



AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL LABOUR MARKETS

MARCH QUARTER 2001

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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.

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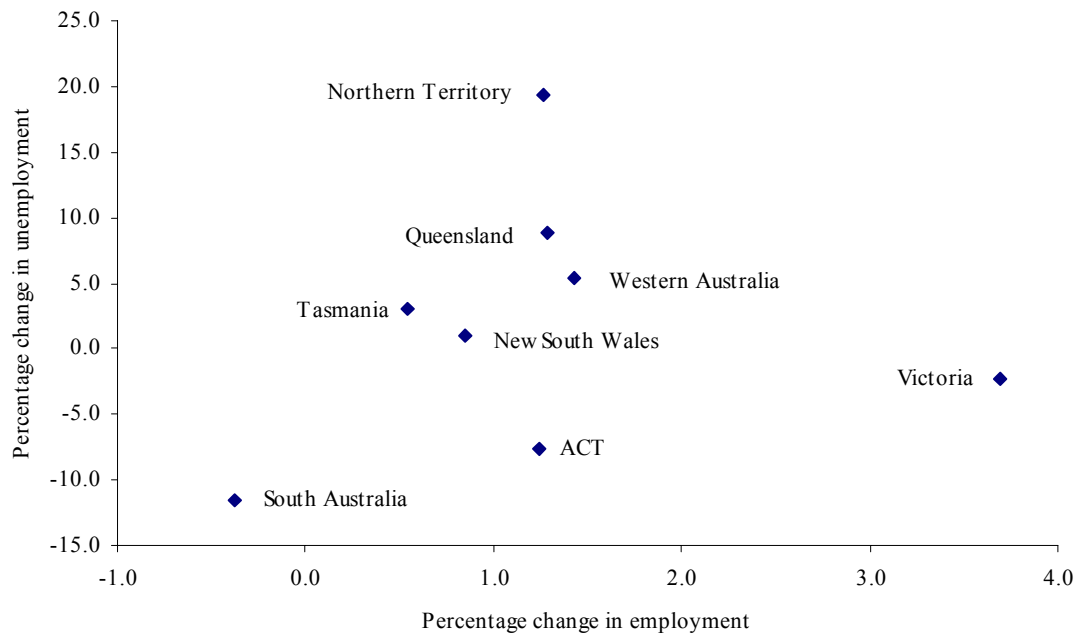
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Next issue

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

Employment and Unemployment

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



LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY ABS LABOUR FORCE REGIONS
MARCH 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 | 9019.4 | 143.1 | 714.3 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 63.4 | 0.2 |
| <i>Metropolitan Australia*</i> | <i>5727.4</i> | <i>94.5</i> | <i>419.4</i> | <i>5.7</i> | <i>6.8</i> | <i>0.0</i> | <i>64.1</i> | <i>0.2</i> |
| <i>Non-metropolitan Australia*</i> | <i>3292.1</i> | <i>48.6</i> | <i>294.9</i> | <i>3.6</i> | <i>8.2</i> | <i>0.0</i> | <i>62.4</i> | <i>0.1</i> |
| New South Wales | 2999.8 | 25.4 | 208.3 | 2.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 61.9 | -0.2 |
| <i>Sydney</i> | <i>1986.4</i> | <i>21.0</i> | <i>118.0</i> | <i>3.3</i> | <i>5.6</i> | <i>0.1</i> | <i>63.8</i> | <i>0.0</i> |
| Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney | 270.4 | 25.2 | 10.3 | -0.7 | 3.7 | -0.6 | 68.7 | 0.9 |
| Inner Sydney | 175.8 | 18.5 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 4.4 | -0.4 | 71.5 | 2.3 |
| Eastern Suburbs | 117.3 | -7.5 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 63.8 | -0.2 |
| St George-Sutherland | 215.1 | 2.1 | 8.2 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 64.2 | -0.7 |
| Canterbury-Bankstown | 124.5 | -18.7 | 9.1 | -4.7 | 6.8 | -2.0 | 53.4 | -8.7 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool/ Outer South Western Sydney | 250.1 | -2.6 | 29.5 | 4.6 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 62.6 | 0.4 |
| Fairfield-Liverpool | 140.7 | 3.9 | 17.6 | 2.9 | 11.1 | 1.4 | 58.3 | -0.2 |
| Central Western Sydney | 129.6 | -0.7 | 4.8 | -2.8 | 3.5 | -2.0 | 56.5 | -1.6 |
| Outer Western Sydney and Blacktown | 283.6 | -3.6 | 19.9 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 67.7 | 1.7 |
| Lower Northern Sydney | 139.0 | 5.4 | 6.2 | -0.1 | 4.3 | -0.2 | 67.3 | 1.5 |
| Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills | 215.6 | 2.1 | 9.3 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 1.2 | 67.8 | -0.1 |
| Northern Beaches | 125.4 | 0.4 | 3.9 | -0.2 | 3.0 | -0.2 | 69.7 | 1.8 |
| Gosford-Wyong | 115.8 | 18.9 | 10.6 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 54.9 | 4.8 |
| <i>Balance of New South Wales</i> | <i>1013.5</i> | <i>4.4</i> | <i>90.3</i> | <i>-1.3</i> | <i>8.2</i> | <i>-0.1</i> | <i>58.5</i> | <i>-0.5</i> |
| Hunter | 258.9 | 6.0 | 30.8 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 1.3 | 58.4 | -0.8 |
| Newcastle | 220.3 | -1.1 | 28.6 | 5.4 | 11.5 | 2.0 | 58.5 | -1.9 |
| Illawarra and South Eastern | 248.2 | 2.0 | 16.9 | -4.4 | 6.4 | -1.6 | 57.4 | -0.7 |
| Illawarra | 180.4 | 15.4 | 12.3 | -1.2 | 6.4 | -1.2 | 58.8 | 2.7 |
| Wollongong | 133.5 | 12.5 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 6.5 | -0.2 | 58.8 | 0.1 |
| Richmond-Tweed/ Mid-North Coast | 176.5 | -4.8 | 24.4 | 1.3 | 12.1 | 0.9 | 55.0 | 0.8 |
| Northern/ Far West-North Western/ Central West | 208.4 | -4.6 | 10.8 | -3.7 | 4.9 | -1.5 | 60.2 | -1.8 |
| Murray-Murrumbidgee | 121.4 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 64.5 | 0.2 |
| Victoria | 2290.7 | 81.6 | 168.5 | -3.9 | 6.9 | -0.4 | 63.8 | 1.1 |
| <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>1694.6</i> | <i>52.1</i> | <i>119.3</i> | <i>-3.0</i> | <i>6.6</i> | <i>-0.4</i> | <i>64.4</i> | <i>0.7</i> |
| Outer Western Melbourne | 250.1 | -7.0 | 21.7 | -3.2 | 8.0 | -0.9 | 62.8 | -1.7 |
| North Western Melbourne | 124.5 | 20.0 | 11.9 | -2.3 | 8.7 | -3.3 | 62.7 | 3.2 |
| Inner Melbourne | 146.2 | 21.5 | 11.1 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 74.8 | 4.8 |
| North Eastern Melbourne | 198.5 | -0.6 | 12.3 | -3.0 | 5.8 | -1.3 | 62.3 | -0.8 |
| Inner Eastern Melbourne | 284.1 | -7.8 | 14.8 | -2.4 | 5.0 | -0.6 | 60.7 | -0.5 |
| Southern Melbourne | 181.7 | -8.5 | 10.8 | -0.4 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 62.4 | 0.3 |
| Outer Eastern Melbourne | 226.3 | 14.3 | 13.7 | -1.4 | 5.7 | -0.9 | 69.4 | -0.3 |
| South Eastern Melbourne | 175.3 | 20.6 | 14.0 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 1.4 | 65.3 | 2.6 |
| Mornington Peninsula | 107.9 | -0.4 | 8.9 | 1.3 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 64.1 | 3.9 |
| <i>Balance of Victoria</i> | <i>596.0</i> | <i>29.6</i> | <i>49.2</i> | <i>-0.9</i> | <i>7.6</i> | <i>-0.5</i> | <i>62.3</i> | <i>1.9</i> |
| Barwon-Western District | 164.8 | 22.9 | 11.0 | -1.3 | 6.2 | -1.7 | 61.3 | 4.1 |
| Central Highlands-Wimmera | 97.1 | -3.3 | 7.8 | -0.7 | 7.4 | -0.4 | 64.2 | 0.2 |
| Loddon-Mallee | 113.9 | 6.2 | 10.5 | 0.3 | 8.4 | -0.2 | 62.7 | 0.2 |
| Goulburn-Ovens-Murray | 132.6 | -6.3 | 9.5 | -0.6 | 6.7 | -0.1 | 65.6 | 2.4 |
| All Gippsland | 87.7 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 1.5 | 10.7 | 0.3 | 57.5 | 2.3 |

* 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.

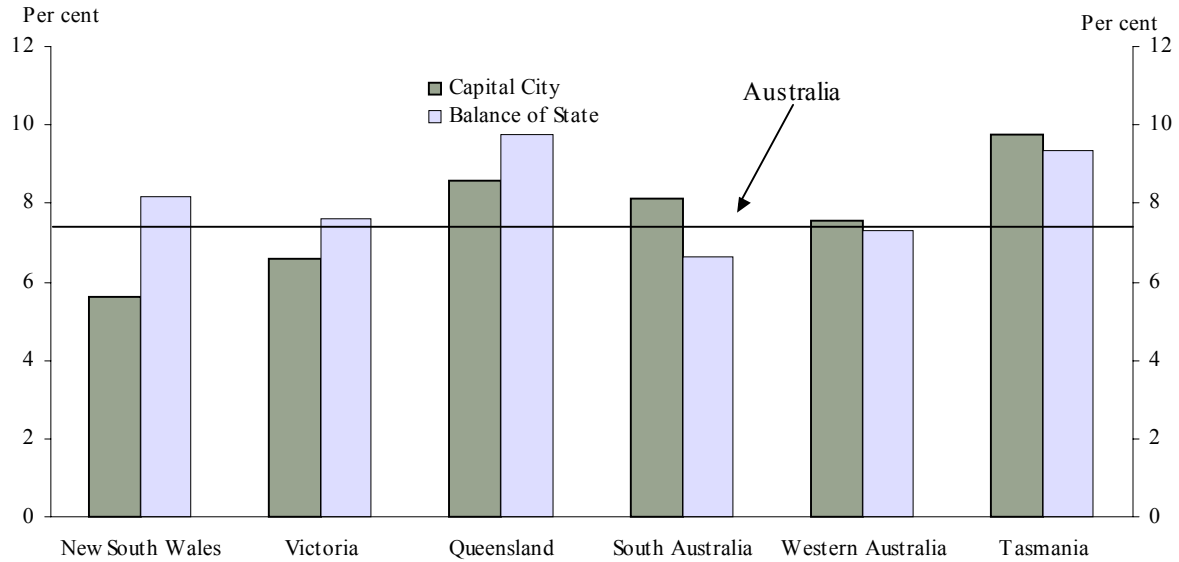
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| State/Region | Employed | | Unemployed | | Unemployment rate | | Participation rate | |
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| | '000 | Annual change | '000 | Annual change | % | Annual change % pts | % | Annual change % pts |
| Queensland | 1668.9 | 21.2 | 169.4 | 13.8 | 9.2 | 0.6 | 64.8 | 0.1 |
| Gold Coast | 211.0 | 37.1 | 23.1 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 2.0 | 64.6 | 2.0 |
| <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>780.7</i> | <i>6.0</i> | <i>73.4</i> | <i>6.3</i> | <i>8.6</i> | <i>0.6</i> | <i>65.2</i> | <i>-0.3</i> |
| Brisbane City Inner Ring | 196.2 | 12.2 | 16.7 | 1.9 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 67.9 | 2.2 |
| Brisbane City Outer Ring | 242.7 | -5.8 | 18.3 | -0.3 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 64.1 | -0.6 |
| South and East Brisbane Balance | 161.2 | -1.0 | 18.1 | 0.6 | 10.1 | 0.3 | 67.0 | -0.1 |
| North and West Brisbane Balance | 180.7 | 0.6 | 20.3 | 4.1 | 10.1 | 1.8 | 62.5 | -2.4 |
| <i>Balance of Queensland</i> | <i>888.1</i> | <i>15.2</i> | <i>95.9</i> | <i>7.5</i> | <i>9.7</i> | <i>0.6</i> | <i>64.4</i> | <i>0.4</i> |
| South and East Moreton | 208.0 | 40.6 | 22.3 | 8.1 | 9.7 | 1.9 | 64.9 | 3.1 |
| North and West Moreton | 142.4 | -0.6 | 15.2 | -1.4 | 9.7 | -0.8 | 61.8 | 1.2 |
| Wide Bay-Burnett | 76.6 | -7.5 | 13.3 | -0.1 | 14.8 | 1.0 | 52.0 | -4.3 |
| Darling Downs-South West | 115.1 | -3.6 | 4.8 | -1.6 | 4.0 | -1.1 | 68.9 | 2.5 |
| Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West | 146.4 | -20.4 | 19.2 | 1.5 | 11.6 | 2.0 | 68.7 | -1.6 |
| Northern-North West | 88.7 | -8.6 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 0.9 | 64.8 | -3.6 |
| Far North | 111.0 | 15.3 | 10.4 | 1.0 | 8.6 | -0.4 | 68.8 | 3.8 |
| South Australia | 669.6 | -2.5 | 56.1 | -7.3 | 7.7 | -0.9 | 60.0 | -1.2 |
| <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>493.4</i> | <i>0.8</i> | <i>43.5</i> | <i>-4.3</i> | <i>8.1</i> | <i>-0.8</i> | <i>60.0</i> | <i>-0.7</i> |
| Northern Adelaide | 152.1 | 3.8 | 15.8 | -2.2 | 9.4 | -1.4 | 60.3 | -0.8 |
| Western Adelaide | 92.5 | 0.4 | 8.6 | -1.3 | 8.5 | -1.2 | 58.2 | -0.5 |
| Eastern Adelaide | 106.3 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 63.6 | 2.4 |
| Southern Adelaide | 142.5 | -3.5 | 10.1 | -3.0 | 6.6 | -1.6 | 58.2 | -3.0 |
| <i>Balance of South Australia</i> | <i>176.2</i> | <i>-3.3</i> | <i>12.6</i> | <i>-2.9</i> | <i>6.7</i> | <i>-1.3</i> | <i>60.1</i> | <i>-2.3</i> |
| Northern and Western SA | 59.1 | -6.4 | 6.0 | -0.6 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 56.4 | -3.5 |
| Southern and Eastern SA | 117.1 | 3.1 | 6.6 | -2.4 | 5.3 | -2.0 | 62.3 | -1.8 |
| Western Australia | 934.0 | 13.1 | 75.4 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 67.2 | 0.1 |
| <i>Perth</i> | <i>689.0</i> | <i>13.4</i> | <i>56.2</i> | <i>3.0</i> | <i>7.5</i> | <i>0.2</i> | <i>66.7</i> | <i>0.5</i> |
| Central Metropolitan | 60.9 | 2.6 | 5.0 | -0.3 | 7.5 | -0.7 | 66.9 | 0.8 |
| East Metropolitan | 110.9 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 2.6 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 68.0 | 3.4 |
| North Metropolitan | 216.3 | 0.5 | 18.6 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 0.9 | 68.0 | 1.3 |
| South West Metropolitan | 141.3 | -0.3 | 10.5 | -0.3 | 6.9 | -0.2 | 65.0 | -1.6 |
| South East Metropolitan | 159.5 | 3.4 | 12.8 | -1.4 | 7.4 | -0.9 | 65.3 | -0.9 |
| <i>Balance of Western Australia</i> | <i>244.9</i> | <i>-0.3</i> | <i>19.3</i> | <i>0.8</i> | <i>7.3</i> | <i>0.3</i> | <i>68.8</i> | <i>-0.8</i> |
| Lower Western WA | 128.5 | 2.2 | 11.5 | 1.6 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 64.2 | -0.6 |
| Remainder-Balance WA | 116.4 | -2.5 | 7.7 | -0.8 | 6.2 | -0.5 | 74.8 | -0.8 |
| Tasmania | 199.4 | 1.1 | 21.0 | 0.6 | 9.5 | 0.2 | 59.2 | 0.2 |
| Greater Hobart-Southern | 95.8 | -0.5 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 0.2 | 58.9 | 0.3 |
| <i>Greater Hobart</i> | <i>83.2</i> | <i>1.2</i> | <i>9.0</i> | <i>0.5</i> | <i>9.8</i> | <i>0.3</i> | <i>59.4</i> | <i>0.8</i> |
| Northern | 62.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 61.8 | 3.9 |
| Mersey-Lyell | 41.0 | -4.2 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 1.0 | 56.5 | -4.9 |
| Northern Territory | 90.9 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 0.9 | 68.5 | 0.6 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 166.1 | 2.0 | 9.6 | -0.8 | 5.4 | -0.5 | 72.2 | -0.6 |

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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY STATE
MARCH QUARTER 2001**



Unemployment rates

**PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
MARCH QUARTER 2000 TO MARCH QUARTER 2001**

