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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In February 1980 a survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the labour force experience during 1979 of civilians aged fifteen years and over. Information obtained included the length of time (in 1979) during which persons were employed, looking for work or not in the labour force, the number of periods during which they were looking for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was issued on 18 June 1980 (6205.0). The present publication provides estimates in greater detail. Similar surveys were conducted in a number of earlier years, the first relating to 1968. Results were published in *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0).

3. 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, institutions, etc.) and covered about one third of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on Monday, 11th February, 1980.

Scope

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

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia, and
- (e) boarding school students, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria, and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

5. The estimates relate to the labour force experience during the previous calendar year of persons covered by the survey in February 1980. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with 1979 labour force experience were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

Definitions

6. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a calendar year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey (for which the reference period is one week). For this reason the definitions shown below differ slightly from those shown in the regular labour force publications. In particular it should be noted that whereas the monthly

survey seeks information on job search during the four weeks prior to the interview week, and does not classify a person as unemployed unless active steps to obtain work were taken during those four weeks and the person was available to start work in the survey week, no such constraints applied in the labour force experience survey.

7. For this survey, each person was assigned to a labour force category for each week in 1979 on the basis of his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week. The principal categories appearing in the tables in this publication are:

- (a) *Persons in the labour force.* A person was classified as having been in the labour force during any week in which he was employed or looking for work as defined in (b) and (c) below.
 - (i) Worked for one hour or more, for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons), or
 - (ii) worked fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business (or farm), or
 - (iii) had a job, business or farm, but was on paid leave (including sick leave).
- (c) *Persons looking for work.* A person was classified as looking for work during a week if, in that week, he did no work at all, did not have a job or business, and was looking for work. No constraints concerning the taking of active steps to find work, or availability to start work, applied.
- (d) *Persons out of the labour force* are all those who, in any week, were not in the categories "employed" or "looking for work", as defined above. For the purposes of this survey a person who was on strike and who did no work during a week was classified as out of the labour force in that week.

8. A person was classified as having worked *mostly full time* in 1979 if the number of weeks in which he worked 35 hours or more (*full-time work*) exceeded or was equal to the number of weeks in which he worked less than 35 hours (*part-time work*). If the number of weeks worked full time was less than the number of weeks worked part time he was classified as having worked *mostly part time*. When absent on paid leave (including paid sick leave) he was classified according to the usual hours worked in the job from which he was absent.

9. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* was 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.

Thus, a change of job may have involved a change of employer without a change of job locality; a change of locality without a change of employer; or a change in both employer and locality. For example, the movement of an employer's operations to premises in a different locality would entail a change of job for employees who moved to the new location. Promotion or transfer of an employee which involved a move to premises in a different locality would also constitute a change of job. In capital cities and major towns, each suburb was considered to be a different locality; otherwise, each town and each country area associated with a town constituted a separate locality. It should be noted, however, that for a person who worked at different sites for the same employer (for example, a construction worker), his base of operations (i.e. his employer's office, depot, yard, etc.) was considered to be his place of work.

10. *Main English-speaking countries* comprise the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand.

11. The term *not married* comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

Reliability of the estimates

12. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling

variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the technical note, page 27.

Related publications

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) — issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, March 1980 (6220.0)

Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1979 (6222.0)

The Labour Force, Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1980 (6235.0)

14. 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 12 above.

.. not applicable

n.a. not available

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION (a), FEBRUARY 1980 : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING 1979 ('000)

Employment status	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Civilian population in February 1980	5,251.7	3,448.0	5,366.6	10,618.3
In the labour force at some time during 1979	4,310.1	1,753.7	2,777.4	7,087.5
For the whole year	3,643.9	1,101.2	1,803.7	5,447.6
For part of the year	666.1	652.5	973.8	1,639.9
Employed at some time during 1979	4,199.5	1,670.9	2,605.3	6,804.8
Mostly full time -				
No part-time work	3,889.9	925.9	1,636.0	5,525.9
Some part-time work	106.5	64.7	103.4	209.9
Mostly part time -				
No full-time work	168.9	638.4	800.0	968.9
Some full-time work	34.2	41.8	65.8	100.0
Number of jobs held during 1979 (b) -				
One	3,497.2	1,487.2	2,238.6	5,735.9
Two	496.2	134.5	253.9	750.1
Three	116.1	27.6	63.1	179.2
Four	42.5	12.9	27.3	69.8
Five	13.9	*	8.5	22.4
Six or more	33.6	6.2	13.8	47.4
Looked for work at some time during 1979 (c)	579.9	224.0	495.3	1,075.2
One period of looking for work	458.7	194.9	426.4	885.1
Two periods	68.3	14.8	39.7	108.0
Three periods	22.6	*	12.2	34.8
Four or more periods	30.2	10.0	17.1	47.3
Out of the labour force for the whole of 1979	941.6	1,694.3	2,589.1	3,530.8

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (c) See paragraph 6 and 7 concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION (a) : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, 1968 TO 1979 (Per cent)

	1968	1972	1974	1975	1976	1978	1979
Civilian population in February of the following year	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the year	64.6	66.8	68.1	67.2	67.1	66.4	66.7
For the whole year	50.6	51.7	50.8	51.5	52.3	50.6	51.3
For part of the year	14.0	15.1	17.3	15.6	14.7	15.8	15.4
Employed at some time during the year	64.1	66.0	67.1	65.6	65.4	63.7	64.1
Mostly full time -							
No part-time work	57.4	56.9	56.6	55.2	54.1	51.7	52.0
Some part-time work	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.0
Mostly part time -							
No full-time work	5.6	7.3	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.0	9.1
Some full-time work	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Number of jobs held during the year (b)							
One	n.a.	n.a.	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.3	54.0
Two	n.a.	n.a.	9.0	8.4	8.1	7.3	7.1
Three	n.a.	n.a.	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
Four	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Five	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Six or more	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
Looked for work at some time during the year (c)	4.8	6.7	7.1	8.4	8.2	10.8	10.1
One period of looking for work	3.6	5.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	8.8	8.3
Two periods	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0
Three periods	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Four or more periods	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Out of the labour force for the whole of the year	35.4	33.2	31.9	32.8	32.9	33.6	33.3

For footnotes see Table 1.

TABLE 3. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING 1979 : AGE (a)
(^{'000})

Age group (years)	In the labour force at some time during the year				Average labour force (b)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
15 - 19	431.9	22.7	400.8	832.6	419.2	16.2	368.2	787.4
20 - 24	579.6	204.4	489.6	1,069.2	549.6	169.6	417.6	967.3
25 - 34	1,131.9	572.7	723.4	1,855.3	1,101.6	449.7	581.7	1,683.3
35 - 44	865.8	483.7	562.6	1,428.4	834.7	416.3	475.9	1,310.6
45 - 54	724.7	329.8	400.3	1,125.0	714.6	285.6	349.6	1,064.2
55 - 59	308.2	97.0	126.6	434.8	291.4	72.2	99.5	390.9
60 - 64	171.5	30.9	50.0	221.5	152.1	22.6	38.8	190.8
65 and over	96.6	12.5	24.2	120.7	66.3	7.6	19.0	85.2
Total	4,310.1	1,753.7	2,777.4	7,087.5	4,129.4	1,439.9	2,350.3	6,479.7

(a) At the time of the survey. (b) Average of the monthly labour force survey estimates for 1979.

TABLE 4. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
PROPORTION OF POPULATION (a) AND AGE
(Per cent)

	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
Males	67.3	95.1	98.3	97.8	93.6	86.1	61.3	17.5	82.1
Married women	72.0	70.2	59.1	65.0	53.5	33.9	14.7	4.2	50.9
All females	64.3	80.6	62.8	66.3	54.3	35.0	16.6	3.3	51.8
Persons	65.8	87.9	80.5	82.4	74.4	60.4	38.1	9.4	66.7

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutionalised civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group at the time of the survey.

TABLE 5. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1979:
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR
(⁰⁰⁰)

Length of time in the labour force during 1979 (weeks)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
1 and under 4	*	12.3	5.0	*	3.7	*	*	*	32.7
4 " " 13	35.8	25.3	14.5	10.2	13.0	3.3	*	*	104.9
13 " " 26	23.5	16.6	12.7	7.9	9.0	1.9	*	3.2	72.3
26 " " 39	40.4	25.7	18.2	8.8	12.7	*	3.7	2.9	111.7
39 " " 49	60.5	46.0	29.9	13.1	19.4	4.4		*	178.0
49 " " 52	62.1	44.4	26.2	10.7	17.4	2.9		*	166.6
52	1,277.1	971.8	539.2	341.6	315.2	109.3	31.8	57.8	3,643.9
Total	1,506.4	1,142.0	645.6	395.4	390.5	124.7	38.1	67.4	4,310.1
MARRIED WOMEN									
1 and under 4	10.1	7.0	5.0	4.3	4.0	*	*	*	32.0
4 " " 13	39.8	31.1	14.6	9.2	9.9	2.9	*	2.7	110.5
13 " " 26	35.3	33.8	15.6	9.7	14.4	3.8	2.2	*	116.3
26 " " 39	44.1	36.8	20.5	12.4	12.2	5.3	2.1	3.7	137.1
39 " " 49	58.7	44.9	30.9	17.7	14.9	4.1	3.2	3.0	177.3
49 " " 52	25.3	19.2	11.9	11.6	5.6	2.1	*	*	79.2
52	388.9	315.1	146.8	99.3	96.7	30.6	6.3	17.5	1,101.2
Total	602.1	487.8	245.4	164.2	157.7	49.5	16.4	30.7	1,753.7
ALL FEMALES									
1 and under 4	19.8	15.3	9.6	6.3	6.2	1.7	*	*	60.2
4 " " 13	64.5	44.0	26.6	16.7	18.6	5.9	*	4.3	181.5
13 " " 26	49.6	43.2	21.7	14.4	19.3	4.5	2.2	2.4	157.2
26 " " 39	61.7	54.4	28.9	18.7	17.9	6.8	2.1	4.8	195.3
39 " " 49	82.4	67.4	43.0	22.8	21.8	5.6	3.2	4.8	250.9
49 " " 52	45.7	29.2	19.8	16.9	9.3	2.8	2.7	*	128.7
52	633.3	507.8	253.4	164.2	153.2	50.6	11.0	30.1	1,803.7
Total	957.0	761.2	403.1	260.0	246.4	78.0	22.8	48.9	2,777.4
PERSONS									
1 and under 4	26.7	27.6	14.6	9.5	9.9	2.9	*	*	92.9
4 " " 13	100.4	69.3	41.2	27.0	31.6	9.2	*	6.4	286.4
13 " " 26	73.2	59.7	34.4	22.2	28.3	6.4	2.2	3.2	229.5
26 " " 39	102.1	80.1	47.1	27.5	30.6	8.4	3.9	7.2	307.0
39 " " 49	142.9	113.4	72.9	35.8	41.2	10.0	5.0	7.7	428.8
49 " " 52	107.8	73.6	46.0	27.6	26.8	5.8	4.4	3.3	295.2
52	1,910.4	1,479.6	792.6	505.8	468.5	160.0	42.8	87.9	5,447.6
Total	2,463.4	1,903.2	1,048.7	655.4	636.9	202.6	61.0	116.3	7,087.5

TABLE 6. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR AND MARITAL STATUS
(⁰⁰⁰)

Length of time in the labour force during 1979 (weeks)	Married			Not married		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 4	*	32.0	35.9	28.8	28.2	57.0
4 " " 13	23.3	110.5	133.8	81.7	71.0	152.6
13 " " 26	30.7	116.3	147.0	41.6	40.9	82.6
26 " " 39	51.2	137.1	188.3	60.5	58.2	118.6
39 " " 49	96.2	177.3	273.6	81.8	73.5	155.3
49 " " 52	108.7	79.2	188.0	57.8	49.5	107.3
52	2,637.7	1,101.2	3,738.9	1,006.2	702.5	1,708.7
Total	2,951.7	1,753.7	4,705.4	1,358.4	1,023.7	2,382.1

TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR AND AGE
(⁰⁰⁰)

Length of time in the labour force during 1979 (weeks)	Age group (years)								Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over		
MALES										
1 and under 4	25.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	32.7	
4 " " 13	59.2	17.6	*	*	*	*	*	8.9	104.9	
13 " " 26	23.0	10.5	12.1	*	*	*	7.2	6.2	72.3	
26 " " 39	28.6	20.7	18.9	8.1	9.0	7.3	10.0	8.9	111.7	
39 " " 49	26.5	34.3	44.8	31.0	20.4	8.6	6.0	6.2	178.0	
49 " " 52	16.6	31.2	55.3	31.3	18.1	7.1	*	*	166.6	
52	252.2	462.5	992.9	787.8	667.6	278.9	139.4	62.4	3,643.9	
Total	431.9	579.6	1,131.9	865.8	724.7	308.2	171.5	96.6	4,310.1	
MARRIED WOMEN										
1 and under 4	*	*	13.1	9.9	*	7.1	*	*	32.0	
4 " " 13	*	15.2	47.2	23.8	12.1		*	*	110.5	
13 " " 26	*	19.6	43.9	26.9	12.6	8.8	*	*	116.3	
26 " " 39	}	6.6	{	16.8	58.3	32.4	21.5	*	137.1	
39 " " 49				13.7	59.7	56.5	30.6	9.6	*	177.3
49 " " 52				9.5	24.9	21.8	13.8	6.0	*	79.2
52				10.8	125.8	325.6	312.4	236.3	62.3	18.1
Total	22.7	204.4	572.7	483.7	329.8	97.0	30.9	12.5	1,753.7	
ALL FEMALES										
1 and under 4	21.1	6.6	14.9	10.3	*	*	*	*	60.2	
4 " " 13	52.6	23.3	50.6	26.6	14.8	6.9	} 7.1	*	181.5	
13 " " 26	25.8	26.8	47.4	28.7	14.8	9.9		*	157.2	
26 " " 39	27.3	29.6	67.8	36.5	25.3	*		*	195.3	
39 " " 49	30.5	34.9	67.3	64.8	34.1	10.9		*	250.9	
49 " " 52	17.2	27.0	30.7	26.4	17.2	7.0	*	*	128.7	
52	226.2	341.3	444.7	369.3	290.3	85.9	30.4	15.5	1,803.7	
Total	400.8	489.6	723.4	562.6	400.3	126.6	50.0	24.2	2,777.4	
PERSONS										
1 and under 4	46.7	9.3	17.0	10.8	*	*	*	*	92.9	
4 " " 13	111.8	40.9	56.3	29.1	18.7	9.7	8.3	11.5	286.4	
13 " " 26	48.9	37.3	59.5	33.4	20.1	13.3	10.2	6.9	229.5	
26 " " 39	55.9	50.3	86.7	44.6	34.3	11.6	14.1	9.6	307.0	
39 " " 49	57.1	69.2	112.1	95.8	54.5	19.5	10.7	9.9	428.8	
49 " " 52	33.8	58.2	86.0	57.7	35.3	14.1	7.1	*	295.2	
52	478.5	803.8	1,437.7	1,157.1	958.0	364.8	169.8	77.9	5,447.6	
Total	832.6	1,069.2	1,855.3	1,428.4	1,125.0	434.8	221.5	120.7	7,087.5	

TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE WHOLE OF 1979 :
DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR
(⁰⁰⁰)

Duration of employment (weeks) (a)	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Nil (looked for work for the whole year)	58.6	37.2	74.5	133.1
1 and under 13	30.8	13.3	26.7	57.5
13 " " 26	50.5	9.9	23.5	74.0
26 " " 39	88.2	16.6	46.6	134.8
39 " " 49	124.6	20.8	55.4	180.0
49 " " 52	38.1	7.5	20.5	58.6
52 (employed for whole year)	3,253.1	995.9	1,556.4	4,809.5
Total	3,643.9	1,101.2	1,803.7	5,447.6

(a) As the figures in this table relate to persons who were in the labour force during the whole of 1979, persons employed for less than the whole year were looking for work for the remainder.

TABLE 9. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : DURATION OF
EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL
(000)

Birthplace and period of arrival	Duration of employment (weeks)						52	Total
	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								
Born in Australia	30.8	83.8	98.6	149.5	200.9	120.0	2,397.5	3,081.2
Born outside Australia	*	23.3	28.2	59.8	89.2	56.5	855.6	1,118.3
Main English-speaking countries	*	12.2	12.0	26.8	41.9	24.1	366.2	485.2
Other countries	*	11.1	16.2	33.0	47.3	32.4	489.4	633.0
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	*	*	7.9	18.2	26.5	17.6	397.8	472.7
1961 - 1970	*	11.2	10.6	17.9	37.2	21.7	290.2	391.6
1971 - 1978	*	*	*	17.6	17.7	13.6	158.1	219.9
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	*	*	6.1	7.8	*	9.4	34.1
Total	36.5	107.2	126.8	209.4	290.1	176.5	3,253.1	4,199.5
MARRIED WOMEN								
Born in Australia	22.6	82.7	87.8	110.4	129.7	53.8	702.8	1,189.9
Born outside Australia	*	30.5	31.9	41.2	55.7	24.2	293.1	481.0
Main English-speaking countries	*	11.2	14.8	22.0	28.4	10.8	118.3	206.7
Other countries	*	19.3	17.1	19.2	27.4	13.4	174.8	274.3
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	*	9.1	13.2	14.1	19.3	6.4	115.3	178.6
1961 - 1970	*	10.6	13.0	12.9	18.7	11.8	118.4	186.5
1971 - 1978	*	8.6	*	9.9	14.1	*	58.1	103.3
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.6
Total	27.0	113.1	119.7	151.6	185.4	78.0	995.9	1,670.9
ALL FEMALES								
Born in Australia	44.8	133.4	130.7	182.1	203.8	97.7	1,175.3	1,967.7
Born outside Australia	7.3	41.4	44.2	54.4	77.0	32.2	381.1	637.6
Main English-speaking countries	*	17.9	20.5	30.3	43.2	15.2	161.5	291.8
Other countries	*	23.5	23.7	24.2	33.7	17.0	219.7	345.8
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	*	10.0	14.4	16.5	22.2	8.6	141.8	215.8
1961 - 1970	*	16.8	19.1	18.8	26.2	15.4	157.7	256.4
1971 - 1978	*	10.6	8.6	13.4	18.6	7.0	78.3	139.2
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	*	*	*	9.9	*	*	26.2
Total	52.1	174.8	174.9	236.5	280.7	129.9	1,556.4	2,605.3
PERSONS								
Born in Australia	75.6	217.3	229.3	331.6	404.7	217.7	3,572.8	5,048.9
Born outside Australia	13.0	64.7	72.3	114.2	166.1	88.7	1,056.7	1,755.8
Main English-speaking countries	*	30.1	32.5	57.1	85.1	39.3	527.7	777.0
Other countries	7.7	34.6	39.9	57.2	81.0	49.4	709.1	978.8
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	*	14.2	22.3	34.7	48.8	26.2	539.6	688.5
1961 - 1970	*	28.0	29.7	36.8	63.4	37.2	447.9	648.0
1971 - 1978	*	15.1	14.4	31.0	36.3	20.6	236.5	359.1
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	7.4	*	11.8	17.7	*	12.7	60.3
Total	88.6	282.0	301.6	445.9	570.8	306.4	4,809.5	6,804.8

TABLE 10. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979, WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME : DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED PART TIME DURING THE YEAR ('000)

(000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
NO PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	*	23.1	25.2	10.0	15.5	25.4	50.6
4 " " 13	19.7	55.6	75.3	49.1	30.6	79.7	155.0
13 " " 26	45.9	51.9	97.7	49.3	28.7	78.0	175.8
26 " " 39	86.4	77.1	163.5	56.7	49.5	106.1	269.7
39 " " 49	135.8	108.4	244.2	80.4	60.4	140.7	385.0
49 " " 52	111.3	52.0	163.3	35.2	36.4	71.6	234.9
52	2,377.8	742.7	3,120.5	645.3	489.1	1,134.4	4,255.0
Total	2,779.1	1,110.7	3,889.9	925.9	710.1	1,636.0	5,525.9
SOME PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.1
13 " " 26	*	*	7.4	*	*	8.1	15.5
26 " " 39	7.1	10.0	17.1	14.7	9.2	23.9	41.0
39 " " 49	10.4	7.3	17.7	7.4	8.3	15.7	33.4
49 " " 52	*	*	*	*	*	6.8	11.3
52	43.3	12.2	55.5	30.1	13.1	43.2	98.7
Total	66.0	40.5	106.5	64.7	38.7	103.4	209.9
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	*	23.1	25.2	10.2	15.5	25.7	50.9
4 " " 13	20.7	58.9	79.6	51.9	33.3	85.2	164.8
13 " " 26	48.0	57.1	105.1	55.2	31.0	86.1	191.2
26 " " 39	93.5	87.1	180.6	71.4	58.7	130.1	310.7
39 " " 49	146.2	115.7	261.9	87.8	68.6	156.4	418.3
49 " " 52	113.5	54.3	167.8	38.9	39.4	78.4	246.2
52	2,421.1	755.0	3,176.0	675.4	502.3	1,177.6	4,353.6
Total	2,845.1	1,151.2	3,996.3	990.7	748.8	1,739.5	5,735.8

TABLE 11. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979, WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME : DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED FULL TIME DURING THE YEAR ('000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
NO FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	*	8.7	10.5	16.4	9.6	26.0	36.5
4 " " 13	9.2	16.5	25.7	59.0	25.4	84.4	110.1
13 " " 26	*	13.9	19.0	59.2	21.1	80.4	99.4
26 " " 39	6.4	15.0	21.4	73.8	20.6	94.4	115.9
39 " " 49	} 7.0	{ 17.0	21.2	92.4	24.5	116.9	138.2
49 " " 52			*	6.6	37.2	10.1	47.4
52	35.5	28.8	64.3	300.3	50.3	350.6	414.9
Total	65.1	103.8	168.9	638.4	161.6	800.0	968.9
SOME FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.2
13 " " 26	*	*	*	*	*	8.4	11.0
26 " " 39	*	*	7.3	6.4	*	12.0	19.3
39 " " 52	*	6.1	9.0	7.1	*	11.6	20.6
52	7.6	*	12.8	20.3	7.9	28.2	40.9
Total	13.3	20.9	34.2	41.8	24.0	65.8	100.0
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	*	9.4	11.3	16.8	9.6	26.4	37.7
4 " " 13	9.7	17.8	27.5	61.3	28.3	89.6	117.1
13 " " 26	*	16.1	21.7	64.5	24.2	88.7	110.4
26 " " 39	8.4	20.3	28.7	80.2	26.2	106.4	135.2
39 " " 49	} 9.8	{ 22.2	28.2	97.7	26.6	124.3	152.5
49 " " 52			*	8.7	39.1	12.5	51.6
52	43.1	34.0	77.1	320.6	58.2	378.8	455.9
Total	78.4	124.7	203.1	680.2	185.6	865.8	1,068.9

TABLE 12. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979: FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL

Birthplace and period of arrival	Number ('000)				Proportion of the population (a) (per cent)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME								
Born in Australia	2,919.2	664.8	1,286.0	4,205.2	75.5	26.4	31.4	52.8
Born outside Australia	1,077.1	325.9	453.4	1,530.6	77.8	35.1	35.6	57.6
Main English-speaking countries	464.8	132.8	200.0	664.7	75.4	33.0	34.1	55.2
Other countries	612.4	193.0	253.5	865.8	79.7	36.6	36.9	59.5
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	458.7	110.2	141.4	600.1	72.2	26.9	25.5	50.5
1961 - 1970	376.3	126.7	183.8	560.1	84.1	40.1	42.7	63.8
1971 - 1978	209.1	78.5	105.8	314.9	81.5	44.9	44.0	63.3
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	33.0	10.4	22.5	55.5	71.7	36.1	45.5	58.1
Total	3,996.3	990.7	1,739.5	5,735.8	76.1	28.7	32.4	54.0
MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME								
Born in Australia	162.0	525.1	681.7	843.7	4.2	20.8	16.7	10.6
Born outside Australia	41.1	155.1	184.1	225.2	3.0	16.7	14.5	8.5
Main English-speaking countries	20.5	73.9	91.8	112.3	3.3	18.4	15.6	9.3
Other countries	20.6	81.2	92.3	113.0	2.7	15.4	13.4	7.8
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	14.0	68.4	74.5	88.4	2.2	16.7	13.4	7.4
1961 - 1970	15.3	59.8	72.6	87.9	3.4	18.9	16.9	10.0
1971 - 1978	10.8	24.8	33.4	44.2	4.2	14.1	13.9	8.9
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	203.1	680.2	865.8	1,068.9	3.9	19.7	16.1	10.1
TOTAL								
Born in Australia	3,081.2	1,189.9	1,967.7	5,048.9	79.7	47.2	48.1	63.4
Born outside Australia	1,118.3	481.0	637.6	1,755.8	80.7	51.8	50.0	66.0
Main English-speaking countries	485.2	206.7	291.8	777.0	78.7	51.4	49.7	64.5
Other countries	633.0	274.3	345.8	978.8	82.4	52.1	50.4	67.3
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	472.7	178.6	215.8	688.5	74.4	43.6	39.0	57.9
1961 - 1970	391.6	186.5	256.4	648.0	87.5	59.1	59.6	73.8
1971 - 1978	219.9	103.3	139.2	359.1	85.8	59.0	57.8	72.2
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	34.1	12.6	26.2	60.3	73.9	43.5	52.9	63.0
Total	4,199.5	1,670.9	2,605.3	6,804.8	80.0	48.5	48.5	64.1

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group at the time of the survey.

TABLE 13. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : DURATION OF
EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF 1979
('000)

Occupation group (a)	Duration of employment (weeks)						52	Total
	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								
Employed (a)	18.9	51.7	61.7	121.5	223.2	164.5	3,253.1	3,894.5
Professional and technical	*	*	*	8.4	11.3	9.4	416.9	455.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	9.5		346.4	360.1
Clerical	*	*	*	8.8	12.7	9.9	285.0	325.0
Sales	*	6.1	6.4	10.8	13.5	10.4	211.3	260.9
Farmers, fishermen and timbergetters, etc.	*	8.1	*	12.8	18.0	6.2	291.9	343.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	7.3	19.6	12.5	227.7	274.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	8.7	22.9	31.5	54.5	129.9	100.1	1,303.0	1,650.5
Service, sport and recreation	*	*	6.9	16.2	14.0	10.5	170.8	225.1
Looking for work (a)	8.2	28.6	37.9	51.3	37.2	6.9	..	170.1
Not in the labour force (a)	9.5	26.9	27.3	36.5	29.6	*	..	134.9
Total	36.5	107.2	126.8	209.4	290.1	176.5	3,253.1	4,199.5
FEMALES								
Employed (a)	18.7	70.8	77.0	144.7	217.7	118.4	1,556.4	2,203.8
Professional and technical	*	8.0	9.2	23.9	36.8	12.8	284.4	377.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	6.5		*	47.5	56.9
Clerical	*	19.8	21.1	41.0	62.5	34.0	542.4	726.4
Sales	*	14.5	16.5	18.7	32.2	16.3	194.7	297.6
Farmers, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	76.8	86.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	34.0	52.0
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	*	9.2	9.4	19.8	28.1	18.9	158.8	246.4
Service, sport and recreation	*	13.5	17.9	33.0	45.7	30.7	217.8	361.1
Looking for work (a)	6.3	24.1	22.7	27.6	14.7	*	..	98.3
Not in the labour force (a)	27.0	79.8	75.2	64.2	48.3	8.7	..	303.2
Total	52.1	174.8	174.9	236.5	280.7	129.9	1,556.4	2,605.3
PERSONS								
Employed (a)	37.6	122.5	138.6	266.2	440.9	282.9	4,809.5	6,098.3
Professional and technical	*	12.1	12.6	32.3	48.2	22.2	701.3	832.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	6.3		8.9	6.5	394.0	417.0
Clerical	7.3	22.8	25.0	49.7	75.2	43.9	827.4	1,051.4
Sales	7.1	20.6	22.9	29.6	45.8	26.7	405.9	558.5
Farmers, fishermen and timbergetters, etc.	*	11.1	*	14.8	20.5	6.4	368.7	429.5
Transport and communication	*		9.3	11.8	24.8	17.1	261.7	326.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	10.9	32.1	40.9	74.2	158.0	118.9	1,461.9	1,896.9
Service, sport and recreation	*	18.7	24.7	49.3	59.6	41.2	388.6	586.2
Looking for work (a)	14.5	52.7	60.6	78.9	52.0	9.7	..	268.4
Not in the labour force (a)	36.5	106.7	102.4	100.7	77.9	13.8	..	438.1
Total	88.6	282.0	301.6	445.9	570.8	306.4	4,809.5	6,804.8

(a) At the end of 1979. (b) Includes miners and quarrymen.

TABLE 14. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : DURATION OF
EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR AND INDUSTRY AT THE END OF 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Industry division (a)	Duration of employment (weeks)					52	Total
	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
MALES							
Employed (a)	70.6	61.7	121.5	223.2	164.5	3,253.1	3,894.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	7.3	*	11.3	15.9	*	259.8	303.2
Mining	*	*	*	7.3	9.3	56.4	77.4
Manufacturing	17.5	18.4	23.3	60.1	54.8	728.8	902.9
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	6.3	*	109.0	116.7
Construction	*	7.9	17.1	35.3	18.4	340.5	424.7
Wholesale and retail trade	16.7	14.8	26.7	41.3	25.8	592.2	717.5
Transport and storage	*	*	7.3	16.2	17.2	244.8	293.8
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	87.8	91.8
Finance, property and business services	*	*	7.8	14.6	7.4	232.8	268.6
Public administration and defence	6.1	*	6.3	8.0	*	159.7	180.1
Community services	*	*	11.4	13.3	9.9	320.3	357.8
Recreation, personal and other services	7.5	*	7.1	12.7	6.5	120.9	159.9
Looking for work (a)	36.8	37.9	51.3	37.2	6.9	..	170.1
Not in the labour force (a)	36.4	27.3	36.5	29.6	*	..	134.9
Total	143.7	126.8	209.4	290.1	176.5	3,253.1	4,199.5
FEMALES							
Employed (a) (b)	89.6	77.0	144.7	217.7	118.4	1,556.4	2,203.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	*	*	*	78.3	87.0
Mining	10.1	12.5	21.7	33.9	21.3	218.5	317.9
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*	*	7.9	10.0
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	42.0	49.0
Construction	33.2	22.2	34.3	59.1	34.3	365.8	549.0
Wholesale and retail trade	*	*	*	*	*	45.7	58.7
Transport and storage	*	*	*	*	*	22.7	31.6
Communication	9.4	9.2	11.6	15.6	7.6	157.2	210.5
Finance, property and business services	*	7.6	8.3	8.3	*	69.9	91.9
Public administration and defence	11.7	15.6	37.9	62.4	28.0	421.1	576.7
Community services	14.1	11.5	20.7	27.6	17.9	124.3	216.2
Recreation, personal and other services	30.5	22.7	27.6	14.7	*	..	98.3
Looking for work (a)	106.8	75.2	64.2	48.3	8.7	..	303.2
Not in the labour force (a)	226.9	174.9	236.5	280.7	129.9	1,556.4	2,605.3
Total	226.9	174.9	236.5	280.7	129.9	1,556.4	2,605.3
PERSONS							
Employed (a)	160.1	138.6	266.2	440.9	282.9	4,809.5	6,098.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	9.9	*	13.8	18.7	*	338.1	390.3
Mining	*	*	*	7.6	9.5	59.4	82.9
Manufacturing	27.6	30.9	44.9	94.0	76.1	947.2	1,220.8
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	6.3	*	116.9	126.7
Construction	6.8	8.2	19.6	37.9	18.6	382.6	473.7
Wholesale and retail trade	49.9	37.0	60.9	100.4	60.1	958.1	1,266.4
Transport and storage	6.2	*	10.4	19.7	20.1	290.5	352.5
Communication	*	*	*	7.0	*	110.5	123.4
Finance, property and business services	13.1	11.5	19.4	30.2	15.0	390.1	479.2
Public administration and defence	6.6	*	11.4	11.8	7.3	229.5	272.0
Community services	14.0	16.1	49.4	75.8	37.9	741.4	934.4
Recreation, personal and other services	21.6	16.8	27.8	40.3	24.4	245.2	376.1
Looking for work (a)	67.2	60.6	78.9	52.0	9.7	..	268.4
Not in the labour force	143.2	102.4	100.7	77.9	13.8	..	438.1
Total	370.5	301.6	445.9	570.8	306.4	4,809.5	6,804.8

(a) At the end of 1979. (b) Includes mining.

TABLE 15. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR
(^{'000})

<i>Number of jobs held during the year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
MALES									
One	1,231.2	953.2	510.2	321.3	297.8	102.6	25.1	55.9	3,497.2
Two	174.4	122.7	79.0	40.7	53.0	13.2	6.6	6.5	496.2
Three	35.6	27.3	22.6	9.1	15.7	1.9	2.1	2.6	116.1
Four	12.0	7.4	10.0	*	6.9	*	*		
Five or more	14.9	8.1	10.8	3.7	6.9	*	*	*	47.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,468.1</i>	<i>1,118.7</i>	<i>632.5</i>	<i>377.8</i>	<i>380.4</i>	<i>119.7</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>65.9</i>	<i>4,199.5</i>
FEMALES									
One	784.3	621.3	312.6	209.6	191.2	62.3	18.4	39.0	2,238.6
Two	76.7	69.1	42.3	23.6	27.3	8.5	*	4.6	253.9
Three	23.4	12.4	11.5	4.4	8.6	*	*	*	63.1
Four or more	17.1	10.1	10.7	3.9	4.2	*	*	*	49.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>901.4</i>	<i>712.8</i>	<i>377.2</i>	<i>241.5</i>	<i>231.3</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>2,605.3</i>
PERSONS									
One	2,015.5	1,574.5	822.8	530.8	488.9	165.0	43.5	95.0	5,735.9
Two	251.0	191.8	121.3	64.3	80.4	21.7	8.4	11.1	750.1
Three	59.0	39.7	34.1	13.5	24.4	2.5	2.8	3.3	179.2
Four	21.2	11.5	16.7	5.6	9.2	1.9	2.0	3.0	69.8
Five	*	*	*	*	3.5	*			
Six or more	17.1	8.7	9.9	3.7	5.3	*	*	*	22.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,369.5</i>	<i>1,831.5</i>	<i>1,009.6</i>	<i>619.3</i>	<i>611.7</i>	<i>192.1</i>	<i>57.9</i>	<i>113.1</i>	<i>6,804.8</i>

TABLE 17. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : NUMBER OF
JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL
IN AUSTRALIA
(⁰⁰⁰)

Birthplace and period of arrival in Australia	Number of jobs held during the year				Total
	1	2	3	4 or more	
MALES					
Born in Australia	2,561.4	366.7	86.5	66.6	3,081.2
Born outside Australia	935.9	129.4	29.6	23.4	1,118.3
Main English-speaking countries	380.6	72.1	18.0	14.6	485.2
Other countries	555.3	57.3	11.6	8.8	633.0
Arrived in Australia -					
Before 1961	421.2	35.8	8.3	7.4	472.7
1961 - 1970	327.5	47.2	8.5	8.4	391.6
1971 - 1978	169.1	37.0	8.6	*	219.9
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	18.0	9.5	*	*	34.1
Total	3,497.2	496.2	116.1	90.0	4,199.5
FEMALES					
Born in Australia	1,688.8	194.4	43.0	41.5	1,967.7
Born outside Australia	549.8	59.5	20.1	8.1	637.6
Main English-speaking countries	240.8	33.5	11.9	*	291.8
Other countries	309.0	26.0	8.2	*	345.8
Arrived in Australia -					
Before 1961	193.7	16.2	*	*	215.8
1961 - 1970	225.6	20.2	8.1	*	256.4
1971 - 1978	117.5	15.0	*	*	139.2
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	13.0	8.1	*	*	26.2
Total	2,238.6	253.9	63.1	49.7	2,605.3
PERSONS					
Born in Australia	4,250.2	561.2	129.5	108.2	5,048.9
Born outside Australia	1,485.7	188.9	49.7	31.5	1,755.8
Main English-speaking countries	621.4	105.6	29.9	20.2	777.0
Other countries	864.3	83.3	19.9	11.3	978.8
Arrived in Australia					
Before 1961	615.0	51.9	11.9	9.6	688.5
1961 - 1970	553.1	67.4	16.6	10.9	648.0
1971 - 1978	286.7	52.0	13.8	6.7	359.1
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	31.0	17.5	7.4	*	60.3
Total	5,735.9	750.1	179.2	139.6	6,804.8

TABLE 18. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Occupation group	Number of jobs held during the year				Total
	1	2	3	4 or more	
MALES					
Employed (a)	3,277.9	458.3	96.2	62.1	3,894.5
Professional and technical	395.4	50.2	*	*	455.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	306.5	43.1	8.8	*	360.1
Clerical	274.1	41.8	*	*	325.0
Sales	202.5	46.1	10.1	*	260.9
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	299.4	27.1	9.4	7.4	343.3
Transport and communication	227.0	33.6	8.6	*	274.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	1,392.9	185.1	39.4	33.1	1,650.5
Service, sport and recreation	180.1	31.1	10.4	*	225.1
Looking for work (a)	104.4	27.8	15.3	22.6	170.1
Not in the labour force (a)	115.0	10.1	*	*	134.9
Total	3,497.2	496.2	116.1	90.0	4,199.5
FEMALES					
Employed (a)	1,900.2	219.4	53.1	31.0	2,203.8
Professional and technical	321.8	38.6	10.6	6.1	377.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	51.9	*	*	*	56.9
Clerical	612.1	85.0	17.2	12.1	726.4
Sales	256.4	29.0	7.9	*	297.6
Farmers, etc.	81.8	*	*	*	86.3
Transport and communication	46.6	*	*	*	52.0
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	216.6	22.6	*	*	246.4
Service, sport and recreation	313.0	33.5	9.8	*	361.1
Looking for work (a)	68.5	12.6	6.3	10.9	98.3
Not in the labour force (a)	269.9	21.9	*	7.7	303.2
Total	2,238.6	253.9	63.1	49.7	2,605.3
PERSONS					
Employed (a)	5,178.2	677.7	149.3	93.2	6,098.3
Professional and technical	717.2	88.8	15.1	11.0	832.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	358.5	46.4	9.7	*	417.0
Clerical	886.3	126.8	22.3	16.0	1,051.4
Sales	458.9	75.1	17.9	6.6	558.5
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	381.2	30.4	10.2	7.8	429.5
Transport and communication	273.6	37.7	9.2	6.1	326.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	1,609.5	207.8	44.7	35.0	1,896.9
Service, sport and recreation	493.1	64.6	20.2	8.3	586.2
Looking for work (a)	172.9	40.4	21.6	33.5	268.4
Not in the labour force (a)	384.8	32.0	8.3	12.9	438.1
Total	5,735.9	750.1	179.2	139.6	6,804.8

(a) At the end of 1979. (b) Includes miners and quarrymen.

TABLE 19. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR
(000)

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Number of jobs held during the year	Duration of employment (weeks)						52	Total
	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	34.3	90.2	83.8	130.5	151.4	110.1	2,897.0	3,497.2
Two	*	8.4	24.3	39.5	93.0	45.6	293.6	496.2
Three	*	*	8.5	16.8	31.5	13.6	41.9	116.1
Four	*	6.4		12.9	10.6	*	9.6	42.5
Five or more	*	*	*	9.6	13.6	*	11.1	47.5
Total	36.5	107.2	126.8	209.4	290.1	176.5	3,253.1	4,199.5
FEMALES								
One	50.8	157.1	143.4	177.9	199.4	103.6	1,406.3	2,238.6
Two	*	9.7	18.8	38.7	50.9	18.7	116.6	253.9
Three	*	6.8		9.1	17.5	*	24.6	63.1
Four or more	*	*	8.5	10.9	13.0	*	8.8	49.7
Total	52.1	174.8	174.9	236.5	280.7	129.9	1,556.4	2,605.3
PERSONS								
One	85.1	247.4	227.2	308.4	350.8	213.7	4,303.3	5,735.9
Two	*	18.1	43.1	78.2	133.9	64.3	410.2	750.1
Three	*	6.0	12.6	25.9	49.0	18.5	66.5	179.2
Four	*	*	10.3	18.6	18.6	*	14.4	69.8
Five	*	6.4		10.2		*	*	22.4
Six or more	*	9.0		10.3	12.8	*	11.0	47.4
Total	88.6	282.0	301.6	445.9	570.8	306.4	4,809.5	6,804.8

TABLE 20. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR AND AGE

	Age group (years)							
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total	
MALES								
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -				
1 and under 2	13.5	6.4	7.6	*	*	*	33.2	
2 " " 4	15.9	15.9	15.6	*	*	*	56.5	
4 " " 8	38.4	26.9	24.0	14.7	*	} 7.3 {	112.1	
8 " " 13	28.2	17.7	22.5	11.2	*		88.7	
13 " " 26	25.4	24.0	31.8	13.3	9.4		*	108.9
26 " " 52	37.3	33.4	24.1	13.3	7.8	*	121.8	
	13.5	12.9	10.1	6.8	7.2	8.1	58.6	
Total	172.1	137.3	135.7	65.7	40.7	28.4	579.9	
Proportion of the labour force (a)	39.9	23.7	12.0	7.6	5.6	4.9	13.5	
FEMALES								
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -				
1 and under 2	10.6	6.4	9.4	*	*	*	31.2	
2 " " 4	20.2	14.6	15.3	6.8	*	*	58.8	
4 " " 8	38.8	18.2	22.4	8.0	*	*	91.3	
8 " " 13	20.4	14.1	15.0	8.6	} 7.7 {	*	61.4	
13 " " 26	28.2	22.0	17.9	12.7		*	85.9	
26 " " 52	30.0	18.1	23.2	14.5		*	92.3	
	17.3	13.9	16.5	10.7	11.7	*	74.5	
Total	165.5	107.2	119.8	65.4	28.3	9.2	495.3	
Proportion of the labour force (a)	41.3	21.9	16.6	11.6	7.1	4.6	17.8	
PERSONS								
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -				
1 and under 2	24.0	12.8	17.0	6.0	*	*	64.4	
2 " " 4	36.1	30.6	30.9	11.3	*	*	115.4	
4 " " 8	77.1	45.0	46.4	22.7	6.9	} 7.3 {	203.3	
8 " " 13	48.6	31.8	37.5	19.8	8.6		*	150.1
13 " " 26	53.6	46.0	49.7	26.0	13.9		*	194.8
26 " " 52	67.4	51.5	47.3	27.8	13.0	7.1	214.1	
	30.8	26.8	26.6	17.4	18.9	12.6	133.1	
Total	337.6	244.5	255.5	131.1	69.0	37.5	1,075.2	
Proportion of the labour force (a)	40.5	22.9	13.8	9.2	6.1	4.8	15.2	

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the labour force at some time in 1979 in the same group.

TABLE 21. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : TIME SPENT
LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR AND MARITAL STATUS
(^{'000})

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Married			Not married		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 2	13.9	16.4	30.3	19.3	14.7	34.1
2 " " 4	27.0	24.2	51.2	29.6	34.6	64.2
4 " " 8	43.0	37.6	80.6	69.0	53.6	122.7
8 " " 13	36.0	27.5	63.5	52.7	33.9	86.6
13 " " 26	47.8	37.8	85.6	61.2	48.0	109.2
26 " " 52	42.6	43.3	85.9	79.2	49.0	128.2
	22.1	37.1	59.3	36.5	37.4	73.9
Total	232.4	224.0	456.4	347.5	271.3	618.8

NOTE. For totals for males, females and persons, see Table 20.

TABLE 22. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF PERSONS ('000)									
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -									
1 and under 2	19.3	18.6	12.8	6.8	4.8	*	*	*	64.4
2 " " 3	25.1	14.2	12.1	4.3	7.1	3.1	2.2	*	68.5
3 " " 4	14.5	10.8	9.8	3.5	5.6	*	*	*	46.9
4 " " 5	37.6	30.0	21.7	8.8	13.6	3.5	2.1	*	117.1
5 " " 6	*	*	6.0	*	3.8	1.7	*	2.9	25.2
6 " " 8	16.6	19.3	10.0	4.4	7.6	*	*	*	61.0
8 " " 13	47.3	36.2	27.5	13.0	19.2	2.8	*	3.3	150.1
13 " " 26	59.6	45.3	35.8	18.8	23.2	6.9	2.0	3.3	194.8
26 " " 52	64.8	54.4	37.3	24.2	20.5	6.8	3.7	*	214.1
52	48.9	33.4	17.0	18.0	8.9	5.1	*	3.7	133.1
Total	339.6	266.7	189.9	104.8	114.4	32.0	12.2	15.6	1,075.2
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE (per cent) (a)									
Males	12.1	12.2	16.2	13.9	16.5	15.2	21.4	10.5	13.5
Females	16.4	16.8	21.2	19.2	20.3	16.7	17.7	17.4	17.8
Persons	13.8	14.0	18.1	16.0	18.0	15.8	20.0	13.4	15.2

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during 1979 in the same group.

TABLE 23. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

Birthplace and period of arrival	Time spent looking for work (weeks)						Total	
	1 and under 4 ('000)	4 and under 8 ('000)	8 and under 13 ('000)	13 and under 26 ('000)	26 and under 52 ('000)	52 ('000)	Number ('000)	Proportion of the labour force (a) (per cent)
MALES								
Born in Australia	65.0	83.4	63.6	79.0	94.7	43.8	429.6	13.6
Born outside Australia	24.7	28.6	25.1	29.9	27.1	14.8	150.3	13.1
Main English-speaking countries	16.5	14.8	11.2	12.8	10.5	8.0	73.8	14.8
Other countries	8.2	13.8	13.9	17.1	16.6	6.8	76.4	11.8
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	*	7.4	*	9.1	9.4	*	34.7	7.3
1961 - 1970	8.2	10.2	11.2	11.2	13.5	6.4	60.6	15.0
1971 - 1978	9.5	7.4	*	8.4	7.2	*	42.8	18.8
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	7.1	*	*	*	*	*	12.1	34.7
Total	89.8	112.1	88.7	108.9	121.8	58.6	579.9	13.5
FEMALES								
Born in Australia	63.5	66.8	44.7	65.3	69.6	57.1	367.0	17.5
Born outside Australia	26.5	24.5	16.7	20.6	22.7	17.4	128.3	18.9
Main English-speaking countries	15.0	16.0	8.3	11.6	11.7	*	68.2	22.1
Other countries	11.6	8.5	8.4	9.0	11.0	11.7	60.1	16.3
Arrived in Australia								
Before 1961	8.3	7.3	*	*	6.8	*	25.9	11.3
1961 - 1970	10.5	9.5	8.3	8.3	12.1	*	52.0	19.2
1971 - 1978	7.6	6.1	6.2	7.0	*	*	37.0	24.3
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	9.0	*	*	*	*	*	13.5	49.6
Total	90.0	91.3	61.4	85.9	92.3	74.5	495.3	17.8
PERSONS								
Born in Australia	128.5	150.2	108.3	144.3	164.3	100.9	796.7	15.1
Born outside Australia	51.2	53.1	41.8	50.5	49.8	32.2	278.6	15.3
Main English-speaking countries	31.5	30.8	19.5	24.4	22.2	13.7	142.0	17.6
Other countries	19.8	22.3	22.3	26.1	27.6	18.5	136.5	13.5
Arrived in Australia								
Before 1961	6.9	12.2	9.5	12.3	8.8	10.9	60.6	8.6
1961 - 1970	18.7	19.8	16.9	19.5	25.6	12.1	112.6	16.7
1971 - 1978	17.2	13.5	10.9	14.6	14.3	9.2	79.8	21.0
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	8.4	7.6	8.5	*	*	*	25.6	41.2
Total	179.7	203.3	150.1	194.8	214.1	133.1	1,075.2	15.2

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during 1979 in the same group.

TABLE 24. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR
(000)

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Duration of employment (weeks)						Total
	0	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	
MALES							
1 and under 2	*	8.3	*	*	*	14.1	33.2
2 " " 3	7.2	*	*	*	10.5	15.8	32.2
3 " " 4		*	*	*		11.4	24.3
4 " " 8	21.1	7.2	9.1	7.7	72.3	..	112.1
8 " " 13	9.1	8.7		12.7	58.7	..	88.7
13 " " 26	9.8		7.1	77.1	14.5	..	108.9
26 " " 52		37.6	55.9	23.0	..	..	121.8
52	58.6	..	..	..	..	..	58.6
Total	110.6	62.9	76.4	127.8	161.0	41.3	579.9
FEMALES							
1 and under 2	9.1	8.1	*	8.7	*	6.6	31.2
2 " " 3	8.7		*		7.1	8.4	36.3
3 " " 4	*	*	*	*	*	7.1	22.5
4 " " 8	31.5	7.5	6.7	9.0	36.6	..	91.3
8 " " 13	14.1	7.4	*	11.8	24.5	..	61.4
13 " " 26	14.5	9.8	10.0	45.2	6.4	..	85.9
26 " " 52	14.3	34.2	31.1	12.8	..	..	92.3
52	74.5	..	..	..	..	..	74.5
Total	172.2	69.1	58.1	90.6	83.2	22.2	495.3
PERSONS							
1 and under 2	13.9	9.2	9.1	7.3	9.8	20.7	64.4
2 " " 3	12.9	7.2		6.3	12.2	24.2	68.5
3 " " 4	8.4	*	7.7	*	9.3	18.5	46.9
4 " " 5	35.5	9.7		9.0	57.0	..	117.1
5 " " 6	*	*	*		15.3	..	25.2
6 " " 8	11.9	*	*	7.6	36.5	..	61.0
8 " " 13	23.2	10.3	8.9	24.5	83.2	..	150.1
13 " " 26	19.1	15.6	17.0	122.3	20.9	..	194.8
26 " " 52	19.6	71.8	87.0	35.8	..	..	214.1
52	133.1	..	..	..	..	..	133.1
Total	282.8	132.0	134.4	218.4	244.3	63.5	1,075.2

TABLE 25. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR, STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND OTHER AREAS

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	State capital cities			Other areas		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)						
1 and under 2	24.3	22.8	47.1	8.9	8.4	17.2
2 " " 3	20.0	27.4	47.4	12.2	8.9	21.1
3 " " 4	15.4	18.0	33.4	8.9	*	13.5
4 " " 5	39.5	39.2	78.7	18.6	19.7	38.3
5 " " 6	7.8	8.1	15.8	*	*	9.4
6 " " 8	25.7	13.0	38.7	14.8	7.5	22.3
8 " " 13	51.4	40.1	91.5	37.4	21.3	58.6
13 " " 26	67.7	55.9	123.6	41.3	30.0	71.2
26 " " 52	67.4	50.7	118.0	54.4	41.7	96.1
52	33.9	43.4	77.2	24.8	31.2	55.9
Total	353.0	318.5	671.5	226.9	176.9	403.8
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (Per cent)						
1 and under 2	6.9	7.2	7.0	3.9	4.7	4.3
2 " " 3	5.7	8.6	7.1	5.4	5.1	5.2
3 " " 4	4.4	5.6	5.0	3.9	*	3.3
4 " " 5	11.2	12.3	11.7	8.2	11.1	9.5
5 " " 6	2.2	2.5	2.4	*	*	2.3
6 " " 8	7.3	4.1	5.8	6.5	4.2	5.5
8 " " 13	14.6	12.6	13.6	16.5	12.0	14.5
13 " " 26	19.2	17.5	18.4	18.2	17.0	17.6
26 " " 52	19.1	15.9	17.6	24.0	23.6	23.8
52	9.6	13.6	11.5	10.9	17.6	13.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 26. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
(000)

Number of periods of looking for work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
One	147.7	118.0	73.7	44.2	46.2	17.0	6.4	5.5	458.7
Two	19.8	10.4	19.5	5.5	9.9	*	*	*	68.3
Three	7.0	*	*	*	4.4	*	*	*	22.6
Four or more	8.5	7.3	6.4	*	4.0	*	*	*	30.2
Total	183.0	139.1	104.4	54.8	64.4	19.0	8.2	7.1	579.9
FEMALES									
One	139.0	112.5	69.1	43.5	40.5	10.9	3.8	7.1	426.4
Two	10.5	8.0	10.0	4.5	4.8	*	*	*	39.7
Three or more	7.1	7.2	6.4	*	4.6	*	*	*	29.3
Total	156.6	127.7	85.6	50.0	49.9	13.0	4.0	8.5	495.3
PERSONS									
One	286.7	230.5	142.8	87.7	86.7	27.9	10.2	12.6	885.1
Two	30.3	18.4	29.6	10.1	14.6	2.5	*	*	108.0
Three	8.7	6.3	8.1	*	6.6	*	*	*	34.8
Four or more	13.9	11.5	9.5	3.9	6.4	*	*	*	47.3
Total	339.6	266.7	189.9	104.8	114.4	32.0	12.2	15.6	1,075.2

TABLE 27. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

Birthplace and period of arrival	Number ('000)				Proportion of the labour force (a) (per cent)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
ONE PERIOD OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
Born in Australia	337.8	123.9	313.8	651.5	10.7	10.0	14.9	12.4
Born outside Australia	121.0	71.0	112.6	233.6	10.6	13.9	16.5	12.8
Main English-speaking countries	56.4	33.8	57.2	113.6	11.3	15.4	18.5	14.1
Other countries	64.6	37.2	55.5	120.0	10.0	12.8	15.0	11.8
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	26.7	19.2	23.7	50.3	5.6	10.2	10.4	7.1
1961 - 1970	49.9	23.2	43.7	93.6	12.4	11.8	16.1	13.9
1971 - 1978	33.5	21.3	33.5	67.1	14.7	19.1	22.0	17.6
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	10.8	7.3	11.7	22.6	31.0	53.5	43.1	36.3
Total	458.7	194.9	426.4	885.1	10.6	11.1	15.4	12.5
TWO OR MORE PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
Born in Australia	91.9	19.5	53.3	145.1	2.9	1.6	2.5	2.8
Born outside Australia	29.3	9.6	15.7	45.0	2.6	1.9	2.3	2.5
Main English-speaking countries	17.4	6.3	11.1	28.5	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.5
Other countries	11.9	*	*	16.5	1.8	*	*	1.6
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	8.0	*	*	10.3	1.7	*	*	1.5
1961 - 1970	10.7	*	8.2	19.0	2.7	*	3.0	2.8
1971 - 1978	9.3	*	*	12.7	4.1	*	*	3.3
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	121.2	29.2	68.9	190.1	2.8	1.7	2.5	2.7
TOTAL								
Born in Australia	429.6	143.4	367.0	796.7	13.6	11.5	17.5	15.1
Born outside Australia	150.3	80.6	128.3	278.6	13.1	15.8	18.9	15.3
Main English-speaking countries	73.8	40.1	68.2	142.0	14.8	18.3	22.1	17.6
Other countries	76.4	40.6	60.1	136.5	11.8	14.0	16.3	13.5
Arrived in Australia -								
Before 1961	34.7	21.1	25.9	60.6	7.3	11.2	11.3	8.6
1961 - 1970	60.6	27.9	52.0	112.6	15.0	14.3	19.2	16.7
1971 - 1978	42.8	23.4	37.0	79.8	18.8	20.9	24.3	21.0
Jan. 1979 to Feb. 1980	12.1	8.2	13.5	25.6	34.7	60.6	49.6	41.2
Total	579.9	224.0	495.3	1,075.2	13.5	12.8	17.8	15.2

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during 1979 in the same group.

TABLE 28. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 :
NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Age group (years)						55 and over	Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54					
MALES										
One	144.5	105.7	100.3	50.6	34.7	23.1	182.0	276.7	458.7	
Two	16.3	18.8	20.8	9.5	*	*	28.3	40.0	68.3	
Three	*	7.2	8.9	*	*	*	8.1	14.5	22.6	
Four or more	6.6	*	9.1	6.1	*	*	13.9	16.3	30.2	
Total	172.1	137.3	135.7	65.7	40.7	28.4	232.4	347.5	579.9	
FEMALES										
One	145.1	89.0	100.8	57.5	25.1	8.8	194.9	231.5	426.4	
Two	14.2	10.3	9.8	*	*	*	14.8	24.9	39.7	
Three or more	6.1	7.9	9.2	*	*	*	14.4	14.9	29.3	
Total	165.5	107.2	119.8	65.4	28.3	9.2	224.0	271.3	495.3	
PERSONS										
One	289.5	194.7	201.1	108.1	59.8	31.9	376.9	508.2	885.1	
Two	30.5	29.1	30.6	9.3	*	*	43.1	64.8	108.0	
Three	7.8	11.6	8.8	6.0	*	*	12.5	22.3	34.8	
Four or more	9.7	9.1	15.0	9.4	*	*	23.9	23.4	47.3	
Total	337.6	244.5	255.5	131.1	69.0	37.5	456.4	618.8	1,075.2	

TABLE 29. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : NUMBER OF
PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR
(000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Time spent looking for work (weeks)								Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 5	5 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52	
MALES									
One	33.2	30.2	21.3	90.8	68.6	75.9	80.1	58.6	458.7
Two	..	*	*	16.0	8.8	15.5	24.6	..	68.3
Three	..	..	*	—	7.6	7.2	6.1	..	22.6
Four or more	..	..	..	*	6.1	10.3	10.9	..	30.2
Total	33.2	32.2	24.3	112.1	88.7	108.9	121.8	58.6	579.9
FEMALES									
One	31.2	34.6	20.9	84.1	49.7	68.2	63.3	74.5	426.4
Two	..	*	*	*	7.7	8.3	17.4	..	39.7
Three or more	..	..	*	—	8.1	9.4	11.6	..	29.3
Total	31.2	36.3	22.5	91.3	61.4	85.9	92.3	74.5	495.3
PERSONS									
One	64.4	64.8	42.2	174.9	118.3	144.1	143.4	133.1	885.1
Two	..	*	*	19.0	16.5	23.8	42.1	..	108.0
Three	..	..	*	*	7.1	11.1	11.2	..	34.8
Four or more	..	..	..	*	8.2	15.8	17.4	..	47.3
Total	64.4	68.5	46.9	203.3	150.1	194.8	214.1	133.1	1,075.2

TABLE 30. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1979 : AGE, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK

	Age group (years)						
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
ONE PERIOD OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -			
1 and under 2	24.0	12.8	17.0	6.0	*	*	64.4
2 " " 4	35.5	28.5	26.9	10.5	*	*	107.0
4 " " 8	72.5	37.5	36.5	18.9	*	6.1	174.9
8 " " 13	40.8	24.0	30.2	14.5	7.0	*	118.3
13 " " 26	41.1	31.7	34.8	20.4	11.2	*	144.1
26 " " 52	45.0	33.4	29.1	20.3	10.3	*	143.4
52	30.8	26.8	26.6	17.4	18.9	12.6	133.1
Total	289.5	194.7	201.1	108.1	59.8	31.9	885.1
- weeks -							
Average duration	16	19	18	21	28	30	19
TWO PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -			
2 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.6
4 " " 13	6.5	10.5	10.8	*	*	*	35.5
13 " " 26	7.9	7.0	6.3	*	*	*	23.8
26 and over	15.4	10.4	10.0	*	*	*	42.1
Total	30.5	29.1	30.6	9.3	*	*	108.0
- weeks -							
Average duration	26	20	18	20	*	*	21
THREE OR MORE PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -			
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 " " 13	6.0	*	6.5	9.5	*	*	24.7
13 " " 26	*	7.3	8.7	*	*	*	26.9
26 and over	7.0	7.7	8.2	*	*	*	28.6
Total	17.5	20.7	23.8	13.7	*	*	82.1
- weeks -							
Average duration	21	21	20	18	*	*	20
TOTAL							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) -				- '000 -			
1 and under 2	24.0	12.8	17.0	6.0	*	*	64.4
2 " " 4	36.1	30.6	30.9	11.3	*	*	115.4
4 " " 8	77.1	45.0	46.4	22.7	6.9	7.3	203.3
8 " " 13	48.6	31.8	37.5	19.8	8.6	*	150.1
13 " " 26	53.6	46.0	49.7	26.0	13.9	*	194.8
26 " " 52	67.4	51.5	47.3	27.8	13.0	7.1	214.1
52	30.8	26.8	26.6	17.4	18.9	12.6	133.1
Total	337.6	244.5	255.5	131.1	69.0	37.5	1,075.2
- weeks -							
Average duration	17	19	18	20	27	28	19

TABLE 31. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF 1979 :
LENGTH OF TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND MAJOR ACTIVITY
(⁰⁰⁰)

Major activity during 1979 when out of the labour force	Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total
	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								
Attended an educational institution	*	17.6	24.1	31.9	82.2	29.1	231.3	420.6
Ill or injured	22.9	30.9	16.5	11.2	*	*	55.9	143.8
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	70.9	84.5	52.1	38.7	23.0	*	597.1	868.4
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	40.3	40.7
On strike	58.5	17.8	*	*	*	*	*	76.5
Other	8.0	11.4	7.1	7.1	*	*	7.7	42.7
Total (a)	165.1	162.9	100.6	90.6	112.0	32.7	941.6	1,605.5
FEMALES								
Kept house	24.4	112.6	95.6	140.3	126.7	35.3	2,045.3	2,580.2
Attended an educational institution	*	13.6	24.0	26.6	64.2	22.5	229.6	384.4
Ill or injured	18.1	21.6	11.4	6.2	*	*	15.7	76.1
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	71.8	69.4	24.9	15.3	9.8	*	272.4	465.1
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.6	20.6
Total (b)	127.8	228.0	159.7	191.6	205.0	59.7	2,589.1	3,561.1
PERSONS								
Kept house	25.0	113.3	96.1	141.9	126.9	35.3	2,054.6	2,593.2
Attended an educational institution	8.2	31.3	48.1	58.5	146.4	51.6	460.9	805.0
Ill or injured	41.0	52.6	27.8	17.4	7.7	*	71.5	219.9
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	142.7	153.9	77.0	54.0	32.8	*	869.5	1,333.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	60.9	61.3
On strike	64.1	21.0	*	*	*	*	*	85.3
Other	12.1	18.9	11.0	10.2	*	*	13.3	68.5
Total	293.0	390.9	260.3	282.2	317.0	92.4	3,530.8	5,166.6

(a) Includes males who were keeping house. (b) Includes on strike and other reasons.

Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)	(000)								Total
	Age group (years)								
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1 and under 4	16.6	30.8	54.7	31.3	17.7	7.1	10.0	6.6	165.1
4 " " 13	25.7	32.2	39.9	29.0	18.8	7.8			
13 " " 26	23.0	19.4	18.2	9.3	8.6	6.2	7.5	8.3	100.6
26 " " 39	25.6	13.1	16.4	*	7.0	8.1			
39 " " 49	62.9	18.5	6.4	*	*	*	9.8	8.4	90.6
49 " " 52	25.6	*	*	*	*	*			
52	209.2	30.0	19.9	19.3	49.3	49.6	108.1	455.6	941.6
Total	389.4	146.6	157.6	97.2	105.9	78.9	140.2	489.8	1,605.5
MARRIED WOMEN									
1 and under 4	*	9.5	24.9	21.8	13.8	*	*	*	78.8
4 " " 13	*	13.0	53.2	52.9	28.3	8.1	*	*	162.5
13 " " 26	*	12.7	45.9	26.5	15.8	*	*	*	107.1
26 " " 39	6.0	20.4	57.0	32.3	18.1	9.2	*	*	142.1
39 " " 49			53.0	27.9	14.7	6.5	*	*	129.1
49 " " 52	*	*	13.1	9.9	*	*	*	*	32.0
52	8.8	86.7	396.2	260.4	287.2	189.4	179.4	286.2	1,694.3
Total	20.7	164.7	643.3	431.7	380.7	223.7	192.2	289.0	2,345.9
ALL FEMALES									
1 and under 4	16.8	27.0	30.7	26.4	17.2	6.6	*	*	127.8
4 " " 13	28.4	32.1	59.2	60.2	30.9	9.4	*	*	228.0
13 " " 26	22.5	25.0	55.1	31.0	18.7	*	*	*	159.7
26 " " 39	28.1	29.3	62.4	34.7	21.9	10.8	8.9	*	191.6
39 " " 49	57.2	27.7	56.4	30.7	17.4	7.7			
49 " " 52	20.6	6.6	14.9	10.3	*	*	*	*	59.7
52	222.6	117.5	429.4	286.1	337.4	234.9	251.3	710.0	2,589.1
Total	396.2	265.3	708.0	479.5	447.3	275.2	271.0	718.7	3,561.1
PERSONS									
1 and under 4	33.4	57.8	85.4	57.7	34.9	13.7	7.1	*	293.0
4 " " 13	54.0	64.3	99.0	89.1	49.7	17.2	10.0	7.6	390.9
13 " " 26	45.5	44.4	73.2	40.3	27.3	10.3	10.0	9.3	260.3
26 " " 39	53.8	42.4	78.9	40.0	28.9	15.8	13.6	8.8	282.2
39 " " 49	120.1	46.2	62.8	33.4	21.7	10.8	9.8	12.1	317.0
49 " " 52	46.2	9.3	17.0	10.8	*	*	*	*	92.4
52	432.5	147.5	449.2	305.4	386.6	284.5	359.4	1,165.7	3,530.8
Total	785.6	411.9	865.7	576.6	553.2	354.1	411.1	1,208.5	5,166.6

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows: the estimated number of males out of the labour force for the whole of 1979 is 941,600 (Table 1). From the table below it can be calculated that the estimate has a standard error of about 12,500 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 929,100 to 954,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it will fall within the range 916,600 to 966,600.

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

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

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

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

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

7. An example of the use of the above formula is as follows: the difference between the estimates of males and females in Australia aged 20-24 who looked for work during 1979 (Table 20) is 30,100 (137,300 - 107,200). The standard error of this estimate may be calculated as follows: from the table below, the standard errors of the two original estimates can be approximated as 6,100 and 5,500 respectively. Therefore the standard error of the difference (30,100) is:

$\sqrt{(6,100)^2 + (5,500)^2}$ or 8,200 (rounded to the nearest 100). Thus there are about two chances in three that the difference that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey is within the range 21,900 to 38,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 13,700 and 46,500.

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

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

									Australia	
Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Relative standard error (per cent)	
- number -										
1,700						425				
2,000						450	500			
2,500						500	550	600		
3,000					750	550	600	650		
3,500				850	800	550	650	650		
4,000				900	850	600	650	700		
4,500				950	900	600	700	750		
5,000			1,250	1,000	950	650	700	750		
6,000			1,350	1,050	1,050	700	750	800	1,550	
7,000	1,700	1,750	1,450	1,150	1,100	750	800	850	1,650	
10,000	2,000	2,050	1,700	1,300	1,300	850	950	1,000	1,950	
20,000	2,700	2,700	2,250	1,750	1,700	1,050	1,250	1,250	2,700	
50,000	3,950	3,900	3,250	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,800	1,750	4,050	
100,000	5,200	5,050	4,200	3,050	3,050	1,900	2,400	2,200	5,400	
200,000	6,750	6,400	5,350	3,800	3,800	2,350		2,750	7,150	
300,000	7,800	7,300	6,100	4,250	4,300				8,350	
500,000	9,300	8,500	7,150	4,900	4,950				10,050	
1,000,000	11,750	10,400	8,800						12,800	
2,000,000	14,600	12,500							16,100	
5,000,000	19,150	15,500							21,300	

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