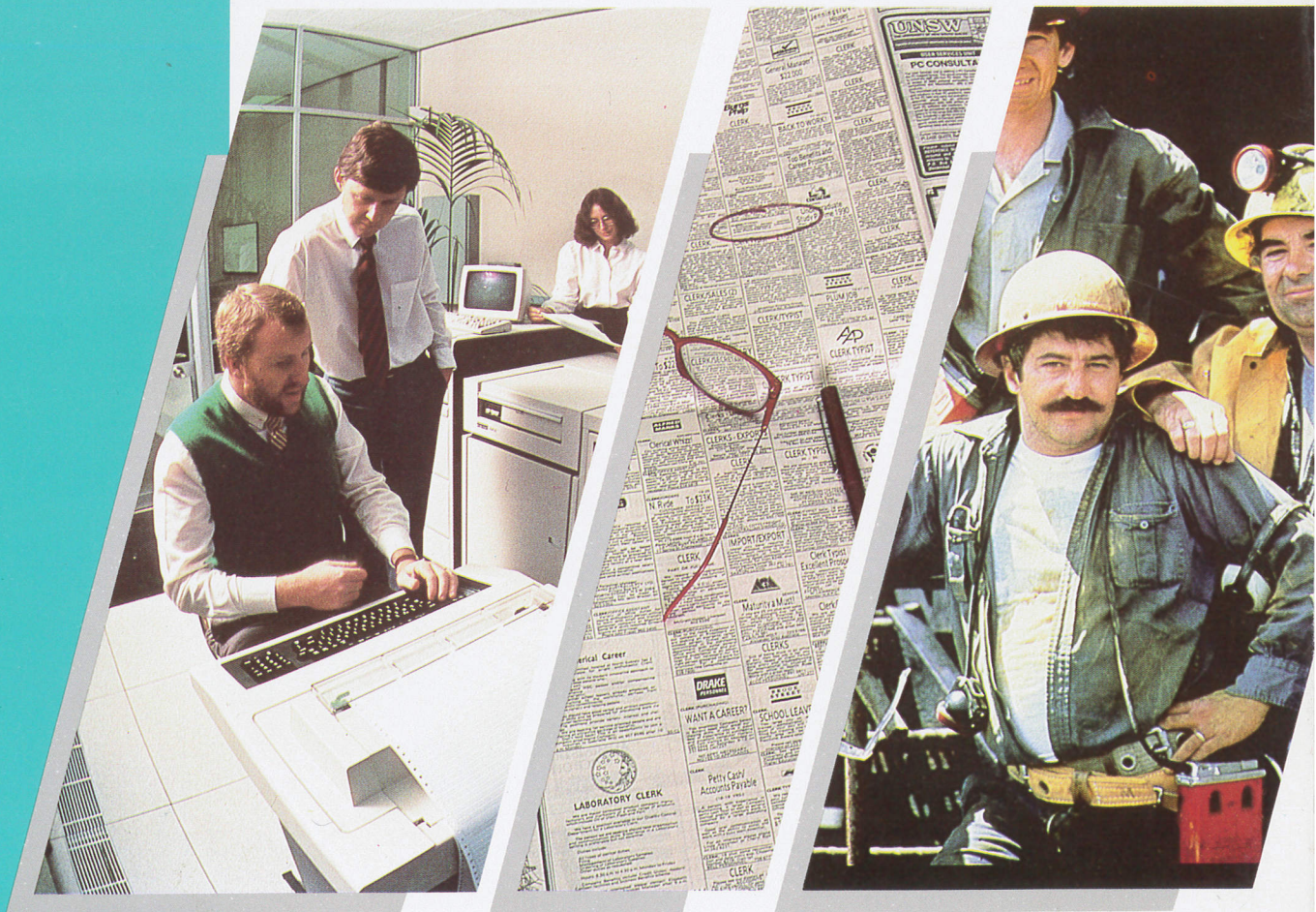




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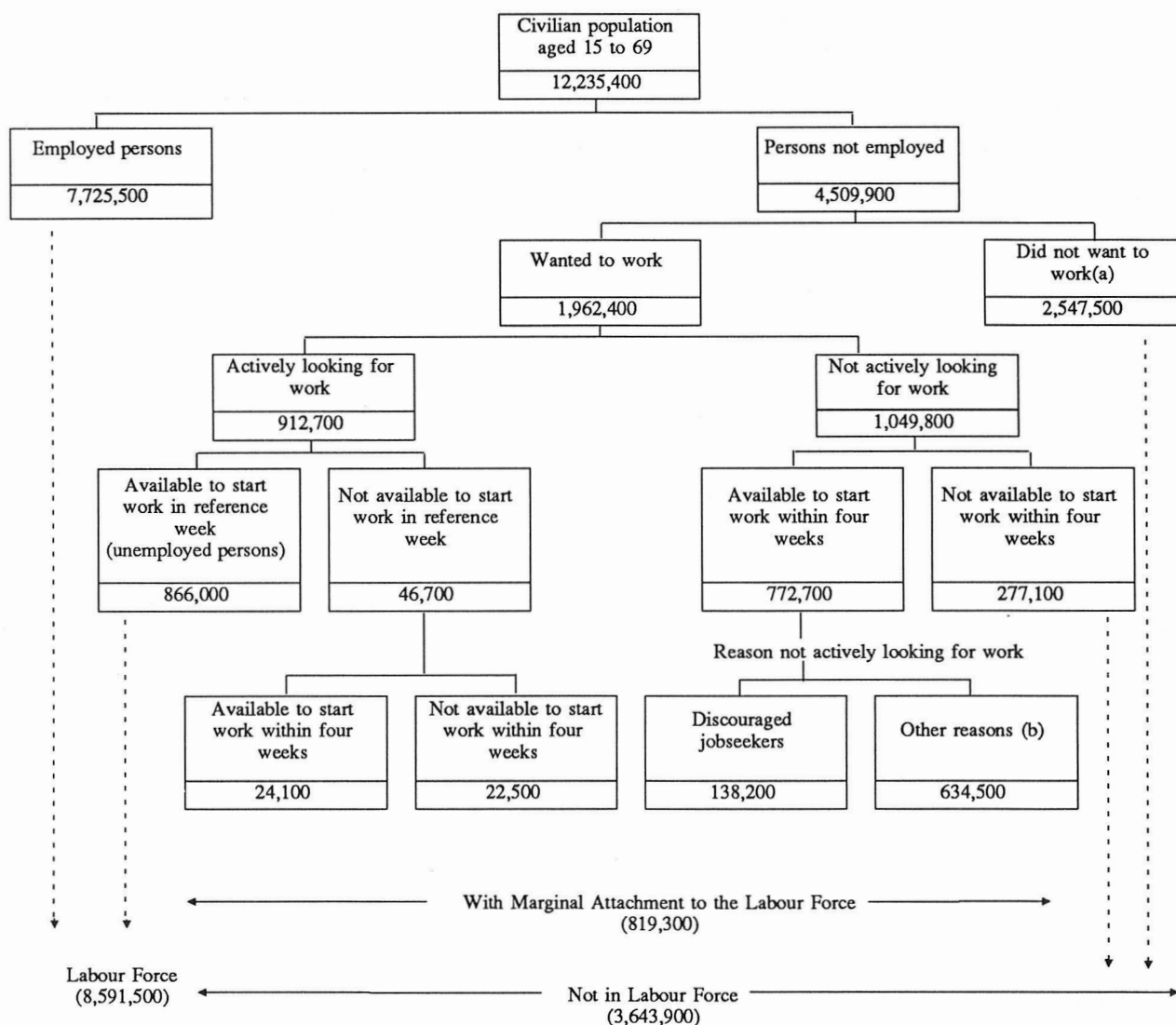
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DIAGRAM 1: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1991



(a) Includes institutionalised persons, boarding school pupils and persons permanently unable to work. (b) Includes persons not available to start within 4 weeks who would be if childcare was available.

Source: Table 1 and The Labour Force, Australia, September 1991 (6203.0)

Overview (Table 1)

In September 1991 3,643,900 persons aged between 15 and 69 were not in the labour force. These persons, who were neither employed nor unemployed, comprised 30 per cent of the civilian population in this age group. Some 68 per cent of those not in the labour force were women. By comparison, women accounted for 42 per cent of persons in the labour force.

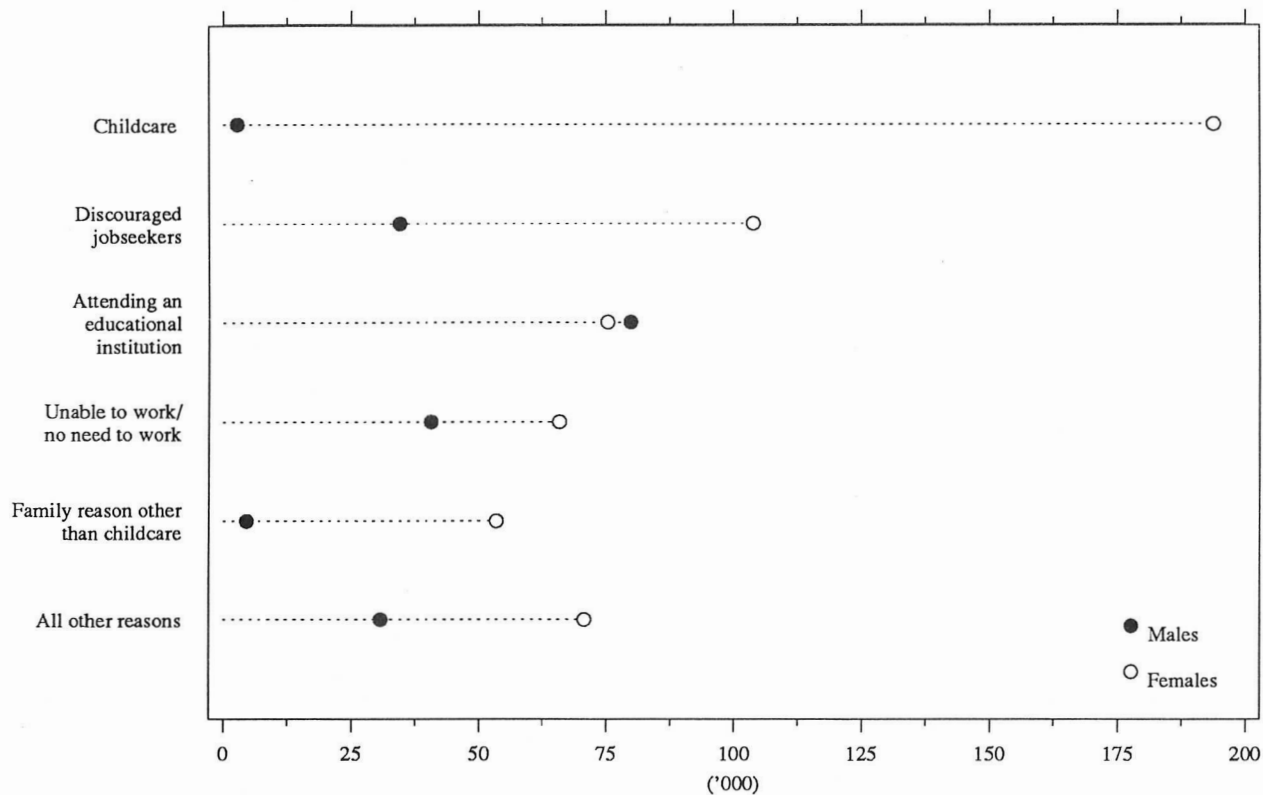
Main activity of persons not in the labour force - (Table 5)

The most commonly stated main activity for women not in the labour force was 'home duties/childcare'. This was reported by 71 per cent of women not in the labour force at September 1991. In March 1987 'home duties/childcare' was the main activity of 79 per cent of women not in the labour force.

The most common main activity for males who were not in the labour force was 'retired/voluntarily inactive', at 38 per cent. The next most common main activity for males not in the labour force was 'attending an educational institutional' (32%). Of the 1,172,600 males not in the labour force at September 1991, 5 per cent reported their main activity as 'home duties/childcare'.

For persons not in the labour force whose last job was less than 20 years ago, those who were formerly 'Labourers and related workers' formed the largest occupation group (26%). Persons who were formerly 'Clerks' and 'Salespersons and personal service workers' accounted for 20 and 19 per cent respectively.

DIAGRAM 2: PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK,
SEPTEMBER 1991



Source: Table 2

Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force - (Tables 2, 7 and 8)

Persons not in the labour force can be classified as either having or not having marginal attachment to the labour force. In order to be marginally attached, a person must be neither employed nor unemployed but would nevertheless be seeking work or would be available to start work within four weeks (see Glossary, page 15 for further details). The proportion of marginally attached persons not in the labour force remained steady at 22 per cent.

Some of the characteristics of the 819,300 persons marginally attached to the labour force are:

- 71 per cent would prefer part-time work if returning to the labour force.
- 45 per cent intended to look for work in the next twelve months.
- 17 per cent were classified as discouraged job seekers — with women comprising 75 per cent of this group.

'Childcare' and other 'family reasons' were often cited as the reasons people were not actively looking for work or were unavailable to start work in the next four weeks:

- 41 per cent of the 598,800 women marginally attached to the labour force said family reasons were preventing them from actively seeking work. The family reason cited by most of these women (77%) was childcare.
- 38 per cent of persons who reported 'childcare' as their main family reason for not actively looking for work, stated they preferred to care for their children themselves.

For those marginally attached males who were not actively looking for work, 61 per cent cited 'personal reasons' as their main reason. Another 17 per cent had reported being 'discouraged jobseekers'.

Discouraged jobseekers - (Tables 2, 3 and 4)

The number of discouraged jobseekers at September 1991 was 138,200, an increase of 37 per cent compared with September 1990. The proportion of discouraged jobseekers as a component of all persons not in the labour force has increased from 3 per cent in September 1987 to 4 per cent in September 1991.

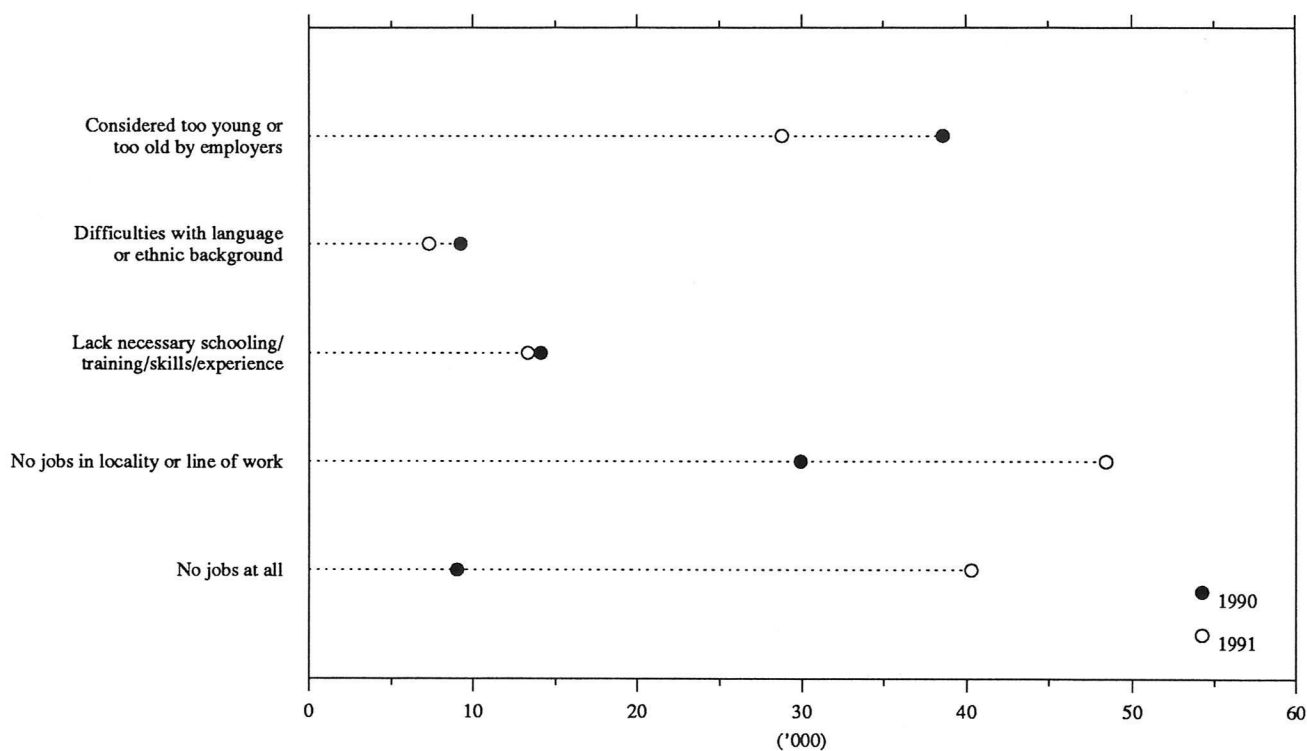
The reasons given by discouraged jobseekers for not actively seeking work reflect the general downturn in the labour market. The number of such persons who believed that there were 'no jobs at all' has more than quadrupled from the September 1990 estimate of 9,000 persons to 40,300 persons at September 1991, of whom 78 per cent were female.

The most frequently reported previous occupation of discouraged jobseekers whose last job was less than 20 years ago was 'Labourers and related workers' (24%). Twelve per cent of discouraged jobseekers had never had a job.

Some 42 per cent of discouraged jobseekers are in the 45 to 64 age group — this age group comprises only 18 per cent of unemployed persons.

An estimated 118,300 (86%) discouraged jobseekers are members of a family, with most of these people being either a husband or a wife (74%).

DIAGRAM 3: DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1990 AND 1991



Source: Table 2

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS,
MARCH 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1991
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	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989	Sept. 1990	Sept. 1991
MALES						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,654.9	5,764.5	5,829.8	5,977.6	6,070.2	6,158.6
Persons in the labour force	4,632.7	4,711.6	4,718.5	4,872.8	4,971.4	4,986.0
Persons not in the labour force	1,022.2	1,052.9	1,111.4	1,104.8	1,098.8	1,172.6
With marginal attachment to the labour force	163.9	177.6	190.8	186.9	195.4	220.5
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8	26.3	23.6
Were available to start work within four weeks	10.0	10.8	14.8	12.6	12.6	10.7
Were not available to start work within four weeks	2.1	2.5	19.9	13.2	13.7	12.9
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1	169.2	196.9
Discouraged jobseekers	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2	24.2	34.5
Other	129.6	144.8	136.4	142.9	144.9	162.4
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	858.2	875.3	920.6	917.9	903.4	952.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	54.5	63.1	73.9	76.4	85.1	77.5
Did not want to work	733.3	745.5	782.8	759.1	743.3	787.4
Permanently unable to work	20.0	24.1	26.4	25.3	34.8	32.5
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	50.5	42.6	37.5	57.0	40.2	54.8
FEMALES						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,613.0	5,722.5	5,783.8	5,905.8	5,994.1	6,076.8
Persons in the labour force	3,138.4	3,255.1	3,274.7	3,443.5	3,542.8	3,605.6
Persons not in the labour force	2,474.6	2,467.4	2,509.1	2,462.3	2,451.3	2,471.3
With marginal attachment to the labour force	532.5	547.4	530.9	521.5	557.1	598.8
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5	31.3	23.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	13.5	16.1	20.0	15.2	18.9	13.4
Were not available to start work within four weeks	5.5	4.2	11.0	14.4	12.4	9.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0	525.8	575.8
Discouraged jobseekers	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9	76.6	103.7
Other	441.2	454.6	435.7	434.1	449.2	472.1
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	1,942.1	1,919.9	1,978.2	1,940.8	1,894.2	1,872.5
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	177.4	187.2	207.4	209.9	225.4	199.6
Did not want to work	1,727.6	1,692.4	1,732.9	1,692.0	1,618.3	1,621.6
Permanently unable to work	8.8	13.4	10.8	9.8	17.6	15.5
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	28.3	26.9	27.1	29.2	32.9	35.7
PERSONS						
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	11,267.9	11,487.0	11,613.6	11,883.4	12,064.3	12,235.4
Persons in the labour force	7,771.2	7,966.8	7,993.2	8,316.3	8,514.2	8,591.5
Persons not in the labour force	3,496.7	3,520.2	3,620.4	3,567.1	3,550.1	3,643.9
With marginal attachment to the labour force	696.4	725.0	721.7	708.4	752.5	819.3
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3	57.6	46.7
Were available to start work within four weeks	23.6	26.9	34.8	27.7	31.5	24.1
Were not available to start work within four weeks	7.6	6.7	30.9	27.6	26.1	22.5
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1	694.9	772.7
Discouraged jobseekers	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2
Other	570.9	599.4	572.2	577.0	594.1	634.5
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	2,800.3	2,795.2	2,898.8	2,858.7	2,797.6	2,824.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	231.8	250.3	281.3	286.3	310.5	277.1
Did not want to work	2,460.9	2,437.8	2,515.7	2,451.1	2,361.6	2,409.0
Permanently unable to work	28.8	37.5	37.2	35.1	52.4	48.1
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	78.8	69.5	64.7	86.2	73.1	90.5

(a) Includes some 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 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1991
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	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989	Sept. 1990	Sept. 1991
MALES						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	12.1	13.3	34.7	25.8	26.3	23.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	151.8	164.3	156.1	161.1	169.2	196.9
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to	8.6	6.6	5.8	8.0	7.1	*3.6
Personal reasons	105.7	118.4	110.4	114.7	118.8	130.9
Family reasons	*3.8	5.7	*4.1	5.1	5.2	7.3
Discouraged jobseekers	22.2	19.5	19.7	18.2	24.2	34.5
No jobs in suitable hours	*1.2	*1.3	*2.1	*1.1	*0.7	*2.6
Other reasons	9.7	11.4	12.5	12.6	12.0	13.5
Did not know	*0.8	*1.4	*1.5	*1.5	*1.2	*0.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>163.9</i>	<i>177.6</i>	<i>190.8</i>	<i>186.9</i>	<i>195.4</i>	<i>220.5</i>
FEMALES						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	19.0	20.3	31.0	29.5	31.3	23.0
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	513.4	527.1	499.9	492.0	525.8	575.8
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to	15.1	17.4	13.4	12.1	12.7	5.6
Personal reasons	153.0	161.7	145.8	159.9	160.2	165.2
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	36.5	42.5	35.0	44.3	43.3	35.6
Attending an educational institution	58.0	65.4	55.7	63.8	62.0	75.3
Had no need to work	27.7	25.6	28.3	25.9	31.9	30.2
Give others a chance	4.6	5.9	*3.6	*2.8	*4.3	7.0
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	15.2	12.5	10.5	11.8	10.0	8.0
Moved house/holidays	11.1	9.9	12.6	11.2	8.7	9.1
Family reasons	235.1	236.3	239.2	222.5	234.5	247.2
Ill health of other than self	11.6	11.0	10.6	10.8	10.0	12.2
Childcare	183.7	186.3	190.8	175.6	176.3	193.7
Other family considerations	39.7	39.0	37.8	36.1	48.1	41.3
Discouraged jobseekers	72.2	72.5	64.1	57.9	76.6	103.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	25.0	25.0	23.5	22.8	26.0	16.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	3.3	5.6	5.3	*3.0	7.4	5.8
Lacked necessary schooling/training/skills/experience	10.4	10.9	12.0	9.0	11.3	11.6
No jobs in locality or line of work	23.7	24.1	17.5	19.3	24.5	38.1
No jobs at all	9.8	7.0	5.7	*3.8	7.4	31.4
No jobs in suitable hours	10.7	13.4	8.6	9.5	10.4	10.8
Other reasons	19.2	21.4	24.1	23.9	25.3	24.5
Did not know	8.2	4.5	4.7	6.2	6.0	5.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>532.5</i>	<i>547.4</i>	<i>530.9</i>	<i>521.5</i>	<i>557.1</i>	<i>598.8</i>
PERSONS						
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	31.1	33.6	65.7	55.3	57.6	46.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	665.3	691.4	656.0	653.1	694.9	772.7
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>						
Had a job to go to	34.7	23.9	19.1	20.1	19.8	9.2
Personal reasons	258.7	280.1	256.2	274.5	279.0	296.1
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	61.1	76.2	69.6	79.2	78.9	65.0
Attending an educational institution	119.8	128.2	111.0	122.1	124.1	155.1
Had no need to work	36.8	32.7	35.9	34.9	42.5	41.5
Give others a chance	5.2	6.4	*3.8	*3.1	5.1	7.9
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	20.4	17.7	16.9	16.3	13.6	11.6
Moved house/holidays	15.3	19.0	19.0	19.0	14.8	14.9
Family reasons	238.9	242.0	243.2	227.6	239.7	254.5
Ill health of other than self	12.9	12.7	12.7	11.4	11.3	14.0
Childcare	185.4	189.2	192.0	177.1	179.0	196.5
Other family considerations	40.5	40.2	38.6	39.1	49.4	44.1
Discouraged jobseekers	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2
Considered too young or too old by employers	35.1	35.4	32.5	30.8	38.6	28.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	4.2	6.0	6.5	*3.8	9.2	7.3
Lacked necessary schooling/training/skills/experience	12.5	12.6	14.6	10.6	14.1	13.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	31.1	29.7	23.0	25.7	29.9	48.4
No jobs at all	11.6	8.4	7.2	5.2	9.0	40.3
No jobs in suitable hours	11.8	14.7	10.7	10.6	11.0	13.4
Other reasons	28.9	32.8	36.7	36.4	37.3	38.0
Did not know	9.0	5.9	6.3	7.7	7.2	6.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>696.4</i>	<i>725.0</i>	<i>721.7</i>	<i>708.4</i>	<i>752.5</i>	<i>819.3</i>

TABLE 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: AGE,
MARCH 1987 TO SEPTEMBER 1991
(*000)

Age group	March 1987	March 1988	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989	Sept. 1990	Sept. 1991
15-19	6.7	7.9	8.0	5.5	6.8	14.5
20-24	*3.1	*2.7	*3.5	*3.6	5.4	7.2
25-34	11.7	15.3	12.8	10.2	14.8	19.3
35-44	21.8	19.0	15.3	13.9	18.9	28.0
45-54	18.6	15.4	14.8	15.0	19.2	30.2
55-64	23.1	22.3	22.3	20.2	24.3	28.5
65-69	9.4	9.5	7.1	7.7	11.6	10.4
Total	94.4	92.0	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS:
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1991
(*000)

	Males	Females	Persons
<i>Age—</i>			
15-24	10.4	11.3	21.7
25-44	* 3.6	43.6	47.3
45-64	13.3	45.5	58.7
65-69	7.1	* 3.3	10.4
<i>Family status—</i>			
Member of a family(a)	26.4	91.9	118.3
Husband or wife	15.3	70.6	85.8
With dependents present	* 4.0	37.4	41.4
Without dependents present	11.3	33.1	44.4
Sole parent	* 0.4	12.0	12.4
Other child of married couple or family head	* 3.1	* 0.9	* 4.0
Not a member of a family	7.2	7.0	14.2
Family status not determined	* 0.8	4.8	5.6
<i>Birthplace—</i>			
Born in Australia	20.6	66.3	86.9
Born outside Australia	13.8	37.5	51.3
Main English speaking countries	* 4.2	13.1	17.3
Other countries	9.6	24.3	34.0
<i>Occupation in last job—</i>			
Last job less than 20 years ago	28.5	82.7	111.2
Managers and administrators	* 1.9	* 3.4	5.3
Professionals	* 2.8	* 4.4	7.2
Para-professionals	* 1.8	* 1.9	* 3.7
Tradespersons	5.2	* 2.7	7.8
Clerks	* 3.1	20.3	23.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	* 2.9	18.2	21.1
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	* 3.5	6.5	10.0
Labourers and related workers	7.2	25.4	32.6
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 0.0	10.9	10.9
Had never had a job	6.0	10.1	16.1
Total	34.5	103.7	138.2

(a) Includes 'Other family head', 'Full-time student aged 15-24' and 'Other relative of married couple or family head'.

TABLE 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB AND MAIN ACTIVITY,
SEPTEMBER 1991
(^{'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	54.4	127.7	421.2	173.4	10.4	41.9	829.0
Managers and administrators	5.0	* 2.1	64.3	12.5	* 1.9	4.8	90.5
Professionals	* 3.0	13.5	35.9	6.0	* 1.6	* 3.1	63.2
Para-professionals	* 2.6	* 3.9	27.4	5.8	* 0.2	* 3.9	43.8
Tradespersons	13.2	8.6	89.2	45.2	* 2.3	10.0	168.5
Clerks	* 2.8	11.7	40.0	8.6	* 1.4	* 2.3	66.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	* 3.7	23.4	25.4	8.3	* 1.1	* 2.5	64.4
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	9.1	6.7	49.1	26.4	* 1.3	5.0	97.6
Labourers and related workers	14.9	57.9	89.8	60.5	* 0.6	10.4	234.2
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 1.3	* 0.0	6.4	9.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	17.2
Had never had a job	* 2.1	252.4	* 2.1	12.5	* 0.9	* 1.6	271.7
Total	57.8	380.1	429.6	195.1	11.3	43.8	1,117.8
FEMALES							
Last job less than 20 years ago	1,261.4	112.6	141.1	45.7	23.7	44.1	1,628.6
Managers and administrators	49.3	* 0.5	14.8	* 2.1	* 2.6	* 3.6	72.9
Professionals	77.8	10.7	9.3	* 3.1	* 3.1	* 3.4	107.4
Para-professionals	46.8	* 3.2	6.9	* 1.2	* 1.5	* 1.3	60.9
Tradespersons	58.3	* 4.0	9.2	* 2.4	* 1.2	* 1.1	76.2
Clerks	328.9	21.2	37.0	9.3	5.1	11.2	412.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	302.7	49.6	21.0	8.7	5.1	10.6	397.8
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	80.5	* 3.0	7.3	* 4.1	* 0.7	* 2.2	97.7
Labourers and related workers	317.2	20.4	35.7	14.7	* 4.4	10.8	403.2
Last job 20 or more years ago	344.4	* 0.2	48.0	10.8	6.8	7.8	418.1
Had never had a job	126.6	233.8	10.1	14.5	* 1.8	* 2.0	388.8
Total	1,732.3	346.6	199.3	71.0	32.4	53.9	2,435.5
PERSONS							
Last job less than 20 years ago	1,315.8	240.3	562.3	219.0	34.1	86.0	2,457.6
Managers and administrators	54.3	* 2.6	79.1	14.6	4.5	8.4	163.4
Professionals	80.9	24.2	45.2	9.1	4.7	6.5	170.6
Para-professionals	49.4	7.1	34.3	6.9	* 1.7	5.2	104.6
Tradespersons	71.5	12.5	98.4	47.7	* 3.5	11.0	244.7
Clerks	331.7	32.8	77.0	17.9	6.5	13.5	479.4
Salespersons and personal service workers	306.4	73.0	46.5	17.0	6.3	13.1	462.2
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	89.6	9.7	56.4	30.5	* 2.0	7.1	195.3
Labourers and related workers	332.1	78.3	125.4	75.3	5.1	21.2	637.4
Last job 20 or more years ago	345.6	* 0.2	54.4	20.1	6.8	8.1	435.3
Had never had a job	128.7	486.2	12.2	27.0	* 2.7	* 3.6	660.5
Total	1,790.2	726.7	628.9	266.2	43.7	97.7	3,553.3

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

TABLE 6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO PREVIOUSLY 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 1991 ('000)

Reason for ceasing last job	Last job less than 20 years ago							Total	Last job 20 or more years ago	Total
	Status of worker in last job			Full-time or part-time worker in last job			Total			
	Em- ployers	Self- employed	Wage and salary earners	Full-time	Part-time	Varied/ did not know				
Job loser	19.8	51.8	813.6	616.7	255.4	13.1	885.2	56.5	941.7	
Retrenched	* 1.8	5.5	306.5	197.2	111.4	5.3	313.9	12.6	326.5	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	* 0.4	* 3.9	117.8	44.9	73.4	* 3.9	122.1	8.7	130.9	
Own ill health or injury	9.9	30.3	378.2	352.1	62.8	* 3.5	418.4	34.0	452.4	
Business closed down for economic reasons	7.6	12.1	11.1	22.5	7.8	* 0.4	30.8	* 1.2	31.9	
Job leaver	47.8	92.9	1,393.9	1,068.6	449.7	16.4	1,534.7	378.8	1,913.5	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	* 0.0	* 3.0	70.9	33.5	39.6	* 0.9	73.9	* 1.5	75.4	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	* 0.0	* 1.1	59.6	25.5	32.7	* 2.4	60.6	* 0.0	60.6	
Retired/ did not want to work any longer	21.1	39.5	455.8	410.6	103.8	* 2.0	516.4	39.3	555.6	
Returned to studies	* 0.0	* 2.0	88.5	50.5	38.7	* 1.3	90.5	* 0.0	90.5	
To get married	* 0.2	* 1.4	41.1	36.9	5.5	* 0.3	42.7	181.0	223.7	
Pregnancy/ to have children	* 3.3	4.9	365.9	276.0	94.7	* 3.3	374.1	93.0	467.1	
To look after family, house or someone else	* 1.7	6.2	122.9	79.1	49.2	* 2.6	130.9	45.6	176.4	
To have holiday/ to move house/ spouse transferred	* 2.5	7.5	137.2	90.3	55.0	* 1.8	147.2	12.2	159.4	
Business closed down for other reasons	18.0	24.1	12.2	39.9	13.8	* 0.6	54.3	* 3.4	57.7	
Other	* 1.0	* 3.3	39.8	26.3	16.6	* 1.2	44.1	* 2.8	46.9	
Not asked	* 0.0	37.2	* 0.6	23.8	13.8	* 0.3	37.8	* 0.0	37.8	
Total	67.6	182.0	2,208.1	1,709.1	718.9	29.7	2,457.7	435.3	2,893.0	
<i>Males</i>	26.5	76.6	725.9	710.5	110.9	7.7	829.0	17.2	846.2	
<i>Females</i>	41.1	105.4	1482.2	998.7	608.0	22.1	1628.7	418.1	2046.8	

TABLE 7. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE : AGE, SEPTEMBER 1991

Age	Males		Females		Persons	
	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	(per cent)	('000)	(per cent)
15-19	86.1	39.0	82.3	13.7	168.4	20.6
20-24	27.5	12.5	58.8	9.8	86.4	10.5
25-34	22.8	10.4	190.2	31.8	213.0	26.0
35-44	19.6	8.9	137.9	23.0	157.5	19.2
45-54	18.5	8.4	79.0	13.2	97.5	11.9
55-59	13.9	6.3	27.0	4.5	40.9	5.0
60-64	16.7	7.6	16.4	2.7	33.1	4.0
65-69	15.3	6.9	7.1	1.2	22.4	2.7
Total	220.5	100.0	598.7	100.0	819.2	100.0

TABLE 8. 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 1991
(*000)

	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months			Not asked(a)	Type of work preferred		
	Intended to look	Did not intend to look	Did not know/might look		Full-time	Part-time	Total(b)
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	..	..	..	46.7	30.2	15.4	46.7
Were available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	24.1	12.9	10.5	24.1
Were not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	22.5	17.3	4.8	22.5
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	369.1	203.2	174.1	26.1	172.5	563.1	772.5
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>							
Had a job to go to	..	..	..	26.1	10.1	15.4	26.1
Personal reasons	168.9	65.4	61.8	..	77.3	208.4	296.1
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	30.2	17.9	16.9	..	20.7	39.7	65.0
Attending an educational institution	109.6	20.1	25.4	..	42.2	110.6	155.1
Had no need to work	11.6	16.9	13.0	..	* 4.1	36.0	41.5
Give others a chance	* 1.6	* 3.9	* 2.5	..	* 0.7	6.8	7.9
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	* 3.4	5.7	* 2.6	..	* 2.5	8.6	11.6
Moved house/holidays	12.6	* 0.9	* 1.4	..	7.0	6.6	14.9
Family reasons	90.4	89.3	74.7	..	33.6	211.6	254.4
Ill health of other than self	* 4.1	4.5	5.4	..	* 1.7	11.4	14.0
Childcare	70.2	71.9	54.4	..	25.8	164.1	196.5
No childcare in locality	* 4.4	4.6	* 3.9	..	* 2.5	10.4	12.9
No childcare available at all	* 2.0	* 2.6	* 0.6	..	* 1.0	* 3.9	5.2
Cost/too expensive	16.9	22.3	12.1	..	8.2	41.1	51.3
Booked out/no places available	* 1.2	* 0.7	* 2.0	..	* 0.6	* 3.1	* 3.9
Children too young/too old	16.5	8.6	9.4	..	4.5	28.9	34.5
Prefers to look after children	23.8	30.2	21.5	..	7.1	66.2	75.5
Quality of childcare unsuitable	* 2.6	* 0.9	* 2.0	..	* 0.5	4.6	5.4
Other	* 3.0	* 1.9	* 3.0	..	* 1.4	6.1	7.9
Other family considerations	16.1	13.0	14.9	..	6.0	36.1	43.9
Discouraged jobseekers	72.2	37.1	28.8	..	35.0	89.5	138.2
No jobs in suitable hours	9.1	* 2.1	* 2.2	..	* 0.3	12.9	13.4
Other reasons	24.4	8.4	5.2	..	14.6	21.2	38.0
Did not know	* 4.1	* 0.9	* 1.5	..	* 1.4	* 4.1	6.4
Total	369.1	203.2	174.1	72.8	202.7	578.4	819.2

(a) Comprises persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job to go to. (b) Includes 'no preference'.

TABLE 9. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1991
(’000)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
<i>Population 1 :</i> All persons not in the labour force(a)	1,274.3	918.3	626.5	315.6	334.8	99.4	26.3	48.7	3,643.9
<i>Population 2 :</i> Persons not in the labour force	1,240.4	894.7	609.8	307.6	327.9	98.5	26.3	48.1	3,553.3
<i>Population 3 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	350.2	271.3	202.6	96.7	115.1	32.5	11.8	16.1	1,096.3
<i>Population 4 :</i> Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	257.2	208.5	149.6	73.7	86.4	25.3	7.3	11.2	819.2
<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	241.9	198.4	143.1	67.9	80.6	22.8	7.2	10.6	772.5
<i>Population 5A :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work, but were not actively looking for work due to childcare reasons and were available to start work within four weeks	78.8	50.4	40.7	21.5	25.3	7.8	* 3.1	2.7	230.3
<i>Population 6 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	40.8	45.3	23.7	9.9	14.1	3.1	* 0.3	* 1.0	138.2
<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	92.9	62.9	53.0	23.1	28.7	7.2	4.4	5.0	277.1
<i>Population 7A :</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 due to childcare reasons	30.8	13.2	15.1	4.8	8.2	* 1.5	* 1.6	* 1.2	76.4
<i>Population 8 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	986.4	718.5	513.4	260.0	275.5	81.2	20.3	37.7	2,893.0

(a) Includes institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils.

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 September 1991 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 persons 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 1992.

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. Consequently, estimates prior to September 1988 published in this and all editions of the publication since September 1988 have been revised. The revisions 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, page 13.

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

Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia
(6267.0)—issued irregularly

Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia
(6238.0)—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, page 13.
- . . . not applicable

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

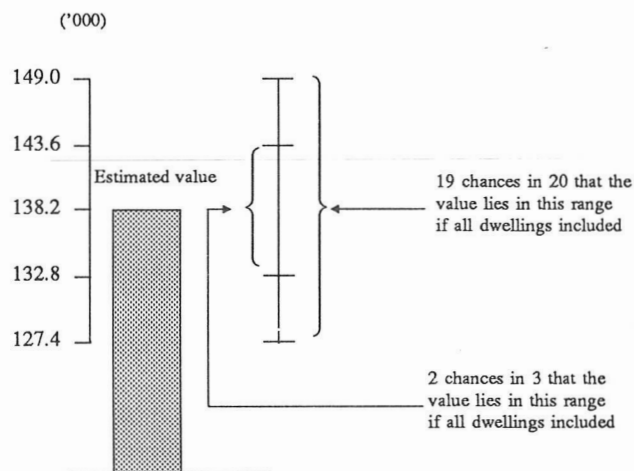
TECHNICAL NOTE

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of 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 138,200. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 4,800 and 6,400 and can be approximated by interpolation as 5,400 (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 132,800 to 143,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 127,400 to 149,000. 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 138,200 persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks but were discouraged, 34,500 or 25.0 per cent were male. The standard error of 34,500 is approximately 3,000 so the relative standard error is 8.7 per cent. The relative standard error for 138,200 is 3.9 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(8.7)^2 + (3.9)^2}$ or 7.8 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (25.0 per cent) of 2.0 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males 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 23.0 per cent and 27.0 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion was within the range 21.0 per cent to 29.0 per cent.

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

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

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or

subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data.

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

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									—number—		Relative standard error (per cent)
100				120		100		110	130	130.5
200			210	180	200	140	230	150	200	98.8
300	320	310	250	220	250	180	270	190	250	83.5
400	380	370	300	250	280	210	310	210	300	73.9
500	420	410	330	280	320	230	340	240	340	67.1
600	460	450	360	310	350	250	370	260	370	62.0
700	500	490	390	330	370	270	400	280	410	58.0
800	540	530	420	360	400	290	420	290	440	54.6
900	570	560	440	380	420	310	450	310	470	51.8
1,000	600	590	470	400	440	320	470	320	490	49.4
1,100	630	620	490	420	460	340	490	340	520	47.4
1,200	660	650	510	430	480	350	510	350	550	45.5
1,300	680	670	530	450	500	370	530	360	570	43.9
1,400	710	700	550	470	520	380	550	370	590	42.4
1,500	730	720	570	480	530	390	560	390	620	41.1
1,600	760	750	590	500	550	400	580	400	640	39.9
1,700	780	770	610	510	560	410	600	410	660	38.8
1,800	800	790	620	530	580	420	610	420	680	37.8
1,900	820	810	640	540	590	430	630	430	700	36.9
2,000	840	830	660	550	610	440	640	440	720	36.0
2,100	860	850	670	570	620	450	660	450	740	35.2
2,200	880	870	690	580	640	460	670	460	760	34.4
2,300	900	890	700	590	650	470	680	460	780	33.7
2,400	920	910	720	600	660	480	700	470	790	33.0
2,500	940	930	730	610	670	490	710	480	810	32.4
3,000	1,050	1,000	790	670	730	530	770	520	890	29.7
3,500	1,100	1,100	850	710	790	560	830	550	970	27.6
4,000	1,200	1,150	910	760	830	590	880	590	1,050	25.9
4,500	1,250	1,250	960	800	880	620	930	620	1,100	24.4
5,000	1,300	1,300	1,000	840	920	650	980	640	1,150	23.2
6,000	1,400	1,400	1,100	910	1,000	700	1,050	690	1,250	21.2
8,000	1,600	1,600	1,250	1,050	1,150	780	1,200	780	1,450	18.4
10,000	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,150	1,250	840	1,350	850	1,650	16.4
20,000	2,450	2,450	1,850	1,500	1,650	1,050	1,850	1,100	2,300	11.5
30,000	2,900	2,900	2,250	1,800	2,000	1,200	2,250	1,300	2,800	9.3
40,000	3,300	3,250	2,500	2,000	2,250	1,350	2,550	1,450	3,200	8.0
50,000	3,600	3,600	2,750	2,200	2,450	1,400	2,850	1,600	3,500	7.0
100,000	4,800	4,750	3,650	2,900	3,200	1,700	3,950	2,050	4,800	4.8
200,000	6,300	6,300	4,800	3,750	4,200	2,050	5,500	2,600	6,400	3.2
300,000	7,300	7,300	5,600	4,300	4,850	2,200		3,000	7,600	2.5
400,000	8,200	8,100	6,200	4,800	5,400	2,350		3,300	8,600	2.1
500,000	8,900	8,800	6,800	5,200	5,800	2,450		3,550	9,400	1.9
1,000,000	11,400	11,200	8,700	6,500	7,500				12,300	1.2
2,000,000	14,500	14,200	11,000	8,100	9,400				15,900	0.8
5,000,000	19,500	19,000	14,800						21,900	0.4
10,000,000	24,200								27,600	0.3
20,000,000									34,300	0.2

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 childcare 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.

Employed: Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the

reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Had a job to go to: 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.

Institutionalised persons: includes some patients in hospitals, and sanitoriums and inmates of reformatories, goals, etc.

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.

Main English-speaking countries: comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zealand.

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 respondent's actual activity. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondent's 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 childcare 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.

Unemployed: persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time during the reference week, and:
 - (i) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or
 - (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or
- (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

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DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

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

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: All persons not in the labour force aged 15 to 69 (including institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils).

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

POPULATION 3: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work.

POPULATION 4: Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force.

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.

POPULATION 5A: Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work due to childcare reasons, and were available to start work within four weeks.

POPULATION 6: Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers.

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.

POPULATION 7A: 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 due to childcare reasons.

POPULATION 8: Persons not in the labour force who had had a job.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1	STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory	ALL	
2	AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE Metropolitan Non-metropolitan	ALL	
3	DISSEMINATION REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE Standard labour force dissemination regions	ALL	
4	SEX Males Females	ALL	
5	MARITAL STATUS Married Not-married	ALL	
6A	FAMILY STATUS (1) Member of a family Husband or wife With dependents present Without dependents present Sole parent Other family head Full-time student aged 15-24 Other child 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	ALL	
6B	FAMILY STATUS (2) 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 Other child 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	ALL	
7A	BIRTHPLACE Born in Australia Born outside Australia Main English speaking countries Other countries	2-7A	
7B	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	2-7A	
8	AGE (single years collected) 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-59 60-64 65-69	ALL	
9	PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE SUMMARY VARIABLE 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 persons and boarding school pupils	1-2	
10	WHETHER WANTED TO WORK Wanted to work Did not want to work	2	
11A	WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS (1) Had looked for work Had not looked for work	2-8	
12	MAIN ACTIVITY Home duties/childcare 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	2-8	
13	TIME SINCE LAST JOB 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	2-8	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
14	REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB 2-8 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) Includes persons who had a job.	19	TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED 3-8 Full-time Part-time No preference
15	OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB 2-8 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	20A	MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK 5-5A 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 Had a job to go to Personal reasons Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy Attending an educational institution Had no need to work Give others a chance Welfare payments/pension may be affected Moved house/holidays Family reasons Ill health of other than self Childcare No childcare in locality No childcare available at all Cost/too expensive Booked out/no places available Children too young/too old Prefers to look after children Quality of childcare unsuitable Other 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/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) Includes persons who had a job to go to.
16	STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB 2-8 Last job less than 20 years ago Employers Self-employed Wage and salary earners Unpaid family helpers Last job 20 or more years ago Had never had a job	21	ALL REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK 5-5A Personal reasons Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy Attending an educational institution Had no need to work Give others a chance Welfare payments/pension may be affected Moved house/holidays Family reasons Ill health of other than self Childcare Other family considerations Discouraged jobseekers Considered too young or too old by employers Difficulties with language or ethnic background Lacked necessary schooling/training/skills/experience No jobs in locality or line of work No jobs at all No jobs in suitable hours Other reasons Don't know
17	FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS IN LAST JOB 2-8 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		
18	INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS 3-8 Intended to look/might look Intended to look Might look Did not intend to look/did not know Did not intend to look Did not know Not asked (a) (a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to and persons who took active steps to find work.		

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
22	REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS Personal reasons Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy Studying At school Other educational institution Moved house/holidays Family reasons Ill health of other than self Unable to find suitable childcare Children too young/ preferred to look after children Other reasons	7-7A	
23	MARGINAL ATTACHMENT SUMMARY VARIABLE Persons who 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 Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks Discouraged jobseekers Other Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force Males Females	4	
		24	AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD 0 to 2 years 3 to 4 years 5 years 6 to 9 years 10 to 11 years 12 years and over
			5A, 7A

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