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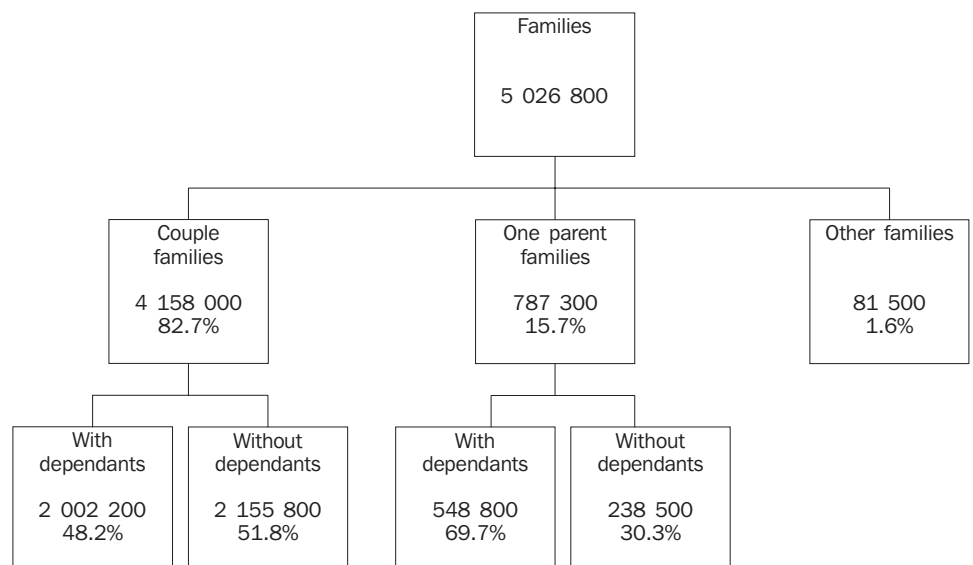
LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES

This article provides a brief overview of the labour force characteristics of Australian families. This information is collected annually from the June Labour Force Survey, and released in the annual publication *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia* (Cat. No. 6224.0).

The data for June 1998 presented in this article cover 13,966,700 people or 95% of the civilian population aged 15 and over. Of these people, 11,607,800 (83%) were members of 5,026,800 families. Of the remaining 2,358,900 people, ie. those who were not members of a family, 65% lived alone.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES

As shown in the diagram below, the large majority of Australian families were couple families, slightly less than half of which had dependants. One parent families were the next largest group, with more than two thirds recorded as having dependants. Of the 787,300 one parent families, 86% had a female parent.



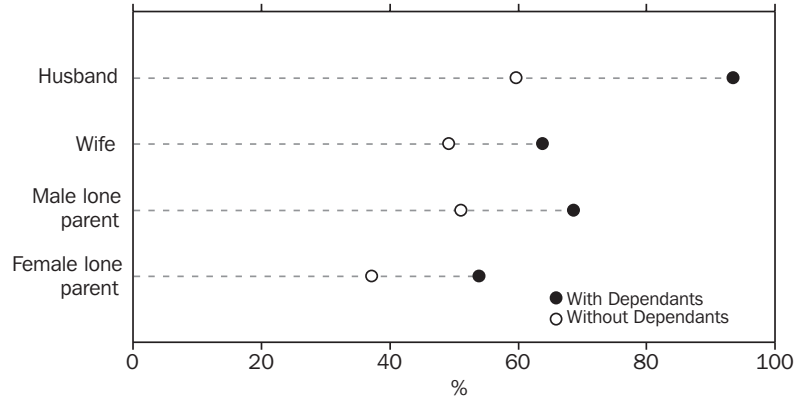
LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION

Examination of employment characteristics of persons in Australian families shows that some 7,609,500 (66%) family members were in the labour force. Of these, 7,042,800, or just under 93%, were employed and 566,700 (7.4%) were unemployed. A further 3,998,300 members of families were not in the labour force, and of these, 1,953,600 (49%) were aged 55 and over.

Some 3,203,200 (76%) husbands were in the labour force, compared with 2,310,700 (56%) wives. Husbands with dependants participated in the labour force in 93% of cases, and 5.5% of these husbands were unemployed. In comparison, 64% of wives with dependants were in the labour force, with 5.2% unemployed. More than half (57%) of employed wives with dependants worked part time, compared with only 5.2% of employed husbands with dependants.

Of the 61,500 male lone parents with dependants, 69% (42,200) were in the labour force, and of these, 10% were unemployed. This compared with 488,100 female lone parents with dependants of which 54% (262,900) were in the labour force, with 18% (47,500) unemployed. More than half (55%) of employed female lone parents with dependants worked part time, compared with 15% of male lone parents with dependants.

PARTICIPATION RATES FOR HUSBANDS, WIVES AND LONE PARENTS

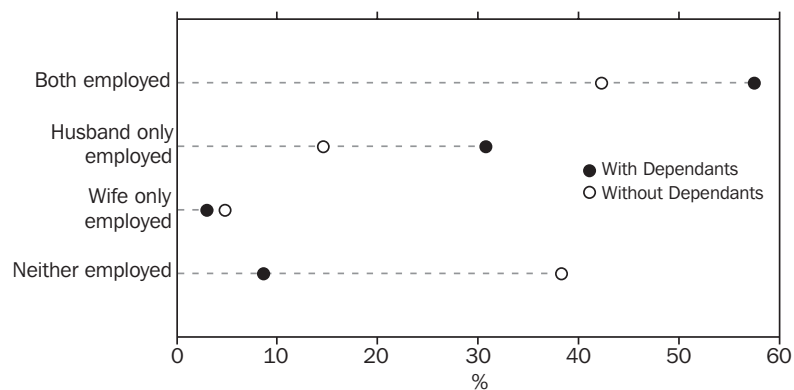


COUPLE FAMILIES

In June 1998, couple families accounted for 83% of Australian families, a 3 percentage point fall from a decade earlier. The proportion of couple families with at least one partner employed has decreased from 82% in 1980 to 76% in June 1998. Over this same period, the proportion of couple families with both partners employed has risen from 40% to 50%.

The proportion of couple families with neither partner employed has also increased gradually, moving from 18% in 1980 to 24% in June 1998. This change has coincided with an increase in the proportion of couples where both partners are aged 45 and over, and both are not in the labour force.

COUPLE FAMILIES: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PARTNER/S AND WHETHER DEPENDANTS PRESENT



COUPLE FAMILIES WITH
DEPENDANTS

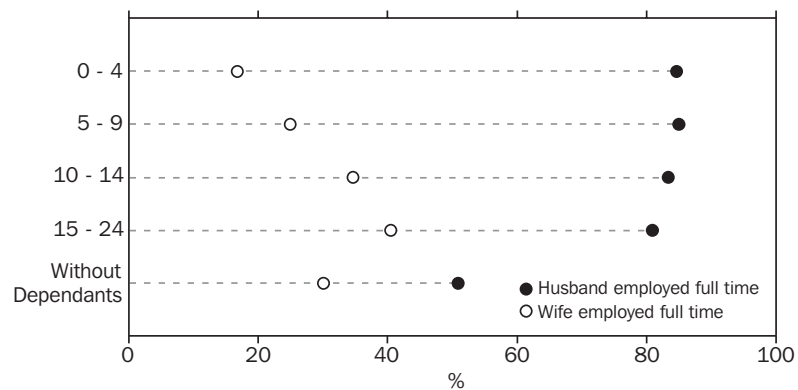
The proportion of couple families with dependants, in which one or both partners were employed, rose from a low of 89% in 1993 to reach 92% in June 1995. It has since declined slightly and was 91% in June 1998.

In 84% of families, it was the husband who was employed full time and this proportion has remained steady in recent years. By contrast, the proportion of families with the husband employed part time has been rising and stood at 4.6% in June 1998.

Participation in full-time employment by wives with dependants has risen from 20% in the early 1980s to 26% in June 1998. After rising slowly from around 25% in the early 1980's, the percentage of families with wives employed part time has remained relatively steady at around 35% in recent years.

In couple families with dependants, the extent of participation in full-time employment for wives increases with the age of the youngest dependant. By contrast, for husbands with dependants, participation in full-time employment is unaffected until the dependant is older, when participation begins to decrease, as illustrated in the following graph.

COUPLE FAMILIES: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PARENT, BY AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDANT



In 8.6% or 171,900 couple families with dependants, both the husband and wife were either unemployed or not in the labour force. The percentage where one or both parents were unemployed has steadily declined from a high of 10.7% in June 1993, to stand at 7.7% in June 1998. Over time, the unemployment pattern for these families generally reflects changes in the level of unemployment for the total population.

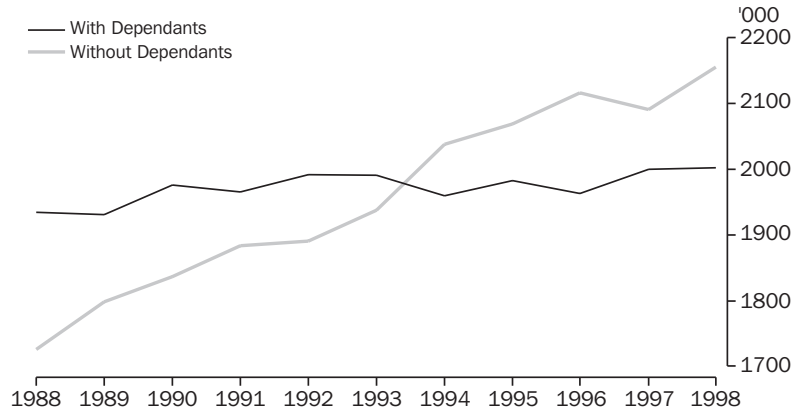
COUPLE FAMILIES WITHOUT
DEPENDANTS

In June 1998, couple families without dependants represented 52% of all couple families. Since June 1994, there has consistently been a greater percentage of couple families without dependants than with dependants.

In 58% of cases, the husband and wife were both aged 45 and over, up from 53% in June 1989. Of the remainder, 30% were both aged 15-34 and 12% were both aged 35-44.

One or both partners were employed in 62% of families without dependants. The husband was employed full time in 51% of these families; the wife was employed full time in 30%. The percentage of wives employed part time has risen over the last five years, from 14% in 1993 to 17% in June 1998.

COUPLE FAMILIES



In June 1998, the proportion of these families where at least one partner was unemployed was 4.1%, compared with 7.7% for couple families with dependants. As with couple families with dependants, the unemployment pattern for these families broadly reflects changes in the level of unemployment for the total population.

ONE PARENT FAMILIES

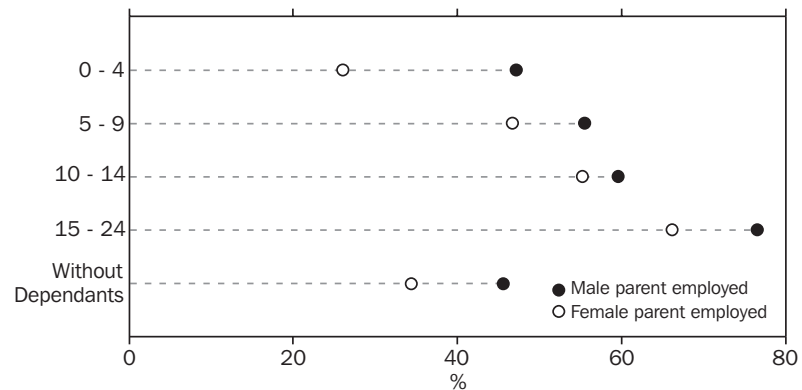
In June 1998, there were 787,300 one parent families, constituting 16% of all families. This proportion has continued to rise throughout the 1990s.

The parent was not in the labour force in 49% of one parent families. A further 61,000 (7.7%) were unemployed, of which 18,200 or 30% had been unemployed for 52 weeks or more.

ONE PARENT FAMILIES WITH DEPENDANTS

The parent was employed in 46% of one parent families with dependants. This proportion rose as the age of the youngest dependant increased.

ONE PARENT FAMILIES: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PARENT BY AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDANT



Of the 548,800 one parent families with dependants, 488,000 or 89% had a female parent. Of these, 20% were employed full time, and 24% were employed part time. Of the 60,800 one parent families with a male parent, the parent was employed full time in 53% of cases, while only 9% were employed part time.

The percentage of these families with the parent unemployed peaked at 9.5% in June 1993, before falling to 8.6% in June 1994. This proportion remained relatively steady over the next two years, before rising to 9.4% in June 1998.

In June 1998, there were 484,600 children aged 0–14 in one parent families where that parent was unemployed. This represents an increase of 38% over the last five years.

PERSONS WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF A FAMILY

Persons living alone accounted for 11% (1,543,800) of the population in June 1998. Approximately 54% were female, two thirds of whom were aged 55 and over, and 33% of these were employed. Of the males, while 57% were employed, only 35% were aged 55 and over.

Of the 815,100 persons who were not members of a family and were not living alone (e.g. those in group houses) in June 1998, some 58% were male, of whom 65% were aged 20–34. A similar proportion of females (66%) were also aged 20–34.

A large proportion (75%) of the persons who were not family members were employed, with the proportion slightly lower for females than for males. The majority of employed males (86%) and employed females (75%) were working full time.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information referred to in this article is contained in the ABS publication *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia* (Cat. No. 6224.0). More limited information about relationship in household and families is published every month in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. No. 6203.0). Copies can be obtained by contacting any of the ABS offices listed on the back cover of this publication. For further information on this topic, contact Michael Sleaf on telephone (02) 6252 6525; email m.sleaf@abs.gov.au or contact any ABS office.

LABOUR MARKET IN BRIEF

TREND ESTIMATES

Since June 1997, the trend estimate of employed persons has been rising steadily, reaching 8,662,300 in October 1998. Growth in both full-time and part-time employment has been steady since mid 1997. Growth in the trend estimate for these series slowed in the early part of 1998, but has increased in recent months. The trend estimate of unemployment has been falling since July 1998, to stand at 748,100 in October 1998. The unemployment rate has fallen to 7.9%, with the male rate falling to 8.2%, and the female rate remaining steady at 7.6%. The trend participation rate remained unchanged at 63.5%.

EMPLOYMENT

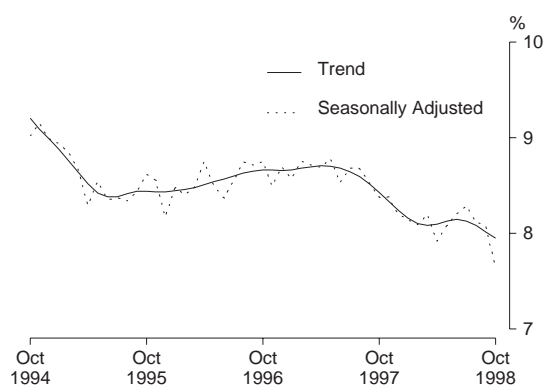
The seasonally adjusted estimate of employment rose by 35,200 to 8,687,700 in October 1998. Full-time employment fell by 9,400 to 6,426,200, with a fall in female full-time employment of 8,500. Part-time employment rose by 44,600 to 2,261,500, with female part-time employment rising by 33,900 to 1,656,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment fell by 40,800 to 719,800 in October 1998, with the number of unemployed males falling by 21,900 to 419,200 and the number of unemployed females falling by 18,900 to 300,600. The number of unemployed persons seeking full-time work fell by 44,000 to 555,700, with the number of males seeking full-time work falling by 24,600, while the number of females seeking full-time work fell by 19,400. The number of unemployed persons seeking part-time work rose by 3,200.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

In October 1998, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points to 7.7%. Contributing to this was a 0.4 percentage point fall in the male unemployment rate to 7.9%, and a fall of 0.5 percentage points in the female unemployment rate to 7.4%.



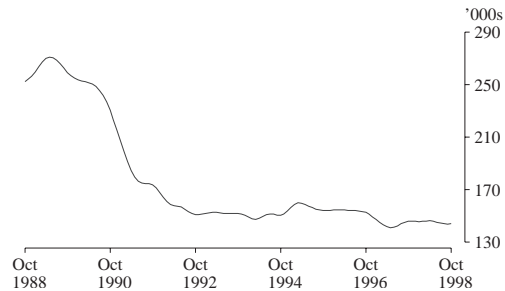
PARTICIPATION RATE

The seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 63.4% in October 1998. The male participation rate fell by 0.3 percentage points to 73.0% and the female participation rate remained steady at 54.2%.

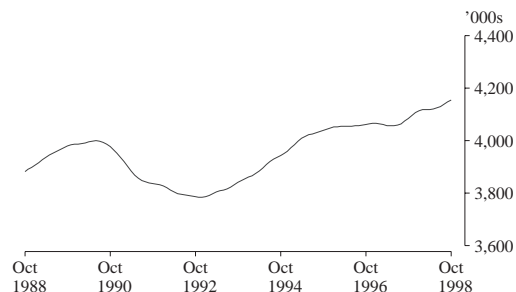
SELECTED LABOUR FORCE SERIES

MALES EMPLOYED FULL
TIME: TREND SERIES

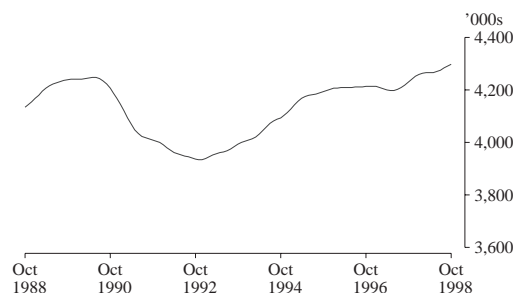
Males aged 15 to 19 The trend estimate of male junior full-time employment peaked at 271,300 in May 1989 before falling, sharply at first, to 147,500 in March 1994. The trend then rose slightly and was relatively stable for most of 1995 and 1996. After dropping to 141,100 in May 1997, the trend has remained relatively flat and was 144,100 in October 1998.



Males aged 20 and over From a low of 3,784,200 in December 1992, the trend estimate of adult male full-time employment rose steadily at first, then more gradually, to reach 4,066,300 in January 1997. After falling slightly over the next four months, the trend estimate continued to rise, reaching 4,155,600 in October 1998.



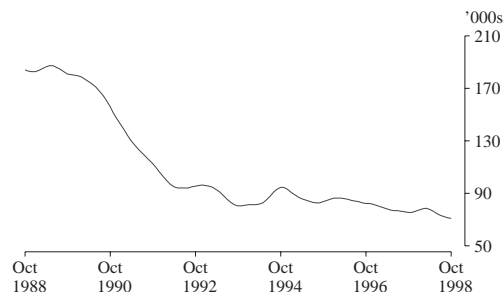
All males The trend estimate of male full-time employment fell to a low of 3,935,700 in November 1992, before rising steadily to 4,215,500 in December 1996. The trend then fell slightly to 4,198,000 in May 1997, before resuming to rise, reaching 4,299,700 in October 1998.



FEMALES EMPLOYED FULL
TIME: TREND SERIES

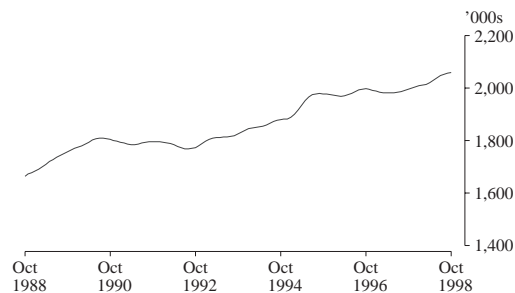
Females aged 15 to 19

From a high of 187,700 in May 1989, the trend estimate of female junior full-time employment fell rapidly to 80,700 in October 1993. After a small recovery in late 1994, the trend continued to decline gradually to 75,900 in October 1997. After a small rise to 78,900 in March 1998, the trend has since fallen to 71,000 in October 1998.



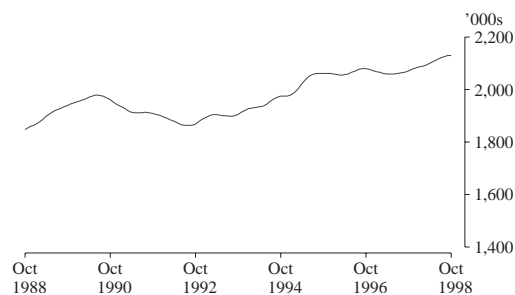
Females aged 20 and over

The trend estimate of female adult full-time employment rose gradually from 1,770,500 in September 1992 to 1,998,300 in September 1995. Following a small decline, the trend continued to rise, reaching 1,998,300 in October 1996. After falling to 1,982,200 in May 1997, the trend estimate has resumed rising, to stand at 2,059,300 in October 1998.



All females

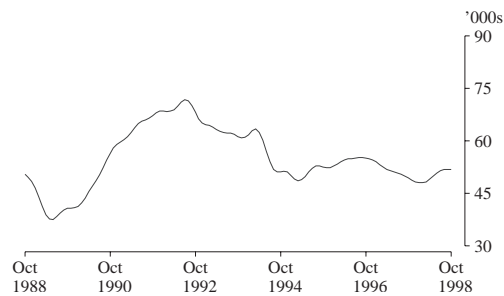
From a low of 1,863,600 in August 1992, the trend estimate of females employed full time rose to 2,063,400 in September 1995. After a small decline, the trend estimate rose to 2,081,000 in October 1996, before falling to 2,059,800 in May 1997. The trend has since resumed rising and reached 2,130,300 in October 1998.



UNEMPLOYED MALES
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME
WORK: TREND SERIES

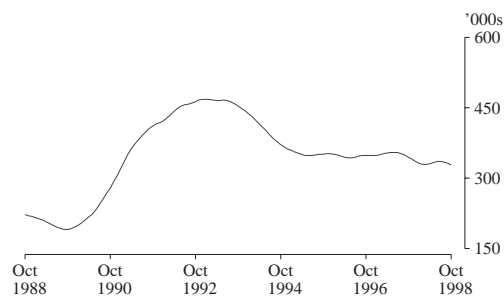
Males aged 15 to 19

The trend estimate of junior males looking for full-time work fell from 71,900 in July 1992 to 48,600 in March 1995. The trend then rose gradually to 55,300 in August 1996, before falling steadily to 48,100 in January 1998. The trend has since risen to 51,900 in October 1998.



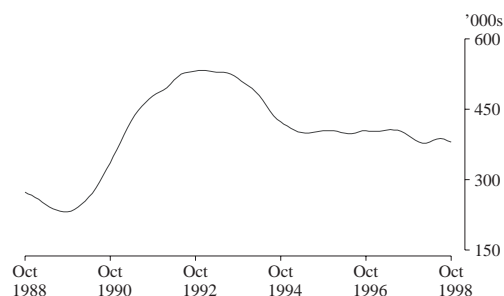
Males aged 20 and over

From a peak of 468,800 in January 1993, the trend estimate of adult males looking for full-time work fell to 348,700 in June 1995. The trend remained relatively steady until June 1997, before falling to 330,000 in March 1998. After rising to 336,400 in July 1998, the trend has since fallen to 328,800 in October 1998.



All males

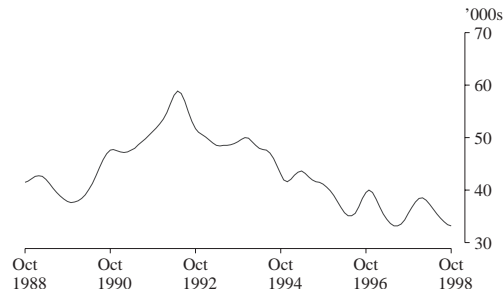
The trend estimate of unemployed males looking for full-time work rose to 533,700 in December 1992. The trend then fell gradually to 399,400 in May 1995. The trend remained relatively flat until May 1997, before falling to 378,400 in March 1998. After rising to 388,000 in July 1998, the trend has fallen to 380,800 in October 1998.



UNEMPLOYED FEMALES
 LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME
 WORK: TREND SERIES

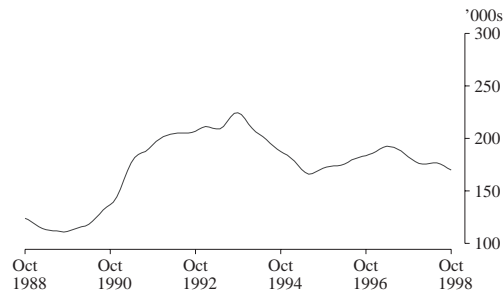
Females aged 15 to 19

From a peak of 58,900 in May 1992, the trend estimate of the number of junior females looking for full-time work gradually declined, to stand at 35,200 in June 1996. The trend estimate rose strongly in late 1996, before falling rapidly to a low of 33,200 in July 1997. After a rise to 38,500 in February 1998, the trend has since fallen to the previous low of 33,200 in October 1998.



Females aged 20 and over

The trend estimate of adult females looking for full-time work rose to a high of 224,900 in October 1993, before falling sharply to 166,400 in June 1995. The trend then rose steadily to 192,800 in April 1997, and has since fallen to 170,000 in October 1998.



All females

From a peak of 274,100 in October 1993, the trend estimate of unemployed females looking for full-time work declined rapidly to 208,700 in July 1995. The trend then increased steadily to 227,500 in March 1997, before falling to 203,200 in October 1998.



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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Unemployed											
	Employed			Looking for full-time work				Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total					
	MALES											
1997 —												
August	4,153.3	575.9	4,729.2	26.9	398.5	49.4	447.8	5,177.0	2,004.4	7,181.4	8.7	72.1
September	4,235.5	581.0	4,816.6	22.5	399.5	70.0	469.5	5,286.1	1,904.0	7,190.1	8.9	73.5
October	4,234.5	577.3	4,811.8	24.5	370.2	56.5	426.7	5,238.5	1,961.2	7,199.7	8.1	72.8
November	4,238.8	582.6	4,821.4	23.2	378.3	59.0	437.2	5,258.7	1,950.6	7,209.3	8.3	72.9
December	4,309.7	586.8	4,896.5	35.1	380.0	66.5	446.5	5,343.0	1,875.9	7,218.9	8.4	74.0
1998 —												
January	4,270.0	541.9	4,811.9	37.3	417.8	59.9	477.8	5,289.7	1,936.9	7,226.6	9.0	73.2
February	4,261.2	554.5	4,815.7	30.7	412.9	70.0	482.9	5,298.7	1,935.6	7,234.3	9.1	73.2
March	4,246.0	587.4	4,833.4	27.2	396.2	63.3	459.5	5,292.9	1,949.1	7,242.0	8.7	73.1
April	4,268.7	587.1	4,855.8	24.3	359.0	59.2	418.2	5,274.0	1,976.4	7,250.4	7.9	72.7
May	4,249.0	598.8	4,847.8	28.8	377.4	56.1	433.5	5,281.3	1,977.6	7,258.9	8.2	72.8
June	4,254.4	606.5	4,860.9	28.1	381.3	50.9	432.2	5,293.1	1,974.3	7,267.4	8.2	72.8
July	4,298.1	575.3	4,873.4	25.2	382.2	50.5	432.7	5,306.1	1,969.2	7,275.3	8.2	72.9
August	4,230.1	582.5	4,812.6	23.3	378.7	58.6	437.2	5,249.8	2,033.4	7,283.2	8.3	72.1
September	4,319.9	609.1	4,929.0	23.4	386.5	58.9	445.4	5,374.4	1,916.8	7,291.2	8.3	73.7
October	4,307.8	608.6	4,916.4	22.3	342.7	53.8	396.6	5,313.0	1,989.7	7,302.7	7.5	72.8
Standard error of —												
October 1998 estimates	20.0	9.7	20.9	2.3	7.7	3.5	8.2	21.5	15.2	..	0.2	0.3
Sep 98 to Oct 98 movements	15.2	7.3	16.0	2.1	6.2	3.1	6.5	16.5	11.4	..	0.1	0.2
	MARRIED FEMALES											
1997 —												
August	1,172.7	1,016.8	2,189.5	* 1.3	81.1	42.2	123.4	2,312.8	1,947.0	4,259.9	5.3	54.3
September	1,211.2	1,057.3	2,268.5	* 0.9	82.2	43.1	125.3	2,393.8	1,864.7	4,258.5	5.2	56.2
October	1,194.3	1,027.6	2,221.9	* 1.4	75.5	38.3	113.9	2,335.8	1,922.8	4,258.6	4.9	54.8
November	1,212.6	1,035.9	2,248.5	* 1.4	74.0	34.7	108.7	2,357.2	1,899.0	4,256.3	4.6	55.4
December	1,223.9	1,006.7	2,230.6	* 1.2	70.3	30.0	100.3	2,330.9	1,942.2	4,273.1	4.3	54.5
1998 —												
January	1,194.1	954.2	2,148.2	* 0.6	77.5	32.0	109.5	2,257.7	2,027.2	4,284.9	4.8	52.7
February	1,196.2	1,018.4	2,214.6	* 0.5	90.3	42.2	132.6	2,347.1	1,942.3	4,289.4	5.6	54.7
March	1,187.3	1,052.0	2,239.2	* 0.4	79.0	38.8	117.8	2,357.0	1,912.6	4,269.6	5.0	55.2
April	1,199.6	1,051.3	2,250.9	* 1.0	75.7	39.1	114.7	2,365.6	1,902.5	4,268.1	4.8	55.4
May	1,197.0	1,054.8	2,251.8	* 0.7	78.8	34.8	113.7	2,365.5	1,910.4	4,275.9	4.8	55.3
June	1,202.1	1,071.4	2,273.5	* 1.0	72.4	41.3	113.7	2,387.2	1,891.8	4,279.0	4.8	55.8
July	1,239.5	1,031.7	2,271.2	* 0.5	71.7	37.2	108.9	2,380.1	1,900.5	4,280.5	4.6	55.6
August	1,219.0	1,042.2	2,261.2	* 1.1	73.5	36.5	110.0	2,371.2	1,913.5	4,284.7	4.6	55.3
September	1,238.9	1,064.9	2,303.8	* 1.5	76.9	38.4	115.3	2,419.1	1,868.6	4,287.7	4.8	56.4
October	1,209.8	1,044.0	2,253.7	* 1.7	66.7	38.7	105.4	2,359.2	1,927.7	4,286.9	4.5	55.0
Standard error of —												
October 1998 estimates	12.7	12.0	15.9	0.6	3.9	3.0	4.7	16.2	15.0	..	0.2	0.4
Sep 98 to Oct 98 movements	9.6	9.0	12.0	0.8	3.4	2.6	3.9	12.3	11.3	..	0.2	0.3

TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Unemployed											
	Employed			Looking for				Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
				full-time work		Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total						Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	for first job	Total							
ALL FEMALES												
1997 —												
August	2,025.0	1,561.3	3,586.3	17.0	213.9	102.9	316.8	3,903.1	3,508.3	7,411.4	8.1	52.7
September	2,084.6	1,625.2	3,709.8	15.9	213.3	110.2	323.5	4,033.3	3,386.8	7,420.1	8.0	54.4
October	2,072.2	1,579.8	3,652.1	19.1	208.1	101.7	309.8	3,961.8	3,467.4	7,429.2	7.8	53.3
November	2,081.6	1,618.5	3,700.0	20.5	204.2	95.3	299.6	3,999.6	3,438.7	7,438.3	7.5	53.8
December	2,133.9	1,584.9	3,718.8	28.7	218.0	99.1	317.1	4,035.9	3,411.5	7,447.4	7.9	54.2
1998 —												
January	2,085.9	1,488.5	3,574.4	33.9	236.0	103.1	339.1	3,913.6	3,540.8	7,454.3	8.7	52.5
February	2,086.7	1,559.7	3,646.4	24.3	244.8	114.7	359.5	4,005.9	3,455.3	7,461.2	9.0	53.7
March	2,083.9	1,603.1	3,687.0	25.4	230.5	112.0	342.5	4,029.5	3,438.6	7,468.2	8.5	54.0
April	2,098.2	1,622.4	3,720.6	23.2	209.0	109.5	318.6	4,039.2	3,436.7	7,475.9	7.9	54.0
May	2,076.8	1,643.0	3,719.8	20.2	212.4	92.6	304.9	4,024.7	3,459.0	7,483.7	7.6	53.8
June	2,095.7	1,653.2	3,748.8	17.2	199.7	103.7	303.4	4,052.2	3,439.3	7,491.5	7.5	54.1
July	2,157.1	1,606.3	3,763.3	19.3	199.3	95.9	295.1	4,058.5	3,440.4	7,498.9	7.3	54.1
August	2,098.6	1,624.8	3,723.4	17.9	196.9	93.8	290.7	4,014.1	3,492.1	7,506.2	7.2	53.5
September	2,141.5	1,663.4	3,804.9	16.4	207.9	112.3	320.2	4,125.1	3,388.5	7,513.5	7.8	54.9
October	2,125.2	1,648.6	3,773.7	19.0	184.0	105.0	289.0	4,062.7	3,461.6	7,524.3	7.1	54.0
Standard error of —												
October 1998 estimates	15.6	14.2	19.1	2.2	6.0	4.7	7.2	19.6	18.5	..	0.2	0.3
Sep 98 to Oct 98 movements	11.7	10.7	14.5	2.0	4.9	3.9	5.8	15.0	14.0	..	0.1	0.2
PERSONS												
1997 —												
August	6,178.4	2,137.1	8,315.5	43.8	612.4	152.2	764.6	9,080.1	5,512.7	14,592.8	8.4	62.2
September	6,320.2	2,206.2	8,526.4	38.4	612.8	180.2	793.0	9,319.4	5,290.9	14,610.3	8.5	63.8
October	6,306.7	2,157.2	8,463.9	43.7	578.3	158.1	736.4	9,200.3	5,428.6	14,628.9	8.0	62.9
November	6,320.4	2,201.1	8,521.5	43.7	582.5	154.3	736.8	9,258.3	5,389.3	14,647.6	8.0	63.2
December	6,443.6	2,171.7	8,615.2	63.8	598.0	165.7	763.6	9,378.9	5,287.4	14,666.3	8.1	63.9
1998 —												
January	6,355.9	2,030.4	8,386.3	71.2	653.9	163.0	816.9	9,203.2	5,477.7	14,680.9	8.9	62.7
February	6,347.9	2,114.2	8,462.1	55.0	657.7	184.8	842.5	9,304.6	5,390.9	14,695.5	9.1	63.3
March	6,329.9	2,190.5	8,520.4	52.6	626.7	175.3	802.0	9,322.4	5,387.7	14,710.1	8.6	63.4
April	6,366.9	2,209.5	8,576.4	47.5	568.0	168.8	736.8	9,313.2	5,413.2	14,726.4	7.9	63.2
May	6,325.8	2,241.8	8,567.6	49.0	589.8	148.7	738.5	9,306.1	5,436.6	14,742.6	7.9	63.1
June	6,350.1	2,259.7	8,609.8	45.2	581.0	154.6	735.6	9,345.4	5,413.6	14,758.9	7.9	63.3
July	6,455.2	2,181.6	8,636.8	44.5	581.4	146.4	727.8	9,364.6	5,409.6	14,774.2	7.8	63.4
August	6,328.7	2,207.2	8,535.9	41.1	575.6	152.4	727.9	9,263.9	5,525.6	14,789.4	7.9	62.6
September	6,461.5	2,272.4	8,733.9	39.9	594.4	171.2	765.6	9,499.5	5,305.3	14,804.7	8.1	64.2
October	6,432.9	2,257.2	8,690.2	41.3	526.7	158.9	685.6	9,375.7	5,451.3	14,827.0	7.3	63.2
Standard error of —												
October 1998 estimates	22.9	15.9	25.3	3.1	9.2	5.6	10.2	25.9	21.7	..	0.1	0.2
Sep 98 to Oct 98 movements	17.7	12.0	19.8	2.7	7.3	4.6	8.0	20.5	16.6	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed					Labour force	Unemployment rate - per	Participation rate cent -
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			
				Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total - '000 -					
	MALES									
1997 —										
August	4,195.4	567.0	4,762.4	31.8	406.5	55.8	462.4	5,224.7	8.8	72.8
September	4,224.2	566.7	4,790.9	27.3	399.5	64.7	464.3	5,255.2	8.8	73.1
October	4,233.3	574.3	4,807.6	28.6	391.4	59.6	451.0	5,258.6	8.6	73.0
November	4,247.0	584.5	4,831.5	26.2	391.5	66.4	457.9	5,289.4	8.7	73.4
December	4,248.4	587.8	4,836.3	26.2	382.5	62.6	445.1	5,281.4	8.4	73.2
1998 —										
January	4,271.4	572.1	4,843.5	25.6	378.6	54.9	433.5	5,277.0	8.2	73.0
February	4,257.3	580.6	4,837.8	26.9	379.2	64.8	444.0	5,281.9	8.4	73.0
March	4,263.3	577.8	4,841.1	28.7	387.9	54.0	441.8	5,282.9	8.4	72.9
April	4,281.1	576.1	4,857.2	23.7	365.8	56.7	422.5	5,279.7	8.0	72.8
May	4,259.8	593.8	4,853.5	30.5	379.9	58.9	438.8	5,292.3	8.3	72.9
June	4,264.6	593.0	4,857.6	30.2	391.5	56.3	447.8	5,305.3	8.4	73.0
July	4,274.0	582.1	4,856.1	31.0	401.8	57.2	459.0	5,315.0	8.6	73.1
August	4,273.1	573.1	4,846.2	27.6	387.1	66.3	453.3	5,299.6	8.6	72.8
September	4,307.9	594.6	4,902.5	28.6	386.9	54.2	441.1	5,343.6	8.3	73.3
October	4,307.0	605.4	4,912.3	26.0	362.3	56.9	419.2	5,331.5	7.9	73.0
MARRIED FEMALES										
1997 —										
August	1,180.6	1,014.5	2,195.1	n.a.	82.6	44.3	126.9	2,322.0	5.5	54.5
September	1,194.3	1,026.7	2,221.0	n.a.	81.1	38.9	120.0	2,341.0	5.1	55.0
October	1,188.8	1,032.5	2,221.3	n.a.	78.6	39.2	117.8	2,339.1	5.0	54.9
November	1,205.1	1,028.2	2,233.4	n.a.	79.0	34.7	113.7	2,347.0	4.8	55.1
December	1,210.1	1,022.0	2,232.0	n.a.	76.3	33.2	109.6	2,341.6	4.7	54.8
1998 —										
January	1,215.3	1,029.9	2,245.2	n.a.	77.9	36.8	114.7	2,359.9	4.9	55.1
February	1,207.2	1,039.7	2,246.8	n.a.	78.2	37.1	115.3	2,362.1	4.9	55.1
March	1,189.4	1,042.7	2,232.1	n.a.	74.9	34.8	109.6	2,341.7	4.7	54.8
April	1,206.3	1,042.6	2,248.8	n.a.	74.4	37.4	111.8	2,360.6	4.7	55.3
May	1,198.4	1,034.7	2,233.0	n.a.	79.7	35.6	115.3	2,348.4	4.9	54.9
June	1,206.5	1,039.4	2,245.9	n.a.	70.6	43.1	113.7	2,359.6	4.8	55.1
July	1,228.7	1,023.9	2,252.6	n.a.	75.5	39.5	115.0	2,367.6	4.9	55.3
August	1,227.0	1,040.4	2,267.5	n.a.	74.7	38.2	112.9	2,380.3	4.7	55.6
September	1,221.4	1,034.4	2,255.9	n.a.	75.8	34.6	110.4	2,366.2	4.7	55.2
October	1,204.6	1,049.0	2,253.6	n.a.	69.5	39.5	109.1	2,362.6	4.6	55.1
ALL FEMALES										
1997 —										
August	2,060.2	1,566.2	3,626.5	20.4	224.9	110.2	335.1	3,961.6	8.5	53.5
September	2,071.6	1,584.5	3,656.1	18.1	218.3	104.6	322.9	3,979.0	8.1	53.6
October	2,066.0	1,586.7	3,652.7	21.8	218.7	103.8	322.6	3,975.2	8.1	53.5
November	2,077.3	1,598.4	3,675.7	23.0	219.0	101.8	320.8	3,996.5	8.0	53.7
December	2,089.3	1,588.4	3,677.7	22.0	215.2	101.2	316.4	3,994.1	7.9	53.6
1998 —										
January	2,086.1	1,585.0	3,671.1	24.0	214.5	106.9	321.3	3,992.5	8.0	53.6
February	2,093.3	1,598.2	3,691.5	19.4	209.5	97.4	306.9	3,998.5	7.7	53.6
March	2,087.3	1,585.5	3,672.8	24.6	221.6	97.0	318.6	3,991.4	8.0	53.4
April	2,111.9	1,603.0	3,714.9	25.5	208.0	106.8	314.7	4,029.7	7.8	53.9
May	2,089.2	1,624.6	3,713.8	20.5	219.5	95.6	315.1	4,028.9	7.8	53.8
June	2,112.9	1,617.0	3,730.0	20.4	207.8	112.2	320.1	4,050.0	7.9	54.1
July	2,136.0	1,606.0	3,742.0	25.1	212.0	106.0	318.1	4,060.0	7.8	54.1
August	2,134.5	1,630.5	3,765.0	21.5	207.2	100.5	307.6	4,072.6	7.6	54.3
September	2,127.7	1,622.3	3,750.0	18.6	212.8	106.6	319.5	4,069.4	7.9	54.2
October	2,119.2	1,656.2	3,775.4	21.5	193.4	107.2	300.6	4,076.0	7.4	54.2
PERSONS										
1997 —										
August	6,255.6	2,133.2	8,388.8	52.2	631.4	166.1	797.5	9,186.3	8.7	63.0
September	6,295.8	2,151.2	8,447.0	45.4	617.8	169.3	787.1	9,234.2	8.5	63.2
October	6,299.3	2,161.0	8,460.3	50.4	610.1	163.4	773.5	9,233.8	8.4	63.1
November	6,324.3	2,182.9	8,507.2	49.2	610.5	168.2	778.7	9,285.9	8.4	63.4
December	6,337.8	2,176.2	8,514.0	48.2	597.7	163.8	761.5	9,275.5	8.2	63.2
1998 —										
January	6,357.5	2,157.1	8,514.6	49.6	593.1	161.8	754.8	9,269.5	8.1	63.1
February	6,350.6	2,178.8	8,529.4	46.2	588.7	162.2	751.0	9,280.3	8.1	63.2
March	6,350.5	2,163.3	8,513.9	53.3	609.4	151.0	760.4	9,274.3	8.2	63.0
April	6,393.0	2,179.1	8,572.1	49.1	573.8	163.4	737.2	9,309.3	7.9	63.2
May	6,349.0	2,218.4	8,567.4	51.0	599.4	154.4	753.9	9,321.2	8.1	63.2
June	6,377.5	2,210.0	8,587.5	50.6	599.3	168.5	767.8	9,355.4	8.2	63.4
July	6,409.9	2,188.1	8,598.0	56.2	613.8	163.2	777.0	9,375.1	8.3	63.5
August	6,407.6	2,203.6	8,611.2	49.1	594.2	166.7	761.0	9,372.2	8.1	63.4
September	6,435.6	2,216.9	8,652.5	47.2	599.7	160.9	760.6	9,413.1	8.1	63.6
October	6,426.2	2,261.5	8,687.7	47.4	555.7	164.1	719.8	9,407.5	7.7	63.4

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: TREND SERIES

Month	Unemployed									
	Employed			Looking for full-time work				Labour force	Unemployment rate - per	Participation rate - cent -
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19		Looking for part-time work	Total			
				looking for first job	Total - '000 -					
MALES										
1997 —										
August	4,210.0	571.7	4,781.7	29.4	403.4	59.3	462.7	5,244.4	8.8	73.0
September	4,220.3	573.0	4,793.3	28.7	399.8	60.6	460.4	5,253.7	8.8	73.1
October	4,231.7	575.3	4,807.0	27.9	394.9	61.8	456.7	5,263.7	8.7	73.1
November	4,243.1	577.6	4,820.7	27.0	389.6	62.2	451.8	5,272.5	8.6	73.1
December	4,253.0	579.1	4,832.0	26.4	384.6	61.7	446.3	5,278.3	8.5	73.1
1998 —										
January	4,260.3	579.8	4,840.1	26.1	380.5	60.5	441.0	5,281.1	8.4	73.1
February	4,264.6	580.4	4,845.1	26.4	378.4	58.9	437.3	5,282.4	8.3	73.0
March	4,266.1	581.3	4,847.4	27.0	378.4	57.7	436.1	5,283.5	8.3	72.9
April r	4,266.3	582.2	4,848.5	27.9	380.8	57.4	438.1	5,286.7	8.3	72.9
May r	4,267.2	583.6	4,850.7	28.7	384.4	57.6	442.0	5,292.7	8.4	72.9
June r	4,270.5	585.1	4,855.6	29.1	387.2	58.1	445.3	5,300.9	8.4	72.9
July r	4,276.5	586.6	4,863.1	29.2	388.0	58.5	446.5	5,309.6	8.4	73.0
August r	4,284.1	588.6	4,872.7	28.9	386.8	58.6	445.4	5,318.1	8.4	73.0
September r	4,292.3	591.3	4,883.6	28.3	383.8	58.6	442.4	5,326.0	8.3	73.0
October	4,299.7	594.2	4,893.8	27.9	380.8	58.2	438.9	5,332.8	8.2	73.1
MARRIED FEMALES (a)										
1997 —										
August	1,186.1	1,020.6	2,206.7	n.a.	80.2	41.3	121.5	2,328.1	5.2	54.7
September	1,191.1	1,023.3	2,214.4	n.a.	80.1	39.4	119.5	2,333.9	5.1	54.8
October	1,196.9	1,025.6	2,222.5	n.a.	79.6	37.7	117.3	2,339.9	5.0	54.9
November	1,202.5	1,027.8	2,230.3	n.a.	78.8	36.5	115.3	2,345.6	4.9	55.1
December	1,205.9	1,030.3	2,236.1	n.a.	78.0	35.6	113.6	2,349.7	4.8	55.0
1998 —										
January	1,206.3	1,033.5	2,239.8	n.a.	77.2	35.2	112.4	2,352.2	4.8	54.9
February	1,204.6	1,036.2	2,240.8	n.a.	76.7	35.5	112.2	2,353.0	4.8	54.9
March	1,202.7	1,038.2	2,240.9	n.a.	76.2	36.4	112.6	2,353.5	4.8	55.1
April r	1,203.2	1,038.7	2,241.8	n.a.	75.8	37.4	113.2	2,355.0	4.8	55.2
May r	1,206.5	1,037.6	2,244.1	n.a.	75.4	38.2	113.6	2,357.7	4.8	55.1
June r	1,211.8	1,036.0	2,247.8	n.a.	75.0	38.6	113.6	2,361.4	4.8	55.2
July r	1,216.6	1,035.4	2,252.0	n.a.	74.6	38.7	113.2	2,365.3	4.8	55.3
August r	1,219.1	1,036.3	2,255.3	n.a.	74.0	38.5	112.6	2,367.9	4.8	55.3
September r	1,218.6	1,037.9	2,256.5	n.a.	73.4	38.3	111.7	2,368.2	4.7	55.2
October	1,216.8	1,040.1	2,256.9	n.a.	72.7	37.9	110.6	2,367.5	4.7	55.2
ALL FEMALES										
1997 —										
August	2,064.4	1,573.4	3,637.7	19.8	221.8	107.0	328.8	3,966.5	8.3	53.5
September	2,068.1	1,579.8	3,647.9	20.4	220.1	105.6	325.7	3,973.6	8.2	53.6
October	2,072.5	1,585.3	3,657.8	21.0	218.5	104.2	322.7	3,980.5	8.1	53.6
November	2,077.7	1,588.6	3,666.3	21.7	217.1	103.1	320.2	3,986.4	8.0	53.6
December	2,082.7	1,590.0	3,672.8	22.3	215.9	102.0	317.9	3,990.6	8.0	53.6
1998 —										
January	2,086.9	1,591.5	3,678.4	22.7	215.0	101.0	316.0	3,994.4	7.9	53.6
February	2,090.6	1,593.8	3,684.4	22.9	214.5	100.7	315.2	3,999.6	7.9	53.6
March	2,094.6	1,597.9	3,692.5	22.9	214.1	101.1	315.2	4,007.7	7.9	53.7
April r	2,100.3	1,603.1	3,703.5	22.9	213.9	101.9	315.7	4,019.2	7.9	53.8
May r	2,107.5	1,608.8	3,716.4	22.7	213.4	102.9	316.4	4,032.7	7.8	53.9
June r	2,115.2	1,614.6	3,729.8	22.4	212.3	104.1	316.3	4,046.1	7.8	54.0
July r	2,121.8	1,620.3	3,742.1	21.9	210.3	105.0	315.3	4,057.4	7.8	54.1
August r	2,126.6	1,626.4	3,752.9	21.4	207.9	105.6	313.5	4,066.5	7.7	54.2
September r	2,129.6	1,632.9	3,762.5	20.9	205.2	106.0	311.2	4,073.7	7.6	54.2
October	2,130.3	1,638.2	3,768.4	20.6	203.2	106.0	309.2	4,077.6	7.6	54.2
PERSONS										
1997 —										
August	6,274.3	2,145.1	8,419.4	49.2	625.2	166.3	791.5	9,210.9	8.6	63.1
September	6,288.4	2,152.7	8,441.2	49.0	619.8	166.3	786.1	9,227.3	8.5	63.2
October	6,304.2	2,160.6	8,464.8	48.9	613.4	166.0	779.4	9,244.2	8.4	63.2
November	6,320.8	2,166.2	8,487.0	48.8	606.7	165.3	772.0	9,258.9	8.3	63.2
December	6,335.7	2,169.1	8,504.8	48.7	600.4	163.7	764.2	9,269.0	8.2	63.2
1998 —										
January	6,347.2	2,171.3	8,518.5	48.9	595.5	161.5	757.0	9,275.4	8.2	63.2
February	6,355.2	2,174.3	8,529.5	49.3	592.9	159.6	752.5	9,282.0	8.1	63.2
March	6,360.6	2,179.2	8,539.9	50.0	592.5	158.8	751.3	9,291.2	8.1	63.2
April r	6,366.6	2,185.4	8,552.0	50.8	594.7	159.2	753.9	9,305.9	8.1	63.2
May r	6,374.7	2,192.4	8,567.1	51.4	597.8	160.5	758.3	9,325.4	8.1	63.3
June r	6,385.6	2,199.7	8,585.4	51.5	599.5	162.2	761.7	9,347.0	8.1	63.3
July r	6,398.2	2,206.9	8,605.2	51.1	598.4	163.5	761.8	9,367.0	8.1	63.4
August r	6,410.7	2,215.0	8,625.7	50.2	594.7	164.2	758.9	9,384.6	8.1	63.5
September r	6,421.8	2,224.2	8,646.0	49.2	589.0	164.6	753.6	9,399.6	8.0	63.5
October	6,430.0	2,232.3	8,662.3	48.5	583.9	164.2	748.1	9,410.4	7.9	63.5

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 32.

**TABLE 4. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
MARITAL STATUS, OCTOBER 1998**

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate - per cent -</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>		<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work - '000 -</i>						
<i>Males</i>	4,307.8	608.6	4,916.4	342.7	53.8	396.6	5,313.0	1,989.7	7,302.7	7.5	72.8
Married	2,918.8	227.3	3,146.1	139.9	9.4	149.3	3,295.4	1,108.7	4,404.2	4.5	74.8
Not married	1,389.0	381.3	1,770.3	202.8	44.4	247.3	2,017.5	881.0	2,898.5	12.3	69.6
<i>Females</i>	2,125.2	1,648.6	3,773.7	184.0	105.0	289.0	4,062.7	3,461.6	7,524.3	7.1	54.0
Married	1,209.8	1,044.0	2,253.7	66.7	38.7	105.4	2,359.2	1,927.7	4,286.9	4.5	55.0
Not married	915.4	604.6	1,520.0	117.2	66.3	183.6	1,703.6	1,533.9	3,237.5	10.8	52.6
Persons	6,432.9	2,257.2	8,690.2	526.7	158.9	685.6	9,375.7	5,451.3	14,827.0	7.3	63.2

**TABLE 5. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER 1998**

<i>State or Territory</i>	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate - per cent -</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>		<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work - '000 -</i>						
MALES											
New South Wales	1,459.3	187.8	1,647.0	97.6	13.6	111.3	1,758.3	706.0	2,464.4	6.3	71.3
Victoria	1,058.7	155.1	1,213.8	81.3	17.3	98.6	1,312.4	498.2	1,810.7	7.5	72.5
Queensland	814.4	119.0	933.4	72.0	12.4	84.3	1,017.7	341.5	1,359.3	8.3	74.9
South Australia	323.2	47.1	370.3	36.5	4.5	41.0	411.2	175.6	586.9	10.0	70.1
Western Australia	442.0	63.1	505.0	35.8	3.1	38.9	543.9	172.3	716.2	7.1	75.9
Tasmania	94.0	15.5	109.5	13.3	* 1.0	14.3	123.8	57.4	181.2	11.5	68.3
Northern Territory	45.3	7.8	53.1	1.4	* 0.4	1.8	54.8	13.5	68.3	3.2	80.2
Australian Capital Territory	70.9	13.3	84.3	4.8	1.6	6.4	90.7	25.1	115.8	7.0	78.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>4,307.8</i>	<i>608.6</i>	<i>4,916.4</i>	<i>342.7</i>	<i>53.8</i>	<i>396.6</i>	<i>5,313.0</i>	<i>1,989.7</i>	<i>7,302.7</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>72.8</i>
FEMALES											
New South Wales	747.7	506.7	1,254.4	55.5	35.4	91.0	1,345.4	1,204.8	2,550.1	6.8	52.8
Victoria	529.1	409.7	938.8	47.2	26.9	74.1	1,012.8	876.3	1,889.1	7.3	53.6
Queensland	385.0	324.1	709.1	41.6	21.7	63.3	772.4	610.7	1,383.1	8.2	55.8
South Australia	148.7	137.4	286.1	16.6	7.8	24.4	310.5	297.1	607.6	7.9	51.1
Western Australia	201.4	184.3	385.7	14.8	8.0	22.9	408.6	313.2	721.8	5.6	56.6
Tasmania	40.8	44.4	85.2	5.7	2.7	8.4	93.7	93.7	187.4	9.0	50.0
Northern Territory	27.7	14.3	42.0	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 1.1	43.1	22.5	65.6	* 2.6	65.7
Australian Capital Territory	44.9	27.6	72.5	1.9	1.9	3.8	76.3	43.4	119.7	5.0	63.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>2,125.2</i>	<i>1,648.6</i>	<i>3,773.7</i>	<i>184.0</i>	<i>105.0</i>	<i>289.0</i>	<i>4,062.7</i>	<i>3,461.6</i>	<i>7,524.3</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>54.0</i>
PERSONS											
New South Wales	2,207.0	694.5	2,901.4	153.1	49.1	202.2	3,103.7	1,910.8	5,014.5	6.5	61.9
Victoria	1,587.8	564.8	2,152.6	128.5	44.2	172.7	2,325.3	1,374.5	3,699.8	7.4	62.8
Queensland	1,199.4	443.1	1,642.5	113.6	34.1	147.7	1,790.2	952.2	2,742.4	8.2	65.3
South Australia	471.9	184.5	656.4	53.1	12.3	65.4	721.7	472.7	1,194.4	9.1	60.4
Western Australia	643.3	247.4	890.7	50.6	11.1	61.7	952.5	485.4	1,437.9	6.5	66.2
Tasmania	134.8	59.9	194.7	19.0	3.8	22.7	217.5	151.1	368.6	10.5	59.0
Northern Territory	73.0	22.1	95.0	2.0	* 0.9	2.9	97.9	36.0	133.9	3.0	73.1
Australian Capital Territory	115.8	41.0	156.8	6.7	3.5	10.2	166.9	68.6	235.5	6.1	70.9
Australia	6,432.9	2,257.2	8,690.2	526.7	158.9	685.6	9,375.7	5,451.3	14,827.0	7.3	63.2

**TABLE 6. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
STATE CAPITAL CITIES, OCTOBER 1998**

Capital city	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total					
MALES										
Sydney	950.5	1,066.9	52.2	8.1	60.4	1,127.3	399.1	1,526.3	5.4	73.9
Melbourne	783.7	899.6	59.0	13.8	72.8	972.3	340.9	1,313.2	7.5	74.0
Brisbane	366.2	421.6	32.9	7.8	40.7	462.2	150.7	612.9	8.8	75.4
Adelaide	233.0	270.2	25.3	3.8	29.1	299.3	131.6	430.9	9.7	69.5
Perth	315.9	363.4	23.4	* 2.8	26.2	389.6	131.2	520.8	6.7	74.8
Hobart	38.1	45.2	4.5	* 0.4	4.9	50.1	24.6	74.7	9.8	67.1
Total	2,687.4	3,066.9	197.2	36.7	234.0	3,300.8	1,178.0	4,478.8	7.1	73.7
FEMALES										
Sydney	534.0	834.5	24.6	20.7	45.3	879.8	709.6	1,589.3	5.1	55.4
Melbourne	414.7	704.7	32.1	21.3	53.4	758.1	619.0	1,377.1	7.0	55.0
Brisbane	189.8	333.9	18.7	9.2	27.9	361.8	273.8	635.6	7.7	56.9
Adelaide	113.2	216.3	11.2	5.6	16.8	233.1	121.8	454.9	7.2	51.2
Perth	153.4	287.5	11.6	6.2	17.8	305.3	235.9	541.3	5.8	56.4
Hobart	19.2	38.5	1.7	1.1	2.8	41.2	37.9	79.2	6.8	52.1
Total	1,424.3	2,415.3	99.9	64.1	164.0	2,579.3	2,098.1	4,677.3	6.4	55.1
PERSONS										
Sydney	1,484.5	1,901.4	76.8	28.8	105.7	2,007.0	1,108.6	3,115.6	5.3	64.4
Melbourne	1,198.3	1,604.2	91.1	35.1	126.2	1,730.4	959.9	2,690.3	7.3	64.3
Brisbane	556.0	755.4	51.6	17.0	68.6	824.0	424.5	1,248.5	8.3	66.0
Adelaide	346.2	486.5	36.5	9.4	45.9	532.4	353.4	885.7	8.6	60.1
Perth	469.3	650.9	35.0	9.0	44.0	694.9	367.1	1,062.1	6.3	65.4
Hobart	57.3	83.7	6.2	1.5	7.7	91.4	62.5	153.9	8.4	59.4
Total	4,111.7	5,482.2	297.1	100.8	397.9	5,880.1	3,276.0	9,156.1	6.8	64.2

**TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, OCTOBER 1998**

	Persons							Total
	Males	Females		Aged 15-19	Aged 20-24	Aged 25 and over		
		Married	Total					
— '000 —								
<i>Employed</i>								
Full-time workers	84.3	42.1	72.5	10.4	19.7	126.7	156.8	
Part-time workers	70.9	24.8	44.9	2.4	12.7	100.7	115.8	
	13.3	17.3	27.6	8.0	7.0	26.0	41.0	
<i>Unemployed</i>								
Looking for full-time work	6.4	1.2	3.8	2.4	2.8	4.9	10.2	
Looking for part-time work	4.8	* 0.5	1.9	1.2	1.6	3.9	6.7	
	1.6	* 0.6	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.0	3.5	
Labour force	90.7	43.3	76.3	12.8	22.6	131.6	166.9	
Not in labour force	25.1	22.6	43.4	9.2	4.0	55.3	68.6	
Aged 15-19 attending school	4.1	* 0.0	3.4	7.6	..	..	7.6	
Civilian population	115.8	65.9	119.7	22.0	26.6	186.9	235.5	
— per cent —								
Unemployment rate	7.0	2.7	5.0	19.1	12.6	3.7	6.1	
Looking for full-time work	6.4	* 2.1	4.0	32.4	11.2	3.8	5.5	
Participation rate	78.3	65.7	63.7	58.1	84.8	70.4	70.9	
Employment/population ratio	72.8	63.9	60.6	47.0	74.1	67.8	66.6	
— number —								
Average weekly hours worked by employed persons	35.1	27.1	27.5	16.9	30.2	33.0	31.6	
Average duration of unemployment (weeks)	56.2	* 17.0	45.0	23.3	52.4	66.2	52.0	

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	NEW SOUTH WALES																	
	Males						Females						Persons					
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic ipation rate
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total				
1997 —																		
August	1,406.2	1,577.9	141.7	1,719.6	8.2	70.9	717.5	1,196.5	100.5	1,297.0	7.8	51.5	2,123.7	2,774.4	242.2	3,016.6	8.0	61.0
September	1,428.1	1,603.8	143.2	1,747.0	8.2	71.9	719.8	1,211.4	97.1	1,308.5	7.4	51.9	2,147.9	2,815.2	240.2	3,055.5	7.9	61.7
October	1,430.7	1,598.9	145.0	1,743.9	8.3	71.7	716.5	1,188.8	99.1	1,287.9	7.7	51.1	2,147.2	2,787.7	244.1	3,031.7	8.1	61.2
November	1,437.7	1,614.8	143.6	1,758.4	8.2	72.2	722.4	1,217.1	95.1	1,312.3	7.2	52.0	2,160.1	2,831.9	238.7	3,070.6	7.8	61.9
December	1,435.0	1,618.6	132.8	1,751.4	7.6	71.8	715.8	1,218.0	95.2	1,313.2	7.2	52.0	2,150.7	2,836.6	228.0	3,064.7	7.4	61.7
1998 —																		
January	1,438.5	1,627.1	129.8	1,756.9	7.4	72.0	720.2	1,216.2	97.3	1,313.5	7.4	51.9	2,158.7	2,843.3	227.1	3,070.4	7.4	61.8
February	1,425.9	1,597.8	141.0	1,738.8	8.1	71.2	708.5	1,207.6	93.5	1,301.1	7.2	51.4	2,134.4	2,805.4	234.5	3,039.9	7.7	61.1
March	1,436.0	1,616.6	135.0	1,751.6	7.7	71.7	717.7	1,213.7	95.7	1,309.4	7.3	51.7	2,153.7	2,830.3	230.7	3,061.0	7.5	61.5
April	1,444.6	1,621.4	125.7	1,747.1	7.2	71.4	720.1	1,229.0	94.8	1,323.8	7.2	52.2	2,164.8	2,850.4	220.5	3,070.9	7.2	61.6
May	1,440.5	1,616.7	135.3	1,751.9	7.7	71.5	713.2	1,218.8	96.6	1,315.4	7.3	51.8	2,153.7	2,835.4	231.9	3,067.3	7.6	61.5
June	1,449.2	1,627.0	138.0	1,765.1	7.8	72.0	735.6	1,237.6	96.3	1,333.9	7.2	52.5	2,184.8	2,864.6	234.3	3,098.9	7.6	62.1
July	1,456.1	1,637.4	136.6	1,774.0	7.7	72.2	758.7	1,249.2	96.3	1,345.5	7.2	52.9	2,214.8	2,886.7	232.9	3,119.5	7.5	62.4
August	1,439.2	1,608.0	142.7	1,750.7	8.2	71.2	735.7	1,231.2	92.4	1,323.6	7.0	52.0	2,175.0	2,839.2	235.1	3,074.3	7.6	61.5
September	1,458.0	1,636.7	131.1	1,767.7	7.4	71.8	751.0	1,256.0	98.3	1,354.3	7.3	53.2	2,209.0	2,892.6	229.4	3,122.1	7.3	62.3
October	1,462.1	1,651.2	116.1	1,767.3	6.6	71.7	742.9	1,248.5	92.6	1,341.1	6.9	52.6	2,205.0	2,899.7	208.7	3,108.4	6.7	62.0
VICTORIA																		
1997 —																		
August	1,034.0	1,177.7	117.8	1,295.5	9.1	72.7	504.4	896.3	93.4	989.7	9.4	53.2	1,538.4	2,074.1	211.2	2,285.2	9.2	62.7
September	1,034.8	1,188.2	118.9	1,307.2	9.1	73.3	512.4	917.9	87.2	1,005.2	8.7	54.0	1,547.1	2,106.2	206.2	2,312.3	8.9	63.4
October	1,043.5	1,195.6	105.0	1,300.5	8.1	72.8	512.1	913.2	87.9	1,001.0	8.8	53.7	1,555.5	2,108.7	192.8	2,301.5	8.4	63.0
November	1,048.5	1,194.4	109.0	1,303.4	8.4	72.9	508.3	921.0	84.4	1,005.3	8.4	53.9	1,556.8	2,115.4	193.4	2,308.8	8.4	63.2
December	1,049.6	1,200.6	110.5	1,311.1	8.4	73.2	519.6	924.9	79.1	1,004.0	7.9	53.7	1,569.2	2,125.5	189.6	2,315.1	8.2	63.3
1998 —																		
January	1,056.5	1,193.3	114.0	1,307.4	8.7	72.9	517.6	923.5	85.3	1,008.8	8.5	53.9	1,574.1	2,116.8	199.3	2,316.2	8.6	63.2
February	1,061.3	1,203.5	105.5	1,309.1	8.1	73.0	527.7	925.7	79.3	1,005.0	7.9	53.7	1,589.0	2,129.2	184.8	2,314.0	8.0	63.1
March	1,061.3	1,208.2	114.5	1,322.7	8.7	73.7	525.5	926.4	87.7	1,014.1	8.6	54.1	1,586.8	2,134.6	202.2	2,336.8	8.7	63.7
April	1,059.2	1,213.2	112.8	1,326.0	8.5	73.7	537.7	936.9	84.4	1,021.3	8.3	54.4	1,596.9	2,150.1	197.2	2,347.3	8.4	63.9
May	1,060.5	1,217.0	111.2	1,328.2	8.4	73.8	525.8	932.2	81.2	1,013.4	8.0	53.9	1,586.3	2,149.2	192.4	2,341.6	8.2	63.7
June	1,051.3	1,213.4	107.7	1,321.1	8.2	73.3	526.2	934.6	88.4	1,023.0	8.6	54.4	1,577.5	2,148.0	196.1	2,344.1	8.4	63.6
July	1,055.8	1,212.7	108.7	1,321.3	8.2	73.2	521.5	930.7	89.8	1,020.5	8.8	54.2	1,577.2	2,143.4	198.5	2,341.8	8.5	63.5
August	1,057.8	1,211.0	106.0	1,317.1	8.1	72.9	542.3	954.9	87.1	1,042.0	8.4	55.3	1,600.1	2,165.9	193.2	2,359.1	8.2	63.9
September	1,067.3	1,230.8	102.2	1,333.0	7.7	73.7	525.3	938.1	89.1	1,027.3	8.7	54.5	1,592.5	2,169.0	191.3	2,360.2	8.1	63.9
October	1,059.6	1,213.7	102.3	1,316.0	7.8	72.7	529.4	936.3	78.6	1,014.9	7.7	53.7	1,589.0	2,150.0	180.9	2,330.9	7.8	63.0

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES—continued

Month	Males						Females						Persons					
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total				
	QUEENSLAND																	
1997 —																		
August	775.7	887.3	96.3	983.6	9.8	74.1	383.1	679.5	69.7	749.2	9.3	55.4	1,158.8	1,566.8	166.0	1,732.8	9.6	64.6
September	776.4	886.6	94.6	981.2	9.6	73.8	379.0	683.8	68.4	752.2	9.1	55.5	1,155.3	1,570.4	163.0	1,733.4	9.4	64.6
October	782.9	900.4	92.8	993.2	9.3	74.5	381.0	691.7	68.4	760.1	9.0	56.0	1,163.9	1,592.1	161.2	1,753.2	9.2	65.2
November	780.9	895.4	95.2	990.6	9.6	74.2	386.2	690.3	67.5	757.8	8.9	55.7	1,167.1	1,585.6	162.8	1,748.4	9.3	64.9
December	783.2	899.8	94.6	994.4	9.5	74.3	397.7	688.0	64.4	752.3	8.6	55.2	1,180.9	1,587.8	159.0	1,746.8	9.1	64.7
1998 —																		
January	795.7	910.8	89.2	1,000.0	8.9	74.6	384.9	690.5	64.9	755.4	8.6	55.4	1,180.6	1,601.3	154.2	1,755.4	8.8	64.9
February	792.4	909.1	93.2	1,002.3	9.3	74.7	392.4	702.0	65.2	767.2	8.5	56.1	1,184.8	1,611.1	158.3	1,769.5	8.9	65.3
March	797.5	911.3	85.9	997.3	8.6	74.2	385.4	695.5	60.4	756.0	8.0	55.2	1,182.9	1,606.9	146.4	1,753.2	8.3	64.6
April	797.9	906.7	85.8	992.5	8.6	73.7	398.8	705.8	64.1	769.9	8.3	56.2	1,196.7	1,612.5	149.9	1,762.4	8.5	64.9
May	787.4	908.0	88.3	996.3	8.9	73.9	390.2	708.1	59.3	767.4	7.7	55.9	1,177.6	1,616.1	147.6	1,763.6	8.4	64.8
June	792.8	908.7	90.1	998.8	9.0	73.9	385.7	706.4	67.2	773.6	8.7	56.3	1,178.5	1,615.0	157.3	1,772.4	8.9	65.0
July	796.5	904.3	98.9	1,003.2	9.9	74.1	390.5	703.6	62.9	766.6	8.2	55.7	1,186.9	1,607.9	161.8	1,769.8	9.1	64.8
August	794.4	909.0	91.9	1,001.0	9.2	73.9	384.0	707.1	60.1	767.2	7.8	55.6	1,178.4	1,616.2	152.1	1,768.2	8.6	64.7
September	796.7	917.3	98.1	1,015.4	9.7	74.8	386.9	695.9	64.7	760.6	8.5	55.1	1,183.7	1,613.2	162.8	1,776.0	9.2	64.9
October	810.1	928.9	88.6	1,017.5	8.7	74.9	383.5	706.1	69.1	775.2	8.9	56.0	1,193.5	1,635.0	157.7	1,792.7	8.8	65.4
SOUTH AUSTRALIA																		
1997 —																		
August	325.6	375.3	42.6	417.8	10.2	71.8	145.4	287.1	27.4	314.5	8.7	52.2	471.0	662.4	70.0	732.4	9.6	61.8
September	324.8	375.4	43.8	419.1	10.4	71.9	144.8	288.1	28.0	316.1	8.9	52.4	469.5	663.5	71.8	735.2	9.8	62.0
October	323.3	374.0	43.6	417.6	10.4	71.6	145.2	289.5	27.3	316.7	8.6	52.5	468.5	663.5	70.9	734.3	9.6	61.9
November	323.6	372.8	43.8	416.6	10.5	71.4	146.5	288.8	28.2	317.0	8.9	52.5	470.2	661.6	72.0	733.7	9.8	61.8
December	323.5	371.9	43.0	414.9	10.4	71.1	148.2	285.3	27.6	313.0	8.8	51.8	471.7	657.3	70.6	727.9	9.7	61.2
1998 —																		
January	325.9	370.8	42.3	413.1	10.2	70.7	147.1	283.2	30.1	313.3	9.6	51.8	473.0	654.0	72.4	726.4	10.0	61.1
February	318.6	369.4	43.6	413.0	10.6	70.6	146.2	281.3	28.1	309.4	9.1	51.1	464.9	650.7	71.7	722.4	9.9	60.7
March	319.5	366.1	42.0	408.0	10.3	69.8	150.1	278.3	30.3	308.6	9.8	51.0	469.6	644.4	72.3	716.7	10.1	60.2
April	319.6	369.6	39.3	408.9	9.6	69.9	147.9	279.1	28.2	307.2	9.2	50.7	467.6	648.7	67.4	716.1	9.4	60.1
May	315.4	364.3	42.9	407.2	10.5	69.6	142.6	273.8	31.0	304.9	10.2	50.3	458.0	638.2	73.9	712.0	10.4	59.8
June	318.4	368.7	40.1	408.8	9.8	69.8	142.8	269.4	30.6	300.0	10.2	49.5	461.2	638.1	70.8	708.8	10.0	59.5
July	321.2	366.6	45.2	411.8	11.0	70.3	145.0	271.6	27.9	299.5	9.3	49.4	466.2	638.2	73.1	711.3	10.3	59.7
August	323.0	369.8	43.4	413.2	10.5	70.5	146.4	276.1	31.3	307.3	10.2	50.6	469.4	645.8	74.7	720.5	10.4	60.4
September	326.4	371.5	44.2	415.7	10.6	70.9	148.0	282.3	27.8	310.1	9.0	51.1	474.4	653.9	72.0	725.9	9.9	60.8
October	322.5	370.7	41.3	412.0	10.0	70.2	148.6	286.6	25.0	311.7	8.0	51.3	471.1	657.3	66.3	723.6	9.2	60.6

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES—continued

Month	Males							Females							Persons						
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate			
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total							
	WESTERN AUSTRALIA																				
1997 —																					
August	440.5	497.4	38.9	536.3	7.3	76.6	195.7	363.2	28.6	391.8	7.3	55.4	636.3	860.6	67.5	928.2	7.3	66.0			
September	442.2	497.1	39.9	537.0	7.4	76.6	199.4	374.3	25.4	399.7	6.3	56.4	641.6	871.4	65.3	936.7	7.0	66.5			
October	439.9	498.7	33.6	532.3	6.3	75.8	196.6	367.1	26.6	393.7	6.7	55.5	636.5	865.8	60.2	926.0	6.5	65.6			
November	443.7	501.7	38.2	539.9	7.1	76.7	197.7	365.7	26.7	392.4	6.8	55.2	641.4	867.4	64.9	932.3	7.0	65.9			
December	445.5	502.7	38.7	541.4	7.1	76.8	197.6	364.5	29.1	393.5	7.4	55.3	643.1	867.2	67.8	935.0	7.2	66.0			
1998 —																					
January	447.0	503.0	37.2	540.2	6.9	76.5	201.8	367.5	29.2	396.7	7.4	55.7	648.8	870.5	66.4	936.9	7.1	66.0			
February	441.0	500.2	36.3	536.5	6.8	75.9	195.4	372.1	28.9	401.1	7.2	56.2	636.4	872.3	65.2	937.6	7.0	66.0			
March	443.0	499.9	37.9	537.7	7.0	75.9	202.7	371.0	28.0	399.0	7.0	55.8	645.7	870.8	65.9	936.7	7.0	65.8			
April	443.1	502.2	36.0	538.1	6.7	75.9	196.6	373.7	28.8	402.5	7.2	56.3	639.8	875.9	64.8	940.7	6.9	66.0			
May	443.4	504.3	37.7	542.1	7.0	76.3	199.8	379.3	28.0	407.4	6.9	56.9	643.2	883.7	65.8	949.4	6.9	66.6			
June	442.6	500.7	45.0	545.6	8.2	76.7	205.6	386.0	24.7	410.7	6.0	57.3	648.2	886.7	69.6	956.3	7.3	66.9			
July	442.0	496.5	43.3	539.7	8.0	75.8	202.6	389.1	27.3	416.4	6.6	58.0	644.6	885.5	70.6	956.2	7.4	66.8			
August	443.8	499.8	41.7	541.5	7.7	75.9	206.7	384.9	24.9	409.9	6.1	57.0	650.5	884.8	66.6	951.4	7.0	66.4			
September	443.6	506.0	41.2	547.2	7.5	76.6	198.0	386.7	28.0	414.7	6.7	57.6	641.6	892.7	69.1	961.9	7.2	67.0			
October	443.7	505.4	42.4	547.9	7.7	76.5	201.0	387.6	24.7	412.3	6.0	57.1	644.7	893.1	67.2	960.2	7.0	66.8			
TASMANIA																					
1997 —																					
August	97.4	112.5	14.5	126.9	11.4	69.8	38.6	81.7	10.0	91.7	10.9	48.8	136.0	194.2	24.5	218.6	11.2	59.1			
September	97.8	112.7	13.5	126.1	10.7	69.4	39.1	78.5	11.4	89.9	12.7	47.8	136.9	191.2	24.9	216.0	11.5	58.4			
October	99.3	112.4	15.6	128.0	12.2	70.4	40.7	80.9	9.5	90.4	10.5	48.1	140.1	193.3	25.1	218.4	11.5	59.1			
November	96.6	111.9	15.6	127.5	12.3	70.2	42.0	82.5	8.8	91.3	9.6	48.6	138.6	194.4	24.4	218.8	11.2	59.2			
December	96.2	109.9	16.9	126.8	13.3	69.7	41.8	82.5	8.6	91.1	9.4	48.4	138.0	192.3	25.5	217.9	11.7	58.9			
1998 —																					
January	96.6	112.2	15.2	127.4	11.9	70.1	42.9	82.3	8.2	90.6	9.1	48.2	139.6	194.5	23.4	217.9	10.8	59.0			
February	95.4	112.0	14.7	126.8	11.6	69.8	42.8	84.8	7.9	92.7	8.5	49.4	138.3	196.9	22.6	219.5	10.3	59.4			
March	96.4	111.2	16.1	127.3	12.6	70.1	43.9	84.8	8.4	93.2	9.0	49.7	140.2	196.0	24.5	220.5	11.1	59.7			
April	98.2	113.5	14.8	128.3	11.6	70.7	42.9	85.3	8.4	93.7	8.9	50.0	141.1	198.8	23.2	222.1	10.5	60.2			
May	96.0	112.8	14.4	127.3	11.3	70.2	40.9	85.4	8.5	93.9	9.0	50.1	136.8	198.2	22.9	221.1	10.4	60.0			
June	94.3	110.3	14.7	125.0	11.7	69.0	41.1	85.4	8.8	94.2	9.3	50.3	135.3	195.7	23.5	219.2	10.7	59.5			
July	93.7	107.8	16.4	124.2	13.2	68.5	42.2	86.1	7.2	93.2	7.7	49.8	135.8	193.8	23.6	217.4	10.8	59.0			
August	94.0	109.8	16.5	126.3	13.0	69.7	41.1	85.5	9.1	94.6	9.6	50.5	135.2	195.3	25.5	220.9	11.6	59.9			
September	93.2	109.2	14.5	123.8	11.7	68.3	41.2	85.5	7.8	93.3	8.3	49.8	134.3	194.7	22.3	217.0	10.3	58.9			
October	94.8	110.2	15.0	125.1	12.0	69.0	41.3	85.4	8.2	93.6	8.7	49.9	136.1	195.5	23.1	218.7	10.6	59.3			

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES: TREND SERIES

Month	NEW SOUTH WALES																	
	Males						Females						Persons					
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total				
1997 —																		
August	1,419.0	1,595.5	144.5	1,740.0	8.3	71.7	719.4	1,200.2	99.6	1,299.8	7.7	51.7	2,138.4	2,795.7	244.1	3,039.8	8.0	61.5
September	1,423.4	1,598.6	143.9	1,742.5	8.3	71.7	719.0	1,202.6	98.5	1,301.1	7.6	51.6	2,142.4	2,801.2	242.4	3,043.5	8.0	61.5
October	1,428.3	1,603.8	142.4	1,746.2	8.2	71.8	718.7	1,205.8	97.4	1,303.1	7.5	51.7	2,147.1	2,809.6	239.7	3,049.3	7.9	61.5
November	1,432.1	1,609.3	140.1	1,749.4	8.0	71.8	718.2	1,209.0	96.5	1,305.5	7.4	51.7	2,150.4	2,818.3	236.6	3,054.9	7.7	61.6
December	1,434.4	1,613.3	137.5	1,750.8	7.9	71.8	717.1	1,211.3	95.8	1,307.1	7.3	51.7	2,151.4	2,824.7	233.3	3,058.0	7.6	61.6
1998 —																		
January	1,435.2	1,615.1	135.2	1,750.3	7.7	71.7	715.3	1,213.0	95.3	1,308.4	7.3	51.7	2,150.4	2,828.2	230.5	3,058.7	7.5	61.5
February	1,435.8	1,615.9	133.7	1,749.6	7.6	71.6	714.6	1,215.3	95.2	1,310.5	7.3	51.8	2,150.4	2,831.2	228.9	3,060.1	7.5	61.5
March	1,437.3	1,616.6	133.1	1,749.6	7.6	71.6	715.9	1,218.1	95.3	1,313.4	7.3	51.9	2,153.2	2,834.6	228.4	3,063.0	7.5	61.5
April r	1,439.9	1,617.8	134.0	1,751.7	7.6	71.6	719.9	1,222.1	95.5	1,317.6	7.2	52.0	2,159.8	2,839.9	229.5	3,069.3	7.5	61.6
May r	1,443.1	1,619.8	135.4	1,755.2	7.7	71.6	726.3	1,227.4	95.7	1,323.1	7.2	52.1	2,169.4	2,847.2	231.1	3,078.3	7.5	61.7
June r	1,446.4	1,623.0	136.1	1,759.0	7.7	71.7	733.4	1,233.7	95.7	1,329.4	7.2	52.3	2,179.8	2,856.6	231.8	3,088.4	7.5	61.9
July r	1,449.5	1,626.6	135.5	1,762.2	7.7	71.8	739.6	1,239.3	95.6	1,334.9	7.2	52.5	2,189.1	2,865.9	231.1	3,097.0	7.5	62.0
August r	1,452.2	1,630.3	133.9	1,764.3	7.6	71.8	744.3	1,243.9	95.3	1,339.2	7.1	52.6	2,196.6	2,874.3	229.2	3,103.5	7.4	62.0
September r	1,454.8	1,634.2	131.4	1,765.6	7.4	71.8	747.5	1,247.7	94.9	1,342.7	7.1	52.7	2,202.3	2,881.9	226.4	3,108.3	7.3	62.1
October	1,457.1	1,638.3	128.6	1,766.9	7.3	71.7	749.6	1,250.4	94.6	1,345.0	7.0	52.7	2,206.7	2,888.7	223.2	3,112.0	7.2	62.1
VICTORIA																		
1997 —																		
August	1,036.8	1,185.1	116.7	1,301.8	9.0	73.0	509.4	909.0	90.3	999.3	9.0	53.7	1,546.2	2,094.2	207.0	2,301.2	9.0	63.2
September	1,038.6	1,187.7	114.3	1,302.0	8.8	73.0	509.8	911.6	88.4	999.9	8.8	53.7	1,548.4	2,099.3	202.6	2,301.9	8.8	63.1
October	1,042.0	1,190.9	111.9	1,302.8	8.6	72.9	510.9	914.9	86.2	1,001.1	8.6	53.7	1,552.9	2,105.7	198.2	2,303.9	8.6	63.1
November	1,046.7	1,194.0	110.3	1,304.3	8.5	72.9	513.2	918.6	84.4	1,003.0	8.4	53.7	1,559.9	2,112.6	194.7	2,307.3	8.4	63.1
December	1,051.7	1,197.2	109.7	1,306.9	8.4	73.0	516.8	922.1	83.2	1,005.3	8.3	53.8	1,568.5	2,119.2	192.9	2,312.2	8.3	63.2
1998 —																		
January	1,056.0	1,200.5	110.2	1,310.7	8.4	73.1	521.1	925.1	82.5	1,007.7	8.2	53.9	1,577.2	2,125.7	192.7	2,318.4	8.3	63.3
February	1,058.8	1,204.2	111.0	1,315.1	8.4	73.3	524.7	927.1	82.6	1,009.7	8.2	53.9	1,583.6	2,131.3	193.6	2,324.8	8.3	63.4
March	1,059.6	1,207.4	111.6	1,319.0	8.5	73.5	527.3	928.9	83.4	1,012.2	8.2	54.0	1,586.9	2,136.3	195.0	2,331.3	8.4	63.5
April r	1,059.1	1,210.6	111.6	1,322.1	8.4	73.5	528.8	931.2	84.6	1,015.8	8.3	54.1	1,587.8	2,141.8	196.2	2,338.0	8.4	63.6
May r	1,058.1	1,213.1	110.6	1,323.7	8.4	73.5	529.2	933.8	85.9	1,019.7	8.4	54.3	1,587.3	2,146.9	196.5	2,343.4	8.4	63.7
June r	1,057.5	1,214.7	109.2	1,324.0	8.3	73.5	529.1	936.3	86.7	1,023.0	8.5	54.4	1,586.6	2,151.1	196.0	2,347.0	8.3	63.7
July r	1,057.7	1,215.9	107.5	1,323.4	8.1	73.4	529.1	938.4	87.0	1,025.4	8.5	54.5	1,586.8	2,154.3	194.5	2,348.8	8.3	63.7
August r	1,058.7	1,217.0	105.6	1,322.6	8.0	73.2	529.3	939.9	86.8	1,026.6	8.5	54.5	1,588.1	2,156.9	192.4	2,349.3	8.2	63.7
September r	1,060.0	1,218.1	103.8	1,321.9	7.9	73.1	529.7	940.9	86.0	1,026.8	8.4	54.4	1,589.7	2,158.9	189.8	2,348.7	8.1	63.6
October	1,061.3	1,218.8	102.5	1,321.3	7.8	73.0	529.6	941.0	85.2	1,026.2	8.3	54.3	1,590.8	2,159.8	187.7	2,347.5	8.0	63.4

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES: TREND SERIES—continued

Month	Males							Females							Persons						
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate			
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total							
	QUEENSLAND																				
1997 —																					
August	778.1	888.3	94.3	982.6	9.6	74.0	378.6	682.3	67.7	750.0	9.0	55.4	1,156.7	1,570.6	162.0	1,732.7	9.4	64.6			
September	779.6	891.4	94.5	985.9	9.6	74.1	381.6	685.0	67.8	752.9	9.0	55.6	1,161.1	1,576.4	162.3	1,738.7	9.3	64.7			
October	781.1	894.9	94.6	989.4	9.6	74.2	384.4	687.2	67.6	754.8	9.0	55.6	1,165.5	1,582.0	162.2	1,744.3	9.3	64.8			
November	783.6	898.8	94.1	992.9	9.5	74.4	386.8	689.1	67.0	756.2	8.9	55.6	1,170.5	1,588.0	161.1	1,749.1	9.2	64.9			
December	787.0	902.8	92.9	995.7	9.3	74.4	388.8	691.3	66.0	757.2	8.7	55.6	1,175.8	1,594.1	158.8	1,752.9	9.1	64.9			
1998 —																					
January	790.5	906.2	91.1	997.3	9.1	74.4	390.2	694.0	64.6	758.6	8.5	55.6	1,180.6	1,600.2	155.7	1,755.9	8.9	64.9			
February	793.2	908.4	89.5	997.9	9.0	74.3	391.2	697.1	63.6	760.6	8.4	55.7	1,184.4	1,605.5	153.1	1,758.6	8.7	64.9			
March	794.4	909.1	88.4	997.5	8.9	74.2	391.5	700.4	63.0	763.4	8.3	55.8	1,185.9	1,609.5	151.3	1,760.9	8.6	64.9			
April r	794.3	908.4	88.4	996.8	8.9	74.0	391.1	703.4	62.6	766.0	8.2	55.9	1,185.4	1,611.9	150.9	1,762.8	8.6	64.9			
May r	793.7	907.6	89.5	997.1	9.0	73.9	390.3	705.2	62.5	767.7	8.1	55.9	1,184.0	1,612.8	152.0	1,764.8	8.6	64.8			
June r	793.6	907.7	91.3	999.0	9.1	73.9	389.3	705.5	62.7	768.2	8.2	55.9	1,182.9	1,613.2	154.0	1,767.2	8.7	64.8			
July r	794.8	909.5	92.9	1,002.4	9.3	74.1	387.9	704.9	63.2	768.1	8.2	55.8	1,182.7	1,614.4	156.1	1,770.5	8.8	64.9			
August r	796.9	912.5	93.9	1,006.4	9.3	74.3	386.5	704.1	64.0	768.1	8.3	55.7	1,183.4	1,616.7	157.8	1,774.5	8.9	64.9			
September r	799.4	916.1	94.4	1,010.5	9.3	74.5	385.4	703.4	64.8	768.3	8.4	55.6	1,184.8	1,619.6	159.2	1,778.8	9.0	65.0			
October	802.1	920.0	94.3	1,014.3	9.3	74.6	383.9	702.4	65.6	768.0	8.5	55.5	1,186.0	1,622.4	159.9	1,782.3	9.0	65.0			
SOUTH AUSTRALIA																					
1997 —																					
August	324.6	374.5	43.4	417.9	10.4	71.8	147.1	288.3	27.8	316.0	8.8	52.4	471.7	662.8	71.1	733.9	9.7	61.9			
September	324.8	374.7	43.4	418.0	10.4	71.7	146.2	288.3	27.8	316.1	8.8	52.4	471.0	663.0	71.1	734.1	9.7	61.9			
October	324.7	374.2	43.4	417.6	10.4	71.6	145.8	288.1	27.9	315.9	8.8	52.3	470.5	662.2	71.3	733.5	9.7	61.8			
November	324.2	373.1	43.4	416.6	10.4	71.4	146.1	287.2	28.0	315.3	8.9	52.2	470.3	660.4	71.5	731.9	9.8	61.6			
December	323.4	371.8	43.2	415.1	10.4	71.1	146.9	285.8	28.3	314.2	9.0	52.0	470.3	657.7	71.6	729.2	9.8	61.4			
1998 —																					
January	322.3	370.4	42.8	413.2	10.4	70.7	147.6	283.9	28.7	312.6	9.2	51.7	469.9	654.4	71.5	725.8	9.8	61.0			
February	320.9	369.1	42.2	411.3	10.3	70.4	147.7	281.4	29.1	310.5	9.4	51.3	468.6	650.5	71.3	721.8	9.9	60.7			
March	319.4	367.9	41.7	409.6	10.2	70.0	147.1	278.5	29.4	308.0	9.6	50.9	466.5	646.5	71.2	717.6	9.9	60.3			
April r	318.4	367.2	41.6	408.8	10.2	69.9	146.1	275.8	29.8	305.5	9.7	50.5	464.5	642.9	71.4	714.3	10.0	60.0			
May r	318.4	367.0	41.8	408.9	10.2	69.8	145.3	274.0	30.0	303.9	9.9	50.2	463.7	641.0	71.8	712.8	10.1	59.8			
June r	319.3	367.5	42.3	409.8	10.3	70.0	145.0	273.6	29.8	303.5	9.8	50.1	464.3	641.1	72.2	713.2	10.1	59.8			
July r	320.8	368.3	42.8	411.1	10.4	70.2	145.2	274.7	29.5	304.1	9.7	50.1	466.0	642.9	72.3	715.2	10.1	60.0			
August r	322.2	369.2	43.2	412.3	10.5	70.3	145.9	276.7	28.8	305.6	9.4	50.4	468.1	645.9	72.0	717.9	10.0	60.2			
September r	323.4	370.0	43.3	413.4	10.5	70.5	146.7	279.3	28.0	307.4	9.1	50.6	470.2	649.4	71.4	720.7	9.9	60.4			
October	324.5	370.7	43.4	414.1	10.5	70.6	147.8	282.0	27.3	309.3	8.8	50.9	472.3	652.7	70.7	723.4	9.8	60.6			

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES: TREND SERIES—continued

Month	Males							Females							Persons						
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate			
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total							
	WESTERN AUSTRALIA																				
1997 —																					
August	439.9	496.1	38.4	534.4	7.2	76.4	195.7	364.8	26.7	391.5	6.8	55.4	635.7	860.9	65.0	925.9	7.0	65.8			
September	441.3	497.8	38.1	535.9	7.1	76.4	197.0	366.5	26.7	393.3	6.8	55.5	638.3	864.4	64.8	929.2	7.0	65.9			
October	442.5	499.5	37.8	537.2	7.0	76.5	197.9	367.3	27.0	394.4	6.9	55.6	640.4	866.8	64.8	931.6	7.0	66.0			
November	443.5	500.7	37.4	538.2	7.0	76.5	198.4	367.4	27.5	394.9	7.0	55.6	641.9	868.1	65.0	933.1	7.0	66.0			
December	444.0	501.5	37.1	538.6	6.9	76.4	198.5	367.3	28.1	395.4	7.1	55.5	642.5	868.8	65.2	934.0	7.0	65.9			
1998 —																					
January	444.2	501.9	36.8	538.8	6.8	76.3	198.6	367.7	28.6	396.4	7.2	55.6	642.7	869.7	65.4	935.1	7.0	65.9			
February	443.9	502.0	36.9	538.9	6.8	76.2	198.8	369.4	28.8	398.3	7.2	55.8	642.7	871.5	65.7	937.2	7.0	66.0			
March	443.5	501.8	37.4	539.2	6.9	76.1	199.4	372.4	28.6	401.0	7.1	56.1	642.8	874.2	66.0	940.2	7.0	66.1			
April r	443.0	501.2	38.4	539.6	7.1	76.1	200.3	376.2	28.0	404.2	6.9	56.5	643.3	877.4	66.4	943.9	7.0	66.3			
May r	442.7	500.8	39.6	540.4	7.3	76.1	201.4	379.9	27.4	407.2	6.7	56.8	644.1	880.7	67.0	947.7	7.1	66.4			
June r	442.8	500.7	40.9	541.7	7.6	76.2	202.2	382.9	26.8	409.7	6.5	57.1	645.1	883.7	67.8	951.4	7.1	66.6			
July r	443.0	501.1	41.9	542.9	7.7	76.2	202.7	385.3	26.4	411.7	6.4	57.3	645.8	886.3	68.3	954.6	7.2	66.7			
August r	443.2	501.7	42.4	544.1	7.8	76.3	202.7	386.9	26.1	413.0	6.3	57.4	645.9	888.6	68.5	957.1	7.2	66.8			
September r	443.4	502.6	42.7	545.3	7.8	76.3	202.3	388.0	25.9	413.9	6.3	57.5	645.7	890.6	68.5	959.2	7.1	66.8			
October	443.6	503.5	42.8	546.3	7.8	76.3	202.0	388.6	25.7	414.2	6.2	57.4	645.6	892.1	68.5	960.5	7.1	66.8			
TASMANIA																					
1997 —																					
August	97.4	111.9	14.5	126.4	11.5	69.5	39.2	80.3	9.9	90.2	11.0	48.0	136.6	192.2	24.4	216.6	11.3	58.6			
September	97.5	112.0	14.8	126.8	11.7	69.7	39.5	80.4	9.9	90.3	10.9	48.0	137.1	192.4	24.7	217.1	11.4	58.7			
October	97.5	111.9	15.2	127.1	12.0	69.9	40.3	80.9	9.6	90.5	10.6	48.1	137.8	192.8	24.8	217.6	11.4	58.8			
November	97.2	111.7	15.5	127.3	12.2	70.0	41.3	81.6	9.2	90.8	10.1	48.3	138.5	193.3	24.7	218.0	11.3	59.0			
December	96.9	111.6	15.7	127.3	12.3	70.0	42.2	82.4	8.7	91.1	9.6	48.5	139.1	194.0	24.4	218.5	11.2	59.1			
1998 —																					
January	96.6	111.7	15.7	127.4	12.3	70.1	42.8	83.3	8.4	91.7	9.1	48.8	139.4	195.0	24.1	219.1	11.0	59.3			
February	96.5	112.0	15.5	127.4	12.1	70.2	43.0	84.1	8.2	92.3	8.9	49.2	139.5	196.1	23.7	219.7	10.8	59.5			
March	96.4	112.1	15.2	127.3	11.9	70.1	42.9	84.7	8.2	93.0	8.8	49.5	139.3	196.9	23.4	220.3	10.6	59.7			
April r	96.2	112.0	15.1	127.0	11.9	70.0	42.5	85.2	8.3	93.5	8.9	49.8	138.7	197.2	23.4	220.5	10.6	59.8			
May r	95.7	111.4	15.1	126.6	12.0	69.8	42.1	85.5	8.3	93.8	8.9	50.0	137.8	196.9	23.5	220.4	10.6	59.8			
June r	95.0	110.7	15.3	126.0	12.1	69.5	41.7	85.6	8.3	93.9	8.9	50.1	136.7	196.3	23.6	219.9	10.7	59.7			
July r	94.4	110.0	15.4	125.4	12.3	69.2	41.4	85.6	8.3	93.9	8.8	50.1	135.8	195.6	23.7	219.3	10.8	59.5			
August r	94.0	109.5	15.4	125.0	12.4	69.0	41.3	85.6	8.2	93.8	8.7	50.1	135.3	195.1	23.6	218.8	10.8	59.4			
September r	93.7	109.2	15.4	124.6	12.4	68.8	41.2	85.6	8.1	93.7	8.7	50.0	134.9	194.8	23.5	218.4	10.8	59.3			
October	93.5	109.0	15.4	124.4	12.4	68.6	41.2	85.5	8.1	93.6	8.6	50.0	134.7	194.6	23.5	218.0	10.8	59.1			

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES: TREND SERIES—continued

Month	Males							Females							Persons						
	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate	Employed		Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation			
	Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total					Full-time workers	Total							
	NORTHERN TERRITORY																				
1997 —																					
August	39.9	46.3	2.7	49.0	5.5	75.4	25.5	38.9	1.8	40.7	4.5	63.6	65.4	85.2	4.5	89.7	5.1	69.6			
September	40.7	46.6	2.4	49.1	5.0	75.5	26.4	39.0	1.7	40.7	4.1	63.6	67.1	85.7	4.1	89.8	4.6	69.6			
October	41.7	47.1	2.2	49.3	4.5	75.6	27.1	39.2	1.7	40.9	4.1	63.7	68.8	86.3	3.9	90.2	4.3	69.7			
November	42.6	47.6	2.1	49.7	4.3	76.0	27.5	39.4	1.7	41.1	4.2	63.8	70.1	87.0	3.9	90.8	4.2	70.0			
December	43.4	48.1	2.2	50.3	4.4	76.7	27.4	39.3	1.9	41.2	4.5	63.9	70.7	87.5	4.1	91.5	4.4	70.3			
1998 —																					
January	43.8	48.4	2.4	50.8	4.8	77.1	27.0	39.2	2.0	41.2	4.8	63.7	70.8	87.6	4.4	92.0	4.8	70.5			
February	43.8	48.4	2.7	51.1	5.4	77.2	26.7	39.0	2.0	41.0	4.8	63.3	70.4	87.4	4.7	92.1	5.1	70.3			
March	43.5	48.2	3.0	51.2	5.9	77.1	26.5	38.8	1.9	40.7	4.6	62.8	70.0	87.0	4.9	91.9	5.4	70.0			
April r	43.3	48.0	3.2	51.2	6.3	76.8	26.7	38.9	1.7	40.5	4.2	62.4	70.0	86.9	4.9	91.8	5.4	69.7			
May r	43.2	48.1	3.3	51.4	6.4	76.6	27.1	39.1	1.5	40.6	3.6	62.4	70.3	87.2	4.7	92.0	5.2	69.6			
June r	43.4	48.6	3.2	51.7	6.1	76.7	27.5	39.4	1.3	40.8	3.2	62.5	70.9	88.0	4.5	92.5	4.8	69.7			
July r	43.6	49.2	3.0	52.1	5.7	77.0	27.8	39.8	1.2	41.0	2.9	62.8	71.4	89.0	4.2	93.2	4.5	70.1			
August (a) r	44.0	49.8	2.8	52.7	5.4	77.5	28.0	40.2	1.1	41.3	2.7	63.2	72.0	90.0	4.0	94.0	4.2	70.5			
September (a) r	44.3	50.6	2.6	53.2	4.9	78.0	28.2	40.5	1.1	41.7	2.7	63.6	72.5	91.1	3.7	94.8	3.9	70.9			
October (a)	44.6	51.2	2.5	53.7	4.7	78.6	28.3	40.9	1.1	42.0	2.7	64.0	73.0	92.1	3.6	95.7	3.8	71.4			
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY																					
1997 —																					
August	73.3	84.9	7.3	92.2	7.9	79.8	46.9	72.4	6.3	78.7	8.0	65.9	120.2	157.3	13.6	170.8	7.9	72.8			
September	73.2	84.7	7.5	92.2	8.1	79.8	46.9	71.7	6.3	78.1	8.1	65.4	120.0	156.4	13.8	170.2	8.1	72.5			
October	72.9	84.4	7.6	92.0	8.3	79.6	46.8	71.3	6.3	77.5	8.1	64.9	119.7	155.6	13.9	169.5	8.2	72.1			
November	72.6	84.1	7.6	91.7	8.3	79.3	46.6	71.1	6.1	77.2	7.9	64.6	119.2	155.3	13.7	169.0	8.1	71.8			
December	72.4	84.0	7.5	91.5	8.2	79.0	46.4	71.3	5.9	77.2	7.6	64.5	118.8	155.3	13.4	168.7	7.9	71.6			
1998 —																					
January	72.3	83.9	7.4	91.3	8.1	78.7	46.3	71.8	5.5	77.4	7.1	64.6	118.6	155.7	12.9	168.6	7.6	71.5			
February	72.5	83.8	7.2	91.1	7.9	78.4	46.2	72.6	5.2	77.7	6.6	64.8	118.7	156.4	12.4	168.8	7.3	71.5			
March	72.7	83.9	7.2	91.1	7.9	78.3	46.3	73.5	4.8	78.3	6.2	65.3	119.0	157.4	12.0	169.4	7.1	71.7			
April r	72.9	83.9	7.2	91.1	8.0	78.5	46.4	74.4	4.6	78.9	5.8	65.8	119.3	158.2	11.8	170.1	6.9	72.1			
May r	72.9	83.9	7.3	91.2	8.0	78.7	46.3	74.9	4.4	79.3	5.6	66.2	119.2	158.8	11.7	170.5	6.9	72.3			
June r	72.6	83.9	7.3	91.1	8.0	78.8	46.1	74.9	4.4	79.3	5.6	66.3	118.7	158.8	11.7	170.5	6.9	72.4			
July r	72.3	83.9	7.2	91.1	7.9	78.7	45.7	74.6	4.4	79.0	5.6	66.1	118.0	158.5	11.6	170.1	6.8	72.3			
August (a) r	71.9	84.0	7.0	91.0	7.7	78.7	45.5	74.1	4.5	78.6	5.7	65.7	117.4	158.1	11.5	169.6	6.8	72.1			
September (a) r	71.6	84.0	6.9	90.9	7.6	78.6	45.3	73.5	4.5	78.0	5.8	65.2	116.9	157.5	11.4	168.9	6.7	71.8			
October (a)	71.3	84.1	6.7	90.8	7.4	78.4	45.2	72.9	4.5	77.4	5.8	64.7	116.5	157.0	11.2	168.3	6.7	71.4			

(a) These estimates may be subject to significant revisions as data for later months become available.

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE, OCTOBER 1998

Age group	Number ('000)					Participation rate (per cent)				
	Females				Persons	Females				Persons
	Males	Married	Not married	Total		Males	Married	Not married	Total	
15-64	5,221.1	2,338.7	1,687.0	4,025.7	9,246.8	82.8	62.5	67.5	64.5	73.7
15-19	381.3	12.4	352.8	365.2	746.5	56.8	58.8	57.3	57.3	57.0
20-24	589.0	118.2	393.9	512.1	1,101.1	85.9	69.2	79.6	76.9	81.5
25-34	1,333.6	592.3	402.9	995.2	2,328.8	93.0	63.8	78.3	69.0	81.0
35-44	1,309.2	765.8	260.3	1,026.1	2,335.3	91.7	70.5	71.7	70.8	81.2
45-54	1,099.9	662.9	203.9	866.7	1,966.7	87.6	70.1	70.2	70.1	78.9
55-59	339.2	137.1	52.8	189.9	529.0	74.6	41.3	50.0	43.4	59.3
60-64	168.8	50.0	20.5	70.5	239.4	45.3	19.4	17.8	18.9	32.1
65 and over	91.9	20.5	16.6	37.1	129.0	9.2	3.7	2.3	2.9	5.6
Total	5,313.0	2,359.2	1,703.6	4,062.7	9,375.7	72.8	55.0	52.6	54.0	63.2

TABLE 11. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OCTOBER 1998

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work - '000 -	Total					
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME (a)										
Males	137.5	169.2	35.7	* 1.9	37.6	206.8	18.7	225.5	18.2	91.7
Females	68.6	108.4	25.6	* 2.1	27.7	136.2	26.4	162.6	20.4	83.7
Persons	206.1	277.6	61.3	4.0	65.3	342.9	45.1	388.0	19.0	88.4
Left school —										
Before 1996	44.9	55.9	15.9	* 0.9	16.8	72.7	14.5	87.2	23.1	83.3
1996	76.2	98.0	18.6	* 0.9	19.5	117.5	11.2	128.7	16.6	91.3
1997 to survey date	85.0	123.7	26.8	* 2.3	29.0	152.7	19.0	171.8	19.0	88.9
Age —										
15	* 3.9	5.6	* 2.6	* 0.0	* 2.6	8.1	* 3.5	11.6	* 31.5	70.1
16	14.1	18.4	6.4	* 0.6	7.0	25.4	4.1	29.4	27.5	86.1
17	33.0	46.0	12.4	* 0.4	12.9	58.9	8.1	67.0	21.8	88.0
18	65.1	89.4	21.6	* 0.8	22.4	111.8	14.2	126.1	20.0	88.7
19	90.0	118.2	18.2	* 2.3	20.5	138.7	15.2	154.0	14.8	90.1
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	* 2.3	41.2	* 1.5	5.2	6.7	48.0	34.6	82.6	14.0	58.1
Females	* 1.6	55.3	* 0.8	5.1	5.9	61.2	39.8	100.9	9.7	60.6
Persons	* 3.9	96.5	* 2.3	10.3	12.6	109.2	74.4	183.5	11.6	59.5
Left school —										
Before 1996	* 0.4	5.5	* 0.1	* 0.8	* 0.8	6.4	4.3	10.7	* 13.3	59.9
1996	* 1.1	39.5	* 0.7	* 3.5	4.2	43.7	23.5	67.2	9.6	65.0
1997 to survey date	* 2.4	51.5	* 1.6	6.1	7.6	59.1	46.6	105.7	12.9	55.9
Age —										
15 and 16	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 3.9	4.9	* 19.9	* 20.7
17	* 0.3	4.8	* 0.5	* 0.7	* 1.2	6.1	5.6	11.7	* 20.2	51.9
18	* 1.3	33.1	* 0.9	5.2	6.0	39.1	28.2	67.3	15.4	58.2
19	* 2.2	57.7	* 0.9	4.3	5.2	62.9	36.7	99.6	8.2	63.2
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	* 2.8	100.4	4.7	21.5	26.1	126.5	237.3	363.8	20.7	34.8
Females	* 1.1	135.1	* 2.6	30.1	32.7	167.8	205.8	373.6	19.5	44.9
Persons	* 3.9	235.5	7.3	51.6	58.9	294.4	443.0	737.4	20.0	39.9
Age —										
15	* 0.1	62.8	* 3.0	19.7	22.7	85.5	166.8	252.3	26.5	33.9
16	* 2.3	82.5	* 1.6	17.3	18.9	101.4	127.6	229.0	18.7	44.3
17	* 0.5	69.4	* 1.6	12.2	13.8	83.3	101.1	184.4	16.6	45.2
18 and 19	* 1.0	20.8	* 1.0	* 2.4	* 3.4	24.2	47.6	71.7	* 13.9	33.7
TOTAL										
Males	142.6	310.9	41.8	28.6	70.4	381.3	290.6	671.9	18.5	56.8
Females	71.3	298.8	29.0	37.4	66.4	365.2	272.0	637.1	18.2	57.3
Persons	213.9	609.7	70.8	66.0	136.8	746.5	562.5	1,309.0	18.3	57.0
Age —										
15	4.0	68.5	5.6	19.7	25.3	93.8	170.6	264.4	27.0	35.5
16	16.4	101.6	8.1	18.1	26.1	127.7	135.2	262.9	20.4	48.6
17	33.9	120.3	14.6	13.4	27.9	148.3	114.8	263.0	18.8	56.4
18	67.3	142.2	23.5	8.3	31.8	173.9	85.2	259.1	18.3	67.1
19	92.3	177.1	19.2	6.5	25.7	202.8	56.8	259.6	12.7	78.1

(a) The components of the 'Left school' category in the 'Not in labour force' column do not add to the total because institutionalised persons are not asked the 'school attendance' question.

TABLE 12. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 20-24: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OCTOBER 1998

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>			<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 20-24</i>	<i>Unemployment rate - per cent -</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work - '000 -</i>	<i>Total</i>					
NOT ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	411.7	466.7	52.5	* 2.9	55.3	522.1	32.3	554.3	10.6	94.2
Females	296.6	394.7	34.7	6.7	41.4	436.1	91.1	527.1	9.5	82.7
Persons	708.3	861.4	87.2	9.5	96.7	958.1	123.4	1,081.5	10.1	88.6
Age —										
20	111.8	140.1	16.1	* 0.9	17.0	157.1	20.0	177.2	10.8	88.7
21	120.0	151.7	23.6	* 2.5	26.1	177.8	19.0	196.8	14.7	90.4
22	145.3	178.8	14.6	* 2.5	17.1	195.9	22.0	217.9	8.7	89.9
23	161.1	188.9	16.0	* 1.7	17.7	206.6	27.8	234.4	8.5	88.1
24	170.1	201.9	16.9	* 1.9	18.8	220.7	34.5	255.2	8.5	86.5
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	5.1	59.9	* 2.9	4.2	7.1	67.0	64.3	131.3	10.6	51.0
Females	4.3	68.8	* 1.6	5.6	7.2	76.0	62.4	138.4	9.5	54.9
Persons	9.4	128.7	4.5	9.8	14.3	143.0	126.7	269.7	10.0	53.0
Age —										
20	* 3.2	43.8	* 1.3	* 2.7	* 3.9	47.7	37.2	85.0	* 8.3	56.2
21	* 2.4	34.4	* 0.7	* 1.1	* 1.8	36.2	31.8	68.0	* 5.1	53.2
22	* 1.4	21.9	* 1.1	* 2.7	* 3.8	25.6	24.7	50.3	* 14.8	50.9
23	* 1.8	18.0	* 1.0	* 2.1	* 3.1	21.1	19.0	40.1	* 14.8	52.7
24	* 0.6	10.7	* 0.4	* 1.2	* 1.6	12.3	14.0	26.3	* 12.9	46.7
TOTAL										
Males	416.8	526.6	55.4	7.1	62.4	589.0	96.6	685.6	10.6	85.9
Females	301.0	463.5	36.3	12.3	48.6	512.1	153.5	665.6	9.5	76.9
Persons	717.7	990.1	91.7	19.3	111.0	1,101.1	250.1	1,351.2	10.1	81.5
Age —										
20	115.1	183.9	17.4	* 3.6	21.0	204.9	57.3	262.1	10.2	78.2
21	122.3	186.0	24.3	* 3.7	28.0	214.0	50.8	264.8	13.1	80.8
22	146.7	200.7	15.7	5.2	20.9	221.5	46.7	268.3	9.4	82.6
23	163.0	206.9	17.0	* 3.8	20.8	227.7	46.8	274.5	9.1	83.0
24	170.7	212.6	17.3	* 3.1	20.4	233.0	48.5	281.5	8.7	82.8

TABLE 13. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES(a), BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, OCTOBER 1998 (per cent)

<i>Age group</i>	<i>Born in Australia</i>			<i>Born outside Australia</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
15-64	84.6	67.2	75.9	80.2	57.8	69.1
15-19	58.9	60.9	59.9	49.3	39.4	44.6
20-24	90.2	80.2	85.3	69.7	62.1	65.9
25-34	94.5	70.7	82.6	90.4	63.5	76.7
35-44	92.8	72.5	82.7	90.2	67.4	78.5
45-54	88.6	72.6	80.5	86.9	65.5	76.5
55-59	74.9	46.8	60.9	75.6	37.7	57.5
60-64	46.9	20.4	32.9	43.8	16.5	31.5
65 and over	11.1	3.6	6.8	7.1	2.5	4.8
Total	75.8	57.6	66.6	68.4	48.6	58.6

(a) Calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

TABLE 14. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY BIRTHPLACE(a), OCTOBER 1998

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i> - per cent -	<i>Participation rate(b)</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i> - '000 -	<i>Total</i>			
MALES							
Born in Australia	3,189.3	3,653.0	247.0	287.5	3,940.5	7.3	75.8
Born outside Australia	1,118.5	1,263.4	95.7	109.1	1,372.5	7.9	68.4
Main English Speaking Countries	481.5	531.9	35.7	39.3	571.2	6.9	73.9
Other Countries	637.0	731.5	60.0	69.8	801.3	8.7	65.0
Oceania	132.6	146.7	12.8	13.6	160.3	8.5	83.8
New Zealand	108.7	118.7	7.6	8.1	126.8	6.4	85.2
Europe and the Former USSR	627.0	693.7	44.0	49.2	742.9	6.6	63.5
Germany	29.2	31.9	* 1.7	* 1.9	33.8	* 5.5	64.8
Greece	30.2	34.2	* 2.2	* 2.8	37.0	* 7.6	54.6
Italy	62.8	67.2	* 3.3	* 3.8	71.0	* 5.4	52.3
Netherlands	27.9	30.3	* 1.3	* 1.3	31.6	* 4.1	58.6
UK and Ireland	331.4	367.2	25.6	28.2	395.4	7.1	70.1
Former Yugoslav Republics	52.3	59.1	* 3.1	* 3.8	63.0	* 6.1	59.9
The Middle East and North Africa	46.5	56.4	11.1	11.7	68.1	17.2	68.2
Lebanon	16.3	20.1	5.0	5.2	25.3	20.5	61.1
Southeast Asia	115.4	135.2	15.2	17.5	152.7	11.4	73.0
Malaysia	19.1	22.9	* 0.8	* 1.2	24.1	* 4.8	68.5
Philippines	21.4	23.5	* 0.5	* 1.2	24.7	* 4.7	81.6
Viet Nam	46.5	52.6	8.6	9.6	62.2	15.4	75.0
Northeast Asia	62.0	78.3	* 3.3	4.4	82.7	5.3	62.8
China	35.8	41.0	* 1.2	* 1.7	42.7	* 4.0	72.3
The Americas	44.9	50.7	4.1	4.2	54.9	7.6	77.2
Other	90.3	102.2	5.2	8.5	110.7	7.6	83.7
India	29.1	33.2	* 1.5	* 1.8	35.0	* 5.2	80.4
FEMALES							
Born in Australia	1,601.9	2,894.0	134.2	214.1	3,108.0	6.9	57.6
Born outside Australia	523.3	879.8	49.8	74.9	954.7	7.9	48.6
Main English Speaking Countries	223.2	386.2	15.7	23.5	409.7	5.7	56.0
Other Countries	300.1	493.6	34.0	51.5	545.1	9.4	44.3
Oceania	66.7	108.9	6.4	9.2	118.1	7.8	64.1
New Zealand	52.7	84.5	* 3.7	6.1	90.6	6.7	67.8
Europe and the Former USSR	254.9	455.7	21.1	30.4	486.0	6.2	45.0
Germany	13.0	23.9	* 1.7	* 2.5	26.4	* 9.5	50.7
Greece	12.2	18.8	* 0.6	* 0.6	19.4	* 3.2	30.3
Italy	17.1	32.3	* 1.3	* 2.2	34.6	* 6.4	30.4
Netherlands	7.7	17.2	* 0.8	* 1.0	18.1	* 5.3	39.4
UK and Ireland	147.4	263.3	9.4	13.2	276.5	4.8	52.0
Former Yugoslav Republics	19.5	32.5	* 3.0	4.2	36.6	11.4	39.9
The Middle East and North Africa	12.4	24.2	* 3.1	4.4	28.6	15.4	33.4
Lebanon	4.0	7.8	* 1.6	* 1.9	9.8	* 19.6	27.1
Southeast Asia	83.4	126.1	8.6	13.3	139.4	9.5	53.3
Malaysia	15.5	22.9	* 1.1	* 1.1	24.0	* 4.6	55.3
Philippines	24.5	35.9	* 1.5	* 3.3	39.1	* 8.3	60.8
Viet Nam	26.1	35.8	* 3.6	5.1	40.9	12.4	48.0
Northeast Asia	35.6	55.2	4.5	6.6	61.8	10.6	42.6
China	17.9	27.5	* 3.8	4.6	32.1	14.2	46.4
The Americas	25.6	38.3	* 3.2	4.9	43.2	11.3	60.1
Other	44.7	71.4	* 2.8	6.3	77.6	8.1	57.7
India	15.2	22.9	* 0.6	* 1.6	24.5	* 6.5	59.2
PERSONS							
Born in Australia	4,791.1	6,546.9	381.2	501.6	7,048.5	7.1	66.6
Born outside Australia	1,641.8	2,143.2	145.5	184.0	2,327.2	7.9	58.6
Main English Speaking Countries	704.7	918.1	51.4	62.8	980.9	6.4	65.2
Other Countries	937.1	1,225.1	94.1	121.2	1,346.4	9.0	54.6
Oceania	199.3	255.6	19.2	22.8	278.4	8.2	74.1
New Zealand	161.5	203.2	11.3	14.2	217.4	6.5	77.0
Europe and the Former USSR	881.8	1,149.4	65.2	79.6	1,229.0	6.5	54.6
Germany	42.2	55.8	* 3.4	4.4	60.2	7.3	57.8
Greece	42.4	53.0	* 2.8	* 3.4	56.4	* 6.1	42.9
Italy	79.9	99.6	4.6	6.0	105.6	5.7	42.4
Netherlands	35.5	47.5	* 2.1	* 2.2	49.7	* 4.5	49.8
UK and Ireland	478.8	630.5	34.9	41.4	671.9	6.2	61.3
Former Yugoslav Republics	71.7	91.6	6.1	8.0	99.6	8.1	50.6
The Middle East and North Africa	58.9	80.6	14.2	16.1	96.7	16.6	52.1
Lebanon	20.3	28.0	6.6	7.1	35.1	20.3	45.3
Southeast Asia	198.8	261.3	23.8	30.8	292.0	10.5	62.0
Malaysia	34.6	45.8	* 1.9	* 2.3	48.1	* 4.7	61.2
Philippines	45.9	59.4	* 2.0	4.4	63.8	6.9	67.4
Viet Nam	72.6	88.4	12.2	14.6	103.1	14.2	61.3
Northeast Asia	97.6	133.5	7.8	11.0	144.5	7.6	52.2
China	53.8	68.5	5.0	6.3	74.8	8.4	58.3
The Americas	70.4	89.0	7.3	9.1	98.1	9.3	68.6
Other	135.0	173.6	8.0	14.7	188.3	7.8	70.6
India	44.3	56.1	* 2.1	* 3.4	59.5	* 5.7	70.1

(a) See paragraph 51 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

TABLE 15. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA: BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1998

Period of arrival	Born outside Australia												Total Persons	
	Oceania		Europe & the Former USSR		The Middle East and North Africa		South- east Asia	North- east Asia	The Amer- icas	Other	Total Females			
	New Zealand	Other count- ries	U.K. and Ireland	Other count- ries	North Africa	South- east Asia					Males	Married		Total
	EMPLOYED ('000)													
Before 1976	34.9	12.5	383.7	369.6	33.0	29.3	14.7	31.1	46.3	580.7	293.1	374.5	955.2	
1976 — 1980	37.9	6.1	48.7	25.1	13.7	55.2	10.5	9.7	12.2	122.1	63.3	96.9	219.1	
1981 — 1985	32.1	8.9	64.1	44.5	10.4	51.3	14.3	15.8	27.2	149.8	73.4	118.8	268.6	
1986 — 1990	43.8	12.5	69.4	36.2	9.4	71.8	47.0	13.7	41.8	198.9	101.2	146.7	345.7	
1991 — 1995	23.8	9.0	34.6	28.4	10.9	40.3	31.7	9.0	26.5	125.5	58.3	88.8	214.2	
1996 to survey date	30.7	* 3.5	30.1	15.2	* 3.3	13.3	15.3	9.6	19.5	86.4	28.7	54.0	140.5	
UNEMPLOYED ('000)														
Before 1976	* 1.5	* 2.2	28.4	22.8	* 3.2	* 1.9	* 0.2	* 1.6	* 3.5	39.9	14.9	25.4	65.3	
1976 — 1980	* 2.1	* 0.9	* 3.6	* 0.8	* 2.6	* 2.8	* 1.2	* 0.7	* 1.0	9.8	* 3.2	6.0	15.8	
1981 — 1985	* 2.6	* 0.9	* 2.8	* 3.2	* 2.1	9.4	* 0.3	* 1.5	* 1.8	16.1	* 2.9	8.5	24.6	
1986 — 1990	4.3	* 1.6	* 2.0	* 3.7	* 2.8	9.7	* 3.4	* 3.1	* 2.8	19.4	7.8	13.8	33.2	
1991 — 1995	* 1.0	* 2.1	* 3.0	5.7	4.0	5.2	* 2.5	* 1.1	* 2.8	14.9	7.8	12.5	27.4	
1996 to survey date	* 2.5	* 0.9	* 1.5	* 2.1	* 1.5	* 1.8	* 3.4	* 1.1	* 2.8	9.1	4.5	8.6	17.7	
LABOUR FORCE ('000)														
Before 1976	36.4	14.6	412.1	392.3	36.2	31.2	14.9	32.7	49.8	620.5	307.9	400.0	1,020.5	
1976 — 1980	40.0	7.0	52.3	25.9	16.3	58.0	11.7	10.4	13.2	131.9	66.5	103.0	234.9	
1981 — 1985	34.8	9.8	66.9	47.7	12.5	60.6	14.6	17.3	29.0	165.9	76.3	127.3	293.2	
1986 — 1990	48.1	14.0	71.4	39.9	12.2	81.5	50.4	16.8	44.6	218.3	109.0	160.6	378.9	
1991 — 1995	24.8	11.1	37.6	34.0	14.8	45.6	34.2	10.2	29.3	140.3	66.2	101.3	241.6	
1996 to survey date	33.3	4.4	31.7	17.3	4.7	15.1	18.7	10.7	22.3	95.5	33.1	62.6	158.1	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)														
Before 1976	* 4.2	* 14.9	6.9	5.8	* 8.9	* 6.1	* 1.2	* 4.8	* 7.1	6.4	4.8	6.4	6.4	
1976 — 1980	* 5.3	* 13.3	* 6.9	* 3.2	* 15.9	* 4.8	* 10.6	* 6.8	* 7.3	7.4	* 4.9	5.9	6.7	
1981 — 1985	* 7.6	* 9.7	* 4.2	* 6.7	* 16.9	15.5	* 1.8	* 8.5	* 6.2	9.7	* 3.7	6.7	8.4	
1986 — 1990	9.0	* 11.1	* 2.8	* 9.2	* 22.6	11.9	* 6.7	* 18.4	* 6.3	8.9	7.2	8.6	8.8	
1991 — 1995	* 4.0	* 19.3	* 7.9	16.7	26.7	11.5	* 7.3	* 11.3	* 9.5	10.6	11.8	12.3	11.3	
1996 to survey date	* 7.6	* 19.8	* 4.9	* 12.2	* 31.0	* 11.8	* 18.3	* 10.2	* 12.7	9.5	13.4	13.7	11.2	
PARTICIPATION RATE(a) (per cent)														
Before 1976	65.0	77.8	54.5	43.8	44.8	64.9	54.3	67.8	66.7	59.6	45.0	41.5	50.9	
1976 — 1980	83.5	74.0	77.0	65.5	64.1	77.2	71.4	72.8	65.5	83.7	66.6	64.9	74.3	
1981 — 1985	84.3	70.1	75.8	68.7	67.6	66.2	59.6	68.7	82.0	81.8	63.4	62.0	71.9	
1986 — 1990	76.8	64.8	80.7	66.3	49.2	65.5	60.3	70.1	76.2	81.3	62.6	57.4	69.1	
1991 — 1995	77.6	58.1	73.0	66.1	61.2	52.4	46.8	81.6	69.5	74.2	50.0	49.7	61.5	
1996 to survey date	78.2	43.3	72.8	44.5	40.1	33.7	36.0	56.7	62.4	65.2	39.7	41.3	53.0	

(a) Calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

TABLE 16. EMPLOYED PERSONS: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS, BY AGE, OCTOBER 1998 ('000)

	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Full-time workers	142.6	416.8	1,148.5	1,166.8	981.0	278.7	124.8	48.6	4,307.8
Part-time workers	168.3	109.8	87.6	72.1	61.0	32.9	34.4	42.5	608.6
Total	310.9	526.6	1,236.1	1,238.9	1,041.9	311.6	159.2	91.1	4,916.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
Full-time workers	4.9	73.1	338.1	356.6	348.3	65.7	16.5	6.6	1,209.8
Part-time workers	* 3.2	32.8	222.1	377.8	294.7	66.7	32.8	13.9	1,044.0
Total	8.1	105.9	560.3	734.4	643.0	132.4	49.3	20.5	2,253.7
ALL FEMALES									
Full-time workers	71.3	301.0	624.4	510.8	481.5	95.7	26.3	14.1	2,125.2
Part-time workers	227.5	162.6	302.8	458.4	346.6	85.7	42.4	22.6	1,648.6
Total	298.8	463.5	927.2	969.3	828.1	181.4	68.7	36.7	3,773.7
PERSONS									
Full-time workers	213.9	717.7	1,772.9	1,677.7	1,462.4	374.4	151.2	62.7	6,432.9
Part-time workers	395.8	272.4	390.4	530.5	407.6	118.6	76.8	65.1	2,257.2
Total	609.7	990.1	2,163.4	2,208.2	1,870.0	493.0	228.0	127.8	8,690.2

TABLE 17. EMPLOYED PERSONS: HOURS WORKED, OCTOBER 1998

	Females			Total	Persons
	Males	Married	Not married		
	NUMBER EMPLOYED ('000)				
Weekly Hours worked —					
0	314.4	209.5	97.3	306.8	621.2
1-15	329.0	416.7	329.1	745.7	1,074.8
16-29	375.6	472.2	231.2	703.4	1,079.1
30-34	346.3	232.6	137.7	370.3	716.6
35-39	719.5	310.5	264.5	574.9	1,294.4
40	842.8	254.2	200.2	454.4	1,297.1
41-44	253.1	64.4	73.3	137.7	390.8
45-48	466.4	101.4	70.8	172.2	638.6
49 and over	1,269.3	192.2	116.0	308.2	1,577.5
Total	4,916.4	2,253.7	1,520.0	3,773.7	8,690.2
	WEEKLY HOURS WORKED				
Aggregate weekly hours worked (million)	191.7	61.9	43.2	105.1	296.8
By full-time workers	182.4	45.3	34.5	79.9	262.2
By part-time workers	9.3	16.6	8.7	25.3	34.6
Average weekly hours worked	39.0	27.5	28.4	27.9	34.2
By full-time workers	42.3	37.5	37.7	37.6	40.8
By part-time workers	15.3	15.9	14.4	15.3	15.3
Average weekly hours worked by persons who worked one hour or more in the reference week	41.7	30.3	30.4	30.3	36.8
By full-time workers	45.3	41.1	40.2	40.7	43.8
By part-time workers	16.3	17.6	15.4	16.8	16.7

TABLE 18. EMPLOYED PERSONS: EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIOS BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, OCTOBER 1998 (per cent)

Age group	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
	15-19	61.4	46.1	46.3	38.4	47.2		46.9	46.6
20-24	85.6	75.4	76.8	62.0	72.3	69.6	73.3
25-34	91.1	80.4	86.2	60.4	71.3	64.3	75.2
35-44	90.4	74.8	86.8	67.6	64.7	66.9	76.8
45-54	86.3	68.7	83.0	68.0	63.7	67.0	75.1
55-59	72.9	49.0	68.6	39.9	46.5	41.5	55.3
60-64	44.3	35.5	42.7	19.2	16.8	18.4	30.6
65 and over	10.2	6.2	9.1	3.7	2.2	2.9	5.6
Total	71.4	61.1	67.3	52.6	47.0	50.2	58.6

TABLE 19. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS, BY REASON, OCTOBER 1998 ('000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours	Females			Total	Persons
	Males	Married	Not married		
	Leave, holiday or flextime/personal reasons	518.1	210.1			135.8	345.9	864.0
Own illness or injury	102.0	37.1	28.9	66.0	168.0
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	13.2	* 1.0	* 0.4	* 1.3	14.5
Began or left job in the reference week	8.4	* 1.2	* 2.1	* 3.2	11.6
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	52.4	12.5	7.0	19.5	71.9
Shift work, standard work arrangements	50.8	22.3	14.8	37.1	87.9
Other reasons	11.8	* 2.8	* 1.9	4.6	16.4
Total	756.8	287.0	190.7	477.7	1,234.5

TABLE 20. PART-TIME WORKERS: WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS, BY AGE, OCTOBER 1998
(*000)

	<i>Age group</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	
MALES							
<i>Total</i>	168.3	109.8	87.6	72.1	61.0	109.8	608.6
Preferred not to work more hours	124.6	62.3	45.3	38.6	35.5	89.6	395.9
Preferred to work more hours	43.7	47.5	42.3	33.5	25.5	20.2	212.7
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	16.7	23.9	22.3	19.5	13.8	5.3	101.5
MARRIED FEMALES							
<i>Total</i>	* 3.2	32.8	222.1	377.8	294.7	113.4	1,044.0
Preferred not to work more hours	* 1.1	21.5	188.9	311.7	252.1	104.9	880.2
Preferred to work more hours	* 2.0	11.3	33.2	66.1	42.7	8.4	163.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	* 0.8	4.4	10.8	16.0	9.0	* 0.3	41.3
ALL FEMALES							
<i>Total</i>	227.5	162.6	302.8	458.4	346.6	150.7	1,648.6
Preferred not to work more hours	181.0	102.6	236.8	362.9	285.0	134.1	1,302.5
Preferred to work more hours	46.5	59.9	66.0	95.5	61.6	16.6	346.1
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	16.4	27.8	22.2	30.7	15.7	* 3.0	115.7
PERSONS							
Total	395.8	272.4	390.4	530.5	407.6	260.5	2,257.2
Preferred not to work more hours	305.6	164.9	282.2	401.5	320.5	223.7	1,698.4
Preferred to work more hours	90.2	107.4	108.3	129.0	87.1	36.8	558.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	33.1	51.7	44.5	50.2	29.5	8.3	217.2

TABLE 21. PART-TIME WORKERS: WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS, BY HOURS WORKED, OCTOBER 1998
(*000)

	<i>Hours worked by persons who worked in the reference week</i>						<i>Persons who did not work in the reference week</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>1-5</i>	<i>6-10</i>	<i>11-15</i>	<i>16-20</i>	<i>21-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>		
MALES								
<i>Total</i>	72.6	123.2	92.9	108.6	103.8	72.0	35.6	608.6
Preferred not to work more hours	47.8	80.7	63.6	64.1	64.4	48.0	27.3	395.9
Preferred to work more hours	24.8	42.5	29.3	44.5	39.5	23.9	8.3	212.7
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	11.8	22.4	15.4	21.1	17.3	9.5	4.1	101.5
MARRIED FEMALES								
<i>Total</i>	103.5	152.6	141.2	187.3	222.8	134.2	102.3	1,044.0
Preferred not to work more hours	80.5	121.9	117.3	160.2	194.4	115.9	90.0	880.2
Preferred to work more hours	23.0	30.7	23.9	27.1	28.4	18.3	12.3	163.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	5.3	9.3	7.6	4.9	6.4	5.4	* 2.4	41.3
ALL FEMALES								
<i>Total</i>	185.3	287.2	238.6	275.7	321.8	196.4	143.6	1,648.6
Preferred not to work more hours	134.0	222.0	191.7	219.6	257.8	158.5	118.9	1,302.5
Preferred to work more hours	51.3	65.1	46.9	56.2	64.0	37.9	24.7	346.1
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	16.6	23.3	18.1	20.5	20.0	11.7	5.6	115.7
PERSONS								
Total	257.9	410.4	331.6	384.3	425.6	268.3	179.1	2,257.2
Preferred not to work more hours	181.8	302.7	255.4	283.7	322.2	206.5	146.2	1,698.4
Preferred to work more hours	76.0	107.7	76.2	100.6	103.4	61.8	33.0	558.8
Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks to the end of the reference week	28.3	45.7	33.5	41.5	37.3	21.2	9.7	217.2

TABLE 22. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: STATES, BY AGE, OCTOBER 1998
(*'000*)

<i>Age group</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Australia</i>
MALES							
15-19	19.0	17.0	17.2	8.4	4.9	1.8	70.4
20-24	16.0	16.2	12.6	4.9	8.4	2.1	62.4
25-34	28.5	25.4	20.2	9.4	9.2	3.8	97.5
35-44	21.7	14.8	13.6	7.3	8.4	3.0	70.3
45 and over	26.2	25.2	20.7	11.1	7.8	3.6	95.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>111.3</i>	<i>98.6</i>	<i>84.3</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>38.9</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>396.6</i>
FEMALES							
15-19	21.8	14.7	17.5	4.4	5.2	1.8	66.4
20-24	15.9	11.1	11.3	4.1	3.4	1.6	48.6
25-34	22.6	18.0	13.7	5.7	5.4	1.4	68.0
35-44	18.3	13.1	11.6	6.0	4.6	2.3	56.9
45 and over	12.3	17.2	9.2	4.1	4.4	1.4	49.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>91.0</i>	<i>74.1</i>	<i>63.3</i>	<i>24.4</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>289.0</i>
PERSONS							
Looking for full-time work —							
15-19	22.3	15.2	15.5	7.6	6.3	2.5	70.8
20-24	26.1	22.3	19.7	7.7	10.7	3.1	91.7
25-34	41.4	36.4	29.5	13.2	12.2	4.3	138.9
35-44	32.7	20.7	21.6	10.3	11.7	4.5	103.5
45-54	19.2	24.5	18.2	9.5	6.7	2.8	82.1
55 and over	11.4	9.3	9.1	4.8	3.1	1.8	39.6
<i>Total looking for full-time work</i>	<i>153.1</i>	<i>128.5</i>	<i>113.6</i>	<i>53.1</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>526.7</i>
Total —							
15-19	40.8	31.6	34.7	12.8	10.1	3.6	136.8
20-24	31.9	27.3	23.9	9.0	11.8	3.7	111.0
25-34	51.0	43.5	33.9	15.1	14.6	5.2	165.4
35-44	40.0	28.0	25.2	13.3	13.0	5.3	127.2
45-54	23.2	29.9	20.4	10.2	8.4	3.0	96.6
55 and over	15.2	12.5	9.6	4.9	3.8	2.0	48.5
Total	202.2	172.7	147.7	65.4	61.7	22.7	685.6

**TABLE 23. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15-19:
DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 1998**

	<i>Not attending school</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Attending school</i>	<i>Left school before 1997</i>	<i>Left school 1997 to survey date</i>	
	NUMBER (<i>'000</i>)			
Duration of unemployment (weeks) —				
Under 4	20.5	5.0	6.6	32.2
4 and under 13	16.1	7.7	7.6	31.3
13 and under 26	7.2	6.9	4.7	18.8
26 and over	15.1	21.7	17.8	54.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>58.9</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>136.8</i>
DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)				
Average duration —				
Males	17.5	45.6	27.3	30.2
Females	17.8	48.2	26.6	27.6
Persons	17.7	46.6	27.0	28.9
Looking for full-time work	20.9	50.5	28.9	38.8
Looking for part-time work	17.2	* 24.3	20.5	18.3
Median duration —				
Males	8	27	26	17
Females	5	26	17	12
Persons	8	26	20	14
Looking for full-time work	* 8	31	25	26
Looking for part-time work	6	* 8	* 8	8

TABLE 24. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BY AGE AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, OCTOBER 1998

	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	Males		Females		Persons	Males		Females		Persons
	Married	Total	Married	Total		Married	Total	Married	Total	
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK										
Total	139.9	342.7	66.7	184.0	526.7	4.6	7.4	5.2	8.0	7.6
Aged 15-19	* 2.7	41.8	* 3.6	29.0	70.8	* 47.6	22.7	* 42.2	28.9	24.9
Looking for first job	* 0.2	22.3	* 1.7	19.0	41.3	..	..	..	..	..
Attending school	* 0.0	4.7	* 0.0	* 2.6	7.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	* 0.0	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 2.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Aged 20 and over	137.1	300.9	63.1	155.0	455.8	4.5	6.7	5.0	7.0	6.8
20-24	8.8	55.4	9.8	36.3	91.7	10.8	11.7	11.8	10.8	11.3
Looking for first job	* 0.2	9.3	* 2.3	8.6	17.9	..	..	..	..	..
25-34	36.9	92.6	19.0	46.3	138.9	5.2	7.5	5.3	6.9	7.3
35-44	35.7	65.9	18.7	37.6	103.5	3.7	5.3	5.0	6.9	5.8
45-54	34.1	53.5	13.3	28.5	82.1	3.9	5.2	3.7	5.6	5.3
55 and over	21.7	33.5	* 2.3	6.1	39.6	5.3	6.9	* 2.6	4.3	6.3
Aged 15-64	139.6	342.4	66.7	183.9	526.3	4.6	7.4	5.3	8.0	7.6
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK										
Total	9.4	53.8	38.7	105.0	158.9	4.0	8.1	3.6	6.0	6.6
Aged 15-19	* 0.0	28.6	* 0.7	37.4	66.0	* 0.0	14.5	* 17.9	14.1	14.3
Attending school	* 0.0	21.5	* 0.0	30.1	51.6	* 0.0	18.0	* 0.0	18.3	18.2
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	* 0.0	5.2	* 0.2	5.1	10.3	* 0.0	11.8	* 41.2	8.7	10.0
Aged 20 and over	9.4	25.3	38.0	67.7	92.9	4.0	5.4	3.5	4.5	4.8
20-24	* 0.4	7.1	* 2.5	12.3	19.3	* 4.9	6.0	* 7.0	7.0	6.6
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	* 0.3	4.2	* 0.9	5.6	9.8	* 11.9	7.1	* 21.2	8.0	7.6
25-34	* 2.0	4.9	13.0	21.6	26.5	* 5.4	5.3	5.5	6.7	6.4
35-44	* 1.4	4.4	12.8	19.3	23.7	* 3.0	5.8	3.3	4.0	4.3
45 and over	5.6	8.9	9.7	14.6	23.5	3.9	5.0	2.3	2.8	3.4
Aged 15-64	9.0	53.4	38.7	104.7	158.1	4.5	8.6	3.6	6.1	6.7
TOTAL										
Total	149.3	396.6	105.4	289.0	685.6	4.5	7.5	4.5	7.1	7.3
Aged 15-19	* 2.7	70.4	4.3	66.4	136.8	* 34.9	18.5	34.7	18.2	18.3
Attending school	* 0.0	26.1	* 0.0	32.7	58.9	* 0.0	20.7	* 0.0	19.5	20.0
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	* 0.0	6.7	* 0.2	5.9	12.6	* 0.0	14.0	* 41.2	9.7	11.6
Aged 20 and over(a)	146.6	326.1	101.1	222.6	548.8	4.5	6.6	4.3	6.0	6.4
20-24	9.2	62.4	12.3	48.6	111.0	10.3	10.6	10.4	9.5	10.1
Attending a tertiary educational institution full time	* 0.3	7.1	* 0.9	7.2	14.3	* 10.4	10.6	* 19.5	9.5	10.0
25-34	38.9	97.5	32.1	68.0	165.4	5.2	7.3	5.4	6.8	7.1
35-44	37.1	70.3	31.4	56.9	127.2	3.6	5.4	4.1	5.5	5.4
45-54	36.6	58.0	19.9	38.6	96.6	4.0	5.3	3.0	4.5	4.9
55-59	16.1	27.5	4.7	8.5	36.0	5.6	8.1	3.4	4.5	6.8
60-64	8.0	9.6	* 0.7	* 1.8	11.4	5.6	5.7	* 1.4	* 2.5	4.8
Aged 15-64	148.6	395.8	105.4	288.6	684.4	4.6	7.6	4.5	7.2	7.4

(a) Includes unemployed persons aged 65 and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 25. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, OCTOBER 1998

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	BORN IN AUSTRALIA					
Total	287.5	214.1	501.6	7.3	6.9	7.1
Looking for full-time work	247.0	134.2	381.2	7.2	7.7	7.4
Looking for part-time work	40.5	79.9	120.4	8.0	5.8	6.4
Aged 15-19	61.2	61.9	123.1	18.1	18.6	18.3
Aged 20 and over	226.4	152.1	378.5	6.3	5.5	5.9
20-24	52.3	39.5	91.8	10.4	9.0	9.7
25-34	71.1	48.2	119.2	6.8	6.2	6.5
35-44	45.3	39.6	84.9	4.8	5.4	5.0
45-54	37.4	20.6	57.9	5.1	3.4	4.4
55 and over	20.3	4.3	24.6	5.3	2.0	4.1
Aged 15-64	287.0	214.1	501.1	7.4	7.0	7.2
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Total	109.1	74.9	184.0	7.9	7.9	7.9
Looking for full-time work	95.7	49.8	145.5	7.9	8.7	8.1
Looking for part-time work	13.3	25.2	38.5	8.4	6.6	7.1
Aged 15-19	9.3	4.4	13.7	21.6	14.2	18.5
Aged 20 and over	99.8	70.5	170.3	7.5	7.6	7.6
20-24	10.1	9.1	19.2	11.9	12.3	12.1
25-34	26.4	19.8	46.2	9.0	9.3	9.2
35-44	25.1	17.2	42.3	6.9	6.0	6.5
45-54	20.6	18.1	38.7	5.5	6.8	6.1
55 and over	17.6	6.3	23.9	8.2	7.4	8.0
Aged 15-64	108.8	74.6	183.3	8.1	7.9	8.0

TABLE 27. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE, MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS, OCTOBER 1998
(*000)

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	Age group				Total(a)	Married	Not married	Looking for -	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-54				Full-time work	Part-time work
MALES									
— '000 —									
Under 52	58.0	44.1	56.3	70.2	247.7	83.8	163.8	202.8	44.9
under 2	6.9	4.7	4.3	7.8	25.3	8.1	17.2	16.9	8.4
2 and under 4	7.1	4.3	9.4	7.6	31.8	11.8	20.0	23.2	8.6
4 and under 8	7.7	6.8	7.6	8.8	33.6	11.1	22.4	26.2	7.4
8 and under 13	7.6	6.3	5.6	9.0	30.7	10.4	20.3	25.2	5.5
13 and under 26	10.5	9.7	10.9	13.8	50.1	16.5	33.6	45.7	4.4
26 and under 39	10.1	6.4	13.1	13.9	45.4	16.4	29.1	39.1	6.4
39 and under 52	8.0	5.9	5.3	9.3	30.7	9.5	21.2	26.5	4.3
52 and over	12.4	18.3	41.2	58.1	148.9	65.5	83.4	139.9	9.0
52 and under 65	* 3.2	6.2	10.4	11.5	34.3	15.1	19.2	30.6	* 3.7
65 and under 104	4.5	* 3.2	9.7	10.3	30.3	12.3	18.1	29.5	* 0.8
104 and over	4.7	8.9	21.1	36.3	84.2	38.1	46.1	79.8	4.5
Total	70.4	62.4	97.5	128.3	396.6	149.3	247.3	342.7	53.8
— weeks —									
Average duration —	30.2	45.2	70.4	84.4	66.9	79.1	59.5	72.7	29.8
Median duration —	17	22	34	43	30	39	26	34	8
FEMALES									
— '000 —									
Under 52	55.7	36.0	50.1	59.7	206.0	74.7	131.2	117.5	88.5
under 2	8.0	* 3.0	6.7	7.2	26.0	10.6	15.4	9.3	16.6
2 and under 4	10.2	6.0	7.3	11.7	35.9	13.3	22.6	14.5	21.5
4 and under 8	8.4	5.5	7.3	8.6	30.7	14.2	16.4	16.5	14.1
8 and under 13	7.5	5.0	8.0	6.9	27.9	10.0	18.0	16.4	11.5
13 and under 26	8.3	7.1	7.6	9.6	32.9	11.3	21.6	23.5	9.4
26 and under 39	6.5	5.7	9.6	10.0	32.3	10.1	22.2	22.7	9.5
39 and under 52	6.8	* 3.6	* 3.7	5.6	20.3	5.2	15.1	14.4	5.8
52 and over	10.7	12.6	17.9	35.7	83.0	30.7	52.3	66.5	16.6
52 and under 65	* 2.8	* 2.4	* 2.6	10.4	18.8	6.6	12.2	13.7	5.1
65 and under 104	4.6	* 2.1	4.1	5.3	16.8	5.2	11.7	12.2	4.6
104 and over	* 3.2	8.0	11.2	20.0	47.4	18.9	28.5	40.5	6.9
Total	66.4	48.6	68.0	95.5	289.0	105.4	183.6	184.0	105.0
— weeks —									
Average duration —	27.6	44.5	45.0	63.9	49.7	51.7	48.6	63.6	25.5
Median duration —	12	17	17	26	18	15	22	32	8
PERSONS									
— '000 —									
Under 52	113.7	80.1	106.4	129.9	453.7	158.6	295.1	320.3	133.4
under 2	14.8	7.7	11.0	15.1	51.3	18.7	32.6	26.3	25.0
2 and under 4	17.3	10.3	16.6	19.3	67.8	25.1	42.6	37.7	30.1
4 and under 8	16.2	12.2	14.9	17.4	64.3	25.4	38.9	42.8	21.5
8 and under 13	15.2	11.3	13.6	15.9	58.6	20.3	38.3	41.6	17.0
13 and under 26	18.8	16.8	18.5	23.4	83.0	27.8	55.3	69.3	13.8
26 and under 39	16.6	12.1	22.7	24.0	77.7	26.5	51.2	61.8	15.9
39 and under 52	14.8	9.6	9.0	14.9	51.0	14.7	36.3	40.9	10.1
52 and over	23.1	30.9	59.1	93.9	231.9	96.2	135.7	206.4	25.5
52 and under 65	6.1	8.6	13.0	22.0	53.1	21.7	31.4	44.3	8.8
65 and under 104	9.2	5.4	13.8	15.6	47.2	17.4	29.7	41.7	5.4
104 and over	7.9	17.0	32.3	56.3	131.7	57.0	74.6	120.3	11.4
Total	136.8	111.0	165.4	223.8	685.6	254.7	430.8	526.7	158.9
— weeks —									
Average duration —	28.9	44.9	60.0	75.6	59.6	67.8	54.8	69.5	27.0
Median duration —	14	19	26	36	26	26	26	34	8

(a) Includes persons aged 55 and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 26. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment									Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
	- '000-											
ORIGINAL												
1997 —												
August	65.6	39.9	105.5	82.6	47.2	129.8	148.2	87.1	235.3	33.1	27.5	30.8
September	74.6	41.8	116.4	97.4	54.0	151.4	172.0	95.8	267.8	36.6	29.6	33.8
October	67.9	39.6	107.5	90.1	49.1	139.2	158.0	88.7	246.7	37.0	28.6	33.5
November	78.2	43.9	122.1	86.1	40.0	126.1	164.3	83.9	248.2	37.6	28.0	33.7
December	78.4	44.7	123.2	85.7	41.2	126.9	164.2	85.9	250.1	36.8	27.1	32.7
1998 —												
January	72.1	42.0	114.1	84.9	39.2	124.1	157.0	81.2	238.3	32.9	24.0	29.2
February	74.2	47.5	121.7	94.1	47.9	142.0	168.3	95.4	263.7	34.9	26.5	31.3
March	69.3	38.7	108.1	93.4	45.2	138.6	162.7	83.9	246.6	35.4	24.5	30.8
April	65.0	41.9	106.9	85.4	43.6	129.1	150.4	85.6	236.0	36.0	26.9	32.0
May	62.5	38.0	100.6	83.9	47.0	130.9	146.4	85.0	231.4	33.8	27.9	31.3
June	60.5	35.9	96.4	83.4	44.6	127.9	143.9	80.4	224.4	33.3	26.5	30.5
July	63.9	40.1	103.9	89.0	46.0	135.0	152.9	86.0	238.9	35.3	29.2	32.8
August	68.4	37.5	105.9	91.7	47.8	139.4	160.0	85.3	245.3	36.6	29.3	33.7
September	66.8	43.6	110.4	100.5	46.6	147.1	167.3	90.2	257.5	37.6	28.2	33.6
October	64.7	35.6	100.2	84.2	47.4	131.7	148.9	83.0	231.9	37.5	28.7	33.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1997 —												
August	70.4	42.8	113.2	87.3	47.5	134.8	157.7	90.3	248.1	34.1	27.0	31.1
September	72.9	41.0	113.8	95.7	52.7	148.4	168.6	93.7	262.2	36.3	29.0	33.3
October	69.2	39.5	108.8	94.4	47.0	141.4	163.6	86.5	250.1	36.3	26.8	32.3
November	75.2	42.9	118.1	87.9	39.1	127.0	163.1	82.0	245.1	35.6	25.6	31.5
December	79.4	44.9	124.3	84.9	42.9	127.8	164.3	87.8	252.1	36.9	27.8	33.1
1998 —												
January	71.2	41.2	112.4	82.9	42.0	124.9	154.1	83.2	237.3	35.5	25.9	31.4
February	70.3	40.6	111.0	87.1	42.9	129.9	157.4	83.5	240.9	35.4	27.2	32.1
March	67.0	36.0	103.0	86.3	43.9	130.2	153.3	79.9	233.2	34.7	25.1	30.7
April	66.7	44.3	110.9	84.9	43.8	128.6	151.5	88.0	239.6	35.9	28.0	32.5
May	62.2	39.5	101.7	85.4	48.6	133.9	147.5	88.1	235.6	33.6	28.0	31.3
June	63.3	39.6	102.9	85.0	46.0	131.1	148.3	85.7	234.0	33.1	26.8	30.5
July	64.3	42.4	106.7	95.5	49.0	144.5	159.8	91.4	251.2	34.8	28.7	32.3
August	73.5	40.3	113.8	96.9	48.0	144.9	170.4	88.3	258.7	37.6	28.7	34.0
September	65.1	42.7	107.8	98.5	45.5	144.1	163.7	88.2	251.9	37.1	27.6	33.1
October	66.0	35.5	101.4	88.1	45.2	133.3	154.1	80.7	234.7	36.8	26.8	32.6
TREND SERIES												
1997 —												
August	72.3	41.8	114.1	89.6	48.2	137.8	161.9	90.0	251.9	35.0	27.4	31.8
September	72.9	41.9	114.8	90.7	47.2	137.9	163.6	89.1	252.7	35.5	27.4	32.2
October	73.5	42.1	115.5	90.4	45.7	136.2	163.9	87.8	251.7	35.9	27.2	32.3
November	73.9	42.0	115.9	89.3	44.1	133.4	163.2	86.1	249.3	36.1	26.9	32.3
December	73.7	41.8	115.5	87.6	42.8	130.4	161.4	84.5	245.9	36.1	26.6	32.2
1998 —												
January	72.6	41.4	114.1	85.9	42.2	128.0	158.5	83.6	242.1	35.9	26.5	32.0
February	70.4	40.9	111.3	84.6	42.5	127.2	155.1	83.4	238.5	35.5	26.5	31.7
March	67.8	40.4	108.2	84.4	43.7	128.1	152.2	84.2	236.4	34.9	26.7	31.5
April r	65.7	40.3	106.0	85.5	45.3	130.7	151.2	85.5	236.7	34.5	27.1	31.4
May r	64.8	40.5	105.3	87.4	46.4	133.8	152.2	86.9	239.1	34.4	27.5	31.5
June r	65.1	40.8	105.9	89.6	47.1	136.7	154.7	87.9	242.6	34.7	27.8	31.9
July r	65.8	40.9	106.6	91.7	47.3	139.1	157.5	88.2	245.7	35.3	28.0	32.3
August r	66.5	40.5	107.0	93.5	47.2	140.7	160.0	87.7	247.7	35.9	28.0	32.6
September r	67.0	40.0	107.0	94.6	46.9	141.5	161.7	86.9	248.5	36.6	27.9	33.0
October	67.4	39.0	106.5	95.2	46.4	141.6	162.7	85.4	248.1	37.1	27.6	33.2

**TABLE 28. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, OCTOBER 1998
(’000)**

	<i>Duration of unemployment (weeks)</i>					<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Under 4</i>	<i>4 and under 13</i>	<i>13 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and under 52</i>	<i>52 and over</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<i>Had worked full time for two weeks or more in the last two years</i>	53.3	67.8	50.2	68.2	56.0	208.1	87.4	295.5
Industry division —								
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	* 2.1	* 3.5	* 3.0	4.8	* 3.5	11.3	5.5	16.9
Manufacturing	8.8	16.0	8.2	12.9	11.4	45.8	11.5	57.3
Construction	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.7	5.3	27.7	* 1.4	29.1
Wholesale Trade	* 3.2	* 2.6	* 3.6	4.8	4.1	15.0	* 3.3	18.3
Retail Trade	6.2	8.9	6.5	9.1	8.2	23.3	15.5	38.8
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	* 3.6	5.0	4.7	8.7	4.4	14.5	11.9	26.4
Transport and Storage	* 2.3	* 2.1	* 1.6	* 1.7	* 2.2	7.9	* 2.1	10.0
Property and Business Services	6.6	5.8	5.9	4.1	4.4	19.5	7.2	26.7
Government Administration and Defence	* 1.2	* 2.6	* 2.5	* 2.2	* 2.8	7.7	* 3.5	11.2
Education	* 1.8	* 1.8	* 0.7	* 3.0	* 2.6	5.9	4.1	10.0
Health and Community Services	* 2.5	* 3.3	* 1.8	* 1.0	* 2.5	* 3.4	7.7	11.1
Cultural and Recreational Services	* 3.2	* 3.6	* 0.8	* 1.7	* 1.2	7.6	* 3.0	10.7
Personal and Other Services	* 1.9	* 2.0	* 2.1	4.1	* 1.2	5.4	5.9	11.2
Other industries	4.4	* 3.5	* 3.2	4.5	* 2.4	13.1	4.8	17.9
Occupation group —								
Managers and Administrators	* 1.9	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 0.9	* 3.0	* 1.2	4.3
Professionals	5.0	5.5	4.1	4.0	* 2.3	15.8	5.0	20.8
Associate Professionals	* 2.7	5.7	* 3.5	6.7	5.1	17.9	5.9	23.7
Tradespersons and Related Workers	11.4	9.9	9.8	8.6	9.5	46.8	* 2.4	49.3
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	* 1.7	* 0.6	* 0.9	* 0.5	* 1.3	* 1.0	4.0	5.0
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	12.0	12.2	8.7	10.2	8.1	19.9	31.3	51.2
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	4.1	8.9	4.9	12.0	9.0	34.2	4.7	38.9
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	5.0	10.1	5.5	6.8	5.2	16.7	15.9	32.5
Labourers and Related Workers	9.7	14.4	12.6	18.6	14.6	52.8	17.1	69.9
<i>Other</i>	42.7	55.1	32.8	60.5	175.9	180.0	187.0	367.0
Looking for first job	23.5	31.8	17.2	30.0	32.8	62.2	73.0	135.2
Looking for full-time work	5.0	11.9	10.0	17.4	24.3	34.5	34.1	68.6
Former workers	19.2	23.3	15.6	30.5	143.1	117.8	114.0	231.8
Stood down	23.1	..	..	..	..	8.5	14.6	23.1
Total	119.1	122.9	83.0	128.7	231.9	396.6	289.0	685.6

TABLE 29. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: REASON FOR LEAVING LAST FULL-TIME JOB

Month	Reason for unemployment					Total	Per cent of unemployed				
	Job loser	Job leaver	Stood down - '000 -	Looking for first job	Former workers		Job loser	Job leaver	Stood down - per cent -	Looking for first job	Former workers
1997 —											
August	263.1	111.4	17.6	140.3	232.2	764.6	34.4	14.6	2.3	18.3	30.4
September	252.1	117.0	24.4	149.5	250.1	793.0	31.8	14.8	3.1	18.9	31.5
October	232.1	108.0	20.3	150.6	225.4	736.4	31.5	14.7	2.8	20.5	30.6
November	234.6	107.8	19.1	145.0	230.2	736.8	31.8	14.6	2.6	19.7	31.2
December	230.8	102.4	21.2	187.5	221.7	763.6	30.2	13.4	2.8	24.6	29.0
1998 —											
January	263.7	123.5	25.1	190.0	214.6	816.9	32.3	15.1	3.1	23.3	26.3
February	263.8	132.6	25.0	168.1	253.1	842.5	31.3	15.7	3.0	20.0	30.0
March	247.6	127.1	20.7	163.4	243.2	802.0	30.9	15.8	2.6	20.4	30.3
April	223.3	109.9	22.1	142.3	239.2	736.8	30.3	14.9	3.0	19.3	32.5
May	231.8	107.5	18.3	138.0	242.9	738.5	31.4	14.6	2.5	18.7	32.9
June	235.8	113.2	21.3	137.7	227.5	735.6	32.1	15.4	2.9	18.7	30.9
July	222.5	105.8	27.3	132.3	240.0	727.8	30.6	14.5	3.8	18.2	33.0
August	227.2	109.7	18.4	133.3	239.3	727.9	31.2	15.1	2.5	18.3	32.9
September	223.5	108.6	26.0	151.5	255.9	765.6	29.2	14.2	3.4	19.8	33.4
October	196.9	98.6	23.1	135.2	231.8	685.6	28.7	14.4	3.4	19.7	33.8

TABLE 30. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO HAD WORKED FULL TIME FOR TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB, INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND AGE, OCTOBER 1998
(**'000**)

	<i>Reason for ceasing last full-time job</i>									<i>Total</i>
	<i>Job loser</i>						<i>Job leaver</i>			
	<i>Laid-off, retrenched</i>			<i>Total</i>			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>				
Industry division —										
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	* 2.1	* 0.8	* 2.9	7.8	* 3.7	11.5	* 3.5	* 1.8	5.4	16.9
Manufacturing	24.5	* 3.4	27.9	33.6	6.6	40.3	12.2	4.8	17.0	57.3
Construction	13.6	* 1.0	14.6	22.6	* 1.0	23.6	5.1	* 0.4	5.5	29.1
Wholesale Trade	9.1	* 1.1	10.2	11.8	* 2.1	13.8	* 3.3	* 1.2	4.5	18.3
Retail Trade	8.9	* 3.9	12.8	13.6	6.6	20.2	9.7	8.9	18.6	38.8
Accommodation, Cafes & Restaurants	7.9	* 3.5	11.3	11.7	5.6	17.3	* 2.8	6.3	9.1	26.4
Transport and Storage	* 3.9	* 0.6	4.5	5.4	* 1.1	6.4	* 2.5	* 1.0	* 3.5	10.0
Government Administration & Defence	4.2	* 0.6	4.7	6.4	* 1.8	8.2	* 1.3	* 1.7	* 3.0	11.2
Education	* 2.5	* 1.0	* 3.5	4.0	* 2.1	6.1	* 1.9	* 2.0	* 3.9	10.0
Health and Community Services	* 1.6	* 1.2	* 2.8	* 2.1	* 3.4	5.5	* 1.3	4.3	5.6	11.1
Cultural and Recreational Services	* 2.5	* 0.4	* 3.0	5.4	* 1.6	7.0	* 2.2	* 1.4	* 3.6	10.7
Personal and Other Services	* 2.2	* 1.8	4.0	* 3.1	* 2.7	5.8	* 2.3	* 3.1	5.4	11.2
Other Industries	15.2	4.5	19.7	24.1	7.1	31.2	8.5	5.0	13.4	44.6
Occupation group —										
Managers and Administrators	* 1.5	* 0.2	* 1.8	* 2.8	* 0.5	* 3.3	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 1.0	4.3
Professionals	7.0	* 1.6	8.5	12.2	* 2.4	14.6	* 3.6	* 2.6	6.2	20.8
Associate Professionals	7.6	* 1.4	9.0	12.1	* 2.8	15.0	5.8	* 3.0	8.8	23.7
Tradespersons and Related Workers	21.4	* 0.2	21.6	36.7	* 0.8	37.5	10.1	* 1.7	11.8	49.3
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	* 0.4	* 2.0	* 2.4	* 0.4	* 2.4	* 2.8	* 0.6	* 1.6	* 2.1	5.0
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	11.8	7.5	19.2	15.2	16.4	31.7	4.7	14.9	19.6	51.2
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	17.3	* 1.9	19.2	24.3	* 3.0	27.3	10.0	* 1.7	11.6	38.9
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	6.5	4.7	11.2	9.2	7.6	16.8	7.5	8.2	15.7	32.5
Labourers and Related Workers	24.5	4.4	28.9	38.5	9.5	48.0	14.2	7.6	21.9	69.9
Age group										
15-19	6.3	* 1.7	7.9	9.1	* 3.6	12.7	9.3	5.3	14.6	27.3
20-24	17.2	5.1	22.3	25.0	9.8	34.8	14.8	11.2	26.0	60.7
25-34	29.7	7.3	37.1	45.5	12.9	58.3	15.2	13.9	29.1	87.4
35-44	15.9	4.6	20.5	29.8	9.9	39.7	9.2	7.3	16.5	56.2
45-54	17.2	4.2	21.3	26.0	7.8	33.9	5.7	* 3.6	9.3	43.2
55 and over	11.8	* 0.9	12.7	16.1	* 1.5	17.6	* 2.4	* 0.7	* 3.2	20.7
Total	98.1	23.8	121.9	151.4	45.5	196.9	56.7	41.9	98.6	295.5

TABLE 31. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, OCTOBER 1998

Age group	Males			Females			Persons	Proportion of population - per cent -
	Married	Not married	Total	Married - '000 -	Not married	Total		
15-19	* 0.5	290.1	290.6	8.7	263.3	272.0	562.5	43.0
20-24	4.3	92.3	96.6	52.6	100.9	153.5	250.1	18.5
25-34	31.0	69.0	100.0	335.5	111.9	447.4	547.5	19.0
35-44	67.4	51.0	118.4	319.8	102.9	422.7	541.1	18.8
45-54	102.8	53.2	156.0	282.1	86.7	368.8	524.8	21.1
55-59	84.7	30.7	115.4	194.5	52.7	247.3	362.6	40.7
60-64	161.9	42.3	204.2	207.1	95.1	302.2	506.5	67.9
65-69	216.9	54.0	270.9	199.5	122.2	321.7	592.6	88.6
70 and over	439.2	198.4	637.6	327.9	598.1	926.0	1,563.6	96.7
Total	1,108.7	881.0	1,989.7	1,927.7	1,533.9	3,461.6	5,451.3	36.8

TABLE 32. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: WHETHER LOOKING FOR WORK, ETC., OCTOBER 1998 ('000)

	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
<i>Looking for work</i>	18.8	46.5	65.2	40.6	50.0	90.6	155.8
Took active steps to find work(a)	7.5	23.0	30.6	11.4	23.8	35.2	65.7
Did not take active steps to find work	11.2	23.4	34.6	29.3	26.2	55.4	90.1
Not looking for work	1,017.0	754.2	1,771.2	1,843.2	1,319.5	3,162.7	4,933.9
Permanently unable to work	37.9	26.4	64.3	16.7	31.4	48.1	112.4
In institutions	35.1	53.9	88.9	27.2	133.1	160.2	249.2
Total	1,108.7	881.0	1,989.7	1,927.7	1,533.9	3,461.6	5,451.3

(a) Not available to start work in the reference week for reasons other than own temporary illness or injury.

**TABLE 33. ESTIMATES OF LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND GROSS CHANGES (FLOWS) DERIVED FROM
MATCHED RECORDS SEPTEMBER 1998 AND OCTOBER 1998
(‘000)**

<i>Labour force status in September 1998</i>	<i>Labour force status in October 1998</i>			
	<i>Employed full time</i>	<i>Employed part time</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Not in the labour force</i>
MALES				
Employed full time	3,315.3	76.2	28.1	43.9
Employed part time	86.1	333.4	18.3	44.2
Unemployed	39.1	32.8	213.3	55.5
Not in the labour force	23.3	37.8	43.1	1,328.8
MARRIED FEMALES				
Employed full time	876.7	81.4	4.1	26.3
Employed part time	85.1	726.4	9.7	59.9
Unemployed	7.7	12.3	43.2	30.2
Not in the labour force	13.4	44.8	27.8	1,391.8
ALL FEMALES				
Employed full time	1,536.6	120.8	9.6	35.5
Employed part time	126.7	1,128.6	25.9	94.8
Unemployed	16.7	35.7	127.6	73.8
Not in the labour force	18.3	68.4	60.8	2,399.5
PERSONS				
Employed full time	4,851.9	197.0	37.7	79.5
Employed part time	212.8	1,461.9	44.2	139.0
Unemployed	55.8	68.5	340.9	129.3
Not in the labour force	41.6	106.1	103.9	3,728.3

POPULATION REPRESENTED BY THE MATCHED SAMPLE

<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>		<i>Persons</i>
	<i>Married</i>	<i>Total</i>	
5,719.2	3,440.9	5,879.3	11,598.5

TABLE 34. RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD, THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: SUMMARY TABLE, OCTOBER 1998

	Employed	Unemployed PERSONS ('000)	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over		
					Males	Females	Persons
Family member	7,038.7	523.2	7,561.9	3,982.7	5,738.7	5,805.9	11,544.6
Husband or wife	5,227.5	248.0	5,475.5	2,858.7	4,239.6	4,094.6	8,334.2
With children under 15	2,479.3	134.0	2,613.2	767.7	1,725.6	1,655.3	3,380.9
Without children under 15	2,748.2	114.1	2,862.2	2,091.1	2,514.0	2,439.3	4,953.3
With dependants	2,967.2	150.7	3,117.9	877.4	2,038.6	1,956.7	3,995.3
Without dependants	2,260.2	97.3	2,357.5	1,981.3	2,201.0	2,137.9	4,338.9
Lone parent	339.0	54.8	393.7	357.1	107.8	643.1	750.9
With children under 15	204.4	40.6	245.0	201.6	48.6	398.0	446.6
With dependent students but without children under 15	52.0	5.0	57.0	18.3	14.6	60.6	75.2
Without dependants	82.5	9.2	91.7	137.3	44.5	184.5	229.0
Dependent student(a)	372.8	69.5	442.3	488.5	459.4	471.4	930.8
Non-dependent child(b)	960.2	126.1	1,086.3	123.4	783.5	426.2	1,209.7
Other family person	139.2	24.9	164.1	154.9	148.4	170.7	319.0
Non-family member	1,334.5	136.5	1,471.0	957.4	1,180.9	1,247.5	2,428.4
Lone person	689.9	77.8	767.7	804.5	699.8	872.4	1,572.2
Not living alone	644.6	58.7	703.3	152.9	481.1	375.2	856.3
<i>Usual resident of a household where relationship was determined</i>	<i>8,373.2</i>	<i>659.7</i>	<i>9,032.9</i>	<i>4,940.2</i>	<i>6,919.6</i>	<i>7,053.5</i>	<i>13,973.1</i>
Usual resident of a household where relationship was not determined	173.1	10.5	183.6	88.5	122.4	149.7	272.1
Total usual residents of private dwellings	8,546.3	670.2	9,216.5	5,028.7	7,042.0	7,203.2	14,245.2
Visitors to private dwellings	44.1	6.2	50.2	52.3	49.4	53.1	102.5
Persons enumerated in non-private dwellings	99.8	9.1	109.0	370.4	211.3	268.1	479.3
Total	8,690.2	685.6	9,375.7	5,451.3	7,302.7	7,524.3	14,827.0
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (per cent)							
Family member	81.0	76.3	80.7	73.1	78.6	77.2	77.9
Husband or wife	60.2	36.2	58.4	52.4	58.1	54.4	56.2
With children under 15	28.5	19.5	27.9	14.1	23.6	22.0	22.8
Without children under 15	31.6	16.6	30.5	38.4	34.4	32.4	33.4
With dependants	34.1	22.0	33.3	16.1	27.9	26.0	26.9
Without dependants	26.0	14.2	25.1	36.3	30.1	28.4	29.3
Lone parent	3.9	8.0	4.2	6.6	1.5	8.5	5.1
With children under 15	2.4	5.9	2.6	3.7	0.7	5.3	3.0
With dependent students but without children under 15	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.5
Without dependants	0.9	1.3	1.0	2.5	0.6	2.5	1.5
Dependent student(a)	4.3	10.1	4.7	9.0	6.3	6.3	6.3
Non-dependent child(b)	11.0	18.4	11.6	2.3	10.7	5.7	8.2
Other family person	1.6	3.6	1.8	2.8	2.0	2.3	2.2
Non-family member	15.4	19.9	15.7	17.6	16.2	16.6	16.4
Lone person	7.9	11.3	8.2	14.8	9.6	11.6	10.6
Not living alone	7.4	8.6	7.5	2.8	6.6	5.0	5.8
<i>Usual resident of a household where relationship was determined</i>	<i>96.4</i>	<i>96.2</i>	<i>96.3</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>94.8</i>	<i>93.7</i>	<i>94.2</i>
Usual resident of a household where relationship was not determined	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.8
Total usual residents of private dwellings	98.3	97.8	98.3	92.2	96.4	95.7	96.1
Visitors to private dwellings	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Persons enumerated in non-private dwellings	1.1	1.3	1.2	6.8	2.9	3.6	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes sons or daughters aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives or lone parents. (b) Aged 15 and over.

TABLE 35. RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER(a), OCTOBER 1998

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate - per cent -</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>	
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>						<i>Total - '000 -</i>
MALES										
Family member	3,499.3	475.0	3,974.4	251.3	295.6	4,269.9	1,468.7	5,738.7	6.9	74.4
Husband	2,838.5	219.3	3,057.7	136.6	146.0	3,203.8	1,035.8	4,239.6	4.6	75.6
With children under 15	1,451.1	79.6	1,530.7	74.6	79.1	1,609.8	115.8	1,725.6	4.9	93.3
Without children under 15	1,387.4	139.6	1,527.1	62.0	66.9	1,594.0	920.0	2,514.0	4.2	63.4
With dependants	1,705.4	93.0	1,798.5	84.0	88.8	1,887.3	151.3	2,038.6	4.7	92.6
Without dependants	1,133.0	126.2	1,259.3	52.6	57.2	1,316.5	884.5	2,201.0	4.3	59.8
Lone parent	51.0	9.4	60.4	6.8	9.3	69.7	38.1	107.8	13.3	64.7
With children under 15	23.6	6.4	30.0	* 2.0	4.4	34.5	14.2	48.6	12.8	70.8
With dependent students but without children under 15	10.8	* 0.7	11.5	* 1.2	* 1.2	12.8	* 1.9	14.6	* 9.5	87.2
Without dependants	16.5	* 2.4	18.9	* 3.6	* 3.7	22.5	22.0	44.5	* 16.2	50.6
Dependent student(b)	6.4	155.8	162.2	7.5	33.5	195.8	263.6	459.4	17.1	42.6
Non-dependent child(c)	538.1	77.1	615.1	85.2	90.0	705.2	78.4	783.5	12.8	90.0
Other family person	65.4	13.4	78.8	15.2	16.7	95.5	52.9	148.4	17.5	64.4
Non-family member	666.0	101.2	767.2	80.0	86.8	854.0	326.9	1,180.9	10.2	72.3
Lone person	355.8	47.0	402.9	45.8	50.0	452.8	247.0	699.8	11.0	64.7
Not living alone	310.2	54.2	364.4	34.2	36.8	401.2	79.9	481.1	9.2	83.4
Total	4,165.4	576.2	4,741.6	331.4	382.4	5,124.0	1,795.6	6,919.6	7.5	74.1
FEMALES										
Family member	1,619.8	1,444.5	3,064.3	135.6	227.6	3,291.9	2,514.0	5,805.9	6.9	56.7
Wife	1,162.9	1,006.8	2,169.7	64.6	102.0	2,271.7	1,822.9	4,094.6	4.5	55.5
With children under 15	386.7	561.9	948.6	30.2	54.9	1,003.5	651.9	1,655.3	5.5	60.6
Without children under 15	776.2	444.9	1,221.1	34.4	47.1	1,268.2	1,171.1	2,439.3	3.7	52.0
With dependants	511.7	657.1	1,168.8	34.3	61.9	1,230.7	726.1	1,956.7	5.0	62.9
Without dependants	651.2	349.8	1,000.9	30.3	40.1	1,041.0	1,096.9	2,137.9	3.9	48.7
Lone parent	147.6	130.9	278.5	29.1	45.5	324.0	319.1	643.1	14.0	50.4
With children under 15	74.7	99.7	174.4	21.7	36.2	210.6	187.4	398.0	17.2	52.9
With dependent students but without children under 15	26.5	13.9	40.5	* 3.1	* 3.8	44.2	16.4	60.6	* 8.5	73.0
Without dependants	46.4	17.3	63.7	4.4	5.5	69.2	115.3	184.5	8.0	37.5
Dependent student(b)	4.6	206.0	210.6	* 2.7	35.9	246.5	224.9	471.4	14.6	52.3
Non-dependent child(c)	259.8	85.3	345.1	33.0	36.0	381.1	45.0	426.2	9.5	89.4
Other family person	45.0	15.4	60.4	6.2	8.2	68.6	102.0	170.7	11.9	40.2
Non-family member	428.0	139.3	567.3	40.3	49.7	617.0	630.6	1,247.5	8.1	49.5
Lone person	217.1	69.9	287.1	22.8	27.8	314.8	557.5	872.4	8.8	36.1
Not living alone	210.9	69.3	280.2	17.5	22.0	302.2	73.0	375.2	7.3	80.5
Total	2,047.8	1,583.8	3,631.6	175.9	277.3	3,908.9	3,144.5	7,053.5	7.1	55.4
PERSONS										
Family member	5,119.2	1,919.5	7,038.7	387.0	523.2	7,561.9	3,982.7	11,544.6	6.9	65.5
Husband or wife	4,001.4	1,226.1	5,227.5	201.2	248.0	5,475.5	2,858.7	8,334.2	4.5	65.7
With children under 15	1,837.8	641.5	2,479.3	104.8	134.0	2,613.2	767.7	3,380.9	5.1	77.3
Without children under 15	2,163.6	584.5	2,748.2	96.4	114.1	2,862.2	2,091.1	4,953.3	4.0	57.8
With dependants	2,217.2	750.1	2,967.2	118.3	150.7	3,117.9	877.4	3,995.3	4.8	78.0
Without dependants	1,784.2	476.0	2,260.2	82.9	97.3	2,357.5	1,981.3	4,338.9	4.1	54.3
Lone parent	198.6	140.4	339.0	36.0	54.8	393.7	357.1	750.9	13.9	52.4
With children under 15	98.3	106.1	204.4	23.7	40.6	245.0	201.6	446.6	16.6	54.9
With dependent students but without children under 15	37.4	14.6	52.0	4.3	5.0	57.0	18.3	75.2	8.7	75.7
Without dependants	62.9	19.7	82.5	7.9	9.2	91.7	137.3	229.0	10.0	40.0
Dependent student(b)	11.0	361.8	372.8	10.2	69.5	442.3	488.5	930.8	15.7	47.5
Non-dependent child(c)	797.8	162.4	960.2	118.2	126.1	1,086.3	123.4	1,209.7	11.6	89.8
Other family person	110.4	28.8	139.2	21.4	24.9	164.1	154.9	319.0	15.2	51.4
Non-family member	1,094.0	240.5	1,334.5	120.3	136.5	1,471.0	957.4	2,428.4	9.3	60.6
Lone person	572.9	117.0	689.9	68.6	77.8	767.7	804.5	1,572.2	10.1	48.8
Not living alone	521.1	123.5	644.6	51.7	58.7	703.3	152.9	856.3	8.4	82.1
Total	6,213.2	2,160.0	8,373.2	507.2	659.7	9,032.9	4,940.2	13,973.1	7.3	64.6

(a) Civilians who were residents of private dwellings where family status was determined. See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 45 and 46. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes sons or daughters aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives or lone parents. (c) Aged 15 and over.

TABLE 36. ALL FAMILIES(a): FAMILY TYPE, NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, OCTOBER 1998
(*000 families)

Number of family members of any age	None employed			One employed			Two or more employed			Total		
	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total	None unemp-loyed	One or more unemp-loyed	Total
COUPLE FAMILY												
Two	669.8	32.2	702.0	261.1	39.2	300.3	714.5	..	714.5	1,645.4	71.4	1,716.8
Three	46.9	30.5	77.3	236.7	29.2	265.9	481.6	17.4	498.9	765.2	77.1	842.2
Four	27.3	21.2	48.4	232.4	38.7	271.1	614.9	38.1	653.0	874.6	98.0	972.6
Five	13.0	14.2	27.2	118.9	18.2	137.1	273.1	24.6	297.8	405.0	57.0	462.0
Six or more	7.3	13.0	20.3	47.7	6.6	54.3	81.7	13.8	95.5	136.7	33.3	170.0
Total	764.2	111.0	875.2	896.9	131.8	1,028.7	2,165.8	93.9	2,259.7	3,826.9	336.7	4,163.6
ONE PARENT FAMILY WITH A MALE PARENT												
Two	10.7	6.3	17.0	30.8	5.1	35.8	15.7	..	15.7	57.1	11.4	68.5
Three or more	9.1	4.4	13.5	14.7	* 2.8	17.5	8.1	* 0.8	8.9	31.9	8.0	39.9
Total	19.8	10.7	30.5	45.5	7.9	53.4	23.7	* 0.8	24.5	89.0	19.3	108.3
ONE PARENT FAMILY WITH A FEMALE PARENT												
Two	104.8	27.9	132.7	142.7	12.7	155.4	48.4	..	48.4	295.9	40.6	336.5
Three	65.5	16.7	82.1	69.3	13.0	82.3	37.6	6.6	44.2	172.4	36.2	208.7
Four	29.9	6.5	36.5	24.7	* 3.3	28.0	12.4	* 1.8	14.2	67.0	11.7	78.7
Five or more	9.8	* 3.7	13.5	4.1	* 1.8	5.9	4.4	* 0.7	5.1	18.3	6.2	24.5
Total	210.0	54.8	264.8	240.8	30.8	271.7	102.8	9.2	112.0	553.6	94.8	648.4
ONE PARENT FAMILIES: TOTAL												
Two	115.5	34.2	149.7	173.5	17.8	191.2	64.1	..	64.1	353.0	52.0	405.0
Three	72.6	19.9	92.5	80.5	14.9	95.5	42.8	7.1	49.9	195.9	41.9	237.9
Four	31.4	7.7	39.0	27.8	4.2	32.0	14.4	* 2.1	16.5	73.6	14.0	87.6
Five or more	10.4	* 3.7	14.1	4.5	* 1.8	6.3	5.3	* 0.7	6.0	20.1	6.2	26.4
Total	229.8	65.5	295.3	286.3	38.7	325.0	126.5	9.9	136.5	642.6	114.1	756.8
OTHER FAMILY												
Two	16.4	4.6	21.0	15.0	5.5	20.6	32.2	..	32.2	63.6	10.1	73.8
Three or more	* 1.4	* 0.9	* 2.3	* 0.7	* 0.7	* 1.4	* 2.7	* 0.2	* 2.9	4.9	* 1.7	6.6
Total	17.8	5.5	23.2	15.8	6.2	22.0	35.0	* 0.2	35.1	68.5	11.8	80.3
TOTAL												
Two	801.7	71.1	872.7	449.7	62.4	512.1	810.8	..	810.8	2,062.1	133.5	2,195.6
Three	120.3	51.3	171.6	318.0	44.8	362.8	526.4	24.7	551.1	964.7	120.7	1,085.4
Four	58.9	28.8	87.7	260.2	42.9	303.1	630.0	40.2	670.2	949.1	112.0	1,061.1
Five	19.6	16.8	36.4	122.2	18.9	141.1	277.5	24.9	302.4	419.4	60.6	480.0
Six or more	11.3	14.1	25.3	48.9	7.6	56.5	82.6	14.2	96.8	142.8	35.9	178.7
Total	1,011.8	182.0	1,193.8	1,199.0	176.7	1,375.7	2,327.3	104.0	2,431.3	4,538.1	462.7	5,000.8

(a) See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 45 and 46 for details of exclusions to family tables.

TABLE 37. ALL FAMILIES(a): FAMILY TYPE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 15 PRESENT, NUMBER OF DEPENDANTS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, OCTOBER 1998
(*000 families)

	Number of children under 15			Number of dependants			Total
	None	One	Two or more	None	One	Two or more	
NO FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYED							
Couple family	752.2	45.7	77.3	741.3	46.1	87.8	875.2
One or both spouses unemployed(b)	36.5	19.6	37.0	34.9	18.0	40.3	93.2
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	9.9	4.8	6.9	9.8	4.5	7.3	21.6
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	21.5	13.9	28.0	20.1	12.6	30.8	63.5
Neither spouse unemployed	715.7	26.1	40.3	706.5	28.1	47.6	782.1
One parent families	71.4	108.8	115.0	56.4	108.5	130.4	295.3
Parent unemployed	5.4	17.6	18.1	* 2.5	19.2	19.4	41.1
Male parent unemployed	* 2.0	* 1.9	* 2.4	* 1.1	* 2.7	* 2.4	6.2
Female parent unemployed	* 3.5	15.8	15.7	* 1.4	16.5	17.0	34.9
Parent not unemployed	66.0	91.2	97.0	53.9	89.3	110.9	254.2
Male parent not in the labour force	10.3	6.9	7.1	8.6	7.1	8.6	24.3
Female parent not in the labour force	55.7	84.3	89.9	45.3	82.2	102.4	229.9
Other family	23.2	..	..	23.2	..	..	23.2
Family head unemployed	* 2.9	..	..	* 2.9	..	..	* 2.9
Family head not unemployed	20.4	..	..	20.4	..	..	20.4
Family head not in the labour force	20.4	..	..	20.4	..	..	20.4
Total	846.9	154.5	192.4	821.0	154.6	218.2	1,193.8
ONE OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED							
Couple family	1,725.9	591.1	971.5	1,432.2	627.4	1,228.8	3,288.4
One or both spouses unemployed(b)	64.6	23.2	40.6	51.5	25.2	51.6	128.3
Husband employed, wife unemployed	30.1	13.6	26.6	24.9	13.6	31.8	70.3
Husband unemployed, wife employed	24.6	8.1	11.0	20.9	8.0	14.6	43.6
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	* 2.6	* 0.1	* 0.7	* 1.3	* 1.2	* 0.8	* 3.4
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	7.1	* 1.1	* 2.3	4.4	* 1.8	4.3	10.5
Neither spouse unemployed	1,661.3	567.9	930.9	1,380.7	602.2	1,177.2	3,160.1
Husband employed, wife employed	1,127.3	370.8	540.3	921.7	385.9	730.9	2,038.5
Husband employed, wife not in the labour force	343.6	176.5	367.2	292.6	183.9	410.8	887.3
Husband not in the labour force, wife employed	93.8	15.2	20.1	79.5	21.4	28.2	129.0
Husband not in the labour force, wife not in the labour force	96.6	5.4	* 3.3	87.0	11.0	7.3	105.3
One parent families	237.4	130.8	93.3	176.6	153.4	131.5	461.5
Parent unemployed	9.0	4.4	* 0.5	7.0	4.4	* 2.5	13.9
Parent not unemployed	228.4	126.4	92.8	169.6	149.0	129.0	447.6
Male parent employed	30.5	18.6	11.5	19.0	25.0	16.6	60.6
Female parent employed	106.5	99.7	75.6	65.5	113.5	102.7	281.7
Male parent not in the labour force	13.8	* 0.2	* 0.0	13.5	* 0.5	* 0.0	14.0
Female parent not in the labour force	77.6	7.9	5.7	71.6	10.0	9.7	91.2
Other family	57.1	..	..	57.1	..	..	57.1
Family head unemployed	* 2.4	..	..	* 2.4	..	..	* 2.4
Family head not unemployed	54.7	..	..	54.7	..	..	54.7
Family head employed	43.8	..	..	43.8	..	..	43.8
Family head not in the labour force	10.9	..	..	10.9	..	..	10.9
Total	2,020.4	721.9	1,064.8	1,665.9	780.8	1,360.3	3,807.0
TOTAL							
Couple family	2,478.1	636.8	1,048.8	2,173.6	673.5	1,316.6	4,163.6
One or both spouses unemployed(b)	101.1	42.8	77.6	86.4	43.2	91.9	221.5
Husband employed, wife unemployed	30.1	13.6	26.6	24.9	13.6	31.8	70.3
Husband unemployed, wife employed	24.6	8.1	11.0	20.9	8.0	14.6	43.6
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	12.5	4.9	7.6	11.1	5.7	8.1	25.0
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	28.6	15.1	30.3	24.5	14.4	35.1	74.0
Neither spouse unemployed	2,377.0	594.0	971.2	2,087.1	630.3	1,224.7	3,942.2
Husband employed, wife employed	1,127.3	370.8	540.3	921.7	385.9	730.9	2,038.5
Husband employed, wife not in the labour force	343.6	176.5	367.2	292.6	183.9	410.8	887.3
Husband not in the labour force, wife employed	93.8	15.2	20.1	79.5	21.4	28.2	129.0
Husband not in the labour force, wife not in the labour force	812.3	31.5	43.6	793.4	39.1	54.9	887.4
One parent families	308.8	239.6	208.3	233.0	261.9	261.9	756.8
Parent unemployed	14.4	22.0	18.6	9.5	23.6	22.0	55.1
Male parent unemployed	5.1	* 2.0	* 2.4	* 3.8	* 3.2	* 2.4	9.5
Female parent unemployed	9.4	20.0	16.2	5.7	20.3	19.6	45.6
Parent not unemployed	294.4	217.6	189.7	223.5	238.3	239.9	701.7
Male parent employed	30.5	18.6	11.5	19.0	25.0	16.6	60.6
Female parent employed	106.5	99.7	75.6	65.5	113.5	102.7	281.7
Male parent not in the labour force	24.1	7.1	7.1	22.1	7.6	8.6	38.3
Female parent not in the labour force	133.3	92.3	95.6	116.9	92.2	112.1	321.1
Other family	80.3	..	..	80.3	..	..	80.3
Family head unemployed	5.3	..	..	5.3	..	..	5.3
Family head not unemployed	75.1	..	..	75.1	..	..	75.1
Family head employed	43.8	..	..	43.8	..	..	43.8
Family head not in the labour force	31.3	..	..	31.3	..	..	31.3
Total	2,867.3	876.4	1,257.1	2,486.9	935.4	1,578.6	5,000.8

(a) See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 45 and 46 for details of exclusions to family tables. (b) Includes a small number of families with husband not in the labour force and wife unemployed.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. Estimates of the labour force characteristics of family members and of family composition are also included.

2 Estimates of the civilian labour force are available for over 77 regions across Australia and are shown in various publications produced by State offices of the ABS. These data are also available on microfiche or as a special data service. For details, contact any ABS office.

3 Preliminary survey results are published in advance of this more detailed publication in *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (6202.0).

4 Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of specific data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from these surveys are available on request. A list of survey publications on labour force and related topics appears at the end of this publication.

POPULATION SURVEY

5 The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.5% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

INTRODUCTION OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEWING

6 The ABS introduced the use of telephone interviewing into the Labour Force Survey over the period August 1996 to February 1997. Households selected for the Labour Force Survey are interviewed each month for eight months, with one-eighth of the sample being replaced each month. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are then conducted by telephone (if acceptable to the respondent). The method was phased in by switching each incoming sample group over to telephone interviewing in its second month in the survey.

7 During the period of implementation, the new method produced different estimates than would have been obtained under the old methodology. The effect peaked in November 1996, when it is estimated that the published estimate of total employment was about 36,000 to 48,000 lower than would have been measured under the old methodology. The effect dissipated over the final months of implementation and was no longer discernible from February 1997. Therefore, the estimates for February 1997 and onwards are directly comparable to estimates for periods prior to August 1996.

SCOPE

8 The Labour Force Survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

From July 1993 Jervis Bay Territory has been excluded from the scope of the survey. Before July 1993 it was included in estimates for the Australian Capital Territory.

COVERAGE

9 In the Labour Force 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. The chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the one survey is considered to be negligible. See paragraph 45 for information about the effect of the coverage rules on family statistics.

10 Persons who are away from their usual residence for six weeks or less at the time of interview are enumerated at their usual residence (relevant information may be obtained from other usual residents present at the time of the survey).

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

11 Labour Force Survey estimates of persons employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are calculated in such a way as to add up to the independently estimated distribution of the usually resident population aged 15 and over by age and sex. This procedure compensates for under-enumeration in the survey, and leads to more reliable estimates. Persons who, at the time of interview, are overseas for more than six weeks but for less than 12 months are included in the independent population statistics (benchmarks) and are thus provided for in the calculation of the estimates. The benchmarks are the latest available estimates at the time the Labour Force Survey is conducted, but they usually differ from the official population estimates subsequently published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) because they are derived from incomplete information about population changes.

REVISION OF POPULATION BENCHMARKS

12 Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and overseas and internal migration. Revisions are made, however, after each Census of Population and Housing, and when population estimation bases are reviewed. These revisions affect original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. The last such revision was made in February 1994 to take account of the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, which affected all the monthly estimates from January 1989 to January 1994.

13 Population benchmarks used in the estimation of Labour Force Survey data are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation

of the conceptual basis of population estimates, see *Information Paper: Population Estimates: An Outline of The New Conceptual Basis of ABS Population Estimates* (3216.0). Prior to October 1982, labour force estimates were based on a combination of place of enumeration and place of usual residence.

HISTORY OF THE SURVEY

14 National surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year from 1964 to February 1978. The survey has been conducted on a monthly basis since February 1978.

QUESTIONNAIRE CHANGES

15 The questionnaire used in the survey for the collection of labour force data has been revised from time to time. Details of these changes have been published in *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0) in March 1978, December 1981, August 1984, June 1986, June 1991 and March 1993. The most recent change was in February 1998, to include references to Centrelink.

INCLUSION OF CONTRIBUTING FAMILY WORKERS

16 In April 1986, the questionnaire was revised following the extension of the definition of employed persons to include persons who worked without pay between 1–14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers). This definition aligned the Australian labour force concepts with the set of definitions adopted by the 13th International Conference of Labour Statisticians in October 1982.

17 Previously, contributing family workers who worked 1–14 hours, or who had such a job but were not at work, were defined as either unemployed or not in the labour force, depending on whether they were actively looking for work. In order to assist users to assess the impact of the change, estimates for March 1986 based on the new definition were shown in footnotes to tables 1 and 2 of the February, March and April 1987 issues of this publication.

18 A revised procedure for weighting families estimates, as presented in this publication, was also introduced in April 1986. Additional tables were included in the April 1986 issue of this publication to show the impact of this new procedure. Paragraph 50 contains more details.

COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

19 As noted in paragraph 12, estimates from January 1989 were revised to conform to revised population estimates following the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, and are thus not strictly comparable with estimates for periods prior to January 1989. An examination of the revised estimates showed that the effects on Labour Force Survey estimates for the period before January 1989 were inconsequential, and that no meaningful purpose would be served by publishing revised estimates for that period.

20 Comparability with estimates produced from the quarterly Survey of Employment and Earnings is affected by the use of a different survey methodology and definitions. The Labour Force Survey provides estimates of people in jobs whereas the Survey of Employment and Earnings provides an estimate of the number of jobs held by employees. A more detailed

description of the differences between these two series is available on request.

21 From December 1989 onwards, the category 'other families' was split into 'one-parent families' and 'other families'. Therefore estimates of other families were not strictly comparable with estimates in previous issues. However, in November 1989, 97% of other families with dependants were one-parent families. In March 1994, a new families classification was introduced which also affected comparability (see paragraphs 47 to 49).

SURVEY SAMPLE REDESIGN

22 Following each Population Census, the ABS reselects the Labour Force Survey sample to take into account the new information which is obtained from the Census. The sample that was used in the Labour Force Survey from September 1992 to August 1997 has been replaced by a new sample selected using information collected in the 1996 Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998. For additional information, see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (6269.0).

23 The sampling fractions for each State/Territory differ in order to yield reliable estimates of the main labour force aggregates for each State and Territory. The sampling fractions for the new sample together with the sampling fractions determined from the 1991 Census are:

	1991 Census <i>redesign</i>	1996 Census <i>redesign</i>
New South Wales	1 in 277	1 in 300
Victoria	1 in 242	1 in 257
Queensland	1 in 195	1 in 222
South Australia	1 in 139	1 in 147
Western Australia	1 in 146	1 in 160
Tasmania	1 in 75	1 in 83
Northern Territory	1 in 75	1 in 85
Australian Capital Territory	1 in 75	1 in 85

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

24 Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- sampling error: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Notes; and
- non-sampling error: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies 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.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
CENSUS AND LABOUR FORCE
SURVEY ESTIMATES

25 The results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing show that labour force estimates derived from the Census differ from those derived from the Labour Force Survey.

26 The broad concepts underlying the measures of the labour force and its components, employment and unemployment, are similar in the Census and the survey.

27 There are considerable differences in both the collection methodology adopted (including the detailed questions asked) and estimation procedures. Factors contributing to differences in estimates include under-enumeration in the Population Census for which census labour force estimates have not been adjusted, the use in the Labour Force Survey of population benchmarks derived from incomplete information about population change (see paragraph 11), the inclusion of permanent defence forces in census estimates, the personal interview approach adopted in the survey as opposed to self-enumeration of census schedules, differing questions used to determine labour force characteristics and differing methods of adjustment for non-response to the survey or Census.

28 The Labour Force Survey provides detailed and up-to-date estimates of employment and unemployment for Australia, States and regions, whereas the Census of Population and Housing provides counts for small areas but in less detail than is available from the survey.

29 These considerations should be borne in mind when comparisons are made between Population Census and Labour Force Survey estimates.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

30 Seasonally adjusted series are published in tables 2, 8 and 26. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted movement in series at the Australia level, with the following frequency:

<i>Series</i>	<i>Monthly movements</i>
Employment	5 in 10
Unemployment	7 in 10
Unemployment rate	7 in 10
Participation rate	9 in 10

31 The seasonal factors for all seasonally adjusted series are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The latest review, in February 1998, revised the Australian and State seasonally adjusted and trend monthly series back to February 1978. For information about the method of adjustment, please refer to the feature article in the February 1998 issue of this publication. Revised seasonally adjusted and

trend estimates for all months for Australia and the States are available on request. Inquiries concerning this data should be directed to Michael Sleep on Canberra 02 6252 6525.

TREND ESTIMATION

32 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The monthly trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly trend estimates (e.g. employment by industry) are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 7-term Henderson average also uses surrogate forms of the average as the end of a time series is approached. Unlike the surrogate weights of the 13-term Henderson used on monthly data, the weights employed here are tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series. These trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. Trend series graphs are shown on pages 9 to 12 with the trend series published in tables 3, 9 and 26. Data from February 1978 are available on the ABS on-line data dissemination service, PC Ausstats. The trend series of the participation rate for married females are based on smoothed population estimates.

33 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced which include the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months or two quarters have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors mentioned above in paragraph 31.

34 Trend estimates for the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are published in table 9. Original estimates for the two Territories have shown, historically, a high degree of variability, which can lead to considerable revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates after each annual seasonal factor re-analysis. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not currently published for the two Territories. The most recent six months trend estimates are subject to revision. For the three most recent months, the revision may be relatively large. Inferences about trends drawn from smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) estimates for months earlier than the latest three months are unlikely to be affected by month-to-month revisions. They may, however, be revised as a result of the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

35 Users may wish to refer to the ABS publication *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends' an Overview* (1348.0) for further information about trend estimates. Details of the trend weighting patterns are available on request from the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6345.

MONTH-TO-MONTH MOVEMENTS

36 Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraph 24.

GROSS FLOWS

37 In order to minimise respondent load and at the same time maintain continuity within the population survey sample, one-eighth of the dwellings are replaced after each survey. Adoption of this rotation procedure, whereby about seven-eighths of the sample remains unchanged from one month to the next, enables more reliable measurements of changes in the labour force characteristics of the population to be made than would be possible if a new sample were introduced each month.

38 Because a high proportion of private dwellings selected in one survey remains in the sample for the following survey, it is possible to match the characteristics of most of the persons in those dwellings from one month to the next, to record any changes that occur, and hence to produce estimates of flows between the different categories of the population and labour force.

39 The procedures used to select persons in non-private dwellings preclude the possibility of matching any of them who may be included in successive surveys. For this and other reasons, including the mobility of the population and non-response in either or both surveys, about 10% of persons in those dwellings which are included in the sample in successive months cannot be matched. The introduction of the new sample means less persons will be common between August, September and October 1997. Normally those who can be matched represent about 80% of all persons in the survey.

40 Changes in the characteristics of this latter group are shown in the gross flows table (table 33). About two-thirds of the remaining (unmatched) 20% of persons in the survey are likely to have characteristics similar to those in the matched group, but the characteristics of the other third are likely to be somewhat different.

41 Gross flow estimates relate only to those persons in private dwellings for whom information was obtained in successive surveys. The expansion factors used in calculating the estimates were those applying to the second of each pair of months. Note that the estimates have not been adjusted to account for the unmatched sample component.

42 Although it is not possible to provide gross flow estimates for all persons in the survey it is considered that the estimates derived from matched records will be a useful guide to the proportions of the movements between categories which underlie the changes in monthly levels. When comparing flows for different periods it is important to take into account the population represented by the matched sample, as shown in the last line of the table.

43 While every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors to a minimum, any such errors affecting labour force status will tend to accumulate in the gross flow statistics rather than to cancel out. The

estimates are also subject to sampling variability, as explained in the Technical Notes. For these reasons the estimates of flows should be used with caution. The standard errors may be obtained from table A of the Technical Notes.

44 As a part of survey procedures, family relationships are determined each month, enabling both the estimation of persons cross-classified by their relationship in the household and the estimation of families. This publication contains tables showing the labour force status and family status of individuals and families classified by family type, number of family members, the labour force status of persons within families, the number of children under 15 present and the number of dependants present.

45 Because of the coverage rules, persons who usually live with other members of their family may, at the time of the survey, be enumerated as not living with all the usual members of their family. This situation is more likely for persons who are enumerated as visitors to other private dwellings or as persons staying in non-private dwellings (hotels, hospitals, etc.). The determination of family structure and family characteristics in such cases is difficult.

Thus for survey questions used to determine family relationships, scope was further restricted to usual residents of private dwellings and the following persons were excluded:

- all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions); and
- persons enumerated as visitors to (rather than usual residents of) private dwellings.

46 In addition, in those households where it was not possible to obtain information relating to all the usual residents, no family information was recorded. Thus persons living in households which include a member of the permanent defence forces, who is outside the scope of the population survey, are excluded from survey questions used to determine family relationships because family information could not be obtained from each usual resident. Similarly households which, at the time of the survey, have one or more of their usual residents away for more than six weeks, are excluded from the family survey. This also applies to households from which an incomplete or inadequate questionnaire was obtained for any usual resident in on scope and coverage. A summary of those persons for whom family information is obtained as well as those usual residents of private dwellings for whom complete family information cannot be obtained, and those persons specifically excluded from the family determination procedures is contained in the family tables. Generally, relationship in household is determined for more than 90% of all civilians aged 15 and over.

47 *Relationship in household* and *Family type* classifications were introduced in the March 1994 issue of this publication to align with ABS standards. Most categories in the two classifications remain comparable with

categories in the previous classifications. The cases in which there are breaks in comparability are discussed in the following paragraphs.

48 *Relationship in household.* This classification was previously referred to as *Family status*.

- *Lone parents* (previously referred to as *Sole parents*) now includes parents with non-dependent children (provided those children are without a spouse or children of their own). These *Lone parents without dependants* are shown separately in table 35 and there were 205,800 such persons in March 1994.
- *Dependent students* (previously *Full-time students aged 15–24*) now comprise sons or daughters (of a couple or a lone parent) aged 15–19 attending school or aged 15–24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time. Other related full-time students, who were also previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15–24* are now included in *Other family persons*. There were 24,200 such persons in March 1994.
- *Other family persons* now comprises the previous groups *Other family head*, excluding those now counted as *Lone parents* (79,200 persons in March 1994), the other related full-time students previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15–24* (see above; 24,200 in March 1994) and *Other relative of married couple or family head* (218,100 in March 1994).

49 *Family type.* This classification was previously referred to as *Type of family*. There are three types of families in the new classification, as follows:

- *Couple families* is the term used to describe families previously referred to as *Married-couple families*. Apart from the name change, the new category is otherwise exactly comparable with the old category.
- *One-parent families* now includes those families in which there is a lone parent with only non-dependent children present. Such families were previously included in *Other families*. There were 208,400 of these families in March 1994.
- *Other families* now excludes those families in which there is a lone parent with only non-dependent children present (see above).

50 Estimates of the number of families in this publication differ from those in publications prior to the April 1986 issue. This is due to the adoption of a weighting procedure where the weight for a family is determined using an average of the weights for all family members responding to the Labour Force Survey. Previously, the weight used to derive estimates of the number of families was determined by nomination of a proxy 'head of household' as representative of the family.

BIRTHPLACE

51 From April 1991, labour force birthplace data are aggregated according to major groups of the *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS)* (1269.0). The ASCCSS was developed by the ABS

for use whenever demographic, labour and social statistics are classified by countries.

52 The ASCCSS major groups are based on the concept of geographic proximity. They differ from the country groups presented in this publication prior to April 1991. For example, African countries are now covered by 'The Middle East and North Africa' and 'Africa (excluding North Africa)', while Asia has been split into 'Southeast Asia', 'Northeast Asia' and 'Southern Asia'. Data for selected individual countries will continue to be available in this publication and comprehensively on microfiche.

INDUSTRY

53 From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *ANZSIC 1993* (1292.0). Like the previous Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities, in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded at the Group level, as was the practice under ASIC.

54 To enable the conversion of historical data from ASIC to ANZSIC for the period November 1984 to May 1994, a concordance was published in the August 1994 issue of this publication and in the *Information Paper — Labour Force Survey: Introduction of ANZSIC for Industry Data (Replacement Publication)* (6259.0). It has been found that the concordance, which was based on preliminary investigations, did not provide the most appropriate conversion for certain Group level industries. An improved concordance has now been applied to historical Labour Force Survey estimates. This concordance was published in an appendix to the May 1996 issue of this publication, and in a further issue of the above Information Paper. For further information about the new concordance or the availability of data, contact Michael Slep on Canberra 02 6252 6525.

OCCUPATION

55 From August 1996, Labour Force Survey occupation data are classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) Second Edition, a detailed description of which appears in *ASCO — Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition* (1220.0). The new version of the classification replaces ASCO First Edition, which was adopted in the survey in August 1986. Like ASCO First Edition, ASCO Second Edition is a skill-based classification of occupation. However, the structure of ASCO Second Edition comprises five hierarchical levels (Major Group, Sub-Major Group, Minor Group, Unit Group and Occupation) compared with four levels in ASCO First Edition (Major Group, Minor Group, Unit Group and Occupation). Under ASCO Second Edition, Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Unit Group level, as was the practice under ASCO First Edition.

ADDITIONAL DATA

56 Estimates for employed persons classified by industry, occupation and status in employment are available each February, May, August and November. For these months, additional tables containing the following data are included in this publication:

- Employed persons by industry:
 - Original, seasonally adjusted and trend;
 - Full-time and part-time workers;
 - Status in employment;
 - Age and birthplace;
 - Hours worked;
 - Divisions and subdivisions;
 - Industry by occupation;
- Employed persons by occupation:
 - Full-time and part-time workers;
 - Status in employment;
 - Age and birthplace;
 - Hours worked;
 - Major, sub-major, and selected minor groups;
- Unemployment rate by industry of last full-time job;
- Unemployment rate by occupation of last full-time job.

Seasonally adjusted estimates of employed persons by industry have been published in this bulletin since February 1993. Trend estimates have been published since August 1994.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

57 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which relate to the labour force and are available on request:

Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (6202.0) — issued monthly

Labour Force, Australia, 1978 – 1995 (6204.0)

Labour Force Projections, Australia: 1995 to 2011 (6260.0)

Labour Force, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (6201.1)
— issued quarterly

Labour Force, Victoria (6202.2) — issued quarterly

Labour Force, Queensland (6201.3) — issued quarterly

South Australian Economic Indicators (1307.4) — issued monthly

Tasmanian Statistical Indicators (1303.6) — issued monthly

Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (6248.0) — issued quarterly

Labour Statistics, Australia (6101.0)

Australia's Long-term Unemployed — A Statistical Profile (6255.0)

Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design (6269.0)

Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0)

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224.0) — issued annually

Revised Labour Force Survey Estimates: January 1984 to January 1989 (6276.0)

Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment (6279.0)

A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring “Trends” An Overview (1348.0)

Labour Force Survey: Introduction of ANZSIC for Industry data (Replacement publication) (6259.0)

Directory of Labour Market and Social Survey Data (Choosing data from the ABS Household Survey Program) (1135.0).

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

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

59 The ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information is available on a number of media such as floppy disk, microfiche and customised reports. In general, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Inquiries should be made to Michael Sleep on Canberra 02 6252 6525 or any ABS office.

ROUNDING

60 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 7 of the Technical Notes
n.a.	not available
. .	not applicable
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
r	revised

TECHNICAL NOTES

A new sample for the Labour Force Survey has been phased in over the period September 1997 to April 1998. For information about the sample design see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design* (6269.0).

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

The labour force estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The *sampling error* is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. 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 estimate 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 sampling variability is the *relative standard error* which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer also to the size of the estimate.

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 respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding data, and errors made in processing the 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. It is not possible to quantify non-sampling error, but every effort is made to reduce it to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures. For the examples on pages 57 and 58 it is assumed to be zero. In practice, the potential for non-sampling error adds to the uncertainty of the estimates caused by sampling variability.

Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other monthly movements should be determined by using tables A and B.

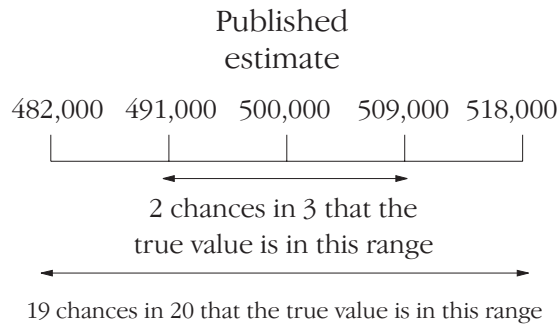
The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger is the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

As the standard errors in table A show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are 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% 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.

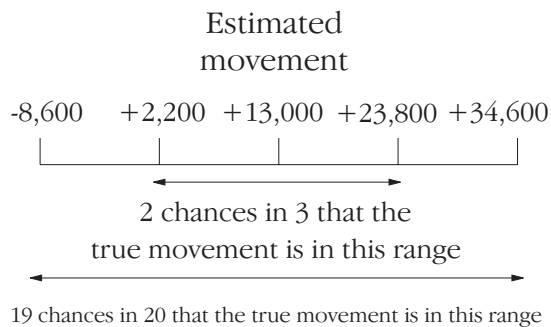
The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements is given in table B. The estimates of standard error of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive quarters (quarterly movements), corresponding months of consecutive years (annual movements) and other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in table B. Standard errors of *quarterly* movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in table A by 1.11. Standard errors of all *annual* movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in table A by 1.3. When using table A or table B to calculate standard errors of movements, refer to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived.

Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

- Consider an estimate for Australia of 500,000 employed persons aged 15–19. By referring to table A, in the row for an estimate of 500,000 and the column for Australia, a standard error of 9,000 is obtained. There are about two chances in three that the true value (the number that would have been obtained if the whole population had been included in the survey) is within the range 491,000 to 509,000. There are about nineteen chances in twenty that the true value is in the range 482,000 to 518,000.



- Consider estimates for females employed part time in Australia of 1,387,000 in one month and 1,400,000 in the next month. This represents an upward movement of 13,000. By referring to table B for the larger estimate of 1,400,000, a movement standard error of 10,800 is obtained (after applying linear interpolation and rounding). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the true movement is in the range +2,200 to +23,800 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the true movement is in the range -8,600 to +34,600.



The relative standard errors of estimates of *aggregate hours worked*, *average hours worked*, *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see table A) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors:

- aggregate hours worked: 1.2;
- average hours worked: 0.7;
- average duration of unemployment: 1.3; and
- median duration of unemployment: 2.0.

The levels at which these and other labour force estimates have a relative standard error of 25% are shown in table C.

The following is an example of the calculation of standard errors where the use of a factor is required.

Consider a median duration of unemployment for Australia of 30 weeks, with an estimate of 1,000,000 persons unemployed. Table A gives the standard error as 11,800 which is 1.2% as a *relative standard error*. The factor of 2.0 (see paragraph 10) is applied to the relative standard error of 1.2% to obtain 2.4%. Therefore the *standard error* for the median duration of unemployment is 2.4% of 30 weeks, i.e. about one week. So there are two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment is between 29 and 31 weeks, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 28 and 32 weeks.

Proportions and percentages (for example, unemployment rates) formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling error. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion or percentage is given below:

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

Standard errors contained in tables A and B are designed to provide an average standard error applicable for all monthly Labour Force Survey estimates. Analysis of the standard errors applicable to particular survey estimates has shown that the standard errors of estimates of employment are generally equivalent to those shown in tables A and B, while standard errors for estimates of unemployment and persons not in the labour force are approximately 3% and 11%, respectively, higher than those shown in the tables. Standard errors for capital cities are approximately the same as those for corresponding States. Standard errors of estimates of numbers of families are approximately the same as those for numbers of persons. Standard errors of estimates of persons born in Australia are approximately the same as those shown in tables A and B. For aggregate estimates of persons born outside Australia the standard errors are about 14% higher. The standard errors vary for individual countries of birth, but are on average about 7% higher.

A STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES FROM SEPTEMBER 1992(a)

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	%
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	
100						90	100	80		
200			210	180	200	130	140	120	190	95.0
300	320	290	260	220	250	160	170	140	240	80.0
500	420	380	340	290	310	210	210	180	320	64.0
700	500	450	400	340	370	240	250	210	390	55.7
1 000	590	540	480	400	440	290	290	240	480	48.0
1 500	720	670	590	490	530	350	350	290	590	39.3
2 000	830	770	680	560	610	400	400	330	690	34.5
2 500	930	860	750	620	670	440	440	360	780	31.2
3 000	1 000	940	820	670	730	470	480	390	860	28.7
4 000	1 150	1 100	940	770	830	530	540	440	990	24.8
5 000	1 300	1 200	1 050	850	920	580	600	490	1 100	22.0
7 000	1 500	1 400	1 200	980	1 050	660	700	560	1 300	18.6
10 000	1 750	1 650	1 400	1 150	1 250	750	830	640	1 600	16.0
15 000	2 100	2 000	1 700	1 350	1 500	870	1 000	760	1 900	12.7
20 000	2 400	2 250	1 950	1 550	1 650	960	1 150	840	2 200	11.0
30 000	2 850	2 700	2 300	1 800	1 950	1 100	1 400	990	2 650	8.8
50 000	3 550	3 300	2 850	2 250	2 450	1 250	1 750	1 200	3 400	6.8
70 000	4 100	3 800	3 250	2 550	2 800	1 400	2 050	1 350	3 950	5.6
100 000	4 750	4 400	3 750	2 900	3 200	1 550	2 450	1 550	4 600	4.6
150 000	5 600	5 200	4 400	3 400	3 750	1 700	2 950	1 750	5 500	3.7
200 000	6 200	5 800	4 950	3 750	4 150	1 800	3 400	1 950	6 200	3.1
300 000	7 300	6 700	5 800	4 350	4 850	1 950		2 250	7 300	2.4
500 000	8 800	8 100	7 000	5 200	5 800	2 200			9 000	1.8
1 000 000	11 300	10 400	8 900	6 600	7 400				11 800	1.2
2 000 000	14 300	13 100	11 300	8 200	9 400				15 200	0.8
5 000 000	19 300	17 600	15 300						21 000	0.4
10 000 000									26 500	0.3

(a) For standard errors for earlier periods, see previous issues of this publication.

B STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1997 TO NOVEMBER 1997 ONWARDS(a)

Size of larger estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
100						110	80	90	
200			330	210	260	140	100	120	360
300	440	380	380	240	300	160	120	140	420
500	540	460	460	290	360	190	150	170	510
700	610	510	510	330	400	220	180	190	580
1 000	690	590	580	380	460	250	210	220	660
1 500	800	680	660	430	530	280	250	250	770
2 000	890	760	730	480	590	320	280	280	860
2 500	960	820	790	520	630	340	310	300	940
3 000	1 050	880	840	560	680	370	330	320	1 000
4 000	1 150	980	930	620	750	410	380	360	1 100
5 000	1 250	1 050	1 000	670	810	440	410	390	1 200
7 000	1 400	1 200	1 150	760	920	500	480	440	1 400
10 000	1 600	1 350	1 250	860	1 050	570	560	500	1 550
15 000	1 850	1 600	1 450	1 000	1 200	660	670	580	1 850
20 000	2 050	1 750	1 600	1 100	1 350	730	750	640	2 050
30 000	2 400	2 050	1 850	1 300	1 550	850	900	750	2 350
50 000	2 900	2 450	2 200	1 550	1 850	1 000	1 100	900	2 850
70 000	3 250	2 800	2 500	1 750	2 100	1 150	1 300	1 000	3 250
100 000	3 700	3 200	2 800	2 000	2 350	1 300	1 500	1 150	3 700
150 000	4 300	3 700	3 200	2 300	2 750	1 500	1 800	1 350	4 350
200 000	4 750	4 100	3 550	2 550	3 000	1 700	2 050	1 500	4 850
300 000	5 500	4 800	4 100	2 950	3 500	1 950		1 750	5 600
500 000	6 700	5 800	4 850	3 550	4 200	2 350			6 800
1 000 000	8 600	7 400	6 200	4 550	5 400				8 800
2 000 000	11 100	9 600	7 800	5 800	6 900				11 400
5 000 000	15 500	13 400	10 700						16 100
10 000 000									20 900

(a) For standard errors for earlier periods, see previous issues of this publication.

C LEVELS AT WHICH LABOUR FORCE ESTIMATES HAVE A RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR OF 25%(a) FROM SEPTEMBER 1992(b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
Estimates classified by									
Aggregate hours worked	7 400	6 500	5 000	3 400	4 000	1 800	1 800	1 300	5 700
Average hours worked	2 700	2 300	1 800	1 300	1 500	700	700	500	1 900
Average duration of unemployment	8 600	7 500	5 800	4 000	4 600	2 100	2 100	1 500	6 800
Median duration of unemployment	18 800	16 500	12 600	8 600	9 900	4 400	4 700	3 200	15 800
All other estimates	5 300	4 600	3 500	2 400	2 900	1 300	1 300	1 000	4 000

(a) See Technical Notes, page 56. (b) For standard errors for earlier periods, see previous issues of this publication.

GLOSSARY

Actively looking for work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Aggregate hours worked	The total number of hours a group of employed persons has actually worked during the reference week, not necessarily hours paid for.
Attending school	Persons aged 15–19 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full time at secondary or high schools.
Attending tertiary educational institution full time	Persons aged 15–24 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full time at a TAFE college, university, or other tertiary educational institution.
Average duration of unemployment	For a group of unemployed persons, the aggregate duration of unemployment divided by the number of persons in the group.
Average family size	For any group of families, the total number of family members divided by the number of families in the group.
Average hours worked	Aggregate hours worked by a group divided by the number of persons in that group.
Birthplace	From April 1991, classified according to the <i>Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS)</i> (1269.0).
Contributing family worker	A person who works without pay, in an economic enterprise operated by a relative. (This category was formerly entitled unpaid family helper).
Couple families	Families in which there are two married persons and these persons are husband and wife.
Dependants	All family members under 15 years of age; all family members aged 15–19 attending school or aged 15–24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone parents).
Dependent student	In couple or one-parent families, sons or daughters aged 15–19 attending school or aged 15–24 attending a tertiary educational institution full time (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone parents).
Duration of unemployment	The period from the time a person began looking for work or was stood down, to the end of the reference week. Thus the survey measures current (and continuing) periods of unemployment rather than completed spells. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference week.
Employed	Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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 own account workers); or■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or

- 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
- were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Employee An employee is a person who works for a public or private employer and receives remuneration in wages, salary, a retainer fee by their employer while working on a commission basis, tips, piece-rates or payment in kind, or a person who operates his or her own incorporated enterprise with or without hiring employees.

Employer An employer is a person who operates his or her own unincorporated economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires one or more employees.

Employment/population ratio For any group, the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

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

- sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or
- any children under 15 years of age who do not have a parent present.

Family head Any person without a spouse present:

- with a son or daughter aged under 15 present; or
- without a son or daughter aged under 15 present, but with a son or daughter aged 15 or over present (provided that the son or daughter has no spouse, son or daughter of his/her own present); or

Where a family has no person falling into either of these categories, the family head is generally defined to be the eldest person in the family.

No family head is determined for a couple family.

Former workers Unemployed persons who have previously worked full time for two weeks or more but not in the past two years.

Full-time workers Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and others who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.

Household A group of one or more persons in a private dwelling who consider themselves to be separate from other persons (if any) in the dwelling, and who make regular provision to take meals separately from other persons, i.e. at different times or in different rooms. Lodgers who receive

accommodation but not meals are treated as separate households. Boarders who receive both accommodation and meals are not treated as separate households. A household may consist of any number of families and non-family members.

Industry	From August 1994, classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 1993 (1292.0)</i> .
Job leavers	Unemployed persons who have worked full time for two weeks or more in the past two years and <i>left that job voluntarily</i> , that is, because of unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours; the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they left that job to return to studies; their last job was running their own business and they closed down or sold that business for reasons other than financial difficulties; or any other reasons.
Job losers	Unemployed persons who have worked full time for two weeks or more in the past two years and <i>left that job involuntarily</i> , that is, were laid off or retrenched from that job; left that job because of their own ill-health or injury; the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they did not leave that job to return to studies; or their last job was running their own business and the business closed down because of financial difficulties.
Labour force	For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.
Lone parent	The head of a one-parent family.
Lone person	A person who is the sole member of a household.
Long-term unemployed	Persons unemployed for a period of 52 weeks or more.
Main English speaking countries	The United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, Canada, the United States of America and New Zealand.
Marital status	Persons are classified as married (husband and wife) if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The not-married category comprises persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household.
Median duration of unemployment	The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other, persons whose duration is below it.
Non-dependent child	In couple or one parent families, sons or daughters aged 15 and over, other than those classified as dependent students, husbands, wives or sole parents.
Non-family member	A person who is not related to any other member of the household in which they are living.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, persons in institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoriums, etc.), trainee teachers,

members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the reference week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

Occupation	From August 1996, classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) Second Edition 1996. See <i>Information Paper: ASCO – Australian Standard Classification of Occupations</i> (1221.0).
One-parent families	Families in which there is a family head together with at least one son or daughter of his/her own.
Other families	Families which are not couple families or one-parent families, as defined. They include families in which there is no parent, for example a family head living with a brother or sister.
Own-account worker	A person who operates his or her own unincorporated economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires no employees (this category was formerly entitled self employed).
Participation rate	For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group. Participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions. Participation rates for persons classified by school or tertiary educational institution attendance are calculated using population estimates which include those in institutions.
Part-time workers	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.
Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See paragraphs 30 and 31 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.
State capital cities	The areas determining the six State capital cities are the Statistical Divisions for those capital cities defined in the <i>Statistical Geography: Volume 1 - Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)</i> (1216.0).
Status in employment	Employed persons classified by whether they were employers, own account workers, employees, or contributing family workers.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See paragraphs 32 to 35 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.
Unemployed	Persons aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and:■ 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■ 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■ 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.

Unemployed looking for first full-time job	Unemployed persons looking for full-time work who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.
Unemployed looking for first job	Unemployed persons who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work or were to resume a full-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job from which they had been stood down.
Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation	Unemployed persons who had worked full time for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry and occupation of their most recent full-time job.
Unemployment rate	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

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