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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

In July 1980 a survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about unemployed persons who had recently been looking for work, including particulars of their last job, difficulties experienced in finding a job, educational attainment, family status, steps taken to find work, whether they had had offers of employment and whether they would move interstate or intrastate if offered a suitable job.

2. In addition to estimates of unemployed persons looking for work, this publication also includes estimates of the number of families with some unemployment, families in which the husband or head was unemployed and the family status of individuals looking for work.

3. Preliminary results of the survey were published on 4 November 1980. The present publication contains final and more detailed information. Results of similar surveys conducted in the years 1976 to 1979 were published in previous issues of this publication.

4. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covered about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on Monday, 7 July 1980.

## Scope

5. The survey included all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (i) members of the permanent defence forces;
- (ii) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (iii) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (iv) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; and
- (v) boarding school students, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

## Definitions

6. For this survey *persons looking for work* were defined as all civilians aged 15 years and over within the scope of the survey who were not employed during the survey week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
- (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then.

7. Persons waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown are included in Tables 3 to 8, which relate to families, but not in other tables, which relate to persons looking for work. In July 1980 there were an estimated 8,000 persons in this category. As such persons are classified as unemployed in the labour force survey, the number of persons looking for work shown in this publication does not agree with the number of unemployed published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Furthermore, for a small number of unemployed persons the additional information necessary for this survey could not be obtained. Although the estimation procedures take account of this, estimates for some characteristics will be affected.

8. *Persons with a post-school qualification* are those who had left school and answered "Yes" to the question: "Since leaving school have you obtained a certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?"

9. *Classification of post-school qualifications.* Respondents indicated which one of the following groups best described their highest qualification:

- (i) *Degree or equivalent:* a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (ii) *Trade, technical:* completion of an approved trade/technician apprenticeship or training course, other certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.
- (iii) *Other:* completion of other post-secondary education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

10. *State capital cities* refers to the 1976 Population Census State Metropolitan Statistical Divisions.

11. *A family* was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey, comprising the head of the family and spouse (if any) and any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (i) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and not accompanied by children of their own;
- (ii) brothers or sisters, if not married and not accompanied by parents or children of their own;
- (iii) grandchildren, if not married and not accompanied by either of their parents, nor by children of their own;
- (iv) ancestors, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of their own; or
- (v) any children under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the children were related to some person in a second family in the household.

12. The following points should be noted in relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph:

- (i) family status was determined at the time of the survey. Thus, if members of the family were absent (e.g. children at boarding schools) the family status of the head and other family members could have been affected;
- (ii) the term *relationship* includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption;
- (iii) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships;
- (iv) the term *not married* comprises never married, widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons;
- (v) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife.

13. *Dependent children* comprise all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who are full-time students.

#### Comparability of series

14. Estimates for the July 1978 and subsequent surveys are based on revised population estimates derived from the results of the 1976 Population Census

(adjusted for underenumeration) and a revised population survey questionnaire. Care should be used in comparing the estimates for these surveys with those obtained from earlier surveys.

#### Reliability of the estimates

15. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Note, page 25.

#### Related publications

16. Other ABS publications which are available free of charge from any ABS office and which may be of interest include:

- . *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains an up-to-date list of population survey reports - *issued monthly*
- . *Labour Mobility, Australia, February 1980* (6209.0)
- . *Labour Force Experience During 1979, Australia* (6206.0)
- . *Persons Not in the Labour Force, March 1980* (6220.0)
- . *The Labour Force : Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1980* (6235.0)

17. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available

18. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

TABLE 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: FAMILY STATUS, NOVEMBER 1976 TO JULY 1980

Family status	November 1976	May 1977	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	
	- per cent -				Number ('000)	Per cent
MALES						
Member of a family	76.8	80.2	78.3	78.1	159.1	78.7
Husband	30.8	30.2	33.5	31.2	66.4	32.8
With dependent children present	21.5	20.0	22.7	19.2	43.3	21.4
Without dependent children present	9.3	10.2	10.8	12.1	23.1	11.4
Not married head of family	*	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.3	1.6
With dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*
Without dependent children present	*	2.4	*	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	7.2	4.8	3.6	4.5	13.5	6.7
Other child of family head	32.9	38.1	35.2	37.5	69.6	34.4
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	4.0	4.1	3.9	2.9	6.3	3.1
Not a member of a family (a)	23.2	19.8	21.7	21.9	43.0	21.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	202.1	100.0
FEMALES						
Member of a family	85.1	86.8	84.8	84.7	146.0	83.3
Wife	34.2	38.5	38.5	34.9	58.5	33.4
With dependent children present	} n.a. {	26.3	26.4	25.9	40.4	23.1
Without dependent children present		12.3	12.1	9.0	18.0	10.3
Not married head of family	5.2	6.4	6.3	8.6	13.9	7.9
With dependent children present	4.1	5.2	4.4	7.0	11.3	6.4
Without dependent children present	*	*	1.9	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	9.7	8.0	5.5	7.9	13.8	7.9
Other child of family head	33.0	31.9	31.6	30.6	54.0	30.8
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	3.1	*	2.9	2.7	5.8	3.3
Not a member of a family (a)	14.9	13.2	15.2	15.3	29.3	16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	175.2	100.0
PERSONS						
Member of a family	80.4	83.2	81.1	81.2	305.1	80.8
Husband or wife	32.3	34.0	35.7	33.0	124.8	33.1
With dependent children present	} n.a. {	22.9	24.3	22.3	83.8	22.2
Without dependent children present		11.1	11.4	10.6	41.1	10.9
Not married head of family	3.3	4.5	3.9	5.1	17.2	4.6
With dependent children present	2.0	2.6	2.4	3.8	13.0	3.4
Without dependent children present	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	4.2	1.1
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	8.3	6.3	4.5	6.1	27.4	7.3
Other child of family head	33.0	35.3	33.6	34.2	123.6	32.7
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	3.6	3.1	3.5	2.8	12.1	3.2
Not a member of a family (a)	19.6	16.8	18.9	18.8	72.3	19.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	377.4	100.0

(a) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living.

TABLE 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: FAMILY STATUS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1980

Family status	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration weeks
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
	- '000 -								
MALES									
Member of a family (a)	9.3	13.4	21.1	20.8	28.4	30.3	36.0	159.1	31.7
Husband	5.0	5.2	9.2	8.9	12.2	9.9	16.0	66.4	33.9
With dependent children present	*	3.3	5.3	5.8	8.3	7.2	10.5	43.3	32.5
Without dependent children present	— 4.0 —	—	3.9	3.1	3.9	*	5.5	23.1	36.5
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	— 3.6 —	—	—	3.5	—	5.2	*	13.5	23.3
Other child of family head	*	6.4	9.3	8.9	12.8	13.1	16.4	69.6	31.0
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	*	*	—	3.6	—	6.3	32.5
Not a member of a family (b)	3.0	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.6	4.7	10.4	43.0	27.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>30.9</b>
FEMALES									
Member of a family	12.7	14.7	21.5	16.3	23.4	21.9	35.4	146.0	30.6
Wife	6.8	7.1	10.0	7.0	9.4	5.8	12.5	58.5	26.1
Looking for full-time work	3.8	4.1	5.3	3.4	5.1	3.7	8.5	33.9	29.2
Looking for part-time work	3.0	3.0	4.7	3.6	4.3	*	4.0	24.6	21.9
Not married head of family	— 4.2 —	—	4.1	—	*	*	3.0	13.9	25.5
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	— 4.3 —	—	3.9	—	4.3	—	*	13.8	17.6
Other child of family head	*	3.3	5.4	6.1	9.5	11.5	16.5	54.0	39.8
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	*	*	*	—	4.3	—	5.8	33.3
Not a member of a family (b)	*	3.7	3.8	3.0	6.4	3.7	7.4	29.3	30.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>30.6</b>
PERSONS									
Member of a family	22.1	28.1	42.5	37.1	51.8	52.2	71.3	305.1	31.2
Husband or wife	11.7	12.3	19.2	15.9	21.6	15.7	28.5	124.8	30.3
With dependent children present	8.0	8.1	13.7	10.1	14.5	10.9	18.5	83.8	28.6
Without dependent children present	3.7	4.2	5.4	5.9	7.1	4.8	10.0	41.1	33.6
Not married head of family	— 4.3 —	—	3.3	— 3.5 —	—	*	4.0	17.2	27.7
With dependent children present	— 3.7 —	—	3.9	—	*	— 4.3 —	—	13.0	25.9
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	7.8	*	27.4	20.4
Other child of family head	4.4	9.7	14.7	14.9	22.3	24.6	32.9	123.6	34.8
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	— 3.5 —	—	— 4.6 —	—	3.3	12.1	32.9
Not a member of a family (b)	4.2	9.9	9.8	9.2	13.0	8.4	17.8	72.3	28.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>30.8</b>

(a) Includes 3,300 not married male heads of families whose average duration of current period of unemployment was 37.1 weeks. (b) See note (a) to Table 1.

TABLE 3. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND FAMILY SIZE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>000</sup> families)

Number of family members employed	Number of members in family					Total
	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES						
None	16.8	12.2	9.9	4.5	6.3	49.7
1	15.0	19.5	17.2	9.5	4.6	65.7
2 or more	..	8.4	18.0	13.0	11.9	51.2
Total	31.8	40.2	45.1	26.9	22.7	166.7
OTHER AREAS						
None	10.7	8.0	6.7	4.2	3.5	33.1
1	9.6	9.1	14.9	5.5	5.1	44.2
2 or more	..	4.5	11.3	9.5	6.8	32.1
Total	20.3	21.5	32.9	19.3	15.4	109.4
TOTAL						
None	27.5	20.2	16.6	8.7	9.8	82.8
1	24.6	28.6	32.1	15.0	9.7	109.9
2 or more	..	12.9	29.4	22.5	18.6	83.4
Total	52.1	61.7	78.0	46.2	38.1	276.1

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks (see paragraph 7 of the explanatory notes).

TABLE 4. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>0</sup>000 families)

Type of family	No dependent children 15-20 years				Some dependent children 15-20 years				Total
	Number of dependent children under 15 years				Number of dependent children under 15 years				
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	
<b>STATE CAPITAL CITIES</b>									
Married couple families	49.8	20.8	34.4	104.9	10.9	9.1	7.9	27.9	132.8
One or both spouses unemployed	23.2	15.0	28.7	66.9	*	*	3.1	7.9	74.8
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	6.7
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	8.5	4.7	11.9	25.1	*	*	*	*	27.4
Husband employed, wife unemployed	7.5	7.2	12.9	27.5	*	3.7	*	4.3	31.8
Other (b)	4.6	*	*	8.4	*	*	*	*	8.9
Neither spouse unemployed	26.5	5.8	5.7	38.0	8.6	6.6	4.8	20.0	58.0
Husband and wife both employed	11.3	3.5	3.0	17.8	5.0	4.2	*	11.3	29.1
Other (c)	15.3	*	*	20.2	3.6	*	*	8.7	28.9
Other families	17.9	5.8	4.6	28.3	3.6	*	*	5.5	33.8
Head unemployed (d)	3.2	3.4	3.3	9.9	*	*	*	5.5	11.2
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	14.7	*	*	18.4	*	*	*	4.3	22.7
All families	67.7	26.6	39.0	133.2	14.5	10.4	8.5	33.4	166.7
<b>OTHER AREAS</b>									
Married couple families	33.1	14.1	22.6	69.7	8.6	5.8	5.4	19.7	89.5
One or both spouses unemployed	16.0	7.3	19.3	42.6	*	*	*	4.1	46.7
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	*	5.1
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	6.2	*	9.1	17.6	*	*	*	*	19.6
Husband employed, wife unemployed	6.4	3.7	7.8	17.8	*	*	*	*	19.3
Other (b)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Neither spouse unemployed	17.1	6.9	3.2	27.2	7.3	4.3	4.1	15.6	42.8
Husband and wife both employed	4.7	*	*	7.2	3.8	*	*	8.4	15.6
Other (c)	12.4	4.9	*	19.9	3.5	*	*	7.2	27.2
Other families	8.1	5.3	3.3	16.7	*	*	*	3.2	20.0
Head unemployed	*	*	*	5.7	*	*	*	*	6.3
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	6.9	*	*	11.0	*	*	*	*	13.7
All families	41.2	19.4	25.9	86.5	9.9	6.7	6.4	23.0	109.4
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Married couple families	82.8	34.9	56.9	174.7	19.4	15.0	13.2	47.6	222.3
One or both spouses unemployed	39.2	22.3	48.0	109.5	3.5	4.0	4.4	12.0	121.5
Husband unemployed, wife employed	5.2	*	*	10.6	*	*	*	*	11.8
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	14.7	7.0	21.0	42.7	*	*	*	*	47.0
Husband employed, wife unemployed	13.9	10.8	20.7	45.4	*	4.6	*	5.7	51.1
Other (b)	5.4	*	3.5	10.9	*	*	*	*	11.7
Neither spouse unemployed	43.6	12.6	8.9	65.2	15.9	10.9	8.8	35.6	100.8
Husband and wife both employed	15.9	5.4	3.7	25.0	8.8	6.6	4.3	19.7	44.7
Other (c)	27.7	7.2	5.3	40.1	7.1	4.3	4.5	15.9	56.1
Other families	26.0	11.1	7.9	45.0	4.9	*	*	8.8	53.8
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	3.3	*	*	*	*	3.5
Female head unemployed	*	5.2	4.5	12.3	*	*	*	*	13.9
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	21.6	4.7	3.1	29.4	3.6	*	*	7.0	36.3
All families	108.8	46.0	64.8	219.7	24.4	17.1	14.9	56.4	276.1

(a) See note (a) to Table 3. (b) Comprises 8,500 families (6,400 in State capital cities) with both spouses unemployed and a small number of families with the husband not in the labour force and the wife unemployed. (c) Comprises families where both spouses were not in the labour force or where one spouse was employed and the other was not in the labour force. (d) Includes 9,300 families with an unemployed female head.

TABLE 5. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980  
(000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Number employed in family				Number employed in family				Number employed in family			
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total
<b>ONE FAMILY MEMBER UNEMPLOYED</b>												
Married couple families	26.0	49.8	42.5	118.4	18.4	35.7	27.2	81.2	44.4	85.5	69.7	199.6
With dependent children present	17.9	32.4	25.7	76.0	11.6	23.1	17.0	51.7	29.5	55.5	42.7	127.7
Without dependent children present	8.2	17.4	16.8	42.3	6.8	12.6	10.2	29.6	15.0	30.0	27.0	71.9
Other families with a male head	*	3.3	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	4.6	*	8.8
Without dependent children present	*	3.6		4.0	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	*	5.6
Other families with a female head	13.7	8.2	*	24.9	8.9	3.6	*	14.5	22.6	11.9	4.9	39.3
With dependent children present	8.8	*	*	12.9	6.3	*	*	9.5	15.1	4.8	*	22.4
Without dependent children present	4.9	5.7	*	12.0	*	*	*	5.0	7.5	7.1	*	17.0
All families	40.8	61.3	47.0	149.1	28.2	40.7	29.7	98.6	69.0	102.0	76.7	247.7
With dependent children present	27.3	35.7	27.8	90.7	18.7	25.7	18.1	62.5	46.0	61.3	45.8	153.2
Without dependent children present	13.4	25.6	19.3	58.4	9.5	15.0	11.6	36.1	23.0	40.6	30.9	94.5
<b>TWO OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED</b>												
Married couple families	7.5	*	*	14.5	3.0	*	*	8.2	10.5	5.5	6.7	22.7
With dependent children present	3.5	*	*	7.1	*	*	*	5.3	5.7	3.3	3.3	12.4
Without dependent children present	4.0	*	*	7.4	*	*	*	*	4.8	*	3.3	10.3
All families	9.0	4.4	4.2	17.6	4.8	3.5	*	10.8	13.8	8.0	6.7	28.4
With dependent children present	4.2	*	*	8.5	*	*	*	6.4	7.0	4.6	3.3	14.9
Without dependent children present	4.8	*	*	9.1	*	*	*	4.4	6.8	3.4	3.3	13.5
<b>TOTAL</b>												
Married couple families	33.5	52.6	46.7	132.8	21.4	38.4	29.6	89.5	54.9	91.0	76.3	222.3
With dependent children present	21.4	34.1	27.6	83.1	13.8	24.8	18.4	57.0	35.2	58.9	46.0	140.1
Without dependent children present	12.1	18.6	19.1	49.8	7.7	13.6	11.2	32.5	19.8	32.2	30.3	82.2
Other families with a male head	*	3.9	*	6.9	*	*	*	3.7	3.1	5.3	*	10.6
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	*	6.7
Other families with a female head	14.9	9.1	*	27.0	9.9	4.5	*	16.3	24.7	13.6	4.9	43.2
With dependent children present	9.4	*	*	13.8	6.7	*	*	10.4	16.1	5.7	*	24.2
Without dependent children present	5.5	6.2	*	13.1	3.1	*	*	5.9	8.6	7.9	*	19.0
All families	49.7	65.7	51.2	166.7	33.1	44.2	32.1	109.4	82.8	109.9	83.4	276.1
With dependent children present	31.5	38.1	29.7	99.2	21.5	27.9	19.5	68.9	53.0	65.9	49.2	168.1
Without dependent children present	18.2	27.7	21.6	67.5	11.5	16.4	12.6	40.5	29.8	44.0	34.2	107.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 3.

TABLE 6. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980 ('000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities			Other areas			Total		
	Number employed in family			Number employed in family			Number employed in family		
	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total
Married couple families with husband unemployed	28.5	12.0	40.5	17.7	9.1	26.8	46.2	21.1	67.3
With dependent children present	19.7	6.3	26.0	12.8	5.0	17.8	32.5	11.3	43.7
Without dependent children present	8.9	5.7	14.5	4.9	4.2	9.0	13.7	9.8	23.6
Other families with head unemployed	7.5	3.6	11.2	5.3	*	6.3	12.8	4.6	17.4
Female head unemployed	6.7	*	9.3	3.8	*	4.6	10.5	3.4	13.9
With dependent children present	6.4	*	7.1	3.8	*	4.2	10.2	*	11.3
All families	36.1	15.6	51.6	23.0	10.1	33.1	59.0	25.7	84.8
With dependent children present	26.7	7.2	33.9	17.5	5.3	22.8	44.2	12.5	56.7
Without dependent children present	9.4	8.4	17.8	5.5	4.8	10.3	14.9	13.2	28.1

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks (see paragraph 7 of the explanatory notes).

TABLE 7. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND OR HEAD, JULY 1980 ('000 families)

Type of family	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband or head (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Married couple families with husband unemployed	5.9	5.4	9.1	8.9	12.2	9.9	16.0	67.3
With dependent children present	3.2	3.4	5.3	5.8	8.3	7.2	10.5	43.7
Without dependent children present	*	*	3.7	3.1	3.9	*	5.5	23.6
Other families with head unemployed	4.6	*	3.3	*	4.0	*	4.0	17.4
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5
Female head unemployed	4.2	*	4.1	*	*	*	3.0	13.9
With dependent children present	3.7	*	3.9	*	*	4.3	*	13.0
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5
All families	8.3	7.6	12.3	10.4	14.2	11.9	20.1	84.8
With dependent children present	4.9	5.4	7.9	7.1	9.4	8.6	13.4	56.7
Without dependent children present	3.4	*	4.4	3.3	4.8	3.3	6.6	28.1

(a) See note (a) to Table 6.

TABLE 8. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED : EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND (a), JULY 1980 ('000 families)

Employment status of wife	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Employed	*	4.6	*	4.3	*	*	*	11.8
Unemployed	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	*	8.5
Not in the labour force	3.8	*	6.5	5.2	8.6	8.2	11.9	47.0
Total	5.9	5.4	9.1	8.9	12.2	9.9	16.0	67.3

(a) See note (a) to Table 6.

TABLE 9. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1980

Main difficulty in finding work	Males	Females	Total	Place of residence		Birthplace	
				State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	9.9	4.7	14.6	9.1	5.5	11.1	3.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	25.1	23.9	49.0	31.4	17.6	36.2	12.9
Unsuitable hours	*	8.7	10.6	8.6	*	7.8	*
Too far to travel/transport problems	12.0	11.0	23.0	15.4	7.6	16.9	6.1
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	17.6	12.6	30.2	20.3	9.8	23.0	7.2
Insufficient work experience	18.9	22.4	41.3	29.1	12.2	32.2	9.1
No vacancies in line of work	36.1	26.1	62.2	40.9	21.3	43.3	18.9
No vacancies at all	60.3	43.6	103.9	51.7	52.2	75.4	28.5
Other difficulties (a)	12.0	13.9	26.0	18.8	7.2	13.5	12.5
No difficulties reported	8.1	8.3	16.5	10.4	6.1	13.0	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>272.5</b>	<b>104.9</b>
PER CENT							
Own ill health or handicap	4.9	2.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.4
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	12.4	13.7	13.0	13.3	12.5	13.3	12.3
Unsuitable hours	*	4.9	2.8	3.6	*	2.9	*
Too far to travel/transport problems	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.2	5.8
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	8.7	7.2	8.0	8.6	6.9	8.4	6.9
Insufficient work experience	9.4	12.8	10.9	12.3	8.6	11.8	8.6
No vacancies in line of work	17.9	14.9	16.5	17.4	15.0	15.9	18.0
No vacancies at all	29.8	24.9	27.5	21.9	36.9	27.7	27.2
Other difficulties (a)	6.0	8.0	6.9	8.0	5.1	5.0	11.9
No difficulties reported	4.0	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.8	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes 6,500 persons whose main difficulty was language problems or discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 10. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, AGE AND PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1980 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group (years)				Periods of unemployment in previous 12 months		Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	One	Two or more		
Own ill health or handicap	*	—	5.4	—	6.5	12.4	*	14.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	13.1	9.4	5.0	21.5	41.8	7.2	49.0	
Unsuitable hours	*	*	4.9	3.3	9.4	*	10.6	
Too far to travel/transport problems	8.9	5.6	4.6	4.0	16.7	6.3	23.0	
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	14.6	7.8	5.7	*	24.4	5.7	30.2	
Insufficient work experience	18.5	14.6	4.9	3.3	33.7	7.6	41.3	
No vacancies in line of work	11.4	14.8	20.1	15.9	50.4	11.9	62.2	
No vacancies at all	40.9	20.9	20.4	21.7	79.5	24.5	103.9	
Other difficulties (a)	4.2	6.4	9.3	6.0	22.7	3.2	26.0	
No difficulties reported	5.7	3.5	3.6	3.7	13.1	3.4	16.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>304.1</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>377.4</b>	

(a) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 11. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1980

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Per cent of total	Average duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over			
	— '000 —							%	weeks
Own ill health or handicap	3.2	*	3.3	7.0	14.6	3.9	58.5		
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	4.2	5.9	4.7	7.8	10.0	16.4	49.0	13.0	
Unsuitable hours	4.7	3.6	*	*	10.6	2.8	21.3		
Too far to travel/transport problems	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.4	3.9	4.5	23.0	6.1	
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	3.1	3.0	3.2	6.0	6.7	8.1	30.2	8.0	
Insufficient work experience	4.0	4.1	3.9	8.8	8.5	12.2	41.3	10.9	
No vacancies in line of work	14.6	10.5	8.7	11.0	7.9	9.4	62.2	16.5	
No vacancies at all	16.0	15.0	14.9	17.1	18.0	22.9	103.9	27.5	
Other difficulties (a)	4.3	4.2	3.2	5.1	*	6.6	26.0	6.9	
No difficulties reported	11.0	3.5	*	*	*	16.5	4.3	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30.8</b>

(a) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 12. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JULY 1980 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
Own ill health or handicap	5.6	*	*	2.1	*	*	14.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	17.1	11.5	8.2	5.8	4.4	*	49.0
Unsuitable hours	*	4.3	*	*	*	*	10.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	8.4	7.2	3.1	2.0	*	*	23.0
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	9.0	7.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.0	30.2
Insufficient work experience	14.6	12.7	4.3	5.2	2.8	*	41.3
No vacancies in line of work	19.8	16.0	11.5	7.2	5.1	1.4	62.2
No vacancies at all	32.9	27.3	16.2	12.5	10.2	3.0	103.9
Other difficulties (b)	6.9	7.4	4.2	2.2	3.8	*	26.0
No difficulties reported	4.3	4.7	3.4	*	2.0	*	16.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>377.4</b>

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (6,400). (b) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 13. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JULY 1980 ('000)

All difficulties in finding work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
Own ill health or handicap	7.1	*	2.9	3.8	2.0	1.1	20.7
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	21.0	12.6	8.4	8.8	5.8	1.2	59.0
Unsuitable hours	*	3.8	*	*	*	*	8.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	14.6	9.6	5.6	5.2	4.0	*	40.0
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	19.5	13.6	8.7	8.6	7.3	2.2	60.4
Insufficient work experience	19.0	15.4	6.2	6.8	5.9	1.0	55.0
No vacancies in line of work	30.5	19.7	12.7	11.0	9.3	2.3	87.3
No vacancies at all	36.7	24.5	15.5	14.6	10.2	2.7	106.2
Other difficulties (b)	8.2	8.4	3.1	2.3	3.6	*	26.9
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
FEMALES							
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.4
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	17.7	16.5	10.8	7.3	6.3	1.4	61.2
Unsuitable hours	5.7	6.1	3.5	2.0	*	*	19.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	13.3	11.1	3.7	4.6	4.0	*	37.5
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	14.7	11.1	6.1	7.0	3.5	*	44.3
Insufficient work experience	16.3	14.9	8.8	7.7	3.8	1.1	54.0
No vacancies in line of work	19.0	17.3	11.8	8.3	5.0	1.1	63.8
No vacancies at all	25.0	21.9	14.5	9.1	6.9	1.9	80.3
Other difficulties (b)	7.5	7.1	5.1	2.7	2.9	*	26.9
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.3
PERSONS							
Own ill health or handicap	10.5	6.7	4.2	5.1	2.4	1.4	31.0
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	38.8	29.2	19.2	16.1	12.1	2.5	120.3
Unsuitable hours	7.3	10.0	4.6	2.4	2.6	*	27.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	27.9	20.6	9.3	9.8	8.0	1.2	77.5
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	34.2	24.7	14.8	15.6	10.8	3.1	104.6
Insufficient work experience	35.3	30.3	15.0	14.5	9.6	2.2	109.0
No vacancies in line of work	49.5	37.0	24.6	19.4	14.3	3.3	151.2
No vacancies at all	61.7	46.4	30.0	23.7	17.0	4.5	186.5
Language difficulties	6.5	5.8	*	*	*	*	15.6
Other difficulties	9.2	9.7	7.2	4.1	5.4	1.3	38.2
No difficulties reported	4.3	4.7	3.4	*	2.0	*	16.5

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes persons who reported language difficulties.

NOTE: Because some respondents reported more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates in this table do not agree with those in tables which show only the main difficulty.

TABLE 14. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1980

All difficulties in finding work	Place of residence			Birthplace			
	Males	Females	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	20.7	10.4	31.0	20.2	10.8	22.2	8.9
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	59.0	61.2	120.3	77.2	43.1	89.4	30.9
Unsuitable hours	8.3	19.2	27.6	20.6	7.0	20.4	7.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	40.0	37.5	77.5	52.5	25.0	55.2	22.3
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	60.4	44.3	104.6	66.0	38.6	79.3	25.3
Insufficient work experience	55.0	54.0	109.0	73.6	35.4	82.0	27.1
No vacancies in line of work	87.3	63.8	151.2	93.3	57.8	108.2	42.9
No vacancies at all	106.2	80.3	186.5	101.9	84.6	138.2	48.3
Language difficulties	8.1	7.5	15.6	14.4	*	*	13.3
Other difficulties (a)	18.8	19.4	38.2	33.7	14.3	27.1	11.1

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Own ill health or handicap	10.2	5.9	8.2	5.6	7.6	8.1	8.5
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	29.2	34.9	31.9	32.7	30.4	32.8	29.5
Unsuitable hours	4.1	11.0	7.3	8.7	4.9	7.5	6.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.8	21.4	20.5	22.3	17.7	20.3	21.3
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	29.9	25.3	27.7	28.0	27.3	29.1	24.1
Insufficient work experience	27.2	30.8	28.9	31.2	25.0	30.1	25.8
No vacancies in line of work	43.2	36.4	40.1	39.6	40.9	39.7	40.9
No vacancies at all	52.5	45.8	49.4	43.2	59.8	50.7	46.1
Language difficulties	4.0	4.3	4.1	6.1	*	*	12.7
Other difficulties (a)	9.3	11.1	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.8

(a) Includes discrimination against migrants or racial groups. See NOTE to Table 13.

TABLE 15. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, JULY 1980  
('000)

Educational attainment	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	*	9.9	13.5	15.8	40.5
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	5.7
Trade, technical level	*	7.9	10.9	13.2	33.5
Without post-school qualifications (b)	45.6	37.0	30.1	38.5	151.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.8	10.5	4.3	4.0	23.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -					
16 or 17 years	16.6	11.9	6.7	4.4	39.6
14 or 15 years	23.7	12.9	16.0	21.0	73.5
13 years or under	*	*	*	9.0	12.4
Total (c)	40.8	26.5	25.9	34.5	127.6
Still at school (d)	10.1	*	*	*	10.1
Total	57.2	46.8	43.7	54.4	202.1
FEMALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	8.4	11.6	13.6	9.2	42.8
Degree or equivalent	*	*	3.8	*	5.7
Trade, technical level	7.9	10.1	9.2	8.1	35.4
Without post-school qualifications (b)	44.6	27.8	24.0	24.5	120.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	6.2	8.1	3.4	3.0	20.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -					
16 or 17 years	17.9	9.5	7.5	4.8	39.7
14 or 15 years	19.7	9.6	11.8	11.8	52.9
13 years or under	*	*	*	4.8	6.7
Total (c)	38.4	19.7	20.6	21.5	100.2
Still at school (d)	11.6	*	*	*	11.6
Total	64.6	39.4	37.5	33.7	175.2
PERSONS					
With post-school qualifications (a)	9.9	21.4	27.0	25.0	83.3
Degree or equivalent	*	*	5.7	3.1	11.4
Trade, technical level	9.4	18.0	20.2	21.3	68.9
Without post-school qualifications (b)	90.2	64.8	54.1	63.0	272.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	11.0	18.5	7.6	7.0	44.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -					
16 or 17 years	34.5	21.4	14.3	9.2	79.3
14 or 15 years	43.4	22.4	27.7	32.8	126.4
13 years or under	*	*	3.7	13.8	19.1
Total (c)	79.2	46.2	46.5	56.0	227.9
Still at school (d)	21.7	*	*	*	21.7
Total	121.8	86.2	81.2	88.1	377.4

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school aged 18 years or over. (d) Although still at school, these persons were actively looking for work.

**TABLE 16. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1980**

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration weeks
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
	— '000 —								
With post-school qualifications (a)	8.3	9.9	11.2	11.7	15.7	9.5	17.0	83.3	27.2
Trade, technical level	7.3	8.7	9.3	10.1	11.6	8.5	13.6	68.9	27.1
Without post-school qualifications (b)	15.3	25.2	38.5	31.4	46.5	44.2	70.8	272.0	32.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	3.4	5.7	6.1	5.3	7.6	6.2	9.9	44.2	28.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age —									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.0	40.6
16 or 17 years	4.7	5.8	11.7	9.9	13.4	13.9	19.9	79.3	30.3
14 or 15 years	5.5	12.5	17.5	13.7	22.3	22.0	32.9	126.4	33.5
13 years or under	*	*	3.0	4.7	*	*	7.2	19.1	48.4
Total	11.9	19.5	32.4	26.1	39.0	38.1	60.9	227.9	33.7
Still at school (c)	— 5.6 —		*	3.1	*	6.7	*	21.7	16.9
Total	26.3	38.0	52.4	46.2	64.8	60.6	89.2	377.4	30.8

(a) Includes a small number of persons with a degree or equivalent or other post-school qualification. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

**TABLE 17. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1980 ('000)**

	Age group (years)						Place of residence		Total
							State capital cities	Other areas	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
<b>INTERSTATE MOBILITY</b>									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move interstate	28.9	28.4	19.7	8.5	5.3	*	56.0	37.0	93.0
Would not move interstate	80.2	46.1	53.0	26.4	24.8	13.9	153.6	90.8	244.4
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions (a)	9.4	8.4	6.8	3.9	*	*	17.9	11.7	29.6
Job conditions	4.2	5.5	3.7	*	*	*	9.6	4.8	14.4
Undecided	3.4	3.3	*	*	*	*	8.2	*	10.4
Total	121.8	86.2	81.2	38.3	31.9	18.0	235.8	141.6	377.4
<b>INTRASTATE MOBILITY</b>									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move intrastate	50.1	41.5	27.9	11.9	9.5	4.8	84.0	61.7	145.7
Would not move intrastate	58.2	32.9	45.3	21.3	19.8	11.1	123.9	64.6	188.6
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions (a)	10.8	9.2	6.1	3.9	3.9	*	20.1	13.9	33.9
Job conditions	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.2	*	*	10.7	6.1	16.8
Undecided	— 5.4 —		— 3.1 —	*	*	*	7.8	*	9.2
Total	121.8	86.2	81.2	38.3	31.9	18.0	235.8	141.6	377.4

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 18. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK,  
DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AGE AND  
PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)			Age group (years)		Place of residence		Total
	Under 8	8 and under 26	26 and over	15-24	25 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	
MALES								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and —								
Took no other active steps	4.8	*	*	4.5	4.5	5.8	3.2	9.0
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	32.2	51.7	69.0	78.8	75.2	97.6	56.4	154.0
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	3.3	3.7	3.1	4.1	*	6.8
Total registered with the CES	40.4	54.2	75.2	86.9	82.8	107.5	62.3	169.8
Not registered with the CES and —								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	16.9	6.9	5.8	15.1	14.5	21.0	8.6	29.6
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total not registered with the CES	18.6	7.7	6.1	17.1	15.3	22.6	9.7	32.4
Total	59.0	61.9	81.3	104.0	98.1	130.1	72.0	202.1
FEMALES								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and —								
Took no other active steps	5.1	3.3	3.2	7.2	4.4	6.7	4.5	11.6
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	20.3	28.2	50.5	70.9	28.1	54.9	44.0	99.0
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6
Total registered with the CES	28.1	32.3	53.8	80.0	34.1	64.1	50.1	114.2
Not registered with the CES and —								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	27.3	15.8	13.0	21.9	34.1	38.4	17.6	56.0
Took other active steps (a)	3.4	*	*	*	3.0	3.2	*	5.0
Total not registered with the CES	29.6	16.9	14.6	24.0	37.1	41.6	19.5	61.1
Total	57.7	49.2	68.4	104.0	71.2	105.7	69.6	175.2
PERSONS								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and —								
Took no other active steps	9.9	4.7	6.0	11.6	9.0	12.5	8.1	20.6
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	53.5	79.9	119.6	149.6	103.3	152.6	100.4	253.0
Took other active steps (a)	5.1	*	3.4	5.7	4.7	6.5	3.9	10.4
Total registered with the CES	68.5	86.5	129.0	167.0	117.0	171.6	112.4	284.0
Not registered with the CES and —								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	44.2	22.7	18.8	37.1	48.5	59.5	26.2	85.6
Took other active steps (a)	4.0	*	*	4.0	3.8	4.8	3.0	7.8
Total not registered with the CES	48.2	24.5	20.7	41.1	52.4	64.2	29.2	93.4
Total	116.7	111.0	149.7	208.0	169.4	235.8	141.6	377.4

(a) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

TABLE 19. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1980 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Main difficulty in finding work						No difficulties reported	Total
	Con- sidered to be too young/old	Lacked education/ training/ skills	In- sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficulties (b)		
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	7.8	4.3	*	20.6
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	35.2	25.3	32.7	40.1	72.0	43.2	4.5	253.0
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.4
Total registered with the CES	38.8	26.7	35.7	44.3	82.2	49.6	6.8	284.0
Not registered with the CES and –								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	9.5	3.0	5.5	17.4	19.7	22.3	8.2	85.6
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.8
Total not registered with the CES	10.3	3.5	5.6	18.0	21.8	24.7	9.7	93.4
Total	49.0	30.2	41.3	62.2	103.9	74.3	16.5	377.4

(a) See note (a) to Table 18. (b) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, transport problems, language problems and discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 20. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1980 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –						
Took no other active steps	8.7	9.8	18.5	*	*	*
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	151.6	92.4	244.0	*	6.6	9.0
Took other active steps (a)	6.1	3.4	9.6	*	*	*
Total registered with the CES	166.3	105.7	272.0	3.4	8.5	11.9
Not registered with the CES and –						
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	20.4	26.6	47.1	9.2	29.4	38.6
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	3.6	5.3
Total not registered with the CES	21.5	28.1	49.6	10.9	33.0	43.8
Total	187.9	133.8	321.6	14.3	41.5	55.8

(a) See note (a) to Table 18.

TABLE 21. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980 ('000)

	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration weeks
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
- '000 -									
<i>Looking for full-time work -</i>									
<i>State capital cities</i>									
Males	6.4	11.3	16.6	16.5	19.8	19.3	30.1	120.2	32.6
Females	5.8	7.6	13.5	7.6	13.6	9.6	19.8	77.4	31.4
Persons	12.2	18.9	30.1	24.1	33.4	29.0	50.0	197.6	32.1
<i>Other areas</i>									
Males	3.2	6.5	9.0	8.8	13.3	12.1	14.8	67.7	30.1
Females	3.1	4.4	4.7	5.9	9.9	11.9	16.5	56.4	36.3
Persons	6.2	10.8	13.7	14.7	23.3	24.0	31.3	124.0	32.9
<i>Total</i>									
Males	9.6	17.8	25.6	25.3	33.2	31.4	44.9	187.9	31.7
Females	8.8	11.9	18.2	13.5	23.5	21.5	36.3	133.8	33.4
Persons	18.4	29.7	43.8	38.8	56.7	53.0	81.2	321.6	32.4
<i>Looking for part-time work -</i>									
<i>State capital cities</i>									
Males	*	*	*	*	*	3.8	*	9.9	21.6
Females	*	4.9	5.4	3.9	3.8	*	4.9	28.3	20.9
Persons	4.8	6.0	6.3	5.1	5.2	4.7	6.1	38.2	21.1
<i>Other areas</i>									
Males	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.3	16.8
Females	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13.2	23.0
Persons	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	17.6	21.4
<i>Total</i>									
Males	*	*	*	*	*	3.5	*	14.3	20.2
Females	5.2	6.5	7.1	5.9	6.3	4.1	6.5	41.5	21.6
Persons	7.9	8.2	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.6	7.9	55.8	21.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>377.4</b>	<b>30.8</b>

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980 ('000)

Number of offers of employment during current period of unemployment	Males			Females			Persons		
	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total
None	108.1	58.7	166.8	88.1	59.3	147.4	196.2	118.0	314.2
1	14.4	9.0	23.3	12.6	7.7	20.3	27.0	16.7	43.7
2 or more	7.6	4.4	12.0	5.0	*	7.5	12.6	6.9	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>130.1</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>202.1</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>377.4</b>

TABLE 23. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980 ('000)

Educational attainment	Males		Females		Persons			Total
	Number of job offers		Number of job offers		Number of job offers			
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES								
With post-school qualifications (a)	20.8	5.7	19.4	7.2	40.2	9.4	3.5	53.0
Degree or equivalent	3.2	*	3.7	*	6.9	*	*	8.6
Trade, technical level	17.1	4.6	14.6	5.8	31.7	7.7	*	42.1
Without post-school qualifications (b)	81.8	15.0	63.4	9.5	145.2	15.5	8.9	169.6
Attended highest level of secondary school available	13.5	4.2	11.9	*	25.5	3.7	*	31.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -								
16 or 17 years	19.7	3.1	17.7	*	37.4	3.6	*	43.1
14 or 15 years	39.1	6.6	28.4	4.5	67.5	7.1	3.9	78.5
13 years or under	8.2	*	4.7	*	12.9	*	*	14.3
Total (c)	68.2	10.7	51.5	7.8	119.7	11.8	6.7	138.2
Still at school (d)	5.4	*	5.3	*	10.8	*	*	13.1
Total	108.1	22.0	88.1	17.6	196.2	27.0	12.6	235.8
OTHER AREAS								
With post-school qualifications (a)	10.3	3.7	12.8	3.5	23.1	4.8	*	30.3
Trade, technical level	8.7	3.1	11.9	3.1	20.6	4.0	*	26.8
Without post-school qualifications (b)	45.6	8.9	41.3	6.7	86.9	11.2	4.3	102.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.2	*	6.0	*	11.2	*	*	12.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -								
16 or 17 years	13.8	3.1	16.7	*	30.5	4.1	*	36.2
14 or 15 years	23.4	4.5	17.0	3.0	40.4	5.2	*	47.9
13 years or under	*	*	*	*	4.1	*	*	4.8
Total (c)	40.4	8.3	35.3	5.7	75.7	10.0	3.9	89.7
Still at school (d)	*	*	5.2	*	7.8	*	*	8.7
Total	58.7	13.3	59.3	10.3	118.0	16.7	6.9	141.6
TOTAL								
With post-school qualifications (a)	31.1	9.4	32.2	10.6	63.3	14.2	5.8	83.3
Degree or equivalent	4.4	*	4.4	*	8.8	*	*	11.4
Trade, technical level	25.8	7.7	26.5	8.9	52.3	11.6	4.9	68.9
Without post-school qualifications (b)	127.4	23.8	104.7	16.1	232.1	26.7	13.2	272.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	18.7	4.8	18.0	*	36.7	4.9	*	44.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age -								
16 or 17 years	33.5	6.2	34.4	5.3	67.8	7.7	3.8	79.3
14 or 15 years	62.4	11.1	45.4	7.5	107.8	12.4	6.2	126.4
13 years or under	11.0	*	6.1	*	17.0	*	*	19.1
Total (c)	108.6	19.0	86.8	13.5	195.4	21.8	10.7	227.9
Still at school (d)	8.1	*	10.5	*	18.1	*	*	21.7
Total	166.8	35.3	147.4	27.8	314.2	43.7	19.5	377.4

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school at 18 years or over who did not attend the highest level available. (d) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

TABLE 24. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED (a)  
AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

When last worked	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
During 1980	66.1	11.4	31.4	97.5	39.6	4.8	19.1	58.7	105.7	16.2	50.5	156.2
During 1979	29.4	7.2	17.5	47.0	13.0	4.8	12.4	25.4	42.4	12.0	30.0	72.4
Before 1979	18.9	21.4	33.7	52.6	9.9	13.6	18.5	28.4	28.7	35.0	52.2	80.9
Never worked	15.7	*	23.0	38.8	9.6	*	19.5	29.1	25.3	3.4	42.6	67.9
Total	130.1	42.8	105.7	235.8	72.0	23.8	69.6	141.6	202.1	66.6	175.2	377.4

(a) In a full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 25. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)  
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b) AND AGE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
MALES								
One		41.0	32.0	34.9	17.6	16.7	13.0	155.2
Two		11.4	11.5	5.4	4.9		*	33.9
Three or more		4.8	3.3	3.4	*	*	*	13.1
Total		57.2	46.8	43.7	20.3	19.9	14.2	202.1
FEMALES								
One		51.8	32.4	34.2	16.3	10.8	3.5	149.0
Two		10.4	5.1	3.6		*	*	19.6
Three or more		*	*	*	*	*	*	6.7
Total		64.6	39.4	37.5	18.0	12.0	3.7	175.2
PERSONS								
One		92.7	64.4	69.1	33.9	27.5	16.5	304.1
Two		21.8	16.7	8.2	3.3	3.0	*	53.5
Three or more		7.3	5.1	4.0	*	*	*	19.8
Total		121.8	86.2	81.2	38.3	31.9	18.0	377.4

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

TABLE 26. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)  
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), JULY 1980  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
MALES									
One	8.9	9.7	15.8	17.0	23.3	29.0	10.8	40.8	155.2
Two	..	*	*	3.6	10.1	8.7	8.3	..	33.9
Three or more	..	..	*	*	3.9	4.7	*	..	13.1
Total	8.9	10.4	18.9	22.6	37.3	42.4	20.8	40.8	202.1
FEMALES									
One	12.8	15.4	16.7	12.0	22.5	23.6	9.3	36.7	149.0
Two	..	*	*	*	5.4	6.7	4.1	..	19.6
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	3.4	*	..	6.7
Total	12.8	15.7	17.9	14.8	29.0	33.7	14.6	36.7	175.2
PERSONS									
One	21.7	25.1	32.5	28.9	45.8	52.5	20.1	77.5	304.1
Two	..	*	3.2	5.8	15.5	15.4	12.4	..	53.5
Three or more	..	..	3.8		5.0	8.1	*	..	19.8
Total	21.7	26.2	36.8	37.4	66.3	76.1	35.4	77.5	377.4

See notes to Table 25.

TABLE 27. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)  
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b) AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1980  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
One	13.5	16.3	23.0	19.5	28.2	28.9	12.9	47.8	190.0
Two	..	*	5.0		10.4	9.1	7.0	..	32.0
Three or more	..	..	*	*	3.4	5.3	*	..	13.8
Total	13.5	16.8	26.3	24.1	41.9	43.2	22.2	47.8	235.8
OTHER AREAS									
One	8.3	8.8	9.5	9.4	17.6	23.7	7.2	29.7	114.2
Two	..	*	*	3.1	5.1	6.4	5.4	..	21.5
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	3.4		..	5.9
Total	8.3	9.4	10.5	13.3	24.3	32.9	13.2	29.7	141.6

See notes to Table 25.

TABLE 28. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN 1979 OR 1980 : DURATION OF LAST JOB, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1980 ('000)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Place of residence		Age group (years)				Total
	State capital cities	Other areas	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
Under 4 weeks	8.2	5.2	4.9	3.6	3.5	*	13.4
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	8.2	6.1	4.0	4.6	*	3.4	14.4
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	22.7	13.6	11.5	12.9	7.5	4.4	36.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	18.3	9.0	6.3	7.4	7.1	6.5	27.3
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>57.5</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>91.4</i>
1 year and under 2 years	12.8	5.3	*	5.9	3.7	5.7	18.1
2 years and under 5 years	13.0	6.9	*	4.8	6.5	6.8	19.9
5 years and over	12.3	6.3	*	*	4.5	12.6	18.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>95.5</i>	<i>52.6</i>	<i>31.4</i>	<i>40.5</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>148.1</i>
FEMALES							
Under 4 weeks	4.3	3.6	4.1	*	*	*	7.9
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	5.1	*	3.8	*	*	*	7.5
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	14.0	7.3	9.3	5.9	4.5	*	21.4
26 weeks and under 1 year	8.3	6.0	5.9	5.2	*	*	14.3
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>51.1</i>
1 year and under 2 years	5.2	4.3	3.2	3.9	*	*	9.5
2 years and under 5 years	9.4	5.4	*	6.8	4.1	*	14.8
5 years and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>27.7</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>16.3</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>80.5</i>
PERSONS							
Under 4 weeks	12.5	8.9	9.0	5.1	4.6	*	21.4
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	13.3	8.5	7.8	6.1	3.6	4.4	21.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	36.8	20.9	20.8	18.8	12.0	6.1	57.7
26 weeks and under 1 year	26.6	15.0	12.2	12.7	9.0	7.7	41.6
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>89.2</i>	<i>53.4</i>	<i>49.8</i>	<i>42.7</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>142.6</i>
1 year and under 2 years	18.0	9.7	6.1	9.8	5.7	6.1	27.7
2 years and under 5 years	22.4	12.3	3.2	11.6	10.6	9.2	34.7
5 years and over	15.0	8.7	*	*	6.0	15.2	23.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>144.5</i>	<i>84.1</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>66.2</i>	<i>51.5</i>	<i>51.4</i>	<i>228.6</i>

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 29. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1979 OR 1980: DURATION OF JOB, REASON FOR LEAVING AND AGE, JULY 1980 ('000)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
<b>LOST LAST JOB, RETRENCHED OR JOB TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL</b>							
Under 8 weeks	11.2	8.4	6.4	6.0	21.1	17.0	32.1
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	14.7	12.0	7.1	3.7	24.1	13.4	37.5
26 weeks and under 1 year	7.0	8.3	4.8	4.4	17.4	7.3	24.6
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	32.9	28.8	18.3	14.2	62.5	31.6	94.1
1 year and under 2 years	3.5	4.4	*	3.1	9.9	3.4	13.3
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	3.6		3.8	*	5.9
3 years and under 5 years	*	*	3.0		4.5	*	6.3
5 years and over	*	*	*	7.2	8.5	*	10.0
<i>Total</i>	38.3	37.9	25.7	27.8	89.3	40.3	129.6
<b>LEFT LAST JOB FOR OTHER REASONS</b>							
Under 8 weeks	5.6	*	*	*	6.4	4.5	10.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	5.9	6.4	4.4	*	11.1	7.7	18.8
26 weeks and under 1 year	5.2	4.3	3.3	*	8.7	6.7	15.4
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	16.6	13.3	9.5	5.6	26.2	19.0	45.1
1 year and under 2 years	*	5.2	5.3		7.0	5.9	12.8
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.5	3.0	*	3.6	5.5	9.1
3 years and under 5 years	*	4.3	3.0	*	4.6	5.2	9.9
5 years and over	*	*	3.1	4.2	5.5	*	8.3
<i>Total</i>	20.1	27.4	21.3	16.5	46.8	38.4	85.2
<b>ALL REASONS</b>							
Under 8 weeks	16.7	11.1	8.2	7.0	27.5	15.5	42.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	20.6	18.5	11.5	5.7	35.1	21.2	56.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	12.2	12.6	8.1	7.2	26.1	14.0	40.0
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	49.5	42.1	27.8	19.8	88.7	50.6	139.3
1 year and under 2 years	5.8	9.6	5.1	5.6	16.9	9.2	26.1
2 years and under 3 years	*	4.6	5.0	3.6	7.4	7.6	15.0
3 years and under 5 years	*	6.8	4.3	3.8	9.1	7.0	16.2
5 years and over	*	*	4.8	11.4	14.0	4.3	18.3
<i>Total</i>	58.4	65.2	46.9	44.3	136.1	78.7	214.8

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 30. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1979 OR 1980: REASON FOR LEAVING, JULY 1980

Reason for leaving	— number ('000) —			— per cent —		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/lost job	69.4	29.1	98.5	51.0	37.0	45.9
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	19.1	9.6	28.7	14.0	12.2	13.4
Own ill health or injury	9.2	5.9	15.0	6.7	7.4	7.0
Job was temporary or seasonal	19.9	11.2	31.1	14.6	14.2	14.5
Returned to studies	3.7	*	5.2	2.7	*	2.4
To marry/have children/look after family	*	6.5	6.8	*	8.2	3.2
Changed residence/spouse transferred	3.7	6.3	10.0	2.7	8.0	4.6
Travel/take a holiday	3.2	3.1	6.3	2.3	3.9	2.9
Other	7.6	5.6	13.2	5.6	7.1	6.2
<i>Total</i>	136.1	78.7	214.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 31. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1979 OR 1980 (a): GROSS WEEKLY PAY (b) IN LAST JOB, PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1980

Gross weekly pay (b) in last full-time job (\$)	Place of residence		Age group (years)				Total
	State capital cities	Other areas	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
- '000 -							
Under 60	*	*	3.9	*	*	*	4.2
60 and under 80	3.3	*	4.5	*	*	*	5.9
80 and under 100	7.8	3.6	8.7	*	*	*	11.4
100 and under 120	5.3	3.4	4.7	3.4	*	*	8.7
120 and under 140	10.5	5.5	*	6.7	3.1	3.5	16.0
140 and under 160	13.4	8.9	*	8.4	6.8	4.3	22.3
160 and under 180	11.3	5.9	*	5.0	3.9	6.5	17.3
180 and under 200	9.7	6.6	*	4.8	5.3	5.0	16.3
200 and under 250	14.3	7.4	*	6.0	7.2	7.8	21.7
250 and over	7.8	4.1	*	3.1	*	5.7	12.0
Total	86.0	49.8	30.8	39.8	30.9	34.4	135.8
- dollars -							
Mean gross weekly pay	167.00	163.50	111.80	167.50	182.00	197.20	165.70
FEMALES							
- '000 -							
Under 60	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
60 and under 80	4.1	*	5.0	*	*	*	6.9
80 and under 100	6.5	4.8	8.8	*	*	*	11.3
100 and under 120	7.2	5.2	6.5	3.7	*	*	12.3
120 and under 140	6.8	6.4	3.2	5.7	*	*	13.2
140 and under 160	7.7	4.2	*	5.9	4.8	*	12.0
160 and under 180	6.3	*	*	3.5	3.4	*	9.1
180 and over	7.9	3.7	*	3.7	4.9	*	11.6
Total	47.5	30.9	27.5	25.1	16.0	9.8	78.4
- dollars -							
Mean gross weekly pay	137.30	129.70	103.90	142.60	156.90	161.10	134.30
PERSONS							
- '000 -							
Under 60	3.4	*	3.8	*	*	*	6.3
60 and under 80	7.5	5.3	9.6	*	*	*	12.8
80 and under 100	14.3	8.4	17.4	3.3	*	*	22.7
100 and under 120	12.5	8.6	11.2	6.1	*	*	21.1
120 and under 140	17.3	12.0	5.9	12.3	4.9	6.0	29.2
140 and under 160	21.2	13.1	4.1	14.3	9.1	6.8	34.3
160 and under 180	17.7	8.7	*	8.5	7.3	7.8	26.3
180 and under 200	13.1	8.4	*	7.7	7.1	5.1	21.5
200 and under 250	17.5	8.6	*	6.6	9.6	8.9	26.1
250 and over	9.2	4.8	*	3.3	3.2	6.6	14.0
Total	133.4	80.8	58.2	64.9	46.8	44.3	214.2
- dollars -							
Mean gross weekly pay	156.50	150.50	108.10	157.90	173.40	189.20	154.20

(a) Excludes a small number of persons working for payment in kind. (b) Before tax or anything else was taken out.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

## Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

## Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on page 26. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows: the estimated number of males looking for work who were members of families was 202,100 (Table 2). From the table of standard errors it can be calculated that the estimate has a standard error of about 5,100 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 197,000 to 207,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it will fall within the range 191,900 to 212,300.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage or rate, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. For small percentages the relative standard error of the percentage is approximated by the relative standard error of the numerator, which may be obtained from the table. For other percentages the relative standard error will be lower than that of the numerator.

5. As the standard errors in the table show, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the table on page 26 have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates ( $x - y$ ) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x - y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

7. An example of the use of the above formula is as follows: the difference between the estimates of males and females in Australia who were looking for work in July 1980 is 26,900 (202,100 - 175,200). The standard error of this estimate may be calculated as follows: from the table on page 26, the standard errors of the two original estimates can be approximated as 5,100 and 4,800 respectively. Therefore the standard error of the difference (26,900) is:

$\sqrt{(5,100)^2 + (4,800)^2}$  or 7,000 (rounded to the nearest 100). Thus there are about two chances in three that the difference that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey is within the range 19,900 to 33,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 12,900 and 40,900.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

## STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
								Per cent of estimate
1,000						250		
1,500						300		
2,000				460	460	340		
2,500			630	510	510	380		
3,000			690	550	560	410	800	26.7
3,500	920	910	740	590	590	430	860	24.6
4,000	990	960	780	620	630	460	920	23.0
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	660	480	970	21.6
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	690	500	1,000	20.0
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	750	530	1,100	18.0
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	920	640	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,200	810	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,100	1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,600	1,500	5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	2,900		6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,300		7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900				9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400					11,000	0.6

Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published -- see paragraph 5 above.