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Note: This issue contains revised seasonally adjusted estimates. See paragraph 18.

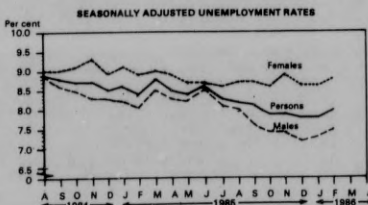
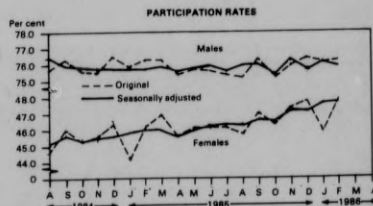
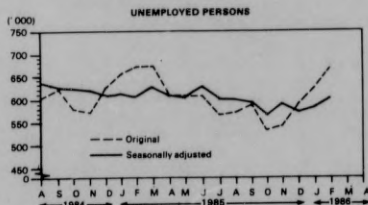
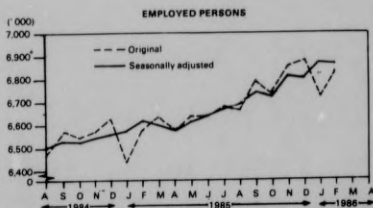
Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 13 to 17. Particular care should be taken in the interpretation of the seasonally adjusted series in this publication as the short-term movement cannot be assumed to indicate changes in trend.

MAIN FEATURES

In seasonally adjusted terms, at February 1986 there were an estimated 7,455,800 persons in the labour force, of whom 6,855,900 were employed and 600,000 were unemployed.

Between February 1985 and February 1986, the number of employed persons increased by 251,100 in original terms (108,000 males and 143,200 females). This is the largest February to February increase since the commencement of monthly labour force surveys in February 1978. Full-time employment increased by 203,100 persons. The number of unemployed persons decreased only slightly in original terms from 673,600 in February 1985 to 663,100 in February 1986. In the same twelve-month period, the original unemployment rate decreased from 9.3 per cent to 8.9 per cent, while the participation rate increased from 61.0 per cent to 61.9 per cent as a result of increasing participation of females in the labour force.

Total seasonally adjusted employment changed little between January and February 1986, with an estimated 6,855,900 employed persons (4,183,300 males and 2,672,600 females) at February 1986. However, the number of female part-time workers decreased by 24,000. Unemployment increased by 16,700 persons (12,200 persons looking for full-time work) in seasonally adjusted terms, resulting in an estimated 600,000 unemployed persons (341,100 males and 258,900 females) at February 1986. This represents a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.0 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from January 1986. The seasonally adjusted participation rate remained at its January 1986 level of 61.6 per cent.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised figures for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0)

THE POPULATION SURVEY

2. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays, interviews for the December 1985 survey commenced on Monday 2 December, and for the January 1986 survey, on Monday 13 January. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

SCOPE

3. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas residents in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

DEFINITIONS

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on the actual activity undertaken during the survey week (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.). The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

5. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) 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
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more with-

out pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or

- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

6. Unemployed persons are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:
 - (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
 - (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;
- or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

7. Unemployed persons looking for their first full-time job are those who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.

8. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

9. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

10. The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

11. Full-time workers are those who usually worked 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work fractions of an hour are disregarded.

12. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

13. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The sampling error is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey is given by the standard error. 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 in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

14. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in the tables. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical note in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

15. Very small estimates are not published but are indicated with a "..." because they are subject to high relative standard errors. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

(a) The estimate of 339,600 unemployed males looking for full-time work in February 1986 has a standard error of about 6,500. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 333,100 to 346,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 326,600 to 352,600.

(b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from January 1986 to February 1986 is an increase of 5,500. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,100. Therefore, there are

about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range +400 to +10,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -4,700 to +15,700.

17. 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 respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the data. 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.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

18. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 5. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted estimates contained in this bulletin. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted figures for all months since February 1978, will be published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1986" (6203.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19. Users may also wish to refer to "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0), (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available on request.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical note in 6203.0 for more details

.. not applicable

20. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Unemployed										Partici- pation rate
	Employed Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian popu- lation aged 15 and over	Unemp- loyment rate			
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total							
			- '000 -	- '000 -							
MALES											
1985 -											
January	3,797.7	4,028.4	49.4	376.2	28.6	404.9	4,433.3	1,409.1	5,842.4	9.1	75.9
February	3,829.6	4,072.5	42.7	369.0	21.3	390.4	4,462.9	1,386.6	5,849.5	8.7	76.3
March	3,831.6	4,080.8	36.3	362.7	27.0	389.7	4,470.5	1,386.2	5,856.6	8.7	76.3
April	3,796.7	4,059.0	27.3	336.1	23.6	359.7	4,418.7	1,445.1	5,863.8	8.1	75.4
May	3,827.6	4,083.8	25.4	331.4	30.4	361.8	4,445.6	1,425.7	5,871.3	8.1	75.7
June	3,821.3	4,078.0	28.1	341.9	23.2	365.1	4,443.1	1,435.6	5,878.7	8.2	75.6
July	3,843.3	4,095.6	26.4	324.3	19.5	343.8	4,439.4	1,440.3	5,887.7	7.7	75.4
August	3,836.0	4,089.0	27.0	324.5	23.7	348.1	4,437.1	1,459.7	5,896.9	7.8	75.2
September	3,903.9	4,166.4	26.8	315.3	26.4	341.6	4,508.0	1,398.0	5,906.0	7.6	76.3
October	3,867.8	4,138.3	20.3	289.0	20.7	309.8	4,446.1	1,468.4	5,916.5	7.0	75.2
November	3,914.4	4,186.1	21.6	284.6	25.3	309.9	4,496.0	1,420.5	5,926.5	6.9	75.9
December	3,952.6	4,200.5	40.3	304.0	31.4	335.5	4,535.9	1,400.5	5,936.4	7.4	76.4
1986 -											
January	3,923.8	4,158.7	46.7	334.1	35.5	369.5	4,528.3	1,418.9	5,947.2	8.2	76.1
February	3,937.6	4,180.5	39.8	339.6	28.4	367.9	4,548.5	1,409.2	5,957.7	8.1	76.3
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	15.3	15.6	2.6	6.5	2.3	6.7	16.0	10.9	..	0.1	0.3
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	12.7	13.0	2.4	5.1	2.2	5.2	13.4	8.7	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1985 -											
January	1,604.7	2,409.0	40.0	196.4	56.3	252.7	2,661.7	3,364.0	6,025.7	9.5	44.2
February	1,606.0	2,503.7	35.1	207.4	75.8	283.2	2,787.0	3,246.2	6,033.2	10.2	46.2
March	1,620.3	2,553.7	27.3	193.7	88.3	282.0	2,835.7	3,205.0	6,040.7	7.7	45.6
April	1,583.3	2,505.8	23.9	174.6	79.9	254.5	2,760.3	3,288.1	6,048.4	9.2	45.8
May	1,599.2	2,548.5	23.9	172.2	73.6	245.8	2,794.4	3,261.8	6,056.1	8.8	46.1
June	1,600.5	2,553.8	26.4	170.1	71.5	241.6	2,795.5	3,268.4	6,063.9	8.6	46.1
July	1,628.8	2,579.0	30.3	152.4	69.5	221.9	2,800.9	3,272.4	6,073.3	7.9	46.1
August	1,603.2	2,557.1	18.8	162.4	60.7	223.0	2,780.1	3,302.7	6,082.8	8.0	45.7
September	1,643.7	2,617.5	21.1	167.3	78.8	246.1	2,863.6	3,228.9	6,092.4	8.6	47.0
October	1,628.8	2,601.8	19.5	154.7	68.6	223.3	2,825.1	3,277.4	6,102.6	7.9	46.3
November	1,646.0	2,662.8	19.3	157.9	73.3	231.2	2,894.0	3,218.9	6,112.9	8.0	47.3
December	1,686.4	2,675.3	33.1	180.3	73.6	253.9	2,929.2	3,194.0	6,123.2	8.7	47.8
1986 -											
January	1,679.8	2,560.2	38.7	195.6	58.1	253.7	2,813.9	3,319.3	6,133.2	9.0	45.9
February	1,701.2	2,646.9	34.6	209.3	85.9	295.2	2,942.1	3,201.3	6,143.4	10.0	47.9
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	11.6	13.5	2.5	5.3	3.7	6.1	13.9	14.3	..	0.2	0.2
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	9.3	10.9	2.3	4.2	3.0	4.8	11.4	11.9	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1985 -											
January	5,402.4	6,437.4	89.4	572.6	84.9	657.6	7,095.0	4,773.1	11,868.0	9.3	59.8
February	5,435.7	6,576.3	77.8	576.4	97.2	673.6	7,249.9	4,632.8	11,882.7	9.3	61.0
March	5,431.9	6,634.5	63.6	556.4	115.3	671.7	7,306.2	4,593.1	11,897.3	9.2	61.4
April	5,380.0	6,564.8	51.1	510.7	103.5	614.2	7,179.0	4,733.2	11,912.2	8.6	60.3
May	5,426.8	6,632.3	49.4	503.6	104.0	607.7	7,239.9	4,687.4	11,927.4	8.4	60.7
June	5,421.7	6,631.9	54.5	512.0	94.7	606.7	7,238.6	4,704.0	11,942.6	8.4	60.6
July	5,472.1	6,674.5	46.7	476.7	89.0	565.7	7,240.2	4,720.7	11,961.0	7.8	60.5
August	5,439.2	6,646.1	45.8	486.8	84.3	571.2	7,212.7	4,762.5	11,979.7	7.9	60.2
September	5,547.7	6,783.9	47.9	482.5	105.2	587.7	7,371.6	4,626.9	11,998.5	8.0	61.4
October	5,496.6	6,740.1	39.8	443.9	89.4	533.1	7,273.2	4,745.9	12,019.1	7.3	60.5
November	5,562.4	6,848.8	40.9	442.5	98.6	541.1	7,390.0	4,649.4	12,039.3	7.3	61.4
December	5,638.9	6,875.8	73.4	484.4	105.0	589.4	7,465.2	4,594.4	12,059.6	7.9	61.9
1986 -											
January	5,603.6	6,719.0	85.4	529.6	93.6	623.2	7,342.2	4,738.2	12,080.4	8.5	60.8
February	5,638.8	6,827.4	74.4	548.9	114.3	663.1	7,490.5	4,610.5	12,101.1	8.9	61.9
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	17.1	18.2	3.5	7.8	4.2	8.3	18.7	16.1	..	0.1	0.2
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	14.5	15.6	3.0	6.1	3.4	6.5	16.1	13.6	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed Full-time workers	Total	Unemployed Looking for Full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate			
			Total	looking for first job						Total		
											Aged 15-19	Total
MALES												
1985 -												
January	3,814.9	4,062.6	31.4	340.1	24.9	365.0	4,427.6	8.2	75.8			
February	3,818.7	4,075.9	31.0	337.7	22.6	360.3	4,436.2	8.1	75.8			
March	3,818.5	4,068.0	34.2	351.4	25.1	376.5	4,444.5	8.5	75.9			
April	3,812.7	4,065.2	32.1	341.0	24.8	365.8	4,431.0	8.3	75.7			
May	3,831.9	4,083.6	31.5	335.1	28.0	363.1	4,446.7	8.2	75.9			
June	3,829.1	4,083.9	36.7	353.9	24.5	378.4	4,462.3	8.5	75.9			
July	3,835.7	4,093.3	34.9	337.1	22.6	359.7	4,451.0	8.1	75.6			
August	3,870.5	4,122.7	34.3	329.4	25.5	354.9	4,477.6	7.9	75.9			
September	3,888.4	4,146.4	31.9	318.6	24.6	343.2	4,489.6	7.6	76.0			
October	3,866.1	4,128.0	25.2	308.0	22.7	335.7	4,458.7	7.4	75.4			
November	3,919.8	4,182.0	26.2	303.9	29.3	333.2	4,515.2	7.4	76.2			
December	3,915.6	4,167.2	25.4	299.2	26.5	325.7	4,492.9	7.2	75.7			
1986 -												
January	3,942.3	4,194.7	29.7	301.2	30.4	331.6	4,526.3	7.3	76.1			
February	3,926.4	4,183.3	28.9	311.0	30.1	341.1	4,524.4	7.5	75.9			
FEMALES												
1985 -												
January	1,604.1	2,507.4	26.4	179.1	71.0	250.1	2,757.5	9.1	45.8			
February	1,611.6	2,528.1	25.9	178.9	68.9	247.8	2,775.9	8.9	46.0			
March	1,614.6	2,525.3	24.9	176.9	74.1	251.0	2,776.3	9.0	46.0			
April	1,590.6	2,514.9	25.2	170.1	72.9	243.0	2,757.9	8.8	45.6			
May	1,605.5	2,544.6	26.0	170.8	70.9	241.7	2,786.3	8.7	46.0			
June	1,613.6	2,555.0	29.0	172.4	71.6	244.0	2,799.0	8.7	46.2			
July	1,624.2	2,569.6	25.6	167.6	73.3	240.9	2,810.5	8.6	46.3			
August	1,624.4	2,570.1	24.6	173.1	70.8	243.9	2,814.0	8.7	46.3			
September	1,627.0	2,590.5	25.9	175.9	71.8	247.7	2,838.2	8.7	46.5			
October	1,634.9	2,592.5	26.1	173.5	70.8	244.3	2,836.8	8.6	46.6			
November	1,644.7	2,626.3	25.3	175.2	79.0	254.2	2,880.5	8.8	47.1			
December	1,656.1	2,635.7	23.7	173.9	74.6	248.5	2,884.2	8.6	47.1			
1986 -												
January	1,679.1	2,668.1	25.6	178.1	73.6	251.7	2,919.8	8.6	47.6			
February	1,707.6	2,672.6	25.4	180.6	78.3	258.9	2,931.5	8.8	47.7			
PERSONS												
1985 -												
January	5,419.0	6,570.0	57.8	519.2	95.9	615.1	7,185.1	8.6	60.5			
February	5,430.3	6,604.0	56.9	516.6	91.5	608.1	7,212.1	8.4	60.7			
March	5,433.1	6,593.3	59.1	528.3	99.2	627.5	7,220.8	8.7	60.7			
April	5,403.3	6,580.1	57.3	511.1	97.7	608.8	7,188.9	8.5	60.3			
May	5,437.4	6,628.2	57.5	505.9	98.9	604.8	7,233.0	8.4	60.6			
June	5,462.7	6,638.9	68.5	526.3	96.1	622.4	7,261.3	8.6	60.8			
July	5,459.9	6,660.9	60.5	504.7	95.9	600.6	7,261.5	8.3	60.7			
August	5,494.9	6,692.8	58.9	502.5	96.3	598.8	7,291.6	8.2	60.9			
September	5,515.4	6,736.9	57.8	494.5	96.4	590.9	7,327.8	8.1	61.1			
October	5,501.0	6,720.5	51.3	481.5	93.5	575.0	7,395.5	7.9	60.7			
November	5,564.5	6,808.3	51.5	479.1	108.3	587.4	7,395.7	7.9	61.4			
December	5,571.7	6,802.9	49.1	473.1	101.3	574.2	7,377.1	7.8	61.2			
1986 -												
January	5,621.4	6,862.8	55.3	479.3	104.0	583.3	7,446.1	7.8	61.6			
February	5,634.0	6,855.9	54.4	491.5	108.4	600.0	7,455.8	8.0	61.6			

TABLE 3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, FEBRUARY 1986

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	for full-time work	for part-time work						
					- '000 -					- per cent -
MALES										
New South Wales	1,356.1	1,432.2	129.8	10.3	140.1	1,572.3	500.7	2,073.0	8.9	75.8
Victoria	1,048.9	1,109.3	66.5	6.8	73.3	1,182.6	382.1	1,564.7	6.2	75.6
Queensland	617.1	662.8	63.3	5.7	69.0	731.8	222.2	954.0	9.4	76.7
South Australia	335.2	359.9	30.3	*	32.1	392.0	129.2	521.2	8.2	75.2
Western Australia	369.5	392.2	32.1	2.3	34.4	426.6	111.1	537.7	8.1	79.3
Tasmania	107.3	113.7	11.0	*	11.4	125.1	40.7	165.8	9.1	75.4
Northern Territory	37.7	39.8	2.9	*	3.5	43.2	9.3	52.5	8.0	82.4
Australian Capital Territory	65.9	70.7	3.6	*	4.1	74.9	13.9	88.8	5.5	84.4
Australia	3,937.6	4,180.5	339.6	28.4	367.9	4,548.5	1,409.2	5,957.7	8.1	76.3
FEMALES										
New South Wales	611.9	909.2	79.6	24.2	103.9	1,013.9	1,133.3	2,146.3	10.3	47.2
Victoria	460.0	717.2	48.3	24.1	72.4	789.6	838.8	1,628.4	9.2	46.5
Queensland	250.3	396.7	35.5	17.1	52.6	449.3	524.2	973.5	11.7	46.2
South Australia	136.1	231.3	17.2	7.8	25.1	256.4	289.5	544.8	9.8	47.1
Western Australia	144.1	245.5	18.4	8.0	26.4	271.9	264.9	536.9	9.7	50.7
Tasmania	42.1	66.5	5.8	2.2	8.0	74.5	96.8	171.2	10.7	43.5
Northern Territory	20.4	26.3	2.4	*	2.9	29.2	18.2	47.4	10.0	61.7
Australian Capital Territory	36.2	54.3	2.0	1.8	3.8	58.1	36.7	94.8	6.6	61.3
Australia	1,701.2	2,646.9	209.3	85.9	295.2	2,942.1	3,201.3	6,143.4	10.0	47.9
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,968.0	2,341.4	209.4	34.5	244.0	2,585.3	1,634.0	4,219.4	9.4	61.3
Victoria	1,508.9	1,826.5	114.8	30.9	145.7	1,972.2	1,220.9	3,193.1	7.4	63.8
Queensland	867.4	1,059.4	98.8	22.8	121.6	1,181.1	746.4	1,927.5	10.3	61.3
South Australia	471.3	591.2	47.6	9.6	57.2	648.4	417.7	1,066.1	8.8	60.8
Western Australia	513.7	637.7	50.5	10.4	60.9	698.6	376.0	1,074.6	8.7	65.0
Tasmania	149.3	180.2	16.9	2.6	19.4	199.6	137.5	337.1	9.7	59.2
Northern Territory	58.1	66.1	5.2	*	6.4	72.5	27.4	99.9	8.8	72.5
Australian Capital Territory	102.2	125.0	5.7	2.3	8.0	133.0	50.6	183.5	6.0	72.4
Australia	5,638.8	6,827.4	548.9	114.3	663.1	7,490.5	4,610.5	12,101.1	8.9	61.9

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over			Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		
	Looking for first job	Total	Total	Total		Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total
	- '000 -					- per cent -				
	MALES									
1985 -										
January	49.4	96.6	279.6	376.2	28.6	404.9	27.8	7.3	9.0	9.1
February	42.7	84.5	284.5	369.0	21.3	390.4	25.5	7.4	8.8	8.7
March	36.3	77.7	285.0	362.7	27.0	389.7	24.2	7.4	8.6	8.8
April	27.3	64.7	271.4	336.1	23.6	359.7	20.8	7.1	8.1	8.3
May	25.4	59.7	271.7	331.4	30.4	361.8	19.1	7.1	8.0	8.6
June	28.1	64.1	277.8	341.9	23.2	365.1	20.6	7.2	8.2	8.2
July	26.4	65.4	258.9	324.3	19.5	343.8	21.8	6.7	7.8	7.2
August	27.0	61.2	263.3	324.5	23.7	348.1	20.6	6.8	7.8	8.6
September	26.8	60.9	254.4	315.3	26.4	341.6	19.4	6.5	7.5	7.6
October	20.3	54.0	235.0	289.0	20.7	309.8	18.3	6.1	7.0	7.1
November	21.6	51.9	232.6	284.6	25.3	309.9	17.7	6.0	6.8	6.9
December	40.3	75.2	228.8	304.0	31.4	335.5	22.8	5.8	7.1	7.4
1986 -										
January	46.7	87.7	246.4	334.1	35.5	369.5	25.1	6.3	7.8	13.1
February	39.8	78.2	261.4	339.6	28.4	367.9	23.0	6.6	7.9	10.5
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	2.6	3.6	5.8	6.5	2.3	6.7	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.8
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	2.4	3.1	4.6	5.1	2.2	5.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.8
FEMALES										
1985 -										
January	40.0	73.9	122.5	196.4	56.3	252.7	27.1	8.0	10.9	6.5
February	35.1	72.1	135.3	207.4	75.8	283.2	26.9	8.8	11.4	7.8
March	27.3	62.8	130.9	193.7	86.3	282.0	24.2	8.4	10.7	9.2
April	23.9	52.8	121.8	174.6	79.9	254.5	21.7	8.0	9.9	8.0
May	23.9	52.5	119.8	172.2	73.6	245.8	21.4	7.8	9.7	7.2
June	26.4	53.2	116.9	170.1	71.5	241.6	21.9	7.7	9.6	8.6
July	20.3	46.8	105.6	152.4	69.5	221.9	19.7	6.8	8.6	6.8
August	18.8	46.7	115.7	162.4	60.7	223.0	19.9	7.6	9.2	6.0
September	21.1	51.4	115.8	167.3	78.8	246.1	21.2	7.4	9.2	7.5
October	19.5	45.9	108.9	154.7	68.6	223.3	20.0	7.0	8.7	6.6
November	19.3	49.1	108.9	157.9	73.3	231.2	21.6	6.9	8.7	6.7
December	33.1	66.6	113.7	180.3	73.6	253.9	25.6	7.1	9.7	8.0
1986 -										
January	38.7	73.0	122.6	195.6	58.1	253.7	26.0	7.7	10.4	6.2
February	34.6	68.1	141.2	209.3	85.9	295.2	25.4	8.6	11.0	8.3
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	2.5	3.3	4.6	5.3	3.7	6.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	2.3	2.9	3.7	4.2	3.0	4.8	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.3
PERSONS										
1985 -										
January	89.4	170.5	402.2	572.6	84.9	657.6	27.5	7.5	9.6	9.3
February	77.8	156.6	419.9	576.4	97.2	673.6	26.2	7.8	9.6	7.9
March	63.6	140.5	415.9	556.4	115.3	671.7	24.2	7.4	9.3	8.9
April	51.1	117.5	393.2	510.7	103.5	614.2	21.2	7.4	8.7	8.0
May	49.4	112.2	391.4	503.6	104.0	607.7	20.1	7.3	8.5	7.9
June	54.5	117.3	394.7	512.0	94.7	606.7	21.2	7.3	8.6	7.3
July	46.7	112.3	364.5	476.7	89.0	565.7	20.9	6.7	8.0	6.9
August	45.8	107.9	378.9	486.8	84.3	571.2	20.3	7.0	8.2	6.5
September	47.9	112.3	370.2	482.5	105.2	587.7	20.2	6.8	8.0	7.8
October	35.8	99.8	343.9	443.8	89.4	533.1	19.1	6.1	7.5	6.7
November	40.9	101.0	341.5	442.5	98.6	541.1	19.4	6.2	7.4	7.1
December	73.4	141.8	342.5	484.4	105.0	589.4	24.0	6.2	7.9	7.8
1986 -										
January	85.4	160.7	369.0	529.6	93.6	623.2	25.5	6.7	8.6	7.7
February	74.4	146.3	402.6	548.9	114.3	663.1	24.1	7.2	8.9	8.8
Standard error of - February 1986 estimates	3.5	4.6	6.9	7.8	4.2	8.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3
Jan 86 to Feb 86 movements	3.0	3.8	5.4	6.1	3.4	6.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate				Looking for part-time work
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over	Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		
	Looking for first job	Total				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over			
	first job	Total	Total	Total		Total	Total	per cent	per cent	
- '000 -										
- per cent -										
MALES										
1985 -										
January	31.4	72.4	267.7	340.1	24.9	365.0	22.8	7.0	8.2	9.1
February	31.0	71.1	266.6	337.7	22.6	360.3	22.9	6.9	8.1	8.1
March	34.2	77.5	273.9	351.4	25.1	376.5	24.5	7.1	8.4	9.1
April	32.1	71.7	269.3	341.0	24.8	365.8	22.8	7.0	8.2	8.9
May	31.5	65.0	270.1	335.1	28.0	363.1	20.9	7.0	8.0	10.0
June	38.7	71.9	282.0	353.9	24.5	378.4	22.6	7.3	8.5	8.8
July	34.9	71.3	265.8	337.1	22.6	359.7	23.2	6.9	8.1	8.1
August	34.3	68.8	260.6	329.4	25.5	354.9	21.9	6.7	7.8	9.2
September	31.9	66.1	252.5	318.6	24.6	343.2	20.4	6.5	7.6	8.7
October	25.2	62.0	246.0	308.0	22.7	330.7	19.8	6.4	7.4	8.0
November	26.2	58.0	245.9	303.9	25.3	331.2	18.5	6.3	7.2	10.1
December	25.4	59.5	239.7	299.2	26.5	325.7	19.6	6.1	7.1	9.5
1986 -										
January	29.7	65.6	235.6	301.2	30.4	331.6	20.4	6.0	7.1	10.7
February	28.9	65.8	245.2	311.0	30.1	341.1	20.5	6.3	7.3	10.5
FEMALES										
1985 -										
January	26.4	58.6	120.5	179.1	71.0	250.1	23.6	7.9	10.0	7.3
February	25.9	59.4	119.5	178.9	69.9	247.8	23.6	7.8	10.0	7.0
March	24.9	58.3	118.6	176.9	74.1	251.0	23.0	7.7	9.9	7.5
April	25.2	51.6	116.5	170.1	72.9	243.0	22.0	7.7	9.7	7.3
May	26.0	54.8	116.0	170.8	70.9	241.7	22.1	7.6	9.6	7.0
June	29.8	56.4	116.0	172.4	71.6	244.0	22.6	7.5	9.7	7.1
July	25.6	53.2	114.4	167.6	73.3	240.9	21.7	7.4	9.4	7.0
August	24.6	52.8	120.3	173.1	70.8	243.9	21.5	7.8	9.6	7.0
September	25.9	57.0	118.9	175.9	71.8	247.7	22.9	7.7	9.8	6.9
October	26.1	55.4	118.1	173.5	70.8	244.3	22.7	7.5	9.6	6.9
November	25.3	56.3	118.9	175.2	79.0	254.2	23.4	7.5	9.6	7.4
December	23.7	55.7	118.2	173.9	74.6	248.5	22.8	7.5	9.5	7.1
1986 -										
January	25.6	58.0	120.1	178.1	73.6	251.7	22.6	7.5	9.6	6.9
February	25.4	56.0	124.6	180.6	78.3	258.9	22.2	7.6	9.6	7.5
PERSONS										
1985 -										
January	57.8	131.0	388.2	519.2	95.9	615.1	23.1	7.2	8.7	7.7
February	56.9	130.5	386.1	516.6	91.5	608.1	23.2	7.2	8.7	7.2
March	59.1	135.8	392.5	528.3	99.2	627.5	23.9	7.3	8.9	7.9
April	57.3	125.1	385.8	511.1	97.7	608.8	22.5	7.2	8.6	7.7
May	57.5	119.8	386.1	505.9	98.9	604.8	21.5	7.2	8.5	7.7
June	68.5	128.3	398.0	526.3	96.1	622.4	22.6	7.4	8.8	7.4
July	60.5	124.5	380.2	504.7	95.9	600.6	22.5	7.0	8.5	7.4
August	58.9	121.6	380.9	502.5	96.1	598.8	21.7	7.0	8.4	7.4
September	57.8	123.1	371.4	494.5	96.4	590.9	21.5	6.8	8.2	7.3
October	51.3	117.4	364.1	481.5	93.5	575.0	21.1	6.7	8.0	7.1
November	51.5	114.3	364.8	479.1	100.3	587.4	20.6	6.6	7.9	8.0
December	49.1	115.2	357.9	473.1	101.1	574.2	20.0	6.5	7.8	7.6
1986 -										
January	55.3	123.6	355.7	479.3	104.0	583.3	21.4	6.4	7.9	7.7
February	54.4	121.8	369.8	491.5	108.4	600.0	21.3	6.7	8.0	8.2

State or Territory	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19			Total		Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over			Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total
				- '000 -					- per cent -	
NEW SOUTH WALES -										
1985 - February	29.5	57.1	157.0	214.2	29.6	243.8	28.8	8.2	10.1	7.3
1986 - January	37.0	60.9	140.6	201.5	29.1	230.6	28.7	7.3	9.4	7.4
February	28.0	49.3	160.2	209.4	34.5	244.0	24.3	8.1	9.6	8.5
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	2.3	2.9	4.7	5.2	2.5	5.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	2.1	2.5	3.6	4.0	2.0	4.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
VICTORIA -										
1985 - February	18.1	30.3	93.6	123.9	26.1	150.0	20.9	6.5	7.8	8.0
1986 - January	16.3	33.9	73.0	106.9	25.0	131.9	21.9	5.0	6.6	7.9
February	17.6	34.8	80.0	114.8	30.9	145.7	23.2	5.4	7.1	8.9
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	1.9	2.5	3.4	3.9	2.3	4.3	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.7
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	1.6	2.0	2.6	3.0	1.9	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
QUEENSLAND -										
1985 - February	11.3	30.4	79.0	109.4	18.8	128.2	29.2	9.5	11.7	9.7
1986 - January	15.4	25.6	65.2	90.7	19.9	110.7	24.5	7.6	9.4	10.2
February	10.8	25.1	73.7	98.8	22.8	121.6	24.6	8.5	10.2	10.6
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.1	1.7	3.3	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.8
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -										
1985 - February	7.3	14.4	36.3	50.7	9.4	60.1	26.1	8.0	10.0	7.5
1986 - January	9.1	16.2	34.5	50.7	7.8	58.5	28.7	7.5	9.8	6.5
February	7.1	14.7	32.9	47.6	9.6	57.2	27.0	7.1	9.2	7.4
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -										
1985 - February	7.1	15.9	37.6	53.4	7.9	61.3	25.7	7.8	9.8	6.5
1986 - January	6.0	14.3	35.9	50.3	7.0	57.3	21.7	7.2	8.9	5.6
February	5.1	12.8	37.7	50.5	10.4	60.9	19.9	7.5	8.9	7.7
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.7
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.6
TASMANIA -										
1985 - February	3.7	6.1	10.2	16.3	2.0	18.3	28.7	7.1	9.9	6.1
1986 - January	4.2	6.2	11.6	17.8	2.9	20.7	29.1	8.2	10.9	8.7
February	4.1	5.7	11.2	16.9	2.6	19.4	26.9	7.7	10.1	7.7
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.5	0.5	0.5	1.1
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.0	0.4	0.4	1.0
NORTHERN TERRITORY -										
1985 - February	*	*	2.9	3.4	*	4.3	*	5.5	5.9	*
1986 - January	*	*	3.2	4.5	*	4.9	*	6.0	7.5	*
February	*	2.1	3.2	5.2	*	6.4	35.9	5.5	8.3	*
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	7.4	0.9	1.0	3.7
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	6.5	0.8	0.9	3.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -										
1985 - February	*	1.8	3.4	5.2	2.5	7.7	23.5	3.6	5.1	10.3
1986 - January	*	2.2	4.9	7.2	1.5	8.7	24.7	4.9	6.3	7.7
February	*	1.8	3.8	5.7	2.3	8.0	23.6	3.8	5.2	8.2
Standard error of -										
Feb 1986 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.6	0.5	0.5	1.5
Jan 1986 to Feb 1986 movements	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.3