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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

In association with the February 1982 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons aged fifteen years and over who had been employed at some time during the period February 1981 to February 1982 were asked about their labour mobility during the period. Specific questions related to the duration of current job, whether respondents had changed jobs or not and the number of jobs held during the period.
2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 8 February, 1982, specially trained interviewers asked the questions of a sub-sample of 50,000 of the 69,000 respondents in the February labour force survey.
3. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the more important results was published on 20 December 1982. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in November 1972, were published in previous issues of this publication. For details of the changed reference period between the February 1981 survey and previous surveys, refer to paragraph 11.

## Scope

4. The survey includes all civilians aged fifteen years and over except:
(a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
(b) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
(c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia;
(d) students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of jails, reformatories etc.
5. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1982. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour mobility may relate to experience outside Australia.

## Definitions

6. For this survey, each person is assigned to a labour force category for each week during the period February 1981 to February 1982 on the basis of his reported activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week.
7. Employed persons. Persons are classified as employed for those weeks they report having either worked or being on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are excluded. Estimates relating to employed persons in this publication differ from estimates published in The Labour Force, Australia, February 1982 (6203.0) because of differences in definitions applied in the two surveys.
8. For the purposes of the survey, a job is defined as:
(a) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
(b) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.
9. Locality. In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.
10. Job mobility is defined as a change of job. A change of job may involve a change of employer without a change of job location; a change of location without a change of employer; or a change in both employer and location. For example, the movement of an employer's operations to premises in a different location would entail a change of job for employees who moved to the new location. Promotion or transfer of an employee which involves a move to premises in a different location would also constitute a change of job. It should be noted, however, that for a person who works at different sites for the same employer (for example, a construction worker), his base of operations (i.e. his employer's office, depot, yard, etc.) is considered to be his place of work.

## Discontinuity in the series

11. The estimates in this publication are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous labour mobility surveys. The reference period for the February 1981 and 1982 surveys was from the beginning of the previous February to the end of the survey week. For this reason the reference period could extend to 54 weeks. In the three surveys February 1976, 1979 and 1980 the reference period was the previous calendar year.

## Reliability of the estimates

12. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:
(a) sampling error: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error. More information about this topic will be found in the Technical note.
(b) Non-sampling error: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

## Related publications

13. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:
The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)-issued monthly
Labour Force Experience, Australia, February 1981 (6206.0)
14. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 12 above.
.. not applicable
n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

$7,209,700$ persons were employed at some time during the period February 1981 to February 1982 made up of $6,482,600$ who were employed in February 1982 and 727,100 who were not employed. $4,872,500$ persons had been in the same job for the whole 12 month period. The remaining 2,337,200 (about a third of those who had been employed during the period) had started or left a job during the period.

Less than half $(1,078,400)$ of those who had started or left a job during the 12 month period changed jobs, the remainder either moving into or out of employment. 272,400 had left a job and were looking for work in February 1982 and 454,700 were out of the labour force. 531,700 were entrants to employment; i.e. they were employed in February 1982 having had no previous job during the period. 15.1 per cent of those who had left a job during the period February 1981 to February 1982 were looking for work at the end of the period and 25.2 per cent were out of the labour force.

DIAGRAM 1. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982 (Source of data: Table 1)


Job mobility may be defined as having more than one employer during a reference period or changing work locality without changing employer. Of the $7,209,700$ persons employed at some time during the period February 1981 to February 1982, 17.1 per cent were job mobile by this definition, comprising 14.1 per cent who had more than one employer or business (including a small proportion who also separately changed work locality) and 3.0 per cent who changed work locality only.

In the February 1976 survey these proportions were 17.2 per cent, 14.2 per cent and 3.0 per cent respectively -almost identical to the current survey results. However, there was a decline in job mobility over the period 1976 to 1980 reaching a low of 15.7 per cent before increasing in 1981 and 1982. Males tended to be more mobile than females-in the twelve months to February 1982, 17.9 per cent of males had been job mobile compared with 15.8 per cent of females.

## DIA GRAM 2. JOB MOBILITY: FEBRUARY 1976 TO FEBRUARY 1982 <br> (Source of data: Table 18)



Job changes across occupation groups were less frequent than those across industry groups. About 29.5 per cent of persons who changed jobs during the twelve months to February 1982 changed occupation group, while about 42.0 per cent changed industry group. These proportions have changed little over the past ten years. The greatest mobility occurred in the Construction. Wholesale and Retail Trade and Finance, Property and Business Services sectors. The most stable industries were Community Services and Agriculture.
DIAGRAM 3. EMPLOYED PERSONS: PROPORTION WHO CHANGED INDUSTRY OR OCCUPATION WHEN CHANGING JOBS


Persons who leave jobs report a wide variety of reasons for doing so. Almost one quarter of those who left a job during the period February 1981 to February 1982 did so for reasons outside their control. This group included those laid off, those employed in fixed term jobs and those who lost a job through business closure. At the end of the period, almost half of this group had found another job and approximately a quarter were looking for work. In contrast, the majority of those who left on promotion or for a better job were employed at the end of the period. A significant proportion (about 11 per cent) of persons who left a job gave unsatisfactory working conditions as their reasons for leaving and over two thirds of these were employed at the end of the period. There are significant differences between males and females in the reasons given for leaving a job. Males are more likely to leave for a promotion or a better job, whereas females are more likely to leave for personal or family reasons. Where personal or family reasons are given for leaving a job, the survey suggests these reasons are often of a temporary nature since 40.3 per cent of these persons had found another job by the end of the year and a further 13.6 per cent were looking for work.

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO LEFT A JOB DURING THE PERIOD: REASON FOR LEAVING JOB (Source of data: Table 9)


TABLE 1. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: SUMMARY OF LABOUR MOBILITY DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000 )

|  | Married <br> males | All <br> males | Married <br> females | All <br> females |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Persons |  |  |  |  |

(a) Not including second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 2. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS OR BUSINESSES AND CHANGES IN LOCALITY
(' 000 )

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

(a) Not including second jobs of multiple jobholders. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 8.

TABLE 3. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS OR BUSINESSES, AGE AND WHETHER EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982 (' 000 )

| Age group (years) | Number of employers or businesses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 and over | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 and over | Total |
| EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 307.9 | 47.4 | 11.2 | 7.7 | 374.2 | 245.0 | 51.8 | 10.1 | 6.0 | 313.0 |
| 20-24 | 409.5 | 98.0 | 22.8 | 21.4 | 551.7 | 328.5 | 65.7 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 415.5 |
| 25-34 | 902.2 | 145.2 | 26.2 | 19.5 | 1,093.1 | 516.9 | 63.4 | 8.9 | 7.8 | 597.0 |
| 35-44 | 795.2 | 84.1 | 11.2 | 7.0 | 897.6 | 479.4 | 43.5 | * | * | 529.8 |
| 45-54 | 641.3 | 36.1 | * | * | 684.7 | 341.5 | 16.7 | * | * | 359.9 |
| 55-59 | 287.8 | 13.1 | * | * | 303.0 | 102.9 | * | * | * | 106.0 |
| 60-64 | 136.3 | * | * | * | 139.2 | 35.0 | * | * | * | 35.4 |
| 65 and over | 58.2 | * | * | * | 60.2 | 22.3 | * | * | * | 22.3 |
| Total | 3,538.5 | 428.3 | 77.0 | 60.0 | 4,103.7 | 2,071.5 | 244.5 | 35.6 | 27.3 | 2,378.9 |
| NOT EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 56.2 35.9 | 10.0 |  | $7{ }^{*}$ |  | 61.4 580 |  | 5.7 | 6.5 |  |
| 20-24 | 35.9 | 16.0 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 62.6 | 58.0 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 72.0 |
| 25-34 | 32.3 | 9.1 |  | 4.6 | 48.8 | 110.7 | 16.7 | * | * | 132.4 |
| 35-44 | 17.2 | 6.6 | 4.8 | - | 26.7 | 59.3 | 6.3 | * | * | 66.7 |
| 45-54 | 18.3 |  |  | * | 22.9 | 47.4 | 5 | * | * | 51.2 |
| 55-59 | 14.5 | 6.2 |  | * | 16.0 | 16.9 | 4.5 | * | * | 18.3 |
| 60-64 | 24.1 |  |  | * | 26.3 | 9.0 |  | * | * | 9.5 |
| 65 and over | 16.6 | * | * | * | 18.0 | 4.7 | * | * | * | 4.9 |
| Total | 215.1 | 49.3 | 11.0 | 19.1 | 294.5 | 367.4 | 45.8 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 432.6 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 364.2 | 57.3 | 14.0 | 12.0 | 447.5 | 306.4 | 61.1 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 390.6 |
| 20-24 | 445.3 | 114.0 | 25.7 | 29.1 | 614.3 | 386.5 | 74.4 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 487.5 |
| 25-34 | 934.5 | 154.3 | 28.9 | 24.2 | 1,141.8 | 627.5 | 80.1 | 12.4 | 9.2 | 729.3 |
| 35-44 | 812.5 | 90.7 | 12.8 | 8.4 | 924.3 | 538.7 | 49.8 | 4.7 | * | 596.5 |
| 45-54 | 659.6 | 39.6 | 4.7 | * | 707.6 | 388.9 | 19.8 | * | * | 411.1 |
| 55-59 | 302.4 | 13.9 | * | * | 319.1 | 119.8 | * | * | * | 124.3 |
| 60-64 | 160.4 | * | * | * | 165.5 | 44.0 | * | * | * | 45.0 |
| 65 and over | 74.8 | * | * | * | 78.2 | 27.0 | * | * | * | 27.2 |
| Total | 3,753.5 | 477.6 | 88.0 | 79.1 | 4,398.2 | 2,438.8 | 290.4 | 46.3 | 36.0 | 2,811.5 |

TABLE 4. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS OR BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF FIRST JOB DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)

|  | Number of employers or businesses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males |  |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |  |
|  | $I$ | 2 | 3 | $4 \text { and }$ over | Total | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 and over | Total |
| Industry of first job during the period- 28.8 * * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 286.8 | 26.1 | 8.0 | 13.8 | 334.7 | 113.2 | 6.2 | * | * | 122.4 |
| Mining, electricity, gas and water | 201.6 | 14.1 | * | * | 221.0 | 343.1 | 35.8 | * | * | 386.6 |
| Manufacturing | 849.8 | 127.5 | 22.7 | 16.5 | 1,016.5 | 20.3 | * | * | * | 22.4 |
| Construction | 381.8 | 66.2 | 11.3 | 15.2 | 474.5 | 52.3 | 4.5 | * | * | 58.0 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 662.1 | 107.7 | 20.2 | 13.6 | 803.6 | 583.6 | 91.0 | 12.4 | 9.9 | 696.9 |
| Transport and storage; communication | 388.4 | 28.0 | 7.5 | * | 428.0 | 85.3 | 7.1 | * | , | 95.0 |
| Finance, property and business services | 274.2 | 34.8 | * | * | 316.3 | 251.8 | 32.6 | 5.2 | * | 293.2 |
| Community services | 355.6 | 27.8 | 4.7 | * | 391.1 | 656.3 | 64.8 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 738.0 |
| Public administration and defence | 189.7 | 17.0 | * | * | 211.5 | 100.1 | 9.9 | * | * | 112.6 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 163.4 | 28.3 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 201.1 | 232.7 | 37.4 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 286.5 |
| Occupation of first job during the period- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 468.2 | 50.2 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 528.8 | 421.6 | 44.3 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 479.6 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 321.4 | 38.2 | * | * | 364.6 | 61.2 | 7.1 | - | * | 69.6 |
| Clerical | 318.5 | 27.8 | 0.7 | * | 351.6 | 796.5 | 97.7 | 16.0 | 9.4 | 919.7 |
| Sales | 252.0 | 43.3 | 9.7 | * | 308.7 | 322.3 | 55.6 | 7.4 | 4.6 | 389.8 |
| Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc. | 327.1 | 31.9 | 9.1 | 13.3 | 381.4 | 110.3 | 6.0 | * | * | 119.2 |
| Miners, quarry workers, etc. | 36.3 | * | * | * | 42.4 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Transport and communication | 270.8 | 28.1 | 7.6 | * | 310.8 | 48.1 | * | * | * | 53.3 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. | 1,550.1 | 226.1 | 43.7 | 43.4 | 1,863.3 | 270.9 | 27.6 | * | * | 306.2 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 209.1 | 27.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 246.6 | 407.8 | 48.1 | 10.1 | 7.7 | 473.7 |
| Total | 3,753.5 | 477.6 | 88.0 | 79.1 | 4,398.2 | 2,438.8 | 290.4 | 46.3 | 36.0 | 2,811.5 |

TABLE 5: MOBILITY ACROSS INDUSTRY GROUPS(a) (' ${ }^{000 \text { ) }}$

|  | Industry of first job(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Agriculture | Manufacturing | Construction | Wholesale and retail trade | Transport and storage | Finance, property. business services | Public administration and defence | $\begin{gathered} \text { Com- } \\ \text { munity } \\ \text { services } \end{gathered}$ | Recreation, personal and other services | Other industries | Total |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to industry group-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Started in current job during period | 12.4 | 54.2 | 27.1 | 61.9 | 11.8 | 20.9 | 9.8 | 13.3 | 15.3 | 12.2 | 238.8 |
| Started and left job during period | 13.2 | 23.5 | 13.7 | 26.3 | * | * | * | 7.4 | 11.2 | * | 107.5 |
| Changed jobs from another group(c) | 14.3 | 57.7 | 42.2 | 53.1 | 19.2 | 29.1 | 10.2 | 20.7 | 21.7 | 19.3 | 287.5 |
| Total | 39.8 | 135.4 | 83.0 | 141.3 | 33.7 | 54.1 | 21.9 | 41.5 | 48.2 | 34.9 | 633.7 |
| Exits from industry group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group | 16.2 | 73.4 | 34.4 | 64.0 | 19.6 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 14.0 | 287.5 |
| Currently looking for work | 12.2 | 41.6 | 23.1 | 34.9 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 155.0 |
| Out of the labour force | 10.0 | 28.6 | 14.9 | 28.2 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 14.2 | 14.3 | 6.0 | 139.5 |
| Total | 38.4 | 143.6 | 72.4 | 127.0 | 36.7 | 33.6 | 25.8 | 36.0 | 41.3 | 27.2 | 582.0 |
| Same industry group during period Had current job for 1 year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| or longer | 260.4 | 729.2 | 313.6 | 524.7 | 250.7 | 222.1 | 163.1 | 303.5 | 123.7 | 268.0 | 3,159.0 |
| First and current job, same group | 23.5 | 89.5 | 61.4 | 89.9 | 22.0 | 39.7 | 12.9 | 38.6 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 418.5 |
| Total | 283.9 | 818.8 | 375.0 | 614.6 | 272.7 | 261.8 | 175.9 | 342.1 | 144.2 | 288.4 | 3,577.4 |
|  |  |  |  | FEMA | LES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to industry group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| during period | 9.1 | 39.2 | 5.5 | 93.7 | * | 36.2 | 8.0 | 53.9 | 39.5 | 4.5 | 292.9 |
| Started and left job during period | 10.1 | 25.5 | * | 51.5 | * | 13.1 | 10.7 | 36.1 | 24.8 | * | 180.0 |
| Changed jobs from another group(c) | 4.8 | 26.4 | 4.6 | 34.8 | 5.7 | 29.0 | 8.3 | 27.6 | 20.6 | * | 165.8 |
| Total | 23.9 | 91.1 | 11.3 | 180.0 | 12.6 | 78.3 | 27.0 | 117.6 | 84.9 | 12.1 | 638.8 |
| Exits from industry group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group | * | 22.2 | * | 51.2 | * | 24.3 | 6.8 | 25.0 | 21.9 | * | 165.8 |
| Currently looking for work | . | 18.0 | * | 38.1 | * | 9.9 | * | 20.2 | 18.7 | * | 117.5 |
| Out of the labour force | 13.8 | 49.1 | * | 80.8 | * | 30.3 | 12.9 | 74.8 | 39.9 | 6.3 | 315.1 |
| Total | 21.2 | 89.3 | 8.6 | 170.1 | 9.0 | 64.5 | 23.9 | 120.1 | 80.5 | 11.1 | 598.4 |
| Same industry group during periodHad current job for 1 year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had current job for 1 year or longer | 88.6 | 238.2 | 40.9 | 379.3 | 38.8 | 167.0 | 76.5 | 500.1 | 141.2 | 43.0 | 1,713.6 |
| First and current job, same group | * | 19.9 | * | 53.7 | * | 25.5 | * | 65.4 | 23.9 | * | 206.6 |
| Total | 92.1 | 258.1. | 43.9 | 433.1 | 42.3 | 192.5 | 80.6 | 565.5 | 165.0 | 47.0 | 1,920.2 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to industry group - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Started in current job during period | 21.5 | 93.4 | 32.6 | 155.5 | 15.3 | 57.1 | 17.8 | 67.2 | 54.8 | 16.7 | 531.7 |
| Started and left job during period | 23.2 | 49.0 | 15.0 | 77.8 | 6.2 | 17.2 | 12.5 | 43.5 | 36.1 | 7.0 | 287.5 |
| Changed jobs from another group (c) | 19.0 | 84.1 | 46.8 | 87.9 | 24.9 | 58.1 | 18.5 | 48.4 | 42.3 | 23.3 | 453.3 |
| Total | 63.7 | 226.5 | 94.3 | 321.3 | 46.3 | 132.4 | 48.9 | 159.0 | 133.1 | 47.0 | 1,272.5 |
| Exist from industry group-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group | 20.0 | 95.5 | 38.6 | 115.1 | 23.5 | 43.5 | 22.0 | 41.1 | 37.3 | 16.6 | 453.3 |
| Currently looking for work | 15.8 | 59.6 | 24.0 | 73.0 | 9.0 | 16.2 | 9.1 | 26.0 | 30.3 | 9.5 | 272.4 |
| Out of the labour force | 23.9 | 77.7 | 18.4 | 109.0 | 13.2 | 38.4 | 18.7 | 89.0 | 54.2 | 12.3 | 454.7 |
| Total | 59.6 | 232.8 | 81.0 | 297.2 | 45.7 | 98.1 | 49.7 | 156.0 | 121.8 | 38.4 | 1,180.4 |
| Same industry group during period- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| or longer | 349.0 | 967.4 | 354.4 | 904.0 | 289.5 | 389.1 | 239.6 | 803.6 | 264.9 | 311.0 | 4,872.5 |
| First and current job, same group | 27.0 | 109.5 | 64.5 | 143.7 | 25.5 | 65.2 | 17.0 | 104.0 | 44.3 | 24.4 | 625.1 |
| Total | 376.0 | 1,076.9 | 418.9 | 1,047.7 | 315.0 | 454.3 | 256.6 | 907.6 | 309.2 | 335.4 | 5,497.6 |

(a) Industry groups as shown in the column headings of this table. (b) Industry shown relates to first job unless otherwise indicated. (c) Industry of current job.

TABLE 6: MOBILITY ACROSS OCCUPATION GROUPS(a) (' 000 )

|  | Occupation of first job(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Professional, technical etc. | Administrative, executive, managerial | Clerical | Sales | Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc. | Transport and communication | Tradesmen etc.(c) | Service, sport and recreation |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to occupation group-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Started in current job during period | 21.1 | 10.2 | 22.4 | 24.2 | 16.3 | 12.7 | 116.6 | 15.3 | 238.8 |
| Started and left job during period | 6.2 | * | 6.4 | 10.9 | 15.7 | * | 53.3 | 10.3 | 107.5 |
| Changed jobs from another group(d) | 15.5 | 22.1 | 15.8 | 24.1 | 19.0 | 22.2 | 59.3 | 20.4 | 198.4 |
| Total | 42.9 | 33.5 | 44.5 | 59.2 | 50.9 | 38.5 | 229.1 | 46.0 | 544.7 |
| Exits from occupation group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group | 12.2 | 24.5 | 16.7 | 28.8 | 18.2 | 20.3 | 59.6 | 18.2 | 198.4 |
| Currently looking for work | 5.1 | * | 8.0 | 14.7 | 13.0 | 9.6 | 88.3 | 11.9 | 155.0 |
| Out of the labour force | 13.1 | 9.0 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 9.8 | 54.1 | 13.4 | 139.5 |
| Total | 30.4 | 37.9 | 38.4 | 57.1 | 44.2 | 39.6 | 202.0 | 43.4 | 492.9 |
| Same occupation group during period- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had current job for 1 year or longer | 405.3 | 283.8 | 258.4 | 196.3 | 292.6 | 234.5 | 1,327.7 | 160.2 | 3,159.0 |
| First and current job, same group | 72.1 | 32.7 | 32.4 | 31.1 | 28.3 | 24.0 | 259.5 | 27.6 | 507.5 |
| Total | 477.4 | 316.5 | 290.7 | 227.5 | 320.9 | 258.5 | 1,587.2 | 187.8 | 3,666.5 |
|  | FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to occupation group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Started in current job during period | 32.1 | 6.7 | 89.0 | 54.0 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 36.5 | 59.9 | 292.9 |
| Started and left job during period | 21.5 | * | 46.9 | 32.3 | 9.9 | * | 24.4 | 39.0 | 180.0 |
| Changed jobs from another group(d) | 11.8 | 6.3 | 36.3 | 18.5 | 5.3 | * | 15.6 | 22.5 | 119.6 |
| Total | 65.4 | 14.8 | 172.2 | 104.9 | 24.4 | 12.9 | 76.6 | 121.3 | 592.5 |
| Exits from occupation group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group- | 13.3 | 6.2 | 26.5 | 31.9 | * | * | 11.1 | 23.7 | 119.6 |
| Currently looking for work | 14.7 | * | 30.6 | 22.8 | * | * | 17.8 | 25.6 | 117.5 |
| Out of the labour force | 44.0 | 6.7 | 91.8 | 47.3 | 13.6 | 6.9 | 40.8 | 64.0 | 315.1 |
| Total | 72.1 | 13.8 | 148.9 | 102.0 | 21.5 | 10.8 | 69.7 | 113.3 | 552.2 |
| Same occupation group during period- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had current job for 1 year or longer | 318.3 | 45.7 | 576.6 | 205.6 | 85.5 | 34.2 | 179.2 | 268.5 | 1,713.6 |
| First and current job, same group | 57.1 | * | 105.1 | 28.3 | * | * | 21.1 | 32.1 | 252.9 |
| Total | 375.4 | 49.0 | 681.7 | 233.8 | 88.5 | 37.0 | 200.3 | 300.6 | 1,966.4 |
|  |  |  | PERSO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entries to occupation group- 11.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Started in current job during period | 53.2 | 16.9 | 111.5 | 78.2 | 25.5 | 18.2 | 153.1 | 75.2 | 531.7 |
| Started and left job during period | 27.7 | * | 53.3 | 43.3 | 25.6 | 7.8 | 77.7 | 49.3 | 287.5 |
| Changed jobs from another group(d) | 27.3 | 28.4 | 52.0 | 42.6 | 24.3 | 25.5 | 74.9 | 42.9 | 318.0 |
| Total | 108.3 | 48.3 | 216.8 | 164.1 | 75.3 | 51.5 | 305.7 | 167.3 | 1,137.2 |
| Exits from occupation group- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed to another group | 25.5 | 30.7 | 43.3 | 60.7 | 22.6 | 22.6 | 70.7 | 41.8 | 318.0 |
| Currently looking for work | 19.8 | 5.3 | 38.6 | 37.5 | 16.5 | 11.2 | 106.1 | 37.5 | 272.4 |
| Out of the labour force | 57.1 | 15.8 | 105.4 | 60.9 | 26.5 | 16.7 | 94.9 | 77.4 | 454.7 |
| Total | 102.5 | 51.7 | 187.3 | 159.1 | 65.6 | 50.5 | 271.7 | 156.7 | 1,045.1 |
| Same occupation group during period- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had current job for 1 year or longer | 723.6 | 329.5 | 835.0 | 401.9 | 378.1 | 268.7 | 1,506.9 | 428.7 | 4,872.5 |
| First and current job, same group | 129.2 | 36.0 | 137.5 | 59.4 | 31.4 | 26.7 | 280.6 | 59.7 | 760.4 |
| Total | 852.8 | 365.5 | 972.5 | 461.3 | 409.5 | 295.5 | 1,787.5 | 488.4 | 5,632.9 |

(a) Occupation groups as shown in the column headings of this table. (b) Occupation of first job unless otherwise indicated. (c) Includes miners, quarrymen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. (d) Occupation of current job.

TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO LEFT A JOB DURING TUE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: REASON FOR LEAVING AND INDUSTRY IN FIRST JOB (' $\left.{ }^{\prime} 000\right)$

| Reason for leaving first job | Industry of first job(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Agriculture | Мапиfacturing | Construction | Wholesale and retail trade | Transport and storage | Finance, property, business services | Public administration and defence |  | Recre ation. personal and other services | Other industries |  |
| Business changed location(a) | * | 16.5 | 15.0 | 19.4 | * | 6.4 | * | * | 5.6 | * | 77.5 |
| Better business or job(b) | 12.3 | 72.5 | 28.2 | 92.2 | 18.2 | 29.4 | 10.2 | 29.0 | 29.6 | 9.9 | 331.4 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | * | 8.0 | * | 25.0 | 5.3 | 29.4 | 10.6 | 47.9 | * | 14.1 | 149.3 |
| Business closed | * | 11.7 | 7.8 | 26.6 | * | 4.6 | * | * | 4.6 | * | 63.8 |
| Laid off: no work | 8.6 | 39.1 | 33.4 | 34.6 | 5.6 | 8.1 | * | 9.3 | 15.1 | * | 158.6 |
| Laid off: other reasons | * | 23.6 | 6.3 | 33.2 | * | 6.3 | * | 5.8 | 10.7 | * | 92.9 |
| Fixed term job(d) | * | 10.7 | 7.2 | 13.4 | * | 6.4 | 14.0 | 33.9 | 10.1 | 4.8 | 107.0 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 26.0 | 10.8 | * | 17.8 | * | * | * | 6.9 | 10.9 | * | 84.1 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 6.3 | 49.1 | 11.0 | 55.5 | 8.8 | 18.6 | * | 18.4 | 17.4 | 4.6 | 194.1 |
| Wanted a change | * | 12.2 | 4.7 | 13.9 | * | 6.3 | * | 14.7 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 75.2 |
| Study | * | 6.4 | * | 15.9 | * | 4.5 | * | 9.7 | 6.1 | * | 51.1 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 5.0 | 20.5 | 5.8 | 22.6 | * | 5.4 | * | 9.8 | 8.8 | * | 86.3 |
| Retired | * | 12.6 | 4.8 | 10.9 | * | 4.6 | 4.6 | 11.0 | 5.8 | * | 64.7 |
| Personal or family reasons | 5.9 | 39.9 | 6.7 | 45.7 | 6.7 | 25.3 | 6.9 | 48.0 | 22.1 | 6.7 | 213.9 |
| Other reasons(f) | * | 8.7 | 4.5 | 14.2 | * | * | * | 10.5 | 7.4 | * | 55.7 |
| Total | 86.7 | 342.3 | 145.5 | 440.8 | 71.3 | 163.2 | 66.7 | 260.0 | 166.2 | 62.8 | 1,805.5 |
| Males | 61.9 | 233.1 | 133.8 | 217.0 | 58.7 | 73.3 | 38.7 | 74.6 | 61.8 | 47.6 | 1,000.5 |
| Females | 24.7 | 109.2 | 11.7 | 223.9 | 12.5 | 90.0 | 28.0 | 185.5 | 104.4 | 15.2 | 805.0 |

(a) Includes home operators who changed residence. (b) Includes starting own business. (c) Includes secondment or transfer as a relief worker (d) Duration of employment was fixed on hiring and has expired. (e) Includes work conditions, transport difficulties, unsuitable hours, etc. (f) Includes a small number of persons from whom no reason was obtained.

## TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO LEFT A JOB DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: REASON FOR LEAVING AND OCCUPATION IN FIRST JOB (' 000 )

| Reason for leaving first job | Occupation of first job(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Professional, technical etc. | Administrative, executive, managerial | Clerical | Sales | Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc. | Transport and communication | Tradesmen etc.(g) | Service, sport and recreation |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 9.8 | 7.4 | 10.9 | 8.5 | * | * | 29.8 | 4.8 | 77.5 |
| Better business or job(b) | 37.9 | 20.5 | 49.7 | 44.0 | 14.9 | 15.4 | 117.0 | 32.0 | 331.4 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 43.2 | 11.5 | 41.5 | 11.4 | * | 5.4 | 19.8 | 15.7 | 149.3 |
| Business closed | * | 6.3 | 8.2 | 13.3 | * | 4.7 | 23.5 | * | 63.8 |
| Laid off: no work | 10.7 | * | 17.5 | 17.2 | 9.3 | 6.6 | 79.5 | 15.9 | 158.6 |
| Laid off: other reasons | * | * | 14.4 | 18.6 | * | * | 35.9 | 11.3 | 92.9 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 25.5 | * | 28.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | * | 20.7 | 14.0 | 107.0 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 6.1 | * | 7.7 | 7.8 | 25.4 | * | 19.8 | 14.2 | 84.1 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 16.6 | 5.9 | 36.5 | 25.9 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 69.0 | 24.9 | 194.1 |
| Wanted a change | 13.2 | * | 12.2 | 7.6 | * | * | 20.3 | 10.0 | 75.2 |
| Study | 8.6 | * | 8.4 | 8.4 | * | * | 13.1 | 9.3 | 51.1 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 5.6 | * | 11.5 | 12.0 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 28.6 | 14.4 | 86.3 |
| Retired | 7.5 | 6.4 | 12.4 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 16.2 | 7.5 | 64.7 |
| Personal or family reasons | 32.5 | 9.1 | 55.4 | 25.1 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 46.2 | 32.5 | 213.9 |
| Other reasons(f) | 8.8 | 6.1 | 10.0 | 7.6 | * | * | 12.7 | 6.2 | 55.7 |
| Total | 231.7 | 87.7 | 324.8 | 218.4 | 97.0 | 77.2 | 552.3 | 216.4 | 1,805.5 |
| Males | 102.4 | 70.6 | 70.8 | 88.2 | 72.5 | 63.6 | 461.4 | 71.0 | 1,000.5 |
| Females | 129.2 | 17.1 | 254.0 | 130.3 | 24.5 | 13.6 | 90.9 | 145.4 | 805.0 |

[^0]TABLE 9. PERSONS WHO LEFT A JOB DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: REASON FOR LEAVING, STATUS OF WORKER IN JOB LEFT AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT END OF PERIOD

| Reason for leaving first job | Status of worker in job left |  | Employment status at end of the period |  |  |  | Total | Proportion (per cent) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wage or salary earner | Other | Employed | Looking for work $-000-$ | Total in the labour force | Not in the labour force |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 36.1 | 19.3 | 52.4 | * | 54.6 | * | 55.4 | 5.5 |
| Better business or job(b) | 207.4 | 18.1 | 207.2 | 13.0 | 220.2 | 5.3 | 225.5 | 22.5 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 92.7 | * | 90.8 | * | 92.5 | * | 92.7 | 9.3 |
| Business closed | 23.8 | 17.1 | 29.9 | 7.2 | 37.2 | * | 40.9 | 4.1 |
| Laid off: no work | 93.2 | 5.0 | 55.4 | 32.9 | 88.2 | 10.0 | 98.2 | 9.8 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 52.8 | * | 29.3 | 21.3 | 50.5 | * | 53.2 | 5.3 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 40.8 | * | 19.7 | 10.0 | 29.8 | 11.5 | 41.3 | 4.1 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 39.2 | * | 16.8 | 9.6 | 26.4 | 14.8 | 41.2 | 4.1 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 107.6 | * | 83.1 | 21.1 | 104.2 | 6.3 | 110.5 | 11.0 |
| Wanted a change | 38.6 | 5.7 | 35.0 | 5.9 | 40.9 | * | 44.3 | 4.4 |
| Study | 29.8 | * | 7.6 | * | 11.3 | 19.1 | 30.4 | 3.0 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 33.6 | 7.0 | 14.5 | 9.2 | 23.8 | 16.8 | 40.6 | 4.1 |
| Retired | 32.0 | 6.1 | * | * | 4.5 | 33.6 | 38.1 | 3.8 |
| Personal or family reasons | 49.9 | 7.8 | 39.9 | 11.3 | 51.2 | 6.6 | 57.8 | 5.8 |
| Other reasons(f) | 25.1 | 5.1 | 20.5 | 5.1 | 25.6 | 4.6 | 30.2 | 3.0 |
| Total | 902.8 | 97.5 | 705.8 | 155.0 | 860.8 | 139.5 | 1,000.3 | 100.0 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 15.7 | 6.4 | 19.1 | * | 19.5 | * | 22.0 | 2.7 |
| Better business or job(b) | 99.7 | 6.2 | 91.2 | 9.9 | 101.1 | 4.8 | 105.9 | 13.2 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 55.4 | * | 43.5 | * | 45.8 | 10.8 | 56.6 | 7.0 |
| Business closed | 13.3 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 5.5 | 14.2 | 8.6 | 22.8 | 2.8 |
| Laid off: no work | 58.1 | * | 23.0 | 14.0 | 37.0 | 23.4 | 60.4 | 7.5 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 39.2 | * | 16.7 | 13.8 | 30.5 | 9.2 | 39.7 | 4.9 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 64.9 | * | 16.7 | 11.7 | 28.4 | 37.3 | 65.8 | 8.2 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 39.6 | 3.4 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 15.8 | 27.1 | 42.9 | 5.3 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 83.0 | * | 53.0 | 17.1 | 70.0 | 13.6 | 83.6 | 10.4 |
| Wanted a change | 28.7 | * | 17.6 | 5.9 | 23.5 | 7.4 | 30.9 | 3.8 |
| Study | 19.7 | * | * | * | 6.0 | 14.7 | 20.6 | 2.6 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 42.1 | * | 9.1 | 5.6 | 14.7 | 31.0 | 45.6 | 5.7 |
| Retired | 21.3 | 5.3 | * | * | * | 25.6 | 26.6 | 3.3 |
| Personal or family reasons | 145.5 | 10.7 | 46.4 | 17.8 | 64.2 | 91.9 | 156.1 | 19.4 |
| Other reasons(f) | 20.6 | 4.8 | 13.0 | 5.1 | 18.1 | 7.2 | 25.4 | 3.2 |
| Total | 746.7 | 58.3 | 372.4 | 117.5 | 489.9 | 315.1 | 805.0 | 100.0 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 51.8 | 25.6 | 71.5 | * | 74.1 | * | 77.5 | 4.3 |
| Better business or job(b) | 307.2 | 24.3 | 298.4 | 22.9 | 321.3 | 10.1 | 331.4 | 18.4 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 148.1 | 66 | 134.3 | 12.7 | 138.3 | 11.0 | 149.3 | 8.3 |
| Business closed | 37.1 | 26.6 | 38.7 | 12.7 | 51.4 | 12.4 | 63.8 | 3.5 |
| Laid off: no work | 151.3 | 7.3 | 78.3 | 46.9 | 125.2 | 33.4 | 158.6 | 8.8 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 92.0 | * | 46.0 | 35.1 | 81.0 | 11.9 | 92.9 | 5.1 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 105.7 | * | 36.5 | 21.7 | 58.2 | 48.8 | 107.0 | 5.9 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 78.8 | 5.3 | 26.1 | 16.1 | 42.2 | 41.9 | 84.1 | 4.7 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 190.6 | * | 136.1 | 38.2 | 174.3 | 19.8 | 194.1 | 10.8 |
| Wanted a change | 67.3 | 7.9 | 52.6 | 11.8 | 64.4 | 10.8 | 75.2 | 4.2 |
| Study | 49.5 | * | 11.8 | 5.5 | 17.3 | 33.8 | 51.1 | 2.8 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 75.7 | 10.6 | 23.6 | 14.8 | 38.4 | 47.8 | 86.3 | 4.8 |
| Retired | 53.3 | 11.4 | 4.5 | * | 5.5 | 59.2 | 64.7 | 3.6 |
| Personal or family reasons | 195.4 | 18.5 | 86.3 | 29.1 | 115.4 | 98.5 | 213.9 | 11.8 |
| Other reasons(f) | 45.7 | 9.8 | 33.5 | 10.2 | 43.7 | 11.9 | 55.6 | 3.1 |
| Total | 1,649.5 | 158.9 | 1,078.2 | 272.4 | 1,350.7 | 454.7 | 1,805.4 | 100.0 |

[^1]TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO LEFT A JOB DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: REASON FOR LEAVING, CURRENT AGE AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)

| Reason for leaving first job | Married | Not married | Age at the time of survey (years) |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | more |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 38.8 | 16.6 | 11.1 | 19.1 | 13.7 | 7.2 | * | 55.4 |
| Better business or job(b) | 138.0 | 87.5 | 76.9 | 87.7 | 43.8 | 13.2 | * | 225.5 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 57.3 | 35.4 | 30.9 | 31.7 | 19.5 | 8.7 | * | 92.7 |
| Business closed | 26.4 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 40.9 |
| Laid off: no work | 46.0 | 52.2 | 45.2 | 24.1 | 11.9 | 10.0 | 7.1 | 98.2 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 19.5 | 33.7 | 28.5 | 13.8 | 5.2 | * | * | 53.2 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 16.7 | 24.5 | 20.0 | 9.3 | 4.5 | * | 4.7 | 41.3 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 12.1 | 29.0 | 27.1 | 5.4 | 5.1 | * | * | 41.2 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 50.9 | 59.6 | 49.6 | 35.5 | 17.2 | 6.4 | * | 110.5 |
| Wanted a change | 20.7 | 23.6 | 19.7 | 12.7 | 6.4 | * | * | 44.3 |
| Study | * | 28.6 | 27.5 | * | * | * | * | 30.4 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 26.5 | 14.1 | 9.1 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 40.6 |
| Retired | 33.9 | * | * | * | * | * | 35.0 | 38.1 |
| Personal or family reasons | 33.1 | 24.6 | 20.5 | 18.1 | 11.0 | 6.2 | - | 57.8 |
| Other reasons(f) | 20.6 | 9.7 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 6.9 | * | * | 30.3 |
| Total | 542.4 | 458.0 | 383.5 | 287.2 | 162.1 | 82.0 | 85.7 | 1,000.5 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 14.9 | 7.1 | * | 6.7 | 7.9 | * | * | 22.0 |
| Better business or job(b) | 45.7 | 60.2 | 54.9 | 26.2 | 16.7 | 7.2 | * | 105.9 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 30.9 | 25.7 | 23.9 | 17.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 | * | 56.6 |
| Business closed | 14.5 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 7.4 | * | * | * | 22.8 |
| Laid off: no work | 31.6 | 28.8 | 27.9 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 6.3 | * | 60.4 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 12.4 | 27.3 | 25.6 | 5.4 | * | * | * | 39.7 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 38.2 | 27.6 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 12.2 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 65.8 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 21.5 | 21.5 | 17.8 | 12.6 | 6.4 | * | * | 42.9 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 34.8 | 48.7 | 45.0 | 20.9 | 11.0 | 5.6 | * | 83.6 |
| Wanted a change | 14.4 | 16.5 | 12.8 | 9.7 | 5.1 | * | * | 30.9 |
| Study | * | 18.7 | 16.7 | * | * | * | * | 20.6 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 33.1 | 12.6 | 14.4 | 12.9 | 7.9 | 6.7 | * | 45.6 |
| Retired | 22.2 | * | * | * | * | 6.7 | 12.4 | 26.6 |
| Personal or family reasons | 125.3 | 30.8 | 50.8 | 69.0 | 24.3 | 9.7 | * | 156.1 |
| Other reasons(f) | 18.3 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 6.4 | * | * | 25.4 |
| Total | 459.9 | 345.1 | 328.4 | 234.7 | 129.4 | 74.8 | 37.7 | 805.0 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business changed location(a) | 53.8 | 23.7 | 14.8 | 25.9 | 21.6 | 9.7 | 5.4 | 77.5 |
| Better business or job(b) | 183.7 | 147.8 | 131.7 | 113.9 | 60.5 | 20.4 | 4.9 | 331.4 |
| Promotion or transfer(c) | 88.2 | 61.1 | 54.8 | 49.6 | 27.9 | 14.1 | * | 149.3 |
| Business closed | 40.9 | 22.8 | 17.6 | 18.0 | 12.8 | 9.4 | 6.1 | 63.8 |
| Laid off: no work | 77.6 | 81.0 | 73.0 | 35.2 | 24.3 | 16.3 | 9.7 | 158.6 |
| Laid off: other reasons | 31.9 | 61.0 | 54.1 | 19.1 | 8.8 | 7.4 | * | 92.9 |
| Fixed term job(d) | 54.9 | 52.1 | 40.6 | 29.1 | 16.7 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 107.0 |
| Holiday or seasonal work | 33.6 | 50.5 | 45.0 | 18.0 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 84.1 |
| Unsatisfactory conditions(e) | 85.7 | 108.4 | 94.6 | 56.3 | 28.2 | 12.0 | * | 194.1 |
| Wanted a change | 35.1 | 40.1 | 32.5 | 22.4 | 11.5 | 7.0 | * | 75.2 |
| Study | * | 47.3 | 44.2 | 6.1 | * | * | * | 51.1 |
| Own health or medical reasons | 59.5 | 26.7 | 23.5 | 18.9 | 15.5 | 13.1 | 15.2 | 86.3 |
| Retired | 56.2 | 8.6 | * | * | * | 9.1 | 47.3 | 64.7 |
| Personal or family reasons | 158.5 | 55.4 | 71.2 | 87.0 | 35.3 | 15.9 | * | 213.9 |
| Other reasons(f) | 38.9 | 16.8 | 13.0 | 18.1 | 13.3 | 6.7 | 4.5 | 55.7 |
| Total | 1,002.4 | 803.1 | 711.8 | 521.9 | 291.6 | 156.8 | 123.4 | 1,805.5 |

For footnotes (a) to (f) see Table 7

TABLE 11. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY : DURATION OF CURRENT JOB AND AGE ('000)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Age group $($ years $)$ |  |  |

TABLE 12. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1932: DURATION OF CURRENT JOB AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (' 000 )

|  |  |  |  |  | Without post-school qualifications |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

[^2]TABLE 13. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982: DURATION OF CURRENT JOB, STATES AND TERRITORIES (' 000 )

| Duration of current job | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S. A. | W.A. | Tas. | $N . T$. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 117.7 | 85.8 | 70.7 | 28.7 | 37.7 | 9.5 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 358.9 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 75.9 | 66.3 | 46.4 | 17.7 | 22.3 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 239.2 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 116.6 | 84.8 | 65.4 | 28.1 | 34.0 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 346.6 |
| Total under 1 year | 310.2 | 236.9 | 182.5 | 74.5 | 93.9 | 20.5 | 11.2 | 15.0 | 944.7 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 177.8 | 130.0 | 77.1 | 36.0 | 52.6 | 13.1 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 501.4 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 139.8 | 92.9 | 61.5 | 30.5 | 35.2 | 8.8 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 379.0 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 215.6 | 152.7 | 78.2 | 51.1 | 49.7 | 15.9 | 4.5 | 9.3 | 577.1 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 254.2 | 198.0 | 116.3 | 70.2 | 63.5 | 23.1 | 5.3 | 14.3 | 744.8 |
| 10 years and over | 347.9 | 272.5 | 121.3 | 98.2 | 71.6 | 31.7 | 4.1 | 9.2 | 956.5 |
| Total | 1,445.5 | 1,083.0 | 637.0 | 360.6 | 366.4 | 113.1 | 35.5 | 62.7 | 4,103.7 |
| MARRIED FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 35.9 | 28.7 | 14.7 | 7.2 | 11.1 | 2.5 | * |  | 103.6 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 30.4 | 20.8 | 17.6 | 4.9 | 7.7 | * | 2.7 | \} 3.2 | 86.9 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 40.0 | 33.4 | 21.3 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 2.3 | * | 3.5 | 126.2 |
| Total under 1 year | 106.3 | 82.9 | 53.5 | 23.3 | 31.6 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 316.7 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 71.0 | 48.6 | 26.6 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 193.9 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 50.4 | 40.8 | 21.3 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 5.2 |  | 2.6 | 143.1 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 81.0 | 65.0 | 31.2 | 20.2 | 20.7 | 7.8 | ] 2.6 | 4.8 | 232.4 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 104.9 | 99.3 | 49.9 | 37.4 | 27.3 | 10.1 | 2.6 | 7.1 | 338.7 |
| 10 years and over | 79.9 | 62.2 | 27.4 | 23.9 | 18.9 | 5.4 | * | * | 220.1 |
| Total | 493.5 | 398.8 | 209.9 | 132.7 | 128.0 | 39.1 | 15.1 | 27.9 | 1,444.9 |


| ALL FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 3 months | 87.6 | 68.7 | 40.3 | 19.2 | 26.1 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 255.0 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 60.3 | 44.9 | 29.9 | 11.4 | 15.3 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 171.7 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 79.1 | 60.6 | 41.3 | 20.5 | 24.1 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 5.8 | 238.7 |
| Total under 1 year | 227.1 | 174.2 | 111.4 | 51.1 | 65.6 | 13.3 | 10.6 | 12.1 | 665.4 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 130.7 | 89.9 | 54.5 | 33.3 | 32.5 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 360.5 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 90.3 | 74.8 | 37.5 | 18.9 | 20.1 | 7.9 | $\} 3.9$ f | 4.2 | 255.4 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 124.3 | 99.9 | 49.2 | 32.9 | 31.0 | 11.8 | \} 3.9 t | 7.0 | 358.4 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 143.7 | 128.2 | 65.1 | 46.9 | 34.9 | 13.0 | 3.8 | 8.7 | 444.3 |
| 10 years and over | 108.2 | 85.4 | 37.8 | 28.9 | 23.4 | 6.8 | * | 3.9 | 295.0 |
| Total | 824.2 | 652.5 | 355.5 | 212.1 | 207.4 | 61.0 | 22.6 | 43.6 | 2,378.9 |

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| Under 3 months | 205.4 | 154.5 | 110.9 | 47.9 | 63.8 | 15.5 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 613.9 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 136.2 | 111.2 | 76.3 | 29.1 | 37.6 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 410.9 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 195.7 | 145.4 | 106.7 | 48.6 | 58.1 | 11.8 | 6.5 | 12.5 | 585.3 |
| Total under 1 year | 537.3 | 411.1 | 293.9 | 125.7 | 159.4 | 33.7 | 21.9 | 27.1 | $1,610.1$ |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 308.4 | 220.0 | 131.6 | 69.3 | 85.1 | 21.2 | 10.2 | 16.2 | 862.0 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 230.1 | 167.7 | 99.0 | 49.4 | 55.3 | 16.7 | 5.6 | 10.5 | 634.4 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 339.9 | 252.6 | 127.4 | 84.0 | 80.7 | 27.8 | 6.8 | 16.4 | 935.5 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 397.8 | 326.2 | 181.4 | 117.1 | 98.4 | 36.1 | 9.1 | 23.0 | $1,189.1$ |
| 10 years and over | 456.1 | 357.9 | 159.2 | 127.1 | 95.0 | $\mathbf{3 8 . 6}$ | 4.6 | 13.1 | $1,251.5$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 2 6 9 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 7 3 5 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 9 2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 3 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 4 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 6 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 4 8 2 . 6}$ |

TABLE 14. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982: DURATION OF CURRENT JOB AND INDUSTRY (' 000 )

| Duration of current job | Agriculture | Мапиfacturing | Construction | Wholesale and retail trade | Transport and storage | Finance, property, business services | Public administration and defence | Community services | Recreation personal and other services | Other industries | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 27.2 | 68.8 | 54.3 | 76.4 | 15.3 | 30.0 | 9.3 | 34.2 | 23.3 | 20.1 . | 358.9 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 11.2 | 55.2 | 29.9 | 53.8 | 14.9 | 23.9 | 8.9 | 13.2 | 14.8 | 13.4 | 239.2 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 11.8 | 77.5 | 46.5 | 74.6 | 22.8 | 35.7 | 14.7 | 25.3 | 19.4 | 18.4 | 346.6 |
| Total under l year | 50.2 | 201.5 | 130.7 | 204.9 | 53.0 | 89.7 | 32.9 | 72.6 | 57.5 | 51.8 | 944.7 |
| 1 and under 2 years | 25.2 | 113.1 | 60.7 | 99.1 | 33.4 | 49.7 | 17.5 | 46.1 | 24.8 | 31.7 | 501.4 |
| 2 and under 3 years | 16.8 | 82.4 | 46.8 | 76.0 | 27.1 | 33.4 | 14.8 | 36.8 | 20.1 | 24.6 | 379.0 |
| 3 and under 5 years | 32.8 | 125.2 | 59.1 | 115.9 | 39.2 | 45.1 | 29.0 | 60.7 | 24.9 | 45.2 | 577.1 |
| 5 and under 10 years | 53.7 | 169.1 | 68.2 | 121.0 | 56.1 | 48.0 | 45.7 | 90.9 | 28.7 | 63.5 | 744.8 |
| 10 years and over | 131.8 | 239.4 | 78.8 | 112.7 | 94.9 | 45.8 | 56.0 | 69.0 | 25.1 | 102.9 | 956.5 |
| Total | 310.6 | 930.7 | 444.2 | 729.6 | 303.7 | 311.7 | 196.0 | 376.1 | 181.2 | 319.9 | 4,103.7 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 7.2 | 26.8 | 5.3 | 68.3 | * | 30.6 | 8.7 | 66.6 | 35.0 | * | 255.0 |
| 3 and under 6 months | * | 25.7 | * | 48.5 | 4.6 | 27.6 | 5.2 | 30.7 | 19.2 | * | 171.7 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 7.1 | 33.0 | 4.9 | 65.4 | 4.5 | 32.6 | 6.5 | 49.6 | 29.7 | 5.2 | 238.7 |
| Total under I year | 17.3 | 85.5 | 13.2 | 182.2 | 12.6 | 90.7 | 20.4 | 146.9 | 83.9 | 12.6 | 665.4 |
| 1 and under 2 years | 5.8 | 49.6 | 4.9 | 97.4 | 7.3 | 41.2 | 13.0 | 96.0 | 35.2 | 10.1 | 360.5 |
| 2 and under 3 years | 6.8 | 33.5 | 6.2 | 59.3 | 6.5 | 29.1 | 12.2 | 72.2 | 23.0 | 6.4 | 255.4 |
| 3 and under 5 years | 11.2 | 45.4 | 7.5 | 84.9 | 6.0 | 35.6 | 14.5 | 111.0 | 34.2 | 8.1 | 358.4 |
| 5 and under 10 years | 18.8 | 68.8 | 11.5 | 83.8 | 9.7 | 44.1 | 26.0 | 144.1 | 29.0 | 8.5 | 444.3 |
| 10 years and over | 46.1 | 40.8 | 10.7 | 54.0 | 9.3 | 16.9 | 10.9 | 76.7 | 19.7 | 9.9 | 295.0 |
| Total | 105.9 | 323.7 | 54.0 | 561.6 | 51.4 | 257.7 | 97.0 | 647.0 | 225.1 | 55.5 | 2,378.9 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 34.4 | 95.6 | 59.6 | 144.7 | 18.8 | 60.6 | 18.0 | 100.8 | 58.3 | 23.1 | 613.9 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 14.2 | 80.9 | 32.8 | 102.4 | 19.6 | 51.5 | 14.1 | 43.9 | 33.9 | 17.7 | 410.9 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 18.9 | 110.5 | 51.4 | 140.0 | 27.4 | 68.3 | 21.2 | 74.9 | 49.2 | 23.6 | 585.3 |
| Total under I year | 67.5 | 287.0 | 143.8 | 387.1 | 65.7 | 180.4 | 53.3 | 219.5 | 141.4 | 64.4 | 1,610.1 |
| 1 and under 2 years | 31.0 | 162.7 | 65.7 | 196.4 | 40.7 | 91.0 | 30.5 | 142.2 | 60.0 | 41.8 | 862.0 |
| 2 and under 3 years | 23.6 | 116.0 | 53.1 | 135.3 | 33.6 | 62.5 | 27.1 | 109.1 | 43.1 | 31.0 | 634.4 |
| 3 and under 5 years | 44.1 | 170.6 | 66.5 | 200.8 | 45.1 | 80.7 | 43.5 | 171.7 | 59.1 | 53.3 | 935.5 |
| 5 and under 10 years | 72.4 | 237.9 | 79.7 | 204.8 | 65.9 | 92.2 | 71.6 | 235.0 | 57.7 | 72.0 | 1,189.1 |
| 10 years and over | 177.9 | 280.2 | 89.5 | 166.7 | 104.2 | 62.7 | 66.9 | 145.7 | 44.9 | 112.8 | 1,251.5 |
| Total | 416.5 | 1,254.4 | 498.3 | 1,291.1 | 355.1 | 569.5 | 292.9 | 1,023.1 | 406.2 | 375.4 | 6,482.6 |

TABLE 15. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY : DURATION OF CURRENT JOB AND OCCUPATION (' 000 )

| Duration of current job | Professional and technical | Administrative, executive and managerial | Clerical | Sales | Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc. | Transport and communication | Tradesmen, etc., <br> n.e.c.(a) | Service, sport and recreation | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 44.6 | 15.6 | 28.4 | 30.4 | 31.9 | 19.2 | 164.0 | 24.9 | 358.9 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 21.7 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 21.6 | 14.4 | 17.0 | 112.1 | 16.9 | 239.2 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 42.3 | 31.0 | 25.0 | 27.4 | 17.4 | 22.7 | 159.2 | 21.5 | 346.6 |
| Total under I year | 108.7 | 65.0 | 70.5 | 79.4 | 63.6 | 58.9 | 435.3 | 63.3 | 944.7 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 64.8 | 36.1 | 41.2 | 44.0 | 30.1 | 29.0 | 228.7 | 27.4 | 501.4 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 49.2 | 29.8 | 32.9 | 29.8 | 22.2 | 28.2 | 161.4 | 25.5 | 379.0 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 78.7 | 52.5 | 48.5 | 45.8 | 40.0 | 36.6 | 243.5 | 31.5 | 577.1 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 102.3 | 71.8 | 58.1 | 41.7 | 60.8 | 59.6 | 308.0 | 42.6 | 744.8 |
| 10 years and over | 110.2 | 93.5 | 77.7 | 35.1 | 139.6 | 81.2 | 386.1 | 33.2 | 956.5 |
| Total | 514.0 | 348.8 | 328.9 | 275.8 | 356.2 | 293.4 | 1,763.0 | 223.5 | 4,103.7 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 51.6 | * | 76.8 | 42.3 | 8.0 | * | 24.6 | 44.4 | 255.0 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 16.2 | 6.2 | 64.2 | 27.1 | * | * | 21.7 | 29.6 | 171.7 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 33.3 | 6.1 | 89.4 | 31.4 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 26.9 | 40.4 | 238.7 |
| Total under I year | 101.1 | 16.3 | 230.4 | 100.8 | 17.5 | 11.5 | 73.3 | 114.5 | 665.4 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 68.0 | 6.1 | 120.7 | 63.4 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 34.2 | 56.5 | 360.5 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 50.3 | 7.0 | 87.2 | 32.8 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 26.9 | 38.3 | 255.4 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 69.9 | 10.1 | 119.6 | 46.8 | 10.4 | 7.0 | 36.3 | 58.2 | 358.4 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 84.9 | 11.7 | 158.2 | 38.7 | 18.1 | 7.9 | 50.9 | 74.0 | 444.3 |
| 10 years and over | 45.2 | 10.7 | 90.8 | 23.8 | 44.7 | 7.2 | 31.0 | 41.5 | 295.0 |
| Total | 419.3 | 62.1 | 807.1 | 306.4 | 102.9 | 45.7 | 252.5 | 383.0 | 2,378.9 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 3 months | 96.2 | 19.6 | 105.2 | 72.7 | 39.8 | 22.3 | 188.6 | 69.4 | 613.9 |
| 3 months and under 6 months | 37.9 | 24.6 | 81.3 | 48.7 | 17.6 | 20.5 | 133.8 | 46.5 | 410.9 |
| 6 months and under 1 year | 75.6 | 37.1 | 114.4 | 58.8 | 23.6 | 27.6 | 186.2 | 61.9 | 585.3 |
| Total under l year | 209.8 | 81.3 | 300.9 | 180.2 | 81.1 | 70.4 | 508.6 | 177.8 | 1,610.1 |
| 1 year and under 2 years | 132.9 | 42.3 | 161.9 | 107.4 | 35.5 | 35.1 | 262.9 | 83.9 | 862.0 |
| 2 years and under 3 years | 99.5 | 36.8 | 120.1 | 62.6 | 29.0 | 34.3 | 188.2 | 63.9 | 634.4 |
| 3 years and under 5 years | 148.6 | 62.7 | 168.1 | 92.6 | 50.4 | 43.6 | 279.8 | 89.7 | 935.5 |
| 5 years and under 10 years | 187.2 | 83.6 | 216.3 | 80.4 | 78.9 | 67.4 | 358.8 | 116.5 | 1,189.1 |
| 10 years and over | 155.4 | 104.3 | 168.5 | 58.9 | 184.3 | 88.4 | 417.1 | 74.7 | 1,251.5 |
| Total | 933.3 | 410.9 | 1,136.0 | 582.1 | 459.2 | 339.2 | 2,015.5 | 606.5 | 6,482.6 |

(a) Includes miners and quarrymen, tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.

TABLE 16. DURATION OF CURRENT JOB, NOVEMBER 1972 TO FEBRUARY 1982

(a) Refers to time in their current job of persons employed at the time of the survey. (b) For persons in the survey who were employed at the end of the previous calendar year, time in job held at end of previous calendar year.

TABLE 17. MOBILITY(a) ACROSS INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION NOVEMBER 1972 TO FEBRUARY 1982

|  | November 1972(b) | February1976(c) | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { February } & \text { February } \\ \text { 1979(c) } & \text { 1980(c) } \end{array}$ |  | February 1981(b) | February 1982(b) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | -per cer | - |  |  | ('000) |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In current job for less than one year | 21.3 | 20.9 | 22.9 | 20.5 | 23.1 | 23.0 | 944.7 |
| Had no other job in the period | 3.9 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 238.8 |
| Changed jobs during the period | 17.4 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 14.3 | 16.8 | 17.2 | 706.0 |
| Changed industry group(a) | 7.9 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 287.5 |
| Did not changed industry group(a) | 9.5 | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 10.2 | 418.5 |
| Changed occupation group(a) | 5.3 | 5.5 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 198.4 |
| Did not change occupation group(a) | 12.1 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 507.5 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In current job for less than one year | 32.1 | 27.3 | 27.6 | 25.3 | 28.7 | 28.0 | 665.4 |
| Had no other job in the period | 14.8 | 13.1 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 292.9 |
| Changed jobs during the period | 17.3 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 15.1 | 15.7 | 372.4 |
| Changed industry group(a) | 8.3 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 165.8 |
| Did not change industry group(a) | 9.1 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 206.6 |
| Changed occupation group(a) | 5.4 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 5.0 | $119.6$ |
| Did not change occupation group(a) | 11.9 | 9.8 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 252.9 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In current job for less than one year | 24.9 | 23.1 | 24.6 | 22.3 | 25.1 | 24.8 | 1,610.1 |
| Had not other job in the period | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 531.7 |
| Changed jobs during the period | 17.4 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 13.6 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 1,078.4 |
| Changed industry group(a) | 8.0 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 453.3 |
| Did not change industry group(a) | 9.3 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 625.1 |
| Changed occupation group(a) | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 318.0 |
| Did not change occupation group(a) | 12.0 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 11.7 | 760.4 |

(a) As shown in Tables 5 and 6. (b) As a proportion of all persons employed at the time of the survey. (c) As a proportion of all persons employed at the end of the calendar year prior to the survey.

TABLE 18. JOB MOBILITY FEBRUARY 1976 TO FEBRUARY 1982
(per cent)

| Whether changed employer or business and whether changed locality(a) | February 1976(b) | February 1977(b) | February 1979(b) | February 1980(b) | February 1981(c) | February 1982(c) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed employer but not locality | 14.2 | 13.9 | 12.7 | 12.0 | 13.5 | 13.7 |
| Changed both employer and locality | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Changed locality but not employer | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Did not change employer or locality | 81.4 | 81.3 | 82.2 | 83.3 | 82.6 | 82.0 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed employer but not locality | 12.4 | 12.2 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 11.8 | 12.5 |
| Changed both employer and locality | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Changed locality but not employer | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 84.5 |
| Did not change employer or locality | 85.0 | 84.8 | 86.2 | 85.9 | 85.0 | 84.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Changed employer but not locality | 13.5 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 13.2 |
| Changed both employer and locality | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Changed locality but not employer | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Did not change employer or locality | 82.8 | 82.6 | 83.7 | 84.3 | 83.5 | 82.9 |

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 10 and Table 2, page 5, for definitions. This information was not collected prior to the February 1976 survey. (b) As a proportion of persons in the survey who had been employed at some time during the calendar year prior to the survey. (c) As a proportion of persons in the survey who had been employed at some time during the previous twelve months.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

## Estimation procedure

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

## Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.
3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics, these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.
4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. From Table 17 on the previous page, the estimated number of males who, in February 1982, had been in their current job for less than one year is 944,700 . Since this estimate is between 500,000 and $1,000,000$ in the standard error table, the standard error for Australia will be between 8,250 and 10,400 and can be approximated as 10,200 (rounded to the nearest 100 ). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 934,500 to 954,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 924,300 to 965,100 . This example is illustrated in the following diagram.

5. As can be seen from the standard error table, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.
6. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling error. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4, the 944,700 males represent 23.0 per cent of the $4,103,700$ males employed at February 1982. The standard error of $4,103,700$ is approximately 15,800 so the relative standard error is 0.4 per cent. The relative standard error for 944,700 is 1.1 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(1.1)^{2}-(0.4)^{2}}$ or 1.0 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion ( 23.0 per cent) of 0.2 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males who had been in their current job for less than one year is between 22.8 per cent and 23.2 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 22.6 per cent to 23.4 per cent.
8. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates ( $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y}$ ) may be calculated by the following formula:

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

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.
9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

| Size of estimate | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S.A. W.A. } \\ & \text {--number-- } \end{aligned}$ |  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Relative standard error (per cent) |
| 1,500 |  |  |  | - | - |  | 350 |  |  |  |  |
| 2,300 |  |  |  | 550 | 550 | 400 | 550 | 550 |  |  |
| 3,000 |  |  | -- | 650 | 650 | 450 | 650 | 600 |  |  |
| 3,500 |  |  | 850 | 650 | 700 | 500 | 700 | 600 |  |  |
| 4,000 |  |  | 900 | 700 | 700 | 500 | 700 | 650 |  |  |
| 4,500 |  |  | 950 | 750 | 750 | 550 | 750 | 700 | 1,100 | 24.9 |
| 5,000 | 1,200 | 1,250 | 1,000 | 800 | 800 | 550 | 800 | 700 | 1.200 | 23.6 |
| 6,000 | 1,350 | 1,350 | 1,050 | 850 | 850 | 600 | 850 | 750 | 1,300 | 21.5 |
| 7,000 | 1,450 | 1,400 | 1,150 | 900 | 900 | 650 | 900 | 800 | 1,400 | 19.9 |
| 10,000 | 1.700 | 1,650 | 1,350 | 1.050 | 1.050 | 750 | 1,050 | 850 | 1.650 | 16.5 |
| 20,000 | 2.350 | 2,200 | 1,750 | 1,350 | 1.400 | 950 | 1,350 | 1,050 | 2,250 | 11.3 |
| 50,000 | 3,400 | 3,100 | 2,500 | 1,850 | 1,900 | 1,250 | 1.900 | 1.300 | 3.400 | 6.8 |
| 100,000 | 4.450 | 4,000 | 3,250 | 2,350 | 2,400 | 1.450 | 2,450 | 1.450 | 4,500 | 4.5 |
| 200,000 | 5.750 | 5.050 | 4,100 | 2,950 | 2.950 | 1,750 |  | 1,600 | 5,900 | 2.9 |
| 300,000 | 6,650 | 5,700 | 4,700 | 3,300 | 3,300 |  |  |  | 6,850 | 2.3 |
| 500,000 | 7.900 | 6,650 | 5,550 | 3,850 | 3.800 |  |  |  | 8,250 | 1.6 |
| 1,000,000 | 9,800 | 8,050 | 6,850 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.400 | 1.0 |
| 2,000,000 | 12,000 | 9.650 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13,000 | 0.7 |
| 5,000,000 | 15,350 | 11,850 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17,050 | 0.4 |

[^3].


[^0]:    Footnotes (a)-(f) see previous table. (g) Includes production-process workers, labourers n.e.c., miners and quarry men.

[^1]:    For footnotes (a) to (f) see Table 7.

[^2]:    (a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never went to school. (c) Includes persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school.

[^3]:    Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published, see paragraph 5 above.

