



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 DEWR *Small Area Labour Markets, Australia* publication is also available at <http://www.workplace.gov.au> or free of charge upon request. It presents quarterly estimates of unemployment rates and numbers for Statistical Local Areas.

Breaks in series

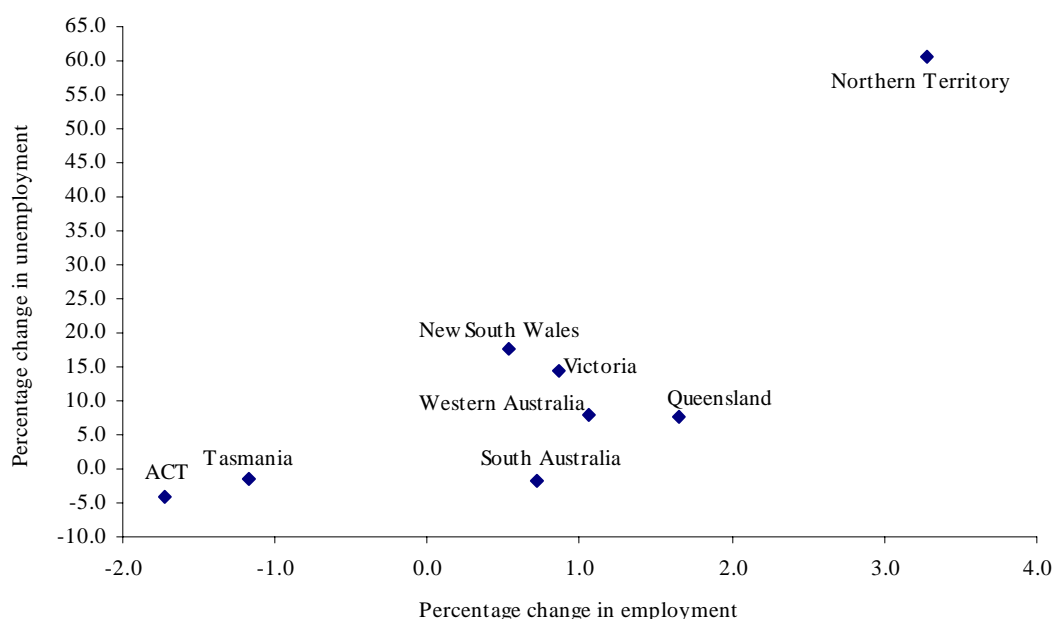
In April 2001, the ABS revised the definition of employment and unemployment used in the Monthly Labour Force Survey. Estimates at the State/Territory level have been backcast by the ABS to April 1986. Accordingly, the annual changes in this brochure at the National, State and Territory level are not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

Next issue

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

Employment and Unemployment

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



**LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
DECEMBER 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	9236.5	77.0	650.3	66.4	6.6	0.6	63.8	0.1
<i>Metropolitan Australia*</i>	<i>5876.3</i>	<i>72.1</i>	<i>394.1</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>64.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Non-metropolitan Australia*</i>	<i>3360.1</i>	<i>23.9</i>	<i>256.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
New South Wales	3069.6	16.4	201.2	30.0	6.2	0.8	62.6	0.2
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>2053.3</i>	<i>32.3</i>	<i>114.0</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>65.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	260.1	3.2	11.9	2.0	4.4	0.7	68.7	1.9
Inner Sydney	175.0	10.0	7.6	-0.5	4.2	-0.5	71.6	1.8
Eastern Suburbs	126.2	-10.2	7.4	3.6	5.6	2.8	69.4	1.9
St George-Sutherland	218.0	-2.4	9.5	1.2	4.2	0.5	66.0	1.2
Canterbury-Bankstown	127.9	-0.1	9.4	0.7	6.8	0.5	53.4	-2.6
Fairfield-Liverpool/ Outer South Western Sydney	279.4	8.9	25.5	2.0	8.4	0.4	65.7	0.8
Fairfield-Liverpool	161.0	16.4	14.6	-1.5	8.3	-1.7	62.5	1.6
Central Western Sydney	131.9	6.6	6.0	0.3	4.3	0.0	58.6	3.2
Outer Western Sydney and Blacktown	284.1	-3.3	15.7	2.1	5.2	0.7	67.2	-1.1
Lower Northern Sydney	151.3	1.1	7.5	4.7	4.7	2.9	66.2	-2.7
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills	218.9	18.5	8.1	2.7	3.6	0.9	70.0	5.5
Northern Beaches	136.0	6.4	3.4	0.1	2.4	-0.1	68.8	-0.3
Gosford-Wyong	119.5	3.6	9.6	-1.3	7.4	-1.1	55.7	-1.5
<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>	<i>1016.3</i>	<i>-9.9</i>	<i>87.1</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>58.3</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Hunter	238.2	-28.0	25.7	1.3	9.8	1.4	58.3	0.9
Newcastle	202.9	-26.4	22.6	-0.7	10.0	0.8	59.3	1.8
Illawarra and South Eastern	267.3	11.5	18.7	1.1	6.5	0.1	58.4	-0.9
Illawarra	183.4	1.3	12.9	-0.1	6.6	-0.1	57.8	-1.2
Wollongong	140.0	4.1	9.2	-2.1	6.2	-1.5	59.9	0.4
Richmond-Tweed/ Mid-North Coast	176.8	9.0	20.8	-2.8	10.5	-1.8	55.1	1.1
Northern/ Far West-North Western/ Central West	206.2	0.4	14.6	4.6	6.6	2.0	58.5	-2.2
Murray-Murrumbidgee	127.7	-2.7	7.3	0.8	5.4	0.6	63.2	-3.9
Victoria	2332.9	19.9	157.7	19.9	6.3	0.7	63.9	0.0
<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>1730.3</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>119.5</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Outer Western Melbourne	260.2	1.0	26.6	7.6	9.3	2.4	62.6	-0.6
North Western Melbourne	127.1	6.5	13.5	3.2	9.6	1.7	64.8	5.1
Inner Melbourne	131.7	-4.5	6.3	-1.1	4.6	-0.6	67.4	-4.5
North Eastern Melbourne	196.3	-6.7	14.8	0.5	7.0	0.4	63.0	-2.2
Inner Eastern Melbourne	316.6	27.2	16.4	4.0	4.9	0.8	64.5	2.0
Southern Melbourne	195.4	8.5	11.2	3.4	5.4	1.4	64.3	2.2
Outer Eastern Melbourne	235.8	6.6	13.3	2.4	5.4	0.8	72.5	2.8
South Eastern Melbourne	162.1	-15.4	11.1	-1.9	6.4	-0.4	62.1	-4.8
Mornington Peninsula	105.1	-4.8	6.3	0.0	5.6	0.2	60.5	-1.5
<i>Balance of Victoria</i>	<i>602.6</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>-4.8</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>-0.8</i>	<i>61.7</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
Barwon-Western District	174.8	10.9	10.1	-1.1	5.4	-0.9	62.6	1.6
Central Highlands-Wimmera	86.0	-12.7	7.6	0.2	8.1	1.1	58.2	-4.7
Loddon-Mallee	118.8	11.5	8.2	1.1	6.5	0.2	64.7	3.9
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray	136.2	2.6	6.9	-2.9	4.8	-2.0	63.7	-0.4
All Gippsland	86.8	-5.2	5.4	-2.1	5.9	-1.6	57.1	-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.

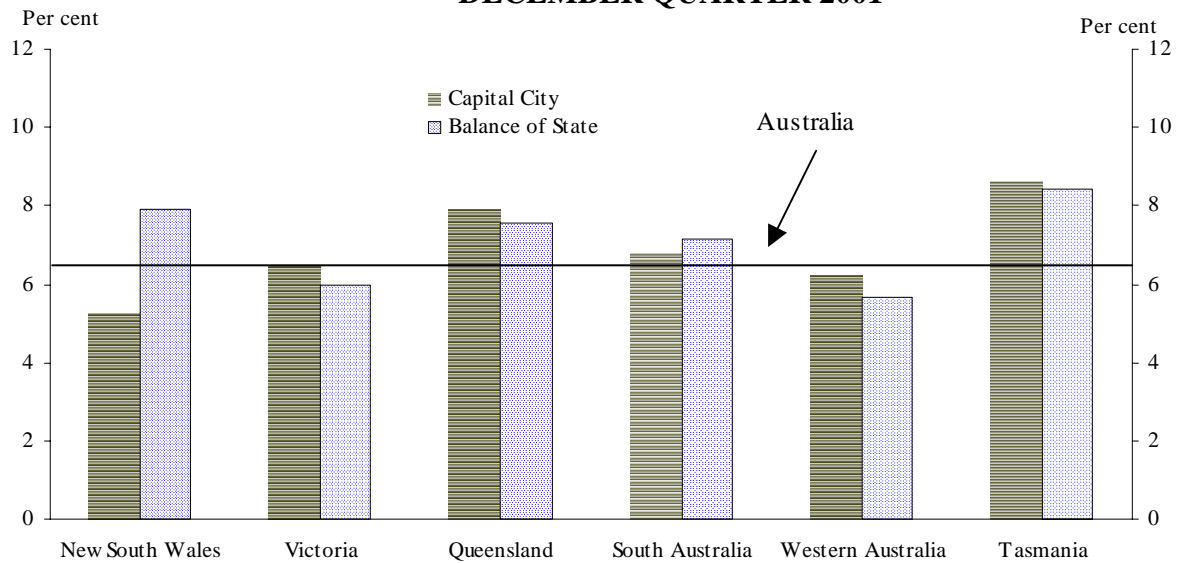
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Queensland	1729.2	28.1	145.1	10.3	7.7	0.4	65.1	0.1
Gold Coast	211.3	-5.2	18.0	-2.5	7.8	-0.8	64.3	0.2
<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>803.6</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>69.2</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>65.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Brisbane City Inner Ring	199.6	1.9	15.6	2.5	7.2	1.0	68.1	-0.2
Brisbane City Outer Ring	241.9	-19.5	18.7	0.4	7.2	0.6	64.9	-0.7
South and East Brisbane Balance	160.4	-5.3	17.4	2.4	9.8	1.5	64.3	-2.9
North and West Brisbane Balance	201.7	31.8	17.6	2.0	8.0	-0.4	65.5	3.8
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	<i>925.6</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>75.9</i>	<i>-2.1</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>0.2</i>
South and East Moreton	204.7	-6.5	16.3	-3.8	7.4	-1.3	64.2	0.0
North and West Moreton	151.7	13.6	17.2	1.4	10.2	-0.1	61.6	-0.5
Wide Bay-Burnett	84.3	-1.1	11.0	-0.4	11.5	-0.3	55.5	0.6
Darling Downs-South West	115.0	-0.5	4.6	0.2	3.8	0.1	65.3	-2.1
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West	154.7	-1.1	11.3	-2.4	6.8	-1.2	68.6	0.2
Northern-North West	105.0	13.0	8.4	2.2	7.4	1.1	68.6	2.5
Far North	110.2	6.0	7.2	0.8	6.2	0.4	69.8	1.4
South Australia	686.3	4.9	50.7	-0.9	6.9	-0.2	60.7	0.0
<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>505.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Northern Adelaide	153.6	-1.5	13.4	-1.3	8.0	-0.6	60.4	-0.8
Western Adelaide	92.1	0.5	6.8	-2.5	6.9	-2.3	55.6	-3.3
Eastern Adelaide	108.9	-0.8	6.9	-0.9	5.9	-0.7	63.0	-0.5
Southern Adelaide	150.6	5.5	9.7	1.4	6.1	0.6	61.0	2.1
<i>Balance of South Australia</i>	<i>181.0</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>13.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>62.1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Northern and Western SA	63.1	4.7	6.3	0.8	9.1	0.4	57.5	1.3
Southern and Eastern SA	117.8	-2.1	7.6	0.0	6.0	0.1	65.0	1.1
Western Australia	951.4	9.9	61.7	4.6	6.1	0.4	66.6	-0.1
<i>Perth</i>	<i>701.0</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>46.7</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>66.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
Central Metropolitan	59.6	-5.1	2.6	0.1	4.2	0.5	61.7	-4.9
East Metropolitan	111.5	4.3	8.4	1.0	7.0	0.5	64.9	-1.8
North Metropolitan	226.0	3.2	13.0	-3.7	5.4	-1.5	70.3	1.2
South West Metropolitan	143.4	3.5	11.4	1.8	7.4	0.9	63.6	0.3
South East Metropolitan	160.5	3.8	11.3	2.3	6.6	1.1	65.4	1.1
<i>Balance of Western Australia</i>	<i>250.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>68.3</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Lower Western WA	128.6	1.5	7.2	-0.6	5.3	-0.4	64.8	1.8
Remainder-Balance WA	121.9	0.5	7.9	1.7	6.1	1.3	72.4	-3.3
Tasmania	200.9	-2.4	18.7	-0.3	8.5	0.0	58.9	-0.9
Greater Hobart-Southern	96.1	-1.0	9.1	-0.9	8.6	-0.7	58.5	-0.9
<i>Greater Hobart</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>58.3</i>	<i>-1.3</i>
Northern	60.8	-2.5	4.8	-0.1	7.3	0.1	60.2	-2.3
Mersey-Lyell	44.0	2.0	4.8	-0.2	9.9	-0.8	58.1	0.7
Northern Territory	98.0	3.1	8.2	3.1	7.7	2.6	74.4	3.6
Australian Capital Territory	168.3	-2.9	7.0	-0.3	4.0	-0.1	71.4	-2.0

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Regional Unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY STATE DECEMBER QUARTER 2001



Unemployment rates

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

