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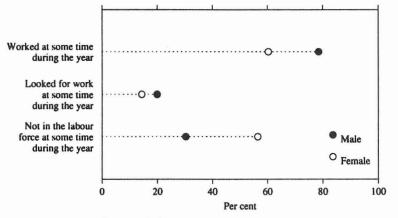
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#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

#### **DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993**



Source: Table 3

#### Overview

Labour force experience can be described in terms of a person's labour force activities over a twelve month period. "Labour force activities" comprise working and looking for work, and are measured in numbers of whole weeks spent on each activity.

In March 1993, Australia's civilian population included 12,321,200 persons aged between 15 and 69. Of these persons, during the twelve months ending March 1993-

- 8,574,000 persons (70%) worked at some time during the year.
- 2,110,100 persons (17%) looked for work at . some time during the year.
- 5,341,000 persons (43%) were not in the . labour force at some time during the year.

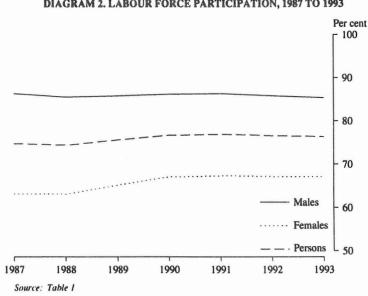
Note that these percentages add to more than 100 per cent as it is possible for a person to be in more than one category over the course of a twelve month period (Table 4).

#### Participation in the labour force

An estimated 9,395,000 persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1993. This comprised 5,292,700 males and 4,102,300 females (Table 4).

The proportion of persons who participated in the labour force was 76 per cent. This proportion is similar to the participation rates of 1990 through to 1992, when 77 per cent of persons participated in the labour force.

The participation rate of males is slightly lower than in previous years, at 85 per cent. This proportion had remained steady at 86 per cent for all years between 1987 and 1992. The participation rate of females has increased from 63 per cent in 1987 to 67 per cent in 1993. However there has been little change since 1990, and no change since 1992 (Table 1, Diagram 2).



#### **DIAGRAM 2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, 1987 TO 1993**

For all age groups between 20 and 54 years participation rates exceed 80 per cent. For females, the 20 to 24 year age group has the highest participation rate (86%) while for males, the participation rate is highest for the 25 to 34 years and 35 to 44 years age groups (97%).

The participation rates of persons in all age groups between 15 and 44 years have declined from 1990 to 1993. The largest decrease has been from 74 per cent to 68 per cent for those in the 15 to 19 years age group. Over the same period, the participation rate for those in the 45 to 54 years age group has increased by 3 per cent to 83 per cent and the participation rate for those in the 55 to 59 years age group has increased by 2 per cent to 62 per cent. This is due largely to the rise in female participation in these age groups (Table 2).

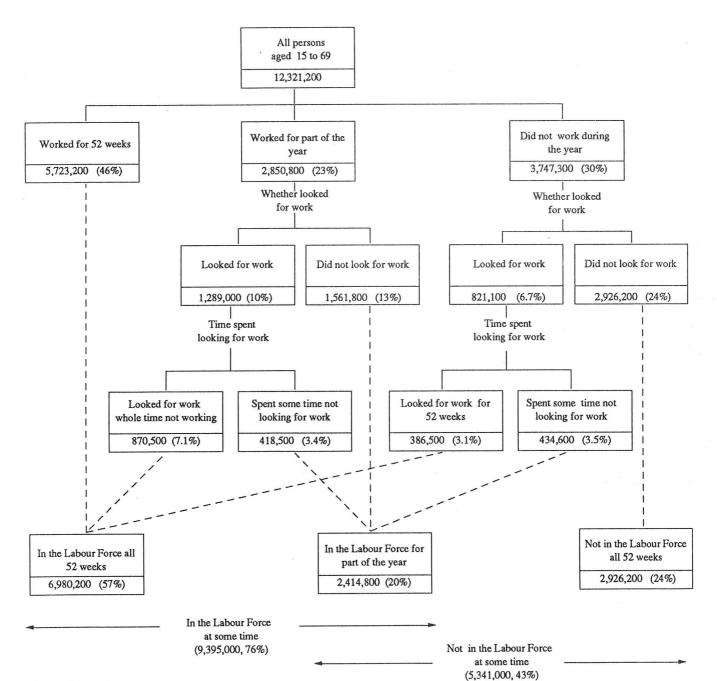
#### Labour Force Experience

A more detailed analysis of the labour force experience of persons aged 15 to 69 years, during the year ending March 1993, is given in Diagram 3.

An estimated 6,980,200 persons were in the labour force throughout the year. Of these, 5,723,200 persons worked for all 52 weeks; 386,500 persons looked for work for all 52 weeks, and the remaining 870,500 persons spent the whole year either working or looking for work.

Some 5,341,000 persons were not in the labour force for at least some time during the year. More than half of these persons (2,926,200) were not in the labour force at any time during the year. Of the remaining 2,414,800 persons, 65 per cent had worked for part of the year, but had not looked for work when they were not working.

DIAGRAM 3. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993



Of the 2,850,800 persons who had worked for less than 52 weeks, 45 per cent had looked for work for at least some time while not working (Tables 4,8,9, Diagram 3).

Persons aged 20 to 54 years were most likely to have spent some time in the labour force, with relatively little variation in participation rates within this age group. Males aged 20 to 54 years have participation rates between 93 and 97 per cent. For females in this age group participation rates vary between 72 and 86 per cent. Two-thirds of persons in this age group had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force.

Some 7 per cent of persons aged 65 to 69 had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force, while 88 per cent of persons in this age group had not been in the labour force at all during the year. Of those in the 55 to 64 years age group, 49 per cent had not been in the labour force at any time, and 38 per cent had spent all 52 weeks in the labour force (Table 5, Diagram 4).

Persons who worked at some time during the year

An estimated 8,574,000 persons worked at some time during the year ending March 1993, comprising 4,870,200 males and 3,703,800 females (Table 4). The proportion of persons who worked at some time during the year was the same as the previous year, at 70 per cent. In 1990, 73 per cent of persons had worked at some time during the year (Table 1).

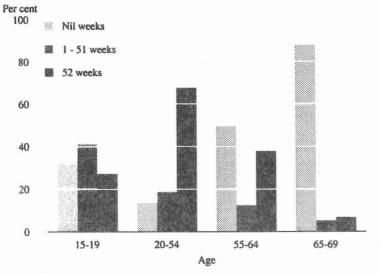
The proportion of males working at some time during the year has decreased since 1990, from 83 per cent in 1990 to 79 per cent in 1993. The proportion of females working at some time during the year has decreased from 63 per cent in 1990 to 60 per cent in 1993 (Table 1, Diagram 5).

A higher proportion of males who were married had worked at some time during the year (83%), than males who were not married (72%). This difference was evident within all age groups. In contrast, 62 per cent of females who were not married had worked at some time compared with 60 per cent of females who were married. (Table 3).

Of the 8,574,000 persons who had worked at some time during the year ending March 1993-

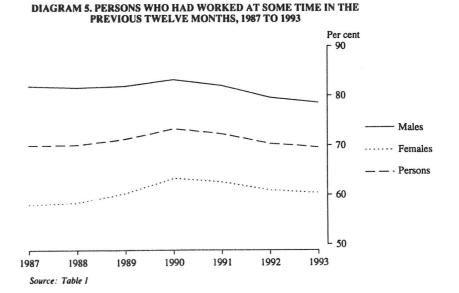
- 5,723,200 persons (67%) had worked for the full year.
- 71 per cent of male workers had worked for 52 weeks compared with 61 per cent of female workers.
- 82 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full-time basis compared with 51 per cent of female workers.
- 10 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a part-time basis compared with 39 per cent of female workers (Table 7).

An estimated 4,689,100 persons had worked all 52 weeks, and had worked all weeks on a full-time basis. This comprises 38 per cent of all persons aged between 15 and 69 years.



#### DIAGRAM 4. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE BY AGE

Source: Table 5



Persons who looked for work at some time during the year

During the year ending March 1993, 2,110,100 persons (1,229,900 males and 880,100 females) looked for work at some time. The proportion of males who looked for work at some time during the year increased from 13 per cent in 1990 to 20 per cent in 1993, and for females, there was an increase from 12 per cent in 1990 to 14 per cent in 1993 (Table 1, Diagram 6).

Of the 2,110,100 persons who looked for work during the year ending March 1993—

- 386,500 persons (18%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks.
- 249,100 males (20%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks compared with 137,400 females (16%).
- 807,200 persons (38%) looked for work for less than 13 weeks.

 77 per cent had only one spell of looking for work, with an average duration of 25 weeks (Tables 4 and 8).

Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year

The number of persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1993 was 5,341,000, with 2,926,200 persons (55%) not in the labour force for the whole year.

An estimated 3,461,200 females were not in the labour force at some time. Some 60 per cent of females reported 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity. A further 17 per cent reported 'attending an educational institution' as their main activity.

In comparison, of the 1,879,800 males not in the labour force at some time, the most common main activities reported were 'attending an educational institution' (31%) and 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (28%). Some 5 per cent of males reported 'home duties/child care' as their main activity (Table 9).

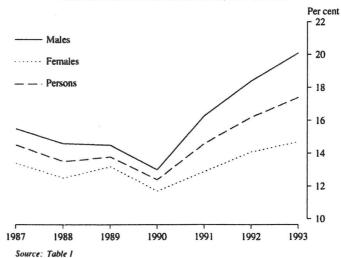


DIAGRAM 6. PERSONS WHO HAD LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1987 TO 1993

# TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1987 TO MARCH 1993 (Per cent)

			and the second se	onducted in –	the second se		
		February(a	ı)		M	arch	
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	MALI 13.7	14.5	14.2	13.8	13.7	14.2	14.6
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	86.3	85.5	85.8	86.2	86.3	85.8	85.4
Time in the labour force (weeks) — 1 and under 52	15.6	15.3	16.7	17.8	16.4	15.9	15.8
52 Worked at some time during the preceding year	70.4 81.8	70.2 81.5	69.1 81.9	68.5 83.2	69.8 82.0	69.9 79.6	69.7 78.6
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked	72.2	73.0	72.5	72.1	70.1	66.8	64.8
All full-time More full-time than part-time	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.5
More part-time than full-time All part-time	1.0 4.8	0.9 4.8	0.9 5.3	1.6 5.9	1.3 6.3	1.5 7.1	1.7 7.6
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding				-			
year — One	67.3	66.1	65.3	69.4	71.1	71.0	69.5
Two Three	10.9 2.1	11.3 2.4	12.2 2.5	10.1 2.4	8.1 1.9	6.4 1.4	6.8 1.5
Four or more	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year Number of spells of looking for work—	15.5	14.6	14.5	13.0	16.3	18.4	19.9
One Two	12.2 1.5	11.7 1.4	11.7 1.3	10.1 1.3	12.9 1.5	14.8 1.5	15.1 1.9
Three	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0
Four or more	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	FEMA						
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year In the labour force at some time during the preceding year Time in the labour force (weeks) —	36.9 63.1	37.0 63.0	34.8 65.2	32.9 67.1	32.7 67.3	33.0 67.0	33.0 67.0
1 and under 52 52	24.1 38.4	23.3 39.8	24.5 40.7	26.1 41.1	25.1 42.2	23.1 43.9	23.4 43.5
Worked at some time during the preceding year	58.0	58.4	60.3	63.3	62.6	60.9	60.4
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked — All full-time	32.1	33.6	33.0	33.5	33.4	31.8	30.9
More full-time than part-time	3.1	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.5 2.6
More part-time than full-time All part-time	1.8 20.9	1.7 20.3	1.9 22.5	2.8 23.0	2.5 23.2	2.7 23.2	23.4
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding year							
One	48.3	48.3	48.8	52.7	54.5	54.0	53.5
Two Three	7.2 1.4	7.6 1.6	8.7 1.8	8.1 1.7	6.2 1.4	5.2 1.2	5.3 1.1
Four or more	0.8 13.4	0.9 12.5	1.0 13.2	0.9	0.6 12.9	0.5 14.1	0.5 14.4
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year Number of spells of looking for work —							
One Two	10.9 1.1	10.3 1.1	10.5 1.1	9.3 1.0	10.4 1.3	11.5 1.1	11.3 1.3
Three	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Four or more	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	PERSC						
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year In the labour force at some time during the preceding year Time in the labour force (weeks) —	25.3 74.7	25.7 74.3	24.4 75.6	23.3 76.7	23.1 76.9	23.5 76.5	23.7 76.3
1 and under 52 52	19.8 54.4	19.2 55.0	20.6 55.0	21.9 54.8	20.8 56.1	19.5 57.0	19.6 56.7
Worked at some time during the preceding year	69.9	70.0	71.2	73.3	72.3	70.3	69.6
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked — All full-time	52.2	53.3	52.9	52.9	51.9	49.4	47.9
More full-time than part-time	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0
More part-time than full-time All part-time	1.4 12.8	1.3 12.5	1.4 13.8	2.2 14.4	1.9 14.6	2.1 15.1	15.5
Number of employers/businesses during the preceding year —							
One	57.8	57.2	57.1	61.1	62.8	62.6	61.6
Two Three	9.0 1.8	9.4 2.0	10.4 2.2	9.1 2.1	7.2 1.6	5.8 1.3	6.1 1.3
Four or more	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.1 12.4	0.8 14.6	0.6 16.2	0.0 17.
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year Number of spells of looking for work —	14.5	13.5	13.8				
One Two	11.6 1.3	11.0 1.2	11.1 1.2	9.7 1.2	11.7 1.4	13.2 1.3	13.
Three	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8
Four or more	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Prior to March 1990, the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proportions from 1987 to 1989 have been revised to exclude persons aged 70 years and over.

	Survey conducted in —											
		February			Mai	rch						
Age group	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993					
			MARRIED M									
15 - 19	100.0	*100.0	100.0	100.0	89.0	100.0	100.0					
20 - 24	99.7	99.2	98.3	99.1	98.8	99.0	98.4					
25 - 34	98.7	98.7	98.2	99.0	98.8	98.5	98.2					
35 - 44	97.7	97.6	97.7	97.7	97.7	97.9	97.8					
45 - 54	93.3	92.9	93.4	93.8	94.1	94.2	94.5					
55 - 59	85.4	83.3	81.7	81.6	83.2	81.2	80.6 59.3					
60 - 64 65 - 69	54.1 20.3	54.9 16.2	60.2 17.6	59.1 20.0	61.1 21.2	60.7 23.9	19.3					
Total	87.5	87.1	87.3	87.5	87.7	87.9	87.3					
			TOTAL MA			(0.0	(0.(					
15 - 19	74.7	70.1	73.9	75.4	72.3	69.3	68.6					
20 - 24	96.7	95.6	96.1	95.8	96.3	95.3	94.3					
25 - 34	98.0	97.3	97.2	97.5	97.7	97.1	96.6					
35 - 44	96.6	96.4	96.7	96.5	96.7	96.5	96.5					
45 - 54	92.1	90.8	92.1	92.4	92.6	92.5	93.0 78.4					
55 - 59	83.6	81.2	79.8	80.3	81.1	78.8						
60 - 64	52.8	54.5	57.7	57.7	58.7	58.6	58.3					
65 - 69	19.5	16.3	17.0	19.2	20.8	22.5	18.6					
Total	86.3	85.5	85.8	86.2	86.3	85.8	85.4					
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15 - 19	77.1	59.4	66.3	73.2	79.0	71.6	64.6					
20 - 24	75.8	77.2	74.8	80.2	78.0	77.2	78.0					
25 - 34	68.1	69.6	72.4	75.1	74.1	73.2	72.2					
35 - 44	72.5	73.5	76.2	79.9	77.9	78.6	77.7					
45 - 54	61.0	60.8	62.7	66.5	69.3	69.0	70.7					
55 - 59	35.3	32.8	36.9	39.1	41.0	41.8	43.7					
60 - 64	16.6	13.7	17.4	18.1	18.3	18.6	19.8					
65 - 69	6.0	6.8	7.1	5.2	7.4	5.9	6.8					
Total	59.3	59.8	61.7	64.7	64.5	.64.3	64.5					
			TOTAL FEMA	ALES								
15 - 19	73.4	68.5	73.9	73.4	72.3	69.4	67.9					
20 - 24	85.2	86.4	86.4	86.5	86.4	85.8	85.7					
25 - 34	72.1	73.1	74.6	78.0	77.4	76.6	75.6					
35 - 44	72.6	73.8	76.4	80.5	78.6	79.1	78.6					
45 - 54	61.8	61.8	64.7	66.8	69.6	69.9	71.8					
55 - 59	37.1	35.1	39.4	38.5	42.5	42.5	44.5					
60 - 64	17.5	15.9	19.0	18.7	19.6	19.1	19.8					
65 - 69	6.9	6.6	5.9	5.8	6.9	7.2	6.2					
Total	63.1	63.0	65.2	67.1	67.3	67.0	67.0					
			PERSONS	5	Charles and the second statements of the second statements of the second statements of the second statements of							
15 - 19	74.1	69.3	73.9	74.4	72.3	69.4	68.3					
20 - 24	91.0	91.0	91.3	91.1	91.4	90.6	90.0					
25 - 34	85.0	85.2	85.9	87.8	87.5	86.8	86.1					
35 - 44	84.7	85.2	86.6	88.5	87.7	87.8	87.5					
45 - 54	77.3	76.6	78.7	79.9	81.4	81.5	82.6					
55 - 59	60.5	58.3	59.9	59.7	62.1	61.0	62.0					
60 - 64	34.9	35.0	38.1	38.1	38.7	39.5	38.7					
65 - 69	12.8	11.1	11.2	12.2	13.6	14.3	12.2					
Total	74.7	74.3	75.6	76.7	76.9	76.5	76.3					

		Married		Ν	lot-married			Total	
Age group	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
			WORKED /	AT SOME 1	TIME				
15-19	70.3	43.9	50.4	53.3	53.1	53.2	53.5	52.9	53.2
20-24	88.6	67.9	74.9	83.6	79.4	81.7	84.4	76.0	80.2
25-34	93.9	66.3	79.1	85.6	75.7	81.4	90.6	69.1	79.9
35-44	93.9	72.2	83.1	81.6	73.2	77.3	91.5	72.4	81.9
45-54	90.9	66.7	79.4	75.1	66.5	70.4	88.4	66.7	77.8
55-59	74.3	41.8	59.2	60.3	41.8	50.1	71.8	41.8	57.3
60-64	52.5	19.3	37.0	43.6	18.8	27.6	50.9	19.1	34.7
65-69	18.7	6.6	13.3	14.4	5.2	8.0	18.0	6.1	11.8
Total	83.0	59.8	71.3	71.9	61.6	66.8	78.6	60.4	69.6
		LOC	KED FOR W	ORK AT S	OME TIME				
15-19	74.2	35.9	45.3	31.3	30.5	30.9	31.6	30.6	31.1
20-24	32.2	21.8	25.4	33.3	27.5	30.7	33.1	25.8	29.5
25-34	19.1	12.9	15.8	28.5	20.3	25.0	22.8	15.2	19.0
35-44	15.3	11.5	13.4	24.2	18.8	21.5	17.1	13.0	15.0
45-54	12.2	8.0	10.2	21.1	18.8	19.8	13.6	10.2	11.9
55-59	14.6	2.6	9.0	13.3	8.2	10.4	14.4	4.0	9.3
60-64	10.7	*0.7	6.0	14.5	*1.7	6.2	11.4	1.0	6.1
65-69	*1.1	*0.2	*0.7	*1.8	*0.0	*0.5	1.3	*0.1	0.7
Total	14.6	9.8	12.2	28.0	21.7	24.9	19.9	14.4	17.1
		IN TH	E LABOUR I	FORCE AT	SOME TIME	3			
15-19	100.0	64.6	73.3	68.4	68.0	68.2	68.6	67.9	68.3
20-24	98.4	78.0	85.0	93.6	88.8	91.4	94.3	85.7	90.0
25-34	98.2	72.2	84.2	94.1	83.4	89.5	96.6	75.6	86.1
35-44	97.8	77.7	87.8	91.3	82.2	86.6	96.5	78.6	87.5
45-54	94.5	70.7	83.2	85.3	75.9	80.1	93.0	71.8	82.6
55-59	80.6	43.7	63.5	68.4	47.2	56.7	78.4	44.5	62.0
60-64	59.3	19.8	40.9	53.7	19.8	31.8	58.3	19.8	38.
65-69	19.3	6.8	13.7	15.6	5.2	8.3	18.6	6.2	12.2
Total	87.3	64.5	75.8	82.6	70.9	76.9	85.4	67.0	76.
		NOT IN	THE LABOU	R FORCE	AT SOME TI	ME			
15-19	*20.4	67.6	56.0	71.0	75.3	73.1	70.6	75.1	72.
20-24	17.6	51.1	39.7	28.9	39.9	33.8	27.2	43.2	35.
25-34	13.9	56.5	36.8	28.9	37.8	28.4	16.9	50.8	33.
35-44	12.2	47.8	30.0	21.3	38.1	30.0	14.1	45.8	30.
45-54	12.2	47.8	30.0	26.7	41.5	34.9	14.1	45.8	31.
43-34 55-59	33.0	47.5	50.8	45.8	66.9	57.5	35.3	70.1	52.
60-64		88.0	70.5	43.8 60.1	87.7	77.9	56.2	87.9	72.
65-69	55.3 89.5	88.0 95.8	92.3	91.7	96.9	95.3	89.9	96.2	93.
69-69	89.3	93.8	92.3	91./	90.9		07.7		
Total	24.0	57.3	40.7	40.1	55.2	47.5	30.3	56.5	43.

### TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)

# TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993 AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)

	( 000)									
		Married		Γ	Not-marrie	d		Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
Not in the labour force at any time during	470.0	1 2 4 2 5	1 001 4	100 5	(00.2	1 104 7	001.4	2 024 9	2 026 2	
the year	478.9	1,342.5	1,821.4	422.5	682.3	1,104.7	901.4	2,024.8	2,926.2	
In the labour force at some time during	2 201 1	2 126 6	57177	20116	1 665 7	26772	5 202 7	1 102 3	0 305 (	
the year	3,281.1	2,436.6	5,717.7	2,011.6	1,665.7	3,677.3	5,292.7	4,102.3	9,395.0	
Time in the labour force (weeks) —										
1 and under 4	11.1	52.0	63.1	43.2	50.5	93.7	54.4	102.5	156.8	
4 and under 13	28.4		144.7	120.8	128.4	249.3	149.2	244.8	394.0	
13 and under 26	34.0		139.9	86.1	102.8	189.0	120.2	208.7	328.	
26 and under 39	54.4		201.9	79.1	89.4	168.6	133.5	237.0	370.	
39 and under 52	296.6		698.0	224.6	242.1	466.7	521.2	643.5	1,164.	
52	2,856.6	1,613.6	4,470.1	1,457.7	1,052.4	2,510.0	4,314.2	2,665.9	6,980.2	
Worked at some time during										
the year	3,119.0	2,258.6	5,377.6	1,751.2	1,445.2	3,196.4	4,870.2	3,703.8	8,574.0	
Time worked (weeks)—										
1 and under 4	19.2	38.6	57.8	54.3	40.2	94.5	73.5	78.8	152.3	
4 and under 13	55.8	100.3	156.1	134.6	121.2	255.8	190.4	221.5	411.9	
13 and under 26	92.7	109.1	201.7	121.1	94.4	215.5	213.7	203.5	417.2	
26 and under 39	130.1	162.5	292.6	135.3	116.4	251.7	265.4	278.9	544.	
39 and under 52	393.7	400.0	793.7	269.5	261.7	531.3	663.2	661.8	1,325.0	
52 and and 52	2,427.5		3,875.5	1,036.3	811.3	1,847.6	3,463.8	2,259.3	5,723.2	
Full-time/part-time status of										
weeks worked —										
All full-time	2,746.0	1,085.9	3,831.9	1,265.6	805.1	2,070.7	4,011.6	1,891.1	5,902.0	
More full-time than part-time	162.0	119.5	281.4	119.3	96.7	216.1	281.3	216.2	497.	
More part-time than full-time	47.1	101.1	148.2	58.8	60.3	119.1	105.8	161.4	267.3	
All part-time	164.0	952.1	1,116.1	307.5	483.0	790.5	471.4	1,435.1	1,906.6	
Whether worked with current										
employer/business for one year or more —										
One employer/business during the year	2,842.8	2,078.7	4,921.5	1,461.0	1,201.2	2,662.3	4,303.8	3,280.0	7,583.8	
With current employer/business for	2,01210	2,07017	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,	-,	-,	,		•	
one year or more	2,602.8	1,775.9	4,378.7	1,117.3	903.2	2,020.5	3,720.1	2,679.1	6,399.2	
With current employer/business for		-,	.,							
less than one year	239.9	302.9	542.8	343.8	298.0	641.8	583.7	600.9	1,184.6	
More than one employer/business										
during the year	276.3	179.8	456.1	290.1	244.0	534.1	566.4	423.8	990.2	
Two	214.5		359.9	209.6	180.1	389.7	424.1	325.5	749.0	
Three	39.4		65.6	52.0	42.9	94.9	91.4	69.2	160.	
Four or more	22.4		30.6	28.5	21.0	49.4	50.9	29.1	80.0	
Looked for work at some time during										
the year	547.7	370.9	918.6	682.2	509.2	1,191.5	1,229.9	880.1	2,110.1	
Time mont looking for work (weeks)										
Time spent looking for work (weeks) — 1 and under 4	45.6	55.6	101.3	65.4	69.9	135.2	111.0	125.5	236.	
4 and under 4 4 and under 13	139.2		244.1	174.6	152.0	326.6	313.8	256.9	570.7	
4 and under 13 13 and under 26	95.5		155.5	109.7	94.3	204.0	205.3	154.2	359.4	
	84.4		135.5	110.8	64.9	175.7	195.2	118.2	313.4	
26 and under 39				93.1	53.1	146.2	155.6	87.9	243.	
39 and under 52 52	62.6 120.4		97.3 182.7	128.7	75.1	203.7	249.1	137.4	386.	
Number of spells of looking for work —	100.0	207 7	709.0	5140	102.0	017 (	024.9	690.7	1,625.	
One	420.3		708.0	514.6	403.0	917.6	934.8	78.0	1,025.	
Two	49.0		76.0	70.5	51.0	121.5	119.5 61.7	42.1	197.	
Three Four or more	26.0 52.5		44.8 89.8	35.7 61.4	23.2 32.0	59.0 93.4	113.9	69.3		
Total	3,760.0	3,779.2	7,539.2	2,434.1	2,347.9	4,782.0	6,194.1	6,127.1	12,321.2	

				Age gro	рир			12	
Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	Total
			MARR	IED MALES					
Nil	*0.0	*1.7	14.8	23.4	48.4	60.8	117.2	212.7	478.9
1 and under 4	*0.0	*0.9	*1.2	*2.6	*1.7	*0.6	*2.2	*2.0	11.1
4 and under 13	*0.0	*1.6	5.9	5.4	4.2	*3.4	4.3	*3.5	28.4
13 and under 26	*0.0	*1.9	6.8	5.6	4.5	5.3	7.2	*2.6	34.0
26 and under 39	*0.2	*3.1	10.3	9.1	10.9	6.3	9.7	4.8	54.4
39 and under 52	*0.9	9.7	78.1	84.1	68.7	26.6	18.6	10.1	296.6
52	4.0	88.7	724.2	932.3	741.4	209.6	128.7	27.7	2,856.6
Total	5.0	107.6	841.3	1,062.5	879.8	312.6	287.9	263.4	3,760.0
			ALI	L MALES					
Nil	203.5	41.0	47.6	46.5	73.1	82.6	146.2	260.9	901.4
1 and under 4	29.4	9.1	*3.4	*3.5	*2.0	*1.6	*3.5	*2.0	54.4
4 and under 13	83.5	23.6	14.1	8.5	5.9	4.5	5.3	*3.8	149.2
13 and under 26	52.3	20.5	12.9	7.7	7.7	6.9	8.9	*3.3	120.2
26 and under 39	30.8	23.2	24.8	15.9	13.6	7.9	10.9	6.4	133.5
39 and under 52	58.7	78.4	132.6	105.8	80.8	31.2	22.1	11.7	521.2
52	190.4	524.5	1,161.3	1,140.7	864.3	246.9	153.7	32.4	4,314.2
Total	648.6	720.3	1,396.6	1,328.5	1,047.4	381.6	350.6	320.5	6,194.1
				ED FEMALE					
Nil	5.5	45.8	271.4	235.1	232.3	152.4	201.3	198.8	1,342.5
1 and under 4	*0.2	4.7	20.3	15.4	7.2	*1.4	*1.7	*1.0	52.0
4 and under 13	*1.4	11.5	42.2	36.7	15.1	5.9	*2.5	*1.0	116.3
13 and under 26	*1.6	9.8	45.2	27.3	14.4	4.6	*2.3	*0.6	105.8
26 and under 39	*0.5	11.5	58.5	44.8	21.6	6.9	*3.1	*0.7	147.5
39 and under 52	*1.4	23.2	113.2	144.2	86.1	21.2	10.0	*2.0	401.4
52	5.0	101.9	424.4	548.9	415.8	78.3	30.2	9.0	1,613.6
Total	15.5	208.4	975.3	1,052.5	792.4	270.8	251.0	213.3	3,779.2
			NAME OF TAXABLE ADDRESS	FEMALES					
Nil	201.1	101.5	341.5	284.5	281.8	197.5	292.7	324.1	2,024.8
1 and under 4	27.3	13.1	26.0	20.4	9.9	*2.2	*2.2	*1.3	102.5
4 and under 13	72.0	35.9	56.8	45.6	20.6	8.9	*3.2	*1.6	244.8
13 and under 26	56.0	36.3	55.3	33.3	17.1	6.4	*3.3	*1.0	208.7
26 and under 39	38.6	32.7	72.6	52.0	26.2	8.2	5.9	*0.7	237.0
39 and under 52 52	75.9 156.3	86.1 401.9	158.7 687.5	173.2 720.5	106.2 535.9	26.4 106.5	13.4 44.2	*3.6 13.1	643.5 2,665.9
52									
Total	627.1	707.6	1,398.4	1,329.6	997.8	356.2	365.0	345.5	6,127.1
				ERSONS			100.0		
Nil	404.7	142.5	389.1	331.0	354.9	280.1	439.0	585.1	2,926.2
1 and under 4	56.7	22.2	29.4	23.9	12.0	*3.8	5.7	*3.3	156.8
4 and under 13	155.5	59.4	70.9	54.1	26.5	13.5	8.6	5.4	394.0
13 and under 26	108.3	56.8	68.2	41.0	24.8	13.3	12.2	4.3	328.9
26 and under 39	69.4	56.0	97.5	67.9	39.8	16.1	16.8	7.1	370.5
39 and under 52	134.5	164.6	291.3	279.0	187.0	57.6	35.5	15.3	1,164.7
52	346.7	926.4	1,848.8	1,861.2	1,400.2	353.5	197.9	45.5	6,980.2
Total	1,275.7	1,427.9	2,795.0	2,658.1	2,045.1	737.7	715.6	666.0	12,321.2

#### TABLE 5. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993, MARITAL STATUS AND AGE ('000)

		Married		Ι	lot-married			Total	
Age group	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
			WORKED	AT SOME	TIME				
15-19	70.3	68.0	68.7	78.0	78.1	78.0	77.9	77.9	77.9
20-24	90.0	87.0	88.2	89.3	89.4	89.4	89.4	88.8	89.1
25-34	95.6	91.8	93.8	91.0	90.8	90.9	93.8	91.5	92.8
35-44	96.0	92.9	94.7	89.3	89.1	89.2	94.8	92.1	93.6
45-54	96.2	94.4	95.5	88.1	87.5	87.8	95.0	92.9	94.1
55-59	92.2	95.6	93.3	88.1	88.6	88.3	91.6	93.8	92.3
60-64	88.5	97.2	90.5	81.2	95.0	86.7	87.3	96.5	89.7
65-69	97.3	97.1	97.2	92.6	100.0	95.8	96.6	98.0	96.9
Total	95.1	92.7	94.1	87.1	86.8	86.9	92.0	90.3	91.3
s	an a	LC	OKED FOR V	VORK AT S	OME TIME				
15-19	74.2	55.5	61.8	45.7	44.8	45.3	46.0	45.1	45.6
20-24	32.7	28.0	29.8	35.5	30.9	33.5	35.1	30.1	32.8
25-34	19.4	17.9	18.7	30.3	24.4	27.9	23.6	20.1	22.1
35-44	15.6	14.8	15.3	26.5	22.9	24.8	17.7	16.6	17.2
45-54	12.9	11.3	12.2	24.7	24.7	24.7	14.6	14.2	14.4
55-59	18.1	6.0	14.3	19.4	17.3	18.4	18.3	8.9	15.0
60-64	18.0	*3.4	14.7	26.9	*8.8	19.6	19.5	5.1	15.7
65-69	*5.9	*2.9	*5.3	*11.3	*0.0	*6.4	6.8	*2.0	5.5
Total	16.7	15.2	16.1	33.9	30.6	32.4	23.2	21.5	22.5
		NOT IN	N THE LABOU	JR FORCE	AT SOME TIN	ИE			
15-19	*20.4	49.9	40.0	57.6	63.6	60.6	57.2	63.3	60.2
20-24	16.2	37.4	29.0	24.0	32.3	27.6	22.8	33.7	27.9
25-34	12.4	39.7	24.9	16.4	25.5	20.0	13.9	35.0	23.2
35-44	10.3	32.8	20.2	14.2	24.6	19.3	11.0	31.1	20.0
45-54	10.8	25.8	16.8	14.0	23.0	18.7	11.3	25.2	17.2
55-59	16.8	33.9	22.2	20.8	29.8	25.0	17.4	32.9	22.8
60-64	24.6	39.2	27.9	25.7	38.1	30.7	24.8	38.9	28.5
65-69	45.4	37.6	43.7	46.6	*40.7	44.0	45.6	38.6	43.7
Total	12.9	33.8	21.8	27.5	36.8	31.7	18.5	35.0	25.7

### TABLE 6. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR , AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)

		Married		٨	ot-married			Total	
Time worked during the year (weeks)	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
		TIME V	WORKED WA	AS ALL FUI	LL-TIME				
1 and under 4	10.5	9.3	19.7	25.4	12.2	37.5	35.9	21.4	57.3
4 and under 13	34.3	27.3	61.7	61.9	36.5	98.4	96.2	63.9	160.1
13 and under 26	57.2	32.4	89.5	59.5	27.2	86.7	116.6	59.6	176.2
26 and under 39	83.4	45.0	128.3	70.3	36.6	106.9	153.7	81.5	235.2
39 and under 52	267.7	93.8	361.5	145.4	77.9	223.3	413.2	171.6	584.8
52	2,292.9	878.3	3,171.1	903.2	614.8	1,518.0	3,196.0	1,493.1	4,689.1
Total	2,746.0	1,085.9	3,831.9	1,265.6	805.1	2,070.7	4,011.6	1,891.1	5,902.6
	TIME	WORKED V	VAS MORE F	ULL-TIME	THAN PAR	T-TIME			
1 and under 4	*0.4	*0.3	*0.7	*0.9	*0.3	*1.2	*1.3	*0.5	*1.8
4 and under 13	*2.8	4.7	7.6	9.8	5.7	15.6	12.7	10.4	23.1
13 and under 26	9.3	8.4	17.7	15.2	8.1	23.3	24.6	16.5	41.1
26 and under 39	17.3	13.6	30.9	20.7	13.3	34.0	38.0	26.9	64.8
39 and under 52	67.1	36.1	103.2	39.9	34.5	74.4	107.0	70.6	177.6
52	65.0	56.4	121.5	32.8	34.8	67.6	97.8	91.3	189.1
Total	162.0	119.5	281.4	119.3	96.7	216.1	281.3	216.2	497.5
	TIME	WORKED V	VAS MORE I	PART-TIME	THAN FUL	L-TIME			
1 and under 4	*0.6	*0.2	*0.8	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.6	*0.4	*1.1
4 and under 13	*1.9	*2.1	4.0	*3.8	*3.7	7.5	5.7	5.8	11.5
13 and under 26	6.0	7.2	13.2	7.4	5.6	12.9	13.4	12.8	26.1
26 and under 39	8.2	10.5	18.7	8.4	7.9	16.3	16.6	18.5	35.0
39 and under 52	20.0	28.7	48.6	18.7	22.1	40.7	38.6	50.7	89.4
52	10.4	52.4	62.8	20.6	20.8	41.4	31.0	73.2	104.2
Total	47.1	101.1	148.2	58.8	60.3	119.1	105.8	161.4	267.3
		TIME	WORKED W	AS ALL PA	RT-TIME				
1 and under 4	7.7	28.9	36.6	28.0	27.5	55.5	35.7	56.4	92.1
4 and under 13	16.7	66.1	82.9	59.1	75.2	134.4	75.9	141.4	217.2
13 and under 26	20.2	61.1	81.3	39.0	53.5	92.6	59.2	114.7	173.8
26 and under 39	21.3	93.4	114.7	35.9	58.7	94.5	57.2	152.0	209.2
39 and under 52	38.9	241.6	280.4	65.6	127.3	192.9	104.4	368.8	473.3
52	59.2	461.0	520.2	79.9	140.8	220.7	139.0	601.8	740.8
Total	164.0	952.1	1,116.1	307.5	483.0	790.5	471.4	1,435.1	1,906.6
			TO	TAL					
1 and under 4	19.2	38.6	57.8	54.3	40.2	94.5	73.5	78.8	152.3
4 and under 13	55.8	100.3	156.1	134.6	121.2	255.8	190.4	221.5	411.9
13 and under 26	92.7	109.1	201.7	121.1	94.4	215.5	213.7	203.5	417.2
26 and under 39	130.1	162.5	292.6	135.3	116.4	251.7	265.4	278.9	544.3
39 and under 52	393.7	400.0	793.7	269.5	261.7	531.3	663.2	661.8	1,325.0
52	2,427.5	1,448.1	3,875.5	1,036.3	811.3	1,847.6	3,463.8	2,259.3	5,723.2
Total	3,119.0	2.258.6	5,377.6	1,751.2	1,445.2	3,196.4	4,870.2	3,703.8	8,574.0

### TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993: TIME WORKED, FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS OF WEEKS WORKED AND MARITAL STATUS ('000)

Time ment looking			Α	ge group				
Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	Total(a)
		ONE SPE	LL OF LOOK	ING FOR WO	RK			
			- '000	)—				
1 and under 4	54.6	41.2	53.9	35.0	20.1	*3.8	*2.0	211.1
4 and under 13	103.7	80.7	99.5	78.2	41.0	8.7	*3.7	415.8
13 and under 26	58.4	48.0	56.5	44.0	25.0	6.8	5.4	244.4
26 and under 39	33.1	45.2	54.4	38.0	22.2	7.4	*3.4	204.5
39 and under 52	26.2	35.9	42.9	30.4	19.8	5.0	*2.4	163.2
52	36.7	71.9	92.3	83.1	61.0	20.6	19.7	386.5
Total	312.5	323.0	399.6	308.7	189.1	52.3	36.7	1,625.5
Males	158.7	179.1	236.9	174.5	108.9	40.6	33.1	934.8
Females	153.8	143.9	162.7	134.2	80.3	11.7	*3.7	690.7
Average duration(b)	18.8	25.5	— week 25.4	26.8	29.0	32.6	37.4	25.3
Median duration(b)	12	22	22	23	26	36	52	20
		TWO SPE	LLS OF LOOK	LING FOR WO	DRK			
1 and under 4	4.4	*2.9	4.2	*1.8	*3.0	*0.8	*0.1	17.2
4 and under 13	10.2	12.9	13.3	8.7	4.0	*0.8	*0.3	50.2
13 and under 26	7.2	10.0	13.3	6.3	4.1	*1.2	*0.3	42.7
26 and under 39	6.4	10.6	11.4	7.8	*2.9	*1.1	*0.5	40.9
39 and under 52	8.9	11.3	11.0	6.2	6.4	*1.5	*1.1	46.6
52	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
Total	37.1	47.6	53.2	30.9	20.2	5.5	*2.2	197.5
Males	19.1	29.3	33.5	18.0	11.8	4.7	*2.2	119.5
Females	18.0	18.3	19.8	12.9	8.4	*0.7	*0.0	78.0
	01.7	02.0	- week		24.0	25.0	*33.3	23.0
Average duration(b) Median duration(b)	21.7 20	23.9 23	22.5 20	22.4 22	24.0 24	23.0	33.3	23.0
	тн	REE OR MOR	E SPELLS OF	LOOKING	OR WORK			
1 and under 4	*2.4	*1.5	*1.0	*2.2	*0.8	*0.3	*0.0	8.2
4 and under 13	17.1	16.6	27.0	24.0	13.9	4.6	*1.4	104.7
13 and under 26	11.9	13.6	19.8	11.3	10.9	*3.0	*1.9	72.4
26 and under 39	11.4	11.4	21.6	14.7	5.9	*2.1	*0.9	68.0
39 and under 52	4.5	7.2	9.0	8.2	*3.3	*1.2	*0.3	33.7
52 and under 52	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
	17.2	50 4	70 4	60.4	217	11.1	4.6	287.0
Total	47.3	50.4	78.4	60.4	34.7	11.1		175.6
Males	27.1	29.9	48.6	34.1	21.8	9.4 *1.7	4.6 *0.0	111.4
Females	20.2	20.4	29.8 — week	26.3 as	13.0	*1.7	*0.0	111.4
Average duration(b)	19.2	21.3	20.4	19.6	17.7	18.3	18.5	19.8
Median duration(b)	17	20	20	15	14	13	16	17
			TOTAL	<b>.</b>				
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1 and under 4	61.3	45.6	59.2	39.1	23.9	4.9	*2.1	236.5
4 and under 13	131.0	110.2	139.7	110.9	58.8	14.1	5.4	570.7
13 and under 26	77.4	71.6	89.7	61.6	39.9	11.0	7.7	359.4
26 and under 39	50.8	67.2	87.4	60.6	30.9	10.6	4.8	313.4
39 and under 52 52	39.6 36.7	54.5 71.9	63.0 92.3	44.8 83.1	29.5 61.0	7.7 20.6	*3.8 19.7	243.5 386.5
<i>u</i>	50.7							
Total	396.9	421.0	531.2	400.0	244.1	<b>68.9</b>	43.5	2,110.1
Males	204.9	238.4	319.0	226.6	142.5	54.8	39.8	1,229.9
Females	192.0	182.6	212.3 — week	173.4	101.6	14.1	*3.7	880.1
Average duration(b)	19.1	24.8	24.4	25.4	27.0	29.7	35.2	24.4
Median duration(b)	13	22	20	22	24	27	44	20

# TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993:NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE

(a) Includes persons aged 65-69. (b) Duration of total weeks spent looking for work during the year.

TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993:
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE
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		Time not in th	e labour force	during the yea	r (weeks)		
Main activity		4 1	12	26	20 1		
when not in	1 and	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52	52	Total
the labour force	under 4			under 59	under 52	52	10101
		MALE	S				0
Retired or voluntarily inactive	11.5	32.5	19.6	26.3	21.5	406.7	518.1
Home duties/childcare	13.9	18.7	7.9	8.5	9.7	44.1	102.7
Attended an educational institution	10.5	45.5	36.1	69.9	162.8	259.1	583.9
Unpaid leave	28.0	17.1	*2.9	*0.7	*0.4	*0.3	49.4
Own illness, injury/disability	21.9	35.9	17.8	11.6	14.9	163.4	265.5
Looking after ill/disabled person	*1.2	*1.8	*1.2	*0.3	*2.0	9.0	15.6
Travelled, moved house, holiday	123.5	105.2	19.7	8.1	8.4	*3.3	268.2
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*0.9	*3.8	*1.8	*2.4	*2.0	9.7	20.6
Other	15.2	16.3	7.4	7.1	4.0	5.7	55.8
Total	226.6	276.9	114.4	135.0	225.6	901.4	1,879.8
		FEMAL	ES				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.2	11.0	6.3	5.1	8.4	235.5	273.6
Home duties/childcare	46.0	152.1	114.9	135.0	205.1	1,424.1	2,077.1
Attended an educational institution	10.8	41.2	41.3	82.3	150.5	248.3	574.2
Unpaid leave	22.8	18.9	*3.5	*1.5	*1.5	*0.7	49.0
Own illness, injury/disability	23.0	24.9	5.0	5.5	5.7	64.8	128.9
Looking after ill/disabled person	*1.7	*3.9	*1.0	*1.6	*1.4	24.2	33.7
Travelled, moved house, holiday	124.2	109.4	19.0	7.9	4.0	4.6	269.1
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*1.5	*2.6	*1.5	*3.3	4.3	17.7	30.9
Other	5.8	5.9	*2.8	*2.9	*2.2	4.9	24.6
Total	243.0	369.9	195.2	245.0	383.2	2,024.8	3,461.2
		PERSO	NS				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	18.7	43.5	25.9	31.5	29.9	642.2	791.7
Home duties/childcare	59.9	170.8	122.7	143.4	214.8	1,468.2	2,179.8
Attended an educational institution	21.3	86.6	77.4	152.2	313.3	507.4	1,158.2
Unpaid leave	50.8	36.0	6.4	*2.2	*1.9	*1.0	98.4
Own illness, injury/disability	44.9	60.8	22.7	17.1	20.6	228.3	394.4
Looking after ill/disabled person	*2.9	5.7	*2.2	*1.9	*3.4	33.2	49.4
Travelled, moved house, holiday	247.7	214.6	38.7	16.0	12.4	7.9	537.2
	*2.5	6.4	*3.3	5.7	6.3	27.4	51.5
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job Other	21.0	22.2	10.2	10.1	6.2	10.6	80.4
Total	469.7	646.8	309.6	380.1	608.7	2,926.2	5,341.0

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Population 1: All persons (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils)	4,161.4	3,154.4	2,139.4	1,027.8	1,193.8	318.7	109.7	216.0	12,321.2
Population 2: Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1993	3,078.8	2,414.0	1,674.6	781.0	943.0	233.4	88.6	181.5	9,395.0
Population 3: Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1993	2,792.4	2,173.2	1,555.4	711.7	880.0	210.4	83.0	167.8	8,574.0
Population 4: Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1993	686.3	552.6	395.0	165.7	205.7	50.8	20.6	33.4	2,110.1
Population 5: Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1993	1,826.6	1,324.1	945.0	459.4	506.6	146.8	46.4	86.1	5,341.0

### TABLE 10. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

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#### 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 March 1993 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Those respondents to the labour force survey who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked the length of time they worked or looked for work, 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 was restricted to persons aged 15 to 69. Visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. have also been excluded.

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 March 1993. 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, annually from February 1979 to February 1989 and annually since March 1990, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

10. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in March 1994.

#### **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 Labour Force Inquiries contact given on page 23 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 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 precisely defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

#### Discontinuities in the series

13. All surveys prior to March 1990 were run in February. Therefore, the estimates for surveys since March 1990 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from pre-March 1990 surveys. The scope of surveys run prior to March 1990 included persons aged 15 and over. From March 1990 the surveys have been restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over (see paragraph 3). Historical estimates contained in this publication for the years 1987 to 1989 have been revised to enable comparisons of estimates with the surveys conducted since March 1990.

#### Sample size

14. In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on either 50 per cent or 75 per cent of the dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since March 1990 this has been expanded to the full sample size. As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

#### **Estimation procedure**

15. 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, sex and labour force status, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

#### **Reliability of the estimates**

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Notes, Page 17.

#### **Related publications**

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) — issued monthly

Labour Mobility, Australia (6209.0) — issued two-yearly

Career Experience (6254.0) — to be issued two-yearly. First issue February 1993

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

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, (6222.0) — issued annually

Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, (6245.0) — issued two-yearly

Persons who have Left the Labour Force, Australia, (6267.0) — issued irregularly

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

# Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment (6279.0).

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products*, (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 Notes, Page 17.
- .. not applicable

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

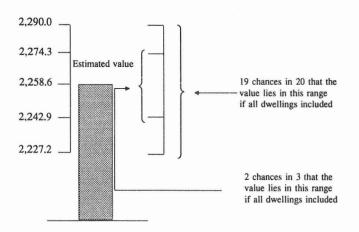
#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

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.

An example of the calculation and the use of stan-3. dard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 4 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending March 1993 was 2,258,600. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000, the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 15,200 and 21,000 and can be approximated by interpolation as 15,700 (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 2,242,900 to 2,274,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,227,200 and 2,290,000. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.

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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 3 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,779,200) is 60 per cent. The standard error for 3,779,200 is approximately 18,600 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 2,258,600 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 - (0.5)^2}$  or 0.5 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (60 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 59.7 per cent and 60.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 59.4 per cent to 60.6 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-sam-

pling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

# STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	A	lustralia	
Size of estimate (Persons)			-— number —					_		Relative standard error (per cent)	
100				120		90	100	80	130	125.4	
100		230	210	120	200	130	140	120	190	94.9	
200	320	290	260	220	250	160	170	140	240	80.2	
300	370	340	300	260	280	190	190	160	280	71.0	
400 500	420	340	340	290	310	210	210	180	320	64.5	
	420	420	340	310	340	230	230	190	360	59.6	
600	500	420	400	340	370	240	250	210	390	55.7	
700					400	260	260	220	420	52.5	
800	530	490	430	360 380	400	280	280	230	450	49.8	
900	560	520	460				290	240	480	47.5	
1,000	590	540	480	400	440	290	300	240	500	45.5	
1,100	620	570	510	420	460	300				43.7	
1,200	650	600	530	440	480	310	310	260	520	42.2	
1,300	680	620	550	460	500	330	330	270	550		
1,400	700	640	570	470	510	340	340	280	570	40.8	
1,500	720	670	590	490	530	350	350	290	590	39.5	
1,600	750	690	610	500	550	360	360	300	610	38.3	
1,700	770	710	630	520	560	370	370	310	630	37.3	
1,800	790	730	640	530	580	380	380	320	650	36.3	
1,900	810	750	660	540	590	390	390	320	670	35.4	
2,000	830	770	680	560	610	400	400	330	690	34.6	
2,100	850	790	690	570	620	400	400	340	710	33.8	
2,200	870	810	710	580	630	410	410	340	730	33.1	
2,300	890	820	720	590	650	420	420	350	740	32.4	
2,400	910	840	740	610	660	430	430	360	760	31.7	
2,500	930	860	750	620	670	440	440	360	780	31.1	
3,000	1,000	940	820	670	730	470	480	390	860	28.5	
3,500	1,100	1,000	880	720	780	500	510	420	930	26.5	
4,000	1,150	1,100	940	770	830	530	540	440	990	24.9	
			990	810	880	550	570	460	1,050	23.5	
4,500	1,250	1,150		850	920	580	600	400	1,100	22.3	
5,000	1,300	1,200	1,050		1,000	620	650	520	1,100	20.4	
6,000	1,400	1,300	1,150	920				520	1,200	17.7	
8,000	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,050	1,150	690	750			17.7	
10,000	1,750	1,650	1,400	1,150	1,250	750	830	640	1,600		
20,000	2,400	2,250	1,950	1,550	1,650	960	1,150	840	2,200	11.0	
30,000	2,850	2,700	2,300	1,800	1,950	1,100	1,400	990	2,650	8.9	
40,000	3,250	3,000	2,600	2,050	2,200	1,200	1,600	1,100	3,050	7.6	
50,000	3,550	3,300	2,850	2,250	2,450	1,250	1,750	1,200	3,400	6.8	
100,000	4,750	4,400	3,750	2,900	3,200	1,550	2,450	1,550	4,600	4.6	
200,000	6,200	5,800	4,950	3,750	4,150	1,800	3,400	1,950	6,200	3.1	
300,000	7,300	6,700	5,800	4,350	4,850	1,950		2,250	7,300	2.4	
400,000	8,100	7,500	6,400	4,800	5,400	2,100			8,200	2.1	
500,000	8,800	8,100	7,000	5,200	5,800	2,200			9,000	1.8	
1,000,000	11,300	10,400	8,900	6,600	7,400				11,800	1.2	
2,000,000	14,300	13,100	11,300	8,200	9,400				15,200	0.8	
5,000,000	19,300	17,600	15,300	0,200	2,100				21,000	0.4	
10,000,000	23,900	17,000	10,000						26,500	0.3	
20,000,000	23,900								32,900	0.2	
20,000,000									54,700	0.2	

#### GLOSSARY

All persons: civilian population aged 15-69 years. See paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes for details of exclusions.

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.

In the labour force: during any week of the reference period, persons who were reported as having either worked or looked for work were classified as in the labour force for that week.

In the labour force at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

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

Looked for work at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons who looked for work at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

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 the week before the interview. Persons who had more than one job 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.

Not in the labour force at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons not in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group. Number of employers/businesses during the year: excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

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.

*Reference period:* the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. See also paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes, page 15.

*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 time worked.

*Time worked full-time during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked other than part-time.

*Time worked part-time during the year:* the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked part-time.

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

Worked at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons who worked at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

#### SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

#### DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. When ordering special tables from this survey, please ensure you identify the **population(s)** and the **data item(s)** which you require.

This section specifies the data items, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

Refer to the glossaries in this publication and in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

#### **POPULATIONS**

POPULATION 1: All persons (excluding institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils)

POPULATION 2: Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1993

POPULATION 3: Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1993

POPULATION 4: Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1993

POPULATION 5: Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1993

DATA ITEM PO		POPULATIONS	DATA I	TEM	POPULATIONS
Ne	TATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE ew South Wales ictoria icensland	ALL	M	ARITAL STATUS arried ot-married	ALL
So We Ta No	estern Australia estern Australia Ismania orthern Territory Istralian Capital Territory			AMILY STATUS (1) ember of a family Husband or wife With dependants present Without dependants present Sole parent	ALL
Me	REA OF USUAL RESIDENCE etropolitan on-metropolitan	ALL		Other family head without dep Full-time student aged 15-24(a Other child(b) of married coup Other relative of married coup	b) ble or family head
	EGION OF USUAL RESIDENC andard labour force dissemination	• • • •	No	ot a member of a family Living alone	
	EX ales omales	ALL	(a) Exclue	Not living alone mily status not determined des persons aged 20-24 attending so 15 and over.	chool.

DA	га ітем	POPULATIONS	DAT	FA ITEM POPU	LATIONS
6B	FAMILY STATUS (2) Member of a family Husband or wife With children aged 0-14 prese Without children aged 0-14 prese Sole parent	resent	9	LABOUR FORCE STATUS AT MARCH 1993 In labour force Working Looking for work Not in labour force	ALL
	With children aged 0-14 prese Without children aged 0-14 pr Other family head Full-time student aged 15-24(a) Other child(b) of married couple Other relative of married couple Not a member of a family Living alone Not living alone Family status not determined	resent e or family head	10	STATUS OF WORKER AT MARCH 1993 Working Employer Self-employed Wage or salary earner Unpaid family helper Payment in kind Not working	ALL
	Aged 15 and over. BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1961 Arrived 1961 – 1970 Arrived 1971 – 1920		11	FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS IN ALL JOBS AT MARCH 1993 Working Full-time Part-time Not determined Not working TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE	ALL
7B (a) (	Arrived 1971 – 1980 Arrived 1981 to survey date <b>BIRTHPLACE (1)</b> Born in Australia Born outside Australia Born in main English speaking of Born in other countries Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Afr JSA and New Zealand.			DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks In labour force at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks	
7C	BIRTHPLACE (2) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Oceania New Zealand Europe and the USSR Germany Greece Italy	ALL	13	TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks Worked at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks	ALL
	Netherlands UK and Ireland Former Yugoslav Republics The Middle East and North Afri Lebanon Southeast Asia Malaysia Philippines Viet Nam Northeast Asia	ica	14	<b>TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE</b> <b>DURING THE YEAR</b> Nil weeks Not in the labour force at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks	ALL
	China The Americas Other India		15	NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS/BUSINESS DURING THE YEAR None One	ES ALL
8	AGE (Single years collected) 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-59 60-64 65-69	ALL		Two Three Four or more	

DAT	A ITEM PO	PULATIONS	DAT	TA ITEM	POPULATIONS
16	FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS OF WEEKS WORKED Worked at some time Time worked was all full-time Time worked was more full-time than Time worked was amore part-time than Time worked was all part-time Did not work at any time	ALL part-time n full-time	22	WHETHER LOOKED FOR V SOME TIME DURING THE Looked for work at some time For whole year For part of year Did not look for work at any time WHETHER WORKED AT Se	me
17	TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WOR DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks Looked for work at some time 1 and under 4 weeks	K ALL		<b>DURING THE YEAR</b> Worked at some time For whole year For part of year Did not work at any time	
	4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks		24	TIME WORKED PART-TIM DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks Worked part-time at some time 1 and under 4 weeks	E ALL
18	52 weeks NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR One Two Three	G 4		4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks	
19	Four or more MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN T LABOUR FORCE Retired or voluntarily inactive Home duties/childcare Attended an educational institution	HE 5	25	TIME WORKED FULL-TIM DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks Worked full-time at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks	E ALL
	Unpaid leave Own illness or injury Own disability or handicap Looking after ill/disabled person Travelled, moved house, holiday Worked in an unpaid voluntary job Other		26	26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks WHETHER WORKED WITH EMPLOYER FOR ONE YE Worked at some time during th	e year
20	WHETHER CEASED A JOB DURING THE YEAR Worked at some time during the year Ceased a job Did not cease a job Did not work at any time	ALL		Did not have unpaid ab the year With current employer for More than one employer du	one year or more on work during the year sence from work during less than one year
21	WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FOR AT SOME TIME DURING THE Y In the labour force at some time For whole year For part of year Not in the labour force at any time	CE ALL EAR		Did not work at any time	

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