 731.6	115.4	6.2	70.2	2 630.0
August	1 506.5	1 747.8	110.9	6.0	70.6	1 528.5	1 765.6	99.7	5.3	70.8	2 633.1
FEMALES											
August 2000	797.2	1 335.1	70.0	5.0	53.6	802.2	1 342.2	68.3	4.8	53.8	2 619.3
August 2001	778.9	1 341.1	87.2	6.1	54.1	780.7	1 347.0	89.3	6.2	54.4	2 641.3
2002											
August	773.7	1 356.9	84.4	5.9	53.9	791.4	1 362.5	75.7	5.3	53.8	2 672.5
September	774.8	1 361.9	84.7	5.9	54.1	775.8	1 355.9	86.2	6.0	53.9	2 675.4
October	776.9	1 369.4	85.4	5.9	54.3	755.8	1 351.1	82.2	5.7	53.5	2 677.8
November	779.8	1 378.8	86.4	5.9	54.7	782.6	1 386.9	91.0	6.2	55.1	2 680.2
December	783.3	1 388.8	87.6	5.9	55.0	786.7	1 388.1	84.5	5.7	54.9	2 682.6
2003											
January	786.1	1 397.6	88.1	5.9	55.3	785.0	1 410.8	89.6	6.0	55.9	2 685.4
February	787.0	1 403.1	87.8	5.9	55.5	801.6	1 404.5	89.2	6.0	55.6	2 688.1
March	785.5	1 404.1	87.1	5.8	55.4	784.5	1 395.4	90.3	6.1	55.2	2 690.8
April	782.1	1 401.6	86.6	5.8	55.3	768.1	1 402.9	81.7	5.5	55.1	2 692.9
May	779.2	1 398.4	86.4	5.8	55.1	784.9	1 404.3	84.7	5.7	55.3	2 695.1
June	777.7	1 395.3	86.5	5.8	54.9	778.5	1 396.4	83.0	5.6	54.8	2 697.3
July	777.0	1 392.1	86.6	5.9	54.8	770.2	1 384.0	98.3	6.6	54.9	2 700.7
August	776.4	1 389.9	86.8	5.9	54.6	784.8	1 390.6	81.0	5.5	54.4	2 704.2
PERSONS											
August 2000	2 309.8	3 056.6	170.9	5.3	62.6	2 314.9	3 059.0	169.8	5.3	62.6	5 159.9
August 2001	2 260.4	3 059.6	201.4	6.2	62.6	2 265.0	3 068.7	197.8	6.1	62.7	5 209.7
2002											
August	2 269.6	3 100.0	194.2	5.9	62.4	2 289.2	3 109.7	181.8	5.5	62.4	5 275.4
September	2 272.7	3 107.9	192.5	5.8	62.5	2 277.1	3 096.3	196.5	6.0	62.3	5 281.1
October	2 277.7	3 119.4	192.2	5.8	62.6	2 253.1	3 105.3	183.2	5.6	62.2	5 285.9
November	2 284.5	3 133.9	193.4	5.8	62.9	2 285.3	3 141.5	198.1	5.9	63.1	5 290.7
December	2 291.6	3 149.0	195.7	5.9	63.2	2 292.3	3 136.4	196.3	5.9	62.9	5 295.6
2003											
January	2 296.7	3 161.7	197.9	5.9	63.4	2 297.7	3 180.0	201.5	6.0	63.8	5 300.8
February	2 297.6	3 168.1	199.9	5.9	63.5	2 318.9	3 179.1	199.9	5.9	63.7	5 306.1
March	2 293.9	3 166.7	201.3	6.0	63.4	2 300.3	3 167.3	196.0	5.8	63.3	5 311.4
April	2 287.5	3 159.9	202.1	6.0	63.2	2 264.2	3 151.0	202.5	6.0	63.1	5 315.6
May	2 282.5	3 152.2	202.1	6.0	63.0	2 286.4	3 154.0	204.5	6.1	63.1	5 319.9
June	2 280.7	3 145.7	201.3	6.0	62.9	2 281.1	3 151.9	200.4	6.0	63.0	5 324.1
July	2 281.2	3 140.6	199.6	6.0	62.7	2 259.6	3 115.7	213.7	6.4	62.5	5 330.7
August	2 282.9	3 137.8	197.6	5.9	62.5	2 313.3	3 156.2	180.8	5.4	62.5	5 337.3

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population '000
	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemp-loyed '000	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partici-pation rate %	Employed full time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemp-loyed '000	Unemp-loyment rate %	Partici-pation rate %	
MALES											
August 2000	1 114.4	1 283.8	81.8	6.0	73.0	1 109.4	1 283.0	82.1	6.0	72.9	1 871.5
August 2001	1 114.5	1 302.7	89.8	6.4	73.1	1 112.6	1 301.1	88.4	6.4	73.0	1 904.4
2002											
August	1 119.6	1 310.5	83.4	6.0	72.0	1 120.7	1 313.7	86.0	6.1	72.3	1 937.0
September	1 117.4	1 310.0	83.6	6.0	71.8	1 120.4	1 310.7	82.4	5.9	71.8	1 939.6
October	1 117.9	1 311.6	83.3	6.0	71.8	1 103.2	1 295.7	85.4	6.2	71.1	1 942.6
November	1 121.0	1 314.9	82.6	5.9	71.8	1 120.0	1 315.0	80.5	5.8	71.7	1 945.6
December	1 125.2	1 318.9	81.6	5.8	71.9	1 130.4	1 332.6	82.9	5.9	72.6	1 948.7
2003											
January	1 128.6	1 322.1	80.5	5.7	71.9	1 135.9	1 324.8	82.6	5.9	72.1	1 951.6
February	1 130.2	1 323.5	79.9	5.7	71.8	1 128.4	1 315.1	79.3	5.7	71.3	1 954.5
March	1 130.1	1 323.6	79.9	5.7	71.7	1 135.5	1 329.6	73.5	5.2	71.7	1 957.4
April	1 129.1	1 323.5	80.1	5.7	71.6	1 124.0	1 322.3	82.4	5.9	71.7	1 959.8
May	1 129.1	1 324.8	80.2	5.7	71.6	1 122.3	1 321.4	82.9	5.9	71.6	1 962.2
June	1 130.4	1 327.4	80.1	5.7	71.6	1 131.2	1 321.6	81.0	5.8	71.4	1 964.6
July	1 132.3	1 330.5	79.6	5.6	71.7	1 135.0	1 334.7	81.6	5.8	72.0	1 967.6
August	1 134.7	1 333.7	79.0	5.6	71.7	1 139.0	1 339.2	73.7	5.2	71.7	1 970.6
FEMALES											
August 2000	563.6	1 007.8	62.9	5.9	54.9	558.6	1 007.6	61.0	5.7	54.8	1 950.3
August 2001	561.8	1 014.7	68.0	6.3	54.7	560.9	1 018.9	66.8	6.1	54.9	1 977.5
2002											
August	571.5	1 046.5	62.2	5.6	55.3	580.2	1 056.4	64.8	5.8	55.9	2 006.6
September	577.1	1 053.8	62.1	5.6	55.5	579.7	1 052.4	62.1	5.6	55.5	2 009.3
October	582.1	1 063.0	61.5	5.5	55.9	577.8	1 059.9	60.2	5.4	55.7	2 012.0
November	585.3	1 072.5	60.7	5.4	56.2	583.8	1 067.3	63.2	5.6	56.1	2 014.8
December	586.6	1 080.4	60.2	5.3	56.5	588.9	1 075.8	62.3	5.5	56.4	2 017.5
2003											
January	586.0	1 085.4	60.3	5.3	56.7	587.5	1 097.9	59.6	5.1	57.3	2 020.2
February	583.6	1 086.8	61.3	5.3	56.8	590.8	1 098.9	52.5	4.6	56.9	2 022.9
March	579.5	1 083.7	63.0	5.5	56.6	565.2	1 072.5	65.9	5.8	56.2	2 025.6
April	574.1	1 076.8	64.8	5.7	56.3	584.0	1 074.8	67.5	5.9	56.3	2 028.2
May	568.7	1 068.8	66.2	5.8	55.9	571.0	1 073.2	68.5	6.0	56.2	2 030.9
June	563.8	1 061.2	66.8	5.9	55.5	555.7	1 062.1	68.5	6.1	55.6	2 033.6
July	559.7	1 054.4	66.9	6.0	55.1	559.9	1 049.3	63.5	5.7	54.6	2 036.8
August	556.4	1 049.0	66.7	6.0	54.7	557.6	1 047.6	64.5	5.8	54.5	2 040.1
PERSONS											
August 2000	1 678.0	2 291.6	144.7	5.9	63.7	1 668.0	2 290.6	143.2	5.9	63.7	3 821.8
August 2001	1 676.3	2 317.4	157.7	6.4	63.8	1 673.5	2 320.0	155.2	6.3	63.8	3 881.9
2002											
August	1 691.1	2 357.0	145.6	5.8	63.5	1 700.9	2 370.1	150.8	6.0	63.9	3 943.6
September	1 694.5	2 363.9	145.7	5.8	63.5	1 700.0	2 363.0	144.5	5.8	63.5	3 948.8
October	1 700.0	2 374.7	144.8	5.7	63.7	1 681.0	2 355.6	145.6	5.8	63.2	3 954.6
November	1 706.2	2 387.4	143.3	5.7	63.9	1 703.9	2 382.3	143.7	5.7	63.8	3 960.4
December	1 711.8	2 399.3	141.7	5.6	64.1	1 719.4	2 408.4	145.2	5.7	64.4	3 966.2
2003											
January	1 714.6	2 407.5	140.8	5.5	64.2	1 723.4	2 422.7	142.2	5.5	64.6	3 971.8
February	1 713.8	2 410.3	141.1	5.5	64.2	1 719.2	2 414.0	131.8	5.2	64.0	3 977.4
March	1 709.6	2 407.3	142.9	5.6	64.0	1 700.7	2 402.1	139.4	5.5	63.8	3 983.0
April	1 703.2	2 400.3	144.9	5.7	63.8	1 708.0	2 397.1	149.9	5.9	63.9	3 988.1
May	1 697.7	2 393.5	146.4	5.8	63.6	1 693.3	2 394.6	151.4	5.9	63.8	3 993.1
June	1 694.2	2 388.6	146.9	5.8	63.4	1 686.9	2 383.7	149.5	5.9	63.4	3 998.2
July	1 692.0	2 384.8	146.4	5.8	63.2	1 694.9	2 384.0	145.1	5.7	63.2	4 004.5
August	1 691.1	2 382.7	145.7	5.8	63.1	1 696.7	2 386.8	138.2	5.5	63.0	4 010.7

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 &amp; OVER)—Queensland

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Civilian population
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
August 2000	827.0	950.0	77.3	7.5	73.8	825.3	946.5	77.6	7.6	73.6	1 392.2
August 2001	806.7	946.0	88.8	8.6	73.0	804.9	950.2	88.4	8.5	73.3	1 416.6
2002											
August	827.6	980.4	69.8	6.6	72.7	831.0	980.9	70.8	6.7	72.8	1 443.9
September	828.5	982.8	69.4	6.6	72.7	826.8	980.4	69.0	6.6	72.5	1 446.7
October	830.7	985.9	69.4	6.6	72.8	829.9	981.9	70.7	6.7	72.6	1 449.2
November	834.0	989.3	69.9	6.6	73.0	832.0	990.7	69.0	6.5	73.0	1 451.7
December	838.2	992.6	70.6	6.6	73.1	829.9	991.2	71.7	6.7	73.1	1 454.2
2003											
January	842.4	995.0	71.2	6.7	73.1	853.0	1 002.4	69.9	6.5	73.5	1 458.2
February	845.0	995.8	71.4	6.7	73.0	848.9	996.1	67.9	6.4	72.8	1 462.3
March	845.6	995.2	71.3	6.7	72.7	841.2	991.8	79.2	7.4	73.0	1 466.3
April	844.7	993.9	70.8	6.6	72.4	845.4	991.8	70.9	6.7	72.3	1 470.2
May	843.3	993.1	70.1	6.6	72.1	851.8	999.3	64.7	6.1	72.2	1 474.0
June	842.4	993.1	69.6	6.5	71.9	828.3	986.5	70.1	6.6	71.5	1 477.9
July	842.1	993.4	69.2	6.5	71.8	841.8	991.5	69.7	6.6	71.6	1 481.2
August	842.9	994.4	69.0	6.5	71.7	850.8	1 000.1	70.1	6.6	72.1	1 484.6
FEMALES											
August 2000	412.7	748.2	56.8	7.1	56.7	414.2	753.3	57.9	7.1	57.2	1 419.0
August 2001	411.0	762.2	65.4	7.9	57.2	413.8	762.9	66.1	8.0	57.3	1 447.1
2002											
August	421.8	775.9	66.7	7.9	57.0	422.5	781.5	66.9	7.9	57.4	1 478.2
September	423.3	780.8	65.7	7.8	57.2	425.0	785.4	65.3	7.7	57.4	1 481.3
October	425.5	786.5	64.5	7.6	57.3	426.6	788.5	64.2	7.5	57.4	1 484.3
November	427.6	792.0	63.8	7.5	57.5	423.8	786.2	63.3	7.5	57.1	1 487.3
December	429.0	797.0	63.8	7.4	57.7	425.3	791.1	62.8	7.4	57.3	1 490.3
2003											
January	429.7	801.3	64.3	7.4	57.9	440.5	808.1	62.4	7.2	58.2	1 494.9
February	429.8	804.7	64.8	7.4	58.0	429.6	811.6	66.1	7.5	58.5	1 499.4
March	429.7	807.4	64.9	7.4	58.0	426.9	806.1	68.7	7.8	58.2	1 504.0
April	429.8	809.2	64.4	7.4	57.9	423.0	798.9	63.1	7.3	57.2	1 508.1
May	430.6	810.6	63.5	7.3	57.8	436.2	817.4	62.6	7.1	58.2	1 512.3
June	432.0	812.2	62.3	7.1	57.7	430.4	812.7	62.1	7.1	57.7	1 516.4
July	433.6	813.9	61.2	7.0	57.6	433.4	810.7	62.2	7.1	57.4	1 520.1
August	435.8	815.6	60.1	6.9	57.5	438.7	819.1	59.0	6.7	57.6	1 523.9
PERSONS											
August 2000	1 239.7	1 698.2	134.1	7.3	65.2	1 239.5	1 699.8	135.5	7.4	65.3	2 811.1
August 2001	1 217.7	1 708.3	154.2	8.3	65.0	1 218.7	1 713.1	154.5	8.3	65.2	2 863.8
2002											
August	1 249.4	1 756.4	136.5	7.2	64.8	1 253.5	1 762.4	137.7	7.2	65.0	2 922.1
September	1 251.8	1 763.6	135.0	7.1	64.9	1 251.8	1 765.8	134.3	7.1	64.9	2 928.0
October	1 256.2	1 772.4	133.9	7.0	65.0	1 256.5	1 770.4	134.9	7.1	64.9	2 933.5
November	1 261.5	1 781.3	133.7	7.0	65.2	1 255.8	1 776.9	132.3	6.9	65.0	2 939.0
December	1 267.2	1 789.6	134.5	7.0	65.3	1 255.2	1 782.4	134.5	7.0	65.1	2 944.5
2003											
January	1 272.1	1 796.3	135.5	7.0	65.4	1 293.5	1 810.6	132.3	6.8	65.8	2 953.1
February	1 274.8	1 800.5	136.2	7.0	65.4	1 278.4	1 807.7	134.0	6.9	65.6	2 961.7
March	1 275.3	1 802.6	136.1	7.0	65.3	1 268.1	1 797.9	147.9	7.6	65.5	2 970.3
April	1 274.5	1 803.1	135.2	7.0	65.1	1 268.4	1 790.8	134.0	7.0	64.6	2 978.3
May	1 273.9	1 803.7	133.6	6.9	64.9	1 288.0	1 816.7	127.3	6.5	65.1	2 986.3
June	1 274.4	1 805.2	131.9	6.8	64.7	1 258.6	1 799.2	132.2	6.8	64.5	2 994.3
July	1 275.7	1 807.2	130.5	6.7	64.6	1 275.2	1 802.2	131.8	6.8	64.4	3 001.4
August	1 278.7	1 810.0	129.1	6.7	64.5	1 289.5	1 819.3	129.1	6.6	64.8	3 008.5

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemp- loyed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Civilian population
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
August 2000	329.6	383.7	32.7	7.9	70.5	328.7	384.1	31.6	7.6	70.4	590.4
August 2001	316.9	373.5	33.4	8.2	68.5	317.7	374.4	32.2	7.9	68.5	593.9
2002											
August	324.1	383.7	28.4	6.9	68.9	325.3	380.6	29.1	7.1	68.5	598.4
September	325.3	384.9	27.4	6.6	68.8	326.7	390.1	26.9	6.5	69.6	598.9
October	327.1	386.1	26.6	6.5	68.9	324.3	385.0	26.5	6.4	68.7	599.3
November	329.2	387.0	26.3	6.4	68.9	327.3	385.7	26.6	6.5	68.7	599.8
December	331.2	387.8	26.5	6.4	69.0	332.6	388.8	24.0	5.8	68.8	600.2
2003											
January	333.0	388.5	27.1	6.5	69.2	335.0	389.1	28.3	6.8	69.5	600.9
February	334.7	389.5	27.8	6.7	69.4	337.4	388.5	29.0	7.0	69.4	601.6
March	336.2	390.9	28.4	6.8	69.6	332.1	390.4	27.5	6.6	69.4	602.3
April	337.2	392.6	28.4	6.8	69.9	335.9	391.8	29.0	6.9	69.8	602.7
May	338.1	394.2	28.1	6.6	70.0	338.3	395.2	27.7	6.6	70.1	603.0
June	338.8	395.7	27.4	6.5	70.1	343.3	396.1	29.3	6.9	70.5	603.4
July	339.2	396.9	26.6	6.3	70.1	339.4	398.4	26.0	6.1	70.3	603.8
August	339.3	397.9	25.9	6.1	70.1	335.9	396.4	24.1	5.7	69.6	604.3
FEMALES											
August 2000	157.6	298.4	21.4	6.7	51.9	159.1	300.3	22.0	6.8	52.3	615.8
August 2001	155.0	303.0	20.4	6.3	52.3	151.4	302.8	20.5	6.3	52.2	619.0
2002											
August	151.1	309.2	20.1	6.1	52.8	151.1	308.7	20.1	6.1	52.7	623.5
September	152.0	309.2	20.0	6.1	52.8	152.0	309.6	20.9	6.3	53.0	624.0
October	153.6	310.1	19.6	5.9	52.8	154.6	311.1	20.0	6.0	53.0	624.4
November	156.2	312.0	19.1	5.8	53.0	154.1	311.1	19.0	5.7	52.8	624.8
December	159.4	314.5	18.5	5.6	53.3	157.8	311.9	17.9	5.4	52.8	625.2
2003											
January	162.4	317.4	18.2	5.4	53.6	163.0	318.7	17.6	5.2	53.7	625.8
February	165.0	320.2	18.0	5.3	54.0	167.3	320.1	18.3	5.4	54.0	626.3
March	166.6	322.3	18.2	5.3	54.3	168.1	325.0	18.4	5.4	54.8	626.9
April	167.0	323.4	18.5	5.4	54.5	167.6	321.6	18.4	5.4	54.2	627.1
May	166.6	323.5	18.9	5.5	54.6	165.3	326.0	18.5	5.4	54.9	627.4
June	165.9	323.1	19.3	5.6	54.6	164.2	323.6	19.4	5.6	54.6	627.6
July	165.1	322.5	19.7	5.8	54.5	168.9	320.7	20.2	5.9	54.3	628.1
August	164.2	321.8	20.0	5.9	54.4	161.1	320.4	20.1	5.9	54.2	628.4
PERSONS											
August 2000	487.2	682.0	54.1	7.3	61.0	487.8	684.4	53.6	7.3	61.2	1 206.1
August 2001	472.0	676.5	53.8	7.4	60.2	469.2	677.2	52.7	7.2	60.2	1 212.9
2002											
August	475.2	692.9	48.5	6.5	60.7	476.4	689.3	49.1	6.7	60.4	1 221.9
September	477.3	694.1	47.4	6.4	60.6	478.7	699.7	47.8	6.4	61.1	1 222.9
October	480.8	696.2	46.2	6.2	60.7	478.9	696.1	46.5	6.3	60.7	1 223.7
November	485.4	699.0	45.4	6.1	60.8	481.3	696.8	45.6	6.1	60.6	1 224.6
December	490.5	702.3	45.1	6.0	61.0	490.4	700.7	41.9	5.6	60.6	1 225.4
2003											
January	495.4	705.9	45.3	6.0	61.2	498.0	707.8	45.9	6.1	61.4	1 226.7
February	499.8	709.6	45.8	6.1	61.5	504.7	708.6	47.4	6.3	61.6	1 227.9
March	502.8	713.2	46.5	6.1	61.8	500.2	715.4	46.0	6.0	61.9	1 229.2
April	504.3	715.9	47.0	6.2	62.0	503.6	713.4	47.5	6.2	61.9	1 229.8
May	504.7	717.7	47.0	6.1	62.1	503.6	721.2	46.2	6.0	62.4	1 230.4
June	504.7	718.8	46.8	6.1	62.2	507.5	719.6	48.7	6.3	62.4	1 231.0
July	504.3	719.4	46.3	6.1	62.2	508.3	719.1	46.2	6.0	62.1	1 231.9
August	503.5	719.7	45.9	6.0	62.1	497.1	716.8	44.2	5.8	61.7	1 232.7

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici-pation rate</i>	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici-pation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
August 2000	455.6	525.7	34.7	6.2	75.2	458.2	527.4	36.7	6.5	75.8	744.7
August 2001	454.3	528.7	42.3	7.4	75.5	454.2	527.7	42.1	7.4	75.3	756.6
2002											
August	453.8	540.8	39.3	6.8	75.4	451.4	540.2	40.1	6.9	75.4	769.6
September	453.9	541.3	39.2	6.8	75.3	456.1	541.1	40.8	7.0	75.5	770.8
October	455.3	542.1	38.9	6.7	75.3	458.1	543.4	36.7	6.3	75.2	771.8
November	458.1	543.4	38.4	6.6	75.3	454.9	543.6	39.2	6.7	75.4	772.7
December	461.8	545.2	37.7	6.5	75.3	460.8	543.9	37.7	6.5	75.2	773.6
2003											
January	465.8	547.3	36.8	6.3	75.4	464.6	546.9	38.3	6.5	75.5	774.9
February	469.7	549.7	36.1	6.2	75.5	471.3	549.7	35.5	6.1	75.4	776.1
March	472.7	552.1	35.5	6.0	75.6	475.5	552.4	32.3	5.5	75.2	777.3
April	474.0	553.8	35.0	5.9	75.6	472.1	553.3	37.4	6.3	75.9	778.6
May	473.8	554.8	34.5	5.9	75.6	478.5	556.6	35.7	6.0	76.0	779.8
June	472.7	555.0	34.1	5.8	75.4	474.4	558.6	32.7	5.5	75.7	781.0
July	471.4	554.7	33.7	5.7	75.2	464.9	552.4	33.4	5.7	74.9	782.5
August	469.8	554.1	33.5	5.7	75.0	469.8	551.0	33.5	5.7	74.6	783.9
FEMALES											
August 2000	213.8	406.6	23.5	5.5	57.7	210.6	407.2	22.8	5.3	57.7	745.5
August 2001	209.2	410.9	29.0	6.6	58.1	211.5	413.9	25.1	5.7	58.0	757.3
2002											
August	211.1	419.4	23.3	5.3	57.5	213.4	417.9	24.7	5.6	57.4	770.5
September	211.3	421.2	23.9	5.4	57.7	212.4	423.6	23.1	5.2	57.9	771.7
October	211.9	423.4	24.4	5.5	58.0	209.2	420.6	25.5	5.7	57.7	772.7
November	212.6	425.3	24.8	5.5	58.2	209.9	422.5	21.3	4.8	57.4	773.6
December	213.1	426.6	24.9	5.5	58.3	215.1	427.4	29.3	6.4	59.0	774.6
2003											
January	213.6	427.1	24.5	5.4	58.2	219.2	434.7	24.9	5.4	59.2	775.9
February	214.4	426.7	24.1	5.3	58.0	214.7	427.1	22.6	5.0	57.9	777.2
March	215.3	425.5	23.9	5.3	57.7	205.9	419.0	23.5	5.3	56.8	778.5
April	215.9	424.0	24.3	5.4	57.5	216.6	423.6	24.1	5.4	57.4	779.8
May	216.3	422.7	25.1	5.6	57.3	222.0	424.6	24.0	5.3	57.4	781.0
June	216.5	421.7	26.3	5.9	57.3	219.4	424.8	25.0	5.6	57.5	782.3
July	216.3	420.9	27.6	6.1	57.2	214.2	417.3	31.2	7.0	57.2	783.9
August	216.1	420.6	28.8	6.4	57.3	212.5	421.0	28.3	6.3	57.2	785.4
PERSONS											
August 2000	669.4	932.3	58.2	5.9	66.5	668.8	934.6	59.5	6.0	66.7	1 490.2
August 2001	663.4	939.7	71.3	7.1	66.8	665.8	941.6	67.2	6.7	66.6	1 514.0
2002											
August	664.9	960.2	62.6	6.1	66.4	664.7	958.0	64.8	6.3	66.4	1 540.1
September	665.2	962.5	63.1	6.2	66.5	668.5	964.7	64.0	6.2	66.7	1 542.5
October	667.3	965.5	63.4	6.2	66.6	667.3	964.0	62.1	6.1	66.4	1 544.4
November	670.7	968.7	63.2	6.1	66.7	664.8	966.1	60.5	5.9	66.4	1 546.3
December	674.9	971.8	62.6	6.0	66.8	675.9	971.3	67.0	6.5	67.1	1 548.3
2003											
January	679.5	974.5	61.4	5.9	66.8	683.8	981.7	63.2	6.0	67.4	1 550.8
February	684.1	976.5	60.2	5.8	66.7	685.9	976.8	58.1	5.6	66.6	1 553.3
March	687.9	977.6	59.5	5.7	66.7	681.3	971.4	55.8	5.4	66.0	1 555.8
April	689.9	977.9	59.2	5.7	66.5	688.6	976.9	61.5	5.9	66.6	1 558.3
May	690.1	977.4	59.6	5.7	66.4	700.5	981.2	59.7	5.7	66.7	1 560.8
June	689.3	976.7	60.4	5.8	66.3	693.8	983.4	57.7	5.5	66.6	1 563.4
July	687.8	975.6	61.3	5.9	66.2	679.1	969.7	64.6	6.2	66.0	1 566.3
August	686.0	974.7	62.2	6.0	66.1	682.3	971.9	61.7	6.0	65.9	1 569.3

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 & OVER)—Tasmania

	TREND					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					Civilian population
	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed full time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES											
August 2000	94.9	111.0	12.1	9.8	68.1	94.5	110.9	12.1	9.9	68.2	180.6
August 2001	93.9	109.1	12.6	10.3	67.2	92.6	107.0	13.0	10.8	66.3	181.1
2002											
August	93.4	109.2	10.9	9.1	66.1	93.9	109.4	10.5	8.7	66.0	181.8
September	93.9	109.7	10.8	8.9	66.3	94.4	110.2	11.1	9.2	66.7	181.8
October	94.3	110.1	10.9	9.0	66.5	93.3	109.3	10.5	8.8	65.9	181.9
November	94.6	110.3	11.3	9.3	66.8	95.1	111.6	10.0	8.3	66.9	182.0
December	94.8	110.3	11.7	9.6	67.0	94.8	110.2	12.7	10.3	67.5	182.1
2003											
January	94.8	110.3	12.1	9.9	67.1	96.1	110.5	11.7	9.6	67.1	182.3
February	94.8	110.3	12.2	10.0	67.2	94.0	109.1	13.2	10.8	67.0	182.5
March	94.8	110.5	12.0	9.8	67.0	93.8	110.2	12.6	10.3	67.2	182.7
April	95.0	110.9	11.4	9.3	66.9	95.3	111.8	10.6	8.6	66.9	182.9
May	95.3	111.4	10.7	8.8	66.7	95.9	111.8	10.2	8.4	66.6	183.2
June	95.7	111.9	10.1	8.3	66.5	94.9	110.4	11.5	9.4	66.5	183.4
July	96.1	112.4	9.6	7.9	66.4	96.7	113.3	8.0	6.6	66.1	183.7
August	96.6	112.9	9.1	7.5	66.4	96.8	113.0	9.7	7.9	66.7	183.9
FEMALES											
August 2000	44.3	89.7	7.3	7.5	50.9	44.1	89.4	7.5	7.8	50.9	190.5
August 2001	44.2	89.4	7.2	7.4	50.4	43.8	88.7	7.5	7.8	50.2	191.6
2002											
August	43.0	89.5	7.6	7.8	50.4	43.0	90.1	7.3	7.5	50.5	192.6
September	43.5	89.3	7.7	7.9	50.3	44.4	88.8	7.8	8.1	50.1	192.7
October	44.1	89.2	7.7	7.9	50.2	44.3	89.3	7.5	7.8	50.2	192.8
November	44.5	89.3	7.6	7.9	50.2	43.2	88.0	7.2	7.5	49.3	193.0
December	44.7	89.7	7.6	7.8	50.4	46.2	90.5	8.3	8.4	51.1	193.1
2003											
January	44.7	90.4	7.6	7.8	50.7	44.0	90.8	7.1	7.3	50.7	193.3
February	44.7	91.0	7.6	7.7	50.9	45.6	90.6	8.1	8.3	51.0	193.5
March	44.8	91.6	7.5	7.5	51.1	44.5	91.5	7.4	7.5	51.0	193.8
April	45.1	92.0	7.3	7.3	51.2	43.8	92.6	6.6	6.6	51.1	194.1
May	45.7	92.5	7.1	7.1	51.2	46.2	93.5	7.6	7.5	52.0	194.4
June	46.3	93.0	6.9	6.9	51.3	45.8	91.3	7.1	7.2	50.5	194.6
July	47.1	93.5	6.6	6.6	51.4	48.1	92.8	6.8	6.9	51.1	194.9
August	47.6	93.9	6.4	6.3	51.4	48.0	95.5	5.7	5.7	51.9	195.2
PERSONS											
August 2000	139.2	200.7	19.3	8.8	59.3	138.6	200.3	19.7	8.9	59.3	371.1
August 2001	138.1	198.5	19.7	9.0	58.5	136.4	195.7	20.5	9.5	58.0	372.7
2002											
August	136.3	198.7	18.5	8.5	58.0	137.0	199.5	17.7	8.2	58.0	374.4
September	137.4	199.0	18.4	8.5	58.1	138.8	199.0	18.9	8.7	58.2	374.6
October	138.5	199.3	18.6	8.5	58.1	137.6	198.6	18.0	8.3	57.8	374.8
November	139.1	199.6	18.9	8.7	58.3	138.3	199.6	17.2	7.9	57.8	374.9
December	139.5	200.0	19.3	8.8	58.5	141.0	200.7	20.9	9.4	59.1	375.1
2003											
January	139.5	200.7	19.7	8.9	58.7	140.1	201.3	18.9	8.6	58.6	375.6
February	139.5	201.3	19.8	8.9	58.8	139.6	199.6	21.4	9.7	58.8	376.0
March	139.6	202.1	19.4	8.8	58.8	138.3	201.6	20.0	9.0	58.9	376.5
April	140.1	202.9	18.7	8.4	58.8	139.1	204.4	17.1	7.7	58.8	377.0
May	141.0	203.9	17.8	8.0	58.7	142.1	205.3	17.8	8.0	59.1	377.5
June	142.1	204.9	17.0	7.7	58.7	140.7	201.7	18.6	8.4	58.3	378.0
July	143.2	205.9	16.2	7.3	58.7	144.8	206.1	14.9	6.7	58.4	378.6
August	144.3	206.8	15.5	7.0	58.7	144.8	208.5	15.4	6.9	59.1	379.1

## TREND

	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
August 2000	43.7	50.7	2.9	5.5	73.0	73.5
August 2001	44.7	54.5	4.6	7.8	79.8	74.0
2002						
August	45.0	55.2	2.9	5.1	78.6	73.9
September	44.9	54.7	3.0	5.2	78.1	73.9
October	44.9	54.4	3.1	5.4	77.9	73.9
November	45.0	54.4	3.2	5.6	78.0	73.8
December	45.2	54.6	3.3	5.7	78.6	73.8
2003						
January	45.3	55.0	3.4	5.9	79.2	73.7
February	45.3	55.2	3.6	6.1	79.7	73.7
March	45.2	55.2	3.7	6.4	79.9	73.7
April	45.1	55.0	3.8	6.5	79.7	73.8
May	44.9	54.7	3.7	6.4	79.1	73.9
June	44.7	54.3	3.5	6.1	78.3	74.0
July	44.4	54.0	3.3	5.7	77.4	74.0
August	44.1	53.7	3.0	5.2	76.6	73.9
FEMALES						
August 2000	27.7	40.1	1.8	4.2	62.4	67.1
August 2001	28.9	43.0	3.6	7.8	68.2	68.3
2002						
August	29.8	44.0	1.9	4.2	67.0	68.5
September	30.1	44.1	1.9	4.2	67.2	68.5
October	30.2	44.2	2.0	4.3	67.5	68.4
November	30.1	44.3	2.1	4.4	67.8	68.4
December	29.8	44.4	2.2	4.7	68.1	68.4
2003						
January	29.4	44.2	2.5	5.3	68.3	68.3
February	28.9	43.7	2.8	6.0	68.1	68.3
March	28.5	43.0	3.0	6.6	67.5	68.2
April	28.2	42.2	3.2	7.0	66.5	68.2
May	28.1	41.5	3.2	7.1	65.5	68.3
June	28.1	40.8	3.1	7.1	64.4	68.3
July	28.0	40.3	3.0	6.9	63.3	68.3
August	28.1	39.8	2.8	6.6	62.4	68.3
PERSONS						
August 2000	71.3	90.8	4.7	4.9	67.9	140.6
August 2001	73.5	97.4	8.2	7.8	74.2	142.3
2002						
August	74.9	99.2	4.9	4.7	73.0	142.5
September	75.0	98.8	5.0	4.8	72.8	142.4
October	75.1	98.6	5.1	4.9	72.9	142.3
November	75.1	98.7	5.3	5.1	73.1	142.2
December	75.0	99.0	5.5	5.3	73.5	142.1
2003						
January	74.7	99.1	5.9	5.6	73.9	142.0
February	74.2	98.9	6.4	6.0	74.1	142.0
March	73.7	98.2	6.8	6.5	73.9	141.9
April	73.3	97.2	7.0	6.7	73.4	142.0
May	73.1	96.2	6.9	6.7	72.5	142.2
June	72.8	95.2	6.6	6.5	71.6	142.3
July	72.4	94.3	6.2	6.2	70.7	142.2
August	72.2	93.5	5.8	5.8	69.8	142.2

TREND						
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000
MALES						
August 2000	75.8	89.1	4.6	4.9	78.8	118.9
August 2001	72.8	87.1	5.7	6.2	77.6	119.6
2002						
August	77.1	90.3	4.4	4.7	78.2	121.1
September	77.8	90.8	4.5	4.7	78.5	121.2
October	78.2	91.0	4.5	4.7	78.7	121.5
November	78.4	91.1	4.6	4.9	78.7	121.7
December	78.2	91.0	4.8	5.0	78.6	121.9
2003						
January	77.6	90.8	4.8	5.0	78.4	122.0
February	76.7	90.6	4.7	5.0	78.1	122.0
March	75.8	90.4	4.6	4.9	77.8	122.0
April	74.9	90.2	4.4	4.7	77.5	122.1
May	74.3	90.1	4.2	4.5	77.2	122.2
June	73.9	90.0	4.1	4.3	76.9	122.3
July	73.6	90.0	4.0	4.2	76.7	122.5
August	73.5	90.0	3.9	4.2	76.6	122.6
FEMALES						
August 2000	51.5	81.1	3.2	3.7	67.8	124.2
August 2001	49.9	79.2	3.3	4.0	65.9	125.1
2002						
August	52.8	83.0	3.4	3.9	68.2	126.7
September	53.4	83.3	3.2	3.7	68.2	126.8
October	54.0	83.5	3.0	3.5	68.1	127.0
November	54.2	83.5	2.8	3.3	67.9	127.1
December	53.9	83.4	2.7	3.2	67.7	127.3
2003						
January	53.0	83.1	2.8	3.2	67.5	127.4
February	52.0	82.7	2.9	3.4	67.2	127.4
March	51.0	82.2	3.0	3.6	66.8	127.5
April	50.5	81.7	3.2	3.8	66.5	127.6
May	50.4	81.3	3.4	4.0	66.3	127.7
June	50.6	81.0	3.5	4.2	66.0	127.9
July	50.9	80.7	3.7	4.4	65.9	128.1
August	51.3	80.6	3.8	4.6	65.8	128.3
PERSONS						
August 2000	127.3	170.1	7.7	4.3	73.2	243.1
August 2001	122.7	166.3	9.0	5.1	71.6	244.7
2002						
August	129.9	173.3	7.8	4.3	73.1	247.8
September	131.2	174.0	7.7	4.2	73.2	248.1
October	132.2	174.5	7.5	4.1	73.3	248.5
November	132.6	174.6	7.5	4.1	73.2	248.8
December	132.1	174.4	7.5	4.1	73.0	249.2
2003						
January	130.6	174.0	7.5	4.2	72.8	249.3
February	128.7	173.3	7.6	4.2	72.5	249.4
March	126.8	172.6	7.6	4.2	72.2	249.5
April	125.4	171.9	7.6	4.3	71.9	249.8
May	124.7	171.4	7.6	4.2	71.6	250.0
June	124.5	171.0	7.6	4.2	71.4	250.2
July	124.6	170.7	7.6	4.3	71.2	250.6
August	124.9	170.5	7.8	4.4	71.1	250.9

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Participation rate	
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Looking for f/t work		Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%		%
MALES											
New South Wales	1 511.0	244.0	1 755.1	79.5	93.5	1 848.6	784.5	2 633.1	5.0	5.1	70.2
Victoria	1 120.5	202.9	1 323.4	61.1	74.5	1 398.0	572.7	1 970.6	5.2	5.3	70.9
Queensland	844.7	148.7	993.4	57.3	67.2	1 060.6	424.0	1 484.6	6.4	6.3	71.4
South Australia	335.4	60.0	395.4	19.8	23.8	419.2	185.0	604.3	5.6	5.7	69.4
Western Australia	466.5	81.9	548.4	27.5	33.3	581.7	202.2	783.9	5.6	5.7	74.2
Tasmania	95.0	16.5	111.6	8.8	10.4	121.9	62.0	183.9	8.5	8.5	66.3
Northern Territory	43.6	10.0	53.6	1.8	2.2	55.9	18.0	73.9	4.0	4.0	75.6
Australian Capital Territory	74.0	16.2	90.2	3.1	4.2	94.4	28.2	122.6	4.0	4.5	77.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>4 490.8</b>	<b>780.3</b>	<b>5 271.0</b>	<b>258.9</b>	<b>309.2</b>	<b>5 580.3</b>	<b>2 276.6</b>	<b>7 856.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>71.0</b>
FEMALES											
New South Wales	770.7	615.2	1 385.9	51.8	80.3	1 466.2	1 238.0	2 704.2	6.3	5.5	54.2
Victoria	549.3	497.7	1 047.0	36.8	60.6	1 107.6	932.5	2 040.1	6.3	5.5	54.3
Queensland	430.6	385.0	815.7	36.9	54.3	870.0	653.9	1 523.9	7.9	6.2	57.1
South Australia	160.7	157.4	318.0	13.3	20.3	338.3	290.2	628.4	7.7	6.0	53.8
Western Australia	212.0	208.3	420.3	15.9	26.3	446.6	338.8	785.4	7.0	5.9	56.9
Tasmania	46.6	47.3	93.8	4.7	6.2	100.0	95.2	195.2	9.1	6.2	51.2
Northern Territory	27.1	12.6	39.7	1.8	2.5	42.2	26.1	68.3	6.1	6.0	61.8
Australian Capital Territory	50.2	30.8	81.0	2.3	3.8	84.7	43.5	128.3	4.3	4.4	66.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2 247.2</b>	<b>1 954.2</b>	<b>4 201.4</b>	<b>163.4</b>	<b>254.3</b>	<b>4 455.6</b>	<b>3 618.2</b>	<b>8 073.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>55.2</b>
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2 281.8	859.2	3 141.0	131.3	173.8	3 314.8	2 022.5	5 337.3	5.4	5.2	62.1
Victoria	1 669.8	700.6	2 370.4	97.9	135.1	2 505.5	1 505.2	4 010.7	5.5	5.4	62.5
Queensland	1 275.3	533.7	1 809.1	94.2	121.5	1 930.6	1 077.9	3 008.5	6.9	6.3	64.2
South Australia	496.1	217.3	713.4	33.2	44.1	757.5	475.2	1 232.7	6.3	5.8	61.5
Western Australia	678.6	290.1	968.7	43.4	59.6	1 028.3	541.0	1 569.3	6.0	5.8	65.5
Tasmania	141.6	63.8	205.4	13.4	16.5	221.9	157.2	379.1	8.7	7.5	58.5
Northern Territory	70.7	22.6	93.3	3.6	4.8	98.1	44.1	142.2	4.8	4.9	69.0
Australian Capital Territory	124.2	47.0	171.2	5.3	8.0	179.2	71.7	250.9	4.1	4.5	71.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6 738.0</b>	<b>2 734.4</b>	<b>9 472.4</b>	<b>422.3</b>	<b>563.5</b>	<b>10 035.9</b>	<b>5 894.8</b>	<b>15 930.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>63.0</b>

	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Participation rate	Employment to population ratio	Unemployment to population ratio — looking for full-time work
	Full time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%			
MALES									
August 2000	149.0	339.4	34.9	66.6	19.0	16.4	58.8	49.1	5.1
August 2001	147.1	346.0	45.5	79.3	23.6	18.6	61.0	49.7	6.5
2002									
August	141.7	338.2	34.9	69.6	19.8	17.1	58.4	48.4	5.0
September	141.1	340.2	35.2	70.1	20.0	17.1	58.7	48.7	5.0
October	141.5	341.4	35.8	70.8	20.2	17.2	58.9	48.8	5.1
November	142.7	341.5	36.6	71.2	20.4	17.3	59.0	48.8	5.2
December	144.5	341.1	37.5	71.3	20.6	17.3	58.9	48.7	5.4
2003									
January	146.4	340.6	38.2	71.3	20.7	17.3	58.8	48.6	5.4
February	147.6	339.4	38.4	71.2	20.6	17.3	58.5	48.4	5.5
March	147.7	337.5	38.1	71.1	20.5	17.4	58.2	48.1	5.4
April	146.6	335.5	37.4	70.8	20.3	17.4	57.9	47.8	5.3
May	144.9	333.8	36.6	70.3	20.2	17.4	57.6	47.6	5.2
June	143.2	332.5	36.0	69.7	20.1	17.3	57.3	47.4	5.1
July	141.7	331.7	35.5	69.0	20.0	17.2	57.1	47.2	5.1
August	140.5	331.4	35.2	68.5	20.1	17.1	56.9	47.2	5.0
FEMALES									
August 2000	90.8	339.6	26.0	59.7	22.3	14.9	60.5	51.5	3.9
August 2001	86.4	338.4	31.2	67.7	26.5	16.7	61.0	50.9	4.7
2002									
August	79.3	337.8	27.2	64.4	25.5	16.0	60.2	50.5	4.1
September	79.5	340.0	26.6	64.6	25.1	16.0	60.5	50.9	4.0
October	79.8	342.7	26.3	64.1	24.8	15.8	60.8	51.2	3.9
November	80.2	345.5	26.6	63.3	24.9	15.5	61.0	51.5	4.0
December	80.8	348.0	27.3	62.4	25.3	15.2	61.2	51.9	4.1
2003									
January	81.2	349.9	28.1	61.4	25.7	14.9	61.3	52.1	4.2
February	81.7	351.3	28.6	60.2	25.9	14.6	61.3	52.3	4.3
March	82.4	351.9	28.5	59.1	25.7	14.4	61.2	52.4	4.2
April	83.3	351.7	27.9	58.3	25.1	14.2	61.0	52.3	4.2
May	84.2	350.8	27.0	57.7	24.3	14.1	60.7	52.2	4.0
June	85.1	349.6	26.2	57.5	23.6	14.1	60.5	52.0	3.9
July	85.7	348.2	25.6	57.6	23.0	14.2	60.3	51.7	3.8
August	86.2	346.7	25.3	58.2	22.7	14.4	60.1	51.5	3.8
PERSONS									
August 2000	239.8	679.0	60.9	126.3	20.3	15.7	5.3	50.3	4.5
August 2001	233.6	684.4	76.7	147.0	24.7	17.7	5.4	50.3	5.6
2002									
August	221.0	676.1	62.1	134.0	21.9	16.5	5.2	49.5	4.5
September	220.6	680.3	61.8	134.7	21.9	16.5	5.2	49.8	4.5
October	221.3	684.1	62.1	134.9	21.9	16.5	5.2	50.0	4.5
November	222.9	686.9	63.2	134.5	22.1	16.4	5.2	50.1	4.6
December	225.3	689.1	64.8	133.7	22.3	16.2	5.2	50.2	4.7
2003									
January	227.6	690.5	66.3	132.7	22.6	16.1	5.2	50.3	4.8
February	229.4	690.6	66.9	131.3	22.6	16.0	5.2	50.3	4.9
March	230.1	689.4	66.6	130.2	22.4	15.9	5.2	50.2	4.8
April	229.9	687.2	65.3	129.0	22.1	15.8	5.2	50.0	4.8
May	229.2	684.6	63.7	128.0	21.7	15.7	5.1	49.8	4.6
June	228.3	682.1	62.2	127.1	21.4	15.7	5.1	49.6	4.5
July	227.5	679.9	61.1	126.6	21.2	15.7	5.1	49.4	4.4
August	226.7	678.1	60.6	126.7	21.1	15.7	5.1	49.3	4.4

	EMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYED		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Participation rate	Employment to population ratio	Unemployment to population ratio — looking for full-time work
	Full time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%			
MALES									
August 2000	144.4	332.9	35.2	66.7	19.6	16.7	57.8	48.2	5.1
August 2001	150.3	350.2	45.3	71.0	23.2	16.9	60.5	50.3	6.5
2002									
August	141.1	339.1	35.7	73.3	20.2	17.8	59.1	48.6	5.1
September	140.7	338.0	33.3	69.1	19.1	17.0	58.3	48.4	4.8
October	142.1	342.8	36.8	71.7	20.6	17.3	59.3	49.0	5.3
November	140.2	342.4	36.3	71.7	20.6	17.3	59.2	48.9	5.2
December	144.7	341.3	37.5	70.5	20.6	17.1	58.8	48.7	5.4
2003									
January	146.7	339.1	39.5	72.3	21.2	17.6	58.7	48.4	5.6
February	148.9	340.0	36.1	69.5	19.5	17.0	58.4	48.5	5.2
March	149.2	337.5	41.3	71.5	21.7	17.5	58.3	48.1	5.9
April	146.2	334.6	35.9	71.1	19.7	17.5	57.8	47.7	5.1
May	147.8	340.3	37.8	70.8	20.4	17.2	58.6	48.5	5.4
June	139.7	327.0	34.8	70.6	19.9	17.8	56.6	46.6	5.0
July	139.8	323.3	33.7	67.6	19.4	17.3	55.7	46.0	4.8
August	142.4	340.9	37.1	68.0	20.7	16.6	58.2	48.5	5.3
FEMALES									
August 2000	94.6	342.8	27.1	65.5	22.2	16.0	61.9	52.0	4.1
August 2001	86.4	338.6	29.0	66.9	25.2	16.5	61.0	50.9	4.4
2002									
August	80.1	337.9	27.6	63.8	25.6	15.9	60.1	50.6	4.1
September	78.5	342.3	27.2	64.1	25.7	15.8	60.8	51.2	4.1
October	78.9	341.3	26.5	69.5	25.2	16.9	61.4	51.0	4.0
November	80.6	346.5	27.5	61.9	25.4	15.2	60.9	51.7	4.1
December	81.8	347.5	22.8	58.3	21.8	14.4	60.5	51.8	3.4
2003									
January	80.8	349.6	29.7	62.1	26.9	15.1	61.3	52.1	4.4
February	81.1	350.9	29.5	61.8	26.7	15.0	61.4	52.2	4.4
March	85.2	353.9	31.2	59.8	26.8	14.5	61.6	52.7	4.6
April	78.7	352.3	27.6	58.4	26.0	14.2	61.1	52.4	4.1
May	85.6	349.8	24.8	56.7	22.5	13.9	60.4	52.0	3.7
June	85.3	349.4	27.9	56.7	24.7	14.0	60.4	51.9	4.1
July	89.4	351.3	21.5	53.5	19.4	13.2	60.2	52.2	3.2
August	83.1	342.1	28.9	64.3	25.8	15.8	60.4	50.8	4.3
PERSONS									
August 2000	239.0	675.7	62.3	132.2	20.7	16.4	5.3	50.0	4.6
August 2001	236.7	688.8	74.3	138.0	23.9	16.7	5.4	50.6	5.5
2002									
August	221.2	677.0	63.3	137.1	22.3	16.8	5.2	49.5	4.6
September	219.2	680.3	60.5	133.2	21.6	16.4	5.2	49.8	4.4
October	221.0	684.1	63.3	141.1	22.3	17.1	5.3	50.0	4.6
November	220.8	688.9	63.8	133.6	22.4	16.2	5.2	50.3	4.7
December	226.5	688.7	60.3	128.9	21.0	15.8	5.2	50.2	4.4
2003									
January	227.5	688.7	69.2	134.4	23.3	16.3	5.2	50.2	5.0
February	230.1	690.9	65.7	131.3	22.2	16.0	5.2	50.3	4.8
March	234.4	691.4	72.5	131.3	23.6	16.0	5.2	50.3	5.3
April	224.9	686.9	63.5	129.4	22.0	15.9	5.2	50.0	4.6
May	233.4	690.1	62.6	127.4	21.2	15.6	5.2	50.2	4.6
June	224.9	676.3	62.7	127.3	21.8	15.8	5.1	49.2	4.6
July	229.2	674.6	55.2	121.1	19.4	15.2	5.0	49.1	4.0
August	225.5	683.0	66.0	132.3	22.6	16.2	5.1	49.7	4.8

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			Unemployment to population ratio — looking for full-time work		
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Looking for f/t work	Total	Participation rate	ratio — looking for full-time work
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%
NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
<b>Males</b>												
August 2000	135.5	42.0	177.6	26.6	29.0	206.5	25.4	231.9	16.4	14.0	89.1	11.5
August 2001	139.7	37.3	177.0	36.1	37.6	214.7	23.6	238.2	20.5	17.5	90.1	15.1
August 2002	130.7	41.9	172.6	26.2	28.5	201.1	26.1	227.2	16.7	14.2	88.5	11.5
August 2003	132.2	39.2	171.4	28.6	30.9	202.3	25.6	227.9	17.8	15.3	88.8	12.5
<b>Females</b>												
August 2000	83.8	39.8	123.6	19.4	20.9	144.5	25.0	169.5	18.8	14.5	85.3	11.4
August 2001	75.5	51.4	126.9	21.1	25.0	151.9	31.7	183.7	21.8	16.5	82.7	11.5
August 2002	70.8	55.9	126.7	20.3	21.3	148.0	28.0	176.0	22.3	14.4	84.1	11.5
August 2003	74.2	49.5	123.8	21.4	23.7	147.4	25.9	173.3	22.3	16.1	85.1	12.3
<b>Persons</b>												
August 2000	219.4	81.8	301.2	45.9	49.9	351.1	50.3	401.4	17.3	14.2	87.5	11.4
August 2001	215.2	88.7	303.9	57.1	62.7	366.6	55.3	421.9	21.0	17.1	86.9	13.5
August 2002	201.5	97.8	299.3	46.5	49.8	349.1	54.1	403.2	18.8	14.3	86.6	11.5
August 2003	206.4	88.7	295.1	50.0	54.6	349.7	51.5	401.2	19.5	15.6	87.2	12.5
ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
<b>Males</b>												
August 2000	*1.1	138.2	139.3	*3.9	30.4	169.7	289.2	458.9	*78.5	17.9	37.0	*0.8
August 2001	*2.7	154.5	157.2	*3.0	25.8	183.0	275.3	458.3	*51.9	14.1	39.9	*0.6
August 2002	*3.0	148.6	151.6	4.5	37.0	188.6	282.5	471.1	60.0	19.6	40.0	1.0
August 2003	*2.7	152.1	154.8	*3.2	29.9	184.7	289.8	474.5	*54.5	16.2	38.9	*0.7
<b>Females</b>												
August 2000	*2.5	203.8	206.3	*4.2	35.8	242.1	247.8	489.9	*62.5	14.8	49.4	*0.9
August 2001	*3.3	197.1	200.4	*4.3	33.1	233.5	248.0	481.4	*56.4	14.2	48.5	*0.9
August 2002	*2.3	198.4	200.7	*3.7	34.2	234.9	257.4	492.3	*61.8	14.6	47.7	*0.8
August 2003	*1.6	206.4	208.0	*3.8	32.4	240.4	259.4	499.8	*70.7	13.5	48.1	*0.8
<b>Persons</b>												
August 2000	*3.6	342.0	345.6	8.1	66.2	411.8	537.0	948.8	69.2	16.1	43.4	0.9
August 2001	6.0	351.6	357.6	7.2	58.9	416.5	523.2	939.7	54.5	14.1	44.3	0.8
August 2002	5.3	347.0	352.3	8.2	71.2	423.5	539.9	963.4	60.8	16.8	44.0	0.9
August 2003	*4.3	358.5	362.8	7.0	62.3	425.0	549.2	974.3	62.2	14.7	43.6	0.7
TOTAL												
<b>Males</b>												
August 2000	136.6	180.3	316.9	30.4	59.4	376.3	314.5	690.8	18.2	15.8	54.5	4.4
August 2001	142.4	191.8	334.3	39.0	63.5	397.7	298.8	696.5	21.5	16.0	57.1	5.6
August 2002	133.7	190.5	324.2	30.7	65.5	389.7	308.6	698.3	18.7	16.8	55.8	4.4
August 2003	134.9	191.3	326.2	31.8	60.8	387.0	315.4	702.3	19.1	15.7	55.1	4.5
<b>Females</b>												
August 2000	86.4	243.6	329.9	23.6	56.7	386.6	272.8	659.4	21.5	14.7	58.6	3.6
August 2001	78.8	248.5	327.3	25.3	58.1	385.4	279.7	665.1	24.3	15.1	57.9	3.8
August 2002	73.1	254.3	327.4	24.1	55.6	382.9	285.4	668.3	24.8	14.5	57.3	3.6
August 2003	75.8	255.9	331.7	25.2	56.1	387.8	285.3	673.1	24.9	14.5	57.6	3.7
<b>Persons</b>												
August 2000	223.0	423.8	646.8	54.0	116.1	762.9	587.3	1 350.2	19.5	15.2	56.5	4.0
August 2001	221.2	440.3	661.6	64.3	121.6	783.1	578.5	1 361.6	22.5	15.5	57.5	4.7
August 2002	206.8	444.8	651.6	54.8	121.0	772.6	594.0	1 366.6	20.9	15.7	56.5	4.0
August 2003	210.7	447.2	657.9	57.0	116.9	774.8	600.7	1 375.5	21.3	15.1	56.3	4.1

\* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		Unemployment to population ratio — looking for full-time work		
	Full time	Part time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15–19	Looking for f/t work	Total	Participation rate	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%
NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
New South Wales	68.9	26.0	94.9	16.0	18.0	112.9	16.5	129.4	18.8	16.0	87.3	12.3
Victoria	40.1	14.9	54.9	8.4	8.9	63.9	10.2	74.1	17.3	14.0	86.2	11.3
Queensland	43.0	24.6	67.6	12.6	13.1	80.7	12.1	92.8	22.6	16.2	87.0	13.5
South Australia	16.2	7.3	23.5	4.8	5.0	28.4	3.5	31.9	23.1	17.6	89.2	15.2
Western Australia	27.2	10.0	37.2	5.6	6.2	43.4	4.6	48.1	17.1	14.2	90.3	11.7
Tasmania	5.7	2.2	7.9	1.2	1.4	9.3	1.5	10.8	17.6	14.7	86.1	11.4
Northern Territory	2.8	2.1	4.9	*0.4	*0.4	5.3	2.1	7.5	*13.4	*8.0	71.3	*5.7
Australian Capital Territory	2.6	1.6	4.2	*1.0	1.6	5.8	*1.0	6.7	*26.9	27.1	85.9	*14.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>206.4</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>295.1</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>349.7</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>401.2</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>12.5</b>
ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION												
New South Wales	*1.2	103.5	104.6	*1.0	16.5	121.1	200.3	321.4	*46.4	13.6	37.7	*0.3
Victoria	*—	96.1	96.1	*0.6	17.0	113.1	149.1	262.2	*100.0	15.0	43.2	*0.2
Queensland	*2.2	80.8	83.0	*1.8	12.2	95.2	81.2	176.4	*44.5	12.8	54.0	*1.0
South Australia	*0.1	26.1	26.2	*1.0	6.2	32.4	39.0	71.4	*86.6	19.2	45.4	*1.4
Western Australia	*0.6	35.6	36.2	*2.0	7.4	43.6	52.3	95.9	*78.2	17.0	45.5	*2.1
Tasmania	*0.2	7.3	7.4	*0.6	2.3	9.7	13.6	23.3	*77.3	23.4	41.6	*2.5
Northern Territory	*—	1.4	1.4	*—	*0.1	1.6	5.6	7.1	*—	*9.3	22.2	*—
Australian Capital Territory	*—	7.7	7.7	*0.1	*0.6	8.3	8.3	16.5	*100.0	*6.9	50.0	*0.5
<b>Australia</b>	<b>*4.3</b>	<b>358.5</b>	<b>362.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>425.0</b>	<b>549.2</b>	<b>974.3</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
TOTAL												
New South Wales	70.0	129.5	199.5	17.0	34.5	234.0	216.8	450.8	19.5	14.8	51.9	3.8
Victoria	40.1	111.0	151.1	9.0	26.0	177.0	159.3	336.3	18.3	14.7	52.6	2.7
Queensland	45.2	105.4	150.6	14.4	25.2	175.8	93.3	269.2	24.1	14.3	65.3	5.3
South Australia	16.3	33.4	49.7	5.8	11.2	60.9	42.5	103.3	26.3	18.4	58.9	5.6
Western Australia	27.8	45.7	73.4	7.6	13.6	87.0	56.9	143.9	21.6	15.6	60.5	5.3
Tasmania	5.9	9.4	15.3	1.8	3.6	19.0	15.1	34.0	23.4	19.1	55.7	5.3
Northern Territory	2.8	3.6	6.3	*0.4	*0.6	6.9	7.7	14.6	*13.4	*8.3	47.3	*2.9
Australian Capital Territory	2.6	9.3	11.9	*1.0	2.1	14.1	9.2	23.3	*28.5	15.2	60.4	*4.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>210.7</b>	<b>447.2</b>	<b>657.9</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>774.8</b>	<b>600.7</b>	<b>1 375.5</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>

\* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

## WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

### EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

#### TREND REVISIONS

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 19 and 20 of Explanatory Notes).

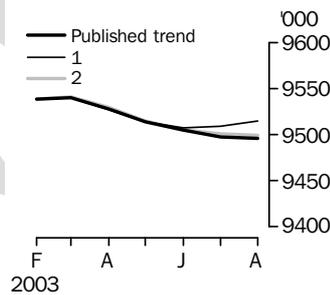
The examples in the tables below show two illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of employment and the unemployment rate.

- (1) The September seasonally adjusted estimate is *higher* than the August estimate by:
  - 0.30% for employment
  - 1.90% for the unemployment rate
- (2) The September seasonally adjusted estimate is *lower* than the August estimate by:
  - 0.30% for employment
  - 1.90% for the unemployment rate

The percentage changes of 0.30% and 1.90% were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in employment and the unemployment rate respectively.

#### EMPLOYMENT

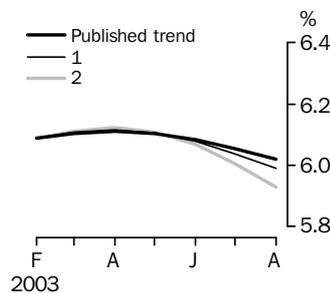
##### EMPLOYMENT



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:	
		(1) 9561.5 i.e. rises by 0.30%	(2) 9504.3 i.e. falls by 0.30%
<b>2003</b>	<i>Trend as published</i>		
	May	9 514.7	9 514.0
	June	9 505.0	9 507.7
	July	9 498.2	9 509.2
	August	9 496.1	9 515.1

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

##### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



		WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE IS:	
		(1) 5.9 i.e. rises by 1.90%	(2) 5.7 i.e. falls by 1.90%
<b>2003</b>	<i>Trend as published</i>		
	May	6.1	6.1
	June	6.1	6.1
	July	6.1	6.0
	August	6.0	6.0

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates are released one week after this publication in various electronic formats — see *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

### CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

**2** The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling the estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0) which is also available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (About Statistics—Concepts and Classifications).

### MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY

**3** The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.45% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

**4** Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for eight months, with one-eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent).

**5** The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Each year, to deal with operational difficulties involved with collecting and processing the Labour Force Survey around the Christmas and New Year holiday period, interviews for December start four weeks after November interviews start, and January interviews start five weeks after December interviews start. As a result, January interviewing may commence as early as the 8th or as late as the 14th, depending on the year. Occasionally, circumstances that present significant operational difficulties for survey collection can result in a change to the normal pattern for the start of interviewing.

**6** Estimates from the Labour Force Survey are published first in this publication 31 days after the commencement of interviews for that month, with the exception of estimates for each December which are published 38 days after the commencement of interviews.

### SCOPE OF SURVEY

**7** The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

### COVERAGE

**8** In the Labour Force Survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are necessarily a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### POPULATION BENCHMARKS

**9** Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 and over (population benchmarks). From February 1999, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Small revisions were made to many of the historical estimates from January 1995 to January 1999. The ABS expects to introduce new benchmarks, based on the 2001 census, in February 2004.

### COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

**10** From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). For further information, see paragraphs 36 and 37 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

**11** The ABS introduced telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey in August 1996. Implementation was phased in for each new sample group from August 1996 to February 1997. During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. The estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996. For further details, see the feature article in the June 1997 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

**12** From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Core labour force series were revised for the period April 1986 to March 2001 to ensure continuity. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

### SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

**13** The Labour Force Survey sample was last reselected using information collected in the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

**14** The bulk of the new sample was phased in over the period November 2002 to June 2003, with one-eighth of this portion of the sample being introduced every month. The remainder of the sample (about 18% of the total), which covers less settled areas of Australia and non-private dwellings was rotated in full for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory in November 2002, and for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia in December 2002. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes to labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, were spread over the eight months.

**15** For further details, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (cat. no. 6269.0).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**16** Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

*Sampling error* occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown on pages 27 and 28. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

*Non sampling error* arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

**17** Seasonally adjusted series are published in tables 2, 5 and 12 to 17. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. Information about the last annual review of seasonal factors was published in a feature article in the February 2003 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

**18** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement with the following frequency:

Employment: 6 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment: 8 in 10 monthly movements

Unemployment rate: 7 in 10 monthly movements

Participation rate: 9 in 10 monthly movements.

**19** The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series, and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in tables 3, 6 and 12 to 19.

**20** While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION *continued*

**21** Trend estimates are published for the Northern Territory in table 18 and for the Australian Capital Territory in table 19. Unadjusted series for the two territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month to month revisions. They may be affected by revision resulting from the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

**22** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**23** Users may also wish to refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0). This publication contains additional tables and a detailed list of related publications. For further information about this publication, please contact the Assistant Director, Labour Market Statistics on (02) 6252 6079.

**24** ABS information about the labour market can be found on the Labour theme page on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Themes—People, Labour), or from ABS Bookshops.

**25** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Products and Services). The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site (Information on Releases) which details products to be released in the week ahead.

### DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**26** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available. Inquiries should be made to Craig Blair on (02) 6252 6525 or to any ABS office.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**27** Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**28** Estimates of movement shown in this publication are obtained by taking the difference of unrounded estimates. The movement estimate is then rounded to one decimal place. Therefore where a discrepancy occurs between the reported movement and the difference of the rounded estimates, the reported movement will be more accurate.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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pts percentage points

## STANDARD ERRORS

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The estimates in this publication are based on information gained from the occupants of a sample survey of dwellings. Because the entire population is not surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.

### LEVEL ESTIMATES

To illustrate, let us say the published level estimate for employed persons aged 15 to 19 is 700,000. The calculated standard error in this case is 9,800. The standard error is then used to interpret the level estimate of 700,000. For instance, the standard error of 9,800 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real value falls within the range 690,200 to 709,800 (700,000 + or - 9,800)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real value falls within the range 680,400 to 719,600 (700,000 + or - 19,600).

The real value in this case is the result we would obtain if we could enumerate the total population.

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's level estimates.

		AUSTRALIA										
		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Aged 15 and over</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	18.5	13.9	11.0	5.1	5.4	1.8	1.2	1.8	21.6	15.7	28.5
Part time	'000	10.8	8.9	7.8	3.7	4.1	1.4	0.8	1.2	10.3	14.9	17.1
Total	'000	22.6	17.0	12.6	5.9	6.1	2.1	1.4	2.1	23.8	20.8	38.3
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	5.0	3.9	3.9	1.7	2.1	0.8	0.4	0.5	6.8	5.7	8.1
Looking for p/t work	'000	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.1	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	3.6	4.6	5.4
Total	'000	5.5	4.4	4.3	1.9	2.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	7.2	6.7	9.1
Labour force	'000	23.4	17.5	12.9	6.0	6.2	2.2	1.4	2.1	24.8	21.5	40.5
Not in labour force	'000	17.3	13.2	10.3	5.0	5.1	1.9	1.0	1.4	15.8	19.2	25.7
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	%	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
Looking for p/t work	%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2
Total	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Participation rate	%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Aged 15 - 19</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	4.1	2.9	2.9	1.3	1.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	5.3	4.3	6.3
Part time	'000	5.0	4.1	4.1	1.7	2.1	0.7	0.4	0.6	6.0	6.7	8.3
Total	'000	5.8	4.6	4.7	2.0	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	7.4	7.4	9.7
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	2.4	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.0	2.7	3.8
Looking for p/t work	'000	2.5	2.1	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.9	3.0	3.9
Total	'000	3.3	2.5	2.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	3.9	3.8	5.0
Labour force	'000	6.1	4.9	5.0	2.2	2.7	0.9	0.5	0.7	7.9	7.9	10.3
Not in labour force	'000	5.9	4.7	3.9	1.9	2.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	7.3	7.0	9.3
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	%	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.9	3.0	4.4	5.6	7.4	1.8	2.7	1.4
Looking for p/t work	%	1.7	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.9	3.1	3.1	2.6	1.3	1.0	0.8
Total	%	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.4	2.9	2.5	1.0	1.0	0.6
Participation rate	%	1.4	1.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.5	3.6	3.1	1.1	1.2	0.7
Unemployment to population ratio — looking for f/t work	%	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.3

## STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

### MOVEMENT ESTIMATES

The following example illustrates how to use the standard error to interpret a movement estimate. Let us say that one month the published level estimate for females employed part time in Australia is 1,890,000; the next month the published level estimate is 1,900,000. The calculated standard error for the movement estimate is 10,300. The standard error is then used to interpret the published movement estimate of 10,000. For instance, the standard error of 10,300 indicates that:

- There are approximately two chances in three that the real movement between the two months falls within the range -300 to 20,300 (10,000 + or - 10,300)
- There are approximately nineteen chances in twenty that the real movement falls within the range -10,600 to 30,600 (10,000 + or - 20,600).

The following table shows the standard errors for this month's movement estimates.

		AUSTRALIA										
		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Males	Females	Persons
<b>Aged 15 and over</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	9.9	7.6	6.8	3.2	3.9	1.2	1.1	1.0	14.1	11.1	16.4
Part time	'000	7.1	5.6	5.0	2.4	2.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	7.6	10.5	11.8
Total	'000	11.1	8.5	7.7	3.6	4.4	1.4	1.2	1.1	15.0	13.8	18.4
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	3.9	2.9	2.8	1.2	1.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	5.1	4.4	6.1
Looking for p/t work	'000	2.7	2.1	1.8	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	2.9	3.5	4.1
Total	'000	4.3	3.2	3.0	1.4	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	5.5	5.1	6.8
Labour force	'000	11.3	8.7	7.9	3.7	4.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	15.3	14.1	18.8
Not in labour force	'000	9.5	7.3	6.4	3.1	3.6	1.3	0.9	0.9	11.1	13.1	15.5
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	%	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Looking for p/t work	%	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1
Total	%	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Participation rate	%	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Aged 15 – 19</b>												
Employed												
Full time	'000	3.2	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	4.2	3.6	5.0
Part time	'000	3.8	3.0	2.9	1.2	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	4.6	5.1	6.2
Total	'000	4.4	3.4	3.3	1.4	1.9	0.6	0.4	0.5	5.6	5.7	7.2
Unemployed												
Looking for f/t work	'000	1.9	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.4	2.2	3.0
Looking for p/t work	'000	1.9	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	2.3	2.4	3.0
Total	'000	2.4	1.8	1.7	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	3.1	3.0	3.9
Labour force	'000	4.6	3.5	3.4	1.5	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.5	5.9	5.9	7.6
Not in labour force	'000	4.5	3.4	2.8	1.3	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	5.5	5.3	6.9
Unemployment rate												
Looking for f/t work	%	2.2	2.6	2.4	3.0	2.5	3.5	4.7	6.0	1.5	2.2	1.1
Looking for p/t work	%	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.6	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.1	0.8	0.6
Total	%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.5	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.5
Participation rate	%	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8	3.1	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.6
Unemployment population ratio — looking for f/t work	%	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.2

## GLOSSARY

<b>Actively looking for work</b>	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at the Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
<b>Attending school</b>	Persons aged 15 to 19 years enrolled at secondary or high school in the reference week.
<b>Attending tertiary educational institution full time</b>	Persons aged 15 to 24 years enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week, except those persons aged 15 to 19 years who were still attending school.
<b>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</b>	All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
<b>Employed</b>	All persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or</li><li>■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or</li><li>■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four-week period to the end of the reference week; or</li><li>■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or</li><li>■ on strike or locked out; or</li><li>■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or</li></ul></li><li>■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li></ul>
<b>Full-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.
<b>Labour force</b>	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
<b>Labour force status</b>	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
<b>Not in the labour force</b>	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.
<b>Participation rate</b>	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.
<b>Part-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.
<b>Seasonally adjusted series</b>	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See Explanatory Notes 17 and 18 for more detail.
<b>Trend series</b>	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See Explanatory Notes 19 to 21 for more detail.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

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**Unemployed** Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:

- had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:
  - were available for work in the reference week; or
  - were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

**Unemployed looking for full-time work** Unemployed persons who:

- actively looked for full-time work and were available for work in the reference week; or
- actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new full-time job.

**Unemployed looking for part-time work** Unemployed persons who:

- actively looked for part-time work only and were available for work in the reference week; or
- actively looked for work and were not available for work in the reference week because they were waiting to start a new part-time job.

**Unemployment rate** For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

**Unemployment to population ratio** For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

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