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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

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS WHO HAD WORKED AT SOME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1987 TO 1993


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).


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

|  | Survey conducted in - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February(a) |  |  | March |  |  |  |
|  | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year | 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 | 70.4 | 70.2 | 69.1 | 68.5 | 69.8 | 69.9 | 69.7 |
| Worked at some time during the preceding year | 81.8 | 81.5 | 81.9 | 83.2 | 82.0 | 79.6 | 78.6 |
| Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All full-time | 72.2 | 73.0 | 72.5 | 72.1 | 70.1 | 66.8 | 64.8 |
| 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 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| All part-time | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 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 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 10.1 | 8.1 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| Three | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 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 | 15.5 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 13.0 | 16.3 | 18.4 | 19.9 |
| Number of spells of looking for work- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 12.2 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 12.9 | 14.8 | 15.1 |
| Two | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 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 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year | 36.9 | 37.0 | 34.8 | 32.9 | 32.7 | 33.0 | 33.0 |
| In the labour force at some time during the preceding year | 63.1 | 63.0 | 65.2 | 67.1 | 67.3 | 67.0 | 67.0 |
| Time in the labour force (weeks) - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 52 | 24.1 | 23.3 | 24.5 | 26.1 | 25.1 | 23.1 | 23.4 |
| 52 | 38.4 | 39.8 | 40.7 | 41.1 | 42.2 | 43.9 | 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 |
| More part-time than full-time | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| All part-time | 20.9 | 20.3 | 22.5 | 23.0 | 23.2 | 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 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Three | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Four or more | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Looked for work at some time during the preceding year | 13.4 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 11.7 | 12.9 | 14.1 | 14.4 |
| Number of spells of looking for work - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 10.9 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 11.3 |
| Two | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 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 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year | 25.3 | 25.7 | 24.4 | 23.3 | 23.1 | 23.5 | 23.7 |
| In the labour force at some time during the preceding year | 74.7 | 74.3 | 75.6 | 76.7 | 76.9 | 76.5 | 76.3 |
| Time in the labour force (weeks) - 19.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 52 | 19.8 | 19.2 | 20.6 | 21.9 | 20.8 | 19.5 | 19.6 |
| 52 | 54.4 | 55.0 | 55.0 | 54.8 | 56.1 | 57.0 | 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 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| All part-time | 12.8 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 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 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 10.4 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 6.1 |
| Three | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Four or more | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Looked for work at some time during the preceding year | 14.5 | 13.5 | 13.8 | 12.4 | 14.6 | 16.2 | 17.1 |
| Number of spells of looking for work - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 11.6 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 13.2 | 13.2 |
| Two | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| 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 | 1.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^0]TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, FEBRUARY 1987 TO MARCH 1993 (Per cent)

| Age group | Survey conducted in- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February |  |  | March |  |  |  |
|  | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 |
| MARRIED MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 60-64 | 54.1 | 54.9 | 60.2 | 59.1 | 61.1 | 60.7 | 59.3 |
| 65-69 | 20.3 | 16.2 | 17.6 | 20.0 | 21.2 | 23.9 | 19.3 |
| Total | 87.5 | 87.1 | 87.3 | 87.5 | 87.7 | 87.9 | 87.3 |
| TOTAL MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 55-59 | 83.6 | 81.2 | 79.8 | 80.3 | 81.1 | 78.8 | 78.4 |
| 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 |
| MARRIED FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993, 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME 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 THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 38.7 |
| 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 | 76.3 |
| NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | *20.4 | 67.6 | 56.0 | 71.0 | 75.3 | 73.1 | 70.6 | 75.1 | 72.8 |
| 20-24 | 17.6 | 51.1 | 39.7 | 28.9 | 39.9 | 33.8 | 27.2 | 43.2 | 35.1 |
| 25-34 | 13.9 | 56.5 | 36.8 | 21.3 | 37.8 | 28.4 | 16.9 | 50.8 | 33.9 |
| 35-44 | 12.2 | 47.8 | 30.0 | 21.7 | 38.1 | 30.0 | 14.1 | 45.8 | 30.0 |
| 45-54 | 15.7 | 47.5 | 30.8 | 26.7 | 41.5 | 34.9 | 17.5 | 46.3 | 31.5 |
| 55-59 | 33.0 | 71.1 | 50.7 | 45.8 | 66.9 | 57.5 | 35.3 | 70.1 | 52.1 |
| 60-64 | 55.3 | 88.0 | 70.5 | 60.1 | 87.7 | 77.9 | 56.2 | 87.9 | 72.3 |
| 65-69 | 89.5 | 95.8 | 92.3 | 91.7 | 96.9 | 95.3 | 89.9 | 96.2 | 93.2 |
| Total | 24.0 | 57.3 | 40.7 | 40.1 | 55.2 | 47.5 | 30.3 | 56.5 | 43.3 |

TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force at some time during 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 | 116.3 | 144.7 | 120.8 | 128.4 | 249.3 | 149.2 | 244.8 | 394.0 |
| 13 and under 26 | 34.0 | 105.8 | 139.9 | 86.1 | 102.8 | 189.0 | 120.2 | 208.7 | 328.9 |
| 26 and under 39 | 54.4 | 147.5 | 201.9 | 79.1 | 89.4 | 168.6 | 133.5 | 237.0 | 370.5 |
| 39 and under 52 | 296.6 | 401.4 | 698.0 | 224.6 | 242.1 | 466.7 | 521.2 | 643.5 | 1,164.7 |
| 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 | 544.3 |
| 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 |
| 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 | 5,902.6 |
| More full-time than part-time | 162.0 | 119.5 | 281.4 | 119.3 | 96.7 | 216.1 | 281.3 | 216.2 | 497.5 |
| 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 With current employer/business for | 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 |
| 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 | 145.4 | 359.9 | 209.6 | 180.1 | 389.7 | 424.1 | 325.5 | 749.6 |
| Three | 39.4 | 26.3 | 65.6 | 52.0 | 42.9 | 94.9 | 91.4 | 69.2 | 160.5 |
| Four or more | 22.4 | 8.2 | 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 spent looking for work (weeks) - 120.610135 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 4 | 45.6 | 55.6 | 101.3 | 65.4 | 69.9 | 135.2 | 111.0 | 125.5 | 236.5 |
| 4 and under 13 | 139.2 | 104.9 | 244.1 | 174.6 | 152.0 | 326.6 | 313.8 | 256.9 | 570.7 |
| 13 and under 26 | 95.5 | 59.9 | 155.5 | 109.7 | 94.3 | 204.0 | 205.3 | 154.2 | 359.4 |
| 26 and under 39 | 84.4 | 53.3 | 137.7 | 110.8 | 64.9 | 175.7 | 195.2 | 118.2 | 313.4 |
| 39 and under 52 | 62.6 | 34.8 | 97.3 | 93.1 | 53.1 | 146.2 | 155.6 | 87.9 | 243.5 |
| 52 | 120.4 | 62.3 | 182.7 | 128.7 | 75.1 | 203.7 | 249.1 | 137.4 | 386.5 |
| Number of spells of looking for work - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 420.3 | 287.7 | 708.0 | 514.6 | 403.0 | 917.6 | 934.8 | 690.7 | 1,625.5 |
| Two | 49.0 | 27.1 | 76.0 | 70.5 | 51.0 | 121.5 | 119.5 | 78.0 | 197.5 |
| Three | 26.0 | 18.8 | 44.8 | 35.7 | 23.2 | 59.0 | 61.7 | 42.1 | 103.7 |
| Four or more | 52.5 | 37.3 | 89.8 | 61.4 | 32.0 | 93.4 | 113.9 | 69.3 | 183.3 |
| 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 |

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

| Time in the labour force during the year (weeks) | Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 |  |
| MARRIED 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 |
| ALL 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 |
| MARRIED FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| ALL 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 | 75.9 | 86.1 | 158.7 | 173.2 | 106.2 | 26.4 | 13.4 | *3.6 | 643.5 |
| 52 | 156.3 | 401.9 | 687.5 | 720.5 | 535.9 | 106.5 | 44.2 | 13.1 | 2,665.9 |
| Total | 627.1 | 707.6 | 1,398.4 | 1,329.6 | 997.8 | 356.2 | 365.0 | 345.5 | 6,127.1 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 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)

| Age group | Married |  |  | Not-married |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 |
| LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME 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 THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 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 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 | 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 WAS MORE FULL-TIME THAN PART-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 WAS MORE PART-TIME THAN FULL-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 WAS ALL PART-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 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 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

| Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks) | Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 |  |
| ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -' 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 |
|  |  |  | - w |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average duration(b) | 18.8 | 25.5 | 25.4 | 26.8 | 29.0 | 32.6 | 37.4 | 25.3 |
| Median duration(b) | 12 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 36 | 52 | 20 |
| TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | - ' |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
|  |  |  | - w |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average duration(b) | 21.7 | 23.9 | 22.5 | 22.4 | 24.0 | 25.0 | *33.3 | 23.0 |
| Median duration(b) | 20 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 21 | 33 | 22 |
| THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - '000- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 | *0.0 |
| Total | 47.3 | 50.4 | 78.4 | 60.4 | 34.7 | 11.1 | 4.6 | 287.0 |
| Males | 27.1 | 29.9 | 48.6 | 34.1 | 21.8 | 9.4 | 4.6 | 175.6 |
| Females | 20.2 | 20.4 | 29.8 | 26.3 | 13.0 | *1.7 | *0.0 | 111.4 |
|  |  |  | - w |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - '000- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 39.6 | 54.5 | 63.0 | 44.8 | 29.5 | 7.7 | *3.8 | 243.5 |
| 52 | 36.7 | 71.9 | 92.3 | 83.1 | 61.0 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 386.5 |
| Total | 396.9 | 421.0 | 531.2 | 400.0 | 244.1 | 68.9 | 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 | 173.4 | 101.6 | 14.1 | *3.7 | 880.1 |
| - weeks - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |

(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 ('000)

| Main activity when not in the labour force | Time not in the labour force during the year (weeks) |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 and under 4 | $\begin{gathered} 4 \text { and } \\ \text { under } 13 \end{gathered}$ | 13 and under 26 | $\begin{array}{r} 26 \text { and } \\ \text { under } 39 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 39 \text { and } \\ \text { under } 52 \end{array}$ | 52 |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| Worked in an unpaid voluntary job | *2.5 | 6.4 | *3.3 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 27.4 | 51.5 |
| 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 |

TABLE 10. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE ('000)

|  | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian <br> Capital <br> Territory | Australia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population 1: <br> 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: <br> 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: <br> 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: <br> 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: <br> 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 |

## 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 $A B S$ 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.
3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard 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.
('000)

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:

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

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:

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

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

| Size of estimate (Persons) | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | ACT | Australia |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Relative } \\ \text { standard } \\ \text { error } \\ \text { (per cent) } \end{array}$ |
| 100 |  |  |  | 120 |  | 90 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 125.4 |
| 200 |  | 230 | 210 | 180 | 200 | 130 | 140 | 120 | 190 | 94.9 |
| 300 | 320 | 290 | 260 | 220 | 250 | 160 | 170 | 140 | 240 | 80.2 |
| 400 | 370 | 340 | 300 | 260 | 280 | 190 | 190 | 160 | 280 | 71.0 |
| 500 | 420 | 380 | 340 | 290 | 310 | 210 | 210 | 180 | 320 | 64.5 |
| 600 | 460 | 420 | 370 | 310 | 340 | 230 | 230 | 190 | 360 | 59.6 |
| 700 | 500 | 450 | 400 | 340 | 370 | 240 | 250 | 210 | 390 | 55.7 |
| 800 | 530 | 490 | 430 | 360 | 400 | 260 | 260 | 220 | 420 | 52.5 |
| 900 | 560 | 520 | 460 | 380 | 420 | 280 | 280 | 230 | 450 | 49.8 |
| 1,000 | 590 | 540 | 480 | 400 | 440 | 290 | 290 | 240 | 480 | 47.5 |
| 1,100 | 620 | 570 | 510 | 420 | 460 | 300 | 300 | 250 | 500 | 45.5 |
| 1,200 | 650 | 600 | 530 | 440 | 480 | 310 | 310 | 260 | 520 | 43.7 |
| 1,300 | 680 | 620 | 550 | 460 | 500 | 330 | 330 | 270 | 550 | 42.2 |
| 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 |
| 4,500 | 1,250 | 1,150 | 990 | 810 | 880 | 550 | 570 | 460 | 1,050 | 23.5 |
| 5,000 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,050 | 850 | 920 | 580 | 600 | 490 | 1,100 | 22.3 |
| 6,000 | 1,400 | 1,300 | 1,150 | 920 | 1,000 | 620 | 650 | 520 | 1,200 | 20.4 |
| 8,000 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,300 | 1,050 | 1,150 | 690 | 750 | 590 | 1,400 | 17.7 |
| 10,000 | 1,750 | 1,650 | 1,400 | 1,150 | 1,250 | 750 | 830 | 640 | 1,600 | 15.8 |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  | 21,000 | 0.4 |
| 10,000,000 | 23,900 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26,500 | 0.3 |
| 20,000,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32,900 | 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 parttime.

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

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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


Member of a family
Husband or wife
With children aged 0-14 present
Without children aged $0-14$ present
Sole parent
With children aged 0-14 present
Without children aged $0-14$ present
Other family head
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)
Other child(b) of married couple or family head
Other relative of married couple or family head
Not a member of a family
Living alone
Not living alone
Family status not determined
(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.
(b) Aged 15 and over.

7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL
Born in Australia
Born outside Australia
Arrived before 1961
Arrived 1961-1970
Arrived 1971-1980
Arrived 1981 to survey date
7B BIRTHPLACE (1)
Born in Australia
Born outside Australia
Born in main English speaking countries(a)
Born in other countries
(a) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand.

7C BIRTHPLACE (2)
Born in Australia
Born outside Australia
Oceania
New Zealand
Europe and the USSR
Germany
Greece
Italy
Netherlands
UK and Ireland
Former Yugoslav Republics
The Middle East and North Africa
Lebanon
Southeast Asia
Malaysia
Philippines
Viet Nam
Northeast Asia China
The Americas
Other
India
8 AGE
(Single years collected)
15-19
20-24
25-34
35-44
45-54
55-59
60-64
65-69

DATA ITEM
POPULATIONS
9 LABOUR FORCE STATUS
AT MARCH 1993
In labour force
Working
Looking for work
Not in labour force
10 STATUS OF WORKER
AT MARCH 1993

## Working

Employer
Self-employed
Wage or salary earner
Unpaid family helper
Payment in kind
Not working
11 FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS
IN ALL JOBS AT MARCH 1993
Working
Full-time
Part-time
Not determined
Not working
12 TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE
ALL
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
13 TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR
ALL
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
14 TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE
DURING THE YEAR

## 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
15 NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS/BUSINESSES ALL DURING THE YEAR
None
One
Two
Three
Four or more

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 part-time
Time worked was more part-time than full-time
Time worked was all part-time
Did not work at any time
17 TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK
DURING THE YEAR
Nil weeks
Looked for work 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
18 NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING
FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR
One
Two
Three
Four or more
19 MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE
LABOUR FORCE
Retired or voluntarily inactive
Home duties/childcare
Attended an educational institution
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
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
21 WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE
AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR
In the labour force at some time
For whole year
For part of year
Not in the labour force at any time
ALL

ALL

WHETHER WORKED AT SOME TIME
ALL
DURING THE YEAR
Worked at some time
For whole year
For part of year
Did not work at any time
24 TIME WORKED PART-TIME
DURING THE YEAR

## Nil weeks

Worked part-time 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

26 WHETHER WORKED WITH CURRENT
ALL EMPLOYER FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE
Worked at some time during the year
One employer during the year
With current employer for one year or more Had unpaid absence from work during the year Did not have unpaid absence from work during the year
With current employer for less than one year More than one employer during the year Did not work at any time

NOTE: More detailed breakdowns of some data items are available.

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[^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.

