

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

Unemployment rate of women with disabilities

What is the unemployment rate of women with disabilities broken down by State and Territory, including across, (a) Age groups (b) Trends (c) In comparison to men with disabilities (d) In comparison with non-disabled women?

Answer

(a) Data on the unemployment rate of women with disabilities broken down by State and Territory across age groups is not available.

(b) The unemployment rate of women with disabilities, aged 15–64 years, by year:

State	Trends (year)		
	1998 ^a (%)	2003 ^b (%)	2009 ^c (%)
NSW	5.9	6.3	6.7
VIC	9.7	8.8	7.9
QLD	11.2	10.3	8.2
WA	9.5	6.3	6.4
SA	8.5	11.5	8.6
TAS	6.3	8.0	7.9
ACT	7.7	not available	not available
NT	7.2	not available	not available

Source:

^a. Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 1998

^b. Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2003

^c. Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009

(c) & (d) The unemployment rate of women with disabilities compared to men with disabilities and women without disability, all aged 15–64 years, 2009:

State	Women with disabilities (%)	Men with disabilities (%)	Women without disability (%)
NSW	6.7	9.2	5.8
VIC	7.9	7.1	5.2
QLD	8.2	7.6	5.0
WA	6.4	8.6	4.3
SA	8.6	8.1	4.9
TAS	7.9	11.4	5.3
ACT	not available	not available	not available
NT	not available	not available	not available

Source:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, 2009