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ONE IN SIX LOOKED FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Seventeen per cent of persons aged 15 to 69 had looked for work at some time in the 12 months ending March 1993, according to results of the Labour Force Experience Survey released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

This proportion has been increasing steadily since 1990 when 12 per cent of persons had looked for work at some time during the previous year. Some 20 per cent of males and 14 per cent of females had looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1993.

Of those persons who looked for work at some time during the year, 18 per cent had looked for work for all 52 weeks, while 38 per cent had looked for work for less than 13 weeks. Of those who had looked for work for part of the year, three-quarters had also worked at some time.

The results also show that of the 12.3 million Australian residents aged 15 to 69 years in March 1993 -

- 8.6 million persons (70%) had worked at some time during the previous year
- 2.1 million persons (17%) had looked for work at some time during the year
- 5.3 million persons (43%) were not in the labour force at some time during the year.

An estimated 4.9 million males and 3.7 million females had worked at some time during the year. Of those persons -

- 67 per cent worked for the full year
- 82 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full time basis compared with 51 per cent of female workers
- 12 per cent had held more than one job during the year.

There were 5.3 million persons who were not in the labour force at some time during the year. For females, the main activity while not in the labour force was 'home duties/childcare' (60%) and for males, the main activities were 'attended an educational institution' (31%) and 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (28%).

Details are in *Labour Force Experience, Australia, March 1993* (Cat. No. 6206.0), available at a cost of \$12.70 from ABS Bookshops in each capital city.

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