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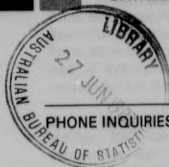


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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In association with the September 1982 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons aged fifteen to sixty-four years who were not in the labour force were asked about their labour force aspirations and, if appropriate, their availability for work and reasons for not currently seeking employment.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 6 September, 1982, carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers asked questions of those of the 69,000 respondents in the September labour force survey who fell within the scope of this survey.

3. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in November 1975, have been published in previous issues of this publication.

Scope

4. The survey includes all persons not in the labour force aged fifteen to sixty-four years except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia;
- (d) persons who had actively looked for work but were unable to start a job in survey week for reasons other than their own temporary illness or injury;
- (e) persons who have a job but, up to the end of survey week, have been away from work *without pay* for four weeks or longer; and
- (f) persons permanently unable to work, students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.

Table 1 illustrates the group within the civilian population aged fifteen years and over who are covered by this survey.

Definitions

5. Definitions of the principal labour force and demographic categories appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

6. *Persons who want a job* are those who:

- (a) in the four weeks before the interview week had not looked for work but in the survey answer 'yes' or 'maybe' to the question

'Even though you have not been looking for work would you like a full-time or part-time job now?', or

- (b) although claiming to have looked for work in the four weeks before the interview week, had not taken *active steps* to find work.

7. *Active steps to find work* include 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.

8. *Highest ranked reason.* Reasons for not actively looking for work have been ranked in the order of priority shown in Table 9; where more than one reason was given, only highest ranked has been included in the estimates in Tables 9 to 12. Table 13 includes estimates of the highest ranked reason and the second highest ranked reason (if any).

9. Among the reasons for not looking for work *personal considerations* include: own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy; studying or returning to studies; and no necessity to work; *family considerations* include such matters as ill health of another person; inability to find child care; children thought to be too young; a preference for looking after children and disapproval by the person's spouse.

10. *Discouraged.* Comprises persons who want a job but are not actively looking for work because they believe they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons: considered by employers to be too young or too old; language or racial difficulties; lack the necessary training, skills or experience; no jobs in their locality or line of work.

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

Discontinuities in the series

12. Estimates for March 1979 and earlier periods are not strictly comparable with those obtained from later surveys because, commencing with the September 1979 survey, the definition of *Persons who want a job* was widened to include those persons referred to in paragraph 6(b), some of whom would be classified as *Discouraged*.

13. *This survey excludes* persons who have a job but, up to the end of survey week, have been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer (see paragraph 4 (e)). With the exception of the September 1980 survey when these persons were also excluded, surveys of Persons Not in the Labour Force prior to March 1982 included such persons and asked them appropriate questions.

Reliability of the estimates

14. 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 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.
- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

Related publications

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Labour Force Experience During the Period February 1980 to February 1981, Australia (6206.0)

Persons Looking for Work, Australia, June 1981 (6222.0)

16. 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 Technical note.
- ... not applicable

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

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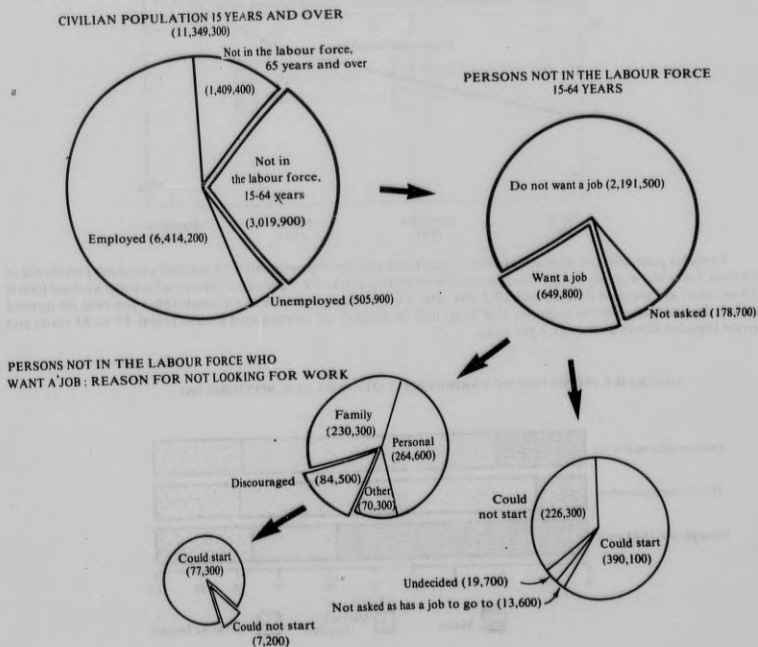
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Persons Not in the Labour Force, September 1982—Summary

Of the civilian population 15 years of age and over 4,429,300 persons are not in the labour force, including 1,409,400 who are of retirement age (65 years and over). Of the remaining 3,019,900 persons not in the labour force between 15 and 64 years of age, 649,800 or 21.5 per cent indicate that they want a job despite not actively seeking work. The majority of these persons (494,900) are not looking for work because of personal or family considerations. In addition 390,100 persons, representing 60.0 per cent of all persons who want a job, would be available to start work if a job offer was received.

Discouraged job seekers (84,500) comprise 13.0 per cent of persons not in the labour force who want a job and 91.5 per cent of these persons (77,300) would be available to start work if a job offer was received. In comparison, only 312,800 persons (55.3 per cent of persons with other reasons for not seeking work) would be able to start a job. The difference in availability to start work between discouraged job seekers and others wanting a job reflects their reasons for not seeking work. Persons with personal or family commitments are more likely to need time to make arrangements to start work than are discouraged job seekers whose reasons for not looking for work generally relate to factors outside their control.

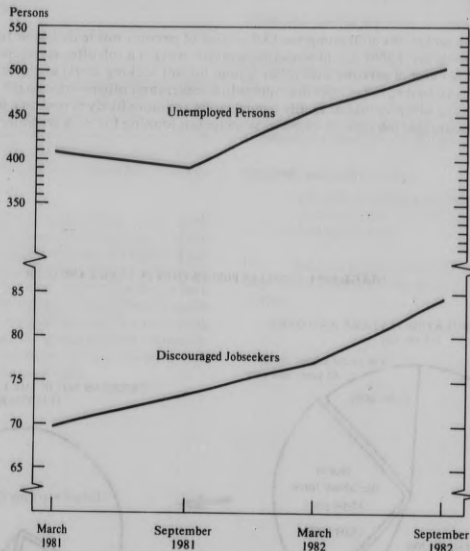
DIAGRAM 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER



2. Discouraged job seekers March 1981 to September 1982

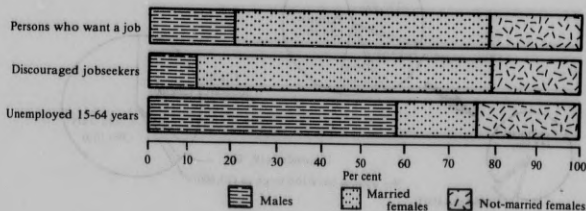
The increase in the number of discouraged job seekers over the last two years parallels the recent rise in unemployment. Between March 1981 and September 1982 unemployment increased by 23.4 per cent from 409,900 to 505,900. Correspondingly during the same period, discouraged job seekers increased by 21.1 per cent from 69,800 to 84,500. The ratio of persons unemployed to persons discouraged has remained much the same over this time.

DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AND DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS,
MARCH 1981 TO SEPTEMBER 1982



Females generally and married females in particular are disproportionately represented amongst persons not in the labour force but wanting work or discouraged from seeking work. 79.7 per cent of persons who want a job are female (57.6 per cent are married females) and 87.5 per cent of discouraged job seekers are female (66.3 per cent are married females). In contrast, females comprise less than half the number of unemployed persons (aged 15 to 64 years) and married females represent only 17.7 per cent.

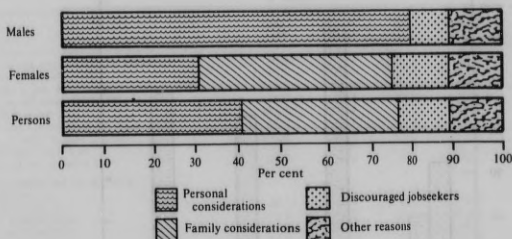
DIAGRAM 3. PROPORTION OF VARIOUS POPULATIONS BY SEX, SEPTEMBER 1982



3. Reasons for not looking for work

The reasons for not actively looking for work are different for males and females. For males wanting a job, the vast majority (79.5 per cent) give personal considerations (particularly attendance at an educational institution) as their main reason for not looking for work. These males are predominantly in the 15 to 19 year age group and are potential labour force participants at some time in the future. For females, family considerations (particularly a preference for looking after children) are the most commonly reported reasons for not seeking work. Such persons, who tend to be older and with family commitments, are unlikely to enter the labour force in the near future.

**DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB :
HIGHEST RANKED REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK**



4. Work preference

The majority of persons not in the labour force who want a job (69.8 per cent) indicated a preference for part-time work. This contrasts markedly with unemployed persons, where only 16.8 per cent are seeking part-time work and reflects the fact that persons outside the labour force tend to have either personal or family commitments which make their entry to the full-time work force more difficult. Not surprisingly, married females who are not in the labour force but who would like work indicate an overwhelming preference for part-time work (82.5 per cent). The high proportion of males who prefer part-time work (40.5 per cent) relative to unemployed males seeking part-time work (7.8 per cent) possibly reflects the desire of students to supplement their earnings while studying.

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB:
PREFERENCE FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

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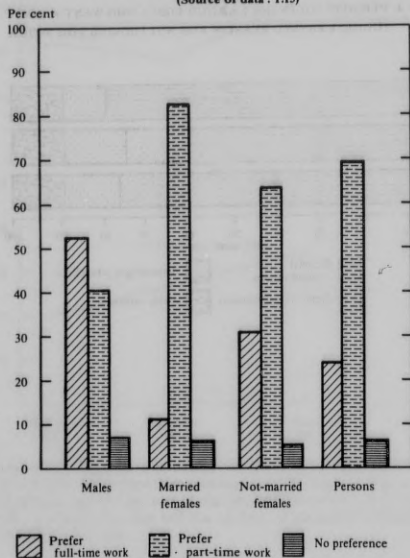


TABLE 1. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEY TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, SEPTEMBER 1982

	Number ('000)			Per cent of total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	5,606.5	5,742.9	11,349.3	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employed	4,059.2	2,355.0	6,414.2	72.4	41.0	56.5
Unemployed	293.7	212.1	505.9	5.2	3.7	4.5
Not in the labour force	1,253.6	3,175.7	4,429.3	22.4	55.3	39.0
Aged 65 years and over	565.3	844.2	1,409.4	10.1	14.7	12.4
Aged 15 to 64 years	688.3	2,331.5	3,019.9	12.3	40.6	26.6
Unable to work or in institutions(a)	62.9	33.8	96.7	1.1	0.6	0.9
Had a job but away without pay(a)(b)	8.3	19.7	28.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Took active steps but unable to start(a)	24.2	29.7	53.9	0.4	0.5	0.5
Persons included in this survey(a)	592.9	1,248.4	2,841.3	10.6	39.2	25.0
Persons who do not want a job	461.0	1,730.5	2,191.5	8.2	30.1	19.3
Persons who want a job(c)	131.9	517.9	649.8	2.4	9.0	5.7

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 4. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12 regarding comparability with other surveys. (c) For definition see Explanatory notes, paragraph 6.

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

	Sept. 1979	March 1980	Sept. 1980(b)	March 1981	Sept. 1981	March 1982(b)	Sept. 1982
Persons included in the supplementary survey(a)	2,746.9	2,727.4	2,679.5	2,755.0	2,750.8	2,762.0	2,841.3
Persons who do not want a job	2,136.9	2,151.3	2,057.9	2,147.1	2,131.7	2,076.7	2,191.5
Would not like a job now	2,113.7	2,120.9	2,034.1	2,116.4	2,112.8	2,050.9	2,170.5
Does not know whether would like a job	23.2	30.4	23.8	30.7	18.9	25.8	21.0
Persons who want a job	609.9	576.1	621.7	607.9	619.0	659.5	649.8
Have taken steps (non-active) to find a job	42.5	52.3	48.0	46.0	43.3	46.5	44.7
Have taken no steps to find a job	567.4	523.8	573.6	561.9	575.7	613.2	605.1
Yes, would like a job now	479.2	458.9	482.5	461.8	483.6	497.0	517.6
Maybe, would like a job now	88.3	64.9	91.1	100.1	92.1	116.1	87.5
Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work—							
Has a job to go to	20.5	17.8	14.3	16.5	20.2	18.2	13.6
Personal considerations	250.8	215.0	265.6	253.2	249.9	255.2	264.6
Family considerations	217.9	203.7	215.2	216.2	216.4	240.2	230.3
Discouraged	74.0	76.0	73.7	69.8	73.3	77.4	84.5
Had other reasons	41.0	56.4	46.4	45.9	53.3	57.9	49.4
No reason given	5.8	7.1	6.5	6.3	5.8	10.7	7.3

(a) For scope see Explanatory notes, paragraph 4. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 12, regarding comparability with other surveys.

TABLE 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB AND WHETHER INTEND TO LOOK FOR WORK(b), SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

('000)						
Intention to look for work(b)						
Whether would like a job	Intending to look	Might look	Would not look	Does not know	Not asked(c)	Total
MALES						
	70.0	13.5	25.4	4.3	3.1	116.3
Yes	4.2	4.9	5.8	*	*	15.6
Maybe	67.5	24.0	354.9	9.8	..	456.1
No	*	*	*	*	..	4.9
Does not know						
Total	143.6	42.9	387.4	15.9	3.1	592.9
FEMALES						
	223.9	61.0	135.7	15.4	10.1	446.0
Yes	10.1	20.8	36.7	3.9	*	71.9
Maybe	106.3	67.7	1,514.5	25.9	..	1,714.3
No	*	*	10.7	*	..	16.1
Does not know						
Total	341.7	150.8	1,697.6	47.8	10.5	2,248.4
PERSONS						
	293.9	74.5	161.0	19.7	13.2	562.3
Yes	14.3	25.7	42.5	4.6	*	87.5
Maybe	173.7	91.7	1,869.4	35.7	..	2,170.5
No	3.4	*	12.0	3.8	..	21.1
Does not know						
Total	485.3	193.7	2,084.9	63.8	13.6	2,841.3

(a) For scope see Explanatory notes, paragraph 4. (b) In the next twelve months. (c) Intention to look for work is not asked of persons who would or might like a job but whose reason for not looking for work is that they have a job to go to.

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : OCCUPATION IN
LAST JOB(b) AND AGE, SEPTEMBER 1982
('000)

Occupation in last job(b)	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Has had a job(b) within the last 10 years—								
Professional and technical	*	3.6	3.1	*	*	4.5	8.7	24.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	3.7	4.1	*	22.7
Clerical workers	*	5.0	3.0	*	*	*	15.3	30.0
Sales workers	11.2	*	*	*	*	*	6.9	27.0
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc.	3.6	4.2	3.5	*	3.9	*	11.2	30.9
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	3.3	4.2	14.2	28.5
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners, etc.	13.2	16.6	15.0	16.7	25.0	25.6	59.3	171.4
Service, sport and recreation	4.0	3.1	*	*	3.3	4.6	9.8	30.1
Total	35.7	37.0	30.3	28.4	45.4	50.1	137.6	364.6
Has not had a job(b) within the last 10 years	*	*	*	*	8.3	8.1	11.3	30.3
Has never had a job(b)	174.3	15.8	4.3	*	*	*	*	198.0
Total	210.0	53.1	34.8	31.9	54.8	58.5	149.6	592.9
FEMALES								
Has had a job(b) within the last 10 years—								
Professional and technical	*	13.3	61.1	28.3	11.5	9.5	11.1	136.4
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	5.8	4.7	3.2	4.2	4.7	23.0
Clerical workers	13.1	43.3	170.3	59.3	29.2	24.9	22.9	362.9
Sales workers	22.2	33.6	51.1	26.7	25.9	16.4	17.4	193.3
Farmers, etc.	*	4.8	6.4	6.9	6.5	4.2	4.2	33.5
Transport and communication	*	*	12.8	4.7	3.9	3.3	*	28.8
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners, etc.	7.2	26.2	62.9	34.3	34.7	20.2	17.6	203.1
Service, sport and recreation	11.8	35.0	80.1	49.1	39.3	26.5	30.2	272.0
Total	56.7	158.9	450.3	214.1	154.2	109.2	109.6	1,253.1
Has not had a job(b) within last 10 years	*	*	65.0	149.5	170.5	138.3	149.6	672.8
Has never had a job(b)	185.2	22.2	20.8	16.5	28.8	17.9	30.9	322.4
Total	242.0	181.2	536.0	380.1	353.5	265.5	290.1	2,248.3
PERSONS								
Has had a job(b) within the last 10 years—								
Professional and technical	*	17.0	64.2	30.1	12.9	14.0	19.8	160.4
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	6.3	6.4	6.9	8.3	17.0	45.7
Clerical workers	14.6	48.3	173.2	60.2	31.1	27.3	38.2	393.0
Sales workers	33.4	36.5	51.7	26.7	28.8	18.8	24.3	220.3
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc.	4.1	9.1	9.9	8.9	10.4	6.6	15.4	64.4
Transport and communication	*	3.5	14.7	7.2	7.3	7.5	15.6	57.3
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners, etc.	20.4	42.8	77.9	51.0	59.7	45.8	76.9	374.5
Service, sport and recreation	15.8	38.1	82.6	51.9	42.6	31.1	40.0	302.1
Total	92.4	193.9	480.6	242.5	199.7	159.3	247.2	1,617.7
Has not had a job(b) within last 10 years	*	*	65.2	151.6	178.7	146.4	160.9	703.1
Has never had a job(b)	359.5	38.0	25.0	18.0	30.0	18.2	31.6	520.4
Total	452.0	234.3	570.9	412.0	408.4	324.0	439.7	2,841.3

(a) For scope see Explanatory notes, paragraph 4. (b) Paid employment for two weeks or more in any job or business.

TABLE 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : BIRTHPLACE AND WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Whether would like a job	Born overseas			Total
	Born in Australia	Main English-speaking countries	Other countries	
Yes	416.3	64.1	81.9	562.3
Maybe	67.5	9.3	10.6	87.5
No	1,636.0	206.2	328.3	2,170.5
Does not know	15.6	*	3.8	21.1
Total	2,135.4	281.4	424.5	2,841.3

(a) For scope see Explanatory notes, paragraph 4.

TABLE 6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : BIRTHPLACE AND WHETHER INTEND TO LOOK FOR WORK(b), SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Intention to look for work(b)	Born overseas			Total
	Born in Australia	Main English-speaking countries	Other countries	
Intending to look	359.9	51.4	74.0	485.3
Might look	139.8	17.5	36.4	193.7
Would not look	1,583.2	204.1	297.5	2,084.9
Does not know	42.2	6.4	15.2	63.8
Not asked(c)	10.3	*	*	13.6
Total	2,135.4	281.4	424.5	2,841.3

(a) For scope see Explanatory notes, paragraph 4. (b) In the next twelve months. (c) See footnote(c), Table 3.

TABLE 7. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAVE HAD A JOB(a): TIME SINCE LAST JOB(a) AND REASON FOR LEAVING IT, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Reason for leaving last job(a)	Time since last job(a)							Total
	Under 6 months	6 months and under 1 year	1 year and under 3 years	3 years and under 5 years	5 years and under 10 years	10 years and under 20 years	20 years and over	
MALES								
Dismissed, retrenched	9.8	4.4	10.8	6.5	5.0	*	*	38.3
Seasonal or temporary job; returned to studies	14.7	33.9	14.0	4.0	*	*	*	67.7
Retired/did not want to work any longer	15.9	8.8	42.9	23.2	11.0	*	*	105.2
Own ill health or injury	9.1	11.0	34.3	37.5	38.7	18.6	*	152.0
Other reasons	10.8	6.2	5.0	3.1	3.3	*	*	31.7
Total	60.3	64.3	107.1	74.3	58.6	25.1	5.2	394.9
FEMALES								
Dismissed, retrenched	16.4	11.8	30.5	23.2	26.5	14.5	3.1	125.9
Seasonal or temporary job; returned to studies	35.2	42.6	37.5	17.4	15.2	9.8	3.2	161.0
Retired/did not want to work any longer	22.8	15.6	44.8	41.1	57.2	50.6	15.4	247.5
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	5.8	5.6	13.9	7.7	8.5	3.6	*	45.6
Own ill health or injury	9.9	9.4	38.4	22.6	40.5	28.2	9.1	158.1
Left to get married	9.9	*	10.5	14.2	34.7	78.8	202.6	344.0
Pregnancy/to have children	27.3	31.7	95.2	76.9	121.4	105.6	57.4	515.5
To look after family or other persons	8.0	8.6	26.2	21.1	36.0	37.2	17.5	154.6
Travel, changed residence, spouse transferred	9.9	9.0	34.3	22.6	33.3	22.9	7.7	139.6
Other reasons	5.2	3.3	9.6	4.2	6.8	3.2	*	34.1
Total	142.6	138.8	340.8	250.9	380.0	354.4	318.4	1,925.9
PERSONS								
Dismissed, retrenched	26.1	16.2	41.3	29.8	31.5	16.2	3.2	164.2
Seasonal or temporary job; returned to studies	49.9	76.5	51.5	21.3	15.8	9.9	3.6	228.7
Retired/did not want to work any longer	38.7	24.5	87.7	64.3	68.2	53.5	15.9	352.8
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	7.9	7.7	14.9	8.3	9.0	3.7	*	52.0
Own ill health or injury	19.0	20.4	72.7	60.1	79.2	46.8	11.9	310.0
Left to get married	*	*	10.5	14.2	34.9	78.8	203.2	344.8
Pregnancy/to have children	27.3	31.7	95.2	76.9	121.7	105.9	57.4	516.1
To look after family or other persons	8.2	9.2	27.6	21.5	36.4	37.6	17.5	158.1
Travel, changed residence, spouse transferred	13.6	11.4	35.7	22.9	34.2	23.4	7.7	148.8
Other reasons	10.2	4.4	10.8	6.0	7.7	3.6	*	45.3
Total	202.9	203.2	447.8	325.3	438.6	379.5	323.6	2,320.9

(a) Paid employment for two weeks or more in any job or business.

TABLE 8. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO INTEND TO LOOK FOR WORK(a): AGE AND WHETHER PREFER TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Prefer to work full time	64.9	23.3	11.6	11.4	7.9	3.7	*	124.6
Prefer to work part time	27.6	8.2	5.3	*	3.9	*	4.8	54.8
Total(b)	94.1	33.0	18.2	14.4	12.7	7.2	7.0	186.5
MARRIED FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	*	7.5	18.3	10.0	5.5	*	*	44.4
Prefer to work part time	4.3	25.1	109.6	70.4	34.6	11.9	*	258.0
Total(b)	6.7	34.3	130.7	84.2	42.8	13.3	*	314.3
NOT-MARRIED FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	57.6	14.5	5.7	3.3	*	*	*	82.8
Prefer to work part time	41.8	12.2	12.3	12.8	4.6	3.5	3.3	90.4
Total(b)	100.9	28.5	19.0	16.0	5.8	4.0	3.9	178.2
ALL FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	59.8	22.1	23.9	13.2	6.5	*	*	127.3
Prefer to work part time	46.1	37.3	121.9	83.2	39.2	15.4	5.2	348.4
No preference	*	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.0	*	*	16.8
Total	107.5	62.8	149.7	100.3	48.6	17.3	6.2	492.5
PERSONS								
Prefer to work full time	124.6	45.4	35.5	24.6	14.3	4.7	*	251.9
Prefer to work part time	73.7	45.6	127.2	85.4	43.1	18.1	10.0	403.2
No preference	3.3	4.8	5.2	4.6	3.9	*	*	23.9
Total	201.7	95.7	167.9	114.6	61.3	24.5	13.2	679.0

(a) In the next twelve months. Includes persons who state that they might look for work. (b) Includes persons who do not state a preference.

TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK(a) AND WHETHER INTEND TO LOOK FOR WORK(b), SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work	Intention to look for work(b)				Total		
	Intending to look	Might look	Would not look	Does not know	Males	Females	Persons
Has a job to go to	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	3.1	10.5	13.6
Personal considerations	131.8	40.0	83.5	9.4	104.9	159.7	264.6
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	39.0	16.2	30.4	4.6	40.8	49.4	90.1
Attending an educational institution	77.0	13.8	25.8	*	57.7	61.0	118.7
Has no need to work	15.8	10.0	27.4	*	6.4	49.4	55.8
Family considerations	92.1	41.9	86.7	9.7	*	228.0	230.3
Ill health of other than self	7.6	*	5.4	*	*	15.3	15.9
Unable to find child care	15.0	5.5	9.5	*	*	31.2	31.7
Prefer to look after children	51.6	25.8	57.2	5.8	*	139.9	140.4
Spouse disapproves	*	*	4.5	*	*	6.6	6.6
Other family considerations	17.3	6.9	9.9	*	*	34.9	35.7
Discouraged	49.1	12.0	19.9	3.4	10.5	73.9	84.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	9.4	3.3	8.9	*	3.6	19.3	22.9
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	6.2	*	*	*	*	9.3	9.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	33.6	7.5	9.1	*	6.3	45.3	51.6
No jobs in suitable hours	6.6	*	3.8	*	*	12.8	13.0
Other reasons	25.0	3.4	7.3	*	10.0	26.4	36.4
No reason given	3.5	*	*	*	*	6.6	7.3
Total--	74.2	18.4	31.2	5.0	131.9	517.9	649.8
Males	233.9	81.7	172.4	19.3	..	..	..
Females	308.2	100.1	293.5	24.3	..	..	..
Persons							

(a) Highest ranked reason only. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8. (b) In the next twelve months. (c) Intention to look for work in the next twelve months is not asked of persons who are not looking for work because they already have a job to go to.

**TABLE 10. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB:
AGE AND REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1982**
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AGE AND SEX FOR PERSONS

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Age group (years)

Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work

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60-64

Total

MALES

Personal considerations(b)

Own ill health, disability

Attending an educational institution

Discouraged(b)

Total(b)(c)

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FEMALES

Has a job to go to

Personal considerations(b)

Own ill health, disability, pregnancy

Attending an educational institution

Family considerations(b)

Unable to find child care

Prefer to look after children

Discouraged(b)

Considered too young or too old by employers

No jobs in locality/line of work

No jobs in suitable hours

Other reasons(c)

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Has a job to go to

Personal considerations(b)

Own ill health, disability, pregnancy

Attending an educational institution

Family considerations(b)

Unable to find child care

Prefer to look after children

Discouraged(b)

Considered too young or too old by employers

No jobs in locality/line of work

No jobs in suitable hours

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51.6

13.0

43.7

107.6

22.8

33.4

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16.4

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11.5

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7.5

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230.3

31.7

140.4

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51.6

13.0

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(a) Highest ranked reason only. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8. (b) Includes reasons not shown separately. (c) Includes persons who give no reason.

TABLE 11. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB:
REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK(a) AND STATES AND TERRITORIES, SEPTEMBER 1982
(^{'000})

Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.(b)
MALES								
Personal considerations(c)	33.3	31.1	15.4	10.7	10.1	1.6	2.0	104.9
Own ill health, disability	16.8	11.1	3.7	4.9	3.3	*	*	40.8
Attending an educational institution	14.6	17.7	10.7	5.6	5.9	*	1.7	57.7
Discouraged(c)	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.5
Total(c)(d)	42.5	37.9	19.3	13.4	13.0	2.7	2.3	131.9
FEMALES								
Has a job to go to	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.5
Personal considerations	60.0	40.6	25.3	11.9	14.6	3.9	2.6	159.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	18.1	14.7	6.6	4.2	3.9	*	*	49.4
Attending an educational institution	21.8	17.0	8.6	4.1	6.4	1.4	1.6	61.0
Has no need to work	20.1	9.0	10.1	3.6	4.4	1.8	*	49.4
Family considerations(c)	84.0	48.5	37.8	21.9	22.0	7.7	4.5	228.0
Unable to find child care	13.1	5.9	4.4	2.6	3.7	1.0	*	31.2
Prefer to look after children	49.4	29.0	23.8	14.1	14.0	4.9	3.5	139.9
Discouraged(c)	31.1	18.0	8.9	5.3	7.3	2.4	*	73.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.0	4.8	*	*	2.3	*	*	19.3
No jobs in locality/line of work	19.3	10.5	5.6	3.1	4.5	1.6	*	45.3
No jobs in suitable hours	4.4	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	12.8
Other reasons(d)	9.6	8.6	6.2	3.3	3.5	*	*	32.9
Total	193.4	123.0	79.5	45.8	49.0	15.2	8.9	517.9
PERSONS								
Has a job to go to	5.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	13.6
Personal considerations	93.2	71.7	40.8	22.7	24.7	5.5	4.6	264.6
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	34.9	25.7	10.3	9.1	7.2	1.4	*	90.1
Attending an educational institution	36.4	34.7	19.3	9.7	12.3	2.3	3.3	118.7
Has no need to work	22.0	11.3	11.1	3.8	5.2	1.9	*	55.8
Family considerations(c)	84.5	49.1	38.2	22.1	22.4	7.8	4.5	230.3
Unable to find child care	13.3	5.9	4.4	2.6	3.8	1.1	*	31.7
Prefer to look after children	49.4	29.2	24.0	14.1	14.1	4.9	3.5	140.4
Discouraged(c)	35.5	20.5	10.2	6.2	8.2	2.9	*	84.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.4	5.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	*	*	22.9
No jobs in locality/line of work	22.3	12.0	6.6	3.2	4.9	2.1	*	51.6
No jobs in suitable hours	4.6	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	13.0
Other reasons(d)	13.0	11.9	8.0	4.3	4.7	*	*	43.7
Total	235.8	160.9	98.8	59.1	62.0	17.9	11.2	649.8

(a) Highest ranked reason only. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8.
persons who give no reason.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

(c) Includes reasons not shown separately.

(d) Includes

TABLE 12. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB:
BIRTHPLACE AND REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1982
('000)

Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work	Born in Australia	Born overseas					Total born over- seas	Total
		Period of arrival			Main English- speaking countries	Other countries		
		Before 1961	1961- 1970	1971- 1982				
		FEMALES						
Has a job to go to	8.2	*	*	*	*	*	37.9	159.7
Personal considerations	121.8	9.9	15.3	12.7	19.0	15.8	15.0	49.4
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	34.3	4.5	6.4	4.2	5.4	8.6	11.0	61.0
Attending an educational institution	50.0	*	5.5	5.2	6.4	4.6	11.9	49.4
Has no need to work	37.5	5.1	3.5	3.3	7.2	4.7	11.9	49.4
Family considerations	170.9	18.0	17.1	21.9	23.6	33.5	57.1	228.0
Ill health of other than self	10.5	*	*	*	3.4	3.8	7.2	31.2
Unable to find child care	24.1	*	*	*	13.8	20.1	33.9	139.9
Prefer to look after children	106.0	9.9	9.6	14.4	*	*	9.7	34.9
Husband disapproves	5.2	4.3	*	*	3.7	6.0	9.7	34.9
Other family considerations	25.2	8.3	8.5	9.7	12.6	13.9	26.5	73.9
Discouraged	47.4	3.5	*	*	5.6	*	8.1	19.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	11.2	*	*	*	*	4.0	4.8	9.3
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	4.5	*	*	*	6.2	7.4	13.6	45.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	31.7	3.9	5.4	4.3	*	*	3.6	12.8
No jobs in suitable hours	9.2	*	*	*	3.8	3.5	7.4	32.9
Other reasons(b)	25.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	383.1	40.5	45.4	48.9	62.2	72.6	134.7	517.9
PERSONS								
Has a job to go to	10.3	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	13.6
Personal considerations	202.4	17.6	22.6	22.1	28.3	33.9	62.2	264.6
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	63.4	11.5	9.2	6.1	9.4	17.4	26.8	90.1
Attending an educational institution	96.2	*	9.7	12.4	11.1	11.4	22.5	118.7
Has no need to work	42.8	5.6	3.8	3.6	7.8	5.1	13.0	55.8
Family considerations	172.8	18.2	17.4	21.9	23.7	33.8	57.5	230.3
Ill health of other than self	11.0	*	*	*	*	3.0	4.9	15.9
Unable to find child care	24.5	*	*	*	3.4	3.8	7.2	31.7
Prefer to look after children	106.2	10.0	9.8	14.4	13.8	20.4	34.2	140.4
Spouse disapproves	5.2	*	*	*	3.7	6.0	9.7	35.7
Other family considerations	26.0	4.3	*	*	10.9	13.5	29.1	84.5
Discouraged	55.3	9.2	9.0	10.9	3.2	6.0	3.3	9.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	13.6	4.1	*	3.1	*	4.5	5.3	9.9
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	4.6	*	*	4.6	6.7	7.8	14.6	51.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	37.1	4.1	5.8	*	*	*	3.6	13.0
No jobs in suitable hours	9.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	4.4	5.8	10.2	43.7
Other reasons(b)	33.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	483.8	50.8	54.1	61.0	73.4	92.5	165.9	649.8

(a) Highest ranked reason only. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8. (b) Includes persons who give no reason.

TABLE 13. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: HIGHEST RANKED REASON AND SECOND REASON (IF ANY) FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Highest ranked reason for not looking for work	Second reason for not looking for work						
	Family considerations			No jobs in locality or line of work	No jobs in suitable hours	No second reason given	Total
	Prefer to look after children	Spouse dis- approves	Total(b)				
FEMALES							
Has a job to go to	*	*	*	*	*	10.5	10.5
Personal considerations	10.7	*	21.4	8.4	3.0	47.9	111.8
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	3.3	*	7.7	*	*	15.9	33.5
Attending an educational institution	*	*	*	*	*	10.0	51.0
Has no need to work	6.5	*	12.1	4.2	*	22.0	27.3
Family considerations	14.9	3.5	30.7	12.6	9.6	66.9	161.1
Unable to find child care	12.0	*	13.7	*	*	17.7	13.6
Prefer to look after children	..	3.2	11.4	6.4	7.0	31.6	108.3
Other family considerations	..	*	5.7	4.8	*	17.7	39.2
Discouraged(b)	..	..	..	6.6	5.5	21.6	52.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	..	..	..	..	4.2	8.5	36.7
Other reasons(c)	..	..	..	..	*	44.2	45.7
Total	26.3	4.7	52.8	27.7	18.0	138.0	379.9
PERSONS							
Has a job to go to	*	*	*	*	*	13.6	13.6
Personal considerations	10.9	*	22.7	11.1	5.1	67.0	197.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	3.3	*	8.0	3.7	*	24.6	65.6
Attending an educational institution	*	*	*	3.0	4.3	17.7	101.0
Has no need to work	6.8	*	12.6	4.5	*	24.7	31.1
Family considerations	15.0	3.5	30.9	12.6	9.6	67.6	162.7
Unable to find child care	12.1	*	13.7	*	*	17.9	13.8
Prefer to look after children	..	3.2	11.5	6.4	7.0	31.7	108.7
Other family considerations	..	*	5.7	4.8	*	18.0	40.2
Discouraged(b)	..	..	..	7.3	5.5	24.8	59.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	..	..	..	..	4.2	10.3	41.4
Other reasons(c)	..	..	..	..	*	55.2	56.7
Total	26.6	4.7	54.4	31.1	20.3	160.9	488.8

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8. (b) Includes reasons not shown separately. (c) Includes persons who give no reason and persons who answer 'No jobs in suitable hours'.

TABLE 14. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: TIME SINCE LAST JOB(a) AND WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Time since last job(a)	Has looked for work in the last 12 months(b)				Total	Has not looked in the last 12 months	Not asked as has a job to go to	Total
	Within last 4 weeks	5 to 7 weeks ago	8 to 12 weeks ago	13 to 52 weeks ago				
FEMALES								
Has never had a job(a)	5.9	3.0	3.2	6.5	18.6	44.7	*	63.7
Under 6 months	7.6	*	*	*	10.7	35.5	4.5	50.7
6 and under 12 months	7.3	*	*	*	14.3	33.0	*	49.5
1 and under 3 years	9.3	3.8	7.8	8.5	29.4	74.8	*	106.4
3 and under 10 years	13.6	3.1	7.3	9.5	33.5	124.5	*	159.1
10 years or more	6.1	*	*	3.7	13.5	74.7	*	88.6
Total	49.8	14.5	24.4	31.5	120.1	387.3	10.5	517.9
PERSONS								
Has never had a job(a)	10.5	4.1	4.6	10.0	29.2	80.9	*	110.9
Under 6 months	12.8	*	*	*	18.0	47.7	6.5	72.2
6 and under 12 months	11.4	3.1	*	4.9	21.9	43.0	*	67.0
1 and under 3 years	12.4	4.2	8.9	10.9	36.5	88.5	*	127.7
3 and under 10 years	14.9	3.9	8.5	11.4	38.7	140.9	*	180.8
10 years or more	6.6	*	*	3.7	14.0	76.9	*	91.2
Total	68.6	18.9	29.2	41.6	158.3	477.9	13.6	649.8

(a) Paid employment for two weeks or more in any job or business. (b) Persons who have left a job in the last twelve months are only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

**TABLE 15. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB:
AGE AND WHETHER PREFER TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME, SEPTEMBER 1982**
(' 000)

	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Prefer to work full time	30.4	10.5	6.5	6.8	8.1	3.6	3.2	69.2
Prefer to work part time	27.3	4.3	3.5	*	4.2	3.5	8.2	53.4
Total(a)(b)	59.2	16.1	11.7	9.9	14.0	8.0	12.9	131.9
MARRIED FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	*	6.3	15.7	9.8	6.9	*	*	41.8
Prefer to work part time	4.2	26.7	118.2	82.4	51.2	17.8	8.0	308.6
No preference	*	*	5.3	4.4	4.1	*	*	16.3
Total(b)	5.8	34.7	141.9	98.8	63.7	20.3	8.7	374.0
NOT-MARRIED FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	28.9	6.0	4.3	*	*	*	*	44.6
Prefer to work part time	35.4	7.9	14.9	13.0	7.7	5.4	7.4	91.7
Total(a)(b)	67.4	15.5	20.2	16.3	9.3	6.7	8.6	143.9
ALL FEMALES								
Prefer to work full time	30.4	12.3	20.0	12.1	8.3	*	*	86.3
Prefer to work part time	39.6	34.6	133.1	95.4	58.9	23.2	15.4	400.2
No preference	*	*	6.1	5.4	4.1	*	*	20.8
Total(b)	73.2	50.2	162.1	115.0	73.1	27.0	17.2	517.9
PERSONS								
Prefer to work full time	60.8	22.8	26.4	18.9	16.4	5.8	4.2	155.5
Prefer to work part time	66.9	38.9	136.6	97.9	63.0	26.7	23.5	453.6
No preference	*	*	6.9	5.8	5.4	*	*	27.0
Not asked(b)	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	*	13.6
Total	132.4	66.3	173.8	124.9	87.1	35.1	30.2	649.8

(a) Includes persons who do not state a preference. (b) Includes persons who have a job to go to and a small number of persons who took only non-active steps to find work. These persons are not asked whether they prefer full-time or part-time work.

**TABLE 16. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: WHETHER PREFER
TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME AND WHETHER COULD START WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1982**
(' 000)

Whether could start work within four weeks	Males			Females			Persons		
	Prefer to work		Total(b)	Prefer to work		Total(b)	Prefer to work		Total(b)
	Full time	Part time		Full time	Part time		Full time	Part time	
Could start work	34.6	30.6	68.1	52.5	256.5	322.0	87.2	287.1	390.1
Could not start work because—									
Own illness or injury	14.9	5.8	22.9	5.4	12.9	19.3	20.3	18.7	42.2
Attending educational institution	15.0	12.1	27.9	13.2	11.9	25.9	28.2	24.0	53.8
Secondary school	12.1	9.1	21.8	9.4	9.2	19.3	21.6	18.3	41.0
Other	*	3.0	6.1	3.8	*	6.7	6.7	5.6	12.8
Personal, family reasons	*	*	*	11.2	101.1	116.6	12.4	102.3	119.0
Other reasons	*	*	*	*	6.9	8.8	3.8	7.3	11.2
Total	33.0	19.6	55.6	31.6	132.7	170.7	64.6	152.4	226.3
Does not know whether could start work	*	3.1	5.0	*	11.0	14.7	3.7	14.1	19.7
Total	69.2	53.4	131.9	86.3	400.2	517.9	155.5	453.6	649.8

(a) Responses to the question "If offered a job are there any reasons you could not start work in the next four weeks?" (b) Includes persons who have a job to go to and a small number of persons who took only non-active steps to find work. These persons are not asked whether they prefer to work full time or part time.

TABLE 17. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: SUMMARY OF
CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1982
(^{'000})

	Discouraged jobseekers			All persons who want a job		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total	10.5	73.9	84.5	131.9	517.9	649.8
Marital status—						
Married	5.7	56.0	61.6	39.6	374.0	413.6
Not married	4.9	18.0	22.8	92.2	143.9	236.1
Age (years)—						
15-19	*	5.7	7.6	59.2	73.2	132.4
20-24	*	4.0	5.4	16.1	50.2	66.3
25-34	*	15.0	16.0	11.7	162.1	173.8
35-44	*	18.2	19.4	9.9	115.0	124.9
45-54	*	19.6	21.4	14.0	73.1	87.1
55-64	3.3	11.3	14.6	21.0	44.3	65.3
Birthplace—						
Australia	7.9	47.4	55.3	100.7	383.1	483.8
Main English-speaking countries	*	12.6	13.5	11.3	62.2	73.4
Other countries	*	13.9	15.6	19.9	72.6	92.5
Work preference—						
Prefers to work full time	6.7	14.0	20.7	69.2	86.3	155.5
Prefers to work part time	3.3	52.8	56.1	53.4	400.2	453.6
No preference	*	7.1	7.7	6.2	20.8	27.0
Not asked(a)	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	4.8	42.7	47.5	90.6	387.3	477.9
Had looked for work	5.7	31.2	37.0	38.2	120.1	158.3
Less than 5 weeks ago	4.1	12.7	16.8	18.8	49.8	68.6
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	*	3.7	3.8	4.4	14.5	18.9
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	*	6.7	7.2	4.8	24.4	29.2
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	*	8.1	9.2	10.1	31.5	41.6
Not asked(a)	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Intention to look for work in the next 12 months—						
Intends to look	7.5	41.6	49.1	74.2	233.9	308.2
Might look	*	11.0	12.0	18.4	81.7	100.1
Would not look	*	18.2	19.9	31.2	172.4	203.5
Does not know	*	3.1	3.4	5.0	19.3	24.3
Not asked(a)	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether could start work in the next four weeks—						
Could start work	9.5	67.8	77.3	68.1	322.0	390.1
Could not start work	*	3.9	4.9	55.6	170.7	226.3
Does not know	*	*	*	5.0	14.7	19.7
Not asked(a)	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether had a job(b)—						
Has never had a job(b)	*	6.3	8.2	47.2	63.7	110.9
Has had a job(b)	8.6	67.6	76.2	84.7	454.2	538.9
Time since last job(b)—						
Under 6 months	*	5.8	8.6	21.5	50.7	72.2
6 months and under 1 year	*	7.5	9.2	17.6	49.5	67.0
1 year and under 3 years	*	16.4	18.0	21.4	106.4	127.7
3 years and under 10 years	*	21.6	23.6	21.7	159.1	180.8
10 years and under 20 years	*	11.8	12.0	*	64.7	66.6
20 years or more	*	4.5	4.8	*	23.9	24.6
Reason for leaving last job(b)—						
Dismissed, retrenched	3.7	10.3	14.0	17.1	48.1	65.2
Seasonal/temporary; returned to studies	*	9.0	10.2	18.4	59.3	77.7
Retired, did not need to work any longer	*	3.8	4.7	7.1	22.3	29.4
Own ill health or injury	*	5.0	5.4	30.0	36.3	66.3
Family considerations	*	21.3	21.3	*	206.7	208.0
Left to get married	*	7.1	7.1	*	39.5	39.5
Left to have children	*	10.1	10.1	*	130.8	130.9
Other family considerations	*	4.1	4.1	*	36.4	37.6
Travel, changed residence, spouse transferred	*	10.8	11.8	4.1	47.8	51.9
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	5.6	6.6	*	21.2	24.1
Other reasons	*	*	*	3.9	12.4	16.3
Never had a job(b)	*	6.3	8.2	47.2	63.7	110.9

(a) Persons whose reason for not actively looking for work is that they already have a job to go to. (b) Paid employment, for two weeks or more in any job or business.

TABLE 18. FEMALES NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE: WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB, NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM RESPONSIBLE, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Under 6 years	Number and age of children for whom responsible	Would like a job		Would not like a job(c)	Total
		If child care available(a)	Other(b)		
None	6-11 years				
	1	9.0	53.7	101.9	165.6
	2	10.8	39.6	54.4	104.8
	3 or more	*	9.0	8.8	20.0
	Total	22.9	102.3	165.2	290.4
1	none	34.5	51.3	124.6	210.3
	1	18.4	37.5	59.8	115.7
	2	9.6	11.1	39.1	59.8
	3 or more	*	*	6.2	9.0
	Total	63.3	101.8	229.7	394.9
2	none	26.7	40.0	89.2	155.9
	1	9.9	10.0	28.3	48.1
	2 or more	*	3.7	12.2	18.1
	Total	38.7	53.7	129.8	222.1
3 or more	none	3.8	5.8	17.3	26.9
	Total	4.8	8.2	24.7	37.7
Total	none	64.9	97.1	231.1	393.1
	1	39.0	103.1	194.5	336.6
	2	22.4	54.5	104.6	181.5
	3 or more	3.4	11.3	19.2	33.8
	Total	129.7	265.9	549.4	945.1

(a) Comprises 116,400 females who initially stated that they would not like a job or did not know whether they would, but later stated that they would or might like a job if they had child care available for all their children under 12 years of age, and 13,400 females (7,000 responsible only for children under 6 years of age) who stated that they would or might like a job and whose only reason for not looking for work was that they were unable to find child care. (b) Comprises females who would or might like a job and whose reasons for not looking for work either do not include nonavailability of child care or include some other reason in conjunction with nonavailability of child care. (c) Comprises females who would not like a job or do not know whether they would, even if child care was available.

TABLE 19. FEMALES NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WOULD LIKE A JOB IF CHILD CARE WAS AVAILABLE(a): SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

	Responsible for—			Total
	Children aged 0-5 years only	Children aged 6-11 years only	Children aged 0-5 years and 6-11 years	
Total	64.9	22.9	41.9	129.7
Age of female responsible (years)—				
15-24	28.9	*	*	30.7
25-34	30.6	10.5	31.3	72.4
35 and over	5.4	12.1	9.0	26.6
Marital status—				
Married	56.3	18.7	39.1	114.2
Not married	8.6	4.2	*	15.5
Place of residence—				
New South Wales	24.4	10.0	17.0	51.4
Sydney	15.8	6.0	9.9	31.8
Victoria	14.1	6.1	9.5	29.8
Melbourne	9.6	4.0	7.2	20.8
Queensland	10.4	*	7.0	19.8
Brisbane	4.4	*	3.5	9.7
Other areas	6.0	*	3.5	10.1
South Australia	5.4	*	*	8.4
Adelaide	3.8	2.3	4.0	6.4
Western Australia	6.4	*	3.0	12.7
Perth	3.7	*	1.6	8.3
Tasmania	2.4	*	*	4.5
State capital cities	38.0	14.6	25.7	78.2
Other areas	27.0	8.3	16.2	51.5
Birthplace—				
Australia	49.5	17.3	29.1	95.8
Overseas	15.5	5.6	12.8	33.9
Main English-speaking countries	6.9	*	5.2	13.7
Other overseas countries	8.6	4.1	7.6	20.2
Period of arrival in Australia—				
Before 1961	*	*	3.0	6.9
1961 to 1970	6.2	*	4.0	12.9
1971 to September 1982	7.2	*	5.7	14.0
Preferred work arrangements—				
Full-time work	6.8	*	4.0	13.2
Part-time work	55.7	19.4	36.1	111.2
No preference	*	*	*	5.2

(a) See footnote(a) to Table 18.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

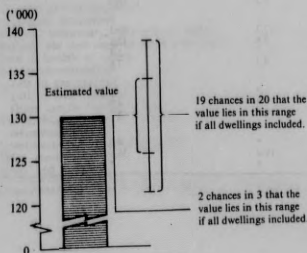
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution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

Reliability of the estimates

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

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 19 on the previous page shows the estimated number of females in Australia who are not in the labour force and who would like a job but are responsible for children is 129,700. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 3,900 and 5,100 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 4,300 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 125,400 to 134,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 121,100 to 138,300. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



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

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

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, of the 129,700 females who want a job only 13,200 or 10.2 per cent want full-time work. The standard error of 13,200 is approximately 1,600 so the relative standard error is 12.1 per cent. The relative standard error for 129,700 is 3.3 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(12.1)^2 + (3.3)^2}$ or 11.6 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (10.2 per cent) of 1.2 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of females responsible for children but wanting a full-time job is between 9.0 per cent and 11.4 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 7.8 per cent to 12.6 per cent.

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

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

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

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of 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 only a sample.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Relative standard error (per cent)	
									—number—	
1,000						250				
1,500						300	410	390		
2,000				460	460	340	470	440		
2,500			630	510	510	380	510	480		
3,000			690	550	560	410	550	510		
3,500	920	910	740	590	590	430	590	540	800	26.7
4,000	980	960	780	620	630	460	620	560	860	24.6
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	660	480	650	590	920	23.0
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	690	500	680	610	970	21.6
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	750	530	740	650	1,000	20.0
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	920	640	910	750	1,100	18.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,200	810	1,200	910	1,400	14.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,700	1,100	2,000	10.0
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,100	1,300		1,300	2,900	5.8
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,600	1,500			3,900	3.9
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	2,900				5,100	2.6
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,300				6,000	2.0
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900						7,200	1.4
2,000,000	10,000	8,400							9,100	0.9
5,000,000									11,000	0.6
									15,000	0.3

Note. Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published, see paragraph 5 on page 18.