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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

In February 1979 a survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the labour force experience during 1978 of civilians aged fifteen years and over. Information obtained included the length of time (in 1978) during which persons were employed, looking for work or not in the labour force, the number of periods during which they were looking for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was released on 14 May 1979 (6205.0). This publication provides estimates in greater detail. The results of similar surveys relating to the years 1968, 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1976 were published in a series of publications entitled *Labour Force Experience* (6206.0).

3. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 15,000 houses, flats etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, institutions, etc.) and covered about one third of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on Monday, 12th February, 1979.

### Scope

4. The survey included all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (c) overseas visitors on tour or holidaying in Australia
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia, and
- (e) boarding school students, patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc.

5. The estimates relate to the labour force experience in 1978 of persons covered by the survey in February 1979. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with 1978 labour force experience were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

### Definitions

6. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a calendar year, which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey (for which the reference period is one week). For this reason the definitions shown below differ slightly from those shown in the regular labour force publications. In particular it should be noted that whereas the monthly

survey seeks information on job search during the four weeks prior to the interview week, and does not classify a person as unemployed unless active steps to obtain work were taken during those four weeks and the person was available to start work in the survey week, no such constraints applied in the labour force experience survey.

7. For this survey, each person was assigned to a labour force category for each week in 1978 on the basis of his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week. The principal categories appearing in the tables in this publication are:

- (i) *Persons in the labour force.* A person was classified as having been in the labour force during any week in which he was employed or looking for work as defined in (ii) and (iii) below.
- (ii) *Employed persons.* A person was classified as having been employed during a week if, in that week, he:
  - (a) Worked for one hour or more, for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons), or
  - (b) worked fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business (or farm), or
  - (c) had a job, business or farm, but was on paid leave (including sick leave).
- (iii) *Persons looking for work.* A person was classified as looking for work during a week if, in that week, he did no work at all, did not have a job or business, and was looking for work. No constraints concerning the taking of active steps to find work, or availability to start work, applied.
- (iv) *Persons out of the labour force* are all those who, in any week, were not in the categories "employed" or "looking for work", as defined above. For the purposes of this survey a person who was on strike and who did no work during a week was classified as out of the labour force in that week.

8. A person was classified as having worked mostly full time in 1978 if the number of weeks in which he worked 35 hours or more (*full-time work*) exceeded or was equal to the number of weeks in which he worked less than 35 hours (*part-time work*). If the number of weeks worked full time was less than the number of weeks worked part time he was classified as having worked mostly part time. When absent on paid leave (including paid sick leave) he was classified according to the usual hours worked in the job from which he was absent.

9. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* was defined as:

- (i) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
- (ii) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.

Thus, a change of job may have involved a change of employer without a change of job locality; a change of locality without a change of employer; or a change in both employer and locality. For example, the movement of an employer's operations to premises in a different locality would entail a change of job for employees who moved to the new location. Promotion or transfer of an employee which involved a move to premises in a different locality would also constitute a change of job. In capital cities and major towns, each suburb was considered to be a different locality; otherwise, each town and each country area associated with a town constituted a separate locality. It should be noted, however, that for a person who worked 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.) was considered to be his place of work.

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

#### Reliability of the estimates

11. 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. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Note, Page 27.

#### Related publications

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

- . *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)
- . *Labour Mobility* (6209.0)
- . *Persons not in the Labour Force* (6220.0)
- . *Persons Looking for Work* (6222.0)

13. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (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. See paragraph 11 above.
- .. Not applicable.

Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**R.J. CAMERON**  
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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION (a), FEBRUARY 1979, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN 1978  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

<i>Employment status</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Civilian population in February 1979	5,154.9	3,451.2	5,267.9	10,422.9
In the labour force at some time during 1978	4,265.6	1,707.1	2,659.9	6,925.5
For the whole year	3,606.2	1,042.7	1,672.1	5,278.3
For part of the year	659.4	664.4	987.8	1,647.2
Employed at some time during 1978	4,139.0	1,640.4	2,499.9	6,639.0
Mostly full time –				
No part-time work	3,823.9	915.2	1,565.5	5,389.4
Some part-time work	119.5	69.9	106.7	226.2
Mostly part time –				
No full-time work	164.1	613.6	770.4	934.5
Some full-time work	31.5	41.7	57.3	88.8
Number of jobs held during 1978 (b) –				
One	3,402.9	1,465.2	2,154.2	5,557.1
Two	509.4	136.0	250.6	760.0
Three	117.4	24.1	56.6	173.9
Four	47.6	6.7	25.0	72.6
Five	23.2	*	6.5	29.8
Six or more	38.6	*	7.1	45.6
Looked for work at some time during 1978 (c)	639.9	203.7	482.4	1,122.3
One period of looking for work	512.2	177.5	409.5	921.7
Two periods	72.7	17.3	52.5	125.2
Three periods	24.1	*	9.3	33.4
Four or more periods	30.9	*	11.1	42.0
Out of the labour force for the whole of 1978	889.3	1,744.1	2,608.1	3,497.4

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (c) See paragraph 6 and 7 concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

NOTE. The estimates relate to the labour force experience in 1978 of persons covered by the survey in February 1979. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with 1978 labour force experience were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION (a), EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN 1978 AND EARLIER YEARS  
(Per cent)

	1968	1972	1974	1975	1976	1978
Civilian population in February of the following year	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the year	64.6	66.8	68.1	67.2	67.1	66.4
For the whole year	50.6	51.7	50.8	51.5	52.3	50.6
For part of the year	14.0	15.1	17.3	15.6	14.7	15.8
Employed at some time during the year	64.1	66.0	67.1	65.6	65.4	63.7
Mostly full time –						
No part-time work	57.4	56.9	56.6	55.2	54.1	51.7
Some part-time work	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.2
Mostly part time –						
No full-time work	5.6	7.3	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.0
Some full-time work	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Number of jobs held during the year (b)						
One	n.a.	n.a.	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.3
Two	n.a.	n.a.	9.0	8.4	8.1	7.3
Three	n.a.	n.a.	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7
Four	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Five	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Six or more	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4
Looked for work at some time during the year (c)	4.8	6.7	7.1	8.4	8.2	10.8
One period of looking for work	3.6	5.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	8.8
Two periods	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2
Three periods	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Four or more periods	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Out of the labour force for the whole of the year	35.4	33.2	31.9	32.8	32.9	33.6

For footnotes see Table I.

NOTE: Because the 1978 estimates are based on revised population estimates derived from the results of the 1976 Population Census (adjusted for under-enumeration) care should be used in comparing them with estimates from previous surveys.

TABLE 3. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE (a), 1978  
(\*000)

Age group (years)	<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>				<i>Average labour force (b)</i>			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
15 - 19	429.6	22.6	408.6	838.3	407.2	19.6	369.2	776.4
20 - 24	567.6	217.6	472.5	1,040.1	536.0	175.5	406.9	942.9
25 - 34	1,116.4	546.4	674.1	1,790.5	1,081.5	442.0	568.9	1,650.3
35 - 44	836.2	460.0	517.3	1,353.5	813.3	400.3	458.5	1,271.9
45 - 54	731.3	316.6	385.4	1,116.7	721.6	288.6	350.0	1,071.7
55 - 59	304.7	99.3	127.8	432.5	285.9	73.7	104.5	390.4
60 - 64	189.0	33.3	49.2	238.2	165.4	24.0	39.5	204.9
65 and over	90.8	11.3	24.9	115.7	69.1	9.4	21.7	90.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,265.6</b>	<b>1,707.1</b>	<b>2,659.9</b>	<b>6,925.5</b>	<b>4,080.1</b>	<b>1,433.2</b>	<b>2,319.2</b>	<b>6,399.2</b>

(a) In February 1979. (b) Average of the monthly labour force survey estimates for 1978 (excluding January 1978, in which a survey was not conducted).

TABLE 4. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1978 :  
PROPORTION OF POPULATION, BY AGE (a)  
(Per cent)

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55-59</i>	<i>60-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	
Males	67.2	95.2	98.6	97.4	94.5	88.1	68.4	17.0	82.7
Married women	70.1	69.8	56.6	62.3	50.1	35.2	15.8	4.0	49.5
All females	65.8	79.2	59.7	62.8	52.0	36.4	16.4	3.5	50.5
<b>Persons</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>66.4</b>

(a) In February 1979.

TABLE 5. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1978,  
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR  
(\*000)

<i>Length of time in the labour force during 1978 (weeks)</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>Aust.</i>
<b>MALES</b>									
1 and under 4	10.3	13.5	5.5	*	*	*	*	*	36.0
4 " " 13	39.8	27.2	14.6	10.3	10.1	2.3	*	2.6	107.7
13 " " 26	20.8	18.0	9.7	6.1	4.2	2.2	*	*	62.4
26 " " 39	43.3	32.7	17.3	8.8	10.1	2.2	*	*	117.0
39 " " 49	60.7	43.7	28.0	13.9	19.8	3.5	*	*	171.9
49 " " 52	62.2	38.7	22.2	13.9	20.4	2.9	2.4	*	164.4
52	1,253.5	961.0	544.9	339.8	311.4	108.8	30.8	56.1	3,606.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,490.6</i>	<i>1,134.9</i>	<i>642.1</i>	<i>396.1</i>	<i>378.3</i>	<i>122.8</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>64.0</i>	<i>4,265.6</i>
<b>MARRIED WOMEN</b>									
1 and under 4	8.4	*	*	5.4	5.7	*	*	*	31.4
4 " " 13	38.4	28.5	16.3	11.0	13.3	2.7	*	*	112.2
13 " " 26	37.0	27.3	16.1	9.9	8.6	4.0	*	*	106.2
26 " " 39	45.0	34.3	23.3	12.5	11.0	5.0	*	3.3	135.7
39 " " 49	62.7	52.7	34.0	21.0	18.5	5.1	*	2.7	197.3
49 " " 52	22.7	22.8	15.9	9.1	6.6	*	*	*	81.7
52	368.9	300.1	129.3	94.6	92.7	28.9	7.5	20.7	1,042.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>583.1</i>	<i>472.3</i>	<i>238.9</i>	<i>163.5</i>	<i>156.3</i>	<i>47.9</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>32.1</i>	<i>1,707.1</i>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
1 and under 4	20.2	16.4	10.3	8.3	7.9	*	*	*	66.4
4 " " 13	65.0	52.7	27.3	17.1	21.7	4.6	*	2.7	192.4
13 " " 26	50.6	37.3	22.9	14.8	13.2	4.9	*	2.5	148.1
26 " " 39	60.6	47.5	28.9	17.6	15.6	6.2	2.0	4.3	182.8
39 " " 49	85.4	78.5	45.0	26.9	26.0	6.9	*	3.0	273.1
49 " " 52	39.4	32.3	21.7	13.1	11.6	2.6	*	2.7	125.0
52	590.3	470.8	221.5	162.9	141.4	45.6	10.0	29.6	1,672.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>911.5</i>	<i>735.6</i>	<i>377.7</i>	<i>260.7</i>	<i>237.5</i>	<i>71.7</i>	<i>18.6</i>	<i>46.6</i>	<i>2,659.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1 and under 4	30.5	29.9	15.8	11.6	10.2	1.8	*	*	102.4
4 " " 13	104.8	80.0	41.9	27.4	31.8	6.9	*	5.4	300.1
13 " " 26	71.5	55.4	32.6	21.0	17.4	7.1	2.4	3.2	210.5
26 " " 39	103.9	80.2	46.2	26.4	25.7	8.3	3.8	5.2	299.8
39 " " 49	146.1	122.2	73.0	40.7	45.8	10.5	*	4.7	445.0
49 " " 52	101.5	71.1	44.0	27.0	32.0	5.5	4.1	4.3	289.4
52	1,843.8	1,431.8	766.3	502.7	452.8	154.4	40.7	85.7	5,278.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,402.1</i>	<i>1,870.4</i>	<i>1,019.8</i>	<i>656.8</i>	<i>615.8</i>	<i>194.5</i>	<i>55.4</i>	<i>110.6</i>	<i>6,925.5</i>

TABLE 6. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY MARITAL STATUS  
AND LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR  
(\*000)

<i>Length of time in the labour force during 1978 (weeks)</i>	<i>Married</i>			<i>Not married (a)</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1 and under 4	*	31.4	33.8	33.6	35.1	68.7
4 " " 13	20.9	112.2	133.1	86.8	80.2	167.0
13 " " 26	25.5	106.2	131.7	36.9	41.9	78.8
26 " " 39	52.3	135.7	188.0	64.7	47.1	111.8
39 " " 49	94.6	197.3	291.9	77.3	75.8	153.1
49 " " 52	107.2	81.7	188.9	57.2	43.4	100.6
52	2,615.1	1,042.7	3,657.8	991.1	629.4	1,620.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,918.1</i>	<i>1,707.1</i>	<i>4,625.2</i>	<i>1,347.6</i>	<i>952.7</i>	<i>2,300.3</i>

(a) Never married, widowed and divorced.



TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY AGE (a)  
AND LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Length of time in the labour force during 1978 (weeks)	Age group (years)								Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over		
<b>MALES</b>										
1 and under 4	27.1	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	36.0
4 " " 13	60.4	20.9	5.7	*	*	*	*	*	8.8	107.7
13 " " 26	16.2	12.8	10.8	4.5	*	*	5.1	5.6	62.4	
26 " " 39	25.3	20.9	19.4	11.4	12.5	8.8	10.4	8.2	117.0	
39 " " 49	24.6	34.5	46.5	22.3	23.9	7.7	6.7	5.7	171.9	
49 " " 52	17.9	30.9	53.6	25.9	21.6	9.6	*	*	164.4	
52	258.2	442.6	979.1	767.7	666.6	273.1	159.4	59.4	3,606.2	
Total	429.6	567.6	1,116.4	836.2	731.3	304.7	189.0	90.8	4,265.6	
<b>MARRIED WOMEN</b>										
1 and under 4	*	*	11.8	10.2	*	*		*	31.4	
4 " " 13	*	17.5	45.6	25.9	13.3	4.6	6.0	*	112.2	
13 " " 26	*	17.1	42.4	22.4	11.9	4.8		*	106.2	
26 " " 39		14.0	58.7	30.8	18.7	8.7	7.1	*	135.7	
39 " " 49	6.1	21.5	63.5	57.5	38.0	9.9		*	197.3	
49 " " 52		12.0	26.4	23.7	12.7	*	*	*	81.7	
52	10.7	132.0	297.9	289.6	218.0	68.9	19.3	6.3	1,042.7	
Total	22.6	217.6	546.4	460.0	316.6	99.3	33.3	11.3	1,707.1	
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>										
1 and under 4	26.3	9.1	13.1	10.2	4.2	*	*	*	66.4	
4 " " 13	59.7	28.7	48.6	29.0	15.8	5.0	*	*	192.4	
13 " " 26	29.9	25.2	45.8	23.4	13.3	4.8	4.7	*	148.1	
26 " " 39	20.8	23.4	68.1	33.0	23.0	7.8	4.7		182.8	
39 " " 49	34.8	42.3	73.8	61.8	41.8	11.2		6.0	273.1	
49 " " 52	20.3	22.9	32.3	28.7	14.1	*	6.2		125.0	
52	216.9	321.0	392.4	331.3	273.3	93.5	29.9	13.8	1,672.1	
Total	408.6	472.5	674.1	517.3	385.4	127.8	49.2	24.9	2,659.9	
<b>PERSONS</b>										
1 and under 4	53.4	14.0	14.4	10.2	4.8	*	*	*	102.4	
4 " " 13	120.1	49.6	54.3	33.4	18.2	6.6	6.6	11.3	300.1	
13 " " 26	46.1	38.0	56.5	27.9	17.0	8.5	9.8	6.7	210.5	
26 " " 39	46.1	44.3	87.5	44.3	35.5	16.6	15.2	10.2	299.8	
39 " " 49	59.4	76.8	120.3	84.1	65.7	18.9	10.9	8.8	445.0	
49 " " 52	38.1	53.7	85.8	54.6	35.7	13.7	5.6	*	289.4	
52	475.1	763.6	1,371.6	1,099.0	939.8	366.6	189.3	73.2	5,278.3	
Total	838.3	1,040.1	1,790.5	1,353.5	1,116.7	432.5	238.2	115.7	6,925.5	

(a) In February 1979.

TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE WHOLE OF 1978,  
BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Duration of employment (weeks) (a)	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Nil (looked for work for the whole year)	67.8	28.6	60.7	128.4
1 and under 13	32.4	7.4	22.4	54.8
13 " " 26	48.0	11.2	30.2	78.2
26 " " 39	85.2	15.2	49.6	134.8
39 " " 49	143.5	20.9	58.5	202.0
49 " " 52	50.8	8.3	13.2	64.0
52 (employed for whole year)	3,178.5	951.1	1,437.6	4,616.1
Total	3,606.2	1,042.7	1,672.1	5,278.3

(a) As the figures in this table relate to persons who were in the labour force during the whole of 1978, persons employed for less than the whole year were looking for work for the remainder.

TABLE 9. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL ('000)

Birthplace and period of arrival	Duration of employment (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	
<b>MALES</b>								
Born in Australia	35.1	90.6	83.0	150.7	199.2	126.2	2,340.4	3,025.3
Born outside Australia	*	22.3	32.3	54.5	96.6	64.6	838.1	1,113.7
Main English-speaking countries	*	12.1	14.2	28.1	44.1	30.3	353.4	483.6
Other countries	*	10.2	18.1	26.4	52.5	34.3	484.7	630.1
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	*	7.5	9.0	21.8	30.4	19.3	395.1	483.6
1961 – 1969	*	6.2	12.1	14.0	30.6	19.8	258.7	342.7
1970 – 1977	*	7.2	9.2	14.6	29.6	23.7	174.7	262.7
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	*	6.0	*	9.6	24.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>205.2</b>	<b>295.9</b>	<b>190.8</b>	<b>3,178.5</b>	<b>4,139.0</b>
<b>MARRIED WOMEN</b>								
Born in Australia	19.1	82.1	85.7	100.9	147.6	52.4	668.0	1,155.8
Born outside Australia	*	28.9	35.1	47.0	59.3	27.0	283.0	484.6
Main English-speaking countries	*	15.7	18.0	21.5	30.8	11.3	113.4	213.4
Other countries	*	13.2	17.0	25.5	28.6	15.7	169.7	271.2
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	*	10.7	10.4	18.0	21.9	8.6	110.9	180.9
1961 – 1969	*	10.3	10.3	12.1	18.8	8.5	100.4	161.4
1970 – 1977	*	7.2	12.4	13.3	13.9	8.7	70.6	128.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	*	4.8	*	*	13.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>147.9</b>	<b>207.0</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>951.1</b>	<b>1,640.4</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>								
Born in Australia	43.7	132.5	130.9	169.6	233.1	81.9	1,074.7	1,866.5
Born outside Australia	9.5	40.2	47.9	61.7	77.7	33.7	362.9	633.5
Main English-speaking countries	6.8	20.4	26.4	31.4	43.1	16.5	156.8	301.5
Other countries	*	19.7	21.5	30.3	34.5	17.2	206.0	332.0
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	*	11.3	11.8	22.0	27.3	9.5	136.6	220.1
1961 – 1969	*	16.6	17.0	17.6	26.6	11.7	127.7	220.9
1970 – 1977	*	11.5	16.0	17.3	16.5	10.7	96.5	172.9
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	4.8	7.2	*	*	19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>172.6</b>	<b>178.8</b>	<b>231.3</b>	<b>310.8</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>1,437.6</b>	<b>2,499.9</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Born in Australia	78.8	223.1	213.9	320.4	432.4	208.1	3,415.2	4,891.8
Born outside Australia	14.9	62.4	80.2	116.1	174.3	98.3	1,200.9	1,747.2
Main English-speaking countries	8.2	32.5	40.6	59.5	87.3	46.8	510.2	785.1
Other countries	6.8	29.9	39.6	56.7	87.0	51.5	690.7	962.1
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	*	18.8	20.8	43.8	57.7	28.8	531.7	703.7
1961 – 1969	4.9	22.8	29.1	31.6	57.2	31.5	386.4	563.6
1970 – 1977	8.0	18.7	25.3	31.9	46.1	34.4	271.2	435.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	5.1	8.9	13.2	*	11.6	44.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>285.5</b>	<b>294.1</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>606.7</b>	<b>306.3</b>	<b>4,616.1</b>	<b>6,639.0</b>

TABLE 10. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED PART TIME DURING THE YEAR ('000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married (a)	Total	Married	Not married (a)	Total	
NO PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	*	22.0	26.4	8.9	15.4	24.3	50.7
4 " " 13	24.1	54.3	78.3	42.1	29.7	71.8	150.2
13 " " 26	34.5	48.3	82.8	48.4	33.2	81.6	164.4
2 6 " " 39	73.5	88.0	161.4	60.5	54.2	114.7	276.2
39 " " 49	141.4	114.8	256.2	81.1	68.9	150.1	406.3
49 " " 52	117.3	61.6	178.9	45.1	22.7	67.8	246.7
52	2,342.2	697.7	3,039.9	628.9	426.2	1,055.1	4,095.0
Total	2,737.3	1,086.7	3,823.9	915.2	650.3	1,565.5	5,389.4
SOME PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	6.3	6.9	*	*	10.2	17.2
13 " " 26	*	7.7	9.8	8.0	*	11.2	21.0
26 " " 39	8.3	8.5	16.8	8.8	9.8	18.6	35.4
39 " " 49	7.6	8.3	15.9	12.8	8.6	21.5	37.4
49 " " 52	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.6
52	45.7	19.7	65.3	30.2	9.2	39.4	104.7
Total	67.6	51.9	119.5	69.9	36.9	106.7	226.2
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	*	22.0	26.4	9.5	15.8	25.4	51.7
4 " " 13	24.7	60.5	85.3	46.9	34.0	81.0	166.2
13 " " 26	36.7	56.0	92.6	56.5	36.3	92.8	185.4
2 6 " " 39	81.8	96.5	178.2	69.3	64.0	133.3	311.5
39 " " 49	148.9	123.2	272.1	94.0	77.5	171.5	443.7
4 9 " " 52	120.6	63.0	183.6	49.6	24.1	73.8	257.3
52	2,387.8	717.4	3,105.3	659.1	435.4	1,094.5	4,199.8
Total	2,804.9	1,138.5	3,943.4	985.0	687.2	1,672.2	5,615.7

(a) Never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 11. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED FULL TIME DURING THE YEAR ('000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married (a)	Total	Married	Not married (a)	Total	
NO FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	*	11.8	14.0	13.3	14.1	27.4	41.4
4 " " 13	*	21.2	26.3	61.9	25.7	87.6	114.0
13 " " 26	7.8	11.1	18.9	59.5	18.2	77.7	96.6
26 " " 39	6.8	16.4	23.2	71.6	17.9	89.6	112.7
39 " " 49	6.1	11.3	17.4	106.9	23.8	130.7	148.0
49 " " 52	*	*	5.0	27.5	10.5	38.0	43.1
52	36.1	23.2	*	272.9	46.5	319.4	378.7
Total	67.1	97.0	164.1	613.6	156.8	770.4	934.5
SOME FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
13 " " 26	*	*	*	*	*	8.4	12.1
26 " " 39	*	*	*	7.0	*	8.5	12.3
39 " " 52	*	6.1	8.7	8.3	*	12.3	20.9
52	9.2	*	13.9	19.1	*	23.7	37.7
Total	14.6	16.8	31.5	41.7	15.6	57.3	88.8
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	*	12.0	14.2	13.7	14.1	27.9	42.0
4 " " 13	*	22.3	27.6	64.1	27.6	91.7	119.2
13 " " 26	9.9	12.8	22.6	64.3	21.8	86.1	108.7
26 " " 39	7.6	19.4	27.0	78.6	19.4	98.0	125.0
39 " " 49	7.9	15.9	23.8	113.0	26.3	139.2	163.0
4 9 " " 52	*	*	7.2	29.8	12.0	41.8	49.0
52	45.3	28.0	73.3	292.0	51.1	343.1	416.3
Total	81.8	113.8	195.6	655.3	172.4	827.7	1,023.3

(a) Never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 12. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL

<i>Birthplace and period of arrival</i>	<i>Number ('000)</i>				<i>Proportion of the population (a) (per cent)</i>			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<b>MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME</b>								
Born in Australia	2,864.8	653.3	1,219.6	4,084.4	75.7	26.1	30.6	52.6
Born outside Australia	1,078.7	331.7	452.6	1,531.3	78.6	34.9	35.2	57.6
Main English-speaking countries	464.1	130.7	203.6	667.7	75.8	31.5	33.8	55.0
Other countries	614.6	201.0	249.0	863.6	80.8	37.6	36.4	59.8
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	468.6	110.4	142.2	610.8	73.0	26.2	25.4	50.8
1961 – 1969	330.8	112.7	159.4	490.1	84.3	39.4	40.7	62.5
1970 – 1977	255.0	98.1	135.3	390.3	84.7	45.1	46.2	65.7
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	24.4	10.5	15.7	40.1	65.3	40.6	38.4	51.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,943.4</i>	<i>985.0</i>	<i>1,672.2</i>	<i>5,615.7</i>	<i>76.5</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>53.9</i>
<b>MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME</b>								
Born in Australia	160.5	502.5	646.8	807.4	4.2	20.1	16.2	10.4
Born outside Australia	35.0	152.9	180.9	215.9	2.6	16.1	14.1	8.1
Main English-speaking countries	19.5	82.7	97.9	117.4	3.2	19.9	16.3	9.7
Other countries	15.5	70.2	83.0	98.5	2.0	13.1	12.1	6.8
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	15.1	70.5	77.9	92.9	2.3	16.8	13.9	7.7
1961 – 1969	11.9	48.7	61.6	73.4	3.0	17.0	15.7	9.4
1970 – 1977	7.7	30.6	37.5	45.2	2.6	14.1	12.8	7.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>195.6</i>	<i>665.3</i>	<i>827.7</i>	<i>1,023.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>9.8</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Born in Australia	3,025.3	1,155.8	1,866.5	4,891.8	80.0	46.2	46.9	63.0
Born outside Australia	1,113.7	484.6	633.5	1,747.2	81.1	51.0	49.3	65.7
Main English-speaking countries	483.6	213.4	301.5	785.1	78.9	51.4	50.1	64.6
Other countries	630.1	271.2	332.0	962.1	82.9	50.7	48.6	66.6
Arrived in Australia –								
Before 1961	483.6	180.9	220.1	703.7	75.3	43.0	39.3	58.5
1961 – 1969	342.7	161.4	220.9	563.6	87.3	56.4	56.4	71.9
1970 – 1977	262.7	128.6	172.9	435.6	87.2	59.2	59.0	73.3
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	24.8	13.6	19.6	44.4	66.3	52.4	48.1	56.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>	<i>1,640.4</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>	<i>80.0</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>63.7</i>

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group at the time of the survey.

TABLE 13. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF 1978 ('000)

Occupation group (a)	Duration of employment (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
Employed (a)	13.9	53.2	50.1	117.7	234.0	176.7	3,178.5	3,824.1
Professional and technical	*	*	*	7.8	18.9	11.8	415.1	465.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	6.1	*	305.5	322.8
Clerical	*	*	*	8.1	12.3	9.1	277.5	314.1
Sales	*	*	*	11.3	22.9	12.8	206.9	264.3
Farmers, fishermen and timbergetters, etc.	*	6.8	*	11.5	14.4	7.4	282.8	330.2
Transport and communication	*	*	*	11.5	14.2	19.1	243.3	295.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	8.2	25.1	21.2	54.6	130.6	103.8	1,285.1	1,628.5
Service, sport and recreation	*	*	*	8.8	14.7	7.1	162.2	203.4
Looking for work (a)	11.4	29.4	38.7	47.3	43.1	8.3	..	178.3
Not in the labour force (a)	15.2	30.3	26.4	40.2	18.7	*	..	136.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>40.6</i>	<i>112.8</i>	<i>115.3</i>	<i>205.2</i>	<i>295.9</i>	<i>190.8</i>	<i>3,178.5</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Employed (a)	18.2	74.5	91.9	137.0	241.6	105.4	1,437.6	2,106.1
Professional and technical	*	7.2	12.8	22.5	43.2	14.3	265.8	366.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	*	*	38.5	44.6
Clerical	*	15.3	30.0	34.7	79.7	29.3	518.3	710.8
Sales	*	17.7	16.2	23.0	38.4	15.6	165.3	281.5
Farmers, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	67.3	82.5
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	31.0	48.3
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	*	8.4	10.3	18.9	28.0	17.9	149.3	235.3
Service, sport and recreation	*	22.3	18.5	26.1	41.4	21.3	202.1	336.3
Looking for work (a)	9.7	20.2	24.2	26.0	15.7	*	..	97.8
Not in the labour force (a)	25.4	77.9	62.7	68.3	53.6	8.2	..	296.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>172.6</i>	<i>178.8</i>	<i>231.3</i>	<i>310.8</i>	<i>115.5</i>	<i>1,437.6</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Employed (a)	32.1	127.7	142.0	254.7	475.6	282.1	4,616.1	5,930.2
Professional and technical	*	12.9	18.5	30.3	62.1	26.1	681.0	831.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	6.5	8.4	6.6	344.0	367.4
Clerical	*	18.2	33.3	42.8	92.0	38.3	795.8	1,024.9
Sales	*	23.2	20.5	34.3	61.3	28.4	372.1	545.8
Farmers, fishermen and timbergetters, etc.	*	8.9	8.7	16.1	17.6	8.8	350.1	412.7
Transport and communication	*	*	*	16.3	19.6	23.7	274.3	344.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	10.6	33.5	31.6	73.5	158.5	121.7	1,434.4	1,863.8
Service, sport and recreation	*	26.4	23.7	35.0	56.1	28.4	364.4	539.7
Looking for work (a)	21.1	49.6	63.0	73.3	58.8	10.3	..	276.0
Not in the labour force (a)	40.6	108.2	89.2	108.5	72.3	14.0	..	432.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>93.8</i>	<i>285.5</i>	<i>294.1</i>	<i>436.5</i>	<i>606.7</i>	<i>306.3</i>	<i>4,616.1</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>

(a) At the end of 1978. (b) Includes miners and quarrymen.

TABLE 14. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR AND INDUSTRY AT THE END OF 1978 ('000)

Industry division (a)	Duration of employment (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	
<b>MALES</b>							
Employed (a)	67.1	50.1	117.7	234.0	176.7	3,178.5	3,824.1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	6.5	*	10.3	12.2	6.4	250.9	290.8
Mining	*	*	*	8.1	*	57.6	73.5
Manufacturing	15.8	8.0	26.0	67.0	58.4	716.9	892.0
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	6.5	*	93.2	106.9
Construction	6.8	7.4	19.9	34.4	22.1	327.9	418.6
Wholesale and retail trade	15.9	9.2	28.4	48.5	30.7	570.5	703.1
Transport and storage	*	*	5.8	13.6	14.5	241.0	281.2
Communication	*	*	*	*	5.9	91.0	100.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	*	*	6.1	11.9	11.9	231.7	270.6
Public administration and defence	*	*	*	6.8	*	180.7	201.8
Community services	*	*	9.0	11.3	6.5	300.7	334.3
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	*	6.3	*	12.1	*	116.5	150.5
Looking for work (a)	40.8	38.7	47.3	43.1	8.3	..	178.3
Not in the labour force (a)	45.5	26.4	40.2	18.7	*	..	136.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>153.4</i>	<i>115.3</i>	<i>205.2</i>	<i>295.9</i>	<i>190.8</i>	<i>3,178.5</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Employed (a)	92.7	91.9	137.0	241.6	105.4	1,437.6	2,106.1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	*	*	*	68.6	82.8
Manufacturing	7.5	13.5	20.1	37.7	20.6	202.9	302.2
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	7.4	7.8
Construction	*	*	*	*	*	41.6	50.4
Wholesale and retail trade	32.9	27.7	37.0	61.4	27.9	322.0	509.0
Transport and storage	*	*	*	*	*	44.5	56.0
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	24.2	33.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	6.1	9.1	11.3	20.5	8.1	165.6	220.7
Public administration and defence	*	9.3	7.1	*	*	60.1	81.6
Community services	18.2	19.8	34.6	71.5	24.1	389.6	557.9
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	18.0	12.2	18.7	29.1	14.0	105.0	197.0
Looking for work (a)	29.9	24.2	26.0	15.7	*	..	97.8
Not in the labour force (a)	103.3	62.7	68.3	53.6	8.2	..	296.0
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>225.8</i>	<i>178.8</i>	<i>231.3</i>	<i>310.8</i>	<i>115.5</i>	<i>1,437.6</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Employed (a)	159.8	142.0	254.7	475.6	282.1	4,616.1	5,930.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	9.1	7.2	13.8	15.5	8.4	319.5	373.6
Mining	*	*	*	8.1	*	63.7	80.7
Manufacturing	23.3	21.5	46.1	104.7	78.9	919.7	1,194.1
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	6.5	*	100.6	114.7
Construction	8.7	8.0	22.0	37.5	23.3	369.5	468.9
Wholesale and retail trade	48.8	36.9	65.4	109.9	58.6	892.5	1,212.1
Transport and storage	8.9	7.4	19.4	16.1	285.4	337.2	
Communication	*	*	7.9	7.8	115.2	134.3	
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	10.4	13.9	17.4	32.4	20.0	397.3	491.3
Public administration and defence	*	6.9	7.7	13.8	9.5	240.8	283.4
Community services	21.0	23.9	43.6	82.8	30.6	690.3	892.2
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	23.1	18.5	24.3	41.2	18.9	221.5	347.6
Looking for work (a)	70.7	63.0	73.3	58.8	10.3	..	276.0
Not in the labour force (a)	148.8	89.2	108.5	72.3	14.0	..	432.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>379.3</i>	<i>294.1</i>	<i>436.5</i>	<i>606.7</i>	<i>306.3</i>	<i>4,616.1</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>

(a) At the end of 1978. (b) Includes 7,200 in mining.

TABLE 15. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

<i>Number of jobs held during the year</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>Aust.</i>
MALES									
One	1,199.9	921.1	497.7	315.5	292.4	102.0	26.9	47.3	3,402.9
Two	168.0	130.7	84.1	50.2	47.7	13.3	5.7	9.5	509.4
Three	34.7	33.7	19.2	8.3	14.3	2.9	2.0	*	117.4
Four	13.9	9.7	10.3	3.8	8.5	*	*	*	47.6
Five or more	22.0	13.1	12.2	5.0	7.1	*	*	*	61.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,438.5</i>	<i>1,108.3</i>	<i>623.5</i>	<i>382.9</i>	<i>370.0</i>	<i>119.5</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
FEMALES									
One	735.7	607.4	304.7	212.0	186.6	60.0	14.1	33.8	2,154.2
Two	88.3	61.2	40.2	25.4	22.7	5.1	*	5.9	250.6
Three	15.4	17.9	6.5	5.4	8.1	*	*	*	56.6
Four or more	11.9	9.6	5.9	*	5.6	*	*	*	38.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>851.3</i>	<i>696.1</i>	<i>357.3</i>	<i>245.8</i>	<i>223.0</i>	<i>67.0</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
PERSONS									
One	1,935.6	1,528.5	802.4	527.6	479.0	162.1	41.0	81.1	5,557.1
Two	256.3	191.9	124.3	75.6	70.4	18.5	7.5	15.5	760.0
Three	50.1	51.6	25.8	13.6	22.4	4.0	3.1	3.4	173.9
Four	22.9	16.8	13.9	5.1	11.2	*	*	*	72.6
Five	7.8	7.0	7.4	*	3.8	*	*	*	29.8
Six or more	17.1	8.7	7.1	4.3	6.2	*	*	*	45.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,289.8</i>	<i>1,804.4</i>	<i>980.8</i>	<i>628.7</i>	<i>593.0</i>	<i>186.4</i>	<i>53.5</i>	<i>102.2</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>

TABLE 16. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR AND AGE (a)

	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MALES</b>									
Total employed ('000)	370.5	548.6	1,103.5	827.6	721.0	297.4	182.8	87.6	4,139.0
Number of jobs held during the year -	-- per cent --								
One	76.2	70.3	77.6	84.4	89.6	92.5	95.5	97.4	82.2
Two	14.4	18.6	15.6	11.4	8.5	5.7	3.7	*	12.3
Three	5.5	5.5	3.2	2.4	1.2	*	*	*	2.8
Four	1.9	3.2	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Five or more	2.0	2.5	2.2	1.3	*	*	*	*	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Total employed ('000)	346.5	446.0	642.6	492.7	373.0	125.4	48.7	24.9	2,499.9
Number of jobs held during the year -	-- per cent --								
One	78.0	78.6	85.3	91.4	92.5	94.0	97.9	98.4	86.2
Two	14.1	15.4	10.7	7.0	5.8	5.9	*	*	10.0
Three	4.8	3.6	2.2	1.4	*	*	*	*	2.3
Four or more	3.1	2.4	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>PERSONS</b>									
Total employed ('000)	717.0	994.6	1,746.2	1,320.3	1,094.0	422.8	231.6	112.5	6,639.0
Number of jobs held during the year -	-- per cent --								
One	77.1	74.0	80.4	87.0	90.6	92.9	96.0	97.6	83.7
Two	14.2	17.2	13.8	9.8	7.6	5.8	3.4	*	11.4
Three	5.1	4.6	2.8	2.0	1.1	*	*	*	2.6
Four	2.3	2.5	1.2	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Five	*	0.9	0.6	*	*	*	*	*	0.4
Six or more	*	0.8	1.1	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) In February 1979.



TABLE 17. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978: NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA ('000)

<i>Birthplace and period of arrival in Australia</i>	<i>Number of jobs held during the year</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 and over</i>	
<b>MALES</b>					
Born in Australia	2,496.0	362.6	84.4	82.3	3,025.3
Born outside Australia	906.9	146.8	33.0	27.0	1,113.7
Main English-speaking countries	373.2	71.9	20.6	17.9	483.6
Other countries	533.6	74.9	12.4	9.2	630.1
Arrived in Australia –					
Before 1961	421.2	48.5	7.6	6.3	483.6
1961 – 1969	274.8	46.0	11.6	10.2	342.7
1970 – 1977	200.0	43.2	10.9	8.5	262.7
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	10.8	9.1	*	*	24.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,402.9</i>	<i>509.4</i>	<i>117.4</i>	<i>109.4</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>					
Born in Australia	1,605.1	187.6	44.1	29.6	1,866.5
Born outside Australia	549.1	63.0	12.4	9.0	633.5
Main English-speaking countries	251.7	36.7	7.2	*	301.5
Other countries	297.4	26.3	*	*	332.0
Arrived in Australia –					
Before 1961	199.9	13.9	*	*	220.1
1961 – 1969	190.5	23.6	*	*	220.9
1970 – 1977	147.0	20.9	*	*	172.9
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	11.7	*	*	*	19.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,154.2</i>	<i>250.6</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>					
Born in Australia	4,101.2	550.2	128.5	112.0	4,891.8
Born outside Australia	1,456.0	209.8	45.4	36.0	1,747.2
Main English-speaking countries	624.9	108.7	27.7	23.8	785.1
Other countries	831.1	101.1	17.7	12.2	962.1
Arrived in Australia					
Before 1961	621.1	62.4	10.5	9.6	703.7
1961 – 1969	465.3	69.6	15.9	12.8	563.6
1970 – 1977	347.0	64.0	14.4	10.1	435.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	22.5	13.7	*	*	44.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,557.1</i>	<i>760.0</i>	<i>173.9</i>	<i>147.9</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>

TABLE 18. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF 1978  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Occupation group	Number of jobs held during the year				Total
	1	2	3	4 and over	
MALES					
Employed (a)	3,174.5	472.9	99.3	77.4	3,824.1
Professional and technical	391.9	56.7	9.0	7.5	465.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	268.6	43.7	6.6	*	322.8
Clerical	256.6	45.0	6.8	*	314.1
Sales	202.2	44.9	12.2	*	264.3
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	291.1	20.9	7.6	10.6	330.2
Transport and communication	247.9	32.4	7.9	7.6	295.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	1,361.5	193.3	41.1	32.6	1,628.5
Service, sport and recreation	154.6	36.1	8.1	*	203.4
Looking for work (a)	113.2	27.4	14.7	22.8	178.3
Not in the labour force (a)	115.2	9.0	*	9.1	136.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,402.9</i>	<i>509.4</i>	<i>117.4</i>	<i>109.4</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
FEMALES					
Employed (a)	1,814.8	222.1	44.2	25.0	2,106.1
Professional and technical	313.1	38.7	6.9	8.2	366.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	38.2	*	*	*	44.6
Clerical	599.3	88.2	15.5	7.8	710.8
Sales	238.9	31.0	7.1	*	281.5
Farmers, etc.	77.0	*	*	*	82.5
Transport and communication	40.4	*	*	*	48.3
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	210.4	19.4	*	*	235.3
Service, sport and recreation	297.4	31.2	*	*	336.3
Looking for work (a)	72.2	12.2	6.4	6.9	97.8
Not in the labour force (a)	267.2	16.2	*	6.7	296.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,154.2</i>	<i>250.6</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
PERSONS					
Employed (a)	4,989.3	695.0	143.5	102.5	5,930.2
Professional and technical	705.1	95.4	15.8	15.7	831.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	306.8	48.2	8.1	*	367.4
Clerical	856.0	133.1	22.3	13.5	1,024.9
Sales	441.1	75.8	19.3	9.5	545.8
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	368.1	25.0	8.9	10.6	412.7
Transport and communication	288.3	37.6	9.9	8.1	344.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b)	1,571.9	212.6	46.5	32.8	1,863.8
Service, sport and recreation	452.0	67.2	12.7	7.8	539.7
Looking for work (a)	185.4	39.7	21.2	29.7	276.0
Not in the labour force (a)	382.4	25.3	9.3	15.8	432.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,557.1</i>	<i>760.0</i>	<i>173.9</i>	<i>147.9</i>	<i>6,639.0</i>

(a) At the end of 1978. (b) Includes miners and quarrymen.

TABLE 19. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1978:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Number of jobs held during the year	Duration of employment (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
One	39.1	89.3	80.1	117.4	144.1	117.1	2,815.7	3,402.9
Two	*	12.6	18.2	41.6	91.2	55.0	289.8	509.4
Three	*	*	8.8	19.2	28.3	10.8	47.8	117.4
Four and over	*	8.4	8.2	26.9	32.3	7.9	25.3	109.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>40.6</i>	<i>112.8</i>	<i>115.3</i>	<i>205.2</i>	<i>295.9</i>	<i>190.8</i>	<i>3,178.5</i>	<i>4,139.0</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
One	50.6	152.9	139.0	178.3	237.3	84.2	1,312.1	2,154.2
Two	*	12.7	24.9	29.8	50.5	26.2	104.3	250.6
Three	*	*	8.7	12.2	13.2	*	15.7	56.6
Four and over	*	*	6.3	11.1	9.8	*	*	38.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>172.6</i>	<i>178.8</i>	<i>231.3</i>	<i>310.8</i>	<i>115.5</i>	<i>1,437.6</i>	<i>2,499.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
One	89.7	242.2	219.1	295.7	381.4	201.3	4,127.8	5,557.1
Two	*	25.3	43.0	71.5	141.6	81.2	394.0	760.0
Three	*	*	17.5	31.4	41.5	14.9	63.4	173.9
Four	*	6.4	7.2	17.7	21.9	*	14.2	72.6
Five and over	*	6.5	7.2	20.3	20.2	*	16.7	75.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>285.5</b>	<b>294.1</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>606.7</b>	<b>306.3</b>	<b>4,616.1</b>	<b>6,639.0</b>

TABLE 20. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
1 and under 2	9.8	6.6	8.4	*	*	*	31.6
2 " " 4	20.9	16.0	25.7	7.7	*	*	76.1
4 " " 8	49.0	29.5	25.4	10.7	9.5	*	128.7
8 " " 13	21.7	24.6	23.6	10.0	7.8	6.5	94.2
13 " " 26	38.1	27.8	22.3	14.0	7.5	*	114.6
26 " " 52	37.2	25.2	25.2	16.7	13.8	8.7	127.0
52	16.6	11.6	9.6	6.1	9.0	15.0	67.8
Total	193.4	141.4	140.2	68.9	54.4	41.6	639.9
-- per cent --							
Proportion of the labour force (a)	45.0	24.9	12.6	8.2	7.4	7.1	15.0
FEMALES							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
1 and under 2	10.4	6.6	10.6	6.9	*	*	37.5
2 " " 4	18.5	12.4	10.4	6.7	*	*	50.6
4 " " 8	40.2	21.9	13.7	10.2	*	*	90.6
8 " " 13	22.6	14.7	17.7	7.1	*	*	66.5
13 " " 26	36.6	19.0	13.6	10.1	*	*	85.3
26 " " 52	34.9	24.7	17.6	7.1	6.1	*	91.2
52	15.3	13.3	12.6	12.1	*	*	60.7
Total	178.5	112.5	96.4	60.1	27.5	7.4	482.4
-- per cent --							
Proportion of the labour force (a)	43.7	23.8	14.3	11.6	7.1	3.6	18.1
PERSONS							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
1 and under 2	20.2	13.2	19.1	10.5	*	*	69.1
2 " " 4	39.4	28.4	36.1	14.4	6.3	*	126.7
4 " " 8	89.2	51.5	39.2	21.0	13.3	*	219.3
8 " " 13	44.4	39.3	41.3	17.0	11.1	7.6	160.7
13 " " 26	74.8	46.8	35.9	24.1	12.0	6.3	199.9
26 " " 52	72.1	49.9	42.8	23.8	19.9	9.6	218.2
52	31.9	24.9	22.2	18.2	14.3	17.1	128.4
Total	371.9	253.9	236.6	129.0	81.9	49.0	1,122.3
-- per cent --							
Proportion of the labour force (a)	44.4	24.4	13.2	9.5	7.3	6.2	16.2

(a) Proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978 who looked for work at some time during the year.

TABLE 21. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY MARITAL STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR ('000)

<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks)</i>	Married			Not married (a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 2	12.8	21.3	34.2	18.8	16.2	35.0
2 " " 4	36.0	23.2	59.2	40.0	27.4	67.5
4 " " 8	46.9	29.2	76.1	81.8	61.4	143.1
8 " " 13	40.6	32.8	73.5	53.6	33.6	87.3
13 " " 26	40.5	31.2	71.6	74.2	54.2	128.3
26 " " 52	44.0	37.3	81.3	83.0	53.9	136.9
52	25.2	28.6	53.8	42.6	32.0	74.6
Total	246.0	203.7	449.7	394.0	278.7	672.7

(a) Never married, widowed and divorced.

NOTE. For totals for males, females and persons, see Table 20.

TABLE 22. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	N.S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N. T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER OF PERSONS ('000)									
Time spent looking for work (weeks) —									
1 and under 2	25.2	18.9	8.1	6.3	7.7	*	*		69.1
2 " " 3	26.5	21.0	11.8	5.4	6.5	} 2.2 {	} * {	} 2.8 {	74.4
3 " " 4	17.3	14.0	8.7	4.0	5.6				52.3
4 " " 5	41.7	30.5	14.7	10.5	10.4	} 2.9 {	} 2.4 {	} 3.1 {	112.9
5 " " 6	8.1	7.9	*	*	4.9				28.1
6 " " 8	25.7	19.8	13.1	7.8	8.4	2.1		*	78.3
8 " " 13	45.4	37.9	30.6	17.9	18.8	4.7	} 2.7 {	} 3.6 {	160.7
13 " " 26	55.7	52.9	40.2	22.8	17.5	6.0			199.9
26 " " 52	71.1	55.4	39.6	20.5	20.2	4.1	} 2.5 {	} 5.6 {	218.2
52	58.7	22.2	16.2	14.3	10.7	2.8			128.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>280.4</b>	<b>187.8</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>1,122.3</b>
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE (per cent) (a)									
<b>Males</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Persons</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>16.2</b>

(a) Proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978, who looked for work at some time during the year.

TABLE 23. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY BIRTHPLACE, PERIOD OF ARRIVAL AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

Birthplace and period of arrival	Time spent looking for work (weeks)						Total	
	1 and under 4 ('000)	4 and under 8 ('000)	8 and under 13 ('000)	13 and under 26 ('000)	26 and under 52 ('000)	52 ('000)	Number ('000)	Proportion of the labour force (a) (per cent)
<b>MALES</b>								
Born in Australia	73.2	96.9	63.9	85.1	95.1	47.8	461.9	14.8
Born outside Australia	34.5	31.8	30.4	29.5	31.9	20.0	178.1	15.6
Main English-speaking countries	20.1	11.9	16.0	16.4	14.3	7.6	86.4	17.5
Other countries	14.4	19.9	14.4	13.1	17.6	12.4	91.6	14.1
Arrived in Australia								
Before 1961	*	8.6	9.4	7.9	9.0	9.5	49.4	10.0
1961 — 1969	12.2	10.4	10.6	10.3	11.3	*	59.7	17.0
1970 — 1977	13.5	10.0	8.0	9.8	10.6	*	56.2	20.8
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.8	46.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>114.6</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>639.9</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Born in Australia	58.5	67.3	51.6	64.1	70.6	41.0	353.0	17.8
Born outside Australia	29.7	23.3	14.9	21.2	20.6	19.7	129.4	19.1
Main English-speaking countries	16.2	12.2	7.9	12.7	10.8	7.2	67.0	21.0
Other countries	13.5	11.1	6.9	8.5	9.9	12.5	62.5	17.4
Arrived in Australia								
Before 1961	*	7.2	*	*	*	7.3	28.3	12.3
1961 — 1969	8.7	9.4	*	10.1	7.5	6.4	47.4	20.0
1970 — 1977	10.6	*	*	6.6	8.9	*	42.3	22.7
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	6.2	*	*	*	*	*	11.4	52.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>482.4</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Born in Australia	131.7	164.1	115.5	149.3	165.6	88.7	814.9	16.0
Born outside Australia	64.2	55.1	45.2	50.7	52.6	39.7	307.5	16.9
Main English-speaking countries	36.3	24.1	23.9	29.1	25.1	14.8	153.4	18.9
Other countries	27.8	31.0	21.3	21.6	27.4	24.9	154.1	15.3
Arrived in Australia								
Before 1961	9.2	15.8	12.3	11.3	12.2	16.8	77.7	10.7
1961 — 1969	20.8	19.8	15.9	20.4	18.8	11.3	107.1	18.2
1970 — 1977	24.1	14.9	13.7	16.4	19.5	9.9	98.5	21.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	10.0	*	*	*	*	*	24.2	49.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>160.7</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>218.2</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>1,122.3</b>	<b>16.2</b>

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during 1978 as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978 in the same group.

TABLE 24. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY  
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEAR  
(000)

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Duration of employment (weeks)						Total
	0	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	
<b>MALES</b>							
1 and under 2	*	*	*	*	6.1	13.0	31.6
2 " " 3	} 7.9	6.6	{ *	{ *	*	27.3	42.8
3 " " 4					*	6.7	16.8
4 " " 8	25.5	7.8	} 9.6	{ 8.6	81.2	..	128.7
8 " " 13	6.5	*			9.6	70.1	..
13 " " 26	9.5	7.1	8.0	77.0	13.1	..	114.6
26 " " 52	*	43.1	53.5	25.0	..	..	127.0
52	67.8	..	..	..	..	..	67.8
<i>Total</i>	126.6	73.2	74.4	127.0	181.5	57.2	639.9
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1 and under 2	12.6	7.4	} 6.1	{ *	7.2	} 10.0	{ 37.5
2 " " 3	10.2	*			6.0		
3 " " 4	*	*	} 7.0	{ 9.5	*	*	19.1
4 " " 8	34.8	8.1			9.5	33.6	..
8 " " 13	12.4	6.0	6.5	10.6	31.1	..	66.5
13 " " 26	11.5	*	7.4	51.7	8.9	..	85.3
26 " " 52	14.9	27.4	38.0	10.6	..	..	91.2
52	60.7	..	..	..	..	..	60.7
<i>Total</i>	159.9	59.3	64.9	90.4	91.9	15.9	482.4
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1 and under 2	16.6	12.1	} 8.8	{ *	13.2	18.3	69.1
2 " " 3	13.3	6.3			6.2	11.6	32.1
3 " " 4	7.7	*	*	*	10.6	22.4	52.3
4 " " 5	32.9	8.5	7.3	8.4	55.8	..	112.9
5 " " 6	7.8	} 7.5	{ *	*	15.6	..	28.1
6 " " 8	19.6			*	8.3	43.5	..
8 " " 13	18.9	9.9	10.5	20.2	101.2	..	160.7
13 " " 26	21.0	12.9	15.3	128.7	21.9	..	199.9
26 " " 52	20.3	70.5	91.5	35.5	..	..	218.2
52	128.4	..	..	..	..	..	128.4
<i>Total</i>	286.5	132.5	139.4	217.5	273.3	73.1	1,122.3

TABLE 25. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY TIME SPENT  
LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR: CAPITAL CITIES (a) AND OTHER AREAS

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Capital cities (a)			Other areas		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)						
1 and under 2	22.8	26.2	48.9	8.9	11.3	20.2
2 " " 3	29.6	24.5	54.1	13.2	7.1	20.3
3 " " 4	21.6	13.0	34.5	11.7	6.1	17.8
4 " " 5	40.9	36.5	77.4	22.6	12.8	35.4
5 " " 6	10.5	6.8	17.3	7.1	*	10.8
6 " " 8	31.8	20.0	51.8	15.8	10.8	26.5
8 " " 13	62.5	44.1	106.6	31.7	22.4	54.1
13 " " 26	68.4	51.7	120.1	46.2	33.6	79.8
26 " " 52	83.0	56.6	139.6	44.0	34.6	78.6
52	44.8	36.1	80.9	23.0	24.6	47.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>415.8</b>	<b>315.4</b>	<b>731.2</b>	<b>224.1</b>	<b>167.0</b>	<b>391.2</b>
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (Per cent)						
1 and under 2	5.5	8.3	6.7	4.0	6.8	5.2
2 " " 3	7.1	7.8	7.4	5.9	4.2	5.2
3 " " 4	5.2	4.1	4.7	5.2	3.6	4.6
4 " " 5	9.8	11.6	10.6	10.1	7.7	9.1
5 " " 6	2.5	2.1	2.4	3.2	*	2.8
6 " " 8	7.6	6.3	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.8
8 " " 13	15.0	14.0	14.6	14.1	13.4	13.8
13 " " 26	16.5	16.4	16.4	20.6	20.1	20.4
26 " " 52	20.0	17.9	19.1	19.6	20.7	20.1
52	10.8	11.4	11.1	10.3	14.7	12.2
<b>Total</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) The figures relate to persons residing within the boundaries of the relevant Statistical Divisions at the time of the survey.

TABLE 26. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY  
NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Number of periods of looking for work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
One	173.4	127.5	85.8	51.7	46.8	13.6	3.9	9.5	512.2
Two	17.8	17.5	17.1	7.9	8.5	*	*	*	72.7
Three	7.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	24.1
Four and over	11.5	*	7.7	*	4.4	*	*	*	30.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>156.4</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>639.9</b>
FEMALES									
One	141.2	106.4	61.4	40.6	39.7	9.0	3.1	8.2	409.5
Two	17.1	13.4	8.5	4.1	5.5	*	*	*	52.5
Three and over	7.0	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	*	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>165.3</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>482.4</b>
PERSONS									
One	314.6	233.9	147.2	92.2	86.5	22.6	6.9	17.7	921.7
Two	34.9	30.9	25.5	12.1	14.0	2.9	*	3.7	125.2
Three	11.0	8.2	6.2	*	4.6	*	*	*	33.4
Four and over	15.0	7.4	8.8	3.6	5.6	*	*	*	42.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>280.4</b>	<b>187.8</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>1,122.3</b>

TABLE 27. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL

Birthplace and period of arrival	Number ('000)				Proportion of the labour force (a) (per cent)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
<b>ONE PERIOD OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>								
Born in Australia	365.8	108.4	292.9	658.8	11.7	9.0	14.8	12.9
Born outside Australia	146.3	69.2	116.6	262.9	12.8	13.6	17.2	14.4
Main English-speaking countries	67.0	32.8	60.2	127.2	13.6	14.6	18.9	15.7
Other countries	79.3	36.4	56.3	135.7	12.2	12.7	15.7	13.5
Arrived in Australia —								
Before 1961	39.0	18.6	25.9	64.8	7.9	9.8	11.2	8.9
1961 — 1969	48.5	19.3	42.3	90.8	13.8	11.4	17.8	15.4
1970 — 1977	47.3	25.4	37.9	85.2	17.5	18.6	20.3	18.7
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	11.6	*	10.5	22.1	42.4	*	48.6	45.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>512.2</i>	<i>177.5</i>	<i>409.5</i>	<i>921.7</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>13.3</i>
<b>TWO OR MORE PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>								
Born in Australia	96.0	20.1	60.0	156.1	3.1	1.7	3.0	3.1
Born outside Australia	31.7	6.0	12.8	44.6	2.8	1.2	1.9	2.4
Main English-speaking countries	19.4	*	6.7	26.1	3.9	*	2.1	3.2
Other countries	12.3	*	6.1	18.4	1.9	*	1.7	1.8
Arrived in Australia —								
Before 1961	10.4	*	*	12.9	2.1	*	*	1.8
1961 — 1969	11.2	*	*	16.3	3.2	*	*	2.8
1970 — 1977	8.9	*	*	13.3	3.3	*	*	2.9
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>127.8</i>	<i>26.1</i>	<i>72.9</i>	<i>200.6</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.9</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Born in Australia	461.9	128.5	353.0	814.9	14.8	10.7	17.8	16.0
Born outside Australia	178.1	75.2	129.4	307.5	15.6	14.8	19.1	16.9
Main English-speaking countries	86.4	35.0	67.0	153.4	17.5	15.6	21.0	18.9
Other countries	91.6	40.2	62.5	154.1	14.1	14.1	17.4	15.3
Arrived in Australia —								
Before 1961	49.4	20.2	28.3	77.7	10.0	10.7	12.3	10.7
1961 — 1969	59.7	20.9	47.4	107.1	17.0	12.3	20.0	18.2
1970 — 1977	56.2	27.7	42.3	98.5	20.8	20.2	22.7	21.6
Jan. 1978 to Feb. 1979	12.8	6.4	11.4	24.2	46.8	45.4	52.4	49.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>639.9</i>	<i>203.7</i>	<i>482.4</i>	<i>1,122.3</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>16.2</i>

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during 1978 as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978 in the same group.



TABLE 28. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY AGE (a)  
 MARITAL STATUS AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK  
 ('000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Age group (years)						Married	Not married (b)	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	158.6	109.1	111.6	53.4	44.8	34.7	198.6	313.6	512.2
Two	22.4	17.8	16.5	9.0	*	*	24.8	47.9	72.7
Three	8.0	7.3	6.6	6.6	*	*	7.8	16.4	24.1
Four and over	*	7.3	6.6	8.7	*	*	14.8	16.1	30.9
Total	193.4	141.4	140.2	68.9	54.4	41.6	246.0	394.0	639.9
FEMALES									
One	148.1	92.7	85.3	53.3	24.0	6.2	177.5	232.0	409.5
Two	24.0	13.5	7.7	*	*	*	17.3	35.2	52.5
Three and over	6.5	6.3	6.3	*	*	*	8.9	11.5	20.4
Total	178.5	112.5	96.4	60.1	27.5	7.4	203.7	278.7	482.4
PERSONS									
One	306.7	201.8	196.9	106.6	68.8	40.9	376.1	545.6	921.7
Two	46.4	31.2	24.2	13.0	7.5	*	42.1	83.1	125.2
Three	11.2	10.4	7.2	*	*	*	11.4	22.1	33.4
Four and over	7.7	10.4	8.4	7.4	*	*	20.1	22.0	42.0
Total	371.9	253.9	236.6	129.0	81.9	49.0	449.7	672.7	1,122.3

(a) In February 1979. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 29. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY NUMBER OF  
 PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR  
 ('000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Time spent looking for work (weeks)								Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52	
MALES									
One	31.6	39.4	29.6	113.5	74.6	73.3	82.4	67.8	512.2
Two	..	*	*	9.9	9.4	22.5	25.0	..	72.7
Three	..	..	*	*	*	7.6	8.1	..	24.1
Four and over	..	..	..	*	*	11.2	11.5	..	30.9
Total	31.6	42.8	33.3	128.7	94.2	114.6	127.0	67.8	639.9
FEMALES									
One	37.5	28.2	17.0	81.9	54.2	68.0	62.1	60.7	409.5
Two	..	*	*	6.2	8.9	10.6	21.8	..	52.5
Three and over	..	..	*	*	*	6.7	7.4	..	20.4
Total	37.5	31.6	19.1	90.6	66.5	85.3	91.2	60.7	482.4
PERSONS									
One	69.1	67.7	46.5	195.4	128.8	141.3	144.4	128.4	921.7
Two	..	6.7	*	16.1	18.3	33.1	46.8	..	125.2
Three	..	..	*	*	7.1	11.0	11.1	..	33.4
Four and over	..	..	..	*	6.6	14.5	15.9	..	42.0
Total	69.1	74.4	52.3	219.3	160.7	199.9	218.2	128.4	1,122.3

TABLE 30. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978, BY AGE (a)  
NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING  
FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>ONE PERIOD OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
1 and under 2	20.2	13.2	19.1	10.5	*	*	69.1
2 " " 4	35.5	25.0	33.1	12.3	6.2	*	114.2
4 " " 8	83.2	43.3	34.7	19.1	10.2	*	195.4
8 " " 13	35.4	30.1	33.8	13.8	9.7	6.0	128.8
13 " " 26	55.2	31.4	23.4	18.0	9.1	*	141.3
26 " " 52	45.4	33.9	30.6	14.7	14.3	*	144.4
52	31.9	24.9	22.2	18.2	14.3	17.1	128.4
<i>Total</i>	306.7	201.8	196.9	106.6	68.8	40.9	921.7
-- weeks --							
Average duration	17	18	16	19	23	31	18
<b>TWO PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
2 and under 4	*	*	*	} 7.3 {	*	*	10.9
4 " " 13	10.8	10.2	8.1		*	*	34.4
13 " " 26	13.7	7.8	6.0	} 7.4 {	*	*	33.1
26 and over	17.9	10.6	7.5		*	*	46.8
<i>Total</i>	46.4	31.2	24.2	13.0	7.5	*	125.2
-- weeks --							
Average duration	21	20	18	23	24	*	21
<b>THREE OR MORE PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 " " 13	} 10.1 {	7.0	*	*	*	*	21.4
13 " " 26		7.6	6.6	} 6.4 {	*	*	25.5
26 and over	8.8	*	*		*	*	27.0
<i>Total</i>	18.9	20.9	15.5	9.4	*	*	75.5
-- weeks --							
Average duration	24	18	10	21	*	*	21
<b>TOTAL</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks) -</i>	-- '000 --						
1 and under 2	20.2	13.2	19.1	10.5	*	*	69.1
2 " " 4	39.4	28.4	36.1	14.4	6.3	*	126.7
4 " " 8	89.2	51.5	39.2	21.0	13.3	*	219.3
8 " " 13	44.4	39.3	41.3	17.0	11.1	7.6	160.7
13 " " 26	74.8	46.8	35.9	24.1	12.0	6.3	199.9
26 " " 52	72.1	49.9	42.8	23.8	19.9	9.6	218.2
52	31.9	24.9	22.2	18.2	14.3	17.1	128.4
<i>Total</i>	371.9	253.9	236.6	129.0	81.9	49.0	1,122.3
-- weeks --							
Average duration	18	18	17	20	22	30	19

(a) In February 1979.

TABLE 31. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF 1978, BY LENGTH OF TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND MAJOR ACTIVITY ('000)

Major activity during 1978 when out of the labour force	Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
Attended an educational institution	*	14.3	20.8	33.8	85.9	32.4	233.4	424.6
Ill or injured	26.8	28.5	21.2	8.9	8.5	*	37.8	132.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	72.2	85.0	52.1	32.1	20.4	*	566.8	830.9
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	40.4	42.2
On strike	49.0	20.4	*	*	*	*	*	71.0
Other	11.0	9.8	9.0		*	*	*	34.1
<i>Total (a)</i>	<i>163.3</i>	<i>159.2</i>	<i>100.7</i>	<i>81.4</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>889.3</i>	<i>1,546.6</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Kept house	27.2	118.5	95.8	129.6	127.7	33.2	2,119.9	2,651.8
Attended an educational institution	*	19.2	14.8	31.9	67.9	31.0	228.6	397.1
Ill or injured	19.8	19.8	9.2	*	*	*	13.5	67.8
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	63.3	87.2	25.8	16.6	10.9	*	220.0	424.9
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	23.3	23.3
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>125.0</i>	<i>253.1</i>	<i>150.2</i>	<i>184.0</i>	<i>209.0</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>2,608.1</i>	<i>3,595.5</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Kept house	27.4	119.8	96.0	130.4	128.8	33.2	2,127.7	2,663.2
Attended an educational institution	7.7	33.5	35.6	65.7	153.8	63.4	462.0	821.7
Ill or injured	46.6	48.3	30.5	12.6	9.7	*	51.3	200.2
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	135.5	172.2	77.9	48.7	31.3	*	786.8	1,255.8
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	63.7	65.5
On strike	54.8	21.7	*	*	*	*	*	78.5
Other	16.4	16.9	8.7	7.2	*	*	*	57.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>288.3</b>	<b>412.3</b>	<b>250.9</b>	<b>265.4</b>	<b>325.7</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>3,497.4</b>	<b>5,142.0</b>

(a) Includes males who were keeping house. (b) Includes on strike and other reasons.

TABLE 32. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF 1978,  
BY AGE (a) AND LENGTH OF TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)	Age group (years)								Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over			
<b>MALES</b>											
1 and under 4	17.9	30.6	53.4	25.9	21.0	9.6	} 9.3	6.4	{	163.3	
4 " " 13	23.2	33.0	44.9	20.2	20.5	6.7				159.2	
13 " " 26	19.3	18.5	14.5	11.0	14.6	8.0	8.3	6.5		100.7	
26 " " 39	21.2	15.0	15.8	6.0	*	} 7.1	{	7.0	7.2	81.4	
39 " " 49	62.0	22.7	7.0	*	*					*	9.6
49 " " 52	27.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	36.0	
52	209.6	28.9	15.6	22.3	42.4	41.0	87.5	442.0		889.3	
Total	380.2	153.5	152.5	90.8	106.4	72.6	117.1	473.4		1,546.6	
<b>MARRIED WOMEN</b>											
1 and under 4	*	12.0	26.4	23.7	12.7	*	*	*		81.7	
4 " " 13	*	18.2	58.7	54.3	35.9	9.4	} 6.1	{	*	182.2	
13 " " 26	*	13.0	48.7	27.6	12.9	*				112.8	
26 " " 39	} 6.0	{	19.0	53.1	25.4	18.4	7.0	} 6.5	{	*	132.3
39 " " 49			19.8	49.8	29.2	14.7	} 6.2				{
49 " " 52	*	*	11.8	10.2	*	*		*	*		
52	9.6	94.1	419.1	277.9	315.8	182.5	178.0	267.1		1,744.1	
Total	21.5	179.8	667.6	448.3	414.4	213.0	192.1	272.1		2,408.5	
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>											
1 and under 4	20.3	22.9	32.3	28.7	14.1	*	*	*		125.0	
4 " " 13	32.7	37.7	69.0	58.4	39.5	10.7	} 7.1	{	6.2	253.1	
13 " " 26	17.3	21.2	56.8	29.0	15.1	*				150.2	
26 " " 39	32.0	28.5	57.6	27.3	21.9	8.0	6.6			184.0	
39 " " 49	63.1	32.2	52.8	32.5	17.4	} 7.0	{	*	*	209.0	
49 " " 52	26.3	8.7	13.1	10.2	*					*	66.0
52	212.6	124.3	454.2	306.5	355.7	223.0	251.0	680.8		2,608.1	
Total	404.3	275.4	735.8	492.6	467.9	257.3	270.3	691.9		3,595.5	
<b>PERSONS</b>											
1 and under 4	38.1	53.4	85.7	54.6	35.1	13.7	*	*		288.3	
4 " " 13	55.9	70.7	114.0	78.5	60.0	17.4	8.5	7.4		412.3	
13 " " 26	36.6	39.7	71.3	39.9	29.8	12.7	12.6	8.3		250.9	
26 " " 39	53.1	43.4	73.4	33.3	26.4	12.8	13.6	9.3		265.4	
39 " " 49	125.1	54.9	59.8	38.0	20.3	7.7	7.7	12.1		325.7	
49 " " 52	53.4	13.6	14.4	10.2	*	*	*	*		102.0	
52	422.2	153.2	469.8	328.9	398.0	264.0	338.4	1,122.8		3,497.4	
Total	784.4	429.0	888.3	583.4	574.3	330.0	387.4	1,165.3		5,142.0	

(a) In February 1979.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

**Estimation procedure**

The estimates are derived from the 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 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. 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 publication. A table of *standard errors* for general application 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 surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows: the estimated number of males out of the labour force for the whole of 1978 is 889,300 (Table 1.) From the table below it will be seen that the estimate has a standard error of about 12,200 and 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 within the range 877,100 to 901,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it will fall within the range 864,900 to 913,700.

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 numerator 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 publication, estimates less than the lowest 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	Australia								Per cent of estimate	
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.		
	— number —									
1,700						425				
2,000						450	500			
2,500						500	550	600		
3,000					750	550	600	650		
3,500				850	800	550	650	650		
4,000				900	850	600	650	700		
4,500				950	900	600	700	750		
5,000			1,250	1,000	950	650	700	750		
6,000			1,350	1,050	1,050	700	750	800	1,550	25.8
7,000	1,700	1,750	1,450	1,150	1,100	750	800	850	1,650	23.6
10,000	2,000	2,050	1,700	1,300	1,300	850	950	1,000	1,950	19.5
20,000	2,700	2,700	2,250	1,750	1,700	1,050	1,250	1,250	2,700	13.5
50,000	3,950	3,900	3,250	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,800	1,750	4,050	8.1
100,000	5,200	5,050	4,200	3,050	3,050	1,900	2,400	2,200	5,400	5.4
200,000	6,750	6,400	5,350	3,800	3,800	2,350		2,750	7,150	3.6
300,000	7,800	7,300	6,100	4,250	4,300				8,350	2.8
500,000	9,300	8,500	7,150	4,900	4,950				10,050	2.0
1,000,000	11,750	10,400	8,800						12,800	1.3
2,000,000	14,600	12,500							16,100	0.8
5,000,000	19,150	15,500							21,300	0.4

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





