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#### **ADDITIONAL DATA ON REQUEST**

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request.

Appendix D (page 32) specifies the variables, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables.

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

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

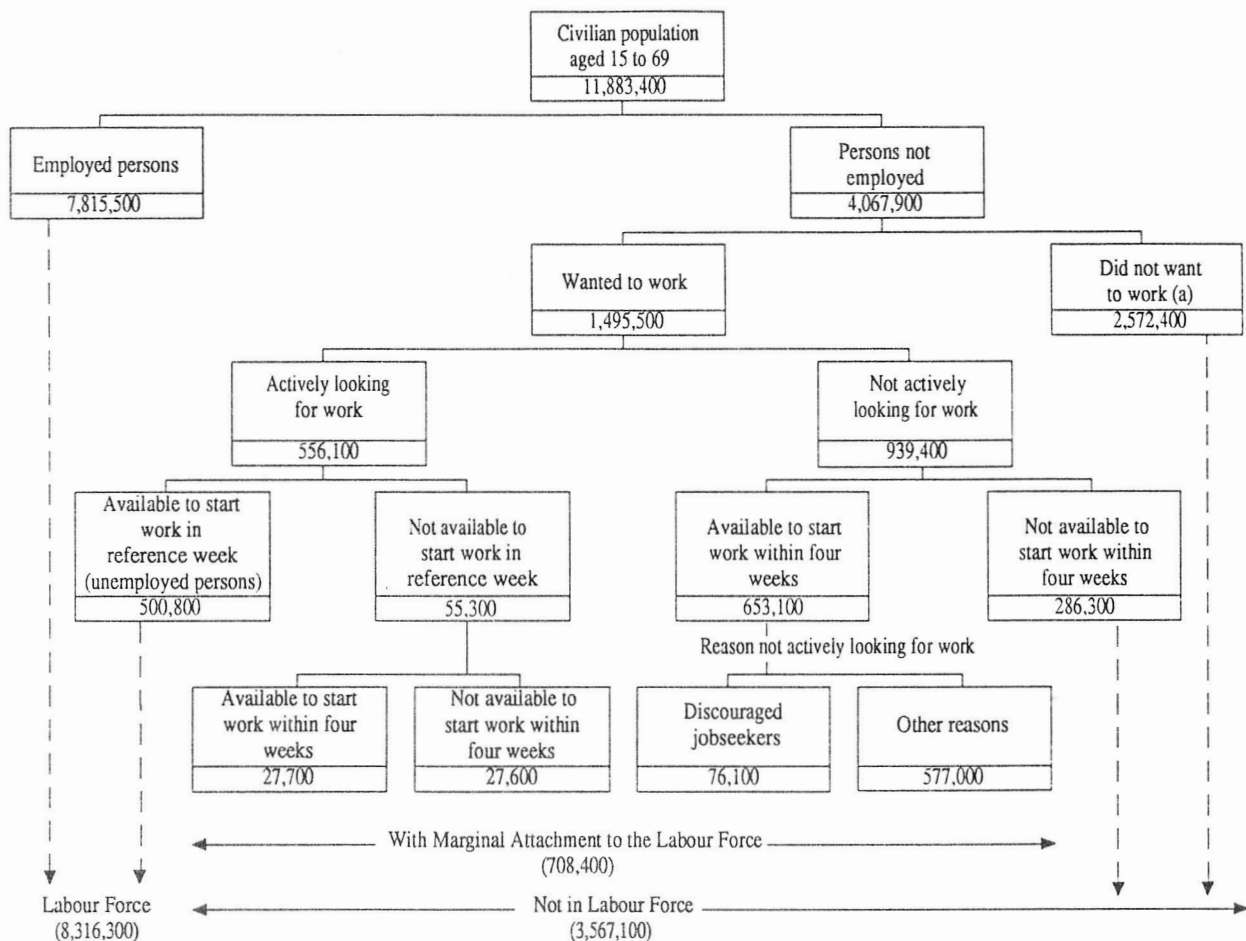
### Persons not in the labour force

In September 1989, persons not in the labour force numbered 3,567,100 and accounted for 30 per cent of the civilian population aged 15 to 69. This proportion is similar to the proportion estimated in March 1988 and September 1988 (31 per cent).

- Females comprised some 69 per cent of those not in the labour force, whereas they constituted 41 per cent of persons in the labour force.
- Some 75 per cent of women not in the labour force gave home duties/childcare as their main activity. This category accounted for 8 per cent of men not in the labour force.
- There were approximately the same numbers (about 320,000) of men and women not in the labour force whose main activity was attending an educational institution.
- About 37 per cent of males and 4 per cent of females not in the labour force were reported as retired/voluntarily inactive.
- Of those persons not in the labour force, approximately one person in three had either last had a job twenty or more years ago, or had never had a job.

The various groups of persons either in the labour force or not in the labour force, including those marginally attached to the labour force, are shown schematically in the following diagram.

DIAGRAM 1. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE TO PERSONS IN OR NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1989



(a) Includes institutionalised, boarding school pupils and persons permanently unable to work.

Source : Table 1

### Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work

The September 1989 survey estimated 994,700 persons aged 15 to 69 who wanted to work but were not in the labour force (ie. neither employed nor unemployed). The 15 to 24 years age group made up 31 per cent of this number, the 25 to 34 years age group accounted for 26 per cent, while 19 per cent were aged 35 to 44 years.

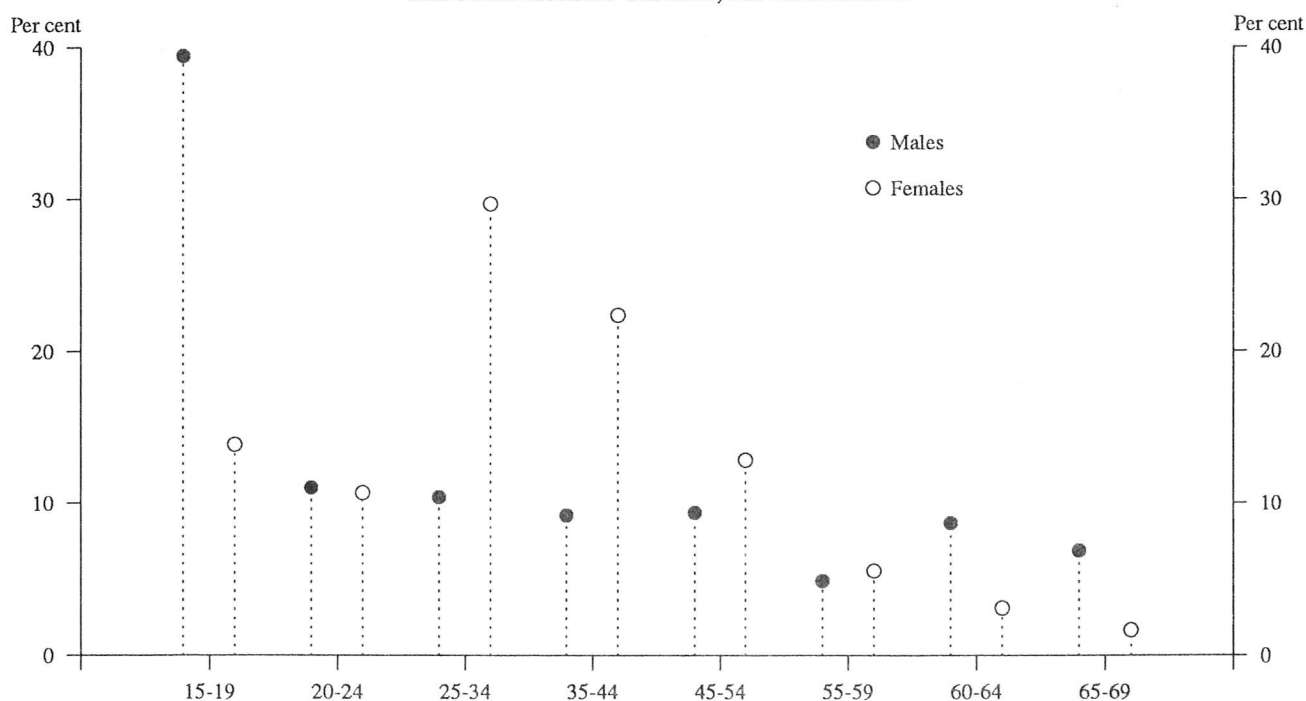
Of those persons not in the labour force who wanted to work, an estimated 286,300 persons (29 per cent) were neither actively looking for work, nor were available to start work within four weeks.

### Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force

Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force (ie. persons neither employed nor unemployed who nevertheless reported some attachment to the labour force) numbered 708,400 in September 1989. This represents 20 per cent of all persons aged 15 to 69 not in the labour force.

- Some 74 per cent of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force were females.
- An estimated 43 per cent of females who were not actively looking for work, but were available to start work within four weeks reported family reasons as their main reason for not looking for work— mainly because they were unable to find suitable child care; that their children were too young or that they preferred to look after their children.
- For males with marginal attachment to the labour force, 51 per cent were in the age range 15 to 24 years, whereas this age group accounted for 25 per cent of females with marginal attachment to the labour force. Some 29 per cent of females were in the age group 25 to 34 years and a further 22 per cent were aged 35 to 44 years.
- Just over four out of ten persons marginally attached to the labour force intended to look for work in the next twelve months, while a further two out of ten stated that they did not know or might look.
- Common reasons reported for not actively looking, by those who did not intend to look for work were—  
Unable to find suitable childcare (19 per cent), children too young, preferred to look after children (18 per cent), own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy (11 per cent); and for those who stated they intended to look for work, attending an educational institution (29 per cent) was the main reason.
- The majority of persons with marginal attachment stated a preference for part-time work (71 per cent) with 26 per cent stating a full-time preference. The remainder stated that they had no preference.

DIAGRAM 2. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE BY GENDER, SEPTEMBER 1989



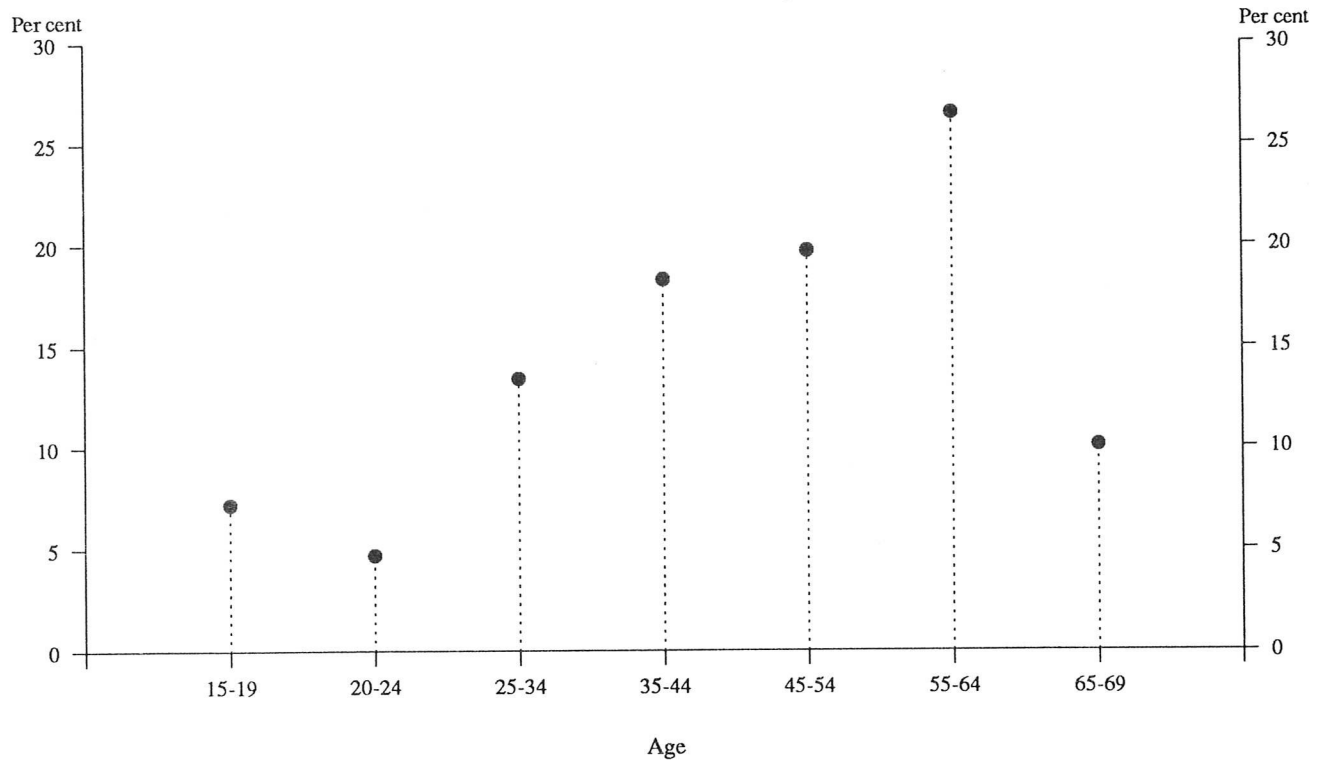


### Discouraged jobseekers

In September 1989 there were an estimated 76,100 discouraged jobseekers. The lowest percentage of these persons was in the 20 to 24 age group (5 per cent) and the highest percentage was in the 55 to 64 age group with 27 per cent. In previous surveys, these age groups have consistently had the lowest and highest numbers of discouraged jobseekers, respectively.

The estimated number of discouraged jobseekers has declined in each of the last four surveys, with the most prominent decrease occurring for the 35 to 44 year age group.

DIAGRAM 3. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS, SEPTEMBER 1989



Source: Table 3

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS,  
MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989  
(\*000)

	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
MALES						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,533.0	5,590.5	5,654.9	5,764.5	5,829.8	5,977.6
Persons in the labour force	4,543.2	4,570.4	4,632.7	4,711.6	4,718.5	4,872.8
Persons not in the labour force	989.8	1,020.1	1,022.2	1,052.9	1,111.4	1,104.8
With marginal attachment to the labour force	153.9	156.8	163.9	177.6	190.8	186.9
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	14.0	26.3	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8
Were available to start work within four weeks	10.0	9.1	10.0	10.8	14.8	12.6
Were not available to start work within four weeks	4.0	17.1	2.1	2.5	19.9	13.2
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	139.9	130.5	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1
Discouraged jobseekers	21.8	16.2	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2
Other	118.1	114.3	129.6	144.8	136.4	142.9
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	835.9	863.3	858.2	875.3	920.6	917.9
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	64.1	67.4	54.5	63.1	73.9	76.4
Did not want to work	704.0	731.4	733.3	745.5	782.8	759.1
Permanently unable to work	22.7	23.5	20.0	24.1	26.4	25.3
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	45.1	41.0	50.5	42.6	37.5	57.0
FEMALES						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,495.3	5,550.8	5,613.0	5,722.5	5,783.8	5,905.8
Persons in the labour force	2,977.6	3,019.5	3,138.4	3,255.1	3,274.7	3,443.5
Persons not in the labour force	2,517.7	2,531.3	2,474.6	2,467.4	2,509.1	2,462.3
With marginal attachment to the labour force	543.5	580.4	532.5	547.4	530.9	521.5
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	21.1	30.7	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5
Were available to start work within four weeks	14.9	17.5	13.5	16.1	20.0	15.2
Were not available to start work within four weeks	6.2	13.2	5.5	4.2	11.0	14.4
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	522.4	549.6	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0
Discouraged jobseekers	69.8	67.4	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9
Other	452.6	482.2	441.2	454.6	435.7	434.1
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	1,974.1	1,950.9	1,942.1	1,919.9	1,978.2	1,940.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	195.6	192.5	177.4	187.2	207.4	209.9
Did not want to work	1,742.7	1,722.4	1,727.6	1,692.4	1,732.9	1,692.0
Permanently unable to work	10.5	12.0	8.8	13.4	10.8	9.8
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	25.4	24.0	28.3	26.9	27.1	29.2
PERSONS						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	11,028.3	11,141.3	11,267.9	11,487.0	11,613.6	11,883.4
Persons in the labour force	7,520.8	7,589.9	7,771.2	7,966.8	7,993.2	8,316.3
Persons not in the labour force	3,507.5	3,551.4	3,496.7	3,520.2	3,620.4	3,567.1
With marginal attachment to the labour force	697.4	737.2	696.4	725.0	721.7	708.4
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	35.2	57.0	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3
Were available to start work within four weeks	25.0	26.7	23.6	26.9	34.8	27.7
Were not available to start work within four weeks	10.2	30.3	7.6	6.7	30.9	27.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	662.3	680.2	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1
Discouraged jobseekers	91.5	83.6	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1
Other	570.7	596.5	570.9	599.4	572.2	577.0
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	2,810.1	2,814.2	2,800.3	2,795.2	2,898.8	2,858.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	259.6	259.9	231.8	250.3	281.3	286.3
Did not want to work	2,446.6	2,453.8	2,460.9	2,437.8	2,515.7	2,451.1
Permanently unable to work	33.3	35.5	28.8	37.5	37.2	35.1
Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils	70.5	65.0	78.8	69.5	64.7	86.2

(a) Includes patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols etc.

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:  
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
MALES						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	14.0	26.3	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	139.9	130.5	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to (a)	6.8	4.9	8.6	6.6	5.8	8.0
Personal reasons	96.0	93.5	105.7	118.4	110.4	114.7
Family reasons	*3.5	3.8	*3.8	5.7	*4.1	5.1
Discouraged jobseekers	21.8	16.2	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2
No jobs in suitable hours	*1.0	*1.1	*1.2	*1.3	*2.1	*1.1
Other reasons	9.4	10.4	9.7	11.4	12.5	12.6
Did not know	*1.3	*0.6	*0.8	*1.4	*1.5	*1.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>153.9</i>	<i>156.8</i>	<i>163.9</i>	<i>177.6</i>	<i>190.8</i>	<i>186.9</i>
FEMALES						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	21.1	30.7	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	522.4	549.6	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0
<i>Main reasons for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to (a)	15.0	15.6	15.1	17.4	13.4	12.1
Personal reasons	151.5	152.4	153.0	161.7	145.8	159.9
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	36.2	33.3	36.5	42.5	35.0	44.3
Attending an educational institution	57.3	55.5	58.0	65.4	55.7	63.8
Had no need to work	31.0	32.3	27.7	25.6	28.3	25.9
Give others a chance	3.7	6.3	4.6	5.9	*3.6	*2.8
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	14.1	12.7	15.2	12.5	10.5	11.8
Moved house/holidays	9.2	12.2	11.1	9.9	12.6	11.2
Family reasons	237.4	263.3	235.1	236.3	239.2	222.5
Ill health of other than self	12.4	10.8	11.6	11.0	10.6	10.8
Unable to find suitable childcare	69.4	71.9	67.6	79.5	83.1	73.6
Children too young/preferred to look after children	116.0	138.7	116.1	106.8	107.7	102.0
Other family considerations	39.5	42.0	39.7	39.0	37.8	36.1
Discouraged jobseekers	69.8	67.4	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	22.5	18.1	25.0	25.0	23.5	22.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	4.2	3.1	3.3	5.6	5.3	*3.0
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	9.8	8.5	10.4	10.9	12.0	9.0
No jobs in locality or line of work	22.6	27.8	23.7	24.1	17.5	19.3
No jobs at all	10.7	9.7	9.8	7.0	5.7	*3.8
No jobs in suitable hours	16.4	15.4	10.7	13.4	8.6	9.5
Other reasons	24.6	29.7	19.2	21.4	24.1	23.9
Did not know	7.8	5.8	8.2	4.5	4.7	6.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>543.5</i>	<i>580.4</i>	<i>532.5</i>	<i>547.4</i>	<i>530.9</i>	<i>521.5</i>
PERSONS						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	35.2	57.0	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	662.3	680.2	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to (a)	21.8	20.5	34.7	23.9	19.1	20.1
Personal reasons	247.5	245.9	258.7	280.1	256.2	274.5
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	61.6	55.9	61.1	76.2	69.6	79.2
Attending an educational institution	111.1	106.9	119.8	128.2	111.0	122.1
Had no need to work	37.6	39.6	36.8	32.7	35.9	34.9
Give others a chance	4.3	7.1	5.2	6.4	*3.8	*3.1
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	18.2	18.9	20.4	17.7	16.9	16.3
Moved house/holidays	14.7	17.6	15.3	19.0	19.0	19.0
Family reasons	240.9	267.1	238.9	242.0	243.2	227.6
Ill health of other than self	12.9	11.4	12.9	12.7	12.7	11.4
Unable to find suitable childcare	70.1	72.6	68.2	81.0	83.7	74.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	117.2	140.2	117.2	108.2	108.3	102.8
Other family considerations	40.6	43.0	40.5	40.2	38.6	39.1
Discouraged jobseekers	91.5	83.6	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1
Considered too young or too old by employers	33.2	25.5	35.1	35.4	32.5	30.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	5.2	3.8	4.2	6.0	6.5	*3.8
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	11.5	10.2	12.5	12.6	14.6	10.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	28.2	32.7	31.1	29.7	23.0	25.7
No jobs at all	13.4	11.4	11.6	8.4	7.2	5.2
No jobs in suitable hours	17.5	16.5	11.8	14.7	10.7	10.6
Other reasons	34.0	40.2	28.9	32.8	36.7	36.4
Did not know	9.0	6.4	9.0	5.9	6.3	7.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>697.4</i>	<i>737.2</i>	<i>696.4</i>	<i>725.0</i>	<i>721.7</i>	<i>708.4</i>

(a) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: AGE, MARCH 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1989 ('000)

Age group	March 1986	Sept. 1986	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989
15-19	7.2	7.1	6.7	7.9	8.0	5.5
20-24	6.0	*2.9	*3.1	*2.7	*3.5	*3.6
25-34	12.7	12.8	11.7	15.3	12.8	10.2
35-44	18.1	18.6	21.8	19.0	15.3	13.9
45-54	18.4	13.9	18.6	15.4	14.8	15.0
55-64	19.7	19.6	23.1	22.3	22.3	20.2
65-69	9.4	8.7	9.4	9.5	7.1	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>76.1</b>

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB AND MAIN ACTIVITY, SEPTEMBER 1989 ('000)

Occupation in last job	Main activity						Total
	Home duties/ childcare	Attending an educational institution	Retired/ voluntarily inactive	Own illness/ injury; own disability/ handicap	Worked in unpaid voluntary job	Other	
MALES							
Last job less than 20 years ago	77.3	109.3	379.5	151.3	16.9	68.0	802.2
Managers and administrators	8.6	* 2.3	56.7	12.1	* 2.8	9.0	91.5
Professionals	* 4.2	9.8	29.3	* 3.8	* 2.0	7.1	56.1
Para-professionals	* 3.4	4.6	27.2	* 4.2	* 1.1	* 2.3	42.9
Tradespersons	19.9	7.8	84.0	33.9	* 4.3	14.8	164.7
Clerks	4.9	9.8	26.5	7.9	* 0.4	4.5	54.0
Salespersons and personal service workers	* 4.2	22.3	20.3	7.2	* 1.2	* 4.2	59.3
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	12.0	6.1	47.0	27.2	* 2.2	7.1	101.6
Labourers and related workers	20.3	46.5	88.6	55.0	* 3.0	18.9	232.3
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 2.2	* 0.0	7.2	5.2	* 0.0	* 1.8	16.4
Had never had a job	* 2.4	211.9	* 2.1	5.6	* 0.0	7.2	229.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>321.1</b>	<b>388.7</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>1,047.7</b>
FEMALES							
Last job less than 20 years ago	1,324.3	105.4	78.1	43.0	17.2	62.7	1,630.7
Managers and administrators	56.1	* 2.4	10.0	* 2.7	* 2.0	* 3.3	76.5
Professionals	75.3	8.0	* 3.9	* 2.0	* 2.5	6.0	97.8
Para-professionals	56.4	* 3.3	* 3.0	* 1.9	* 1.3	5.0	70.9
Tradespersons	63.5	* 1.4	* 3.8	* 2.1	* 1.1	* 4.0	75.8
Clerks	341.8	20.5	24.7	8.1	4.5	16.2	415.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	303.8	54.4	13.9	9.3	* 4.4	8.6	394.4
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	101.3	* 1.5	* 3.2	5.3	* 0.3	* 2.7	114.2
Labourers and related workers	326.0	13.9	15.7	11.7	* 1.1	17.0	385.3
Last job 20 or more years ago	376.6	* 2.0	22.8	8.9	* 1.2	17.8	429.3
Had never had a job	131.5	219.0	6.7	7.4	* 0.5	8.1	373.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,832.4</b>	<b>326.3</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>2,433.2</b>
PERSONS							
Last job less than 20 years ago	1,401.6	214.6	457.6	194.2	34.1	130.7	2,432.9
Managers and administrators	64.7	4.7	66.7	14.7	4.8	12.3	168.0
Professionals	79.5	17.8	33.2	5.7	4.5	13.1	153.8
Para-professionals	59.8	7.9	30.2	6.2	* 2.4	7.4	113.8
Tradespersons	83.4	9.2	87.8	36.0	5.4	18.8	240.6
Clerks	346.6	30.3	51.2	16.0	5.0	20.7	469.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	308.0	76.7	34.1	16.5	5.5	12.8	453.6
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	113.3	7.6	50.1	32.4	* 2.4	9.8	215.7
Labourers and related workers	346.2	60.5	104.3	66.7	* 4.1	35.9	617.6
Last job 20 or more years ago	378.8	* 2.0	29.9	14.1	* 1.2	19.6	445.6
Had never had a job	133.9	430.9	8.8	13.0	* 0.5	15.4	602.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,914.3</b>	<b>647.5</b>	<b>496.3</b>	<b>221.3</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>3,480.9</b>

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

**TABLE 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB, STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB AND FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORKER IN LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1989 ('000)**

Reason for ceasing last job	Last job less than 20 years ago							
	Status of worker in last job			Full-time or part-time worker in last job				
	Em- ployers	Self- employed (a)	Wage and salary earners	Full-time	Part-time	Varied/ did not know	Last job 20 or more years ago	Total
Job loser	16.7	49.4	758.5	569.3	242.2	13.1	48.4	873.0
Retrenched	* 2.6	5.4	222.8	140.8	85.1	4.9	9.3	240.1
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	* 0.6	* 3.3	123.8	45.5	78.8	* 3.4	6.3	134.0
Own ill health or injury	8.7	29.4	408.3	366.8	74.8	4.8	31.1	477.5
Business closed down for economic reasons	4.8	11.3	* 3.6	16.2	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 1.7	21.4
Job leaver	53.4	78.2	1,450.8	1,103.8	459.9	18.7	397.3	1,979.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	* 0.0	* 1.4	71.6	33.9	38.5	* 0.6	* 1.6	74.6
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	* 0.0	* 0.5	62.7	27.6	34.0	* 1.5	* 0.0	63.1
Retired/ did not want to work any longer	26.2	32.3	491.6	425.8	120.0	* 4.4	41.8	592.0
Returned to studies	* 0.5	* 1.2	80.7	43.9	36.2	* 2.2	* 0.5	82.9
To get married	* 0.5	* 1.4	54.4	49.7	5.7	* 1.0	195.6	252.0
Pregnancy/ to have children	* 1.7	* 4.0	361.9	273.3	91.0	* 3.3	86.5	454.2
To look after family, house or someone else	* 1.9	5.6	131.5	85.9	51.4	* 1.8	47.3	186.3
To have holiday/ to move house/ spouse transferred	* 2.3	5.5	140.0	89.5	55.7	* 2.6	14.6	162.4
Business closed down for other reasons	18.9	21.6	12.7	46.3	6.6	* 0.4	* 4.3	57.5
Other	* 1.3	4.6	43.6	27.8	20.8	* 1.1	5.1	54.7
Not asked(b)	* 0.0	* 0.0	25.9	17.3	7.9	* 0.7	* 0.0	25.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>2,235.2</b>	<b>1,690.3</b>	<b>710.0</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>445.6</b>	<b>2,878.5</b>
Males	32.3	59.7	710.1	690.2	103.4	8.6	16.4	818.5
Females	37.8	67.9	1,525.0	1,000.2	606.6	24.0	429.3	2,060.0

(a) Includes unpaid family helpers. (b) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE : MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, SEPTEMBER 1989 ('000)

	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Type of work preferred			Total
	Intended to look	Did not intend to look	Did not know/might look	Not asked(a)	Full-time	Part-time	No preference	
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	..	..	..	55.3	30.1	23.5	* 1.7	55.3
Were available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	27.7	13.3	13.6	* 0.8	27.7
Were not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	27.6	16.8	10.0	* 0.9	27.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	296.8	190.0	146.1	20.1	150.9	477.4	24.7	653.1
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work-</i>								
Had a job to go to(b)	..	..	..	20.1	11.4	7.9	* 0.8	20.1
Personal reasons	148.6	65.6	60.4	..	76.3	189.5	8.8	274.5
Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy	33.2	21.7	24.3	..	24.7	49.8	4.7	79.2
Attending an educational institution	86.2	17.4	18.4	..	35.7	85.2	* 1.2	122.1
Had no need to work	10.3	14.0	10.6	..	* 3.6	30.6	* 0.8	34.9
Give others a chance	* 0.6	* 2.1	* 0.4	..	* 0.0	* 2.8	* 0.3	* 3.1
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	* 2.7	9.3	* 4.2	..	* 2.5	12.4	* 1.4	16.3
Moved house/holidays	15.7	* 0.9	* 2.4	..	9.8	8.6	* 0.5	19.0
Family reasons	82.5	87.4	57.7	..	26.5	194.6	6.4	227.6
Ill health of other than self	5.5	* 3.0	* 2.9	..	* 2.2	8.6	* 0.5	11.4
Unable to find suitable childcare	23.9	35.8	14.5	..	11.5	60.7	* 2.1	74.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	39.6	34.1	29.1	..	8.5	92.1	* 2.2	102.8
Other family considerations	13.5	14.5	11.2	..	* 4.3	33.2	* 1.6	39.1
Discouraged jobseekers	34.5	27.0	14.6	..	20.7	49.1	6.3	76.1
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.6	16.1	6.0	..	5.7	23.1	* 1.9	30.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	* 1.7	* 1.2	* 0.9	..	* 2.3	* 1.0	* 0.5	* 3.8
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	5.6	* 3.1	* 1.9	..	* 3.1	6.6	* 0.9	10.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	15.8	5.3	4.6	..	7.7	15.5	* 2.4	25.7
No jobs at all	* 2.8	* 1.2	* 1.2	..	* 1.8	* 2.8	* 0.6	5.2
No jobs in suitable hours	6.6	* 1.3	* 2.8	..	* 1.1	9.5	* 0.0	10.6
Other reasons	20.4	8.2	7.9	..	13.3	21.4	* 1.8	36.4
Did not know	* 4.3	* 0.6	* 2.8	..	* 1.7	5.4	* 0.6	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>296.8</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>181.0</b>	<b>500.9</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>708.4</b>

(a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons as defined in footnote(b). (b) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 7. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Population 1 :</i> All persons not in the labour force(a)	1,273.3	892.9	599.8	306.1	323.3	98.5	30.8	42.4	3,567.1
<i>Population 2 :</i> Persons not in the labour force	1,234.2	873.6	592.1	296.6	314.8	97.4	29.7	42.4	3,480.9
<i>Population 3 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	335.3	236.7	182.9	89.2	96.4	28.0	13.1	13.1	994.7
<i>Population 4 :</i> Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	231.0	165.3	136.5	65.7	72.2	21.2	8.1	8.5	708.4
<i>Population 5 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	211.9	153.1	126.9	61.3	66.1	19.1	6.9	7.7	653.1
<i>Population 6 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged jobseekers	27.0	14.4	14.7	7.3	7.8	3.3	* 0.9	* 0.7	76.1
<i>Population 7 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	104.3	71.3	46.5	23.5	24.2	6.8	5.0	4.6	286.3

(a) Includes institutionalised and boarding school pupils.

TABLE 8. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 2)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> <i>- '000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion</i> <i>(per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,047.7</b>	<b>2,433.2</b>	<b>3,480.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Area-</i>				
Metropolitan	640.2	1,472.2	2,112.4	60.7
Non metropolitan	407.5	960.9	1,368.5	39.3
<i>Marital status-</i>				
Married	541.0	1,619.0	2,160.0	62.1
Not married	506.7	814.2	1,320.9	37.9
<i>Family status-</i>				
Member of a family	850.6	2,067.9	2,918.5	83.8
Husband or wife	514.0	1,540.5	2,054.5	59.0
With dependents present	96.6	755.4	852.0	24.5
Without dependents present	417.4	785.1	1,202.5	34.5
Other family head	14.9	210.6	225.5	6.5
With dependents present	7.0	141.6	148.6	4.3
Without dependents present	7.9	68.9	76.9	2.2
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	254.4	247.8	502.2	14.4
Other child/relative of married couple or family head	67.3	69.1	136.4	3.9
Not a member of a family	126.8	233.4	360.2	10.3
Living alone	79.5	192.1	271.6	7.8
Not living alone	47.2	41.3	88.5	2.5
Family status not determined	70.4	131.8	202.2	5.8
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival-</i>				
Born in Australia	729.7	1,739.1	2,468.8	70.9
Born outside Australia	318.1	694.1	1,012.1	29.1
Born in main English speaking countries(b)	111.5	250.5	362.0	10.4
Born in other countries	206.6	443.6	650.1	18.7
Arrived before 1961	132.1	218.5	350.6	10.1
Arrived 1961-1970	72.7	184.3	257.0	7.4
Arrived 1971-1980	44.2	129.1	173.3	5.0
Arrived 1981-1989	69.0	162.1	231.2	6.6
<i>Age-</i>				
15-19	264.1	273.6	537.7	15.4
20-24	59.4	143.3	202.8	5.8
25-34	56.6	459.7	516.3	14.8
35-44	64.3	353.7	418.1	12.0
45-54	85.6	322.1	407.7	11.7
55-59	80.9	235.7	316.6	9.1
60-64	175.3	319.1	494.5	14.2
65-69	261.5	325.8	587.3	16.9
<i>Summary variable-</i>				
With marginal attachment to the labour force	186.9	521.5	708.4	20.4
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	25.8	29.5	55.3	1.6
Were available to start work within four weeks	12.6	15.2	27.7	0.8
Were not available to start work within four weeks	13.2	14.4	27.6	0.8
Wanted to work but not actively looking for work and available to start work within four weeks	161.1	492.0	653.1	18.8
Discouraged jobseekers	18.2	57.9	76.1	2.2
Other	142.9	434.1	577.0	16.6
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	860.9	1,911.6	2,772.5	79.6
Wanted to work but not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks	76.4	209.9	286.3	8.2
Did not want to work	759.1	1,692.0	2,451.1	70.4
Permanently unable to work	25.3	9.8	35.1	1.0
Institutionalised(c) and boarding school pupils	..	..	..	..



TABLE 8. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 2) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,047.7</b>	<b>2,433.2</b>	<b>3,480.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Whether wanted to work-</i>				
Wanted to work	263.3	731.4	994.7	28.6
Did not want to work	784.4	1,701.8	2,486.2	71.4
<i>Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(d)-</i>				
Had looked for work	97.1	170.1	267.2	7.7
Less than 5 weeks ago	41.2	58.8	100.0	2.9
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	21.8	44.0	65.8	1.9
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	13.0	25.4	38.4	1.1
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	7.6	15.9	23.5	0.7
26 and less than 39 weeks ago	8.8	15.8	24.5	0.7
39 and less than 52 weeks ago	4.7	10.2	14.9	0.4
Had not looked for work	950.6	2,263.1	3,213.7	92.3
<i>Main activity-</i>				
Housewife/home duties/child care	81.9	1,832.4	1,914.3	55.0
Attending an educational institution	321.1	326.3	647.5	18.6
Retired/voluntarily inactive	388.7	107.6	496.3	14.3
Own illness/injury	* 3.8	* 2.1	5.9	0.2
Own disability/handicap	158.3	57.1	215.4	6.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	27.8	11.0	38.8	1.1
Travel/moving house	10.4	28.9	39.3	1.1
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	16.9	18.9	35.8	1.0
Unpaid leave	17.0	34.2	51.2	1.5
Other	21.7	14.7	36.4	1.0
<i>Time since last job-</i>				
Had had a job	818.5	2,060.0	2,878.5	82.7
Under 12 months	189.7	345.0	534.7	15.4
Under 6 months	95.4	185.4	280.8	8.1
6 and under 12 months	94.4	159.6	254.0	7.3
1 and under 3 years	168.2	299.2	467.4	13.4
3 and under 5 years	142.6	219.3	361.9	10.4
5 and under 10 years	214.4	381.6	596.0	17.1
10 and under 20 years	87.2	385.6	472.8	13.6
20 years or more	16.4	429.3	445.6	12.8
Had never had a job	229.2	373.1	602.4	17.3
<i>Reason for ceasing last job-</i>				
Had had a job	818.5	2,060.0	2,878.5	82.7
Job loser	386.6	486.3	873.0	25.1
Retrenched	77.6	162.5	240.1	6.9
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	27.1	106.8	134.0	3.8
Own ill health or injury	272.9	204.6	477.5	13.7
Business closed down for economic reasons	9.0	12.4	21.4	0.6
Job leaver	426.6	1,553.1	1,979.7	56.9
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	19.6	55.0	74.6	2.1
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	37.0	26.2	63.1	1.8
Retired/did not want to work any longer	265.6	326.4	592.0	17.0
Returned to studies	40.8	42.1	82.9	2.4
To get married	* 0.1	251.9	252.0	7.2
Pregnancy/to have children	* 0.5	453.6	454.2	13.0
To look after family, house or someone else	12.3	174.0	186.3	5.4
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	19.3	143.1	162.4	4.7
Business closed down for other reasons	17.9	39.6	57.5	1.7
Other	13.4	41.3	54.7	1.6
Not asked(e)	5.3	20.6	25.9	0.7
Had never had a job	229.2	373.1	602.4	17.3

TABLE 8. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 2) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,047.7</b>	<b>2,433.2</b>	<b>3,480.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Occupation in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	802.2	1,630.7	2,432.9	69.9
Managers and administrators	91.5	76.5	168.0	4.8
Professionals	56.1	97.8	153.8	4.4
Para-professionals	42.9	70.9	113.8	3.3
Tradespersons	164.7	75.8	240.6	6.9
Clerks	54.0	415.8	469.8	13.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	59.3	394.4	453.6	13.0
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	101.6	114.2	215.7	6.2
Labourers and related workers	232.3	385.3	617.6	17.7
Last job 20 or more years ago	16.4	429.3	445.6	12.8
Had never had a job	229.2	373.1	602.4	17.3
<i>Status of worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	802.2	1,630.7	2,432.9	69.9
Employers	32.3	37.8	70.1	2.0
Self-employed/unpaid family helpers	59.7	67.9	127.6	3.7
Wage and salary earners	710.1	1,525.0	2,235.2	64.2
Last job 20 or more years ago	16.4	429.3	445.6	12.8
Had never had a job	229.2	373.1	602.4	17.3
<i>Full-time part-time worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	802.2	1,630.7	2,432.9	69.9
Full-time	690.2	1,000.2	1,690.3	48.6
Part-time	103.4	606.6	710.0	20.4
Varied/did not know	8.6	24.0	32.6	0.9
Last job 20 or more years ago	16.4	429.3	445.6	12.8
Had never had a job	229.2	373.1	602.4	17.3

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school. (b) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand. (c) Includes patients in hospitals and sanitoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.. (d) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (e) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 9. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK (POPULATION 3)

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>731.4</b>	<b>994.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Area-</i>				
Metropolitan	166.7	437.0	603.7	60.7
Non metropolitan	96.6	294.3	390.9	39.3
<i>Marital status-</i>				
Married	87.7	473.3	561.0	56.4
Not married	175.6	258.0	433.7	43.6
<i>Family status-</i>				
Member of a family	211.0	647.0	858.0	86.3
Husband or wife	84.7	446.6	531.3	53.4
With dependents present	37.8	344.8	382.6	38.5
Without dependents present	46.9	101.8	148.7	15.0
Other family head	6.2	95.8	102.0	10.3
With dependents present	* 4.2	83.5	87.6	8.8
Without dependents present	* 2.1	12.3	14.4	1.4
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	94.7	88.3	183.0	18.4
Other child/relative of married couple or family head	25.3	16.3	41.6	4.2
Not a member of a family	34.1	41.1	75.1	7.6
Living alone	16.6	28.9	45.5	4.6
Not living alone	17.4	12.2	29.6	3.0
Family status not determined	18.2	43.3	61.6	6.2
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival-</i>				
Born in Australia	185.5	535.8	721.3	72.5
Born outside Australia	77.8	195.6	273.3	27.5
Born in main English speaking countries(b)	27.5	82.2	109.7	11.0
Born in other countries	50.3	113.3	163.6	16.4
Arrived before 1961	17.4	28.3	45.7	4.6
Arrived 1961-1970	17.8	54.6	72.4	7.3
Arrived 1971-1980	15.1	48.2	63.4	6.4
Arrived 1981-1989	27.5	64.4	91.8	9.2
<i>Age-</i>				
15-19	102.9	102.5	205.5	20.7
20-24	26.9	78.3	105.2	10.6
25-34	26.5	232.1	258.6	26.0
35-44	27.0	161.5	188.6	19.0
45-54	27.8	87.1	115.0	11.6
55-59	13.9	36.8	50.7	5.1
60-64	21.8	20.7	42.5	4.3
65-69	16.5	12.2	28.7	2.9
<i>Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(c)-</i>				
Had looked for work	83.8	150.7	234.5	23.6
Less than 5 weeks ago	41.2	58.8	100.0	10.1
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	18.8	39.1	58.0	5.8
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	9.5	21.9	31.4	3.2
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	5.6	11.4	17.0	1.7
26 and less than 39 weeks ago	5.9	12.6	18.5	1.9
39 and less than 52 weeks ago	* 2.7	6.9	9.7	1.0
Had not looked for work	179.5	580.7	760.1	76.4
<i>Main activity-</i>				
Housewife/home duties/child care	22.3	545.1	567.4	57.0
Attending an educational institution	121.3	120.9	242.2	24.4
Retired/voluntarily inactive	40.6	14.0	54.6	5.5
Own illness/injury	* 2.6	* 1.9	4.5	0.5
Own disability/handicap	41.1	17.5	58.6	5.9
Looking after ill/disabled person	7.1	* 2.6	9.7	1.0
Travel/moving house	* 3.9	6.8	10.7	1.1
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	9.9	9.4	19.3	1.9
Unpaid leave	* 4.1	7.1	11.2	1.1
Other	10.3	6.2	16.5	1.7

TABLE 9. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO  
WANTED TO WORK (POPULATION 3) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>731.4</b>	<b>994.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Time since last job-</i>				
Had had a job	187.7	632.0	819.7	82.4
Under 12 months	86.1	173.5	259.6	26.1
Under 6 months	49.9	100.5	150.4	15.1
6 and under 12 months	36.2	73.0	109.2	11.0
1 and under 3 years	44.4	136.4	180.7	18.2
3 and under 5 years	24.5	85.9	110.5	11.1
5 and under 10 years	22.7	111.9	134.6	13.5
10 and under 20 years	9.1	93.9	102.9	10.3
20 years or more	* 1.0	30.5	31.5	3.2
Had never had a job	75.6	99.4	175.0	17.6
<i>Reason for ceasing last job-</i>				
Had had a job	187.7	632.0	819.7	82.4
Job loser	98.3	177.5	275.8	27.7
Retrenched	30.8	73.0	103.8	10.4
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	13.7	46.6	60.3	6.1
Own ill health or injury	50.8	53.1	103.9	10.4
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 3.0	4.8	7.7	0.8
Job leaver	84.2	433.9	518.1	52.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	11.2	28.3	39.5	4.0
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	16.3	10.6	26.9	2.7
Retired/did not want to work any longer	16.5	28.2	44.6	4.5
Returned to studies	13.3	16.7	30.0	3.0
To get married	* 0.0	32.8	32.8	3.3
Pregnancy/to have children	* 0.4	178.5	179.0	18.0
To look after family, house or someone else	* 3.3	45.2	48.4	4.9
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	11.2	65.3	76.5	7.7
Business closed down for other reasons	* 4.0	10.9	14.9	1.5
Other	8.0	17.5	25.5	2.6
Not asked(d)	5.3	20.6	25.9	2.6
Had never had a job	75.6	99.4	175.0	17.6
<i>Occupation in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	186.7	601.5	788.3	79.2
Managers and administrators	14.8	21.9	36.7	3.7
Professionals	12.4	37.7	50.1	5.0
Para-professionals	7.5	29.4	36.9	3.7
Tradespersons	36.9	24.2	61.2	6.2
Clerks	9.8	151.4	161.2	16.2
Salespersons and personal service workers	21.2	160.7	181.9	18.3
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	18.8	39.1	57.9	5.8
Labourers and related workers	65.3	137.1	202.4	20.3
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 1.0	30.5	31.5	3.2
Had never had a job	75.6	99.4	175.0	17.6
<i>Status of worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	186.7	601.5	788.3	79.2
Employers	* 3.4	10.0	13.4	1.3
Self-employed/unpaid family helpers	10.6	18.1	28.7	2.9
Wage and salary earners	172.7	573.5	746.1	75.0
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 1.0	30.5	31.5	3.2
Had never had a job	75.6	99.4	175.0	17.6

TABLE 9. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK (POPULATION 3) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>731.4</b>	<b>994.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Full-time part-time worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	186.7	601.5	788.3	79.2
Full-time	142.8	354.4	497.2	50.0
Part-time	40.0	237.3	277.3	27.9
Varied/did not know	* 3.9	9.9	13.8	1.4
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 1.0	30.5	31.5	3.2
Had never had a job	75.6	99.4	175.0	17.6
<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months-</i>				
Intended to look/might look	159.8	404.5	564.3	56.7
Intended to look	119.7	273.3	393.0	39.5
Might look	40.1	131.3	171.3	17.2
Did not intend to look/did not know	67.8	272.4	340.2	34.2
Did not intend to look	61.1	241.6	302.7	30.4
Did not know	6.8	30.7	37.5	3.8
Not asked(e)	35.7	54.4	90.2	9.1
<i>Type of work preferred-</i>				
Full-time	132.2	136.2	268.4	27.0
Part-time	117.8	565.7	683.4	68.7
No preference	13.3	29.6	42.9	4.3

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school. (b) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand. (c) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (d) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (e) Comprises persons who had had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 10. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 4)

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.9</b>	<b>521.5</b>	<b>708.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Area-</i>				
Metropolitan	118.9	299.8	418.7	59.1
Non metropolitan	68.0	221.7	289.7	40.9
<i>Marital status-</i>				
Married	58.6	335.2	393.8	55.6
Not married	128.3	186.3	314.6	44.4
<i>Family status-</i>				
Member of a family	149.4	460.4	609.7	86.1
Husband or wife	56.4	317.7	374.1	52.8
With dependents present	21.8	238.9	260.7	36.8
Without dependents present	34.6	78.8	113.4	16.0
Other family head	4.7	67.6	72.4	10.2
With dependents present	* 3.1	59.3	62.5	8.8
Without dependents present	* 1.6	8.3	9.9	1.4
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	68.0	61.8	129.8	18.3
Other child/relative of married couple or family head	20.3	13.1	33.5	4.7
Not a member of a family	24.1	31.1	55.2	7.8
Living alone	11.7	21.3	33.0	4.7
Not living alone	12.4	9.8	22.2	3.1
Family status not determined	13.4	30.0	43.5	6.1
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival-</i>				
Born in Australia	136.3	390.9	527.1	74.4
Born outside Australia	50.6	130.6	181.2	25.6
Born in main English speaking countries(b)	19.8	56.3	76.1	10.7
Born in other countries	30.8	74.4	105.2	14.9
Arrived before 1961	11.0	20.9	31.9	4.5
Arrived 1961-1970	12.3	38.5	50.8	7.2
Arrived 1971-1980	9.6	32.7	42.3	6.0
Arrived 1981-1989	17.6	38.6	56.2	7.9
<i>Age-</i>				
15-19	73.9	72.4	146.3	20.7
20-24	20.5	55.4	75.9	10.7
25-34	19.4	155.1	174.6	24.6
35-44	17.2	116.7	134.0	18.9
45-54	17.6	67.3	84.9	12.0
55-59	9.1	29.3	38.5	5.4
60-64	16.2	16.3	32.5	4.6
65-69	12.9	8.9	21.7	3.1
<i>Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(c)-</i>				
Had looked for work	70.1	133.4	203.5	28.7
Less than 5 weeks ago	38.2	56.4	94.7	13.4
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	15.0	33.5	48.5	6.8
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	7.1	19.1	26.2	3.7
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	4.5	8.9	13.4	1.9
26 and less than 39 weeks ago	* 3.8	9.9	13.7	1.9
39 and less than 52 weeks ago	* 1.5	5.5	7.0	1.0
Had not looked for work	116.7	388.1	504.9	71.3
<i>Main activity-</i>				
Housewife/home duties/child care	16.5	391.3	407.8	57.6
Attending an educational institution	86.3	84.1	170.4	24.1
Retired/voluntarily inactive	32.2	10.5	42.7	6.0
Own illness/injury	* 2.3	* 1.4	* 3.6	0.5
Own disability/handicap	22.5	9.5	32.1	4.5
Looking after ill/disabled person	4.8	* 1.8	6.6	0.9
Travel/moving house	* 1.6	4.7	6.2	0.9
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	8.5	7.3	15.8	2.2
Unpaid leave	* 3.8	5.8	9.6	1.4
Other	8.5	5.2	13.7	1.9

TABLE 10. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 4) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.9</b>	<b>521.5</b>	<b>708.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Time since last job-</i>				
Had had a job	133.7	456.2	589.9	83.3
Under 12 months	66.6	125.1	191.7	27.1
Under 6 months	39.7	71.7	111.4	15.7
6 and under 12 months	26.9	53.4	80.3	11.3
1 and under 3 years	29.2	98.6	127.8	18.0
3 and under 5 years	15.9	57.9	73.9	10.4
5 and under 10 years	15.0	79.9	94.9	13.4
10 and under 20 years	6.4	72.5	78.9	11.1
20 years or more	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.2
Had never had a job	53.1	65.4	118.5	16.7
<i>Reason for ceasing last job-</i>				
Had had a job	133.7	456.2	589.9	83.3
Job loser	66.6	136.9	203.5	28.7
Retrenched	23.4	59.4	82.8	11.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	11.7	37.4	49.2	6.9
Own ill health or injury	29.1	36.5	65.6	9.3
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 2.3	* 3.6	5.9	0.8
Job leaver	63.8	311.4	375.2	53.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	9.9	23.1	33.0	4.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	11.1	9.1	20.2	2.9
Retired/did not want to work any longer	14.1	22.6	36.7	5.2
Returned to studies	9.2	12.1	21.3	3.0
To get married	* 0.0	24.6	24.6	3.5
Pregnancy/to have children	* 0.3	118.1	118.4	16.7
To look after family, house or someone else	* 1.6	32.5	34.1	4.8
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	9.1	48.0	57.1	8.1
Business closed down for other reasons	* 2.5	8.1	10.6	1.5
Other	6.1	13.1	19.2	2.7
Not asked(d)	* 3.3	7.8	11.1	1.6
Had never had a job	53.1	65.4	118.5	16.7
<i>Occupation in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	133.2	434.1	567.2	80.1
Managers and administrators	11.1	14.9	26.0	3.7
Professionals	10.2	24.6	34.8	4.9
Para-professionals	5.9	18.7	24.6	3.5
Tradespersons	24.6	19.5	44.1	6.2
Clerks	7.2	109.4	116.6	16.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	13.3	119.1	132.5	18.7
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	13.3	27.4	40.7	5.7
Labourers and related workers	47.6	100.4	148.0	20.9
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.2
Had never had a job	53.1	65.4	118.5	16.7
<i>Status of worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	133.2	434.1	567.2	80.1
Employers	* 2.2	7.8	10.0	1.4
Self-employed/unpaid family helpers	8.6	12.6	21.2	3.0
Wage and salary earners	122.3	413.7	536.0	75.7
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.2
Had never had a job	53.1	65.4	118.5	16.7

TABLE 10. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE (POPULATION 4) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.9</b>	<b>521.5</b>	<b>708.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Full-time part-time worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	133.2	434.1	567.2	80.1
Full-time	98.6	249.7	348.3	49.2
Part-time	31.5	176.7	208.2	29.4
Varied/did not know	* 3.1	7.6	10.7	1.5
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.2
Had never had a job	53.1	65.4	118.5	16.7
<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months-</i>				
Intended to look/might look	115.2	300.9	416.1	58.7
Intended to look	89.2	207.6	296.8	41.9
Might look	25.9	93.3	119.2	16.8
Did not intend to look/did not know	37.9	178.9	216.8	30.6
Did not intend to look	34.5	155.5	190.0	26.8
Did not know	* 3.4	23.4	26.8	3.8
Not asked(e)	33.8	41.7	75.4	10.6
<i>Type of work preferred-</i>				
Full-time	85.7	95.4	181.0	25.6
Part-time	92.9	408.0	500.9	70.7
No preference	8.3	18.2	26.4	3.7
<i>Marginal attachment summary variable-</i>				
Persons who wanted to work and were actively looking for work	25.8	29.5	55.3	7.8
Were available to start work within four weeks	12.6	15.2	27.7	3.9
Were not available to start work within four weeks	13.2	14.4	27.6	3.9
Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	161.1	492.0	653.1	92.2
Discouraged jobseekers	18.2	57.9	76.1	10.7
Other	142.9	434.1	577.0	81.5

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school. (b) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand. (c) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (d) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (e) Comprises persons who had had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.



**TABLE 11. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 5)**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females -'000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion (per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>492.0</b>	<b>653.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Area-</i>				
Metropolitan	102.3	280.7	382.9	58.6
Non metropolitan	58.8	211.3	270.1	41.4
<i>Marital status-</i>				
Married	52.8	324.2	377.0	57.7
Not married	108.3	167.8	276.1	42.3
<i>Family status-</i>				
Member of a family	129.5	436.9	566.3	86.7
Husband or wife	51.1	308.3	359.4	55.0
With dependents present	19.0	231.0	250.0	38.3
Without dependents present	32.1	77.3	109.4	16.8
Other family head	4.7	64.5	69.2	10.6
With dependents present	* 3.1	56.7	59.8	9.2
Without dependents present	* 1.6	7.8	9.4	1.4
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	56.1	52.1	108.2	16.6
Other child/relative of married couple or family head	17.5	12.0	29.5	4.5
Not a member of a family	20.1	28.4	48.5	7.4
Living alone	10.6	20.1	30.7	4.7
Not living alone	9.5	8.3	17.8	2.7
Family status not determined	11.5	26.7	38.2	5.8
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival-</i>				
Born in Australia	116.8	369.2	486.0	74.4
Born outside Australia	44.3	122.8	167.0	25.6
Born in main English speaking countries(b)	16.8	53.0	69.8	10.7
Born in other countries	27.4	69.8	97.2	14.9
Arrived before 1961	10.8	20.6	31.3	4.8
Arrived 1961-1970	10.4	35.5	45.9	7.0
Arrived 1971-1980	8.7	31.0	39.7	6.1
Arrived 1981-1989	14.4	35.7	50.1	7.7
<i>Age-</i>				
15-19	62.2	63.2	125.4	19.2
20-24	16.3	48.4	64.7	9.9
25-34	15.8	148.2	164.0	25.1
35-44	13.8	111.3	125.2	19.2
45-54	16.0	66.6	82.6	12.6
55-59	8.6	29.3	37.9	5.8
60-64	15.7	16.1	31.7	4.9
65-69	12.7	8.9	21.6	3.3
<i>Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(c)-</i>				
Had looked for work	44.4	103.8	148.2	22.7
Less than 5 weeks ago	12.4	26.9	39.3	6.0
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	15.0	33.5	48.5	7.4
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	7.1	19.1	26.2	4.0
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	4.5	8.9	13.4	2.0
26 and less than 39 weeks ago	* 3.8	9.9	13.7	2.1
39 and less than 52 weeks ago	* 1.5	5.5	7.0	1.1
Had not looked for work	116.7	388.1	504.9	77.3

TABLE 11. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 5) —continued

	Males	Females -'000-	Persons	Proportion (per cent)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>492.0</b>	<b>653.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Main activity-</i>				
Housewife/home duties/child care	14.5	377.8	392.3	60.1
Attending an educational institution	70.4	70.7	141.1	21.6
Retired/voluntarily inactive	31.1	10.3	41.3	6.3
Own illness/injury	* 1.7	* 1.4	* 3.0	* 0.5
Own disability/handicap	20.2	9.0	29.3	4.5
Looking after ill/disabled person	4.5	* 1.8	6.3	1.0
Travel/moving house	* 1.6	4.7	6.2	1.0
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	6.9	5.9	12.8	2.0
Unpaid leave	* 3.5	5.7	9.2	1.4
Other	6.7	4.8	11.5	1.8
<i>Time since last job-</i>				
Had had a job	115.2	432.8	548.0	83.9
Under 12 months	55.0	112.2	167.2	25.6
Under 6 months	32.6	64.5	97.1	14.9
6 and under 12 months	22.4	47.7	70.1	10.7
1 and under 3 years	25.1	93.3	118.4	18.1
3 and under 5 years	14.2	57.1	71.3	10.9
5 and under 10 years	14.2	76.6	90.8	13.9
10 and under 20 years	6.0	71.6	77.6	11.9
20 years or more	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.5
Had never had a job	45.9	59.1	105.1	16.1
<i>Reason for ceasing last job-</i>				
Had had a job	115.2	432.8	548.0	83.9
Job loser	58.4	131.3	189.8	29.1
Retrenched	19.5	55.8	75.3	11.5
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	10.8	36.5	47.3	7.2
Own ill health or injury	26.3	35.3	61.7	9.4
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 1.8	* 3.6	5.4	0.8
Job leaver	53.4	293.7	347.1	53.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	7.9	20.8	28.7	4.4
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	8.0	5.2	13.2	2.0
Retired/did not want to work any longer	13.9	22.0	35.9	5.5
Returned to studies	6.1	10.0	16.1	2.5
To get married	* 0.0	24.4	24.4	3.7
Pregnancy/to have children	* 0.3	113.8	114.0	17.5
To look after family, house or someone else	* 1.6	31.6	33.2	5.1
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	7.8	45.7	53.5	8.2
Business closed down for other reasons	* 2.5	7.9	10.4	1.6
Other	5.2	12.3	17.6	2.7
Not asked(d)	* 3.3	7.8	11.1	1.7
Had never had a job	45.9	59.1	105.1	16.1
<i>Occupation in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	114.6	410.8	525.3	80.4
Managers and administrators	10.3	14.4	24.7	3.8
Professionals	8.3	22.7	31.0	4.7
Para-professionals	5.7	17.1	22.8	3.5
Tradespersons	20.9	19.0	39.9	6.1
Clerks	6.0	104.0	110.0	16.9
Salespersons and personal service workers	11.5	111.1	122.6	18.8
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	12.1	26.4	38.5	5.9
Labourers and related workers	39.7	96.1	135.8	20.8
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.5
Had never had a job	45.9	59.1	105.1	16.1

**TABLE 11. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 5) —continued**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females -'000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion (per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>492.0</b>	<b>653.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Status of worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	114.6	410.8	525.3	80.4
Employers	* 1.4	7.8	9.2	1.4
Self-employed/unpaid family helpers	7.5	12.2	19.7	3.0
Wage and salary earners	105.7	390.7	496.4	76.0
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.5
Had never had a job	45.9	59.1	105.1	16.1
<i>Full-time part-time worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	114.6	410.8	525.3	80.4
Full-time	84.4	237.1	321.6	49.2
Part-time	27.4	166.3	193.7	29.7
Varied/did not know	* 2.7	7.4	10.1	1.5
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.6	22.1	22.7	3.5
Had never had a job	45.9	59.1	105.1	16.1
<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months-</i>				
Intended to look/might look	115.2	300.9	416.1	63.7
Intended to look	89.2	207.6	296.8	45.5
Might look	25.9	93.3	119.2	18.3
Did not intend to look/did not know	37.9	178.9	216.8	33.2
Did not intend to look	34.5	155.5	190.0	29.1
Did not know	* 3.4	23.4	26.8	4.1
Not asked(e)	8.0	12.1	20.1	3.1
<i>Type of work preferred-</i>				
Full-time	68.5	82.4	150.9	23.1
Part-time	85.6	391.8	477.4	73.1
No preference	6.9	17.8	24.7	3.8
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work-</i>				
Had a job to go to	4.7	* 4.3	9.0	1.4
Personal reasons	114.7	159.9	274.5	42.0
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	34.9	44.3	79.2	12.1
Attending an educational institution	58.2	63.8	122.1	18.7
Had no need to work	9.0	25.9	34.9	5.3
Give others a chance	* 0.3	* 2.8	* 3.1	* 0.5
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	4.5	11.8	16.3	2.5
Moved house/holidays	7.7	11.2	19.0	2.9
Family reasons	5.1	222.5	227.6	34.9
Ill health of other than self	* 0.6	10.8	11.4	1.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	* 0.7	73.6	74.3	11.4
Children too young/preferred to look after children	* 0.8	102.0	102.8	15.7
Other family considerations	* 3.0	36.1	39.1	6.0
Discouraged jobseekers	18.2	57.9	76.1	11.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.0	22.8	30.8	4.7
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	* 0.8	* 3.0	* 3.8	0.6
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	* 1.6	9.0	10.6	1.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	6.4	19.3	25.7	3.9
No jobs at all	* 1.4	* 3.8	5.2	0.8
No jobs in suitable hours	* 1.1	9.5	10.6	1.6
Other reasons	12.6	23.9	36.4	5.6
Did not know	* 1.5	6.2	7.7	1.2
Not asked(f)	* 3.3	7.8	11.1	1.7

**TABLE 11. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 5) —continued**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> <i>'000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion</i> <i>(per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>492.0</b>	<b>653.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>All reasons for not actively looking for work-</i>				
<i>Personal reasons-</i>				
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	36.6	54.8	91.4	14.0
Attending an educational institution	61.8	68.1	129.9	19.9
Had no need to work	12.5	36.2	48.6	7.4
Give others a chance	* 1.0	4.8	5.8	0.9
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	7.8	19.8	27.6	4.2
Moved house/holidays	8.5	15.9	24.4	3.7
<i>Family reasons-</i>				
Ill health of other than self	* 1.1	16.1	17.2	2.6
Unable to find suitable childcare	* 0.7	73.6	74.3	11.4
Children too young/preferred to look after children	* 1.2	121.9	123.1	18.8
Other family considerations	* 3.7	50.9	54.6	8.4
<i>Discouraged jobseekers-</i>				
Considered too young or too old by employers	13.3	35.4	48.7	7.5
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	* 2.5	5.6	8.1	1.2
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	* 3.9	20.7	24.6	3.8
No jobs in locality or line of work	9.2	34.4	43.6	6.7
No jobs at all	* 1.7	6.3	8.0	1.2
No jobs in suitable hours	* 3.2	20.2	23.4	3.6
Other reasons	15.4	35.1	50.5	7.7

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school. (b) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand. (c) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (d) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (e) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (f) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

**TABLE 12. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 7)**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> <i>- '000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion</i> <i>(per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>286.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Area-</i>				
Metropolitan	47.8	137.2	185.1	64.6
Non metropolitan	28.6	72.7	101.3	35.4
<i>Marital status-</i>				
Married	29.1	138.1	167.2	58.4
Not married	47.3	71.8	119.1	41.6
<i>Family status-</i>				
Member of a family	61.6	186.6	248.2	86.7
Husband or wife	28.4	128.9	157.2	54.9
With dependents present	16.0	105.9	121.9	42.6
Without dependents present	12.4	23.0	35.4	12.3
Other family head	* 1.5	28.1	29.6	10.4
With dependents present	* 1.0	24.1	25.2	8.8
Without dependents present	* 0.5	* 4.0	4.5	1.6
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	26.7	26.5	53.2	18.6
Other child/relative of married couple or family head	5.0	* 3.1	8.2	2.8
Not a member of a family	10.0	9.9	20.0	7.0
Living alone	5.0	7.5	12.5	4.4
Not living alone	5.0	* 2.4	7.5	2.6
Family status not determined	4.8	13.3	18.1	6.3
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival-</i>				
Born in Australia	49.3	145.0	194.2	67.8
Born outside Australia	27.2	64.9	92.1	32.2
Born in main English speaking countries(b)	7.7	26.0	33.7	11.8
Born in other countries	19.5	39.0	58.4	20.4
Arrived before 1961	6.4	7.4	13.8	4.8
Arrived 1961-1970	5.4	16.1	21.6	7.5
Arrived 1971-1980	5.5	15.6	21.1	7.4
Arrived 1981-1989	9.9	25.8	35.6	12.4
<i>Age-</i>				
15-19	29.0	30.1	59.1	20.7
20-24	6.4	22.9	29.3	10.2
25-34	7.1	77.0	84.0	29.4
35-44	9.8	44.8	54.6	19.1
45-54	10.2	19.9	30.1	10.5
55-59	4.7	7.5	12.2	4.3
60-64	5.6	* 4.4	10.0	3.5
65-69	* 3.7	* 3.3	7.0	2.4
<i>Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(c)-</i>				
Had looked for work	13.7	17.3	31.0	10.8
Less than 5 weeks ago	* 3.0	* 2.4	5.4	1.9
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	* 3.8	5.7	9.5	3.3
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	* 2.4	* 2.8	5.2	1.8
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	* 1.1	* 2.5	* 3.6	1.3
26 and less than 39 weeks ago	* 2.1	* 2.6	4.8	1.7
39 and less than 52 weeks ago	* 1.2	* 1.4	* 2.7	* 0.9
Had not looked for work	62.7	192.6	255.3	89.2

**TABLE 12. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 7) —continued**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> <i>-'000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion</i> <i>(per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>286.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Main activity-</i>				
Housewife/home duties/child care	5.8	153.8	159.6	55.7
Attending an educational institution	35.0	36.8	71.9	25.1
Retired/voluntarily inactive	8.5	* 3.5	11.9	4.2
Own illness/injury	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 0.9	* 0.3
Own disability/handicap	18.6	7.9	26.5	9.3
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 2.3	* 0.8	* 3.1	* 1.1
Travel/moving house	* 2.4	* 2.1	4.5	1.6
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 1.5	* 2.1	* 3.6	1.2
Unpaid leave	* 0.3	* 1.3	* 1.6	* 0.5
Other	* 1.8	* 1.0	* 2.8	* 1.0
<i>Time since last job-</i>				
Had had a job	54.0	175.9	229.8	80.3
Under 12 months	19.5	48.4	67.9	23.7
Under 6 months	10.2	28.9	39.0	13.6
6 and under 12 months	9.3	19.6	28.9	10.1
1 and under 3 years	15.1	37.8	52.9	18.5
3 and under 5 years	8.6	28.0	36.6	12.8
5 and under 10 years	7.7	31.9	39.7	13.8
10 and under 20 years	* 2.7	21.4	24.0	8.4
20 years or more	* 0.4	8.4	8.8	3.1
Had never had a job	22.5	34.0	56.5	19.7
<i>Reason for ceasing last job-</i>				
Had had a job	54.0	175.9	229.8	80.3
Job loser	31.7	40.6	72.3	25.2
Retrenched	7.4	13.6	21.0	7.3
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	* 2.0	9.1	11.2	3.9
Own ill health or injury	21.7	16.7	38.4	13.4
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 1.8	* 0.6
Job leaver	20.3	122.5	142.8	49.9
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	* 1.3	5.2	6.5	2.3
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	5.2	* 1.4	6.7	2.3
Retired/did not want to work any longer	* 2.4	5.6	8.0	2.8
Returned to studies	* 4.2	4.6	8.8	3.1
To get married	* 0.0	8.2	8.2	2.9
Pregnancy/to have children	* 0.2	60.4	60.5	21.1
To look after family, house or someone else	* 1.7	12.6	14.3	5.0
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	* 2.1	17.3	19.4	6.8
Business closed down for other reasons	* 1.4	* 2.9	* 4.3	1.5
Other	* 1.8	* 4.4	6.2	2.2
Not asked(d)	* 1.9	12.8	14.7	5.1
Had never had a job	22.5	34.0	56.5	19.7
<i>Occupation in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	53.6	167.5	221.0	77.2
Managers and administrators	* 3.7	7.0	10.7	3.7
Professionals	* 2.2	13.1	15.3	5.3
Para-professionals	* 1.6	10.7	12.3	4.3
Tradespersons	12.3	4.7	17.0	6.0
Clerks	* 2.6	42.0	44.7	15.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	7.9	41.5	49.4	17.2
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	5.5	11.7	17.2	6.0
Labourers and related workers	17.7	36.7	54.4	19.0
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.4	8.4	8.8	3.1
Had never had a job	22.5	34.0	56.5	19.7

**TABLE 12. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS (POPULATION 7) —continued**

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females -'000-</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion (per cent)</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>209.9</b>	<b>286.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>Status of worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	53.6	167.5	221.0	77.2
Employers	* 1.2	* 2.2	* 3.4	* 1.2
Self-employed/unpaid family helpers	* 2.0	5.5	7.5	2.6
Wage and salary earners	50.3	159.8	210.1	73.4
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.4	8.4	8.8	3.1
Had never had a job	22.5	34.0	56.5	19.7
<i>Full-time part-time worker in last job-</i>				
Last job less than 20 years ago	53.6	167.5	221.0	77.2
Full-time	44.2	104.6	148.9	52.0
Part-time	8.5	60.6	69.0	24.1
Varied/did not know	* 0.9	* 2.3	* 3.1	* 1.1
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.4	8.4	8.8	3.1
Had never had a job	22.5	34.0	56.5	19.7
<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months-</i>				
Intended to look/might look	44.6	103.6	148.2	51.8
Intended to look	30.5	65.7	96.2	33.6
Might look	14.1	37.9	52.1	18.2
Did not intend to look/did not know	29.9	93.5	123.4	43.1
Did not intend to look	26.6	86.1	112.7	39.4
Did not know	* 3.3	7.4	10.7	3.7
Not asked(e)	* 1.9	12.8	14.7	5.1
<i>Type of work preferred-</i>				
Full-time	46.5	40.8	87.3	30.5
Part-time	24.9	157.7	182.5	63.8
No preference	5.0	11.4	16.4	5.7
<i>Reason not available to start work within four weeks-</i>				
Personal reasons	65.3	94.6	159.9	55.8
Own ill health or injury/physical disability/pregnancy	28.7	43.3	72.1	25.2
Studying	33.0	37.3	70.2	24.5
At school	28.0	28.4	56.4	19.7
Other educational institution	5.0	8.9	13.9	4.8
Moved house/holidays	* 3.6	14.0	17.6	6.1
Family reasons	* 4.4	98.1	102.4	35.8
Ill health of other than self	* 4.0	9.4	13.5	4.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	* 0.0	14.8	14.8	5.2
Children too young/preferred to look after children	* 0.4	73.8	74.2	25.9
Other reasons	6.8	17.2	24.0	8.4

(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school. (b) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand. (c) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (d) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (e) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

## APPENDIX A

## GLOSSARY

*Actively looking for work:* those persons who were taking active steps to find work.

*Active steps taken to find work:* they comprise—

- (a) writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; or
- (b) answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; or
- (c) checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service notice boards; or
- (d) being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; or
- (e) checking or registering with any other employment agency; or
- (f) advertising or tendering for work; or
- (g) contacting friends or relatives.

*Available to start work within four weeks:* those persons who were available to start work within four weeks or could start work if child care was available.

*Discouraged jobseekers:* persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within the next four weeks but whose main reason for not taking active steps to find work was that they believed they would not find a job for any of the following reasons—

- (a) considered to be too young or too old by employers; or
- (b) difficulties with language or ethnic background; or
- (c) lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience; or
- (d) no jobs in their locality or line of work; or
- (e) no jobs available at all.

*Family:* Two or more related persons (*relationship* includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption) usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head as defined, together with any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (a) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- (b) other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or

- (c) any children under 15 years of age who do not have a parent present.

*Job:* any employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

*Job leavers:* persons who voluntarily ceased their last job.

*Job losers:* persons who involuntarily ceased their last job.

*Marginal attachment to the labour force:* persons who were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work and—

- (a) were actively looking for work but did not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; or
- (b) were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks or could start work within four weeks if childcare was available.

The criteria determining those in the labour force are based on actual activity (i.e. working or looking for work) during the reference week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work, reasons for not actively looking for work and availability to start work, are more subjective and are not based on the respondents' actual activity. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondents' own interpretation of the concepts used. An individual respondent's interpretation is affected by such factors as the respondent's work aspirations, as well as family, economic and other commitments.

*Not in the labour force and wanted to work:* persons who—

- (a) in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week had taken *active steps* to find work but did not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; or
- (b) although claiming to have looked for work (in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week), had not taken active steps to find work; or
- (c) in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week had not looked for work but in the survey answered 'yes' or 'maybe' to the question '*Even though you have not been looking for work would you like a full-time or part-time job?*'; or
- (d) in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, had not looked for work but were responsible for children under twelve years of age and answered 'yes' or 'maybe' to the question '*If you had child care arrangements for your child(ren) under 12, would you like a job?*'.



*Persons not in the labour force:* persons who do not meet the criteria that would enable them to be classified as being in the labour force. To be classified as being in the labour force, a person must be aged 15 or over and be either *employed* or *unemployed*. Persons not in the labour

force, therefore, include all persons aged 15 and over who are not employed, who want to work but do not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; who do not want to work; or who, through incapacity or infirmity, cannot work.

## APPENDIX B

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

1. The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the September 1989 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked about their labour force aspirations and, if appropriate, their reasons for not actively looking for work and their availability for work.

#### 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 not in the labour force aged 15 to 69. Institutionalised and boarding school pupils have also been excluded except where otherwise indicated.

#### Coverage

4. 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

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

6. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

#### Results of the survey

7. Estimates of persons not in the labour force are also published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, more detailed information is contained in this publication.

8. Due to differences in the method of estimation used in this supplementary survey and that used in the labour force survey and the differences in the scope of this survey, there are some small variations between estimates in this publication and those in the corresponding issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

9. The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

10. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in November 1975, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

11. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in September 1990.

#### Unpublished statistics

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

#### Estimation procedure

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

#### Discontinuities in the series

14. The scope of surveys run prior to September 1988 included all persons aged 15 and over. In September 1988 the survey was restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over. Historical estimates contained in this publication have been revised to enable comparisons of estimates from this survey with those from surveys conducted prior to September 1988.

#### Reliability of the estimates

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

#### Related publications

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

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly

*Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0)—issued annually

*Underemployed Workers, Australia* (6265.0)—issued irregularly

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

*Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment 1966-1983, Australia* (6246.0)—issued irregularly

*Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (6245.0)—issued irregularly

17. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

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

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

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## APPENDIX C

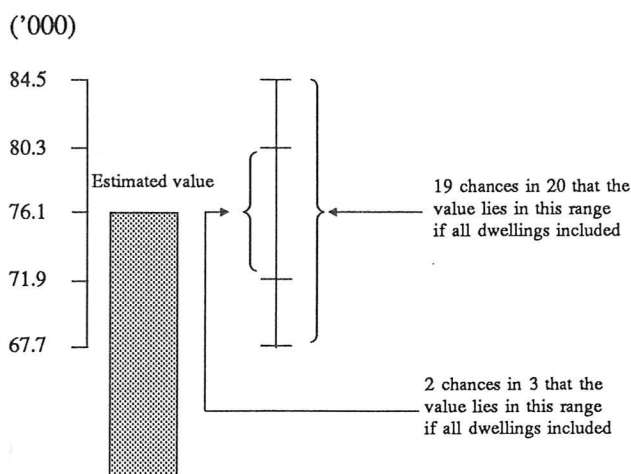
## TECHNICAL NOTE

1. 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 3 shows the estimated number of persons in Australia who were not in the labour force and who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged was 76,100. Since this estimate is between 50,000 and 100,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 3,500 and 4,800 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 4,200 (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 71,900 to 80,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 67,700 to 84,500. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.

4. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages 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:

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

6. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, of the 76,100 persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged 15,000 or 19.7 per cent were aged 45 to 54 years. The standard error of 15,000 is approximately 2,000 so the relative standard error is 13.3 per cent. The relative standard error for 76,100 is 5.5 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{[(13.3)^2 + (5.5)^2]}$  or 12.1 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (19.7 per cent) of 2.4 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of persons who had never had a job and who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged was between 17.3 per cent and 22.1 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion was within the range 14.9 per cent to 24.5 per cent.

7. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

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

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections

in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

## STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
100						100				
200				180	190	150		150	200	98.8
300			250	220	240	180	290	190	250	83.5
400	370	370	290	260	270	210	330	210	300	73.9
500	420	410	330	290	300	240	360	240	340	67.1
600	460	450	360	320	330	260	400	260	370	62.0
700	500	490	390	340	360	280	420	280	410	58.0
800	530	530	410	360	380	300	450	290	440	54.6
900	560	560	440	390	400	310	470	310	470	51.8
1,000	590	590	460	410	420	330	500	320	490	49.4
1,100	620	620	490	420	440	340	520	340	520	47.4
1,200	650	650	510	440	460	360	540	350	550	45.5
1,300	680	670	530	460	480	370	560	360	570	43.9
1,400	700	700	550	480	500	390	580	370	590	42.4
1,500	730	720	570	490	510	400	600	390	620	41.1
1,600	750	750	580	510	530	410	620	400	640	39.9
1,700	770	770	600	520	540	420	630	410	660	38.8
1,800	790	790	620	540	560	430	650	420	680	37.8
1,900	820	810	630	550	570	440	670	430	700	36.9
2,000	840	830	650	560	590	450	680	440	720	36.0
2,100	860	850	660	580	600	460	700	450	740	35.2
2,200	880	870	680	590	610	470	710	460	760	34.4
2,300	890	890	690	600	630	480	730	460	780	33.7
2,400	910	910	710	610	640	490	740	470	790	33.0
2,500	930	930	720	620	650	500	750	480	810	32.4
3,000	1,000	1,000	790	680	710	540	820	520	890	29.7
3,500	1,100	1,100	850	730	760	570	880	550	970	27.6
4,000	1,150	1,150	900	770	800	600	940	590	1,050	25.9
4,500	1,250	1,250	950	820	850	630	990	620	1,100	24.4
5,000	1,300	1,300	1,000	850	890	660	1,050	640	1,150	23.2
6,000	1,400	1,400	1,100	930	960	710	1,150	690	1,250	21.2
8,000	1,600	1,600	1,250	1,050	1,100	790	1,300	780	1,450	18.4
10,000	1,800	1,800	1,350	1,150	1,200	860	1,450	850	1,650	16.4
20,000	2,400	2,450	1,850	1,550	1,600	1,100	1,950	1,100	2,300	11.5
30,000	2,900	2,900	2,200	1,850	1,900	1,250	2,400	1,300	2,800	9.3
40,000	3,250	3,250	2,500	2,050	2,150	1,350	2,700	1,450	3,200	8.0
50,000	3,550	3,600	2,750	2,250	2,350	1,450	3,000	1,600	3,500	7.0
100,000	4,750	4,750	3,600	2,950	3,100	1,750	4,200	2,050	4,800	4.8
200,000	6,200	6,300	4,750	3,800	4,050	2,050	5,800	2,600	6,400	3.2
300,000	7,300	7,300	5,500	4,400	4,700	2,250	7,100	3,000	7,600	2.5
400,000	8,100	8,100	6,200	4,850	5,200	2,400	8,100	3,300	8,600	2.1
500,000	8,800	8,800	6,700	5,300	5,600	2,500	9,000	3,550	9,400	1.9
1,000,000	11,300	11,200	8,600	6,600	7,200	2,800	12,600	4,400	12,300	1.2
2,000,000	14,300	14,200	10,900	8,300	9,100	3,050	17,600	5,400	15,900	0.8
5,000,000	19,300	19,000	14,700	10,900	12,300	3,350	27,500	7,100	21,900	0.4
10,000,000	24,000	23,400	18,200	13,300	15,200	3,500	38,700	8,600	27,600	0.3
20,000,000	29,400	28,500	22,400	16,100	18,700	3,600	54,500	10,400	34,300	0.2

## APPENDIX D

## POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: All persons not in the labour force aged 15 to 69.

POPULATION 2: Persons not in the labour force (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

POPULATION 3: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

POPULATION 4: Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

POPULATION 5: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

POPULATION 6: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged jobseekers (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

POPULATION 7: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils).

VARIABLE	POPULATIONS	VARIABLE	POPULATIONS
1 STATE	All	6 FAMILY STATUS (1)	All
New South Wales		Member of a family	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With dependents present	
South Australia		Without dependents present	
Western Australia		Other family head	
Tasmania		With dependents present	
Northern Territory		Without dependents present	
Australian Capital Territory		Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	
2 AREA	All	Other child of married couple or family head	
Metropolitan		Other relative of married couple or family head	
Non-metropolitan		Not a member of a family	
3 DISSEMINATION REGION	All	Living alone	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Not living alone	
4 GENDER	All	Family status not determined	
Males		(a) Excludes persons aged 20 to 24 attending school.	
Females		7A BIRTHPLACE	2-7
5 MARITAL STATUS	All	Born in Australia	
Married		Born outside Australia	
Not-married		Born in main English-speaking countries(a)	
		Born in other countries(b)	
		(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A and New Zealand.	
		(b) Includes persons born at sea.	

VARIABLE	POPULATIONS	VARIABLE	POPULATIONS
7B	<b>BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL</b> Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1961 Arrived 1961-1970 Arrived 1971-1980 Arrived 1981-1989	2-7	
8	<b>AGE</b> 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-59 60-64 65-69	All	
9	<b>SUMMARY VARIABLE</b> Persons not in the labour force With marginal attachment to the labour force Wanted to work and were actively looking for work Were available to start work within four weeks Were not available to start work within four weeks Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks Discouraged jobseekers Other Without marginal attachment to the labour force Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks Did not want to work Permanently unable to work Institutionalised (a) and boarding school pupils  (a) includes some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.	1, 2	
10	<b>WHETHER WANTED TO WORK</b> Wanted to work Did not want to work	2	
11	<b>WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS (a)</b> Had looked for work Had not looked for work  (a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.	2-7	
12	<b>MAIN ACTIVITY</b> Housewife/home duties/child care Attending an educational institution Retired/voluntarily inactive Own illness/injury; own disability/handicap Looking after ill/disabled person Travel/moving house Worked in unpaid voluntary job Unpaid leave Other	2-7	
13	<b>TIME SINCE LAST JOB</b> Had had a job Under 12 months Under 6 months 6 and under 12 months 1 and under 3 years 3 and under 5 years 5 and under 10 years 10 and under 20 years 20 years or more Had never had a job	2-7	
14	<b>REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB</b> Had had a job Job loser Retrenched Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies Own ill health or injury Business closed down for economic reasons Job leaver Unsatisfactory work arrangements Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies Retired/didn't want to work any longer Returned to studies To get married Pregnancy/to have children To look after family, house or someone else To have holiday/to move house/spouse transferred Business closed down for other reasons Other Not asked (a) Had never had a job  (a) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.	2-7	
15	<b>OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB</b> Last job less than 20 years ago Managers and Administrators Professionals Para-professionals Tradespersons Clerks Salespersons and personal service workers Plant and machine operators, and drivers Labourers and related workers Last job 20 or more years ago Had never had a job	2-7	
16	<b>STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB</b> Last job less than 20 years ago Employers Self-employed Wage and and salary earners Unpaid family helpers Last job 20 or more years ago Had never had a job	2-7	
17	<b>FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS IN LAST JOB</b> Last job less than 20 years ago Full-time Part-time Varied/did not know Last job 20 or more years ago Had never had a job	2-7	

VARIABLE	POPULATIONS	VARIABLE	POPULATIONS
18	<b>INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS</b>	21	<b>ALL REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK</b>
	Intended to look/might look 3-7		Personal reasons- 5
	Intended to look		Own ill health, physical disability, pregnancy
	Might look		Attending an educational institution
	Did not intend to look/did not know		Had no need to work
	Did not intend to look		Give others a chance
	Did not know		Welfare payments/pensions may be affected
	Not asked (a)		Moved house/holidays
(a)	Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.		Family reasons-
			Ill health of other than self
			Unable to find suitable child care
			Children too young/preferred to look after children
			Other family considerations
			Discouraged jobseekers-
			Considered too young or too old by employers
			Difficulties with language or ethnic background
			Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience
			No jobs in locality or line of work
			No jobs at all
			No jobs in suitable hours
			Other reasons
19	<b>TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED</b>	22	<b>REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS</b>
	Full-time 3-7		Personal reasons 7
	Part-time		Own ill health or injury, physical disability, or pregnancy
	No preference		Studying
			At school
			Other educational institution
			Moved house/holidays
			Family reasons
			Ill health of other than self
			Unable to find suitable child care
			Children too young/preferred to look after children
			Other family considerations
			Discouraged job seekers
			Considered too young or too old by employers
			Difficulties with language or ethnic background
			Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience
			No jobs in locality or line of work
			No jobs at all
			No jobs in suitable hours
			Other reasons
			Did not know
			Not asked (a)
(a)	Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.	23	<b>MARGINAL ATTACHMENT SUMMARY VARIABLE</b>
			Persons who wanted to work and were actively looking for work— 4
			Were available to start work within four weeks
			Were not available to start work within four weeks
			Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start within four weeks-
			Discouraged jobseekers
			Other
			Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force—
			Males
			Females
			Persons

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