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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents information about the labour force status and other characteristics of 'recent migrants'. For the purposes of this publication, recent migrants are defined as people who were born overseas, arrived in Australia after 1997, were aged 15 years and over on arrival, were not an Australian Citizen on arrival, were not born in New Zealand, do not hold New Zealand citizenship, and have permanent Australian resident status. Information is also provided for people who were temporary residents who planned to stay in Australia for 12 months or more. See the Glossary for more information.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

The 2007 Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey was conducted throughout Australia as part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Monthly Population Survey. The survey was previously conducted in 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999 and 2004. The name of the survey has changed since the survey was last conducted, from 'Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants' to 'Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants', to reflect a change in scope. In previous years information was collected from migrants who arrived in the 20 years prior to the survey's enumeration, while in 2007 information was collected from migrants who arrived in the 10 years prior to the survey's enumeration.

Unless otherwise specified, differences between data items highlighted in the Summary of Findings are statistically significant. See Technical Note (paragraphs 15 to 17) for further details.

ROUNDING

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

'000	thousand
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSCQ	Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications
ANZSCO	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASCED	Australian Standard Classification of Education
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
CAI	computer assisted interviewing
LFS	Labour Force Survey (Australia)
RSE	relative standard error
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE	standard error

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

In November 2007, the Australian civilian population aged 15 years and over comprised 16.4 million people (excluding institutionalised people and boarding school pupils; and people in very remote parts of Australia). Of these people 4.8 million (29%) were born overseas. (Table 1)

There were 1.1 million people who were born overseas, arrived in Australia after 1997, and were aged 15 years and over on arrival. This represents 7% of the total population aged 15 years and over. Of these,

- 57% were recent migrants, that is, people who were born overseas, who arrived in Australia after 1997, were aged 15 years and over on arrival, had obtained permanent Australian resident status prior to or after their arrival, were not born in New Zealand, were not New Zealand citizens, did not hold Australian citizenship before arrival and were planning to stay in Australia for more than 12 months.
- A further 25% were temporary residents who planned to stay in Australia for 12 months or more.
- The remaining 18% were people whose residency status was not able to be determined, those who planned to stay in Australia for less than 12 months and those who held New Zealand citizenship, held Australian citizenship before arrival, or were born in New Zealand. (Table 1)

Of the recent migrants and temporary residents, 77% were the main applicant on their visa application form when they most recently arrived in Australia to live. (Table 5)

RECENT MIGRANTS

In November 2007, there were 647,000 recent migrants. The majority (76%) were born in other than main English speaking countries, and 90% were aged 15-44 years on arrival in Australia. (Table 3)

There were 74,500 recent migrants who had a temporary visa on their most recent arrival to live in Australia, and had obtained a permanent visa (74%) or Australian citizenship (26%) by November 2007. Of those who were temporary residents on arrival and had since obtained a permanent visa, 54% held a skilled visa and 44% held a family visa. (Table 7)

Employment

In November 2007, 68% of recent migrants were employed, compared to 66% of those born in Australia. Of those recent migrants who were employed, 77% were employed full time. Male recent migrants were more likely to be employed than recent female migrants (84% compared to 55%) (Table 2 and Table 3). Recent migrants with skilled visas were more likely to be employed than other recent migrants, with 79% of skilled recent migrants employed in November 2007, compared with 58% for those that held family visas and 67% for all recent migrants combined (Table 2). The proportion of employed recent migrants who had a job just before arrival was 76%, and approximately 48% of those people had changed their major occupation grouping since arriving in Australia (Table 9).

Almost four-fifths (79%) of recent migrants had a job at some time since arriving in Australia. Males were more likely to have had a job than females (89% compared to 70%). Of those who had not had a job since arriving, 21% had looked for a job, with males having had higher rates of job-seeking than females (32% and 17% respectively). Recent migrants born in main English-speaking countries were more likely to have had a job

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

<i>Employment continued</i>	than those born in other than main English-speaking countries (88% compared to 76%). (Table 11)
<i>Experienced difficulty finding employment</i>	Of the recent migrants who had a job at some time since arriving in Australia, 36% reported having experienced difficulty finding their first job. Of those who experienced difficulty, the most commonly reported difficulties were having a lack of Australian work experience or references (56%), language difficulties (35%) and having a lack of local contacts and networks (29%). (Table 12)
<i>Receiving help to find employment</i>	Three-fifths (60%) of recent migrants reported receiving help finding employment when looking for their first job in Australia. The most common source of help reported by these people was friends or family, from whom 70% received help. (Table 12)
<i>Length of time to find employment</i>	Of the recent migrants who had a job at some time since arriving in Australia, over half (54%) already had a job arranged before arriving in Australia or had found a job within 3 months of looking for work. Almost a quarter (24%) of recent migrants took more than 12 months to find a job after arrival. (Table 12)
<i>Unemployment</i>	In November 2007, the unemployment rate for recent migrants was 5% compared with 4% for those born in Australia. The rate for male and female recent migrants was 4% and 6% respectively. This compares with 4% for both males and females born in Australia. (Table 2 and Table 3)
<i>Labour force participation</i>	<p>The labour force participation rate for recent migrants was 72%, with males (87%) having a higher rate than females (59%). In comparison, the participation rate for the Australian-born population was 69%. For males and females born in Australia, participation rates were 75% and 62% respectively. (Table 2 and Table 3)</p> <p>Recent migrants who were born in main English-speaking countries had a higher participation rate than those born in other than main English-speaking countries (81% compared to 69%) (Table 3). The highest participation rate amongst recent migrants was for those who held skilled visas (83%) (Table 2).</p>
<i>Qualifications</i>	<p>Three-fifths (60%) of recent migrants arrived in Australia with a non-school qualification. Of those who arrived with a non-school qualification, 62% arrived with a Bachelor Degree or higher, 17% arrived with an Advanced Diploma/Diploma and 19% arrived with a Certificate (Table 3). Just over one-third (34%) of recent migrants with a non-school qualification on arrival had their overseas qualifications recognised in Australia (Table 13). Over one-quarter (26%) of recent migrants had obtained a non-school qualification since arriving in Australia to live and of these, just over half (53%) had obtained a Bachelor Degree or higher. (Table 3).</p> <p>Of the recent migrants who had obtained a non-school qualification before arriving in Australia and who had a job since arriving in Australia, 53% reported that they used their highest qualification in their first job in Australia. A further 21% of recent migrants had not used their highest qualification in their first job, but had tried to find work more suited to their qualifications. (Table 12)</p>

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Household Income

Wages or salary was the main source of household income for the majority (83%) of recent migrants. The remainder sourced their main household income from 'government pension or allowance' (10%) or from an 'other' income source (7%). Those born in main English-speaking countries were more likely to have wages or salary as their main form of household income than those born in other than main English-speaking countries (93% and 80% respectively). (Table 10)

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

In November 2007 there were 285,100 temporary residents, of whom 84% were born in an other than main English-speaking country and 95% were aged 15-44 on arrival. (Table 3)

Employment

In November 2007, the percentage of temporary residents who were employed (59%) was lower than that for recent migrants (68%) and those born in Australia (66%). The percentage of temporary residents who were employed varied across visa types: less than half (47%) of temporary residents with student visas were employed; while more than four-fifths (83%) of temporary residents with a long-term business visa were employed. Recent migrants were more likely to be employed full time than temporary residents, with 57% of employed temporary residents working full time compared to 77% for recent migrants. Of the employed temporary residents, those with a long-term business visa were the most likely to work full time with 92% of those with a long-term business visa working full time compared to 19% of those with a student visa. (Table 2 and Table 3)

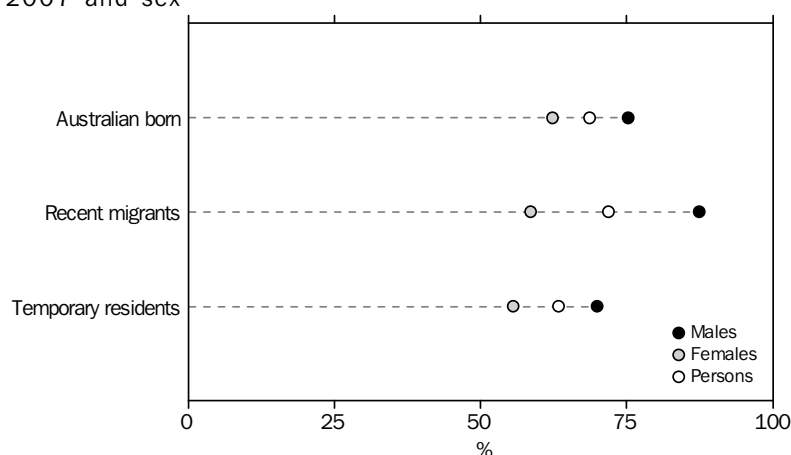
Unemployment

The highest unemployment rate among temporary residents was 9% for those who held student visas. Those who held student visas also had the lowest labour force participation rate (52%). (Table 2)

Labour force participation

The labour force participation rate for temporary residents (63%) was lower than for recent migrants (72%) and for those born in Australia (69%). As with recent migrants, male temporary residents participated to a greater extent than females (70% compared to 56%). The highest participation rate for temporary residents was for those persons holding long-term business visas (87%) and the lowest rate reported was for those with student visas (52%). (Table 2 and Table 3)

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, By residency type as at November 2007 and sex



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Qualifications

Almost three-fifths (59%) of temporary residents had obtained a non-school qualification before arriving in Australia. Almost two thirds (65%) of these persons held a Bachelor Degree or higher. About one fifth (19%) of temporary residents had obtained a non-school qualification since arrival, with over half (54%) of those temporary residents completing a Bachelor Degree or higher. This is lower than the proportion for recent migrants and is consistent with the high proportion of temporary residents who hold student visas for the purpose of obtaining a qualification (55%). (Table 3)

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ALL PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, Migration status as at November 2007—By sex

	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of all persons
	'000	'000	'000	%
Born in Australia	5 726.4	5 893.9	11 620.3	70.8
Born overseas	2 394.9	2 389.6	4 784.5	29.2
Arrived before 1998	1 799.9	1 775.4	3 575.3	21.8
Arrived after 1997	595.0	614.2	1 209.2	7.4
Aged less than 15 years on arrival	35.0	34.5	69.5	0.4
Aged 15 years and over on arrival	560.0	579.7	1 139.7	6.9
Recent migrants and temporary residents	457.4	482.0	939.4	5.7
Recent migrant	299.3	347.7	647.0	3.9
Temporary resident	154.6	130.4	285.1	1.7
Status not determined	**3.4	*3.9	**7.3	**—
Australian/New Zealand citizen before arrival, currently holds New Zealand citizenship or born in New Zealand	96.2	94.2	190.4	1.2
Planning to stay less than 12 months	*6.5	*3.5	*10.0	*0.1
Total	8 121.3	8 283.5	16 404.8	100.0

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ALL PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, Migration status and type of visa as at November 2007(a)—By labour force status

	EMPLOYED			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in the labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total						
	'000	'000	'000					'000	'000
MALES									
Born in Australia	3 544.4	600.8	4 145.2	167.9	4 313.1	1 413.3	5 726.4	3.9	75.3
Born overseas(b)	1 327.6	238.9	1 566.6	62.0	1 628.5	766.4	2 394.9	3.8	68.0
Recent migrants and temporary residents	289.6	67.2	356.9	16.1	373.0	84.3	457.4	4.3	81.6
Australian citizen	103.6	10.8	114.4	*2.2	116.6	18.5	135.1	*1.9	86.3
Permanent visa	120.0	15.8	135.8	*9.1	145.0	19.2	164.2	*6.3	88.3
Skilled	81.8	9.5	91.4	*3.5	94.9	7.3	102.2	*3.7	92.8
Family	31.5	5.1	36.6	*3.0	39.6	8.8	48.4	*7.5	81.8
Humanitarian	np	np	*4.9	np	np	np	10.0	np	np
Other	np	np	*2.9	np	np	np	*3.6	np	np
Temporary visa	np	np	103.4	*4.8	108.2	46.5	154.6	*4.4	70.0
Student	9.8	36.0	45.9	*2.6	48.5	37.6	86.1	*5.3	56.3
Long-term business	np	np	43.4	**0.6	43.9	*2.3	46.2	**1.3	95.0
Other	np	np	14.1	**1.6	15.8	*6.5	22.3	**10.4	70.8
Status not determined	np	np	**3.2	—	**3.2	**0.2	**3.4	—	94.2
Total	4 872.0	839.8	5 711.7	229.9	5 941.7	2 179.6	8 121.3	3.9	73.2
FEMALES									
Born in Australia	1 909.6	1 606.0	3 515.6	158.2	3 673.8	2 220.2	5 893.9	4.3	62.3
Born overseas(b)	712.2	475.9	1 188.1	55.5	1 243.6	1 146.0	2 389.6	4.5	52.0
Recent migrants and temporary residents	150.8	108.1	258.9	19.5	278.3	203.7	482.0	7.0	57.7
Australian citizen	44.5	34.2	78.7	*3.5	82.2	60.8	143.0	*4.2	57.5
Permanent visa	73.0	40.1	113.2	8.5	121.7	83.0	204.7	7.0	59.5
Skilled	40.0	17.0	57.0	*3.9	60.9	25.5	86.4	*6.4	70.5
Family	29.9	20.1	50.1	*4.0	54.1	47.6	101.7	*7.5	53.2
Humanitarian	np	np	**2.4	np	np	np	*9.5	np	np
Other	np	np	*3.7	np	np	np	*7.0	np	np
Temporary visa	np	np	65.1	*7.5	72.6	57.9	130.4	10.3	55.6
Student	*4.4	24.5	29.0	*4.5	33.5	38.7	72.1	*13.5	46.4
Long-term business	np	np	24.2	*3.0	27.2	8.3	35.5	*10.9	76.7
Other	np	np	11.9	—	11.9	10.9	22.8	—	52.0
Status not determined	np	np	*1.9	—	*1.9	**2.0	*3.9	—	*48.8
Total	2 621.8	2 081.9	4 703.7	213.7	4 917.4	3 366.1	8 283.5	4.3	59.4
PERSONS									
Born in Australia	5 454.0	2 206.8	7 660.8	326.1	7 986.9	3 633.4	11 620.3	4.1	68.7
Born overseas(b)	2 039.8	714.9	2 754.7	117.5	2 872.2	1 912.3	4 784.5	4.1	60.0
Recent migrants and temporary residents	440.4	175.3	615.8	35.6	651.3	288.0	939.4	5.5	69.3
Australian citizen	148.1	45.0	193.1	*5.7	198.8	79.3	278.1	*2.8	71.5
Permanent visa	193.0	56.0	249.0	17.7	266.7	102.2	368.9	6.6	72.3
Skilled	121.9	26.5	148.4	*7.4	155.8	32.8	188.6	4.7	82.6
Family	61.4	25.3	86.7	7.0	93.7	56.5	150.2	7.5	62.4
Humanitarian	*6.0	**1.3	*7.3	np	np	np	19.5	np	np
Other	*3.8	*2.9	*6.6	np	np	np	10.6	np	np
Temporary visa	96.3	72.2	168.5	12.3	180.7	104.3	285.1	6.8	63.4
Student	14.3	60.6	74.8	*7.1	82.0	76.3	158.2	8.7	51.8
Long-term business	62.5	5.1	67.6	*3.5	71.1	10.6	81.7	*4.9	87.1
Other	19.5	6.5	26.0	**1.6	27.7	17.4	45.1	**6.0	61.3
Status not determined	*3.0	**2.1	*5.1	—	*5.1	**2.2	**7.3	—	70.0
Total	7 493.7	2 921.7	10 415.4	443.6	10 859.1	5 545.8	16 404.8	4.1	66.2

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(a) Refers to type of visa of main applicant. His/her spouse and dependants may also be included in that visa type.

(b) Includes persons who arrived before 1998, persons who arrived after 1997 who were aged less than 15 on arrival, persons who were Australian or New Zealand citizens before arrival, currently hold New Zealand citizenship or were born in New Zealand, and persons who are planning to stay in Australia for less than 12 months.

RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By labour force status

	EMPLOYED					Not in the labour force		Unem- ployment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Unem- ployed	Labour force		Total		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
RECENT MIGRANTS									
Sex									
Males	223.6	26.7	250.3	11.3	261.6	37.7	299.3	4.3	87.4
Females	117.5	74.3	191.9	12.0	203.8	143.8	347.7	5.9	58.6
Age group on arrival (years)									
15–19	22.0	17.3	39.3	*3.7	43.1	26.9	69.9	*8.7	61.6
20–24	68.5	13.4	81.9	*5.2	87.0	21.4	108.5	*5.9	80.2
25–34	149.0	40.5	189.6	8.0	197.5	63.3	260.8	4.0	75.7
35–44	80.4	21.9	102.3	4.9	107.2	33.3	140.5	4.6	76.3
45 and over	21.3	7.8	29.1	*1.5	30.6	36.7	67.3	*5.0	45.5
Year of arrival									
1998–1999	63.1	19.8	82.9	*2.5	85.4	34.9	120.4	*3.0	71.0
2000–2001	75.4	19.8	95.2	**1.0	96.2	37.2	133.4	**1.1	72.1
2002–2003	75.0	19.4	94.4	*5.9	100.3	33.4	133.6	*5.9	75.0
2004–2005	76.1	24.9	101.0	*7.1	108.1	32.9	141.0	6.6	76.7
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	51.5	17.2	68.7	6.7	75.4	43.1	118.5	8.9	63.6
Relationship in household									
Family member	290.8	86.5	377.3	19.9	397.3	165.6	562.9	5.0	70.6
Husband, wife or partner	260.9	70.6	331.5	14.4	345.9	126.7	472.6	4.2	73.2
Lone parent	*6.7	*4.6	11.4	**1.1	12.4	11.0	23.4	**8.5	53.1
Dependent student	**1.4	*5.5	6.9	**2.4	9.3	12.8	22.1	*25.6	42.0
Other family member(b)	21.7	*5.8	27.5	**2.1	29.6	15.1	44.8	**7.1	66.2
Non-family member	40.9	11.8	52.6	*2.6	55.2	7.1	62.3	*4.6	88.6
Lone person	24.1	*5.1	29.2	*1.5	30.7	*4.2	34.9	*5.0	87.9
Not living alone	16.8	*6.7	23.5	**1.0	24.5	*2.8	27.4	**4.2	89.6
Country of birth									
Born in main English-speaking countries	97.1	25.9	123.1	*3.1	126.2	29.0	155.1	*2.5	81.3
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	243.4	75.0	318.4	20.2	338.6	151.7	490.3	6.0	69.1
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	243.5	54.1	297.6	12.2	309.7	77.2	386.9	3.9	80.1
Bachelor degree or higher	151.7	31.8	183.6	7.4	190.9	49.0	239.9	3.9	79.6
Advanced diploma/Diploma	40.6	10.8	51.4	*2.3	53.6	11.7	65.3	*4.2	82.1
Certificate(d)	47.2	9.3	56.5	*2.5	59.0	13.5	72.5	*4.3	81.4
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	97.7	46.9	144.6	*11.1	155.7	104.3	260.1	*7.2	59.9
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	112.8	30.8	143.6	*5.7	149.3	22.1	171.4	*3.8	87.1
Bachelor degree or higher	66.5	13.0	79.5	*1.6	81.1	9.9	91.0	*2.0	89.1
Advanced diploma/Diploma	14.1	*6.3	20.4	**1.0	21.4	*4.9	26.3	**4.6	81.4
Certificate(d)	26.8	11.1	37.9	*2.8	40.7	*5.8	46.5	*6.8	87.4
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	228.4	70.2	298.5	17.6	316.2	159.4	475.5	5.6	66.5
Total(e)	341.2	101.0	442.1	23.3	465.5	181.5	647.0	5.0	71.9

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(a) Includes 'Status not determined'.

(b) Includes 'Non-dependent child'.

(c) Includes 'Level not determined'.

(d) Includes 'Certificate I/II', 'Certificate III/IV' and 'Certificate not further defined'.

(e) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described' and 'Relationship not determined'.

	EMPLOYED					Not in the labour force		Unem- ployment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Unem- ployed	Labour force		Total		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
TEMPORARY RESIDENTS									
Sex									
Males	64.4	38.9	103.4	*4.8	108.2	46.5	154.6	*4.4	70.0
Females	31.8	33.3	65.1	*7.5	72.6	57.9	130.4	10.3	55.6
Age group on arrival (years)									
15–19	*3.5	14.7	18.2	*1.8	20.0	33.4	53.4	*9.2	37.5
20–24	16.7	31.6	48.3	*5.3	53.6	33.4	87.0	*9.9	61.6
25–34	53.8	21.5	75.3	*3.4	78.7	23.3	101.9	*4.3	77.2
35–44	17.2	np	np	np	22.1	*7.1	29.1	np	75.7
45 and over	*5.1	np	np	np	*6.4	*7.2	13.6	np	47.0
Year of arrival									
1998–1999	*1.9	np	np	np	*2.6	**1.2	*3.8	np	68.9
2000–2001	*3.9	*2.8	*6.7	—	*6.7	*5.0	11.6	—	57.3
2002–2003	13.1	np	np	np	20.0	11.4	31.4	np	63.6
2004–2005	30.1	19.1	49.1	*3.8	52.9	26.4	79.3	*7.1	66.8
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	47.3	43.6	90.9	7.7	98.6	60.4	159.0	7.8	62.0
Relationship in household									
Family member	65.0	30.1	95.1	9.3	104.4	45.5	149.9	8.9	69.7
Husband, wife or partner	58.9	20.8	79.7	5.0	84.7	32.1	116.9	5.9	72.5
Lone parent	**0.9	np	np	np	np	**1.0	*2.8	np	*64.2
Dependent student	—	np	np	np	np	*2.5	*3.4	np	**28.1
Other family member(b)	*5.2	8.2	13.4	*3.5	16.9	9.8	26.8	*20.8	63.2
Non-family member	28.0	36.7	64.8	*2.9	67.7	51.9	119.6	*4.3	56.6
Lone person	12.3	*6.8	19.0	**0.7	19.7	*14.1	33.8	**3.4	58.3
Not living alone	15.8	30.0	45.7	*2.3	48.0	37.8	85.7	*4.7	56.0
Country of birth									
Born in main English-speaking countries	29.6	*3.9	33.6	**1.8	35.3	11.1	46.4	**5.0	76.1
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	66.6	68.3	134.9	10.5	145.4	93.2	238.7	7.2	60.9
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	77.3	40.1	117.5	*5.7	123.1	44.4	167.5	*4.6	73.5
Bachelor degree or higher	52.4	26.3	78.7	*4.0	82.7	25.9	108.6	*4.8	76.1
Advanced diploma/Diploma	9.3	np	np	np	20.7	13.3	34.0	np	61.0
Certificate(d)	14.4	np	np	np	18.3	*4.6	22.8	np	80.0
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	18.9	32.1	51.0	6.6	57.6	59.9	117.5	11.4	49.0
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	19.4	16.3	35.6	**1.5	37.1	18.1	55.2	**3.9	67.3
Bachelor degree or higher	13.6	*5.6	19.3	—	19.3	*10.6	29.9	—	64.5
Advanced diploma/Diploma	*3.1	np	np	np	*10.9	**4.3	*15.2	np	71.7
Certificate(d)	**1.4	np	np	np	*5.6	*3.1	*8.8	np	64.1
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	76.9	55.9	132.8	10.8	143.6	86.3	229.9	7.5	62.5
Total(e)	96.3	72.2	168.5	12.3	180.7	104.3	285.1	6.8	63.4

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	EMPLOYED					Not in the labour force		Unem- ployment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total	Unem- ployed	Labour force		Total		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
.....									
	TOTAL (a)								
Sex									
Males	289.6	67.2	356.9	16.1	373.0	84.3	457.4	4.3	81.6
Females	150.8	108.1	258.9	19.5	278.3	203.7	482.0	7.0	57.7
Age group on arrival (years)									
15–19	25.4	32.3	57.8	*5.6	63.3	60.2	123.6	*8.8	51.3
20–24	85.2	45.8	131.0	10.5	141.5	56.1	197.6	7.4	71.6
25–34	205.3	63.0	268.3	11.3	279.6	87.5	367.1	4.1	76.2
35–44	97.6	25.5	123.1	6.2	129.3	40.3	169.6	4.8	76.2
45 and over	26.9	8.7	35.6	*2.0	37.6	43.9	81.5	*5.4	46.1
Year of arrival									
1998–1999	65.0	19.8	84.8	*3.2	88.0	36.3	124.3	*3.6	70.8
2000–2001	80.4	22.5	103.0	**1.0	104.0	42.7	146.7	**1.0	70.9
2002–2003	88.7	26.1	114.8	*6.0	120.8	44.8	165.6	*5.0	72.9
2004–2005	107.2	45.6	152.8	10.9	163.7	59.3	222.9	6.7	73.4
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	99.1	61.3	160.4	14.4	174.8	104.9	279.8	8.3	62.5
Relationship in household									
Family member	358.4	116.9	475.3	29.3	504.6	212.9	717.5	5.8	70.3
Husband, wife or partner	322.5	91.4	413.9	19.4	433.3	160.7	593.9	4.5	73.0
Lone parent	*7.6	*5.5	13.1	**1.2	14.2	12.0	26.2	**8.1	54.3
Dependent student	**1.4	6.0	7.4	*3.1	10.5	15.3	25.8	*29.4	40.8
Other family member(b)	26.9	14.1	40.9	*5.6	46.6	25.0	71.5	*12.1	65.1
Non-family member	69.2	50.4	119.6	*5.5	125.1	59.3	184.4	4.4	67.8
Lone person	36.4	12.3	48.6	*2.2	50.8	*18.7	69.5	*4.3	73.1
Not living alone	32.9	38.1	71.0	*3.3	74.3	40.6	114.9	*4.4	64.7
Country of birth									
Born in main English-speaking countries	127.5	29.9	157.4	*4.9	162.2	40.6	202.8	*3.0	80.0
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	312.2	145.5	457.7	30.7	488.4	246.6	735.0	6.3	66.4
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	323.3	95.1	418.4	17.9	436.3	122.5	558.7	4.1	78.1
Bachelor degree or higher	206.6	59.1	265.7	11.4	277.0	75.5	352.5	4.1	78.6
Advanced diploma/Diploma	49.8	21.1	71.0	*3.4	74.4	25.4	99.7	*4.6	74.6
Certificate(d)	61.6	12.6	74.2	*3.1	77.3	18.0	95.3	*4.0	81.1
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	117.2	80.2	197.3	17.7	215.1	165.5	380.6	8.2	56.5
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival									
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	132.7	47.1	179.8	*7.2	187.0	40.8	227.7	*3.8	82.1
Bachelor degree or higher	80.1	18.6	98.8	*1.6	100.3	20.5	120.9	*1.6	83.0
Advanced diploma/Diploma	17.8	13.2	31.0	*1.9	32.9	*9.7	42.6	*5.7	77.1
Certificate(d)	28.2	14.8	43.0	*3.3	46.3	*9.0	55.3	*7.2	83.7
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	307.7	128.2	435.9	28.4	464.4	247.3	711.6	6.1	65.3
Total(e)	440.4	175.3	615.8	35.6	651.3	288.0	939.4	5.5	69.3

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RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By country of birth

	Oceania and Antarctica	North-West Europe	Southern and Eastern Europe	North Africa and the Middle East	South-East Asia	North-East Asia	Southern and Central Asia	Americas	Sub-Saharan Africa	Total(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
RECENT MIGRANTS										
Sex										
Males	7.8	63.5	19.8	31.3	36.7	36.8	55.8	16.8	30.3	299.3
Females	8.8	59.6	27.0	24.2	63.1	60.0	48.1	22.8	32.9	347.7
Age group on arrival (years)										
15–19	*2.8	*5.2	*4.8	*8.6	13.4	18.4	*6.4	*3.1	*7.4	69.9
20–24	np	14.8	6.6	11.5	17.2	*14.3	30.0	*7.0	6.0	108.5
25–34	7.0	54.3	17.9	24.2	37.8	33.4	45.4	18.1	22.3	260.8
35–44	*5.4	34.0	10.3	9.6	17.3	21.6	15.7	8.7	17.1	140.5
45 and over	np	14.8	*7.2	*1.7	14.1	9.1	*6.5	*2.7	10.4	67.3
Year of arrival										
1998–1999	*4.2	19.4	9.5	11.8	21.2	23.2	*12.4	8.4	9.3	120.4
2000–2001	**2.8	24.3	12.7	12.1	18.4	24.7	16.8	*8.4	12.3	133.4
2002–2003	*6.6	27.7	12.4	10.1	*20.9	*16.2	18.3	7.4	14.1	133.6
2004–2005	*1.7	26.5	*6.6	*9.8	20.6	*19.7	35.1	9.9	11.1	141.0
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	**1.3	25.2	*5.6	*11.7	18.7	12.9	21.4	*5.6	16.2	118.5
Labour force status										
Employed	12.0	94.8	27.7	26.5	62.3	65.1	73.5	31.3	48.1	442.1
Unemployed	np	*2.6	*2.4	*5.1	*2.3	*2.8	*5.2	np	*1.8	23.3
Not in the labour force	np	25.7	16.7	24.0	35.1	28.8	25.3	np	13.2	181.5
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(c)										
Permanent visa	14.9	77.3	36.8	46.5	74.7	66.3	73.9	22.6	49.9	464.4
Skilled	*7.7	44.6	*9.4	9.6	37.7	37.1	44.2	7.2	30.8	229.2
Family	6.1	30.4	14.5	14.3	34.3	27.2	21.0	14.2	7.9	170.6
Humanitarian	np	np	np	22.5	*1.1	—	*6.5	np	*9.8	54.2
Other	np	np	np	—	*1.6	*1.9	*2.2	np	*1.3	10.4
Temporary visa	np	18.8	*3.8	*2.6	10.6	16.3	*9.5	*7.3	*5.0	74.6
Status not determined	np	27.0	6.3	*6.4	14.4	14.2	20.6	*9.7	*8.2	108.1
Total	16.6	123.1	46.9	55.6	99.8	96.7	104.0	39.6	63.1	647.0

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RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By country of birth *continued*

	Oceania and Antarctica	North-West Europe	Southern and Eastern Europe	North Africa and the Middle East	South-East Asia	North-East Asia	Southern and Central Asia	Americas	Sub-Saharan Africa	Total(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
TOTAL(c)										
Sex										
Males	9.8	89.1	23.7	37.4	63.6	70.7	96.9	24.4	41.3	457.4
Females	10.1	82.6	30.3	28.7	90.3	100.2	66.5	32.4	39.9	482.0
Age group on arrival (years)										
15–19	*3.3	*7.0	*5.5	*9.3	31.7	39.2	*13.4	*4.6	9.5	123.6
20–24	np	21.3	6.9	15.2	31.0	45.8	53.8	*12.2	9.9	197.6
25–34	8.3	82.6	23.3	28.2	52.5	51.1	66.4	25.2	29.3	367.1
35–44	6.4	40.0	10.9	11.1	21.3	24.4	22.4	11.0	21.4	169.6
45 and over	np	20.7	*7.4	*2.2	17.5	10.6	*7.4	*3.8	11.1	81.5
Year of arrival										
1998–1999	*4.2	21.0	9.5	11.8	21.8	24.1	*13.3	8.4	9.3	124.3
2000–2001	**2.8	29.3	12.7	12.7	19.7	29.9	17.4	*8.5	12.8	146.7
2002–2003	*6.6	31.2	13.5	12.1	30.8	26.3	21.8	7.6	15.8	165.6
2004–2005	*1.7	40.3	*7.6	*11.3	38.0	42.6	51.9	14.4	15.2	222.9
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	*4.6	49.9	*10.6	18.2	43.5	48.0	59.0	18.0	28.0	279.8
Labour force status										
Employed	14.1	130.4	32.0	31.3	89.1	93.9	119.7	43.2	61.3	615.8
Unemployed	np	*2.6	*2.6	*6.1	*3.4	*5.2	9.4	**1.5	*4.0	35.6
Not in the labour force	np	38.7	19.3	28.7	61.3	71.8	34.3	12.1	15.9	288.0
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(d)										
Permanent visa	14.9	78.6	36.8	46.5	74.9	66.7	74.3	22.6	49.9	466.8
Skilled	*7.7	44.8	*9.4	9.6	37.9	37.6	44.2	7.2	30.8	230.0
Family	6.1	31.5	14.5	14.3	34.3	27.2	21.0	14.2	7.9	171.8
Humanitarian	np	np	np	22.5	**1.1	—	**6.5	np	*9.8	54.2
Other	np	np	np	—	**1.6	*1.9	*2.6	np	**1.3	10.8
Temporary visa	*3.5	55.7	10.5	13.2	60.7	84.3	64.1	20.3	22.6	334.8
Status not determined	**1.4	37.3	6.7	*6.4	18.3	19.9	25.0	13.9	*8.7	137.8
Total	19.9	171.7	54.0	66.1	153.9	170.9	163.4	56.8	81.2	939.4

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RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia and applicant status—By labour force status

Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia	EMPLOYED			Unemployed	Labour force	Not in the labour force	Total	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total						
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MAIN APPLICANT									
Permanent visa	181.0	51.1	232.0	11.2	243.2	83.6	326.9	4.6	74.4
Skilled	102.8	22.8	125.5	*2.0	127.5	13.4	140.9	*1.6	90.5
Family	63.5	22.2	85.7	6.3	92.0	54.9	146.9	6.8	62.6
Humanitarian	*10.5	np	np	np	16.4	12.5	29.0	np	56.8
Other	*4.2	np	np	np	7.3	*2.8	10.1	np	72.1
Temporary visa	121.5	68.4	189.8	10.9	200.8	97.6	298.4	5.4	67.3
Student	39.8	57.6	97.5	*8.4	105.9	78.4	184.3	8.0	57.5
Long-term business	42.3	np	np	np	44.1	*2.0	46.1	np	95.6
Other	39.3	np	np	np	50.7	17.2	67.9	np	74.7
Status not determined	59.3	18.5	77.8	*1.9	79.7	20.0	99.7	*2.4	79.9
Total	361.7	137.9	499.6	24.0	523.7	201.3	725.0	4.6	72.2
OTHER APPLICANT									
Permanent visa	46.2	25.1	71.3	*6.5	77.8	60.0	137.8	8.4	56.5
Skilled	36.3	14.9	51.3	*3.1	54.3	34.8	89.1	*5.6	60.9
Family	np	np	np	np	12.1	11.7	23.8	np	50.8
Humanitarian	*4.6	*3.5	8.1	**2.6	10.7	*13.4	24.1	*24.5	44.3
Other	np	np	np	np	**0.7	—	**0.7	np	100.0
Temporary visa	10.2	6.5	16.7	*4.2	21.0	14.3	35.3	*20.2	59.4
Student	*2.9	np	np	np	*5.0	*2.5	7.5	np	66.2
Long-term business	*5.5	4.0	9.5	*3.3	12.8	8.7	21.4	*25.7	59.6
Other	**1.8	np	np	np	*3.2	*3.1	*6.4	np	*50.7
Status not determined	20.1	*5.7	25.8	**0.8	26.6	9.0	35.7	**3.0	74.6
Total	76.5	37.4	113.8	11.5	125.4	83.3	208.7	9.2	60.1
TOTAL (b)									
Permanent visa	227.4	76.2	303.5	17.7	321.3	145.5	466.8	5.5	68.8
Skilled	139.1	37.7	176.8	*5.1	181.9	48.2	230.0	2.8	79.1
Family	68.3	28.7	97.0	7.1	104.1	67.7	171.8	6.9	60.6
Humanitarian	15.3	np	np	np	27.3	26.9	54.2	np	50.4
Other	*4.7	np	np	np	8.0	*2.8	10.8	np	73.9
Temporary visa	131.7	74.9	206.6	15.2	221.7	113.1	334.8	6.8	66.2
Student	42.7	59.2	101.9	*8.9	110.9	81.3	192.2	8.0	57.7
Long-term business	47.8	*5.6	53.4	*3.5	56.9	10.7	67.6	*6.2	84.2
Other	41.2	10.0	51.2	*2.7	54.0	21.1	75.0	*5.1	71.9
Status not determined	81.4	24.2	105.7	*2.7	108.4	29.4	137.8	*2.5	78.6
Total	440.4	175.3	615.8	35.6	651.3	288.0	939.4	5.5	69.3

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RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)

	PERMANENT VISA					TEMPORARY VISA						
	Skilled	Family	Humanitarian	Other	Total	Student	Long-term business	Other	Total	Status not determined	Total	
.....												
Sex												
Males	122.3	57.5	27.6	*4.1	211.5	103.8	36.5	33.9	174.3	71.5	457.4	
Females	107.7	114.2	26.6	*6.7	255.2	88.4	31.0	41.1	160.5	66.3	482.0	
Age group on arrival (years)												
15–19	20.8	12.2	13.1	*2.4	48.5	53.2	*3.1	*4.5	60.9	14.2	123.6	
20–24	30.3	24.1	10.7	**1.3	66.3	86.9	*5.0	14.0	105.9	25.3	197.6	
25–34	90.3	75.5	*13.2	*3.9	182.9	47.6	34.2	38.7	120.5	63.7	367.1	
35–44	66.6	32.7	11.3	*1.8	112.4	*3.6	19.8	8.9	32.4	24.8	169.6	
45 and over	21.9	27.4	*6.0	*1.4	56.6	**0.9	*5.4	*8.8	15.2	9.7	81.5	
Country of birth												
Born in main English-speaking countries	62.5	35.2	—	**1.2	98.9	*5.6	23.1	32.4	61.1	42.9	202.8	
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	166.7	135.8	54.2	9.6	366.4	186.6	44.5	42.6	273.7	94.9	735.0	
State or territory of usual residence												
New South Wales	89.6	75.4	*17.1	*5.2	187.3	62.1	*16.5	33.8	112.4	57.4	357.1	
Victoria	58.0	48.5	*17.6	*2.2	126.3	79.6	13.3	10.4	103.3	32.6	262.2	
Queensland	25.6	19.9	*7.1	**1.5	54.1	22.2	14.5	14.7	51.3	23.6	129.0	
South Australia	21.0	7.9	*5.1	—	33.9	*7.4	*3.5	*5.1	15.9	5.3	55.1	
Western Australia	30.6	16.1	*6.0	*1.9	54.6	17.2	16.9	9.4	43.4	15.1	113.1	
Tasmania	*2.2	*1.3	**0.8	—	4.2	np	**0.8	np	*2.0	*0.6	6.8	
Northern Territory(c)	*0.8	*1.3	np	np	*2.3	np	*1.0	np	*2.0	*0.9	5.3	
Australian Capital Territory	2.2	*1.5	np	np	4.0	2.5	*1.2	*0.8	4.4	*2.4	10.8	
Area of usual residence												
State capital cities	205.3	144.9	49.7	8.1	408.0	179.0	48.5	60.8	288.3	113.7	810.0	
Rest of Australia	24.7	26.9	**4.5	*2.7	58.8	*13.2	19.1	14.2	46.5	24.1	129.4	
Total(d)	230.0	171.8	54.2	10.8	466.8	192.2	67.6	75.0	334.8	137.8	939.4	

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(c) Refers to mainly urban areas only. See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes for more information.

(d) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described'.

RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Type of visa as at November 2007(b)—By type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)

Type of visa as at November 2007	PERMANENT VISA					Temporary visa	Status not determined	Total	% whose initial visa was temporary
	Skilled	Family	Humanitarian	Other	Total				
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Australian citizen	101.4	64.4	36.0	*1.5	203.4	19.3	55.3	278.1	7.0
Permanent visa	127.7	106.2	18.2	8.8	260.9	55.2	52.7	368.9	15.0
Skilled	127.7	np	—	np	128.8	29.6	30.2	188.6	15.7
Family	—	105.1	—	—	105.1	24.2	20.9	150.2	16.1
Humanitarian	—	—	18.2	—	18.2	np	np	19.5	np
Other	—	np	—	np	8.8	np	np	10.6	np
Temporary visa	**0.9	np	—	np	*2.4	np	np	285.1	np
Status not determined	—	np	—	np	—	np	np	**7.3	np
Total	230.0	171.8	54.2	10.8	466.8	334.8	137.8	939.4	35.6

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(a) Includes 'Status not determined'.

(b) Refers to type of visa of main applicant. His/her spouse and dependents may also be included in that visa type.

RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By whether had a job just before arrival

	HAD A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		DID NOT HAVE A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		Persons(b)
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	
RECENT MIGRANTS					
Age group on arrival (years)					
15–19	*4.5	*3.8	31.2	30.4	69.9
20–24	27.3	30.7	22.6	27.0	108.5
25–34	98.2	116.3	10.2	35.5	260.8
35–44	68.9	46.2	*3.3	21.8	140.5
45 and over	24.6	20.2	6.3	15.3	67.3
Year of arrival					
1998–1999	38.9	47.4	15.0	19.1	120.4
2000–2001	43.8	43.4	16.9	28.4	133.4
2002	21.3	16.2	*6.7	11.0	55.2
2003	27.2	21.7	11.8	16.9	78.4
2004	23.9	28.1	*8.9	15.5	77.3
2005	25.1	20.4	*4.8	13.4	63.7
2006	28.3	24.7	*4.9	15.2	73.0
2007 to survey date	14.9	15.4	*4.6	10.6	45.5
Country of birth					
Born in main English-speaking countries	73.0	57.6	*6.2	18.4	155.1
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	150.0	159.7	67.5	110.4	490.3
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	170.4	150.3	25.4	40.3	386.9
Bachelor degree or higher	100.5	97.0	15.8	26.3	239.9
Advanced diploma/Diploma	24.3	30.5	*4.2	6.3	65.3
Certificate(d)	40.8	19.2	*5.4	7.1	72.5
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	53.0	66.9	48.2	89.6	260.1
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	55.6	57.8	26.9	31.2	171.4
Bachelor degree or higher	26.7	23.8	21.6	18.9	91.0
Advanced diploma/Diploma	6.8	*10.6	*3.1	*5.8	26.3
Certificate(d)	17.5	21.4	*2.3	5.3	46.5
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	167.8	159.5	46.7	98.7	475.5
Total(e)	223.4	217.2	73.6	129.9	647.0

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(b) Includes 'Did not know whether had a job just before arrival'.

(c) Includes 'Level not determined'.

(d) Includes 'Certificate I/II', 'Certificate III/IV' and 'Certificate not further defined'.

(e) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described'.

RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By whether had a job just before arrival *continued*

	HAD A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		DID NOT HAVE A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
.....					
TEMPORARY RESIDENTS					
Age group on arrival (years)					
15–19	*3.7	*3.2	23.5	23.0	53.4
20–24	20.5	13.3	32.3	20.8	87.0
25–34	43.6	39.5	*8.5	10.3	101.9
35–44	15.2	10.5	np	*2.9	29.1
45 and over	*5.9	*4.7	np	*2.1	13.6
Year of arrival					
1998–1999	**1.1	**1.8	np	np	*3.8
2000–2001	*3.2	*2.7	*3.1	*2.7	11.6
2002	**1.9	*2.1	np	np	10.9
2003	*4.2	4.5	*5.7	*6.2	20.5
2004	10.0	*6.0	*7.3	*6.7	30.0
2005	16.1	13.5	9.2	10.5	49.3
2006	32.8	23.1	20.2	17.8	93.8
2007 to survey date	19.6	17.5	15.6	12.4	65.1
Country of birth					
Born in main English-speaking countries	18.5	21.2	*3.5	*3.2	46.4
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	70.4	49.9	62.3	56.1	238.7
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	67.3	56.4	21.9	21.9	167.5
Bachelor degree or higher	42.4	40.4	*12.6	13.2	108.6
Advanced diploma/Diploma	10.7	10.4	*6.9	*6.0	34.0
Certificate(d)	13.4	*4.8	*2.2	*2.5	22.8
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	21.6	14.8	43.8	37.4	117.5
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	11.9	*10.1	19.9	13.3	55.2
Bachelor degree or higher	7.1	*4.8	10.6	*7.3	29.9
Advanced diploma/Diploma	*3.6	**2.2	*6.4	*3.1	*15.2
Certificate(d)	**1.3	*2.5	**2.9	*2.2	*8.8
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	77.0	61.1	45.9	46.0	229.9
Total(e)	88.9	71.1	65.7	59.3	285.1

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(e) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described'.

RECENT MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS(a), Selected characteristics—By whether had a job just before arrival *continued*

	HAD A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		DID NOT HAVE A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
.....					
TOTAL (a)					
Age group on arrival (years)					
15–19	*8.2	*7.0	55.0	53.4	123.6
20–24	48.0	45.0	55.3	48.3	197.6
25–34	143.5	157.6	19.6	45.8	367.1
35–44	84.0	56.7	*3.8	24.7	169.6
45 and over	30.4	25.5	7.1	17.5	81.5
Year of arrival					
1998–1999	40.2	49.2	15.6	19.4	124.3
2000–2001	47.8	46.9	20.0	31.0	146.7
2002	23.2	18.3	10.8	13.9	66.1
2003	31.5	26.7	17.5	23.0	99.5
2004	33.9	34.1	*16.6	22.2	107.8
2005	42.1	34.5	14.7	23.9	115.2
2006	61.0	48.8	25.1	33.4	168.4
2007 to survey date	34.5	33.3	20.6	23.0	111.4
Country of birth					
Born in main English-speaking countries	91.6	79.9	9.6	21.6	202.8
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	222.2	211.9	131.2	166.9	735.0
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival(c)	239.2	209.1	47.8	62.2	558.7
Bachelor degree or higher	144.4	139.3	28.8	39.5	352.5
Advanced diploma/Diploma	35.0	41.3	11.2	12.3	99.7
Certificate(d)	54.2	24.0	7.6	9.5	95.3
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	75.0	82.8	93.1	127.5	380.6
Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival					
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival(c)	68.1	68.4	46.7	44.5	227.7
Bachelor degree or higher	33.8	28.7	32.2	26.2	120.9
Advanced diploma/Diploma	11.0	13.3	*9.4	8.9	42.6
Certificate(d)	18.8	23.9	*5.2	7.5	55.3
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	246.1	223.4	94.1	145.2	711.6
Total(e)	314.2	291.8	140.8	189.7	939.4

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RECENT MIGRANTS, Selected characteristics—By whether occupation before arrival was same as occupation as at November 2007

HAD A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL						
	Same major occupation group	Changed major occupation group	Total(b)	Did not have a job just before arrival	Total(a)	% changed major occupation group
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
.....						
MAIN APPLICANT						
Labour force status by occupation						
Employed as at November 2007	144.1	131.7	277.0	68.4	347.4	47.6
Managers	18.2	17.8	36.0	*4.3	40.4	49.5
Professionals	71.6	21.6	93.5	20.7	114.1	23.1
Technicians and trades workers	30.3	12.9	43.3	10.3	54.2	29.7
Community and personal service workers	5.0	14.5	20.0	*4.7	25.2	72.6
Clerical and administrative workers	9.9	20.5	30.4	8.9	39.3	67.5
Sales workers	*2.3	11.6	14.1	*7.5	21.7	82.1
Machinery operators and drivers	*2.1	10.3	12.4	*1.9	14.7	82.7
Labourers	*4.7	22.5	27.2	10.2	37.9	82.8
Unemployed	11.3	*4.7	16.0	. .
Not in the labour force	65.6	44.9	111.0	. .
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia						
Permanent visa	96.3	87.4	241.3	80.6	324.5	36.2
Skilled	60.5	42.5	115.2	23.4	140.0	36.9
Family	31.7	37.4	105.7	39.4	145.8	35.4
Humanitarian	*2.5	*6.0	15.3	13.3	29.0	39.1
Other	**1.7	**1.5	*5.1	*4.6	9.7	**30.3
Temporary visa	19.1	23.8	51.1	21.7	72.8	46.5
Student	6.9	9.6	19.4	14.4	33.8	49.4
Long-term business	*2.5	**1.6	*4.1	np	*4.9	*39.1
Other	9.8	12.6	27.6	np	34.1	45.6
Status not determined	28.7	20.5	61.4	15.8	77.1	33.4
Total	144.1	131.7	353.8	118.1	474.4	37.2
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RECENT MIGRANTS, Selected characteristics—By whether occupation before arrival was same as occupation as at November 2007 *continued*

HAD A JOB JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL						
	Same major occupation group	Changed major occupation group	Total(b)	Did not have a job just before arrival	Total(a)	% changed major occupation group
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
.....						
TOTAL (c)						
Labour force status by occupation						
Employed as at November 2007	174.3	159.5	334.8	105.0	442.1	47.6
Managers	20.1	20.1	40.2	*6.8	47.1	49.9
Professionals	85.5	26.0	111.7	25.9	137.6	23.3
Technicians and trades workers	34.1	15.9	50.1	15.0	65.9	31.7
Community and personal service workers	6.3	20.2	27.0	*9.1	36.5	74.9
Clerical and administrative workers	14.4	24.3	38.8	13.0	51.7	62.8
Sales workers	*3.9	12.8	16.9	12.7	29.6	75.8
Machinery operators and drivers	*3.6	11.2	14.8	*3.3	18.5	75.9
Labourers	*6.4	29.0	35.4	19.4	55.3	81.8
Unemployed	. .	. .	15.3	*8.0	23.3	. .
Not in the labour force	. .	. .	90.5	90.5	181.5	. .
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(d)						
Permanent visa	116.3	108.5	306.9	154.7	464.4	35.4
Skilled	76.4	60.5	164.9	62.8	229.2	36.7
Family	34.7	39.0	115.5	54.5	170.6	33.8
Humanitarian	*3.6	*7.4	21.4	32.5	54.2	34.5
Other	**1.7	**1.5	*5.1	*5.0	10.4	**30.3
Temporary visa	19.5	23.8	52.1	22.5	74.6	45.6
Student	7.3	9.6	19.8	15.0	34.8	48.4
Long-term business	*2.5	**1.6	*4.1	*1.0	*5.1	*39.1
Other	9.8	12.6	28.2	*6.5	34.7	44.6
Status not determined	38.4	27.2	81.7	26.4	108.1	33.3
Total	174.3	159.5	440.6	203.6	647.0	36.2

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(b) Includes those who were 'Unemployed' or 'Not in the labour force' as at November 2007 but had a job just before arrival, as well as people whose occupation before arrival could not be determined.

(c) Includes 'Other applicant' and 'Applicant status not known'.

(d) Refers to type of visa of main applicant. His/her spouse and dependants may also be included in that visa type.

	Wages or salary	Government pension or allowance	Other source of income	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Year of arrival				
1998–1999	100.5	14.6	*5.2	120.4
2000–2001	113.4	12.1	*7.1	133.4
2002	46.6	*6.2	*2.4	55.2
2003	67.0	*4.4	*7.1	78.4
2004	65.6	*8.1	*3.3	77.3
2005	54.5	*5.0	*4.1	63.7
2006	55.5	*9.6	*7.9	73.0
2007 to survey date	35.4	*4.0	*5.3	45.5
Country of birth				
Born in main English-speaking countries	143.7	*1.9	9.5	155.1
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	393.3	62.0	32.8	490.3
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)				
Permanent visa	374.5	55.0	32.6	464.4
Skilled	209.0	*6.0	13.5	229.2
Family	134.2	19.3	16.0	170.6
Humanitarian	23.3	np	**1.7	54.2
Other	8.1	np	**1.5	10.4
Temporary visa	64.7	*3.4	*6.4	74.6
Student	29.3	np	*4.3	34.8
Long-term business	*5.1	—	—	*5.1
Other	30.4	np	*2.1	34.7
Status not determined	99.3	*5.5	*3.3	108.1
Total(c)	538.5	63.9	42.4	647.0

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(b) Refers to type of visa of main applicant. His/her spouse and dependants may also be included in that visa type.

(c) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described'.

RECENT MIGRANTS, Selected characteristics—By whether had a job or looked for a job since arriving in Australia

	HAS HAD A JOB SINCE ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA		HAS NOT HAD A JOB SINCE ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA			
	Currently employed	Total	Has looked for a job		Total(a)	Total
			Has not looked for a job			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
.....						
Sex						
Males	250.3	265.2	11.0	22.8	34.1	299.3
Females	191.9	242.8	17.6	87.1	104.9	347.7
Age group on arrival (years)						
15–19	39.3	48.9	*5.4	15.2	21.0	69.9
20–24	81.9	93.8	*4.1	10.6	14.6	108.5
25–34	189.6	217.3	10.8	32.8	43.5	260.8
35–44	102.3	114.4	*4.1	21.9	26.1	140.5
45 and over	29.1	33.6	*4.3	29.4	33.7	67.3
Year of arrival						
1998–1999	82.9	100.6	*4.9	14.9	19.8	120.4
2000–2001	95.2	112.8	*2.6	17.8	20.7	133.4
2002–2003	94.4	105.8	4.4	23.2	27.9	133.6
2004–2005	101.0	112.5	*6.2	22.3	28.5	141.0
2006 to survey date (Nov. 2007)	68.7	76.4	10.5	31.7	42.1	118.5
Country of birth						
Born in main English-speaking countries	123.1	136.0	*2.8	16.1	19.2	155.1
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	318.4	370.9	25.8	93.3	119.4	490.3
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)						
Permanent visa	301.3	343.4	23.2	97.3	120.9	464.4
Skilled	176.1	191.7	7.0	30.0	37.5	229.2
Family	95.8	114.8	10.9	44.9	55.8	170.6
Humanitarian	22.2	29.1	np	20.6	25.1	54.2
Other	*7.2	7.9	np	*1.7	*2.5	10.4
Temporary visa	59.9	70.7	**1.8	*2.1	*3.9	74.6
Student	28.7	33.4	np	np	**1.4	34.8
Long-term business	*4.6	*5.1	—	—	—	*5.1
Other	26.5	32.3	np	np	*2.4	34.7
Status not determined	80.9	93.9	*3.6	10.5	14.2	108.1
Total(c)	442.1	508.0	28.6	109.8	139.0	647.0

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RECENT MIGRANTS WHO HAVE HAD A JOB SINCE ARRIVAL, Selected characteristics of first job held in Australia—By whether obtained non-school qualification before arrival

OBTAINED A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION BEFORE ARRIVAL

	Used highest qualification in first job '000	Did not use highest qualification in first job - has tried to find work more suited to qualification '000	Did not use highest qualification in first job - has not tried to find work more suited to qualification '000	Total(a) '000	Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival '000	Total '000
Occupation in first job held in Australia						
Managers	19.5	*1.8	*8.2	29.5	8.8	38.3
Professionals	80.5	*4.6	12.5	97.6	11.1	108.7
Technicians and trades workers	37.2	*4.7	*4.7	46.9	21.0	67.9
Community and personal service workers	9.8	11.7	10.5	32.0	22.7	54.7
Clerical and administrative workers	14.7	9.7	10.8	35.2	22.5	57.7
Sales workers	5.4	14.9	15.2	35.5	25.2	60.7
Machinery operators and drivers	*2.1	*4.1	*3.7	9.9	10.3	20.1
Labourers	*5.0	18.5	20.5	44.0	54.6	98.6
Whether worked full time or part time in first job held in Australia						
Worked full time in first job	143.5	27.7	47.1	218.6	92.2	310.8
Worked part time in first job	31.5	42.1	39.0	112.5	83.8	196.4
Length of time spent looking for first job held in Australia						
Already had job arranged	38.4	**1.1	*6.6	46.1	8.9	55.1
1 month or less	52.6	17.5	22.6	92.8	31.5	124.3
2 or 3 months	30.7	20.5	12.0	63.2	33.5	96.7
4 to 6 months	16.3	15.9	17.8	50.1	25.0	75.2
7 to 12 months	10.1	*2.9	*6.2	19.2	9.6	28.8
More than 12 months	26.1	11.8	19.6	57.8	64.6	122.4
All difficulties finding first job held in Australia						
Language difficulties	10.4	12.4	13.9	36.6	26.2	62.8
Lack of Australian work experience/references	23.4	29.2	15.5	68.2	33.7	101.9
Lack of local contacts/networks	13.7	12.0	9.6	35.3	16.5	51.8
Skills or qualifications not recognised	8.7	11.1	9.1	28.9	9.3	38.2
Ethnic or cultural barriers	*3.3	6.2	**0.8	10.3	*8.4	18.7
Don't know how or where to apply for jobs	*3.4	*4.5	*3.8	11.8	*6.3	18.0
Visa type/restrictions	*4.5	*2.9	np	8.2	**1.1	9.2
No jobs or vacancies in locality/line of work/at all	*2.8	*2.1	**1.0	5.8	*2.5	8.3
Other	*5.0	*3.9	*3.9	12.8	6.9	19.8
Total experienced difficulty finding first job(b)	43.9	43.6	29.7	117.2	63.5	180.7
Did not experience difficulty finding first job/Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia	130.7	26.3	56.4	213.4	111.5	325.0

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(a) Includes 'Did not know if used highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival in first job held in Australia'.

(b) Components may not add to totals as some persons may have reported more than one difficulty.

OBTAINED A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION BEFORE ARRIVAL

	Used highest qualification in first job	Did not use highest qualification in first job - has tried to find work more suited to qualification	Did not use highest qualification in first job - has not tried to find work more suited to qualification	Total(a)	Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
All sources of help finding first job held in Australia						
Migrant association or refugee settlement organisation	*4.6	*5.7	*2.6	12.9	*7.2	20.1
Church or community group	*4.0	*2.4	*4.1	10.6	*3.8	14.3
Centrelink	6.7	*6.1	6.2	18.9	11.8	30.8
Job Network or employment agency	33.6	14.7	15.9	64.1	22.5	86.7
Educational institution	11.4	*3.2	*2.6	17.1	*7.1	24.3
Friends or family	50.9	37.0	31.4	119.2	92.4	211.7
Other source	*3.1	np	np	np	np	*4.7
Total received help finding first job(b)	88.7	51.8	47.8	188.3	115.8	304.1
Did not receive help finding first job/Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia	86.4	18.1	38.3	142.7	60.4	203.2
Total(c)	175.0	69.9	86.1	331.4	176.6	508.0

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(a) Includes 'Did not know if used highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival in first job held in Australia'.

(b) Components may not add to totals as some persons may have reported more than one source of help.

(c) Includes occupation 'Could not be determined', 'Could not be determined whether worked full time or part time in first job', length of time spent looking for first job 'Could not be determined', 'Could not be determined whether experienced difficulty finding first job held in Australia' and 'Could not be determined whether received help finding first job held in Australia'.

RECENT MIGRANTS WITH A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION ON ARRIVAL, Selected characteristics—By level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival

	<i>Bachelor degree or higher</i>	<i>Advanced diploma/Diploma</i>	<i>Certificate(a)</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA				
Age group on arrival (years)				
15–19	—	np	np	np
20–24	15.2	*2.0	**1.9	19.1
25–34	50.3	7.4	8.3	66.9
35–44	23.8	6.7	6.5	38.8
45 and over	*5.3	np	np	np
Country of birth				
Born in main English-speaking countries	19.3	6.3	10.0	36.2
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	75.2	10.3	8.6	96.0
Main field of non-school qualification obtained before arrival				
Natural and physical sciences	8.6	np	—	9.0
Information technology	*6.8	*1.4	np	*8.7
Engineering and related technologies	21.2	*5.0	11.1	38.5
Architecture and building	*2.1	—	*2.9	*4.9
Health	14.1	*3.8	—	18.6
Education	*6.1	**0.8	—	*6.9
Management and commerce	21.4	*2.3	**1.1	25.6
Society and culture	12.1	**0.7	—	13.4
Food, hospitality and personal services	—	**1.4	*3.2	*4.5
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(c)				
Permanent visa	62.3	11.4	14.9	90.8
Skilled	48.2	8.2	11.7	69.9
Family	12.2	*2.3	*3.2	17.9
Humanitarian	np	np	—	np
Other	np	np	—	np
Temporary visa	9.6	**1.5	**1.4	12.5
Status not determined	22.6	*3.7	*2.3	29.7
Total(d)	94.5	16.6	18.6	133.0

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RECENT MIGRANTS WITH A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION ON ARRIVAL, Selected characteristics—By level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival

continued

	Bachelor degree or higher	Advanced diploma/Diploma	Certificate (a)	Total (b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000
OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION NOT RECOGNISED IN AUSTRALIA (c)				
Age group on arrival (years)				
15–19	**1.2	np	np	**2.6
20–24	26.2	11.9	8.6	47.6
25–34	74.6	20.7	17.3	116.0
35–44	23.9	11.0	16.4	51.9
45 and over	14.3	np	np	27.1
Country of birth				
Born in main English-speaking countries	30.0	15.8	19.3	67.5
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	110.1	31.2	32.4	177.3
Main field of non-school qualification obtained before arrival				
Natural and physical sciences	14.5	np	—	15.1
Information technology	12.2	*5.8	*1.6	19.6
Engineering and related technologies	19.1	*4.1	17.2	42.6
Architecture and building	*3.1	**1.1	*5.8	10.0
Health	9.8	5.4	np	15.9
Education	6.3	*2.9	—	9.1
Management and commerce	30.8	12.9	15.0	60.6
Society and culture	32.3	*5.5	**1.3	40.1
Food, hospitality and personal services	**1.1	*2.2	*7.8	11.6
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia (d)				
Permanent visa	92.5	32.9	39.7	169.3
Skilled	50.9	14.2	18.2	84.8
Family	35.1	14.2	17.3	69.0
Humanitarian	*3.9	*3.1	np	11.3
Other	*2.6	**1.4	np	*4.2
Temporary visa	21.7	*7.6	*5.0	35.2
Status not determined	26.0	*6.8	7.0	40.6
Total (e)	140.2	47.3	51.7	245.1

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- (d) Refers to type of visa of main applicant. His/her spouse and dependants may also be included in that visa type.
- (e) Includes country of birth 'Inadequately described' and qualification fields of 'Agriculture', 'Creative arts', 'Mixed fields', and 'Field not determined'.

RECENT MIGRANTS WITH A NON-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION ON ARRIVAL, Selected characteristics—By level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival

continued

	<i>Bachelor degree or higher</i>	<i>Advanced diploma/Diploma</i>	<i>Certificate(a)</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
TOTAL (c)				
Age group on arrival (years)				
15–19	**1.3	**0.7	**1.1	*3.1
20–24	42.8	14.5	10.4	68.7
25–34	126.9	28.6	26.3	186.2
35–44	48.4	17.9	24.2	92.9
45 and over	20.5	*3.6	10.6	36.0
Country of birth				
Born in main English-speaking countries	50.1	22.3	29.8	105.1
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	189.9	42.7	42.6	280.7
Main field of non-school qualification obtained before arrival				
Natural and physical sciences	23.4	**1.1	—	24.5
Information technology	19.5	*7.8	*2.1	29.4
Engineering and related technologies	41.8	9.3	29.7	84.3
Architecture and building	*5.1	**1.1	8.7	14.9
Health	24.6	9.3	np	35.3
Education	12.3	*3.9	—	16.2
Management and commerce	53.5	15.7	16.3	88.1
Society and culture	45.3	*6.2	**1.3	54.4
Food, hospitality and personal services	*1.1	*3.5	11.4	16.6
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(d)				
Permanent visa	158.8	45.4	56.4	266.9
Skilled	102.0	23.0	31.0	159.3
Family	47.9	16.9	21.2	88.7
Humanitarian	*5.9	*4.1	np	14.3
Other	*3.0	**1.4	np	*4.6
Temporary visa	32.5	9.1	*6.4	48.9
Status not determined	48.6	10.8	9.7	71.1
Total(e)	239.9	65.3	72.5	386.9

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LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME

		<i>English spoken very well</i>	<i>English spoken well</i>	<i>English not spoken well</i>	<i>English not spoken</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>English mainly spoken at home</i>	<i>Total</i>
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PROFICIENCY WHEN FIRST ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA TO LIVE

Sex								
Males	'000	27.7	51.8	44.6	23.9	147.9	71.9	219.8
Females	'000	23.2	44.3	55.9	37.3	160.7	109.9	270.5
Country of birth								
Oceania and Antarctica	'000	*4.5	*2.6	—	—	*7.1	9.5	16.6
North-West Europe	'000	*3.3	*1.7	*0.7	np	*6.3	18.6	24.9
Southern and Eastern Europe	'000	**1.5	*8.5	10.6	*11.2	31.8	15.0	46.9
North Africa and the Middle East	'000	*3.4	13.3	12.7	13.9	43.3	12.3	55.6
South-East Asia	'000	*7.6	15.2	17.1	*8.8	48.7	51.1	99.8
North-East Asia	'000	*2.6	16.1	47.5	15.7	81.9	14.9	96.7
Southern and Central Asia	'000	25.1	29.4	*8.0	*6.7	69.2	34.8	104.0
Americas	'000	**1.6	*4.3	**2.2	*2.5	*10.5	**4.1	14.6
Sub-Saharan Africa	'000	**1.3	*5.0	*1.7	*1.8	*9.8	21.4	31.3
Year of arrival								
1998–1999	'000	7.1	17.3	20.3	12.3	57.0	38.4	95.4
2000–2001	'000	10.8	16.2	24.2	15.3	66.5	38.7	105.3
2002	'000	*3.5	*6.1	*7.2	9.6	26.4	16.5	42.9
2003	'000	*7.1	9.2	*13.8	*3.3	33.4	19.7	53.2
2004	'000	*7.0	18.8	9.3	*7.8	42.9	21.0	63.9
2005	'000	*4.6	*10.2	7.6	*3.6	26.0	18.4	44.4
2006	'000	*5.1	13.4	*9.7	*4.9	33.1	18.7	51.8
2007 to survey date	'000	*5.6	*4.9	8.4	*4.4	23.2	10.3	33.5
Labour force status								
Employed	'000	36.6	68.9	56.4	22.8	184.7	133.7	318.4
Unemployed	'000	*3.4	*6.3	*3.7	*2.0	15.4	*4.9	20.2
Not in the labour force	'000	10.8	20.9	40.4	36.3	108.5	43.2	151.7
Unemployment rate	%	*8.4	8.4	*6.1	*8.2	7.7	*3.5	6.0
Participation rate	%	78.7	78.2	59.8	40.7	64.8	76.2	69.1
Applicant status on most recent arrival to live in Australia								
Main applicant	'000	39.9	68.0	67.6	39.6	215.1	148.9	364.0
Other applicant	'000	11.0	28.1	31.8	21.0	91.8	30.9	122.7
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)								
Permanent visa	'000	33.5	78.8	78.4	52.3	243.0	121.9	364.9
Skilled	'000	20.5	51.4	33.1	*6.7	111.8	54.1	165.9
Family	'000	11.2	15.6	32.5	24.2	83.5	52.1	135.6
Humanitarian	'000	*1.7	*10.4	11.5	20.9	44.6	*9.7	54.2
Other	'000	—	**1.5	**1.3	np	*3.2	*6.0	9.2
Temporary visa	'000	*5.1	*6.1	*11.2	*2.3	24.8	27.6	52.3
Student	'000	np	*5.0	*8.1	np	18.5	15.4	33.9
Long-term business	'000	—	np	np	np	*1.7	**1.6	*3.3
Other	'000	np	np	np	np	*4.6	10.5	15.1
Status not determined	'000	12.2	11.2	10.9	*6.5	40.9	32.2	73.1
Total(c)	'000	50.8	96.1	100.5	61.1	308.6	181.7	490.3

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PROFICIENCY AS AT NOVEMBER 2007

Sex								
Males	'000	63.7	55.0	23.5	*5.7	147.9	71.9	219.8
Females	'000	43.4	65.2	42.9	9.1	160.7	109.9	270.5
Country of birth								
Oceania and Antarctica	'000	*6.3	**0.8	—	—	*7.1	9.5	16.6
North-West Europe	'000	*4.7	**1.0	np	—	*6.3	18.6	24.9
Southern and Eastern Europe	'000	*7.5	*11.4	11.9	np	31.8	15.0	46.9
North Africa and the Middle East	'000	*12.6	19.5	8.9	*2.3	43.3	12.3	55.6
South-East Asia	'000	14.9	18.4	*10.6	*4.8	48.7	51.1	99.8
North-East Asia	'000	*11.0	38.7	27.3	4.8	81.9	14.9	96.7
Southern and Central Asia	'000	41.1	22.3	*3.8	*1.9	69.2	34.8	104.0
Americas	'000	*4.7	*4.2	**1.6	—	*10.5	**4.1	14.6
Sub-Saharan Africa	'000	*4.3	*3.8	*1.7	np	*9.8	21.4	31.3
Year of arrival								
1998–1999	'000	18.7	25.4	11.1	*1.8	57.0	38.4	95.4
2000–2001	'000	22.8	26.5	14.7	*2.5	66.5	38.7	105.3
2002	'000	8.4	*9.4	*6.7	**1.9	26.4	16.5	42.9
2003	'000	12.4	*12.7	*6.7	**1.6	33.4	19.7	53.2
2004	'000	*18.6	16.4	6.2	*1.7	42.9	21.0	63.9
2005	'000	10.2	*8.1	*6.1	**1.7	26.0	18.4	44.4
2006	'000	*9.6	15.0	6.3	*2.1	33.1	18.7	51.8
2007 to survey date	'000	*6.3	6.6	8.7	*1.5	23.2	10.3	33.5
Labour force status								
Employed	'000	80.2	74.3	27.4	*2.8	184.7	133.7	318.4
Unemployed	'000	*6.0	7.1	*1.4	**0.8	15.4	*4.9	20.2
Not in the labour force	'000	20.9	38.7	37.6	11.3	108.5	43.2	151.7
Unemployment rate	%	7.0	8.7	**4.9	**23.1	7.7	*3.5	6.0
Participation rate	%	80.5	67.8	43.4	**24.2	64.8	76.2	69.1
Applicant status on most recent arrival to live in Australia								
Main applicant	'000	79.8	80.7	44.0	10.6	215.1	148.9	364.0
Other applicant	'000	27.4	38.9	21.9	*3.7	91.8	30.9	122.7
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia(b)								
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Family	'000	19.1	29.3	27.4	7.7	83.5	52.1	135.6
Humanitarian	'000	np	18.7	np	np	44.6	*9.7	54.2
Other	'000	np	**1.5	np	np	*3.2	*6.0	9.2
Temporary visa	'000	9.7	*10.1	*4.5	np	24.8	**27.6	52.3
Student	'000	*8.4	*7.5	*2.6	—	18.5	15.4	33.9
Long-term business	'000	—	np	np	np	*1.7	**1.6	*3.3
Other	'000	**1.3	np	np	np	*4.6	10.5	15.1
Status not determined	'000	20.6	13.7	*5.1	np	40.9	32.2	73.1
Total(c)	'000	107.1	120.2	66.4	14.9	308.6	181.7	490.3

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Population 1									
All persons aged 15 years and over	2 699.5	2 037.2	1 582.3	617.0	809.7	191.2	55.3	129.3	8 121.3
Population 2									
Recent migrants and temporary residents	169.0	132.3	62.6	27.9	54.7	3.3	*2.3	5.2	457.4
Population 3									
Recent migrants	120.8	80.2	38.8	19.6	32.9	2.3	*1.2	3.5	299.3
Population 4									
Recent migrants who hold Australian citizenship	61.3	35.8	15.8	7.0	12.3	*0.6	**0.5	*1.8	135.1
Population 5									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who had a job just before arrival	121.0	75.8	46.0	22.3	41.0	2.6	*1.9	3.7	314.2
Population 6									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have had a job since arrival	148.9	105.7	48.4	23.9	46.6	2.9	*2.3	4.2	383.0
Population 7									
Recent migrants who have had a job since arrival	110.3	67.4	34.3	17.1	30.1	1.9	*1.2	3.0	265.2
Population 8									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have not had a job since arrival	20.1	26.7	14.2	4.0	8.1	np	np	*1.0	74.3
Population 9									
All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed	1 843.7	1 432.7	1 148.0	414.1	605.8	124.8	44.0	98.7	5 711.7
Population 10									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who are currently employed	141.4	94.9	45.5	22.8	43.9	2.3	1.9	4.0	356.9
Population 11									
Recent migrants with a non-school qualification on arrival	78.6	49.2	28.4	14.5	20.7	*1.5	**0.5	3.0	196.3
Population 12									
Recent migrants and temporary residents with a non-school qualification on arrival	108.2	76.6	42.5	19.8	33.1	*1.7	*1.4	4.1	287.4
Population 13									
Recent migrants born in other than main English-speaking countries	99.8	66.4	21.3	11.1	16.3	*1.4	*0.7	2.7	219.8

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES									
Population 1									
All persons aged 15 years and over	2 748.0	2 098.3	1 601.1	635.1	815.0	198.2	53.4	134.4	8 283.5
Population 2									
Recent migrants and temporary residents	188.1	129.9	66.5	27.2	58.4	3.5	2.9	5.6	482.0
Population 3									
Recent migrants	143.8	89.3	44.0	22.2	40.2	*2.5	*1.8	4.1	347.7
Population 4									
Recent migrants who hold Australian citizenship	62.5	40.1	14.8	7.7	14.4	**0.9	*0.8	1.8	143.0
Population 5									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who had a job just before arrival	116.2	71.8	43.7	16.7	36.1	2.0	*2.4	2.9	291.8
Population 6									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have had a job since arrival	125.5	89.4	46.8	17.5	39.7	2.6	*2.5	3.9	327.8
Population 7									
Recent migrants who have had a job since arrival	95.9	62.6	33.1	14.9	29.9	*1.9	*1.5	3.1	242.8
Population 8									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have not had a job since arrival	62.5	40.5	19.7	9.7	18.7	np	np	1.7	154.2
Population 9									
All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed	1 507.5	1 176.3	963.0	348.2	478.9	103.5	38.1	88.2	4 703.7
Population 10									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who are currently employed	*98.2	**68.9	*39.1	**13.2	*31.8	**2.2	2.1	**3.3	258.9
Population 11									
Recent migrants with a non-school qualification on arrival	82.3	43.9	27.2	13.1	18.9	*1.6	*0.8	2.9	190.6
Population 12									
Recent migrants and temporary residents with a non-school qualification on arrival	108.3	67.4	42.0	15.4	30.6	2.1	*1.9	3.6	271.3
Population 13									
Recent migrants born in other than main English-speaking countries	122.1	74.2	27.2	15.7	25.1	*1.7	*1.4	3.1	270.5

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS									
Population 1									
All persons aged 15 years and over	5 447.5	4 135.5	3 183.4	1 252.1	1 624.7	389.3	108.7	263.7	16 404.8
Population 2									
Recent migrants and temporary residents	357.1	262.2	129.0	55.1	113.1	6.8	5.3	10.8	939.4
Population 3									
Recent migrants	264.6	169.5	82.8	41.7	73.1	4.8	3.0	7.6	647.0
Population 4									
Recent migrants who hold Australian citizenship	123.8	75.9	30.6	14.7	26.7	*1.5	*1.3	3.6	278.1
Population 5									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who had a job just before arrival	237.3	147.6	89.7	39.0	77.1	4.7	*4.2	6.6	606.0
Population 6									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have had a job since arrival	274.4	195.1	95.2	41.4	86.3	5.5	4.9	8.1	710.9
Population 7									
Recent migrants who have had a job since arrival	206.1	130.0	67.4	32.0	59.9	3.8	*2.7	6.1	508.0
Population 8									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who have not had a job since arrival	82.7	67.1	33.9	13.7	26.8	*1.3	**0.4	2.7	228.5
Population 9									
All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed	3 351.3	2 608.9	2 110.9	762.3	1 084.7	228.3	82.1	186.9	10 415.4
Population 10									
Recent migrants and temporary residents who are currently employed	*239.6	*163.8	*84.6	**36.0	*75.7	**4.5	**4.1	**7.3	615.8
Population 11									
Recent migrants with a non-school qualification on arrival	160.9	93.1	55.6	27.5	39.5	3.1	*1.3	5.8	386.9
Population 12									
Recent migrants and temporary residents with a non-school qualification on arrival	216.6	144.0	84.5	35.2	63.8	3.7	*3.2	7.7	558.7
Population 13									
Recent migrants born in other than main English-speaking countries	221.9	140.6	48.5	26.9	41.4	*3.1	*2.1	5.9	490.3

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey, conducted throughout Australia in November 2007 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in the scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication *Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)* contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the monthly LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about computer assisted and telephone interviewing which are relevant to both the monthly LFS and supplementary surveys.

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

3 The conceptual framework used in Australia's LFS aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling these estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001)* which is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (Methods, Classifications, Concepts & Standards).

SCOPE

4 The scope of the LFS included all persons aged 15 years and over and excluded the following people:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from censuses and surveys
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

5 Students at boarding schools, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for people with disabilities), and inmates of prisons are excluded from all supplementary surveys.

6 This supplementary survey was conducted in both rural and urban areas in all states and territories, but excluded persons living in very remote parts of Australia who would otherwise have been within the scope of the survey. The exclusion of these persons will only have a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for states and territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory where such persons account for approximately 23% of the population.

7 This supplementary survey was restricted to persons who were born overseas, arrived in Australia after 1997, were aged 15 years and over on arrival, and had either obtained permanent Australian resident status prior to or after arrival, or were temporary residents who planned to stay in Australia for 12 months or more. Persons who were Australian citizens prior to their arrival in Australia, or who were born in New Zealand or held New Zealand citizenship, were excluded from the survey.

COVERAGE

8 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in November 2007. In the LFS, 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 in the survey. See *Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)* for more details.

DATA COLLECTION

9 Information was collected through interviews conducted over a two-week period during November 2007.

10 The survey was conducted using a sub-sample of the Monthly Population Survey (MPS) sample. The MPS, which is described in *Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)*,

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DATA COLLECTION *continued*

comprises the monthly labour force topic and supplementary topics. The household sample for the MPS was selected using multistage sampling techniques. Seven-eighths of the private dwellings selected for the MPS were eligible for the survey. Information was obtained from all persons in the household who met the scope conditions of the supplementary survey. Information was obtained personally from each individual, although where two or more persons migrated on the same visa application when first coming to Australia to live for one year or more, a proxy interview may have been conducted with another person who migrated on the same visa application.

SAMPLE SIZE

11 Approximately 95% of selected households were fully responding to the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey. In total, 53,402 persons from about 29,000 selected private dwellings and special dwelling units were in the survey sample and either were out of scope for the supplementary survey or were in scope and fully responded to the survey. A total of 2,530 complete interviews were obtained from persons who were in scope of the Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

12 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- Sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For more information see the Technical Note.
- Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that 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 processing procedures.

SEASONAL FACTORS

13 The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

CLASSIFICATIONS USED

Country of birth

14 Country of birth data are classified according to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition, 2008 (cat. no. 1269.0)*.

Occupation

15 Occupation data are classified according to the *ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupation, First Edition, 2006 (cat. no. 1220.0)*.

Industry

16 Industry data are classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 (cat. no. 1292.0)*.

Education

17 Educational attainment data are classified according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0)*.

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

18 Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants Surveys conducted up to and including November 1996 were restricted to migrants who arrived in Australia after 1970, were aged 18 years and over on arrival, and had obtained permanent Australian resident status. For November 1999, the survey was restricted to migrants who arrived in Australia after 1980, were aged 18 years and over on arrival, and had obtained permanent Australian resident status. For November 2004, the survey included migrants aged 15 years and over on arrival, who arrived in Australia after 1984 who had obtained permanent Australian resident status, as well as people who were temporary residents of Australia for 12 months or more. For November 2007, the survey included migrants who arrived in Australia after 1997 were aged 15 years and over on arrival, who had obtained permanent Australian resident status, as well as people who were temporary residents of Australia for 12 months or more, and excluded those born in New Zealand, those holding

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New Zealand citizenship and those who held Australian citizenship prior to their arrival in Australia.

19 Several changes to question wording were made to the 2007 survey. These changes were made to increase respondent understanding of the questions.

20 Several changes to the data items collected were made to the 2007 survey. Data items relating to the country of last residence were not asked in 2007. Several new data items were collected in 2007, including the length of time before finding a job after arriving in Australia; selected details of the first job held in Australia; whether the highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival was used in the first job held in Australia; whether difficulties were experienced finding work in Australia; and whether help was received finding work in Australia. A complete list of data items collected in 2007 can be found in Appendix 1.

21 It is impracticable to obtain information relating to labour force status of people before migration according to the strict definitions used in the monthly LFS. It is for this reason that 'Had a job' and 'Did not have a job' are used to describe previous labour force status, while 'Employed', 'Unemployed' and 'Not in the labour force' are used to describe labour force status as at November 2007.

COMPARABILITY WITH OTHER ABS SOURCES

22 Since the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey is conducted as a supplement to the LFS, data items collected in the LFS are also available. However, there are some important differences between the two surveys. The Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey sample is a subset of the LFS sample (see Paragraph 10 of these Explanatory Notes) and the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey had a response rate of 95% which is lower than the LFS response rate for the same period of 96%. Due to these differences between the samples, the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey data are weighted as a separate process to the weighting of LFS data. Differences may therefore be found in the estimates collected in the LFS and published as part of the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey, when compared with estimates published in the November 2007 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

23 Additionally, estimates from the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey may differ from the estimates produced from other ABS collections, for several reasons. The Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey is a sample survey and its results are subject to sampling error. Results may differ from other sample surveys, which are also subject to sampling error. Users should take account of the relative standard errors (RSEs) on estimates and those of other survey estimates where comparisons are made.

24 Differences may also exist in the scope and/or coverage of the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey compared to other surveys. Differences in estimates, when compared to the estimates of other surveys, may result from different reference periods reflecting seasonal variations, non-seasonal events that may have impacted on one period but not another, or because of underlying trends in the phenomena being measured.

25 Finally, differences can occur as a result of using different collection methodologies. This is often evident in comparisons of similar data items reported from different ABS collections where, after taking account of definition and scope differences and sampling error, residual differences remain. These differences could be partly attributed to differing modes of the collections, such as whether data is collected by an interviewer or self-enumerated by the respondent, whether the data is collected from the person themselves or from a proxy respondent, and the level of experience of the interviewers. Differences may also result from the context in which questions are asked, i.e. where in

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COMPARABILITY WITH OTHER ABS SOURCES *continued*

the interview the questions are asked and the nature of preceding questions. The impacts on data of different collection methodologies are difficult to quantify.

26 The following table, Comparison of Data, Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey and Labour Force Survey, presents comparisons between some broad level data items that were collected from all persons aged 15 years and over on the LFS in November 2007 in the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey. The comparison shows that Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey data are broadly consistent with LFS data.

COMPARISON OF DATA, Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey and Labour Force Survey

	Labour Force Survey, November 2007	Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey, November 2007
	%	%
LABOUR FORCE STATUS		
Employed full-time	44.8	45.7
Employed part-time	17.5	17.8
Total employed	62.3	63.5
Unemployed	2.7	2.7
Not in the labour force	35.1	33.8
COUNTRY OF BIRTH AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL		
Born in Australia	70.0	70.8
Born overseas	30.0	29.2
Arrived before 1998	22.8	21.8
Arrived after 1997	7.2	7.4

COMPARABILITY WITH NON-ABS SOURCES

27 The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) are the main holder of data containing personal information on migrants. Due to differences in collection objectives and definitions, data from the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey are not comparable with DIAC data.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

28 Results of previous surveys have been published in:

- *Characteristics of Migrants Aged 18 Years and Over at the Time of Arrival and Who Arrived after 1960, Australia, March 1984 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, March 1987 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, September 1990 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, September 1993 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, November 1996 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, November 1999 (cat. no. 6250.0)*
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, November 2004 (cat. no. 6250.0).*

NEXT SURVEY

29 The ABS plans to conduct this survey again in November 2010.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

30 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals,

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businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

31 ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Australian Labour Market Statistics, cat. no. 6105.0*
- *Job Search Experience, Australia, cat. no. 6222.0*
- *Labour Force, Australia, cat. no. 6202.0*
- *Labour Force Experience, Australia cat. no. 6206.0.*

32 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site (Future releases) which details products to be released in the week ahead. The Migrant and Ethnicity theme page also contains a wealth of information and useful resources. This site can be accessed through the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

The ABS has a range of data available on request from the Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items may also be available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the person in the survey to whom the data relates. Where alternative output categories are available for the same data item, these are shown and the data item name is followed by a bracketed numeral (e.g. Country of birth (2)).

For more information about ABS data available on request, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

<i>Population 1</i>	All persons aged 15 years and over.
<i>Population 2</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents.
<i>Population 3</i>	Recent migrants.
<i>Population 4</i>	Recent migrants who hold Australian citizenship.
<i>Population 5</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents who had a job just before arrival.
<i>Population 6</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents who have had a job since arrival.
<i>Population 7</i>	Recent migrants who have had a job since arrival.
<i>Population 8</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents who have not had a job in Australia.
<i>Population 9</i>	All persons aged 15 years and over who are currently employed.
<i>Population 10</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents who are currently employed.
<i>Population 11</i>	Recent migrants with a non-school qualification on arrival.
<i>Population 12</i>	Recent migrants and temporary residents with a non-school qualification on arrival.
<i>Population 13</i>	Recent migrants born in other than main English-speaking countries.

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
1 State or territory of usual residence	All	9 Year of arrival <i>cont.</i>	All
New South Wales		2000–2001	
Victoria		2002	
Queensland		2003	
South Australia		2004	
Western Australia		2005	
Tasmania		2006	
Northern Territory		2007 to survey date	
Australian Capital Territory		Note: Year of arrival collected in	
Australia		single years	
2 Area of usual residence	All	10 Period of residence	All
State capital city		Less than 12 months	
Balance of state/territory		1 to less than 3 years	
3 Region of usual residence	All	3 to less than 5 years	
Standard labour force dissemination		5 to less than 8 years	
regions		8 to 10 years	
4 Sex	All	11 Age group (years)	All
Males		15–19	
Females		20–24	
5 Marital status	All	25–34	
Married		35–44	
Not married		45 and over	
6 Relationship in household	All	Note: Age collected in single years	
Family member		12 Number of persons who are usual	
Husband, wife or partner		residents in the household	All
Lone parent		Collected in single numbers	
Dependent student		13 Labour force status	All
Other family person		Employed as at November 2007	
Non-family member		Unemployed	
Lone person		Not in the labour force	
Not living alone		14 Full time or part time status of work	
Relationship not determined		last week	9
7 Country of birth (1)	All	Worked 35 or more hours last week	
Born in Australia		Worked 1–34 hours last week	
Born overseas		Employed but did not work last week	
Born in main English-speaking		15 Full time or part time status of usual	
countries		work	9
Born in other than main		Usually works full time	
English-speaking countries		Usually works part time	
8 Country of birth (2)	All	Does not usually work	
Born in Australia		16 Status in employment	9
Born overseas		Employee	
Oceania and Antarctica		Employer	
North-West Europe		Own account worker	
Southern and Eastern Europe		Contributing family worker	
North Africa and the Middle East		17 Occupation in current job or business	9
South-East Asia		Managers	
North-East Asia		Professionals	
Southern and Central Asia		Technicians and trades workers	
Americas		Community and personal service	
Sub-Saharan Africa		workers	
Other		Clerical and administrative workers	
9 Year of arrival	All	Sales workers	
1998–1999		Machinery operators and drivers	
		Labourers	

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
18 Industry of current job or business	9	23 Current proficiency in spoken English	2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing		Not well	
Mining		Not at all	
Manufacturing		24 Proficiency in spoken English on arrival	2
Electricity, gas, water and waste		Mainly speaks English at home	
Services		Very well	
Construction		Well	
Wholesale trade		Not well	
Retail trade		Not at all	
Accommodation and food services		Could not be determined	
Transport, postal and warehousing		25 Whether an Australian citizen	2
Information media and telecommunications		Is an Australian citizen	
Finance and insurance services		Is not an Australian citizen	
Rental, hiring and real estate services		Could not be determined	
Professional, scientific and technical services		26 Visa type as at November 2007	2
Administrative and support services		Permanent	
Public administration and safety		Skilled	
Education and training		Family	
Health care and social assistance		Humanitarian	
Arts and recreation services		Other	
Other services		Temporary	
19 Multiple job holder	9	Student	
One job only		Long-term business	
More than one job		Other	
20 Hours usually worked in all jobs or businesses	9	Status not determined	
Collected in single hours		Australian citizen	
21 Migration summary	All	27 Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia	2
Born in Australia		Permanent	
Born overseas		Skilled	
Arrived before 1998		Family	
Arrived after 1997		Humanitarian	
Aged less than 15 years on arrival		Other	
Aged 15 years and over on arrival		Temporary	
Migrants and temporary residents		Student	
Migrants		Long-term business	
Temporary residents		Other	
Status not determined		Status not determined	
Australian/New Zealand citizen before arrival or currently holds New Zealand citizenship		28 Visa category before becoming an Australian citizen	4
Planning to stay less than 12 months		Permanent	
22 Age on arrival in Australia	All	Skilled	
15–19		Family	
20–24		Humanitarian	
25–34		Other	
35–44		Status not determined	
45 and over		29 Residency status as at November 2007	2
Note: Age on arrival collected in single years		Permanent residency	
23 Current proficiency in spoken English	2	Permanent visa	
Mainly speaks English at home		Australian citizen	
Very well		Temporary residency	
Well		Status not determined	
		30 Residency status on most recent arrival to live in Australia	2
		Permanent residency	
		Temporary residency	
		Status not determined	

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
31 Whether temporary resident before becoming a permanent resident	3	37 Main field of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival	2
Had temporary residency before permanent residency		Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival <i>cont.</i>	
Did not have temporary residency before permanent residency		Mixed field programmes	
Could not be determined		Field not determined	
32 Whether main applicant for visa application on most recent arrival to live in Australia	2	Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	
Main applicant		38 Main field of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival	2
Other applicant		Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	
Could not be determined		Natural and physical sciences	
33 Whether main applicant for visa held as at November 2007	2	Information technology	
Was main applicant		Engineering and related technologies	
Was not main applicant		Architecture and building	
Could not be determined		Agriculture, environmental and related studies	
34 Whether main applicant for visa held before becoming an Australian citizen	4	Health	
Was main applicant		Education	
Was not main applicant		Management and commerce	
Could not be determined		Society and culture	
35 Level of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival	2	Creative arts	
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival		Food, hospitality and personal services	
Bachelor degree or higher		Mixed field programmes	
Advanced diploma/Diploma		Field not determined	
Certificate		Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival	
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival		39 Whether has applied for highest non-school qualification to be assessed for recognition in Australia	12
36 Level of highest non-school qualification obtained since arrival	2	Has applied	
Obtained a non-school qualification since arrival		Has not applied	
Bachelor degree or higher		Could not be determined	
Advanced diploma/Diploma		40 Whether highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival has been recognised in Australia	12
Certificate		Has been recognised	
Has not obtained a non-school qualification since arrival		Has not been recognised	
37 Main field of highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival	2	Could not be determined if has been recognised	
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival		Could not be determined if applied to have highest non-school qualification assessed for recognition	
Natural and physical sciences		Did not apply to have highest non-school qualification assessed for recognition	
Information technology		41 Whether had a job just before arrival	2
Engineering and related technologies		Had a job	
Architecture and building		Did not have a job	
Agriculture, environmental and related studies		Could not be determined	
Health		42 Whether worked full time or part time just before arrival	5
Education		Full time	
Management and commerce		Part time	
Society and culture		Could not be determined	
Creative arts			
Food, hospitality and personal services			

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<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
43 Occupation in main job just before arrival	5	49 Whether used highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival in first job held in Australia <i>cont.</i>	6
Managers		Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	
Professionals		Could not be determined	
Technicians and trades workers		50 Whether tried to find work more suited to highest non-school qualification when got initial job in Australia	5
Community and personal service workers		Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival	
Clerical and administrative workers		Tried to find work more suited	
Sales workers		Did not try to find work more suited	
Machinery operators and drivers		Obtained work suited to qualification	
Labourers		Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	
Could not be determined		Could not be determined	
44 Whether has worked since arriving in Australia to live	2	51 Length of time spent in first job held in Australia	5
Has worked		1 month or less	
Has not worked		2 or 3 months	
45 Whether occupation in main job just before arrival is same as occupation as at November 2007	5	4 to 6 months	
Currently employed		7 to 12 months	
Same major occupation group		More than 12 months	
Different major occupation group		Still employed in first job held since arriving in Australia	
Not currently employed		Could not be determined	
Could not be determined		52 Number of jobs held since arriving in Australia	5
46 Length of time before finding a job after arriving in Australia	2	1 job	
Has had a job since arriving in Australia		2 jobs	
Already had job arranged		3 jobs	
1 month or less		4 jobs	
2 or 3 months		5 jobs or more	
4 to 6 months		Could not be determined	
7 to 12 months		53 Whether used highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival in job held as at November 2007	10
More than 12 months		Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival	
Has not had a job since arriving in Australia		Used highest non-school qualification	
Could not be determined		Did not use highest non-school qualification	
47 Occupation in first job held in Australia	6	Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival	
Managers		Could not be determined	
Professionals		54 Whether tried to find work more suited to highest non-school qualification when got job held in November 2007	10
Technicians and trades workers		Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival	
Community and personal service workers		Tried to find work more suited	
Clerical and administrative workers		Did not try to find work more suited	
Sales workers		Obtained work suited to qualification	
Machinery operators and drivers			
Labourers			
Could not be determined			
48 Whether worked full time or part time in first job held in Australia	6		
Full time			
Part time			
Could not be determined			
49 Whether used highest non-school qualification obtained before arrival in first job held in Australia	6		
Obtained a non-school qualification before arrival			
Used highest non-school qualification			
Did not use highest non-school qualification			

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
54 Whether tried to find work more suited to highest non-school qualification when got job held in November 2007 <i>cont.</i>	10	59 All difficulties experienced finding job held as at November 2007	10
Did not obtain a non-school qualification before arrival		Experienced difficulty	
Could not be determined		Language difficulties	
		Lack of Australian work experience/references	
55 Whether experienced difficulty finding a job/first job in Australia	6	Lack of local contacts/networks	
Experienced difficulty finding a job		Skills or qualifications not recognised	
Did not experience difficulty finding a job		Ethnic or cultural barriers	
Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia		Don't know how or where to apply for jobs	
Could not be determined		Visa type/restrictions	
		No jobs or vacancies in locality/line of work/at all	
56 All difficulties experienced finding a job/first job	6	Other	
Experienced difficulty		Did not experience difficulty	
Language difficulties		Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia	
Lack of Australian work experience/references		Could not be determined	
Lack of local contacts/networks		60 Main difficulty finding job held as at November 2007	10
Skills or qualifications not recognised		Experienced difficulty	
Ethnic or cultural barriers		Language difficulties	
Don't know how or where to apply for jobs		Lack of Australian work experience/references	
Visa type/restrictions		Lack of local contacts/networks	
No jobs or vacancies in locality/line of work/at all		Skills or qualifications not recognised	
Other		Ethnic or cultural barriers	
Did not experience difficulty		Don't know how or where to apply for jobs	
Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia		Visa type/restrictions	
Could not be determined		No jobs or vacancies in locality/line of work/at all	
		Other	
57 Main difficulty finding a job/first job	6	Did not experience difficulty	
Experienced difficulty		Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia	
Language difficulties		Could not be determined	
Lack of Australian work experience/references		61 Whether has looked for work since arriving in Australia	8
Lack of local contacts/networks		Has looked for work	
Skills or qualifications not recognised		Has not looked for work	
Ethnic or cultural barriers		Could not be determined	
Don't know how or where to apply for jobs		62 Whether received help finding a job when looking for a job/first job in Australia	6
Visa type/restrictions		Received help	
No jobs or vacancies in locality/line of work/at all		Did not receive help	
Other		Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia	
Did not experience difficulty		63 All sources of help looking for a job/first job in Australia	6
Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia		Received help	
Could not be determined		Migrant association or refugee settlement organisation	
58 Whether experienced difficulty finding job held as at November 2007	10	Church or community group	
Experienced difficulty finding a job		Centrelink	
Did not experience difficulty finding a job		Job Network or employment agency	
Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia		Educational institution	
Could not be determined		Friends or family	
		Other source	

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
63 All sources of help looking for a job/first job in Australia <i>cont.</i>	6	64 Main source of household income	2
Did not receive help		Wages or salary	
Already had job arranged before arriving in Australia		Government pension or allowance	
		Other source	

APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary surveys to the monthly labour force survey. Data from these surveys are available in publication form from the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. Additional data are available on request and can be obtained by contacting the ABS.

	<i>cat. no.</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Latest issue</i>
Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation, Australia	6239.0	Biennial	2006-2007
Career Experience, Australia	6254.0	Irregular	November 2002
Child Care, Australia	4402.0	Irregular	June 2005
Child Employment, Australia	6211.0	Irregular	June 2006
Education and Work, Australia	6227.0	Annual	May 2007
Employee Earnings, Benefits, and Trade Union Membership, Australia	6310.0	Annual	August 2007
Forms of Employment, Australia	6359.0	Irregular	November 2006
Job Search Experience, Australia	6222.0	Annual	July 2007
Labour Force Experience, Australia	6206.0	Biennial	February 2007
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia(a)	6224.0	Discontinued	Final issue 2000
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia	6250.0	Irregular	November 2007
Labour Mobility, Australia	6209.0	Biennial	February 2006
Locations of Work, Australia	6275.0	Irregular	November 2005
Multiple Jobholding, Australia(b)	6216.0	Irregular	August 1997
Participation in Education, Australia	6272.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1999
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia	6220.0	Annual	September 2007
Pregnancy and Employment Transitions, Australia	4913.0	Irregular	November 2005
Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia	6238.0	Irregular	2006-2007
Retrenchment and Redundancy, Australia	6266.0	Irregular	July 2001
Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia	6245.0	Discontinued	Final issue 2000
Underemployed Workers, Australia	6265.0	Annual	September 2007
Working Time Arrangements, Australia	6342.0	Irregular	November 2006
Work-Related Injuries, Australia	6324.0	Irregular	2005-2006

- (a) Latest data is for June 2005, available only from data cubes on the ABS web site (cat. no. 6224.0.55.001), or on request.
 (b) Latest data is for July 2001, available on request only.

INTRODUCTION

1 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 those estimates 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 (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings (or occupants) was included. There are about two chances in three (67%) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs.

2 Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate:

$$RSE\% = \left(\frac{SE}{estimate} \right) \times 100$$

3 RSEs for estimates from the Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey are published for the first time in 'direct' form. Previously a statistical model was produced that related the size of estimates to their corresponding RSEs, and this information was displayed via an 'SE table'. From this point onwards, RSEs for the Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants Survey are calculated for each separate estimate and published individually. The Jackknife method of variance estimation is used for this process, which involves the calculation of 30 'replicate' estimates based on 30 different subsamples of the original sample. The variability of estimates obtained from these subsamples is used to estimate the sample variability surrounding the main estimate.

4 Limited publication space does not allow for the separate indication of the SEs and/or RSEs of all the estimates in this publication, only RSEs for Table 1 have been included at the end of these Technical Notes. However, RSEs for all tables are available free-of-charge on the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>. released in spreadsheet format as an attachment to this publication, *Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia, November 2007 (cat. no. 6250.0)*.

5 In the tables in this publication, only estimates (numbers, percentages, means and medians) with RSEs less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger RSEs have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs greater than 50% are preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. **2.1) to indicate they are considered too unreliable for general use.

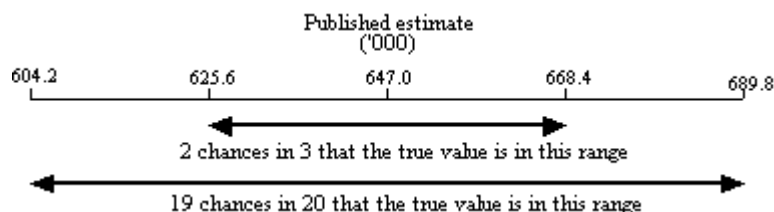
CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

6 SEs can be calculated using the estimates (count or means) and the corresponding RSEs. For example, Table 1 shows the estimated number of persons who were recent migrants is 647,000. The RSE table for Table 1, with the RSEs corresponding to the estimates in Table 1, is included at the end of these Technical Notes. This shows the RSE for the estimate is 3.3%. The SE is:

$$\begin{aligned} SE \text{ of estimate} &= \left(\frac{RSE}{100} \right) \times estimate \\ &= 0.033 \times 647,000 \\ &= 21,400 \text{ (rounded to nearest 100)} \end{aligned}$$

7 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 625,600 to 668,400 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 604,200 to 689,800. This example is illustrated below.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD
ERRORS *continued*



8 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. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y .

$$RSE\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 - [RSE(y)]^2}$$

9 For example in Table 1, the estimate for the total number of persons who were recent migrants is 647,000. The estimated number of males who were recent migrants is 299,300, so of all persons who were recent migrants, the proportion who were males is $(299,300 / 647,000) \times 100$ or 46.3%.

10 From the RSE table for Table 1, included at the end of these Technical Notes, the RSE of the total number of persons who were recent migrants is 3.3% and the RSE of the number of males who were recent migrants is 4.1%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is

$$RSE = \sqrt{(4.1)^2 - (3.3)^2} = 2.4\%$$

11 This then gives an SE of the percentage (46.3%) of $(2.4/100) \times 46.3 = 1.1$ percentage points.

12 Therefore there are about two chances in three that the proportion of recent migrants who were males is between 45.2% and 47.4% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the ranges 44.1% and 48.5%.

DIFFERENCES

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

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

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

SIGNIFICANCE TESTING

15 The statistical significance test for any of the comparisons between estimates was performed to determine whether it is likely that there is a difference between the corresponding population characteristics. The standard error of the difference between two corresponding estimates (x and y) can be calculated using the formula in paragraph 13. This standard error is then used to calculate the following test statistic:

$$\left(\frac{x-y}{SE(x-y)} \right)$$

16 If the value of this test statistic is greater than 1.96 then there is good evidence of a real difference in the two populations with respect to that characteristic. Otherwise, it cannot be stated with confidence that there is a real difference between the populations.

17 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the SE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

SIGNIFICANCE TESTING

continued

by respondents and recording by interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error, and they occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or sample. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient operating procedures.

RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR

18 Relative Standard Errors for Table 1 are included below. However, RSEs for all tables are available free-of-charge on the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>, released in spreadsheet format as an attachment to this publication.

TABLE 1 RSES: ALL PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, Migration status as at November 2007—By sex

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of all persons</i>
	%	%	%	%
Born in Australia	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Born overseas	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
Arrived before 1998	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.2
Arrived after 1997	3.3	2.8	2.7	2.7
Aged less than 15 years on arrival	12.3	11.3	9.0	9.0
Aged 15 years and over on arrival	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.6
Recent migrants and temporary residents	3.7	2.9	2.7	2.7
Recent migrant	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.3
Temporary resident	7.2	7.3	6.5	6.5
Status not determined	58.9	49.8	51.2	51.2
Australian/New Zealand citizen before arrival or currently holds New Zealand citizenship	7.7	7.8	7.3	7.3
Planning to stay less than 12 months	36.0	28.9	25.5	25.5
Total	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3

GLOSSARY

Australian citizen	Being an Australian citizen formalises a person's membership of the Australian community. It entitles a person to live permanently in Australia, hold an Australian passport and do such things as vote to elect Australia's governments, stand for parliament, work in the Public Service and serve in the armed forces. A person may acquire Australian citizenship in a number of ways, for example, by birth, adoption, descent, resumption or grant of Australian citizenship (naturalisation). Migrants no longer require a visa once citizenship is granted.
Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)	The ASCED is a national standard classification which includes all sectors of the Australian education system: that is, schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. From 2001 ASCED replaced a number of classifications used in administrative and statistical systems, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classifications of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education. See <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0)</i> .
Balance of state/territory	This area comprises the region outside the six state capital Statistical Divisions. The area includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory (except those in very remote areas).
Country of birth	Country of birth has been classified according to the <i>Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition, 2008 (cat. no. 1269.0)</i> .
Employed	Persons who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job, business or farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or ■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or ■ on strike or locked out; or ■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or ■ were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Employed full time	Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 or more during the reference week.
Employed part time	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.
Had a job since arrival	Includes persons who currently have a job or who had a job at some time since their arrival.
Job network or employment agency	A government or private agency that provides various kinds of support for people looking for work, to help them find and keep a job.
Labour force	Persons who were in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' as defined.
Level of highest non-school qualification	Level of highest non-school qualification identifies the highest qualification a person has attained in any area of study. It is not a measurement of the relative importance of different fields of study but a ranking of qualifications and other educational attainments regardless of the particular area of study or the type of institution in which the study was undertaken.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Level of highest non-school qualification <i>continued</i>	It is categorised according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0)</i> Level of Education classification.
Main applicant	The 'main applicant' is generally the person whose skills or proposed activities in Australia are assessed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) as part of their visa application. They will usually have been specifically identified on the application form as the 'main applicant'.
Main English-speaking countries	This refers to the main countries from which Australia receives, or has received, significant numbers of overseas settlers who are likely to speak English. These countries comprise the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, and the United States of America.
Main field of non-school qualification	Main field of non-school qualification is defined as the subject matter of the qualification. It is categorised according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0)</i> Field of Education classification.
Non-school qualification	Non-school qualifications are awarded for educational attainments other than those of pre-primary, primary or secondary education. They include qualifications at the Postgraduate Degree level, Master Degree level, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate level, Bachelor Degree level, Advanced Diploma and Diploma level, and Certificates I, II, III and IV levels. Non-school qualifications may be obtained concurrently with school qualifications.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' as defined.
Occupation	From 2006, occupation is classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), First Edition, 2006 (cat. no. 1220.0)</i> .
Other applicant	A person whose visa was granted on the basis of being the family member (eg. spouse, dependent child) of a person who qualified for a visa. They will have been identified on the visa application as an 'other' or secondary applicant with the person who met the visa criteria being specifically identified on the visa application as the 'main applicant'.
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of all persons aged 15 years and over in the same group.
Permanent visa	The permission or authority granted by Australia for foreign nationals to live in Australia permanently.
Recent migrant	A person who was born overseas, who arrived in Australia after 1997, was aged 15 years or over on arrival, was not an Australian citizen on arrival, was not born in New Zealand, does not hold New Zealand citizenship, and has permanent Australian resident status.
Reference week	The week preceding the week in which the interview was conducted.
State capital cities	This area comprises the Statistical Divisions of the six state capital cities which are defined in the <i>Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), July 2007 (cat. no. 1216.0)</i> .
Temporary resident	A person who was born overseas, who arrived in Australia after 1997, was aged 15 years or over on arrival, was not an Australian citizen on arrival, was not born in New Zealand, does not hold New Zealand citizenship, and has a temporary visa.
Temporary visa	The permission or authority granted by Australia for foreign national to travel to Australia and stay up to a specified period of time. Temporary entrants for this survey include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ tourists ■ students ■ business people ■ people with specialist skills, such as managers, academics and medical practitioners ■ people who make a social or cultural contribution to the community, such as entertainers, media and film staff, sports people, religious workers, visiting academics and public lecturers

GLOSSARY *continued*

Temporary visa <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ people who contribute to the development of international relations, such as participants in exchange programs and working holiday makers.
Type of visa as at November 2007	<p>The visa the respondent held at the time of interview, that allowed them to stay in Australia. Categories for type of visa as at November 2007 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Permanent Skilled - Skilled migrants are selected on the basis of their age, skills and their ability to quickly make a contribution to the Australian economy. Includes Independent, Australian sponsored, Employer/State sponsored and Business skills visas. ■ Permanent Family - Includes partner, child and parent visas. ■ Permanent Humanitarian - Includes humanitarian and refugee visas. ■ Permanent Other - Includes all other permanent visa categories or where the type of permanent visa could not be determined. ■ Temporary Student - Temporary student visas are granted to people studying or seeking study, training or skills development in Australia and planning to stay in Australia for 12 months or more. ■ Temporary Long-term business - Includes Temporary Business (Long stay) - standard business sponsorship visa, Educational visa and Medical practitioner visa. ■ Temporary Other - Includes tourists, working holiday makers and visitors planning to stay in Australia for 12 months or more or where the type of temporary visa could not be determined.
Type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia	<p>The visa the respondent held when they most recently arrived in Australia to live that allowed them to come to Australia. Categories for type of visa on most recent arrival to live in Australia are as for 'Type of visa as at November 2007'.</p>
Unemployed	<p>Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 were available for work in the reference week; or ■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Unemployment rate	<p>For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.</p>

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