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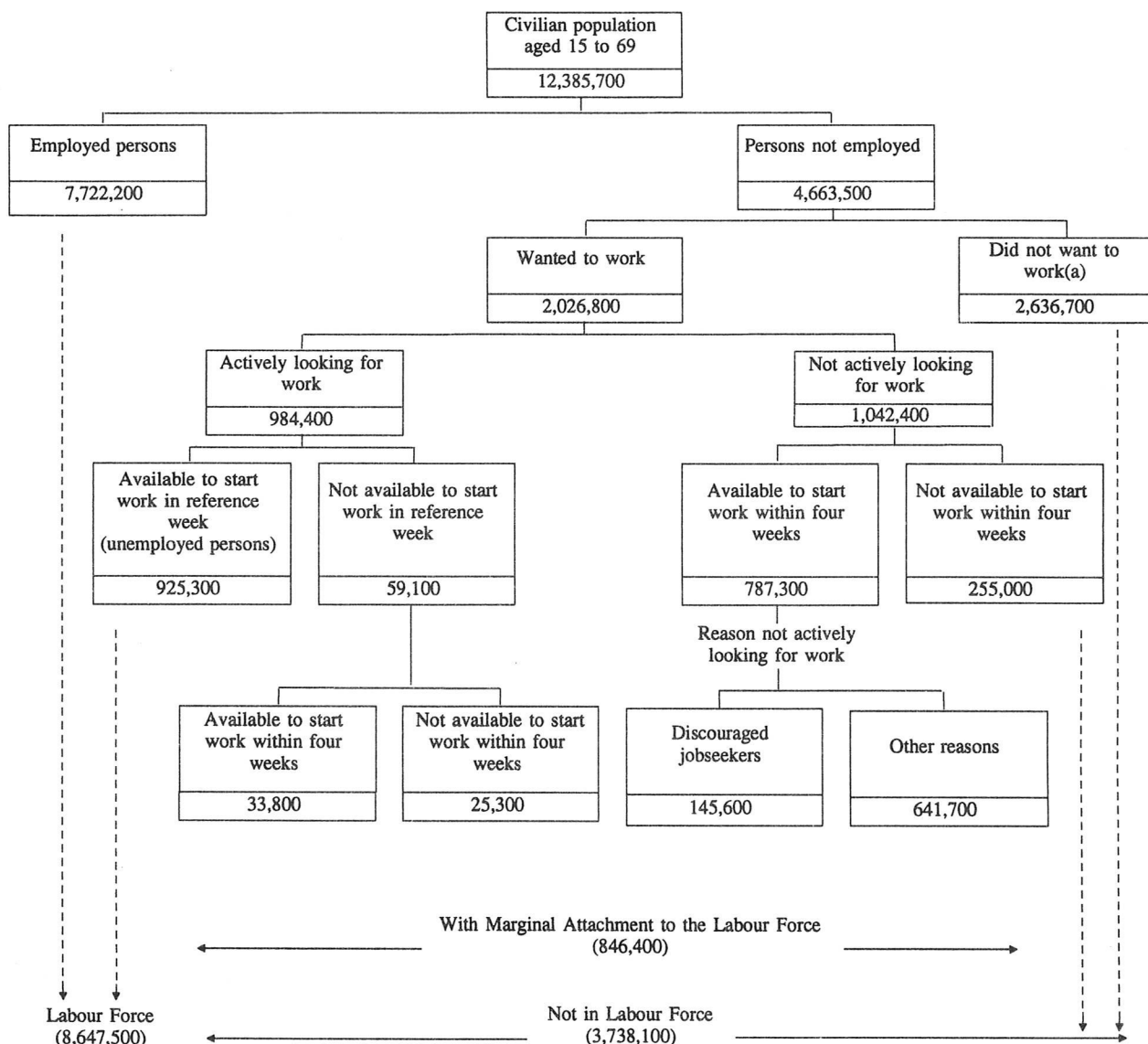
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DIAGRAM 1: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1992



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

Source: Table 1 and The Labour Force, Australia, September 1992 (6203.0)

Overview

In September 1992 there were 3,738,100 persons aged between 15 and 69 who 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. This proportion has remained relatively unchanged over the last five years.

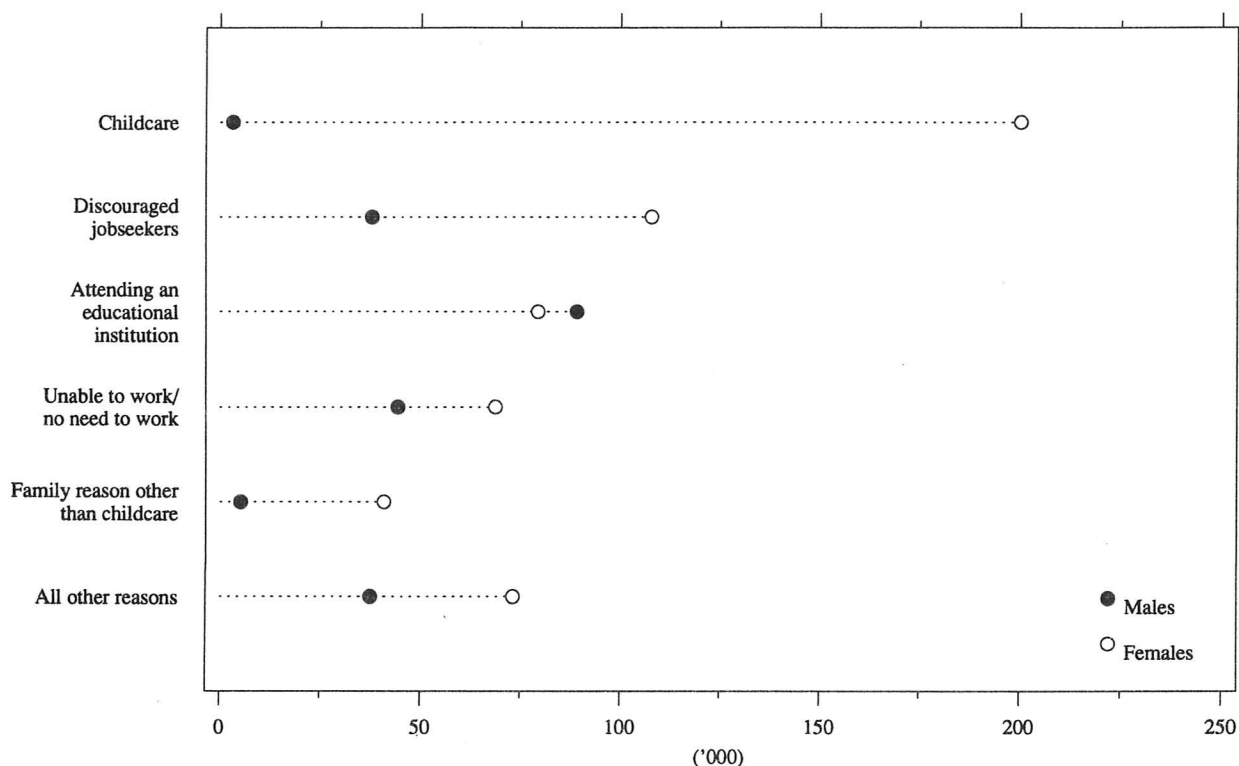
Some 67 per cent of persons not in the labour force were female. By comparison, 42 per cent of persons in the labour force were female (Table 1).

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.

The most common main activities for males who were not in the labour force were 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (37%) and 'attending an educational institution' (33%). Some 5 per cent of males reported their main activity as 'home duties/childcare' (Table 2).

Of the 3,662,400 persons not in the labour force in September 1992, excluding institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils, 570,500 persons (16%) were aged 15 to 19. This was the only age group in which there were more males (295,000) than females (275,500). Most (94%) of these persons reported 'attending an educational institution' as their main activity.

DIAGRAM 2. PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1992



Source: Table 4

A further 38 per cent of persons not in the labour force were aged 55 to 69, comprising 547,100 males and 859,400 females. Most females in this age group reported their main activity as 'home duties/childcare' (71%) or 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (20%). Of males in this age group, 71 per cent reported their main activity as 'retired/voluntarily inactive' and 18 per cent stated 'illness/own injury' (Table 3).

Some 30 per cent of persons not in the labour force reported that they would like a job. This proportion was slightly higher for females (31%) than males (28%). Of those who were 'attending an educational institution', 41 per cent wanted a job, while of persons whose main activity was 'retired/voluntarily inactive' 11 per cent reported that they wanted to work (Table 2).

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 (25%). Persons who were formerly Salespersons and personal service workers and Clerks accounted for 20 and 19 per cent respectively (Table 10).

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

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 want to work and be either seeking work or available to start work within four weeks (see Glossary, page 23 for further details).

There were 846,400 persons classed as marginally attached to the labour force in September 1992, of which 599,700 (71%) were females. "Marginal attachment" represents 23 per cent of those not in the labour force. This proportion has risen gradually since September 1989 when it was 20 per cent (Table 1).

A preference for part-time work was given by 67 per cent of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force. Some 43 per cent intended to look for work in the next twelve months, while 25 per cent did not intend to look for work in the next twelve months. Another 21 per cent did not know or might look (Table 5).

Of those females classed as marginally attached to the labour force —

- 200,100 (33%) gave 'child care' as the main reason for not actively looking for work
- 79,300 (13%) gave 'attending an educational institution' as the main reason for not seeking work
- 29,700 (5%) were actively looking for work, but were not readily available to start work.

Of the 246,700 males who were marginally attached to the labour force —

- attending an educational institution was the most common main reason for not actively looking for work, given by 89,000 (36%)
- own ill health/physical disability was given as the main reason for not actively looking for work by 33,400 (14%)
- 29,400 (12%) were actively looking for work but were not readily available to start work.

Some 15 per cent of males and 18 per cent of females who were marginally attached to the labour force had reported not actively looking for work for reasons which classified them as being 'discouraged jobseekers' (Table 4, Diagram 2).

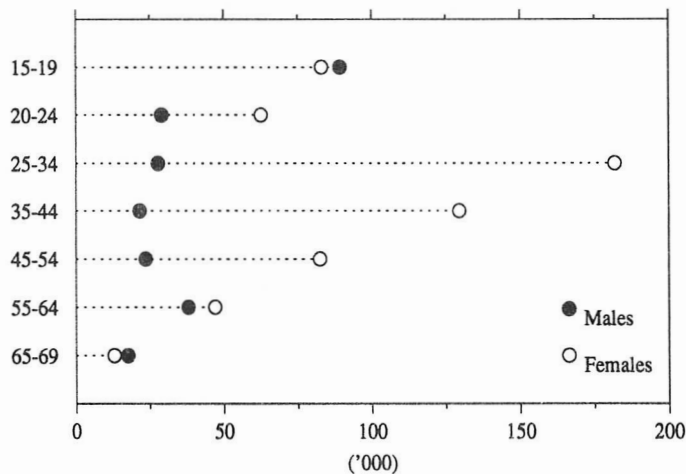
Discouraged jobseekers

The number of discouraged jobseekers at September 1992 was 145,600, an increase of 5 per cent compared with September 1991. Over the same period there was a 7 per cent increase in the number of unemployed persons. The proportion of discouraged jobseekers as a component of all persons not in the labour force remained the same as in September 1991, at 4 per cent, which is almost double the proportion in September 1989 (Table 1).

The age groups 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years had the greatest proportions of female discouraged jobseekers. Some 8 per cent of women not in the labour force in these age groups were discouraged jobseekers. For males, the highest proportion of discouraged jobseekers (6%) was in the 35 to 44 years age group (Table 2).

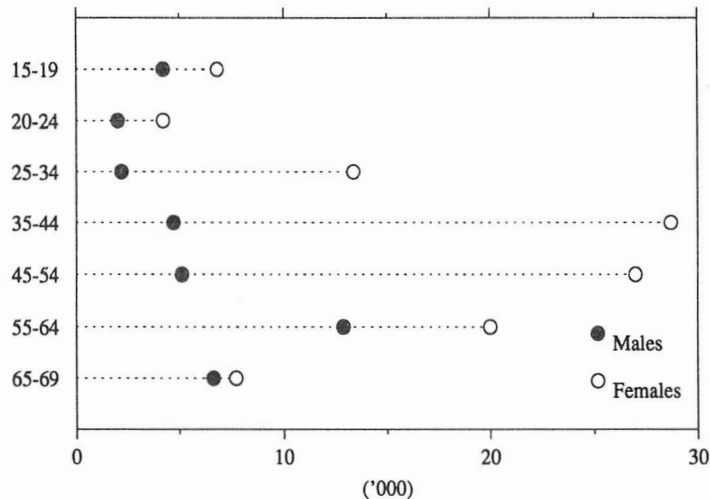
The greatest numbers of discouraged jobseekers were in the 35 to 44 years and 45 to 54 years age groups for females and the 55 to 64 years age group for males (Diagram 4).

DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: AGE, SEPTEMBER 1992



Source: Table 2

DIAGRAM 4. DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: AGE, SEPTEMBER 1992



Source: Table 2

The number of discouraged jobseekers aged between 15 and 34 years has decreased since 1991, although numbers remain higher than in previous years. For age groups of 35 years and over the number of discouraged jobseekers has increased each year since 1989 (Table 7).

In September 1992 the main reasons given by discouraged jobseekers for not actively looking for work were 'No jobs in locality or line of work' (31%), 'No jobs at all' (26%) and 'Considered too young or too old by employers' (26%).

Although the numbers of persons reporting 'No jobs in locality or line of work' and 'No jobs at all' were less than in September 1991, the number of persons who believed there were 'No jobs at all' remained more than four times the level of the September 1990 estimate. The number of persons reporting 'Considered too young or too old by employers' increased from 28,800 in September 1991 to 38,100 in September 1992 (Table 4, Diagram 5).

Women comprised 74 per cent of discouraged jobseekers. Most cited 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity while not in the labour force (82%). For male discouraged jobseekers the most common main activity was 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (45%) (Table 2).

Overall, 46 per cent of discouraged jobseekers intended to look for work in the next twelve months. A high proportion (81%) of discouraged jobseekers aged between 15 and 24 intended to look for work in the next

twelve months, whereas, of those aged between 55 and 69, a lower proportion (21%) intended to look for work in the next twelve months.

Of discouraged jobseekers whose last job was less than twenty years ago, those persons whose last occupation was Tradesperson had the highest proportion intending to look for work in the next twelve months (66%) (Table 8).

Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work

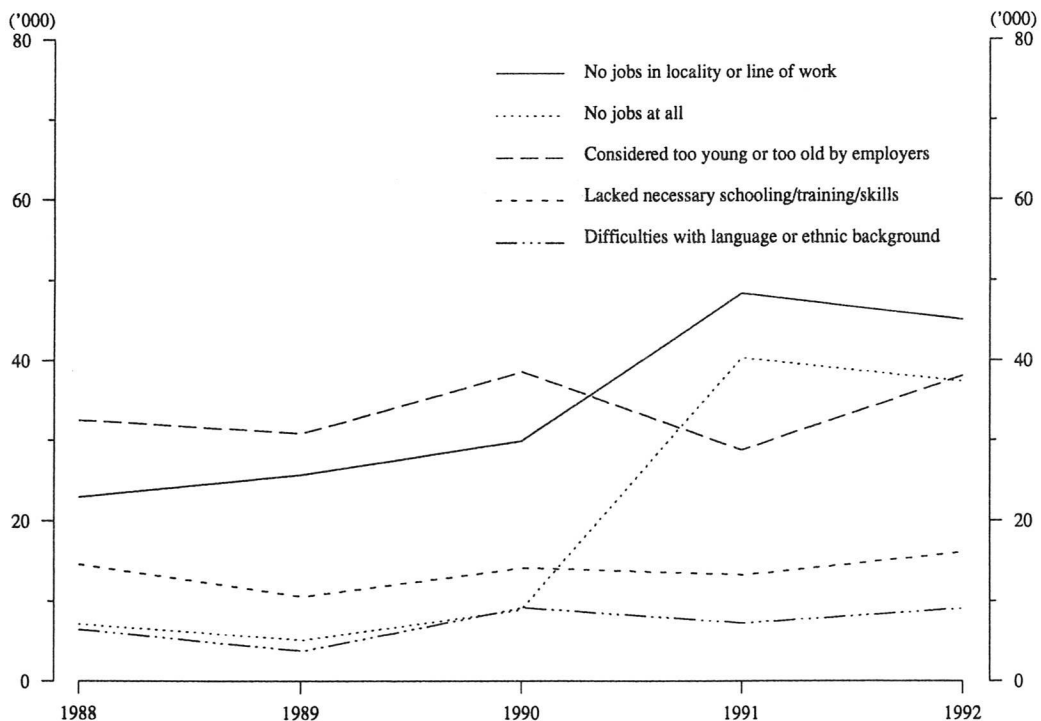
An estimated 321,700 persons wanted to work but were not in the labour force for childcare reasons. Almost all (98%) of these persons were female.

Just over half (52%) of these persons had a child under 3 years of age and some 22 per cent were sole parents.

Of the 321,700 persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons, 276,600 persons were not actively looking for work for reasons including childcare, but were available to start work within four weeks. Of these persons, 203,300 reported that childcare was the main reason for not actively looking for work. The most commonly reported childcare reasons given by these persons were 'Prefers to look after children' (33%) and 'Cost/too expensive' (31%) (Tables 5, 9).

The remaining 45,100 persons were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks, for childcare reasons (Table 9).

DIAGRAM 5. DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1988 TO SEPTEMBER 1992



Source: Table 4

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS,
SEPTEMBER 1988 TO SEPTEMBER 1992
(^{'000})

	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989	Sept. 1990	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1992
MALES					
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,829.8	5,977.6	6,070.2	6,158.6	6,230.5
Persons in the labour force	4,718.5	4,872.8	4,971.4	4,986.0	5,007.1
Employed	4,408.9	4,598.4	4,608.3	4,463.1	4,441.2
Unemployed	309.6	274.4	363.1	522.8	565.9
Persons not in the labour force	1,111.4	1,104.8	1,098.8	1,172.6	1,223.4
With marginal attachment to the labour force	190.8	186.9	195.4	220.5	246.7
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	34.7	25.8	26.3	23.6	29.4
Were available to start work within four weeks	14.8	12.6	12.6	10.7	16.0
Were not available to start work within four weeks	19.9	13.2	13.7	12.9	13.3
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	156.1	161.1	169.2	196.9	217.3
Discouraged jobseekers	19.7	18.2	24.2	34.5	37.8
Other	136.4	142.9	144.9	162.4	179.5
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	920.6	917.9	903.4	952.1	976.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	73.9	76.4	85.1	77.5	89.0
Did not want to work	782.8	759.1	743.3	787.4	817.8
Permanently unable to work	26.4	25.3	34.8	32.5	30.6
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	37.5	57.0	40.2	54.8	39.3
FEMALES					
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	5,783.8	5,905.8	5,994.1	6,076.8	6,155.2
Persons in the labour force	3,274.7	3,443.5	3,542.8	3,605.6	3,640.5
Employed	3,029.8	3,217.1	3,278.4	3,262.4	3,281.1
Unemployed	244.9	226.4	264.4	343.2	359.4
Persons not in the labour force	2,509.1	2,462.3	2,451.3	2,471.3	2,514.7
With marginal attachment to the labour force	530.9	521.5	557.1	598.8	599.7
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	31.0	29.5	31.3	23.0	29.7
Were available to start work within four weeks	20.0	15.2	18.9	13.4	17.8
Were not available to start work within four weeks	11.0	14.4	12.4	9.6	11.9
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	499.9	492.0	525.8	575.8	570.0
Discouraged jobseekers	64.1	57.9	76.6	103.7	107.8
Other	435.7	434.1	449.2	472.1	462.2
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	1,978.2	1,940.8	1,894.2	1,872.5	1,915.0
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	207.4	209.9	225.4	199.6	166.0
Did not want to work	1,732.9	1,692.0	1,618.3	1,621.6	1,698.3
Permanently unable to work	10.8	9.8	17.6	15.5	14.2
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	27.1	29.2	32.9	35.7	36.5
PERSONS					
<i>Civilian population aged 15 to 69</i>	11,613.6	11,883.4	12,064.3	12,235.4	12,385.7
Persons in the labour force	7,993.2	8,316.3	8,514.2	8,591.5	8,647.5
Employed	7,438.7	7,815.5	7,886.8	7,725.5	7,722.2
Unemployed	554.5	500.8	627.5	866.0	925.3
Persons not in the labour force	3,620.4	3,567.1	3,550.1	3,643.9	3,738.1
With marginal attachment to the labour force	721.7	708.4	752.5	819.3	846.4
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	65.7	55.3	57.6	46.7	59.1
Were available to start work within four weeks	34.8	27.7	31.5	24.1	33.8
Were not available to start work within four weeks	30.9	27.6	26.1	22.5	25.3
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	656.0	653.1	694.9	772.7	787.3
Discouraged jobseekers	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2	145.6
Other	572.2	577.0	594.1	634.5	641.7
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	2,898.8	2,858.7	2,797.6	2,824.6	2,891.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	281.3	286.3	310.5	277.1	255.0
Did not want to work	2,515.7	2,451.1	2,361.6	2,409.0	2,516.1
Permanently unable to work	37.2	35.1	52.4	48.1	44.8
Institutionalised persons(a) and boarding school pupils	64.7	86.2	73.1	90.5	75.8

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

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1992
(*000)

	<i>With Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force</i>				<i>Without Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force</i>			<i>Total not in the Labour Force</i>	
	<i>Wanted to work and were actively looking for work</i>	<i>Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks</i>	<i>Dis-couraged jobseeker</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Wanted to work but neither looking nor available for work</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>		<i>Total(b)</i>
MALES									
<i>State —</i>									
New South Wales	10.3	15.4	54.9	70.3	80.6	30.1	296.0	344.4	425.0
Victoria	6.9	10.4	45.9	56.3	63.2	22.4	214.1	239.6	302.8
Queensland	5.0	4.4	31.3	35.7	40.7	14.3	135.1	152.4	193.0
South Australia	* 2.5	3.3	15.9	19.2	21.7	10.0	67.1	78.4	100.2
Western Australia	* 2.5	* 2.7	20.6	23.3	25.8	7.4	70.8	78.9	104.7
Tasmania	* 1.2	* 1.1	5.6	6.6	7.9	2.5	19.9	25.7	33.6
Northern Territory	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 1.5	* 1.7	* 1.9	* 1.0	7.3	8.3	10.2
Australian Capital Territory	* 0.7	* 0.3	3.9	4.2	4.9	1.4	7.6	9.8	14.7
<i>Age —</i>									
15-19	9.1	* 4.2	75.9	80.2	89.3	30.2	174.5	205.8	295.0
20-24	7.3	* 2.0	19.8	21.8	29.1	12.0	44.6	57.4	86.5
25-34	6.1	* 2.2	19.4	21.6	27.8	12.7	32.3	47.0	74.8
35-44	* 3.5	* 4.7	13.4	18.1	21.6	11.7	38.0	53.7	75.2
45-54	* 1.0	5.1	17.4	22.6	23.6	8.9	65.6	81.8	105.4
55-59	* 1.0	* 4.0	11.8	15.8	16.8	6.4	64.6	75.3	92.1
60-64	* 1.3	8.9	10.9	19.8	21.1	* 4.7	151.7	163.1	184.2
65-69	* 0.1	6.6	10.7	17.3	17.5	* 2.3	246.6	253.3	270.8
<i>Family status —</i>									
Member of a family	20.3	29.8	139.1	168.9	189.2	67.2	661.7	751.7	940.9
Husband or wife	8.2	21.7	50.3	72.0	80.2	28.2	424.1	468.2	548.3
Sole parent	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 3.8	* 4.3	* 4.6	* 0.7	* 3.1	* 4.1	8.7
Other member of a family(c)	11.9	7.5	85.0	92.5	104.4	38.3	234.5	279.4	383.9
Not a member of a family	7.7	6.4	28.1	34.5	42.2	16.1	112.5	135.4	177.6
Family status not determined	* 1.3	* 1.7	12.2	13.9	15.3	5.7	43.6	50.3	65.6
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	25.0	21.8	136.1	157.9	182.9	61.9	558.5	644.8	827.7
Born outside Australia	* 4.4	16.0	43.3	59.4	63.8	27.2	259.3	292.6	356.4
Born in main English-speaking countries	* 1.1	* 4.8	18.7	23.5	24.5	6.3	72.2	79.5	104.0
Born in other countries	* 3.3	11.2	24.6	35.9	39.2	20.9	187.1	213.1	252.4
<i>Time since last job —</i>									
Had had a job	23.0	33.7	122.2	155.9	178.9	64.1	626.5	715.8	894.7
Under 12 months	12.0	9.3	53.0	62.3	74.3	27.0	94.8	122.7	197.0
1 and under 3 years	7.4	11.3	35.7	47.0	54.4	19.5	131.1	153.1	207.5
3 and under 5 years	* 1.4	5.8	15.2	21.0	22.4	8.3	104.0	116.3	138.7
5 and under 10 years	* 1.6	* 4.5	11.5	16.0	17.6	5.7	184.3	197.5	215.1
10 and under 20 years	* 0.5	* 1.9	5.4	7.3	7.8	* 3.3	94.7	107.0	114.8
20 years or more	* 0.1	* 1.0	* 1.3	* 2.3	* 2.4	* 0.3	17.7	19.1	21.5
Had never had a job	6.4	* 4.1	57.3	61.4	67.7	24.9	191.4	221.7	289.4
<i>Main activity when not in the labour force —</i>									
Home duties/childcare	* 2.3	7.4	11.7	19.2	21.5	* 4.4	37.4	41.8	63.4
Attending an educational institution	15.8	* 4.7	96.7	101.5	117.3	44.2	232.7	276.9	394.2
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 1.3	16.9	28.5	45.4	46.7	6.5	379.6	386.1	432.9
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	5.3	* 1.7	23.8	25.5	30.7	29.6	132.1	192.3	223.1
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.7	* 0.5	* 1.5	* 2.0	* 2.7	* 0.9	9.4	10.4	13.1
Travel/moving house	* 0.8	* 0.6	7.5	8.1	8.9	* 0.4	5.9	6.3	15.3
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.2	* 2.1	* 3.8	5.9	6.0	* 0.8	11.0	11.8	17.8
Unpaid leave	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 1.1	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 0.6	* 1.7
Other	* 2.9	* 3.4	5.4	8.7	11.7	* 2.1	9.1	11.2	22.9
Total	29.4	37.8	179.5	217.3	246.7	89.0	817.8	937.5	1,184.1

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. (b) Includes permanently unable to work. (c) Includes 'Other family head', 'Full-time student aged 15-24' and 'Other relative of married couple or family head'.

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1992
(*000)—continued

	With Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force				Without Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force			Total not in the Labour Force	
	Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	Discouraged jobseeker	Other	Total	Wanted to work but neither looking nor available for work	Did not want to work		Total(b)
FEMALES									
<i>State —</i>									
New South Wales	11.3	34.9	148.9	183.8	195.2	59.9	587.9	654.3	849.5
Victoria	5.7	35.4	116.5	151.9	157.7	43.4	441.3	488.6	646.3
Queensland	6.0	14.0	83.9	97.9	103.9	25.3	287.3	313.6	417.5
South Australia	* 2.7	8.4	41.9	50.2	53.0	10.5	142.3	153.6	206.5
Western Australia	* 2.1	10.1	45.9	56.1	58.2	16.3	159.5	176.4	234.6
Tasmania	* 0.4	3.1	12.9	15.9	16.3	4.5	50.2	55.8	72.1
Northern Territory	* 0.4	* 0.6	3.8	4.4	4.8	2.7	10.5	13.2	18.0
Australian Capital Territory	1.1	1.2	8.4	9.7	10.7	3.4	19.3	23.1	33.8
<i>Age —</i>									
15-19	* 4.6	6.8	71.7	78.6	83.2	29.3	163.0	192.3	275.5
20-24	10.4	* 4.2	48.1	52.4	62.7	20.3	79.9	101.6	164.3
25-34	8.0	13.4	160.4	173.8	181.8	56.5	243.7	301.7	483.5
35-44	* 4.3	28.7	96.4	125.1	129.5	26.8	203.1	232.2	361.7
45-54	* 2.3	27.0	53.2	80.2	82.5	20.2	227.0	251.3	333.8
55-59	* 0.1	12.4	17.7	30.1	30.2	7.8	178.8	187.7	217.9
60-64	* 0.0	7.6	9.3	16.8	16.8	* 2.8	291.2	295.8	312.6
65-69	* 0.0	7.7	5.4	13.0	13.0	* 2.3	311.5	315.9	328.9
<i>Family status —</i>									
Member of a family	22.2	91.0	418.8	509.8	532.0	140.8	1,426.1	1,578.2	2,110.2
Husband or wife	9.3	70.6	272.5	343.1	352.4	89.0	1,094.7	1,190.2	1,542.6
Sole parent	* 3.0	10.7	65.9	76.6	79.6	15.6	77.7	93.9	173.5
Other member of a family(c)	9.9	9.7	80.4	90.1	100.0	36.2	253.7	294.1	394.1
Not a member of a family	5.0	12.0	25.5	37.5	42.4	16.3	199.8	218.2	260.6
Family status not determined	* 2.6	* 4.8	17.9	22.8	25.3	8.8	72.4	82.1	107.4
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	22.3	65.2	350.4	415.6	437.9	117.8	1,192.4	1,320.6	1,758.5
Born outside Australia	7.4	42.6	111.9	154.5	161.9	48.2	505.9	557.9	719.8
Born in main English-speaking countries	* 3.1	13.5	41.3	54.8	58.0	12.1	167.2	181.1	239.0
Born in other countries	* 4.2	29.1	70.6	99.7	103.9	36.1	338.7	376.8	480.8
<i>Time since last job —</i>									
Had had a job	25.1	98.4	392.3	490.6	515.8	132.9	1,425.9	1,568.4	2,084.2
Under 12 months	11.8	15.5	97.4	112.8	124.6	47.9	144.0	191.9	316.6
1 and under 3 years	7.3	24.4	95.3	119.7	127.0	32.6	183.3	216.7	343.7
3 and under 5 years	* 2.6	11.1	58.7	69.8	72.4	15.5	148.6	165.1	237.5
5 and under 10 years	* 2.7	20.3	73.2	93.5	96.2	17.2	256.7	275.7	371.9
10 and under 20 years	* 0.7	17.9	51.2	69.1	69.9	14.0	294.7	312.5	382.3
20 years or more	* 0.0	9.2	16.4	25.6	25.6	5.7	398.6	406.5	432.1
Had never had a job	* 4.6	9.5	70.0	79.4	84.0	33.1	272.4	310.1	394.1
<i>Main activity when not in the labour force —</i>									
Home duties/childcare	11.8	88.5	338.3	426.8	438.6	101.6	1,208.4	1,310.0	1,748.6
Attending an educational institution	12.6	7.8	87.0	94.8	107.4	43.7	210.3	254.0	361.3
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 0.7	4.9	8.8	13.7	14.4	* 2.2	177.2	179.5	193.9
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	* 0.9	* 0.7	9.1	9.8	10.7	11.4	42.9	68.5	79.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.5	* 1.3	6.2	7.5	8.0	* 2.6	25.6	28.2	36.2
Travel/moving house	* 1.3	* 1.0	* 3.9	5.0	6.3	* 1.8	5.9	7.7	14.0
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.5	* 3.0	* 4.3	7.3	7.8	* 1.0	21.7	22.6	30.4
Unpaid leave	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 0.9	* 1.4	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 2.2
Other	* 1.0	* 0.7	* 3.6	* 4.3	5.3	* 1.0	6.2	7.2	12.5
Total	29.7	107.8	462.2	570.0	599.7	166.0	1,698.3	1,878.5	2,478.3

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. (b) Includes permanently unable to work. (c) Includes 'Other family head', 'Full-time student aged 15-24' and 'Other relative of married couple or family head'.

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1992
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	<i>With Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force</i>				<i>Without Marginal Attachment to the Labour Force</i>			<i>Total not in the Labour Force</i>	
	<i>Wanted to work and were actively looking for work</i>	<i>Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks</i>	<i>Discouraged jobseeker</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Wanted to work but neither looking nor available for work</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>		<i>Total(b)</i>
PERSONS									
<i>State —</i>									
New South Wales	21.6	50.4	203.8	254.2	275.8	90.0	883.8	998.7	1,274.5
Victoria	12.6	45.8	162.4	208.2	220.8	65.8	655.4	728.2	949.0
Queensland	10.9	18.5	115.2	133.6	144.6	39.6	422.4	465.9	610.5
South Australia	5.3	11.7	57.8	69.4	74.7	20.4	209.4	232.0	306.7
Western Australia	4.7	12.8	66.5	79.3	84.0	23.6	230.2	255.3	339.3
Tasmania	* 1.6	4.1	18.4	22.6	24.2	7.0	70.1	81.5	105.7
Northern Territory	* 0.6	* 0.8	5.3	6.1	6.7	3.8	17.8	21.5	28.2
Australian Capital Territory	1.8	1.6	12.3	13.8	15.6	4.8	26.9	32.9	48.5
<i>Age —</i>									
15-19	13.7	11.1	147.7	158.8	172.4	59.5	337.5	398.1	570.5
20-24	17.6	6.2	67.9	74.2	91.8	32.3	124.5	159.0	250.9
25-34	14.1	15.6	179.9	195.5	209.6	69.2	276.0	348.7	558.3
35-44	7.8	33.4	109.8	143.2	151.0	38.5	241.0	285.9	436.9
45-54	* 3.3	32.2	70.6	102.8	106.1	29.2	292.6	333.1	439.2
55-59	* 1.1	16.4	29.5	45.9	47.1	14.2	243.5	262.9	310.0
60-64	* 1.3	16.4	20.2	36.6	37.9	7.5	442.9	458.9	496.8
65-69	* 0.1	14.3	16.1	30.4	30.5	* 4.6	558.2	569.2	599.7
<i>Family status —</i>									
Member of a family	42.5	120.8	557.9	678.7	721.2	208.1	2,087.9	2,330.0	3,051.1
Husband or wife	17.4	92.3	322.8	415.1	432.6	117.2	1,518.8	1,658.3	2,090.9
Sole parent	* 3.2	11.2	69.7	80.9	84.2	16.4	80.8	98.1	182.2
Other member of a family(c)	21.8	17.2	165.4	182.6	204.5	74.5	488.2	573.6	778.0
Not a member of a family	12.6	18.3	53.6	72.0	84.6	32.5	312.3	353.6	438.2
Family status not determined	* 3.9	6.5	30.2	36.7	40.6	14.5	115.9	132.4	173.0
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	47.3	87.0	486.5	573.5	620.8	179.7	1,750.9	1,965.4	2,586.2
Born outside Australia	11.8	58.6	155.2	213.9	225.6	75.4	765.2	850.5	1,076.1
Born in main English-speaking countries	* 4.2	18.3	60.0	78.3	82.5	18.3	239.3	260.5	343.0
Born in other countries	7.6	40.3	95.2	135.5	143.1	57.0	525.9	590.0	733.1
<i>Time since last job —</i>									
Had had a job	48.1	132.1	514.5	646.5	694.7	197.0	2,052.4	2,284.2	2,978.9
Under 12 months	23.8	24.7	150.4	175.1	198.9	74.9	238.8	314.6	513.6
1 and under 3 years	14.7	35.7	131.0	166.7	181.4	52.2	314.3	369.8	551.2
3 and under 5 years	* 4.1	16.8	73.9	90.8	94.8	23.8	252.6	281.4	376.3
5 and under 10 years	* 4.3	24.8	84.7	109.5	113.8	22.9	441.0	473.3	587.1
10 and under 20 years	* 1.3	19.8	56.6	76.4	77.7	17.3	389.4	419.4	497.2
20 years or more	* 0.1	10.2	17.7	28.0	28.0	6.0	416.3	425.6	453.6
Had never had a job	10.9	13.6	127.2	140.8	151.7	58.0	463.7	531.8	683.5
<i>Main activity when not in the labour force —</i>									
Home duties/childcare	14.2	95.9	350.1	446.0	460.1	106.0	1,245.8	1,351.8	1,812.0
Attending an educational institution	28.4	12.5	183.7	196.2	224.6	87.9	443.0	530.9	755.5
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 2.0	21.8	37.3	59.2	61.1	8.8	556.8	565.6	626.8
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	6.2	* 2.3	32.9	35.2	41.4	41.0	175.0	260.9	302.3
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 1.2	* 1.8	7.7	9.5	10.7	* 3.5	35.0	38.5	49.3
Travel/moving house	* 2.1	* 1.6	11.5	13.1	15.2	* 2.2	11.9	14.1	29.3
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.6	5.0	8.1	13.1	13.8	* 1.7	32.6	34.4	48.1
Unpaid leave	* 0.5	* 0.6	* 1.4	* 1.9	* 2.4	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 1.4	* 3.8
Other	* 3.9	* 4.0	9.0	13.0	17.0	* 3.1	15.3	18.4	35.3
Total	59.1	145.6	641.7	787.3	846.4	255.0	2,516.1	2,816.0	3,662.4

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. (b) Includes permanently unable to work. (c) Includes 'Other family head', 'Full-time student aged 15-24' and 'Other relative of married couple or family head'.

TABLE 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE, SEPTEMBER, 1992
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Main activity when not in the labour force	Age								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	
MALES									
Home duties/childcare	* 0.8	* 1.5	10.2	10.7	11.2	6.0	9.5	13.5	63.4
Attending an educational institution	283.0	67.3	27.8	12.0	* 2.6	* 0.9	* 0.2	* 0.5	394.2
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 3.4	* 2.6	* 4.3	8.2	26.7	42.8	121.3	223.5	432.9
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	* 4.2	8.6	24.2	32.2	56.4	34.8	43.0	19.7	223.1
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 1.1	* 2.1	* 2.8	* 2.1	* 2.0	* 2.9	13.1
Other(b)	* 3.6	6.6	7.2	10.0	5.8	5.6	8.2	10.6	57.5
Total	295.0	86.5	74.8	75.2	105.4	92.1	184.2	270.8	1,184.1
FEMALES									
Home duties/childcare	17.6	89.7	441.1	319.7	269.0	170.1	222.4	219.0	1,748.6
Attending an educational institution	253.3	62.8	23.8	13.0	5.0	* 1.9	* 0.4	* 1.1	361.3
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 1.3	* 1.1	* 1.7	* 3.2	15.0	23.3	62.6	85.8	193.9
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	* 1.4	5.4	8.8	15.4	23.1	8.3	10.3	6.6	79.2
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.4	* 1.1	* 1.6	* 2.9	10.6	6.7	5.9	7.0	36.2
Other(b)	* 1.5	* 4.2	6.5	7.5	11.1	7.6	11.0	9.5	59.0
Total	275.5	164.3	483.5	361.7	333.8	217.9	312.6	328.9	2,478.3
PERSONS									
Home duties/childcare	18.3	91.2	451.3	330.4	280.2	176.0	232.0	232.6	1,812.0
Attending an educational institution	536.3	130.1	51.6	25.0	7.6	* 2.8	* 0.6	* 1.6	755.5
Retired/voluntarily inactive	* 4.6	* 3.7	6.1	11.5	41.7	66.0	183.9	309.3	626.8
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap	5.6	14.0	33.0	47.6	79.6	43.1	53.3	26.2	302.3
Looking after ill/disabled person	* 0.5	* 1.1	* 2.7	5.0	13.4	8.8	7.9	9.9	49.3
Other(b)	5.1	10.8	13.7	17.5	16.8	13.3	19.2	20.1	116.6
Total	570.5	250.9	558.3	436.9	439.2	310.0	496.8	599.7	3,662.4

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. (b) Includes 'Travel/moving house', 'Worked in unpaid voluntary job' and 'Unpaid leave'.

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1988 TO SEPTEMBER 1992
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	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1989	Sept. 1990	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1992
MALES					
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	34.7	25.8	26.3	23.6	29.4
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	156.1	161.1	169.2	196.9	217.3
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>					
Had a job to go to(a)	5.8	8.0	7.1	7.3	8.5
Personal reasons	110.4	114.7	118.8	130.9	146.4
Own ill health/physical disability	34.5	34.9	35.6	29.4	33.4
Attending an educational institution	55.3	58.2	62.1	79.8	89.0
Other(b)	20.6	21.6	21.1	21.7	24.0
Family reasons	*4.1	5.1	5.2	7.3	8.5
Discouraged jobseekers	19.7	18.2	24.2	34.5	37.8
No jobs in suitable hours	*2.1	*1.1	*0.7	*2.6	*2.2
Other reasons	12.5	12.6	12.0	13.5	13.0
Did not know	*1.5	*1.5	*1.2	*0.8	*0.9
Total	190.8	186.9	195.4	220.5	246.7
FEMALES					
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	31.0	29.5	31.3	23.0	29.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	499.9	492.0	525.8	575.8	570.0
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work —</i>					
Had a job to go to(a)	13.4	12.1	12.7	18.8	16.3
Personal reasons	145.8	159.9	160.2	165.2	172.5
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	35.0	44.3	43.3	35.6	38.1
Attending an educational institution	55.7	63.8	62.0	75.3	79.3
Had no need to work	28.3	25.9	31.9	30.2	30.7
Give others a chance	*3.6	*2.8	*4.3	7.0	6.8
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	10.5	11.8	10.0	8.0	10.0
Moved house/holidays	12.6	11.2	8.7	9.1	7.6
Family reasons	239.2	222.5	234.5	247.2	241.0
Ill health of other than self	10.6	10.8	10.0	12.2	12.1
Childcare	190.8	175.6	176.3	193.7	200.1
Other family considerations	37.8	36.1	48.1	41.3	28.8
Discouraged jobseekers	64.1	57.9	76.6	103.7	107.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	23.5	22.8	26.0	16.8	25.2
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	5.3	*3.0	7.4	5.8	7.6
Lacked necessary schooling/training/skills/experience	12.0	9.0	11.3	11.6	13.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	17.5	19.3	24.5	38.1	33.3
No jobs at all	5.7	*3.8	7.4	31.4	27.9
No jobs in suitable hours	8.6	9.5	10.4	10.8	10.6
Other reasons	24.1	23.9	25.3	24.5	18.0
Did not know	4.7	6.2	6.0	5.6	3.9
Total	530.9	521.5	557.1	598.8	599.7
PERSONS					
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	65.7	55.3	57.6	46.7	59.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	656.0	653.1	694.9	772.7	787.3
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work—</i>					
Had a job to go to(a)	19.1	20.1	19.8	26.1	24.9
Personal reasons	256.2	274.5	279.0	296.1	318.9
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	69.6	79.2	78.9	65.0	71.5
Attending an educational institution	111.0	122.1	124.1	155.1	168.3
Had no need to work	35.9	34.9	42.5	41.5	41.7
Give others a chance	*3.8	*3.1	5.1	7.9	7.8
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	16.9	16.3	13.6	11.6	15.5
Moved house/holidays	19.0	19.0	14.8	14.9	14.0
Family reasons	243.2	227.6	239.7	254.5	249.5
Ill health of other than self	12.7	11.4	11.3	14.0	15.0
Childcare	192.0	177.1	179.0	196.5	203.3
Other family considerations	38.6	39.1	49.4	44.1	31.2
Discouraged jobseekers	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2	145.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	32.5	30.8	38.6	28.8	38.1
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	6.5	*3.8	9.2	7.3	9.1
Lacked necessary schooling/training/skills/experience	14.6	10.6	14.1	13.3	16.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	23.0	25.7	29.9	48.4	45.1
No jobs at all	7.2	5.2	9.0	40.3	37.3
No jobs in suitable hours	10.7	10.6	11.0	13.4	12.8
Other reasons	36.7	36.4	37.3	38.0	31.0
Did not know	6.3	7.7	7.2	6.4	4.7
Total	721.7	708.4	752.5	819.3	846.4

(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. (b) Includes 'Had no need to work', 'Give others a chance', 'Welfare payments/pension may be affected' and 'Moved house/holidays'.

TABLE 5. 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 WHETHER WOULD PREFER PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME WORK, SEPTEMBER 1992
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	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months			Whether would prefer part-time or full-time work		Total(a)	Per cent
	Intended to look	Did not intend to look	Did not know/might look	Full-time	Part-time		
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	..	..	..	34.6	21.2	59.1	..
Were available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	16.8	14.4	33.8	..
Were not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	17.7	6.8	25.3	..
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	366.6	215.3	180.5	194.2	541.8	787.3	100.0
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work —</i>							
Had a job to go to(b)	..	..	..	12.5	11.7	24.9	3.2
Personal reasons	175.3	76.8	66.7	92.8	209.5	318.9	40.5
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	29.9	20.7	20.9	22.5	41.5	71.5	9.1
Attending an educational institution	116.0	25.3	27.0	54.7	108.7	168.3	21.4
Had no need to work	12.4	20.5	8.8	* 3.9	35.5	41.7	5.3
Give others a chance	* 1.4	* 3.6	* 2.8	* 0.8	6.5	7.8	1.0
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	* 3.4	6.6	5.5	* 3.3	11.6	15.5	2.0
Moved house/holidays	12.3	* 0.0	* 1.7	7.5	5.8	14.0	1.8
Family reasons	95.8	84.0	69.7	40.8	192.8	249.5	31.7
Ill health of other than self	5.6	* 4.6	* 4.8	* 3.6	10.0	15.0	1.9
Childcare	79.0	69.3	55.0	33.6	156.7	203.3	25.8
No childcare in locality	* 4.7	* 4.1	* 3.7	* 1.6	10.0	12.5	1.6
No childcare available at all	* 3.5	* 2.3	* 0.8	* 1.3	5.3	6.6	0.8
Cost/too expensive	23.1	20.4	20.1	12.4	47.2	63.6	8.1
Booked out/no places available	* 4.1	* 0.9	* 1.8	* 1.5	* 4.6	6.8	0.9
Children too young/too old	12.0	7.7	7.6	* 4.1	21.2	27.3	3.5
Prefers to look after children	22.7	26.3	17.4	8.6	53.1	66.4	8.4
Quality of childcare unsuitable	* 3.3	* 4.6	* 1.5	* 1.4	7.4	9.4	1.2
Other	5.6	* 3.1	* 2.2	* 2.7	7.8	10.9	1.4
Other family considerations	11.2	10.1	9.9	* 3.5	26.1	31.2	4.0
Discouraged jobseekers	67.5	43.5	34.6	36.2	93.9	145.6	18.5
Considered too young or too old	10.5	18.7	8.9	8.2	25.5	38.1	4.8
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	5.2	* 1.5	* 2.4	* 3.0	5.1	9.1	1.2
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	8.2	4.9	* 3.0	* 3.4	11.1	16.1	2.0
No jobs in locality or line of work	25.3	9.7	10.2	12.9	28.3	45.1	5.7
No jobs at all	18.4	8.7	10.2	8.7	24.0	37.3	4.7
No jobs in suitable hours	7.7	* 1.6	* 3.5	* 0.9	11.2	12.8	1.6
Other reasons	17.6	7.6	5.7	10.0	19.2	31.0	3.9
Did not know	* 2.7	* 1.8	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 3.5	* 4.7	* 0.6
Total	366.6	215.3	180.5	228.7	563.0	846.4	..

a) Includes those persons who were not asked their intention to look for work as they had taken active steps to find work or had a job to go to. It also includes those persons who had 'no reference' to full-time or part-time work. (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 6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: ALL REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND WHETHER WOULD PREFER PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME WORK, SEPTEMBER 1992
(*000)

	<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months</i>			<i>Whether would prefer part-time or full-time work</i>		<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
	<i>Intended to look</i>	<i>Did not intend to look</i>	<i>Did not know/might look</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>		
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	..	..	..	34.6	21.2	59.1	..
Were available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	16.8	14.4	33.8	..
Were not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	17.7	6.8	25.3	..
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	366.6	215.3	180.5	194.2	541.8	787.3	100.0
<i>All reasons for not actively looking for work—</i>							
Had a job to go to(b)	..	..	..	12.5	11.7	24.9	3.2
Personal reasons	191.1	87.9	75.2	99.8	236.2	354.2	45.0
Own ill health/physical disability/pregnancy	34.2	22.4	22.1	25.5	45.7	78.6	10.0
Attending an educational institution	125.4	26.6	28.9	58.2	117.8	181.0	23.0
Had no need to work	15.3	26.5	12.6	* 4.5	46.8	54.5	6.9
Give others a chance	* 2.8	8.3	5.0	* 0.9	14.4	16.1	2.0
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	6.4	10.8	8.7	5.6	19.0	25.9	3.3
Moved house/holidays	14.6	* 0.6	* 2.3	8.3	8.5	17.5	2.2
Family reasons	125.5	101.4	88.8	54.6	242.7	317.9	40.4
Ill health of other than self	8.8	6.2	6.8	* 4.6	15.0	21.8	2.8
Childcare	110.4	88.2	75.9	47.1	212.0	276.6	35.1
Other family considerations	16.2	15.4	14.2	6.0	37.7	45.8	5.8
Discouraged jobseekers	89.9	54.0	47.2	45.7	127.1	191.1	24.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	19.0	27.4	14.2	12.7	41.1	60.6	7.7
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	7.7	* 2.8	* 3.8	* 4.3	7.8	14.3	1.8
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	17.1	8.9	7.7	7.3	23.4	33.8	4.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	41.6	15.9	19.1	22.1	47.9	76.7	9.7
No jobs at all	29.2	13.0	14.3	13.9	36.8	56.5	7.2
No jobs in suitable hours	16.0	5.1	7.9	* 3.2	24.4	29.0	3.7
Other reasons	26.1	11.6	9.7	12.7	32.0	47.3	6.0
Did not know	* 2.7	* 1.8	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 3.5	* 4.7	* 0.6

(a) Includes those persons who were not asked their intention to look for work as they had taken active steps to find work or had a job to go to. It also includes those persons who had 'no preference' to full-time or part-time work. (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. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: AGE,
SEPTEMBER 1988 TO SEPTEMBER 1992
(*000)**

<i>Age</i>	<i>Sept. 1988</i>	<i>Sept. 1989</i>	<i>Sept. 1990</i>	<i>Sept. 1991</i>	<i>Sept. 1992</i>
MALES					
15-19	*3.4	*2.5	*3.0	7.3	*4.2
20-24	*1.2	*1.2	*1.7	*3.1	*2.0
25-34	*2.6	*2.2	*1.7	*2.3	*2.2
35-44	*1.2	*1.6	*2.9	*1.4	*4.7
45-54	*1.3	*1.5	*1.6	*4.1	5.1
55-59	*2.8	*1.6	*0.7	*2.2	*4.0
60-64	*3.8	*3.3	5.9	7.0	8.9
65-69	*3.3	*4.3	6.7	7.1	6.6
Total	19.7	18.2	24.2	34.5	37.8
FEMALES					
15-19	*4.7	*3.0	*3.8	7.3	6.8
20-24	*2.3	*2.4	*3.7	*4.0	*4.2
25-34	10.2	8.0	13.0	17.0	13.4
35-44	14.1	12.3	16.0	26.6	28.7
45-54	13.5	13.4	17.6	26.1	27.0
55-59	9.7	9.0	9.8	11.5	12.4
60-64	6.0	6.3	7.8	7.8	7.6
65-69	*3.8	*3.5	4.8	*3.3	7.7
Total	64.1	57.9	76.6	103.7	107.8
PERSONS					
15-19	8.0	5.5	6.8	14.5	11.1
20-24	*3.5	*3.6	5.4	7.2	6.2
25-34	12.8	10.2	14.8	19.3	15.6
35-44	15.3	13.9	18.9	28.0	33.4
45-54	14.8	15.0	19.2	30.2	32.2
55-59	12.4	10.6	10.5	13.7	16.4
60-64	9.9	9.6	13.7	14.8	16.4
65-69	7.1	7.7	11.6	10.4	14.3
Total	83.8	76.1	100.9	138.2	145.6

TABLE 8. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1992 ('000)

	<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months</i>			<i>Total(a)</i>		
	<i>Intended to look</i>	<i>Did not intend to look</i>	<i>Did not know/might look</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Age —</i>						
15-19	8.6	* 1.4	* 1.1	* 4.2	6.8	11.1
20-24	5.4	* 0.1	* 0.8	* 2.0	* 4.2	6.2
25-34	8.6	* 2.7	* 4.4	* 2.2	13.4	15.6
35-44	19.4	* 4.6	9.4	* 4.7	28.7	33.4
45-54	15.8	8.9	7.5	5.1	27.0	32.2
55-59	* 3.6	7.7	5.1	* 4.0	12.4	16.4
60-64	* 4.3	9.1	* 3.0	8.9	7.6	16.4
65-69	* 1.9	9.1	* 3.3	6.6	7.7	14.3
<i>Family status —</i>						
Member of a family(b)	57.7	33.6	29.4	29.8	91.0	120.8
Husband or wife	40.0	28.1	24.3	21.7	70.6	92.3
With dependents present	21.9	7.9	11.6	6.2	35.2	41.4
Without dependents present	18.1	20.2	12.7	15.5	35.4	50.9
Sole parent	6.6	* 2.1	* 2.6	* 0.5	10.7	11.2
Not a member of a family	6.8	8.1	* 3.4	6.4	12.0	18.3
Family status not determined	* 2.9	* 1.8	* 1.8	* 1.7	* 4.8	6.5
<i>Birthplace —</i>						
Born in Australia	38.7	25.2	23.1	21.8	65.2	87.0
Born outside Australia	28.8	18.3	11.5	16.0	42.6	58.6
Born in main English speaking countries	7.0	9.1	* 2.2	* 4.8	13.5	18.3
Born in other countries	21.8	9.3	9.3	11.2	29.1	40.3
<i>Occupation in last job—</i>						
Last job less than 20 years ago	57.4	35.1	29.4	32.7	89.1	121.8
Managers and administrators	* 2.7	* 3.1	* 2.6	* 4.8	* 3.6	8.4
Professionals	* 3.7	* 1.1	* 1.9	* 3.4	* 3.4	6.7
Para-professionals	* 2.5	* 2.2	* 0.6	* 2.0	* 3.2	5.3
Tradespersons	8.1	* 1.6	* 2.6	6.8	5.5	12.2
Clerks	8.4	8.1	* 4.6	* 2.1	18.9	21.1
Salespersons and personal service workers	11.8	7.7	5.1	* 1.9	22.6	24.5
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	* 4.3	* 2.1	* 3.1	* 2.5	7.0	9.5
Labourers and related workers	16.0	9.3	8.8	9.2	24.9	34.1
Last job 20 or more years ago	* 1.5	6.4	* 2.4	* 1.0	9.2	10.2
Had never had a job	8.7	* 2.0	* 2.9	* 4.1	9.5	13.6
<i>Main reason for not actively looking for work —</i>						
Considered too young or too old	10.5	18.7	8.9	12.9	25.2	38.1
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	5.2	* 1.5	* 2.4	* 1.5	7.6	9.1
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	8.2	4.9	* 3.0	* 2.2	13.9	16.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	25.3	9.7	10.2	11.8	33.3	45.1
No jobs at all	18.4	8.7	10.2	9.4	27.9	37.3
Total	67.5	43.5	34.6	37.8	107.8	145.6

(a) Comprises persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job to go to. (b) Includes 'Other family head', 'Full-time student aged 15-24' and 'Other relative of married couple or family head'.

TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE FOR CHILDCARE REASONS WHO WANTED TO WORK: AGE, AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD, FAMILY STATUS, BIRTHPLACE, SEPTEMBER 1992 ('000)

	<i>Not actively looking for work for reasons including childcare but available to start within four weeks</i>		<i>Not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks for childcare reasons</i>	
	<i>Childcare main reason for not actively looking for work</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>
<i>Age —</i>				
15-19	* 4.3	4.9	* 0.7	5.7
20-24	24.5	30.8	* 4.8	35.6
25-34	118.2	154.1	28.8	182.9
35-44	52.5	78.5	9.6	88.1
45-54	* 3.5	7.9	* 1.1	9.0
55-59	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3
60-64	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
65-69	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.1
<i>Age of youngest child —</i>				
0 to 2 years	106.9	131.2	35.1	166.3
3 to 5 years	54.3	70.4	6.8	77.2
6 to 11 years	38.2	70.3	* 2.9	73.3
12 years and over	* 3.9	* 4.7	* 0.3	4.9
<i>Family status —</i>				
Member of a family(a)	196.1	265.2	43.6	308.8
Husband or wife	147.3	200.0	37.4	237.3
Sole parent	48.7	65.1	6.1	71.3
Not a member of a family	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4
Family status not determined	6.8	11.0	* 1.5	12.5
<i>Birthplace —</i>				
Born in Australia	153.6	206.6	32.4	239.0
Born outside Australia	49.7	70.0	12.7	82.7
Born in main English-speaking countries	19.9	27.2	* 3.0	30.2
Born in other countries	29.8	42.8	9.6	52.5
Total	203.3	276.6	45.1	321.7
<i>Males</i>	* 3.2	5.6	* 0.1	5.7
<i>Females</i>	200.1	271.0	45.0	316.0

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

TABLE 10. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD A JOB: REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB, OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB, STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB AND FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORKER IN LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1992 ('000)

	<i>Last job less than 20 years ago</i>							<i>Last job 20 or more years ago</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Status of worker in last job</i>			<i>Full-time or part-time worker in last job</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Em- ployers</i>	<i>Self- employed</i>	<i>Wage and salary earners</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Varied/ did not know</i>			
<i>Reason for ceasing last job—</i>									
Job loser	20.7	56.1	882.5	662.0	284.0	13.3	959.3	55.5	1,014.8
Retrenched	* 1.2	8.3	332.5	216.3	121.9	* 3.8	342.0	11.1	353.1
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	* 0.9	* 2.6	133.2	49.2	84.3	* 3.2	136.7	5.3	142.0
Own ill health or injury	10.0	30.2	407.0	374.9	67.2	5.2	447.3	37.0	484.2
Business closed down for economic reasons	8.5	15.0	9.8	21.6	10.6	* 1.2	33.4	* 2.2	35.5
Job leaver	42.6	79.1	1,405.1	1,062.6	450.9	13.3	1,526.8	398.2	1,925.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	* 0.4	* 2.8	81.1	40.1	43.6	* 0.5	84.2	* 1.0	85.2
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	* 0.1	* 0.4	65.0	30.4	34.5	* 0.6	65.5	* 0.1	65.7
Retired/did not want to work any longer	16.7	31.4	459.4	392.1	112.0	* 3.4	507.5	44.4	551.9
Returned to studies	* 0.0	* 1.4	85.6	45.3	40.6	* 1.0	86.9	* 0.6	87.6
To get married	* 0.3	* 0.6	41.1	35.8	6.0	* 0.3	42.0	178.8	220.9
Pregnancy/to have children	* 2.0	5.6	356.1	273.0	87.2	* 3.6	363.7	108.9	472.6
To look after family, house or someone else	* 2.1	7.0	116.4	81.4	42.5	* 1.6	125.5	44.1	169.6
To have holiday/to move house/ spouse transferred	* 2.4	7.0	146.9	97.4	57.0	* 1.8	156.3	13.3	169.6
Business closed down for other reasons	16.6	19.2	10.4	37.4	8.7	* 0.1	46.3	* 3.6	49.9
Other	* 2.0	* 3.6	43.2	29.7	18.8	* 0.3	48.8	* 3.3	52.1
Not asked(a)	* 0.0	* 0.0	39.1	23.7	14.4	* 1.0	39.1	* 0.0	39.1
<i>Occupation in last job—</i>									
Last job less than 20 years ago	63.3	135.2	2,326.7	1,748.3	749.4	27.6	2,525.2	..	2,525.2
Managers and administrators	29.9	34.7	90.4	143.6	10.0	* 1.5	155.1	..	155.1
Professionals	* 1.7	8.1	152.5	121.4	40.1	* 0.9	162.4	..	162.4
Para-professionals	* 0.3	* 1.8	116.1	93.3	24.0	* 0.9	118.2	..	118.2
Tradespersons	8.7	27.0	229.6	221.7	41.5	* 2.2	265.3	..	265.3
Clerks	5.9	11.7	462.4	348.5	127.7	* 3.8	480.0	..	480.0
Salespersons and personal service workers	9.6	28.6	470.5	258.4	243.6	6.7	508.7	..	508.7
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	* 3.8	7.3	182.4	169.8	22.0	* 1.7	193.5	..	193.5
Labourers and related workers	* 3.3	15.9	622.8	391.7	240.6	9.8	642.0	..	642.0
Last job 20 or more years ago	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	453.6	453.6
Total	63.3	135.2	2,326.7	1,748.3	749.4	27.6	2,525.2	453.6	2,978.9
<i>Males</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>59.9</i>	<i>786.9</i>	<i>739.2</i>	<i>126.0</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>873.2</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>894.7</i>
<i>Females</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>75.3</i>	<i>1,539.9</i>	<i>1,009.1</i>	<i>623.3</i>	<i>19.7</i>	<i>1,652.1</i>	<i>432.1</i>	<i>2,084.2</i>

(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.

TABLE 11. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1992
(*000)

	<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)	1,300.8	969.9	624.1	314.2	343.6	107.6	29.3	48.7	3,738.1
<i>Population 2 :</i> Persons not in the labour force	1,274.5	949.0	610.5	306.7	339.3	105.7	28.2	48.5	3,662.4
<i>Population 3 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	365.7	286.6	184.2	95.1	107.7	31.2	10.5	20.4	1,101.4
<i>Population 4 :</i> Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	275.8	220.8	144.6	74.7	84.0	24.2	6.7	15.6	846.4
<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	254.2	208.2	133.6	69.4	79.3	22.6	6.1	13.8	787.3
<i>Population 6 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	50.4	45.8	18.5	11.7	12.8	4.1	* 0.8	1.6	145.6
<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	90.0	65.8	39.6	20.4	23.6	7.0	3.8	4.8	255.0
<i>Population 8 :</i> Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work	108.7	78.0	56.2	27.2	34.3	9.1	3.1	5.2	321.7
<i>Population 9 :</i> Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	1,011.1	757.9	524.9	255.3	283.2	86.5	20.8	39.3	2,978.9

(a) Includes institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils.

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 1992 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 1993.

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.

Survey sample redesign

15. Following each Population Census, the ABS redesigns and reselects the labour force survey to take into account the new information which is obtained from the Census. The sample used in the labour force survey from September 1987 to August 1992, which was designed and selected using preliminary data from the 1986 Census, has been updated and reselected using information collected in the 1991 Census. The new sample is being phased in over the period September 1992 to December 1992. One quarter of the new sample has been introduced for this month.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For further information refer to the Technical Note, page 20.

Related publications

17. 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 annually

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

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

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

Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0)—issued irregularly

18. 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

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

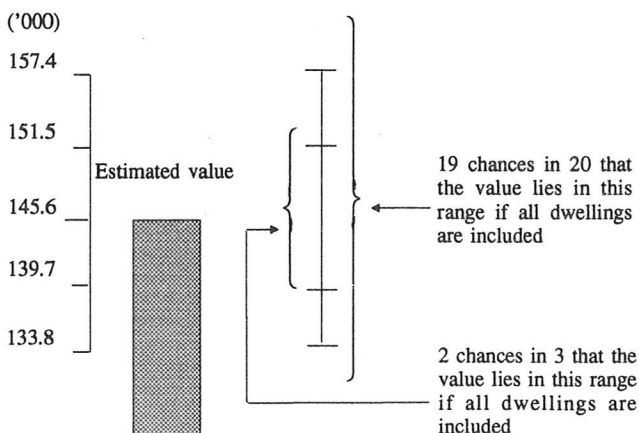
- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Note, page 20.
- . . not applicable

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 2 shows the estimated number of persons in Australia who were discouraged jobseekers was 145,600. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 5,100 and 6,900 and can be approximated by interpolation as 5,900 (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 139,700 to 151,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 133,800 to 157,400. 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 145,600 persons who were discouraged jobseekers, 37,800 or 26.0 per cent were male. The standard error of 37,800 is approximately 3,300 so the relative standard error is 8.7 per cent. The relative standard error for 145,600 is 4.1 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(8.7)^2 + (4.1)^2}$ or 7.7 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (26.0 per cent) of 2.0 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males who were discouraged jobseekers was between 24.0 per cent and 28.0 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion was within the range 22.0 per cent to 30.0 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)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	
	— number —								Relative standard error (per cent)	
100				140		100	140	90		
200			230	200	230	150	180	120	210	105.3
300		320	280	240	280	190	220	150	270	89.0
400	410	380	330	280	320	210	250	170	320	78.8
500	460	420	370	310	360	240	280	190	360	71.6
600	510	460	400	340	390	260	300	210	400	66.1
700	550	500	430	370	420	280	320	220	430	61.8
800	590	540	460	390	450	300	340	240	470	58.3
900	620	570	490	420	470	320	360	250	500	55.3
1000	660	600	520	440	500	340	380	260	530	52.7
1100	690	630	540	460	520	350	400	270	560	50.5
1200	720	660	560	480	540	370	410	280	580	48.6
1300	750	690	590	500	560	380	430	290	610	46.8
1400	780	720	610	510	580	390	440	300	630	45.3
1500	800	740	630	530	600	400	460	310	660	43.8
1600	830	770	650	550	620	420	470	320	680	42.6
1700	860	790	670	560	640	430	480	330	700	41.4
1800	880	810	690	580	650	440	490	340	730	40.3
1900	900	830	710	590	670	450	510	350	750	39.3
2000	930	850	720	610	690	460	520	350	770	38.4
2100	950	880	740	620	700	470	530	360	790	37.5
2200	970	900	760	640	720	480	540	370	810	36.7
2300	990	910	770	650	730	490	550	370	830	35.9
2400	1,000	930	790	660	750	500	560	380	850	35.2
2500	1,050	950	800	670	760	510	570	390	860	34.6
3000	1,150	1,050	880	730	830	550	620	420	950	31.7
3500	1,200	1,100	940	790	890	580	670	450	1,050	29.4
4000	1,300	1,200	1,000	830	940	610	710	470	1,100	27.6
4500	1,350	1,250	1,050	880	990	640	750	500	1,150	26.1
5000	1,450	1,350	1,100	920	1,050	670	790	520	1,250	24.8
6000	1,550	1,450	1,200	1,000	1,150	720	860	560	1,350	22.6
8000	1,800	1,650	1,400	1,150	1,300	800	980	630	1,550	19.6
10,000	1,950	1,850	1,500	1,250	1,400	870	1,100	690	1,750	17.5
20,000	2,700	2,500	2,050	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,500	900	2,450	12.3
30,000	3,200	2,950	2,450	2,000	2,250	1,250	1,800	1,050	2,950	9.9
40,000	3,600	3,350	2,750	2,200	2,500	1,400	2,050	1,200	3,400	8.5
50,000	3,950	3,700	3,050	2,450	2,750	1,450	2,300	1,300	3,750	7.5
100,000	5,300	4,900	4,050	3,150	3,600	1,800	3,200	1,650	5,100	5.1
200,000	6,900	6,400	5,300	4,100	4,700	2,100	4,450	2,100	6,900	3.4
300,000	8,100	7,500	6,200	4,750	5,500	2,300		2,400	8,100	2.7
400,000	9,000	8,300	6,900	5,300	6,100	2,450			9,100	2.3
500,000	9,700	9,000	7,500	5,700	6,600	2,550			10,000	2.0
1,000,000	12,500	11,500	9,600	7,200	8,400				13,100	1.3
2,000,000	15,900	14,600	12,100	9,000	10,600				16,900	0.8
5,000,000	21,400	19,500	16,400						23,300	0.5
10,000,000	26,500								29,400	0.3
20,000,000									36,500	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.

Family: is defined to consist of two or more related persons usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head 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; or
- (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.

Further details on the determination of family relationships are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

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?*'; or

- (e) were employees who had a job but had been away from work without pay for four weeks or more.

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.

Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work: persons who wanted to work and —

- (a) were not actively looking for work due to reasons including childcare but were available to start work within four weeks; or
- (b) were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks for childcare reasons.

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.

SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

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

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

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

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 reasons including childcare, 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 for childcare reasons who wanted to work.
- POPULATION 9: Persons not in the labour force who had had a job.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	7B BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	2-9
New South Wales		Born in Australia	
Victoria		Born outside Australia	
Queensland		Arrived before 1961	
South Australia		Arrived 1961-1970	
Western Australia		Arrived 1971-1980	
Tasmania		Arrived 1981 to survey date	
Northern Territory			
Australian Capital Territory			
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	8 AGE	ALL
Metropolitan		(single years collected)	
Non-metropolitan		15-19	
		20-24	
		25-34	
		35-44	
		45-54	
		55-59	
		60-64	
		65-69	
3 DISSEMINATION REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	9 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE SUMMARY VARIABLE	1-2
Standard labour force dissemination regions		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	
4 SEX	ALL	10 WHETHER WANTED TO WORK	2
Males		Wanted to work	
Females		Did not want to work	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	11A WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS (1)	2-9
Married		Had looked for work	
Not-married		Had not looked for work	
6A FAMILY STATUS (1)	ALL	11B WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS (2)	2-9
Member of a family		Had looked for work	
Husband or wife		Less than five weeks ago	
With dependents present		5 and less than 8 weeks ago	
Without dependents present		8 and less than 13 weeks ago	
Sole parent		13 and less than 26 weeks ago	
Other family head		26 and less than 39 weeks ago	
Full-time student aged 15-24		39 to 52 weeks ago	
Other child of married couple or family head		Had not looked for work	
Other relative of married couple or family head			
Not a member of a family			
Living alone			
Not living alone			
Family status not determined			
6B FAMILY STATUS (2)	ALL		
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			
7A BIRTHPLACE	2-9		
Born in Australia			
Born outside Australia			
Born in main English speaking countries(a)			
Born in other countries			

(a) Comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
12 MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE	2-9	17 FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS IN LAST JOB	2-9
Home duties/childcare		Last job less than 20 years ago	
Attending an educational institution		Full-time	
Retired/voluntarily inactive		Part-time	
Own illness/injury/own disability/handicap		Varied/did not know	
Looking after ill/disabled person		Last job 20 or more years ago	
Travel/moving house		Had never had a job	
Worked in unpaid voluntary job			
Unpaid leave		18 INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS	3-9
Other		Intended to look/might look	
13 TIME SINCE LAST JOB	2-9	Intended to look	
Had had a job		Might look	
6 and under 12 months		Did not intend to look/did not know	
1 and under 3 years		Did not intend to look	
3 and under 5 years		Did not know	
5 and under 10 years		Not asked(a)	
10 and under 20 years			
20 years or more			
Had never had a job		(a) Comprises persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job to go to.	
14 REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB	2-9	19 TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED	3-9
Had had a job		Full-time	
Job loser		Part-time	
Retrenched		No preference	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies			
Own ill health or injury		20A MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK	5-5A
Business closed down for economic reasons		Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	
Job leaver		Were available to start work within four weeks	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements		Were not available to start work within four weeks	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	
Retired/did not want to work any longer		Had a job to go to(a)	
Returned to studies		Personal reasons	
To get married		Own ill health/physical disability	
Pregnancy/to have children		Pregnancy	
To look after family, house or someone else		Attending an educational institution	
To have holiday/to move house/spouse transferred		Had no need to work	
Business closed down for other reasons		Give others a chance	
Other		Welfare payments/pension may be affected	
Not asked(a)		Moved house/holidays	
Had never had a job		Family reasons	
(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.		Ill health of other than self	
15 OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB	2-9	Childcare	
Last job less than 20 years ago		No childcare in locality	
Managers and administrators		No childcare available at all	
Professionals		Cost/too expensive	
Para-professionals		Booked out/no places available	
Tradespersons		Children too young/too old	
Clerks		Prefers to look after children	
Salespersons and personal service workers		Quality of childcare unsuitable	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		Other	
Labourers and related workers		Other family considerations	
Last job 20 or more years ago		Discouraged job seekers	
Had never had a job		Considered too young or too old by employers	
16 STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB	2-9	Difficulties with language or ethnic background	
Last job less than 20 years ago		Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	
Employers		No jobs in locality or line of work	
Self-employed		No jobs at all	
Wage and salary earners		No jobs in suitable hours	
Unpaid family helpers		Other reasons	
Last job 20 or more years ago		Did not know	
Had never had a job		(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.	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
21 ALL REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK	5-5A	23 MARGINAL ATTACHMENT SUMMARY VARIABLE	4
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 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 Did not know		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	
22 REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS	7-7A	24 AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD	5A, 7A, 8
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		0 to 2 years 3 to 5 years 6 to 11 years 12 years and over	

SPECIAL DATA REQUEST ORDER FORM

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1992

Please specify your special data request(s) on the order form provided on the following page.

The following points should be noted when requesting special tables:

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No. of data items (excluding populations)	Cost per table (\$)
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4	225
5	330
6 or more	negotiable

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SUPPLEMENTARY AND SPECIAL SURVEYS

The supplementary and special surveys collect data on particular aspects of the labour force. It may be possible to order Unit Record Tapes on the following supplementary and special surveys by contacting the ABS (see below for contact numbers).

<i>Title of Publication</i>	<i>Catalogue No.</i>
Alternative Working Arrangements, Australia, March to May 1982, September to November 1986	6341.0
Annual and Long Service Leave Taken, Australia, May 1988 to April 1989	6317.0
Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia, 1989	6243.0
Career Paths of Qualified Nurses, Australia, 1989	6277.0
Child Care, Australia, May 1969, 1973, 1977; June 1980; November 1984; June 1987; November 1990	4402.0
Employment Benefits, Australia. Annually. Latest issue July 1992	6334.0
How Workers Get Their Training, Australia, 1989	6278.0
Income Distribution Survey, Australia, Persons with Earned Income, 1986, 1990	6546.0
Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia. Annually. Latest issue July 1992	6222.0
Labour Force Experience, Australia. Annually. Latest issue March 1992	6206.0
Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia. Annually. Latest issue February 1992	6235.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia. Annually. Latest issue June 1992	6224.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, September 1990	6250.0
Labour Mobility, Australia. Annually. Latest issue February 1992	6209.0
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