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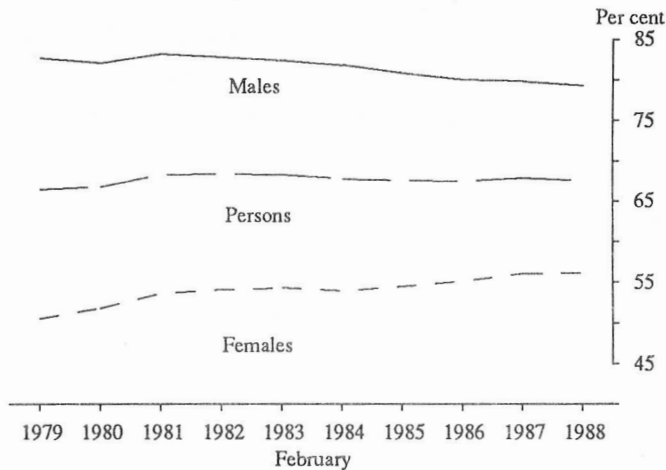
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Participation in the labour force

The proportion of persons who had participated in the labour force in the twelve months to February 1988 has changed little over the past ten years due to the male and female participation rates having complementary effects. The spread of estimates was from 66.4 per cent in February 1979 to 68.2 per cent in February 1983. The current rate of 67.5 per cent for February 1988 is virtually identical to the results of the preceding four surveys.

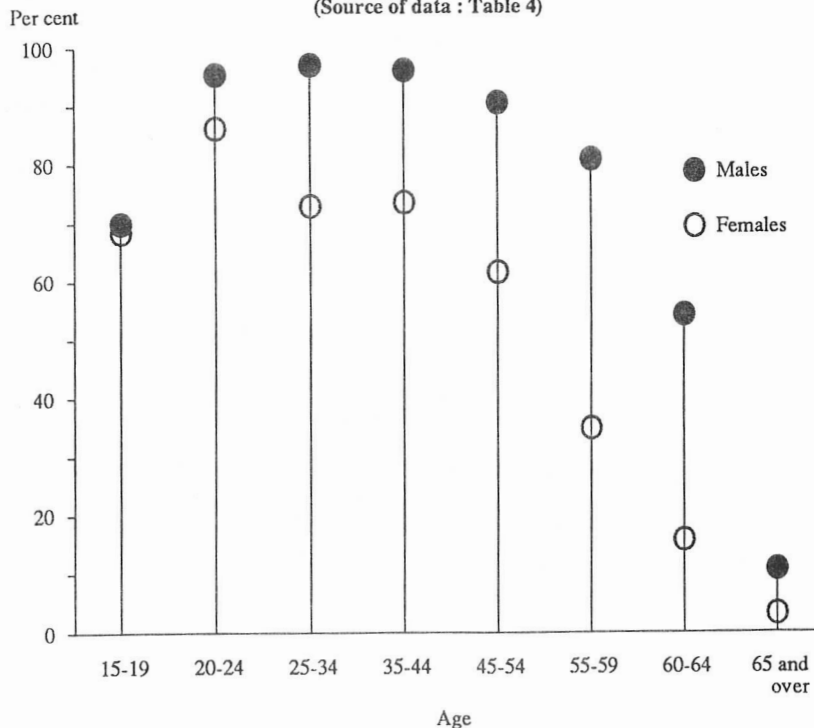
Male participation in the labour force has fallen over the last ten years, from the high in 1981 of 83.2 per cent to the current 79.3 per cent. Conversely, female participation has increased from the low of 50.5 per cent in 1979 to 56.2 per cent in February 1988.

DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1988
(Source of data : Table 1)



An estimated 8,524,900 persons had been in the labour force at some time during the twelve months ending February 1988. This represents 67.5 per cent of the population of persons aged 15 and over. For males aged between 20 and 44 years, participation rates were greater than 90 per cent. For females the highest participation rate was 86.4 per cent for the 20 to 24 year age group.

DIAGRAM 2. ALL PERSONS : PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX, FEBRUARY 1988
(Source of data : Table 4)



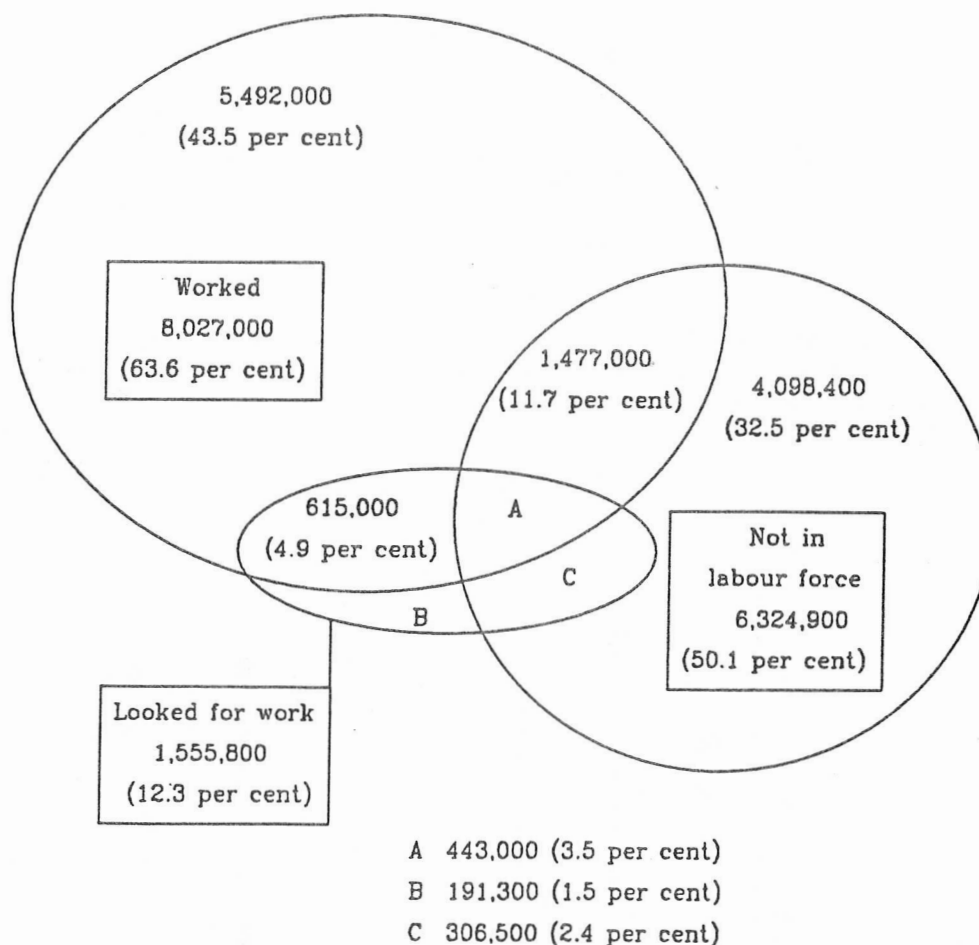
Aggregate participation rates were similar for married and not-married persons (67.9 per cent and 66.9 per cent respectively) but significant differences emerged for particular age and sex groups.

Married males had higher participation rates than not-married males in almost all age groups. In the 45-54 age group the participation rate for married males was 92.9 per cent compared with 79.8 per cent for not-married males.

Conversely, married females had lower participation rates than not-married females in almost all age groups. The largest difference was in the 20-24 age group, where married females had a participation rate of 77.2 per cent compared with 91.8 per cent for not-married females.

Persons who participated in the labour force can be assigned to three groups; those who *worked* at some time during the year, those who *looked for work* at some time during the year, and those who had been *not in the labour force* at some time during the year. These groups are not mutually exclusive as it is possible for an individual to be in more than one of the groups over the course of a twelve month period. Diagram 3 shows the extent to which this happened.

DIAGRAM 3. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION,
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988
(Source of data : Tables 2 and 8)



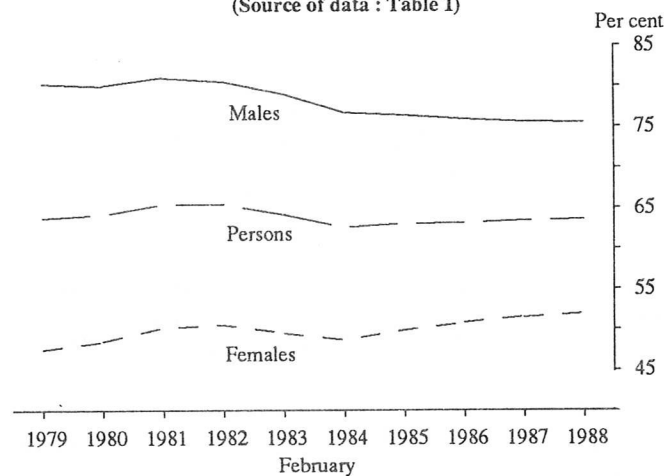
For instance, 615,000 persons, or 4.9 per cent of all persons at February 1988, had worked at some time, and also looked for work at some time but at no time during the year had they been not in the labour force. Similarly, 5,492,000 persons (43.5 per cent) had worked for the whole year. A further example - 443,000 persons (3.5 per cent) worked at some time, looked for work at some time, and were not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1988.

Persons who worked at some time during the year

The trends in labour force participation can also be found in the proportions of persons who worked at some time during the twelve months prior to interview. This proportion remained stable, varying from 63.7 per cent in 1979 and 65.4 per cent in 1981 and 1982 to the February 1988 estimate of 63.6 per cent.

The rise in the proportion of females working at some time, from 47.5 per cent in 1979 to 52.0 per cent in 1988 was countered by the corresponding decline in proportions of males, from 80.3 per cent in 1979 to the low of 75.5 per cent in 1988.

DIAGRAM 4. ALL PERSONS : PROPORTION WHO HAD WORKED AT SOME TIME IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1988
(Source of data : Table 1)



Some 8,027,000 persons had worked at some time during the year ending February 1988. Of these persons—

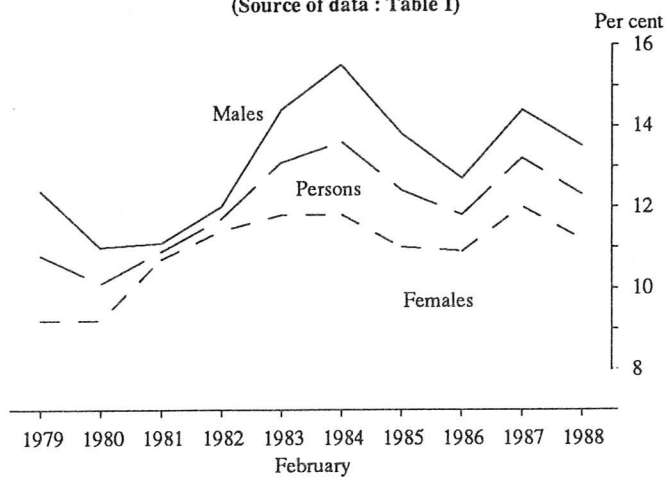
- 5,492,000 (68.4 per cent) had worked for the full 52 weeks
- 74.8 per cent of male workers had worked for 52 weeks, compared with 59.4 per cent of female workers
- 89.2 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full-time basis (93.4 per cent for married males)
- 34.8 per cent of female workers had worked all their weeks on a part-time basis (40.8 per cent for married females)

Persons who looked for work at some time during the year

An estimated 1,555,800 persons looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1988. This represents 12.3 per cent of all persons aged 15 and over. The proportion of persons who had looked for work in the period prior to interview has varied considerably, as shown in Diagram 5, from the 1979 estimate of 10.8 per cent to 12.3 per cent in February 1988.

The proportion of males who had looked for work remained higher than the corresponding females proportion for all years, recording 13.5 per cent and 11.2 per cent respectively in February 1988.

DIAGRAM 5. ALL PERSONS : PROPORTION WHO HAD LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1988
(Source of data : Table 1)



The proportion of persons who had looked for work during the year decreases with age, and the average duration of looking for work increases. Thus, while 28.1 per cent of 15 to 19 year olds had looked for work with an average duration of 15.6 weeks, 1.2 per cent of persons aged 60 and over had looked for work for an average 33.6 weeks.

Persons not in the labour force at some time

An estimated 6,324,900 persons were not in the labour force at some time during the year, with 4,098,400 (64.8 per cent) not in the labour force for the whole year.

Females outnumbered males by almost 2 to 1 (4,141,300 to 2,183,600), with married females being the largest major demographic group. There were, in fact, more married females than males (married or not) out of the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1988.

TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1988
(Per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—									
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
MALES										
<i>Not in the labour force at any time during the period</i>	17.3	17.9	16.8	17.2	17.6	18.2	19.2	20.0	20.2	20.7
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	82.7	82.1	83.2	82.8	82.4	81.8	80.8	80.0	79.8	79.3
Time in the labour force (weeks)—										
52	70.0	69.4	68.9	68.0	69.4	68.0	66.5	64.8	64.7	64.9
1 and under 52	12.8	12.7	14.3	14.8	13.0	13.8	14.3	15.2	15.1	14.4
Worked at some time during the period	80.3	80.0	81.0	80.5	79.0	76.7	76.4	75.9	75.6	75.5
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—										
All were full-time	74.2	74.1	74.7	74.2	71.5	69.1	69.2	68.6	66.4	67.4
More full-time than part-time	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.5	2.6
More part-time than full-time	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8
All were part-time	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.7
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—										
One	66.0	66.6	66.9	66.1	66.6	65.6	64.5	63.0	62.2	61.3
Two	9.9	9.4	10.3	10.5	8.7	8.1	8.4	9.4	10.0	10.4
Three	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2
Four or more	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
Looked for work at some time during the period	12.4	11.0	11.1	12.0	14.4	15.5	13.8	12.7	14.4	13.5
Number of spells of looking for work—										
One	9.9	8.7	9.0	9.4	10.9	12.1	11.4	10.4	11.4	10.8
Two	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.4	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
Three	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Four or more	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES										
<i>Not in the labour force at any time during the period</i>	49.5	48.2	46.4	45.9	45.7	46.1	45.5	44.9	43.9	43.8
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	50.5	51.8	53.6	54.1	54.3	53.9	54.5	55.1	56.1	56.2
Time in the labour force (weeks)—										
52	31.7	33.6	33.4	34.0	33.9	33.2	33.9	32.9	34.1	35.4
1 and under 52	18.8	18.1	20.2	20.2	20.3	20.7	20.7	22.2	22.0	20.8
Worked at some time during the period	47.5	48.5	50.2	50.5	49.5	48.7	49.9	50.8	51.5	52.0
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—										
All were full-time	29.7	30.5	30.4	30.5	29.0	28.4	29.3	29.3	28.5	29.9
More full-time than part-time	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.5
More part-time than full-time	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.5
All were part-time	14.6	14.9	16.0	16.3	16.8	16.8	17.1	17.5	18.6	18.1
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—										
One	40.9	41.7	42.7	42.6	42.7	42.5	42.4	42.3	43.0	43.0
Two	4.8	4.7	5.8	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.8
Three	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.4
Four or more	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8
Looked for work at some time during the period	9.2	9.2	10.7	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.0	10.9	12.0	11.2
Number of spells of looking for work—										
One	7.8	7.9	9.1	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.7	9.2
Two	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Three	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Four or more	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS										
<i>Not in the labour force at any time during the period</i>	33.6	33.3	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.3	32.5	32.6	32.2	32.5
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	66.4	66.7	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7	67.5	67.4	67.8	67.5
Time in the labour force (weeks)—										
52	50.6	51.3	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4	50.0	48.6	49.2	49.9
1 and under 52	15.8	15.4	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3	17.5	18.8	18.6	17.6
Worked at some time during the period	63.7	64.1	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5	63.0	63.1	63.4	63.6
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—										
All were full-time	51.7	52.0	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5	49.0	48.7	47.2	48.3
More full-time than part-time	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.6
More part-time than full-time	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2
All were part-time	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.9	11.7	11.5
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—										
One	55.3	54.0	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9	53.3	52.5	52.4	52.0
Two	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4	7.0	7.8	8.2	8.5
Three	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8
Four or more	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Looked for work at some time during the period	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6	12.4	11.8	13.2	12.3
Number of spells of looking for work—										
One	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.2	9.7	10.5	10.0
Two	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1
Three	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Four or more	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) See Explanatory Notes, Appendix B, paragraph 14, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988
AND MARITAL STATUS
(^{'000})

	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<i>Not in the labour force at any time during the year</i>	777.1	1,699.3	2,476.5	512.5	1,109.4	1,621.9	1,289.6	2,808.7	4,098.4
<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	3,101.8	2,146.4	5,248.2	1,824.8	1,451.9	3,276.7	4,926.6	3,598.3	8,524.9
Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)–									
1 and under 4	12.8	69.6	82.4	43.1	51.8	94.8	55.9	121.4	177.2
4 and under 13	22.6	109.2	131.8	117.4	135.2	252.6	140.0	244.4	384.4
13 and under 26	35.0	113.9	148.9	69.1	76.7	145.8	104.2	190.5	294.7
26 and under 39	50.1	149.1	199.2	72.6	74.2	146.8	122.7	223.3	346.0
39 and under 49	131.3	228.1	359.5	125.2	105.6	230.8	256.6	333.7	590.3
49 and under 52	131.3	136.8	268.1	83.4	82.4	165.8	214.7	219.2	433.9
52	2,718.6	1,339.7	4,058.3	1,314.0	926.0	2,240.0	4,032.6	2,265.7	6,298.3
Worked at some time during the year	3,017.0	2,031.7	5,048.7	1,676.2	1,302.1	2,978.3	4,693.2	3,333.8	8,027.0
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked–									
All were full-time	2,818.9	1,048.8	3,867.6	1,369.4	865.3	2,234.8	4,188.3	1,914.1	6,102.4
More full-time than part-time	85.0	95.9	180.9	76.2	67.1	143.3	161.2	163.0	324.2
More part-time than full-time	15.3	57.3	72.6	36.7	39.4	76.1	52.0	96.6	148.7
All were part-time	97.8	829.8	927.6	193.8	330.3	524.1	291.6	1,160.1	1,451.7
Time worked during the year (weeks)–									
1 and under 4	13.8	43.5	57.3	49.4	39.6	88.9	63.2	83.0	146.2
4 and under 13	36.8	96.2	132.9	103.1	106.5	209.6	139.8	202.7	342.5
13 and under 26	56.4	119.2	175.6	85.9	75.6	161.6	142.3	194.8	337.2
26 and under 39	95.4	163.1	258.4	127.7	108.9	236.7	223.1	272.0	495.1
39 and under 49	207.6	235.6	443.2	180.1	146.5	326.6	387.7	382.1	769.8
49 and under 52	139.3	136.4	275.7	86.6	81.9	168.5	225.9	218.2	444.1
52	2,467.7	1,237.9	3,705.6	1,043.3	743.1	1,786.4	3,511.0	1,981.0	5,492.0
Looked for work at some time during the year	343.2	294.1	637.3	496.7	421.9	918.6	839.9	715.9	1,555.8
Number of spells of looking for work during the year–									
One	280.0	239.6	519.7	394.8	349.8	744.6	674.8	589.5	1,264.3
Two	30.1	23.1	53.2	50.6	38.1	88.7	80.7	61.1	141.9
Three	10.5	12.3	22.8	19.3	13.1	32.4	29.9	25.3	55.2
Four or more	22.5	19.1	41.6	31.9	20.9	52.8	54.4	40.0	94.5
Total	3,878.9	3,845.7	7,724.6	2,337.3	2,561.3	4,898.6	6,216.2	6,407.0	12,623.2

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD(a) AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1988
(Per cent)

Survey conducted in February(b)—	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
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
1983	75.8	97.6	98.4	97.1	94.0	84.1	59.4	12.9	82.4
1984	73.8	96.3	98.1	97.7	94.3	83.5	54.6	13.3	81.8
1985	72.3	95.9	97.6	96.9	92.7	82.1	53.4	12.3	80.8
1986	73.8	96.6	97.2	96.6	92.2	82.3	50.7	10.7	80.0
1987	71.9	96.1	97.5	96.3	91.9	83.2	52.1	11.5	79.8
1988	70.1	95.6	97.3	96.4	90.8	81.2	54.5	10.9	79.3
MARRIED FEMALES									
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
1983	73.4	69.6	63.2	67.0	53.7	34.2	15.8	4.4	52.2
1984	67.9	70.1	61.2	65.9	53.9	32.4	15.1	3.9	51.2
1985	69.7	70.5	63.8	68.2	56.8	30.9	13.9	3.3	52.5
1986	71.6	72.7	66.6	71.6	56.9	33.5	14.6	3.8	54.0
1987	75.5	75.6	68.0	72.4	60.8	34.9	16.4	3.6	55.5
1988	59.4	77.2	69.6	73.5	60.8	32.8	13.7	4.5	55.8
ALL FEMALES									
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
1983	72.4	81.7	66.8	67.7	54.7	36.0	16.7	3.8	54.3
1984	71.1	82.2	65.9	66.7	55.9	34.7	15.9	3.1	53.9
1985	72.0	82.4	68.4	69.3	57.9	33.6	15.6	2.8	54.5
1986	72.6	84.1	70.9	71.6	58.3	36.1	15.8	3.0	55.1
1987	72.0	85.0	71.9	72.6	61.7	36.7	17.4	3.5	56.1
1988	68.5	86.4	73.1	73.8	61.8	35.1	15.9	3.3	56.2
PERSONS									
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	89.6	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
1983	74.1	89.7	82.5	82.7	74.9	59.9	37.2	7.8	68.2
1984	72.5	89.2	82.0	82.0	75.7	59.3	34.4	7.7	67.7
1985	72.1	89.2	83.0	83.3	75.6	58.0	34.0	6.9	67.5
1986	73.2	90.3	84.0	84.3	75.6	59.4	32.8	6.2	67.4
1987	71.9	90.6	84.7	84.6	77.1	60.1	34.5	6.9	67.8
1988	69.3	91.0	85.2	85.2	76.6	58.3	35.0	6.5	67.5

(a) Persons who participated in the labour force at some time during the reference period as a proportion of all persons in each group. (b) See Explanatory Notes, Appendix B, paragraph 14, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed.

TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988,
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(Per cent)

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
WORKED AT SOME TIME(a)									
15-19	* 73.6	62.0	63.3	59.9	57.4	58.7	59.9	57.6	58.8
20-24	95.6	73.3	80.4	88.9	85.4	87.4	90.0	81.0	85.5
25-34	96.4	64.8	79.5	91.4	76.2	84.9	94.6	67.8	81.2
35-44	95.6	69.7	82.8	84.7	67.8	76.0	93.8	69.3	81.7
45-54	90.6	58.5	75.1	73.5	61.0	66.9	88.0	58.9	73.7
55-59	79.7	31.7	57.3	61.7	38.3	47.2	77.0	33.4	55.3
60-64	51.1	13.4	34.4	42.8	19.6	26.6	49.9	15.5	32.5
65 and over	11.3	4.4	8.2	8.7	2.4	3.9	10.7	3.3	6.4
Total	77.8	52.8	65.4	71.7	50.8	60.8	75.5	52.0	63.6
LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(b)									
15-19	* 45.0	* 20.9	23.6	27.5	29.0	28.2	27.6	28.7	28.1
20-24	26.5	14.5	18.3	26.5	25.5	26.0	26.5	21.4	24.0
25-34	13.6	12.3	12.9	20.0	19.8	19.9	15.8	14.2	15.0
35-44	9.3	9.8	9.5	15.8	17.3	16.6	10.3	11.1	10.7
45-54	8.3	4.9	6.6	13.6	10.2	11.8	9.1	5.8	7.5
55-59	7.3	* 1.7	4.7	13.6	* 4.8	8.1	8.2	2.5	5.4
60 and over	2.3	* 0.1	1.4	3.0	* 0.0	0.9	2.4	* 0.1	1.2
Total	8.8	7.6	8.2	21.3	16.5	18.8	13.5	11.2	12.3
IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(c)									
15-19	* 100.0	69.4	72.8	69.9	68.5	69.2	70.1	68.5	69.3
20-24	99.2	77.2	84.2	94.9	91.8	93.5	95.6	86.4	91.0
25-34	98.7	69.6	83.2	94.8	82.8	89.7	97.3	73.1	85.2
35-44	97.6	73.5	85.7	89.9	75.4	82.4	96.4	73.8	85.2
45-54	92.9	60.8	77.4	79.8	66.2	72.6	90.8	61.8	76.6
55-59	83.3	32.8	59.7	69.6	42.1	52.5	81.2	35.1	58.3
60-64	54.9	13.7	36.7	52.0	20.2	29.8	54.5	15.9	35.0
65 and over	11.4	4.5	8.3	9.4	2.4	4.1	10.9	3.3	6.5
Total	80.0	55.8	67.9	78.1	56.7	66.9	79.3	56.2	67.5
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(d)									
15-19	* 12.0	63.8	58.1	63.8	69.3	66.5	63.6	69.2	66.3
20-24	16.4	55.2	42.8	28.1	33.3	30.4	26.1	41.3	33.7
25-34	13.6	61.4	39.1	23.4	41.1	30.9	17.1	56.0	36.6
35-44	12.6	52.6	32.2	23.6	45.4	34.8	14.4	51.3	32.7
45-54	16.9	57.0	36.2	32.4	49.1	41.2	19.3	55.6	37.1
55-59	26.9	77.9	50.7	41.3	71.4	60.1	29.1	76.3	52.6
60-64	56.2	90.2	71.3	59.3	85.3	77.4	56.7	88.6	72.8
65 and over	92.2	97.0	94.4	94.3	98.3	97.4	92.7	97.8	95.6
Total	29.9	65.2	47.5	43.8	63.8	54.3	35.1	64.6	50.1

(a) Persons who worked at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (b) Persons who looked for work at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (c) Persons in the labour force at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group. (d) Persons not in the labour force at some time as a proportion of all persons in each group.

TABLE 5. ALL PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988
(*000)

Family status	Worked at some time		Looked for work at some time		In the labour force at some time		Not in the labour force at some time		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Member of a family	3,939.5	2,806.3	659.6	583.7	4,129.2	3,035.1	1,780.2	3,388.5	10,439.9
Husband or wife	2,944.3	1,955.2	333.3	279.3	3,025.9	2,065.5	1,127.6	2,421.6	7,497.8
With dependents present	1,850.0	1,174.8	221.1	197.0	1,901.5	1,263.5	264.1	1,206.8	3,884.1
Without dependents present	1,094.4	780.4	112.2	82.3	1,124.4	802.0	863.4	1,214.8	3,613.8
Not-married family head	74.3	195.2	15.4	67.3	79.6	232.9	48.8	348.0	591.1
With dependents present	30.9	130.6	5.7	53.0	33.3	161.0	13.7	207.9	330.3
Without dependents present	43.4	64.5	9.7	14.3	46.3	71.9	35.1	140.1	260.7
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	135.4	163.1	55.0	72.0	169.8	202.6	327.7	341.8	757.8
Other child of family head	730.4	457.3	234.0	152.3	793.8	494.0	235.6	169.0	1,368.3
Other relative of family head	55.0	35.6	22.0	12.9	60.1	40.1	40.6	108.2	224.9
Not a member of a family	598.5	397.1	142.2	99.4	631.7	423.1	307.4	608.5	1,736.0
Living alone	282.4	170.9	53.0	25.3	297.7	180.0	198.2	512.1	1,096.3
Not living alone	316.1	226.2	89.2	74.1	334.0	243.0	109.1	96.4	639.8
Family status not determined	155.2	130.5	38.0	32.8	165.6	140.1	96.0	144.2	447.3
Total	4,693.2	3,333.8	839.9	715.9	4,926.6	3,598.3	2,183.6	4,141.3	12,623.2

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school.

TABLE 6. ALL PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988
(*000)

Educational attainment	Worked at some time		Looked for work at some time		In the labour force at some time		Not in the labour force at some time		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
With post-school qualifications(a)	2,295.4	1,363.3	272.4	244.0	2,340.8	1,432.8	729.4	1,029.1	4,684.8
Degree	514.4	274.6	40.3	42.4	521.7	283.6	120.1	140.4	902.8
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	1,223.1	93.8	166.9	15.9	1,247.5	100.8	444.8	116.7	1,675.4
Certificate or diploma	549.9	980.0	62.2	181.8	563.3	1,032.3	162.1	753.5	2,067.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	2,313.0	1,870.3	533.5	424.7	2,477.2	2,036.9	1,189.3	2,840.2	7,351.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	592.7	451.5	130.7	113.9	632.8	489.8	258.5	422.7	1,446.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,696.4	1,402.6	396.7	307.0	1,817.9	1,528.3	911.8	2,379.9	5,815.0
Left at age--									
16 and over	660.4	591.7	174.8	136.2	704.6	640.8	205.0	571.3	1,785.2
14 or 15	875.3	724.7	194.4	157.9	941.2	795.2	521.9	1,460.0	3,286.1
13 and under	160.7	86.2	27.5	12.8	172.1	92.3	184.8	348.6	743.7
Still at school	84.7	100.2	34.0	47.2	108.6	128.5	264.9	272.0	586.6
Total	4,693.2	3,333.8	839.9	715.9	4,926.6	3,598.3	2,183.6	4,141.3	12,623.2

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

TABLE 7. ALL PERSONS : TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Marital status																		
	Married									Total(a)									
	Age group								65 and over	Total	Age group								65 and over	Total
15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	15-19	20-24			25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64				
MALES																			
Nil	* 0.0	* 0.9	11.0	24.2	50.3	53.0	135.7	502.1	777.1	212.0	29.0	35.7	44.1	76.6	70.2	161.1	661.0	1,289.6	
1 and under 4	* 0.0	* 0.7	* 2.0	* 2.9	* 2.2	* 0.7	* 2.1	* 2.2	12.8	33.4	5.0	* 4.1	* 3.4	* 3.0	* 1.6	* 2.9	* 2.5	55.9	
4 and under 13	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 3.9	* 3.6	* 4.2	* 4.7	* 2.5	* 3.1	22.6	82.2	23.5	11.8	* 4.7	* 4.8	5.4	* 3.5	* 4.0	140.0	
13 and under 26	* 0.3	* 0.3	5.2	6.1	7.8	* 4.8	6.6	* 3.9	35.0	42.5	12.0	13.8	9.4	8.3	5.6	7.8	* 4.8	104.2	
26 and under 39	* 0.0	* 1.5	10.4	12.6	10.4	* 4.2	7.4	* 3.7	50.1	30.1	18.4	24.6	17.4	12.5	* 4.5	8.9	6.3	122.7	
39 and under 49	* 0.0	6.2	37.7	38.4	24.1	10.4	9.0	5.6	131.3	31.8	45.3	68.1	49.7	31.7	13.6	9.7	6.7	256.6	
49 and under 52	* 0.0	8.3	46.7	40.0	20.5	7.5	6.0	* 2.3	131.3	18.4	39.1	69.6	45.3	24.8	7.8	6.8	* 2.9	214.7	
52	* 2.5	93.6	741.3	886.7	587.4	231.5	131.6	44.0	2,718.6	257.4	487.2	1,104.5	1,036.4	675.2	264.7	153.2	54.0	4,032.6	
Total	* 2.8	111.9	858.2	1,014.6	706.9	316.8	300.9	566.8	3,878.9	707.9	659.6	1,332.1	1,210.5	836.9	373.3	353.8	742.2	6,216.2	
FEMALES																			
Nil	6.9	54.3	299.0	260.2	257.6	185.8	206.1	429.3	1,699.3	215.1	88.2	359.6	311.0	307.0	240.0	303.4	984.3	2,808.7	
1 and under 4	* 0.3	* 4.3	33.2	20.5	6.9	* 2.5	* 1.2	* 0.7	69.6	31.7	8.7	40.6	24.2	9.2	* 3.2	* 2.1	* 1.7	121.4	
4 and under 13	* 1.8	13.0	43.0	31.2	13.1	* 4.5	* 1.1	* 1.5	109.2	93.7	31.0	55.8	37.3	15.9	6.7	* 2.6	* 1.5	244.4	
13 and under 26	* 2.3	13.8	47.7	31.2	14.1	* 2.8	* 1.1	* 0.9	113.9	42.0	27.4	58.5	36.2	17.8	* 4.0	* 2.9	* 1.8	190.5	
26 and under 39	* 0.9	15.1	60.9	43.2	20.5	5.5	* 1.9	* 1.0	149.1	27.0	29.7	76.5	52.5	23.8	8.3	* 3.0	* 2.5	223.3	
39 and under 49	* 1.3	18.4	75.9	78.8	39.9	9.3	* 2.8	* 1.7	228.1	36.6	49.4	95.2	88.9	45.2	12.3	* 4.3	* 1.9	333.7	
49 and under 52	* 0.9	12.2	43.7	50.2	22.5	5.1	* 1.2	* 1.0	136.8	26.3	34.0	61.8	58.9	27.5	7.8	* 1.2	* 1.7	219.2	
52	8.2	106.7	379.7	465.3	282.3	61.1	23.3	13.3	1,339.7	210.6	380.9	587.4	578.2	356.8	87.8	41.2	22.8	2,265.7	
Total	22.6	237.9	983.1	980.7	656.8	276.5	238.8	449.4	3,845.7	683.0	649.3	1,335.5	1,187.3	803.1	369.9	360.7	1,018.1	6,407.0	
PERSONS																			
Nil	6.9	55.2	310.0	284.4	307.9	238.8	341.7	931.4	2,476.5	427.1	117.2	395.3	355.1	383.6	310.1	464.5	1,645.3	4,098.4	
1 and under 4	* 0.3	5.0	35.1	23.4	9.1	* 3.1	* 3.3	* 2.9	82.4	65.1	13.7	44.7	27.7	12.2	* 4.8	5.0	* 4.2	177.2	
4 and under 13	* 1.8	13.6	46.9	34.8	17.3	9.2	* 3.6	* 4.6	131.8	175.9	54.5	67.6	42.1	20.7	12.1	6.1	5.5	384.4	
13 and under 26	* 2.6	14.1	52.9	37.4	21.9	7.6	7.7	* 4.7	148.9	84.5	39.3	72.4	45.6	26.1	9.6	10.7	6.6	294.7	
26 and under 39	* 0.9	16.6	71.3	55.9	30.9	9.7	9.3	* 4.7	199.2	57.1	48.1	101.1	69.9	36.3	12.8	11.9	8.8	346.0	
39 and under 49	* 1.3	24.6	113.6	117.2	63.9	19.7	11.8	7.3	359.5	68.4	94.7	163.3	138.6	76.8	25.9	13.9	8.6	590.3	
49 and under 52	* 0.9	20.6	90.4	90.2	43.0	12.6	7.2	* 3.3	268.1	44.6	73.2	131.4	104.3	52.3	15.5	8.0	* 4.6	433.9	
52	10.7	200.2	1,121.0	1,352.0	869.7	292.6	155.0	57.3	4,058.3	468.1	868.1	1,691.9	1,614.6	1,032.1	352.4	194.4	76.8	6,298.3	
Total	25.4	349.8	1,841.3	1,995.3	1,363.7	593.3	539.6	1,016.2	7,724.6	1,390.9	1,308.8	2,667.6	2,397.7	1,640.0	743.2	714.5	1,760.4	12,623.2	

(a) Includes not-married persons.

TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR AND MARITAL STATUS
('000)

Time spent looking for work during the year	Marital status																	
	Married							Total(a)							Total			
	Did not work	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	Total	Total	Did not work	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	Total	Total
MALES																		
Did not look for work	..	24.6	24.6	37.9	97.8	106.0	2,467.7	2,758.6	2,758.6	..	105.7	55.8	78.5	175.0	160.8	3,511.0	4,086.7	4,086.7
Looked for work (weeks)--																		
1 and under 4	* 4.5	* 0.7	* 0.9	* 2.0	14.4	33.3	..	51.2	55.8	21.6	13.9	5.8	9.5	28.9	64.9	..	123.1	144.6
4 and under 8	* 1.7	* 0.9	* 1.0	* 4.1	45.9	..	..	51.8	53.5	22.2	9.8	5.5	11.3	85.9	..	..	112.7	134.9
8 and under 13	* 3.4	* 0.8	* 1.1	* 4.2	43.4	..	..	49.6	53.0	23.2	10.3	7.9	13.4	85.6	..	..	117.2	140.4
13 and under 26	6.8	* 1.3	* 2.5	39.5	6.2	..	..	49.5	56.2	22.4	7.9	6.7	86.2	12.3	..	..	113.1	135.6
26 and under 52	8.9	22.2	26.4	7.8	..	..	..	56.4	65.2	23.5	55.3	60.7	24.3	..	..	..	140.4	163.9
52	59.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59.5	120.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120.5
Total	84.8	26.0	31.8	57.5	109.8	33.3	..	258.4	343.2	233.4	97.4	86.6	144.6	212.7	65.2	..	606.4	839.9
Total	84.8	50.6	56.4	95.4	207.6	139.3	2,467.7	3,017.0	3,101.8	233.4	203.0	142.3	223.1	387.7	225.9	3,511.0	4,693.2	4,926.6
FEMALES																		
Did not look for work	..	105.9	86.8	117.8	182.6	121.3	1,237.9	1,852.3	1,852.3	..	193.0	125.5	162.3	246.8	173.7	1,981.0	2,882.3	2,882.3
Looked for work (weeks)--																		
1 and under 4	34.8	7.6	7.6	9.6	17.4	15.1	..	57.3	92.0	60.1	25.8	13.6	18.3	34.9	44.5	..	137.1	197.3
4 and under 8	14.5	* 3.3	* 4.0	5.2	20.1	..	..	32.6	47.1	42.4	13.0	7.6	11.2	54.8	..	..	86.6	129.0
8 and under 13	14.2	5.2	* 2.8	6.2	13.5	..	..	27.7	41.8	35.2	12.2	6.1	14.2	38.5	..	..	71.0	106.2
13 and under 26	9.8	* 2.9	5.1	19.7	* 2.0	..	..	29.7	39.6	26.2	8.2	9.2	54.1	7.1	..	..	78.6	104.7
26 and under 52	13.0	14.8	12.8	* 4.6	..	..	..	32.2	45.2	29.8	33.4	32.9	11.9	..	..	..	78.2	107.9
52	28.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28.3	70.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8
Total	114.6	33.7	32.4	45.3	53.0	15.1	..	179.5	294.1	264.4	92.7	69.4	109.7	135.3	44.5	..	451.5	715.9
Total	114.6	139.6	119.2	163.1	235.6	136.4	1,237.9	2,031.7	2,146.4	264.4	285.7	194.8	272.0	382.1	218.2	1,981.0	3,333.8	3,598.3
PERSONS																		
Did not look for work	..	130.5	111.4	155.7	280.4	227.3	3,705.6	4,610.9	4,610.9	..	298.7	181.2	240.8	421.8	334.5	5,492.0	6,969.0	6,969.0
Looked for work (weeks)--																		
1 and under 4	39.3	8.3	8.5	11.6	31.7	48.3	..	108.5	147.8	81.7	39.7	19.5	27.8	63.8	109.4	..	260.2	341.9
4 and under 8	16.2	* 4.2	5.0	9.3	65.9	..	..	84.4	100.6	64.6	22.8	13.0	22.5	140.7	..	..	199.3	263.9
8 and under 13	17.6	6.0	* 3.9	10.4	56.9	..	..	77.2	94.9	58.4	22.6	14.0	27.6	124.1	..	..	188.2	246.6
13 and under 26	16.6	* 4.2	7.7	59.1	8.2	..	..	79.2	95.8	48.6	16.2	15.9	140.2	19.4	..	..	191.7	240.3
26 and under 52	21.8	37.0	39.2	12.4	..	..	..	88.6	110.4	53.3	88.8	93.6	36.2	..	..	..	218.5	271.8
52	87.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87.8	191.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	191.3
Total	199.4	59.7	64.3	102.7	162.8	48.3	..	437.8	637.3	497.9	190.1	156.0	254.3	348.0	109.6	..	1,058.0	1,555.8
Total	199.4	190.2	175.6	258.4	443.2	275.7	3,705.6	5,048.7	5,248.2	497.9	488.7	337.2	495.1	769.8	444.1	5,492.0	8,027.0	8,524.9

(a) Includes not-married persons.

TABLE 9. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
PROPORTION WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(a), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(Per cent)

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	* 45.0	* 30.2	32.4	39.4	42.3	40.8	39.4	41.9	40.6
20-24	26.7	18.7	21.8	27.9	27.8	27.8	27.7	24.8	26.3
25-34	13.8	17.6	15.5	21.1	23.9	22.2	16.3	19.5	17.7
35-44	9.5	13.3	11.1	17.5	23.0	20.1	10.7	15.0	12.6
45-54	8.9	8.0	8.6	17.0	15.4	16.3	10.0	9.5	9.8
55-59	8.7	* 5.3	7.9	19.5	* 11.4	15.5	10.1	7.2	9.2
60 and over	8.7	* 3.1	7.7	15.5	* 2.6	9.5	9.8	* 2.9	8.1
Total	11.1	13.7	12.1	27.2	29.1	28.0	17.0	19.9	18.3

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1988, as a proportion of persons who were in the labour force at some time for each group.

TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR(a), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(*000)

Number of jobs held during the year	Age group						Married	Not-married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	327.9	425.3	948.1	945.1	655.7	509.4	2,533.0	1,278.5	3,811.5
Two	68.3	108.1	227.0	149.8	67.2	24.8	364.9	280.3	645.2
Three	17.5	31.8	49.7	26.9	7.1	5.1	72.9	65.3	138.1
Four or more	10.3	28.4	35.9	13.7	6.2	* 3.7	46.1	52.1	98.2
Total	424.1	593.7	1,260.7	1,135.5	736.1	543.1	3,017.0	1,676.2	4,693.2
FEMALES									
One	297.4	383.6	732.8	710.1	429.9	204.1	1,744.6	1,013.2	2,757.8
Two	69.0	99.9	129.8	92.5	35.5	6.8	227.6	205.9	433.4
Three	17.5	26.7	28.0	13.0	5.9	* 1.0	38.9	53.3	92.2
Four or more	9.5	15.5	15.1	7.6	* 2.0	* 0.8	20.7	29.8	50.5
Total	393.3	525.6	905.7	823.2	473.4	212.6	2,031.7	1,302.1	3,333.8
PERSONS									
One	625.2	808.9	1,680.9	1,655.2	1,085.6	713.5	4,277.6	2,291.7	6,569.3
Two	137.3	208.0	356.9	242.3	102.7	31.5	592.5	486.2	1,078.7
Three	35.0	58.5	77.7	39.9	13.0	6.1	111.8	118.5	230.3
Four or more	19.8	43.9	51.0	21.3	8.2	* 4.5	66.8	81.9	148.7
Total	817.4	1,119.4	2,166.4	1,958.7	1,209.5	755.7	5,048.7	2,978.3	8,027.0

(a) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR(a) AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR
(*000)

Number of jobs held during the year	Time worked during the year (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		
MALES								
One	57.8	115.7	101.6	132.3	207.4	140.8	3,055.9	3,811.5
Two	* 4.3	18.2	26.0	56.0	113.0	59.9	367.8	645.2
Three	* 0.7	* 4.3	7.8	20.0	41.4	16.9	47.0	138.1
Four or more	* 0.4	* 1.6	7.0	14.8	25.9	8.3	40.3	98.2
Total	63.2	139.8	142.3	223.1	387.7	225.9	3,511.0	4,693.2
FEMALES								
One	76.3	176.8	151.0	191.3	251.7	154.0	1,756.8	2,757.8
Two	5.7	21.5	30.1	56.8	84.0	46.2	189.3	433.4
Three	* 0.5	* 3.4	7.8	15.3	28.5	13.7	23.0	92.2
Four or more	* 0.6	* 1.1	6.0	8.6	17.9	* 4.4	12.0	50.5
Total	83.0	202.7	194.8	272.0	382.1	218.2	1,981.0	3,333.8
PERSONS								
One	134.1	292.5	252.5	323.7	459.1	294.8	4,812.6	6,569.3
Two	10.0	39.6	56.0	112.9	197.0	106.1	557.1	1,078.7
Three	* 1.2	7.7	15.7	35.2	69.9	30.6	70.0	230.3
Four or more	* 0.9	* 2.7	13.0	23.3	43.8	12.7	52.3	148.7
Total	146.2	342.5	337.2	495.1	769.8	444.1	5,492.0	8,027.0

(a) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR
(^{'000})

Time worked during the year (weeks)	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
TIME WORKED WAS ALL FULL-TIME									
1 and under 4	9.8	17.3	27.1	31.7	18.4	50.1	41.5	35.6	77.2
4 and under 13	25.7	34.0	59.7	57.8	50.6	108.4	83.5	84.6	168.1
13 and under 26	46.6	52.7	99.3	53.8	36.6	90.4	100.3	89.3	189.7
26 and under 39	73.7	58.4	132.1	80.2	49.3	129.5	153.9	107.6	261.6
39 and under 49	161.7	80.4	242.1	123.0	68.9	192.0	284.7	149.3	434.0
49 and under 52	124.8	54.2	179.0	67.2	42.8	110.0	192.0	96.9	289.0
52	2,376.6	751.8	3,128.4	955.6	598.9	1,554.5	3,332.3	1,350.6	4,682.9
Total	2,818.9	1,048.8	3,867.6	1,369.4	865.3	2,234.8	4,188.3	1,914.1	6,102.4
TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY FULL-TIME									
1 and under 13	* 2.7	* 3.1	5.8	5.6	5.3	10.9	8.3	8.4	16.7
13 and under 26	* 2.3	7.5	9.9	7.5	* 4.9	12.4	9.8	12.4	22.3
26 and under 39	9.7	10.1	19.9	13.9	11.9	25.7	23.6	22.0	45.6
39 and under 49	23.0	18.5	41.5	21.1	19.6	40.8	44.1	38.1	82.2
49 and under 52	8.5	7.5	16.0	6.7	9.4	16.1	15.2	16.9	32.1
52	38.7	49.2	87.9	21.4	15.9	37.3	60.1	65.2	125.3
Total	85.0	95.9	180.9	76.2	67.1	143.3	161.2	163.0	324.2
TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY PART-TIME									
1 and under 13	* 0.4	* 3.1	* 3.4	* 3.1	* 2.6	5.9	* 3.5	6.5	9.2
13 and under 26	* 0.6	* 3.0	* 3.6	5.0	* 4.2	9.2	5.6	7.3	12.8
26 and under 39	* 1.8	7.9	9.7	8.1	6.6	14.7	9.9	14.4	24.3
39 and under 49	* 2.5	10.2	12.7	7.3	7.9	15.2	9.8	18.1	27.9
49 and under 52	* 2.8	7.2	9.9	* 2.0	* 2.7	* 4.7	* 4.8	9.8	14.7
52	7.2	25.4	32.6	11.3	15.1	26.4	18.5	40.5	59.0
Total	15.3	57.3	72.6	36.7	39.4	76.1	52.0	96.6	148.7
TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME									
1 and under 4	* 4.0	25.6	29.6	17.6	20.4	38.0	21.7	46.0	67.6
1 and under 13	8.0	56.0	64.0	36.5	48.6	85.2	44.5	104.6	149.2
13 and under 26	6.9	55.9	62.8	19.7	29.9	49.6	26.6	85.8	112.4
26 and under 39	10.1	86.7	96.8	25.5	41.2	66.8	35.7	127.9	163.6
39 and under 49	20.4	126.5	147.0	28.7	50.0	78.7	49.1	176.6	225.7
49 and under 52	* 3.2	67.6	70.8	10.6	27.0	37.7	13.8	94.6	108.4
52	45.1	411.5	456.6	55.0	113.2	168.2	100.1	524.7	624.8
Total	97.8	829.8	927.6	193.8	330.3	524.1	291.6	1,160.1	1,451.7
TOTAL									
1 and under 4	13.8	43.5	57.3	49.4	39.6	88.9	63.2	83.0	146.2
1 and under 13	36.8	96.2	132.9	103.1	106.5	209.6	139.8	202.7	342.5
13 and under 26	56.4	119.2	175.6	85.9	75.6	161.6	142.3	194.8	337.2
26 and under 39	95.4	163.1	258.4	127.7	108.9	236.7	223.1	272.0	495.1
39 and under 49	207.6	235.6	443.2	180.1	146.5	326.6	387.7	382.1	769.8
49 and under 52	139.3	136.4	275.7	86.6	81.9	168.5	225.9	218.2	444.1
52	2,467.7	1,237.9	3,705.6	1,043.3	743.1	1,786.4	3,511.0	1,981.0	5,492.0
Total	3,017.0	2,031.7	5,048.7	1,676.2	1,302.1	2,978.3	4,693.2	3,333.8	8,027.0

TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(^{'000})

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	* 1.3	* 4.7	6.0	194.2	191.2	385.4	195.4	195.9	391.4
20-24	29.7	34.4	64.1	144.9	104.8	249.7	174.6	139.2	313.8
25-34	116.5	120.5	237.0	94.6	69.6	164.2	211.1	190.1	401.2
35-44	94.3	96.0	190.3	30.9	35.8	66.7	125.2	131.8	256.9
45-54	58.3	32.0	90.3	17.7	15.0	32.6	76.0	47.0	123.0
55-59	23.0	* 4.8	27.9	7.7	* 4.5	12.2	30.7	9.3	40.0
60 and over	20.0	* 1.6	21.7	6.8	* 1.0	7.8	26.8	* 2.6	29.5
Total	343.2	294.1	637.3	496.7	421.9	918.6	839.9	715.9	1,555.8

TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Age group	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							Total	Average duration weeks
	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		
	- '000-								
MARRIED MALES									
15-19	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 1.3	* 29.2
20-24	* 1.8	* 3.1	* 4.0	5.5	* 4.7	6.8	* 3.8	29.7	21.0
25-34	6.7	15.8	18.5	22.1	15.4	24.5	13.6	116.5	19.0
35-44	* 3.7	12.9	18.1	14.5	18.0	14.7	12.6	94.3	18.6
45-54	* 2.3	5.0	8.9	8.4	11.5	10.8	11.6	58.3	23.2
55 and over	* 1.0	* 3.2	* 4.1	* 2.6	6.3	8.2	17.5	43.1	32.7
Total	15.5	40.3	53.5	53.0	56.2	65.2	59.5	343.2	21.5
ALL MALES									
15-19	15.5	25.6	35.4	34.2	32.5	36.7	15.5	195.4	16.7
20-24	11.4	21.6	26.6	35.2	25.0	32.9	22.0	174.6	19.2
25-34	11.6	24.8	35.1	37.9	33.7	44.5	23.4	211.1	19.2
35-44	* 4.6	14.9	21.6	19.2	23.2	23.0	18.6	125.2	20.1
45-54	* 3.1	6.1	11.1	10.8	12.9	15.1	17.0	76.0	24.5
55 and over	* 1.6	* 3.9	5.1	* 3.1	8.2	11.7	24.0	57.6	33.2
Total	47.7	96.9	134.9	140.4	135.6	163.9	120.5	839.9	20.2
MARRIED FEMALES									
15-19	* 0.1	* 0.8	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 1.0	* 1.7	* 0.7	* 4.7	* 23.6
20-24	* 2.7	5.2	7.5	6.9	* 4.5	5.4	* 2.3	34.4	14.6
25-34	16.4	24.7	18.2	19.1	14.7	19.4	8.1	120.5	14.2
35-44	14.5	18.4	14.9	9.9	15.3	12.0	10.9	96.0	15.9
45-54	* 3.3	* 4.2	5.1	5.7	* 3.3	5.2	5.2	32.0	18.8
55 and over	* 0.8	* 0.8	* 1.1	* 0.1	* 0.8	* 1.5	* 1.2	6.5	22.8
Total	37.9	54.1	47.1	41.8	39.6	45.2	28.3	294.1	15.7
ALL FEMALES									
15-19	20.1	36.2	38.4	31.7	28.3	26.7	14.6	195.9	14.6
20-24	10.6	20.0	28.5	22.6	23.7	21.7	12.3	139.2	16.1
25-34	21.7	34.1	31.9	29.1	25.9	30.2	17.2	190.1	15.7
35-44	17.0	25.1	20.0	14.7	20.0	17.7	17.2	131.8	16.9
45-54	* 4.2	5.4	8.4	7.5	6.0	8.1	7.5	47.0	19.4
55 and over	* 1.7	* 1.4	* 1.8	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 3.4	* 2.0	12.0	22.5
Total	75.2	122.1	129.0	106.2	104.7	107.9	70.8	715.9	16.0
MARRIED PERSONS									
15-19	* 0.1	* 1.2	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 1.3	* 1.9	* 1.1	6.0	24.7
20-24	* 4.5	8.3	11.5	12.4	9.2	12.1	6.1	64.1	17.6
25-34	23.1	40.5	36.7	41.2	30.1	43.9	21.6	237.0	16.6
35-44	18.2	31.3	33.0	24.4	33.3	26.7	23.5	190.3	17.2
45-54	5.6	9.1	14.0	14.1	14.8	16.0	16.8	90.3	21.6
55 and over	* 1.8	* 4.1	5.3	* 2.7	7.1	9.8	18.8	49.5	31.4
Total	53.4	94.4	100.6	94.9	95.8	110.4	87.8	637.3	18.8
ALL PERSONS									
15-19	35.6	61.8	73.8	65.9	60.8	63.5	30.1	391.4	15.6
20-24	21.9	41.6	55.1	57.7	48.6	54.6	34.2	313.8	17.8
25-34	33.2	58.9	67.0	67.0	59.6	74.8	40.6	401.2	17.5
35-44	21.6	40.0	41.7	33.9	43.2	40.7	35.9	256.9	18.5
45-54	7.3	11.4	19.5	18.2	18.9	23.1	24.5	123.0	22.5
55 and over	* 3.3	5.2	6.9	* 3.8	9.2	15.2	26.0	69.5	31.4
Total	122.9	219.0	263.9	246.6	240.3	271.8	191.3	1,555.8	18.3

TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Family status	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							52	Total	Average duration weeks
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52				
	-'000-									
Member of a family	98.9	177.1	211.1	196.2	192.1	216.4	151.7	1,243.4	18.2	
Husband or wife	50.7	90.1	96.2	92.4	91.7	106.5	84.9	612.6	18.9	
With dependents present	35.6	60.1	70.4	62.1	60.5	73.9	55.5	418.1	18.6	
Without dependents present	15.2	29.9	25.8	30.3	31.2	32.6	29.5	194.5	19.5	
Not-married family head	7.3	10.5	14.2	11.4	13.2	12.9	13.3	82.8	19.2	
With dependents present	* 4.7	7.5	10.6	8.9	9.2	9.1	8.7	58.7	18.6	
Without dependents present	* 2.7	* 3.0	* 3.5	* 2.4	* 4.0	* 3.8	* 4.6	24.0	20.7	
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	15.8	23.0	30.1	21.2	17.9	13.3	5.7	127.0	11.8	
Other child of family head	22.9	50.0	64.2	67.1	62.5	76.5	43.0	386.2	18.8	
Other relative of family head	* 2.0	* 3.5	6.4	* 4.1	6.8	7.3	* 4.8	34.9	19.9	
Not a member of a family	18.3	32.6	40.9	39.6	36.5	41.9	32.0	241.7	18.8	
Living alone	5.5	8.5	11.2	12.7	10.9	14.9	14.7	78.4	21.6	
Not living alone	12.8	24.1	29.6	26.9	25.5	27.0	17.3	163.3	17.5	
Family status not determined	5.8	9.3	12.0	10.8	11.7	13.5	7.7	70.8	18.3	
Total	122.9	219.0	263.9	246.6	240.3	271.8	191.3	1,555.8	18.3	

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school.

TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Educational attainment	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							52	Total	Average duration weeks
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52				
	-'000-									
With post-school qualifications(a)	45.1	85.9	98.0	84.7	79.4	79.1	44.3	516.5	15.7	
Degree	9.2	14.5	17.4	16.0	10.5	11.1	* 4.0	82.8	12.7	
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	13.7	25.7	35.2	29.9	28.9	31.1	18.3	182.8	16.9	
Certificate or diploma	21.8	45.2	44.2	37.8	39.6	34.4	21.0	244.0	15.5	
Without post-school qualifications(b)	66.6	119.0	144.7	151.5	149.3	183.9	143.2	958.2	20.2	
Attended highest level of secondary school available	24.2	36.9	43.2	49.5	41.1	31.7	18.0	244.6	14.8	
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	42.0	81.8	100.7	101.2	107.3	148.7	121.9	703.6	21.9	
Left at age--										
16 and over	21.0	38.0	49.0	47.7	49.1	65.5	40.8	311.0	20.1	
14 or 15	19.6	41.5	47.7	45.9	51.6	75.8	70.3	352.3	23.0	
13 and under	* 1.5	* 2.3	* 4.0	7.7	6.6	7.4	10.8	40.3	26.2	
Still at school	11.2	14.1	21.3	10.4	11.6	8.7	* 3.9	81.2	11.9	
Total	122.9	219.0	263.9	246.6	240.3	271.8	191.3	1,555.8	18.3	

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
('000)

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Number of spells of looking for work</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>One</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>Three</i>	<i>Four or more</i>	
With post-school qualifications(a)	412.4	52.2	18.5	33.4	516.5
Degree	68.0	8.2	* 2.1	* 4.5	82.8
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	142.8	17.3	6.7	16.0	182.8
Certificate or diploma	196.5	25.4	9.7	12.5	244.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	780.6	85.4	33.7	58.6	958.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	196.1	24.3	9.6	14.5	244.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	576.3	60.5	23.7	43.1	703.6
Left at age--					
16 and over	251.8	32.1	11.9	15.2	311.0
14 or 15	290.0	25.9	11.2	25.2	352.3
13 and under	34.5	* 2.5	* 0.6	* 2.7	40.3
Still at school	71.3	* 4.3	* 3.0	* 2.5	81.2
Total	1,264.3	141.9	55.2	94.5	1,555.8

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE

	<i>Age group</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 and over</i>	
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
	- '000 -						
1 and under 2	35.6	21.9	33.2	21.6	7.3	* 3.3	122.9
2 and under 4	52.6	38.5	51.1	34.0	9.7	* 4.3	190.2
4 and under 8	64.0	40.1	50.6	32.5	14.7	5.3	207.3
8 and under 13	56.1	43.9	48.5	22.9	13.7	* 3.2	188.3
13 and under 26	46.3	34.0	40.7	28.4	13.2	6.0	168.7
26 and under 52	43.7	36.4	53.2	31.2	19.0	12.2	195.7
52	30.1	34.2	40.6	35.9	24.5	26.0	191.3
<i>Total</i>	328.4	249.0	317.9	206.6	102.2	60.3	1,264.3
Males	162.1	136.4	161.3	102.5	62.7	49.8	674.8
Females	166.3	112.6	156.6	104.0	39.5	10.5	589.5
	- weeks -						
<i>Average duration</i>	15.2	17.7	17.7	19.3	24.1	33.2	18.6
<i>Median duration</i>	8	10	9	11	18	42	10
TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
	- '000 -						
2 and under 4	6.5	* 2.2	6.6	* 4.4	* 1.5	* 0.2	21.4
4 and under 13	9.3	13.7	13.9	5.8	* 2.1	* 0.5	46.5
13 and under 26	7.3	7.9	9.1	5.6	* 1.9	* 1.3	33.1
26 and under 52	11.1	11.9	10.9	* 3.7	* 2.1	* 1.2	40.9
<i>Total</i>	34.2	35.7	40.4	19.7	8.7	* 3.2	141.9
Males	16.9	19.8	26.5	9.4	5.1	* 3.0	80.7
Females	17.3	15.9	13.9	10.3	* 3.6	* 0.2	61.1
	- weeks -						
<i>Average duration</i>	18.3	20.4	17.3	15.2	15.7	* 22.0	18.0
<i>Median duration</i>	15	14	12	12	8	21	13
THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
	- '000 -						
3 and under 4	* 2.7	* 0.9	* 1.3	* 1.5	* 0.2	* 0.7	5.9
4 and under 13	10.2	5.2	2.1	14.3	6.0	* 1.0	68.5
13 and under 26	7.1	6.7	9.8	9.2	* 3.8	* 1.9	38.6
26 and under 52	8.6	6.3	10.7	5.7	* 2.0	* 1.8	35.2
<i>Total</i>	28.8	29.2	42.9	30.7	12.1	6.1	149.7
Males	16.4	18.4	23.3	13.3	8.2	* 4.7	84.3
Females	12.4	10.8	19.6	17.4	* 3.9	* 1.4	65.3
	- weeks -						
<i>Average duration</i>	17.9	15.7	16.3	14.8	14.6	18.2	16.1
<i>Median duration</i>	15	12	12	12	12	16	12
TOTAL							
	- '000 -						
1 and under 2	35.6	21.9	33.2	21.6	7.3	* 3.3	122.9
2 and under 4	61.8	41.6	58.9	40.0	11.4	5.2	219.0
4 and under 8	73.8	55.1	67.0	41.7	19.5	6.9	263.9
8 and under 13	65.9	57.7	67.0	33.9	18.2	* 3.8	246.6
13 and under 26	60.8	48.6	59.6	43.2	18.9	9.2	240.3
26 and under 52	63.5	54.6	74.8	40.7	23.1	15.2	271.8
52	30.1	34.2	40.6	35.9	24.5	26.0	191.3
<i>Total</i>	391.4	313.8	401.2	256.9	123.0	69.5	1,555.8
Males	195.4	174.6	211.1	125.2	76.0	57.6	839.9
Females	195.9	139.2	190.1	131.8	47.0	12.0	715.9
	- weeks -						
<i>Average duration</i>	15.6	17.8	17.5	18.5	22.5	31.4	18.3
<i>Median duration</i>	9	10	10	11	15	36	10

TABLE 19. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
AGE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE
(⁰000)

Age group	Time not in 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		
MARRIED MALES								
15-19	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3
20-24	8.3	6.2	* 1.5	* 0.2	* 0.6	* 0.7	* 0.9	18.4
25-34	46.7	36.8	9.3	6.7	* 4.4	* 2.0	11.0	116.9
35-44	40.0	37.1	11.2	8.9	* 3.6	* 2.9	24.2	127.9
45-54	20.5	22.7	9.9	9.1	* 4.9	* 2.2	50.3	119.5
55-59	7.5	9.8	* 4.2	5.1	5.0	* 0.7	53.0	85.3
60-64	6.0	8.9	6.1	7.1	* 3.4	* 2.1	135.7	169.2
65 and over	* 2.3	5.3	* 3.2	* 3.7	* 4.1	* 2.2	502.1	522.8
Total	131.3	126.8	45.4	41.0	25.9	12.8	777.1	1,160.3
ALL MALES								
15-19	18.4	28.9	24.2	43.5	90.1	33.4	212.0	450.5
20-24	39.1	42.3	18.9	14.0	24.0	5.0	29.0	172.4
25-34	69.6	64.8	23.5	16.2	13.7	* 4.1	35.7	227.6
35-44	45.3	47.2	16.6	12.2	5.1	* 3.4	44.1	174.1
45-54	24.8	30.3	11.2	9.9	5.8	* 3.0	76.6	161.6
55-59	7.8	13.0	* 4.6	5.9	5.7	* 1.6	70.2	108.6
60-64	6.8	9.3	7.9	8.3	* 4.4	* 2.9	161.1	200.6
65 and over	* 2.9	6.5	5.8	* 4.6	* 4.9	* 2.5	661.0	688.2
Total	214.7	242.3	112.6	114.6	153.8	55.9	1,289.6	2,183.6
MARRIED FEMALES								
15-19	* 0.9	* 1.0	* 1.1	* 2.3	* 2.0	* 0.3	6.9	14.4
20-24	12.2	17.1	11.8	17.1	14.4	* 4.3	54.3	131.2
25-34	43.7	71.0	52.0	57.3	47.3	33.2	299.0	603.4
35-44	50.2	74.0	38.4	38.9	33.1	20.5	260.2	515.4
45-54	22.5	37.0	17.5	17.9	15.1	6.9	257.6	374.5
55-59	5.1	8.4	5.5	* 3.5	* 4.7	* 2.5	185.8	215.5
60-64	* 1.2	* 2.8	* 1.6	* 1.3	* 1.3	* 1.2	206.1	215.4
65 and over	* 1.0	* 1.5	* 0.9	* 1.2	* 1.5	* 0.7	429.3	436.1
Total	136.8	212.8	128.7	139.4	119.3	69.6	1,699.3	2,506.0
ALL FEMALES								
15-19	26.3	34.1	21.8	44.9	98.5	31.7	215.1	472.4
20-24	34.0	45.0	26.9	31.0	34.6	8.7	88.2	268.4
25-34	61.8	88.8	67.8	68.3	61.2	40.6	359.6	748.1
35-44	58.9	84.1	45.2	45.9	39.6	24.2	311.0	609.1
45-54	27.5	42.0	19.8	22.6	18.3	9.2	307.0	446.3
55-59	7.8	11.1	8.0	5.2	6.8	* 3.2	240.0	282.2
60-64	* 1.2	* 3.9	* 2.8	* 2.6	* 3.4	* 2.1	303.4	319.5
65 and over	* 1.7	* 1.7	* 2.3	* 1.9	* 1.9	* 1.7	984.3	995.4
Total	219.2	310.7	194.8	222.3	264.2	121.4	2,808.7	4,141.3
ALL PERSONS								
15-19	44.6	63.1	46.0	88.3	188.6	65.1	427.1	922.9
20-24	73.2	87.3	45.8	45.0	58.6	13.7	117.2	440.7
25-34	131.4	153.6	91.3	84.5	74.9	44.7	395.3	975.8
35-44	104.3	131.3	61.9	58.1	44.8	27.7	355.1	783.2
45-54	52.3	72.3	31.0	32.5	24.1	12.2	383.6	608.0
55-59	15.5	24.1	12.6	11.2	12.5	* 4.8	310.1	390.8
60-64	8.0	13.2	10.7	10.9	7.8	5.0	464.5	520.1
65 and over	* 4.6	8.1	8.1	6.5	6.8	* 4.2	1,645.3	1,683.5
Total	433.9	553.0	307.4	337.0	418.0	177.2	4,098.4	6,324.9

TABLE 20. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE
(*000)

Main activity when not in the labour force	Time not in 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		
MALES								
Kept house	7.5	7.7	5.5	* 4.5	* 4.0	* 2.5	56.2	87.9
Attended an educational institution	6.6	22.4	31.5	49.4	115.1	36.6	232.6	494.2
Retired or voluntarily inactive	29.4	32.6	24.8	24.9	15.2	7.8	783.4	918.3
Unpaid leave	55.6	33.8	5.8	* 1.2	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 0.8	97.6
Own illness, injury/disability	15.8	33.2	15.3	15.6	8.5	* 4.3	175.5	268.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.9	* 1.4	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 0.6	* 0.5	7.0	11.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	74.1	70.7	20.7	12.1	6.0	* 2.2	6.0	191.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 0.2	* 2.6	* 1.7	* 1.8	* 0.9	* 0.0	16.6	23.7
Other	24.4	23.9	6.2	* 4.3	* 3.4	* 1.8	11.7	75.7
<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>214.7</i>	<i>242.3</i>	<i>112.6</i>	<i>114.6</i>	<i>153.8</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>1,289.6</i>	<i>2,183.6</i>
FEMALES								
Kept house	44.0	137.1	125.9	150.9	136.3	76.0	2,202.3	2,872.4
Attended an educational institution	7.8	24.0	30.0	46.7	111.1	35.8	225.7	481.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	12.4	11.2	* 3.9	5.1	* 4.6	* 2.0	243.8	283.1
Unpaid leave	60.6	32.9	* 4.5	* 1.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	99.4
Own illness, injury/disability	15.0	21.5	7.9	6.4	* 3.9	* 2.0	68.2	124.8
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 1.7	* 1.4	* 1.0	* 0.0	12.8	19.1
Travelled, moved house, holiday	71.0	67.8	17.8	8.4	* 4.4	* 3.9	8.4	181.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.4	* 0.8	* 0.3	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 0.4	41.7	45.7
Other	* 4.8	6.0	* 2.7	* 0.7	* 2.2	* 1.3	5.8	23.3
<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>219.2</i>	<i>310.7</i>	<i>194.8</i>	<i>222.3</i>	<i>264.2</i>	<i>121.4</i>	<i>2,808.7</i>	<i>4,141.3</i>
PERSONS								
Kept house	51.4	144.9	131.4	155.5	140.3	78.4	2,258.4	2,960.3
Attended an educational institution	14.3	46.4	61.5	96.1	226.2	72.5	458.3	975.3
Retired or voluntarily inactive	41.8	43.8	28.7	30.1	19.9	9.8	1,027.2	1,201.3
Unpaid leave	116.1	66.8	10.3	* 2.2	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 0.8	197.0
Own illness, injury/disability	30.8	54.6	23.2	22.0	12.4	6.3	243.7	393.0
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 2.2	* 2.4	* 2.5	* 2.0	* 1.5	* 0.5	19.8	30.9
Travelled, moved house, holiday	145.1	138.5	38.5	20.4	10.4	6.1	14.4	373.4
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.7	* 3.4	* 2.0	* 2.8	* 0.9	* 0.4	58.3	69.4
Other	29.2	29.8	8.9	5.0	5.6	* 3.0	17.5	99.0
<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>433.9</i>	<i>553.0</i>	<i>307.4</i>	<i>337.0</i>	<i>418.0</i>	<i>177.2</i>	<i>4,098.4</i>	<i>6,324.9</i>

(a) Includes persons whose main activity when not in the labour force could not be determined.

TABLE 21. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988:
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE
(^{'000})

Main activity when not in the labour force	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Kept house	* 1.2	* 1.9	14.1	15.0	8.7	5.6	6.9	34.5	87.9
Attended an educational institution	396.5	62.2	24.5	8.2	* 1.4	* 0.4	* 0.6	* 0.5	494.2
Retired or voluntarily inactive	10.7	15.6	25.3	24.1	37.9	47.2	146.9	610.3	918.3
Unpaid leave	5.9	14.5	30.1	21.8	12.9	6.5	* 4.5	* 1.5	97.6
Own illness, injury/disability	12.7	24.3	32.4	42.6	66.5	37.0	28.4	24.3	268.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 0.7	* 0.7	* 2.8	* 2.3	* 1.5	* 2.8	11.8
Travelled, moved house, holiday	11.0	41.6	67.9	39.9	19.4	5.7	* 3.5	* 2.8	191.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.4	* 1.7	* 2.4	* 2.1	* 2.1	* 1.3	* 3.3	9.4	23.7
Other	7.5	8.1	26.3	17.6	8.8	* 2.2	* 3.2	* 1.9	75.7
Total(a)	450.5	172.4	227.6	174.1	161.6	108.6	200.6	688.2	2,183.6
FEMALES									
Kept house	28.4	135.4	612.8	488.9	362.4	234.1	263.3	747.1	2,872.4
Attended an educational institution	392.5	49.5	22.1	9.6	5.3	* 1.4	* 0.5	* 0.2	481.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.7	10.2	7.8	* 4.1	9.4	18.7	37.6	187.6	283.1
Unpaid leave	10.6	12.2	25.4	29.3	14.8	* 3.2	* 1.5	* 2.4	99.4
Own illness, injury/disability	7.0	13.2	18.9	23.9	17.2	8.9	7.4	28.4	124.8
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.2	* 0.7	* 1.7	* 2.7	5.3	* 2.5	* 0.4	5.5	19.1
Travelled, moved house, holiday	22.0	39.4	48.8	38.2	21.4	6.8	* 3.1	* 2.0	181.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 0.4	* 1.4	* 1.2	5.7	8.1	* 4.1	5.0	19.8	45.7
Other	* 1.7	* 4.5	7.2	* 3.4	* 1.8	* 1.6	* 0.5	* 2.5	23.3
Total(a)	472.4	268.4	748.1	609.1	446.3	282.2	319.5	995.4	4,141.3
PERSONS									
Kept house	29.6	137.3	626.9	503.9	371.1	239.7	270.2	781.6	2,960.3
Attended an educational institution	789.0	111.7	46.6	17.8	6.7	* 1.7	* 1.1	* 0.7	975.3
Retired or voluntarily inactive	18.4	25.8	33.1	28.2	47.4	65.9	184.6	797.9	1,201.3
Unpaid leave	16.6	26.7	55.5	51.0	27.7	9.8	6.0	* 3.9	197.0
Own illness, injury/disability	19.8	37.5	51.3	66.4	83.6	45.9	35.7	52.7	393.0
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.8	* 1.2	* 2.4	* 3.4	8.1	* 4.8	* 1.9	8.3	30.9
Travelled, moved house, holiday	33.0	80.9	116.6	78.1	40.8	12.5	6.6	* 4.8	373.4
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.8	* 3.1	* 3.7	7.7	10.2	5.4	8.3	29.2	69.4
Other	9.2	12.7	33.5	21.0	10.6	* 3.8	* 3.7	* 4.4	99.0
Total(a)	922.9	440.7	975.8	783.2	608.0	390.8	520.1	1,683.5	6,324.9

(a) Includes persons whose main activity when not in the labour force could not be determined.

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY

Average duration of time spent looking for work: obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been looking for work by the number of persons in that group.

Certificate or diploma: completion of an approved certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.

Degree: a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, masters degree or a doctorate.

Educational attainment: measures the highest qualification obtained by the respondent. Qualifications may include those obtained at other than educational institutions (e.g. nursing qualifications obtained at a hospital).

Highest level of secondary school available: the highest level of secondary schooling (or equivalent) offered by the education system at the time the respondent left school.

In the labour force: persons who were reported as having either worked or looked for work.

Job:

- (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.

Labour force: persons who were reported as having either worked or looked for work.

Locality: in capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.

Looked for work: persons who were reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

Median duration of time spent looking for work: the duration which divides persons who looked for work into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose time spent looking for work during the year is above the median, and the other, persons whose time spent looking for work is below it.

Not in the labour force: persons who, during any week of the reference period, were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work.

Number of spells of looking for work during the year: the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job.

Other post-school qualifications: completion of other types of education, e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

Persons with a post-school qualification: those who had left school and answered 'Yes' to the question: 'Since leaving school have you obtained a trade qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?'. Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Degree; Trade qualification or apprenticeship; Certificate or diploma; Other post-school qualification.

Still at school: current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

Time in the labour force during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or looked for work.

Time not in the labour force during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work.

Time spent looking for work during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

Time worked during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as work.

Trade qualification or apprenticeship: completion of an approved trade/technical apprenticeship in fitting and turning, hairdressing, plumbing, carpentry, etc.

Worked: persons who were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave.

APPENDIX B

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the February 1988 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked the length of time they worked, looked for work or were not in the labour force, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience for the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview.

Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it excluded visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories etc.

4. In the tables, 'All Persons' refers to all persons within the scope of the survey.

Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

6. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7. Labour force experience characteristics relate to the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview. Unless otherwise stated, all other characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview.

Results of the survey

8. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1988. Because of emigration, deaths, etc., not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

9. A publication *Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1988, Summary* (6205.0) containing a summary of the results of the survey was released on 11 July 1988.

10. Results of similar surveys, conducted in February 1969, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977 and annually since February 1979, have been published in *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0).

11. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in February 1989.

Unpublished tables

12. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer printout, manually-extracted tabulation. In general, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries should be made to the officer whose name appears in the Phone Inquiries section at the front of this publication, or to Information Services in the nearest ABS Office.

Comparability of series

13. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference period. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category for each of the weeks in the year on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the rigidly defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

Discontinuities in the series

14. The estimates for surveys held from February 1983 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 have extended to 54 weeks. From the February 1983 survey onwards the reference period has been the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview. Due to the change in the reference period timing, some estimates, particularly those for groups who entered the labour force during the earlier months of the year (e.g. 15 to 19 year olds), will also be affected from the February 1981 survey onwards.

15. In the February 1981 survey, persons who answered that 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 not in the la-

bour force for the remainder of the period. In all other years these persons were counted as not in the labour force for that time. In consequence, the February 1981 estimate of persons not in the labour force during all or part of the period is 512,300 persons (249,100 males and 263,200 females) less than that which would have been obtained with the procedures used in other years.

16. Estimates contained in this publication are based on a revised labour force questionnaire introduced in April 1986. The definition of employment was expanded, resulting in decreases in the estimates of unemployed persons and persons not in the labour force. Further information is contained in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) and in an information paper *Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0).

17. Classification of occupation according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) 1986 was introduced in the August 1986 labour force survey, replacing the Classification and Classified List of Occupations (CCLO) used in previous surveys. The main difference between these classifications is that ASCO occupations are classified on the basis of the level and specialisation of skill required for the satisfactory performance of primary tasks. For a more detailed explanation of ASCO see the appendix to *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1986* (6203.0).

18. To provide a link between the two classifications, a matrix has been produced and is shown in Table 41 of *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1986* (6203.0). It shows the relationship between ASCO and CCLO at the broadest classification level (the Major Group). The estimates in the matrix are based on a sub-sample of respondents to the May 1986 labour force survey.

19. Since February 1987, an expanded classification of post-school qualifications has been used. As a result a small number of persons previously categorised as 'Degree' or 'Other' may now be included in the categories 'Trade qualification or apprenticeship' or 'Certificate or diploma'.

Survey sample redesign

20. The LFS sample has been redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Population Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September 1987 to December 1987. For details, see *Information Paper — Labour Force Survey — Sample Design* (6269.0).

Reliability of the estimates

21. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Note, Appendix C.

Related publications

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0)—issued twice yearly

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia (6222.0)—issued two-yearly

Labour Mobility, Australia (6209.0)—issued annually

Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6264.0)—issued irregularly

23. 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 the Technical Note, Appendix C.
- .. not applicable

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

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APPENDIX C

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

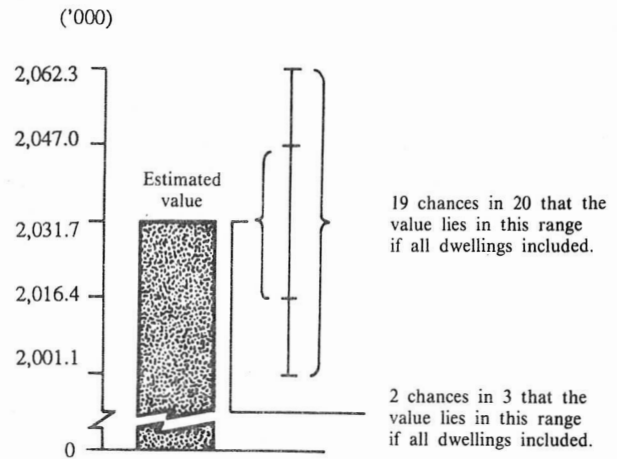
1. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and gender, rather than to the corresponding 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 2 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending February 1988 was 2,031,700. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 15,200 and 20,500, and can be approximated as 15,300 (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 2,016,400 to 2,047,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,001,100 and 2,062,300. 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 only estimates with relative standard errors less than 25 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included, and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. * 3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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 (3,845,700) is shown in Table 2 as 52.8 per cent. The standard error for 3,845,700 is approximately 18,500 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 2,031,700 is 0.8 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(0.8)^2 - (0.5)^2}$ or 0.6 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (52.8 per cent) of 0.3 percentage

points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 52.5 per cent and 53.1 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 52.2 per cent to 53.4 per cent.

8. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (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 subpopulations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. 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 (persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Relative standard error	—per cent—
1,500						370		—		
1,800						410		440		
2,000						420	—	450		
2,500				620	—	470	580	490		
3,000				680	720	510	620	530		
3,500			—	730	770	540	660	560		
4,000			990	770	810	570	690	590		
4,500			1,050	810	860	600	730	610	—	—
5,000	—	—	1,100	850	900	630	760	640	1,200	24.3
6,000	1,400	1,450	1,200	920	970	670	810	680	1,350	22.2
10,000	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,150	1,200	820	980	810	1,700	17.2
20,000	2,450	2,450	2,000	1,500	1,600	1,050	1,250	1,000	2,400	12.0
50,000	3,600	3,500	2,900	2,100	2,250	1,450	1,750	1,300	3,650	7.3
100,000	4,800	4,600	3,800	2,700	2,850	1,800	2,250	1,550	4,900	4.9
200,000	6,300	5,900	4,850	3,400	3,650	2,200	2,850	1,850	6,500	3.3
300,000	7,300	6,800	5,600	3,850	4,150	2,450		2,000	7,600	2.5
500,000	8,900	8,000	6,600	4,500	4,850	2,750		2,250	9,300	1.9
1,000,000	11,300	10,000	8,100	5,500	5,900				12,000	1.2
2,000,000	14,400	12,200	9,900	6,600	7,200				15,200	0.8
5,000,000	19,300	15,600	12,500						20,500	0.4
10,000,000	23,800								25,200	0.3
20,000,000									30,600	0.2

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