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CHANGES THIS MONTH

The April 2001 Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series have been minor, to ensure continuity, revisions have been made to estimates previously published in Table 2. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. Data in Tables 1 and 3 are not strictly comparable with earlier data. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0), contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series.

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, APRIL 2001(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>
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NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,714.1	105.1	5.8	71.1	1,357.1	81.4	5.7	54.7	3,071.2	186.5	5.7	62.8
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,122.5	68.3	5.7	73.4	898.3	48.7	5.1	56.5	2,020.8	117.1	5.5	64.8
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	138.9	7.1	4.8	75.8	121.9	5.4	4.2	65.5	260.8	12.4	4.6	70.6
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	88.6	5.7	6.0	76.5	84.5	* 2.7	* 3.1	69.0	173.1	8.4	4.6	72.7
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	63.6	2.5	3.8	71.9	53.0	3.1	5.5	57.0	116.5	5.6	4.5	64.2
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	118.1	4.3	3.5	73.4	103.2	3.8	3.6	58.9	221.3	8.1	3.5	65.8
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	76.7	4.9	6.0	67.1	46.9	3.7	7.3	41.9	123.6	8.6	6.5	54.5
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	145.7	18.9	11.5	72.2	115.6	13.4	10.4	54.5	261.3	32.3	11.0	63.1
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	85.2	11.7	12.0	70.2	64.0	8.6	11.8	50.1	149.3	20.3	12.0	59.9
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	78.5	3.5	4.2	66.9	51.1	3.3	6.1	47.3	129.6	6.8	5.0	57.4
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	160.2	12.0	7.0	76.4	124.8	4.7	3.6	57.9	285.1	16.7	5.5	67.2
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	75.7	* 2.7	* 3.4	76.0	66.3	3.2	4.6	58.9	141.9	5.9	4.0	66.9
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	125.7	4.3	3.3	78.7	102.1	4.5	4.2	61.8	227.8	8.8	3.7	70.1
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	69.6	* 1.7	* 2.4	76.9	56.5	* 0.4	* 0.6	58.0	126.1	* 2.0	* 1.6	67.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	69.8	6.6	8.6	67.6	57.0	3.3	5.4	50.9	126.8	9.9	7.2	59.1
Hunter Statistical Region	138.1	13.7	9.0	64.9	108.1	12.7	10.5	51.7	246.2	26.4	9.7	58.3
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	113.7	11.7	9.3	64.9	92.8	11.8	11.3	52.6	206.4	23.5	10.2	58.6
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	145.3	6.8	4.5	66.2	115.6	4.9	4.1	50.3	260.9	11.7	4.3	58.1
Illawarra Statistical Region	101.5	4.9	4.6	66.2	82.1	* 3.2	* 3.8	50.5	183.6	8.1	4.2	58.2
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	75.5	3.0	3.8	67.3	58.3	* 1.9	* 3.2	49.3	133.8	4.9	3.6	58.1
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	105.0	8.0	7.0	63.8	87.9	6.8	7.2	51.2	192.9	14.8	7.1	57.4
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	127.4	* 4.1	* 3.1	71.1	89.5	* 4.1	* 4.4	49.5	216.8	8.2	3.7	60.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	75.8	* 4.2	* 5.2	73.4	57.7	* 4.1	* 6.6	57.5	133.5	8.2	5.8	65.5

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,304.2	88.8	6.4	73.5	1,006.4	67.1	6.3	54.5	2,310.7	155.9	6.3	63.8
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	960.9	65.5	6.4	74.3	753.5	49.7	6.2	55.6	1,714.4	115.2	6.3	64.8
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	142.3	10.7	7.0	72.3	108.1	10.1	8.6	53.2	250.4	20.8	7.7	62.5
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	75.0	6.7	8.2	75.1	51.6	5.3	9.3	50.2	126.6	12.0	8.7	62.4
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	77.7	4.9	5.9	78.8	69.0	4.2	5.8	65.2	146.7	9.1	5.8	71.8
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	110.3	10.1	8.4	74.7	87.3	3.4	3.7	54.3	197.5	13.5	6.4	64.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	163.0	8.3	4.8	71.0	130.0	5.7	4.2	52.8	293.1	14.0	4.5	61.6
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	99.4	5.4	5.2	70.1	93.3	5.0	5.1	58.5	192.7	10.5	5.1	64.0
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	133.4	7.9	5.6	80.0	101.2	4.2	4.0	60.7	234.6	12.1	4.9	70.5
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	101.4	7.5	6.9	75.9	67.6	7.8	10.4	54.8	169.0	15.3	8.3	65.6
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	58.4	4.0	6.4	73.9	45.4	3.9	7.9	53.4	103.8	7.9	7.1	63.2
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	343.3	23.3	6.4	71.5	253.0	17.5	6.5	51.4	596.3	40.8	6.4	61.4
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	100.4	6.4	6.0	72.4	74.1	4.7	5.9	53.2	174.5	11.0	5.9	62.8
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	52.1	* 2.9	* 5.3	71.4	41.3	* 1.8	* 4.2	52.4	93.5	4.8	4.8	61.6
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	66.5	* 4.3	* 6.1	73.6	47.0	5.5	10.5	52.6	113.5	9.8	8.0	62.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	71.2	4.5	6.0	72.5	52.6	* 2.9	* 5.3	52.2	123.7	7.5	5.7	62.3
All Gippsland Statistical Region	53.2	5.2	8.8	66.8	38.0	* 2.5	* 6.2	45.3	91.1	7.7	7.8	55.9
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	933.1	95.4	9.3	73.0	760.4	73.0	8.8	58.0	1,693.5	168.4	9.0	65.4
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	431.5	42.7	9.0	73.8	362.9	30.7	7.8	58.7	794.5	73.4	8.5	66.0
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	101.7	10.4	9.3	74.2	93.8	5.6	5.6	62.2	195.5	15.9	7.5	68.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	129.2	10.7	7.6	72.4	111.8	9.4	7.7	57.4	241.0	20.1	7.7	64.6
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	91.5	10.9	10.7	77.2	72.7	9.4	11.4	60.8	164.3	20.3	11.0	68.9
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	109.1	10.7	8.9	72.2	84.6	6.3	7.0	55.1	193.7	17.0	8.1	63.7
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	501.6	52.7	9.5	72.4	397.5	42.4	9.6	57.3	899.0	95.1	9.6	64.9
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	112.6	13.7	10.8	72.9	91.4	8.5	8.5	56.0	204.1	22.1	9.8	64.3
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	75.2	8.8	10.5	69.2	68.8	8.6	11.2	58.3	144.0	17.4	10.8	63.5
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	44.0	8.5	16.3	60.0	34.6	7.6	18.0	46.4	78.6	16.2	17.0	53.1
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	66.1	3.6	5.2	78.3	50.8	3.3	6.1	63.8	116.9	6.9	5.6	71.2
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	85.6	7.9	8.5	76.9	59.2	7.4	11.1	57.4	144.9	15.4	9.6	67.4
Northern-North West Statistical Region	56.9	* 3.2	* 5.4	74.0	38.5	3.9	9.2	58.6	95.4	7.1	6.9	66.7
Far North Statistical Region	61.1	6.9	10.1	74.4	54.1	* 3.0	* 5.3	62.4	115.2	9.9	7.9	68.4
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	113.9	14.3	11.2	72.6	95.1	8.9	8.6	56.4	208.9	23.2	10.0	64.3

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	371.4	34.2	8.4	68.5	302.5	19.4	6.0	52.1	673.8	53.6	7.4	60.1
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	268.8	26.6	9.0	68.0	224.4	15.7	6.5	52.0	493.2	42.3	7.9	59.8
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	86.4	10.6	10.9	69.7	63.2	5.2	7.6	49.9	149.6	15.8	9.6	59.9
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.3	5.5	9.8	68.1	46.6	4.7	9.1	54.9	97.9	10.2	9.5	61.2
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	57.0	3.0	5.0	68.9	50.4	2.4	4.6	55.7	107.5	5.4	4.8	62.0
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	74.1	7.5	9.2	65.5	64.2	3.4	5.0	49.5	138.2	10.9	7.3	57.1
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	102.6	7.6	6.9	69.6	78.1	3.7	4.6	52.5	180.7	11.3	5.9	61.1
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.5	2.8	6.9	68.0	25.0	2.4	8.6	48.5	63.5	5.2	7.6	58.6
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	64.0	4.8	6.9	70.6	53.1	* 1.4	* 2.5	54.8	117.1	6.1	5.0	62.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	528.0	40.1	7.1	75.5	413.4	29.6	6.7	58.8	941.5	69.7	6.9	67.2
Perth Major Statistical Region	383.4	30.3	7.3	75.0	311.4	21.3	6.4	58.5	694.8	51.5	6.9	66.6
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	32.6	2.5	7.0	67.2	28.3	1.8	5.8	57.7	60.9	4.2	6.5	62.5
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	64.6	5.3	7.6	77.8	50.4	2.6	4.9	60.6	115.0	7.9	6.4	69.3
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	119.5	9.6	7.4	75.9	95.1	8.1	7.8	60.5	214.6	17.6	7.6	68.2
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	76.8	5.6	6.8	75.5	63.6	4.7	6.8	56.1	140.4	10.3	6.8	65.3
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	89.9	7.3	7.5	74.5	73.9	4.2	5.3	57.1	163.9	11.5	6.6	65.6
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	144.7	9.8	6.4	76.9	102.0	8.4	7.6	59.8	246.6	18.2	6.9	68.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	74.8	6.5	8.0	70.6	55.3	5.0	8.4	56.2	130.1	11.5	8.1	63.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	69.8	3.3	4.6	85.5	46.7	3.4	6.7	64.9	116.5	6.7	5.4	75.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	110.6	12.5	10.1	68.0	91.3	6.6	6.7	51.2	202.0	19.1	8.6	59.4
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	50.7	6.1	10.7	65.5	44.8	3.1	6.4	51.5	95.5	9.1	8.7	58.3
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.0	5.2	10.5	66.1	39.4	2.7	6.4	52.1	83.4	7.8	8.6	58.8
Northern Statistical Region Sector	36.0	2.9	7.5	72.4	27.8	1.5	5.2	52.6	63.9	4.4	6.5	62.3
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	23.8	3.5	12.8	67.5	18.7	2.0	9.8	48.7	42.5	5.5	11.5	57.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	52.5	4.0	7.0	76.5	43.3	2.2	4.8	66.9	95.8	6.2	6.0	71.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	131.5	7.3	5.3	73.8	112.9	6.1	5.1	61.0	244.4	13.4	5.2	67.3
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	87.7	5.4	5.8	78.2	79.4	4.4	5.2	67.2	167.1	9.8	5.5	72.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	5,101.7	385.4	7.0	72.4	4,053.9	283.8	6.5	55.7	9,155.5	669.2	6.8	63.9

(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												
2000 —												
February	41.2	24.0	65.3	76.0	36.4	112.4	117.2	60.4	177.6	30.8	19.7	25.9
March	37.2	30.1	67.3	67.2	37.3	104.5	104.4	67.4	171.8	28.2	22.1	25.5
April	36.6	25.2	61.8	65.2	34.1	99.4	101.8	59.3	161.1	28.8	21.3	25.5
May	39.9	28.3	68.3	65.7	30.5	96.2	105.6	58.9	164.5	30.2	21.4	26.4
June	37.7	21.4	59.1	65.9	28.8	94.7	103.6	50.2	153.8	30.7	20.5	26.4
July	36.6	20.4	57.1	56.3	29.3	85.6	93.0	49.7	142.7	29.0	22.4	26.3
August	36.1	24.1	60.1	58.8	29.0	87.8	94.9	53.1	148.0	27.8	22.7	25.8
September	32.2	20.9	53.1	62.8	30.6	93.4	95.0	51.5	146.4	26.9	21.1	24.5
October	40.4	22.3	62.6	58.5	26.7	85.1	98.8	49.0	147.8	29.9	21.5	26.5
November	34.7	23.0	57.7	56.6	25.1	81.7	91.2	48.1	139.4	26.6	20.6	24.1
December	36.4	22.8	59.2	57.4	25.6	83.0	93.8	48.4	142.2	25.7	19.2	23.0
2001 —												
January	39.3	22.0	61.3	54.4	20.8	75.2	93.7	42.8	136.5	23.9	16.7	21.1
February	36.6	26.5	63.2	59.6	31.4	91.0	96.3	57.9	154.2	23.2	18.9	21.4
March	38.9	25.5	64.4	52.2	29.3	81.5	91.1	54.8	145.9	23.7	18.8	21.6
April	37.8	24.1	61.9	60.3	27.5	87.9	98.1	51.7	149.8	25.5	18.2	22.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
2000 —												
February	40.2	20.3	60.5	68.7	33.1	101.8	108.9	53.4	162.3	31.2	20.1	26.4
March	38.2	29.5	67.7	66.5	35.1	101.5	104.7	64.5	169.2	29.5	23.3	26.8
April	38.0	26.3	64.3	67.5	33.1	100.6	105.5	59.5	164.9	29.4	21.6	26.1
May	39.7	28.6	68.3	67.8	32.6	100.4	107.6	61.2	168.7	30.4	22.3	26.9
June	39.0	24.5	63.6	69.9	30.6	100.5	108.9	55.2	164.1	31.0	21.7	27.1
July	37.9	22.3	60.2	60.1	30.3	90.4	98.0	52.5	150.6	28.5	21.2	25.5
August	36.2	24.0	60.1	60.9	29.9	90.8	97.1	53.8	150.9	27.8	21.9	25.3
September	30.9	19.1	50.0	57.9	27.6	85.5	88.8	46.7	135.6	25.9	19.5	23.3
October	39.1	24.1	63.2	57.6	25.6	83.2	96.7	49.7	146.5	27.7	20.9	24.9
November	33.9	23.0	56.8	56.5	26.3	82.8	90.4	49.3	139.7	25.4	19.7	23.0
December	36.9	22.5	59.4	57.0	26.0	83.0	93.9	48.5	142.5	26.0	19.1	23.2
2001 —												
January	38.3	21.6	59.9	54.7	22.9	77.5	93.0	44.5	137.5	25.5	17.6	22.3
February	35.9	22.4	58.3	54.0	28.5	82.5	89.9	50.9	140.9	23.7	19.2	21.8
March	40.1	24.9	65.0	51.7	27.5	79.2	91.8	52.5	144.3	24.9	19.9	22.8
April	39.2	25.2	64.5	62.5	26.8	89.3	101.7	52.0	153.7	26.0	18.6	22.9
TREND SERIES												
2000 —												
February	39.5	24.5	64.0	68.3	35.0	103.3	107.8	59.5	167.3	30.2	21.9	26.7
March	39.1	25.5	64.6	68.1	34.4	102.5	107.2	59.9	167.1	30.2	22.0	26.7
April	38.8	26.2	65.0	67.7	33.5	101.3	106.5	59.7	166.2	30.1	22.1	26.6
May	38.5	26.1	64.5	66.9	32.4	99.3	105.4	58.5	163.9	29.9	22.0	26.5
June	37.9	25.2	63.1	65.4	31.2	96.6	103.3	56.5	159.7	29.5	21.8	26.2
July	37.0	24.0	61.1	63.3	30.1	93.4	100.4	54.1	154.5	28.8	21.5	25.8
August	36.2	22.9	59.1	61.1	28.9	90.0	97.3	51.8	149.1	28.0	21.1	25.2
September	35.5	22.2	57.8	59.1	27.6	86.8	94.7	49.9	144.5	27.2	20.6	24.5
October r	35.3	22.0	57.4	57.4	26.6	84.0	92.7	48.6	141.4	26.5	20.1	23.9
November r	35.7	22.2	57.8	56.2	25.9	82.2	91.9	48.1	140.0	25.9	19.6	23.3
December r	36.4	22.5	58.9	55.6	25.8	81.4	92.0	48.2	140.3	25.5	19.2	22.9
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January r	37.2	22.8	60.1	55.3	25.9	81.2	92.5	48.8	141.3	25.3	19.0	22.7
February r	38.0	23.3	61.3	55.3	26.3	81.6	93.3	49.6	142.9	25.0	18.9	22.5
March r	38.7	23.9	62.5	55.8	26.7	82.5	94.4	50.6	145.0	24.9	18.9	22.4
April	38.9	24.2	63.1	56.4	27.1	83.5	95.3	51.3	146.6	24.9	18.8	22.3

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, APRIL 2001
(’000)

State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed		Total	Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over		
MALES					
New South Wales	76.6	8.4	20.1	28.5	27.1
Victoria	66.0	8.4	14.4	22.8	25.7
Queensland	74.4	10.6	10.4	21.0	22.0
South Australia	23.9	3.2	7.1	10.3	30.1
Western Australia	32.2	4.4	3.5	7.9	19.6
Tasmania	6.9	1.6	4.0	5.6	44.7
Northern Territory	3.1	* 0.8	* 0.1	* 0.9	* 23.3
Australian Capital Territory	4.3	* 0.4	* 0.8	1.2	21.3
<i>Australia</i>	287.3	37.8	60.3	98.1	25.5
FEMALES					
New South Wales	65.8	6.4	9.2	15.7	19.3
Victoria	54.2	6.6	6.3	12.9	19.2
Queensland	59.7	6.2	7.2	13.4	18.3
South Australia	15.4	* 2.0	* 2.0	4.0	20.7
Western Australia	26.8	* 2.0	* 0.9	2.9	9.8
Tasmania	4.6	* 0.6	1.4	2.0	30.2
Northern Territory	2.1	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 4.5
Australian Capital Territory	3.7	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 0.7	* 16.1
<i>Australia</i>	232.2	24.1	27.5	51.7	18.2
PERSONS					
New South Wales	142.3	14.9	29.3	44.2	23.7
Victoria	120.2	15.0	20.7	35.7	22.9
Queensland	134.0	16.8	17.6	34.4	20.4
South Australia	39.3	5.2	9.2	14.3	26.7
Western Australia	59.0	6.4	4.4	10.8	15.4
Tasmania	11.5	2.2	5.4	7.6	39.7
Northern Territory	5.1	* 0.9	* 0.1	1.0	16.6
Australian Capital Territory	7.9	* 0.6	1.2	1.9	19.0
Australia	519.4	61.9	87.9	149.8	22.4

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 Kate Nielsen on Canberra 02 6252 6525.
- 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.
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