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MAIN FEATURES

Note. The estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraph 18. Standard errors are shown on page 3.

In 1978-79 the estimated numbers of income units (see definition below) and their average annual income were:

	No.	\$
Married couple income units	3,333,800	15,500
One parent income units	218,700	7,320
One person income units	2,773,500	6,590

105,700 (48 per cent) of one parent income units had no earned income.

978,100 (15 per cent of all income units) contained at least one person who had been unemployed at some time during 1978-79.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains preliminary estimates of the income in 1978-79 of several types of income units (defined in paragraphs 4 to 6). The estimates were derived from a survey of annual income which was conducted throughout Australia in the period September to December 1979. Statistics of the income of individuals and unemployed persons were published in *Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79: Individuals (Preliminary)* (6501.0) and *Unemployed Persons: Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79* (6521.0) respectively. Further statistics relating to income will be published progressively.

2. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 15,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covered about one-third of one per cent of the population of Australia.

Scope

3. The estimates relate to all persons aged fifteen years and over except: members of the Australian defence forces living in military establishments, certain

diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; students in boarding schools, patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc.

Definitions

4. *Married couple income units* consist of a husband, wife and dependent children (if any), as defined.

5. *One parent income units* consist of a parent and at least one dependent child; they cannot include a married couple.

6. *One person income units* consist of persons not included in units defined in paragraphs 4 or 5 above. Non-dependent children living with their parents are classed as one-person income units.

7. *Dependent children* are all unmarried persons living with their parent(s) and either under 15 years of age, or full-time students aged 15-20 years whose earned income in 1978-79 was less than \$1,600.

8. *Total income.* Questions were asked in respect of each person aged fifteen years or over, except those attending school full time, on the amount of income received in 1978-79 from each of the following sources: wages or salary; own business, farm, profession, etc. (net income); share in a partnership (net income); government social security and welfare cash benefits; superannuation; interest, dividends, rent, etc.; other sources, e.g. trust or will, maintenance or alimony.

9. *Income from government social security and welfare cash benefits* includes income received through programmes of assistance to aged persons incapacitated and handicapped persons, unemployed and sick persons, veterans and their dependants, widowed and deserted spouses, families and children; cash benefits for education; and other social security and welfare programmes.

10. *Earned income* is income from wages or salary; own business, farm, profession, etc.; share in a partnership; or any combination of these.

11. *Median income* is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below it. Medians were calculated from grouped data with linear interpolation being used within the class interval in which the median fell.

12. *Mean income* is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group (e.g. married couple income units) by the number in that group.

13. *Unemployed persons* are those who during any week were not employed (i.e. did not work for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, and did not have a job, business or farm) and were looking for work.

14. *Duration of unemployment* is the total number of complete weeks in 1978-79 during which a person was unemployed (as above).

Interpretation of results

15. Since the estimates are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. (See paragraphs 18 to 21 below.) In addition, they are subject to errors of response and reporting. Although some respondents referred to their records, in many cases the answers to the questions on income were based on memory. Some understatement in the estimates may be expected because of imperfect recall or misunderstanding, particularly of minor or irregular sources of income.

16. Characteristics of income units, such as marital status of members and composition of the unit (see paragraphs 4 to 6) are recorded as at the time of the interview. Some income units which experienced, between July 1978 and the date of the interview, a major change in their status of the kinds indicated below, were excluded from the tables:

- (a) income units whose head or spouse had lived outside Australia for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79 and had worked overseas in a job or jobs unrelated to an Australian job or business (e.g. migrants arriving in Australia after September 1978 and Australian residents who worked temporarily overseas),
- (b) income units whose female head had lived with her husband for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79 but was not doing so at the time of the interview (e.g. females who were widowed or became separated after September 1978) and
- (c) income units containing a person aged 15 years or over who was at school for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79, but was not at school and not living with parent(s) at the time of the interview.

Income units where the head or spouse was outside the scope of the survey (see paragraph 3) or was a non-respondent were also excluded.

17. Other points which should be kept in mind in interpreting the results of this survey are as follows:

- (a) For the purposes of the survey, total income included all income received while living in Australia (including income received from an overseas source) and all income received from an Australian source while living overseas.
- (b) The income received by an income unit does not necessarily reflect the standard of living of the unit. For example, although alimony and maintenance payments were counted as income, gifts or donations (such as might be made by relatives) were not included, even though they may have been the sole means of support.
- (c) The income of an income unit does not include amounts received by persons who were members of the income unit during all or part of the year 1978-79 but no longer resided with the income unit at the time of the interview. Thus, income received during 1978-79 by persons who had died before the interview was not included.
- (d) Income units receiving no income in 1978-79 have been included in the calculation of mean and median incomes.

Reliability of the estimates

18. Since the estimates 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. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the *relative standard error*.

19. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard error of all estimates in this publication. Table A shows standard errors of estimates of numbers of income units for a range of estimate sizes, while Table B shows relative standard errors of estimates of mean and median income for different numbers of income units. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate, but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

20. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

(a) From the table it will be seen that the estimate of 200,700 income units whose earned income was between \$15,000 and \$16,000 (Table 3) has a standard error of about 7,200. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number of income units with earned income in that range would be between 193,500 and 207,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be between 186,300 and 215,100 if all dwellings had been included in the survey.

(b) Table 2 shows that the estimated number of one person income units in New South Wales was 1,003,400 and that their estimated mean income was \$6,700. From the table below it will be seen that the relative standard error of the mean income of 1,003,400 income units is about 1.8 per cent. As 1.8 per cent of \$6,700 is about \$121, there are about two chances in three that the mean income would be between \$6,579 and \$6,821 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be between \$6,458 and \$6,942.

21. As the standard errors in the tables show, the smaller the estimated number of income units 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 below the levels shown in Table A, and means and medians based on such estimates, have not been included. Although figures for numbers of income units can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

22. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may have occurred 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. See paragraph 15.

Related publications

23. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (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. See paragraph 21.
- .. Not applicable.

24. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE A - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Income Units)	AUSTRALIA								Relative standard error (per cent)
	N.S.W.	VIC	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS	N.T.	A.C.T.	
	- number -								
2,000						480			
2,500						540			
3,000				780	790	580	780	720	
3,500				830	830	610	830	760	
4,000				880	890	650	880	790	
4,500				920	930	680	920	830	
5,000			1,200	960	980	710	960	860	
6,000	1,700	1,700	1,300	1,000	1,100	750	1,100	920	1,600
10,000	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,300	1,300	910	1,300	1,100	2,000
20,000	2,800	2,700	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,200	1,700	1,300	2,800
50,000	4,200	3,800	3,100	2,300	2,400	1,600	2,400	1,600	4,100
100,000	5,500	5,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	1,800		1,800	5,500
200,000	7,100	6,200	5,100	3,700	3,700				7,200
300,000	8,200	7,000	5,800	4,100	4,100				8,500
500,000	9,800	8,200	6,800	4,700	4,700				10,200
1,000,000	12,000	9,900							12,900

TABLE B - RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS OF MEAN OR MEDIAN INCOME (PER CENT)

Number of Income Units	N.S.W.	VIC	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUSTRALIA
2,000						22.1			
3,000				23.2	22.1	18.0	23.2	23.2	
4,000			23.8	20.1	19.1	15.6	20.1	20.1	
5,000			21.3	18.0	17.1	13.9	18.0	18.0	
6,000	23.2	23.2	19.4	16.4	15.6	12.7	16.4	16.4	20.1
10,000	18.0	18.0	15.0	12.7	12.1	9.9	12.7	12.7	15.6
20,000	12.7	12.7	10.7	9.0	8.5	7.0	9.0	9.0	11.0
50,000	10.4	10.4	8.7	7.3	7.0	5.7	7.3	7.3	9.0
100,000	8.0	8.0	6.7	5.7	5.4	4.4	5.7	5.7	7.0
200,000	5.7	5.7	4.8	4.0	3.8	3.1	4.0	4.0	4.9
300,000	4.0	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.7				3.5
500,000	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.3	2.2				2.8
1,000,000	2.5	2.5	2.1						2.2
	1.8	1.8							1.6

TABLE 1. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN
AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

Married couple income units												One parent income units				
With dependent children												One parent income units			One person income units	All income units
With no dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total	One dependent child	Two or more dependent children	Total									
- '000 -																
Total income (\$) -																
Nil		6.2	*	*	*	*	*	*		34.7	41.6					
1,000 " " 1,000 " " 2,000	8.7	*	8.4	6.0	{ 13.4 6.1 }	*	*	9.2	{ 53.4 107.9 }	75.2	123.7					
2,000 " " 3,500	31.6	7.1	*	7.2	{ 8.7 6.1 7.7 10.2 }	13.0	6.4	19.4	793.3	853.0						
3,500 " " 4,000	9.0															
4,000 " " 4,500	18.0															
4,500 " " 5,000	141.1	7.7	6.7			7.0	13.6	20.7	84.2	256.2						
5,000 " " 6,000	113.5	16.7	12.3	6.5	35.5	6.4	23.4	29.8	178.2	357.0						
6,000 " " 7,000	78.5	15.4	11.4	11.9	38.6	*	9.3	14.5	169.3	300.9						
7,000 " " 8,000	47.8	16.1	17.7	16.1	49.9	6.4	7.3	10.7	176.5	284.8						
8,000 " " 9,000	59.3	24.2	29.9	18.6	72.7	7.3		10.4	200.1	342.5						
9,000 " " 10,000	63.3	24.7	28.2	18.0	70.9	6.5		10.4	167.6	312.3						
10,000 " " 11,000	71.5	40.9	49.1	25.9	115.8	7.7	6.3	10.1	151.4	348.8						
11,000 " " 12,000	57.8	33.1	47.9	32.9	113.9	7.7		*	13.0	101.8	278.0					
12,000 " " 13,000	61.9	39.3	52.3	35.9	127.5			82.3	276.7							
13,000 " " 14,000	51.0	33.2	53.6	29.6	116.5		57.9	228.9								
14,000 " " 15,000	52.6	35.2	36.4	31.2	102.8				44.3	203.4						
15,000 " " 16,000	57.5	38.4	50.6	38.0	127.0				37.1	225.2						
16,000 " " 18,000	114.1	52.2	88.0	56.8	197.1	6.1	7.9	14.0	39.2	352.8						
18,000 " " 20,000	110.8	47.2	65.8	49.5	162.5				18.9	296.5						
20,000 " " 25,000	180.9	77.3	115.2	74.5	267.0							19.4	470.3			
25,000 " " 30,000	82.3	27.3	36.4	30.3	94.0					182.2						
30,000 " " 35,000	24.7	14.2	19.2	20.8	54.1	*	*	6.3		84.0						
35,000 " " 40,000	14.2	7.8	8.3	*	21.0							37.0				
40,000 and over	23.2	10.3	14.9	9.6	34.8							14.9	63.4			
Total	1,479.9	573.1	756.5	524.3	1,853.9	109.4	109.3	218.7	2,773.5	6,325.9						
- dollars -																
Median income	12,540	14,660	15,400	15,590	15,240	5,350	5,330	5,330	5,400	9,610						
Mean income	14,150	15,940	16,760	17,010	16,580	7,270	7,370	7,320	6,590	11,310						

TABLE 2. ALL INCOME UNITS : TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND TOTAL INCOME, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1978-79

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Total income (\$) - Under 3,000	16.5	21.6	11.4	5.9	3.9	*			61.8
3,000 and under 5,000	67.7	51.5	46.1	14.1	15.6	7.8	3.4	*	205.1
5,000 " " 7,000	104.6	61.1	41.2	29.2	20.9	6.3		3.9	266.1
7,000 " " 10,000	119.4	103.5	65.5	35.9	27.1	8.9	*		364.0
10,000 " " 12,000	117.4	99.5	60.8	37.1	28.7	11.4		3.8	359.1
12,000 " " 14,000	119.7	88.7	59.3	38.1	34.8	10.7	4.4	3.5	356.9
14,000 " " 16,000	120.2	91.1	47.7	29.9	32.0	13.1		4.3	340.0
16,000 " " 18,000	109.7	88.0	40.3	31.9	28.4	7.3		5.3	311.2
18,000 " " 20,000	94.5	76.3	35.2	26.2	25.5	8.4	4.0	3.1	273.3
20,000 " " 25,000	166.4	130.8	53.7	33.2	39.4	12.1	3.5	8.8	447.9
25,000 " " 30,000	65.5	49.1	17.5	15.3	15.1	5.1		7.5	176.4
30,000 " " 40,000	39.4	31.8	16.5	7.3	9.7	2.5	5.5	3.4	114.0
40,000 and over	17.5	16.0	9.2	6.2	5.6	*		*	58.0
Total	1,158.4	908.9	504.5	310.5	286.8	96.6	22.3	45.8	3,333.8
- dollars -									
Median income	14,560	14,630	12,920	13,730	14,770	14,240	18,940	18,790	14,320
Mean income	15,590	15,590	14,430	15,340	15,870	15,180	19,450	20,740	15,500
ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Total income (\$) - Under 5,000	30.6	19.8	20.1	12.2	11.2	2.9			99.4
5,000 and under 7,000	14.4	9.9	9.3	3.5	4.8	2.0			44.4
7,000 " " 10,000	15.9	7.1							31.5
10,000 and over	19.3	7.9	8.0	5.7	5.2	2.8	*	4.2	43.4
Total	80.1	44.7	37.5	21.5	21.1	7.8	*	4.2	218.7
- dollars -									
Median income	6,310	5,520	4,830	4,700	4,860	5,930	*	10,530	6,450 5350
Mean income	8,180	7,190	6,650	6,630	5,910	6,790	*	10,990	7,320
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Total income (\$) - Under 1,000	30.0	25.4	13.2	6.9	6.0	2.5	3.4	*	88.1
1,000 and under 2,000	34.5	31.0	14.9	9.9	9.7	5.0			107.9
2,000 " " 3,000	182.7	146.9	84.4	50.4	35.2	14.3	4.8	5.0	520.8
3,000 " " 5,000	219.0	145.6	95.7	62.4	48.9	18.9	3.5	6.3	597.9
5,000 " " 7,000	123.0	90.1	52.3	33.1	31.9	10.5		4.3	347.5
7,000 " " 10,000	194.6	147.0	73.2	51.8	49.2	15.2	6.8	6.3	544.1
10,000 " " 12,000	103.2	63.4	34.8	14.9	25.0	5.7		4.2	253.2
12,000 " " 14,000	54.0	40.6	18.5	8.1	9.9	3.6	3.8	3.6	140.2
14,000 " " 16,000	29.0	25.0	10.5	4.2	7.9				81.5
16,000 and over	33.4	22.8	13.9	6.5	8.5	4.3	*	6.0	92.3
Total	1,003.4	737.8	411.5	248.2	232.2	79.9	24.2	36.4	2,773.5
- dollars -									
Median income	5,580	5,440	4,950	4,820	6,020	4,930	7,150	7,870	5,410 5400
Mean income	6,700	6,580	6,280	6,130	6,880	6,130	6,660	9,050	6,590

TABLE 2. ALL INCOME UNITS : TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND TOTAL INCOME, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1978-79 - continued

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
ALL INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Total income (\$) -									
Under 1,000	35.5	36.8	18.9	9.5	7.6	3.4	4.1	*	116.8
1,000 and under 2,000	37.9	36.6	17.1	11.7	11.3	5.6	*	*	123.7
2,000 " " 3,000	194.9	155.8	91.7	54.3	38.2	15.3	3.4	4.2	557.7
3,000 " " 5,000	312.5	212.5	158.2	86.3	73.4	28.6	3.3	8.2	883.0
5,000 " " 7,000	242.1	161.1	102.9	65.8	57.6	18.7	3.6	6.1	657.9
7,000 " " 10,000	329.9	257.6	140.4	89.5	79.6	25.3	8.7	8.7	939.6
10,000 " " 12,000	227.8	164.8	98.2	53.6	54.1	17.8	6.5	8.2	626.8
12,000 " " 14,000	176.9	130.7	78.8	46.7	45.5	14.9	*	8.0	505.7
14,000 " " 16,000	152.0	118.2	59.2	35.1	40.3	14.8	3.8	6.6	428.6
16,000 " " 18,000	125.3	99.6	46.9	33.5	31.1	8.8	*	6.3	352.8
18,000 " " 20,000	103.7	82.1	38.3	28.0	27.2	9.1	4.0	4.2	296.5
20,000 " " 25,000	175.1	135.8	57.1	34.9	41.6	12.2	3.5	9.9	470.3
25,000 " " 30,000	67.2	49.6	18.9	16.4	15.6	5.5	*	7.7	182.2
30,000 " " 40,000	41.4	32.4	17.5	8.0	11.3	2.7	3.4	4.4	121.1
40,000 and over	19.8	17.8	9.6	6.8	5.6	*	*	*	63.4
Total	2,241.9	1,691.4	953.6	580.2	540.1	184.2	48.3	86.3	6,325.9
- dollars -									
Median income	9,710	9,830	8,880	9,090	10,090	9,420	9,690	13,370	9,650 ⁹⁶⁴⁰
Mean income	11,340	11,440	10,610	11,080	11,620	10,900	12,510	15,340	11,310

TABLE 3. ALL INCOME UNITS : EARNED INCOME AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

	Married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
- '000 -				
Earned income (\$) -				
Nil	493.2	105.7	861.9	1,460.8
1 and under 1,000	29.2	14.3	96.9	140.4
1,000 " " 1,200	11.3	7.2	23.9	34.5
1,200 " " 1,400	*	*	17.0	24.9
1,400 " " 1,600	6.3	*	17.6	25.9
1,600 " " 1,800	*	*	37.0	42.0
1,800 " " 2,000	7.3	8.7	25.9	34.5
2,000 " " 2,500	13.4	*	67.7	84.7
2,500 " " 3,000	14.4	*	54.8	71.0
3,000 " " 3,500	16.6	10.1	62.7	82.8
3,500 " " 4,000	10.9	*	66.8	82.4
4,000 " " 4,500	18.7	*	71.7	93.8
4,500 " " 5,000	13.6	*	62.6	77.4
5,000 " " 6,000	41.0	7.8	144.3	193.0
6,000 " " 7,000	63.1	*	139.5	205.4
7,000 " " 8,000	81.0	7.8	160.8	249.5
8,000 " " 9,000	120.6	7.2	191.4	319.1
9,000 " " 10,000	135.6	9.5	159.4	304.5
10,000 " " 11,000	176.3	7.8	146.5	330.6
11,000 " " 12,000	167.1	8.3	87.8	258.3
12,000 " " 13,000	189.6	*	77.4	271.9
13,000 " " 14,000	148.7	*	56.0	207.4
14,000 " " 15,000	169.2	6.1	35.2	205.6
15,000 " " 16,000	163.9	*	34.6	200.7
16,000 " " 18,000	300.3	8.0	34.9	338.2
18,000 " " 20,000	253.6	*	13.8	269.9
20,000 " " 25,000	395.1	*	16.1	413.7
25,000 " " 30,000	152.6	*	7.4	156.9
30,000 " " 40,000	89.6	*	*	94.7
40,000 " " 50,000	26.5	*	*	27.0
50,000 and over	21.9	*	*	24.4
Total	3,333.8	218.7	2,773.5	6,325.9
- dollars -				
Median income	13,370	250	4,380	8,800
Mean income	13,600	4,130	5,190	9,580

TABLE 4. INCOME UNITS CONTAINING A PERSON WHO WAS UNEMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978-79: TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, TOTAL INCOME AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (a), AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

	Amount of unemployment benefit (\$)				
	Nil	1 - 999	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 and over	Total
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS					
- '000 -					
Total income (\$) -					
Under 5,000	8.7	7.0	*	10.4	27.5
5,000 and under 6,000	6.4			14.4	24.3
6,000 " " 8,000	14.8	8.3	8.5	15.8	42.8
8,000 " " 10,000	26.5	11.3		48.4	
10,000 " " 15,000	98.7	28.8	9.4	11.6	142.5
15,000 and over	130.9	26.1	5.9		162.9
Total	286.1	81.6	28.1	52.7	448.4
- dollars -					
Median income	14,380	12,460	10,370	6,150	12,850
Mean income	14,910	13,240	11,310	6,740	13,420
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS					
- '000 -					
Total income (\$) -					
Under 1,000	14.6	10.0	..	..	24.6
1,000 and under 2,000	18.9	17.5	17.0	..	53.4
2,000 " " 3,000	23.9	24.0	17.8	54.2	119.9
3,000 " " 4,000	26.0	25.3	15.8	6.7	73.8
4,000 " " 5,000	12.7	24.2	8.8	}	47.8
5,000 " " 6,000	12.2	21.1	7.2		42.7
6,000 " " 7,000	11.9	17.9	8.0	}	35.0
7,000 " " 8,000	12.8	14.8			31.0
8,000 " " 10,000	17.5	18.8	}	}	38.6
10,000 and over	17.6	9.2			27.3
Total	168.1	182.9	77.2	65.8	494.0
- dollars -					
Median income	4,050	4,600	3,240	2,610	3,670
Mean income	5,370	4,990	3,700	2,930	4,640
ALL INCOME UNITS (b)					
- '000 -					
Total income (\$) -					
Under 1,000	16.2	10.0	..	..	26.3
1,000 and under 2,000	20.6	18.2	18.0	..	56.8
2,000 " " 3,000	26.1	24.0	18.6	56.9	125.6
3,000 " " 4,000	31.2	26.8	17.1	7.9	83.0
4,000 " " 5,000	23.7	28.3	11.3	9.3	72.5
5,000 " " 6,000	22.5	25.2	8.6	17.2	73.4
6,000 " " 7,000	16.9	23.9	6.1	10.7	57.6
7,000 " " 8,000	25.0	18.8	6.0	*	55.3
8,000 " " 10,000	45.7	32.1	6.7	6.2	90.7
10,000 " " 15,000	115.1	38.6	9.8	}	169.2
15,000 and over	134.4	27.5	*		167.9
Total	477.5	273.4	107.4	119.8	978.1
- dollars -					
Median income	10,470	6,170	4,010	3,390	6,900
Mean income	11,110	7,530	5,720	4,620	8,720

(a) Amount of unemployment benefit refers to the total amount received by all persons in the unit. (b) Includes 35,700 one person income units whose mean income was \$6,200. The mean income of the 12,300 units that received unemployment benefit was \$6,760.

TABLE 5. INCOME UNITS CONTAINING A PERSON WHO WAS UNEMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978-79: TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HEAD, PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME, AND MEAN INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

Percentage contribution of government social security and welfare cash benefits to total income	Duration of unemployment of head (weeks)								
	Nil	1 - 4	5 - 13	14 - 26	27 - 39	40 - 51	52	Total	
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Under 10	200.1	47.1	43.6	18.6	*			318.4	
10 and under 20	15.9	*	13.3	6.3		*	7.1	40.6	
20 " " 60				10.1	10.1			38.2	
60 " " 90							*	17.7	
90 and over	6.8	*	6.8	8.4		6.0	23.8	33.6	
Total	227.8	52.7	63.8	37.5	19.8	11.8	35.1	448.4	
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS									
- '000 -									
Under 10	..	92.1	104.1	32.2	6.3	6.5		241.2	
10 and under 20	..	6.2	16.5	33.1	*	*	*	59.0	
20 " " 60	..		9.0	29.1	33.8	6.3	*	82.6	
60 " " 90	..				9.2	16.6	*	31.6	
90 and over	..	*	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.0	56.0	79.7	
Total	..	101.9	135.5	105.7	56.1	33.2	61.6	494.0	
ALL INCOME UNITS (a)									
- '000 -									
Under 10	203.2	140.6	149.1	51.5	10.5		6.7	566.8	
10 " " 20	15.9	6.5	31.8	38.3	6.9	8.6		101.8	
20 " " 40	7.0	*	10.8	30.5	20.0		*	73.3	
40 " " 60			9.5	9.5	24.6	7.7		53.9	
60 " " 90	*			8.6	8.6	21.8	6.2	55.2	
90 and over	7.7	6.6	6.0	7.3	7.1	8.7	85.6	127.2	
Total	237.5	159.4	207.3	145.6	77.7	46.8	103.9	978.1	
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS									
Mean income (\$)									
Under 10	16,850	13,780	13,060	13,850	*			15,570	
10 and under 20	12,800	*	9,500	9,380	9,390		8,890	10,840	
20 " " 60	10,790			9,300	7,390			8,790	
60 " " 90	5,630	*	6,920	5,680		5,680	*	5,850	
90 and over							5,620	5,420	
Total	16,100	13,360	11,660	11,030	8,130	9,200	6,270	13,420	
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS									
Mean income (\$)									
Under 10	..	6,320	5,880	5,420	9,430	1,710		5,970	
10 and under 20	..	3,610	4,340	5,360	*	*	*	4,930	
20 " " 60	..		3,340	3,220	3,860	2,990	*	3,520	
60 " " 90	..			2,480		2,640	*	2,680	
90 and over	..	*	1,240	1,630	1,850	2,310	2,550	2,360	
Total	..	6,030	5,360	4,440	4,280	2,660	2,510	4,640	
ALL INCOME UNITS (a)									
Mean income (\$)									
Under 10	16,790	8,820	8,000	8,490	9,880		6,480	11,400	
10 and under 20	12,800	7,150	6	5,850	6,000	7.5		7,380	
20 " " 40	10,320	*	5.2	5,200	4,880		*	5,800	
40 " " 60			4,140	3,210	4,590	5,190		4,620	
60 " " 90	*			3,420	4,710	3,330	4,730	3,920	
90 and over	5,080	3,860	2,710	2,090	2,200	3,180	3,480	3,370	
Total	15,780	8,450	7,340	6,160	5,300	4,380	3,890	8,720	

(a) Includes 35,700 one parent income units. For 14,000 of these over 90 per cent of total income was represented by government social security and welfare cash benefits, their mean income being \$4,200. Among the 35,700 one parent income units, there were 7,100 whose head was unemployed for the whole year.