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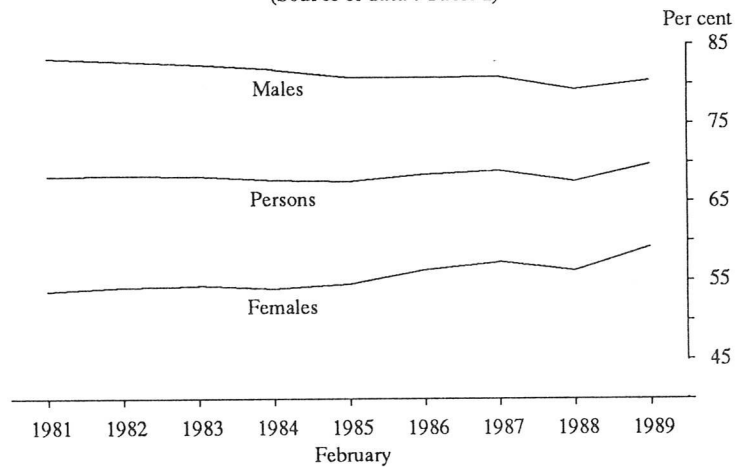
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Participation in the labour force

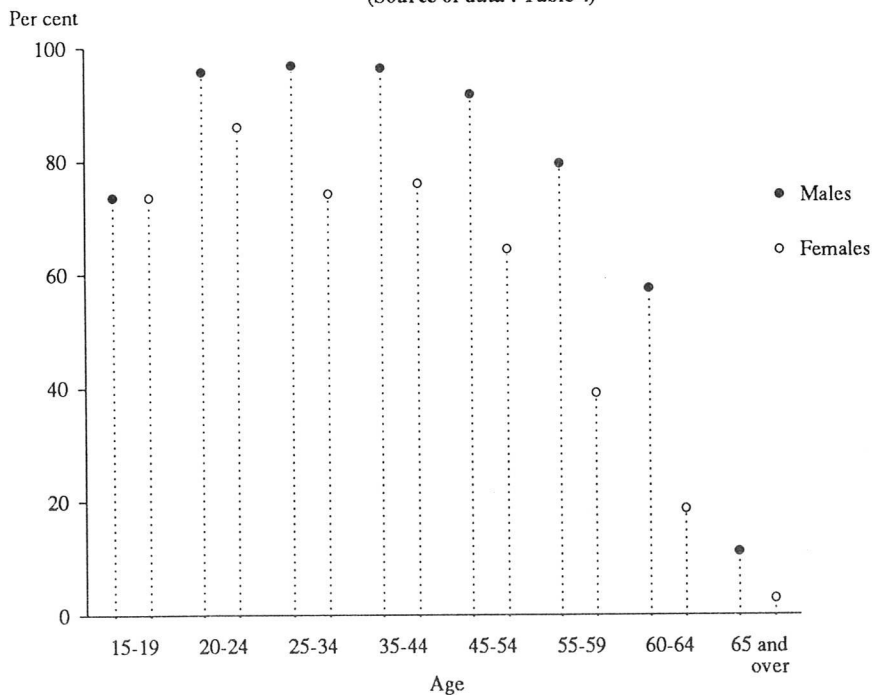
An estimated 8,745,700 persons aged 15 and over had participated in the labour force at some time during the twelve months ending February 1989. The proportion of persons who had participated in the labour force at some time in the twelve months to February has increased from 68 per cent in 1981 to 70 per cent in 1989. Over this eight year period, male participation in the labour force fell from 83 per cent in February 1981 to 80 per cent in February 1989, whereas female participation increased from 54 per cent in February 1981 to 59 per cent in February 1989.

DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION,
FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1989
(Source of data : Table 1)



For males aged between 20 and 54 years, participation rates were greater than 90 per cent with the highest participation rate being for the 25-34 age group. For females the highest participation rate was 86 per cent for the 20-24 age group.

DIAGRAM 2. ALL PERSONS : PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY AGE
AND SEX, FEBRUARY 1989
(Source of data : Table 4)



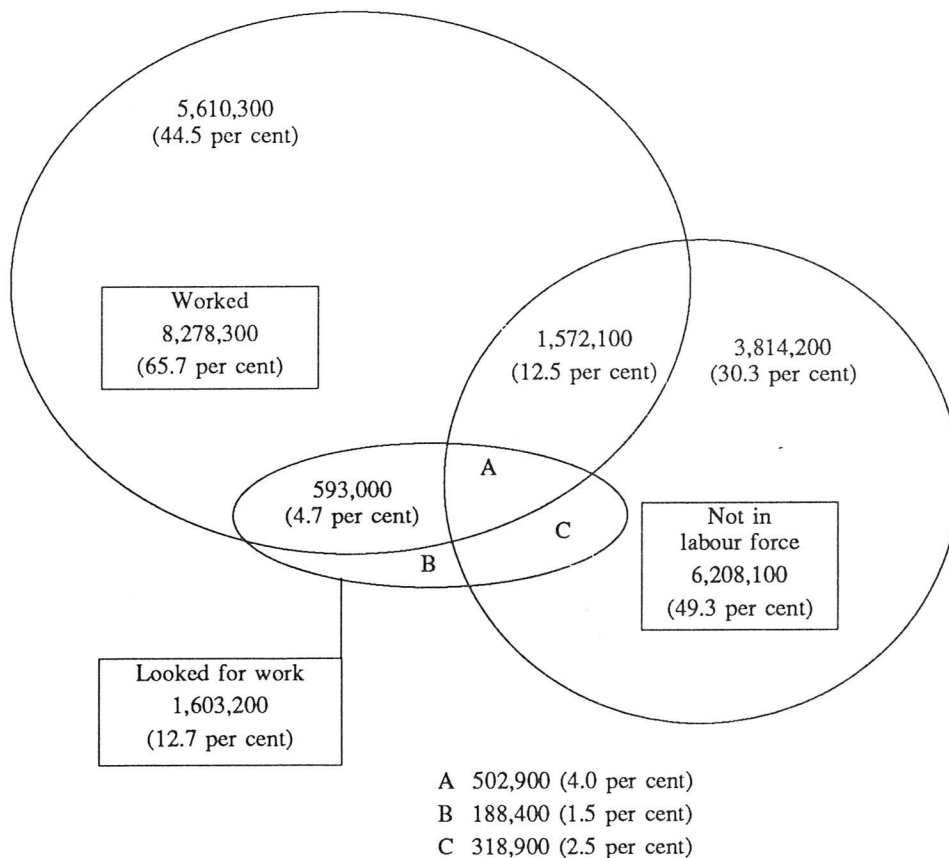
Aggregate participation rates for married persons and not-married persons were each 70 per cent, but significant differences emerged for particular age and sex groups.

Married males had higher participation rates than not-married males in all age groups. In the 45-54 age group the participation rate for married males was 93 per cent compared with 85 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 75 per cent compared with 92 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 1989**
(Source of data : Table 2 and 8)

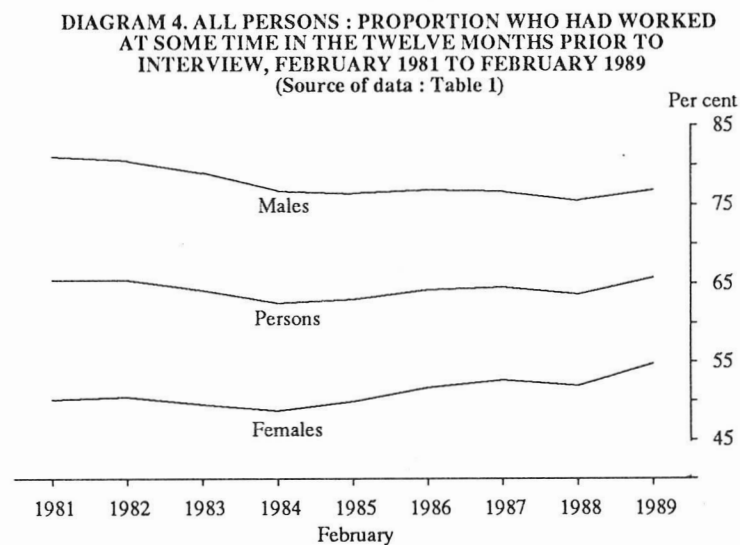


For instance, 593,000 persons, or 5 per cent of all persons at February 1989, had worked at some time, and also looked for work at some time but at no time during the year had they been not in the labour force. Similarly, 5,610,300 persons (45 per cent) had worked for the whole year. A further example; 502,900 persons (4 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 1989.

Persons who worked at some time during the year

The trends in labour force participation are depicted in Diagram 4. The rate was 65 per cent in 1981, fell to 63 per cent in 1984 and 1985, and has risen to the current estimate of 66 per cent.

The rise in the proportion of females working at some time in the previous 12 months, from 50 per cent in 1981 to 55 per cent in 1989, was accompanied by the corresponding decline in proportions of males, from 81 per cent in 1981 to the low of 76 per cent in 1988, and was 77 per cent in 1989.



Some 8,278,300 persons had worked at some time during the year ending February 1989. Of these persons—

- 5,610,300 (68 per cent) had worked for the full 52 weeks
- 74 per cent of male workers had worked for 52 weeks, compared with 59 per cent of female workers
- 88 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full-time basis
(93 per cent for married males)
- 37 per cent of female workers had worked all their weeks on a part-time basis
(44 per cent for married females)

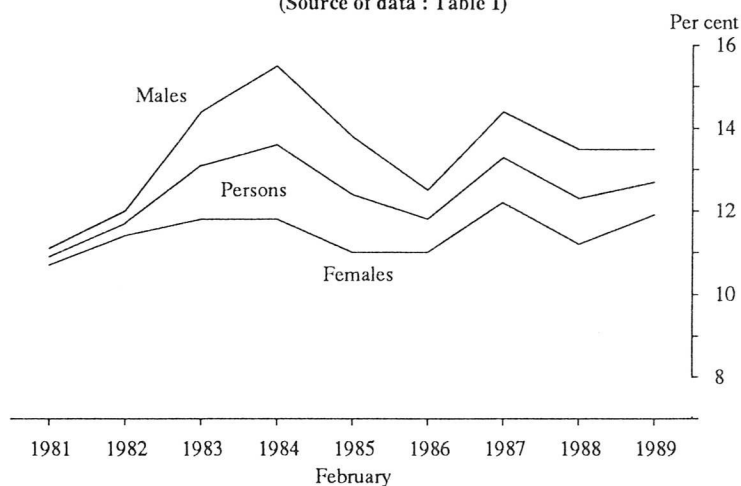
Persons who looked for work at some time during the year

An estimated 1,603,200 persons looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1989. This represents 13 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 1981 estimate of 11 per cent to 13 per cent in February 1989.

The proportion of males who had looked for work remained higher than the corresponding proportion of females for all years. These proportions were estimated at 14 per cent and 12 per cent respectively in February 1989.

DIAGRAM 5. ALL PERSONS : PROPORTION WHO HAD LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO INTERVIEW, FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1989

(Source of data : Table 1)



The survey shows that 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 30 per cent of 15 to 19 year olds had looked for work with an average duration of 13.4 weeks, 3 per cent of persons aged 55 and over had looked for work for an average 29.7 weeks.

Persons not in the labour force at some time

An estimated 6,208,100 persons were not in the labour force at some time during the year, with 3,814,200 (61 per cent) not in the labour force for the whole year.

Females outnumbered males by almost 2 to 1 (4,000,800 to 2,207,300), 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 1989.

TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1989
(Per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—								
	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	r1986	r1987	r1988	1989
MALES									
<i>Not in the labour force at any time during the period</i>	16.8	17.2	17.6	18.2	19.2	19.2	19.1	20.7	19.6
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	83.2	82.8	82.4	81.8	80.8	80.8	80.9	79.3	80.4
Time in the labour force during the period (weeks)—									
52	68.9	68.0	69.4	68.0	66.5	65.6	65.8	64.9	64.7
1 and under 52	14.3	14.8	13.0	13.8	14.3	15.1	14.7	14.4	15.7
Worked at some time during the period	81.0	80.5	79.0	76.7	76.4	76.8	76.6	75.5	76.8
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	74.7	74.2	71.5	69.1	69.2	69.5	67.5	67.4	67.8
More full-time than part-time	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.5	2.6	3.0
More part-time than full-time	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
All were part-time	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.7	5.2
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—									
One	66.9	66.1	66.6	65.6	64.5	63.8	63.1	61.3	61.3
Two	10.3	10.5	8.7	8.1	8.4	9.5	10.1	10.4	11.3
Three	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.4
Four or more	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8
Looked for work at some time during the period	11.1	12.0	14.4	15.5	13.8	12.5	14.4	13.5	13.5
Number of spells of looking for work during the period—									
One	9.0	9.4	10.9	12.1	11.4	10.4	11.4	10.8	10.9
Two	1.4	1.5	2.4	2.1	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.2
Three	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
Four or more	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total	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>	46.4	45.9	45.7	46.1	45.5	43.7	42.7	43.8	40.8
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	53.6	54.1	54.3	53.9	54.5	56.3	57.3	56.2	59.2
Time in the labour force during the period (weeks)—									
52	33.4	34.0	33.9	33.2	33.9	33.6	34.9	35.4	37.0
1 and under 52	20.2	20.2	20.3	20.7	20.7	22.7	21.9	20.8	22.2
Worked at some time during the period	50.2	50.5	49.5	48.7	49.9	51.9	52.7	52.0	54.8
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	30.4	30.5	29.0	28.4	29.3	29.9	29.1	29.9	29.9
More full-time than part-time	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.7
More part-time than full-time	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7
All were part-time	16.0	16.3	16.8	16.8	17.1	18.0	19.0	18.1	20.5
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—									
One	42.7	42.6	42.7	42.5	42.4	43.2	43.9	43.0	44.3
Two	5.8	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.7	6.4	6.6	6.8	7.9
Three	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.7
Four or more	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Looked for work at some time during the period	10.7	11.4	11.8	11.8	11.0	11.0	12.2	11.2	11.9
Number of spells of looking for work during the period—									
One	9.1	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.2	9.5
Two	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Three	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Four or more	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8
Total	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>	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.3	32.5	31.6	31.1	32.5	30.3
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7	67.5	68.4	68.9	67.5	69.7
Time in the labour force during the period (weeks)—									
52	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4	50.0	49.4	50.2	49.9	50.7
1 and under 52	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3	17.5	18.9	18.3	17.6	19.0
Worked at some time during the period	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5	63.0	64.2	64.5	63.6	65.7
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5	49.0	49.5	48.1	48.3	48.7
More full-time than part-time	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.6	2.9
More part-time than full-time	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3
All were part-time	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.7	11.1	11.9	11.5	12.9
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—									
One	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9	53.3	53.4	53.4	52.0	52.8
Two	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4	7.0	7.9	8.3	8.5	9.6
Three	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.0
Four or more	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3
Looked for work at some time during the period	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6	12.4	11.8	13.3	12.3	12.7
Number of spells of looking for work during the period—									
One	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.2	9.7	10.6	10.0	10.2
Two	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Three	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
Four or more	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9
Total	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 13, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS: PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD(a) AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1989
(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	
MARRIED MALES									
1981	*95.1	98.7	98.9	98.2	94.9	87.5	60.8	17.3	84.0
1982	*89.5	99.5	99.2	98.1	94.8	89.0	56.8	14.6	83.5
1983	*100.0	99.4	99.0	97.8	95.3	86.3	60.7	13.5	82.9
1984	*100.0	99.1	98.9	98.2	95.6	85.0	55.6	14.4	82.7
1985	100.0	98.5	98.7	97.7	94.1	84.9	53.9	12.9	81.6
1986r	*100.0	98.5	98.6	97.8	94.3	85.8	51.5	12.4	81.1
1987r	100.0	99.7	98.7	97.7	93.3	75.3	47.0	9.2	80.3
1988r	*100.0	99.2	98.7	97.6	92.9	83.3	54.9	11.4	80.0
1989	100.0	98.3	98.2	97.7	93.4	81.7	60.2	11.6	80.8
ALL MALES									
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
1986r	74.0	97.0	97.6	96.9	92.6	83.4	51.1	11.1	80.8
1987r	74.7	96.7	98.0	96.6	92.1	85.4	54.1	12.7	81.2
1988r	70.1	95.6	97.3	96.4	90.8	81.2	54.5	10.9	79.3
1989	73.9	96.1	97.2	96.7	92.1	79.8	57.7	11.4	80.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
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
1986r	72.2	73.4	66.8	71.8	57.4	33.2	15.1	4.1	54.7
1987r	77.1	75.8	68.1	72.5	61.0	35.3	16.6	3.9	56.3
1988r	59.4	77.2	69.6	73.5	60.8	32.8	13.7	4.5	55.8
1989	66.3	74.8	72.4	76.2	62.7	36.9	17.4	4.3	58.4
ALL FEMALES									
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
1986r	72.8	84.5	71.1	71.9	58.7	35.8	16.3	3.4	56.3
1987r	73.4	85.2	72.1	72.6	61.8	37.1	17.5	3.8	57.3
1988r	68.5	86.4	73.1	73.8	61.8	35.1	15.9	3.3	56.2
1989	73.9	86.4	74.6	76.4	64.7	39.4	19.0	3.2	59.2
PERSONS									
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
1986r	73.4	90.7	84.3	84.5	76.0	59.8	33.4	6.7	68.4
1987r	74.1	91.0	85.0	84.7	77.3	60.5	34.9	7.3	68.9
1988r	69.3	91.0	85.2	85.2	76.6	58.3	35.0	6.5	67.5
1989	73.9	91.3	85.9	86.6	78.7	59.9	38.1	6.8	69.7

(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 13, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed.

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989
AND MARITAL STATUS
(*000)

	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Not in the labour force at any time during the year	744.1	1,598.8	2,342.9	480.9	990.4	1,471.3	1,225.0	2,589.2	3,814.2
In the labour force at some time during the year	3,137.9	2,243.0	5,380.9	1,885.2	1,519.7	3,404.8	5,023.0	3,762.7	8,785.7
Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)–									
1 and under 4	10.8	63.4	74.3	51.6	64.2	115.8	62.4	127.6	190.0
4 and under 13	27.2	117.8	145.0	132.3	126.6	259.0	159.5	244.4	404.0
13 and under 26	30.7	116.7	147.3	64.7	69.0	133.6	95.4	185.6	281.0
26 and under 39	49.8	173.1	222.9	71.7	81.4	153.1	121.6	254.5	376.1
39 and under 49	156.8	249.6	406.4	136.3	122.9	259.2	293.1	372.5	665.6
49 and under 52	147.3	142.3	289.6	103.1	84.6	187.7	250.4	226.8	477.3
52	2,715.2	1,380.1	4,095.4	1,325.4	971.0	2,296.4	4,040.7	2,351.1	6,391.8
Worked at some time during the year	3,054.4	2,108.9	5,163.4	1,744.0	1,370.9	3,115.0	4,798.5	3,479.9	8,278.3
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked–									
All were full-time	2,831.4	1,027.6	3,859.0	1,403.8	870.9	2,274.7	4,235.2	1,898.5	6,133.7
More full-time than part-time	97.1	100.4	197.5	91.1	73.9	165.1	188.2	174.4	362.5
More part-time than full-time	16.7	57.9	74.6	35.7	49.5	85.2	52.4	107.4	159.8
All were part-time	109.2	923.0	1,032.3	213.4	376.6	590.0	322.7	1,299.6	1,622.3
Number of jobs held during the year(a)–									
One	2,520.0	1,780.5	4,300.4	1,311.5	1,035.6	2,347.1	3,831.5	2,816.1	6,647.5
Two	404.5	261.8	666.3	304.3	239.0	543.3	708.8	500.8	1,209.6
Three	77.6	41.1	118.7	70.3	64.5	134.8	147.9	105.7	253.5
Four or more	52.4	25.5	77.9	57.9	31.9	89.7	110.3	57.4	167.6
Time worked during the year (weeks)–									
1 and under 4	12.6	37.3	50.0	48.4	43.6	92.0	61.0	80.9	142.0
4 and under 13	41.2	99.0	140.2	120.7	99.6	220.3	161.9	198.6	360.5
13 and under 26	49.8	113.5	163.3	79.5	71.9	151.4	129.3	185.4	314.7
26 and under 39	98.3	182.3	280.7	124.0	105.5	229.5	222.4	287.8	510.2
39 and under 49	225.6	268.4	494.0	199.1	171.1	370.2	424.7	439.4	864.2
49 and under 52	157.5	139.0	296.5	95.9	84.2	180.1	253.4	223.1	476.6
52	2,469.4	1,269.4	3,738.8	1,076.3	795.2	1,871.5	3,545.8	2,064.5	5,610.3
Looked for work at some time during the year	356.7	334.1	690.7	489.0	423.5	912.5	845.7	757.5	1,603.2
Number of spells of looking for work during the year–									
One	290.0	267.7	557.7	389.4	338.3	727.8	679.5	606.0	1,285.5
Two	26.5	24.3	50.8	46.4	40.2	86.6	72.9	64.5	137.4
Three	17.5	17.8	35.3	20.5	15.8	36.3	38.0	33.7	71.6
Four or more	22.6	24.3	47.0	32.8	29.0	61.8	55.4	53.3	108.8
Total	3,882.0	3,841.9	7,723.8	2,366.0	2,510.1	4,876.1	6,248.0	6,351.9	12,599.9

(a) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989,
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	* 84.6	45.0	51.4	63.8	62.2	63.0	63.9	61.7	62.8
20-24	91.3	69.8	77.2	91.4	87.1	89.5	91.4	81.2	86.3
25-34	95.6	67.3	80.5	90.7	75.7	84.3	93.9	69.5	81.6
35-44	96.0	72.0	84.1	89.1	70.5	79.7	94.8	71.7	83.3
45-54	91.4	59.9	76.3	78.4	66.5	72.0	89.3	61.2	75.6
55-59	79.2	35.3	58.6	59.5	43.0	50.0	75.9	37.1	56.8
60-64	56.5	16.4	37.6	41.8	22.6	30.1	53.6	18.3	35.7
65 and over	11.4	4.1	8.3	10.1	2.3	4.3	11.1	3.1	6.6
Total	78.7	54.9	66.8	73.7	54.6	63.9	76.8	54.8	65.7
LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(b)									
15-19	* 77.2	41.6	47.4	29.4	29.8	29.6	29.7	30.2	29.9
20-24	28.1	18.3	21.7	24.2	23.8	24.0	24.9	21.9	23.4
25-34	14.6	12.7	13.6	20.1	18.7	19.5	16.5	14.2	15.4
35-44	9.7	11.0	10.4	10.8	16.5	13.7	9.9	12.0	11.0
45-54	6.5	5.7	6.2	15.7	13.2	14.4	8.0	7.2	7.6
55-59	8.4	2.5	5.6	13.1	7.3	9.8	9.2	3.6	6.4
60 and over	6.0	*1.0	3.6	*1.5	*0.2	0.9	3.4	*0.5	2.0
Total	9.2	8.7	8.9	20.7	16.9	18.7	13.5	11.9	12.7
IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(c)									
15-19	* 100.0	66.3	71.7	73.8	74.2	74.0	73.9	73.9	73.9
20-24	98.3	74.8	82.9	95.6	92.3	94.2	96.1	86.4	91.3
25-34	98.2	72.4	84.4	95.3	81.0	89.2	97.2	74.6	85.9
35-44	97.7	76.2	87.0	92.2	77.7	84.8	96.7	76.4	86.6
45-54	93.4	62.7	78.7	84.7	73.1	78.5	92.1	64.7	78.7
55-59	81.7	36.9	60.7	70.1	47.5	57.0	79.8	39.4	59.9
60-64	60.2	17.4	40.0	47.6	22.8	32.5	57.7	19.0	38.1
65 and over	11.6	4.3	8.5	10.7	2.4	4.5	11.4	3.2	6.8
Total	80.8	58.4	69.7	79.7	60.5	69.8	80.4	59.2	69.7
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(d)									
15-19	* 23.3	66.9	59.8	65.9	67.2	66.5	65.6	67.2	66.4
20-24	19.4	54.7	42.4	28.8	34.7	31.4	27.1	41.5	34.2
25-34	15.6	59.9	39.3	21.6	39.7	29.3	17.7	54.6	36.2
35-44	12.5	51.6	31.9	24.1	42.1	33.2	14.5	49.9	32.1
45-54	17.6	58.0	36.9	26.6	43.5	35.6	19.0	55.2	36.7
55-59	31.5	73.6	51.3	41.2	65.7	55.3	33.2	71.8	52.1
60-64	51.5	89.5	69.4	64.3	85.7	77.4	54.0	88.4	71.4
65 and over	92.5	97.4	94.6	93.6	98.2	97.0	92.8	97.8	95.6
Total	30.1	64.1	47.0	44.0	61.3	52.9	35.3	63.0	49.3

(a) Persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 1989 as a proportion of all persons in each group. (b) Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1989 as a proportion of all persons in each group. (c) Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1989 as a proportion of all persons in each group. (d) Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1989 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 1989
(*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	3,990.1	2,928.5	658.9	631.0	4,166.3	3,182.1	1,790.7	3,301.0	10,407.7
Husband or wife	2,973.1	2,028.4	344.9	318.4	3,052.6	2,157.6	1,136.9	2,386.0	7,495.9
With dependents present	1,839.3	1,205.3	219.5	198.1	1,886.3	1,298.4	274.7	1,184.2	3,860.8
Without dependents present	1,133.8	823.1	125.4	120.2	1,166.3	859.3	862.2	1,201.8	3,635.1
Other family head	86.7	221.2	11.3	71.4	88.5	259.7	39.1	339.6	609.3
With dependents present	36.1	160.6	* 4.6	61.0	37.2	193.5	12.3	211.7	360.6
Without dependents present	50.6	60.6	* 6.6	10.4	51.3	66.2	26.9	127.9	248.7
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	158.8	180.4	67.9	82.1	196.0	222.2	332.1	310.0	736.7
Other child of married couple or family head	717.0	460.9	213.5	147.8	769.1	500.6	238.2	166.2	1,343.9
Other relative of married couple or family head	54.5	37.5	21.4	11.3	60.0	41.9	44.4	99.2	221.8
Not a member of a family	636.4	414.5	143.9	96.0	670.9	433.4	324.4	572.6	1,746.0
Living alone	303.9	187.4	54.5	31.4	322.6	198.8	209.1	471.4	1,097.8
Not living alone	332.5	227.0	89.5	64.6	348.3	234.6	115.2	101.2	648.2
Family status not determined	171.9	136.9	42.8	30.6	185.8	147.1	92.3	127.1	446.3
Total	4,798.5	3,479.9	845.7	757.5	5,023.0	3,762.7	2,207.3	4,000.8	12,599.9

(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 1989
(*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)	2,364.4	1,468.8	290.7	263.7	2,417.8	1,547.6	765.0	1,087.5	4,888.1
Degree	542.8	302.4	51.3	38.1	555.3	311.9	136.0	146.4	967.4
Trade qualification or apprenticeship Certificate or diploma	1,218.3	99.3	162.7	17.4	1,246.5	104.3	442.1	139.6	1,686.2
Certificate or diploma	595.2	1,056.4	74.3	202.9	606.9	1,118.4	184.2	786.2	2,204.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	2,341.3	1,905.2	507.1	438.6	2,485.5	2,078.2	1,185.5	2,682.4	7,172.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	604.4	497.7	129.6	134.7	635.4	547.2	272.6	428.7	1,483.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,719.1	1,391.4	374.3	298.1	1,831.2	1,512.4	895.0	2,217.8	5,606.9
Left at age--									
16 and over	726.0	598.9	165.6	144.3	763.8	654.8	215.1	568.9	1,830.8
14 or 15	845.6	718.3	183.4	143.7	907.8	777.7	507.9	1,333.1	3,096.6
13 and under	147.4	74.2	25.3	10.1	159.6	79.9	171.9	315.8	679.5
Still at school	92.8	105.9	48.0	55.2	119.8	136.9	256.9	230.8	539.4
Total	4,798.5	3,479.9	845.7	757.5	5,023.0	3,762.7	2,207.3	4,000.8	12,599.9

(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 1989, MARITAL STATUS AND AGE ('000)

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Married									Total(a)								
	Age group									Age group								
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
MALES																		
Nil	* 0.0	* 2.0	15.8	23.5	48.2	55.1	114.6	484.9	744.1	182.6	25.3	37.9	40.4	68.9	73.1	152.0	644.8	1,225.0
1 and under 4	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 2.2	* 2.6	* 2.0	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 1.4	10.8	42.3	* 4.6	* 4.5	* 3.0	* 2.2	* 3.0	* 0.9	* 1.8	62.4
4 and under 13	* 0.3	* 3.3	* 4.8	* 3.0	* 5.6	* 1.9	* 4.6	* 3.6	27.2	99.6	25.1	11.0	* 4.5	* 6.0	* 2.7	* 5.4	* 5.2	159.5
13 and under 26	* 0.0	* 1.3	* 2.1	* 4.5	* 6.7	8.3	* 4.4	* 3.5	30.7	44.8	11.9	* 5.8	* 6.4	* 7.9	9.0	* 5.1	* 4.2	95.4
26 and under 39	* 0.0	* 1.4	* 7.8	11.2	9.8	* 5.4	8.2	* 6.0	49.8	29.2	18.7	19.2	17.1	13.9	* 6.1	10.3	* 7.0	121.6
39 and under 49	* 0.0	* 7.3	50.7	41.2	29.1	13.2	9.9	* 5.5	156.8	38.5	48.8	77.4	57.5	35.8	14.9	12.4	* 7.6	293.1
49 and under 52	* 0.7	* 6.7	53.0	41.6	27.3	9.9	* 5.5	* 2.7	147.3	22.0	41.9	82.7	50.5	30.0	11.1	* 7.8	* 4.3	250.4
52	* 3.1	93.4	735.5	892.9	603.2	206.2	139.6	41.2	2,715.2	240.7	474.2	1,106.9	1,056.4	703.0	241.6	165.1	52.7	4,040.7
Total	* 4.1	116.0	871.9	1,020.4	731.9	301.2	287.7	548.8	3,882.0	699.8	650.5	1,345.5	1,235.9	867.8	361.5	359.3	727.7	6,248.0
FEMALES																		
Nil	* 7.1	54.9	276.6	238.4	249.7	168.5	211.5	392.1	1,598.8	174.7	87.4	343.5	287.7	292.0	211.6	298.3	894.1	2,589.2
1 and under 4	* 0.0	* 2.9	30.9	18.7	* 7.1	* 1.3	* 2.3	* 0.2	63.4	39.1	11.8	39.1	23.7	8.9	* 2.2	* 2.3	* 0.5	127.6
4 and under 13	* 2.2	8.5	48.3	35.6	19.1	* 1.4	* 1.6	* 1.2	117.8	85.9	29.4	57.8	40.0	24.4	* 3.6	* 2.1	* 1.2	244.4
13 and under 26	* 1.5	11.1	46.5	32.3	19.1	* 3.2	* 2.4	* 0.6	116.7	42.2	18.7	55.1	39.2	21.7	* 3.6	* 3.8	* 1.2	185.6
26 and under 39	* 1.5	11.5	66.4	54.0	24.2	8.0	* 5.4	* 2.0	173.1	35.4	27.4	80.1	62.6	27.2	9.9	8.4	* 3.5	254.5
39 and under 49	* 1.2	18.1	81.5	86.5	45.6	10.1	* 4.4	* 2.2	249.6	41.5	55.6	101.3	99.4	51.5	14.3	* 6.3	* 2.5	372.5
49 and under 52	* 0.6	11.9	49.1	51.0	23.5	* 4.1	* 1.5	* 0.7	142.3	31.3	35.3	62.1	56.8	31.1	* 5.2	* 4.3	* 0.7	226.8
52	* 7.0	98.6	401.4	484.0	281.2	70.5	26.8	10.7	1,380.1	219.7	374.6	613.4	611.8	370.2	98.6	42.9	20.0	2,351.1
Total	21.1	217.4	1,000.7	1,000.4	669.6	267.1	255.9	409.6	3,841.9	669.7	640.1	1,352.5	1,221.3	827.0	349.1	368.4	923.8	6,351.9
PERSONS																		
Nil	* 7.1	56.9	292.4	261.9	297.9	223.6	326.1	877.0	2,342.9	357.2	112.6	381.4	328.1	360.9	284.7	450.4	1,538.9	3,814.2
1 and under 4	* 0.0	* 3.5	33.0	21.3	9.1	* 2.6	* 3.2	* 1.6	74.3	81.5	16.4	43.6	26.8	11.1	* 5.1	* 3.2	* 2.4	190.0
4 and under 13	* 2.4	11.8	53.1	38.6	24.7	* 3.3	* 6.2	* 4.8	145.0	185.5	54.5	68.8	44.5	30.4	* 6.3	* 7.5	* 6.4	404.0
13 and under 26	* 1.5	12.3	48.6	36.8	25.8	11.4	* 6.8	* 4.1	147.3	87.1	30.6	60.9	45.7	29.6	12.7	8.9	* 5.5	281.0
26 and under 39	* 1.5	13.0	74.2	65.2	34.1	13.4	13.6	8.0	222.9	64.6	46.1	99.3	79.7	41.1	16.0	18.7	10.5	376.1
39 and under 49	* 1.2	25.4	132.2	127.6	74.7	23.3	14.3	* 7.6	406.4	80.0	104.5	178.8	157.0	87.4	29.2	18.7	10.2	665.6
49 and under 52	* 1.2	18.5	102.1	92.6	50.8	14.0	* 7.0	* 3.4	289.6	53.4	77.2	144.8	107.3	61.1	16.4	12.1	* 5.0	477.3
52	10.1	192.0	1,136.9	1,376.9	884.5	276.7	166.4	51.9	4,095.4	460.3	848.7	1,720.3	1,668.3	1,073.2	340.2	208.0	72.6	6,391.8
Total	25.2	333.4	1,872.5	2,020.9	1,401.5	568.3	543.7	958.4	7,723.8	1,369.5	1,290.6	2,698.1	2,457.3	1,694.8	710.6	727.6	1,651.4	12,599.9

(a) Includes not-married persons.

**TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, MARITAL STATUS AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR
('000)**

Time spent looking for work during the year	Married									Total(a)								
	Time worked during the year (weeks)									Time worked during the year (weeks)								
	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	..	22.0	21.5	35.9	112.5	119.9	2,469.4	2,781.2	2,781.2	..	113.9	49.7	79.3	200.5	188.2	3,545.8	4,177.3	4,177.3
Looked for work (weeks)	83.4	31.8	28.2	62.5	113.2	37.6	..	273.2	356.7	224.5	108.9	79.6	143.1	224.3	65.2	..	621.2	845.7
1 and under 4	* 5.4	* 4.1	* 1.0	* 2.5	18.2	37.6	..	63.3	68.7	27.6	26.5	8.7	10.2	35.5	65.2	..	146.2	173.8
4 and under 8	* 4.6	* 0.9	* 2.0	* 4.8	54.4	..	..	62.1	66.7	24.0	16.4	* 7.0	* 7.6	101.5	..	..	132.6	156.5
8 and under 13	* 2.6	* 0.2	* 1.2	* 6.2	31.1	..	..	38.8	41.5	19.9	* 5.6	* 4.1	17.8	68.7	..	..	96.3	116.2
13 and under 26	* 4.7	* 1.2	* 3.7	40.6	9.4	..	..	54.9	59.6	15.3	8.5	12.7	85.3	18.5	..	..	124.9	140.1
26 and under 52	8.9	25.3	20.3	8.5	..	..	..	54.1	63.0	18.2	52.0	47.0	22.3	..	..	..	121.2	139.4
52	57.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.2	119.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119.6
Total	83.4	53.8	49.8	98.3	225.6	157.5	2,469.4	3,054.4	3,137.9	224.5	222.9	129.3	222.4	424.7	253.4	3,545.8	4,798.5	5,023.0
FEMALES																		
Did not look for work	..	97.0	81.1	135.4	203.1	122.9	1,269.4	1,909.0	1,909.0	..	176.7	114.9	180.7	287.5	180.9	2,064.5	3,005.2	3,005.2
Looked for work (weeks)	134.1	39.3	32.4	46.9	65.2	16.1	..	200.0	334.1	282.8	102.9	70.5	107.2	152.0	42.3	..	474.7	757.5
1 and under 4	35.9	9.0	* 7.8	10.8	24.1	16.1	..	67.7	103.6	71.7	27.3	15.2	20.0	44.5	42.3	..	149.4	221.1
4 and under 8	24.4	* 5.7	* 5.1	* 7.6	22.0	..	..	40.5	64.9	51.0	22.3	9.1	13.8	56.5	..	..	101.6	152.6
8 and under 13	12.2	* 6.1	* 3.9	* 7.8	15.6	..	..	33.4	45.5	30.1	10.5	8.1	16.1	42.2	..	..	76.9	106.9
13 and under 26	12.5	* 3.9	* 5.0	16.8	* 3.5	..	..	29.3	41.7	26.9	8.1	9.6	43.5	8.7	..	..	69.9	96.8
26 and under 52	16.6	14.7	10.6	* 3.9	..	..	..	29.2	45.8	34.3	34.7	28.5	13.7	..	..	..	77.0	111.3
52	32.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32.6	68.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68.8
Total	134.1	136.4	113.5	182.3	268.4	139.0	1,269.4	2,108.9	2,243.0	282.8	279.5	185.4	287.8	439.4	223.1	2,064.5	3,479.9	3,762.7
PERSONS																		
Did not look for work	..	119.0	102.6	171.3	315.6	242.8	3,738.8	4,690.2	4,690.2	..	290.6	164.6	260.0	487.9	369.1	5,610.3	7,182.5	7,182.5
Looked for work (weeks)	217.5	71.1	60.7	109.3	178.4	53.7	..	473.2	690.7	507.4	211.8	150.1	250.3	376.2	107.5	..	1,095.9	1,603.2
1 and under 4	41.2	13.1	8.8	13.2	42.3	53.7	..	131.0	172.3	99.3	53.8	24.0	30.2	80.1	107.5	..	295.5	394.8
4 and under 8	29.0	* 6.6	* 7.1	12.4	76.4	..	..	102.6	131.6	75.0	38.7	16.1	21.3	158.0	..	..	234.2	309.2
8 and under 13	14.8	* 6.3	* 5.2	14.0	46.7	..	..	72.2	87.0	50.0	16.1	12.2	33.9	111.0	..	..	173.2	223.2
13 and under 26	17.2	* 5.1	8.7	57.4	13.0	..	..	84.1	101.3	42.2	16.5	22.3	128.8	27.1	..	..	194.8	237.0
26 and under 52	25.5	40.1	30.9	12.3	..	..	..	83.3	108.8	52.5	86.7	75.5	36.0	..	..	..	198.2	250.7
52	89.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89.8	188.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	188.4
Total	217.5	190.2	163.3	280.7	494.0	296.5	3,738.8	5,163.4	5,380.9	507.4	502.4	314.7	510.2	864.2	476.6	5,610.3	8,278.3	8,785.7

(a) Includes not-married persons.

TABLE 9. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
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	* 77.2	62.8	66.1	39.9	40.2	40.0	40.2	40.8	40.5
20-24	28.5	24.4	26.1	25.3	25.7	25.5	25.9	25.4	25.6
25-34	14.8	17.5	16.1	21.1	23.0	21.9	17.0	19.1	17.9
35-44	10.0	14.5	11.9	11.7	21.3	16.1	10.3	15.7	12.7
45-54	7.0	9.2	7.8	18.6	18.1	18.3	8.7	11.1	9.6
55-59	10.3	6.7	9.2	18.6	15.5	17.1	11.5	9.2	10.7
60 and over	9.0	* 5.4	8.3	13.8	* 1.9	8.9	9.9	* 4.1	8.4
Total	11.4	14.9	12.8	25.9	27.9	26.8	16.8	20.1	18.2

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1989, 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 1989:
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	8.0	12.3	20.2	32.6	22.8	55.3	40.6	35.0	75.6
4 and under 13	26.5	28.9	55.4	74.2	39.7	114.0	100.8	68.6	169.4
13 and under 26	38.5	43.5	82.0	39.4	25.6	65.0	77.8	69.1	147.0
26 and under 39	72.8	62.1	134.9	76.5	45.1	121.6	149.4	107.2	256.5
39 and under 49	176.3	86.1	262.3	128.9	78.7	207.5	305.1	164.8	469.9
49 and under 52	139.7	58.5	198.2	66.9	44.9	111.8	206.6	103.4	310.0
52	2,369.6	736.3	3,105.9	985.4	614.1	1,599.5	3,355.0	1,350.4	4,705.4
Total	2,831.4	1,027.6	3,859.0	1,403.8	870.9	2,274.7	4,235.2	1,898.5	6,133.7
TIME WORKED WAS MORE FULL-TIME THAN PART-TIME									
1 and under 13	* 1.4	* 5.1	* 6.5	* 6.9	* 3.3	10.2	8.2	8.4	16.7
13 and under 26	* 3.6	* 6.4	10.0	* 6.7	* 6.0	12.7	10.3	12.4	22.7
26 and under 39	11.1	14.5	25.5	15.0	11.8	26.8	26.1	26.3	52.3
39 and under 49	25.5	24.6	50.0	25.0	19.7	44.7	50.4	44.3	94.7
49 and under 52	9.6	12.3	21.9	9.1	* 5.8	14.9	18.7	18.1	36.8
52	46.0	37.5	83.5	28.5	27.3	55.8	74.5	64.8	139.3
Total	97.1	100.4	197.5	91.1	73.9	165.1	188.2	174.4	362.5
TIME WORKED WAS MORE PART-TIME THAN FULL-TIME									
1 and under 13	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 0.8	* 2.7	* 4.3	* 7.0	* 3.2	* 4.6	* 7.8
13 and under 26	* 1.7	* 5.1	* 6.8	* 6.9	* 3.1	10.1	8.6	8.3	16.9
26 and under 39	* 2.1	* 5.2	* 7.3	* 4.3	* 6.4	10.7	* 6.4	11.6	18.0
39 and under 49	* 2.4	13.1	15.6	8.9	11.0	19.9	11.3	24.1	35.5
49 and under 52	* 3.3	* 6.3	9.6	* 4.9	* 5.7	10.7	8.2	12.0	20.3
52	* 6.7	27.9	34.6	8.0	18.9	26.8	14.7	46.7	61.4
Total	16.7	57.9	74.6	35.7	49.5	85.2	52.4	107.4	159.8
TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME									
1 and under 4	* 4.7	25.1	29.7	15.0	20.2	35.2	19.7	45.3	65.0
4 and under 13	12.7	64.7	77.5	37.8	52.8	90.5	50.5	117.5	168.0
13 and under 26	* 6.0	58.5	64.5	26.5	37.1	63.6	32.5	95.6	128.1
26 and under 39	12.4	100.6	112.9	28.2	42.2	70.4	40.5	142.8	183.3
39 and under 49	21.5	144.6	166.1	36.4	61.6	98.0	57.9	206.2	264.1
49 and under 52	* 4.9	61.9	66.7	15.1	27.7	42.8	20.0	89.6	109.5
52	47.1	467.7	514.8	54.5	134.9	189.4	101.6	602.6	704.2
Total	109.2	923.0	1,032.3	213.4	376.6	590.0	322.7	1,299.6	1,622.3
TOTAL									
1 and under 4	12.6	37.3	50.0	48.4	43.6	92.0	61.0	80.9	142.0
4 and under 13	41.2	99.0	140.2	120.7	99.6	220.3	161.9	198.6	360.5
13 and under 26	49.8	113.5	163.3	79.5	71.9	151.4	129.3	185.4	314.7
26 and under 39	98.3	182.3	280.7	124.0	105.5	229.5	222.4	287.8	510.2
39 and under 49	225.6	268.4	494.0	199.1	171.1	370.2	424.7	439.4	864.2
49 and under 52	157.5	139.0	296.5	95.9	84.2	180.1	253.4	223.1	476.6
52	2,469.4	1,269.4	3,738.8	1,076.3	795.2	1,871.5	3,545.8	2,064.5	5,610.3
Total	3,054.4	2,108.9	5,163.4	1,744.0	1,370.9	3,115.0	4,798.5	3,479.9	8,278.3

TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Age group	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							Total	Average duration(a)	Median duration(a)
	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-								-weeks-	
MARRIED MALES										
15-24	* 1.3	* 3.6	* 7.2	* 2.8	* 7.1	* 7.3	* 6.3	35.7	23.3	16.1
25-34	8.0	22.0	25.1	15.0	20.5	18.8	17.8	127.1	18.4	10.0
35-44	* 3.0	15.2	20.2	13.2	18.9	17.9	10.9	99.4	18.0	12.0
45-54	* 3.7	* 6.8	* 7.4	* 6.7	* 7.8	* 7.3	8.2	47.9	19.6	12.0
55 and over	* 2.1	* 3.0	* 6.8	* 3.8	* 5.2	11.7	14.0	46.6	28.9	26.1
Total	18.2	50.5	66.7	41.5	59.6	63.0	57.2	356.7	20.3	13.0
ALL MALES										
15-19	26.7	34.9	45.8	30.4	31.4	24.5	14.2	207.8	13.5	7.0
20-24	11.0	17.2	30.3	20.9	28.1	35.3	19.2	161.9	19.7	13.0
25-34	13.6	31.3	41.7	32.6	38.9	31.5	32.7	222.3	18.7	10.0
35-44	* 4.6	16.6	22.8	17.9	22.8	21.8	16.2	122.6	19.0	12.1
45-54	* 4.3	* 6.8	8.9	9.9	12.1	12.6	14.7	69.3	23.0	16.1
55 and over	* 2.9	* 4.0	* 7.1	* 4.5	* 6.9	13.8	22.6	61.8	31.1	35.0
Total	63.1	110.7	156.5	116.2	140.1	139.4	119.6	845.7	18.9	11.0
MARRIED FEMALES										
15-24	* 5.0	8.0	9.0	* 7.9	* 7.6	* 7.1	* 3.8	48.5	15.9	8.1
25-34	22.3	20.1	27.5	18.4	13.3	17.0	8.2	126.7	12.8	6.0
35-44	15.9	19.2	21.4	11.0	15.4	15.6	12.0	110.5	15.9	6.0
45-54	* 4.6	* 5.2	* 6.3	* 7.2	* 5.1	* 5.6	* 4.4	38.4	16.3	8.0
55 and over	* 2.5	* 0.8	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 4.1	10.0	25.0	11.0
Total	50.3	53.3	64.9	45.5	41.7	45.8	32.6	334.1	15.0	7.0
ALL FEMALES										
15-19	22.7	40.9	44.1	31.0	23.1	27.6	12.8	202.1	13.4	6.0
20-24	15.5	26.5	28.8	17.3	20.5	21.7	9.7	140.1	14.6	7.0
25-34	28.0	27.1	40.8	30.2	24.7	29.4	12.2	192.4	14.0	8.0
35-44	18.9	24.0	27.1	17.5	19.7	21.2	18.7	147.0	16.9	8.0
45-54	* 6.2	* 6.8	9.7	9.9	* 7.0	9.9	9.8	59.3	19.5	10.0
55 and over	* 3.3	* 1.1	* 2.2	* 1.0	* 1.9	* 1.5	* 5.6	16.7	24.5	14.0
Total	94.7	126.4	152.6	106.9	96.8	111.3	68.8	757.5	15.1	8.0
MARRIED PERSONS										
15-24	* 6.3	11.6	16.2	10.8	14.7	14.5	10.1	84.2	19.1	12.0
25-34	30.3	42.0	52.5	33.4	33.8	35.8	26.0	253.8	15.6	8.0
35-44	18.9	34.4	41.6	24.1	34.3	33.5	22.9	209.8	16.9	8.1
45-54	8.3	12.0	13.7	13.9	13.0	12.9	12.6	86.3	18.1	10.0
55 and over	* 4.6	* 3.8	* 7.6	* 4.8	* 5.5	12.2	18.1	56.6	28.2	26.1
Total	68.5	103.8	131.6	87.0	101.3	108.8	89.8	690.7	17.8	9.0
ALL PERSONS										
15-19	49.4	75.8	89.9	61.4	54.5	52.0	26.9	409.8	13.4	6.0
20-24	26.5	43.7	59.0	38.2	48.6	57.0	29.0	302.0	17.3	10.0
25-34	41.6	58.4	82.5	62.8	63.6	60.9	44.9	414.7	16.5	8.1
35-44	23.5	40.6	49.9	35.4	42.4	42.9	34.9	269.6	17.8	10.0
45-54	10.5	13.6	18.5	19.9	19.1	22.5	24.5	128.6	21.4	13.0
55 and over	* 6.2	* 5.1	9.3	* 5.6	8.8	15.3	28.3	78.5	29.7	28.1
Total	157.7	237.1	309.2	223.2	237.0	250.7	188.4	1,603.2	17.1	9.0

(a) Of total weeks spent looking for work during the year.

TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(^{'000})

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	* 3.2	8.8	11.9	204.6	193.3	397.9	207.8	202.1	409.8
20-24	32.5	39.7	72.2	129.4	100.4	229.8	161.9	140.1	302.0
25-34	127.1	126.7	253.8	95.3	65.7	160.9	222.3	192.4	414.7
35-44	99.4	110.5	209.8	23.2	36.5	59.7	122.6	147.0	269.6
45-54	47.9	38.4	86.3	21.4	20.9	42.2	69.3	59.3	128.6
55-59	25.2	* 6.6	31.8	* 7.9	* 6.0	13.9	33.1	12.6	45.7
60 and over	21.4	* 3.4	24.7	* 7.3	* 0.7	8.1	28.7	* 4.1	32.8
Total	356.7	334.1	690.7	489.0	423.5	912.5	845.7	757.5	1,603.2

TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Family status	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							Total	Average duration(a)	Median duration(a)
	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 -								- weeks -	
Member of a family	132.1	196.7	251.6	173.7	183.4	204.2	148.2	1,289.9	17.0	8
Husband or wife	66.0	97.8	124.0	84.9	97.5	106.3	86.7	663.2	17.9	10
With dependents present	46.4	60.1	73.8	51.7	64.4	71.0	50.3	417.7	17.8	10
Without dependents present	19.6	37.7	50.2	33.2	33.1	35.3	36.4	245.6	18.2	8
Other family head	9.9	9.1	14.7	10.8	13.0	13.5	11.6	82.7	18.7	11
With dependents present	8.4	9.1	11.1	9.5	9.8	9.8	* 7.9	65.7	16.9	9
Without dependents present	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 3.6	* 1.3	* 3.2	* 3.7	* 3.7	17.0	25.3	23
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	24.5	34.2	33.1	22.2	13.8	16.6	* 5.5	150.0	10.9	5
Other child of married couple or family head	30.4	51.3	75.0	50.6	54.3	60.6	39.0	361.3	17.0	9
Other relative of married couple or family head	* 1.2	* 4.3	* 4.8	* 5.1	* 4.8	* 7.1	* 5.3	32.7	21.5	13
Not a member of a family	19.4	28.9	39.1	39.5	42.7	40.2	30.1	240.0	18.4	11
Living alone	* 3.6	8.9	10.2	16.1	11.5	17.1	18.5	85.9	23.5	16
Not living alone	15.8	20.0	28.9	23.5	31.2	23.1	11.6	154.1	15.6	10
Family status not determined	* 6.2	11.6	18.5	10.0	10.8	* 6.2	10.1	73.4	15.6	8
Total	157.7	237.1	309.2	223.2	237.0	250.7	188.4	1,603.2	17.1	9.0

(a) Of total weeks spent looking for work during the year. (b) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school.

**TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)</i>							<i>52</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Average duration(a)</i>	<i>Median duration(a)</i>
	<i>1 and under 2</i>	<i>2 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>--'000--</i>											--weeks--
With post-school qualifications(b)	61.0	88.3	108.6	83.9	81.6	81.3	49.7	554.4	15.4	8	
Degree	8.5	15.0	18.9	16.1	13.2	11.6	* 6.2	89.4	13.8	8	
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	14.6	24.1	34.7	26.4	29.6	30.9	19.7	180.1	17.4	10	
Certificate or diploma	37.0	48.5	53.9	40.9	37.3	37.1	22.5	277.2	14.4	7	
Without post-school qualifications(c)	77.3	125.0	180.8	124.5	143.8	159.8	134.6	945.7	18.9	10	
Attended highest level of secondary school available	23.1	48.8	64.0	41.5	37.6	30.5	18.8	264.4	13.4	7	
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	53.4	76.1	115.1	82.4	105.4	127.0	112.9	672.4	20.9	13	
Left at age--											
16 and over	28.9	42.5	58.0	36.0	53.1	52.6	38.8	309.9	18.5	10	
14 or 15	23.1	30.5	52.4	40.6	48.5	67.6	64.5	327.1	22.7	15	
13 and under	* 1.4	* 3.1	* 4.7	* 5.8	* 3.9	* 6.8	9.7	35.4	25.5	24	
Still at school	19.5	23.8	19.8	14.8	11.6	9.6	* 4.0	103.1	10.4	4	
Total	157.7	237.1	309.2	223.2	237.0	250.7	188.4	1,603.2	17.1	9.0	

(a) Of total weeks spent looking for work during the year. (b) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (c) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

**TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
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)	434.9	49.9	23.1	46.5	554.4
Degree	68.8	9.2	* 3.9	* 7.5	89.4
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	138.4	18.5	8.1	15.1	180.1
Certificate or diploma	221.8	21.6	11.1	22.7	277.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	765.3	81.5	43.9	55.1	945.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	220.2	25.7	10.4	8.0	264.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	537.5	55.2	33.5	46.3	672.4
Left at age--					
16 and over	250.0	28.4	13.9	17.5	309.9
14 or 15	258.2	25.1	18.4	25.3	327.1
13 and under	29.2	* 1.6	* 1.2	* 3.4	35.4
Still at school	85.3	* 6.0	* 4.7	* 7.2	103.1
Total	1,285.5	137.4	71.6	108.8	1,603.2

(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 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE

Time spent looking for work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
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1 and under 2	49.4	26.5	41.6	23.5	10.5	* 6.2	157.7
2 and under 4	67.0	34.5	50.4	33.6	12.6	* 3.9	202.0
4 and under 8	77.2	47.2	60.6	37.9	13.0	* 7.1	242.9
8 and under 13	45.7	26.3	37.4	24.0	15.1	* 3.0	151.5
13 and under 26	40.1	32.2	42.8	31.2	13.3	* 7.4	167.1
26 and under 52	35.5	41.2	38.5	31.2	16.2	13.3	175.9
52	26.9	29.0	44.9	34.9	24.5	28.3	188.4
Total	341.9	236.9	316.0	216.3	105.2	69.1	1 285.5
Males	172.7	122.5	172.1	99.4	58.1	54.7	679.5
Females	169.1	114.5	144.0	116.9	47.1	14.4	606.0
	--weeks--						
Average duration(a)	12.9	17.3	16.8	18.6	22.5	31.7	17.4
Median duration(a)	6	8	8	9	13	39	8
TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
	--'000--						
2 and under 4	* 3.5	* 6.2	* 5.5	* 3.2	* 0.5	* 0.5	19.4
4 and under 13	11.6	13.0	19.2	8.2	* 1.5	* 2.0	55.5
13 and under 26	* 6.5	* 5.0	8.6	* 3.4	* 1.2	* 0.6	25.3
26 and under 52	10.4	8.0	12.0	* 4.2	* 1.4	* 1.2	37.2
Total	32.1	32.3	45.2	19.0	* 4.6	* 4.2	137.4
Males	17.5	18.3	22.7	8.8	* 2.2	* 3.5	72.9
Females	14.6	14.0	22.6	10.2	* 2.4	* 0.7	64.5
	--weeks--						
Average duration(a)	18.7	16.5	17.4	14.2	* 15.7	* 18.4	17.0
Median duration(a)	15	10	12	8	17	11	11
THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
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3 and under 4	* 5.2	* 1.7	* 2.6	* 3.8	* 0.5	* 0.8	14.4
4 and under 13	16.8	10.8	28.2	15.2	8.8	* 2.8	82.5
13 and under 26	* 7.9	11.3	12.3	* 7.8	* 4.5	* 0.8	44.6
26 and under 52	* 6.1	* 7.8	10.4	* 7.5	* 4.9	* 0.8	37.6
Total	35.9	32.8	53.5	34.2	18.7	* 5.2	180.4
Males	17.6	21.2	27.6	14.4	8.9	* 3.7	93.4
Females	18.3	11.7	25.9	19.8	9.8	* 1.5	87.0
	--weeks--						
Average duration(a)	13.8	17.8	14.3	15.0	16.5	13.1	15.2
Median duration(a)	10	16	10	11	13	10	12
TOTAL							
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1 and under 2	49.4	26.5	41.6	23.5	10.5	* 6.2	157.7
2 and under 4	75.8	43.7	58.4	40.6	13.6	* 5.1	237.1
4 and under 8	89.9	59.0	82.5	49.9	18.5	9.3	309.2
8 and under 13	61.4	38.2	62.8	35.4	19.9	* 5.6	223.2
13 and under 26	54.5	48.6	63.6	42.4	19.1	8.8	237.0
26 and under 52	52.0	57.0	60.9	42.9	22.5	15.3	250.7
52	26.9	29.0	44.9	34.9	24.5	28.3	188.4
Total	409.8	302.0	414.7	269.6	128.6	78.5	1 603.2
Males	207.8	161.9	222.3	122.6	69.3	61.8	845.7
Females	202.1	140.1	192.4	147.0	59.3	16.7	757.5
	--weeks--						
Average duration(a)	13.4	17.3	16.5	17.8	21.4	29.7	17.1
Median duration(a)	6	10	8	10	13	28	9

(a) Of total weeks spent looking for work during the year.

TABLE 17. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
AGE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE
('000)

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								
15-24	* 7.3	* 7.0	* 1.8	* 1.0	* 3.9	* 0.5	* 2.0	23.5
25-34	53.0	49.2	* 7.6	* 3.5	* 5.1	* 2.2	15.8	136.4
35-44	41.6	36.9	13.8	* 5.9	* 3.2	* 2.6	23.5	127.5
45-54	27.3	27.1	9.9	* 7.8	* 6.3	* 2.0	48.2	128.7
55-59	9.9	12.5	* 5.8	8.2	* 2.4	* 1.3	55.1	95.0
60-64	* 5.5	8.4	* 6.9	* 6.7	* 5.1	* 0.9	114.6	148.1
65 and over	* 2.7	* 5.5	* 4.7	* 4.7	* 3.6	* 1.4	484.9	507.6
Total	147.3	146.5	50.6	37.8	29.5	10.8	744.1	1,166.7
ALL MALES								
15-19	22.0	36.2	23.6	47.2	105.1	42.3	182.6	459.1
20-24	41.9	43.9	19.4	15.6	25.8	* 4.6	25.3	176.3
25-34	82.7	72.1	21.5	8.0	11.9	* 4.5	37.9	238.6
35-44	50.5	52.7	19.7	* 7.7	* 5.4	* 3.0	40.4	179.5
45-54	30.0	33.9	11.8	11.2	* 6.7	* 2.2	68.9	164.8
55-59	11.1	13.4	* 6.8	9.4	* 3.1	* 3.0	73.1	119.9
60-64	* 7.8	11.0	9.1	* 7.4	* 5.9	* 0.9	152.0	194.1
65 and over	* 4.3	* 7.6	* 5.5	* 5.0	* 6.0	* 1.8	644.8	675.0
Total	250.4	270.8	117.3	111.4	170.0	62.4	1,225.0	2,207.3
MARRIED FEMALES								
15-24	12.4	17.7	12.4	12.2	13.4	* 2.9	62.0	133.0
25-34	49.1	74.3	58.0	55.9	54.5	30.9	276.6	599.3
35-44	51.0	81.5	46.6	40.6	39.7	18.7	238.4	516.5
45-54	23.5	42.6	21.8	22.5	21.2	* 7.1	249.7	388.3
55-59	* 4.1	9.9	* 7.1	* 3.8	* 1.9	* 1.3	168.5	196.6
60-64	* 1.5	* 4.1	* 4.1	* 4.1	* 1.6	* 2.3	211.5	229.1
65 and over	* 0.7	* 2.2	* 1.0	* 1.5	* 1.2	* 0.2	392.1	398.9
Total	142.3	232.2	150.9	140.6	133.5	63.4	1,598.8	2,461.7
ALL FEMALES								
15-19	31.3	37.8	33.1	41.7	92.4	39.1	174.7	450.1
20-24	35.3	51.5	27.4	18.5	33.7	11.8	87.4	265.5
25-34	62.1	91.7	69.3	67.7	65.7	39.1	343.5	739.1
35-44	56.8	92.7	54.7	48.6	45.2	23.7	287.7	609.5
45-54	31.1	47.8	25.3	24.6	27.2	8.9	292.0	456.8
55-59	* 5.2	14.1	9.0	* 3.8	* 4.7	* 2.2	211.6	250.5
60-64	* 4.3	* 6.0	* 6.2	* 6.2	* 2.1	* 2.3	298.3	325.5
65 and over	* 0.7	* 2.5	* 1.6	* 3.1	* 1.2	* 0.5	894.1	903.8
Total	226.8	344.1	226.7	214.2	272.1	127.6	2,589.2	4,000.8
ALL PERSONS								
15-19	53.4	74.0	56.6	88.9	197.5	81.5	357.2	909.2
20-24	77.2	95.4	46.7	34.1	59.5	16.4	112.6	441.9
25-34	144.8	163.7	90.8	75.7	77.6	43.6	381.4	977.7
35-44	107.3	145.5	74.5	56.3	50.6	26.8	328.1	789.0
45-54	61.1	81.6	37.1	35.9	33.9	11.1	360.9	621.6
55-59	16.4	27.5	15.8	13.1	* 7.8	* 5.1	284.7	370.4
60-64	12.1	17.0	15.3	13.6	8.0	* 3.2	450.4	519.6
65 and over	* 5.0	10.2	* 7.1	8.1	* 7.2	* 2.4	1,538.9	1,578.8
Total	477.3	614.9	344.0	325.7	442.1	190.0	3,814.2	6,208.1

TABLE 18. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
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	11.6	18.5	* 6.1	* 3.7	* 2.0	* 0.5	73.4	115.8
Attended an educational institution	11.4	22.0	28.4	55.2	129.3	43.9	214.4	504.7
Retired or voluntarily inactive	28.8	43.5	29.7	25.4	15.4	* 5.6	730.9	879.2
Unpaid leave	61.1	39.6	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 1.6	* 0.9	* 0.6	106.0
Own illness, injury/disability	20.0	31.8	19.4	13.2	11.2	* 7.7	169.3	272.6
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 0.5	* 0.7	8.0	12.5
Travelled, moved house, holiday	93.3	90.9	21.4	8.9	* 5.4	* 2.3	* 5.3	227.6
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.6	* 1.0	* 1.8	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 0.0	12.7	18.5
Other	22.1	22.5	* 7.6	* 3.2	* 3.8	* 0.9	10.4	70.5
Total(a)	250.4	270.8	117.3	111.4	170.0	62.4	1,225.0	2,207.3
FEMALES								
Kept house	51.8	149.8	136.3	148.5	147.3	77.3	2,023.1	2,734.0
Attended an educational institution	* 6.4	29.9	38.0	45.8	102.2	44.4	188.1	454.8
Retired or voluntarily inactive	12.7	12.1	9.1	* 4.1	* 4.7	* 0.5	244.9	288.1
Unpaid leave	43.1	37.2	* 4.5	* 0.7	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 1.1	87.6
Own illness, injury/disability	13.4	26.2	10.9	* 7.0	* 3.6	* 0.8	73.2	135.0
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 3.6	* 3.4	* 1.6	* 0.8	* 2.5	* 0.0	16.0	27.9
Travelled, moved house, holiday	87.6	78.5	23.1	* 6.3	* 6.3	* 2.1	* 3.8	207.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.5	* 1.6	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 1.8	* 1.1	33.2	41.4
Other	* 6.8	* 5.5	* 1.0	* 1.1	* 2.6	* 1.4	* 5.9	24.3
Total(a)	226.8	344.1	226.7	214.2	272.1	127.6	2,589.2	4,000.8
PERSONS								
Kept house	63.3	168.3	142.4	152.2	149.3	77.7	2,096.5	2,849.7
Attended an educational institution	17.8	51.9	66.4	101.1	231.6	88.3	402.5	959.5
Retired or voluntarily inactive	41.5	55.6	38.8	29.5	20.1	* 6.1	975.8	1,167.3
Unpaid leave	104.2	76.8	* 6.7	* 0.7	* 2.7	* 0.9	* 1.7	193.6
Own illness, injury/disability	33.4	58.0	30.2	20.2	14.8	8.5	242.5	407.6
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 4.2	* 4.4	* 2.3	* 1.7	* 3.0	* 0.7	24.1	40.4
Travelled, moved house, holiday	180.9	169.4	44.5	15.3	11.8	* 4.4	9.1	435.3
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 3.1	* 2.6	* 4.0	* 0.8	* 2.4	* 1.1	45.9	59.9
Other	28.9	28.0	8.6	* 4.3	* 6.5	* 2.4	16.2	94.8
Total(a)	477.3	614.9	344.0	325.7	442.1	190.0	3,814.2	6,208.1

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

TABLE 19. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1989:
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	* 0.5	* 3.0	13.9	15.2	15.4	8.3	12.6	46.8	115.8
Attended an educational institution	404.1	60.5	28.9	* 5.2	* 2.9	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 2.0	504.7
Retired or voluntarily inactive	13.5	16.3	31.8	20.3	41.1	56.1	136.2	564.0	879.2
Unpaid leave	* 7.5	17.6	28.9	27.3	14.4	* 3.4	* 4.3	* 2.7	106.0
Own illness, injury/disability	8.7	20.6	41.0	47.5	54.9	35.2	28.1	36.4	272.6
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 2.4	* 1.3	* 1.5	* 0.8	* 1.7	* 3.8	12.5
Travelled, moved house, holiday	19.1	46.2	72.4	49.1	21.6	9.8	* 4.9	* 4.6	227.6
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 0.2	* 3.3	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 1.7	* 2.1	* 2.6	* 7.8	18.5
Other	* 5.1	8.2	19.1	13.1	11.4	* 3.6	* 3.2	* 6.8	70.5
Total(a)	459.1	176.3	238.6	179.5	164.8	119.9	194.1	675.0	2,207.3
FEMALES									
Kept house	28.0	124.7	609.8	487.9	366.0	209.5	262.4	645.7	2,734.0
Attended an educational institution	363.0	52.6	19.5	10.6	* 4.9	* 1.6	* 2.2	* 0.5	454.8
Retired or voluntarily inactive	* 7.8	8.5	8.1	* 7.5	8.5	14.3	37.2	196.1	288.1
Unpaid leave	8.0	9.2	21.4	25.2	18.0	* 2.7	* 2.6	* 0.5	87.6
Own illness, injury/disability	10.4	14.1	18.3	26.9	19.8	* 7.2	* 5.7	32.6	135.0
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.5	* 1.8	* 1.5	* 2.9	* 6.6	* 2.7	* 3.7	8.0	27.9
Travelled, moved house, holiday	27.2	49.6	50.9	41.3	25.6	* 7.5	* 4.6	* 1.0	207.7
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.3	* 2.1	* 2.6	* 4.7	* 5.0	* 4.8	* 6.0	14.9	41.4
Other	* 3.8	* 2.9	* 7.0	* 2.5	* 2.3	* 0.2	* 1.2	* 4.4	24.3
Total(a)	450.1	265.5	739.1	609.5	456.8	250.5	325.5	903.8	4,000.8
PERSONS									
Kept house	28.5	127.7	623.8	503.1	381.4	217.7	275.0	692.5	2,849.7
Attended an educational institution	767.1	113.1	48.4	15.8	* 7.8	* 2.2	* 2.7	* 2.5	959.5
Retired or voluntarily inactive	21.3	24.8	39.8	27.8	49.6	70.4	173.4	760.1	1,167.3
Unpaid leave	15.5	26.8	50.3	52.5	32.4	* 6.1	* 6.8	* 3.1	193.6
Own illness, injury/disability	19.2	34.7	59.3	74.4	74.7	42.4	33.8	69.0	407.6
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.8	* 2.5	* 3.9	* 4.3	8.1	* 3.5	* 5.4	11.9	40.4
Travelled, moved house, holiday	46.2	95.7	123.3	90.3	47.2	17.3	9.5	* 5.7	435.3
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	* 1.6	* 5.4	* 2.9	* 5.2	* 6.7	* 6.9	8.5	22.8	59.9
Other	9.0	11.2	26.1	15.6	13.7	* 3.8	* 4.3	11.1	94.8
Total(a)	909.2	441.9	977.7	789.0	621.6	370.4	519.6	1,578.8	6,208.1

(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.

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.

Multiple jobholders: all persons who had more than one job in any one week during the reference period. Persons who had more than one job in a week solely by reason of changing jobs were not counted as multiple jobholders.

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

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 qualification: completion of other types of education, e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

Post-school qualification: qualifications held by those persons 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.

Reference period: the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. See also paragraph 13 of the Explanatory Notes, Appendix B.

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

APPENDIX B

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 1989 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. For a sub-sample of 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 reformatories, gaols, 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 1989. 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. Results of similar surveys, conducted in February 1969, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977 and annually since

February 1979, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

10. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in March 1990.

Unpublished statistics

11. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Phone Inquiries box at the front of this publication.

Comparability of series

12. 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 week. 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

13. 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.

14. 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 labour 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.

15. 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'.

16. The February 1989 data has been weighted to conform to population estimates based on the 1986 Population Census. Data from the February 1984 to 1988 surveys were based on estimates from the 1981 Population Census, while the February 1981 to 1983 survey data were based on estimates from the 1976 Census.

Survey sample redesign

17. The labour force survey sample has been redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Population Census. As a result, the standard errors in this Supplementary Survey differ from those for surveys of the same topic run prior to September 1987. For details, see *Information Paper — Labour Force Survey — Sample Design* (6269.0).

Sample size

18. For operational reasons, the sample size of this survey (about 16,000 dwellings) was restricted to half the sample size of the labour force survey. (In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on 75 per cent of the dwellings selected in the labour force survey). As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to the February 1988 survey.

Estimation procedure

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

Related publications

21. 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 annually

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Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Note, Appendix C.
- . . not applicable
- r revised

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

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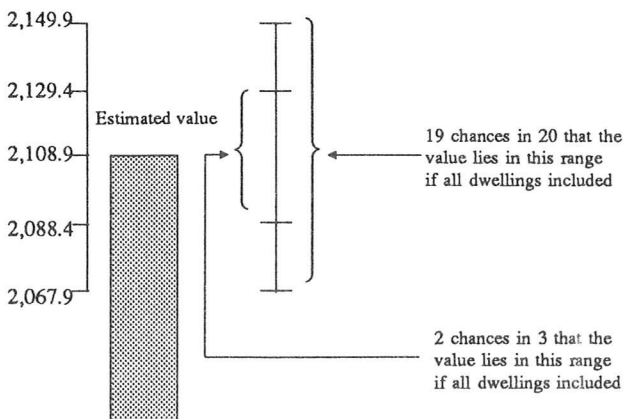
APPENDIX C

TECHNICAL NOTE

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 those 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 number 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.

2. 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 numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. 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 1989 was 2,108,900. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 20,200 and 27,900 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 20,500 (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 2,088,400 to 2,129,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,067,900 and 2,149,900. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. 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.

5. 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. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

6. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,841,900) is shown in Table 2 as 54.9 per cent. The standard error for 3,841,900 is approximately 24,900 so the relative standard error is 0.6 per cent. The relative standard error for 2,108,900 is 0.9 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(0.9)^2 + (0.6)^2}$ or 0.7 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (54.9 per cent) of 0.4 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 54.5 per cent and 55.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 54.1 per cent to 55.7 per cent.

7. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is 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 will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused

with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count

or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	Relative standard error (per cent)
	—number—									
100						120				
200				230		180	250	200		
300			340	280	310	220	290	250	320	106.4
400			390	330	350	250	340	280	380	94.2
500	540	520	440	370	400	280	370	310	430	85.5
600	590	580	480	400	430	310	400	340	470	79.0
700	640	630	520	430	470	330	430	360	520	73.8
800	680	670	550	460	500	360	460	390	560	69.6
1,000	760	750	620	520	550	400	510	430	630	63.0
1,300	870	860	700	590	620	450	570	480	730	55.9
1,500	930	920	750	630	670	480	610	510	790	52.4
1,800	1,000	1,000	820	680	730	520	660	550	870	48.2
2,000	1,100	1,050	870	720	760	540	690	580	920	45.8
2,500	1,200	1,200	960	790	840	600	770	640	1,050	41.3
3,000	1,300	1,300	1,050	860	920	640	830	690	1,150	37.9
3,500	1,400	1,400	1,150	930	980	680	900	730	1,250	35.2
4,000	1,500	1,500	1,200	980	1,050	720	950	770	1,300	33.0
4,500	1,600	1,550	1,250	1,050	1,100	760	1,000	810	1,400	31.1
5,000	1,650	1,650	1,350	1,100	1,150	790	1,050	850	1,500	29.6
6,000	1,800	1,800	1,450	1,200	1,250	850	1,150	920	1,600	27.0
8,000	2,050	2,050	1,650	1,350	1,400	950	1,300	1,050	1,850	23.4
10,000	2,300	2,250	1,800	1,450	1,550	1,050	1,450	1,150	2,100	20.9
20,000	3,100	3,100	2,450	2,000	2,100	1,300	2,000	1,500	2,950	14.7
50,000	4,600	4,600	3,650	2,850	3,050	1,750	3,050	2,100	4,500	9.0
100,000	6,100	6,100	4,850	3,750	4,000	2,100	4,250	2,700	6,100	6.1
200,000	8,000	8,000	6,300	4,850	5,200	2,450	5,900	3,450	8,200	4.1
300,000	9,400	9,300	7,400	5,600	6,100	2,700		3,950	9,700	3.2
500,000	11,300	11,200	8,900	6,700	7,300	3,000		4,650	11,900	2.4
1,000,000	14,500	14,300	11,400	8,500	9,300				15,600	1.6
2,000,000	18,400	18,100	14,500	10,600	11,800				20,200	1.0
5,000,000	24,900	24,200	19,600						27,900	0.6
10,000,000	30,800								35,100	0.4
20,000,000									43,600	0.2

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