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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, OCTOBER 2002(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 -
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,761.5	94.4	5.1	71.2	1,356.9	76.6	5.3	53.5	3,118.4	171.0	5.2	62.2
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,167.6	54.6	4.5	73.1	906.4	47.9	5.0	55.5	2,074.0	102.5	4.7	64.2
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	147.9	5.8	3.8	74.1	120.2	* 3.8	* 3.1	62.3	268.2	9.6	3.5	68.3
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	94.3	4.3	4.3	74.0	78.9	* 1.8	* 2.2	66.9	173.2	6.0	3.4	70.6
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	65.1	3.1	4.6	69.0	58.2	* 2.3	* 3.9	56.1	123.3	5.5	4.3	62.3
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	133.0	6.1	4.4	76.8	95.3	4.6	4.6	56.2	228.3	10.7	4.5	66.6
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	86.7	5.7	6.2	68.0	55.2	3.7	6.2	43.8	141.9	9.4	6.2	55.9
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	166.4	7.6	4.4	73.2	113.9	9.4	7.6	52.9	280.3	17.0	5.7	63.2
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	100.7	5.6	5.2	71.0	66.4	7.0	9.6	49.7	167.0	12.6	7.0	60.4
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	69.8	4.8	6.5	66.0	55.2	2.4	4.2	48.1	125.0	7.3	5.5	56.8
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	165.4	5.6	3.3	76.6	128.0	8.1	6.0	60.4	293.4	13.8	4.5	68.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	73.4	4.4	5.7	73.8	64.5	3.3	4.8	57.2	137.8	7.7	5.3	65.0
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	121.2	4.7	3.8	77.3	96.4	* 2.3	* 2.3	57.4	217.6	7.0	3.1	67.1
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	72.7	* 0.9	* 1.2	79.8	61.8	* 1.7	* 2.7	63.5	134.4	* 2.6	* 1.9	71.3
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	66.1	5.7	8.0	63.3	57.7	6.3	9.9	49.1	123.8	12.0	8.9	55.7
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	594.0	39.8	6.3	67.6	450.5	28.7	6.0	49.9	1,044.5	68.5	6.2	58.7
Hunter Statistical Region	140.6	7.0	4.7	65.0	105.7	7.1	6.3	47.7	246.4	14.0	5.4	56.1
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	119.8	6.7	5.3	66.4	88.5	6.6	7.0	48.8	208.3	13.3	6.0	57.5
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	155.3	15.0	8.8	68.4	117.4	7.2	5.8	51.0	272.8	22.1	7.5	59.8
Illawarra Statistical Region	108.8	12.1	10.0	69.1	76.8	5.5	6.7	48.9	185.6	17.6	8.7	59.2
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	78.8	10.2	11.4	71.6	52.9	4.8	8.4	48.0	131.6	15.0	10.2	60.0
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	109.0	8.0	6.9	66.7	88.7	7.9	8.2	50.4	197.7	15.9	7.5	58.2
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	107.0	* 4.4	* 3.9	66.1	77.2	5.3	6.4	45.5	184.3	9.6	5.0	55.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	82.0	* 5.5	* 6.2	74.8	61.4	* 1.3	* 2.0	59.3	143.3	6.7	4.5	67.4

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	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	rate
VICTORIA												
VICTORIA	1,295.0	82.4	6.0	70.9	1,065.6	56.3	5.0	55.8	2,360.7	138.7	5.5	63.2
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	962.4	62.5	6.1	71.8	801.2	40.6	4.8	56.7	1,763.6	103.1	5.5	64.1
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	144.9	12.7	8.1	69.8	122.5	9.4	7.2	55.4	267.4	22.2	7.7	62.4
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	64.6	4.0	5.8	64.6	55.8	* 3.2	* 5.5	54.0	120.4	7.2	5.7	59.2
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	71.8	6.9	8.8	76.5	73.3	* 3.0	* 3.9	66.0	145.1	9.9	6.4	71.0
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.1	7.5	6.5	72.1	89.8	5.6	5.9	55.2	198.9	13.1	6.2	63.4
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	168.8	6.3	3.6	71.5	132.1	4.2	3.1	54.0	300.9	10.5	3.4	62.6
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	111.5	3.8	3.3	72.2	94.7	3.8	3.8	57.3	206.1	7.5	3.5	64.5
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	127.5	7.0	5.2	74.2	109.9	6.0	5.2	61.6	237.4	13.0	5.2	67.8
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	105.5	8.1	7.1	74.2	75.8	4.0	5.0	54.4	181.3	12.1	6.2	64.5
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	58.7	6.1	9.4	70.2	47.3	* 1.4	* 2.9	53.6	106.0	7.5	6.6	62.0
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	332.6	19.9	5.6	68.5	264.5	15.7	5.6	53.2	597.1	35.5	5.6	60.8
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	93.5	6.2	6.2	72.3	69.0	* 3.4	* 4.7	51.1	162.5	9.6	5.6	61.5
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	53.3	* 1.6	* 3.0	71.9	41.3	* 1.9	* 4.3	51.6	94.7	* 3.5	* 3.6	61.3
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	64.0	* 4.2	* 6.1	62.9	52.7	* 2.9	* 5.2	55.0	116.7	7.1	5.7	59.1
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	74.7	4.5	5.7	71.2	62.7	* 3.4	* 5.1	56.7	137.4	7.9	5.4	63.8
All Gippsland Statistical Region	47.2	* 3.4	* 6.7	62.5	38.7	4.1	9.7	51.5	85.9	7.5	8.1	56.9
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	987.9	64.9	6.2	72.6	791.3	62.5	7.3	57.5	1,779.2	127.4	6.7	65.0
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	464.9	27.3	5.6	74.3	381.5	30.0	7.3	59.5	846.4	57.3	6.3	66.7
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	106.2	5.9	5.2	75.4	94.9	6.5	6.4	62.4	201.1	12.4	5.8	68.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	152.2	8.0	5.0	74.1	126.7	7.6	5.6	60.1	278.9	15.6	5.3	67.0
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	93.0	5.9	6.0	74.7	66.5	8.9	11.9	57.0	159.5	14.9	8.5	65.9
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	113.5	7.5	6.2	73.3	93.3	6.9	6.9	57.8	206.8	14.4	6.5	65.4
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	523.0	37.6	6.7	71.3	409.9	32.5	7.4	55.8	932.9	70.1	7.0	63.5
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	117.8	6.3	5.1	70.9	91.2	3.7	3.9	56.7	209.0	10.0	4.6	63.9
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	85.9	6.1	6.7	68.5	73.6	8.3	10.1	55.5	159.5	14.4	8.3	61.7
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.6	10.0	16.7	64.5	38.6	6.6	14.7	48.5	88.2	16.6	15.9	56.4
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	64.7	* 2.2	* 3.3	72.1	43.2	4.3	9.1	48.6	107.9	6.5	5.7	60.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	91.0	5.8	6.0	79.3	66.7	4.6	6.4	59.1	157.7	10.4	6.2	69.2
Northern-North West Statistical Region	59.9	3.5	5.5	75.8	49.0	* 2.4	* 4.7	61.1	109.0	5.9	5.1	68.4
Far North Statistical Region	54.0	* 3.7	* 6.4	66.9	47.6	* 2.6	* 5.2	61.2	101.6	6.3	5.9	64.1
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	125.7	6.5	4.9	71.6	96.8	3.9	3.9	57.4	222.5	10.5	4.5	64.7

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	384.6	26.2	6.4	68.5	312.9	18.9	5.7	53.1	697.5	45.1	6.1	60.7
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	285.1	18.9	6.2	68.9	233.5	14.9	6.0	53.0	518.6	33.9	6.1	60.7
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	91.1	7.7	7.8	70.7	68.7	4.4	6.1	51.6	159.9	12.2	7.1	61.1
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	51.1	4.1	7.5	65.8	43.6	3.1	6.6	50.1	94.7	7.2	7.1	57.5
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	61.6	3.0	4.7	68.7	51.9	3.4	6.2	56.0	113.5	6.4	5.4	62.2
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	81.3	4.1	4.8	69.1	69.2	4.0	5.4	54.4	150.6	8.0	5.1	61.5
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	99.5	7.2	6.8	67.5	79.4	4.0	4.8	53.5	178.9	11.2	5.9	60.6
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	36.1	3.7	9.4	63.3	29.4	* 1.7	* 5.6	50.0	65.5	5.5	7.7	56.7
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	63.4	3.5	5.2	70.4	50.0	2.3	4.3	55.9	113.4	5.8	4.8	63.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	543.7	34.7	6.0	74.9	421.5	22.5	5.1	57.5	965.1	57.1	5.6	66.2
Perth Major Statistical Region	394.9	24.6	5.9	74.0	315.9	15.7	4.7	56.9	710.8	40.3	5.4	65.3
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.7	2.8	7.7	73.1	27.3	* 1.0	* 3.6	56.9	61.1	3.8	5.9	65.0
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	60.4	3.1	4.9	71.9	50.1	2.9	5.4	57.3	110.5	6.0	5.2	64.5
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	122.1	7.4	5.7	76.0	102.2	4.3	4.1	58.8	224.3	11.8	5.0	67.1
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	83.4	5.7	6.4	71.9	62.9	2.5	3.8	53.0	146.3	8.2	5.3	62.5
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	95.2	5.5	5.4	75.1	73.4	5.0	6.4	57.5	168.6	10.4	5.8	66.2
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	148.8	10.1	6.4	77.6	105.6	6.8	6.0	59.2	254.4	16.9	6.2	68.8
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	71.9	6.0	7.7	73.8	54.2	3.7	6.4	55.3	126.1	9.7	7.1	64.6
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	76.9	4.1	5.1	81.7	51.4	* 3.1	* 5.6	64.1	128.3	7.2	5.3	73.6
TASMANIA												
TASMANIA	108.3	10.1	8.6	65.1	89.3	7.4	7.7	50.2	197.6	17.6	8.2	57.4
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	50.5	5.1	9.2	64.1	44.6	2.7	5.7	50.5	95.1	7.8	7.6	57.1
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	43.1	4.3	9.0	63.3	39.4	2.2	5.3	51.1	82.5	6.5	7.3	56.9
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.1	2.4	6.9	65.8	25.6	2.2	8.0	50.4	58.7	4.7	7.4	58.0
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	24.6	2.6	9.5	66.2	19.1	2.5	11.7	49.2	43.8	5.1	10.5	57.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
NORTHERN TERRITORY	53.9	4.0	6.9	78.4	44.1	1.8	3.9	67.2	98.1	5.8	5.6	73.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	137.0	7.6	5.2	74.1	124.1	4.1	3.2	63.2	261.2	11.7	4.3	68.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	90.5	4.8	5.0	78.4	83.5	2.5	2.9	67.7	174.0	7.2	4.0	72.9
AUSTRALIA												
AUSTRALIA	5,225.4	321.4	5.8	71.6	4,165.2	248.4	5.6	55.5	9,390.6	569.9	5.7	63.4

(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 -'000-	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females per cent	Persons
	ORIGINAL											
2001 —												
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
April	43.4	21.4	64.8	55.6	29.0	84.6	99.0	50.4	149.4	26.7	19.4	23.7
May	37.2	22.3	59.5	57.1	26.7	83.7	94.2	49.0	143.2	25.9	18.7	22.9
June	36.1	22.2	58.3	57.1	22.2	79.2	93.1	44.4	137.5	26.4	16.3	22.0
July	33.5	25.1	58.6	54.3	22.9	77.3	87.8	48.0	135.8	27.4	20.3	24.3
August	34.3	20.6	55.0	54.0	22.9	76.9	88.3	43.5	131.9	25.9	17.1	22.1
September	37.4	21.5	58.9	52.2	29.0	81.2	89.5	50.6	140.1	25.2	18.5	22.3
October	35.1	14.1	49.2	48.9	26.7	75.6	84.0	40.8	124.8	26.1	16.4	21.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
2001 —												
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
April	44.3	21.9	66.3	57.5	28.7	86.2	101.8	50.6	152.5	27.4	20.2	24.5
May	36.0	21.3	57.3	57.8	28.3	86.0	93.8	49.6	143.4	25.6	19.3	23.0
June	37.2	25.9	63.1	59.2	22.5	81.7	96.4	48.4	144.9	26.5	17.3	22.5
July	34.5	27.5	62.1	58.4	23.7	82.1	92.9	51.2	144.1	27.0	19.3	23.7
August	35.0	20.1	55.1	55.0	23.2	78.2	90.0	43.3	133.3	25.4	16.1	21.4
September	36.7	20.5	57.2	47.6	26.6	74.2	84.3	47.1	131.4	24.3	17.4	21.3
October	34.1	14.7	48.8	48.8	26.6	75.3	82.9	41.3	124.1	24.5	15.9	20.7
TREND SERIES												
2001 —												
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	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	31.4	23.0	54.4	58.4	30.4	88.8	89.7	53.4	143.1	23.0	18.5	21.1
November	32.7	23.3	56.1	57.6	30.9	88.5	90.3	54.3	144.6	23.2	18.8	21.3
December	35.2	23.5	58.8	57.3	31.5	88.8	92.5	55.0	147.6	24.0	19.2	22.0
2002 —												
January	38.2	23.3	61.5	57.5	31.7	89.2	95.7	55.0	150.7	25.0	19.6	22.8
February	40.7	22.8	63.5	58.2	31.1	89.3	98.9	54.0	152.9	26.1	19.8	23.5
March	41.9	22.6	64.6	59.0	29.8	88.9	101.0	52.4	153.4	27.0	19.8	24.0
April r	41.7	23.0	64.7	59.5	28.0	87.5	101.2	51.0	152.2	27.4	19.6	24.1
May r	40.2	23.5	63.7	59.1	26.3	85.4	99.2	49.9	149.1	27.2	19.1	23.8
June r	38.0	23.6	61.6	57.8	25.2	83.0	95.7	48.9	144.6	26.6	18.6	23.2
July r	36.2	23.1	59.2	55.9	24.7	80.6	92.1	47.8	139.9	26.0	17.9	22.5
August r	35.1	21.9	57.0	53.8	24.5	78.4	88.9	46.4	135.3	25.4	17.3	21.9
September r	34.5	20.3	54.7	51.6	24.7	76.3	86.1	45.0	131.1	24.9	16.7	21.3
October	34.3	18.7	52.9	49.8	25.1	74.9	84.1	43.8	127.9	24.6	16.3	21.0

TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER 2002
(’000)

State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed			Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over	Total	
		MALES			
New South Wales	66.3	11.7	16.3	28.0	29.7
Victoria	60.4	8.0	14.0	22.0	26.7
Queensland	53.1	5.2	6.6	11.8	18.2
South Australia	17.5	3.9	4.7	8.6	33.0
Western Australia	27.1	3.9	3.6	7.5	21.7
Tasmania	5.4	1.9	2.9	4.8	47.3
Northern Territory	3.7	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 6.2
Australian Capital Territory	3.8	* 0.2	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 20.6
Australia	237.4	35.1	48.9	84.0	26.1
FEMALES					
New South Wales	62.9	* 4.1	9.5	13.7	17.8
Victoria	47.7	* 3.2	5.4	8.6	15.2
Queensland	51.7	4.2	6.6	10.8	17.3
South Australia	15.2	* 0.8	2.9	3.7	19.8
Western Australia	20.7	* 0.9	* 0.9	* 1.8	* 8.0
Tasmania	5.9	* 0.4	1.1	1.5	20.6
Northern Territory	1.6	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 12.2
Australian Capital Territory	2.0	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 17.5
Australia	207.7	14.1	26.7	40.8	16.4
PERSONS					
New South Wales	129.3	15.8	25.9	41.7	24.4
Victoria	108.1	11.2	19.3	30.5	22.0
Queensland	104.8	9.4	13.2	22.6	17.8
South Australia	32.7	4.7	7.6	12.4	27.5
Western Australia	47.8	4.8	4.5	9.3	16.3
Tasmania	11.3	2.4	4.0	6.3	36.0
Northern Territory	5.3	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 8.1
Australian Capital Territory	5.8	* 0.4	* 1.0	1.4	19.5
Australia	445.1	49.2	75.6	124.8	21.9

NOTES

INTRODUCTION	<p>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.</p>
REGIONAL ESTIMATES	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>
INDUSTRY	<p>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.</p>
STANDARD ERRORS	<p>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 Narrisa Gilbert on Canberra 02 6252 5283.</p> <p>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.</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>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).</p>

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