

## CHAPTER 5

### PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

Persons not in the labour force represent that group of the population who during a particular week are not employed or unemployed. The main interest here is in their potential to participate in the labour force. In addition to analysing persons not in the labour force by their demographic and family characteristics, attention is also focussed on their degree of attachment to the labour force. This is achieved by the concepts of 'marginal attachment to the labour force' and 'discouraged jobseekers'.

The sources for the statistics in this chapter are the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries. In particular, a survey of persons not in the labour force is conducted annually to examine the labour force attachments of persons not in the labour force.

#### Persons Not In the Labour Force

There were 4,878,500 persons not in the labour force in August 1989, 1,619,700 males and 3,258,700 females.

Females comprised 66.8 per cent of persons not in the labour force in August 1989 compared to 72.6 per cent ten years earlier.

In August 1989, 36.3 per cent of persons not in the labour force were aged 65 and over, compared with 30.0 per cent in August 1979.

A survey conducted in September 1989 analysed the characteristics of persons aged 15 to 69 who were not in the labour force. There were 3,567,100 persons not in the labour force, accounting for 30 per cent of the civilian population aged 15 to 69. This proportion is similar to the proportion estimated in March 1988 and September 1988 (31%).

Females comprised some 69 per cent of those not in the labour force, whereas they constituted 41 per cent of persons in the labour force.

Some 75 per cent of women not in the labour force gave home duties/child care as their main activity. This category accounted for 8 per cent of men not in the labour force.

There were approximately the same numbers (about 320,000) of men and women not in the labour force whose main activity was attending an educational institution.

About 37 per cent of males and 4 per cent of females not in the labour force were reported as retired/voluntarily inactive.

Of those persons not in the labour force, approximately one person in three had either last had a job twenty or more years ago, or had never had a job.

#### Persons Not In the Labour Force who Wanted to Work

The September 1989 survey estimated 994,700 persons aged 15 to 69 who wanted to work but were not in the labour force (i.e. neither employed nor unemployed). The 15 to 24 years age group made up 31 per cent of this number, the 25 to 34 years age group accounted for 26 per cent, while 19 per cent were aged 35 to 44 years.

Of those persons not in the labour force who wanted to work, an estimated 286,300 persons (29%) were neither actively looking for work, nor were available to start work within four weeks.

#### Discouraged Jobseekers

In September 1989 there were an estimated 76,100 discouraged jobseekers. The lowest percentage of these persons was in the 20 to 24 age group (5%) and the highest percentage was in the 55 to 64 age group with 27 per cent. In previous surveys, these age groups have consistently had the lowest and highest numbers of discouraged jobseekers, respectively.

The estimated number of discouraged jobseekers has declined in each of the last four surveys, with the most prominent decrease occurring for the 35 to 44 year age group.

# Persons Not In the Labour Force With Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force

Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force (i.e. persons neither employed nor unemployed who nevertheless reported some attachment to the labour force) numbered 708,400 in September 1989. This represents 20 per cent of all persons aged 15 to 69 not in the labour force. Some 74 per cent of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force were females.

**TABLE 5.1 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1989**  
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	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Type of work preferred			Total
	Intended to look	Did not intend to look	Did not know/might look	Not asked(a)	Full-time	Part-time	No preference	
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	..	..	..	55.3	30.1	23.5	* 1.7	55.3
Were available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	27.7	13.3	13.6	* 0.8	27.7
Were not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	27.6	16.8	10.0	* 0.9	27.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	296.8	190.0	146.1	20.1	150.9	477.4	24.7	653.1
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>								
Had a job to go to(b)	..	..	..	20.1	11.4	7.9	* 0.8	20.1
Personal reasons	148.6	65.6	60.4	..	76.3	189.5	8.8	274.5
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	33.2	21.7	24.3	..	24.7	49.8	4.7	79.2
Attending an educational institution	86.2	17.4	18.4	..	35.7	85.2	* 1.2	122.1
Had no need to work	10.3	14.0	10.6	..	* 3.6	30.6	* 0.8	34.9
Give others a chance	* 0.6	* 2.1	* 0.4	..	* 0.0	* 2.8	* 0.3	* 3.1
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	* 2.7	9.3	* 4.2	..	* 2.5	12.4	* 1.4	16.3
Moved house/holidays	15.7	* 0.9	* 2.4	..	9.8	8.6	* 0.5	19.0
Family reasons	82.5	87.4	57.7	..	26.5	194.6	6.4	227.6
Ill health of other than self	5.5	* 3.0	* 2.9	..	* 2.2	8.6	* 0.5	11.4
Unable to find suitable childcare	23.9	35.8	14.5	..	11.5	60.7	* 2.1	74.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	39.6	34.1	29.1	..	8.5	92.1	* 2.2	102.8
Other family considerations	13.5	14.5	11.2	..	* 4.3	33.2	* 1.6	39.1
Discouraged jobseekers	34.5	27.0	14.6	..	20.7	49.1	6.3	76.1
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.6	16.1	6.0	..	5.7	23.1	* 1.9	30.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	* 1.7	* 1.2	* 0.9	..	* 2.3	* 1.0	* 0.5	* 3.8
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	5.6	* 3.1	* 1.9	..	* 3.1	6.6	* 0.9	10.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	15.8	5.3	4.6	..	7.7	15.5	* 2.4	25.7
No jobs at all	* 2.8	* 1.2	* 1.2	..	* 1.8	* 2.8	* 0.6	5.2
No jobs in suitable hours	6.6	* 1.3	* 2.8	..	* 1.1	9.5	* 0.0	10.6
Other reasons	20.4	8.2	7.9	..	13.3	21.4	* 1.8	36.4
Did not know(a)	* 4.3	* 0.6	* 2.8	..	* 1.7	5.4	* 0.6	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>296.8</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>181.0</b>	<b>500.9</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>708.4</b>

(a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons as defined in footnote (b). (b) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0).

TABLE 5.2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA,  
MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989  
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	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
MALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69	5,533.0	5,590.5	5,654.9	5,764.5	5,829.8	5,977.6
Persons in the labour force	4,543.2	4,570.4	4,632.7	4,711.6	4,718.5	4,872.8
Persons not in the labour force	989.8	1,020.1	1,022.2	1,052.9	1,111.4	1,104.8
With marginal attachment to the labour force	153.9	156.8	163.9	177.6	190.8	186.9
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	14.0	26.3	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8
Were available to start work within four weeks	10.0	9.1	10.0	10.8	14.8	12.6
Were not available to start work within four weeks	4.0	17.1	2.1	2.5	19.9	13.2
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	139.9	130.5	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1
Discouraged jobseekers	21.8	16.2	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2
Other	118.1	114.3	129.6	144.8	136.4	142.9
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	835.9	863.3	858.2	875.3	920.6	917.9
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	64.1	67.4	54.5	63.1	73.9	76.4
Did not want to work	704.0	731.4	733.3	745.5	782.8	759.1
Permanently unable to work	22.7	23.5	20.0	24.1	26.4	25.3
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	45.1	41.0	50.5	42.6	37.5	57.0
FEMALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69	5,495.3	5,550.8	5,613.0	5,722.5	5,783.8	5,905.8
Persons in the labour force	2,977.6	3,019.5	3,138.4	3,255.1	3,274.7	3,443.5
Persons not in the labour force	2,517.7	2,531.3	2,474.6	2,467.4	2,509.1	2,462.3
With marginal attachment to the labour force	543.5	580.4	532.5	547.4	530.9	521.5
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	21.1	30.7	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5
Were available to start work within four weeks	14.9	17.5	13.5	16.1	20.0	15.2
Were not available to start work within four weeks	6.2	13.2	5.5	4.2	11.0	14.4
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	522.4	549.6	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0
Discouraged jobseekers	69.8	67.4	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9
Other	452.6	482.2	441.2	454.6	435.7	434.1
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	1,974.1	1,950.9	1,942.1	1,919.9	1,978.2	1,940.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	195.6	192.5	177.4	187.2	207.4	209.9
Did not want to work	1,742.7	1,722.4	1,727.6	1,692.4	1,732.9	1,692.0
Permanently unable to work	10.5	12.0	8.8	13.4	10.8	9.8
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	25.4	24.0	28.3	26.9	27.1	29.2
PERSONS						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69	11,028.3	11,141.3	11,267.9	11,487.0	11,613.6	11,883.4
Persons in the labour force	7,520.8	7,589.9	7,771.2	7,966.8	7,993.2	8,316.3
Persons not in the labour force	3,507.5	3,551.4	3,496.7	3,520.2	3,620.4	3,567.1
With marginal attachment to the labour force	697.4	737.2	696.4	725.0	721.7	708.4
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	35.2	57.0	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3
Were available to start work within four weeks	25.0	26.7	23.6	26.9	34.8	27.7
Were not available to start work within four weeks	10.2	30.3	7.6	6.7	30.9	27.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	662.3	680.2	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1
Discouraged jobseekers	91.5	83.6	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1
Other	570.7	596.5	570.9	599.4	572.2	577.0
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	2,810.1	2,814.2	2,800.3	2,795.2	2,898.8	2,858.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	259.6	259.9	231.8	250.3	281.3	286.3
Did not want to work	2,446.6	2,453.8	2,460.9	2,437.8	2,515.7	2,451.1
Permanently unable to work	33.3	35.5	28.8	37.5	37.2	35.1
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	70.5	65.0	78.8	69.5	64.7	86.2

(a) Includes patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols etc.

Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0).

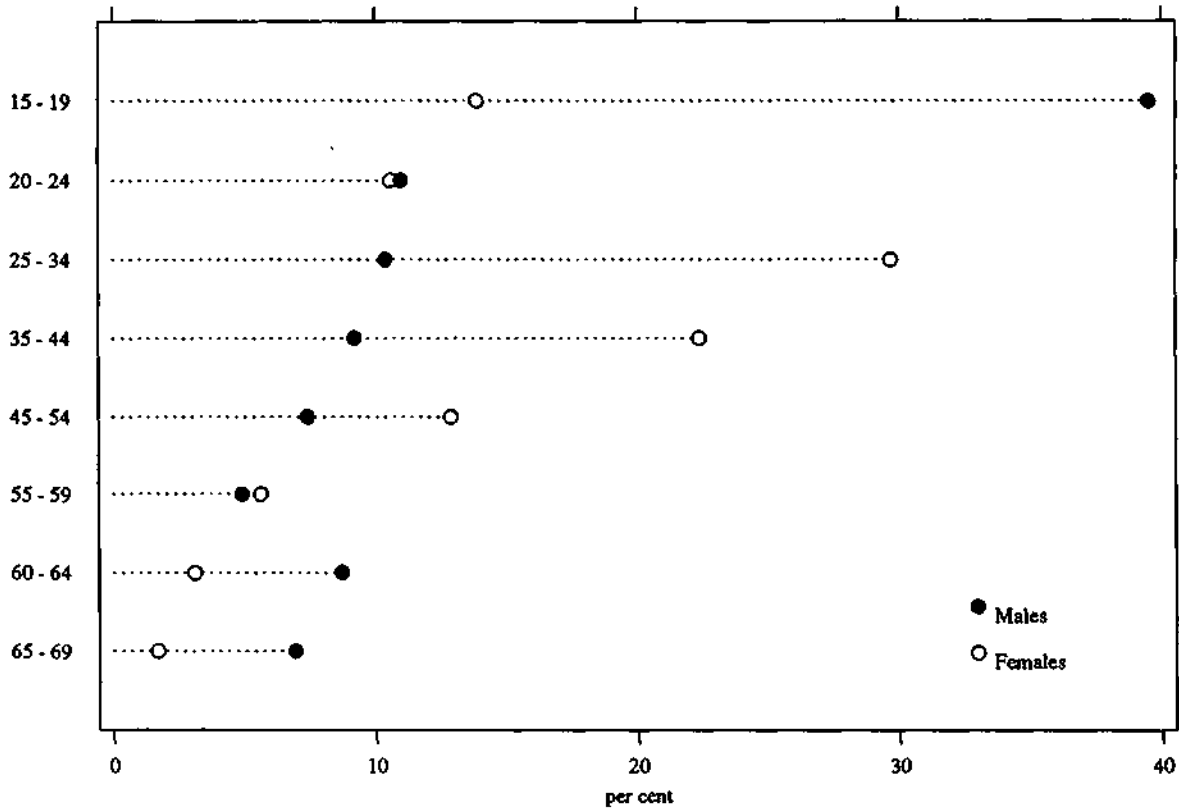
TABLE 5.3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:  
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989  
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	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
<b>MALES</b>						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	14.0	26.3	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	139.9	130.5	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1
Main reason for not actively looking for work—						
Had a job to go to(a)	6.8	4.9	8.6	6.6	5.8	8.0
Personal reasons	96.0	93.5	105.7	118.4	110.4	114.7
Family reasons	*3.5	3.8	*3.8	5.7	*4.1	5.1
Discouraged jobseekers	21.8	16.2	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2
No jobs in suitable hours	*1.0	*1.1	*1.2	*1.3	*2.1	*1.1
Other reasons	9.4	10.4	9.7	11.4	12.5	12.6
Did not know	*1.3	*0.6	*0.8	*1.4	*1.5	*1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>156.8</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>177.6</b>	<b>190.8</b>	<b>186.9</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	21.1	30.7	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	522.4	549.6	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0
Main reasons for not actively looking for work—						
Had a job to go to(a)	15.0	15.6	15.1	17.4	13.4	12.1
Personal reasons	151.5	152.4	153.0	161.7	145.8	159.9
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	36.2	33.3	36.5	42.5	35.0	44.3
Attending an educational institution	57.3	55.5	58.0	65.4	55.7	63.8
Had no need to work	31.0	32.3	27.7	25.6	28.3	25.9
Give others a chance	3.7	6.3	4.6	5.9	*3.6	*2.8
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	14.1	12.7	15.2	12.5	10.5	11.8
Moved house/holidays	9.2	12.2	11.1	9.9	12.6	11.2
Family reasons	237.4	263.3	235.1	236.3	239.2	222.5
Ill health of other than self	12.4	10.8	11.6	11.0	10.6	10.8
Unable to find suitable childcare	69.4	71.9	67.6	79.5	83.1	73.6
Children too young/preferred to look after children	116.0	138.7	116.1	106.8	107.7	102.0
Other family considerations	39.5	42.0	39.7	39.0	37.8	36.1
Discouraged jobseekers	69.8	67.4	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	22.5	18.1	25.0	25.0	23.5	22.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	4.2	3.1	3.3	5.6	5.3	*3.0
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	9.8	8.5	10.4	10.9	12.0	9.0
No jobs in locality or line of work	22.6	27.8	23.7	24.1	17.5	19.3
No jobs at all	10.7	9.7	9.8	7.0	5.7	*3.8
No jobs in suitable hours	16.4	15.4	10.7	13.4	8.6	9.5
Other reasons	24.6	29.7	19.2	21.4	24.1	23.9
Did not know	7.8	5.8	8.2	4.5	4.7	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>543.5</b>	<b>580.4</b>	<b>532.5</b>	<b>547.4</b>	<b>530.9</b>	<b>521.5</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	35.2	57.0	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	662.3	680.2	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1
Main reason for not actively looking for work—						
Had a job to go to(a)	21.8	20.5	34.7	23.9	19.1	20.1
Personal reasons	247.5	245.9	258.7	280.1	256.2	274.5
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	61.6	55.9	61.1	76.2	69.6	79.2
Attending an educational institution	111.1	106.9	119.8	128.2	111.0	122.1
Had no need to work	37.6	39.6	36.8	32.7	35.9	34.9
Give others a chance	4.3	7.1	5.2	6.4	*3.8	*3.1
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	18.2	18.9	20.4	17.7	16.9	16.3
Moved house/holidays	14.7	17.6	15.3	19.0	19.0	19.0
Family reasons	240.9	267.1	238.9	242.0	243.2	227.6
Ill health of other than self	12.9	11.4	12.9	12.7	12.7	11.4
Unable to find suitable childcare	70.1	72.6	68.2	81.0	83.7	74.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	117.2	140.2	117.2	108.2	108.3	102.8
Other family considerations	40.6	43.0	40.5	40.2	38.6	39.1
Discouraged jobseekers	91.5	83.6	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1
Considered too young or too old by employers	33.2	25.5	35.1	35.4	32.5	30.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	5.2	3.8	4.2	6.0	6.5	*3.8
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	11.5	10.2	12.5	12.6	14.6	10.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	28.2	32.7	31.1	29.7	23.0	25.7
No jobs at all	13.4	11.4	11.6	8.4	7.2	5.2
No jobs in suitable hours	17.5	16.5	11.8	14.7	10.7	10.6
Other reasons	34.0	40.2	28.9	32.8	36.7	36.4
Did not know	9.0	6.4	9.0	5.9	6.3	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>697.4</b>	<b>737.2</b>	<b>696.4</b>	<b>725.0</b>	<b>721.7</b>	<b>708.4</b>

(a) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

Source: Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0).

**CHART 5.1. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE BY SEX, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1989**



Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, September 1989* (6220.0).

**TABLE 5.4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: AGE, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989**  
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Age group	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
15-19	7.2	7.1	6.7	7.9	8.0	5.5
20-24	6.0	*2.9	*3.1	*2.7	*3.5	*3.6
25-34	12.7	12.8	11.7	15.3	12.8	10.2
35-44	18.1	18.6	21.8	19.0	15.3	13.9
45-54	18.4	13.9	18.6	15.4	14.8	15.0
55-64	19.7	19.6	23.1	22.3	22.3	20.2
65-69	9.4	8.7	9.4	9.5	7.1	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>76.1</b>

Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0).

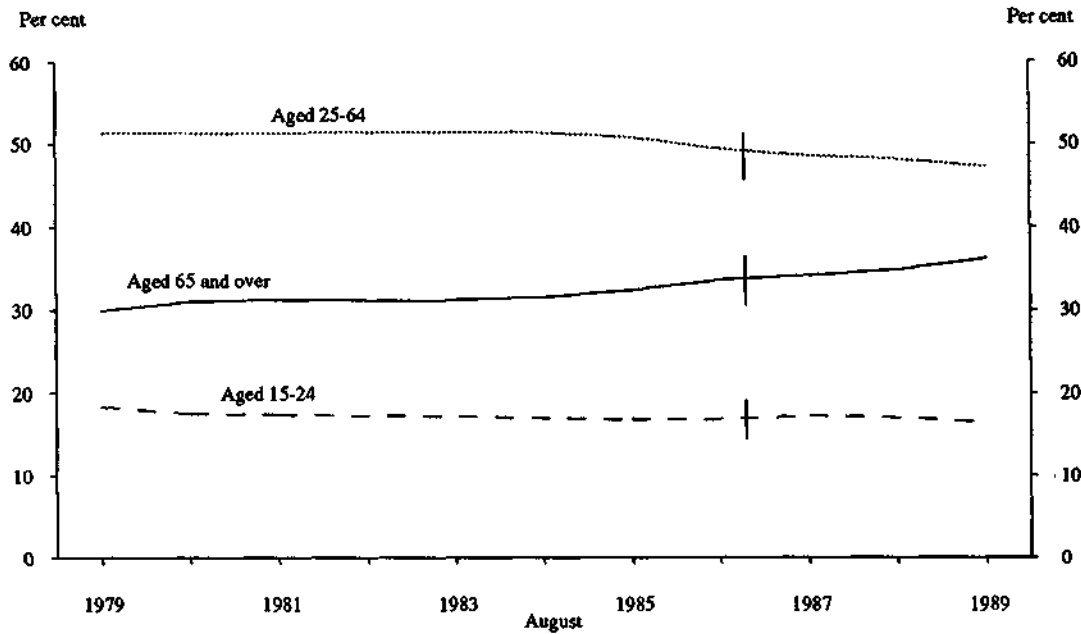
TABLE 5.5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1969 TO AUGUST 1989  
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	Age group									
August	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70 and over	Total
MALES										
1969	214.9	42.3	18.9	18.6	29.8	27.4	53.9	112.1	232.3	750.4
1970	211.8	41.2	20.7	16.5	29.2	26.6	54.8	116.4	231.8	749.0
1971	227.3	47.8	23.4	17.5	35.1	27.7	59.3	120.0	241.5	799.6
1972	234.8	46.1	22.2	18.8	33.2	28.9	60.6	128.2	241.0	813.8
1973	229.9	51.5	22.7	20.9	40.7	35.9	63.5	134.9	247.8	847.9
1974	245.8	57.2	30.8	21.9	45.3	37.8	75.6	148.6	257.5	920.5
1975	242.2	56.9	33.5	25.6	48.4	37.9	87.4	156.9	267.7	956.6
1976	247.1	52.9	33.0	25.4	47.3	42.1	101.1	174.3	277.0	1,000.1
1977	240.4	51.2	34.3	24.3	53.8	45.5	106.3	180.4	288.8	1,024.9
1978	256.2	62.3	46.3	37.1	66.1	62.6	113.8	189.8	303.4	1,137.7
1979	254.6	60.2	49.1	37.9	68.5	64.8	130.0	198.3	314.2	1,177.6
1980	243.6	59.5	53.5	36.4	66.2	61.0	141.6	203.7	327.6	1,193.2
1981	248.0	56.3	56.9	44.5	67.1	69.7	143.5	208.1	342.4	1,236.6
1982	243.6	70.4	63.4	48.2	77.0	78.0	160.5	218.3	355.3	1,314.6
1983	271.0	69.0	57.2	52.1	74.5	82.0	183.2	216.3	373.8	1,379.2
1984	267.6	71.0	62.1	57.1	78.1	89.0	190.6	216.7	386.6	1,418.8
1985	280.8	68.6	70.2	57.8	79.4	90.7	198.3	219.8	403.9	1,469.5
1986(a)	284.2	72.2	67.3	65.2	80.9	93.2	193.2	233.9	419.3	1,509.4
1987	299.5	69.7	71.3	66.4	87.2	96.8	186.9	243.6	434.2	1,565.4
1988	311.7	65.1	85.0	71.7	109.1	98.9	190.2	257.5	444.8	1,633.9
1989	288.9	72.1	72.1	84.8	100.8	92.9	182.2	268.3	457.6	1,619.7
FEMALES										
1969	232.0	191.4	476.7	428.5	420.0	211.4	205.0	183.7	382.4	2,731.1
1970	234.4	201.3	472.8	408.8	412.5	215.2	208.6	185.9	388.7	2,728.1
1971	253.9	218.2	499.2	381.8	409.3	218.5	213.0	187.3	402.0	2,783.1
1972	249.0	214.1	523.4	379.9	401.4	216.5	222.1	195.1	410.1	2,811.6
1973	259.5	214.4	515.9	366.5	401.6	215.8	230.5	203.7	418.9	2,826.8
1974	268.4	208.1	519.9	357.1	410.8	212.7	241.1	207.5	426.3	2,851.8
1975	255.1	201.1	529.8	350.7	408.7	216.9	247.6	217.1	432.6	2,859.6
1976	276.0	194.9	549.1	352.9	389.9	222.6	252.8	223.3	448.4	2,909.8
1977	264.5	184.4	541.7	351.2	390.3	229.3	252.1	232.2	458.6	2,904.3
1978	270.8	197.8	553.9	350.2	394.7	247.2	263.7	251.6	499.3	3,029.1
1979	288.0	188.6	574.9	358.5	395.9	269.5	264.3	263.6	513.8	3,117.0
1980	260.1	181.1	558.9	357.2	386.3	263.2	268.2	267.0	529.7	3,071.7
1981	272.6	188.7	571.9	378.3	375.7	260.5	284.3	271.8	550.8	3,154.6
1982	276.8	197.0	570.6	402.3	372.8	275.3	301.2	275.8	571.0	3,242.8
1983	270.2	193.4	588.8	421.2	381.4	267.7	303.3	280.8	592.3	3,299.1
1984	279.6	186.8	568.9	429.1	374.0	270.9	316.5	273.6	620.5	3,319.9
1985	281.5	173.8	542.3	417.3	377.6	272.3	323.7	282.3	642.7	3,313.6
1986(a)	287.1	165.7	520.4	397.8	351.9	263.8	321.1	293.3	665.2	3,266.3
1987	315.0	157.8	507.1	399.3	354.8	254.4	320.1	301.8	681.2	3,291.4
1988	303.1	156.6	514.6	384.9	351.6	248.4	315.4	317.2	696.8	3,288.6
1989	295.5	148.1	482.6	376.3	346.7	244.2	318.1	331.3	715.9	3,258.7
PERSONS										
1969	446.9	233.7	495.6	447.2	449.8	238.8	258.9	295.8	614.7	3,481.5
1970	446.2	242.5	493.5	425.3	441.6	241.8	263.5	302.2	620.4	3,477.1
1971	481.1	266.0	522.6	399.3	444.5	246.3	272.3	307.4	643.4	3,582.7
1972	483.9	260.2	545.6	398.7	434.5	245.3	282.7	323.3	651.1	3,625.3
1973	489.3	265.9	538.6	387.4	442.4	251.7	294.0	338.6	666.8	3,674.7
1974	514.2	265.3	550.7	379.1	456.0	250.4	316.8	356.1	683.8	3,772.3
1975	497.3	258.0	563.3	376.3	457.1	254.8	335.0	374.0	700.3	3,816.2
1976	523.1	247.8	582.0	378.2	437.2	264.7	353.9	397.6	725.4	3,909.8
1977	504.9	235.5	576.0	375.5	444.1	274.8	358.4	412.7	747.4	3,929.2
1978	527.0	260.1	600.2	387.4	460.8	309.7	377.5	441.4	802.6	4,166.8
1979	542.5	248.8	624.1	396.3	464.5	334.2	394.3	462.0	828.0	4,294.6
1980	503.7	240.7	612.4	393.6	452.5	324.2	409.8	470.8	857.3	4,264.9
1981	520.7	244.9	628.8	422.8	442.8	330.2	427.9	479.9	893.2	4,391.2
1982	520.4	267.4	634.0	450.5	449.7	353.3	461.7	494.1	926.3	4,557.4
1983	541.2	262.4	646.1	473.3	455.9	349.7	486.5	497.1	966.2	4,678.3
1984	547.2	257.8	631.0	486.2	452.1	359.9	507.2	490.3	1,007.2	4,378.7
1985	562.2	242.5	612.6	475.2	457.0	363.1	522.0	502.0	1,046.5	4,783.1
1986(a)	571.3	237.9	587.7	463.0	432.8	357.0	514.3	527.0	1,084.5	4,775.7
1987	614.5	227.5	578.4	465.7	441.9	351.1	517.0	545.3	1,115.4	4,856.8
1988	614.8	221.7	599.6	456.6	460.7	347.3	505.5	574.8	1,141.5	4,922.5
1989	584.4	220.2	554.7	461.0	447.5	337.1	500.3	599.6	1,173.5	4,878.5

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 22 of the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 5.2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY AGE, AUSTRALIA



Indicates break in series. Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See Technical Notes for further information.

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

TABLE 5.6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : FAMILY STATUS, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1989

	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	— '000 —			— per cent —		
Member of a family	1,186.8	2,433.4	3,620.3	23.2	47.0	35.1
Husband or wife	812.7	1,795.0	2,607.6	21.5	48.5	34.9
With dependents present	112.1	784.9	897.0	5.7	41.1	23.2
Without dependents present	700.5	1,010.1	1,710.6	38.7	56.5	47.5
Sole parent	5.5	140.9	146.4	14.6	48.1	44.3
Other family head	23.2	121.0	144.2	32.3	64.8	55.8
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	263.7	244.8	508.5	67.0	61.4	64.2
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	50.1	38.9	89.0	6.6	8.2	7.3
Other relative of married couple or family head	31.6	92.9	124.6	34.2	71.3	55.9
Not a member of a family	218.3	506.0	724.4	24.6	52.9	39.3
Living alone	165.4	453.1	618.5	36.4	71.3	56.7
Not living alone	52.9	52.9	105.8	12.3	16.4	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,405.1</b>	<b>2,939.5</b>	<b>4,344.6</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>35.8</b>

(a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (c) Aged 15 and over.

Source: *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, June 1989* (6224.0).

### Transition from Education to Work

Between May 1984 and May 1989, there was an increase of 14 per cent (101,100) in the number of males aged 15 to 64 not in the labour force, while those in this group attending an educational institution increased by 18 per cent (54,100). During the same period the number of females aged 15 to 64 not in the labour force decreased by 9 per cent (214,000) but, within this group, the change in the number attending an educational institution went against this trend with an increase of 13 per cent (43,400). Most of the increase in those attending an educational institution was accounted for by those attending school — males 10.6 percent (21,100), females 12.6 per cent (23,000).

TABLE 5.7. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : WHETHER ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDING, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1983 TO MAY 1989 ('000)

Type of educational institution attending	May 1983	May 1984	May 1985	May 1986	May 1987	May 1988	May 1989
MALES							
Attending	282.0	293.3	303.7	301.1	330.0	353.7	347.4
School	195.1	199.3	212.3	205.0	229.0	235.7	220.1
University	44.6	46.4	42.8	39.4	49.8	52.8	53.3
CAE	18.5	20.2	24.2	25.5	20.8	26.2	31.9
TAFE/Technical College	18.8	20.4	20.1	22.5	24.2	31.2	27.8
Other	5.0	6.9	4.4	8.7	6.2	7.8	9.0
Not attending	413.8	416.5	449.2	464.2	468.9	476.8	463.5
Total	695.9	709.7	752.9	765.3	798.9	830.5	810.8
FEMALES							
Attending	328.2	335.9	336.7	336.5	371.5	391.8	379.3
School	186.7	182.8	191.4	187.2	214.0	214.3	205.3
University	38.7	41.9	36.2	37.4	36.4	43.0	49.2
CAE	29.1	30.4	28.9	26.4	37.7	40.7	34.6
TAFE/Technical College	48.2	54.2	60.6	58.8	63.2	70.6	61.2
Other	25.5	26.6	19.6	26.7	20.2	23.2	28.7
Not attending	2,000.0	2,009.9	1,990.5	1,872.6	1,848.4	1,814.7	1,752.4
Total	2,328.2	2,345.8	2,327.2	2,209.1	2,219.9	2,206.5	2,131.8

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and persons permanently unable to work. Estimates may therefore differ from those shown in other tables and charts.

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1989 (6227.0).

TABLE 5.8. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, AGED 15 TO 64 WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE SURVEY: TYPE OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IN PREVIOUS YEAR, WHETHER ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDING, AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN CURRENT YEAR, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1984 TO MAY 1989 ('000)

Type of attendance at school in previous year	Whether attending in current year	Type of educational institution attending in current year	Type of attendance in current year	May 1984	May 1985	May 1986	May 1987	May 1988	May 1989			
Full-time												
Full-time	Attending	School	Full-time	422.8	446.2	435.5	492.5	499.4	482.8			
			Part-time	377.8	401.3	388.2	440.7	446.3	422.9			
			Total	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1	*0.0	*0.5	*0.1			
		Tertiary	Full-time	377.8	401.3	388.3	440.7	446.9	423.1			
			Part-time	43.9	44.0	46.3	51.0	51.3	58.5			
			Total	*1.1	*0.8	*0.9	*0.8	*1.3	*1.2			
	Not attending	Total	Full-time	45.0	44.8	47.2	51.8	52.5	59.8			
			Part-time	10.3	8.1	12.4	12.4	9.5	12.1			
			Total				433.1	454.3	448.0	504.9	508.9	494.9
			Part-time									
Part-time	Attending			*2.8	*0.8	*1.7	*1.5	*1.4	*2.2			
	Not attending			*3.2	4.1	3.7	*2.1	*2.9	*1.3			
	Total			6.0	4.9	5.4	3.6	4.3	3.5			
Total												
Total	Attending	School	Full-time	425.7	447.0	437.2	494.0	500.8	485.1			
			Part-time	377.8	401.3	388.4	440.7	446.6	422.9			
			Total	*1.6	*0.5	*0.9	*0.2	*0.7	*0.7			
		Tertiary	Full-time	379.4	401.8	389.3	440.9	447.3	423.6			
			Part-time	44.7	44.2	46.6	51.9	52.1	59.0			
			Total	*1.6	*1.0	*1.4	*1.2	*1.4	*2.5			
	Not attending	Total	Full-time	46.3	45.2	48.0	53.1	53.5	61.4			
			Part-time	13.4	12.2	16.2	14.5	12.5	13.3			
			Total				439.1	459.2	453.4	508.5	513.2	498.4

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and persons permanently unable to work.

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1989 (6227.0)