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# **October 1999 Labour Force Selected Summary Tables Australia**

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**TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, OCTOBER 1999(b)**

	<i>Males</i>				<i>Females</i>				<i>Persons</i>			
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyed</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,688.4	105.5	5.9	71.6	1,289.1	77.1	5.6	52.7	2,977.5	182.6	5.8	62.0
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,116.4	53.3	4.6	73.6	860.7	38.6	4.3	54.4	1,977.1	91.9	4.4	63.8
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	137.4	8.6	5.9	74.1	122.6	4.7	3.7	65.6	260.0	13.3	4.9	69.9
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	89.1	6.5	6.8	75.7	71.4	* 3.7	* 5.0	65.5	160.5	10.2	6.0	70.8
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	73.4	* 1.7	* 2.3	72.3	54.3	* 0.7	* 1.3	54.5	127.7	2.4	1.9	63.5
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	121.0	6.9	5.4	73.7	88.1	3.9	4.2	54.5	209.1	10.8	4.9	64.2
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	88.3	4.4	4.8	71.5	57.9	3.7	5.9	49.0	146.2	8.1	5.2	60.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	143.9	13.0	8.3	73.7	100.6	8.7	7.9	48.0	244.5	21.7	8.1	60.4
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	77.0	7.4	8.8	68.6	53.6	4.9	8.4	43.1	130.6	12.3	8.6	55.2
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	77.5	4.2	5.1	70.6	53.9	* 1.4	* 2.5	47.0	131.4	5.5	4.0	58.7
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	160.4	6.4	3.8	76.9	123.2	6.9	5.3	57.5	283.6	13.3	4.5	67.0
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.1	* 1.7	* 2.2	76.1	67.7	* 1.3	* 2.0	60.1	142.8	* 3.1	* 2.1	67.6
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	115.2	3.1	2.6	77.4	93.9	* 2.7	* 2.8	58.0	209.1	5.7	2.7	67.3
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	63.4	* 0.7	* 1.0	77.5	54.8	* 1.3	* 2.3	59.1	118.2	* 2.0	* 1.6	67.7
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	60.8	2.6	4.2	61.4	43.7	3.4	7.1	41.2	104.5	6.0	5.4	50.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	572.0	52.2	8.4	68.1	428.4	38.5	8.2	49.7	1,000.4	90.7	8.3	58.8
Hunter Statistical Region	133.1	13.3	9.1	66.9	93.4	10.3	10.0	45.7	226.5	23.6	9.5	56.1
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	109.3	12.6	10.3	65.7	80.4	7.8	8.9	46.2	189.7	20.4	9.7	55.8
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	146.9	16.0	9.8	69.3	103.8	7.3	6.5	47.8	250.7	23.3	8.5	58.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	99.4	10.3	9.3	68.7	72.5	* 3.4	* 4.5	47.2	171.9	13.6	7.3	57.9
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	75.5	6.0	7.4	71.7	53.9	* 2.1	* 3.7	50.5	129.3	8.1	5.9	61.3
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	100.9	14.3	12.4	59.6	86.9	10.0	10.3	48.4	187.8	24.3	11.5	53.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	119.9	6.2	4.9	74.1	94.7	7.2	7.1	58.2	214.6	13.4	5.9	66.0
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	71.2	* 2.5	* 3.4	73.8	49.6	* 3.6	* 6.8	51.0	120.8	6.1	4.8	62.1

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
<b>VICTORIA</b>												
VICTORIA	1,242.2	87.4	6.6	72.0	975.8	68.1	6.5	54.1	2,218.0	155.5	6.6	62.9
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	920.7	61.2	6.2	72.9	736.3	50.2	6.4	55.7	1,657.0	111.4	6.3	64.1
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	145.2	15.2	9.5	72.3	109.1	11.2	9.3	56.1	254.3	26.4	9.4	64.3
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	64.2	5.7	8.2	69.6	45.1	4.7	9.4	47.3	109.3	10.4	8.7	58.2
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	70.6	6.5	8.4	74.0	64.0	* 2.8	* 4.3	63.2	134.7	9.3	6.5	68.5
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	114.8	10.7	8.5	77.2	84.5	6.1	6.7	54.2	199.3	16.8	7.8	65.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	164.8	7.8	4.5	69.8	141.6	8.7	5.8	58.0	306.4	16.5	5.1	63.8
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	98.6	2.9	2.9	69.6	84.3	4.1	4.6	52.6	182.9	7.0	3.7	60.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	113.5	* 2.0	* 1.7	78.5	85.8	4.4	4.9	58.4	199.3	6.4	3.1	68.2
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	87.8	5.5	5.9	72.9	68.7	4.2	5.7	53.0	156.5	9.7	5.8	62.6
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.1	4.9	7.4	73.9	53.1	4.0	7.0	57.1	114.2	8.9	7.2	65.0
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	321.5	26.2	7.5	69.4	239.6	17.9	7.0	49.9	561.0	44.1	7.3	59.5
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	76.8	6.1	7.4	67.3	60.2	5.2	7.9	46.9	137.0	11.3	7.6	56.5
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	59.6	4.7	7.3	75.7	36.8	* 3.2	* 8.1	50.0	96.4	8.0	7.6	63.2
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	58.7	5.7	8.9	70.8	44.7	* 4.2	* 8.6	50.9	103.4	9.9	8.8	60.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	76.7	* 3.9	* 4.8	69.0	60.0	* 3.0	* 4.8	54.7	136.6	6.9	4.8	61.9
All Gippsland Statistical Region	49.8	5.8	10.4	65.5	37.8	* 2.3	* 5.7	46.9	87.6	8.1	8.4	56.2
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>												
QUEENSLAND	922.6	80.7	8.0	73.2	729.7	67.2	8.4	57.1	1,652.3	147.9	8.2	65.0
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	425.9	36.2	7.8	74.0	354.6	31.1	8.1	59.2	780.5	67.4	7.9	66.4
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	100.7	10.8	9.7	72.8	89.7	6.5	6.7	59.0	190.4	17.3	8.3	65.7
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	134.1	9.5	6.6	72.4	106.2	7.6	6.6	57.7	240.3	17.0	6.6	65.1
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	88.2	9.0	9.3	76.2	77.2	9.8	11.3	63.1	165.3	18.9	10.2	69.4
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	103.0	6.9	6.3	75.7	81.5	7.3	8.2	57.7	184.5	14.2	7.1	66.4
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	496.7	44.5	8.2	72.4	375.1	36.1	8.8	55.2	871.8	80.6	8.5	63.8
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	93.9	10.4	10.0	70.7	72.9	6.3	8.0	54.1	166.8	16.7	9.1	62.4
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	78.4	6.8	8.0	65.6	60.8	8.2	11.8	53.7	139.2	14.9	9.7	59.7
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.1	7.1	12.6	67.8	38.4	5.5	12.5	52.1	87.5	12.6	12.6	59.9
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	63.0	* 2.8	* 4.2	72.0	53.3	* 2.2	* 4.0	56.5	116.3	5.0	4.1	64.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	102.1	8.8	7.9	80.3	63.7	5.8	8.4	56.2	165.8	14.6	8.1	68.9
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.6	4.3	6.8	76.6	44.2	4.3	8.9	59.7	102.8	8.6	7.7	68.2
Far North Statistical Region	51.7	4.4	7.9	74.2	41.7	* 3.7	* 8.2	55.3	93.4	8.1	8.0	64.4
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	99.8	10.4	9.5	71.6	76.7	6.2	7.5	53.9	176.5	16.7	8.6	62.8

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<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	373.1	37.4	9.1	70.0	292.5	25.0	7.9	51.8	665.5	62.4	8.6	60.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	275.5	26.1	8.7	70.2	216.6	18.9	8.0	51.3	492.0	45.0	8.4	60.4
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.7	8.2	9.1	68.5	65.2	7.3	10.0	52.1	147.0	15.4	9.5	60.1
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	50.3	8.4	14.4	68.7	41.8	4.5	9.7	51.8	92.1	12.9	12.3	60.1
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	56.6	3.3	5.6	69.7	49.2	2.4	4.6	52.1	105.8	5.7	5.1	60.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	86.8	6.2	6.7	73.1	60.4	4.8	7.4	49.6	147.2	11.0	7.0	61.2
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	97.6	11.3	10.4	69.4	75.9	6.1	7.5	53.1	173.5	17.4	9.1	61.3
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	39.0	5.6	12.5	71.0	29.5	3.2	9.8	55.2	68.5	8.8	11.4	63.3
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	58.6	5.7	8.9	68.2	46.4	2.9	5.9	51.8	105.0	8.6	7.6	60.0
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	522.9	38.8	6.9	76.4	396.6	22.7	5.4	57.0	919.5	61.5	6.3	66.7
Perth Major Statistical Region	376.6	31.7	7.8	75.9	299.3	16.6	5.3	56.9	676.0	48.3	6.7	66.2
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	34.2	2.8	7.7	72.2	28.4	* 1.1	* 3.6	59.0	62.7	3.9	5.9	65.7
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	57.4	3.4	5.6	77.0	47.1	2.3	4.7	55.6	104.5	5.7	5.2	65.7
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	120.8	9.2	7.1	78.5	93.8	5.7	5.7	59.4	214.6	14.9	6.5	68.9
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	78.2	6.8	8.0	74.3	63.2	3.5	5.3	56.7	141.4	10.3	6.8	65.4
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	86.0	9.4	9.8	74.6	66.8	4.0	5.7	53.9	152.7	13.4	8.1	64.1
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	146.2	7.1	4.6	77.9	97.3	6.1	5.9	57.4	243.5	13.2	5.1	68.1
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	69.0	4.3	5.8	70.2	47.9	3.1	6.0	52.5	116.9	7.3	5.9	61.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	77.2	* 2.9	* 3.6	86.5	49.4	* 3.0	* 5.8	63.2	126.6	5.9	4.4	75.5
<b>TASMANIA</b>												
TASMANIA	109.2	12.1	10.0	67.3	86.2	8.2	8.7	49.7	195.4	20.3	9.4	58.3
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	53.4	5.6	9.5	66.3	42.5	4.5	9.5	49.7	95.9	10.1	9.5	57.8
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.9	4.7	9.4	66.9	36.3	3.7	9.2	49.7	81.1	8.4	9.3	58.0
Northern Statistical Region Sector	31.7	3.1	8.9	67.7	24.1	1.6	6.2	48.0	55.8	4.7	7.7	57.6
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.1	3.4	12.4	69.1	19.6	2.1	9.7	51.9	43.7	5.5	11.2	60.3
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	53.6	2.0	3.6	76.2	41.6	1.6	3.6	65.1	95.2	3.5	3.6	70.9
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	135.0	10.5	7.2	76.1	109.5	8.4	7.2	60.8	244.5	18.9	7.2	68.4
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	87.5	4.7	5.1	79.9	78.2	4.6	5.5	67.6	165.7	9.3	5.3	73.6
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>												
AUSTRALIA	4,999.4	368.6	6.9	72.4	3,889.7	274.4	6.6	54.5	8,889.2	643.0	6.7	63.3

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
	- '000-											
ORIGINAL												
1998 —												
August	68.1	37.4	105.5	90.6	47.6	138.1	158.7	84.9	243.6	36.5	29.3	33.6
September	66.5	43.2	109.7	99.5	46.4	145.9	166.0	89.6	255.6	37.5	28.1	33.5
October	64.3	35.4	99.7	83.4	47.1	130.5	147.7	82.5	230.2	37.4	28.6	33.7
November	59.1	37.2	96.3	99.3	46.6	145.9	158.5	83.8	242.2	38.6	28.3	34.3
December	55.3	40.7	96.0	85.7	43.9	129.6	141.0	84.6	225.6	34.2	29.0	32.0
1999 —												
January	62.6	41.4	104.0	91.9	42.0	133.9	154.5	83.4	237.9	34.5	27.1	31.5
February	58.5	41.1	99.6	96.3	47.8	144.1	154.9	88.9	243.7	34.9	26.4	31.2
March	55.5	36.9	92.4	85.1	43.8	128.9	140.5	80.7	221.2	34.7	24.4	30.0
April	52.2	32.3	84.5	83.0	42.1	125.2	135.2	74.5	209.7	33.6	24.6	29.7
May	54.4	36.9	91.3	84.9	36.1	121.0	139.3	73.0	212.3	35.0	25.1	30.8
June	49.0	25.6	74.6	75.8	41.2	117.0	124.8	66.8	191.6	33.6	24.1	29.5
July	43.6	28.6	72.2	76.9	38.2	115.1	120.5	66.8	187.3	33.5	25.2	30.0
August	46.0	32.3	78.4	76.0	37.3	113.3	122.0	69.6	191.6	31.9	25.8	29.4
September	48.3	33.4	81.7	86.9	43.2	130.1	135.2	76.6	211.8	33.5	24.7	29.7
October	46.8	26.6	73.4	82.0	40.7	122.7	128.8	67.3	196.1	34.9	24.5	30.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1998 —												
August	67.8	40.3	108.2	94.2	47.3	141.6	162.1	87.7	249.8	36.2	28.5	33.0
September	64.3	41.3	105.6	93.7	45.5	139.2	158.0	86.8	244.7	36.2	27.3	32.5
October	64.5	36.5	100.9	88.8	44.8	133.6	153.3	81.2	234.5	36.7	27.2	32.7
November	59.6	36.8	96.4	100.4	45.4	145.8	160.0	82.2	242.1	37.4	26.1	32.6
December	57.2	39.4	96.6	85.6	45.8	131.5	142.8	85.3	228.0	34.4	28.9	32.1
1999 —												
January	60.1	39.7	99.8	90.7	45.8	136.5	150.8	85.5	236.3	36.8	29.1	33.6
February	55.3	35.5	90.8	87.4	43.7	131.0	142.7	79.2	221.9	35.1	27.3	31.9
March	53.9	36.0	89.9	79.2	42.9	122.1	133.1	78.9	212.0	34.2	25.8	30.5
April	53.7	33.3	86.9	84.1	41.8	125.8	137.8	75.0	212.8	33.7	25.2	30.1
May	55.4	38.8	94.2	88.4	36.7	125.2	143.9	75.5	219.4	35.6	25.4	31.3
June	52.7	28.5	81.2	77.7	43.0	120.8	130.4	71.5	202.0	33.8	24.4	29.7
July	44.0	29.6	73.6	83.0	40.1	123.0	127.0	69.7	196.7	33.8	24.4	29.8
August	45.7	34.9	80.6	79.0	37.1	116.1	124.7	72.0	196.7	31.5	25.1	28.8
September	46.6	31.9	78.4	81.6	42.2	123.8	128.1	74.1	202.2	32.4	24.1	28.8
October	46.9	27.5	74.4	87.4	38.6	125.9	134.3	66.0	200.3	34.5	23.2	29.7
TREND SERIES												
1998 —												
August	64.9	40.1	105.0	92.6	46.7	139.3	157.5	86.8	244.3	35.7	27.7	32.4
September	64.2	39.5	103.7	93.7	46.3	140.0	157.9	85.8	243.7	36.2	27.6	32.6
October	63.0	39.0	102.0	93.7	45.9	139.6	156.7	84.9	241.6	36.5	27.7	32.8
November	61.2	38.4	99.6	92.5	45.6	138.1	153.6	84.1	237.7	36.4	27.8	32.8
December	59.2	38.0	97.1	90.5	45.3	135.8	149.7	83.2	232.9	36.1	27.8	32.6
1999 —												
January	57.5	37.6	95.1	88.4	44.6	133.0	145.9	82.2	228.2	35.6	27.6	32.2
February	56.4	37.0	93.3	86.5	43.8	130.2	142.8	80.7	223.6	35.2	27.2	31.8
March	55.3	36.0	91.3	84.8	42.6	127.4	140.1	78.6	218.7	34.8	26.5	31.3
April r	53.9	34.8	88.8	83.3	41.4	124.8	137.3	76.3	213.6	34.5	25.8	30.8
May r	52.2	33.7	85.9	82.4	40.5	122.9	134.6	74.2	208.9	34.1	25.1	30.3
June r	50.3	32.8	83.1	81.9	40.0	122.0	132.3	72.8	205.1	33.7	24.8	29.9
July r	48.6	32.0	80.6	81.8	39.8	121.6	130.4	71.9	202.2	33.4	24.6	29.6
August r	47.1	31.3	78.4	82.0	39.7	121.6	129.0	71.0	200.0	33.1	24.3	29.4
September r	45.9	30.5	76.5	82.5	39.6	122.0	128.4	70.1	198.5	33.0	24.1	29.2
October	45.1	29.9	75.0	82.9	39.5	122.4	128.0	69.5	197.4	32.9	23.8	29.1

**TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER 1999**  
(’000)

<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Unemployed under 52 weeks</i>	<i>Long-term unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment</i>
		<i>Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104</i>	<i>Unemployed 104 weeks and over</i>		
<b>MALES</b>					
New South Wales	67.9	13.1	24.5	37.7	35.7
Victoria	49.6	13.1	24.7	37.8	43.2
Queensland	56.9	10.4	13.4	23.8	29.5
South Australia	22.1	4.7	10.6	15.3	40.9
Western Australia	31.2	4.1	3.5	7.5	19.5
Tasmania	7.0	* 0.8	4.3	5.1	41.8
Northern Territory	1.5	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 0.4	* 22.6
Australian Capital Territory	3.5	* 0.4	* 0.9	1.3	26.6
<i>Australia</i>	<i>239.8</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>82.0</i>	<i>128.8</i>	<i>34.9</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>					
New South Wales	58.0	7.8	11.2	19.0	24.7
Victoria	53.1	6.3	8.7	14.9	21.9
Queensland	51.8	4.7	10.6	15.4	22.9
South Australia	15.5	4.1	5.5	9.6	38.3
Western Australia	18.5	* 1.9	* 2.3	4.2	18.6
Tasmania	5.0	1.4	1.8	3.2	38.9
Northern Territory	1.4	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 12.2
Australian Capital Territory	3.8	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 0.8	* 16.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>207.1</i>	<i>26.6</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>67.3</i>	<i>24.5</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>					
New South Wales	125.9	20.9	35.8	56.7	31.0
Victoria	102.8	19.3	33.4	52.7	33.9
Queensland	108.8	15.1	24.1	39.2	26.5
South Australia	37.6	8.7	16.1	24.9	39.8
Western Australia	49.7	6.0	5.8	11.8	19.2
Tasmania	12.0	2.2	6.0	8.2	40.6
Northern Territory	2.9	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.6	* 18.0
Australian Capital Territory	7.3	* 0.7	1.3	2.0	21.8
<b>Australia</b>	<b>446.9</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>30.5</b>

## NOTES

- INTRODUCTION**      **1** This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.
- REGIONAL ESTIMATES**      **2** This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.
- 3** The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability than for similar estimates at the State level. In addition estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.
- 4** Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics* (cat. no. 6262.0).
- INDUSTRY**      **5** From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993* (cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.
- STANDARD ERRORS**      **6** Standard errors of the estimates in this report for the States, Territories and Australia can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Rosemary White on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
- 7** Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. \*1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.
- SYMBOLS**      \*      subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.  
r      revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.
- FURTHER INFORMATION**      **8** For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0).

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