

AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKETS

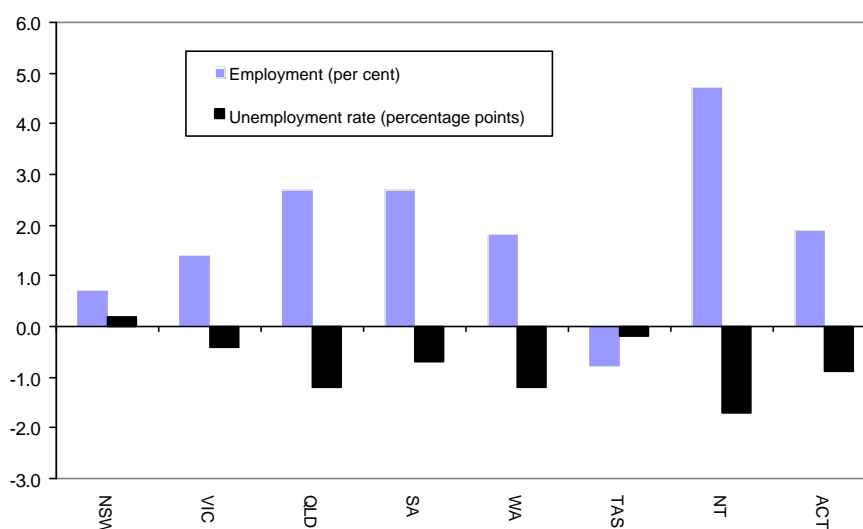
JUNE QUARTER 2002

MAIN FINDINGS

State/Territory labour market developments

With the exception of Tasmania, all States and Territories recorded a rise in employment over the year to the June quarter 2002. The largest increase (in percentage terms) was recorded in the Northern Territory (up by 4.7 per cent), followed by Queensland and South Australia (both up by 2.7 per cent). While the unemployment rate rose slightly in New South Wales, reductions in the unemployment rate were recorded in every other State and Territory.

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, JUNE QUARTER 2001 TO JUNE QUARTER 2002



Developments at ABS Labour Market Region Level

In all, 64 per cent of regions recorded an increase in employment over the year **the** to the June quarter 2002, while 57 per cent of regions recorded a reduction in their unemployment rate. A number of regions have recorded strong employment growth as well as a significant reduction in their unemployment rate over the last 12 months. In particular:

- Wide Bay-Burnett in Queensland recorded a 13.6 per cent increase in employment while the unemployment rate fell by 4.4 percentage points to 9.9 per cent;
- Murray-Murrumbidgee in New South Wales recorded a 6.5 per cent increase in employment while the unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage points to 5.0 per cent; and
- Southern Adelaide recorded a 4.7 per cent increase in employment while the unemployment rate fell by 1.9 percentage points to 5.1 per cent.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
JUNE QUARTER 2002
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State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
	'000	Annual change	'000	Annual change	%	Annual change % pts	%	Annual change % pts
AUSTRALIA	9294.2	142.8	626.9	-38.2	6.3	-0.5	63.6	-0.2
<i>Metropolitan Australia*</i>	<i>5939.1</i>	<i>134.1</i>	<i>367.6</i>	<i>-27.1</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Non-metropolitan Australia*</i>	<i>3355.0</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>259.3</i>	<i>-11.1</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>62.3</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
New South Wales	3087.3	22.1	197.1	9.7	6.0	0.2	62.5	-0.2
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>2069.9</i>	<i>40.6</i>	<i>110.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>64.8</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	273.6	11.1	13.0	2.9	4.5	0.8	69.3	-0.6
Inner Sydney	170.7	-1.4	10.4	3.6	5.7	1.9	72.3	0.0
Eastern Suburbs	129.9	15.7	7.9	3.8	5.7	2.3	67.2	3.5
St George-Sutherland	219.0	0.7	11.8	3.3	5.1	1.4	65.9	0.9
Canterbury-Bankstown	135.0	8.9	9.5	1.3	6.6	0.5	55.5	0.7
Fairfield-Liverpool/ Outer South Western Sydney	263.5	-6.1	17.7	-11.9	6.3	-3.6	63.8	0.0
Fairfield-Liverpool	149.4	-2.6	9.0	-9.3	5.7	-5.1	60.5	0.3
Central Western Sydney	140.8	14.1	7.1	0.6	4.8	0.0	62.2	5.8
Outer Western Sydney and Blacktown	285.8	1.5	15.4	-0.9	5.1	-0.3	66.9	0.7
Lower Northern Sydney	149.9	-1.6	7.5	1.6	4.8	1.0	61.4	-7.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills	231.8	5.3	8.6	0.0	3.6	-0.1	70.3	-0.8
Northern Beaches	124.7	0.8	4.6	2.6	3.6	1.9	69.7	2.0
Gosford-Wyong	115.8	-9.7	7.6	-1.8	6.2	-0.8	54.8	-4.4
<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>	<i>1017.4</i>	<i>-18.5</i>	<i>86.4</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>58.4</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
Hunter	227.9	-16.5	25.4	-1.4	10.0	0.1	55.5	-3.1
Newcastle	193.6	-10.8	21.8	-1.9	10.1	-0.3	56.4	-2.7
Illawarra and South Eastern	268.2	12.3	20.0	4.0	6.9	1.0	59.7	1.6
Illawarra	186.4	7.4	14.6	3.4	7.3	1.4	59.2	1.1
Wollongong	134.1	-0.3	13.2	5.0	9.0	3.2	60.9	1.4
Richmond-Tweed/ Mid-North Coast	176.4	-8.8	19.1	2.5	9.8	1.5	54.4	-0.9
Northern/ Far West-North Western/ Central West	201.3	-14.2	14.2	3.6	6.6	1.9	58.6	-1.6
Murray-Murrumbidgee	143.6	8.7	7.6	-0.4	5.0	-0.6	67.6	2.4
Victoria	2348.4	33.1	145.4	-7.9	5.8	-0.4	63.5	-0.3
<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>1748.0</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>104.9</i>	<i>-7.6</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>64.1</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Outer Western Melbourne	266.3	15.1	22.4	3.4	7.7	0.7	63.6	2.0
North Western Melbourne	120.7	-6.1	10.1	-2.4	7.7	-1.2	59.2	-3.3
Inner Melbourne	151.0	3.3	5.0	-4.5	3.2	-2.8	71.8	0.0
North Eastern Melbourne	206.0	9.2	11.2	-2.8	5.2	-1.5	64.9	1.2
Inner Eastern Melbourne	309.6	11.5	14.8	1.6	4.6	0.3	63.3	0.5
Southern Melbourne	193.1	-1.4	9.5	-0.8	4.7	-0.3	63.1	-1.4
Outer Eastern Melbourne	228.1	-4.2	12.4	1.2	5.2	0.6	68.5	-1.9
South Eastern Melbourne	172.6	8.9	13.6	-0.3	7.3	-0.5	63.7	-0.6
Mornington Peninsula	100.5	-5.7	6.0	-3.2	5.6	-2.3	57.1	-6.3
<i>Balance of Victoria</i>	<i>600.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>40.4</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Barwon-Western District	172.7	1.6	8.7	-0.5	4.8	-0.3	62.1	-0.5
Central Highlands-Wimmera	96.9	4.4	9.3	3.7	8.8	3.0	64.3	3.1
Loddon-Mallee	117.3	6.4	6.6	-3.3	5.3	-2.8	63.6	1.7
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray	129.1	-1.1	8.3	0.7	6.1	0.5	64.5	1.4
All Gippsland	84.4	-8.8	7.4	-0.8	8.1	0.0	53.4	-4.0

* The ABS defines metropolitan as those regions located within the State capital cities. Non-metropolitan is defined as those regions located outside the State capital cities as well as the two Territories.

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Queensland	1743.8	45.9	142.4	-20.8	7.6	-1.2	64.9	-0.4
Gold Coast	205.7	-3.5	16.3	-6.6	7.4	-2.5	62.4	-2.3
<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>829.3</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>-8.0</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>-1.2</i>	<i>66.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Brisbane City Inner Ring	201.1	6.7	12.2	-3.9	5.7	-1.9	68.1	1.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring	255.1	16.4	18.8	-0.3	6.9	-0.6	65.8	1.8
South and East Brisbane Balance	170.0	5.1	17.0	-3.5	9.1	-2.0	67.0	-1.7
North and West Brisbane Balance	203.1	8.1	15.0	-0.3	6.9	-0.4	65.6	1.4
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	<i>914.5</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>79.4</i>	<i>-12.8</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>63.6</i>	<i>-1.4</i>
South and East Moreton	198.2	-5.9	16.6	-5.0	7.7	-1.9	62.2	-2.2
North and West Moreton	159.9	15.1	19.1	-0.5	10.7	-1.2	63.3	0.2
Wide Bay-Burnett	94.8	11.3	10.4	-3.5	9.9	-4.4	58.4	2.9
Darling Downs-South West	104.2	-11.4	4.4	-1.6	4.0	-0.9	62.0	-6.4
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West	156.1	12.8	12.2	-1.6	7.3	-1.5	67.6	0.2
Northern-North West	103.7	5.3	8.2	0.7	7.3	0.2	65.6	-1.6
Far North	97.6	-17.7	8.4	-1.2	8.0	0.2	65.8	-3.5
South Australia	692.0	18.3	49.5	-4.2	6.7	-0.7	60.8	0.8
<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>513.3</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>-5.8</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>60.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Northern Adelaide	154.3	4.1	12.6	-4.3	7.5	-2.6	59.3	-0.5
Western Adelaide	97.2	1.4	8.8	0.1	8.3	0.0	57.4	-2.1
Eastern Adelaide	113.4	7.8	6.9	1.1	5.7	0.5	65.1	3.2
Southern Adelaide	148.3	6.6	7.9	-2.6	5.1	-1.9	61.3	3.1
<i>Balance of South Australia</i>	<i>178.8</i>	<i>-1.6</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>61.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Northern and Western SA	66.9	5.0	6.7	1.1	9.2	0.7	59.5	1.8
Southern and Eastern SA	111.9	-6.7	6.6	0.6	5.6	0.7	62.6	-0.6
Western Australia	952.6	17.2	61.6	-11.4	6.1	-1.2	66.2	-0.7
<i>Perth</i>	<i>697.4</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>-7.2</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>65.1</i>	<i>-1.0</i>
Central Metropolitan	61.2	0.3	3.1	-0.4	4.8	-0.6	63.2	1.2
East Metropolitan	111.2	-0.5	7.8	-0.4	6.6	-0.3	67.2	0.0
North Metropolitan	213.5	-2.0	16.3	-1.1	7.1	-0.4	66.0	-2.7
South West Metropolitan	142.8	2.2	9.2	-1.7	6.0	-1.1	61.9	-2.0
South East Metropolitan	168.6	8.6	9.1	-3.5	5.1	-2.2	66.0	0.5
<i>Balance of Western Australia</i>	<i>255.3</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>-4.3</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Lower Western WA	133.7	5.5	7.6	-4.2	5.4	-3.0	64.7	0.3
Remainder-Balance WA	121.5	3.2	8.5	-0.1	6.6	-0.2	75.1	-0.2
Tasmania	198.8	-1.6	17.2	-0.6	8.0	-0.2	57.8	-0.8
Greater Hobart-Southern	92.8	-2.7	9.0	0.6	8.8	0.8	56.8	-0.9
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	<i>81.4</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>-1.5</i>
Northern	58.4	-3.9	4.2	-0.1	6.7	0.2	59.1	-2.2
Mersey-Lyell	47.6	5.0	4.0	-1.1	7.8	-2.9	58.3	1.1
Northern Territory	100.8	4.5	5.4	-1.6	5.0	-1.7	74.4	1.6
Australian Capital Territory	170.5	3.1	8.3	-1.5	4.6	-0.9	72.4	-0.3

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The regional labour market estimates presented in this brochure are three monthly averages derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Monthly Labour Force Survey. These estimates are not adjusted to take account of seasonal and other variations and can exhibit irregular movements. They should therefore be used with caution.

Related information

Users may wish to refer to the DEWR *Small Area Labour Markets, Australia* publication which is available at <http://www.workplace.gov.au> or free of charge upon request. This publication contains quarterly estimates of unemployment rates and numbers for approximately 1,300 Statistical Local Areas.

Next issue

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