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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In association with the February 1982 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons aged fifteen years and over were asked about their labour force experience during the period February 1981 to February 1982. Information sought included the number of weeks they were employed, looking for work or not in the labour force, the number of spells during which they were looking for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 8 February, 1982, specially trained interviewers asked the questions of a sub-sample of 50,000 of the 69,000 respondents in the February labour force survey.

3. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was issued on 20 December 1982 (6205.0). Similar surveys were conducted in a number of earlier years, the first relating to 1968. Results were published in *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0). However, see paragraph 13 regarding the change in February 1981 to the reference period for the survey.

Scope

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

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia;
- (d) students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria, inmates of jails, reformatories, etc.

5. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1982. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period are covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

Definitions

6. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to an extended period which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. For this survey, each person was assigned to a labour force category for each week during the period February 1981 to February 1982 on the basis of his *reported activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week. Thus, estimates in this publication differ from estimates published in *The Labour Force, Australia, February 1982* (6203.0) because of differences in definitions applied in the two surveys.

7. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during any week, are employed or looking for work as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9.

8. *Employed persons*. Persons are classified as employed for those weeks they report having either worked or being on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are excluded.

9. Persons are classified as *looking for work* for those weeks they report as being out of work and looking for a job.

10. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during any week, are neither employed nor looking for work, as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9.

11. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* is defined as:

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

12. *Locality*. In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.

Discontinuity in the series

13. The estimates in this publication are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous surveys. The reference period for the February 1980 and prior surveys was the previous calendar year (e.g. 1 January to 31 December 1979). The reference period for the February 1981 and 1982 surveys was from the beginning of the previous February to the end of the week prior to interview. As interviews were conducted over the second and third week of February, the reference period could extend to 54 weeks. For the February 1983 survey the reference period is the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. Due to the change in the reference period timing, some estimates, particularly those for groups who enter the labour force during the earlier months of the year (e.g. 15 to 19 year olds) will also be affected from February 1981 survey onwards.

14. In the February 1982 survey, persons who answered they had been in their current job for a year or longer but who also reported having actually worked for less than the whole period were not counted as out of the labour force for the remainder of the period. In all other years these persons were counted as out of the labour force for that time. In consequence, the February 1982 estimate of persons out of the labour force during all or part of the period is 512,300 persons (249,100 males and 263,200 females) less than the figures which would have been obtained with the procedures used in other years.

Reliability of the estimates

15. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

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

Related publications

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

- The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1982 (6220.0)
Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1981 (6222.0)
Labour Mobility, Australia, February 1982 (6209.0).

17. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 15 above.
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available.

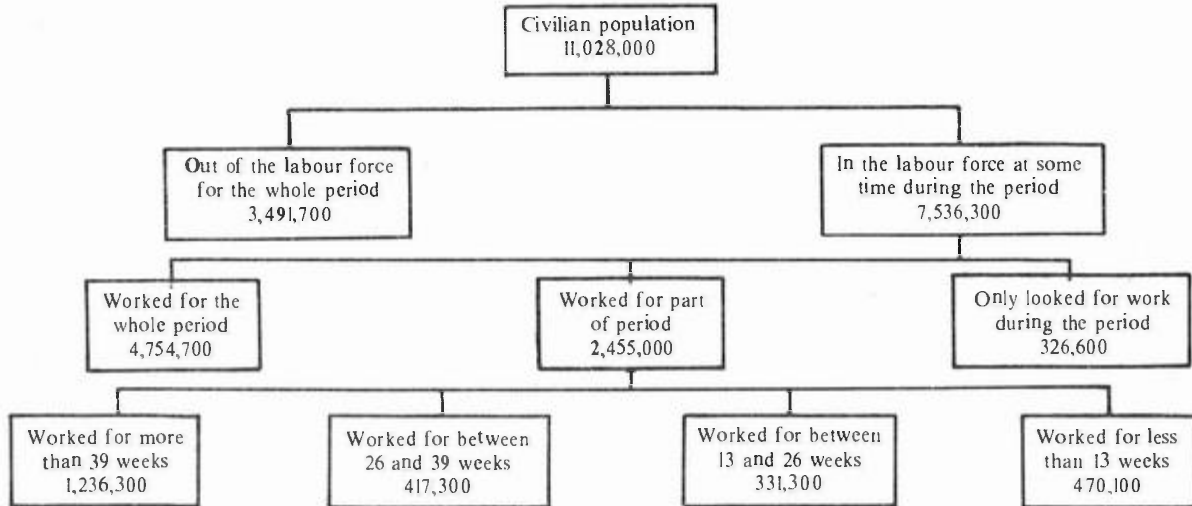
18. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Summary of Labour Force Experience of the Population

Of the 11,028,000 civilians aged fifteen years and over at February 1982, 7,536,300 had been in the labour force at some time during the previous twelve months (see Diagram 1). 4,754,700 (63.1 per cent) had worked for the whole period, 326,600 (4.3 per cent) had not worked at all (i.e. they had looked for work at some time during the period but had not been employed) and 2,455,000 (32.3 per cent) had only worked for part of the period. Two thirds of those who had worked for part of the period had worked for more than six months. One half had worked for more than nine months.

**DIAGRAM 1. LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE PERIOD
FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982
(Source of Data: Table 1)**

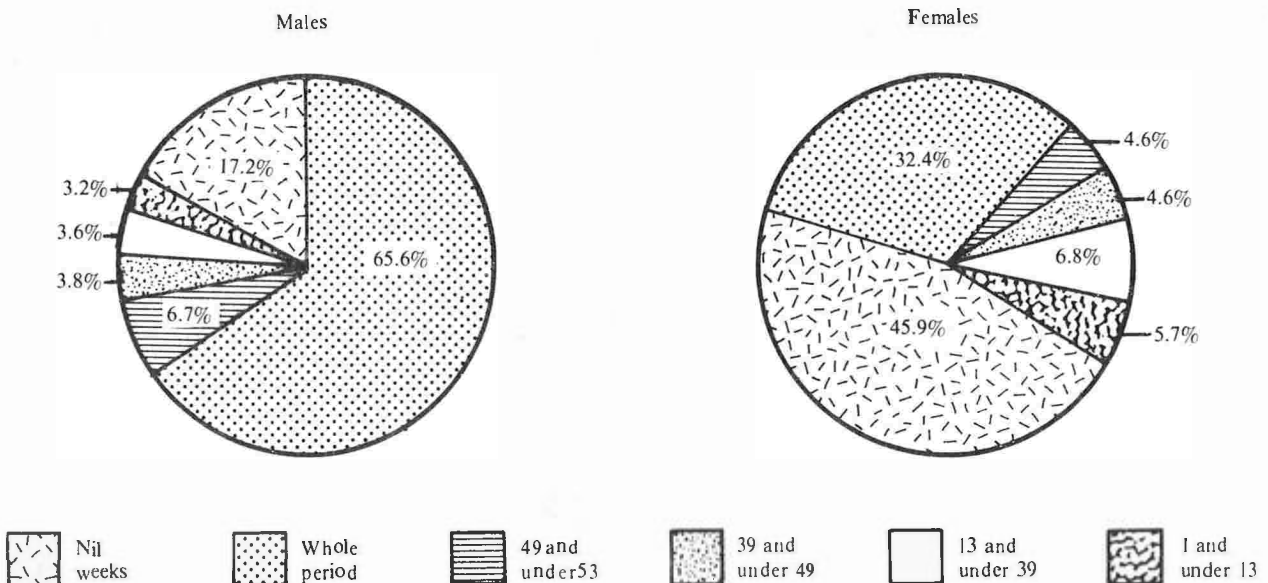


Participation in the Labour Force

Diagram 2 illustrates the patterns of labour force participation over the period February 1981 to February 1982. Females exhibit a greater tendency to move into and out of the labour force than males. For males, 82.8 per cent had participated in the labour force at some time during the period, including the 78.8 per cent who were in the labour force at February 1982. For females, 54.1 per cent had participated in the labour force at some time during the period, including the 44.9 per cent who were in the labour force at February 1982.

Of the males with labour force experience during the period only one in five had not participated for the whole period. About two in five of females with labour force experience had participated for only part of the period.

**DIAGRAM 2. TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD
FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982
(Source of Data: Table 4)**

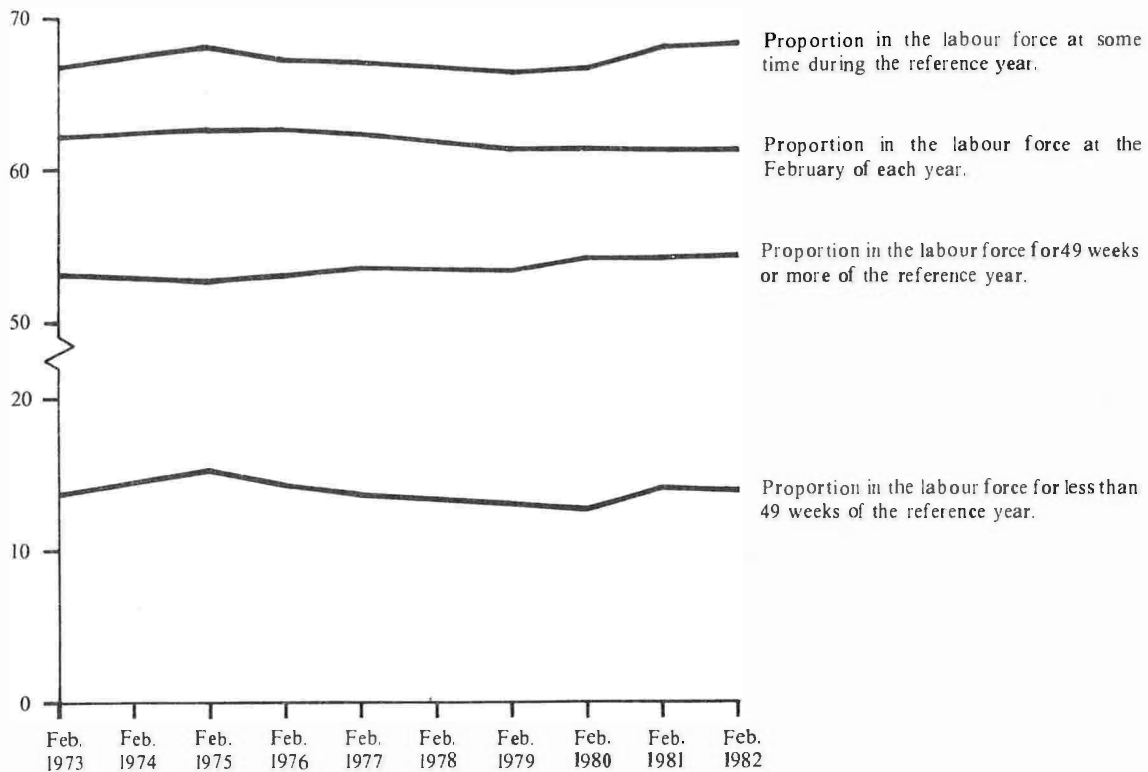


Labour Force participation, February 1973 to February 1982

Participation rates have remained relatively steady over the last ten years registering a small decline from 62 per cent in February 1973 to 61 per cent in February 1982. Over the same period the proportion of the population who have participated at some time during the year has also remained fairly steady increasing slightly from 67 per cent to 68 per cent. The proportion of the population in the labour force for the majority of the year (49 weeks or more) was 53 per cent in February 1973 and 54 per cent in February 1982. Over the same period the proportion of those participating for part of the year remained steady at 14 per cent.

DIAGRAM 3. PROPORTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN THE LABOUR FORCE

(Source of Data: Previous issues of publications 6203.0 and 6206.0)



Unemployment over the twelve month period

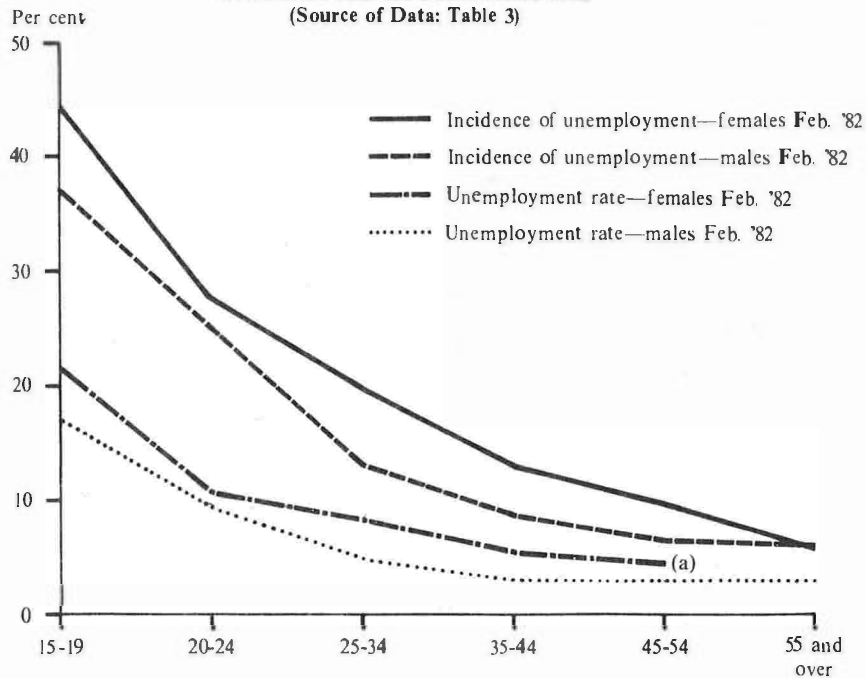
The main measure of unemployment is the *unemployment rate* which indicates the proportion of the labour force who are unemployed at a particular point of time. Also of importance is the *measure* of the incidence of unemployment experienced by individuals in various groups over a given period of time. In this survey, this incidence may be measured as the proportion of those in the labour force at some time during the period February 1981 to February 1982 who had looked for work at some time during that period.

Diagram 4 compares unemployment rates with the incidence of unemployment for males and females of different age groups. At February 1982, 7.0 per cent of the labour force as a whole were unemployed while 17.1 per cent had experienced unemployment at some time during the previous twelve months. Young people were not only subject to higher level of unemployment than older persons but also faced a higher incidence of unemployment. In February 1982, the unemployment rate for 15 to 19 year olds was 17.0 per cent for males and 21.5 per cent for females, while over the twelve month period 37.2 per cent of males and 44.2 per cent of females participating in the labour force had experienced unemployment. In contrast, the unemployment rate for 45 to 54 year olds was 3.4 per cent, and 7.5 per cent had experienced unemployment.

These results indicate the effects of different durations of unemployment amongst different age groups. Large numbers of young persons are unemployed at any one time, but their unemployment tends to be of short duration resulting in a large number of episodes of unemployment over a twelve month period affecting many people. In contrast, few older persons are unemployed, but they tend to suffer long periods out of work.

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982 AND PERSONS UNEMPLOYED AT FEBRUARY 1982

(Source of Data: Table 3)



(a) The estimated number of females aged 55 years and over who were unemployed is too small to permit calculation of an unemployment rate.

Activity of persons out of the labour force

Diagram 5 illustrates the major activity of persons out of the labour force. Of the 3,756,700 females who were out of the labour force at some time during the twelve months February 1981 to February 1982, 2,644,900 (70.4 per cent) kept house while they were out of the labour force. 380,100 (10.1 per cent) were studying and 331,700 (8.8 per cent) had retired. In contrast half of the 1,877,200 males out of the labour force at some time during the twelve months were retirees (947,400 or 50.5 per cent). A further 385,100 (20.5 per cent) were studying.

DIAGRAM 5. ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE
(Source of Data: Table 21)

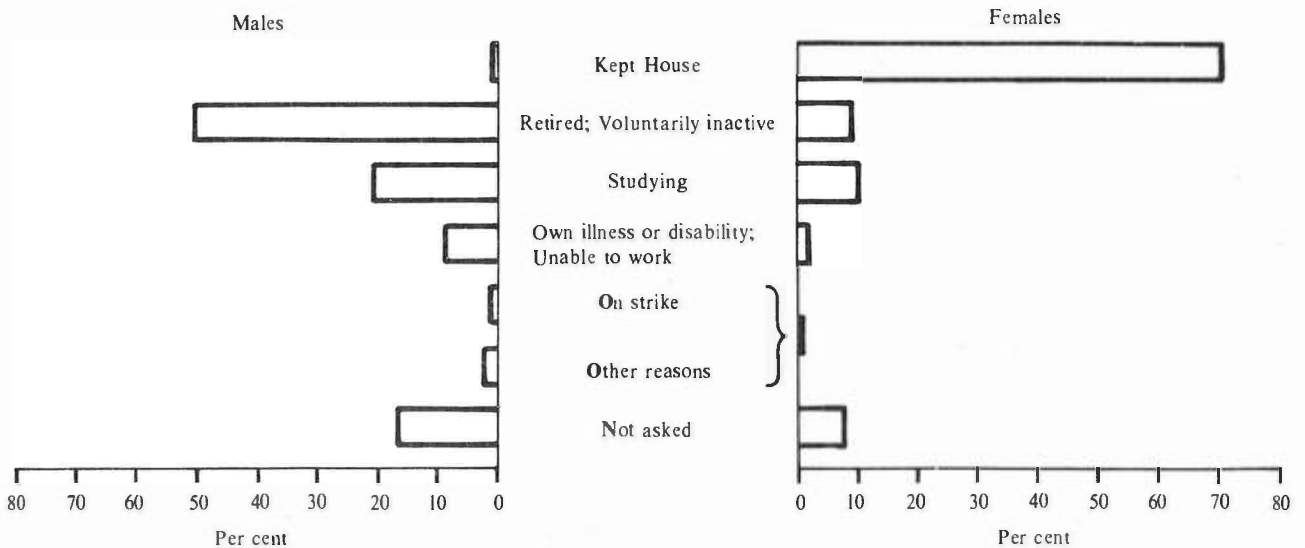


TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a), FEBRUARY 1982: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982 ('000)

| <i>Employment status</i> | <i>Married males</i> | <i>All males</i> | <i>Married females</i> | <i>All females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
|---|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Civilian population | 3,551.1 | 5,462.8 | 3,525.8 | 5,565.2 | 11,028.0 |
| <i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i> | <i>2,964.3</i> | <i>4,523.5</i> | <i>1,826.6</i> | <i>3,012.8</i> | <i>7,536.3</i> |
| For 1 and under 4 weeks | 6.7 | 41.7 | 64.0 | 101.2 | 142.9 |
| 4 and under 13 weeks | 21.1 | 132.9 | 111.6 | 218.3 | 351.2 |
| 13 and under 26 weeks | 31.3 | 91.0 | 117.8 | 177.8 | 268.8 |
| 26 and under 39 weeks | 49.8 | 106.0 | 139.5 | 202.2 | 308.2 |
| 39 and under 49 weeks | 119.7 | 206.6 | 181.7 | 258.7 | 465.2 |
| 49 and under 52 weeks | 153.7 | 228.6 | 113.1 | 164.1 | 392.8 |
| 52 weeks and over | 2,582.0 | 3,716.8 | 1,098.9 | 1,890.5 | 5,607.3 |
| Employed at some time during the period | 2,926.1 | 4,398.2 | 1,727.1 | 2,811.5 | 7,209.7 |
| Of weeks worked— | | | | | |
| All were full time | 2,778.9 | 4,055.3 | 916.4 | 1,695.4 | 5,750.7 |
| More full time than part time | 73.9 | 130.3 | 62.2 | 119.1 | 249.4 |
| All were part time | 62.5 | 174.5 | 695.7 | 909.5 | 1,084.1 |
| More part time than full time | 10.8 | 38.0 | 52.8 | 87.4 | 125.5 |
| Number of weeks worked— | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 weeks | 9.7 | 57.5 | 46.7 | 84.8 | 142.3 |
| 4 and under 13 weeks | 28.1 | 133.4 | 106.8 | 194.3 | 327.8 |
| 13 and under 26 weeks | 51.3 | 128.7 | 125.2 | 202.6 | 331.3 |
| 26 and under 39 weeks | 78.7 | 177.3 | 148.7 | 240.0 | 417.3 |
| 39 and under 49 weeks | 164.7 | 298.4 | 180.4 | 288.8 | 587.3 |
| 49 and under 52 weeks | 170.9 | 257.5 | 116.7 | 173.1 | 430.6 |
| 52 weeks and over | 2,422.6 | 3,345.4 | 1,002.6 | 1,627.8 | 4,973.2 |
| Looked for work at some time during the period | 240.7 | 653.5 | 274.1 | 635.2 | 1,288.8 |
| One spell of looking for work | 190.3 | 513.6 | 234.9 | 532.4 | 1,046.0 |
| Two spells | 31.4 | 83.3 | 25.6 | 68.1 | 151.3 |
| Three spells | 5.3 | 22.9 | 5.4 | 14.7 | 37.6 |
| Four or more spells | 13.7 | 33.8 | 8.1 | 20.1 | 53.9 |
| <i>Out of the labour force for the whole period</i> | <i>586.8</i> | <i>939.3</i> | <i>1,699.2</i> | <i>2,552.4</i> | <i>3,491.7</i> |

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a): LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, SUMMARY OF SURVEYS, FEBRUARY 1973 TO FEBRUARY 1982 (per cent)

| | <i>Survey conducted in February—</i> | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>1973(b)</i> | <i>1975(b)</i> | <i>1976(b)</i> | <i>1977(b)</i> | <i>1979(b)</i> | <i>1980(b)</i> | <i>1981(b)</i> | <i>1982(b)</i> |
| Civilian population at the time of the survey | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| In the labour force at some time during the period | 66.8 | 68.1 | 67.2 | 67.1 | 66.4 | 66.7 | 68.2 | 68.3 |
| For 52 weeks and over | 51.7 | 50.8 | 51.5 | 52.3 | 50.6 | 51.3 | 51.0 | 50.8 |
| For 1 and under 52 weeks | 15.1 | 17.3 | 15.6 | 14.7 | 15.8 | 15.4 | 17.3 | 17.5 |
| Employed at some time during the period | 66.0 | 67.1 | 65.6 | 65.4 | 63.7 | 64.1 | 65.4 | 65.4 |
| Of weeks worked— | | | | | | | | |
| All were full time | 56.9 | 56.6 | 55.2 | 54.1 | 51.7 | 52.0 | 52.4 | 52.1 |
| More full time than part time | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| All were part time | 7.3 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
| More part time than full time | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Number of jobs held during the period(c)— | | | | | | | | |
| One | n.a. | 55.4 | 54.4 | 54.1 | 53.3 | 54.0 | 54.7 | 54.2 |
| Two | n.a. | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| Three | n.a. | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Four | n.a. | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Five | n.a. | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Six or more | n.a. | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Looked for work at some time during the period(d) | 6.7 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 11.7 |
| One spell of looking for work | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 9.5 |
| Two spells | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Three spells | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Four or more spells | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Out of the labour force for the whole of the period | 33.2 | 31.9 | 32.8 | 32.9 | 33.6 | 33.3 | 31.8 | 31.6 |

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 13, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (c) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (d) See Explanatory notes concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a) FEBRUARY 1982: LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982 BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(Per cent)

| Age group (years) | Married | | | Not married | | | Total | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | 56.1 | 60.1 | 69.3 | 63.9 | 66.7 | 69.4 | 63.6 | 66.6 |
| 20-24 | 98.1 | 65.3 | 76.7 | 94.7 | 85.6 | 90.9 | 95.5 | 76.6 | 86.1 |
| 25-34 | 98.2 | 56.7 | 76.2 | 91.6 | 79.3 | 86.6 | 96.4 | 61.0 | 78.6 |
| 35-44 | 97.1 | 63.6 | 80.8 | 88.4 | 71.1 | 79.6 | 96.0 | 64.6 | 80.7 |
| 45-54 | 93.7 | 55.4 | 75.3 | 77.9 | 58.4 | 67.5 | 91.6 | 55.9 | 74.2 |
| 55-59 | 87.2 | 31.2 | 61.0 | 76.9 | 41.9 | 54.4 | 85.9 | 33.6 | 59.8 |
| 60-64 | 55.2 | 12.0 | 34.9 | 52.7 | 19.2 | 30.5 | 54.8 | 14.1 | 33.9 |
| 65 and over | 14.4 | 3.9 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 13.4 | 3.5 | 7.8 |
| Total | 82.4 | 49.0 | 65.8 | 77.0 | 53.2 | 64.7 | 80.5 | 50.5 | 65.4 |
| LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | 31.8 | 33.3 | 28.5 | 32.6 | 30.4 | 28.6 | 32.6 | 30.5 |
| 20-24 | 18.9 | 16.6 | 17.4 | 26.0 | 27.6 | 26.7 | 24.4 | 22.8 | 23.6 |
| 25-34 | 9.7 | 11.5 | 10.7 | 21.0 | 19.6 | 20.4 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 12.9 |
| 35-44 | 7.3 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 15.9 | 10.0 | 12.9 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 8.6 |
| 45-54 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| 55-59 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 4.2 | * | * | 4.7 | 6.3 | 2.3 | 4.3 |
| 60-64 | 2.9 | * | 1.8 | * | * | * | 3.1 | * | 1.9 |
| Total | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 21.6 | 17.7 | 19.6 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 11.7 |
| IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | 68.8 | 71.6 | 76.7 | 73.9 | 75.4 | 76.8 | 73.7 | 75.3 |
| 20-24 | 99.5 | 70.1 | 80.3 | 97.5 | 91.0 | 94.8 | 98.0 | 81.8 | 89.9 |
| 25-34 | 99.2 | 61.1 | 78.9 | 95.5 | 84.3 | 90.9 | 98.2 | 65.5 | 81.7 |
| 35-44 | 98.1 | 66.8 | 82.9 | 92.6 | 74.8 | 83.5 | 97.5 | 67.9 | 83.0 |
| 45-54 | 94.8 | 57.3 | 76.8 | 82.4 | 62.0 | 71.5 | 93.2 | 58.1 | 76.0 |
| 55-59 | 89.0 | 31.9 | 62.3 | 80.1 | 44.1 | 57.0 | 87.9 | 34.7 | 61.4 |
| 60-64 | 56.8 | 12.4 | 36.0 | 56.0 | 20.5 | 32.4 | 56.7 | 14.8 | 35.2 |
| 65 and over | 14.6 | 3.9 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 13.6 | 3.6 | 7.9 |
| Total | 83.5 | 51.8 | 67.7 | 81.6 | 58.2 | 69.5 | 82.8 | 54.1 | 68.3 |
| Proportion who looked for work at some time(c)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | 46.2 | 46.5 | 37.1 | 44.1 | 40.4 | 37.2 | 44.2 | 40.5 |
| 20-24 | 19.0 | 23.7 | 21.7 | 26.6 | 30.4 | 28.1 | 24.9 | 27.8 | 26.2 |
| 25-34 | 9.8 | 18.8 | 13.5 | 22.0 | 23.2 | 22.4 | 13.1 | 19.9 | 15.8 |
| 35-44 | 7.5 | 13.0 | 9.6 | 17.2 | 13.4 | 15.4 | 8.6 | 13.1 | 10.4 |
| 45-54 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 10.6 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 7.5 |
| 55 and over | 5.9 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| Total | 8.1 | 15.0 | 10.7 | 26.5 | 30.4 | 28.2 | 14.4 | 21.1 | 17.1 |
| OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | 71.7 | 67.7 | 58.8 | 62.6 | 60.6 | 58.7 | 63.0 | 60.8 |
| 20-24 | 20.9 | 60.9 | 47.1 | 27.6 | 35.7 | 30.9 | 26.0 | 46.8 | 36.3 |
| 25-34 | 16.2 | 69.0 | 44.2 | 24.3 | 37.7 | 29.8 | 18.5 | 63.0 | 40.9 |
| 35-44 | 15.1 | 60.0 | 36.9 | 23.7 | 44.2 | 34.2 | 16.2 | 57.9 | 36.6 |
| 45-54 | 18.8 | 63.4 | 40.2 | 30.6 | 52.6 | 42.4 | 20.4 | 61.7 | 40.5 |
| 55-59 | 23.6 | 81.1 | 50.5 | 30.5 | 66.1 | 53.3 | 24.5 | 77.6 | 51.0 |
| 60-64 | 58.9 | 92.0 | 74.4 | 56.6 | 87.1 | 76.8 | 58.6 | 90.5 | 75.0 |
| 65 and over | 91.1 | 97.7 | 93.9 | 92.5 | 97.9 | 96.7 | 91.4 | 97.8 | 95.1 |
| Total | 29.9 | 70.4 | 50.1 | 42.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 34.4 | 67.5 | 51.1 |

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population in the same age group. (c) Persons who looked for work during the period as a proportion of persons in the same age group who were in the labour force at some time.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a) FEBRUARY 1982: WEEKS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (' 000)

| Weeks in the labour force during the period | Age group (years) | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------------|----------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65 and over | |
| MARRIED MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | * | * | 7.0 | 15.8 | 34.6 | 35.5 | 109.7 | 383.1 | 586.8 |
| 1 and under 4 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.7 |
| 4 " 13 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5.5 | * | 21.1 |
| 13 " 26 | * | * | * | * | 5.1 | * | 8.3 | 5.1 | 31.3 |
| 26 " 39 | * | * | 13.4 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 6.6 | * | 49.8 |
| 39 " 49 | * | 7.5 | 32.1 | 28.3 | 25.8 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 6.3 | 119.7 |
| 49 " 52 | * | 10.1 | 47.5 | 43.0 | 31.1 | 11.8 | 5.8 | * | 153.7 |
| 52 weeks and over | * | 124.3 | 750.1 | 741.2 | 560.2 | 255.1 | 107.6 | 41.3 | 2,582.0 |
| Total | * | 148.2 | 855.7 | 846.2 | 670.7 | 324.1 | 253.9 | 448.6 | 3,551.1 |
| ALL MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | 149.6 | 13.1 | 21.7 | 24.4 | 52.5 | 44.9 | 130.9 | 502.0 | 939.3 |
| 1 and under 4 | 29.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 41.7 |
| 4 " 13 | 85.7 | 17.7 | 6.6 | * | * | * | 6.9 | 5.1 | 132.9 |
| 13 " 26 | 34.7 | 16.1 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | * | 8.3 | 5.5 | 91.0 |
| 26 " 39 | 24.0 | 17.4 | 22.8 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 6.1 | 8.0 | * | 106.0 |
| 39 " 49 | 23.9 | 39.7 | 50.5 | 33.1 | 28.5 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 206.6 |
| 49 " 52 | 21.6 | 35.5 | 65.4 | 47.0 | 35.4 | 12.9 | 7.0 | * | 228.6 |
| 52 weeks and over | 276.4 | 499.6 | 1,006.9 | 832.9 | 632.2 | 288.7 | 129.0 | 51.2 | 3,716.8 |
| Total | 645.2 | 643.3 | 1,184.4 | 962.7 | 772.2 | 371.4 | 302.2 | 581.3 | 5,462.8 |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | 7.6 | 83.9 | 377.3 | 265.3 | 264.7 | 194.1 | 196.0 | 310.3 | 1,699.2 |
| 1 and under 4 | * | 8.4 | 28.8 | 14.3 | 8.7 | * | * | * | 64.0 |
| 4 " 13 | * | 13.9 | 47.7 | 27.4 | 15.5 | * | * | * | 111.6 |
| 13 " 26 | * | 13.4 | 47.1 | 28.2 | 17.1 | 6.9 | * | * | 117.8 |
| 26 " 39 | * | 16.1 | 60.9 | 33.9 | 18.5 | 5.2 | * | * | 139.5 |
| 39 " 49 | * | 16.2 | 55.6 | 55.8 | 36.8 | 11.7 | * | * | 181.7 |
| 49 " 52 | * | 10.8 | 33.3 | 38.4 | 22.9 | 5.4 | * | * | 113.1 |
| 52 weeks and over | 7.4 | 117.9 | 318.0 | 337.0 | 235.8 | 56.4 | 18.7 | 7.7 | 1,098.9 |
| Total | 24.3 | 280.7 | 968.7 | 800.2 | 620.1 | 285.1 | 223.7 | 323.0 | 3,525.8 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | 161.4 | 116.0 | 412.9 | 296.2 | 308.8 | 241.4 | 271.6 | 744.1 | 2,552.4 |
| 1 and under 4 | 25.3 | 12.4 | 31.9 | 16.7 | 10.0 | * | * | * | 101.2 |
| 4 " 13 | 75.9 | 31.6 | 54.3 | 29.8 | 18.1 | 4.8 | * | * | 218.3 |
| 13 " 26 | 34.2 | 28.2 | 53.3 | 31.2 | 19.8 | 7.4 | * | * | 177.8 |
| 26 " 39 | 31.9 | 30.6 | 67.9 | 36.8 | 22.1 | 6.7 | * | * | 202.3 |
| 39 " 49 | 28.8 | 35.9 | 68.9 | 63.3 | 39.8 | 14.5 | * | * | 258.7 |
| 49 " 52 | 19.7 | 26.0 | 43.3 | 41.1 | 25.3 | 6.6 | * | * | 164.1 |
| 52 weeks and over | 236.8 | 355.5 | 463.5 | 407.7 | 292.3 | 86.4 | 31.0 | 17.3 | 1,890.5 |
| Total | 614.0 | 636.2 | 1,196.0 | 922.8 | 736.1 | 369.7 | 318.8 | 771.7 | 5,565.2 |
| MARRIED PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | 8.0 | 84.6 | 384.3 | 281.1 | 299.4 | 229.6 | 305.6 | 693.4 | 2,286.0 |
| 1 and under 4 | * | 9.1 | 29.0 | 15.3 | 9.6 | * | * | * | 70.7 |
| 4 " 13 | * | 15.3 | 49.3 | 30.3 | 19.1 | 5.8 | 6.9 | * | 132.7 |
| 13 " 26 | * | 14.9 | 50.8 | 32.4 | 22.2 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 6.1 | 149.1 |
| 26 " 39 | * | 18.2 | 74.2 | 43.8 | 27.8 | 10.7 | 8.4 | * | 189.3 |
| 39 " 49 | * | 23.7 | 87.7 | 84.1 | 62.6 | 22.0 | 11.9 | 8.1 | 301.5 |
| 49 " 52 | * | 20.9 | 80.8 | 81.4 | 54.0 | 17.2 | 6.3 | * | 266.7 |
| 52 weeks and over | 9.6 | 242.2 | 1,068.2 | 1,078.2 | 796.1 | 311.4 | 126.3 | 49.0 | 3,680.9 |
| Total | 28.1 | 428.8 | 1,824.3 | 1,646.4 | 1,290.8 | 609.2 | 477.6 | 771.6 | 7,076.9 |
| ALL PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Nil weeks | 311.1 | 129.1 | 434.6 | 320.6 | 361.3 | 286.3 | 402.5 | 1,246.1 | 3,491.7 |
| 1 and under 4 | 54.6 | 16.7 | 33.3 | 18.6 | 11.0 | * | * | * | 142.9 |
| 4 " 13 | 161.6 | 49.4 | 61.0 | 34.3 | 21.8 | 7.6 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 351.2 |
| 13 " 26 | 68.9 | 44.3 | 62.2 | 38.0 | 26.8 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 7.1 | 268.8 |
| 26 " 39 | 55.9 | 47.9 | 90.8 | 49.0 | 34.0 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 6.5 | 308.2 |
| 39 " 49 | 52.7 | 75.5 | 119.4 | 96.3 | 68.3 | 26.4 | 15.4 | 11.2 | 465.2 |
| 49 " 52 | 41.3 | 61.6 | 108.6 | 88.1 | 60.6 | 19.5 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 392.8 |
| 52 weeks and over | 513.2 | 855.0 | 1,470.5 | 1,240.6 | 924.5 | 375.1 | 159.9 | 68.5 | 5,607.3 |
| Total | 1,259.3 | 1,279.5 | 2,380.3 | 1,885.5 | 1,508.3 | 741.2 | 621.0 | 1,353.0 | 11,028.0 |

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 5. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

| | Did not work | Weeks worked during the period | | | | | | Total who worked | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------|
| | | 1 and under 13 | 13 and under 26 | 26 and under 39 | 39 and under 49 | 49 and under 52 | 52 and over | | |
| MARRIED MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 22.1 | 26.4 | 37.9 | 95.4 | 129.9 | 2,411.9 | 2,723.6 | 2,723.6 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | * | * | * | * | 11.3 | 31.6 | 10.7 | 60.6 | 61.8 |
| 4 " 8 | * | * | * | * | 28.7 | 9.5 | .. | 42.1 | 43.6 |
| 8 " 13 | * | * | * | * | 21.0 | .. | .. | 27.1 | 28.5 |
| 13 " 26 | * | * | * | 25.1 | 8.3 | .. | .. | 38.2 | 40.1 |
| 26 " 52 | * | 10.8 | 17.3 | 5.0 | .. | .. | .. | 33.2 | 36.3 |
| 52 and over | 29.0 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 30.3 |
| Total | 38.1 | 15.7 | 25.0 | 40.8 | 69.3 | 41.0 | 10.7 | 202.5 | 240.6 |
| Total | 38.1 | 37.8 | 51.3 | 78.7 | 164.7 | 170.9 | 2,422.6 | 2,926.1 | 2,964.3 |
| ALL MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 100.2 | 53.0 | 65.7 | 144.7 | 181.1 | 3,325.2 | 3,869.9 | 3,869.9 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 12.3 | 21.1 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 26.4 | 56.9 | 20.2 | 138.7 | 151.0 |
| 4 " 8 | 12.6 | 12.9 | 6.8 | 10.4 | 59.3 | 19.4 | .. | 108.8 | 121.4 |
| 8 " 13 | 15.6 | 11.7 | 7.1 | 11.0 | 52.0 | .. | .. | 81.8 | 97.4 |
| 13 " 26 | 10.1 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 69.7 | 16.1 | .. | .. | 102.5 | 112.6 |
| 26 " 52 | 7.5 | 32.8 | 48.3 | 12.2 | .. | .. | .. | 93.4 | 100.9 |
| 52 and over | 67.2 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 70.2 |
| Total | 125.3 | 90.7 | 75.7 | 111.6 | 153.7 | 76.4 | 20.2 | 528.2 | 653.5 |
| Total | 125.3 | 190.9 | 128.7 | 177.3 | 298.4 | 257.5 | 3,345.4 | 4,398.2 | 4,523.5 |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 113.3 | 87.6 | 105.5 | 147.5 | 100.1 | 998.4 | 1,552.5 | 1,552.5 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 26.3 | 9.1 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 13.6 | * | 57.1 | 83.4 |
| 4 " 8 | 11.5 | 5.3 | * | 5.1 | 11.8 | * | .. | 29.3 | 40.8 |
| 8 " 13 | 11.8 | 4.6 | * | 6.5 | 8.2 | .. | .. | 23.7 | 35.5 |
| 13 " 26 | 8.8 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 16.9 | * | .. | .. | 31.5 | 40.3 |
| 26 " 52 | 8.5 | 16.2 | 12.3 | * | .. | .. | .. | 32.6 | 41.1 |
| 52 and over | 32.6 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 32.9 |
| Total | 99.5 | 40.1 | 37.6 | 43.3 | 32.9 | 16.5 | * | 174.6 | 274.0 |
| Total | 99.5 | 153.5 | 125.2 | 148.7 | 180.4 | 116.7 | 1,002.6 | 1,727.1 | 1,826.6 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 179.8 | 117.7 | 136.2 | 193.3 | 132.3 | 1,618.1 | 2,377.6 | 2,377.6 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 42.1 | 24.6 | 19.4 | 21.5 | 17.3 | 30.8 | 9.7 | 123.2 | 165.3 |
| 4 " 8 | 26.1 | 15.4 | 8.2 | 11.6 | 34.7 | 10.0 | .. | 79.8 | 106.0 |
| 8 " 13 | 32.8 | 14.0 | 8.5 | 11.8 | 33.4 | .. | .. | 67.6 | 100.4 |
| 13 " 26 | 15.9 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 49.0 | 10.1 | .. | .. | 80.1 | 96.0 |
| 26 " 52 | 15.8 | 34.4 | 37.6 | 10.0 | .. | .. | .. | 82.0 | 97.8 |
| 52 and over | 68.6 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 69.8 |
| Total | 201.3 | 99.3 | 84.8 | 103.8 | 95.5 | 40.8 | 9.7 | 434.0 | 635.3 |
| Total | 201.3 | 279.2 | 202.6 | 240.0 | 288.8 | 173.1 | 1,627.8 | 2,811.5 | 3,012.8 |
| MARRIED PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 135.4 | 114.0 | 143.4 | 242.9 | 230.0 | 3,410.3 | 4,276.2 | 4,276.2 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 27.5 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 14.5 | 20.3 | 45.2 | 14.9 | 117.8 | 145.3 |
| 4 " 8 | 13.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 7.9 | 40.4 | 12.4 | .. | 71.4 | 84.4 |
| 8 " 13 | 13.2 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 10.6 | 29.2 | .. | .. | 50.8 | 64.1 |
| 13 " 26 | 10.7 | 5.7 | 9.7 | 42.0 | 12.2 | .. | .. | 69.7 | 80.4 |
| 26 " 52 | 11.6 | 27.0 | 29.7 | 9.1 | .. | .. | .. | 65.8 | 77.4 |
| 52 and over | 61.6 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 63.2 |
| Total | 137.6 | 55.8 | 62.6 | 84.1 | 102.2 | 57.6 | 14.9 | 377.1 | 514.8 |
| Total | 137.6 | 191.3 | 176.6 | 227.5 | 345.1 | 287.6 | 3,425.2 | 4,653.3 | 4,790.9 |
| ALL PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Did not look for work | .. | 280.0 | 170.7 | 201.9 | 338.0 | 313.5 | 4,943.3 | 6,247.5 | 6,247.5 |
| Looked for work (weeks)— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 54.3 | 45.7 | 25.3 | 29.7 | 43.7 | 87.7 | 29.9 | 262.0 | 316.3 |
| 4 " 8 | 38.8 | 28.3 | 15.0 | 22.0 | 94.0 | 29.4 | .. | 188.6 | 227.4 |
| 8 " 13 | 48.4 | 25.7 | 15.5 | 22.8 | 85.4 | .. | .. | 149.4 | 197.8 |
| 13 " 26 | 26.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 118.7 | 26.2 | .. | .. | 182.6 | 208.6 |
| 26 " 52 | 23.3 | 67.2 | 86.0 | 22.2 | .. | .. | .. | 175.4 | 198.6 |
| 52 and over | 135.8 | * | * | * | .. | .. | .. | * | 140.0 |
| Total | 326.6 | 190.1 | 160.5 | 215.4 | 249.2 | 117.1 | 29.9 | 962.2 | 1,288.7 |
| Total | 326.6 | 470.1 | 331.3 | 417.3 | 587.3 | 430.6 | 4,973.2 | 7,209.7 | 7,536.3 |

**TABLE 6. PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIODS
BY AGE, 1972 TO 1981
(Per cent)**

| Survey conducted in February— | Age group (years) at the time of the survey | | | | | | | | Total |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 66.0 | 96.3 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 97.0 | 93.1 | 83.2 | 31.0 | 86.3 |
| 1975 | 67.1 | 95.5 | 98.4 | 98.0 | 96.0 | 90.7 | 77.3 | 26.2 | 84.8 |
| 1976 | 65.4 | 95.0 | 98.6 | 98.6 | 96.6 | 91.6 | 77.2 | 23.9 | 84.8 |
| 1977 | 65.0 | 95.1 | 98.5 | 98.1 | 96.5 | 90.0 | 74.1 | 22.5 | 84.2 |
| 1979 | 67.2 | 95.2 | 98.6 | 97.4 | 94.5 | 88.1 | 68.4 | 17.0 | 82.7 |
| 1980 | 67.3 | 95.1 | 98.3 | 97.8 | 93.6 | 86.1 | 61.3 | 17.5 | 82.1 |
| 1981 | 78.4 | 97.2 | 98.4 | 97.3 | 93.3 | 85.6 | 59.8 | 15.7 | 83.2 |
| 1982 | 76.8 | 98.0 | 98.2 | 97.5 | 93.2 | 87.9 | 56.7 | 13.6 | 82.8 |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 70.1 | 64.3 | 47.3 | 53.9 | 49.2 | 32.1 | 18.0 | 4.9 | 45.5 |
| 1975 | 78.9 | 68.8 | 54.5 | 58.8 | 50.0 | 32.4 | 15.9 | 4.2 | 49.0 |
| 1976 | 70.5 | 68.2 | 53.7 | 59.4 | 51.7 | 33.9 | 17.3 | 4.4 | 49.1 |
| 1977 | 70.8 | 69.0 | 54.2 | 59.6 | 54.7 | 32.9 | 14.4 | 4.1 | 49.4 |
| 1979 | 70.1 | 69.8 | 56.6 | 62.3 | 50.1 | 35.2 | 15.8 | 4.0 | 49.5 |
| 1980 | 72.0 | 70.2 | 59.1 | 65.0 | 53.5 | 33.9 | 14.7 | 4.2 | 50.9 |
| 1981 | 68.1 | 70.3 | 61.6 | 64.9 | 52.6 | 33.1 | 16.8 | 4.9 | 51.3 |
| 1982 | 68.8 | 70.1 | 61.1 | 66.8 | 57.3 | 31.9 | 12.4 | 3.9 | 51.8 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 64.2 | 73.4 | 51.5 | 56.6 | 51.7 | 36.1 | 21.5 | 5.7 | 47.6 |
| 1975 | 66.2 | 76.7 | 58.0 | 60.0 | 51.9 | 36.1 | 19.9 | 4.6 | 49.7 |
| 1976 | 61.6 | 76.3 | 57.4 | 61.0 | 53.6 | 36.1 | 20.9 | 5.1 | 49.9 |
| 1977 | 61.6 | 77.6 | 58.0 | 61.0 | 55.7 | 36.0 | 17.9 | 4.9 | 50.3 |
| 1979 | 65.8 | 79.2 | 59.7 | 62.8 | 52.0 | 36.4 | 16.4 | 3.5 | 50.5 |
| 1980 | 64.3 | 80.6 | 62.8 | 66.3 | 54.3 | 35.0 | 16.6 | 3.3 | 51.8 |
| 1981 | 73.5 | 81.8 | 65.9 | 65.8 | 54.0 | 34.0 | 17.7 | 3.8 | 53.6 |
| 1982 | 73.7 | 81.8 | 65.5 | 67.9 | 58.1 | 34.7 | 14.8 | 3.6 | 54.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1973 | 65.1 | 84.9 | 75.7 | 78.2 | 74.6 | 64.0 | 51.6 | 16.4 | 66.8 |
| 1975 | 66.7 | 86.2 | 78.5 | 79.4 | 74.3 | 63.0 | 47.7 | 13.6 | 67.1 |
| 1976 | 63.5 | 85.7 | 78.4 | 80.1 | 75.5 | 63.3 | 48.0 | 13.1 | 67.2 |
| 1977 | 63.3 | 86.4 | 78.5 | 79.9 | 76.4 | 62.6 | 45.0 | 12.4 | 67.1 |
| 1979 | 66.5 | 87.2 | 79.2 | 80.5 | 73.7 | 62.1 | 41.3 | 9.3 | 66.4 |
| 1980 | 65.8 | 87.9 | 80.5 | 82.4 | 74.4 | 60.4 | 38.1 | 9.4 | 66.7 |
| 1981 | 76.0 | 81.9 | 82.1 | 81.9 | 74.1 | 59.7 | 38.1 | 9.0 | 68.2 |
| 1982 | 75.3 | 89.9 | 81.7 | 83.0 | 76.0 | 61.4 | 35.2 | 7.9 | 68.3 |

TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)

| <i>Weeks in the labour force during the period</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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 11.9 | 13.8 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 2.6 | * | * | * | 41.7 |
| 4 " 13 | 47.6 | 34.1 | 19.2 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 4.0 | * | 2.8 | 132.9 |
| 13 " 26 | 31.2 | 23.7 | 15.8 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 1.7 | * | * | 91.0 |
| 26 " 39 | 31.4 | 30.7 | 18.7 | 8.4 | 11.0 | 2.6 | * | * | 106.0 |
| 39 " 49 | 57.1 | 54.6 | 43.0 | 18.8 | 21.8 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 206.6 |
| 49 " 52 | 77.5 | 57.3 | 43.6 | 17.8 | 20.9 | 5.6 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 228.6 |
| 52 and over | 1,325.9 | 978.2 | 556.7 | 335.9 | 326.1 | 107.5 | 29.6 | 57.0 | 3,716.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>1,582.6</i> | <i>1,192.4</i> | <i>704.4</i> | <i>404.5</i> | <i>403.8</i> | <i>126.6</i> | <i>38.7</i> | <i>70.5</i> | <i>4,523.5</i> |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 18.6 | 16.9 | 11.7 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 1.7 | * | * | 64.0 |
| 4 " 13 | 32.8 | 29.1 | 23.0 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 2.3 | * | * | 111.6 |
| 13 " 26 | 32.7 | 35.5 | 20.5 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 3.8 | * | 2.4 | 117.8 |
| 26 " 39 | 50.3 | 33.5 | 24.3 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 3.7 | * | 2.3 | 139.5 |
| 39 " 49 | 55.6 | 44.8 | 33.6 | 17.0 | 18.9 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 181.7 |
| 49 " 52 | 38.8 | 26.2 | 19.6 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 2.4 | * | 2.9 | 113.1 |
| 52 and over | 383.3 | 310.3 | 149.7 | 102.2 | 93.7 | 29.5 | 10.6 | 19.6 | 1,098.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>612.1</i> | <i>496.3</i> | <i>282.5</i> | <i>168.3</i> | <i>165.0</i> | <i>49.4</i> | <i>19.4</i> | <i>33.7</i> | <i>1,826.6</i> |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 31.0 | 28.5 | 17.3 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 2.8 | * | 2.3 | 101.2 |
| 4 " 13 | 68.0 | 55.9 | 36.9 | 20.1 | 24.7 | 6.1 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 218.3 |
| 13 " 26 | 55.5 | 52.7 | 28.6 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 5.2 | * | 3.4 | 177.8 |
| 26 " 39 | 73.5 | 48.7 | 35.4 | 17.1 | 18.7 | 4.5 | * | 3.0 | 202.2 |
| 39 " 49 | 85.9 | 60.7 | 50.3 | 21.7 | 25.5 | 7.7 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 258.7 |
| 49 " 52 | 55.0 | 40.9 | 27.5 | 16.5 | 15.7 | 2.9 | * | 3.4 | 164.1 |
| 52 and over | 663.1 | 527.1 | 266.5 | 173.5 | 159.0 | 49.7 | 17.8 | 33.9 | 1,890.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>1,032.1</i> | <i>814.5</i> | <i>462.5</i> | <i>271.6</i> | <i>270.1</i> | <i>78.8</i> | <i>29.0</i> | <i>54.3</i> | <i>3,012.8</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 43.0 | 42.3 | 24.6 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 3.5 | * | 3.3 | 142.9 |
| 4 " 13 | 115.6 | 90.0 | 56.1 | 31.9 | 37.8 | 10.1 | 3.1 | 6.6 | 351.2 |
| 13 " 26 | 86.7 | 76.4 | 44.4 | 21.7 | 25.0 | 6.8 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 268.8 |
| 26 " 39 | 104.9 | 79.5 | 54.1 | 25.5 | 29.6 | 7.1 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 308.2 |
| 39 " 49 | 143.0 | 115.2 | 93.3 | 40.6 | 47.2 | 12.3 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 465.2 |
| 49 " 52 | 132.5 | 98.2 | 71.2 | 34.3 | 36.6 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 392.8 |
| 52 and over | 1,989.0 | 1,505.3 | 823.2 | 509.4 | 485.0 | 157.2 | 47.3 | 90.9 | 5,607.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>2,614.7</i> | <i>2,006.9</i> | <i>1,166.8</i> | <i>676.1</i> | <i>673.9</i> | <i>205.4</i> | <i>67.6</i> | <i>124.8</i> | <i>7,536.3</i> |

**TABLE 8. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE PERIOD AND AGE**
(' 000)

| Number of jobs held during the period | Age group (years) | | | | | | Married | Not married | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 352.9 | 415.9 | 885.7 | 778.6 | 643.4 | 532.2 | 2,480.1 | 1,128.5 | 3,608.6 |
| Two | 64.7 | 129.6 | 185.5 | 117.9 | 51.2 | 25.3 | 342.5 | 231.7 | 574.2 |
| Three | 15.6 | 32.3 | 39.6 | 16.2 | 7.9 | * | 60.4 | 54.8 | 115.2 |
| Four | 8.3 | 18.5 | 16.9 | * | * | * | 21.3 | 30.0 | 51.3 |
| Five or more | 6.0 | 18.0 | 14.2 | 7.4 | * | * | 21.8 | 27.0 | 48.9 |
| Total | 447.5 | 614.3 | 1,141.8 | 924.3 | 707.6 | 562.7 | 2,926.1 | 1,472.1 | 4,398.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 300.8 | 366.6 | 604.1 | 525.6 | 383.0 | 189.0 | 1,513.9 | 855.2 | 2,369.1 |
| Two | 63.1 | 87.4 | 93.8 | 58.5 | 25.1 | 6.2 | 171.2 | 163.0 | 334.1 |
| Three | 15.5 | 16.8 | 20.5 | 7.3 | * | * | 28.6 | 34.8 | 63.4 |
| Four or more | 11.2 | 16.7 | 11.0 | 5.2 | * | * | 13.4 | 31.4 | 44.8 |
| Total | 390.6 | 487.5 | 729.3 | 596.5 | 411.1 | 196.5 | 1,727.1 | 1,084.4 | 2,811.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 653.7 | 782.5 | 1,489.8 | 1,304.2 | 1,026.4 | 721.2 | 3,994.0 | 1,983.7 | 5,977.7 |
| Two | 127.9 | 217.0 | 279.3 | 176.4 | 76.3 | 31.5 | 513.7 | 394.6 | 908.3 |
| Three | 31.1 | 49.2 | 60.0 | 23.5 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 89.0 | 89.7 | 178.7 |
| Four | 16.0 | 26.5 | 21.2 | 6.8 | * | * | 27.9 | 46.9 | 74.8 |
| Five | * | 12.9 | 8.6 | * | * | * | 11.8 | 18.5 | 30.3 |
| Six or more | 5.6 | 13.6 | 12.3 | 5.6 | * | * | 16.8 | 23.0 | 39.9 |
| Total | 838.1 | 1,101.8 | 1,871.2 | 1,520.8 | 1,118.7 | 759.2 | 4,653.3 | 2,556.5 | 7,209.7 |

**TABLE 9. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE PERIOD**
(' 000)

| Number of jobs held during the period | Weeks worked during the period | | | | | | | 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 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 54.8 | 108.4 | 86.1 | 102.7 | 157.8 | 162.0 | 2,936.9 | 3,608.6 |
| Two | * | 17.2 | 26.2 | 39.0 | 86.0 | 62.9 | 341.3 | 574.2 |
| Three | * | * | 6.1 | 13.6 | 27.3 | 19.7 | 43.8 | 115.2 |
| Four | * | * | * | 10.7 | 15.1 | 7.4 | 12.5 | 51.3 |
| Five or more | * | * | 7.4 | 11.2 | 12.2 | 5.4 | 10.9 | 48.8 |
| Total | 57.5 | 133.4 | 128.7 | 177.3 | 298.4 | 257.5 | 3,345.4 | 4,398.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 81.3 | 167.2 | 159.0 | 171.0 | 204.5 | 123.1 | 1,463.0 | 2,369.1 |
| Two | * | 22.7 | 31.1 | 46.4 | 55.7 | 36.6 | 139.3 | 334.2 |
| Three | * | * | 5.6 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 9.4 | 17.2 | 63.4 |
| Four or more | * | * | 6.9 | 9.3 | 14.6 | * | 8.3 | 44.8 |
| Total | 84.8 | 194.3 | 202.6 | 240.0 | 288.8 | 173.1 | 1,627.8 | 2,811.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| One | 136.1 | 275.6 | 245.1 | 273.7 | 362.3 | 285.1 | 4,399.9 | 5,977.7 |
| Two | * | 40.0 | 57.3 | 85.4 | 141.7 | 99.6 | 480.6 | 908.3 |
| Three | * | 6.7 | 11.7 | 26.9 | 41.3 | 29.1 | 61.0 | 178.7 |
| Four | * | * | 7.1 | 14.3 | 23.2 | 9.6 | 17.6 | 74.8 |
| Five | * | 5.3 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.4 | * | 7.8 | 30.2 |
| Six or more | * | * | 6.4 | 10.1 | 12.3 | * | 6.3 | 39.9 |
| Total | 142.3 | 327.8 | 331.3 | 417.4 | 587.3 | 430.6 | 4,973.2 | 7,209.7 |

**TABLE 10. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS WORKED DURING THE PERIOD,
MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED FULL TIME DURING THE PERIOD
(* 000)**

| <i>Weeks worked</i> | <i>Males</i> | | | <i>Females</i> | | | <i>Persons</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Married</i> | <i>Not married</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Married</i> | <i>Not married</i> | <i>Total</i> | |
| WEEKS WORKED ALL FULL TIME | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 5.2 | 35.2 | 40.4 | 17.8 | 18.5 | 36.3 | 76.7 |
| 4 " 13 | 19.6 | 72.0 | 91.6 | 35.8 | 41.5 | 77.4 | 169.0 |
| 13 " 26 | 40.1 | 55.8 | 95.9 | 46.5 | 40.4 | 86.9 | 182.9 |
| 26 " 39 | 61.7 | 71.5 | 133.1 | 60.0 | 48.8 | 108.8 | 242.0 |
| 39 " 49 | 138.1 | 105.4 | 243.5 | 66.2 | 58.8 | 124.9 | 368.5 |
| 49 " 52 | 157.5 | 70.4 | 227.8 | 50.7 | 33.4 | 84.1 | 311.9 |
| 52 and over | 2,356.7 | 866.1 | 3,222.9 | 639.4 | 537.6 | 1,177.0 | 4,399.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>2,778.9</i> | <i>1,276.4</i> | <i>4,055.3</i> | <i>916.4</i> | <i>779.0</i> | <i>1,695.4</i> | <i>5,750.8</i> |
| WEEKS WORKED MOSTLY FULL TIME | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 13 | * | 6.5 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 9.1 | 17.0 |
| 13 " 26 | * | 5.4 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 13.8 | 22.7 |
| 26 " 39 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 20.8 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 21.1 | 41.9 |
| 39 " 49 | 16.5 | 12.6 | 29.1 | 7.8 | 15.3 | 23.1 | 52.2 |
| 49 " 52 | 8.5 | 6.9 | 15.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 26.6 |
| 52 and over | 34.0 | 14.2 | 48.2 | 27.1 | 13.8 | 40.9 | 89.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>73.9</i> | <i>56.3</i> | <i>130.3</i> | <i>62.2</i> | <i>56.9</i> | <i>119.1</i> | <i>249.4</i> |
| WEEKS WORKED MOSTLY PART TIME | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 13 | * | * | * | * | * | 5.8 | 9.3 |
| 13 " 26 | * | * | * | 6.1 | 5.5 | 11.6 | 15.6 |
| 26 " 39 | * | * | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 16.8 |
| 39 " 49 | * | 4.8 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 14.7 | 22.0 |
| 49 " 52 | * | * | * | 5.1 | * | 9.2 | 12.8 |
| 52 and over | 5.7 | 8.7 | 14.4 | 23.4 | 11.0 | 34.4 | 48.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>10.8</i> | <i>27.3</i> | <i>38.0</i> | <i>52.8</i> | <i>34.6</i> | <i>87.4</i> | <i>125.5</i> |
| WEEKS WORKED ALL PART TIME | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | * | 11.6 | 15.8 | 28.2 | 18.9 | 47.1 | 63.0 |
| 4 " 13 | 7.3 | 24.3 | 31.6 | 63.4 | 40.0 | 103.4 | 135.1 |
| 13 " 26 | 7.0 | 12.9 | 19.8 | 65.8 | 24.5 | 90.3 | 110.1 |
| 26 " 39 | 5.8 | 12.3 | 18.1 | 72.4 | 26.2 | 98.5 | 116.6 |
| 39 " 49 | 7.7 | 10.9 | 18.6 | 98.1 | 27.9 | 126.1 | 144.6 |
| 49 " 52 | * | 6.3 | 10.7 | 55.1 | 13.5 | 68.6 | 79.3 |
| 52 and over | 26.1 | 33.8 | 59.9 | 312.7 | 62.9 | 375.6 | 435.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>62.5</i> | <i>112.0</i> | <i>174.5</i> | <i>695.7</i> | <i>213.9</i> | <i>909.5</i> | <i>1,084.1</i> |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 4 | 9.7 | 47.7 | 57.5 | 46.7 | 38.2 | 84.8 | 142.3 |
| 4 " 13 | 28.1 | 105.4 | 133.4 | 106.8 | 87.5 | 194.3 | 327.8 |
| 13 " 26 | 51.3 | 77.3 | 128.7 | 125.2 | 77.3 | 202.6 | 331.3 |
| 26 " 39 | 78.7 | 98.6 | 177.3 | 148.7 | 91.3 | 240.0 | 417.3 |
| 39 " 49 | 164.7 | 133.7 | 298.4 | 180.4 | 108.4 | 288.8 | 587.3 |
| 49 " 52 | 170.9 | 86.5 | 257.5 | 116.7 | 56.4 | 173.1 | 430.6 |
| 52 and over | 2,422.6 | 922.8 | 3,345.4 | 1,002.6 | 625.3 | 1,627.8 | 4,973.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>2,926.1</i> | <i>1,472.0</i> | <i>4,398.2</i> | <i>1,727.1</i> | <i>1,084.4</i> | <i>2,811.5</i> | <i>7,209.7</i> |

TABLE 11. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS WORKED DURING THE PERIOD AND INDUSTRY AT THE END OF THE PERIOD
(' 000)

| Industry division(a) | Weeks worked during the period | | | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1 and under 13 | 13 and under 26 | 26 and under 39 | 39 and under 49 | 49 and under 52 | 52 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a) | 109.7 | 68.6 | 122.1 | 234.9 | 239.5 | 3,328.9 | 4,103.7 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 10.3 | 5.3 | 8.8 | 19.1 | 20.0 | 247.2 | 310.6 |
| Mining | * | * | * | 10.6 | 17.5 | 55.6 | 89.6 |
| Manufacturing | 24.9 | 14.8 | 26.4 | 51.8 | 58.9 | 753.9 | 930.7 |
| Electricity, gas and water | * | * | * | * | * | 113.9 | 126.5 |
| Construction | 11.6 | 10.7 | 21.7 | 49.7 | 39.6 | 310.9 | 444.2 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 28.8 | 13.6 | 26.2 | 35.4 | 36.3 | 589.2 | 729.6 |
| Transport and storage | * | * | 6.8 | 15.4 | 18.5 | 254.8 | 303.7 |
| Communication | * | * | * | * | * | 99.2 | 103.8 |
| Finance, property and business services | 8.4 | 5.3 | 8.9 | 16.8 | 12.1 | 260.2 | 311.7 |
| Public administration and defence | * | * | * | 6.0 | * | 177.3 | 196.0 |
| Community services | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 9.9 | 16.2 | 333.9 | 376.1 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 6.2 | 5.6 | 10.3 | 15.7 | 10.6 | 132.8 | 181.2 |
| Looking for work(a) | 32.8 | 32.7 | 33.5 | 37.9 | 11.8 | 6.3 | 155.0 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 48.4 | 27.4 | 21.7 | 25.6 | 6.2 | 10.2 | 139.5 |
| Total | 190.9 | 128.7 | 177.3 | 298.4 | 257.5 | 3,345.4 | 4,398.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a)(b) | 128.7 | 108.6 | 153.0 | 219.1 | 156.8 | 1,612.7 | 2,378.9 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 9.2 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 73.4 | 105.9 |
| Manufacturing | 11.8 | 14.5 | 18.9 | 26.8 | 24.2 | 227.5 | 323.7 |
| Electricity, gas and water | * | * | * | * | * | 10.6 | 12.9 |
| Construction | * | * | 4.7 | * | 4.9 | 35.0 | 54.0 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 40.3 | 33.9 | 36.9 | 53.8 | 39.6 | 357.1 | 561.6 |
| Transport and storage | * | * | * | * | 4.7 | 38.1 | 51.4 |
| Communication | * | * | * | * | * | 26.7 | 34.4 |
| Finance, property and business services | 14.1 | 10.5 | 15.6 | 18.2 | 14.7 | 184.7 | 257.7 |
| Public administration and defence | * | * | * | 6.1 | * | 76.8 | 97.0 |
| Community services | 25.7 | 22.8 | 40.8 | 67.2 | 35.4 | 455.0 | 647.0 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 17.2 | 14.6 | 19.7 | 30.6 | 21.8 | 121.1 | 225.1 |
| Looking for work(a) | 31.0 | 26.8 | 27.0 | 24.0 | 7.9 | * | 117.5 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 119.4 | 67.2 | 60.1 | 45.8 | 8.4 | 14.3 | 315.1 |
| Total | 279.2 | 202.6 | 240.0 | 288.8 | 173.1 | 1,627.8 | 2,811.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a) | 238.5 | 177.2 | 275.0 | 454.0 | 396.3 | 4,941.6 | 6,482.6 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 19.5 | 11.6 | 16.0 | 23.7 | 25.1 | 320.7 | 416.5 |
| Mining | * | * | * | 11.2 | 17.6 | 62.2 | 97.8 |
| Manufacturing | 36.7 | 29.3 | 45.3 | 78.6 | 83.1 | 981.4 | 1,254.4 |
| Electricity, gas and water | * | * | * | * | * | 124.5 | 139.4 |
| Construction | 14.8 | 12.6 | 26.4 | 54.1 | 44.5 | 345.9 | 498.3 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 69.2 | 47.5 | 63.1 | 89.2 | 75.9 | 946.3 | 1,291.1 |
| Transport and storage | 5.9 | * | 9.4 | 19.5 | 23.2 | 292.9 | 355.1 |
| Communication | * | * | * | * | * | 125.9 | 138.2 |
| Finance, property and business services | 22.5 | 15.8 | 24.5 | 34.9 | 26.8 | 444.9 | 569.5 |
| Public administration and defence | 7.1 | * | 6.8 | 12.1 | 8.2 | 254.1 | 292.9 |
| Community services | 31.8 | 27.6 | 46.0 | 77.1 | 51.7 | 788.9 | 1,023.1 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 23.4 | 20.3 | 30.0 | 46.3 | 32.4 | 253.9 | 406.2 |
| Looking for work(a) | 63.8 | 59.5 | 60.5 | 61.9 | 19.7 | 7.1 | 272.4 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 167.8 | 94.6 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 14.5 | 24.5 | 454.7 |
| Total | 470.1 | 331.3 | 417.4 | 587.3 | 430.6 | 4,973.2 | 7,209.7 |

(a) At the end of the period. (b) Includes mining.

**TABLE 12. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS WORKED DURING THE PERIOD AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

| Occupation group(a) | Weeks worked during the period | | | | | | | 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 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a) | 33.9 | 75.8 | 68.6 | 122.1 | 234.9 | 239.5 | 3,328.9 | 4,103.7 |
| Professional and technical | * | 5.6 | 7.0 | 11.3 | 16.4 | 17.7 | 452.0 | 514.0 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | * | * | * | * | 10.0 | 12.6 | 321.0 | 348.8 |
| Clerical | * | 7.8 | * | * | 11.3 | 6.5 | 292.8 | 328.9 |
| Sales | * | 6.5 | * | 9.7 | 17.0 | 15.9 | 218.5 | 275.8 |
| Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc. | * | 10.6 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 22.6 | 21.7 | 281.2 | 356.2 |
| Transport and communication | * | * | * | 9.0 | 17.9 | 24.1 | 235.8 | 293.4 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b) | 17.3 | 37.2 | 37.9 | 63.7 | 127.3 | 132.0 | 1,347.6 | 1,763.0 |
| Service, sport and recreation | * | 5.2 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 12.2 | 9.0 | 180.1 | 223.5 |
| Looking for work(a) | 8.5 | 24.3 | 32.7 | 33.5 | 37.9 | 11.8 | 6.3 | 155.0 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 15.1 | 33.3 | 27.4 | 21.7 | 25.6 | 6.2 | 10.2 | 139.5 |
| Total | 57.5 | 133.4 | 128.7 | 177.3 | 298.4 | 257.5 | 3,345.4 | 4,398.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a) | 36.9 | 91.8 | 108.6 | 153.0 | 219.1 | 156.8 | 1,612.7 | 2,378.9 |
| Professional and technical | 7.0 | 10.8 | 14.2 | 23.3 | 39.6 | 20.5 | 304.1 | 419.3 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | * | * | * | * | 5.4 | * | 47.0 | 62.1 |
| Clerical | 7.5 | 27.4 | 26.7 | 47.3 | 62.3 | 50.7 | 585.3 | 807.0 |
| Sales | 7.6 | 19.5 | 19.5 | 20.3 | 29.1 | 21.2 | 189.2 | 306.4 |
| Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc. | * | 5.6 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 69.4 | 102.9 |
| Transport and communication | * | * | * | * | 6.0 | * | 30.0 | 45.8 |
| Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b) | * | 9.0 | 15.1 | 17.1 | 25.1 | 23.0 | 159.3 | 252.5 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 7.2 | 17.1 | 23.1 | 31.5 | 46.4 | 29.2 | 228.4 | 382.9 |
| Looking for work(a) | 7.7 | 23.3 | 26.8 | 27.0 | 24.0 | 7.9 | * | 117.5 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 40.2 | 79.2 | 67.2 | 60.1 | 45.8 | 8.4 | 14.3 | 315.1 |
| Total | 84.8 | 194.3 | 202.6 | 240.0 | 288.8 | 173.1 | 1,627.8 | 2,811.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Employed(a) | 70.8 | 167.6 | 177.2 | 275.0 | 454.0 | 396.3 | 4,941.6 | 6,482.6 |
| Professional and technical | 11.0 | 16.3 | 21.2 | 34.6 | 56.0 | 38.2 | 756.1 | 933.3 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | * | * | * | 6.4 | 15.5 | 15.9 | 368.0 | 410.9 |
| Clerical | 10.7 | 35.2 | 29.5 | 51.7 | 73.6 | 57.1 | 878.1 | 1,136.0 |
| Sales | 11.5 | 26.0 | 23.7 | 30.0 | 46.1 | 37.1 | 407.8 | 582.1 |
| Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc. | 5.6 | 16.2 | 13.3 | 18.7 | 27.9 | 26.9 | 350.6 | 459.2 |
| Transport and communication | * | * | 4.7 | 11.5 | 23.9 | 27.9 | 265.8 | 339.2 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b) | 21.2 | 46.2 | 53.0 | 80.8 | 152.4 | 155.0 | 1,506.9 | 2,015.5 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 9.1 | 22.3 | 28.2 | 41.4 | 58.7 | 38.3 | 408.5 | 606.5 |
| Looking for work(a) | 16.1 | 47.6 | 59.5 | 60.5 | 61.9 | 19.7 | 7.1 | 272.4 |
| Not in the labour force(a) | 55.3 | 112.5 | 94.6 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 14.5 | 24.5 | 454.7 |
| Total | 142.3 | 327.8 | 331.3 | 417.4 | 587.3 | 430.6 | 4,973.2 | 7,209.7 |

(a) At the end of the period. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: MARITAL STATUS AND AGE ('000)

| | Age group (years) | | | | | | Total |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| Married— | | | | | | | |
| Males | * | 28.1 | 83.3 | 62.0 | 36.2 | 29.5 | 240.7 |
| Females | 7.7 | 46.6 | 111.1 | 69.7 | 32.0 | 6.9 | 274.1 |
| Persons | 9.4 | 74.7 | 194.4 | 131.7 | 68.2 | 36.4 | 514.7 |
| Not married— | | | | | | | |
| Males | 182.6 | 128.6 | 69.0 | 18.5 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 412.9 |
| Females | 192.2 | 98.2 | 44.5 | 12.3 | 9.0 | 4.9 | 361.2 |
| Persons | 374.8 | 226.9 | 113.5 | 30.8 | 17.9 | 10.2 | 774.0 |

TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE PERIOD

| Age group (years) | Weeks spent looking for work during the period | | | | | | | Total | Average time looked for work (weeks) |
|------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | Under 2 | 2 and under 4 | 4 and under 8 | 8 and under 13 | 13 and under 26 | 26 and under 52 | 52 and over | | |
| —'000— | | | | | | | | | |
| MARRIED MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 20-24 | * | 6.7 | 6.4 | * | * | * | * | 28.1 | 13.8 |
| 25-34 | 8.3 | 13.9 | 17.6 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 6.8 | 83.3 | 16.1 |
| 35-44 | 5.8 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 62.0 | 15.6 |
| 45-54 | * | 4.9 | 5.2 | * | 7.9 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 36.2 | 20.9 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | 7.0 | * | 8.7 | 29.5 | 26.3 |
| Total | 21.6 | 40.3 | 43.6 | 28.5 | 40.1 | 36.3 | 30.3 | 240.7 | 17.7 |
| ALL MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 21.0 | 23.9 | 37.1 | 34.5 | 33.1 | 25.3 | 9.2 | 184.2 | 14.2 |
| 20-24 | 13.6 | 21.9 | 29.8 | 23.0 | 28.0 | 28.3 | 12.1 | 156.7 | 16.4 |
| 25-34 | 13.4 | 22.9 | 30.8 | 22.1 | 22.0 | 24.4 | 16.6 | 152.2 | 17.3 |
| 35-44 | 7.1 | 14.1 | 14.9 | 11.3 | 12.9 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 80.6 | 17.1 |
| 45-54 | * | 5.1 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 9.0 | 7.7 | 9.9 | 45.1 | 23.6 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | 7.6 | 5.5 | 11.7 | 34.8 | 28.6 |
| Total | 59.6 | 91.4 | 121.5 | 97.4 | 112.6 | 100.9 | 70.2 | 653.5 | 17.2 |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7.7 | 17.3 |
| 20-24 | 4.6 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 6.8 | * | 46.6 | 14.9 |
| 25-34 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 16.2 | 15.1 | 15.9 | 14.9 | 12.3 | 111.1 | 15.9 |
| 35-44 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 10.6 | 8.3 | 10.2 | 11.9 | 9.5 | 69.7 | 18.1 |
| 45-54 | * | 5.8 | * | * | * | 5.1 | 5.6 | 32.0 | 19.4 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.9 | 20.3 |
| Total | 39.9 | 43.6 | 40.8 | 35.5 | 40.3 | 41.1 | 32.9 | 274.1 | 16.8 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 20.6 | 25.2 | 35.7 | 38.8 | 30.3 | 33.6 | 15.6 | 199.9 | 16.4 |
| 20-24 | 13.4 | 21.1 | 28.2 | 25.7 | 24.8 | 20.3 | 11.4 | 144.8 | 15.4 |
| 25-34 | 23.1 | 24.0 | 24.6 | 21.9 | 20.9 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 155.6 | 16.7 |
| 35-44 | 12.2 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 12.1 | 13.7 | 11.8 | 81.9 | 18.4 |
| 45-54 | 6.1 | 6.8 | * | * | 6.6 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 41.1 | 20.0 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.9 | 28.0 |
| Total | 76.5 | 88.8 | 106.0 | 100.4 | 96.0 | 97.8 | 69.8 | 635.2 | 16.9 |
| MARRIED PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 9.4 | 18.5 |
| 20-24 | 7.2 | 16.4 | 15.0 | 8.4 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 5.3 | 74.7 | 14.4 |
| 25-34 | 27.1 | 31.8 | 33.8 | 26.4 | 26.8 | 29.4 | 19.1 | 194.4 | 16.0 |
| 35-44 | 16.2 | 20.2 | 22.9 | 17.3 | 20.1 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 131.7 | 16.9 |
| 45-54 | 6.7 | 10.7 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 68.2 | 20.2 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | 7.9 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 36.4 | 25.2 |
| Total | 61.4 | 83.8 | 84.4 | 64.1 | 80.4 | 77.4 | 63.2 | 514.7 | 17.3 |
| ALL PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 41.6 | 49.2 | 72.8 | 73.3 | 63.4 | 58.9 | 24.9 | 384.1 | 15.4 |
| 20-24 | 27.0 | 43.0 | 58.1 | 48.7 | 52.8 | 48.6 | 23.4 | 301.6 | 15.9 |
| 25-34 | 36.5 | 47.0 | 55.4 | 44.0 | 42.9 | 45.6 | 36.6 | 307.9 | 17.0 |
| 35-44 | 19.3 | 25.3 | 27.3 | 19.7 | 25.0 | 23.2 | 22.6 | 162.5 | 17.7 |
| 45-54 | 8.4 | 11.9 | 10.8 | 7.9 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 17.3 | 86.1 | 21.9 |
| 55 and over | * | * | * | * | 8.8 | 8.2 | 15.2 | 46.6 | 28.5 |
| Total | 136.1 | 180.2 | 227.4 | 197.8 | 208.6 | 198.7 | 140.0 | 1,288.8 | 17.1 |

TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE PERIOD, STATES AND TERRITORIES

| | <i>Weeks spent looking for work</i> | | | | | | <i>Total</i> | <i>Proportion of the labour force(a)</i> | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>1 and under 4</i> | <i>4 and under 8</i> | <i>8 and under 13</i> | <i>13 and under 26</i> | <i>26 and under 52</i> | <i>52 and over</i> | | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| | —'000— | | | | | | | —per cent— | | |
| N.S.W. | 106.9 | 74.8 | 59.9 | 61.6 | 58.8 | 49.8 | 411.8 | 13.0 | 20.0 | 15.8 |
| Vic. | 81.0 | 52.9 | 53.3 | 61.6 | 53.9 | 35.8 | 338.5 | 14.2 | 20.8 | 16.9 |
| Qld | 63.5 | 41.7 | 33.1 | 36.4 | 29.1 | 15.7 | 219.4 | 16.3 | 22.7 | 18.8 |
| S.A. | 21.4 | 20.5 | 16.7 | 18.4 | 24.3 | 17.3 | 118.7 | 15.4 | 20.8 | 17.6 |
| W.A. | 28.8 | 25.6 | 20.8 | 19.1 | 20.7 | 12.9 | 128.1 | 16.3 | 23.0 | 19.0 |
| Tas. | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 36.8 | 15.5 | 21.7 | 17.9 |
| N.T. | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | * | * | 13.8 | 14.7 | 27.9 | 20.4 |
| A.C.T. | 6.2 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | * | 21.9 | 15.2 | 20.6 | 17.5 |
| Aust. | 316.3 | 227.4 | 197.8 | 208.6 | 198.7 | 140.0 | 1,288.8 | 14.4 | 21.1 | 17.1 |

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the same group who were in the labour force at some time during the period.

TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL

| <i>Birthplace and period of arrival</i> | <i>Weeks spent looking for work</i> | | | | | | <i>Total</i> | <i>Proportion of the labour force(a)</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| | <i>1 and under 4</i> | <i>4 and under 8</i> | <i>8 and under 13</i> | <i>13 and under 26</i> | <i>26 and under 52</i> | <i>52 and over</i> | | |
| | —'000— | | | | | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Born in Australia | 101.1 | 83.8 | 69.4 | 79.6 | 73.0 | 48.5 | 455.3 | 13.9 |
| Born outside Australia | 49.9 | 37.7 | 28.0 | 33.0 | 27.9 | 21.7 | 198.2 | 15.8 |
| Main English-speaking countries | 25.0 | 18.6 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 87.1 | 16.3 |
| Other countries | 24.9 | 19.1 | 15.4 | 20.5 | 17.8 | 13.3 | 111.1 | 15.5 |
| Arrived in Australia— | | | | | | | | |
| Before 1961 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 36.0 | 8.1 |
| 1961-1970 | 17.1 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 8.7 | 71.8 | 16.2 |
| 1971-1979 | 13.0 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 50.1 | 18.0 |
| Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1982 | 14.3 | 11.1 | 5.4 | 4.6 | * | * | 40.3 | 47.0 |
| Total | 151.0 | 121.4 | 97.4 | 112.6 | 100.9 | 70.2 | 653.5 | 14.4 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Born in Australia | 121.6 | 81.3 | 72.8 | 68.8 | 68.6 | 47.7 | 460.8 | 20.6 |
| Born outside Australia | 43.7 | 24.7 | 27.6 | 27.2 | 29.2 | 22.1 | 174.5 | 22.6 |
| Main English-speaking countries | 22.0 | 11.7 | 13.2 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 8.1 | 87.5 | 24.4 |
| Other countries | 21.7 | 12.9 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 13.9 | 87.0 | 20.9 |
| Arrived in Australia— | | | | | | | | |
| Before 1961 | 6.6 | * | * | * | * | 5.7 | 28.3 | 12.9 |
| 1961-1970 | 14.8 | 5.7 | 11.8 | 10.3 | 12.6 | 7.9 | 63.2 | 21.8 |
| 1971-1979 | 11.3 | 10.0 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 8.5 | 7.2 | 48.9 | 23.6 |
| Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1982 | 11.0 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 4.5 | * | 34.0 | 59.8 |
| Total | 165.3 | 106.0 | 100.4 | 96.0 | 97.8 | 69.8 | 635.2 | 21.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Born in Australia | 222.6 | 165.1 | 142.1 | 148.4 | 141.6 | 96.2 | 916.1 | 16.6 |
| Born outside Australia | 93.7 | 62.3 | 55.6 | 60.2 | 57.1 | 43.8 | 372.7 | 18.4 |
| Main English-speaking countries | 47.1 | 30.3 | 25.8 | 28.3 | 26.7 | 16.5 | 174.6 | 19.6 |
| Other countries | 46.6 | 32.0 | 29.9 | 31.9 | 30.4 | 27.3 | 198.1 | 17.5 |
| Arrived in Australia— | | | | | | | | |
| Before 1961 | 12.1 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 12.4 | 64.4 | 9.7 |
| 1961-1970 | 32.0 | 16.8 | 22.2 | 23.5 | 23.9 | 16.6 | 135.0 | 18.4 |
| 1971-1979 | 24.3 | 20.5 | 13.1 | 14.2 | 14.5 | 12.4 | 99.0 | 20.3 |
| Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1982 | 25.3 | 15.8 | 10.9 | 11.7 | 8.3 | * | 74.3 | 52.1 |
| Total | 316.3 | 227.4 | 197.8 | 208.6 | 198.7 | 140.0 | 1,288.8 | 17.1 |

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the same group who were in the labour force at some time during the period.

**TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

| Number of spells of looking for work | Weeks spent looking for work | | | | | | | Total |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1 and under 2 | 2 and under 4 | 4 and under 8 | 8 and under 13 | 13 and under 26 | 26 and under 52 | 52 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 59.6 | 81.0 | 97.0 | 72.7 | 76.8 | 57.2 | 69.4 | 513.6 |
| Two | .. | 10.1 | 13.2 | 15.3 | 17.8 | 26.4 | * | 83.3 |
| Three or more | .. | * | 11.3 | 9.4 | 18.0 | 17.3 | * | 56.7 |
| Total | 59.6 | 91.4 | 121.5 | 97.4 | 112.6 | 100.9 | 70.2 | 653.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 76.5 | 81.1 | 89.4 | 82.6 | 69.9 | 64.2 | 68.7 | 532.4 |
| Two | .. | 7.2 | 10.8 | 9.0 | 17.9 | 22.5 | * | 68.1 |
| Three or more | .. | * | 5.8 | 8.9 | 8.3 | 11.1 | * | 34.8 |
| Total | 76.5 | 88.8 | 106.0 | 100.4 | 96.0 | 97.8 | 69.8 | 635.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| One | 136.1 | 162.1 | 186.3 | 155.3 | 146.7 | 121.4 | 138.1 | 1,046.0 |
| Two | .. | 17.2 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 35.7 | 48.9 | * | 151.3 |
| Three or more | .. | * | 17.1 | 18.3 | 26.3 | 28.4 | * | 91.5 |
| Total | 136.1 | 180.2 | 227.4 | 197.8 | 208.6 | 198.7 | 140.0 | 1,288.8 |

**TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(' 000)**

| Number of spells of looking for work | Age group (years) | | | | | | Married | Not married | Total |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 152.1 | 114.6 | 116.0 | 65.3 | 35.7 | 29.8 | 190.3 | 323.3 | 513.6 |
| Two | 19.8 | 24.6 | 22.7 | 7.9 | 5.3 | * | 31.4 | 51.9 | 83.3 |
| Three or more | 12.3 | 17.5 | 13.5 | 7.3 | * | * | 19.0 | 37.7 | 56.7 |
| Total | 184.2 | 156.7 | 152.2 | 80.6 | 45.1 | 34.8 | 240.7 | 412.9 | 653.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 165.9 | 117.5 | 134.8 | 69.7 | 34.9 | 9.7 | 234.9 | 297.4 | 532.4 |
| Two | 22.6 | 18.8 | 13.6 | 8.6 | * | * | 25.6 | 42.4 | 68.1 |
| Three or more | 11.4 | 8.6 | 7.3 | 6.7 | * | * | 13.5 | 21.3 | 34.8 |
| Total | 199.9 | 144.8 | 155.6 | 81.9 | 41.1 | 11.9 | 274.1 | 361.2 | 635.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| One | 317.9 | 232.1 | 250.8 | 135.0 | 70.6 | 39.6 | 425.2 | 620.8 | 1,046.0 |
| Two | 42.4 | 43.4 | 36.2 | 16.5 | 8.5 | * | 57.0 | 94.3 | 151.3 |
| Three or more | 23.8 | 26.0 | 20.8 | 11.0 | 7.1 | * | 32.5 | 59.0 | 91.5 |
| Total | 384.1 | 301.6 | 307.9 | 162.5 | 86.1 | 46.6 | 514.7 | 774.0 | 1,288.8 |

**TABLE 19. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
AGE, WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK**

| | Age group (years) | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK | | | | | | | |
| Time spent looking for work— | —'000— | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 2 | 41.6 | 27.0 | 36.5 | 19.3 | 8.4 | * | 136.1 |
| 2 " 4 | 46.1 | 37.0 | 41.9 | 22.9 | 10.5 | * | 162.1 |
| 4 " 8 | 64.1 | 43.8 | 44.9 | 22.3 | 8.8 | * | 186.3 |
| 8 " 13 | 61.4 | 34.6 | 34.4 | 15.3 | 6.1 | * | 155.3 |
| 13 " 26 | 46.5 | 36.6 | 28.9 | 17.7 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 146.7 |
| 26 " 52 | 34.2 | 30.1 | 28.1 | 15.0 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 121.4 |
| 52 and over | 23.9 | 23.0 | 36.0 | 22.6 | 17.3 | 15.2 | 138.1 |
| Total | 317.9 | 232.1 | 250.8 | 135.0 | 70.6 | 39.6 | 1,046.0 |
| | —weeks— | | | | | | |
| Average (mean) duration | 13.9 | 15.5 | 16.5 | 17.7 | 21.9 | 29.3 | 16.5 |
| Median duration | 8.6 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 14.7 | 28.0 | 9.2 |
| TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK | | | | | | | |
| Weeks spent looking for work— | —'000— | | | | | | |
| 2 and under 4 | * | 6.1 | 4.9 | * | * | * | 17.2 |
| 4 " 13 | 11.5 | 16.8 | 11.4 | 5.5 | * | * | 48.2 |
| 13 " 26 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 8.1 | * | * | * | 35.7 |
| 26 and over | 18.4 | 10.3 | 11.8 | 4.9 | * | * | 50.2 |
| Total | 42.4 | 43.4 | 36.2 | 16.5 | 8.5 | * | 151.3 |
| | —weeks— | | | | | | |
| Average (mean) duration | 23.7 | 16.4 | 18.9 | 18.0 | 23.5 | * | 19.7 |
| Median duration | 22.2 | 12.3 | 15.9 | 15.0 | 20.2 | * | 16.7 |
| THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK | | | | | | | |
| Weeks spent looking for work— | —'000— | | | | | | |
| 3 and under 4 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 4 " 13 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 8.6 | * | * | * | 35.4 |
| 13 " 26 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | * | * | * | 26.3 |
| 26 and over | 7.3 | 8.6 | 6.3 | * | * | * | 29.0 |
| Total | 23.8 | 26.0 | 20.8 | 11.0 | 7.1 | * | 91.5 |
| | —weeks— | | | | | | |
| Average (mean) duration | 19.6 | 18.8 | 19.5 | 18.4 | 20.1 | * | 19.4 |
| Median duration | 17.7 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 20.1 | * | 17.7 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | |
| Weeks spent looking for work— | —'000— | | | | | | |
| 1 and under 2 | 41.6 | 27.0 | 36.5 | 19.3 | 8.4 | * | 136.1 |
| 2 " 4 | 49.2 | 43.0 | 47.0 | 25.3 | 11.9 | * | 180.2 |
| 4 " 8 | 72.8 | 58.1 | 55.4 | 27.3 | 10.8 | * | 227.4 |
| 8 " 13 | 73.3 | 48.7 | 44.0 | 19.7 | 7.9 | * | 197.8 |
| 13 " 26 | 63.4 | 52.8 | 42.9 | 25.0 | 15.6 | 8.8 | 208.6 |
| 26 " 52 | 58.9 | 48.6 | 45.6 | 23.2 | 14.2 | 8.2 | 198.7 |
| 52 and over | 24.9 | 23.4 | 36.6 | 22.6 | 17.3 | 15.2 | 140.0 |
| Total | 384.1 | 301.6 | 307.9 | 162.5 | 86.1 | 46.6 | 1,288.8 |
| | —weeks— | | | | | | |
| Average (mean) duration | 15.4 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 21.9 | 28.5 | 17.1 |
| Median duration | 9.9 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 16.4 | 26.1 | 10.5 |

**TABLE 20. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(' 000)**

| Age group (years) | Weeks out of the labour force | | | | | | | 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 and over | |
| MARRIED MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 20-24 | 15.0 | 8.2 | 4.7 | | * | * | * | 30.9 |
| 25-34 | 70.0 | 40.2 | 16.0 | 4.6 | * | * | 7.0 | 139.7 |
| 35-44 | 56.5 | 34.9 | 11.9 | 5.0 | * | * | 16.1 | 128.6 |
| 45-54 | 40.4 | 29.0 | 10.6 | 6.3 | 4.6 | * | 34.6 | 126.5 |
| 55-59 | 18.1 | 10.5 | 5.7 | 4.8 | * | * | 35.5 | 77.1 |
| 60-64 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 5.3 | * | 109.7 | 150.2 |
| 65 and over | 4.6 | 6.3 | * | 5.5 | 5.5 | | 383.9 | 409.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>213.9</i> | <i>136.6</i> | <i>58.2</i> | <i>36.7</i> | <i>21.7</i> | <i>8.5</i> | <i>588.2</i> | <i>1,063.9</i> |
| ALL MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 25.2 | 26.7 | 21.7 | 30.7 | 83.5 | 33.7 | 158.0 | 379.4 |
| 20-24 | 51.4 | 42.3 | 19.8 | 15.9 | 18.7 | 6.2 | 13.9 | 168.2 |
| 25-34 | 92.0 | 60.1 | 26.3 | 10.2 | 7.0 | * | 22.0 | 219.4 |
| 35-44 | 62.4 | 40.1 | 14.4 | 8.1 | 4.5 | * | 25.1 | 156.2 |
| 45-54 | 45.4 | 31.9 | 13.5 | 8.5 | 4.6 | * | 52.5 | 157.6 |
| 55-59 | 19.8 | 11.2 | 7.2 | 4.9 | * | * | 44.9 | 91.6 |
| 60-64 | 10.4 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 6.3 | * | 130.9 | 177.6 |
| 65 and over | 4.8 | 7.5 | * | 6.1 | 6.9 | | 502.9 | 532.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>311.3</i> | <i>228.4</i> | <i>115.3</i> | <i>94.3</i> | <i>132.0</i> | <i>50.5</i> | <i>950.1</i> | <i>1,881.9</i> |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.2 | 17.4 |
| 20-24 | 17.1 | 15.0 | 15.5 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 8.6 | 86.9 | 171.6 |
| 25-34 | 43.3 | 53.3 | 58.4 | 52.3 | 46.8 | 25.4 | 390.3 | 669.9 |
| 35-44 | 41.6 | 57.6 | 36.9 | 32.5 | 28.2 | 12.2 | 271.2 | 480.2 |
| 45-54 | 25.7 | 36.2 | 20.5 | 17.7 | 16.5 | 10.1 | 267.0 | 393.6 |
| 55-59 | 6.6 | 10.6 | 6.2 | 7.1 | * | * | 194.2 | 231.3 |
| 60-64 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 196.6 | 206.1 |
| 65 and over | * | * | * | * | * | * | 310.3 | 315.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>138.1</i> | <i>178.1</i> | <i>141.7</i> | <i>129.4</i> | <i>113.3</i> | <i>60.9</i> | <i>1,724.7</i> | <i>2,486.1</i> |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 24.4 | 29.8 | 30.7 | 31.0 | 74.4 | 25.9 | 171.8 | 388.1 |
| 20-24 | 38.1 | 35.2 | 30.8 | 30.0 | 31.5 | 13.0 | 120.7 | 299.2 |
| 25-34 | 55.4 | 67.2 | 66.5 | 58.3 | 52.9 | 29.3 | 426.8 | 756.5 |
| 35-44 | 45.7 | 64.9 | 40.2 | 35.7 | 30.9 | 13.4 | 303.6 | 534.4 |
| 45-54 | 29.5 | 38.6 | 23.9 | 21.0 | 18.8 | 11.7 | 311.4 | 454.8 |
| 55-59 | 8.7 | 13.2 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 4.9 | * | 241.8 | 287.3 |
| 60-64 | * | 7.0 | | 5.3 | | * | 273.0 | 289.1 |
| 65 and over | * | 5.4 | | * | * | * | 744.2 | 755.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>205.5</i> | <i>255.6</i> | <i>206.2</i> | <i>188.2</i> | <i>217.7</i> | <i>98.3</i> | <i>2,593.1</i> | <i>3,764.5</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 49.6 | 56.5 | 52.4 | 61.7 | 158.0 | 59.6 | 329.7 | 767.4 |
| 20-24 | 89.5 | 77.5 | 50.6 | 45.8 | 50.2 | 19.2 | 134.6 | 467.4 |
| 25-34 | 147.5 | 127.3 | 92.8 | 68.5 | 59.9 | 31.3 | 448.7 | 975.9 |
| 35-44 | 108.1 | 105.0 | 54.6 | 43.7 | 35.4 | 15.1 | 328.7 | 690.6 |
| 45-54 | 74.8 | 70.5 | 37.4 | 29.5 | 23.4 | 12.8 | 363.9 | 612.4 |
| 55-59 | 28.5 | 24.5 | 15.4 | 13.0 | 8.0 | * | 286.7 | 378.9 |
| 60-64 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 9.6 | * | 403.9 | 466.7 |
| 65 and over | 6.0 | 10.2 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 5.2 | * | 1,247.0 | 1,287.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>516.8</i> | <i>484.0</i> | <i>321.5</i> | <i>282.4</i> | <i>349.7</i> | <i>148.8</i> | <i>3,543.2</i> | <i>5,646.4</i> |

**TABLE 21. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND MAJOR ACTIVITY**
(' 000)

| Major activity when out of the labour force | Weeks out of the labour force | | | | | | | 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 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Attended an educational institution | 6.6 | 11.2 | 20.7 | 36.7 | 102.6 | 40.2 | 167.2 | 385.1 |
| Ill or injured | 10.0 | 14.4 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 4.5 | * | 62.2 | 113.5 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 91.4 | 91.5 | 49.9 | 33.6 | 19.0 | 5.9 | 660.6 | 952.1 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | * | * | * | * | 44.6 | 45.8 |
| On strike | 13.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 19.2 |
| Other activity(a) | 11.5 | 9.8 | 6.2 | 4.7 | * | * | 15.5 | 51.0 |
| Not asked(b) | 178.5 | 97.2 | 25.6 | 9.3 | * | * | * | 315.2 |
| Total | 311.3 | 228.4 | 115.3 | 94.3 | 132.0 | 50.5 | 950.1 | 1,881.9 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Kept house | 28.5 | 74.8 | 103.3 | 114.2 | 110.3 | 62.1 | 2,151.7 | 2,644.9 |
| Attended an educational institution | 4.9 | 14.9 | 27.0 | 36.6 | 88.6 | 29.4 | 178.8 | 380.1 |
| Ill or injured | 4.7 | 11.8 | 5.5 | * | * | * | 23.1 | 52.5 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 46.6 | 42.4 | 25.0 | 11.5 | 4.8 | * | 207.1 | 339.5 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | * | * | * | * | 23.6 | 23.6 |
| Other activity(c) | 6.1 | 4.9 | * | * | * | * | 7.4 | 25.4 |
| Not asked(b) | 114.7 | 106.8 | 44.0 | 20.7 | 8.3 | * | * | 298.3 |
| Total | 205.5 | 255.6 | 206.2 | 188.2 | 217.7 | 98.3 | 2,593.1 | 3,764.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Kept house | 29.8 | 75.0 | 104.2 | 115.3 | 111.0 | 62.1 | 2,161.5 | 2,658.9 |
| Attended an educational institution | 11.5 | 26.1 | 47.7 | 73.2 | 191.1 | 69.7 | 346.0 | 765.3 |
| Ill or injured | 14.7 | 26.2 | 16.5 | 12.8 | 8.1 | * | 85.3 | 166.0 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 138.1 | 133.9 | 75.0 | 45.1 | 23.9 | 7.9 | 867.8 | 1,291.6 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | * | * | * | * | 68.3 | 69.5 |
| On strike | 15.4 | 5.9 | * | * | * | * | * | 21.3 |
| Other activity | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 5.6 | * | * | 13.1 | 60.3 |
| Not asked(b) | 293.2 | 203.9 | 69.6 | 30.0 | 11.6 | * | * | 613.5 |
| Total | 516.8 | 484.0 | 321.5 | 282.4 | 349.7 | 148.8 | 3,543.2 | 5,646.4 |

(a) Includes males who were keeping house. (b) Persons who had had their current job for year or longer but had only worked for part of the period were not asked their activity when not working. (c) Includes females on strike.

**TABLE 22. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982:
AGE AND MAJOR ACTIVITY**
(' 000)

| Major activity when out of the labour force | Age group (years) | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Attended an educational institution | 321.0 | 45.3 | 13.4 | * | * | * | * | * | 385.1 |
| Ill or injured | 5.8 | 12.8 | 18.0 | 20.4 | 26.6 | 14.1 | 10.3 | 5.5 | 113.5 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 26.7 | 64.5 | 79.6 | 46.5 | 48.3 | 44.4 | 143.0 | 499.1 | 952.1 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | * | 4.7 | 12.4 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 11.3 | 45.8 |
| On strike | * | 5.1 | 7.8 | * | * | * | * | * | 19.2 |
| Other activity(a) | 4.8 | 5.8 | 16.5 | 9.7 | 5.1 | * | * | 6.5 | 51.0 |
| Not asked(b) | 18.5 | 34.1 | 80.5 | 68.3 | 63.2 | 26.3 | 15.4 | 8.9 | 315.2 |
| Total | 379.4 | 168.2 | 219.4 | 156.2 | 157.6 | 91.6 | 177.6 | 532.0 | 1,881.9 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Kept house | 23.6 | 160.8 | 609.3 | 412.0 | 370.7 | 247.4 | 247.3 | 573.7 | 2,644.9 |
| Attended an educational institution | 307.5 | 50.3 | 13.7 | 6.4 | * | * | * | * | 380.1 |
| Ill or injured | * | 10.5 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 7.5 | * | * | 5.2 | 52.5 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 25.0 | 41.1 | 37.4 | 17.5 | 15.5 | 14.0 | 32.6 | 156.4 | 339.5 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 15.0 | 23.6 |
| Other activity(c) | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.3 | * | * | * | * | * | 25.4 |
| Not asked(b) | 20.6 | 29.8 | 77.8 | 83.9 | 56.7 | 19.9 | 5.6 | * | 298.3 |
| Total | 388.1 | 299.2 | 756.5 | 534.4 | 454.8 | 287.3 | 289.1 | 755.0 | 3,764.5 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Kept house | 23.6 | 160.8 | 612.3 | 414.4 | 372.1 | 248.0 | 248.3 | 579.4 | 2,658.9 |
| Attended an educational institution | 628.5 | 95.6 | 27.1 | 10.1 | * | * | * | * | 765.3 |
| Ill or injured | 9.8 | 23.3 | 27.7 | 30.3 | 34.1 | 17.8 | 12.4 | 10.7 | 166.0 |
| Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc. | 51.8 | 105.6 | 117.1 | 64.0 | 63.8 | 58.4 | 175.6 | 655.5 | 1,291.6 |
| Permanently unable to work | * | * | 5.0 | 5.8 | 14.7 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 26.3 | 69.5 |
| On strike | * | 5.9 | 8.9 | * | * | * | * | * | 21.3 |
| Other activity | 11.2 | 11.4 | 19.6 | 10.8 | * | * | * | * | 60.3 |
| Not asked(b) | 39.2 | 63.9 | 158.3 | 152.2 | 119.9 | 46.2 | 21.0 | 13.0 | 613.5 |
| Total | 767.4 | 467.4 | 975.9 | 690.6 | 612.4 | 378.9 | 466.7 | 1,287.0 | 5,646.4 |

For footnotes see previous table.

TABLE 23. PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THEIR CURRENT JOB FOR ONE YEAR OR LONGER WHO DID NOT WORK FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD: WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE, OCCUPATION AND WHETHER EMPLOYED FULLTIME (' 000)

| | <i>Weeks out of the labour force</i> | | | | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | <i>1 and under 4</i> | <i>4 and under 13</i> | <i>13 and under 26</i> | <i>26 and over</i> | |
| MALES | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 14.2 | 6.9 | * | * | 26.5 |
| Administrative, executive, managerial | 6.2 | * | * | * | 12.4 |
| Clerical | * | * | * | * | 7.0 |
| Sales | 7.7 | 5.8 | * | * | 16.3 |
| Farmers, fishermen, etc. | 19.8 | 10.9 | * | * | 39.1 |
| Transport and communication | 25.0 | 10.5 | * | * | 39.0 |
| Tradesmen, miners, labourers, etc. | 102.4 | 56.7 | 18.2 | 8.5 | 185.9 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 6.4 | 4.8 | * | * | 14.4 |
| Currently works full time | 173.5 | 85.5 | 24.0 | 10.2 | 293.2 |
| Currently works part time | 10.3 | 14.7 | 5.9 | 8.2 | 39.0 |
| Not asked-not currently working | * | * | * | * | 8.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>184.8</i> | <i>102.6</i> | <i>31.4</i> | <i>21.7</i> | <i>340.5</i> |
| FEMALES | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 14.4 | 20.8 | 15.2 | 9.9 | 60.3 |
| Administrative, executive, managerial | * | * | * | * | 5.7 |
| Clerical | 32.6 | 29.0 | 13.2 | 13.6 | 88.5 |
| Sales | 15.8 | 15.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 40.9 |
| Farmers, fishermen, etc. | 6.9 | * | * | 8.9 | 21.3 |
| Transport and communication | * | * | * | * | 9.4 |
| Tradesmen, miners, labourers, etc. | 19.7 | 12.8 | * | * | 39.8 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 24.1 | 27.9 | 9.7 | 5.1 | 66.8 |
| Currently works full-time | 57.0 | 27.0 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 104.0 |
| Currently works part-time | 59.3 | 80.1 | 31.6 | 25.6 | 196.6 |
| Not asked-not currently working | * | 9.1 | 9.8 | 11.1 | 32.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>118.4</i> | <i>116.2</i> | <i>51.2</i> | <i>47.0</i> | <i>332.8</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | |
| Professional and technical | 28.6 | 27.7 | 17.4 | 13.2 | 86.8 |
| Administrative, executive, managerial | 8.2 | 6.6 | * | * | 18.1 |
| Clerical | 35.8 | 31.9 | 13.3 | 14.5 | 95.5 |
| Sales | 23.4 | 21.1 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 57.2 |
| Farmers, fishermen, etc. | 26.7 | 14.5 | 6.2 | 13.0 | 60.3 |
| Transport and communication | 27.8 | 14.9 | * | * | 48.4 |
| Tradesmen, miners, labourers, etc. | 122.1 | 69.5 | 22.3 | 11.7 | 225.6 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 30.5 | 32.7 | 11.1 | 6.9 | 81.2 |
| Currently works full-time | 230.5 | 112.5 | 33.8 | 20.4 | 397.2 |
| Currently works part-time | 69.5 | 94.8 | 37.5 | 33.8 | 235.6 |
| Not asked-not currently working | * | 11.5 | 11.3 | 14.5 | 40.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>303.1</i> | <i>218.8</i> | <i>82.6</i> | <i>68.7</i> | <i>673.3</i> |

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

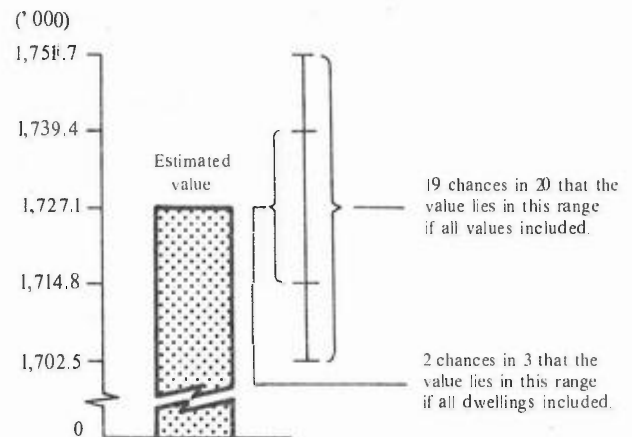
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution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

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 shows the estimated number of married females employed at some time during the period February 1981 to February 1982 was 1,727,100. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 10,400 and 13,000, and can be approximated as 12,300 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 1,714,800 to 1,739,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 1,702,500 and 1,751,700. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,525,800) is shown in Table 3 as 49.0 per cent. The standard error for 3,525,800 is approximately 15,100 so the relative standard error is 0.4 per cent. The relative standard error for 1,727,100 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 + (0.4)^2}$ or 0.8 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (49.0 per cent) of 0.4 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females employed at some time during the period is between 48.6 per cent and 49.4 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 48.2 per cent to 49.8 per cent.

8. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

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

While this formula is strictly applicable only to differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. 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.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

| Size of estimate | N.S. W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W. A. | Tas. | N. T. | A. C. T. | Australia | |
|------------------|---------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | Relative standard error (per cent) | |
| 1,500 | | | | | | 350 | | | | |
| 2,300 | | | | 550 | 550 | 400 | 550 | 550 | | |
| 3,000 | | | | 650 | 650 | 450 | 650 | 600 | | |
| 3,500 | | | 850 | 650 | 700 | 500 | 700 | 600 | | |
| 4,000 | | | 900 | 700 | 700 | 500 | 700 | 650 | | |
| 4,500 | | | 950 | 750 | 750 | 550 | 750 | 700 | 1100 | 24.9 |
| 5,000 | 1250 | 1250 | 1000 | 800 | 800 | 550 | 800 | 700 | 1200 | 23.6 |
| 6,000 | 1350 | 1350 | 1050 | 850 | 850 | 600 | 850 | 750 | 1300 | 21.5 |
| 7,000 | 1450 | 1400 | 1150 | 900 | 900 | 650 | 900 | 800 | 1400 | 19.9 |
| 10,000 | 1700 | 1650 | 1350 | 1050 | 1050 | 750 | 1050 | 850 | 1650 | 16.5 |
| 20,000 | 2350 | 2200 | 1750 | 1350 | 1400 | 950 | 1350 | 1050 | 2250 | 11.3 |
| 50,000 | 3400 | 3100 | 2500 | 1850 | 1900 | 1250 | 1900 | 1300 | 3400 | 6.8 |
| 100,000 | 4450 | 4000 | 3250 | 2350 | 2400 | 1450 | 2450 | 1450 | 4500 | 4.5 |
| 200,000 | 5750 | 5050 | 4100 | 2950 | 2950 | 1750 | | 1600 | 5900 | 2.9 |
| 300,000 | 6650 | 5700 | 4700 | 3300 | 3300 | | | | 6850 | 2.3 |
| 500,000 | 7900 | 6650 | 5550 | 3850 | 3800 | | | | 8250 | 1.6 |
| 1,000,000 | 9800 | 8050 | 6850 | | | | | | 10400 | 1.0 |
| 2,000,000 | 12000 | 9650 | | | | | | | 13000 | 0.7 |
| 5,000,000 | 15350 | 11850 | | | | | | | 17050 | 0.4 |

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

