



AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKETS

DECEMBER QUARTER 2000

Number 93

Introduction

The regional labour market estimates presented in this brochure are three monthly averages derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 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

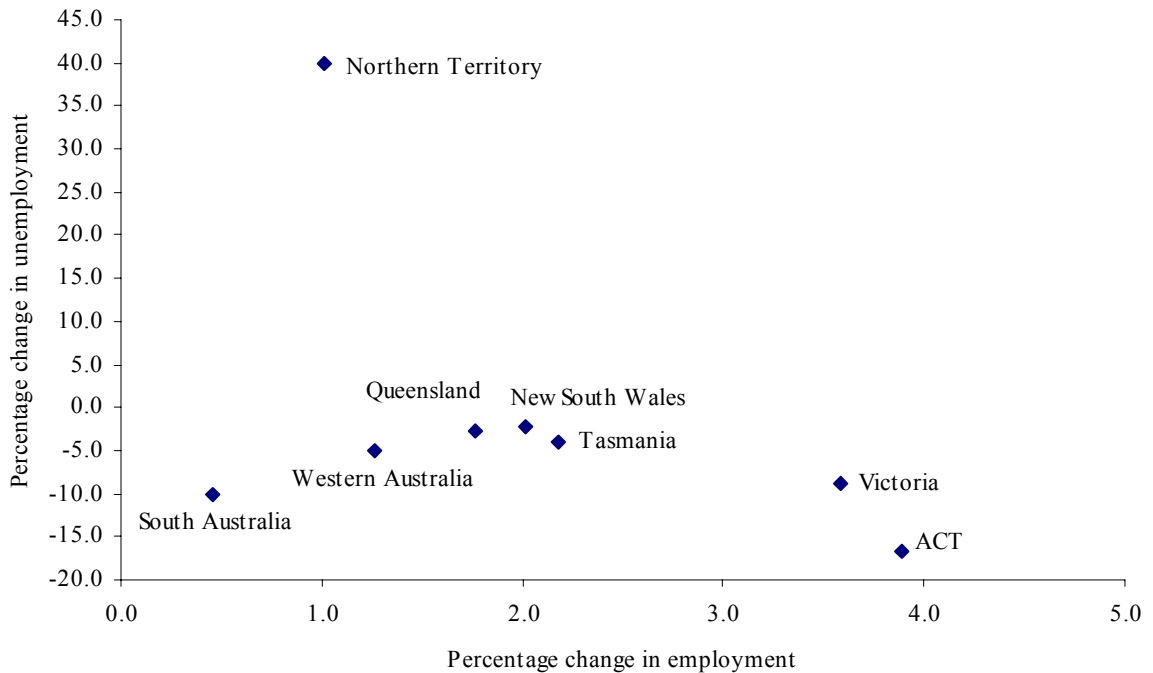
The DEWRSB *Small Area Labour Markets, Australia* publication is also available free of charge upon request. It presents quarterly estimates of unemployment rates and numbers for Statistical Local Areas.

Next issue

The next issue of *Australian Regional Labour Markets*, for the March quarter 2001, is expected to be distributed in late April 2001.

Employment and Unemployment

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, DECEMBER QUARTER 1999 TO DECEMBER QUARTER 2000



**LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
DECEMBER QUARTER 2000
Not Seasonally Adjusted**

State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
	'000	Annual change	'000	Annual change	%	Annual change % pts	%	Annual change % pts
AUSTRALIA	9139.1	196.1	608.0	-32.0	6.2	-0.4	63.7	0.2
<i>Metropolitan Australia*</i>	5804.2	108.5	353.3	-14.8	5.7	-0.3	64.4	0.1
<i>Non-metropolitan Australia*</i>	3334.8	87.7	254.7	-17.2	7.1	-0.6	62.6	0.4
New South Wales	3047.2	60.3	178.1	-4.1	5.5	-0.2	62.4	0.3
<i>Sydney</i>	2021.0	39.7	95.9	5.6	4.5	0.2	64.3	0.5
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	256.9	4.6	9.9	-1.2	3.7	-0.5	66.7	-1.8
Inner Sydney	165.0	6.8	8.1	0.6	4.7	0.1	69.8	0.9
Eastern Suburbs	136.4	5.5	3.8	-0.2	2.7	-0.2	67.4	2.5
St George-Sutherland	220.4	6.9	8.4	0.1	3.7	-0.1	64.8	-0.1
Canterbury-Bankstown	128.0	-17.2	8.7	0.6	6.3	1.1	56.0	-5.5
Fairfield-Liverpool/Outer South West Sydney	270.5	18.5	23.5	2.3	8.0	0.2	64.9	4.5
Fairfield-Liverpool	144.5	10.7	16.1	4.0	10.0	1.8	61.0	5.8
Central Western Sydney	125.3	-4.3	5.6	-0.7	4.3	-0.4	55.4	-3.3
Outer Western Sydney and Blacktown	287.5	6.6	13.6	-0.3	4.5	-0.2	68.3	2.0
Lower Northern Sydney	150.2	10.5	2.9	-0.4	1.9	-0.4	68.9	2.5
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills	200.4	-12.4	5.4	0.0	2.6	0.1	64.5	-3.1
Northern Beaches	129.6	9.5	3.3	1.2	2.5	0.8	69.1	1.3
Gosford-Wyong	115.9	11.4	10.8	4.2	8.6	2.6	57.1	5.8
<i>Balance of NSW</i>	1026.1	20.6	82.2	-9.7	7.4	-1.0	58.9	-0.1
Hunter	266.2	25.9	24.4	-0.9	8.4	-1.1	57.4	-0.7
Newcastle	229.3	23.7	23.3	0.9	9.2	-0.6	57.5	-1.1
Illawarra and South Eastern	255.8	9.0	17.6	-5.0	6.4	-1.9	59.3	0.4
Illawarra	182.1	12.6	12.9	-0.2	6.6	-0.6	59.0	1.6
Wollongong	135.9	9.9	11.3	2.6	7.7	1.2	59.5	-1.4
Richmond-Tweed/Mid Nth Coast	167.8	-15.6	23.6	-0.6	12.3	0.7	54.0	0.8
Northern/Far West-North West/Central West	205.9	-8.3	10.0	-2.3	4.7	-0.8	60.6	-3.7
Murray & Murrumbidgee	130.5	9.6	6.5	-0.8	4.7	-1.0	67.1	3.8
Victoria	2307.2	79.9	144.6	-14.1	5.9	-0.8	63.9	0.8
<i>Melbourne</i>	1711.8	48.3	101.6	-12.1	5.6	-0.8	64.6	0.3
Outer Western Melbourne	259.2	5.7	19.0	-5.9	6.8	-2.1	63.2	-0.7
North Western Melbourne	120.6	9.7	10.4	-1.9	7.9	-2.0	59.6	-0.2
Inner Melbourne	136.1	5.9	7.4	-1.5	5.2	-1.2	71.8	2.5
North Eastern Melbourne	203.0	-4.0	14.3	-1.4	6.6	-0.5	65.2	-0.5
Inner Eastern Melbourne	289.3	-9.5	12.4	-3.3	4.1	-0.9	62.5	-0.1
Southern Melbourne	186.9	0.4	7.8	-1.1	4.0	-0.6	62.1	0.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne	229.2	21.8	10.9	0.7	4.5	-0.2	69.7	-0.4
South Eastern Melbourne	177.5	22.6	13.0	3.8	6.8	1.2	66.9	4.0
Mornington Peninsula	110.0	-4.2	6.3	-1.6	5.4	-1.0	62.1	-2.1
<i>Balance of Victoria</i>	595.4	31.6	43.0	-2.0	6.7	-0.7	61.9	2.1
Barwon-Western	163.9	24.9	11.1	-0.3	6.4	-1.3	61.0	4.4
Central Highlands-Wimmera	98.7	2.1	7.4	-1.6	7.0	-1.6	62.9	-0.5
Loddon-Mallee	107.2	6.0	7.2	-1.1	6.3	-1.3	60.8	1.0
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray	133.6	-7.9	9.8	2.8	6.9	2.1	64.1	1.2
All Gippsland	92.0	6.5	7.5	-1.8	7.5	-2.2	60.6	3.6

* 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.

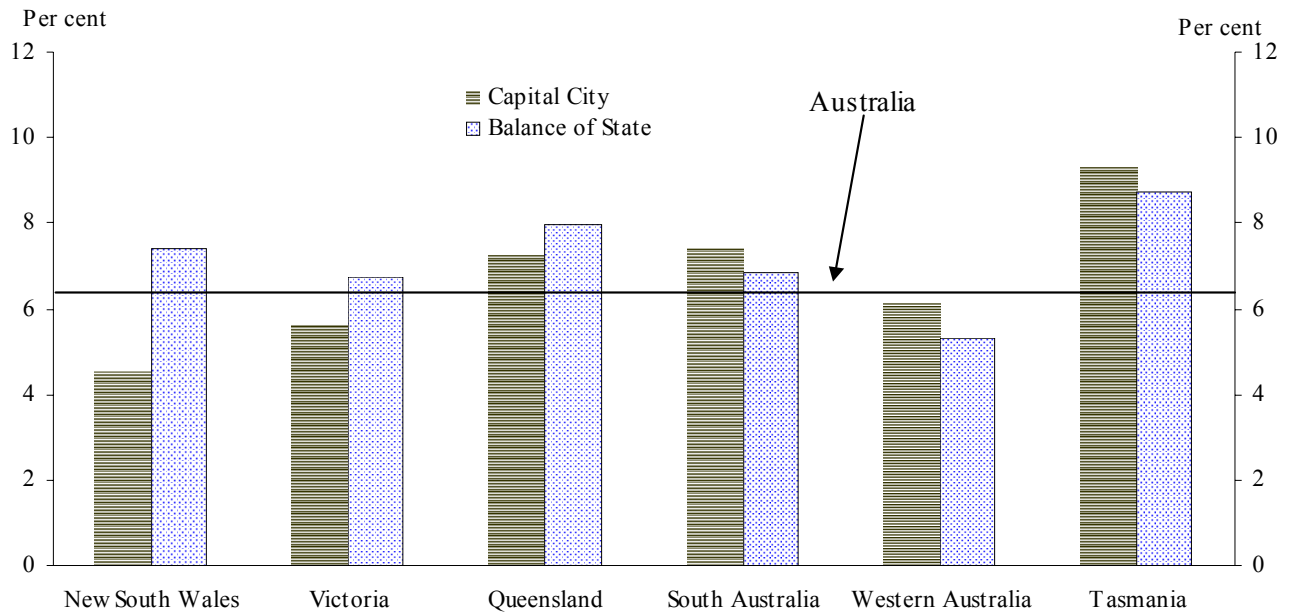
LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
DECEMBER QUARTER 2000
Not Seasonally Adjusted

State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
	'000	Annual change	'000	Annual change	%	Annual change % pts	%	Annual change % pts
Queensland	1696.9	29.4	140.0	-3.8	7.6	-0.3	65.0	-0.3
Gold Coast	216.6	40.9	20.5	3.7	8.7	-0.1	64.0	1.1
<i>Brisbane</i>	794.7	6.8	61.9	-1.3	7.2	-0.2	65.7	-0.9
Brisbane City Inner Ring	197.7	11.9	13.1	-1.7	6.2	-1.2	68.3	2.3
Brisbane City Outer Ring	261.4	15.6	18.2	1.1	6.5	0.0	65.7	0.8
South & East Brisbane Balance	165.6	-2.8	15.0	-1.8	8.3	-0.8	67.2	-1.8
North & West Brisbane Balance	169.9	-17.9	15.6	1.2	8.4	1.3	61.7	-5.6
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	902.2	22.6	78.0	-2.5	8.0	-0.4	64.5	0.2
South & East Moreton	211.2	44.2	20.2	3.5	8.7	-0.4	64.2	1.8
North & West Moreton	138.1	-7.2	15.8	0.5	10.3	0.7	62.1	1.0
Wide Bay-Burnett	85.4	-1.5	11.4	0.0	11.8	0.1	54.9	-4.2
Darling Downs-South West	115.5	-3.3	4.4	-0.2	3.7	0.0	67.4	1.7
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West	155.8	-10.4	13.6	-3.2	8.0	-1.2	68.5	-1.3
Northern-North West	92.0	-8.8	6.2	-2.1	6.3	-1.3	66.1	-1.2
Far North	104.1	9.6	6.4	-0.9	5.8	-1.4	68.4	4.3
South Australia	680.0	3.1	53.2	-6.0	7.3	-0.8	60.7	-0.6
<i>Adelaide</i>	501.6	3.9	40.1	-2.9	7.4	-0.6	60.6	-0.3
Northern Adelaide	155.1	5.4	14.7	-0.7	8.6	-0.7	61.2	0.0
Western Adelaide	91.6	-0.9	9.3	-1.5	9.2	-1.3	59.0	0.1
Eastern Adelaide	109.7	1.8	7.8	2.3	6.6	1.8	63.5	2.5
Southern Adelaide	145.2	-2.4	8.4	-3.0	5.4	-1.7	58.9	-2.8
<i>Balance of South Australia</i>	178.3	-0.7	13.1	-3.0	6.8	-1.4	61.1	-1.6
Northern & Western SA	58.4	-10.9	5.6	-2.5	8.7	-1.7	56.2	-6.8
Southern & Eastern SA	119.9	10.1	7.5	-0.6	5.9	-1.0	63.8	1.5
Western Australia	939.8	11.7	59.1	-3.1	5.9	-0.4	66.8	-0.5
<i>Perth</i>	691.3	8.6	45.3	-4.3	6.1	-0.6	66.2	-0.7
Central Metropolitan	64.7	4.7	2.5	-2.3	3.7	-3.7	66.6	0.4
East Metropolitan	107.2	0.6	7.4	0.3	6.4	0.2	66.7	0.0
North Metropolitan	222.8	5.5	16.7	2.4	7.0	0.8	69.1	0.4
South-West Metropolitan	139.9	-3.5	9.7	0.0	6.5	0.1	63.3	-2.5
South-East Metropolitan	156.7	1.2	9.0	-4.6	5.5	-2.6	64.2	-1.4
<i>Balance of Western Australia</i>	248.4	3.1	13.9	1.2	5.3	0.4	68.6	0.2
Lower Western WA	127.1	8.3	7.7	0.5	5.7	0.0	63.0	0.8
Remainder-Balance of WA	121.3	-5.2	6.2	0.7	4.8	0.7	75.6	0.3
Tasmania	202.5	4.3	19.9	-0.8	9.0	-0.5	59.8	0.7
Greater Hobart-Southern	97.2	-0.1	10.0	-0.1	9.3	-0.1	59.4	0.7
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	83.8	1.2	8.6	0.3	9.3	0.2	59.6	0.7
Northern	63.3	6.7	4.9	0.0	7.2	-0.7	62.4	4.1
Mersey-Lyell	42.0	-2.2	5.0	-0.8	10.7	-0.9	57.4	-3.9
Northern Territory	94.6	0.9	5.4	1.5	5.4	1.4	70.8	0.9
Australian Capital Territory	170.9	6.4	7.8	-1.6	4.3	-1.0	73.5	0.4

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS

**Regional
Unemployment**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY STATE
DECEMBER QUARTER 2000**



Unemployment rates

**PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
DECEMBER QUARTER 1999 TO DECEMBER QUARTER 2000**

