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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. Estimates of the labour force characteristics of family members and of family composition are also included.

2. Estimates of the civilian labour force are available for about fifty regions across Australia and are shown in various publications produced by State offices of the ABS. For details, see the list of related publications provided in paragraph 81.

3. Preliminary survey results are published in advance of this more detailed publication in *The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (6202.0).

4. Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of specific data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from these surveys are published and are available on request. A list of survey publications on labour force and related topics is shown later in this publication.

The population survey

5. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 35,000 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. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

Scope

6. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 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 residents in Australia; and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

Coverage

7. In the labour force survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are, necessarily, a balance

between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the one survey is considered to be negligible. See paragraph 74 for information about the effect of the coverage rules on family statistics.

8. Persons who are away overseas from their usual residence for less than six weeks at the time of interview are generally enumerated at their usual residence when relevant information can be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey. Persons who, at the time of interview, are overseas for six weeks or more but for less than twelve months are included in the estimates on the assumption that their labour force characteristics are similar to those of the persons responding in the survey.

Definitions

9. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on the *actual activity* undertaken during the reference 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 Office (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

10. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the reference 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 one hour or more without 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 reference 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 reference 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, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

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

12. *Hours of work*. The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the reference week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary

absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. When hours of work are recorded, fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the reference week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the reference week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are excluded from the calculations.

13. The *employment/population ratio* for any group is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

14. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference 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 reference week and:

(i) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference 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 reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

15. *Actively looking for work* includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives. The active steps were asked in the order shown in the table in this publication showing unemployed persons classified by active steps taken. Since only one response was recorded for each person asked this particular question, the estimates do not reflect the relative importance of the steps taken to find work.

16. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.

17. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

18. *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was stood down to the end of the reference week. Thus the survey measures current (and continuing) periods of unemployment rather than completed spells. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. *Average (mean) duration* is obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other, persons whose duration is below it.

19. *Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation*. Unemployed persons who had worked full time for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry and occupation of their most recent full-time job. *Unemployment rates* by industry and occupation are only available for February, May, August and November.

20. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

21. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the reference week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined above. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation. Specific surveys of persons not in the labour force indicate that a number want to work but are not classified as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work and/or were not available to begin work in the reference week. Included in this group are the discouraged jobseekers and other persons marginally attached to the labour force.

22. 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. Because it is not practicable to ascertain information about school attendance or birthplace for persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by school attendance or birthplace are calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

23. *Persons attending school or a tertiary educational institution*. Persons attending school comprise those aged 15 to 19 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full time at secondary or high schools. Persons attending a tertiary educational institution comprise those aged 15 to 24 who were enrolled full time at universities, colleges of advanced education, technical colleges, colleges of technical and further education, and theological colleges. Excluded are persons enrolled at coaching and business schools. Persons attending school or a tertiary educational institution are classified as in the labour force if they were employed or unemployed as defined above. Because it is

not practicable to ascertain from persons in institutions such as hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc. (who are classified as not in the labour force) whether or not they are enrolled at secondary or high schools or tertiary educational institutions, such persons are excluded from estimates classified by attendance at school or a tertiary educational institution.

24. Persons classified by *labour force status* are classified according to whether or not they are in the labour force. Persons in the labour force classified by *employment status* are classified according to whether they are employed or unemployed. The February, May, August and November issues of this publication include tables showing estimates of employed persons, obtained from the labour force survey, classified by *status of worker* i.e. whether they were employers, self-employed persons, wage and salary earners (employees), or unpaid family helpers.

25. *Industry* is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) 1983 (1201.0 and 1202.0)* and *occupation* according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) 1986 (1222.0)*.

26. Occupational data classified to ASCO was introduced for the August 1986 survey, replacing the *Classification and Classified List of Occupations (CCLO)*, Revised November 1980 used in previous surveys. The new classification relies on the level and specialisation of skill required to satisfactorily perform primary tasks as its classificatory variable and is therefore significantly different from the previous classification. The appendix in the August 1986 issue of this publication contains a more detailed explanation of the concepts and structure underlying the classification.

27. A matrix of the two classifications at the broadest classification level (Major Group) was given in Table 41 of the August 1986 issue of this publication. The estimates contained in the matrix were derived from a subsample of respondents in the May 1986 Labour Force Survey. The responses to questions on the occupations of employed persons were coded to both ASCO and CCLO classifications and the matrix was produced by cross-classifying ASCO Major Groups by CCLO Major Groups. A similar matrix, but on the basis of Minor Groups, is available also. More information is available on request from the contact officer whose name appears on the front of this publication.

28. In the labour force survey, persons are classified as *married* or *not married*. Marital status is determined from information supplied by the respondent about the individual himself or herself and, where the person was reported as being married, about the living arrangements of persons usually resident in the household. Therefore, marital status does not necessarily reflect legal status. Persons are classified as married if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The not-married category comprises persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. Persons who live in a de facto relationship but do not volunteer this information when asked whether they are married are classified as not married. For details of discontinuities in estimates of marital status, see paragraph 44.

29. The determination of *family relationships* and composition is complex, involving many factors. The following description outlines the major principles used for this survey. A *family* is defined to consist of two or more related persons usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head (as defined in paragraph 31) together with any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (a) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- (b) other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or
- (c) any children under 15 years of age who do not have a parent present.

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

- (a) the term *relationship* includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption;
- (b) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife (referred to as *married-couple families*);
- (c) *other families* are families other than married-couple families as defined above. From the definition of married and not married in paragraph 28 it can be seen that the heads of other families must, by definition, be not married. In addition to one-parent families, this category includes families in which there is no parent, for example a family head living with a brother or sister;
- (d) persons are defined as *not a member of a family* if they are not related to any other member of the household in which they are living. A person is considered to be *living alone* if he or she is the sole member of a household. Thus, a person who is the sole occupant of a self-contained flat attached to another dwelling is considered to be living alone;
- (e) the terms *usually reside* and *present* are synonymous, and refer to persons who were identified by the respondent as usual residents of the household at the time of the survey.

31. The *family head* of an *other family* is the parent in the case of a one-parent family or, in the case of other groups of related persons, is generally defined to be the eldest person in the family. No family head is defined for a married-couple family.

32. *Dependents* (previously described as *dependent children*) comprise all family members under 15 years of age; all family members aged 15 to 19 attending school; and all family members aged 15 to 24 who are full-time students at a tertiary or further educational institution.

33. The areas determining the six *State capital cities* are the Statistical Divisions for those capital cities defined in *Census of Population and Housing 30 June 1981, Persons and Dwellings in Local Government Areas and Urban Centres (Preliminary)* (2401.0-2408.0). Capital City Statistical Divisions are predominantly urban in character and the boundaries are delineated to contain the anticipated urban development of the capital cities (and associated urban centres) for a period of at least 20 years.

Population benchmarks

34. Labour force survey estimates of persons employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are calculated in such a way as to add up to the independently estimated distribution of the population aged 15 and over by age and sex. This procedure compensates for under-enumeration in the survey, and leads to more reliable estimates. The independent population statistics (benchmarks) are the latest available estimates at the time the labour force survey is conducted, but they usually differ from the official population estimates subsequently published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) because they are derived from incomplete information about population changes.

35. New benchmarks based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing will be available early in 1988 and are expected to be introduced by April 1988. They may result in labour force estimates being revised for the period July 1981 to March 1988. All estimates produced after March 1988 are expected to be based on the new benchmarks.

Revision of series

36. Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and overseas and internal migration. Revisions are made, however, after each census of population and housing, and when population estimation bases are reviewed. These revisions affect unadjusted, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. The last such revision was made in February 1984 to take account of the results of the 1981 Census, which affected all the monthly estimates from February 1978 to January 1984.

37. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census, the population benchmarks used in the estimation of labour force survey data are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the conceptual basis of population estimates see *Information Paper: Population Estimates: An Outline of The New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (3216.0). To co-ordinate with the new benchmarks, the labour force survey questionnaire was changed in October 1982 to enable identification of each respondent's place of usual residence. The estimates shown in this publication are based entirely on place of usual residence. Prior to October 1982, the estimates are based on a combination of place of enumeration and place of usual residence.

38. Until February 1978, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year from 1964. From February 1978 the survey has been conducted on a monthly basis.

39. The questionnaire used in the survey for the collection of labour force data has been revised a number of times, the latest occasion being for the April 1986 survey.

Details of these changes have been published in *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0) in March 1978, December 1981, August 1984 and June 1986.

40. The latest revision to the questionnaire, in April 1986, follows the extension of the definition of employed persons to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers). This new definition aligns the Australian labour force concepts with a set of changed international definitions adopted by the International Labour Office at the 13th Conference of Labour Statisticians in October 1982.

41. Previously, such persons who worked 1 to 14 hours, or who had such a job but were not at work, were defined as either unemployed or not in the labour force, depending on whether they were actively looking for work. In order to assist users to assess the impact of the change, estimates for March 1986 based on the new definition were shown in footnotes to Tables 1 and 2 of the February, March and April 1987 issues of this publication.

42. A revised procedure for weighting families estimates, as presented in this publication, was also introduced in April 1986. Additional tables were included in the April 1986 issue of this publication to show the impact of this new procedure. Paragraph 76 contains more details.

Comparability of series

43. As noted in paragraphs 36 and 37, estimates from February 1978 have been revised to conform to revised population estimates following the 1981 Census, and are thus not strictly comparable with estimates for periods prior to February 1978 which have not been revised. The appendix to the February 1984 issue of this publication contains adjustment factors enabling users to calculate the expected effect of the revisions to estimates for periods prior to February 1978.

44. Paragraph 28 outlines the definition of marital status now used in the labour force survey. In conjunction with the revision of estimates back to February 1978 to conform to revised population estimates, a revision to take account of the new definition of marital status was also applied. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published before the February 1984 issue which classified as married all respondents who reported that they were married or separated. The revision to the marital status classification was undertaken in two parts. First, for all surveys from February 1978, persons who reported that they were separated, were reclassified as not married. Second, from June 1983 onwards, the non-married category was expanded to also include persons who, although reported as married, did not have a spouse who was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey.

45. Comparability with estimates produced from the quarterly survey of employment and earnings is affected by the use of a different survey methodology and definitions. The labour force survey provides estimates of people in jobs whereas the survey of employment and earnings provides an estimate of the number of jobs held by wage and salary earners. A more detailed description of the differences between these two series is provided in *Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings* (6263.0).

Survey sample redesign

46. For detailed information on sample design and selection see the Technical Note in *The Labour Force, Australia: Historical Summary, 1966 to 1984* (6204.0). Following each Population Census the ABS redesigns and reselects the LFS sample to take into account the new information which is obtained from the Census. The sample used in the LFS from October 1982 to August 1987, designed and selected using data from the 1981 Census, is being updated and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Census. When a new sample is being introduced, the standard errors of the month-to-month movements are higher than usual during the changeover period. In order to reduce the impact of the higher standard errors on any individual monthly movement, the new sample is to be phased in over the period from September 1987 to December 1987.

47. One quarter of the new sample will be introduced each month so that, by December 1987, the entire new sample will be in place. Replacement will occur at the rotation group level with two rotation groups being substituted each month. Such a pattern of implementation means that any changes in labour force estimates due to differences between the two samples, or any other influences, will be spread over the four months rather than being concentrated in one inter-month period.

48. The sampling fraction differs for States and Territories. This enables estimates of reasonable accuracy to be produced for all States and Territories as well as for Australia.

The old and the new sampling fractions for each State and Territory are:

	Old	New
New South Wales	1 in 200	1 in 230
Victoria	1 in 200	1 in 230
Queensland	1 in 140	1 in 160
South Australia	1 in 100	1 in 115
Western Australia	1 in 100	1 in 115
Tasmania	1 in 60	1 in 70
Northern Territory	1 in 100	1 in 115
Australian Capital Territory	1 in 100	1 in 115

Potential effects on labour force survey estimates

49. The implementation of a new sample as well as the introduction of new population benchmarks from the 1986 Population Census may affect estimates derived from the LFS. Implications for estimates produced from the LFS due to the sample redesign are as follows:

- (a) There will be higher standard errors for the estimates of month-to-month movements produced over the period September 1987 to December 1987 compared with those for the corresponding series produced prior to this period and from January 1988 onwards. *These are estimated to be up to 22 per cent higher than the normal standard errors on monthly movements.*

(b) Analysis has shown that the unemployment rate is marginally higher (about 4 per cent) for those persons in sample for the first time. Normally, this will not affect the overall estimates of month-to-month movements because the number of persons in sample for the first time does not change significantly. However, during the transition period, there will be twice as many people as usual in sample for the first time. This may cause a small upward movement in the number of unemployed persons from August to September (about 3,500 persons) and a compensating decrease from December to January.

(c) Estimates of gross flows on a monthly basis have also been affected by the introduction of the new sample. As the sample is being phased in two rotation groups at a time the sampling errors associated with gross flows estimates have increased over those normally associated with these statistics. In addition, the methodology used in calculating the gross flows estimates means that the results obtained during the phase-in period are not comparable with those produced in other periods. Users requiring estimates of gross flows for the period August 1987 — September 1987 to November 1987 — December 1987 should write to the contact officer shown on the contents page of this publication.

50. For additional information concerning the Survey Sample redesign see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey — Sample Design* (6269.0).

51. The availability of new population benchmarks will also affect estimates from the LFS. See paragraph 35 above.

Reliability of the estimates

52. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) sampling error: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, 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; and
- (b) non-sampling error: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies 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.

53. See paragraph 49 above concerning the potential effect of the new sample on the reliability of the estimates.

Differences between population census and population survey estimates

54. The results of the 1981 Census of Population and Housing show that labour force figures derived from the census differ from estimates derived from the labour force surveys.

55. The broad concepts underlying the measures of the labour force and its components, employment and unemployment, are similar in the census and the surveys. However there are considerable differences in both the collection methodology adopted (including the detailed questions asked) and estimation procedures. Factors contributing to differences in estimates include under-enumeration in the population census for which census labour force estimates have not been adjusted, the use in the labour force survey of population benchmarks derived from incomplete information about population change (see paragraphs 34 and 35), the inclusion of permanent defence forces in census estimates, the personal interview approach adopted in the survey as opposed to self-enumeration of census schedules, differing questions used to determine labour force characteristics (particularly the identification of unemployed persons) and differing methods of adjustment for non-response to the survey or census.

56. The labour force survey provides detailed and up-to-date estimates of employment and unemployment for Australia and States, whereas the census of population and housing provides counts for small areas but in less detail than is available from the survey.

57. These considerations should be borne in mind if comparisons are made between population census and labour force survey estimates.

Seasonal adjustment

58. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 8. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

59. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The monthly series for Australia were last reviewed in February 1987 while the State series were reviewed in December 1986. In both cases, the series were reanalysed back to February 1978. Information about the method of adjustment and seasonally adjusted figures for the States for all months since February 1978 were published in an appendix to the May 1987 issue of this publication. The February 1987 issue contained an appendix which provided similar information and series for Australia for all months back to June 1981.

Trend estimation

60. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. These trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. Tables 3 and 9 show trend estimates for the past 14 months, while the appendix to the May 1987 issue shows estimates for the six States back to 1978. The appendix to the March 1987 issue showed estimates for Australia back to February 1978. Trend series graphs are shown on pages 10 to 13.

61. While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced which include the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors mentioned above in paragraph 59.

62. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of Trend* (1316.0), and *Time Series Decomposition — An Overview* (1317.0) for more detailed information on producing trend estimates by smoothing seasonally adjusted time series data.

Month-to-month movements

63. 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 paragraph 52. Particular care should be taken in the interpretation of the seasonally adjusted series in this publication, as a short-term movement cannot be assumed to indicate a change in trend. See also paragraphs 46 to 50 above.

Gross flows

64. In order to minimise respondent burden and at the same time maintain continuity within the population survey sample, one eighth of the dwellings in the sample (except the large non-private dwellings) are replaced after each survey. Adoption of this rotation procedure, whereby about seven-eighths of the sample remains unchanged from one month to the next, enables more reliable measurements of changes in the labour force characteristics of the population to be made than would be possible if a new sample were introduced each month.

65. Because a high proportion of private dwellings selected in one survey remains in the sample for the following survey, it is possible to match the characteristics of most of the persons in those dwellings from one month to the next, to record any changes that occur, and hence to produce estimates of flows between the different categories of the population and labour force.

66. The procedures used to select persons in non-private dwellings preclude the possibility of matching any of them who may be included in successive surveys. For this and other reasons, including the mobility of the population and non-response in either or both surveys, about 10 per cent of persons in those dwellings which are included in the sample in successive months cannot be matched. Those who can be matched represent about 80 per cent of all persons in the survey.

67. Changes in the characteristics of this latter group are shown in the gross flows table. About one half of the remaining (unmatched) 20 per cent of persons in the survey are likely to have characteristics similar to those in the matched group, but the characteristics of the other half are likely to be somewhat different.

68. Gross flow estimates relate only to those persons in private dwellings for whom information was obtained in successive surveys. The expansion factors used in calculating the estimates were those applying to the second of each pair of months.

69. Although it is not possible to provide gross flow estimates for all persons in the survey it is considered that the estimates derived from matched records will be a useful guide to the magnitude of the movements between categories which underlie the changes in monthly levels. When comparing flows for different periods it is important to take into account the population represented by the matched sample, as shown in the last line of the table.

70. While every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors to a minimum, any such errors affecting labour force status will tend to accumulate in the gross flow statistics rather than to cancel out. The estimates are also subject to sampling variability, as explained in the Technical Note. For these reasons the estimates of flows should be used with caution. The standard errors may be obtained from Table A of the Technical Note.

71. Estimates of total flows into or out of the employed category may be less than the sum of the estimates for employed full time and employed part time as the estimates for the latter two categories include movements between these two categories.

72. For information concerning the potential effect of the new sample on gross flows estimates, see paragraph 49, sub-paragraph(c) of these Explanatory Notes.

Labour force status and other characteristics of families

73. As a part of survey procedures, family relationships are determined each month, enabling both the estimation of persons cross-classified by their family status and the estimation of families. This publication contains tables showing the labour force status and family status of individuals and families classified by family type, number of family members, the labour force status of persons within families, the number of children aged 0-14 present and, from the May 1986 issue onwards, the number of dependents present.

74. Because of the coverage rules of the population survey which associate persons with particular dwellings so that each person has an equal chance of selection in the survey, persons who usually live with other members of their family may be enumerated, at the time of the survey, as not living with all the usual members of their family. This situation is more likely for persons who are enumerated as visitors to other private dwellings or as persons staying in non-private dwellings (hotels, caravan parks, hospitals, etc.). The determination of family structure and family characteristics in such cases is most difficult. Thus, family information is not obtained for the following persons:

- (a) all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions); and
- (b) persons enumerated as visitors to (rather than usual residents of) private dwellings.

75. In addition, in those private dwellings where it is not possible to obtain information relating to all the usual residents, no family information is recorded. Thus the family characteristics of persons living in families which include a member of the permanent defence forces, who is outside the scope of the population survey, are not determined because family information cannot be obtained from each usual resident. Similarly, families in which one or more members are away from the usual residence at the time of the survey are also excluded from family determination. A summary of those persons for whom family information is obtained as well as those usual residents of private dwellings for whom complete family information cannot be obtained, and those persons specifically excluded from the family determination procedures is contained in the family tables. Generally, family status is determined for more than 90 per cent of all civilians aged 15 and over.

76. Estimates of the number of families in this publication differ from those in publications prior to the April 1986 issue. This is due to the adoption of a new weighting procedure where the weight for a family is determined using an average of the weights for all family members responding to the labour force survey. Previously, the weight used to derive estimates of the number of families was determined by nomination of a proxy 'head of household' as representative of the family.

77. Revised data for March using the new weighting procedure for families and the revised definition of employed persons were shown in the April 1986 issue of this publication. Revised data for March using the new weighting procedure for families and the old definition of employed persons as well as data using the old weighting procedure for families and the new definition for employed persons are available on request.

Additional data

78. Estimates for employed persons classified by industry, occupation and status of worker are available

each February, May, August and November, and the following tables are published in issues of this publication for those months:

Employed persons—
 Industry and occupation—
 Full-time and part-time workers
 Status of worker
 Age and birthplace
 Hours worked
 Industry by occupation
 Industry subdivisions
 Major and minor occupation groups.

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

Semi-logarithmic graphs

80. Graphs on pages 10 and 11 have been drawn using a logarithmic vertical scale to facilitate comparisons of rates of growth in series of differing magnitude. Equal distances on the vertical scale (over equal time periods) indicate equal rates of growth for graphs on the same page.

Related publications

81. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which relate to the labour force and are available on request:

The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (6202.0)—issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia: Historical Summary, 1966 to 1984 (6204.0)

The Labour Force (Including Regional Estimates), New South Wales (6201.1)—issued quarterly

The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2)—issued monthly

The Labour Force, Victorian Regions (6202.2)—issued quarterly

Information Paper, Victorian Labour Force Statistics (6262.2)

The Labour Force, Queensland (6201.3)—issued quarterly

The Labour Force: Regional Estimates, Queensland (6204.3)—issued quarterly

The Labour Force, South Australia (6201.4)—issued quarterly

The Labour Force, Regional Estimates, Western Australia (6201.5)—issued quarterly

Labour Force Statistics, Tasmania 1985 (6201.6)

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Tasmania (1303.6)—issued monthly

Labour Statistics, Australia, 1985 (6101.0)—issued annually

A Guide to Labour Statistics (6102.0)

Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey, June 1986 (6232.0)

Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0)—issued quarterly

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

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1986 (6224.0)—issued annually

Social Indicators No. 4, 1984 (4101.0)

Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates From the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings (6263.0)

A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of 'Trend' (1316.0)

Time Series Decomposition — an Overview (1317.0)

Information Paper: Labour Force Survey — Sample Design (6269.0)

Information Paper: Labour Force Survey — Measuring Teenage Unemployment (6270.0)

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

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 6 of the Technical Note
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83. Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Electronic services

84. VIATEL. Key *6568 for selected current economic, social and demographic statistics.

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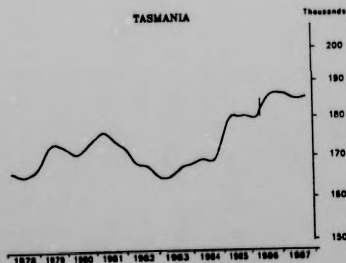
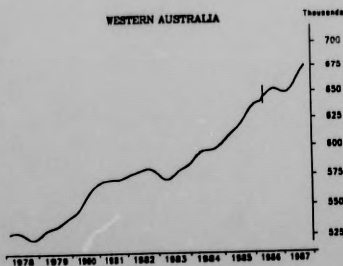
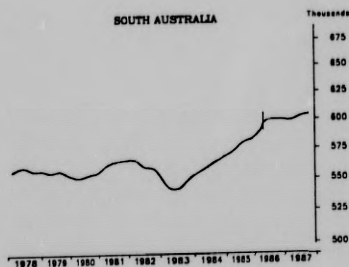
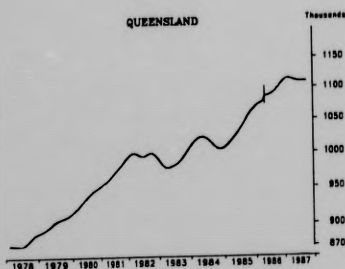
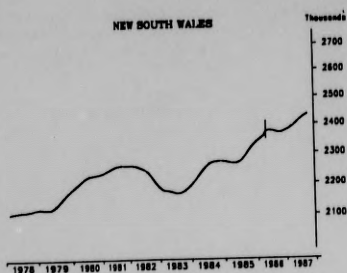
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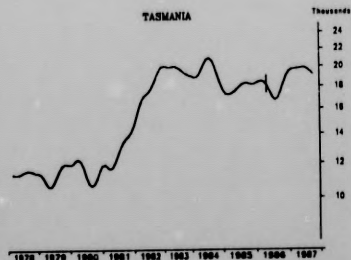
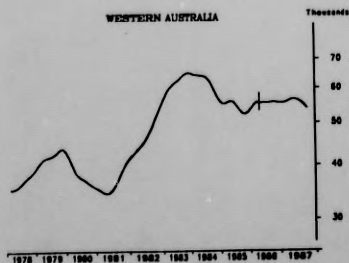
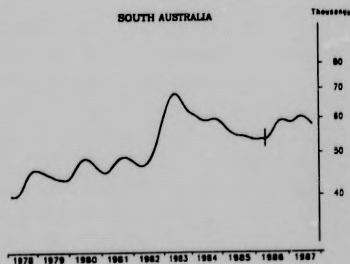
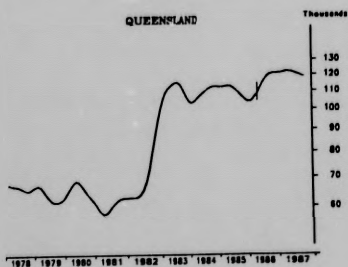
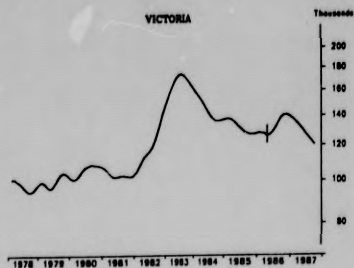
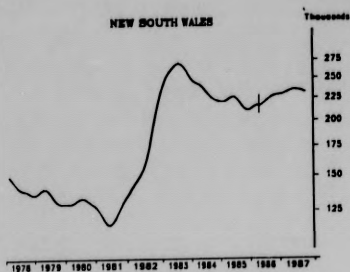
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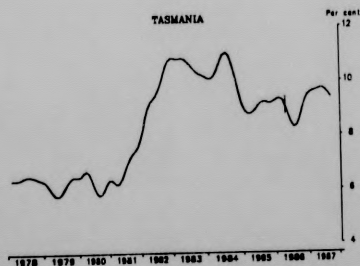
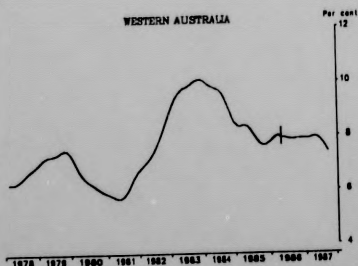
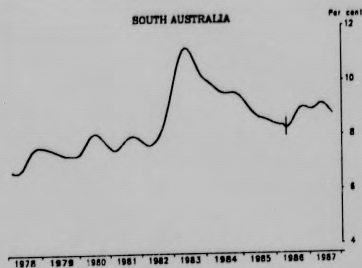
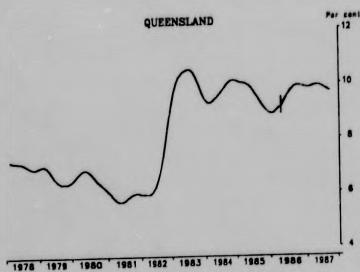
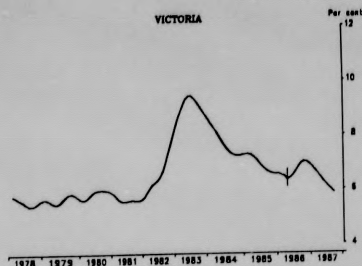
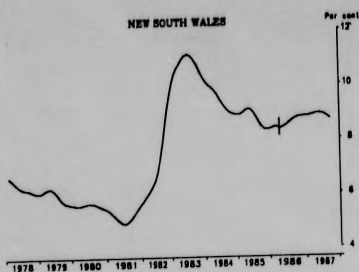
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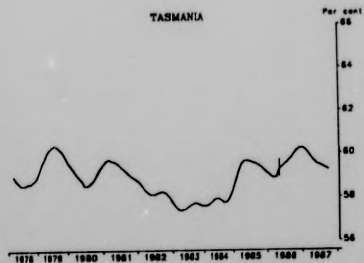
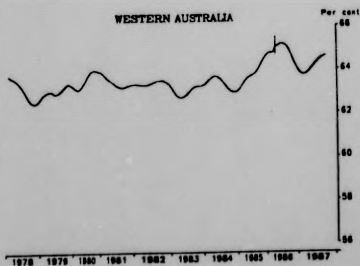
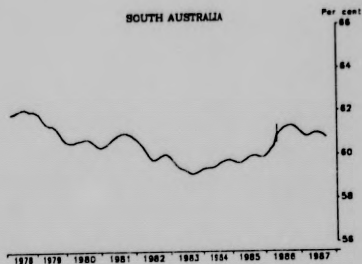
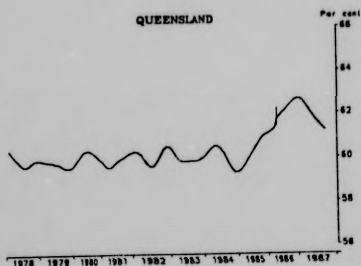
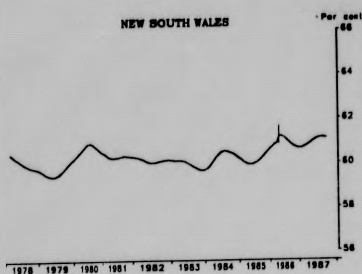
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PARTICIPATION RATE: TREND SERIES



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

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate		
	Full-time workers	Total	first job	Total								
											Aged 15-19 looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work
MALES												
1986 -												
August	3,901.6	4,179.8	17.5	319.9	28.1	348.0	4,527.8	1,492.4	6,020.2	7.7	75.2	
September	3,955.8	4,237.2	16.9	333.2	29.3	362.5	4,599.7	1,431.8	6,031.5	7.6	75.3	
October	3,944.0	4,223.8	17.2	315.0	26.1	341.0	4,564.9	1,479.3	6,044.2	7.5	75.5	
November	3,930.9	4,209.0	17.8	320.0	24.8	344.8	4,553.8	1,503.0	6,056.8	7.6	75.2	
December	3,984.3	4,273.3	34.9	348.3	37.2	385.5	4,658.8	1,410.6	6,069.5	8.3	76.8	
1987 -												
January	3,929.0	4,193.6	35.0	370.8	31.7	402.4	4,596.1	1,484.8	6,080.9	8.8	75.6	
February	3,963.5	4,230.9	34.2	362.8	32.5	395.4	4,626.3	1,466.0	6,092.3	8.5	75.9	
March	3,972.6	4,274.1	23.0	351.4	33.9	385.3	4,659.3	1,444.3	6,103.7	8.3	76.3	
April	3,961.3	4,265.3	20.7	327.1	30.2	357.3	4,622.6	1,493.5	6,116.1	7.7	75.6	
May	3,958.7	4,254.9	22.2	337.9	29.0	366.9	4,621.8	1,505.9	6,127.6	7.9	75.4	
June	3,973.0	4,277.8	17.1	326.7	27.0	353.7	4,631.5	1,507.7	6,139.1	7.6	75.4	
July	4,014.9	4,306.1	19.3	327.5	26.8	354.3	4,660.4	1,488.1	6,148.5	7.6	75.8	
August	3,947.0	4,262.3	17.9	317.3	29.7	347.0	4,609.3	1,548.5	6,157.8	7.5	74.9	
September	3,986.0	4,296.8	16.8	318.4	27.2	345.7	4,642.5	1,524.7	6,167.1	7.4	75.3	
Standard error of -												
September 1987	16.5	16.9	1.9	6.8	2.4	7.0	17.3	12.0	--	0.1	0.3	
Aug 87 to Sept 87												
movements	16.2	16.6	2.1	6.3	2.6	6.5	17.1	11.4	--	0.1	0.3	
MARRIED FEMALES												
1986 -												
August	881.2	1,651.4	*	51.8	40.3	92.2	1,743.5	1,957.6	3,701.1	5.3	47.1	
September	910.5	1,702.2	*	57.2	47.9	105.2	1,807.4	1,905.5	3,712.8	5.8	48.7	
October	912.1	1,697.3	*	55.7	44.3	100.1	1,797.4	1,906.1	3,703.4	5.6	48.5	
November	906.8	1,716.6	*	52.6	36.7	89.3	1,805.9	1,911.4	3,717.3	4.9	48.6	
December	916.6	1,717.0	*	56.2	31.9	88.2	1,805.2	1,931.7	3,736.9	4.9	48.3	
1987 -												
January	901.3	1,603.9	*	56.9	27.9	84.8	1,688.7	2,057.7	3,746.4	5.0	45.1	
February	884.9	1,665.8	*	65.5	24.4	113.9	1,779.8	1,945.6	3,725.4	6.4	47.8	
March	904.4	1,721.7	*	72.6	60.0	132.5	1,854.3	1,865.5	3,719.7	7.1	49.8	
April	897.1	1,703.5	*	75.1	47.2	122.3	1,825.8	1,886.9	3,712.7	6.7	49.2	
May	904.4	1,718.4	*	66.8	42.5	109.3	1,827.7	1,885.6	3,713.3	6.0	49.2	
June	904.4	1,723.5	*	61.3	39.2	100.5	1,824.0	1,902.0	3,726.0	5.5	49.0	
July	927.6	1,728.1	*	66.3	38.9	105.1	1,833.2	1,912.5	3,745.8	5.7	48.9	
August	909.7	1,717.1	*	62.5	40.5	103.0	1,820.3	1,922.8	3,743.1	5.7	48.6	
September	923.6	1,727.1	*	57.8	40.2	98.0	1,825.2	1,892.0	3,717.2	5.4	48.1	
Standard error of -												
September 1987	10.1	12.5	0.1	3.3	2.8	4.2	12.8	12.9	--	0.2	0.3	
Aug 87 to Sept 87												
movements	9.4	11.8	0.7	3.4	2.9	4.1	12.1	12.3	--	0.2	0.3	

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

Month	*	Unemployed										Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Employed		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Labour force	Not in labour force					
		Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total							
										- '000 -				
- per cent -														
ALL FEMALES														
1986 -														
August		1,680.7	2,705.9	19.5	170.8	76.9	247.6	2,953.6	3,253.1	6,206.7	8.4	47.6		
September		1,711.2	2,770.4	14.9	184.4	84.7	269.1	3,039.5	3,178.5	6,218.0	8.9	48.9		
October		1,717.9	2,776.5	16.5	171.0	78.1	249.1	3,025.6	3,205.2	6,230.7	8.2	48.6		
November		1,716.7	2,798.0	18.5	169.1	69.3	238.4	3,036.4	3,207.1	6,243.5	7.9	48.6		
December		1,739.7	2,818.7	30.4	197.4	72.6	269.9	3,086.6	3,167.7	6,256.3	8.7	49.4		
1987 -														
January		1,719.8	2,684.6	35.3	204.2	64.7	269.0	2,953.6	3,314.3	6,267.9	9.1	47.1		
February		1,717.6	2,767.3	29.3	218.3	85.9	304.2	3,071.5	3,207.9	6,279.5	9.9	48.9		
March		1,733.6	2,835.0	22.9	211.0	106.3	317.3	3,152.3	3,138.8	6,291.0	10.1	50.1		
April		1,726.2	2,822.4	20.9	203.7	91.1	294.8	3,117.2	3,184.9	6,302.1	9.5	49.5		
May		1,721.6	2,829.1	15.9	192.7	75.4	268.1	3,097.2	3,216.1	6,313.3	8.7	49.1		
June		1,717.9	2,833.4	17.2	179.5	70.5	249.9	3,083.3	3,241.3	6,324.6	8.1	48.8		
July		1,757.0	2,851.7	15.9	183.4	72.5	255.9	3,107.6	3,227.4	6,335.0	8.2	49.1		
August		1,709.2	2,810.8	18.7	178.1	76.9	254.9	3,065.8	3,279.6	6,345.4	8.3	48.3		
September		1,748.4	2,869.1	17.2	171.2	81.3	252.5	3,121.6	3,234.3	6,355.8	8.1	49.1		
Standard error of -														
September 1987		12.6	14.8	1.9	5.3	3.9	6.2	15.3	15.4	..	0.2	0.2		
Aug 87 to Sept 87		11.9	14.3	2.2	5.1	3.8	5.8	14.8	15.0	..	0.2	0.2		
PERSONS														
1986 -														
August		5,582.4	6,885.7	37.0	490.7	105.0	595.6	7,481.4	4,745.6	12,226.9	8.0	61.2		
September		5,656.9	7,007.6	31.8	517.6	114.0	631.6	7,639.2	4,610.3	12,249.5	8.3	62.4		
October		5,661.9	7,000.3	33.7	485.9	104.2	590.1	7,590.4	4,684.4	12,274.9	7.8	61.8		
November		5,647.6	7,006.9	36.3	489.1	94.2	583.3	7,590.2	4,710.1	12,300.3	7.7	61.7		
December		5,724.0	7,092.0	65.3	545.7	109.8	655.5	7,747.4	4,578.4	12,325.8	8.5	62.9		
1987 -														
January		5,648.8	6,878.3	70.3	575.0	96.4	671.4	7,549.7	4,799.1	12,348.8	8.9	61.1		
February		5,681.0	6,998.2	63.5	581.1	118.4	699.6	7,697.8	4,673.9	12,371.7	9.1	62.2		
March		5,706.2	7,109.1	45.8	552.4	140.2	702.5	7,811.6	4,583.1	12,394.7	9.0	63.0		
April		5,687.5	7,087.7	41.5	530.8	121.3	652.1	7,739.8	4,678.4	12,418.2	8.4	62.3		
May		5,680.2	7,084.0	38.1	530.6	104.4	635.0	7,719.0	4,721.9	12,440.9	8.2	62.0		
June		5,690.8	7,111.2	34.3	506.2	97.4	603.6	7,714.8	4,749.0	12,463.8	7.8	61.9		
July		5,771.9	7,157.8	35.3	510.9	99.3	610.2	7,768.0	4,715.5	12,483.5	7.9	62.2		
August		5,656.3	7,073.2	36.5	495.4	106.5	601.9	7,675.1	4,828.1	12,503.2	7.6	61.4		
September		5,734.4	7,165.8	34.0	489.6	108.5	598.2	7,764.0	4,759.0	12,523.0	7.7	62.0		
Standard error of -														
September 1987		10.5	19.8	2.6	8.0	4.4	8.6	20.2	17.4	..	0.1	0.2		
Aug 87 to Sept 87		18.5	20.1	2.8	7.4	4.2	8.0	20.8	17.4	..	0.1	0.2		

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work							
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total						
MALES										
1986 -										
August	3,935.9	4,214.5	21.3	321.8	30.1	351.9	4,566.3	7.7	75.9	
September	3,942.4	4,219.3	20.3	333.9	27.7	361.6	4,580.9	7.9	76.0	
October	3,940.5	4,213.3	21.6	337.3	29.0	366.3	4,579.6	8.0	75.8	
November	3,933.8	4,203.0	21.8	343.5	28.8	372.3	4,575.2	8.1	75.5	
December	3,942.0	4,236.1	23.1	346.8	31.0	377.7	4,613.8	8.2	76.0	
1987 -										
January	3,940.1	4,223.3	22.4	342.9	27.1	370.0	4,593.3	8.1	75.5	
February	3,953.3	4,239.0	24.8	331.7	34.2	365.8	4,604.8	7.9	75.6	
March	3,960.4	4,259.6	21.2	341.3	30.4	371.6	4,631.4	8.0	75.9	
April	3,977.9	4,266.4	24.2	329.8	30.1	360.0	4,626.3	7.8	75.5	
May	3,967.4	4,257.7	28.3	341.1	27.2	368.4	4,626.1	8.0	75.5	
June	3,983.8	4,287.9	21.9	335.6	28.9	364.5	4,652.4	7.8	75.8	
July	4,012.7	4,306.8	25.1	337.1	32.9	370.0	4,676.8	7.9	76.1	
August	3,981.0	4,297.2	21.7	318.6	31.7	350.3	4,647.4	7.5	75.5	
September	3,972.9	4,278.3	20.3	318.0	25.7	344.5	4,622.8	7.5	75.0	
MARRIED FEMALES										
1986 -										
August	895.8	1,662.4	n.a.	55.7	44.8	100.5	1,762.9	5.7	47.6	
September	898.8	1,677.9	n.a.	57.7	43.4	101.1	1,779.0	5.7	47.9	
October	907.0	1,686.2	n.a.	58.3	43.4	101.7	1,787.9	5.7	48.3	
November	899.6	1,685.5	n.a.	56.5	39.2	95.6	1,781.1	5.4	47.9	
December	904.0	1,701.0	n.a.	61.5	36.6	98.1	1,799.1	5.5	48.1	
1987 -										
January	908.6	1,704.1	n.a.	61.6	41.5	103.1	1,807.2	5.7	48.2	
February	890.5	1,697.1	n.a.	56.7	44.0	100.7	1,797.8	5.6	48.3	
March	901.3	1,698.5	n.a.	63.2	48.5	111.6	1,810.1	6.2	48.7	
April	900.3	1,702.6	n.a.	68.8	41.5	107.0	1,813.0	6.1	48.8	
May	906.7	1,705.0	n.a.	65.9	41.2	107.0	1,812.0	5.9	48.8	
June	913.0	1,713.5	n.a.	60.5	38.0	98.5	1,812.0	5.4	48.6	
July	926.1	1,716.2	n.a.	71.2	40.8	112.0	1,828.2	6.1	49.2	
August	924.7	1,729.4	n.a.	67.3	46.9	112.2	1,841.6	6.1	49.3	
September	911.8	1,702.1	n.a.	58.3	36.3	94.5	1,796.7	5.3	48.3	
ALL FEMALES										
1986 -										
August	1,704.2	2,728.4	25.6	182.5	89.1	271.6	3,000.0	9.1	48.3	
September	1,700.0	2,746.4	18.2	191.4	77.5	268.9	3,015.3	8.9	48.5	
October	1,727.0	2,770.7	21.9	191.8	81.2	273.0	3,043.7	9.0	48.8	
November	1,714.6	2,763.4	23.4	188.3	76.1	264.4	3,027.9	8.7	48.5	
December	1,711.9	2,778.7	22.3	191.6	75.1	266.7	3,045.4	8.8	48.7	
1987 -										
January	1,718.4	2,797.1	23.4	186.4	81.9	269.3	3,065.5	8.8	48.9	
February	1,718.1	2,802.4	20.8	187.3	78.8	266.0	3,068.5	8.7	48.9	
March	1,721.3	2,805.4	20.7	192.2	86.8	279.0	3,079.4	9.1	49.2	
April	1,730.4	2,818.2	22.6	199.7	81.1	280.8	3,085.5	8.6	48.9	
May	1,728.0	2,819.9	17.8	196.6	73.0	265.6	3,082.9	8.0	49.1	
June	1,733.2	2,828.7	19.6	182.9	71.3	254.2	3,113.2	8.8	49.1	
July	1,752.1	2,838.8	19.8	198.8	75.7	274.5	3,113.5	9.0	49.1	
August	1,732.6	2,834.2	24.5	190.1	89.2	279.2	3,095.8	8.1	48.7	
September	1,737.2	2,844.0	21.0	177.4	74.4	251.8				
PERSONS										
1986 -										
August	5,640.1	6,942.9	46.9	504.4	119.1	623.5	7,566.4	8.2	61.9	
September	5,642.4	6,965.7	38.5	525.3	105.3	630.5	7,596.3	8.3	62.0	
October	5,667.5	6,984.0	43.5	529.1	110.2	639.3	7,623.3	8.4	62.1	
November	5,648.4	6,966.4	45.2	531.8	105.0	636.7	7,603.1	8.4	61.8	
December	5,653.9	7,014.8	45.4	538.4	106.0	644.5	7,659.2	8.4	62.1	
1987 -										
January	5,658.6	7,020.4	45.8	529.3	109.1	638.3	7,658.7	8.3	62.0	
February	5,671.4	7,041.4	45.6	518.9	112.9	631.9	7,673.3	8.2	62.0	
March	5,681.7	7,060.2	41.9	533.5	117.2	650.6	7,710.9	8.4	62.2	
April	5,708.3	7,084.6	46.7	529.5	111.3	640.8	7,725.4	8.2	62.2	
May	5,695.4	7,077.6	46.1	533.7	100.2	618.7	7,711.4	8.0	62.1	
June	5,717.0	7,116.6	41.5	518.5	108.6	644.5	7,780.0	8.1	62.4	
July	5,764.8	7,145.5	44.9	508.6	120.9	629.5	7,760.9	8.0	62.1	
August	5,713.6	7,131.4	46.1	508.6	120.9	596.3	7,718.6	7.7	61.6	
September	5,710.1	7,122.3	41.2	496.2	100.1					

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: TREND SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total	Labour Force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work						
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total					
MALES									
1986 -									
August	3,938.4	4,215.9	22.4	325.6	28.7	354.4	4,570.3	7.8	75.9
September	3,938.0	4,214.0	21.9	332.4	28.7	361.1	4,575.1	7.9	75.9
October	3,937.4	4,213.8	21.7	338.0	29.0	367.0	4,580.8	7.9	75.8
November	3,938.2	4,216.8	21.8	341.4	29.4	370.7	4,587.5	8.1	75.7
December	3,941.1	4,222.9	22.1	342.2	29.8	372.0	4,594.9	8.1	75.7
1987 -									
January	3,945.7	4,231.1	22.8	341.1	30.2	371.4	4,602.5	8.1	75.7
February	3,952.1	4,240.6	23.4	339.7	30.3	370.0	4,610.6	8.0	75.7
March	3,961.1	4,252.0	24.0	338.3	30.3	368.6	4,620.6	8.0	75.7
April	3,970.7	4,263.7	24.4	337.1	30.2	367.2	4,630.9	7.9	75.7
May	3,978.6	4,274.1	24.4	335.6	30.0	365.6	4,639.6	7.9	75.7
June	3,984.0	4,282.7	24.0	333.4	29.9	363.3	4,646.0	7.8	75.7
July	3,987.1	4,289.2	23.4	330.2	29.7	360.0	4,649.2	7.7	75.6
August	3,988.2	4,293.4	22.6	326.7	29.4	356.1	4,649.5	7.7	75.5
September	3,987.6	4,295.2	21.9	322.7	29.3	352.0	4,647.2	7.6	75.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
1986 -									
August	898.8	1,669.9	n.a.	58.3	43.2	101.5	1,771.4	5.7	47.9
September	900.9	1,677.6	n.a.	58.2	42.5	100.7	1,778.3	5.7	47.9
October	902.4	1,684.8	n.a.	58.1	41.5	99.6	1,784.4	5.6	48.2
November	902.8	1,690.9	n.a.	58.3	40.9	99.2	1,790.1	5.5	48.2
December	902.1	1,695.3	n.a.	59.1	41.0	100.2	1,795.4	5.6	48.0
1987 -									
January	900.8	1,698.4	n.a.	60.2	41.8	102.0	1,800.4	5.7	48.1
February	899.9	1,700.2	n.a.	61.6	42.5	104.1	1,804.3	5.8	48.4
March	900.7	1,701.9	n.a.	63.1	43.0	106.1	1,808.0	5.9	48.6
April	903.8	1,704.6	n.a.	64.5	42.9	107.4	1,812.0	5.9	48.8
May	908.4	1,707.9	n.a.	65.5	42.2	107.7	1,815.6	5.9	48.9
June	913.3	1,711.5	n.a.	65.9	41.2	107.1	1,818.6	5.9	48.8
July	917.3	1,714.4	n.a.	65.6	40.5	106.1	1,820.5	5.8	48.7
August	920.3	1,716.2	n.a.	65.1	39.9	104.9	1,821.2	5.8	48.7
September	921.5	1,716.9	n.a.	63.9	39.3	103.2	1,820.0	5.7	49.0
ALL FEMALES									
1986 -									
August	1,705.6	3,742.6	22.7	184.8	81.9	266.7	3,009.3	8.9	48.5
September	1,708.5	3,749.2	22.7	188.0	81.0	268.9	3,018.2	8.9	48.5
October	1,711.6	3,758.6	22.5	189.6	79.7	269.3	3,027.9	8.9	48.6
November	1,714.5	3,769.7	22.3	189.9	78.9	268.8	3,038.5	8.8	48.7
December	1,716.6	3,780.7	22.2	189.9	79.0	268.9	3,049.6	8.8	48.7
1987 -									
January	1,717.9	3,790.8	22.1	190.0	79.7	269.7	3,060.5	8.8	48.8
February	1,719.8	3,799.7	21.7	190.7	80.1	270.8	3,070.4	8.8	48.9
March	1,723.0	3,807.6	21.0	191.7	79.8	271.5	3,079.1	8.8	49.0
April	1,727.3	3,810.0	20.4	192.7	78.9	271.5	3,086.5	8.8	49.0
May	1,731.8	3,821.7	20.2	192.7	77.8	270.6	3,092.3	8.7	49.0
June	1,735.2	3,827.9	20.4	191.7	77.2	268.9	3,096.8	8.6	48.9
July	1,737.8	3,833.7	20.7	189.9	77.3	267.2	3,100.8	8.6	48.9
August	1,739.6	3,838.6	21.2	187.8	77.7	265.5	3,104.1	8.6	48.9
September	1,740.5	3,842.7	21.7	185.3	78.0	263.3	3,105.9	8.5	48.9
PERSONS									
1986 -									
August	5,644.0	6,958.5	45.1	510.5	110.6	621.1	7,579.6	8.2	62.0
September	5,646.5	6,963.2	44.7	510.4	109.7	620.1	7,593.3	8.3	62.0
October	5,649.0	6,972.4	44.3	527.6	108.7	636.3	7,608.6	8.4	62.0
November	5,652.7	6,986.5	44.1	531.3	108.3	639.5	7,626.1	8.4	62.0
December	5,657.7	7,003.6	44.4	532.1	108.8	640.9	7,644.6	8.4	62.0
1987 -									
January	5,663.6	7,021.9	44.9	531.2	110.0	641.1	7,663.0	8.4	62.1
February	5,671.8	7,040.2	45.2	530.4	110.4	640.8	7,681.0	8.3	62.1
March	5,684.1	7,059.6	45.0	530.0	110.1	640.1	7,699.7	8.3	62.1
April	5,698.0	7,078.8	44.8	529.7	109.0	639.7	7,717.5	8.3	62.1
May	5,710.4	7,095.8	44.6	529.3	107.9	636.1	7,731.9	8.2	62.1
June	5,719.3	7,111.6	44.4	525.1	107.1	632.2	7,742.8	8.2	62.1
July	5,724.9	7,122.9	44.2	520.1	107.0	627.1	7,750.0	8.1	62.1
August	5,727.8	7,132.1	43.8	514.4	107.2	621.4	7,753.7	7.9	62.0
September	5,728.0	7,137.9	43.6	508.0	107.3	615.3	7,753.2	8.0	62.0

TABLE 4. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
MARITAL STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
			- '000 -							- per cent -
Males	3,986.0	4,296.8	318.4	27.2	345.7	4,642.5	1,524.7	6,167.1	7.4	75.3
Married	2,671.3	2,790.6	122.0	5.1	127.1	2,917.8	818.6	3,736.4	4.4	78.1
Not married	1,314.7	1,506.2	196.4	22.2	218.5	1,724.7	706.1	2,430.8	12.7	71.0
Females	1,748.4	2,869.1	171.2	81.3	252.5	3,121.6	3,234.3	6,355.8	8.1	49.1
Married	923.6	1,727.1	57.8	40.2	98.0	1,825.2	1,892.0	3,717.2	5.4	49.1
Not married	824.8	1,141.9	113.4	41.1	154.5	1,296.4	1,342.3	2,638.7	11.9	49.1
Persons	5,734.4	7,165.8	489.6	108.5	598.2	7,764.0	4,759.0	12,523.0	7.7	62.0

TABLE 5. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
STATES AND TERRITORIES, SEPTEMBER 1987

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	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
MALES										
New South Wales	1,369.4	1,474.6	124.8	8.9	133.7	1,608.4	536.5	2,144.9	8.3	75.0
Victoria	1,064.1	1,143.7	56.4	7.1	63.6	1,207.2	405.5	1,612.7	5.3	74.9
Queensland	629.0	680.5	61.0	4.5	65.5	746.0	246.0	992.0	8.8	75.2
South Australia	333.2	361.7	30.4	*	31.8	393.5	139.2	532.7	8.1	73.9
Western Australia	378.4	409.4	27.1	3.1	30.2	439.6	125.1	564.7	6.9	77.8
Tasmania	106.2	113.2	10.8	*	11.2	124.3	45.5	169.8	9.0	73.2
Northern Territory	39.0	40.5	4.8	*	5.8	46.3	9.3	55.6	12.5	83.3
Australian Capital Territory	66.6	73.2	3.1	*	4.0	77.2	17.6	94.8	5.1	81.4
Australia	3,986.0	4,296.8	318.4	27.2	345.7	4,642.5	1,524.7	6,167.1	7.4	75.3
FEMALES										
New South Wales	616.8	979.1	66.8	24.7	91.5	1,070.7	1,146.3	2,216.9	8.5	48.3
Victoria	479.5	784.2	30.3	22.4	52.7	836.9	838.3	1,675.3	6.3	50.0
Queensland	262.7	441.1	32.8	16.4	49.2	490.3	524.2	1,014.5	10.0	48.3
South Australia	135.0	240.7	16.4	6.8	23.2	263.9	292.3	556.1	8.8	47.4
Western Australia	155.5	268.8	15.1	6.2	21.3	290.1	275.0	565.0	7.3	51.3
Tasmania	42.3	71.1	5.5	1.9	7.4	78.5	97.2	175.7	9.5	44.7
Northern Territory	18.8	25.8	2.8	*	4.2	30.0	20.6	50.5	13.9	59.3
Australian Capital Territory	37.8	58.2	1.5	*	2.9	61.2	40.5	101.6	4.8	60.2
Australia	1,748.4	2,869.1	171.2	81.3	252.5	3,121.6	3,234.3	6,355.8	2.1	49.1
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,986.2	2,453.8	191.6	31.6	225.3	2,679.1	1,682.8	4,361.8	8.4	61.4
Victoria	1,543.6	1,927.9	86.8	29.5	116.3	2,044.2	1,243.8	3,288.0	5.7	62.2
Queensland	891.7	1,121.6	93.7	20.9	114.7	1,236.3	770.2	2,006.5	9.3	61.6
South Australia	468.1	602.4	46.8	8.2	55.0	657.4	431.4	1,088.8	8.4	60.4
Western Australia	533.9	678.2	42.1	9.4	51.5	729.7	400.1	1,129.8	7.1	64.6
Tasmania	148.5	184.3	16.4	2.2	18.6	202.9	142.7	345.5	9.2	58.7
Northern Territory	57.8	66.3	7.6	2.4	9.9	76.3	29.9	106.1	13.0	71.9
Australian Capital Territory	104.4	131.5	4.6	2.3	6.9	138.4	58.1	196.4	5.0	70.4
Australia	5,734.4	7,165.8	489.6	108.5	598.2	7,764.0	4,759.0	12,523.0	7.7	62.0

TABLE 6. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
STATE CAPITAL CITIES(a), SEPTEMBER 1987

Capital city	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
					- '000 -				- per cent -	
MALES										
Sydney	874.6	936.6	64.3	5.3	69.7	1,006.3	324.9	1,331.1	6.9	75.6
Melbourne	764.6	821.9	35.7	5.3	41.0	862.9	284.1	1,147.0	4.7	75.2
Brisbane	284.1	308.0	24.8	3.1	27.9	335.9	111.0	446.9	8.3	75.2
Adelaide	239.3	259.2	19.7	*	20.8	280.0	105.4	385.4	7.4	72.6
Perth	258.9	281.0	18.2	*	20.6	301.6	93.6	395.3	6.8	76.3
Hobart	41.5	44.5	3.7	*	4.0	48.5	19.8	68.3	8.3	71.0
Total	2,462.9	2,651.3	166.4	17.5	183.9	2,835.2	938.9	3,774.1	6.5	75.1
FEMALES										
Sydney	436.5	656.3	34.2	12.8	47.0	703.4	700.4	1,403.8	6.7	50.1
Melbourne	367.3	575.7	21.0	14.5	35.5	611.3	591.3	1,202.6	5.8	50.8
Brisbane	131.5	214.1	11.5	8.7	24.4	238.5	238.3	476.8	10.2	50.0
Adelaide	104.7	179.6	15.7	5.9	17.4	197.1	216.6	413.6	8.9	47.6
Perth	120.3	187.3	10.7	4.8	15.6	212.8	206.6	419.4	7.3	50.7
Hobart	19.5	32.3	1.5	*	2.2	34.4	38.5	73.0	6.2	47.2
Total	1,179.8	1,855.4	94.7	47.4	142.1	1,997.5	1,991.8	3,989.3	7.1	50.1
PERSONS										
Sydney	1,311.1	1,592.9	98.6	18.2	116.7	1,709.6	1,025.3	2,734.9	6.8	62.5
Melbourne	1,131.9	1,397.6	56.7	19.8	76.5	1,474.1	875.4	2,349.6	5.2	62.7
Brisbane	415.5	522.2	40.5	11.8	52.3	574.5	349.3	923.8	9.1	62.2
Adelaide	344.0	438.9	31.2	7.0	38.2	477.1	322.0	799.1	6.0	59.7
Perth	379.2	478.3	28.9	7.2	36.1	514.5	300.2	814.7	7.0	63.1
Hobart	61.0	76.8	5.3	*	6.2	82.9	58.4	141.3	7.4	58.7
Total	3,642.7	4,506.6	261.1	64.9	326.1	4,832.7	2,930.7	7,763.4	6.7	62.3

(a) Consists of capital city statistical divisions. See Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Persons						Total
	Males	Females	Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20-24	Aged 25 and over	
- '000 -							
Employed	73.2	34.4	58.2	12.2	17.4	101.9	131.5
Full-time workers	66.6	21.2	37.8	5.6	13.4	85.4	104.4
Part-time workers	6.6	13.2	20.4	6.6	4.0	16.5	27.0
Unemployed	4.0	*	2.9	2.2	*	3.7	6.9
Looking for full-time work	3.1	*	1.5	*	*	3.0	4.6
Looking for part-time work	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.3
Labour force	77.2	35.6	61.2	14.4	18.4	105.5	138.4
Not in labour force	17.6	24.9	40.5	9.9	4.0	44.1	58.1
Aged 15-19 attending school(a)	4.1	*	4.1	8.1	..	..	8.1
Civilian population	94.8	60.5	101.6	24.3	22.4	149.7	196.4
- per cent -							
Unemployment rate	5.1	*	4.8	15.5	*	3.5	5.0
Looking for full-time work	4.4	*	3.8	*	*	3.4	4.2
Participation rate	81.4	58.9	60.2	59.3	82.0	70.4	70.4
Employment/population ratio	77.2	56.9	57.3	50.1	77.5	68.1	66.9
- number -							
Average (mean) weekly hours worked by employed persons	37.2	27.0	27.6	23.9	33.0	34.0	33.0
Average (mean) duration of unemployment (weeks)	26.0	*	18.0	*	*	28.1	22.6

(a) Excludes persons in institutions such as hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc. See Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1986 -															
August	1,445.4	126.1	1,571.5	8.0	75.0	924.2	97.1	1,021.3	9.5	47.1	2,369.6	223.3	2,592.9	8.6	60.8
September	1,443.5	132.6	1,576.2	8.4	75.1	913.8	95.9	1,009.7	9.5	46.5	2,357.3	228.6	2,585.9	8.8	60.6
October	1,445.4	134.8	1,580.2	8.5	75.1	929.6	92.7	1,022.3	9.1	47.0	2,375.0	227.5	2,602.5	8.7	60.8
November	1,442.9	141.5	1,584.4	8.9	75.2	924.8	89.3	1,014.3	8.8	46.5	2,367.7	231.0	2,598.7	8.9	60.6
December	1,450.9	142.6	1,593.6	9.0	75.5	937.5	83.7	1,021.2	8.2	46.8	2,388.5	226.3	2,614.8	8.7	60.9
1987 -															
January	1,442.8	141.4	1,584.2	8.9	74.9	936.2	93.0	1,029.2	9.0	47.0	2,379.0	234.4	2,613.4	9.0	60.7
February	1,446.0	142.4	1,588.4	9.0	75.0	931.0	95.8	1,026.8	8.4	46.4	2,377.0	228.3	2,605.3	8.8	60.4
March	1,450.0	137.0	1,587.0	8.6	74.8	944.1	109.8	1,053.9	9.2	47.4	2,394.0	232.8	2,626.8	8.9	60.8
April	1,458.4	135.4	1,593.8	8.5	74.9	946.6	100.2	1,046.8	9.6	47.6	2,405.0	235.6	2,640.6	8.9	61.0
May	1,455.8	136.1	1,591.9	8.6	74.2	950.0	99.4	1,049.5	9.5	47.7	2,395.9	235.5	2,631.4	8.9	60.7
June	1,447.4	137.4	1,584.8	8.6	74.7	951.6	102.5	1,054.1	9.0	47.9	2,419.0	232.5	2,651.5	8.8	61.1
July	1,465.2	145.8	1,611.0	9.1	75.3	968.9	109.2	1,078.1	9.6	48.5	2,434.1	248.3	2,682.4	9.3	61.7
August	1,457.4	128.6	1,586.0	8.1	74.1	958.7	101.2	1,059.9	9.5	47.9	2,416.1	229.8	2,645.9	8.7	60.8
September	1,468.4	134.7	1,603.0	8.4	74.7	969.9	91.6	1,061.5	8.6	47.9	2,438.3	226.3	2,664.5	8.5	61.1
VICTORIA															
1986 -															
August	1,116.6	78.5	1,195.1	6.6	75.6	733.5	64.7	798.2	8.1	48.6	1,850.1	143.2	1,993.3	7.2	61.8
September	1,121.5	77.3	1,198.9	6.5	75.8	745.4	63.6	809.0	7.9	49.2	1,867.0	140.9	2,007.9	7.0	62.2
October	1,129.8	75.3	1,205.1	6.2	76.0	749.6	63.6	813.2	7.8	49.3	1,879.4	138.8	2,018.3	6.9	62.4
November	1,118.7	76.8	1,195.5	6.4	75.3	748.1	64.0	812.1	7.9	49.2	1,866.8	140.8	2,007.6	7.0	62.0
December	1,131.2	77.0	1,208.2	6.4	76.0	753.3	66.8	820.1	8.1	49.6	1,884.5	143.8	2,028.3	7.1	62.5
1987 -															
January	1,135.5	71.9	1,207.4	6.0	75.8	763.3	63.7	827.0	7.7	49.9	1,898.8	135.6	2,034.4	6.7	62.6
February	1,137.5	69.5	1,207.0	5.8	75.7	760.4	64.1	824.5	7.8	49.7	1,897.9	134.6	2,032.5	6.6	62.4
March	1,151.8	70.1	1,221.8	5.7	76.5	767.6	63.4	831.0	8.1	50.3	1,918.4	137.9	2,056.3	6.7	63.1
April	1,149.0	70.9	1,219.9	5.8	76.2	776.4	63.8	840.1	7.6	50.5	1,925.3	134.7	2,060.0	6.5	63.1
May	1,150.1	73.8	1,223.8	6.0	76.3	781.3	56.0	837.3	6.7	50.3	1,931.4	129.8	2,061.2	6.3	63.1
June	1,161.7	71.1	1,232.7	5.8	76.7	772.6	51.5	824.0	6.2	49.4	1,934.2	122.6	2,056.8	6.0	62.8
July	1,159.8	65.7	1,225.5	5.4	76.2	775.5	57.5	833.1	6.9	49.9	1,935.4	123.2	2,058.6	6.0	62.8
August	1,163.3	68.2	1,231.6	5.5	76.5	785.8	63.9	849.6	7.5	50.8	1,949.1	132.1	2,081.2	6.3	63.4
September	1,134.2	62.7	1,196.9	5.2	74.2	776.6	52.1	828.7	6.3	49.5	1,910.8	114.8	2,025.6	5.7	61.6
QUEENSLAND															
1986 -															
August	673.5	66.6	740.1	9.0	76.8	422.0	51.8	473.7	10.9	48.1	1,095.5	118.3	1,213.8	9.8	62.3
September	669.3	69.1	738.3	9.4	76.4	425.5	51.0	476.6	10.7	48.3	1,094.8	120.1	1,214.9	9.9	62.2
October	667.9	70.6	738.6	9.6	76.3	432.5	52.9	485.4	10.9	49.1	1,100.4	123.6	1,224.0	10.1	62.5
November	670.1	69.2	739.3	9.4	76.2	438.4	49.5	487.9	10.1	49.2	1,108.4	118.7	1,227.1	9.7	62.5
December	677.9	73.3	751.2	9.8	77.2	435.8	54.1	489.9	11.0	49.3	1,113.7	127.4	1,241.1	10.3	63.1
1987 -															
January	676.9	66.2	743.1	8.9	76.2	436.7	48.6	485.3	10.0	48.7	1,113.6	114.8	1,228.4	9.3	62.3
February	678.9	68.5	747.4	9.2	76.5	438.7	51.8	490.5	10.9	49.1	1,117.6	120.3	1,238.0	9.7	62.6
March	676.1	74.6	750.7	9.9	76.6	435.4	52.2	487.5	10.7	48.7	1,111.5	126.8	1,238.3	10.2	62.5
April	675.5	72.4	747.8	9.7	76.1	438.4	49.3	487.7	10.1	48.6	1,113.8	121.7	1,235.5	9.8	62.2
May	677.5	73.9	751.3	9.8	76.3	429.6	49.9	479.5	10.4	47.7	1,107.7	123.7	1,231.4	10.1	61.8
June	674.2	71.6	745.8	9.6	75.6	430.3	50.4	480.6	10.5	47.7	1,104.5	122.0	1,226.5	9.9	61.5
July	677.5	69.5	747.0	9.3	75.6	434.7	48.7	483.3	10.1	47.8	1,112.2	118.2	1,230.4	9.6	61.6
August	681.7	68.5	750.1	9.1	75.8	433.4	50.5	484.0	10.4	47.8	1,119.0	119.0	1,238.0	9.6	61.6
September	675.1	68.8	744.0	9.3	75.0	430.2	52.3	482.5	10.8	47.6	1,105.4	121.1	1,226.5	9.9	61.1

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons					
	Employed		Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed		Unemployed	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed		Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -	- per cent -				- '000 -	- per cent -				- '000 -	- per cent -				
SOUTH AUSTRALIA																
1986 -																
August	358.2	33.8	392.1	8.6	74.7	270.7	23.7	264.5	9.0	48.2	599.0	37.5	656.5	8.8	61.3	61.5
September	358.4	36.4	394.7	9.2	75.1	241.4	24.5	265.9	9.2	48.4	599.7	60.9	660.6	9.2	61.4	61.2
October	358.3	37.1	395.4	9.4	75.1	239.3	25.9	265.2	9.8	48.3	597.6	63.0	660.6	9.5	61.4	61.2
November	358.5	34.8	393.3	8.8	74.6	241.6	23.8	265.4	9.0	48.2	600.2	58.6	658.7	8.7	61.2	61.2
December	358.4	35.4	393.8	9.0	74.6	244.3	22.3	266.6	8.4	48.4	602.7	57.7	660.4	8.7	61.2	61.2
1987 -																
January	358.5	32.6	391.0	8.3	74.0	240.8	22.5	263.3	8.5	47.7	599.3	55.1	654.3	8.4	60.6	60.6
February	358.0	37.0	395.0	9.5	73.5	244.4	24.2	268.6	9.0	48.6	596.4	61.1	657.6	9.3	60.8	60.8
March	354.8	36.7	391.4	9.4	73.9	242.4	24.2	266.6	9.1	48.2	597.1	60.9	658.0	9.2	61.2	61.2
April	358.4	33.6	392.0	8.6	73.9	243.5	27.4	270.9	10.1	48.9	601.9	61.0	662.9	9.1	60.9	60.9
May	357.5	34.3	391.8	8.8	73.8	243.2	25.7	268.9	9.6	48.5	600.7	60.0	660.7	9.1	60.9	60.9
June	357.4	34.0	391.3	8.7	73.6	245.8	24.5	270.3	9.1	48.7	603.2	58.5	661.7	8.8	60.9	60.9
July	361.6	35.7	397.3	9.6	74.7	242.8	25.9	268.7	9.6	48.4	604.4	61.7	666.0	9.3	61.3	61.3
August	360.7	35.0	395.8	8.9	74.4	241.5	27.9	269.5	10.4	48.5	602.3	63.0	665.3	9.5	61.1	61.1
September	362.0	30.2	392.1	7.7	73.6	241.3	22.8	264.1	8.6	47.5	603.3	53.0	656.2	8.1	60.3	60.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA																
1986 -																
August	395.3	32.1	427.4	7.5	78.5	257.4	24.0	281.4	8.5	51.7	652.6	56.1	708.8	7.9	65.1	65.1
September	393.9	32.8	426.7	7.7	78.1	261.1	24.6	285.7	8.6	52.3	655.0	57.4	712.4	8.1	65.2	65.2
October	393.2	32.4	425.6	7.6	77.7	260.5	22.6	283.1	8.0	51.7	653.8	55.0	708.8	7.8	64.7	64.7
November	388.5	32.7	421.3	7.8	76.7	262.0	22.7	284.7	8.0	51.8	650.5	55.5	706.0	7.9	64.2	64.2
December	391.0	33.8	424.8	7.9	77.1	255.8	23.1	278.9	8.3	50.6	646.8	56.9	703.7	8.1	63.8	63.8
1987 -																
January	386.1	33.3	419.4	7.9	75.9	260.2	22.8	282.9	8.0	51.2	646.3	56.0	702.3	8.0	63.5	63.5
February	390.3	28.9	419.3	6.9	75.7	266.0	24.2	290.3	8.3	52.4	656.4	53.2	709.5	7.5	64.0	64.0
March	393.9	30.3	424.1	7.1	76.4	259.8	26.9	286.7	9.4	51.6	653.6	57.2	710.8	8.0	64.0	64.0
April	394.2	32.6	426.8	7.6	76.6	258.9	25.6	284.6	8.5	50.3	652.4	56.4	708.7	8.2	63.8	63.8
May	395.0	32.5	427.5	7.6	76.5	257.4	23.8	281.3	8.5	50.3	652.4	56.4	708.7	8.0	63.4	63.4
June	405.2	32.2	437.7	7.4	78.1	261.6	23.3	284.9	8.2	50.7	666.8	55.7	722.5	7.9	64.5	64.5
July	413.0	33.5	446.2	7.4	78.9	260.6	22.9	282.5	8.1	50.1	670.9	56.0	726.9	7.7	64.5	64.5
August	411.3	33.0	444.4	7.4	78.9	259.6	22.2	282.5	7.4	50.9	676.0	51.3	727.2	7.0	64.4	64.4
September	409.3	30.1	439.4	6.8	77.8	266.6	21.2	287.8								
TASMANIA																
1986 -																
August	115.4	9.5	124.9	7.6	74.7	71.8	7.1	79.0	9.0	45.7	187.2	16.7	203.9	8.2	60.0	60.0
September	115.6	9.9	125.5	7.9	74.9	71.4	6.9	78.3	8.8	45.2	187.0	16.8	203.8	8.2	59.9	59.9
October	115.1	10.7	125.9	8.5	75.1	71.1	8.1	79.2	10.2	45.7	186.2	18.8	205.1	9.2	60.1	60.1
November	113.7	11.1	124.9	8.9	74.3	71.3	8.2	79.5	10.3	45.8	185.1	19.3	204.4	9.5	59.8	59.8
December	115.0	11.9	126.9	9.4	75.4	73.0	8.7	81.7	10.6	46.9	188.0	20.6	208.6	9.9	61.0	61.0
1987 -																
January	113.2	11.9	125.1	9.5	74.2	72.9	7.5	80.4	9.4	46.2	186.1	19.4	205.6	9.4	60.0	60.0
February	115.5	11.3	126.8	8.9	75.1	71.3	8.1	79.4	10.2	45.5	186.8	19.4	206.2	9.5	60.1	60.1
March	114.3	12.5	126.8	9.9	75.0	71.2	7.6	78.8	9.6	45.1	185.5	20.1	205.6	9.8	59.7	59.7
April	115.0	11.0	126.0	8.7	74.5	71.7	7.7	78.4	9.7	45.4	186.7	18.6	205.4	9.1	59.7	59.7
May	113.0	12.6	125.6	10.0	74.2	69.5	7.7	77.2	10.0	44.1	182.5	20.3	202.8	10.0	58.9	58.9
June	114.2	11.8	126.0	9.4	74.4	71.2	9.3	80.5	11.5	45.9	185.3	21.2	206.5	10.2	59.5	59.5
July	114.0	10.8	124.7	8.6	73.5	71.3	9.2	80.5	11.5	45.9	185.2	20.0	205.2	9.7	59.5	59.5
August	114.2	10.8	125.0	8.6	73.7	72.5	9.0	80.3	9.7	45.7	186.7	18.6	205.3	9.0	59.0	59.0
September	113.5	11.3	124.8	9.1	73.5	71.5	7.6	79.1	9.6	45.0	185.0	18.9	203.9	9.3	59.0	59.0

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -	- per cent -				- '000 -	- per cent -				- '000 -	- per cent -			
	NEW SOUTH WALES														
1986 -															
August	1,447.6	130.0	1,577.6	8.2	75.3	924.4	95.0	1,019.4	9.3	47.0	2,372.0	225.1	2,597.1	8.7	60.9
September	1,446.0	132.9	1,578.9	8.4	75.2	924.2	94.2	1,018.5	9.3	46.9	2,370.3	227.1	2,597.4	8.7	60.8
October	1,444.8	136.1	1,580.9	8.6	75.2	925.4	92.3	1,017.8	9.1	46.8	2,370.2	228.5	2,598.7	8.8	60.7
November	1,444.6	139.1	1,583.7	8.8	75.2	927.8	90.2	1,018.0	8.9	46.7	2,372.5	229.3	2,601.7	8.8	60.7
December	1,445.3	140.8	1,586.2	8.9	75.1	930.8	89.0	1,019.8	8.7	46.7	2,376.1	229.8	2,606.0	8.8	60.7
1987 -															
January	1,446.5	141.1	1,587.5	8.9	75.0	934.2	89.4	1,023.6	8.7	46.8	2,380.7	230.4	2,611.1	8.8	60.7
February	1,447.8	140.3	1,588.1	8.8	74.9	938.0	91.2	1,029.2	8.9	47.0	2,385.9	231.5	2,617.4	8.8	60.7
March	1,449.5	139.2	1,588.6	8.7	74.8	942.3	93.9	1,036.2	9.1	47.2	2,391.8	232.0	2,624.9	8.9	60.8
April	1,451.6	138.2	1,589.8	8.7	74.7	947.3	96.6	1,043.9	9.3	47.5	2,406.9	235.9	2,642.8	8.9	61.0
May	1,451.6	138.2	1,589.8	8.7	74.7	947.3	96.6	1,043.9	9.3	47.5	2,406.9	235.9	2,642.8	8.9	61.0
June	1,454.2	137.5	1,591.7	8.6	74.7	952.7	98.3	1,051.0	9.4	47.7	2,414.9	236.1	2,651.0	8.9	61.1
July	1,457.0	137.1	1,594.1	8.6	74.7	957.9	99.0	1,056.9	9.4	47.9	2,414.9	236.1	2,651.0	8.9	61.1
August	1,459.8	136.6	1,596.4	8.6	74.7	962.3	98.9	1,061.2	9.3	48.0	2,422.1	235.5	2,657.6	8.9	61.1
September	1,462.3	135.9	1,598.2	8.5	74.6	965.9	98.5	1,064.4	9.3	48.1	2,428.2	234.6	2,662.8	8.8	61.1
October	1,464.4	135.3	1,599.8	8.5	74.6	968.2	97.3	1,065.4	9.1	48.1	2,432.6	232.6	2,665.2	8.7	61.1
VICTORIA															
1986 -															
August	1,119.5	73.2	1,192.8	6.1	75.5	739.9	62.9	802.7	7.8	48.9	1,859.4	136.1	1,995.5	6.8	61.9
September	1,120.7	75.6	1,196.3	6.3	75.6	742.2	63.7	805.9	7.9	49.0	1,862.9	139.3	2,002.2	7.0	62.0
October	1,122.8	76.9	1,199.6	6.4	75.7	746.0	64.3	810.2	7.9	49.2	1,868.7	141.1	2,009.8	7.0	62.2
November	1,126.0	76.5	1,202.5	6.4	75.7	750.2	64.8	815.0	8.0	49.4	1,876.2	141.3	2,017.5	7.0	62.3
December	1,130.4	74.8	1,205.1	6.2	75.8	754.7	65.4	820.1	8.0	49.6	1,885.1	140.2	2,025.3	6.9	62.4
1987 -															
January	1,135.2	73.1	1,208.3	6.0	75.9	759.5	65.6	825.1	7.9	49.8	1,894.8	138.6	2,033.4	6.8	62.6
February	1,140.2	71.9	1,212.1	5.9	76.0	764.2	64.8	829.1	7.8	50.0	1,904.4	136.8	2,041.2	6.7	62.7
March	1,146.0	71.4	1,217.3	5.9	76.2	768.7	63.3	832.0	7.6	50.1	1,914.7	134.7	2,049.4	6.4	62.9
April	1,151.2	71.0	1,222.2	5.8	76.4	772.6	61.3	837.9	7.3	50.3	1,923.8	132.3	2,056.1	6.4	63.0
May	1,154.6	70.5	1,225.1	5.8	76.4	775.4	59.3	834.7	7.1	50.1	1,930.0	129.8	2,059.8	6.3	63.0
June	1,156.1	69.6	1,225.7	5.7	76.3	777.3	57.8	835.1	6.9	50.1	1,933.4	127.4	2,060.8	6.2	62.9
July	1,155.9	68.3	1,224.3	5.6	76.1	778.7	56.7	835.5	6.8	50.0	1,934.7	125.1	2,059.7	6.1	62.8
August	1,154.5	66.9	1,221.4	5.5	75.8	779.8	56.0	835.8	6.6	49.9	1,931.9	120.8	2,052.6	5.9	62.4
September	1,151.8	65.4	1,217.1	5.4	75.5	780.1	55.4	835.5	6.6	49.9	1,931.9	120.8	2,052.6	5.9	62.4
QUEENSLAND															
1986 -															
August	668.9	68.6	737.5	9.3	76.5	424.1	50.9	475.0	10.7	48.2	1,093.0	119.6	1,212.6	9.9	62.2
September	669.5	69.2	738.7	9.4	76.5	427.7	51.5	479.2	10.8	48.6	1,097.2	120.7	1,217.9	9.9	62.4
October	670.9	69.5	740.4	9.4	76.5	431.3	51.7	483.0	10.7	48.8	1,102.2	121.2	1,223.4	9.9	62.5
November	672.7	69.6	742.4	9.4	76.5	434.5	51.7	486.2	10.6	49.0	1,107.2	121.3	1,228.6	9.9	62.6
December	674.5	69.9	744.4	9.4	76.5	436.8	51.5	488.3	10.5	49.1	1,111.4	121.4	1,232.8	9.8	62.7
1987 -															
January	676.1	70.3	746.5	9.4	76.5	437.8	51.3	489.0	10.5	49.1	1,113.9	121.6	1,235.5	9.8	62.6
February	676.9	71.0	747.9	9.5	76.5	437.4	51.0	488.4	10.4	48.9	1,114.3	122.0	1,236.3	9.9	62.5
March	677.1	71.7	748.8	9.6	76.3	434.8	50.7	486.9	10.4	48.6	1,113.3	122.4	1,235.7	9.9	62.4
April	676.8	72.1	748.9	9.6	76.1	433.7	50.1	483.7	10.3	48.1	1,111.6	122.5	1,234.1	9.9	62.1
May	676.6	72.1	748.7	9.6	76.1	433.7	50.1	483.7	10.3	48.1	1,111.6	122.5	1,234.1	9.9	62.1
June	676.8	71.5	748.3	9.6	75.9	432.8	50.0	482.8	10.4	47.9	1,109.4	121.5	1,231.1	9.8	61.7
July	677.2	70.6	747.8	9.4	75.7	432.2	50.1	482.3	10.4	47.7	1,109.3	120.7	1,230.0	9.8	61.5
August	677.5	69.6	747.1	9.3	75.5	431.7	50.4	482.1	10.4	47.5	1,109.3	119.2	1,229.1	9.8	61.4
September	677.8	68.5	746.4	9.2	75.2	431.5	50.7	482.2	10.5	47.5	1,109.3	119.2	1,228.6	9.7	61.2

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- '000 -	- per cent -	- per cent -
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
August	358.3	34.6	392.9	8.8	74.9	241.3	23.6	265.0	8.9	48.3	599.6	58.3	657.9	8.9	61.3
September	358.4	35.2	393.6	8.9	74.9	241.2	24.1	265.3	9.1	48.3	599.7	59.3	659.0	9.0	61.3
October	358.4	35.5	393.9	9.0	74.9	241.3	24.1	265.3	9.1	48.3	599.6	59.6	659.2	9.0	61.3
November	358.0	35.6	393.5	9.0	74.7	241.6	23.8	265.5	9.0	48.2	599.6	59.4	659.0	9.0	61.2
December	357.3	35.5	392.8	9.0	74.4	242.1	23.6	265.7	8.9	48.2	599.4	59.1	658.4	9.0	61.0
1987 -															
January	356.5	35.2	391.8	9.0	74.2	242.6	23.6	266.2	8.9	48.2	599.1	58.9	658.0	8.9	60.9
February	355.9	35.1	391.0	9.0	73.9	243.0	24.0	267.0	9.0	48.3	599.0	59.0	658.0	9.0	60.8
March	355.8	35.0	390.8	9.0	73.8	243.4	24.6	268.1	9.2	48.5	599.3	59.6	658.9	9.1	60.9
April	356.4	35.0	391.4	8.9	73.8	243.6	25.3	269.0	9.4	48.6	600.1	60.3	660.4	9.1	60.9
May	357.5	34.9	392.4	8.9	73.9	243.6	25.8	269.4	9.6	48.6	601.2	60.6	661.8	9.2	61.0
June	358.8	34.5	393.3	8.8	74.0	243.5	25.9	269.3	9.6	48.6	602.3	60.4	662.6	9.0	61.0
July	360.0	34.0	394.0	8.6	74.1	243.1	25.7	268.8	9.6	48.4	603.1	59.8	662.8	8.9	60.9
August	361.0	33.5	394.5	8.5	74.1	242.5	25.5	268.0	9.5	48.2	603.6	59.0	662.6	8.9	60.9
September	361.7	33.0	394.7	8.4	74.1	242.1	25.2	267.3	9.4	48.1	603.8	58.2	662.0	8.8	60.8
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
August	394.3	32.0	426.3	7.5	78.3	259.0	23.8	282.8	8.4	51.9	653.3	55.8	709.1	7.9	65.1
September	393.5	32.5	426.0	7.6	78.0	259.7	23.5	283.2	8.3	51.9	653.2	56.0	709.2	7.9	64.9
October	392.1	32.8	424.9	7.7	77.5	260.1	23.2	283.3	8.2	51.7	652.2	56.0	708.2	7.9	64.6
November	390.6	32.8	423.4	7.7	77.0	260.4	23.1	283.5	8.1	51.6	651.0	55.9	706.9	7.9	64.1
December	389.5	32.4	421.9	7.7	76.5	260.6	23.3	284.0	8.2	51.5	650.1	55.8	705.8	7.9	64.0
1987 -															
January	389.1	31.9	421.0	7.6	76.2	260.7	23.8	284.5	8.4	51.5	649.7	55.7	705.5	7.9	63.8
February	389.8	31.5	421.3	7.5	76.1	260.6	24.4	285.1	8.6	51.4	650.4	55.9	706.4	7.9	63.7
March	392.0	31.5	423.4	7.4	76.2	260.3	24.9	285.2	8.7	51.3	652.3	56.3	708.7	8.0	63.8
April	395.5	31.7	427.2	7.4	76.7	260.0	25.0	285.0	8.8	51.1	653.5	56.7	712.2	8.0	63.9
May	399.6	32.1	431.7	7.4	77.3	259.9	24.7	284.6	8.7	50.9	659.5	56.8	716.3	7.9	64.1
June	403.7	32.4	436.1	7.4	77.8	260.1	24.1	284.2	8.5	50.7	663.8	56.5	720.3	7.8	64.3
July	407.4	32.5	439.9	7.4	78.3	260.8	23.4	284.2	8.2	50.6	668.1	55.9	724.1	7.7	64.4
August	410.3	32.4	442.7	7.3	78.6	261.7	22.8	284.5	8.0	50.5	672.1	55.2	727.2	7.6	64.5
September	412.5	32.0	444.6	7.2	78.7	263.0	22.1	285.2	7.8	50.5	675.6	54.2	729.7	7.4	64.6
TASMANIA															
1986 -															
August	115.1	9.9	125.0	7.9	74.8	71.2	7.1	78.3	9.1	45.3	186.3	17.0	203.3	8.4	59.8
September	115.1	10.2	125.3	8.1	74.8	71.5	7.4	78.9	9.4	45.6	186.6	17.5	204.2	8.6	60.0
October	114.9	10.6	125.5	8.5	74.8	71.8	7.7	79.5	9.7	45.9	186.7	18.3	205.0	8.9	60.1
November	114.7	11.1	125.8	8.8	74.9	72.0	8.0	80.0	10.0	46.1	186.7	19.1	205.8	9.3	60.2
December	114.5	11.5	126.0	9.1	74.9	72.1	8.1	80.2	10.1	46.1	186.6	19.5	206.2	9.5	60.2
1987 -															
January	114.4	11.8	126.2	9.3	74.9	72.1	8.0	80.0	10.0	46.0	186.5	19.7	206.2	9.6	60.2
February	114.4	11.9	126.3	9.4	74.8	71.8	7.9	79.7	9.9	45.7	186.2	19.8	206.0	9.6	60.0
March	114.3	11.9	126.3	9.3	74.7	71.9	7.9	79.3	9.4	45.4	185.8	19.8	205.6	9.7	59.8
April	114.3	11.9	126.1	9.4	74.6	71.1	7.9	78.1	10.2	45.2	185.4	19.9	205.2	9.7	59.7
May	114.1	11.7	125.9	9.3	74.3	70.9	8.2	79.2	10.4	45.2	185.1	19.9	205.0	9.7	59.5
June	114.0	11.5	125.5	9.2	74.1	71.1	8.4	79.4	10.5	45.3	185.1	19.9	205.0	9.7	59.5
July	113.9	11.3	125.2	9.1	73.9	71.3	79.7	79.7	10.6	45.4	185.2	19.8	204.9	9.6	59.4
August	113.8	11.2	125.0	8.9	73.6	71.5	8.3	79.9	10.5	45.5	185.3	19.5	204.8	9.5	59.3
September	113.8	11.0	124.8	8.8	73.5	71.7	8.0	79.0	10.3	45.5	185.5	19.2	204.8	9.4	59.3

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE, SEPTEMBER 1987

Age group	Number ('000)				Participation rate (per cent)					
	Females				Males					
	Males	Married	Not married	Total	Persons	Males	Married	Not married	Total	Persons
15-64	4,570.9	1,811.2	1,285.2	3,096.4	7,667.3	84.1	54.5	63.4	57.9	71.1
15-19	412.2	11.7	380.8	392.4	804.6	58.6	54.9	57.9	57.8	58.2
20-24	585.9	140.9	345.3	489.2	1,075.1	88.5	64.1	81.1	75.2	81.9
25-34	1,257.0	564.8	277.6	842.4	2,099.3	95.1	58.5	77.2	63.6	79.3
35-44	1,127.1	616.7	145.6	762.3	1,489.4	94.4	64.7	67.7	65.2	80.0
45-54	745.2	351.8	93.3	445.0	1,190.2	90.0	55.8	57.3	56.1	73.4
55-59	284.9	91.1	26.9	118.0	402.9	75.6	32.4	30.7	32.0	54.1
60-64	158.6	31.3	15.8	47.1	205.7	45.2	12.7	13.4	11.0	28.8
65 and over	71.5	14.0	11.2	25.2	96.7	9.8	3.5	1.8	2.5	5.6
Total	4,642.5	1,825.2	1,296.4	3,121.6	7,764.0	75.3	49.1	49.1	49.1	62.0

TABLE 11. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION (a), SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15-19	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
- '000 -										
- per cent -										
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	231.3	251.3	47.5	*	48.5	299.8	11.9	311.6	16.2	96.2
Females	173.9	204.0	41.7	*	44.9	248.9	31.9	280.8	18.0	88.6
Persons	405.2	455.3	89.1	4.3	93.4	548.7	43.8	592.4	17.0	92.6
Left school - Before 1985	114.6	125.7	28.3	*	29.8	155.5	18.9	174.5	19.2	89.1
1985	140.9	155.7	26.4	*	27.6	183.4	10.1	193.5	15.1	94.8
1986 to survey date	149.6	173.9	34.4	*	35.9	209.8	14.7	224.5	17.1	93.4
Age -	6.5	10.1	5.0	*	5.0	15.2	4.1	19.2	33.1	78.8
15	43.4	48.4	11.6	*	12.3	61.7	4.3	66.0	20.0	93.4
16	81.7	93.3	21.1	*	21.5	114.8	8.0	122.8	18.7	93.5
17	130.0	144.6	25.1	*	26.7	171.3	12.5	183.8	15.6	93.2
18	130.0	144.6	25.1	*	26.7	171.3	12.5	183.8	15.6	93.2
19	143.6	157.8	26.4	*	27.9	185.7	14.8	200.5	15.0	92.6
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	*	23.2	*	*	6.4	29.6	29.5	59.1	21.6	50.1
Females	*	26.0	*	6.0	7.0	33.0	37.1	70.1	21.3	47.1
Persons	4.9	49.2	4.0	9.4	13.4	62.6	66.6	129.2	21.4	48.4
Left school - Before 1985	*	*	*	*	4.9	4.9	4.1	9.0	16.9	54.2
1985	*	20.3	*	*	24.1	24.1	18.7	42.9	21.8	56.3
1986 to survey date	*	25.0	*	5.8	8.5	33.6	43.8	77.3	25.4	43.4
Age -	*	*	*	*	4.0	*	6.4	10.3	30.1	58.0
15 and 16	*	7.0	*	5.1	4.7	9.5	6.9	16.4	21.8	44.6
17	4.4	16.7	*	4.1	4.7	21.4	26.6	47.9	17.1	51.0
18	*	23.1	*	4.1	4.8	27.9	26.8	54.7	17.1	51.0
19	*	23.1	*	4.1	4.8	27.9	26.8	54.7	17.1	51.0
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	*	66.4	4.1	12.3	16.4	82.8	246.8	329.6	19.8	25.1
Females	*	86.9	4.9	18.7	23.6	110.5	216.5	327.0	21.3	33.8
Persons	*	153.4	9.0	31.0	40.0	193.3	463.2	656.6	20.7	29.4
Age -	*	49.1	*	16.3	18.4	67.5	194.0	261.5	27.3	25.8
15	*	55.5	4.7	9.8	14.5	70.0	144.8	214.8	20.7	32.6
16	*	37.7	*	5.9	43.6	93.2	136.8	136.8	13.6	31.9
17	*	11.1	*	4.8	12.2	31.3	43.5	43.5	*	28.1
18 and 19	*	11.1	*	4.8	12.2	31.3	43.5	43.5	*	28.1
TOTAL										
Males	236.3	341.0	54.5	16.7	71.2	412.2	288.2	700.4	17.3	58.9
Females	176.0	316.9	47.6	27.9	75.5	392.4	285.4	677.9	19.2	57.9
Persons	412.3	657.8	102.1	44.7	146.8	804.6	573.6	1,378.2	18.2	58.4
Age -	7.9	59.9	7.2	16.3	23.5	83.4	198.5	281.9	28.2	29.6
15	44.6	106.6	17.5	10.8	28.2	134.8	155.1	289.9	20.9	46.5
16	83.4	138.0	24.5	5.5	29.9	167.9	108.1	276.0	17.8	60.8
17	130.7	171.6	25.9	6.5	32.4	204.0	66.1	270.1	15.9	75.5
18	145.7	181.7	27.1	5.6	32.7	214.5	45.8	260.3	15.3	82.4

(a) Excludes persons in institutions such as hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc. See Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 20-24: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION(s), SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 20-24	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
- '000 -										
- per cent -										
NOT ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	467.7	487.0	67.4	*	69.0	556.0	28.8	584.3	12.4	95.1
Females	349.7	415.5	40.7	5.4	46.2	461.7	122.3	583.6	10.0	79.1
Persons	817.3	902.5	108.1	7.1	115.2	1,017.7	151.1	1,167.8	11.3	87.1
Age -										
20	150.8	168.1	23.5	*	25.2	193.3	19.2	211.4	13.0	91.0
21	152.9	165.0	26.1	*	27.2	192.2	26.7	218.9	14.2	87.8
22	162.7	179.5	22.5	)	(23.7	203.2	29.9	233.2	11.7	87.2
23	172.6	191.1	19.5	) 4.4	(20.5	211.5	34.4	246.0	9.7	86.0
24	178.4	198.9	16.4	)	(18.6	217.5	40.9	258.4	8.5	84.2
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	*	26.2	*	*	*	29.9	42.8	72.7	*	41.1
Females	*	25.6	*	*	*	27.5	37.5	65.0	*	42.3
Persons	6.7	51.8	*	*	5.6	57.4	80.3	137.7	9.8	41.7
Age -										
20	*	16.9	*	*	(20.0	24.0	44.0	)	(45.4	
21	*	12.0	*	*	) 4.2	(12.7	23.0	35.7	) 9.8	(35.7
22	) (9.8	*	*	*	) (10.3	15.0	25.3	)	(40.7	
23	) 4.7	(6.7	*	*	) 7.7	12.4	20.1	*	38.4	
24	) (6.4	*	*	*	(6.7	5.9	12.6	*	53.5	
TOTAL										
Males	471.5	513.2	69.4	*	72.7	585.9	71.6	656.9	12.4	89.1
Females	352.6	441.1	41.1	7.0	48.1	489.2	159.8	648.6	9.8	75.4
Persons	824.1	954.4	110.5	10.3	120.8	1,075.1	231.4	1,305.5	11.2	82.3
Age -										
20	151.7	185.0	24.7	) 5.0	(28.2	213.2	43.2	255.4	13.2	83.2
21	154.1	177.0	26.4	)	(27.9	204.9	49.7	254.6	13.6	80.5
22	163.7	189.3	22.5	)	(24.2	213.5	45.0	258.5	11.3	82.6
23	174.1	197.8	20.1	) 5.4	(21.5	219.3	46.8	266.1	9.8	82.4
24	180.5	205.3	16.7	)	(19.0	224.3	46.8	271.0	8.5	82.7

(a) Excludes persons in institutions such as hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc. See Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES (a), BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, SEPTEMBER 1987 (per cent)

Age group	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-64	85.0	59.1	72.0	84.1	55.2	70.2
15-19	60.9	60.0	60.5	53.3	47.5	50.5
20-24	90.7	76.6	83.7	82.3	69.8	75.9
25-34	96.2	64.2	80.2	93.4	61.9	77.6
35-44	95.5	65.2	80.3	93.6	65.9	80.4
45-54	91.6	57.2	74.2	87.8	54.0	72.5
55-59	76.3	31.9	53.6	75.7	32.6	56.1
60-64	43.7	13.4	27.8	49.5	12.1	31.8
65 and over	10.8	2.9	6.3	9.0	2.6	5.8
Total	76.9	51.1	63.7	74.5	47.3	61.3

(a) See the definition of the labour force participation rate in the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 14. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY BIRTHPLACE, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate(s)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full- time work	Total			
- '000 -							
- per cent -							
MALES							
Born in Australia	2,943.5	3,192.0	225.8	246.1	3,438.1	7.2	76.9
Born outside Australia	1,042.5	1,104.7	92.7	99.6	1,204.3	8.3	74.5
Africa	29.8	32.0	*	*	34.8	*	78.0
America	31.0	33.9	*	*	37.6	*	79.5
Asia	152.4	165.0	24.7	27.8	192.8	14.4	72.8
Lebanon	14.2	16.2	5.1	5.4	21.6	24.9	68.4
Vietnam	22.2	23.0	8.6	8.8	31.7	27.6	80.9
Europe	743.5	784.0	52.0	54.4	838.4	6.5	73.3
Germany	35.8	37.3	*	*	39.9	*	80.8
Greece	40.9	43.1	4.1	4.1	47.2	8.7	74.1
Italy	102.6	106.5	5.0	5.0	111.4	4.4	71.4
Malta	20.7	21.1	*	*	22.6	*	77.7
Netherlands	34.6	36.9	*	*	39.0	*	78.1
Poland	17.0	18.5	*	*	19.6	*	50.9
UK and Ireland	368.4	391.0	26.2	27.8	418.7	6.6	74.4
Yugoslavia	51.6	54.5	4.9	5.0	59.5	8.4	74.3
Oceania	85.8	89.9	9.9	10.8	100.8	10.8	86.2
New Zealand	74.5	77.5	7.9	8.9	86.3	10.3	88.4
MARRIED FEMALES							
Born in Australia	640.5	1,261.7	33.9	63.3	1,325.0	4.8	49.6
Born outside Australia	283.1	465.5	23.9	34.7	500.2	6.9	48.3
Africa	10.2	15.4	*	*	17.5	*	53.7
America	9.0	15.2	*	*	17.5	*	58.9
Asia	57.0	76.1	8.0	9.4	85.5	11.0	48.0
Lebanon	*	4.2	*	*	5.2	*	24.6
Vietnam	7.8	8.9	*	*	10.9	*	53.2
Europe	185.5	322.2	11.5	19.3	341.5	5.6	46.4
Germany	8.4	18.6	*	*	19.1	*	46.6
Greece	14.0	21.3	*	*	22.6	*	45.6
Italy	20.7	37.4	*	*	39.2	*	37.5
Malta	*	7.1	*	*	7.5	*	38.0
Netherlands	6.8	16.7	*	*	17.9	*	51.5
Poland	4.4	7.4	*	*	7.8	*	37.2
UK and Ireland	90.8	162.5	6.1	10.8	173.3	6.3	49.9
Yugoslavia	20.4	25.2	*	*	26.9	*	51.9
Oceania	21.3	36.6	*	*	40.2	*	65.0
New Zealand	16.5	30.2	*	*	32.4	*	65.7
ALL FEMALES							
Born in Australia	1,320.7	2,214.2	124.4	185.1	2,399.2	7.7	51.1
Born outside Australia	427.6	654.9	46.8	67.4	722.3	9.3	47.3
Africa	12.6	19.2	*	*	20.3	*	48.9
America	15.4	24.0	*	4.5	28.5	15.8	57.1
Asia	84.5	111.9	14.5	18.4	130.3	14.1	48.3
Lebanon	4.7	6.8	*	*	9.3	*	30.4
Vietnam	10.8	12.2	*	4.2	16.4	25.6	51.7
Europe	268.0	428.2	22.2	34.4	462.6	7.4	44.2
Germany	11.7	24.0	*	*	25.9	*	43.6
Greece	15.1	23.0	*	*	24.5	*	40.9
Italy	26.8	44.3	*	*	46.8	*	36.0
Malta	5.5	9.4	*	*	9.9	*	40.8
Netherlands	10.4	21.7	*	*	23.4	*	50.3
Poland	5.2	12.7	*	*	8.9	*	29.3
UK and Ireland	144.5	232.0	12.1	18.9	250.9	7.5	47.6
Yugoslavia	25.2	30.0	*	*	33.1	*	48.8
Oceania	47.2	71.6	6.2	9.0	80.6	11.2	67.1
New Zealand	37.2	58.3	5.0	6.5	64.8	10.1	67.2
PERSONS							
Born in Australia	4,264.2	5,406.2	350.1	431.1	5,837.4	7.4	63.7
Born outside Australia	1,470.1	1,759.6	139.5	167.0	1,926.7	8.7	61.3
Africa	42.4	51.2	*	*	55.1	*	64.0
America	46.4	57.9	6.5	8.2	66.1	12.5	68.0
Asia	236.8	276.8	39.2	46.2	323.0	14.3	60.4
Lebanon	19.0	23.0	7.1	7.9	30.9	25.6	49.7
Vietnam	33.0	35.2	12.0	13.0	48.2	26.9	67.8
Europe	1,011.5	1,212.2	74.2	88.8	1,301.0	6.8	59.4
Germany	47.4	61.3	5.0	5.5	65.7	6.8	60.5
Greece	56.0	66.1	6.3	7.4	71.6	7.7	58.0
Italy	129.4	150.8	6.3	7.5	158.3	4.7	55.3
Malta	26.2	30.5	*	*	32.6	*	60.8
Netherlands	45.0	58.7	*	*	62.4	*	64.7
Poland	22.2	26.7	*	*	28.5	*	41.4
UK and Ireland	512.9	623.0	38.4	46.6	669.6	7.0	62.6
Yugoslavia	76.8	84.5	7.1	8.1	92.6	8.7	76.5
Oceania	132.9	161.5	16.1	19.9	181.4	11.0	77.9
New Zealand	111.7	135.8	12.9	15.4	151.2	10.2	

(a) See the definition of the labour force participation rate in the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 15. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA: BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1987

Period of arrival	Europe					Oceania		Total		Females		
	Africa	America	Asia	Ireland and other countries	U.K.	New Zealand	Total	Males	Married	Total	Persons	
EMPLOYED ('000)												
Before 1971	23.3	17.0	69.6	196.1	463.7	28.5	37.2	654.2	266.2	352.7	1,086.9	
1971 - 1975	9.1	17.8	47.0	101.3	56.2	17.1	21.9	152.4	65.2	101.0	253.3	
1976 - 1980	6.1	6.7	66.2	49.0	23.9	33.2	38.0	113.5	52.0	76.4	189.9	
1981 - 1985	9.0	12.1	74.6	55.5	34.2	32.3	36.7	132.6	63.9	89.5	222.1	
1986 to survey date	*	4.3	19.5	21.1	11.2	24.7	27.6	52.1	18.1	35.3	87.3	
UNEMPLOYED ('000)												
Before 1971	*	4.8	(6.0	27.3	28.6	4.0	5.2	(42.1	13.1	24.1	66.3	
1971 - 1975	*	(5.2	11.0	5.6	5.6	(4.0	5.3	(18.1	5.2	12.2	30.4	
1976 - 1980	*	*	8.8	6.3	6.0	(5.4	5.3	11.4	4.2	8.3	19.6	
1981 - 1985	*	*	15.2	6.3	6.0	(5.4	5.3	11.7	6.6	12.4	28.7	
1986 to survey date	*	*	11.1	*	*	4.8	5.3	11.7	5.6	10.5	22.1	
LABOUR FORCE ('000)												
Before 1971	24.9	18.1	75.5	423.4	492.3	29.6	38.9	696.4	279.3	376.8	1,073.2	
1971 - 1975	10.4	21.5	52.2	112.3	61.7	20.0	25.5	170.5	70.4	113.2	283.7	
1976 - 1980	6.7	7.9	75.0	51.7	26.3	36.0	42.0	124.8	56.2	84.7	209.5	
1981 - 1985	9.0	13.0	89.7	59.1	37.8	36.1	42.1	148.9	70.5	101.9	250.8	
1986 to survey date	4.0	5.6	30.6	23.1	13.3	29.5	32.9	63.7	23.7	45.7	109.5	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)												
Before 1971	*	12.1	(7.9	6.5	5.8	8.1	8.1	(6.1	4.7	6.4	6.2	
1971 - 1975	*	(9.9	9.8	9.0	9.0	(9.5	9.1	7.5	9.8	9.4	9.4	
1976 - 1980	*	*	11.8	5.7	9.4	9.1	12.7	11.0	9.3	12.1	11.4	
1981 - 1985	*	*	16.9	*	*	16.3	16.1	18.3	23.6	22.9	20.2	
1986 to survey date	*	*	36.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
PARTICIPATION RATE (a) (per cent)												
Before 1971	59.4	63.9	59.8	56.5	55.4	62.6	65.4	70.2	44.0	41.8	56.6	
1971 - 1975	75.0	75.4	69.0	73.5	68.8	80.7	77.6	85.4	56.8	58.4	72.1	
1976 - 1980	68.7	67.8	83.9	74.8	61.6	82.7	82.5	83.8	56.8	55.6	69.5	
1981 - 1985	63.0	65.6	59.1	71.2	69.5	81.9	77.8	79.1	55.1	53.8	66.4	
1986 to survey date	65.1	62.7	48.1	65.9	56.1	85.4	82.8	72.6	48.2	51.2	61.8	

(a) See the definition of the labour force participation rate in the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 16. EMPLOYED PERSONS: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS, BY AGE, SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Full-time workers	236.3	471.5	1,134.5	1,042.1	682.2	249.8	127.3	42.3	3,986.0
Part-time workers	104.7	41.7	39.8	32.5	26.0	18.7	19.1	28.2	310.8
Total	341.0	513.2	1,174.3	1,074.7	708.2	268.5	146.4	70.5	4,296.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
Full-time workers	7.1	98.0	289.8	285.0	181.0	43.3	14.3	5.1	923.6
Part-time workers	*	32.9	240.8	300.4	159.7	43.6	16.5	8.4	803.6
Total	8.4	130.8	530.6	585.4	340.6	86.9	30.8	13.5	1,727.1
ALL FEMALES									
Full-time workers	176.0	352.6	502.6	382.4	240.9	60.4	23.0	10.4	1,748.4
Part-time workers	140.9	88.6	284.6	332.5	184.3	52.4	23.1	14.3	1,120.7
Total	316.9	441.1	787.2	715.0	425.2	112.8	46.1	24.7	2,869.1
PERSONS									
Full-time workers	412.3	824.1	1,637.1	1,424.6	923.2	310.1	150.2	52.8	5,734.4
Part-time workers	245.5	130.3	324.4	365.1	210.3	71.2	42.2	42.5	1,431.5
Total	657.8	954.4	1,961.6	1,789.6	1,133.4	381.3	192.4	95.3	7,165.8

TABLE 17. HOURS WORKED BY EMPLOYED PERSONS, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Females				Persons
	Males	Married	Not married	Total	
NUMBER EMPLOYED ('000)					
Weekly hours worked -					
0	232.1	98.8	63.3	162.1	394.3
1-15	189.1	354.1	188.9	543.0	732.1
16-29	214.8	365.9	119.2	485.1	699.9
30-34	251.0	144.7	86.2	230.9	481.8
35-39	747.2	280.3	259.1	539.3	1,286.6
40	991.6	253.0	251.5	504.6	1,496.2
41-44	264.1	50.8	57.0	107.8	371.9
45-48	410.5	54.5	50.4	104.9	515.4
49 and over	996.3	125.1	66.3	191.4	1,187.7
Total	4,296.8	1,727.1	1,141.9	2,869.1	7,165.8
WEEKLY HOURS WORKED					
Aggregate weekly hours worked (million)	172.8	48.6	35.0	83.7	256.4
By full-time workers	169.1	36.0	30.7	66.7	234.8
By part-time workers	4.6	12.7	4.3	17.0	21.6
Average weekly hours worked	40.2	28.2	30.7	29.2	35.8
By full-time workers	42.2	39.0	37.2	38.1	40.9
By part-time workers	14.9	15.8	13.7	15.2	15.1
Average weekly hours worked by persons who worked one hour or more in the reference week	42.5	29.9	32.5	30.9	37.9
By full-time workers	44.6	41.2	39.5	40.4	43.3
By part-time workers	15.8	16.8	14.3	16.1	16.0

TABLE 18. EMPLOYED PERSONS: EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIOS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1987 (per cent)

Age group	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
15-19	*	48.4	48.5	39.7	46.9	46.7	47.6
20-24	87.4	75.4	77.6	58.3	72.9	67.8	72.7
25-34	92.8	82.3	86.8	54.9	71.4	59.4	74.1
35-44	92.7	78.1	90.0	61.4	60.2	61.2	75.7
45-54	88.2	72.6	85.6	54.0	51.9	53.6	69.9
55-59	74.3	56.9	71.3	30.9	29.6	30.6	51.2
60-64	42.8	37.0	41.7	12.5	13.0	12.7	27.0
65 and over	11.0	9.9	9.6	3.4	1.8	2.5	5.5
Total	74.7	62.0	69.7	46.5	43.3	45.1	57.2

TABLE 19. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS, BY REASON, SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours	Males	Females		Total	Persons
		Married	Not married		
Leave, holiday or flextime	276.7	80.6	67.5	148.1	424.8
Own illness or injury	146.6	50.3	47.6	98.0	244.5
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	16.0	*	*	*	16.8
Began or left job in the reference week	9.7	*	*	*	14.5
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	33.3	9.4	*	11.8	45.1
Shift work, standard work arrangements	67.3	14.1	16.5	30.6	97.9
Other reasons	26.8	*	*	6.2	33.0
Total	576.3	159.9	140.5	300.4	876.6

TABLE 20. PART-TIME WORKERS: WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS, BY AGE, SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
Total	104.7	41.7	39.8	32.5	26.0	66.1	310.8
Preferred not to work more hours	80.1	27.0	23.7	20.0	17.9	59.1	227.9
Preferred to work more hours	24.6	14.7	16.1	12.5	8.0	6.9	82.9
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	11.6	7.9	8.3	7.9	4.0	*	43.1
MARRIED FEMALES							
Total	*	32.9	240.8	300.4	159.7	68.5	803.6
Preferred not to work more hours	*	25.1	207.2	259.6	146.6	67.6	707.4
Preferred to work more hours	*	7.8	33.6	40.8	13.1	*	96.2
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	*	*	7.3	6.8	*	*	19.2
ALL FEMALES							
Total	140.9	88.6	284.6	332.5	184.3	89.8	1,120.7
Preferred not to work more hours	111.7	60.3	238.1	282.8	164.0	86.9	943.7
Preferred to work more hours	29.2	28.2	46.5	49.8	20.3	*	177.0
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	10.6	13.6	12.9	9.4	*	*	50.4
PERSONS							
Total	245.5	130.3	324.4	365.1	210.3	155.9	1,431.5
Preferred not to work more hours	191.8	87.3	261.8	302.8	181.9	146.0	1,171.6
Preferred to work more hours	53.7	43.0	62.6	62.3	28.4	9.9	259.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	22.2	21.5	21.2	17.3	6.9	4.3	93.4

TABLE 21. PART-TIME WORKERS: WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS, BY HOURS WORKED, SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

	Hours worked by persons who worked in the reference week						Persons who did not work in the reference week	Total
	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-29	30-34		
MALES								
Total	52.5	68.2	34.0	45.2	48.6	46.2	16.1	310.8
Preferred not to work more hours	37.8	53.9	23.6	30.6	31.0	37.9	13.1	227.9
Preferred to work more hours	14.6	14.4	10.4	14.6	17.6	8.3	*	82.9
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	6.5	8.5	7.0	7.2	8.6	4.5	*	43.1
MARRIED FEMALES								
Total	84.1	141.5	116.4	163.7	165.0	83.7	49.2	803.6
Preferred not to work more hours	67.8	115.9	103.2	146.8	149.9	79.2	44.7	707.4
Preferred to work more hours	16.3	25.7	13.2	16.9	15.0	4.5	4.6	96.2
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	*	4.4	6.3	6.3	*	*	*	19.2
ALL FEMALES								
Total	148.6	221.2	153.4	200.5	213.6	119.3	64.0	1,120.7
Preferred not to work more hours	116.4	178.4	129.9	172.5	183.8	106.8	55.9	943.7
Preferred to work more hours	32.3	42.8	23.4	28.0	29.8	12.5	8.1	177.0
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	8.6	10.5	7.4	8.8	10.0	*	*	50.4
PERSONS								
Total	201.1	289.5	187.3	245.7	262.2	165.6	80.0	1,431.5
Preferred not to work more hours	154.2	232.3	153.5	203.1	214.8	144.8	68.9	1,171.6
Preferred to work more hours	46.9	57.2	33.9	42.6	47.4	20.8	11.1	259.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	15.1	18.9	14.4	16.0	18.6	7.8	*	93.4

TABLE 22. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: STATES, BY AGE, SEPTEMBER 1987
(*000)

Age group	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia(a)
MALES							
15-19	23.9	15.1	14.3	6.7	6.4	2.5	71.2
20-24	29.6	11.4	14.0	7.0	7.0	2.3	72.7
25-34	30.5	13.5	16.7	8.2	8.3	2.5	82.4
35 and over	49.7	23.5	20.5	9.9	8.5	3.8	119.1
Total	133.7	63.6	65.5	31.8	30.2	11.2	345.7
FEMALES							
15-19	25.1	16.1	15.6	8.2	5.8	2.4	75.5
20-24	16.9	10.1	8.5	4.7	4.5	1.9	48.1
25-34	20.1	10.4	11.6	4.5	5.3	1.6	55.1
35 and over	29.4	16.1	13.5	5.8	5.7	1.6	73.8
Total	91.5	52.7	49.2	23.2	21.3	7.4	252.5
PERSONS							
Looking for full-time work -							
15-19	35.8	18.3	20.7	12.3	9.1	4.1	102.1
20-24	43.6	18.3	21.2	11.3	10.0	3.9	110.5
25-34	44.5	18.3	22.5	10.6	10.5	3.7	114.1
35-44	35.4	14.4	15.3	6.2	6.8	2.7	85.0
45-54	20.7	11.6	8.1	3.5	3.9	*	49.8
55 and over	11.7	5.9	6.0	2.9	*	*	30.2
Total looking for full-time work	191.6	86.8	93.7	46.8	42.1	16.4	489.6
Total -							
15-19	49.0	31.2	29.9	14.9	12.2	4.9	146.8
20-24	46.5	21.5	22.5	11.8	11.5	4.2	120.8
25-34	50.6	23.9	28.2	12.7	13.6	4.1	137.8
35-44	40.2	19.2	18.3	8.4	7.9	3.2	99.8
45-54	24.4	13.1	8.6	4.3	4.2	*	56.8
55 and over	14.5	7.3	7.2	3.0	*	*	36.3
Total	225.3	116.3	114.7	55.0	51.5	18.6	598.2

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

TABLE 23. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15-19:
DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Not attending school			Total
	Attending school	Left school	Left school 1986	
		before 1986	to survey date	
NUMBER ('000)				
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -				
Under 4	10.5	8.5	7.7	26.7
4 and under 13	12.4	14.0	11.8	38.2
13 and under 26	4.4	11.0	7.3	22.8
26 and over	12.7	28.8	17.7	59.2
Total	40.0	62.4	44.4	146.8

AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)

Mean duration -				
Males	18.1	34.2	22.1	26.7
Females	17.0	43.8	20.6	28.7
Persons	17.5	38.8	21.3	27.7
Looking for full-time work	20.7	41.2	22.6	32.6
Looking for part-time work	16.5	*	15.0	16.5
Median duration -				
Males	9	20	17	15
Females	9	24	14	14
Persons	9	22	17	15
Looking for full-time work	*	24	18	20
Looking for part-time work	8	*	*	8

TABLE 24. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Number unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate (per cent)						
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Total	Persons	
	Married	Total	Married	Total	Married	Total	Married	Total			
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK											
Total	122.0	318.4	57.8	171.2	4.4	7.4	5.9	8.9	7.9		
Aged 15-19	*	54.5	*	27.6	17.1	*	21.3	19.8			
Looking for first job	*	16.8	*	17.2	34.3	..	..	..	..		
Attending school	*	4.1	*	4.9	9.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	*	*	*	*	4.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		
Aged 20 and over	121.4	263.9	55.5	123.6	387.6	4.3	6.6	5.7	7.3	6.8	
20-24	10.1	69.4	9.3	41.1	110.5	9.0	12.8	8.7	10.4	11.8	
Looking for first job	*	4.2	*	4.6	8.8	..	..	..	..		
25-34	34.1	80.3	17.1	33.9	114.1	4.4	6.6	5.6	6.3	6.5	
35-44	32.6	50.7	20.3	32.2	83.0	3.6	4.6	6.7	7.8	5.5	
45-54	24.6	36.4	6.6	13.3	49.8	4.0	5.1	3.5	5.2	5.1	
55 and over	20.0	27.1	*	*	30.2	5.3	6.1	*	*	5.6	
Aged 15-64	121.8	317.7	57.8	171.2	488.9	4.4	7.5	5.9	9.0	7.9	
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK											
Total	5.1	27.2	40.2	81.3	108.5	4.1	8.1	4.8	6.8	7.0	
Aged 15-19	*	16.7	*	27.9	44.7	*	13.8	*	16.6	15.4	
Attending school	*	12.3	*	18.7	31.0	*	15.9	*	17.8	17.0	
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	*	*	*	6.0	9.4	*	*	*	19.6	17.5	
Aged 20 and over	5.1	10.5	39.3	53.3	63.8	4.1	4.8	4.7	5.2	5.1	
20-24	*	*	*	7.0	10.3	*	*	*	7.3	7.3	
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
25-34	4.1	17.1	21.3	23.6	23.6	5.4	6.6	7.0	6.8		
35-44	4.3	11.0	15.1	16.8	16.8	4.2	3.5	4.3	4.4		
45 and over	7.5	10.0	13.1	13.1	13.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4		
Aged 15-64	4.9	27.0	39.8	80.9	107.9	4.9	8.7	4.8	6.8	7.2	
TOTAL											
Total	127.1	345.7	98.0	252.5	598.2	4.4	7.4	5.4	8.1	7.7	
Aged 15-19	*	71.2	*	75.5	146.8	*	17.3	*	19.2	18.2	
Attending school	*	16.4	*	23.6	40.0	*	19.8	*	21.3	20.7	
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	*	6.4	*	7.0	13.4	*	21.6	*	21.3	21.4	
Aged 20 and over(s)	126.4	274.4	94.8	177.0	451.4	4.3	6.5	5.2	6.5	6.5	
20-24	10.4	72.7	13.1	48.1	120.8	9.0	12.4	9.1	9.8	11.2	
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	*	*	*	*	5.6	*	*	*	*	9.8	
25-34	34.6	82.6	34.2	55.1	137.8	4.4	6.6	6.0	6.5	6.6	
35-44	33.9	52.5	31.3	47.3	99.8	3.6	4.7	5.1	6.2	5.3	
45-54	25.2	37.0	11.1	19.8	56.8	4.0	5.0	3.2	4.4	4.0	
55-59	12.8	16.4	4.2	5.2	21.6	5.2	5.8	4.5	4.4	5.4	
60-64	9.1	12.3	*	*	13.3	6.9	7.7	*	*	6.4	
Aged 15-64	126.7	344.7	97.6	252.1	596.8	4.4	7.5	5.4	8.1	7.8	

(a) Includes unemployed persons aged 65 and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 25. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	BORN IN AUSTRALIA					
Total	246.1	185.1	431.1	7.2	7.7	7.4
Looking for full-time work	225.8	124.4	350.1	7.1	8.6	7.6
Looking for part-time work	20.3	60.7	81.0	7.6	6.4	6.6
Aged 15-19	62.9	67.4	130.2	17.0	18.9	17.9
Aged 20 and over	183.2	117.7	300.9	6.0	5.8	5.9
20-24	57.2	35.3	92.5	11.7	8.7	10.3
25-34	60.2	39.6	99.7	6.2	6.1	6.2
35-44	30.0	27.0	56.9	3.9	5.1	4.4
45-54	19.9	12.5	32.3	4.1	4.0	4.0
55 and over	16.0	*	19.4	4.6	*	4.0
Aged 15-64	245.5	185.1	430.5	7.3	7.8	7.5
	BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA					
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total	99.6	67.4	167.0	8.3	9.3	8.7
Looking for full-time work	92.7	46.8	139.5	8.2	9.9	8.7
Looking for part-time work	6.9	20.6	27.5	10.0	8.3	8.7
Aged 15-19	8.4	8.2	16.6	20.0	23.2	21.5
Aged 20 and over	91.2	59.3	150.5	7.8	8.6	8.1
20-24	15.8	28.3	44.1	16.1	15.2	15.7
25-34	22.5	15.6	38.0	7.8	8.1	8.0
35-44	22.5	20.4	42.9	6.3	8.9	7.3
45-54	17.2	7.3	24.5	6.4	5.6	6.3
55 and over	13.6	*	16.8	8.2	*	7.7
Aged 15-64	99.2	67.0	166.2	8.4	9.4	8.7

TABLE 26. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, ETC., SEPTEMBER 1987

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Age group				Total (a)	Married	Not married	Looking for -	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-54				Full-time work	Part-time work
MALES									
	- '000 -								
Under 2	6.5	*	5.6	*	20.2	5.4	14.8	15.9	4.3
2 and under 4	6.6	9.0	4.8	5.7	26.7	6.0	20.7	23.4	*
4 and under 8	9.4	8.0	7.4	8.0	35.0	11.4	23.6	30.6	4.4
8 and under 13	8.8	6.0	7.9	7.9	32.6	12.1	20.5	28.8	7.1
13 and under 26	11.5	9.9	12.4	10.3	45.8	14.2	31.6	42.5	4.3
26 and under 39	11.8	11.5	11.2	13.1	49.9	17.9	32.0	46.5	*
39 and under 52	5.6	*	5.6	4.0	20.2	7.0	13.2	19.3	*
52 and under 65	*	5.4	7.8	6.3	26.4	10.5	15.9	24.8	*
65 and under 104	4.4	*	5.4	6.6	22.6	8.5	14.0	21.4	*
104 and over	*	12.0	14.6	24.6	66.3	34.1	32.2	65.1	*
Total	71.2	72.7	82.6	89.5	345.7	127.1	218.5	318.4	27.2
	- weeks -								
Average duration - Mean	26.7	49.6	51.4	76.0	56.3	71.2	47.7	59.0	24.8
Median	15	24	26	34	26	36	24	29	8
FEMALES									
	- '000 -								
Under 2	5.9	*	8.2	6.5	24.7	13.5	11.2	9.4	15.3
2 and under 4	7.6	4.1	7.3	8.4	28.0	12.9	15.1	14.6	13.4
4 and under 8	12.6	8.1	7.2	8.7	37.6	13.5	24.1	23.1	14.5
8 and under 13	7.5	4.9	5.8	6.9	25.7	10.1	15.6	17.0	8.7
13 and under 26	11.3	6.4	7.8	6.4	32.4	11.5	20.9	25.4	7.0
26 and under 39	11.5	8.3	6.5	10.0	36.6	14.3	22.3	25.4	11.2
39 and under 52	6.4	*	*	*	12.5	*	9.9	10.5	*
52 and under 65	4.2	5.6	4.6	6.0	17.8	6.8	11.0	13.3	4.5
65 and under 104	4.5	*	*	*	11.3	4.3	7.1	9.8	*
104 and over	4.0	5.0	5.5	9.7	25.9	8.6	17.3	22.6	4.8
Total	75.5	48.1	55.1	67.1	252.5	98.0	154.5	171.2	81.3
	- weeks -								
Average duration - Mean	28.7	36.9	36.1	45.5	37.4	32.7	40.4	44.9	21.6
Median	14	16	10	16	14	10	17	22	6
PERSONS									
	- '000 -								
Under 2	12.5	7.3	13.7	9.5	44.9	18.9	26.0	25.2	19.6
2 and under 4	14.2	13.1	12.1	14.1	54.7	18.9	35.8	38.1	16.6
4 and under 8	21.9	16.1	14.6	16.7	72.6	24.9	47.7	53.7	18.9
8 and under 13	16.3	10.9	11.7	14.7	58.3	22.3	36.1	45.9	12.5
13 and under 26	22.8	16.3	20.2	16.7	78.2	25.7	52.5	67.9	10.3
26 and under 39	23.4	19.9	17.7	23.1	86.5	32.2	54.3	72.0	14.5
39 and under 52	12.0	5.6	7.0	6.2	32.7	9.5	23.1	29.8	*
52 and under 65	7.9	8.2	12.4	12.3	44.2	17.1	26.9	38.2	6.1
65 and under 104	8.9	6.4	6.3	9.0	33.9	12.8	21.1	31.2	4.4
104 and over	7.0	17.0	20.1	34.3	92.2	42.7	49.5	87.7	*
Total	146.8	120.8	137.8	156.6	598.2	225.2	373.0	489.6	108.5
	- weeks -								
Average duration - Mean	27.7	44.5	45.3	62.9	48.3	54.4	44.7	54.1	22.4
Median	15	21	20	27	22	26	22	26	7

(a) Includes persons aged 55 and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 27. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SEPTEMBER 1987
(1'000)

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total		
	Under 4	4 and 8	8 and 13	13 and 26	26 and 39	39 and 65	65 and over	Males	Females	Persons
Had worked full time for two weeks or more in the last two years	54.9	50.5	37.0	55.2	53.6	46.5	19.4	212.4	104.8	317.1
Industry division or subdivision -										
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	6.2		*	4.6		6.1	*	16.7	*	19.5
Agriculture & services to agriculture	4.2		7.5	5.2		5.1	*	12.8	*	15.0
Manufacturing	11.2	9.8		10.7	12.3	12.5	5.9	54.5	15.4	69.8
Food, beverages and tobacco		4.7			5.0		4.4	9.8	4.2	14.0
Metal products				4.2			*	10.0	*	11.2
Other manufacturing	4.0						*	34.7	9.9	44.6
Construction	8.2	5.9	4.7	6.6	8.3	7.6	*	34.2	*	36.0
Wholesale and retail trade	6.5	5.3	4.3	5.7	7.6	4.8	4.5	41.9	33.8	75.7
Wholesale trade	12.4	15.0	8.1	13.2	12.8	9.8	*	11.1	4.3	15.4
Retail trade		5.2		4.9			*	30.8	29.5	60.3
Transport and storage	10.6	11.6	5.8	10.5	10.2	8.5	*	12.3	*	12.8
Finance, property & business services		5.7			5.6		*	9.0	9.3	18.3
Public administration and defence	6.4		*	4.7		4.6		9.4	4.9	14.3
Community services	5.2			4.8			4.3	9.7	19.1	28.8
Recreation, personal & other services	5.1	5.9	4.0	5.3	4.0		4.5	17.5	15.6	33.2
Other industries	6.0	4.1	1.1	6.6	6.3		6.1	7.2	*	9.0
Occupation group -										
Managers and administrators	5.0		*	4.4		4.1	*	9.6	5.3	14.8
Professionals		6.2			4.4		*	7.3	5.1	12.4
Para-professionals		4.1					*	5.4	4.7	10.1
Tradepersons	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	9.6		6.9	46.0	6.0	52.0
Clerks	5.9	8.3	4.4	5.4	4.4		4.7	7.8	25.4	33.2
Salespersons and personal service workers	8.3	9.3	4.7	9.9	8.6	6.1	*	16.5	33.1	49.6
Plant and machine operators	5.5	4.2	*	5.1	5.2	4.9	*	25.0	5.4	30.4
Labourers and related workers	19.0	12.9	12.3	20.0	21.3	20.9	8.2	94.8	19.8	114.6
Other	31.8	22.1	21.3	23.0	32.9	30.4	106.6	130.4	137.6	268.1
Looking for first job	12.4	8.4	8.7	9.9	12.5	13.5	12.6	33.7	44.3	78.0
Looking for full-time work	4.9	4.4	5.1	6.3	7.1	10.5	11.0	23.0	26.3	49.3
Other	19.4	13.7	12.6	13.0	20.5	16.9	94.0	96.7	93.3	190.1
Stood down	13.0							*	10.1	13.0
Total	99.6	72.6	58.3	78.2	86.5	76.9	126.0	345.7	252.5	598.2

TABLE 28. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AGE AND ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

	Males	Females	Persons			Total
			Aged 15-19	Aged 20-24	Aged 25 and over	
Took active steps to find work	342.8	242.4	144.4	119.5	321.3	585.2
Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer	261.8	185.1	113.8	94.0	239.1	446.9
Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job	9.5	9.3	4.5	*	11.9	18.8
Checked factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards	41.1	25.2	12.8	14.7	38.8	66.3
Been registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service	25.8	17.2	11.4	6.3	25.4	43.1
Checked or registered with any other employment agency	*	*	*	*	*	*
Advertised or tendered for work	*	*	*	*	4.3	7.0
Contacted relatives or friends	*	4.3	*	*	*	*
Stood down	*	10.1	*	*	9.3	13.0
Total	345.7	252.5	146.8	120.8	330.6	598.2

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 15.

TABLE 29. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1987

Age group	Males			Females			Persons	Proportion of population - per cent -
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total		
				- '000 -				
15-19	*	290.5	290.7	9.6	277.2	286.8	577.5	41.8
20-24	4.8	71.0	75.8	80.7	80.6	161.3	237.1	18.1
25-34	23.8	41.7	65.4	401.2	81.9	483.1	548.5	20.7
35-44	38.1	28.4	66.5	337.0	69.6	406.7	473.2	20.0
45-54	56.0	26.5	82.5	279.2	69.6	348.8	431.3	26.6
55-59	67.5	24.2	91.7	189.9	60.6	250.5	342.2	45.9
60-64	153.6	38.4	192.0	214.2	101.8	316.0	508.0	71.2
65-69	187.6	49.1	236.7	175.0	129.7	304.7	541.4	90.7
70 and over	287.0	136.3	423.3	205.2	471.3	676.5	1,099.8	96.4
Total	818.6	706.1	1,524.7	1,892.0	1,342.3	3,234.3	4,759.0	38.0

TABLE 30. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: WHETHER LOOKING FOR WORK, ETC., SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000)

	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
Looking for work	10.3	33.9	44.2	29.8	31.9	61.8	105.9
Took active steps to find work(a)	6.4	22.0	28.4	9.7	18.8	28.5	56.9
Did not take active steps to find work	*	11.9	15.8	20.1	13.2	33.3	49.1
Not looking for work	782.8	619.1	1,401.9	1,845.8	1,185.8	3,031.6	4,433.5
Permanently unable to work	7.8	9.2	17.0	*	9.1	12.5	29.5
In institutions	17.7	43.9	61.6	13.0	115.4	128.4	190.0
Total	818.6	706.1	1,524.7	1,892.0	1,342.3	3,234.3	4,759.0

(a) Not available to start work in the reference week for reasons other than own temporary illness or injury.

TABLE 31. FAMILY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: SUMMARY TABLE, SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over		
					Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)							
Member of a family	5,866.7	449.9	6,316.6	3,566.6	4,919.0	4,964.2	9,883.2
Husband or wife	4,356.7	213.9	4,570.6	2,548.8	3,584.0	3,535.4	7,119.4
With children aged 0-14 present	2,350.5	133.8	2,484.3	799.1	1,659.1	1,624.3	3,283.4
Without children aged 0-14 present	2,006.2	80.1	2,086.3	1,749.7	1,924.9	1,911.1	3,836.0
With dependents present	2,722.9	144.6	2,867.5	914.6	1,910.3	1,871.8	3,782.1
Without dependents present	1,633.7	69.4	1,703.1	1,634.2	1,673.7	1,663.6	3,337.3
Not-married family head	234.5	30.8	265.3	313.0	110.6	467.6	578.3
With children aged 0-14 present	114.5	17.1	131.6	156.6	33.4	254.8	288.2
Without children aged 0-14 present	120.0	13.7	133.7	156.4	77.2	212.8	290.1
With dependents present	149.6	21.3	171.0	176.0	44.3	302.7	347.0
Without dependents present	84.9	9.5	94.3	136.9	66.4	164.9	231.3
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	214.4	51.1	265.5	504.9	382.3	388.1	770.4
Other child of family head	981.0	138.0	1,119.0	92.4	754.6	456.7	1,211.3
Other relative of family head	80.1	16.1	96.2	107.6	87.4	116.4	203.8
Not a member of a family	967.4	101.9	1,069.3	710.3	860.2	919.4	1,779.6
Living alone	425.8	34.4	460.2	604.5	447.0	617.6	1,064.6
Not living alone	541.6	67.5	609.1	105.9	413.2	301.8	715.0
Usual resident of a private dwelling where family status was determined	6,834.0	551.8	7,385.9	4,276.9	5,779.2	5,883.6	11,662.8
Usual resident of a private dwelling where family status was not determined	157.1	14.2	171.3	81.5	109.9	142.9	252.9
Total usual residents of private dwellings	6,991.1	566.1	7,557.2	4,358.4	5,889.1	6,026.5	11,915.7
Visitors to private dwellings	48.1	10.0	58.0	72.2	61.9	68.4	130.2
Persons enumerated in non-private dwellings	126.6	22.1	148.7	328.3	216.1	260.9	477.1
Total	7,165.8	598.2	7,764.0	4,759.0	6,167.1	6,355.8	12,523.0
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (per cent)							
Member of a family	81.9	75.2	81.4	74.9	79.8	78.1	78.9
Husband or wife	60.8	35.8	58.9	53.6	58.1	55.6	56.9
With children aged 0-14 present	32.8	22.4	32.0	16.8	26.9	25.6	26.2
Without children aged 0-14 present	28.0	13.4	26.9	36.8	31.2	30.1	30.6
With dependents present	38.0	24.2	36.9	19.2	31.0	29.4	30.2
Without dependents present	22.8	11.6	21.9	34.3	27.1	26.2	26.6
Not-married family head	3.3	5.1	3.4	6.6	1.8	7.4	4.6
With children aged 0-14 present	1.6	2.9	1.7	3.3	0.5	4.0	2.3
Without children aged 0-14 present	1.7	2.3	1.7	3.3	1.3	3.3	2.3
With dependents present	2.1	3.6	2.2	3.7	0.7	4.8	2.8
Without dependents present	1.2	1.6	1.2	2.9	1.1	2.6	1.8
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	3.0	8.5	3.4	10.6	6.2	6.1	6.2
Other child of family head	13.7	23.1	14.4	1.9	12.2	7.2	9.7
Other relative of family head	1.1	2.7	1.2	2.3	1.4	1.8	1.6
Not a member of a family	13.5	17.0	13.8	14.9	13.9	14.5	14.2
Living alone	5.9	5.7	5.9	12.7	7.2	9.7	8.5
Not living alone	7.6	11.3	7.8	2.2	6.7	4.7	5.7
Usual resident of a private dwelling where family status was determined	95.4	92.3	95.1	89.9	93.7	92.6	93.1
Usual resident of a private dwelling where family status was not determined	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.0
Total usual residents of private dwellings	97.6	94.6	97.3	91.6	95.5	94.8	95.2
Visitors to private dwellings	0.7	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.0
Persons enumerated in non-private dwellings	1.8	3.7	1.9	6.9	3.5	4.1	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

TABLE 32. FAMILY STATUS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER(a), SEPTEMBER 1987

	Employed			Unemployed		Civilian population		Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force		
- '000 -									
- per cent -									
MALES									
Member of a family	3,279.3	251.2	3,530.4	228.7	250.3	3,780.7	1,138.2	4,919.0	6.6 76.9
Husband	2,587.3	114.7	2,702.0	116.3	120.9	2,822.9	761.1	3,584.0	4.3 78.8
With children aged 0-14 present	1,473.6	36.5	1,510.1	72.1	73.6	1,583.7	75.4	1,659.1	4.7 95.5
Without children aged 0-14 present	1,113.7	78.2	1,191.9	44.2	47.2	1,239.2	685.8	1,924.9	3.8 64.4
With dependents present	1,682.5	46.1	1,728.6	77.3	79.0	1,807.6	102.8	1,910.3	4.4 94.6
Without dependents present	904.8	68.7	973.4	39.0	41.9	1,015.3	658.4	1,673.7	4.1 60.7
Not-married family head	66.1	*	69.4	6.7	7.2	76.6	34.1	110.6	9.4 69.2
With children aged 0-14 present	21.8	*	22.4	*	*	24.4	9.0	33.4	* 72.9
Without children aged 0-14 present	44.3	*	47.0	5.1	5.2	52.2	25.0	77.2	10.0 67.6
With dependents present	30.2	*	31.2	* 2	* 3	33.6	10.7	44.3	* 75.9
Without dependents present	35.9	*	38.2	4.7	4.8	43.0	23.4	66.4	11.1 64.7
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	6.1	91.6	97.7	7.0	22.2	119.9	262.4	382.3	18.5 31.4
Other child of family head	573.4	38.8	612.2	89.1	90.4	702.6	52.1	754.6	12.9 93.1
Other relative of family head	46.5	*	49.2	9.7	9.7	58.8	28.6	87.4	16.4 67.3
Not a member of a family	537.3	40.4	577.7	63.1	66.5	644.2	216.0	860.2	10.3 74.9
Living alone	244.4	19.2	263.6	23.2	23.9	287.5	159.5	447.0	8.3 64.3
Not living alone	292.9	21.2	314.1	40.0	42.6	356.7	56.5	413.2	11.9 86.3
Total	3,816.5	291.6	4,108.1	291.9	316.9	4,425.0	1,354.2	5,779.2	7.2 76.6
FEMALES									
Member of a family	1,335.1	1,001.1	2,336.2	125.8	199.6	2,535.9	2,428.3	4,964.2	7.9 51.1
Wife	880.7	774.0	1,654.7	54.3	93.1	1,747.7	1,787.7	3,535.4	5.3 49.4
With children aged 0-14 present	348.6	491.8	840.4	30.7	60.2	900.5	723.7	1,624.3	6.7 55.4
Without children aged 0-14 present	535.9	282.2	818.1	23.6	32.9	847.2	1,063.9	1,911.1	3.9 44.3
With dependents present	435.0	539.3	974.3	33.9	65.5	1,059.9	811.8	1,871.8	6.2 56.6
Without dependents present	145.7	214.6	360.3	20.4	27.5	687.8	975.8	1,663.6	4.0 41.3
Not-married family head	105.6	63.6	169.1	14.6	23.6	188.7	278.9	467.6	12.5 40.4
With children aged 0-14 present	50.2	41.9	92.1	8.0	15.1	107.2	147.6	254.8	14.1 42.1
Without children aged 0-14 present	55.3	21.7	77.0	6.6	8.5	81.5	131.3	212.8	10.4 38.3
With dependents present	69.4	49.0	118.4	10.9	18.9	137.3	165.4	302.7	13.8 45.4
Without dependents present	32.2	14.5	46.7	*	4.7	51.4	113.5	164.9	9.1 31.2
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	* 113.8	116.7	6.1	28.9	145.6	242.5	380.1	19.9 37.5	
Other child of family head	324.8	44.0	368.8	45.2	47.6	416.4	40.3	456.7	11.4 91.2
Other relative of family head	25.1	5.9	31.0	5.6	6.4	37.4	79.0	116.4	17.2 32.1
Not a member of a family	319.4	70.3	389.7	32.0	35.4	425.1	494.3	919.4	8.3 46.2
Living alone	131.9	30.3	162.2	8.6	10.4	172.7	444.9	617.6	6.1 28.0
Not living alone	187.5	39.9	227.5	23.4	24.9	252.4	49.4	301.8	9.9 83.6
Total	1,654.5	1,071.4	2,725.9	157.7	235.0	2,960.9	2,922.7	5,883.6	7.9 50.3
PERSONS									
Member of a family	4,614.4	1,252.3	5,866.7	354.5	449.9	6,316.6	3,566.6	9,883.2	7.1 63.9
Husband or wife	3,468.0	888.7	4,356.7	170.6	213.9	4,570.6	2,548.8	7,119.4	4.7 64.2
With children aged 0-14 present	1,822.2	528.3	2,350.5	102.9	133.8	2,484.3	799.1	3,283.4	5.4 75.7
Without children aged 0-14 present	1,645.8	360.4	2,006.2	67.8	80.1	2,086.3	1,749.7	3,836.0	3.8 54.4
With dependents present	2,117.5	605.4	2,722.9	111.2	144.6	2,867.5	914.6	3,782.1	5.0 75.8
Without dependents present	1,350.4	283.3	1,633.7	59.4	69.4	1,703.1	1,634.2	3,337.3	4.1 51.0
Not-married family head	167.6	66.9	234.5	21.3	30.8	265.3	313.0	578.3	11.6 45.9
With children aged 0-14 present	72.0	42.5	114.5	9.6	17.1	131.6	156.6	288.2	13.0 45.7
Without children aged 0-14 present	95.6	24.4	120.0	11.7	13.7	133.7	156.4	290.1	10.2 46.1
With dependents present	99.6	50.0	149.6	12.9	21.3	171.0	176.0	347.0	12.5 49.3
Without dependents present	68.0	16.9	84.9	8.4	9.5	94.3	136.9	231.0	10.0 40.8
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	9.0	205.4	214.4	13.0	51.1	265.5	504.9	770.4	19.3 34.5
Other child of family head	898.2	82.8	981.0	134.3	138.0	1,119.0	92.4	1,211.3	12.3 92.4
Other relative of family head	71.6	8.6	80.1	15.3	16.1	96.2	107.6	203.8	16.7 47.2
Not a member of a family	856.7	110.7	967.4	95.1	101.9	1,069.3	710.3	1,779.6	9.5 60.1
Living alone	376.2	49.6	425.8	31.8	34.4	460.2	604.5	1,064.6	7.5 43.2
Not living alone	480.5	61.1	541.6	63.3	67.5	609.1	105.9	715.0	11.1 85.2
Total	5,471.1	1,363.0	6,834.0	449.6	551.8	7,385.9	4,276.9	11,662.8	7.5 63.3

(a) Civilians who were residents of private dwellings where family status was determined. See Explanatory Notes.

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

TABLE 33. ALL FAMILIES(a): TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS(b), SEPTEMBER 1987 ('000 families)

Number of family members(c)	None employed			One employed			Two or more employed			Total		
	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES												
Two	513.1	25.7	539.0	238.2	18.2	256.4	461.3	..	461.3	1,212.8	43.9	1,256.6
Three	41.7	29.0	70.7	217.2	29.0	246.1	373.5	14.1	387.6	632.3	72.1	704.5
Four	17.8	22.1	39.9	264.3	39.9	304.2	546.3	37.0	583.2	828.4	99.0	927.4
Five	9.5	14.9	24.4	133.5	19.9	153.4	271.5	24.7	296.2	414.4	59.6	474.0
Six or more	5.8	11.4	17.1	51.1	8.6	59.6	97.5	17.3	114.8	154.4	37.2	191.6
Total	588.0	103.1	691.1	904.2	115.6	1,019.8	1,750.0	93.1	1,843.1	3,242.3	311.8	3,554.0
OTHER FAMILIES WITH A MALE HEAD												
Two	9.4	5.5	14.9	27.1	6.6	33.7	25.7	..	25.7	62.1	12.1	74.2
Three	4.4	*	4.9	10.0	*	12.2	7.3	*	8.9	21.7	4.4	26.0
Four or more	*	*	*	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	8.2	*	10.5
Total	14.9	6.7	21.7	40.5	10.1	50.6	36.5	*	38.5	92.0	18.8	110.7
OTHER FAMILIES WITH A FEMALE HEAD												
Two	84.8	17.1	101.9	105.7	7.3	113.0	34.7	..	34.7	225.2	24.4	249.6
Three	45.7	12.8	58.5	45.3	7.3	52.6	27.5	6.1	33.9	118.5	23.5	142.0
Four	18.8	(21.5	14.2)	(17.9	4.3)	4.8	(5.4	4.6	(15.8	46.1	9.1	55.3
Five or more	9.2	4.8	(11.2	4.3)	4.8	188.9	80.0	7.1	87.0	407.9	61.2	469.1
Total	158.4	34.7	193.1	169.5	19.4	188.9	80.0	7.1	87.0	407.9	61.2	469.1
OTHER FAMILIES: TOTAL												
Two	94.2	22.6	116.8	132.8	13.9	146.7	60.4	..	60.4	287.3	36.5	323.8
Three	50.0	13.4	63.4	55.3	9.4	64.7	34.8	5.1	39.9	140.2	27.9	168.0
Four	19.8	(22.8	16.5)	(17.9	4.3)	4.8	(5.4	4.6	(18.4	52.1	10.5	62.6
Five	7.0	4.1	(11.2	4.3)	4.8	188.9	80.0	7.1	87.0	407.9	61.2	469.1
Six or more	*	*	*	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	8.2	*	10.5
Total	173.4	41.4	214.8	210.0	29.5	239.5	116.5	9.1	125.6	499.8	80.0	579.8
ALL FAMILIES												
Two	607.5	48.3	655.7	371.0	32.1	403.0	521.7	..	521.7	1,500.1	80.4	1,580.5
Three	91.7	42.4	134.1	272.5	38.3	310.8	408.3	19.2	427.5	772.5	100.0	872.5
Four	37.6	25.1	62.7	280.8	44.8	325.6	562.0	39.6	601.6	880.5	109.5	990.0
Five	16.5	16.0	32.5	137.7	20.8	158.5	276.1	25.2	301.3	430.5	62.0	492.5
Six or more	8.1	12.7	20.8	52.2	9.1	61.3	98.2	18.1	116.3	158.5	39.9	198.4
Total	761.4	144.5	905.9	1,114.2	145.1	1,259.3	1,866.5	102.2	1,968.7	3,742.1	391.8	4,133.9

- (a) See Explanatory Notes for details of exclusions to family tables.
 (b) Employment status refers to persons aged 15 and over only.
 (c) Of any age.

TABLE 34. ALL FAMILIES(a): TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGED 0-14 PRESENT, NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS PRESENT, AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS(b), SEPTEMBER 1987
(1'000 families)

	Number of children aged 0-14 present			Number of dependents present			Total
	None	One	Two or more	None	One	Two or more	
NO FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYED							
Married-couple families	589.8	36.8	64.5	575.6	42.3	73.2	691.1
One or both spouses unemployed(c)	30.4	18.5	39.0	28.5	16.9	42.5	88.0
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	7.2	4.2	5.1	7.1	*	6.3	16.4
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	21.0	14.1	32.1	19.2	13.8	34.2	67.2
Neither spouse unemployed	559.4	18.3	25.5	547.1	25.4	30.7	603.2
Other families	62.3	77.5	75.0	48.9	81.3	84.5	214.8
Family head unemployed	5.9	10.0	5.8	*	11.2	7.2	21.7
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.7
Female head unemployed	*	8.5	5.5	*	9.6	6.9	17.0
Family head not unemployed	56.4	67.5	69.2	45.7	70.1	77.3	193.1
Male head not in the labour force	9.5	*	4.5	8.2	4.0	4.7	16.9
Female head not in the labour force	46.9	64.5	64.7	37.4	66.1	72.6	176.1
All families	652.1	114.3	139.5	624.5	123.7	157.7	905.9
ONE OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED							
Married-couple families	1,327.0	557.1	978.8	1,092.9	566.0	1,203.9	2,862.9
One or both spouses unemployed(c)	40.4	21.5	43.6	32.0	24.1	49.3	105.5
Husband employed, wife unemployed	21.4	13.3	34.5	16.5	14.8	37.8	69.1
Husband unemployed, wife employed	9.8	4.8	6.2	8.4	5.4	7.0	20.8
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	7.2	*	*	5.6	*	*	11.9
Neither spouse unemployed	1,286.6	535.7	935.1	1,060.8	541.9	1,154.5	2,757.4
Husband employed, wife employed	764.6	318.8	498.0	617.7	313.0	650.6	1,581.4
Husband employed, wife not in the labour force	398.0	201.8	423.5	333.8	209.1	480.4	1,023.3
Husband not in the labour force, wife employed	44.7	8.2	10.8	38.5	9.3	15.8	63.6
Husband not in the labour force, wife not in the labour force	79.4	6.9	*	70.8	10.5	7.7	89.1
Other families	229.4	83.1	52.6	183.9	101.9	79.3	365.1
Family head unemployed	7.9	*	*	6.3	*	*	9.1
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Female head unemployed	5.8	*	*	4.4	*	*	6.9
Family head not unemployed	221.5	82.6	51.8	177.6	100.3	78.0	355.9
Male head employed	47.0	14.1	8.2	38.2	17.9	13.2	69.3
Female head employed	73.5	54.7	37.4	47.0	64.9	53.7	165.6
Male head not in the labour force	15.9	*	*	15.6	*	*	17.6
Female head not in the labour force	85.1	12.9	5.5	76.9	16.8	9.8	103.5
All families	1,556.4	640.2	1,031.4	1,276.7	667.9	1,283.2	3,227.9
TOTAL							
Married-couple families	1,916.8	594.0	1,043.2	1,668.5	608.3	1,277.0	3,554.0
One or both spouses unemployed(c)	70.8	40.0	82.6	60.6	41.0	91.8	193.4
Husband employed, wife unemployed	21.4	13.3	34.5	16.5	14.8	37.8	69.1
Husband unemployed, wife employed	9.8	4.8	6.2	8.4	5.4	7.0	20.8
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	8.9	5.2	5.6	8.4	*	7.4	19.7
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	28.2	16.4	34.5	24.8	16.8	37.6	79.1
Neither spouse unemployed	1,846.0	553.9	960.6	1,607.9	567.3	1,185.2	3,260.6
Husband employed, wife employed	764.6	318.8	498.0	617.7	313.0	650.6	1,581.4
Husband employed, wife not in the labour force	398.0	201.8	423.5	333.8	209.1	480.4	1,023.3
Husband not in the labour force, wife employed	44.7	8.2	10.8	38.5	9.3	15.8	63.6
Husband not in the labour force, wife not in the labour force	638.8	25.2	28.3	617.9	35.9	38.4	692.2
Other families	291.6	160.6	127.6	232.8	183.2	163.9	579.8
Family head unemployed	13.8	10.5	6.6	9.5	12.8	8.6	30.9
Male head unemployed	5.0	*	*	4.6	*	*	7.0
Female head unemployed	8.8	8.8	6.3	4.9	10.7	8.3	23.9
Family head not unemployed	277.8	150.1	121.0	223.3	170.4	155.3	549.0
Male head employed	47.0	14.1	8.2	38.2	17.9	13.2	69.3
Female head employed	73.5	54.7	37.4	47.0	64.9	53.7	165.6
Male head not in the labour force	25.4	*	5.1	23.8	4.7	6.0	34.5
Female head not in the labour force	132.0	77.4	70.2	114.3	82.9	82.4	279.6
All families	2,208.5	754.5	1,170.8	1,901.3	791.5	1,440.9	4,133.9

(a) See Explanatory Notes for details of exclusions to family tables.

(b) Labour force status refers to persons aged 15 and over only.

(c) Includes a small number of families with husband not in the labour force and wife unemployed.

TECHNICAL NOTE

A new sample is being phased in over the period September to December 1987. For information about the sample redesign see paragraphs 46 to 49 of the Explanatory Notes of this publication. See also *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey: Sample Design* (6270.0). For more information on sample design estimation procedures and reliability of the estimates, for surveys prior to September 1986, reference should be made to the Technical Note in *The Labour Force, Australia, Historical Summary, 1966 to 1984* (6204.0).

Estimation procedure

- The labour force 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

- 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. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. 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 estimate 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 sampling variability is the *relative standard error* which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer also to the size of the estimate.

- Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in Table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other monthly movements should be determined by using Tables A and B.

- The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger is the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

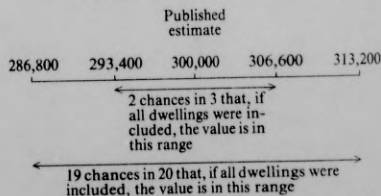
- As the standard errors in Table A show, the *smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors

(relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. For the labour force survey, estimates which have a relative standard error larger than 25 per cent are not published. In the tables in this publication, estimates below the levels shown in Table C, and percentages based on such estimates, have not been included but are indicated with a '*'. Although estimates for these small components can be derived by subtraction in some cases, they should not be regarded as reliable. See paragraph 9 concerning higher publication cut-off points for some estimates.

- The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements is given in Table B. The estimates of standard error of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive quarters (quarterly movements), corresponding months of consecutive years (annual movements) and other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. Standard errors of quarterly movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in Table A by 1.22. Standard errors of quarterly movements calculated this way will not necessarily agree with those obtained by multiplying the figures in Table B by 1.5, which was the method shown in the June 1985 and previous issues of this publication. This is because Tables A and B are derived independently of each other. Standard errors of all annual movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in Table A by 1.3. When using Table A or Table B to calculate standard errors of movements, refer to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived.

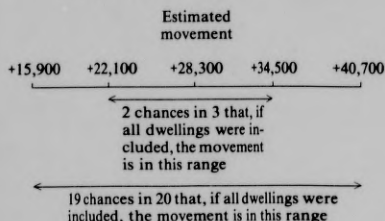
- Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

- From Table A it will be seen that an estimate of 300,000 unemployed males looking for full-time work has a standard error of about 6,600. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 293,400 to 306,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 286,800 to 313,200.



- An estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from one month to the next is an increase of

28,300. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case, if the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived was 300,000, from Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 6,200. 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 +22,100 to +34,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +15,900 to +40,700.



9. The relative standard errors of estimates of *aggregate hours worked*, *average hours worked*, *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors:

- Aggregate hours worked: 1.2
- Average hours worked: 0.7
- Average (mean) duration of unemployment: 1.3
- Median duration of unemployment: 2.0

Publication cut-off points for these and other labour force estimates (see paragraph 6) are shown in Table C on the next page. Because of these higher relative standard errors, estimates of aggregate hours worked, average duration of unemployment, and median duration of unemployment have higher cut-off points for publication (see paragraph 6) than other estimates as shown in Table A.

10. An example of the calculation of standard errors by the use of these factors is as follows:

If an estimate of median duration of unemployment for unemployed males is 19 weeks and the number unemployed is estimated as 300,000, from Table A it can be estimated that this figure (300,000) has a standard error of about 6,600 and therefore a relative standard error of about 2.2 per cent. The

relative standard error of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this figure (2.2) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.2 \times 2.0 = 4.4$ per cent. The *standard error* of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.4 per cent of 19, i.e. about 1. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for unemployed males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 18 to 20 weeks and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 17 to 21 weeks.

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

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

12. Standard errors contained in Tables A and B are designed to provide an average standard error applicable for all monthly labour force survey estimates. Analysis of the standard errors applicable to particular survey estimates has shown that the standard errors of estimates of employment are generally equivalent to those shown in Tables A and B, while standard errors for unemployment and not in the labour force are approximately 3 per cent and 11 per cent respectively higher than those shown in the tables. Standard errors for capital cities are approximately the same as those for corresponding States. Standard errors of estimates of numbers of families are approximately the same as those for numbers of persons. Standard errors of estimates of persons born in Australia are approximately the same as those shown in Tables A and B. For aggregate estimates of persons born outside Australia the standard errors are about 15 per cent higher. The standard errors vary for individual countries of birth, but are generally less than 10 per cent higher.

13. 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 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.

TABLE A. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES FROM SEPTEMBER 1987

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
									per cent of estimate
									— number —
1,300						300		350	
1,500						320		380	
1,800						350	440	390	
2,000				490		370	460	430	
2,500				540	570	410	500	460	
3,000			750	590	620	440	540	480	
3,500			800	630	670	470	570	510	940
4,000			850	670	710	490	600	530	1,000
4,500	1,100	1,100	900	740	780	520	630	550	1,050
5,000	1,150	1,150	950	800	840	580	700	590	1,150
6,000	1,250	1,250	1,050	980	1,050	710	850	700	1,500
10,000	1,550	1,550	1,300	1,350	1,350	920	1,100	870	2,050
20,000	2,100	2,100	1,750	1,850	1,950	1,250	1,550	1,350	3,150
50,000	3,150	3,050	2,550	2,350	2,500	1,550	1,950	1,600	4,250
100,000	4,150	4,000	3,300	2,950	3,150	1,900	2,450	1,750	5,600
200,000	5,400	5,100	4,200	3,350	3,600	2,100			6,600
300,000	6,400	5,900	4,850	3,900	4,200	2,400			8,000
500,000	7,700	7,000	5,700	4,750	5,100				10,400
1,000,000	9,800	8,600	7,100	5,700	6,200				13,200
2,000,000	12,400	10,600	8,600						17,700
5,000,000	16,700	13,600							21,800
10,000,000									0.2

TABLE B. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 1987 TO DECEMBER 1987

Size of larger estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1,300						310		350	
1,500						320		370	
1,800						340		380	
2,000						360		410	
2,500				560	590	390	550	440	
3,000				600	630	410	590	470	
3,500				640	660	430	630	490	
4,000				670	700	450	670	510	
4,500			980	700	730	470	700	530	
5,000	1,200	1,250	1,050	730	760	490	730	560	1,450
6,000	1,300	1,300	1,150	780	810	520	780	680	1,750
10,000	1,600	1,600	1,350	940	980	620	960	860	2,250
20,000	2,050	2,000	1,750	1,200	1,250	790	1,250	1,200	3,150
50,000	2,950	2,800	2,450	1,700	1,750	1,100	1,800	1,500	4,100
100,000	3,850	3,600	3,150	2,250	2,300	1,350	2,400	1,950	5,300
200,000	5,000	4,550	4,050	2,900	2,950	1,750	3,150	2,250	6,200
300,000	5,900	5,300	4,700	3,350	3,450	2,000			7,400
500,000	7,200	6,300	5,600	4,050	4,150	2,400			9,600
1,000,000	9,400	8,100	7,300	5,300	5,400				12,500
2,000,000	12,300	10,300	9,400	6,800	6,900				17,600
5,000,000	17,600	14,200							22,800
10,000,000									

TABLE C. PUBLICATION CUT-OFF POINTS FOR LABOUR FORCE ESTIMATES(a) FROM SEPTEMBER 1987

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Estimates classified by—									
Aggregate hours worked	6,300	6,300	4,300	2,800	3,500	1,800	2,400	2,000	5,800
Average hours worked	2,300	2,300	1,500	1,000	1,300	700	1,000	800	1,900
Average (mean) duration of unemployment	7,300	7,300	5,000	3,200	4,000	2,100	2,800	2,300	6,800
Median duration of unemployment	16,000	15,700	10,800	6,900	8,500	4,800	5,600	4,600	15,700
All other estimates	4,500	4,500	3,000	2,000	2,500	1,300	1,800	1,500	4,000

(a) See paragraph 9, page 40.

SUPPLEMENTARY AND SPECIAL SURVEYS RELATING TO THE LABOUR FORCE

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys on labour force and related topics are published separately as shown below.

<i>Title of Publication</i>	<i>Catalogue No.</i>
Alternative Working Arrangements, Australia, March-May 1982	6341.0
September to November 1986, Preliminary	6340.0
Annual and Long Service Leave Taken, Australia, May 1983 to April 1984	6317.0
Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, August 1972; March 1980	3406.0
Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia, September to November 1982	6243.0
Characteristics of Migrants Aged 18 Years and Over at Time of Arrival and who Arrived After 1960, Australia, March 1984	6250.0
Child Care—May 1969, 1973, 1977; June 1980; November 1984	4402.0
Educational Experience and Intentions Survey, Australia, 1979	4212.0
Employed Married Women in the Labour Force, November 1979 (Queensland)	6203.3
Employment Benefits. Annually. Latest issue August 1986	6334.0
Employment Status of Teenagers, August 1978(a)	6234.0
Evening and Night Work, November 1976	6329.0
Frequency of Pay, August 1974, 1976 and 1977	6320.0
Income and Housing Survey, 1981-82—	
Income of Individuals	6502.0
Income Distribution, Australia: Income Units	6523.0
Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia. Two-yearly. Latest issue June 1986	6222.0
Job Tenure. Latest issue August 1976	6211.0
Journey to Work and Journey to School, May 1970; August 1974	9205.0
Labour Force Experience. Annually. Latest issue February 1986	6206.0
Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia. Annually. Latest issue February 1986	6235.0
February 1987, Summary	6240.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families. Annually. Latest issue June 1986	6224.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, Summary, March 1987 (previously: Characteristics of Migrants Aged 18 Years and Over at Time of Arrival and who Arrived after 1960, Preliminary)	6249.0
Labour Mobility. Annually. Latest issue February 1986	6209.0
Migrants in the Labour Force, 1972 to 1976(a)	6230.0
Multiple Jobholding. Two-yearly. Latest issue August 1985	6216.0
Persons Retired from Full-time Work, Australia, September 1983	6238.0
Persons Who Intended to Retire from Full-time Work, Australia, September 1984	6258.0
Persons Aged 15 to 64 Years: Employment Status and Period Since Leaving School, May 1976	6225.0
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia. Twice-yearly. Latest issue March 1987	6220.0
March 1987, Summary	6219.0
Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, May 1985	6264.0
Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia, November 1985	6267.0
Post School Qualifications of Tradesmen and Other Employed Persons, New South Wales, November 1979	6202.1
Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1986 (previously: Persons Retired from Full-time Work)	6238.0
School Leavers, 1970 to 1974: Their Employment Status and Education Experience in May 1975	6226.0
Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, (previously: Methods of Obtaining Jobs) June 1986	6245.0
Superannuation, Australia, February 1974; September to November 1982	6319.0
Survey of Persons Registered with the CES as Unemployed, March 1977	6229.0
The Labour Force: Country of Birth and Period of Residence, February 1972	6207.0
Trade Union Members, November 1976, March-May 1982, August 1986	6325.0
Transition From Education to Work. Annually. Latest issue May 1986	6227.0
May 1987, Summary	6241.0
Underemployed Workers, May 1985	6265.0
Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution). Annually. Latest issue August 1986	6310.0
Work Patterns of Employees, November 1976	6328.0
Working Conditions, February-May 1979	6335.0
Working Hours Arrangements, Australia, February-May 1981	6338.0
Working Hours Arrangements—Supplementary Tables, Australia, February-May 1981	6339.0

(a) Estimates derived from labour force surveys. For more recent estimates, see the relevant tables in this publication.