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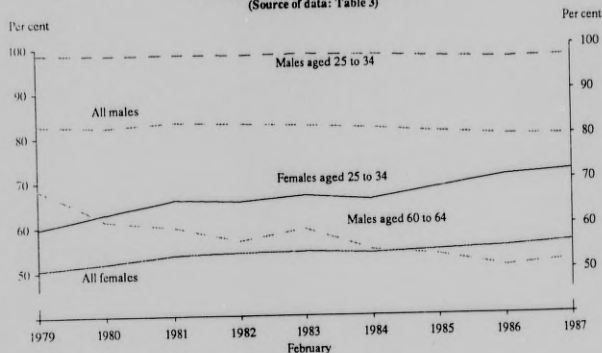
## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

## Proportion of persons who participated in the labour force, February 1977 — February 1987

While the proportion of persons who had participated in the labour force at some time during the period has changed a little (67.1 per cent in the February 1977 survey and 67.8 per cent in the February 1987 survey), the distribution of males and females participating in the labour force has changed significantly. Male participation fell from 84.2 per cent in 1977 to 79.8 per cent in 1987, and female participation rose from the 1977 estimate of 50.3 per cent to the 1987 peak of 56.1 per cent.

Variation by age group was marked, with the overall drop in male participation most evident in the older age groups. In the ten year period, participation by the 60 to 64 year old group fell from 74.1 per cent to 52.1 per cent, and the rate for the 65 and over group dropped from 22.5 per cent to 11.5 per cent. In contrast the 15 to 19 year old males participation rose from 65.0 per cent in 1977 to the 1987 rate of 71.9 per cent, a slight decrease from the 1986 estimate of 73.8 per cent. Growth in participation of females was greatest in the younger age groupings with the 25 to 34 years group increasing from 58.0 per cent in 1977 to 71.9 per cent in 1987.

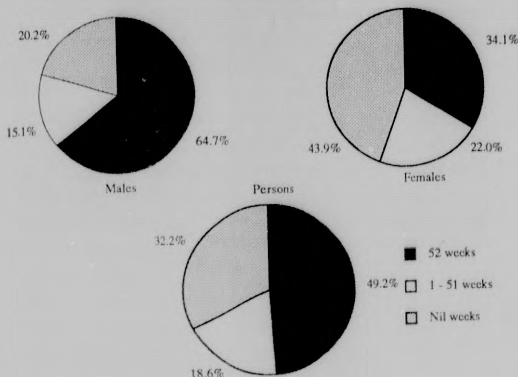
DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS: PROPORTION IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME,  
FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1987  
(Source of data: Table 3)



## Labour Force Experience — February 1987

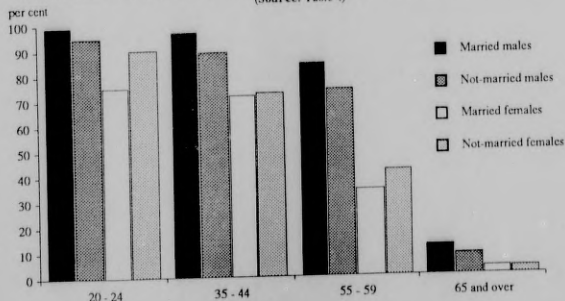
An estimated 8,387,000 persons had been in the labour force at some time during the twelve months ending February 1987. This represents 67.8 per cent of the total population of persons aged 15 and over. Of those who had participated, 6,083,000 (72.5 per cent) had been in the labour force for the whole year.

DIAGRAM 2. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987  
(Source of data : Table 7)



Participation in the labour force at some time during the year varied markedly according to age, sex and marital status, with the group having the highest rate being married males aged between 20 and 24 (99.7 per cent). Female participation in the labour force was highest for those who were single and aged between 20 and 24 (90.5 per cent). A small but significant proportion of persons aged 65 and over participated in the labour force during the year, 11.5 per cent of males and 3.5 per cent of females.

DIAGRAM 3. ALL PERSONS: PROPORTION OF PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987, MARITAL STATUS, SEX AND SELECTED AGES  
(Source: Table 4)



Persons who participated in the labour force can be assigned to three groups; those who *worked* at some time during the year, those who had *looked for work* at some time, and those who had been *out of the labour force* at some time. These groups are not mutually exclusive as it is possible for an individual to be in more than one of the groups over the course of a twelve month period.

DIAGRAM 4. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION,  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987  
(Source of data : Tables 2 and 8)

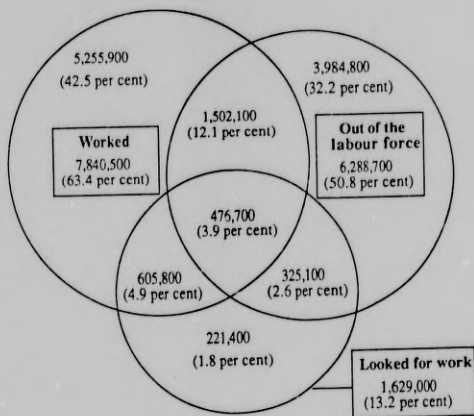


Diagram 4 shows the extent to which this happened. For instance, 605,800 persons, or 4.9 per cent of all persons at February 1987, had worked at some time, and also looked for work at some time but at no time during the year had they been out of the labour force. Similarly, 5,255,900 persons (42.5 per cent) had worked for the whole year. A further example — 476,700 persons (3.9 per cent) worked at some time, looked for work at some time, and were out of the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1987.

Of the 7,840,500 persons who had worked at some time during the year, the majority had worked for the whole 52 weeks (5,255,900 or 67.0 per cent) and an estimated 4,455,800 (56.8 per cent) had worked all 52 weeks on a full-time basis. This profile is not typical of both sexes. The majority of males who had worked at some time during the twelve months prior to February 1987 had done so for the whole year full-time (69.4 per cent), with married males having a higher proportion of 77.4 per cent. The proportion of females who had worked for the 52 weeks full-time was lower (38.9 per cent) with 15.1 per cent working the whole year part-time.

Almost 4 out of every 5 persons who had looked for work at some time during the year had done so in one spell averaging 19.4 weeks duration. The average duration for those persons who had looked for work in two spells was 18.5 weeks, while for those with three or more spells it was 16.5 weeks. The longer average duration for those persons with only one spell of looking for work was influenced by the 221,400 persons who had looked for work for the whole 52 weeks.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the February 1987 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked the length of time they worked, looked for work or were not in the labour force, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience for the period beginning February 1986 to the reference week (week prior to interview).

## Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it excluded visitors to private dwellings, students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories etc.

4. In the tables, 'All Persons' refers to all persons within the scope of the survey.

## Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

## Definitions

6. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable to that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference period. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category for each of the weeks in the year on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the rigidly defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

7. Persons in the labour force are those who were reported as having worked or looked for work as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9. *Time in the labour force during the year* is the total number of weeks persons reported as having worked or looked for work.

8. Persons who *worked* are those who were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave. *Time worked during the year* is the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as work.

9. Persons who *looked for work* are those who were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job. *Time spent looking for work* during the year is the total number of weeks persons were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job. *Average duration* is obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been looking for work by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is the duration which divides persons who looked for work into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose time spent looking for work during the year is above the median, and the other, persons whose time spent looking for work is below it.

10. The *number of spells of looking for work* during the year is the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job.

11. Persons *out of the labour force* are those who, during any week in the reference period, were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9. *Time spent out of the labour force during the year* is the total number of weeks, persons were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work.

12. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* is defined as:

- (a) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
- (b) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.

13. *Locality*. In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.

14. *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 trade qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?'

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

- (a) *Degree*: a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, masters degree or a doctorate;
- (b) *Trade qualification or apprenticeship*: completion of an approved trade technical apprenticeship in fitting and turning, hairdressing, plumbing, carpentry, etc;
- (c) *Certificate or diploma*: completion of an approved certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc;
- (d) *Other*: completion of other types of education, e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

16. *Highest level of secondary school available* refers to the highest level of secondary schooling (or equivalent) offered by the education system at the time the respondent left school.

17. *Still at school*. Current school attendance is recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

18. Further definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

19. Labour force experience characteristics relate to the 52 weeks up to and including the reference week. All other characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the reference week.

#### Results of the survey

20. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1987. Because of emigration, deaths, etc., not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

21. A publication *Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1987, Summary* (6205.0) containing a summary of the results of the survey was released on 14 December 1987.

22. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in February 1969, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

23. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in February 1988.

#### Unpublished tables

24. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer printout, manually-extracted tabulation. In general, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries should be made to the officer whose name appears in the *Phone Inquiries* section at the front of this publication, or to Information Services in the nearest ABS Office.

#### Discontinuities in the series

25. The estimates for surveys held from February 1983 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous surveys. The reference period for the February 1980 and prior surveys was the previous calendar year (e.g. 1 January to 31 December 1979). The reference period for the February 1981 and 1982 surveys was from the beginning of the previous February to the end of the week prior to interview. As interviews were conducted over the second and third week of February, the reference period could have extended to 54 weeks. From the February 1983 survey onwards the reference period has been the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. Due to the change in the reference period timing, some estimates, particularly those for groups who entered the labour force during the earlier months of the year (e.g. 15 to 19 year olds), will also be affected from the February 1981 survey onwards.

26. In the February 1981 survey, persons who answered that they had been in their current job for a year or longer but who also reported having actually worked for less than the whole period were not counted as out of the labour force for the remainder of the period. In all other years these persons were counted as out of the labour force for that time. In consequence, the February 1981 estimate of persons out of the labour force during all or part of the period is 512,300 persons (249,100 males and 263,200 females) less than that which would have been obtained with the procedures used in other years.

27. Estimates contained in this publication are based on a revised labour force questionnaire introduced in April 1986. The definition of employment was expanded, resulting in decreases in the estimates of unemployed persons and persons not in the labour force. Further information is contained in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) and in an information paper *Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0).

28. Classification of occupation according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) 1986 was introduced in the August 1986 labour force survey, replacing the Classification and Classified List of Occupations (CCLO) used in previous surveys. The main difference between these classifications is that ASCO occupations are classified on the basis of the level and specialisation of skill required for the satisfactory performance of primary tasks. For a more detailed explanation of ASCO see the appendix to *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1986* (6203.0).

29. To provide a link between the two classifications, a matrix has been produced and is shown in Table 41 of *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1986* (6203.0). It shows the relationship between ASCO and CCLO at the broadest classification level (the Major Group). The estimates in the matrix are based on a sub-sample of respondents to the May 1986 labour force survey.

30. For this survey, an expanded classification of post-school qualifications was used. As a result a small number of persons previously categorised as 'Degree' or 'Other' may now be included in the categories 'Trade qualifications or apprenticeship' or 'Certificate of diploma'.

31. The family status classification varies from that shown in the February 1986 issue of this publication. Dependents are now identified rather than children aged 0 to 14. *Dependents* comprise all family members under 15 years of age; all family members aged 15 to 19 attending school; and all family members aged 15 to 24 who are full-time students at a tertiary or further educational institution.

#### Reliability of the estimates

32. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Note.

#### Related publications

33. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0)—  
issued twice yearly

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia  
(6222.0)—issued two-yearly

Labour Mobility, Australia (6209.0)—issued annually  
Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia  
(6264.0) — issued irregularly

34. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The *Catalogue* and *Publications Advice* are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Note.
- .. not applicable
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35. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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**TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1977 TO FEBRUARY 1987**  
 (Per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—									
	1977	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole of the period</i>	32.9	33.6	33.3	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.3	32.5	32.6	32.2
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	67.1	66.4	66.7	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7	67.5	67.4	67.8
<i>Time in the labour force during the period (weeks)—</i>										
52	52.3	50.6	51.3	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4	50.0	48.6	49.2
1 and under 52	14.7	15.8	15.4	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3	17.5	18.8	18.6
Worked at some time during the period	65.4	63.7	64.1	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5	63.0	63.1	63.4
<i>Full-time/part-time status during the period (weeks)—</i>										
All were full-time	54.1	51.7	52.0	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5	49.0	48.7	47.2
More full-time than part-time	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.1
More part-time than full-time	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
All were part-time	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.9	11.7
<i>Number of jobs held during the period(b)—</i>										
One	54.1	53.3	54.0	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9	53.3	52.5	52.4
Two	8.1	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4	7.0	7.8	8.2
Three	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
Four or more	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1
Looked for work at some time during the period	8.2	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6	12.4	11.8	13.2
<i>Number of spells of looking for work—</i>										
One	6.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.2	9.7	10.5
Two	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.2
Three	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Four or more	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8
<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>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 21, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

**TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987 AND MARITAL STATUS**  
 ('000)

	Married			Not-married			Total	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Persons
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole year</i>	739.8	1,682.0	2,421.8	488.9	1,074.1	1,563.0	1,228.7	2,756.0
<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	3,044.9	2,096.0	5,140.8	1,818.6	1,427.5	3,246.1	4,863.5	8,387.0
<i>Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)(a)—</i>								
1 and under 4	7.1	61.0	68.1	49.8	50.8	100.5	56.8	111.8
4 and under 13	21.0	106.4	127.3	115.5	124.9	240.3	136.4	271.2
13 and under 26	23.3	124.2	147.5	60.2	82.6	142.8	83.4	206.8
26 and under 39	48.4	157.7	206.0	68.4	68.6	137.0	116.8	226.3
39 and under 49	143.9	251.5	395.4	119.3	118.4	237.7	263.2	369.9
49 and under 52	142.4	127.8	270.2	98.3	78.0	176.3	240.7	205.8
52	2,649.3	1,250.8	3,900.1	1,293.0	890.0	2,183.0	3,942.2	2,410.8
Worked at some time during the year	2,954.9	1,970.0	4,924.9	1,649.4	1,266.3	2,915.6	4,604.2	3,236.3
<i>Full-time/part-time status during the year (weeks)(b)—</i>								
All were full-time	2,711.9	950.2	3,662.2	1,335.8	838.9	2,174.7	4,047.7	1,789.2
More full-time than part-time	120.7	192.0	312.7	91.0	71.0	162.0	211.7	171.2
More part-time than full-time	19.6	59.3	79.0	37.4	40.2	77.6	57.0	99.5
All were part-time	101.3	856.6	957.9	182.6	313.2	495.7	283.9	1,169.7
<i>Time worked during the year (weeks)(c)—</i>								
1 and under 4	8.7	36.3	45.0	45.7	43.4	89.1	54.4	79.7
4 and under 13	31.1	95.2	126.3	105.0	100.4	205.4	136.1	195.6
13 and under 26	50.8	131.3	182.1	85.6	85.6	171.1	136.4	216.8
26 and under 39	97.5	161.9	259.5	124.0	96.6	220.6	221.5	258.6
39 and under 49	217.2	261.4	478.6	183.2	162.0	345.2	400.4	423.5
49 and under 52	149.2	120.4	269.5	90.8	73.8	164.6	240.0	194.1
52	2,396.0	1,155.3	3,551.2	1,007.2	697.4	1,704.7	3,403.2	1,852.7
Looked for work at some time during the year	345.3	309.4	654.7	530.7	443.6	974.3	876.0	752.9
<i>Number of spells of looking for work(d)—</i>								
One	273.6	247.2	520.8	418.8	362.1	780.9	692.4	609.3
Two	32.0	21.1	53.1	54.2	42.1	96.3	86.2	63.2
Three	14.3	11.9	26.2	23.6	13.3	37.0	37.9	25.2
Four or more	23.4	22.8	46.2	30.8	20.1	50.9	54.2	42.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,784.7</b>	<b>3,777.9</b>	<b>7,562.6</b>	<b>2,307.6</b>	<b>2,501.6</b>	<b>4,809.1</b>	<b>6,092.3</b>	<b>6,279.5</b>

(a) Excludes 54,800 persons whose time in the labour force could not be determined. (b) Excludes 10,600 persons whose full-time/part-time status could not be determined. (c) Excludes 27,600 persons whose time worked could not be determined. (d) Excludes 17,700 persons whose number of spells of looking for work could not be determined.

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD(a) AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1977 TO FEBRUARY 1987 (Per cent)

Survey conducted in February(b)—	Age group							Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64 65 and over		
<b>MALES</b>									
1977	65.0	95.1	98.5	98.1	96.5	90.0	74.1	22.5	84.2
1979	67.2	95.2	98.6	97.4	94.5	88.1	68.4	17.0	82.7
1980	67.3	95.1	98.3	97.8	93.6	86.1	61.3	17.5	82.1
1981	78.4	97.2	98.4	97.3	93.3	85.6	59.8	15.7	83.2
1982	76.8	98.0	98.2	97.5	93.2	87.9	56.7	13.6	82.8
1983	75.8	97.6	98.4	97.1	94.0	84.1	59.4	12.9	82.4
1984	73.8	96.3	98.1	97.7	94.3	83.5	54.6	13.3	81.8
1985	72.3	95.9	97.6	96.9	92.7	82.1	53.4	12.3	80.8
1986	73.8	96.6	97.2	96.6	92.2	82.3	50.7	10.7	80.0
1987	71.9	96.1	97.5	96.3	91.9	83.2	52.1	11.5	79.8
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
1977	70.8	69.0	54.2	59.6	54.7	32.9	14.4	4.1	49.4
1979	70.1	69.8	56.6	62.3	50.1	35.2	15.8	4.0	49.5
1980	72.0	70.2	59.1	65.0	53.5	33.9	14.7	4.2	50.9
1981	68.1	70.3	61.6	64.9	52.6	33.1	16.8	4.9	51.3
1982	68.8	70.1	61.1	66.8	57.3	31.9	12.4	3.9	51.8
1983	73.4	69.6	63.2	67.0	53.7	34.2	15.8	4.4	52.2
1984	67.9	70.1	61.2	65.9	53.9	32.4	15.1	3.9	51.2
1985	69.7	70.5	63.8	68.2	56.8	30.9	13.9	3.3	52.5
1986	71.6	72.7	66.6	71.6	56.9	33.5	14.6	3.8	54.0
1987	75.5	75.6	68.0	72.4	60.8	34.9	16.4	3.6	55.5
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
1977	61.6	77.6	58.0	61.0	55.7	36.0	17.9	4.9	50.3
1979	65.8	79.2	59.7	62.8	52.0	36.4	16.4	3.5	50.5
1980	64.3	80.6	62.8	66.3	54.3	35.0	16.6	3.3	51.8
1981	73.5	81.8	65.9	65.8	54.0	34.0	17.7	3.8	53.6
1982	73.7	81.8	65.5	67.9	58.1	34.7	14.8	3.6	54.1
1983	72.4	81.7	66.8	67.7	54.7	36.0	16.7	3.8	54.3
1984	71.1	82.2	65.9	66.7	55.9	34.7	15.9	3.1	53.9
1985	72.0	82.4	68.4	69.3	57.9	33.6	15.6	2.8	54.5
1986	72.6	84.1	70.9	71.6	58.3	36.1	15.8	3.0	55.1
1987	72.0	85.0	71.9	72.6	61.7	36.7	17.4	3.5	56.1
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1977	63.3	86.4	78.5	79.9	76.4	62.6	45.0	12.4	67.1
1979	66.5	87.2	79.2	80.5	73.7	62.1	41.3	9.3	66.4
1980	65.8	87.9	80.5	82.4	74.4	60.4	38.1	9.4	66.7
1981	76.0	89.6	82.1	81.9	74.1	59.7	38.1	9.0	68.2
1982	75.3	89.9	81.7	83.0	76.0	61.4	35.2	7.9	68.3
1983	74.1	89.7	82.5	82.7	74.9	59.9	37.2	7.8	68.2
1984	72.5	89.2	82.0	83.0	75.7	59.3	34.4	7.7	67.7
1985	72.1	89.2	83.0	83.3	75.6	58.0	34.0	6.9	67.5
1986	73.2	90.3	84.0	84.3	75.6	59.4	32.8	6.2	67.4
1987	71.9	90.6	84.7	84.6	77.1	60.1	34.5	6.9	67.8

(a) Persons who participated in the labour force at some time during the reference period as a proportion of all persons in each group. (b) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 25, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed.

**TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>WORKED AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	*	57.2	62.0	59.1	58.4	58.8	59.3	58.3	58.8
20-24	95.5	70.6	78.7	89.0	84.4	87.0	90.1	79.3	84.8
25-34	95.3	63.0	78.0	91.4	77.4	85.5	93.9	66.6	80.3
35-44	95.2	68.2	81.9	85.0	65.8	75.3	93.6	67.8	80.9
45-54	91.0	58.2	75.2	77.9	58.1	67.3	88.9	58.2	73.9
55-59	81.6	33.5	58.6	65.1	40.1	52.0	79.2	35.1	57.2
60-64	50.6	16.2	34.8	40.5	18.4	26.2	48.8	16.9	32.6
65 and over	12.1	3.6	8.4	8.4	3.4	4.6	11.2	3.5	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>63.4</b>
<b>LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(b)</b>									
15-19	*	39.3	41.2	30.7	34.4	32.5	30.8	34.5	32.7
20-24	25.0	16.5	19.3	29.1	24.3	27.0	28.4	21.4	24.9
25-34	14.1	12.5	13.3	21.8	19.3	20.8	16.8	14.2	15.5
35-44	9.7	10.2	10.0	16.1	17.6	16.9	10.7	11.4	11.1
45-54	8.3	5.3	6.8	14.5	12.2	13.3	9.2	6.6	7.9
55-59	7.9	2.5	5.3	10.6	*	6.7	8.4	2.8	5.6
60 and over	2.1	*	1.2	2.4	*	0.8	2.1	*	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.2</b>
<b>IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(c)</b>									
15-19	*	75.5	79.2	71.8	71.8	71.8	71.9	72.0	71.9
20-24	99.7	75.6	83.4	95.3	90.5	93.3	96.1	85.0	90.6
25-34	98.4	68.0	82.2	95.9	83.6	90.7	97.5	71.9	84.7
35-44	97.5	72.4	85.2	89.7	73.4	81.4	96.3	72.6	84.6
45-54	93.1	60.8	77.6	85.3	65.3	74.6	91.9	61.7	77.1
55-59	85.0	34.9	61.0	74.8	42.6	56.4	83.2	36.7	60.1
60-64	53.4	16.4	36.4	46.3	19.3	28.8	52.1	17.4	34.5
65 and over	12.4	3.6	8.5	9.0	3.5	4.8	11.5	3.5	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>67.8</b>
<b>OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(d)</b>									
15-19	*	68.8	64.1	65.0	68.2	66.5	64.9	68.2	66.5
20-24	14.3	53.9	41.0	27.9	36.1	31.4	25.5	42.7	34.0
25-34	14.9	65.1	41.7	21.6	39.1	29.0	17.2	58.5	37.9
35-44	12.6	55.2	33.6	25.9	49.5	37.8	14.6	54.3	34.2
45-54	16.6	57.9	36.4	27.5	51.8	40.5	18.3	56.7	37.1
55-59	27.0	76.9	50.9	38.1	69.1	55.8	29.0	75.0	51.9
60-64	58.6	91.0	73.5	61.9	87.3	78.4	59.2	89.8	74.7
65 and over	92.5	97.9	94.9	95.0	97.8	97.2	93.2	97.8	95.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>50.8</b>

(a) Persons who worked at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (b) Persons who looked for work at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (c) Persons in the labour force at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (d) Persons out of the labour force at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group.

TABLE 5. ALL PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987  
( ' 000)

Family status	Worked at some time		Looked for work at some time		In the labour force at some time		Out of the labour force at some time		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Member of a family	3,854.2	2,709.7	687.4	629.7	4,071.6	2,966.5	1,757.8	3,383.9	10,221.5
Husband or wife	2,879.0	1,896.4	333.2	292.5	2,966.5	2,016.9	1,105.7	2,432.6	7,333.6
With dependents present	1,826.2	1,142.3	228.6	206.7	1,884.2	1,236.6	273.6	1,243.5	3,849.5
Without dependents present	1,052.8	754.1	104.6	85.9	1,082.2	780.3	832.1	1,189.1	3,484.1
Not-married family head	78.8	189.7	14.8	71.3	82.7	227.5	44.8	352.3	591.9
With dependents present	32.8	133.9	6.7	54.2	34.8	163.6	13.4	209.6	334.3
Without dependents present	45.9	55.8	8.1	17.2	47.9	63.9	31.5	142.7	257.6
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	140.2	140.7	69.9	79.7	181.0	187.1	330.5	317.9	727.0
Other child of family head	708.9	446.3	249.3	174.5	786.6	494.2	235.9	177.2	1,352.9
Other relative of family head	47.3	36.6	20.2	11.7	54.8	40.8	40.8	103.9	216.1
Not a member of a family	598.5	393.0	140.7	88.0	627.0	412.1	305.9	607.6	1,717.2
Living alone	285.1	168.5	52.5	26.3	300.5	177.1	194.3	511.4	1,091.4
Not living alone	313.4	224.5	88.1	61.7	326.6	235.0	111.6	96.3	625.8
Family status not determined	151.6	133.6	48.0	35.2	164.9	144.8	86.4	147.2	433.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,604.2</b>	<b>3,236.3</b>	<b>876.0</b>	<b>752.9</b>	<b>4,863.5</b>	<b>3,523.4</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>	<b>4,138.7</b>	<b>12,371.7</b>

(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.

TABLE 6. ALL PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987  
( ' 000)

Educational attainment	Worked at some time		Looked for work at some time		In the labour force at some time		Out of the labour force at some time		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
With post-school qualifications	2,217.2	1,327.0	277.1	229.1	2,268.5	1,393.6	710.4	1,027.9	4,527.3
Degree	478.3	262.9	44.3	33.0	486.7	271.3	121.9	138.0	851.1
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	1,204.7	100.7	169.3	19.6	1,234.1	106.1	432.4	117.5	1,651.6
Certificate or diploma	523.8	946.0	61.2	170.3	536.1	996.3	152.5	753.6	1,981.1
Other	10.4	17.4	*	6.1	11.7	19.9	*	18.7	43.4
Without post-school qualifications(a)	2,303.3	1,820.9	555.8	468.3	2,482.5	2,005.2	1,176.7	2,861.4	7,287.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	573.6	432.9	134.7	117.8	615.9	473.3	248.6	423.5	1,395.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,715.8	1,370.9	417.5	346.4	1,850.9	1,513.1	910.0	2,398.1	5,808.1
Left school at age—									
16 years and over	649.7	542.6	171.9	147.6	700.0	600.4	203.8	562.7	1,735.5
15 years and under	1,066.1	828.3	245.6	198.8	1,151.0	912.8	706.2	1,835.4	4,072.6
Never attended school	4.5	*	*	*	5.9	4.8	13.5	26.0	48.2
Still at school	83.7	88.4	43.1	55.6	112.6	124.6	262.9	249.4	557.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,604.2</b>	<b>3,236.3</b>	<b>876.0</b>	<b>752.9</b>	<b>4,863.5</b>	<b>3,523.4</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>	<b>4,138.7</b>	<b>12,371.7</b>

(a) Includes persons whose secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

TABLE 7. ALL PERSONS : TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 1987, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
( '000)

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Nil	*	*	13.5	24.3	47.5	45.9	135.5	472.7	739.8
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.1
4 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.2	*	21.0
13 and under 26	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3	23.3
26 and under 39	*	*	9.7	6.5	8.8	7.3	8.9	4.5	48.4
39 and under 49	*	5.2	38.5	39.0	27.7	14.1	11.6	7.5	143.9
49 and under 52	*	7.9	54.8	43.3	21.3	7.4	*	*	142.4
52	*	99.4	725.7	865.0	573.2	223.1	120.5	40.3	2,649.3
<b>Total(a)</b>	*	116.0	852.6	989.2	687.2	305.7	290.9	539.3	3,784.7
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Nil	195.0	25.8	32.3	42.9	66.2	62.7	169.9	633.9	1,228.7
1 and under 4	39.7	5.4	*	*	*	*	*	4.8	136.4
4 and under 13	89.1	17.7	7.1	*	4.5	4.8	4.7	6.1	83.4
13 and under 26	36.9	13.0	8.6	4.7	4.5	8.8	10.1	6.1	116.8
26 and under 39	29.5	18.4	21.1	11.1	11.7	8.8	12.4	9.1	263.2
39 and under 49	32.7	43.6	66.4	51.1	31.6	16.3	10.0	4.9	240.7
49 and under 52	21.4	40.7	82.0	51.5	26.1	10.0	144.8	49.0	3,942.2
52	244.1	492.9	1,082.8	998.9	665.5	264.3	354.8	716.4	6,092.3
<b>Total(a)</b>	694.6	661.7	1,308.0	1,169.8	814.6	372.3	354.8	716.4	6,092.3
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Nil	5.1	58.7	312.9	264.8	248.9	182.0	206.5	403.1	1,682.0
1 and under 4	*	*	25.4	19.8	6.9	*	*	*	61.0
4 and under 13	*	9.5	45.7	29.9	14.1	*	*	*	106.4
13 and under 26	*	12.5	58.1	28.5	16.0	*	*	*	124.2
26 and under 39	*	15.0	65.7	47.6	17.8	5.1	*	*	157.7
39 and under 49	*	15.9	80.8	90.9	40.7	11.6	7.0	*	251.5
49 and under 52	*	13.2	40.1	44.6	21.4	5.3	*	*	127.8
52	6.5	110.5	340.9	429.4	267.7	64.5	22.3	9.0	1,250.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	20.9	239.9	977.5	952.6	635.3	279.5	247.0	418.2	3,777.9
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Nil	188.1	97.8	367.1	313.9	299.5	233.1	301.1	955.5	2,756.0
1 and under 4	34.2	10.8	29.2	22.2	9.1	*	*	*	111.8
4 and under 13	84.2	47.5	59.3	35.6	17.0	*	*	*	231.2
13 and under 26	45.1	27.8	67.4	34.5	20.7	5.3	*	*	206.8
26 and under 39	34.1	28.8	75.4	53.8	20.6	6.5	4.9	*	226.3
39 and under 49	40.7	47.3	101.6	104.0	47.7	14.8	8.7	5.2	369.9
49 and under 52	24.6	35.7	57.2	50.8	25.8	7.2	*	21.5	205.8
52	213.4	373.8	542.4	522.4	338.0	92.0	37.2	21.5	2,140.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	670.9	652.0	1,308.5	1,143.7	781.2	368.5	364.3	990.3	6,279.5
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Nil	5.1	59.0	326.4	289.1	296.4	228.0	342.0	875.9	2,421.8
1 and under 4	*	*	27.3	21.5	8.3	*	*	*	68.1
4 and under 13	*	9.5	48.5	33.5	17.5	4.8	8.2	*	127.3
13 and under 26	*	13.1	61.7	31.8	18.3	8.2	6.0	*	147.5
26 and under 39	*	17.6	75.4	54.1	28.6	12.3	12.2	5.5	206.0
39 and under 49	*	21.0	119.3	129.9	68.5	25.8	18.7	9.4	395.4
49 and under 52	*	21.1	84.9	87.9	42.7	12.7	5.7	*	270.2
52	8.8	209.9	1,066.5	1,294.4	840.8	287.6	142.8	49.2	3,900.1
<b>Total(a)</b>	24.6	355.9	1,830.1	1,948.8	1,322.5	585.2	537.9	957.5	7,562.6
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Nil	383.1	123.7	399.3	356.8	365.7	295.8	470.9	1,589.4	3,984.8
1 and under 4	73.9	16.2	33.2	24.6	11.5	5.1	*	*	168.7
4 and under 13	173.3	45.2	66.4	39.8	20.8	7.0	9.6	5.6	367.7
13 and under 26	82.0	40.8	76.0	39.2	25.2	10.1	9.0	7.9	290.2
26 and under 39	63.7	47.1	96.5	64.9	32.3	15.2	15.0	8.3	343.0
39 and under 49	73.5	91.0	168.0	155.0	79.3	31.1	21.0	14.3	633.1
49 and under 52	46.0	76.1	139.2	102.3	51.9	17.3	8.4	5.2	446.5
52	457.5	866.7	1,625.2	1,521.3	1,003.5	356.3	182.0	70.5	6,083.0
<b>Total(a)</b>	1,365.6	1,313.7	2,616.5	2,313.5	1,595.8	740.8	719.1	1,706.8	12,371.7

(a) Includes persons whose time in the labour force could not be determined.

TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR AND MARITAL STATUS  
('000)

Time spent looking for work during the year	Did not work	Time worked during the year (weeks)					52	Total(a)	Total
		1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52			
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	18.3	17.6	34.5	110.6	119.2	2,396.0	2,699.6	2,699.6
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	*	*	*	13.8	30.0	..	47.8	51.0
4 and under 8	*	*	*	*	44.5	..	..	49.2	51.8
8 and under 13	*	*	*	*	44.2	..	..	50.8	52.8
13 and under 26	*	*	*	*	41.0	..	..	49.7	52.8
26 and under 52	8.4	17.4	25.7	11.5	..	..	..	54.6	63.0
52	69.5	..	..	..	..	30.0	..	255.3	345.3
Total(b)	90.0	21.4	33.2	63.0	106.6	..	..	..	..
Total	90.0	39.8	50.8	97.5	217.2	149.2	2,396.0	2,934.9	3,044.9
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	94.3	41.3	69.6	186.8	184.1	3,403.2	3,987.5	3,987.5
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	27.6	16.0	5.1	9.6	30.3	55.5	116.5	144.1
4 and under 8	19.7	13.2	*	9.4	83.4	..	..	110.2	129.9
8 and under 13	24.9	7.5	5.0	14.8	87.3	..	..	115.1	140.0
13 and under 26	18.5	7.4	9.9	90.1	11.8	..	..	119.3	137.8
26 and under 52	24.5	51.0	70.5	27.3	..	..	..	148.9	173.4
52	141.1	..	..	..	..	55.9	..	616.7	876.0
Total(b)	259.3	96.2	95.2	151.9	213.6	..	..	..	..
Total	259.3	190.4	136.4	221.5	400.4	240.0	3,403.2	4,604.2	4,863.5
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	94.7	89.8	117.2	212.0	110.1	1,155.3	1,786.6	1,786.6
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	33.7	8.8	8.2	10.7	17.7	10.3	55.7	89.5
4 and under 8	17.3	5.7	6.3	5.9	15.1	..	..	33.0	50.2
8 and under 13	12.4	*	*	5.3	14.9	..	..	28.0	40.4
13 and under 26	12.8	5.8	15.3	17.9	..	..	..	32.6	45.4
26 and under 52	17.1	11.9	..	4.9	..	..	..	32.1	49.2
52	29.9	..	..	..	..	10.3	..	183.5	29.9
Total(b)	125.9	36.9	41.5	44.8	49.4	..	..	..	309.4
Total	125.9	131.6	131.3	161.9	261.4	120.4	1,155.3	1,970.0	2,096.0
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	168.6	126.4	156.3	289.8	163.8	1,852.7	2,770.5	2,770.5
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	61.1	27.6	17.2	16.4	35.1	30.3	127.0	188.1
4 and under 8	38.7	16.3	13.0	10.7	50.0	..	..	90.5	129.2
8 and under 13	39.2	10.6	7.2	12.4	38.7	..	..	69.4	108.5
13 and under 26	30.8	10.7	11.4	50.3	8.8	..	..	81.6	112.4
26 and under 52	30.9	39.5	40.9	12.1	..	..	..	92.7	123.6
52	80.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	465.8	80.3
Total(b)	287.2	106.8	90.4	102.3	133.7	30.3	..	..	752.9
Total	287.2	275.3	216.8	258.6	423.5	194.1	1,852.7	3,236.3	3,523.4
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	113.0	107.4	151.7	322.6	229.2	3,551.2	4,486.1	4,486.1
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	36.9	9.5	9.1	13.3	31.5	40.3	103.6	140.5
4 and under 8	19.8	7.1	7.4	8.1	39.6	..	..	82.2	102.0
8 and under 13	14.3	*	5.3	10.3	59.0	..	..	78.8	93.2
13 and under 26	15.9	6.8	11.0	58.9	5.3	..	..	82.3	98.2
26 and under 52	25.5	29.3	41.1	16.4	..	..	..	86.8	112.2
52	99.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	438.8	99.4
Total(b)	216.0	58.3	74.7	107.7	156.0	40.3	..	..	654.7
Total	216.0	171.3	182.1	259.5	478.6	269.5	3,551.2	4,924.9	5,140.8
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	262.8	167.7	225.9	476.6	347.9	5,255.9	6,758.0	6,758.0
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	..	88.7	43.6	22.3	26.0	65.4	85.8	243.5	332.2
4 and under 8	58.5	29.5	17.3	20.1	133.4	..	..	200.7	259.2
8 and under 13	54.1	18.1	12.3	27.2	126.0	..	..	184.4	248.5
13 and under 26	49.3	18.1	21.3	140.5	20.7	..	..	200.9	250.1
26 and under 52	55.3	90.5	111.4	39.5	..	..	..	241.7	297.0
52	221.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,082.5	1,629.0
Total(b)	546.5	202.9	185.5	254.2	347.3	86.2	..	..	..
Total	546.5	465.3	353.2	480.1	823.8	434.1	5,255.9	7,840.5	8,387.0

(a) Includes 27,600 persons whose time worked could not be determined. (b) Includes persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined.

**TABLE 9. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987: PROPORTION WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(a), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	*	52.1	52.0	42.8	47.9	45.3	42.9	48.0	45.4
20-24	25.1	21.8	23.1	30.5	26.9	29.0	29.5	25.2	27.5
25-34	14.3	18.4	16.1	22.8	23.1	22.9	17.2	19.8	18.3
35-44	10.0	14.1	11.7	18.0	24.0	20.7	11.1	15.7	13.1
45-54	8.9	8.6	8.8	16.9	18.7	17.8	10.1	7.6	9.3
55-59	9.3	7.1	8.7	14.2	*	11.8	8.5	*	7.1
60 and over	7.7	*	6.5	12.6	*	9.0	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>19.4</b>

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1987 as a proportion of persons who were in the labour force at some time for each group.

**TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987: NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR(a), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Age group						Married	Not-married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	315.6	418.8	952.8	929.8	653.3	517.3	2,510.6	1,277.0	3,787.6
Two	66.4	120.4	205.4	132.2	58.2	26.6	347.7	261.6	609.4
Three	18.0	31.6	36.5	20.3	7.9	*	53.5	63.0	116.6
Four or more	10.2	24.6	32.7	12.2	4.9	*	41.0	43.5	84.5
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>411.9</b>	<b>596.4</b>	<b>1,228.6</b>	<b>1,094.9</b>	<b>724.3</b>	<b>548.2</b>	<b>2,954.9</b>	<b>1,649.4</b>	<b>4,604.2</b>
FEMALES									
One	296.0	385.3	704.8	678.1	418.0	214.9	1,708.4	988.6	2,697.1
Two	70.8	94.1	123.7	78.1	28.3	8.1	200.7	202.4	403.1
Three	15.3	22.6	26.4	10.6	4.9	*	37.3	43.0	80.2
Four or more	7.1	14.1	13.7	8.5	*	*	18.8	28.2	47.0
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>391.4</b>	<b>517.2</b>	<b>871.9</b>	<b>775.9</b>	<b>454.4</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>1,970.0</b>	<b>1,266.3</b>	<b>3,236.3</b>
PERSONS									
One	611.6	804.1	1,657.6	1,607.9	1,071.3	732.2	4,219.0	2,265.6	6,484.6
Two	137.3	214.5	329.1	210.3	86.5	34.7	548.4	464.0	1,012.4
Three	33.4	54.3	62.9	30.9	12.7	5.1	90.8	106.0	196.8
Four or more	17.3	38.7	46.3	20.8	6.1	*	59.8	71.8	131.6
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>803.3</b>	<b>1,113.6</b>	<b>2,100.5</b>	<b>1,870.7</b>	<b>1,178.7</b>	<b>773.6</b>	<b>4,924.9</b>	<b>2,915.6</b>	<b>7,840.5</b>

(a) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (b) Includes persons whose number of jobs held during the year could not be determined.

**TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987: NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR(a) AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR ('000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Time worked during the year (weeks)						52	Total(b)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
MALES								
One	50.3	112.8	95.7	136.5	227.7	156.7	3,002.3	3,787.6
Two	*	16.4	29.0	55.5	116.4	60.7	327.8	609.4
Three	*	4.6	*	15.7	31.7	15.5	43.5	116.6
Four or more	*	*	7.4	13.7	24.6	7.0	29.6	84.5
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>136.1</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>400.4</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>3,403.2</b>	<b>4,604.2</b>
FEMALES								
One	76.4	167.2	166.4	184.6	298.8	143.8	1,654.3	2,697.1
Two	*	21.6	36.6	54.9	84.7	36.1	166.1	403.1
Three	*	6.8	7.9	11.9	25.9	10.7	19.7	80.2
Four or more	*	*	5.9	7.2	14.1	*	12.7	47.0
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>216.8</b>	<b>258.6</b>	<b>423.5</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>1,852.7</b>	<b>3,236.3</b>
PERSONS								
One	126.8	280.0	262.1	321.1	526.5	300.5	4,656.6	6,484.6
Two	5.6	38.0	65.6	110.4	201.1	96.8	493.9	1,012.4
Three	*	8.2	12.3	27.6	57.6	26.3	63.2	196.8
Four or more	*	5.4	13.3	20.9	38.7	10.5	42.2	131.6
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>331.7</b>	<b>353.2</b>	<b>481.1</b>	<b>823.8</b>	<b>434.1</b>	<b>5,255.9</b>	<b>7,840.5</b>

(a) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (b) Includes 27,600 persons whose time worked could not be determined. (c) Includes persons whose number of jobs held during the year could not be determined.

**TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR,  
MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR  
(<sup>'000</sup>)**

Time worked during the year (weeks)	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	6.1	12.2	18.3	28.3	18.2	46.5	34.4	30.4	64.8
4 and under 13	18.9	28.8	47.7	62.8	45.8	108.6	81.7	74.6	156.3
13 and under 26	39.2	44.4	83.6	55.7	38.7	94.4	94.9	83.1	178.0
26 and under 39	69.9	51.7	121.5	80.3	46.4	126.7	150.1	98.1	248.3
39 and under 49	161.8	74.5	236.3	126.9	76.1	203.0	288.7	150.6	439.3
49 and under 52	126.2	43.4	169.6	67.9	39.8	107.8	194.2	83.2	277.4
52	2,286.7	690.8	2,977.4	908.7	569.7	1,478.4	3,195.4	1,260.4	4,455.8
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>2,711.9</b>	<b>950.2</b>	<b>3,662.2</b>	<b>1,335.8</b>	<b>838.9</b>	<b>2,174.7</b>	<b>4,047.7</b>	<b>1,789.2</b>	<b>5,836.9</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 13	*	5.6	7.8	7.1	*	10.8	9.3	9.4	18.7
13 and under 26	4.6	10.2	14.8	7.6	8.0	15.6	12.3	18.2	30.4
26 and under 39	13.2	16.2	29.4	15.1	9.7	24.9	28.4	25.9	54.3
39 and under 49	29.9	16.9	46.8	19.3	21.2	40.5	49.2	38.0	87.3
49 and under 52	14.9	6.3	21.2	8.4	6.9	15.2	23.3	13.2	36.4
52	55.9	45.0	100.9	33.4	21.6	55.0	89.3	66.6	155.9
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>220.9</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>382.9</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 13	} 5.3	*	*	4.9	*	8.7	5.8	6.1	11.9
13 and under 26		5.6	6.3	*	4.6	8.1	*	10.2	14.4
26 and under 39		7.9	11.6	6.2	5.6	11.8	9.9	13.5	23.4
39 and under 49		11.7	18.1	6.5	9.8	16.3	13.0	21.5	34.5
49 and under 52		*	6.9	8.5	*	6.4	4.5	10.4	14.9
52	6.2	24.9	31.1	13.4	13.0	26.4	19.6	37.9	57.4
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>156.5</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	*	24.0	26.4	16.9	24.5	41.4	19.4	48.5	67.9
4 and under 13	9.2	58.6	67.8	30.7	47.7	78.4	30.9	106.4	146.2
13 and under 26	6.3	71.1	77.4	18.8	34.3	53.0	25.1	105.4	130.4
26 and under 39	10.7	86.2	96.9	22.4	34.9	57.3	33.1	121.1	154.2
39 and under 49	19.0	158.3	177.4	30.5	55.0	85.4	49.5	213.3	262.8
49 and under 52	6.4	63.8	70.2	11.6	23.6	35.2	18.0	87.4	105.4
52	47.3	394.6	441.9	51.7	93.2	144.9	99.0	487.8	586.8
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>856.6</b>	<b>957.9</b>	<b>182.6</b>	<b>313.2</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>1,169.7</b>	<b>1,453.6</b>
<b>TOTAL(a)</b>									
1 and under 4	8.7	36.3	45.0	45.7	43.4	89.1	54.4	79.7	134.1
4 and under 13	31.1	95.2	126.3	105.0	100.4	205.4	136.1	195.6	331.7
13 and under 26	50.8	131.3	182.1	85.6	85.6	171.1	136.4	216.8	353.2
26 and under 39	97.5	161.9	259.5	124.0	96.6	220.6	221.5	258.6	480.1
39 and under 49	217.2	261.4	478.6	183.2	162.0	345.2	400.4	423.5	823.8
49 and under 52	149.2	120.4	269.5	90.8	73.8	164.6	240.0	194.1	434.1
52	2,396.0	1,155.3	3,551.2	1,007.2	697.4	1,704.7	3,403.2	1,852.7	5,255.9
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>2,954.9</b>	<b>1,970.0</b>	<b>4,924.9</b>	<b>1,649.4</b>	<b>1,266.3</b>	<b>2,915.6</b>	<b>4,604.2</b>	<b>3,236.3</b>	<b>7,840.5</b>

(a) Includes 10,600 persons whose full-time/part-time status could not be determined. (b) Includes persons whose time worked could not be determined.

**TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS**  
( '000 )

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	*	8.2	10.1	212.3	223.5	435.9	214.2	231.7	446.0
20-24	29.0	39.5	68.5	158.6	100.3	259.0	187.7	139.8	327.5
25-34	120.1	122.4	242.5	99.4	63.9	163.4	219.5	186.4	405.9
35-44	96.4	98.0	194.4	29.1	32.4	61.6	125.5	130.4	255.9
45-54	56.8	33.4	90.2	18.4	17.8	36.3	75.2	51.2	126.4
55-59	24.1	6.9	31.0	7.1	*	10.4	31.1	10.2	41.4
60 and over	17.1	*	18.0	5.7	*	7.9	22.8	*	25.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>309.4</b>	<b>654.7</b>	<b>530.7</b>	<b>443.6</b>	<b>974.3</b>	<b>876.0</b>	<b>752.9</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>

**TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Age group	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)						52	Total(a)	Average duration(b)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and over 52			
	— '000 —								(weeks)
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	*	*	5.3	8.4	*	29.0	23.0
25-34	7.0	12.6	17.5	20.5	18.6	20.7	21.3	120.1	20.6
35-44	*	12.9	16.4	15.0	14.1	15.2	18.3	96.4	20.6
45-54	*	5.1	9.9	9.7	9.1	8.1	11.2	56.8	21.5
55 and over	*	*	*	4.5	4.7	10.1	14.2	41.2	30.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
15-19	22.1	28.1	36.1	39.6	32.8	34.9	18.6	214.2	16.2
20-24	8.9	18.4	25.9	28.7	30.7	50.9	22.7	187.7	21.1
25-34	12.0	20.9	32.7	36.7	35.9	42.4	36.6	219.5	20.8
35-44	*	15.1	20.5	18.5	20.0	21.4	24.9	125.5	21.5
45-54	*	7.2	10.7	11.0	12.1	11.5	17.2	75.2	23.1
55 and over	4.7	*	*	5.5	6.2	12.3	21.0	54.0	32.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>173.4</b>	<b>141.1</b>	<b>876.0</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.2	22.9
20-24	*	8.3	5.9	5.5	*	6.8	*	39.5	16.7
25-34	15.3	22.6	19.5	18.6	18.3	18.5	7.9	122.4	14.0
35-44	14.1	17.1	18.2	11.4	13.2	14.3	8.2	98.0	14.6
45-54	*	5.6	*	7.1	5.9	7.6	6.9	33.4	23.9
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.8	16.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>309.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
15-19	24.5	33.7	43.8	39.0	34.2	35.7	19.3	231.7	15.6
20-24	11.1	21.9	23.9	21.1	19.7	24.6	16.5	139.8	17.7
25-34	20.2	29.1	31.4	27.1	28.7	29.3	18.4	186.4	16.0
35-44	15.9	21.5	22.5	15.5	16.7	22.2	12.3	130.4	16.0
45-54	5.3	*	5.9	*	10.2	10.1	11.9	51.2	24.3
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13.3	19.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>109.7</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>752.9</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.1	23.4
20-24	5.1	11.2	10.1	8.7	9.7	15.2	8.3	68.5	19.3
25-34	22.3	35.2	37.0	39.1	36.9	39.3	29.2	242.5	17.2
35-44	16.9	30.0	34.6	26.4	27.9	29.5	26.5	194.4	17.6
45-54	6.2	6.9	14.1	12.6	15.0	15.7	18.1	90.2	22.4
55 and over	5.2	*	4.6	5.7	6.6	10.5	15.4	49.0	28.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>654.7</b>	<b>19.2</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
15-19	46.6	61.8	79.9	78.6	67.0	70.6	37.9	446.0	15.9
20-24	20.0	40.3	49.9	49.8	50.4	75.5	39.2	327.5	19.7
25-34	32.2	49.9	64.1	63.9	64.7	71.6	55.1	405.9	18.6
35-44	19.7	36.7	43.1	34.0	36.8	43.6	37.1	255.9	18.7
45-54	8.3	10.0	16.6	14.9	22.3	21.5	29.2	126.4	23.6
55 and over	4.5	*	5.6	7.3	9.0	14.0	23.0	67.3	29.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>248.5</b>	<b>250.1</b>	<b>297.0</b>	<b>221.4</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>

(a) Includes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (b) Excludes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined.

**TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987 :  
FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Family status	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)						52	Total(a)	Average duration(b)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52			
	-'000-								
Member of a family	111.0	165.1	210.7	201.8	201.4	230.8	179.3	1,317.1	18.7
Husband or wife	53.5	80.7	96.6	89.7	92.9	107.3	96.7	625.8	19.3
With dependents present	39.6	58.9	69.4	63.7	61.3	73.6	63.0	435.3	18.5
Without dependents present	13.9	21.8	27.2	26.0	31.6	33.8	33.7	190.5	21.0
Not-married family head	5.7	9.0	11.7	9.1	16.8	15.6	14.7	86.2	21.2
With dependents present	*	6.3	9.1	7.1	11.1	11.0	10.0	60.9	20.6
Without dependents present	*	*	4.5	*	5.7	4.5	4.7	25.3	22.9
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	26.0	26.8	30.0	28.6	14.7	15.1	6.6	149.5	11.0
Other relative of family head	24.5	46.3	69.4	68.6	72.6	85.0	54.4	423.8	19.6
Other relative of family head	*	*	*	5.9	4.5	7.7	6.9	31.8	25.5
Not a member of a family	14.3	24.6	37.0	35.3	34.7	50.6	29.9	228.6	19.8
Living alone	*	6.5	10.8	10.6	14.2	16.2	15.5	78.8	22.9
Not living alone	9.9	18.1	26.1	24.7	20.6	34.3	14.4	149.9	18.2
Family status not determined	6.0	11.3	11.5	11.4	14.0	15.7	12.2	83.2	19.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>248.5</b>	<b>250.1</b>	<b>297.0</b>	<b>221.4</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>

(a) Includes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (b) Excludes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (c) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.

**TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987 :  
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Educational attainment	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)						52	Total(a)	Average duration(b)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52			
	-'000-								
With post-school qualifications	42.3	74.7	95.5	82.3	80.2	75.7	49.7	506.2	16.1
Degree	9.5	11.1	15.8	13.3	11.8	9.7	5.5	77.3	13.6
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	10.1	26.1	36.8	31.9	30.4	29.2	23.3	189.0	17.6
Certificate or diploma	22.1	37.3	41.3	36.1	36.0	34.6	20.3	231.5	15.6
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.4	18.5
Without post-school qualifications(c)	70.8	106.0	143.1	149.2	161.4	214.2	166.0	1,024.2	21.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	22.2	33.7	47.1	43.7	38.2	46.7	18.7	252.5	16.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	48.0	71.6	95.8	104.6	122.4	165.6	145.3	763.9	22.8
Left school at age—									
16 years and over	21.7	31.9	42.4	51.4	51.5	65.8	50.4	319.6	20.9
15 years and under	26.2	39.7	53.3	53.2	70.9	99.8	94.9	444.3	24.2
Still at school	18.1	20.3	20.6	17.0	8.6	7.0	5.7	98.6	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>248.5</b>	<b>250.1</b>	<b>297.0</b>	<b>221.4</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>

(a) Includes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (b) Excludes 20,600 persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (c) Includes persons who never attended school and those whose secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

**TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987 :  
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK ('000)**

Educational attainment	Number of spells of looking for work				Total(a)
	One	Two	Three	Four or more	
With post-school qualifications	390.9	49.7	22.0	37.0	506.2
Degree	62.8	5.9	*	5.1	77.3
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	138.1	24.2	9.1	16.6	189.0
Certificate or diploma	184.0	18.5	10.5	14.2	231.5
Other	6.0	*	*	*	8.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	826.4	94.9	37.3	55.2	1,024.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	202.5	23.0	8.6	14.7	252.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	617.8	71.2	28.1	40.1	763.9
Left school at age—					
16 years and over	261.5	33.2	9.9	12.1	319.6
15 years and under	356.3	38.1	18.1	27.9	444.3
Still at school	84.4	4.8	*	4.9	98.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,301.7</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>

(a) Includes 17,700 persons whose number of spells of looking for work could not be determined. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those whose secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

**TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE**

	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	— '000 —						
1 and under 2	46.4	20.0	32.2	19.7	8.3	4.5	131.0
2 and under 4	55.6	35.3	43.6	31.4	7.2	*	174.5
4 and under 8	66.5	39.4	46.7	34.6	11.5	*	201.4
8 and under 13	64.6	37.5	42.0	22.2	11.2	5.0	182.6
13 and under 26	49.8	34.7	44.4	25.8	14.4	5.7	174.9
26 and under 52	50.1	51.2	48.0	30.7	14.3	10.9	205.2
52	37.9	39.2	55.1	37.1	29.2	23.0	221.4
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>372.1</b>	<b>259.0</b>	<b>313.6</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>1,301.7</b>
Males	174.9	141.8	170.4	101.2	59.1	45.0	692.4
Females	197.2	117.2	143.2	102.5	39.3	9.9	609.3
	— weeks —						
<i>Average duration(c)</i>	15.7	19.8	19.3	19.5	25.5	32.2	19.4
<i>Median duration(c)</i>	8	12	12	12	21	40	11
<b>TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	— '000 —						
2 and under 4	*	*	5.4	*	*	*	16.8
4 and under 13	14.5	12.1	13.5	6.8	*	*	50.3
13 and under 26	11.1	6.4	8.3	*	*	*	32.5
26 and under 52	12.2	14.3	11.2	7.0	*	*	49.7
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>149.4</b>
Males	20.5	23.9	22.4	9.4	6.1	*	86.2
Females	20.3	12.0	16.0	10.5	*	*	63.2
	— weeks —						
<i>Average duration(c)</i>	18.4	18.9	17.1	18.6	18.5	*	18.5
<i>Median duration(c)</i>	16	16	13	13	14	*	14
<b>THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	— '000 —						
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.9
4 and under 13	12.2	10.3	23.9	13.2	6.2	*	70.2
13 and under 26	5.7	9.0	11.6	7.1	5.1	*	41.0
26 and under 52	8.4	9.6	12.2	4.7	*	*	40.1
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>160.2</b>
Males	16.8	20.9	25.9	14.0	9.4	5.2	92.2
Females	12.4	9.5	22.8	13.5	7.0	*	68.0
	— weeks —						
<i>Average duration(c)</i>	16.7	18.7	16.4	14.3	16.7	15.8	16.5
<i>Median duration(c)</i>	12	16	12	12	14	12	13
<b>TOTAL(a)</b>							
	— '000 —						
1 and under 2	46.4	20.0	32.2	19.7	8.3	4.5	131.0
2 and under 4	61.8	40.3	49.9	36.7	10.0	*	200.9
4 and under 8	79.9	49.9	64.1	43.1	16.6	5.6	259.2
8 and under 13	78.6	49.8	63.9	34.0	14.9	7.3	248.5
13 and under 26	67.0	50.4	64.7	36.8	22.3	9.0	250.1
26 and under 52	70.6	75.5	71.6	43.1	21.5	14.0	297.0
52	37.9	39.2	55.1	37.1	29.2	23.0	221.4
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>446.0</b>	<b>327.5</b>	<b>405.9</b>	<b>255.9</b>	<b>126.4</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>1,629.0</b>
Males	214.2	187.7	219.5	125.5	75.2	54.0	876.0
Females	231.7	139.8	186.4	130.4	51.2	13.3	752.9
	— weeks —						
<i>Average duration(c)</i>	15.9	19.7	18.6	18.7	23.6	29.4	18.9
<i>Median duration(c)</i>	9	13	12	12	20	33	12

(a) Includes 17,700 persons whose number of spells of looking for work could not be determined. (b) Includes persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined. (c) Excludes persons whose time spent looking for work could not be determined.

**TABLE 19. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
AGE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE  
( '000)**

Age group	Time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total(a)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	7.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	16.6
25-34	54.8	37.1	8.3	6.3	*	*	13.5	127.0
35-44	43.3	36.0	8.1	*	*	*	24.3	124.2
45-54	21.3	27.1	7.8	*	*	*	47.5	114.1
55-59	7.4	12.6	7.1	5.6	*	*	45.9	82.7
60-64	*	10.4	9.2	*	5.5	*	135.5	170.4
65 and over	*	7.1	4.5	5.6	*	*	472.7	499.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>739.8</b>	<b>1,135.4</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>								
15-19	21.4	29.4	26.5	37.6	94.9	39.7	195.0	450.5
20-24	40.4	40.1	18.6	14.2	19.8	5.4	25.8	168.9
25-34	82.0	63.5	20.0	12.3	7.4	*	32.3	225.2
35-44	51.5	47.2	12.4	6.5	5.0	*	42.9	171.0
45-54	26.1	30.5	10.0	6.7	*	*	66.2	149.1
55-59	10.0	14.7	8.2	6.5	*	*	62.7	108.0
60-64	4.9	11.1	10.4	5.4	6.4	*	169.9	210.0
65 and over	*	8.5	5.6	7.1	5.0	*	633.9	667.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>240.7</b>	<b>244.9</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>1,228.7</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.1	14.4
20-24	13.2	14.6	13.0	14.4	10.9	*	58.7	129.4
25-34	40.1	75.9	59.0	63.7	51.8	25.4	312.9	636.6
35-44	44.6	85.4	45.4	31.9	34.3	19.8	264.8	530.2
45-54	21.4	39.0	15.1	18.5	16.1	6.9	248.9	367.7
55-59	5.3	10.0	6.3	*	*	*	182.0	215.0
60-64	*	6.4	*	*	*	*	206.5	224.7
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	403.1	409.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>235.2</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>121.1</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>1,682.0</b>	<b>2,527.1</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>								
15-19	24.6	37.5	30.2	43.5	92.9	34.2	188.1	457.5
20-24	35.7	45.3	26.3	28.9	30.9	10.8	97.8	278.1
25-34	57.2	94.9	68.6	73.9	66.3	29.2	367.1	766.1
35-44	50.8	97.8	49.9	39.9	40.2	22.2	313.9	621.3
45-54	25.8	45.4	17.8	23.6	19.3	9.1	299.5	443.2
55-59	7.2	12.6	8.2	5.4	*	*	233.1	276.4
60-64	*	7.7	5.0	5.1	*	*	301.1	327.1
65 and over	*	4.9	*	*	*	*	955.5	968.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>205.8</b>	<b>346.2</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>222.6</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>2,756.0</b>	<b>4,138.7</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>								
15-19	46.0	66.9	56.7	81.0	187.8	73.9	383.1	908.0
20-24	76.1	85.4	44.9	43.1	150.8	16.2	123.7	447.0
25-34	139.2	158.3	88.7	86.2	73.7	33.2	399.3	991.3
35-44	102.3	145.0	62.4	46.4	45.2	24.6	356.8	792.2
45-54	51.9	75.8	27.8	30.2	23.7	11.5	365.7	592.3
55-59	17.3	27.4	16.4	11.9	7.8	5.1	295.8	384.4
60-64	8.4	18.8	15.5	10.5	9.8	*	470.9	537.2
65 and over	5.2	13.4	6.9	9.5	6.2	*	1,589.4	1,636.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>446.5</b>	<b>591.1</b>	<b>319.1</b>	<b>318.8</b>	<b>405.0</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>3,984.8</b>	<b>6,288.7</b>

(a) Includes 54,800 persons whose time out of the labour force could not be determined.

**TABLE 20. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE  
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Main activity when out of the labour force	Time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total(a)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
Kept house	6.3	9.5	*	*	*	*	44.9	72.3
Attended an educational institution	7.4	22.4	30.2	46.7	110.1	46.8	216.7	485.0
Retired or voluntarily inactive	28.2	36.6	27.3	21.6	14.3	*	767.1	898.8
Unpaid leave	67.3	40.6	4.5	*	*	*	*	114.8
Own illness/injury	22.2	28.8	16.9	10.4	8.8	*	118.6	208.0
Own disability/handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	51.4	55.8
Looking after ill/disabled person	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	8.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	86.4	79.7	18.3	7.3	5.7	*	*	202.9
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.9	21.8
Other	19.6	21.3	9.0	5.0	*	*	7.5	66.5
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>240.7</b>	<b>244.9</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>1,228.7</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Kept house	39.8	156.1	134.0	144.7	133.9	66.7	2,219.1	2,903.6
Attended an educational institution	6.2	23.4	30.7	48.5	106.9	40.2	197.7	457.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	14.2	16.0	6.6	6.6	5.2	*	226.6	276.1
Unpaid leave	55.6	40.4	5.3	*	*	*	*	106.3
Own illness/injury	17.2	20.7	9.0	4.7	*	*	47.0	103.8
Own disability/handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	19.6	21.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.3	20.0
Travelled, moved house, holiday	64.3	80.3	16.3	11.7	4.6	*	*	181.5
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	*	*	*	*	*	26.9	33.4
Other	5.2	5.0	*	*	*	*	*	19.8
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>205.8</b>	<b>346.2</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>222.6</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>2,756.0</b>	<b>4,138.7</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Kept house	46.1	165.6	137.9	146.7	136.4	68.8	2,264.0	2,975.9
Attended an educational institution	13.6	45.9	61.0	95.2	217.0	87.0	414.4	942.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	42.4	52.6	33.8	28.2	19.5	*	993.7	1,174.9
Unpaid leave	122.9	81.0	9.7	*	*	*	*	221.1
Own illness/injury	39.3	49.5	25.8	15.1	12.6	*	165.6	311.9
Own disability/handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	71.0	77.0
Looking after ill/disabled person	*	*	*	*	*	*	17.3	28.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	150.6	160.0	34.6	19.0	10.3	*	7.5	384.4
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	5.0	*	*	*	*	39.8	55.2
Other	24.8	26.3	12.4	6.6	*	*	10.3	86.3
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>446.5</b>	<b>591.1</b>	<b>319.1</b>	<b>318.8</b>	<b>405.0</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>3,984.8</b>	<b>6,288.7</b>

(a) Includes 54,800 persons whose time out of the labour force could not be determined. (b) Includes persons whose main activity when out of the labour force could not be determined.

**TABLE 21. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987:  
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE  
(<sup>'000</sup>)**

Main activity when out of the labour force	Age group						Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59		60-64 65 and over	
<b>MALES</b>									
Kept house	*	*	124	10.3	9.6	5.3	*	27.7	72.3
Attended an educational institution	393.7	59.7	21.4	6.7	*	*	*	*	485.0
Retired or voluntarily inactive	8.4	15.6	26.9	22.2	32.3	47.6	158.6	587.3	898.8
Unpaid leave	7.1	13.3	36.2	29.9	15.4	8.9	*	*	114.8
Own illness injury	9.6	16.9	30.1	34.5	47.1	23.3	24.1	22.3	208.0
Own disability handicap	*	6.9	9.0	10.2	8.6	7.4	7.4	5.5	55.8
Looking after ill disabled person	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	20.7	39.9	61.1	39.6	21.4	9.5	6.4	*	202.9
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	*	10.4	21.8
Other	5.0	9.9	20.4	14.4	8.6	*	*	*	66.5
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>450.5</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>225.2</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>667.4</b>	<b>2,150.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Kept house	25.6	139.2	630.5	502.6	366.4	229.2	275.4	734.7	2,903.6
Attended an educational institution	374.6	51.1	17.0	9.8	*	*	*	*	457.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	11.1	12.1	7.6	7.0	8.5	16.2	33.5	180.0	276.1
Unpaid leave	10.2	12.7	30.5	28.7	16.8	5.9	*	*	106.3
Own illness injury	5.6	11.6	15.0	19.7	17.7	7.2	4.8	22.3	103.8
Own disability handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.8	21.2
Looking after ill disabled person	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4	20.0
Travelled, moved house, holiday	24.0	41.2	47.1	37.8	18.8	6.4	*	*	181.5
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14.9	33.4
Other	*	5.6	7.5	*	*	*	*	*	19.8
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>457.5</b>	<b>278.1</b>	<b>766.1</b>	<b>621.3</b>	<b>443.2</b>	<b>276.4</b>	<b>327.1</b>	<b>968.9</b>	<b>4,138.7</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
Kept house	26.4	141.1	642.9	512.9	376.0	234.5	279.8	762.5	2,975.9
Attended an educational institution	768.3	110.8	38.4	16.5	4.5	*	*	*	942.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	19.4	27.7	34.5	29.2	40.8	63.8	192.1	767.3	1,174.9
Unpaid leave	17.3	26.0	66.7	58.6	32.2	14.8	*	*	221.1
Own illness injury	15.2	28.5	45.1	54.2	64.8	30.6	28.9	44.6	311.9
Own disability handicap	*	8.6	12.6	13.8	10.6	9.0	8.3	12.3	77.0
Looking after ill disabled person	*	*	*	*	4.8	4.6	*	7.3	28.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	44.7	81.1	108.1	77.3	40.2	15.9	10.3	6.8	384.4
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	*	*	6.6	*	5.3	5.0	6.2	25.3	55.2
Other	6.5	15.6	27.9	16.7	9.6	*	*	5.0	86.3
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>908.0</b>	<b>447.0</b>	<b>991.3</b>	<b>792.2</b>	<b>592.3</b>	<b>384.4</b>	<b>537.2</b>	<b>1,636.3</b>	<b>6,288.7</b>

(a) Includes persons whose main activity could not be determined.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

## Estimation procedure

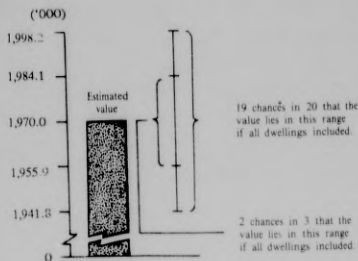
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution 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 those 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 number 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 the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these estimates will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending February 1987 was 1,970,000. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 11,200 and 14,200, and can be approximated as 14,100 (rounded to the nearest 100). 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 in the range 1,955,900 to 1,984,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 1,941,800 and 1,998,200. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, 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 this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although estimates for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

$$RSE(x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 + [RSE(y)]^2}$$

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,777,900) is 52.1 per cent. The standard error for 3,777,900 is approximately 17,100 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 1,970,000 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 + (0.5)^2}$  or 0.5 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (52.1 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 51.8 per cent and 52.4 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 51.5 per cent to 52.7 per cent.

8. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is 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 is strictly applicable only to 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.

9. 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 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 (persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Relative standard error (per cent)	
1,500						350				
1,800						380				
2,000						400	490	420		
2,500						440	540	460		
3,000						470	580	490		
3,500			860	680	720	500	610	520		
4,000			920	720	760	530	650	550		
4,500			970	760	800	560	680	570	1,050	23.9
5,000	1,200	1,250	1,000	790	840	580	710	590	1,150	22.7
6,000	1,350	1,350	1,100	860	900	630	760	630	1,250	20.7
7,000	1,450	1,450	1,200	910	970	670	810	670	1,350	19.2
10,000	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,050	1,100	770	920	750	1,600	16.0
20,000	2,300	2,250	1,900	1,400	1,500	990	1,200	940	2,250	11.1
50,000	3,350	3,300	2,700	1,950	2,100	1,350	1,650	1,200	3,400	6.8
100,000	4,450	4,300	3,550	2,500	2,700	1,650	2,100	1,450	4,550	4.6
200,000	5,900	5,500	4,550	3,150	3,400	2,050		1,700	6,100	3.0
300,000	6,800	6,300	5,200	3,600	3,850				7,100	2.4
500,000	8,300	7,500	6,100	4,200	4,500				8,700	1.7
1,000,000	10,600	9,300	7,600						11,200	1.1
2,000,000	13,400	11,400							14,200	0.7
5,000,000	18,000	14,600							19,100	0.4
10,000,000									23,500	0.2
12,000,000									24,700	0.2
15,000,000									26,300	0.2