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# **May 2000 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, MAY 2000(b)**

	<i>Males</i>				<i>Females</i>				<i>Persons</i>			
	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,719.5	98.2	5.4	71.8	1,324.9	83.7	5.9	53.9	3,044.4	181.9	5.6	62.7
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,126.2	52.5	4.5	73.4	890.9	45.1	4.8	56.2	2,017.1	97.6	4.6	64.6
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	132.7	6.3	4.5	71.3	111.0	* 4.3	* 3.7	59.2	243.7	10.6	4.2	65.2
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	84.6	3.8	4.3	71.3	71.4	* 2.5	* 3.4	61.5	156.0	6.3	3.9	66.5
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	75.4	3.0	3.8	72.3	57.4	* 1.8	* 3.0	60.7	132.8	4.8	3.5	66.8
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	115.6	3.6	3.0	73.7	95.0	2.2	2.2	57.4	210.6	5.8	2.7	65.4
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	84.4	6.4	7.0	72.3	57.9	3.9	6.4	48.3	142.2	10.3	6.8	60.2
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	156.3	9.8	5.9	74.6	114.2	15.0	11.6	56.3	270.6	24.8	8.4	65.3
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	87.9	5.3	5.7	72.6	62.4	9.6	13.3	52.7	150.3	15.0	9.0	62.3
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	72.3	2.4	3.2	66.8	52.7	2.5	4.6	49.3	125.0	4.9	3.8	58.1
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	161.5	7.7	4.5	75.7	124.1	7.1	5.4	57.4	285.6	14.8	4.9	66.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	79.9	3.3	3.9	78.0	68.7	* 2.1	* 3.0	60.0	148.6	5.4	3.5	68.5
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	116.6	* 2.0	* 1.7	76.9	100.7	* 2.6	* 2.5	60.7	217.3	4.6	2.1	68.4
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	67.9	* 2.5	* 3.5	75.0	58.9	* 1.4	* 2.3	57.9	126.8	3.9	3.0	66.0
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	63.7	5.6	8.1	67.1	50.2	* 2.2	* 4.1	46.5	113.9	7.8	6.4	56.4
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	593.3	45.7	7.1	69.1	434.1	38.6	8.2	50.0	1,027.3	84.3	7.6	59.4
Hunter Statistical Region	148.3	10.0	6.3	66.7	110.2	10.8	8.9	49.7	258.5	20.9	7.5	58.1
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	131.2	9.0	6.4	67.6	97.8	10.2	9.4	50.7	229.0	19.2	7.7	59.0
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	153.3	11.2	6.8	69.8	105.8	7.9	7.0	47.4	259.1	19.1	6.9	58.5
Illawarra Statistical Region	106.1	7.7	6.7	69.1	70.4	5.7	7.5	46.1	176.5	13.4	7.0	57.6
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	77.5	5.6	6.7	72.6	48.2	3.6	7.0	47.3	125.7	9.2	6.8	60.2
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	99.4	10.1	9.3	64.2	75.6	9.2	10.8	46.2	174.9	19.3	9.9	54.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	116.9	10.0	7.9	69.0	89.4	6.0	6.3	53.2	206.4	16.0	7.2	61.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	75.3	* 4.3	* 5.4	82.0	53.0	* 4.7	* 8.1	57.9	128.4	9.0	6.5	69.8

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	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>	<i>Employed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyed</i> - '000 -	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
<b>VICTORIA</b>												
VICTORIA	1,254.7	92.4	6.9	72.3	990.4	71.1	6.7	54.6	2,245.2	163.6	6.8	63.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	924.2	65.1	6.6	72.8	742.8	51.3	6.5	55.8	1,667.0	116.4	6.5	64.1
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	140.5	12.5	8.2	72.3	117.2	10.4	8.1	58.3	257.6	22.9	8.1	65.2
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	62.4	7.7	10.9	68.5	49.0	5.1	9.5	50.3	111.4	12.8	10.3	59.2
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	61.7	5.6	8.4	69.7	59.8	* 2.4	* 3.8	62.4	121.6	8.0	6.2	66.0
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.2	8.5	7.2	74.1	84.6	7.7	8.3	55.5	193.7	16.2	7.7	64.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	173.9	9.2	5.0	72.0	133.6	7.3	5.2	54.5	307.5	16.5	5.1	63.1
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	106.4	4.6	4.1	73.7	90.1	3.4	3.6	56.0	196.4	8.0	3.9	64.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	122.5	6.4	5.0	78.8	92.7	5.5	5.6	57.8	215.2	11.9	5.2	68.1
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	88.3	7.5	7.8	74.8	65.6	6.0	8.3	51.9	153.8	13.5	8.1	63.0
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	59.5	3.2	5.1	67.1	50.3	3.6	6.6	54.9	109.7	6.8	5.8	60.8
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	330.5	27.3	7.6	70.9	247.6	19.8	7.4	51.5	578.1	47.2	7.5	61.0
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	91.2	7.1	7.2	72.2	61.3	5.3	8.0	47.9	152.6	12.4	7.5	59.9
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	57.7	* 3.7	* 6.1	71.7	45.0	* 3.0	* 6.3	56.5	102.7	6.8	6.2	64.1
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	54.9	* 4.0	* 6.8	67.4	41.1	* 3.3	* 7.5	49.7	96.0	7.3	7.1	58.4
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	79.1	6.4	7.5	73.0	60.0	* 3.7	* 5.8	52.8	139.1	10.1	6.8	62.7
All Gippsland Statistical Region	47.7	6.1	11.3	68.4	40.2	4.5	10.0	52.5	87.9	10.6	10.7	60.2
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>												
QUEENSLAND	944.7	75.9	7.4	73.6	736.0	64.5	8.1	56.7	1,680.6	140.5	7.7	65.1
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	433.2	28.4	6.2	73.0	359.6	28.1	7.2	58.8	792.9	56.5	6.7	65.8
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	97.9	5.5	5.3	71.0	91.9	7.4	7.5	63.0	189.8	12.9	6.4	66.8
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	147.4	7.2	4.7	73.6	114.0	7.8	6.4	58.0	261.4	15.0	5.4	65.8
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	90.4	7.5	7.6	75.6	71.5	6.9	8.8	57.9	161.9	14.3	8.1	66.5
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	97.6	8.2	7.8	72.0	82.2	6.1	6.9	56.4	179.8	14.3	7.4	64.0
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	511.4	47.5	8.5	74.1	376.3	36.4	8.8	54.8	887.8	84.0	8.6	64.5
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	98.1	9.7	9.0	71.4	74.9	6.7	8.2	54.3	173.0	16.3	8.6	62.8
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	74.9	8.8	10.5	71.0	59.6	8.0	11.8	52.1	134.5	16.8	11.1	61.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	55.5	5.8	9.5	67.8	39.8	4.0	9.1	48.1	95.4	9.8	9.3	57.9
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	67.3	4.3	6.0	76.2	49.3	3.2	6.2	52.3	116.6	7.6	6.1	63.9
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	95.1	9.2	8.8	80.7	66.1	4.6	6.5	59.5	161.2	13.7	7.9	70.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	62.4	5.1	7.6	74.9	42.9	6.5	13.2	63.1	105.3	11.6	9.9	69.4
Far North Statistical Region	58.0	4.7	7.4	77.2	43.7	* 3.4	* 7.3	56.0	101.8	8.1	7.4	66.4
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	102.9	10.5	9.2	72.2	77.7	6.7	7.9	55.1	180.6	17.2	8.7	63.8

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	379.1	38.3	9.2	70.8	290.9	24.9	7.9	51.4	670.0	63.2	8.6	60.9
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	276.4	28.2	9.2	70.5	220.2	17.3	7.3	51.6	496.6	45.5	8.4	60.8
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	82.5	10.4	11.2	70.7	64.4	6.4	9.0	51.7	146.9	16.9	10.3	61.1
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	52.3	6.3	10.7	68.7	41.4	4.1	8.9	48.7	93.7	10.3	9.9	58.3
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	60.0	3.6	5.6	71.1	52.7	2.2	4.1	56.7	112.7	5.8	4.9	63.6
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.5	7.9	8.8	71.2	61.7	4.7	7.0	49.9	143.2	12.5	8.0	60.3
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	102.7	10.1	9.0	71.7	70.7	7.6	9.7	50.5	173.4	17.7	9.3	61.2
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	36.2	4.8	11.8	69.9	22.7	3.2	12.3	44.5	58.9	8.0	12.0	57.2
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	66.5	5.3	7.3	72.7	48.0	4.4	8.4	54.1	114.5	9.7	7.8	63.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	523.4	33.2	6.0	75.0	397.6	26.4	6.2	57.1	921.0	59.6	6.1	66.0
Perth Major Statistical Region	376.8	23.6	5.9	73.6	300.5	20.0	6.2	57.1	677.3	43.6	6.0	65.2
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.8	2.6	7.2	71.9	24.3	1.5	6.0	53.7	58.1	4.2	6.7	63.1
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	56.1	2.7	4.7	71.2	46.3	3.2	6.5	55.6	102.4	6.0	5.5	63.1
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	118.9	7.1	5.6	75.4	101.3	5.3	4.9	59.7	220.2	12.4	5.3	67.3
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	79.4	5.3	6.3	73.9	59.2	7.3	11.0	56.0	138.5	12.7	8.4	64.8
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	88.6	5.8	6.1	73.2	69.5	2.7	3.7	56.9	158.1	8.4	5.1	65.1
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	146.6	9.6	6.2	78.8	97.1	6.4	6.2	57.0	243.7	16.0	6.2	68.4
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	71.0	4.5	6.0	73.1	50.0	2.9	5.4	50.6	121.1	7.4	5.7	61.8
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	75.6	5.1	6.3	85.0	47.0	3.5	7.0	65.5	122.6	8.6	6.6	76.3
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	110.5	11.0	9.1	67.4	89.9	8.4	8.5	51.6	200.4	19.4	8.8	59.3
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	51.4	5.6	9.8	65.3	45.0	4.4	9.0	53.5	96.3	10.0	9.4	59.2
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.3	5.1	10.5	65.2	39.2	3.7	8.7	53.3	82.5	8.8	9.6	59.0
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.1	2.5	7.0	67.9	25.7	1.8	6.7	49.3	58.8	4.3	6.9	58.3
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	26.0	2.9	10.1	71.1	19.3	2.1	9.7	50.7	45.3	5.0	9.9	60.7
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	50.1	2.5	4.7	71.7	38.7	2.6	6.4	61.8	88.8	5.1	5.4	67.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	134.1	8.5	6.0	75.4	114.6	7.0	5.8	61.3	248.6	15.6	5.9	68.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	86.9	5.1	5.5	77.9	79.2	4.8	5.7	67.9	166.1	9.8	5.6	72.8
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	5,068.9	356.5	6.6	72.5	3,947.6	286.4	6.8	54.9	9,016.5	643.0	6.7	63.6

(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			as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	- '000- per cent											
ORIGINAL												
1999 —												
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
April	41.1	29.3	70.4	74.0	43.2	117.2	115.2	72.5	187.7	31.6	24.6	28.5
May	43.3	30.0	73.3	73.8	35.4	109.1	117.1	65.4	182.5	32.8	22.8	28.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1999 —												
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
April	42.7	30.2	72.9	75.2	42.6	117.9	117.9	72.9	190.8	32.0	25.3	29.1
May	43.5	31.8	75.3	77.8	36.7	114.6	121.3	68.6	189.9	33.5	23.7	29.1
TREND SERIES												
1999 —												
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	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	45.6	28.2	73.8	80.6	39.4	120.0	126.2	67.6	193.7	32.9	23.6	28.9
November r	44.4	26.5	71.0	80.2	39.8	120.0	124.6	66.3	191.0	32.7	23.4	28.7
December r	43.1	25.5	68.6	79.5	40.3	119.8	122.6	65.8	188.4	32.4	23.2	28.5
2000 —												
January r	41.8	25.4	67.2	78.4	40.7	119.0	120.2	66.0	186.2	32.2	23.3	28.4
February r	41.0	26.3	67.3	77.3	40.6	117.9	118.3	67.0	185.3	32.0	23.5	28.3
March r	40.7	27.8	68.5	76.5	40.3	116.8	117.2	68.1	185.3	31.9	23.7	28.3
April r	40.7	29.4	70.1	76.0	39.9	115.9	116.7	69.3	186.0	32.0	24.0	28.4
May	41.1	30.9	72.0	75.7	39.4	115.1	116.8	70.3	187.1	32.1	24.2	28.6

**TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 2000**  
(’000)

		( '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	63.4	11.9	22.9	34.8	35.4
Victoria	62.0	12.4	18.0	30.4	32.9
Queensland	52.2	9.6	14.2	23.8	31.3
South Australia	24.2	4.4	9.7	14.1	36.9
Western Australia	26.5	2.9	3.7	6.6	20.0
Tasmania	5.5	1.5	4.1	5.5	50.3
Northern Territory	2.1	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 13.8
Australian Capital Territory	3.6	* 0.6	* 0.9	1.5	29.2
Australia	239.4	43.3	73.8	117.1	32.8
FEMALES					
New South Wales	62.3	9.7	11.7	21.4	25.6
Victoria	54.9	7.9	8.4	16.3	22.9
Queensland	51.6	5.4	7.5	12.9	20.1
South Australia	17.3	3.1	4.6	7.6	30.5
Western Australia	22.7	* 2.5	* 1.2	3.7	13.9
Tasmania	6.0	* 1.0	1.3	2.3	28.1
Northern Territory	2.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 18.8
Australian Capital Territory	4.2	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 0.6	* 12.6
Australia	221.1	30.0	35.4	65.4	22.8
PERSONS					
New South Wales	125.7	21.6	34.6	56.2	30.9
Victoria	116.9	20.2	26.4	46.7	28.5
Queensland	103.7	15.0	21.7	36.7	26.1
South Australia	41.5	7.4	14.3	21.7	34.4
Western Australia	49.3	5.5	4.9	10.3	17.3
Tasmania	11.5	2.5	5.4	7.9	40.7
Northern Territory	4.3	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 0.8	* 16.4
Australian Capital Territory	7.7	* 0.8	1.3	2.1	21.2
Australia	460.5	73.3	109.1	182.5	28.4

**TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY**  
(’000)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Electricity, gas and water supply</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Wholesale trade</i>	<i>Retail trade</i>	<i>Accommodation, cafes and restaurants</i>	<i>Transport and storage</i>
ORIGINAL									
1998 —									
May	417.4	86.5	1,095.0	65.7	619.2	528.3	1,243.3	422.8	395.8
August	412.5	86.6	1,104.4	69.0	624.3	507.9	1,254.0	402.0	380.0
November	412.7	81.7	1,083.6	64.2	639.9	497.1	1,301.4	410.6	403.4
1999 —									
February	429.5	74.4	1,074.5	58.8	624.5	507.8	1,315.6	413.8	435.2
May	432.6	75.8	1,067.3	66.9	647.7	514.0	1,323.1	418.6	416.3
August	435.7	75.6	1,067.5	67.0	675.5	535.9	1,313.0	400.9	414.7
November	432.3	78.8	1,091.1	64.9	704.7	526.9	1,327.1	440.6	398.2
2000 —									
February	443.9	82.5	1,119.5	58.6	693.7	479.4	1,337.6	439.7	398.0
May	438.3	75.8	1,174.4	67.6	707.6	437.4	1,320.7	449.9	418.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1998 —									
May	421.0	85.4	1,103.2	64.5	620.3	516.6	1,245.6	414.3	394.4
August	415.0	86.0	1,100.8	67.6	629.3	511.0	1,269.7	411.8	384.5
November	413.9	81.0	1,076.7	64.2	631.0	504.2	1,288.4	408.3	408.0
1999 —									
February	422.5	76.7	1,077.4	61.5	627.4	508.8	1,309.4	414.7	426.9
May	435.8	74.9	1,075.1	65.5	648.9	502.8	1,326.5	409.9	414.9
August	438.0	75.0	1,063.8	65.5	680.7	539.0	1,329.4	411.4	419.6
November	434.4	77.9	1,084.0	64.9	694.5	535.1	1,313.7	437.7	402.9
2000 —									
February	436.2	85.1	1,122.9	61.4	697.5	479.8	1,330.8	440.6	390.2
May	441.3	75.0	1,182.9	66.1	709.0	428.0	1,324.6	440.4	416.9
TREND									
1998 —									
May	424.1	85.3	1,104.4	65.3	620.4	513.5	1,257.8	407.9	390.0
August	414.5	84.5	1,093.4	65.4	626.9	511.5	1,266.7	411.6	395.0
November	416.0	81.3	1,084.1	64.4	628.3	506.0	1,288.3	412.2	406.4
1999 —									
February	423.7	77.3	1,075.2	63.7	634.5	505.6	1,310.6	409.7	418.2
May	432.8	75.1	1,071.7	64.1	651.9	514.0	1,320.6	411.4	421.9
August r	436.5	76.1	1,069.7	64.9	674.6	531.0	1,325.6	419.1	412.8
November r	434.4	77.0	1,075.5	65.6	691.3	537.8	1,333.2	430.0	404.4
2000 —									
February r	439.7	81.9	1,142.9	62.5	701.1	463.1	1,314.6	439.3	402.2
May	438.8	79.1	1,165.4	64.5	707.8	447.2	1,328.8	445.2	404.3

**TABLE 4. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY—continued**  
(’000)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Communication services</i>	<i>Finance and insurance</i>	<i>Property and business services</i>	<i>Government administration and defence</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Health and community services</i>	<i>Cultural and recreational services</i>	<i>Personal and other services</i>
ORIGINAL								
1998 —								
May	146.0	324.6	921.3	328.7	608.1	819.6	204.8	339.4
August	151.1	322.3	939.9	329.0	602.9	808.5	200.2	342.6
November	154.3	332.5	944.4	339.8	606.4	816.8	213.0	349.1
1999 —								
February	144.5	322.2	942.0	351.9	580.5	833.4	206.6	333.4
May	155.6	302.4	953.8	360.5	624.1	810.9	217.2	329.8
August	149.3	308.5	971.8	343.4	627.6	792.4	207.5	345.4
November	166.3	321.6	978.5	345.6	621.8	826.6	214.7	353.3
2000 —								
February	181.4	343.3	981.5	347.6	572.5	836.4	227.9	361.7
May	180.4	336.7	1,023.0	346.8	615.4	857.0	218.4	348.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1998 —								
May	145.0	321.9	923.8	328.5	594.5	815.1	203.6	338.4
August	153.9	325.3	935.3	335.6	594.5	814.0	205.3	346.7
November	151.5	332.7	940.8	337.3	597.9	812.9	208.8	345.8
1999 —								
February	145.7	321.4	947.1	347.7	612.2	835.7	206.8	333.7
May	154.4	300.2	957.2	360.2	609.8	806.8	215.9	328.7
August	151.9	311.5	966.7	350.7	618.9	798.6	213.1	349.2
November	163.4	321.4	974.8	342.6	613.0	822.4	210.2	350.4
2000 —								
February	183.1	342.5	986.5	343.9	604.0	838.1	228.2	361.8
May	179.0	334.5	1,027.1	346.4	601.2	852.8	216.9	347.6
TREND								
1998 —								
May	148.6	318.9	922.3	332.4	590.9	810.6	204.0	342.1
August	150.3	327.6	935.2	332.6	595.9	816.2	205.0	344.4
November	150.4	327.4	941.3	340.0	601.2	821.1	207.5	341.2
1999 —								
February	149.8	318.1	948.4	349.2	607.6	819.0	210.3	336.2
May	150.5	309.0	956.7	354.4	613.9	811.9	212.1	335.5
August r	155.9	310.9	964.3	351.6	615.5	808.4	213.6	343.6
November r	162.2	323.1	976.6	342.9	611.9	818.8	213.9	352.3
2000 —								
February r	179.3	334.1	994.7	347.6	606.5	836.6	222.0	355.2
May	182.4	340.4	1,016.3	343.4	600.2	852.4	221.1	353.6

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## NOTES

INTRODUCTION	<p><b>1</b> 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.</p>
REGIONAL ESTIMATES	<p><b>2</b> 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.</p> <p><b>3</b> 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.</p> <p><b>4</b> 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).</p>
INDUSTRY	<p><b>5</b> 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.</p>
STANDARD ERRORS	<p><b>6</b> 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 or from any ABS State office.</p> <p><b>7</b> 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.</p>
SYMBOLS	<p>* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.</p> <p>r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.</p>
FURTHER INFORMATION	<p><b>8</b> 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).</p>

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