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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, MARCH 2000(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	1,701.8	114.1	6.3	71.9	1,307.8	92.4	6.6	53.7	3,009.6	206.5	6.4	62.7
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,110.3	63.1	5.4	73.3	872.8	51.7	5.6	55.6	1,983.1	114.8	5.5	64.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	136.7	7.3	5.1	73.3	116.7	* 3.1	* 2.6	61.5	253.4	10.4	3.9	67.4
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	89.5	4.9	5.1	74.2	72.8	* 1.1	* 1.5	62.8	162.3	5.9	3.5	68.7
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	75.8	* 2.1	* 2.7	72.6	54.7	2.7	4.8	58.4	130.5	4.8	3.6	65.8
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	116.2	4.7	3.9	74.4	94.6	2.8	2.9	58.2	210.8	7.5	3.4	66.2
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	86.1	9.2	9.6	75.2	63.7	6.1	8.7	51.6	149.9	15.2	9.2	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	146.7	10.2	6.5	72.4	110.2	12.2	10.0	54.1	256.8	22.3	8.0	63.0
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	79.2	5.5	6.5	68.3	61.0	7.0	10.2	51.4	140.2	12.5	8.2	59.6
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	76.1	4.9	6.0	67.7	51.1	4.2	7.6	46.5	127.3	9.1	6.7	57.1
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	161.4	10.2	5.9	75.5	120.3	10.5	8.0	57.2	281.7	20.7	6.8	66.3
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	76.1	* 2.7	* 3.4	75.9	60.5	3.2	5.0	56.9	136.6	5.9	4.1	66.1
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	117.0	* 2.4	* 2.0	77.2	101.0	* 2.7	* 2.6	59.1	218.0	5.0	2.3	67.6
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	65.7	3.1	4.5	75.7	59.0	* 1.0	* 1.7	62.9	124.7	4.1	3.2	69.1
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	52.5	6.5	11.0	61.7	41.1	3.1	7.1	40.7	93.6	9.6	9.3	50.5
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	591.5	51.0	7.9	69.6	435.0	40.7	8.6	50.4	1,026.5	91.7	8.2	59.9
Hunter Statistical Region	147.4	15.2	9.4	69.4	115.4	9.9	7.9	52.7	262.8	25.1	8.7	61.0
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	129.5	14.5	10.1	70.5	102.3	8.5	7.7	54.0	231.8	23.0	9.0	62.2
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	147.2	12.8	8.0	69.3	99.5	9.5	8.7	47.5	246.7	22.3	8.3	58.4
Illawarra Statistical Region	101.5	8.3	7.5	67.1	67.1	6.7	9.1	46.8	168.6	15.0	8.2	57.2
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	75.3	5.4	6.7	70.0	47.6	4.3	8.3	47.9	122.9	9.7	7.3	59.3
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	99.0	10.0	9.2	62.3	81.5	10.9	11.8	47.5	180.5	20.9	10.4	54.5
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	128.7	9.0	6.6	72.1	94.3	5.5	5.5	52.9	222.9	14.6	6.1	62.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	69.2	* 3.9	* 5.3	80.0	44.4	* 4.9	* 10.0	52.6	113.6	8.8	7.2	66.1

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VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,249.8	92.8	6.9	72.2	981.2	80.9	7.6	54.8	2,230.9	173.7	7.2	63.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	921.7	63.9	6.5	72.7	737.9	61.4	7.7	56.3	1,659.6	125.3	7.0	64.3
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	139.6	13.3	8.7	72.1	121.6	14.0	10.3	60.2	261.3	27.3	9.5	66.0
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	59.5	8.1	12.0	69.1	45.5	4.0	8.1	49.4	105.0	12.1	10.3	59.1
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	67.1	5.0	6.9	73.7	58.0	* 2.4	* 4.0	63.4	125.0	7.4	5.6	68.6
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	114.7	5.7	4.8	72.9	85.3	7.4	8.0	54.5	200.0	13.2	6.2	63.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	164.6	10.8	6.2	69.6	133.0	6.7	4.8	54.8	297.6	17.5	5.6	62.1
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	106.3	4.8	4.3	72.2	84.0	5.9	6.6	54.7	190.3	10.7	5.3	63.2
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	119.8	8.1	6.3	79.6	93.1	8.4	8.3	60.5	212.9	16.5	7.2	69.8
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	87.9	4.6	5.0	75.4	65.6	7.9	10.7	53.4	153.5	12.5	7.6	63.7
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	62.2	3.3	5.0	69.9	51.7	4.7	8.4	53.8	113.9	8.0	6.6	61.4
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	328.1	28.9	8.1	70.9	243.3	19.5	7.4	50.7	571.4	48.4	7.8	60.6
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	84.0	8.1	8.8	68.7	58.3	5.6	8.7	46.3	142.3	13.7	8.8	57.4
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	58.4	* 4.2	* 6.7	76.3	42.4	* 3.2	* 7.1	52.6	100.8	7.4	6.8	64.1
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	61.5	5.4	8.1	70.8	47.3	* 3.5	* 7.0	53.4	108.8	9.0	7.6	62.0
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	82.2	5.1	5.9	73.8	61.1	4.6	7.0	55.2	143.3	9.7	6.4	64.5
All Gippsland Statistical Region	42.0	6.1	12.6	64.1	34.1	* 2.6	* 7.1	46.2	76.2	8.7	10.2	54.9
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	925.8	84.1	8.3	73.0	724.0	72.7	9.1	56.6	1,649.8	156.8	8.7	64.7
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	428.8	36.0	7.7	73.7	350.2	34.7	9.0	58.5	779.0	70.7	8.3	66.0
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	100.5	8.4	7.7	72.7	89.2	6.8	7.1	60.3	189.7	15.2	7.4	66.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	140.7	8.7	5.8	72.8	111.0	11.1	9.1	59.4	251.7	19.7	7.3	66.1
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	90.7	8.3	8.4	76.8	70.7	10.2	12.6	59.7	161.4	18.4	10.2	68.0
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	96.9	10.7	9.9	73.5	79.3	6.7	7.7	54.7	176.2	17.4	9.0	63.8
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	497.0	48.1	8.8	72.5	373.8	38.0	9.2	54.9	870.8	86.1	9.0	63.7
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	93.7	7.7	7.6	70.3	72.2	7.1	9.0	53.6	165.8	14.8	8.2	61.8
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	77.5	8.5	9.9	66.7	63.0	6.5	9.3	52.9	140.5	15.0	9.6	59.7
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.2	9.4	16.0	65.8	40.4	4.7	10.4	48.9	89.6	14.1	13.6	57.2
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	64.4	3.3	4.9	76.4	47.4	* 1.5	* 3.1	51.1	111.8	4.8	4.1	63.3
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	99.1	8.6	8.0	79.4	72.2	5.3	6.9	60.4	171.3	13.9	7.5	70.2
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.7	4.8	7.5	74.2	39.2	7.5	16.2	62.2	97.9	12.3	11.2	68.6
Far North Statistical Region	54.4	5.9	9.7	75.1	39.5	5.4	12.0	55.9	94.0	11.2	10.7	65.5
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	97.9	8.2	7.7	72.0	74.8	7.7	9.3	54.2	172.7	15.9	8.4	62.9

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	383.4	33.0	7.9	70.8	294.2	26.8	8.4	52.3	677.6	59.8	8.1	61.3
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	276.5	26.4	8.7	70.3	218.5	19.7	8.3	51.8	495.0	46.1	8.5	60.8
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.2	7.9	8.6	69.6	62.4	7.5	10.7	50.5	145.6	15.3	9.5	59.7
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.5	5.6	9.9	68.1	41.7	4.4	9.5	50.9	93.3	10.0	9.7	59.2
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	58.8	4.7	7.4	70.2	50.6	2.9	5.3	54.9	109.4	7.6	6.5	62.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	83.0	8.1	8.9	72.5	63.7	5.0	7.3	51.7	146.8	13.1	8.2	61.8
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	106.8	6.6	5.8	72.1	75.7	7.1	8.5	53.5	182.6	13.7	7.0	62.9
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	38.5	3.4	8.2	71.2	25.5	2.8	9.8	48.1	64.1	6.2	8.8	59.6
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	68.3	3.2	4.4	72.7	50.2	4.3	7.9	56.8	118.5	7.4	5.9	64.8
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	523.7	39.3	7.0	76.0	400.0	29.8	6.9	58.0	923.7	69.1	7.0	67.0
Perth Major Statistical Region	375.2	30.2	7.5	74.7	300.3	20.8	6.5	57.4	675.4	51.0	7.0	65.9
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.1	2.8	7.7	72.2	26.4	2.0	7.1	57.8	59.5	4.8	7.4	65.0
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.5	3.6	6.0	74.9	43.9	3.0	6.4	53.8	100.5	6.6	6.2	63.9
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	122.5	8.3	6.3	76.4	95.3	6.4	6.3	57.2	217.8	14.7	6.3	66.6
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	78.4	6.4	7.5	74.1	61.9	4.3	6.5	57.7	140.3	10.7	7.1	65.9
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	84.6	9.2	9.8	73.9	72.7	5.0	6.4	59.5	157.4	14.2	8.3	66.6
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	148.5	9.0	5.7	79.6	99.7	9.0	8.3	60.0	248.3	18.0	6.8	70.2
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	76.2	5.2	6.4	75.0	53.5	4.1	7.0	54.9	129.7	9.3	6.7	65.1
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	72.4	3.8	5.0	85.1	46.2	4.9	9.7	67.0	118.6	8.8	6.9	76.8
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	109.7	11.3	9.3	67.1	89.9	8.7	8.9	51.9	199.6	20.0	9.1	59.3
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.7	5.0	8.7	65.4	43.9	4.7	9.7	52.2	95.6	9.7	9.2	58.5
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	44.1	4.4	9.2	65.6	37.9	3.9	9.3	51.9	82.0	8.3	9.2	58.4
Northern Statistical Region Sector	32.6	2.5	7.1	67.6	25.3	2.7	9.5	50.2	57.9	5.1	8.2	58.6
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.4	3.8	13.1	70.0	20.7	1.4	6.1	53.5	46.1	5.2	10.1	61.8
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	52.7	2.0	3.7	74.7	42.1	2.0	4.5	66.0	94.7	4.0	4.1	70.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	132.7	10.2	7.1	77.6	109.3	7.4	6.3	59.8	242.1	17.6	6.8	68.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	87.0	5.7	6.1	79.2	77.0	4.6	5.7	66.2	164.0	10.3	5.9	72.6
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	5,033.8	382.2	7.1	72.5	3,916.2	318.0	7.5	55.1	8,950.0	700.2	7.3	63.7

(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												
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
November	45.3	26.1	71.4	80.3	36.8	117.2	125.6	62.9	188.5	35.9	24.2	30.9
December	46.3	26.0	72.4	79.2	38.2	117.5	125.6	64.3	189.8	32.4	23.0	28.4
2000 —												
January	41.1	26.1	67.2	78.3	41.0	119.2	119.4	67.1	186.5	29.3	23.2	26.8
February	41.2	24.5	65.7	86.2	44.4	130.6	127.4	68.8	196.2	32.4	21.1	27.3
March	38.3	33.0	71.3	78.4	39.4	117.8	116.8	72.4	189.1	30.6	22.8	27.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1999 —												
January	61.6	39.0	100.6	91.3	44.6	135.9	152.9	83.6	236.5	37.0	28.4	33.4
February	56.1	35.6	91.7	86.6	43.6	130.2	142.7	79.2	221.9	35.0	27.1	31.7
March	54.5	36.0	90.5	81.1	42.8	123.8	135.6	78.8	214.4	34.8	25.7	30.8
April	54.1	33.4	87.5	84.4	41.6	126.0	138.5	75.0	213.5	34.0	25.3	30.3
May	54.6	39.1	93.7	89.4	37.4	126.9	144.1	76.5	220.6	35.6	26.0	31.6
June	52.0	28.3	80.3	80.2	42.2	122.4	132.2	70.5	202.7	34.0	24.0	29.7
July	43.9	30.4	74.3	82.3	39.6	121.9	126.2	70.0	196.2	33.6	24.6	29.8
August	48.7	34.1	82.8	79.4	37.4	116.8	128.0	71.5	199.6	32.8	24.9	29.5
September	46.4	31.3	77.7	80.4	40.5	121.0	126.9	71.8	198.7	32.4	23.8	28.6
October	46.2	28.2	74.4	81.9	38.6	120.5	128.1	66.9	195.0	32.8	23.5	28.9
November	44.8	26.2	71.0	80.8	38.9	119.7	125.6	65.1	190.7	34.3	23.3	29.5
December	45.3	24.8	70.2	80.4	39.8	120.2	125.7	64.7	190.4	32.3	22.8	28.3
2000 —												
January	40.6	24.6	65.1	78.0	43.3	121.3	118.6	67.9	186.4	31.4	24.5	28.5
February	39.6	21.2	60.8	77.4	40.5	117.9	116.9	61.7	178.6	32.5	21.8	27.8
March	37.7	32.2	69.9	74.8	38.5	113.3	112.6	70.7	183.3	30.7	23.9	27.7
TREND SERIES												
1999 —												
January	57.3	37.5	94.7	88.4	44.8	133.3	145.7	82.3	228.0	35.5	27.5	32.1
February	56.4	36.9	93.3	87.1	43.8	130.9	143.5	80.6	224.1	35.3	27.0	31.8
March	55.5	36.0	91.5	85.8	42.5	128.2	141.3	78.4	219.7	35.1	26.4	31.4
April	54.2	34.9	89.1	84.5	41.2	125.8	138.7	76.1	214.8	34.8	25.7	30.9
May	52.4	33.8	86.3	83.5	40.3	123.8	135.9	74.2	210.1	34.4	25.2	30.5
June	50.5	33.0	83.4	82.7	39.8	122.5	133.2	72.7	205.9	34.0	24.8	30.1
July	48.8	32.2	80.9	81.9	39.3	121.2	130.7	71.5	202.2	33.6	24.5	29.7
August	47.5	31.2	78.8	81.4	39.0	120.4	128.9	70.3	199.2	33.3	24.3	29.4
September r	46.5	29.9	76.4	80.9	39.1	120.0	127.4	69.0	196.4	33.0	23.9	29.2
October r	45.7	28.3	74.0	80.6	39.4	120.0	126.3	67.7	194.0	32.9	23.7	29.0
November r	44.7	26.9	71.6	80.3	39.8	120.1	125.0	66.7	191.6	32.8	23.4	28.8
December r	43.4	25.7	69.1	79.5	40.2	119.7	122.9	66.0	188.8	32.5	23.3	28.6
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January r	41.7	25.2	66.9	78.5	40.5	119.0	120.2	65.7	185.9	32.2	23.2	28.3
February r	40.1	25.2	65.3	77.4	40.6	118.0	117.5	65.8	183.3	31.8	23.2	28.1
March	38.8	25.8	64.6	76.3	40.4	116.7	115.1	66.2	181.2	31.5	23.2	27.8

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 2000
(’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>		
MALES					
New South Wales	78.4	12.3	23.4	35.7	31.3
Victoria	60.5	11.6	20.6	32.2	34.7
Queensland	61.6	7.0	15.5	22.5	26.8
South Australia	20.6	3.5	8.9	12.4	37.6
Western Australia	31.8	* 2.3	5.2	7.5	19.0
Tasmania	6.3	1.2	3.7	4.9	43.8
Northern Territory	1.8	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 11.1
Australian Capital Territory	4.4	* 0.3	* 1.0	1.2	22.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>265.4</i>	<i>38.3</i>	<i>78.4</i>	<i>116.8</i>	<i>30.6</i>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	71.9	10.8	9.7	20.5	22.2
Victoria	59.4	8.6	12.9	21.5	26.6
Queensland	56.8	7.3	8.6	15.9	21.9
South Australia	20.2	* 2.1	4.6	6.6	24.8
Western Australia	25.8	* 2.3	* 1.7	4.0	13.6
Tasmania	5.8	1.4	1.5	2.9	33.5
Northern Territory	1.8	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 10.7
Australian Capital Territory	4.0	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.6	* 12.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>245.6</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>22.8</i>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	150.2	23.1	33.1	56.3	27.2
Victoria	119.9	20.2	33.6	53.8	30.9
Queensland	118.4	14.4	24.1	38.5	24.5
South Australia	40.7	5.6	13.5	19.0	31.8
Western Australia	57.5	4.6	6.9	11.5	16.7
Tasmania	12.2	2.6	5.3	7.9	39.3
Northern Territory	3.6	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 10.9
Australian Capital Territory	8.5	* 0.7	1.2	1.8	17.7
Australia	511.0	71.3	117.8	189.1	27.0

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 Mark Webb on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or from any ABS State office.
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- 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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