



AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKETS

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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 at <http://www.dewrsb.gov.au/employment/publications/smallAreaLabourMarkets/default.asp> or free of charge upon request. It presents quarterly estimates of unemployment rates and numbers for Statistical Local Areas.

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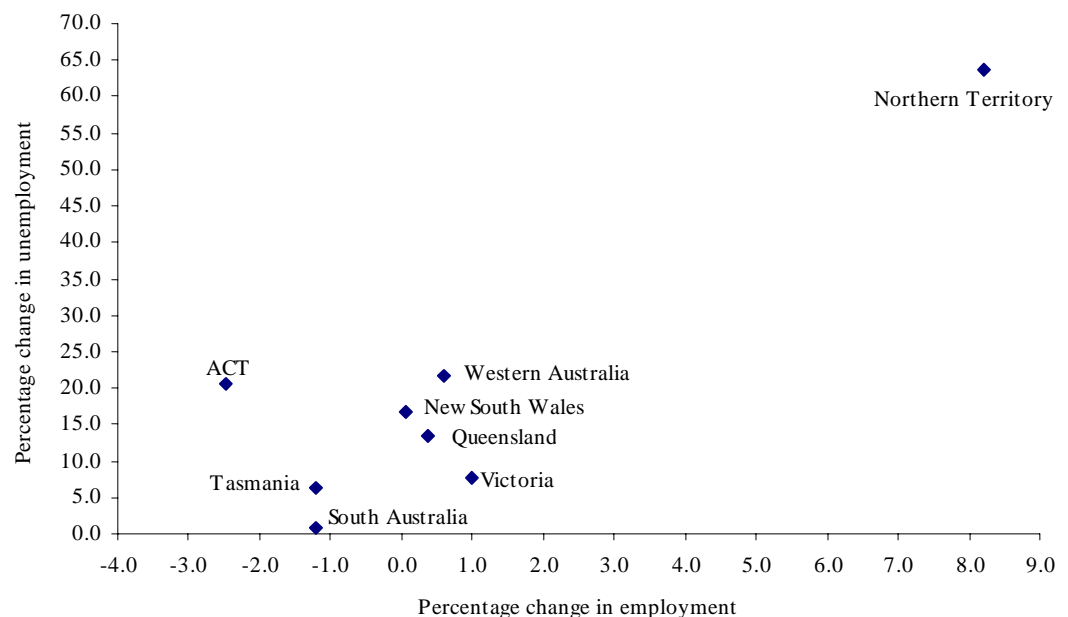
In April 2001, the ABS revised the definition of employment and unemployment used in the Monthly Labour Force Survey. Estimates at the State/Territory level have been backcast by the ABS to April 1986. Accordingly, the annual changes in this brochure at the National, State and Territory level are not directly comparable with those at the regional level.

Next issue

The next issue of *Australian Regional Labour Markets*, for the December quarter 2001, is expected to be distributed in late January 2002.

Employment and Unemployment

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2000 TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001



LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001
Not Seasonally Adjusted

State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
	'000	Annual change	'000	Annual change	%	Annual change % pts	%	Annual change % pts
AUSTRALIA	9190.1	29.7	644.7	73.5	6.6	0.7	63.7	-0.1
<i>Metropolitan Australia*</i>	5850.6	39.6	384.9	38.3	6.2	0.5	64.5	-0.1
<i>Non-metropolitan Australia*</i>	3339.5	16.9	259.8	4.8	7.2	0.1	62.3	-0.4
New South Wales	3076.9	2.3	190.2	27.3	5.8	0.8	62.7	0.0
<i>Sydney</i>	2057.1	16.3	104.7	14.8	4.8	0.6	65.2	0.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	269.0	15.6	11.3	2.7	4.0	0.7	69.5	2.5
Inner Sydney	180.9	24.2	7.9	1.0	4.2	0.0	72.5	4.3
Eastern Suburbs	122.0	-9.8	5.5	2.0	4.3	1.7	66.3	-1.7
St George-Sutherland	212.9	-6.6	7.8	2.1	3.5	1.0	64.9	1.1
Canterbury-Bankstown	131.8	-12.3	8.7	-2.5	6.2	-1.0	55.9	-3.7
Fairfield-Liverpool/ Outer South Western Sydney	279.7	9.3	26.6	5.8	8.7	1.5	64.6	-1.4
Fairfield-Liverpool	157.6	9.0	14.2	-0.1	8.3	-0.5	60.6	-2.7
Central Western Sydney	125.5	-2.5	4.5	-0.8	3.5	-0.5	56.4	0.2
Outer Western Sydney and Blacktown	292.7	3.9	14.2	0.1	4.6	0.0	67.1	-0.7
Lower Northern Sydney	149.3	2.4	6.6	2.9	4.2	1.8	70.0	1.2
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills	221.1	12.9	6.7	1.6	2.9	0.5	71.0	5.4
Northern Beaches	128.4	-1.4	2.3	-0.6	1.7	-0.4	68.0	-1.2
Gosford-Wyong	124.7	4.9	10.6	1.6	7.8	0.9	58.3	-0.9
<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>	1019.8	-6.7	85.5	4.0	7.7	0.4	58.4	-0.6
Hunter	238.5	-17.3	27.3	6.5	10.3	2.7	57.6	0.7
Newcastle	204.5	-19.5	24.3	5.1	10.6	2.7	58.9	1.8
Illawarra and South Eastern	252.5	-6.7	18.3	-1.3	6.7	-0.3	57.8	-1.3
Illawarra	174.7	-3.5	11.6	-1.6	6.2	-0.7	56.7	-1.6
Wollongong	133.5	3.2	8.5	-2.3	6.0	-1.7	59.7	0.4
Richmond-Tweed/ Mid-North Coast	187.1	20.5	20.7	-0.1	9.9	-1.1	56.1	2.7
Northern/ Far West-North Western/ Central West	210.0	-5.4	10.4	-0.6	4.7	-0.1	59.3	-3.4
Murray-Murrumbidgee	131.7	2.3	8.8	-0.6	6.3	-0.5	63.9	-3.5
Victoria	2321.7	22.9	152.6	10.9	6.2	0.4	63.7	-0.1
<i>Melbourne</i>	1726.2	22.0	111.0	6.6	6.0	0.3	64.6	-0.1
Outer Western Melbourne	252.9	-9.0	22.3	1.4	8.1	0.7	60.6	-3.9
North Western Melbourne	130.7	14.3	14.5	4.8	10.0	2.3	64.4	6.2
Inner Melbourne	141.2	9.0	10.0	2.5	6.6	1.2	69.8	-0.9
North Eastern Melbourne	196.6	-3.9	13.3	0.7	6.4	0.4	62.7	-2.3
Inner Eastern Melbourne	306.6	2.4	13.8	-1.4	4.3	-0.5	64.7	0.0
Southern Melbourne	192.7	4.5	9.2	2.2	4.5	1.0	64.4	1.9
Outer Eastern Melbourne	234.7	14.5	10.0	-0.4	4.1	-0.4	71.9	2.8
South Eastern Melbourne	162.5	-5.3	11.4	-1.8	6.5	-0.7	62.4	-2.4
Mornington Peninsula	108.3	-4.6	6.4	-1.3	5.6	-0.8	62.3	0.3
<i>Balance of Victoria</i>	595.5	9.4	41.6	-4.8	6.5	-0.8	61.3	-0.2
Barwon-Western District	171.0	15.0	7.7	-6.4	4.3	-4.0	61.5	2.0
Central Highlands-Wimmera	88.6	-9.9	8.1	1.4	8.3	2.0	59.7	-3.5
Loddon-Mallee	110.8	8.2	11.0	4.1	9.0	2.7	63.2	3.1
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray	136.0	0.0	7.3	-3.0	5.1	-1.9	62.9	-1.4
All Gippsland	89.1	-3.9	7.6	-0.9	7.9	-0.5	58.1	-3.2

* 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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State/Region	Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
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Queensland	1713.5	6.4	145.3	17.3	7.8	0.8	64.9	-0.4
Gold Coast	197.7	4.8	21.2	0.3	9.7	-0.1	63.0	-1.4
<i>Brisbane</i>	798.3	2.0	71.1	11.9	8.2	1.3	65.8	-0.2
Brisbane City Inner Ring	198.6	2.2	14.6	2.5	6.8	1.0	68.7	0.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring	239.5	-21.1	19.6	1.2	7.6	1.0	64.0	-2.2
South and East Brisbane Balance	159.8	-2.5	18.4	4.4	10.3	2.4	64.7	-1.7
North and West Brisbane Balance	200.4	23.4	18.5	3.8	8.5	0.8	66.1	3.6
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	915.2	10.0	74.2	-1.5	7.5	-0.2	64.2	-0.6
South and East Moreton	191.8	7.0	19.0	-0.2	9.0	-0.4	62.8	-1.3
North and West Moreton	147.4	8.6	15.9	-0.4	9.7	-0.8	60.9	-0.6
Wide Bay-Burnett	87.5	-4.4	9.2	-0.4	9.5	0.1	55.5	-0.5
Darling Downs-South West	112.7	-7.6	5.7	1.5	4.8	1.5	64.4	-2.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West	155.9	-2.5	9.7	-1.9	5.8	-1.0	67.7	-1.2
Northern-North West	106.7	-1.5	7.3	-1.7	6.4	-1.3	68.6	0.1
Far North	113.2	10.4	7.5	1.6	6.2	0.8	71.4	2.0
South Australia	675.7	-8.2	52.6	0.4	7.2	0.1	60.0	-1.0
<i>Adelaide</i>	495.5	-5.4	40.6	-2.0	7.6	-0.3	59.7	-1.2
Northern Adelaide	152.7	-0.3	14.8	-0.6	8.8	-0.3	59.5	-2.0
Western Adelaide	93.3	2.1	8.9	-0.6	8.7	-0.7	57.8	0.2
Eastern Adelaide	104.5	-5.4	6.0	-1.4	5.4	-0.8	61.5	-1.7
Southern Adelaide	145.0	-1.8	10.9	0.6	7.0	0.4	59.8	-0.8
<i>Balance of South Australia</i>	180.2	-0.4	12.0	-0.3	6.2	-0.1	61.1	-0.5
Northern and Western SA	62.9	3.8	6.3	1.6	9.1	1.8	56.6	1.4
Southern and Eastern SA	117.3	-4.2	5.7	-1.9	4.6	-1.3	64.0	-1.3
Western Australia	939.6	5.5	67.4	12.0	6.7	1.1	66.5	0.1
<i>Perth</i>	692.4	5.3	48.9	7.0	6.6	0.9	65.8	0.1
Central Metropolitan	60.4	-5.5	3.3	0.8	5.1	1.5	63.1	-5.0
East Metropolitan	114.4	11.4	8.2	2.4	6.7	1.4	66.6	3.9
North Metropolitan	218.7	-4.6	13.3	0.0	5.7	0.1	69.3	1.0
South West Metropolitan	146.2	8.1	9.9	-0.6	6.3	-0.7	64.3	0.5
South East Metropolitan	152.8	-4.0	14.2	4.5	8.5	2.7	63.2	-2.0
<i>Balance of Western Australia</i>	247.2	3.0	18.5	1.8	7.0	0.6	68.6	0.2
Lower Western WA	129.7	7.4	9.1	0.7	6.5	0.1	65.4	2.9
Remainder-Balance WA	117.5	-4.3	9.5	1.1	7.5	1.0	72.5	-3.2
Tasmania	196.5	-2.4	20.8	1.2	9.6	0.6	58.3	-0.6
Greater Hobart-Southern	94.2	-3.1	10.2	0.1	9.7	0.4	57.5	-1.5
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	81.0	-0.7	8.7	-0.1	9.7	0.0	57.7	-0.7
Northern	60.6	1.8	5.6	0.1	8.4	-0.2	60.6	0.8
Mersey-Lyell	41.7	-0.2	5.1	0.2	10.8	0.4	56.9	-0.4
Northern Territory	99.0	7.5	7.2	2.8	6.8	2.2	74.6	6.4
Australian Capital Territory	167.2	-4.2	8.6	1.5	4.9	0.9	71.8	-1.6

Regional
Unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY STATE
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001



Unemployment rates

PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2000 TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001

