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			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici
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			NEW SO	UTH WAI	LES							
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,722.7	125.4	6.8	71.4	1,349.5	84.3	5.9	53.9	3,072.2	209.7	6.4	62.6
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,150.6	69.5	5.7	73.8	910.1	52.0	5.4	56.5	2,060.7	121.5	5.6	65.0
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical												
Regions	140.8	10.6	7.0	75.7	122.0	6.2	4.8	63.7	262.8	16.8	6.0	69.1
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	89.6	6.7	7.0	75.7	75.9	4.1	5.1	66.9	165.5	10.8	6.1	71.4
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	72.2	2.8	3.8	73.5	64.7	4.3	6.3	63.9	136.9	7.2	5.0	68.5
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	132.7	5.3	3.9	74.4	98.4	4.6	4.4	59.6	231.1	9.9	4.1	67.3
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	74.6	4.3	5.4	62.3	54.7	* 2.8	* 4.9	44.0	129.3	7.1	5.2	53.0
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western												
Sydney Statistical Regions	149.3	12.0	7.5	76.9	113.8	10.0	8.1	54.6	263.1	22.1	7.7	65.
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	84.7	7.8	8.4	74.7	66.0	4.9	6.9	51.6	150.7	12.7	7.8	62.5
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	79.2	8.3	9.4	69.1	58.9	* 1.3	* 2.2	51.4	138.1	9.6	6.5	60.0
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	169.0	9.0	5.0	77.9	119.4	7.2	5.7	57.9	288.5	16.1	5.3	68.
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	77.2	6.0	7.2	73.1	68.0	3.4	4.8	51.4	145.2	9.4	6.1	61.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	121.8	3.9	3.1	76.9	102.4	4.2	3.9	62.1	224.2	8.1	3.5	69
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	71.6	* 2.2	* 3.0	79.9	63.1	3.4	5.1	61.9	134.6	5.6	4.0	70.2
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	62.2	5.1	7.6	64.5	44.7	4.6	9.3	45.4	106.9	9.7	8.3	54.8
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	572.1	55.9	8.9	67.2	439.4	32.2	6.8	49.3	1,011.6	88.1	8.0	58.
Hunter Statistical Region	137.3	15.0	9.8	66.7	99.7	9.3	8.5	46.8	237.0	24.2	9.3	56.0
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	114.6	12.1	9.5	67.2	87.4	8.2	8.6	48.3	202.1	20.3	9.1	57.:
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	153.7	14.3	8.5	68.8	116.4	7.2	5.8	50.2	270.2	21.5	7.4	59.4
Illawarra Statistical Region	109.4	10.6	8.8	68.9	80.0	4.0	4.8	49.3	189.4	14.6	7.2	59.2
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	81.3	8.1	9.0	70.0	59.0	2.9	4.6	50.3	140.2	10.9	7.2	60.4
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	90.4	15.8	14.9	61.0	81.5	8.3	9.2	48.5	171.9	24.1	12.3	54.
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West												
Statistical Regions	117.8	6.5	5.2	67.9	82.2	5.3	6.1	47.8	200.0	11.8	5.6	57.9
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	72.9	* 4.4	* 5.7	73.8	59.5	* 2.1	* 3.4	56.7	132.5	6.5	4.7	65.1

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, MARCH 2002(b)

	Males				Females				Persons			
			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-
		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
		'000 -	- per c	ent -		'000 -	- per ce	ent -		'000 -	- per c	ent -
			VIC	CTORIA								
VICTORIA	1,318.3	86.3	6.1	73.0	1,030.2	69.9	6.4	55.2	2,348.4	156.2	6.2	63.9
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	976.3	60.6	5.8	73.5	772.1	52.1	6.3	56.1	1,748.4	112.7	6.1	64.6
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	157.5	14.3	8.3	74.5	113.1	10.1	8.2	54.6	270.6	24.4	8.3	64.6
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	68.3	8.1	10.6	72.5	51.7	4.0	7.2	51.0	119.9	12.1	9.1	61.6
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	76.3	* 2.8	* 3.5	76.8	71.4	* 2.3	* 3.1	67.5	147.7	5.1	3.3	72.0
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	111.0	8.0	6.7	72.4	89.4	5.1	5.4	55.7	200.4	13.0	6.1	63.9
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	173.0	8.3	4.6	71.1	143.8	8.7	5.7	54.8	316.8	17.0	5.1	62.6
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	100.6	3.9	3.8	72.1	92.6	3.1	3.2	55.9	193.3	7.0	3.5	63.3
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	128.8	8.3	6.1	78.7	95.7	7.8	7.5	60.8	224.5	16.2	6.7	69.8
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	102.2	5.5	5.1	74.4	71.8	7.6	9.6	54.8	174.0	13.0	7.0	64.6
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	58.6	* 1.5	* 2.6	68.0	42.6	3.4	7.5	50.9	101.2	5.0	4.7	59.3
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	341.9	25.7	7.0	71.7	258.1	17.7	6.4	52.6	600.1	43.5	6.8	62.0
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	104.0	6.0	5.5	73.8	73.0	4.7	6.0	51.7	176.9	10.7	5.7	62.7
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	54.5	4.7	7.9	72.8	39.0	* 4.0	* 9.2	54.3	93.5	8.6	8.5	63.7
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	64.2	5.3	7.6	75.5	55.9	* 4.4	* 7.4	57.0	120.1	9.7	7.5	65.6
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	70.8	* 3.7	* 5.0	72.1	59.0	* 2.0	* 3.2	55.6	129.8	5.7	4.2	63.6
All Gippsland Statistical Region	48.5	6.1	11.2	62.6	31.3	* 2.7	* 7.9	42.4	79.8	8.8	9.9	52.9
			QUEI	ENSLAND)							
QUEENSLAND	966.4	84.3	8.0	73.4	774.0	67.5	8.0	57.5	1,740.3	151.8	8.0	65.4
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	448.8	35.8	7.4	74.1	369.7	33.4	8.3	59.1	818.5	69.3	7.8	66.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	104.9	9.1	8.0	74.7	95.0	7.9	7.7	61.7	199.9	17.0	7.8	67.9
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	136.0	10.4	7.1	74.4	117.2	8.8	7.0	60.7	253.2	19.2	7.0	67.4
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	91.1	7.7	7.8	72.6	71.0	9.6	11.9	56.2	162.1	17.4	9.7	64.2
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	116.9	8.6	6.9	74.6	86.4	7.1	7.6	57.0	203.3	15.7	7.2	65.9
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	517.6	48.4	8.6	72.8	404.3	34.0	7.8	56.1	921.9	82.5	8.2	64.5
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	115.2	10.4	8.3	71.8	90.6	8.1	8.2	55.6	205.9	18.6	8.3	63.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	81.8	8.6	9.5	69.4	74.7	8.3	10.0	56.5	156.5	16.9	9.8	62.5
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	48.7	7.7	13.7	66.2	39.3	5.1	11.6	49.8	88.0	12.9	12.8	57.8
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	62.1	* 2.0	* 3.1	72.4	41.8	* 1.7	* 3.8	50.3	103.9	3.7	3.4	61.5
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	93.7	6.8	6.7	78.4	64.8	4.0	5.8	58.6	158.5	10.7	6.3	68.9
Northern-North West Statistical Region	57.6	6.4	10.0	73.8	44.3	* 3.2	* 6.8	57.4	102.0	9.6	8.6	65.8
Far North Statistical Region	58.4	6.6	10.1	77.8	48.7	* 3.6	* 6.8	65.0	107.1	10.1	8.6	71.5
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	118.7	9.9	7.7	71.6	90.8	8.6	8.6	54.5	209.5	18.5	8.1	63.0

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	Males			Females				Persons				
			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici-			Unemp-	Partici
		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation		Unemp-	loyment	pation
	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate	Employed	loyed	rate	rate
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				AUSTRAI								
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	384.4	28.7	6.9	69.3	305.3	21.3	6.5	52.6	689.7	50.0	6.8	60.8
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	281.4	22.8	7.5	69.4	228.6	16.6	6.8	52.6	510.0	39.4	7.2	60.8
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	85.0	8.4	9.0	68.9	66.4	4.3	6.0	50.0	151.4	12.7	7.7	59.3
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	54.9	5.6	9.3	66.1	45.6	3.1	6.4	51.4	100.5	8.8	8.0	58.7
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	58.7	3.9	6.2	72.5	51.8	4.8	8.4	58.8	110.5	8.6	7.2	65.3
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.9	4.9	5.6	70.2	64.8	4.4	6.4	51.8	147.7	9.3	5.9	60.7
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	102.9	5.9	5.4	69.0	76.7	4.7	5.8	52.4	179.7	10.6	5.6	60.7
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	37.9	4.0	9.4	65.6	26.8	* 1.7	* 5.8	48.9	64.7	5.6	8.0	57.6
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	65.0	* 1.9	* 2.9	71.3	49.9	3.1	5.8	54.4	114.9	5.0	4.2	62.7
			WESTER	N AUSTRA	ALIA							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	533.2	36.2	6.3	74.6	418.4	25.3	5.7	58.1	951.6	61.5	6.1	66.3
Perth Major Statistical Region	386.8	27.4	6.6	73.9	311.6	19.2	5.8	57.4	698.4	46.6	6.3	65.5
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	36.5	1.8	4.8	72.9	28.6	1.4	4.7	57.7	65.0	3.2	4.7	65.4
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	61.2	5.4	8.0	73.1	51.3	3.4	6.1	59.7	112.5	8.7	7.2	66.4
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	117.3	9.3	7.3	75.9	97.1	5.7	5.6	57.7	214.4	15.0	6.5	66.5
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	75.4	5.8	7.1	68.4	62.6	5.0	7.4	54.3	138.1	10.8	7.3	61.2
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	96.4	5.1	5.0	77.2	72.0	3.7	4.9	57.9	168.4	8.8	5.0	67.6
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	146.4	8.8	5.7	76.5	106.8	6.1	5.4	60.2	253.2	14.9	5.6	68.7
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	75.9	4.2	5.2	72.6	57.1	3.3	5.5	57.9	133.0	7.5	5.4	65.5
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	70.5	4.6	6.1	81.1	49.7	* 2.8	* 5.3	63.2	120.2	7.4	5.8	72.6
			TA	SMANIA								
TASMANIA	108.8	11.4	9.5	66.3	89.2	6.3	6.6	49.7	198.0	17.7	8.2	57.8
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	49.4	5.7	10.4	63.8	43.8	3.7	7.7	50.8	93.2	9.4	9.1	57.0
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	42.3	4.9	10.4	63.3	38.4	3.1	7.5	51.1	80.7	8.0	9.0	56.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.0	3.1	8.5	68.4	26.0	1.7	6.1	50.8	59.0	4.8	7.5	59.4
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.5	2.6	9.1	68.8	19.4	* 1.0	* 4.7	46.1	45.9	3.6	7.3	57.2
			NORTHER	N TERRI	ORY							
NORTHERN TERRITORY	54.8	4.2	7.1	79.6	44.9	2.8	5.9	69.5	99.7	7.0	6.6	74.7
AUST	RALIAN CAPIT	AL TERRIT	TORY AND	SOUTH E	ASTERN (N	ISW) STATI	STICAL RE	GION				
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH				550111 L/				01011				
EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	131.1	8.8	6.3	73.3	117.1	6.2	5.0	61.1	248.2	14.9	5.7	67.0
		AUS	TRALIAN C	ΑΡΙΤΑΙ Τ	FRRITORY	7						
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	86.8	5.1	5.6	76.2	80.7	3.0	3.6	66.4	167.4	8.1	4.6	71.2
				STRALIA								
AUSTRALIA	5,175.3	381.5	6.9	72.4	4,092.2	280.4	6.4	55.4	9,267.6	661.9	6.7	63.8
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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, MARCH 2002(b)

(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.

			IADI		rm unemplo	UNEMPLC				Long-te	rm unemplo	oyment
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104				Inemployed weeks and o			Total		as a proportion of total unemployment		
Month	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
					- '000- ORIGIN	AL					per cent	
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
May	40.0	24.0	63.9	58.4	27.8	86.2	98.4	51.7	150.2	25.8	17.8	22.4
June	34.2	26.2	60.5	59.4	31.6	91.0	93.7	57.8	151.5	24.8	20.9	23.1
July	34.1	22.6	56.6	55.2	28.6	83.8	89.3	51.2	140.4	24.4	20.3	22.7
August	28.0	17.8	45.8	61.8	30.9	92.7	89.8	48.6	138.5	24.1	18.0	21.5
September	33.3	23.1	56.4	67.3	28.9	96.2	100.6	52.0	152.6	25.4	18.8	22.7
October	33.6	24.0	57.6	57.6	30.9	88.4	91.2	54.9	146.1	23.9	19.7	22.1
November	33.1	22.7	55.9	55.5	27.7	83.2	88.7	50.4	139.1	23.9	19.5	22.1
December	32.4	25.0	57.4	54.3	32.7	87.0	86.7	57.7	144.4	23.0	20.3	21.8
2002 —												
January	33.5	24.3	57.9	60.1	31.8	91.9	93.6	56.2	149.8	22.1	18.4	20.6
February	45.7	24.1	69.8	61.6	32.1	93.7	107.3	56.2	163.5	25.7	18.2	22.5
March	46.3	23.7	70.0	62.2	31.5	93.7	108.5	55.1	163.7	28.4	19.7	24.7
				SEAS	ONALLY /	ADJUSTED						
2001 —												
January	38.5	21.9	60.4	54.4	22.2	76.7	92.9	44.2	137.0	25.6	17.4	22.3
February	36.0	22.9	58.9	54.6	28.6	83.2	90.6	51.5	142.1	23.8	19.3	22.0
March	39.4	24.6	64.0	52.5	27.5	80.0	91.9	52.1	144.0	24.7	19.9	22.7
April	38.6	24.7	63.4	62.4	27.2	89.6	101.1	51.9	153.0	26.1	19.0	23.2
May	38.8	23.0	61.8	59.3	29.4	88.7	98.1	52.4	150.5	25.5	18.5	22.5
June	35.4	30.5	65.8	61.7	32.1	93.8	97.1	62.6	159.6	24.9	21.9	23.6
July	35.1	24.7	59.8	59.3	29.6	88.9	94.4	54.3	148.7	24.1	19.3	22.1
August	28.5	17.4	45.9	63.0	31.3	94.3	91.5	48.7	140.2	23.7	17.1	20.9
September	32.6	22.0	54.6	61.5	26.5	88.0	94.1	48.5	142.6	24.2	17.7	21.5
October	32.6	25.2	57.8	57.4	30.6	88.0	90.0	55.8	145.8	22.4	19.1	21.0
November	32.9	23.1	56.0	55.9	30.0	85.9	88.8	53.1	141.9	23.0	18.7	21.2
December	32.8	25.1	57.9	54.5	33.3	87.8	87.3	58.4	145.7	23.2	20.2	21.9
2002 —												
January	32.9	24.3	57.1	60.1	33.9	94.0	93.0	58.2	151.2	23.7	19.4	21.8
February	45.1	20.8	65.9	56.5	29.3	85.8	101.5	50.1	151.7	26.5	18.6	23.2
March	47.0	22.8	69.7	62.6	29.5	92.2	109.6	52.3	161.9	29.7	20.6	26.0
					TREND SE	ERIES						
2001 —												
January	37.4	22.8	60.3	55.5	25.7	81.2	92.9	48.6	141.5	25.3	18.9	22.6
February	38.2	23.4	61.6	55.7	26.3	82.0	93.9	49.7	143.6	25.2	18.9	22.6
March	38.5	24.3	62.7	56.6	27.3	83.9	95.1	51.6	146.6	25.1	19.2	22.6
April	38.1	24.9	63.0	58.0	28.5	86.5	96.1	53.3	149.4	25.1	19.4	22.7
May	37.1	25.0	62.2	59.6	29.4	89.0	96.8	54.4	151.2	25.1	19.5	22.8
June	35.6	24.6	60.2	60.9	29.9	90.8	96.5	54.5	151.0	24.8	19.4	22.5
July	34.0	23.9	57.9	61.3	29.9	91.2	95.4	53.7	149.1	24.4	19.0	22.1
August	32.5	23.2	55.7	60.8	29.8	90.6	93.3	53.0	146.3	23.9	18.7	21.7
September r	31.4	22.9	54.3	59.6	30.0	89.6	91.0	52.9	143.9	23.3	18.5	21.3
October r	31.5	23.0	54.5	58.4	30.3	88.7	89.8	53.3	143.2	23.0	18.6	21.1
November r	32.8	23.3	56.1	57.6	30.8	88.4	90.3	54.1	144.4	23.2	18.8	21.4
December r	34.9	23.6	58.6	57.3	31.3	88.6	92.3	54.9	147.1	23.9	19.2	21.9
2002 —												
January r	37.6	23.5	61.2	57.6	31.4	89.1	95.3	55.0	150.2	24.9	19.5	22.6
February r	40.5	23.3	63.8	58.3	31.3	89.6	98.8	54.6	153.4	26.1	19.7	23.4
March	43.1	22.7	65.8	59.2	31.2	90.4	102.3	53.9	156.2	27.2	19.9	24.2

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 2002 ('000)

		('000)						
Long-term unemployed								
State or		Unemployed	Unemployed		unemployment as			
Territory	Unemployed	52 weeks and	104 weeks		a proportion of total			
	under 52 weeks	under 104	and over	Total	unemployment			
		MALES						
New South Wales	90.2	13.7	21.6	35.2	28.1			
Victoria	58.5	12.3	15.6	27.9	32.3			
Queensland	65.2	9.3	9.8	19.1	22.7			
South Australia	17.9	4.7	6.1	10.7	37.5			
Western Australia	27.5	3.8	4.8	8.6	23.8			
Tasmania	6.2	1.5	3.7	5.2	45.3			
Northern Territory	3.7	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 10.6			
Australian Capital Territory	3.8	* 0.8	* 0.5	1.3	26.4			
Australia	273.0	46.3	62.2	108.5	28.4			
		FEMALES						
New South Wales	66.2	8.4	9.7	18.0	21.4			
Victoria	56.7	5.0	8.2	13.2	18.9			
Queensland	53.2	6.0	8.3	14.3	21.2			
South Australia	17.3	* 1.9	* 2.2	4.1	19.1			
Western Australia	22.2	* 1.3	* 1.9	3.1	12.4			
Tasmania	4.8	* 0.6	* 1.0	1.5	24.5			
Northern Territory	2.1	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 0.8	* 27.5			
Australian Capital Territory	2.9	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 3.1			
Australia	225.2	23.7	31.5	55.1	19.7			
		PERSONS						
New South Wales	156.4	22.1	31.2	53.3	25.4			
Victoria	115.1	17.3	23.8	41.0	26.3			
Queensland	118.4	15.2	18.2	33.4	22.0			
South Australia	35.2	6.6	8.3	14.8	29.6			
Western Australia	49.7	5.1	6.7	11.7	19.1			
Tasmania	11.0	2.1	4.7	6.7	37.9			
Northern Territory	5.8	* 0.8	* 0.4	1.2	17.5			
Australian Capital Territory	6.6	* 0.8	* 0.6	1.4	17.8			
Australia	498.3	70.0	93.7	163.7	24.7			

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 <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (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 <i>Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics</i> (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 <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993</i> (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 <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Mark Webb 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.
FURTHER INFORMATION	8 For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0).

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