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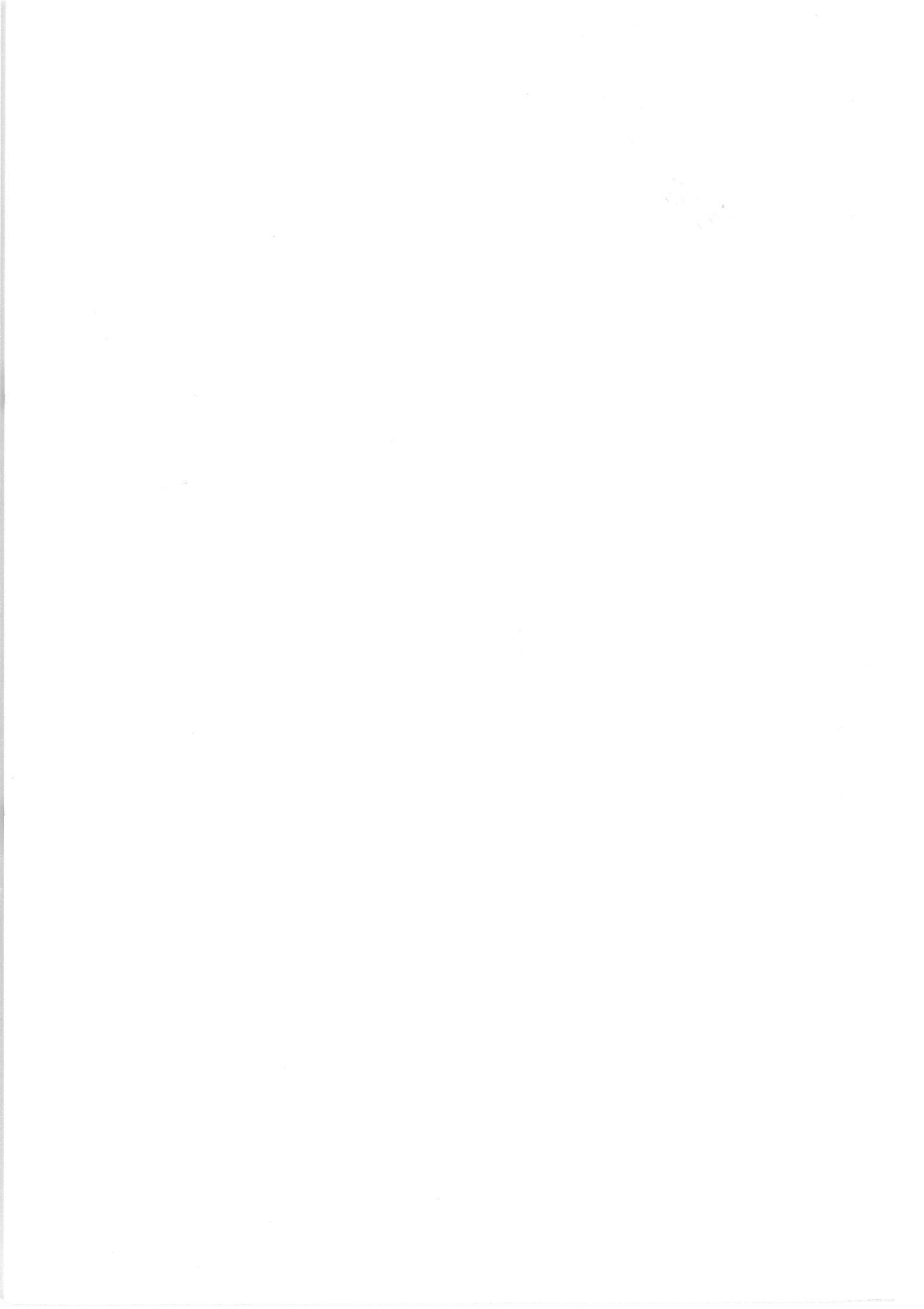
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Introduction**

In May 1977 a survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about child care arrangements of persons who were responsible for children under twelve years of age. Information obtained from persons who were employed included the type of child care arrangements they made for their children (including after-school care and school holiday care), time of departure for work and arrival home, the usual daily period of absence from home and the cost of child care arrangements. For persons who were looking for work and others who would have liked to have a job but were not looking for one because of child care problems, the information collected related to the care arrangements they would have preferred if they had had a job. The results of similar surveys conducted in May 1969 and May 1973 were published in bulletins entitled *Child Care* (4402.0).

2. A preliminary bulletin containing a summary of the results of the survey was published on 8 September 1977 (4401.0).

**The population survey**

3. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. Interviews for the child care survey were carried out during a period of four weeks.

**Scope**

4. Questions for the child care survey were not asked of persons under 15 years of age, persons aged 65 years and over, visitors in private dwellings, persons in non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and persons in institutions, members of the permanent defence forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. Persons in institutions are those who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc., and for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling.

5. Persons who worked at home and who were responsible for the care of children under twelve years of age were not asked questions about their child care arrangements. It is estimated that there were about 94,800 persons (93,800 females) in this category, of whom 29,500 were responsible only for children aged 0-5 years, 38,200 only for children aged 6-11 years and 27,100 for some children aged 0-5 years and some aged 6-11 years.

6. The *person responsible* for the care of a child under twelve years of age was defined as the person who, being a member of the household to which the child belonged, ranked highest in the following three categories.

- (a) Child's mother, step-mother, foster mother, female guardian
- (b) Child's father, step-father, foster father, male guardian
- (c) Any other person considered by the respondent as being responsible for the child.

7. For the purposes of the survey –

- . *child care centre at work* comprises care centres, creches and nursery facilities at the place of work run either by the employer or by employees on a co-operative basis.
- . *kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre* comprises centres or institutions established for the care of children, regardless of whether they were government-operated, operated by voluntary groups or run as commercial ventures, *except co-operative/neighbourhood groups* (even if run with some government financial support) *in which the children were minded at the home of one of the members, and kindergartens or pre-schools incorporated into primary schools.*
- . *looked after by spouse* includes situations where persons responsible for the children worked different hours from those of their spouse.
- . *in another person's home* includes co-operative groups where a number of persons shared the minding of their children at the home of one or the members.
- . *school* includes kindergartens and pre-schools incorporated into primary schools.
- . *type of care arrangement* relates to the usual arrangement used; where more than one type of care arrangement was used, only the main arrangement is shown in the tables.
- . *cost of child care* refers to the amount usually spent per week and may include the cost of such items as meals and transport.

8. Definitions of labour force categories used in this statement are the same as those used in the labour force survey, which are set out in the bulletin *The Labour Force*.

**Reliability of the estimates**

9. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical Note, page 22.

**Related publications**

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

- . *The Labour Force* (6203.0)
- . *Persons Not in The Labour Force* (6220.0)
- . *Schools* (4202.0)

11. An up-to-date list of population survey reports is given in *The Labour Force*.

12. Publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

**Symbols and other usages**

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

.. Not applicable.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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TABLE 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MAY 1969, 1973, 1977 (a)

Number of children under 12 years for whom responsible	May 1969 (b)		May 1973 (b)		May 1977 (b)	
	('000)	Per cent	('000)	Per cent	('000)	Per cent
EMPLOYED						
One	189.0	13.3	242.9	15.8	261.1	16.8
Two	134.6	9.5	187.6	12.2	227.0	14.6
Three or more	73.6	5.2	92.0	6.0	89.5	5.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>397.3</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>522.5</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>577.6</i>	<i>37.1</i>
OTHER THAN EMPLOYED (c)						
One	360.2	25.4	367.1	23.9	353.6	22.8
Two	358.2	25.3	372.5	24.3	400.6	25.8
Three or more	301.3	21.3	273.9	17.8	223.0	14.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,019.7</i>	<i>72.0</i>	<i>1,013.5</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>977.1</i>	<i>62.8</i>
TOTAL						
One	549.2	38.8	610.0	39.7	614.6	39.5
Two	492.9	34.8	560.0	36.5	627.6	40.4
Three or more	374.9	26.5	365.9	23.8	312.5	20.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,417.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,536.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,554.8</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) The estimates for May 1969 and 1973 refer to persons aged 15 to 59 years, whereas those for May 1977 refer to persons aged 15 to 64 years. (c) Comprises unemployed and not in the labour force.

TABLE 2. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Number of children aged 6-11 years for whom responsible	Responsible for children under 6 years			Total	Not responsible for any children under 6	Total persons responsible for children under 12
	One child under 6	Two children under 6	Three or more children under 6			
IN THE LABOUR FORCE						
One	81.9	16.6	*	100.0	175.9	275.9
Two	35.4	4.8	*	40.3	103.2	143.5
Three or more	7.0	*	*	9.2	20.5	29.7
Total	124.3	23.0	*	149.6	299.6	449.1
None	104.9	64.5	8.0	177.4	..	177.4
Total	229.2	87.5	10.3	327.0	299.6	626.5
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE						
One	112.5	43.6	11.5	167.6	144.7	312.3
Two	64.1	13.1	*	80.6	84.9	165.5
Three or more	16.8	5.2	*	23.7	25.4	49.1
Total	193.4	61.9	16.5	271.9	255.0	526.9
None	189.2	180.5	31.6	401.4	..	401.4
Total	382.6	242.5	48.1	673.2	255.0	928.2
TOTAL						
One	194.4	60.2	13.0	267.7	320.6	588.2
Two	99.5	17.9	*	120.9	188.1	309.0
Three or more	23.8	6.8	*	32.9	45.9	78.8
Total	317.7	84.9	18.8	421.4	554.6	976.0
None	294.1	245.1	39.6	578.7	..	578.7
Total	611.8	330.0	58.4	1,000.2	554.6	1,554.8

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 3. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : MARITAL AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE BY AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Age of children for whom responsible (years)	Males	Married women	Other females	All females	Total
IN THE LABOUR FORCE					
0-5 only	*	166.4	8.9	175.4	177.4
6-11 only	9.8	270.9	18.9	289.8	299.6
0-5 and 6-11	*	144.3	*	147.3	149.6
Total	14.1	581.6	30.9	612.4	626.5
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE					
0-5 only	*	381.6	19.1	400.6	401.4
6-11 only	*	234.1	20.6	254.7	255.0
0-5 and 6-11	*	261.3	10.0	271.3	271.9
Total	*	876.9	49.7	926.6	928.2
TOTAL					
0-5 only	*	548.0	28.0	576.0	578.7
6-11 only	10.1	504.9	39.5	544.4	554.6
0-5 and 6-11	*	405.6	13.0	418.6	421.4
Total	15.7	1,458.5	80.6	1,539.1	1,554.8

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.



TABLE 4. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE  
STATUS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)									
<i>Number and age of children for whom responsible</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
IN THE LABOUR FORCE									
Under 6 years (b)									
One	81.5	65.2	29.6	19.8	19.9	5.5	2.4	5.4	229.2
Two or more	30.0	30.1	14.2	8.7	8.5	3.0	*	1.9	97.8
Total	111.5	95.2	43.8	28.6	28.3	8.5	3.7	7.3	327.0
6-11 years (c)									
One	93.8	77.5	37.5	28.4	25.3	7.7	*	4.8	275.9
Two or more	53.1	52.8	21.7	17.2	17.2	5.0	1.9	4.3	173.2
Total	146.9	130.3	59.1	45.5	42.5	12.7	2.9	9.1	449.1
Under 12 years									
One	100.0	75.8	34.0	30.2	25.9	7.9	1.5	5.4	280.8
Two or more	109.5	105.7	46.1	32.1	31.7	9.5	3.6	7.5	345.8
Total	209.5	181.6	80.1	62.3	57.6	17.4	5.1	12.9	626.5
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE									
Under 6 years (b)									
One	141.3	96.7	59.6	32.4	31.1	12.1	3.5	5.9	382.6
Two or more	99.4	77.7	46.0	23.3	24.6	9.0	2.9	7.7	290.6
Total	240.7	174.4	105.6	55.7	55.7	21.1	6.4	13.6	673.2
6-11 years (c)									
One	116.7	79.0	47.8	28.0	23.8	9.3	1.7	6.0	312.3
Two or more	76.3	57.3	36.5	16.3	17.5	7.0	2.3	*	214.6
Total	192.9	136.3	84.3	44.3	41.3	16.3	4.0	7.4	526.9
Under 12 years									
One	121.0	87.1	50.0	31.3	25.6	10.6	3.1	5.2	333.9
Two or more	211.7	157.2	94.4	48.1	48.6	18.3	5.3	10.7	594.4
Total	332.7	244.2	144.4	79.4	74.2	29.0	8.5	15.9	928.2
TOTAL									
Under 6 years (b)									
One	222.8	161.8	89.2	52.3	50.9	17.7	5.8	11.3	611.8
Two or more	129.5	107.8	60.2	32.0	33.1	12.0	4.3	9.6	388.4
Total	352.2	269.6	149.4	84.3	84.0	29.7	10.1	20.9	1,000.2
6-11 years (c)									
One	210.4	156.4	85.3	56.4	49.2	17.0	2.7	10.8	588.2
Two or more	129.4	110.1	58.2	33.4	34.6	12.0	4.3	5.8	387.8
Total	339.9	266.5	143.4	89.8	83.8	29.1	7.0	16.6	976.0
Under 12 years									
One	221.1	162.9	84.0	61.4	51.5	18.5	4.6	10.6	614.6
Two or more	321.2	262.9	140.5	80.2	80.3	27.9	8.9	18.2	940.2
Total	542.3	425.8	224.5	141.7	131.8	46.4	13.6	28.8	1,554.8

(a) For definitions see Explanatory notes. (b) Includes persons responsible also for children aged 6 to 11 years. (c) Includes persons responsible also for children under 6 years.

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 5. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE (a) : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES (b) BY NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977

(Per cent)

Number of children aged 6-11 years for whom responsible	Responsible for children under 6 years				Not responsible for any children under 6	
	One child under 6	Two children under 6	Three or more children under 6	Total		Total
One	42.1	27.5	*	37.4	54.9	46.9
Two	35.6	26.6	*	33.4	54.9	46.4
Three or more	29.4	*	*	28.0	44.6	37.7
Total	39.1	27.0	*	35.5	54.0	46.0
None	35.7	26.3	20.2	30.7	..	30.7
Total	37.5	26.5	17.7	32.7	54.0	40.3

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian non-institutional population aged 15 to 64 years in the same group.

\* Based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 6. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE (a) : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES (b) BY NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1977 (a)

(Per cent)

Number and age of children for whom responsible	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Under 6 years (c) –									
One	36.6	40.3	33.2	37.9	38.9	31.3	40.5	47.8	37.4
Two or more	23.2	27.9	23.5	27.3	25.8	25.1	*	20.0	25.2
Total	31.7	35.3	29.3	33.9	28.2	28.8	36.7	35.0	32.7
Aged 6-11 years (d) –									
One	44.6	49.5	43.9	50.3	51.5	45.3	*	44.2	46.9
Two or more	41.1	48.0	37.3	51.4	49.5	41.5	45.4	75.4	44.7
Total	43.2	48.9	41.2	50.7	50.7	43.7	42.2	55.1	46.0
Under 12 years –									
One	45.3	46.5	40.5	49.1	50.3	42.7	32.8	51.4	45.7
Two or more	34.1	40.2	32.8	40.0	39.4	34.2	40.2	41.2	36.8
Total	38.6	42.6	35.7	43.9	43.7	37.6	37.7	44.9	40.3

(a) For definitions see Explanatory notes. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 5. (c) Includes persons responsible also for children aged 6 to 11 years. (d) Includes persons responsible also for children under 6 years.

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 7. FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND AGE OF FEMALE RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Number of children		Age of female responsible (years)						Total
Under 6 years	Aged 6-11 years	15-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-64	
EMPLOYED								
None	1	*	10.0	28.3	50.4	41.9	28.2	160.5
None	2	*	8.2	35.6	32.2	13.1	4.0	93.6
None	3 or more	*	*	11.3	4.6	*	*	18.7
None	1 or more	*	19.3	75.2	87.2	55.4	33.6	272.8
1	None	30.0	30.2	17.0	7.9	5.5	*	92.9
1	1	*	19.2	29.8	15.3	6.5	*	72.6
1	2 or more	*	5.5	18.6	10.5	*	*	37.8
1	1 or more	*	24.6	48.4	25.8	8.8	*	110.5
2	None	17.2	25.1	11.5	*	*	*	56.8
2	1 or more	*	8.5	10.3	*	*	*	22.1
3 or more	None	*	4.1	*	*	*	*	7.1
1 or more	None	47.7	59.4	30.6	10.5	6.0	*	156.8
1 or more	1	*	27.2	37.3	16.2	6.9	*	89.9
1 or more	2 or more	*	6.7	22.7	12.0	*	*	44.9
1 or more	1 or more	*	33.9	60.0	28.3	9.4	*	134.8
Total		52.4	112.6	165.8	126.0	70.8	36.8	564.3
UNEMPLOYED								
None	1 or more	*	5.4		5.9		5.7	17.0
1 or more	None	9.3	5.8	*	*	*	*	18.6
1 or more	1 or more	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	12.5
Total		10.1	11.6	10.5	9.3		6.5	48.1
IN THE LABOUR FORCE								
None	1	*	11.0	28.8	52.8	44.8	30.3	169.2
None	2	*	9.4	37.6	35.2	13.4	4.5	100.8
None	3 or more	*	*	11.7	5.0	*	*	19.7
None	1 or more	*	21.7	78.2	93.1	58.6	36.1	289.8
1	None	36.5	32.9	17.6	8.4	5.7	*	103.5
1	1	*	21.1	32.3	17.6	7.1	*	80.5
1	2 or more	*	6.6	20.6	11.0	*	*	41.7
1	1 or more	*	27.8	52.8	28.6	9.4	*	122.2
2	None	19.5	28.2	13.1	*	*	*	63.9
2	1 or more	*	8.7	10.8	*	*	*	22.8
3 or more	None	*	4.1	*	*	*	*	7.9
1 or more	None	57.0	65.2	33.2	11.2	6.2	*	175.4
1 or more	1	*	29.4	40.2	18.5	7.5	*	93.9
1 or more	2 or more	*	6.8	22.2	10.4	*	*	42.0
1 or more	1 or more	*	37.3	65.0	31.1	10.0	*	147.3
Total		62.6	124.2	176.3	135.3	74.8	39.3	612.4

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND AGE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a) - continued

Number of children		Age of female responsible (years)							Total
Under 6 years	Aged 6-11 years	15-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-64		
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE									
None	1	*	6.4	17.2	35.4	37.9	46.2	144.7	
None	2	*	7.0	27.2	23.0	17.0	9.7	84.6	
None	3 or more	*	*	9.3	7.1	5.7		25.4	
None	1 or more	*	16.7	53.7	65.4	58.7	57.8	254.7	
1	None	75.4	59.7	27.0	14.6	7.3	4.7	188.7	
1	1	4.1	31.0	41.5	24.4	8.9	*	112.4	
1	2	*	15.2	27.3	14.6	4.8	*	63.9	
1	3 or more	*	*	6.3	5.8	*	*	16.8	
1	1 or more	*	48.3	75.0	44.8	15.3	4.9	193.1	
2	None	48.0	85.9	36.1	8.0	*	*	180.3	
2	1	*	18.7	16.5	5.0	*	*	43.4	
2	2 or more	*	4.1	8.5	4.5	*	*	18.3	
2	1 or more	*	22.8	25.0	9.6	*	*	61.7	
3 or more	None	7.5	15.0	6.7	*	*	*	31.6	
3 or more	1 or more	*	6.2	7.6	*	*	*	16.5	
1 or more	None	131.0	160.6	69.8	24.9	9.4	4.9	400.6	
1 or more	1	6.8	54.4	63.4	29.9	10.0	*	167.3	
1 or more	2	*	20.0	34.0	18.6	5.6	*	80.3	
1 or more	3 or more	*	*	10.1	7.5	*	*	23.7	
1 or more	1 or more	7.6	77.4	107.6	55.9	17.8	5.0	271.3	
Total		140.9	254.7	231.1	146.3	85.9	67.7	926.6	
TOTAL									
None	1	*	17.4	46.0	88.2	82.7	76.4	313.9	
None	2	*	16.4	64.8	58.2	30.4	14.2	185.4	
None	3 or more	*	4.6	21.0	12.1	4.2	*	45.2	
None	1 or more	4.6	38.4	131.9	158.5	117.3	93.9	544.5	
1	None	112.0	92.7	44.6	23.0	13.0	7.0	292.2	
1	1	6.3	52.1	73.7	42.0	16.0	*	192.9	
1	2	*	20.2	45.5	23.7	6.6	*	98.6	
1	3 or more	*	*	8.7	7.7	*	*	23.8	
1	1 or more	7.7	76.1	127.9	73.4	24.7	5.5	315.3	
2	None	67.5	114.0	49.2	10.6	*	*	244.2	
2	1	*	26.2	23.7	6.0	*	*	59.8	
2	2 or more	*	5.3	13.1	5.9	*	*	24.7	
2	1 or more	*	31.5	35.8	11.9	*	*	84.5	
3 or more	None	8.6	19.2	9.1	*	*	*	40.0	
3 or more	1 or more	*	7.1	8.9	*	*	*	18.8	
1 or more	None	188.0	225.8	102.9	36.1	15.7	7.5	576.0	
1 or more	1	9.4	83.8	103.7	48.5	17.6	*	265.7	
1 or more	2	*	25.9	55.0	28.8	7.6	*	120.0	
1 or more	3 or more	*	5.0	14.0	9.8	*	*	32.9	
1 or more	1 or more	10.9	114.7	172.6	87.0	27.8	5.6	418.6	
Total		(b)203.5	378.9	407.4	281.6	160.7	(c)107.0	1,539.1	

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes 18,000 females aged 15 to 19 years, of whom 4,400 were in the labour force. (c) Includes 31,900 females aged 50 to 64 years, of whom 9,700 were in the labour force.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 8. FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA OF FEMALE RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

Number and age of children for whom responsible	Born overseas					Total	Total
	Born in Australia	Arrived before 1960	Arrived 1960-69	Arrived 1970-74	Arrived 1975 - May 1977		
IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
- '000 -							
Under 6 years (b) -							
One	152.5	18.1	32.1	19.1	*	73.2	225.7
Two or more	69.6	8.9	8.9	8.7	*	27.4	96.9
Total	222.1	27.0	41.0	27.8	4.8	100.6	322.7
Aged 6-11 (c) -							
One	171.8	32.5	41.9	18.3	*	95.8	267.6
Two or more	115.8	16.2	23.8	11.8	*	53.6	169.4
Total	287.6	48.7	65.7	30.1	4.9	149.4	437.1
Under 12 years -							
One	177.7	29.0	37.8	24.4	4.0	95.1	272.8
Two or more	231.0	33.0	46.8	25.0	*	108.7	339.7
Total	408.7	62.0	84.5	49.4	7.9	203.8	612.4
	36.9	43.2	48.6	- per cent - 52.0	42.5	47.3	39.8
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
- '000 -							
Under 6 years (b)							
One	285.4	29.7	37.9	22.6	6.3	96.4	381.8
Two or more	226.4	21.6	26.0	13.8	*	63.8	290.2
Total	511.8	51.3	63.9	36.4	8.5	160.2	672.0
Aged 6-11 (c) -							
One	232.8	31.8	34.8	9.8	*	79.2	312.0
Two or more	163.5	19.5	20.1	8.6	*	50.5	214.0
Total	396.3	51.3	54.9	18.5	5.0	129.6	526.0
Under 12 years -							
One	244.0	33.9	30.9	20.2	4.4	89.4	333.4
Two or more	455.3	47.5	58.6	25.4	6.4	137.9	593.2
Total	699.3	81.4	89.5	45.6	10.7	227.3	926.6
	63.1	56.8	51.4	- per cent - 48.0	57.5	52.5	60.2
TOTAL							
- '000 -							
Under 6 years (b) -							
One	437.9	47.8	70.0	41.7	10.2	169.7	607.5
Two or more	296.0	30.5	34.9	22.6	*	91.1	387.1
Total	733.8	78.3	104.9	64.3	13.4	260.8	994.6
Aged 6-11 (c) -							
One	404.6	64.4	76.7	28.2	5.8	175.0	579.6
Two or more	279.4	35.7	43.9	20.4	4.1	104.1	383.4
Total	684.0	100.1	120.6	48.6	9.9	279.1	963.0
Under 12 years -							
One	421.7	62.9	68.7	44.5	8.4	184.5	606.2
Two or more	686.3	80.5	105.4	50.4	10.3	246.6	932.9
Total	1,108.0	143.4	174.1	95.0	18.7	431.1	1,539.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0	- per cent - 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons responsible also for children aged 6 to 11 years. (c) Includes persons responsible also for children under 6 years.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 9. EMPLOYED FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
OCCUPATION OF FEMALE RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Occupation group	Females responsible for			Total
	One child under 12	Two children under 12	Three or more children under 12	
Professional and technical	38.7	32.5	15.6	86.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	4.9	4.0	*	12.0
Clerical	73.2	65.9	23.5	162.6
Sales	29.8	26.3	9.0	65.1
Farmers, fisherwomen, timbergetters, etc.	11.1	9.3	6.2	26.6
Transport and communication	5.4	7.1	*	15.0
Tradeswomen, production - process workers labourers, n.e.c.	41.7	33.6	10.3	85.6
Service, sport and recreation	48.0	45.2	17.4	110.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>224.0</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>564.3</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 10. EMPLOYED FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
INDUSTRY OF FEMALE RESPONSIBLE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Industry division	Females responsible for			Total
	One child under 12	Two children under 12	Three or more children under 12	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	11.8	9.4	7.5	28.8
Manufacturing	50.4	44.1	12.7	107.2
Construction	6.2	7.2	*	15.9
Wholesale and retail trade	54.1	46.3	18.2	118.6
Transport and storage	*	5.4	*	11.6
Finance insurance, real estate and business services	18.9	18.0	5.8	42.8
Public administration and defence	7.6	4.9	*	14.4
Community services	67.8	54.5	24.3	146.7
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	27.2	30.2	9.7	67.1
Other industries (b)	5.3	*	*	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>224.0</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>564.3</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises mining; electricity, gas, and water; and communication.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 11. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN,  
WEEKLY COST OF CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Weekly cost of Child care \$	Full-time workers			Part-time workers			Total		
	1 child	2 or more children	Total	1 child	2 or more children	Total	1 child	2 or more children	Total
RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN									
Nil	72.9	55.4	128.3	71.7	65.8	137.5	144.7	121.2	265.8
1 and under 20	10.4	5.7	16.2	*	*	4.7	12.0	8.8	20.8
20 and over	*	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	6.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>150.4</i>	<i>73.5</i>	<i>69.0</i>	<i>142.6</i>	<i>159.2</i>	<i>133.8</i>	<i>293.0</i>
RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL									
Nil	14.9	*	18.8	17.5	10.4	28.0	32.4	14.3	46.7
1 and under 20	7.3	*	8.6	8.8	*	12.0	16.0	4.6	20.7
20 and over	15.7	5.7	21.5	*	*	7.0	19.4	9.1	28.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>30.1</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>67.9</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>95.9</i>
RESPONSIBLE BOTH FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL									
Nil	..	14.6	14.6	..	39.4	39.4	..	54.0	54.0
1 and under 20	..	6.2	6.2	..	15.0	15.0	..	21.2	21.2
20 and over	..	14.0	14.0	..	4.8	4.8	..	18.8	18.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>34.7</i>	<i>34.7</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>93.9</i>	<i>93.9</i>
TOTAL									
Nil	87.9	73.8	161.7	89.2	115.7	204.9	177.1	189.5	366.6
1 and under 5	*	*	*	*	4.2	5.9	*	5.8	8.0
5 " " 10	*	*	5.9	*	6.4	9.3	6.2	9.0	15.2
10 " " 15	8.4	5.9	14.3	*	7.4	10.7	11.7	13.4	25.0
15 " " 20	5.5	*	8.7	*	*	5.7	8.0	6.4	14.4
20 " " 25	6.8	10.2	17.1	*	*	4.3	8.3	13.1	21.4
25 " " 30	6.4	4.5	10.9	*	*	*	7.4	6.8	14.2
30 " " 35	*	*	5.8	*	*	*	4.4	4.7	9.1
35 and over	*	6.0	7.7	*	*	*	*	7.1	9.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>123.5</i>	<i>110.6</i>	<i>234.1</i>	<i>103.6</i>	<i>145.2</i>	<i>248.8</i>	<i>227.1</i>	<i>255.8</i>	<i>482.9</i>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes 94,800 employed persons who worked at home.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 12. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : USUAL  
DAILY PERIOD OF ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON FROM HOME AND  
WEEKLY COST OF CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Weekly cost of child care (\$)	Usual daily period of absence from home (hours)				Total
	Under 8	8 and under 10	10 and over	Varied daily	
Nil	141.9	113.8	48.7	62.1	366.6
1 and under 10	7.6	8.1	*	5.5	23.2
10 " " 15	7.3	10.0	4.4	4.3	25.0
15 " " 20		6.2	*		
20 " " 25	5.7	11.3	5.3	4.8	21.4
25 " " 30	*	7.2	*		
30 and over	4.3	6.0	5.5	*	18.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>169.3</i>	<i>162.7</i>	<i>71.8</i>	<i>79.0</i>	<i>482.9</i>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes 94,800 persons who worked at home.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 13. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
USUAL DAILY PERIOD OF ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON FROM HOME, WEEKLY COST OF CHILD CARE  
ARRANGEMENTS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MAY 1977 (a)

Usual daily period of absence and weekly cost of child care \$	Responsible only for school children			Responsible only for children not attending school			Responsible both for school children and for children not attending school	Total		
	1 child	2 or more children	Total	1 child	2 or more children	Total		1 child	2 or more children	Total
	- '000 -									
Under 8 hours -										
Nil	54.2	51.5	105.7	7.6	6.0	13.5	22.6	61.7	80.1	141.9
1 and under 20	*	*	*	5.0	*	7.0	10.0	5.2	13.6	18.7
20 and over	*	*	*	*	*	4.2	4.5	*	5.9	8.7
Total	54.4	53.2	107.6	15.3	9.4	24.7	37.1	69.6	99.7	169.3
8 and under 10 hours -										
Nil	49.3	37.3	86.7	10.8	*	14.3	12.9	60.1	53.7	113.8
1 and under 20	6.3	5.4	11.7	5.4	*	6.9	5.7	11.7	12.6	24.3
20 and over	*	*	*	10.1	*	14.0	7.5	10.8	13.7	24.5
Total	56.3	45.1	101.4	26.4	8.9	35.3	26.1	82.7	80.1	162.7
10 hours and over -										
Nil	21.9	13.3	35.2	6.4	*	8.5	5.0	28.3	20.4	48.7
1 and under 20	*	*	4.4	*	*	*	*	6.7	*	9.8
20 and over	*	*	*	5.0	*	7.2	4.4	5.7	7.7	13.4
Total	26.4	15.0	41.4	14.2	4.9	19.1	11.3	40.6	31.2	71.8
Period of absence varied daily -										
Nil	19.2	19.1	38.3	7.6	*	10.4	13.5	26.8	35.3	62.1
1 and under 20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	5.3	9.8
20 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.2	7.0
Total	22.2	20.5	42.7	12.0	4.9	16.9	19.4	34.2	44.8	79.0
Total										
Nil	144.7	121.2	265.8	32.4	14.3	46.7	54.0	177.1	189.5	366.6
1 and under 5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.8	8.0
5 " " 10	*	*	6.0	*	*	*	5.5	6.2	9.0	15.2
10 " " 15	5.6	*	8.9	6.1	*	8.3	7.8	11.7	13.4	25.0
15 " " 20	*	*	*	5.7	*	6.7	*	8.0	6.4	14.4
20 " " 25	*	*	*	6.9	*	9.7	8.3	8.3	13.1	21.4
25 " " 30	*	*	*	7.0	*	8.2	4.7	7.4	6.8	14.2
30 " " 35	*	*	*	*	*	5.8	*	4.4	4.7	9.1
35 and over	*	*	*	*	*	4.8	*	*	7.1	9.0
Total	159.2	133.8	293.0	67.9	28.1	95.9	93.9	227.1	255.8	482.9
	- \$ million -									
Estimated total weekly expenditure on child care by employed persons	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.3	2.2

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes 94,800 employed persons who worked at home.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.



TABLE 14. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS BY NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR WHOM  
RESPONSIBLE, WHETHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE WORKED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Type of after-school arrangement	Persons responsible for –			Person responsible worked –		Total persons responsible
	One school child (b)	Two school children (b)	Three or more school children (b)	Full-time	Part-time	
Person responsible worked only during school hours	53.0	39.9	11.0	18.3	85.7	103.9
Looked after by spouse	50.2	29.6	10.6	38.5	51.8	90.4
At home with older children (c)	38.0	9.2	*	34.0	14.9	48.9
At home with another person	20.0	13.7	*	26.4	10.8	37.2
In another person's home	38.4	16.7	*	39.1	19.8	58.9
Other arrangements	7.6	*	*	7.0	5.4	12.4
No arrangements	15.5	15.8	*	21.9	13.3	35.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>222.6</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>185.2</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>386.9</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home. (b) Under 12 years of age. (c) Aged 12 years or over.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 15. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
BIRTHPLACE, USUAL TIME OF ARRIVAL HOME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE AND AFTER-SCHOOL  
CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Type of after-school arrangement	Usual time of arrival home of person responsible									Total
	At or after Midday and before 3 p.m.	At or after 3 p.m. and before 4 p.m.	At or after 4 p.m. and before 4.30 p.m.	At or after 4.30 p.m. and before 5 p.m.	At or after 5 p.m. and before 5.30 p.m.	At or after 5.30 p.m. and before 7 p.m.	At or after 7 p.m. and before Midnight	At or after Midnight and before Midday	Varied daily	
Person responsible worked only during school hours	27.9	36.5	18.6	4.5	..	..	4.0	11.5	103.9	
Looked after by spouse	5.1	6.7	4.0	4.7	6.6	9.7	20.4	14.6	90.4	
At home with older children (b)	4.1	5.4	8.2	8.5	10.6	5.0	7.0	48.9		
At home with another person	6.6	5.1	8.1	5.5	5.2	6.9	37.2			
In another person's home	5.2	5.3	4.5	11.3	16.7	6.7	9.2	58.9		
Other arrangements	*	*	*	*	*	6.1	*	*	12.4	
No arrangements	5.4	*	5.0	6.8	6.7	*	*	4.4	35.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>386.9</b>
Birthplace of person responsible –										
Australia	30.1	37.5	27.8	14.7	24.6	35.9	21.7	16.8	42.2	251.3
Main English-speaking countries (c)	5.3	6.8	5.7	6.2	6.3	9.2	4.5	*	8.8	55.4
Other countries	4.9	10.4	6.8	11.4	13.1	10.2	7.2	7.7	8.4	80.1

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home. (b) Aged 12 years or over. (c) Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 16. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
HOLIDAY CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, MAY 1977 (a)

Type of holiday arrangement	State capital city		Other areas		Total	
	Number ('000)	Per cent	Number ('000)	Per cent	Number ('000)	Per cent
Usual working arrangements allowed person responsible or spouse to look after children	82.7	32.0	48.8	38.0	131.5	34.0
Person responsible or spouse altered usual working arrangements or resigned to look after children	48.6	18.8	17.2	13.4	65.8	17.0
At home with older children (b)	28.7	11.1	13.9	10.9	42.6	11.0
At home with another person	28.0	10.8	15.3	11.9	43.3	11.2
In other person's home	45.9	17.7	23.1	18.0	69.0	17.8
Other arrangements	12.3	4.8	6.0	4.7	18.3	4.7
No arrangements	12.3	4.8	4.0	3.2	16.4	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>258.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>386.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home. (b) Aged 12 years or over.

TABLE 17. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE :  
HOLIDAY CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Type of holiday arrangement	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
Usual working arrangements allowed person responsible or spouse to look after children	41.5	38.0	16.4	15.9	12.7	4.9	131.5
Person responsible or spouse altered usual working arrangements or resigned to look after children	22.3	22.9	6.1	5.2	5.1	1.6	65.8
At home with older children (c)	14.0	14.0	3.7	5.2	4.2	*	42.6
At home with another person	16.5	13.7	4.5	3.4	3.0	*	43.3
In another person's home	24.2	17.7	10.5	7.0	5.6	2.6	69.0
Other arrangements	*	5.0	3.0	2.6	*	*	18.3
No arrangements	5.4	5.7	*	*	2.2	*	16.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>386.9</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Aged 12 years or over.

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TABLE 18. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL :  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORKERS AND  
PLACE OF RESIDENCE, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

State or Territory	Persons responsible for –		Persons responsible worked		Persons responsible lived in		Total
	One child not attending school	Two or more children not attending school	Full time	Part time	State capital city	Other areas	
N.S.W.	53.2	12.5	30.9	34.9	41.3	24.5	65.7
Vic.	43.6	11.3	26.1	28.8	43.0	11.9	54.9
Qld	19.6	6.0	11.9	13.7	12.7	12.9	25.6
S.A.	15.2	3.3	6.5	11.8	13.8	4.6	18.3
W.A.	12.1	3.9	5.5	10.4	11.3	4.5	15.9
Tas.	3.9	*	*	3.5	2.3	2.6	4.9
N.T.	1.8	*	*	1.5	..	2.2	2.2
A.C.T.	1.9	*	*	*	..	2.3	2.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>189.9</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home.

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 19. EMPLOYED PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL :  
USUAL DAILY PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM HOME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE, MAY 1977 (a)

Usual daily period of absence from home (hours)	Number (‘000)	Usual daily period of absence from home (hours)	Number (‘000)
Under 5	26.6	10 and over	30.4
4 and under 8	35.2	Varied daily	36.3
8 " " 9	22.3		
9 " " 10	39.0	Total	189.9

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes employed persons who worked at home.

TABLE 20. PERSONS WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE A JOB AND WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE (a) : PREFERRED CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS MAY 1977

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Type of child care arrangement preferred	Looking for work	Not looking because of child care problems	Number of school children		Total
			One	Two or more	
Child care centre at work	*	4.8	5.7	6.3	5.7
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	*	4.2			6.3
Spouse to look after	4.7	5.2	5.2	4.7	9.9
At home with older children (b)	*	*	*	*	6.7
At home with another person	5.9	21.2	14.1	12.9	27.0
In another person's home	5.6	11.8	11.0	6.4	17.4
Would work in school hours only	9.5	24.9	16.2	18.1	34.4
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>110.8</b>

(a) Comprises persons aged 15 to 64 years who were looking for work or would have taken a job if suitable child care arrangements had been available. (b) Aged 12 years or over. (c) Includes a small number of persons who preferred arrangements other than those listed.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 21. PERSONS WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE A JOB AND WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL (a) : PREFERRED CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS MAY 1977

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Type of child care arrangement preferred	Looking for work	Not looking because of child care problems	Number of children not attending school		Total
			One	Two or more	
Child care centre at work	*	18.6	9.5	11.3	20.9
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	5.0	27.9	22.5	10.4	32.8
Spouse to look after	5.3	5.8	7.3	*	11.2
At home with older children (b)	*	*	*	*	*
At home with another person	6.1	26.1	18.3	14.0	32.3
In another person's home	7.2	19.1	18.1	8.1	26.2
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>126.9</b>

For footnotes see Table 20.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

NOTE. Included in Tables 20 and 21 are about 55,000 persons who were responsible for school children and were also responsible for children not attending school. In Table 20 the child care arrangements refer to those which they preferred for their school children and in Table 21 they refer to those which they preferred for their children not attending school.

TABLE 22. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND USUAL DAILY PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM HOME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE, MAY 1977 (a)

('000)

Type of child care arrangement	Usual daily period of absence of responsible person (hours)						Total
	Under 5	5 and under 8	8 and under 9	9 and under 10	10 and over	Varied daily	
Looked after by spouse	16.3	10.5	7.7	9.6	6.9	14.6	65.5
At home with another person (b)	4.2	*	4.0	7.1	5.6	6.2	30.0
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	4.4	9.4	4.7	8.4	6.4	4.2	37.7
In another person's home	6.0	15.1	9.3	21.0	15.7	12.4	79.5
Other arrangement	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	15.0
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>230.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes children of persons who worked at home. (b) Aged 12 years or over. (c) Includes a small number of children for whom no arrangements were reported.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 23. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1977 (a)

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Type of child care arrangement	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
Looked after by spouse	21.4	21.1	7.1	7.5	5.5	2.4	65.5
At home with another person (c)	11.5	8.5	4.2	2.8	2.4	*	30.0
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	9.4	12.8	6.8	3.0	3.4	*	37.7
In another person's home	31.3	20.8	11.0	5.6	6.7	1.6	79.5
Other arrangement	4.5	*	*	2.9	*	*	15.0
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>230.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes children of persons who worked at home. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Aged 12 years or over. (d) Includes a small number of children for whom no arrangements were reported.

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 24. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENT BY AGE OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, MAY 1977 (a)

Type of child care arrangement	Age of children not attending school (years)						Total 0-2	Total 3 or more	Total children
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more			
NUMBER ('000)									
Looked after by spouse	5.8	13.0	11.7	16.9	16.4	*	30.5	35.0	65.5
At home with another person (b)	5.1	5.3	8.2	4.9	5.8	*	18.5	11.5	30.0
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	*	5.6	5.2	10.8	13.9	*	11.5	26.2	37.7
In another person's home	10.2	17.7	18.0	16.8	15.1	*	45.9	33.6	79.5
Other arrangement	*	*	*	4.5	*	*	8.5	6.5	15.0
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>116.2</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>230.0</b>
PER CENT									
Looked after by spouse	22.2	29.4	25.6	31.2	30.6	*	26.3	30.7	28.5
At home with another person (b)	19.3	11.9	17.8	9.0	10.8	*	15.9	10.1	13.0
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	*	12.7	11.3	20.0	25.9	*	9.9	23.0	16.4
In another person's home	39.2	40.1	39.1	31.0	28.2	*	39.5	29.6	34.6
Other arrangement	*	*	*	8.2	*	*	7.3	5.7	6.5
<b>Total (c)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes children of persons who worked at home. (b) Aged 12 years or over. (c) Includes a small number of children for whom no arrangements were reported.

\* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 25. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENT BY BIRTHPLACE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE, MAY 1977 (a)

Type of child care arrangement	Birthplace of person responsible						Total	
	Australia		Main English-speaking countries (b)		Other countries		('000)	per cent
	('000)	per cent	('000)	per cent	('000)	per cent	('000)	per cent
Looked after by spouse	42.8	27.1	9.2	33.4	13.5	30.2	65.5	28.5
At home with another person (c)	17.8	11.2	4.2	15.0	8.1	18.2	30.0	13.0
Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre	26.8	17.0	5.4	19.5	5.5	12.3	37.7	16.4
In another person's home	57.1	36.1	7.3	26.3	15.2	34.1	79.5	34.6
Other arrangement	11.2	7.1	*	*	*	*	15.0	6.5
<b>Total (d)</b>	<b>157.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>230.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes children of employed persons who worked at home. (b) Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand. (c) Aged 12 years or over. (d) Includes a small number of children for whom no arrangements were reported.

\* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 26. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE, MAY 1977 (a)

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<i>Responsible for –</i>	<i>Looked after by spouse</i>	<i>At home with another person (b)</i>	<i>Kindergarten, pre-school, child care centre</i>	<i>In another person's home</i>	<i>Other arrangement</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE WORKED FULL-TIME</b>						
One child not attending school	9.1	10.6	13.8	31.5	4.0	69.3
Two or more children not attending school	7.0	6.3	4.1	11.5	*	30.2
<i>Total children</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>43.0</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>99.5</i>
<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE WORKED PART-TIME</b>						
One child not attending school	28.7	7.2	15.2	21.3	7.7	81.7
Two or more children not attending school	20.6	5.9	4.6	15.3	*	48.9
<i>Total children</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>130.6</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>						
One child not attending school	37.9	17.8	29.0	52.7	11.7	151.0
Two or more children not attending school	27.6	12.2	8.7	26.8	*	79.0
<b>Total children</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>230.0</b>

(a) For definitions see Explanatory Notes. Excludes children of persons who worked at home. (b) Aged 12 years or more. (c) Includes a small number of children for whom no arrangements were reported.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 22, paragraph 5.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

**Estimation procedure**

The estimates are derived from the quarterly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

**Reliability of the estimates**

2. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. 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 in the survey. 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 in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. A table of standard errors for general application to sample estimates is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past population surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate. An example of the use of the table is as follows: if an estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 100,000 then the standard

error is 3,000 and there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 97,000 to 103,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 94,000 and 106,000.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerators can be obtained from the table below.

5. As the standard errors in the table below show, *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 bulletin, estimates below the levels shown in the table below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. 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. 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. 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.

## STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Australia	
									No.	Per cent of estimate
1,500						250	300	300		
2,000					400	250	350	350		
2,500				500	450	250	400	400		
3,000			600	500	450	300	400	450		
4,000	900	900	700	500	500	300	450	550	800	20.0
5,000	1,000	1,000	750	550	550	350	500	600	900	18.0
10,000	1,300	1,300	900	800	700	400	650	800	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,100	1,000	400	900	1,050	1,600	8.0
50,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	500	1,300	1,500	2,300	4.6
100,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	600		2,000	3,000	3.0
200,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000				4,000	2.0
300,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,600	2,400				5,000	1.7
500,000	6,000	6,000	3,500	3,200	3,000				6,000	1.2
1,000,000	8,000	8,000							8,000	0.8
2,000,000									10,000	0.5

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see paragraph 5 above.





