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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION This publication presents information about employment changes of persons who have held a job in the 12 months ending February 1998. Data from this survey provides information on job mobility and job tenure. This information is cross-classified by a range of personal characteristics such as age, sex and educational attainment levels, and employment characteristics such as industry and occupation.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY The Labour Mobility Survey was conducted throughout Australia in February 1998 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics monthly Labour Force Survey.

Data was collected from persons aged 15–69 years who had worked at some time during the 12 months ending February 1998. The survey collected details about jobs held during that period including whether changed employer or locality and reasons for change, full-time or part-time status, occupation, industry and duration of job.

REVISIONS TO HISTORICAL DATA Historical estimates of the number and proportion of persons who were job mobile have been revised in this publication. Previously published estimates for reference periods from 1990 to 1996 were incorrectly derived. If you require further information about these revisions please contact Robert Bibo on Canberra 02 6252 6661.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASCO	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
LFS	Labour Force Survey
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
. .	not applicable

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

STATE INQUIRIES For State Office contact numbers see the Supplementary Surveys list in the back of this publication.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

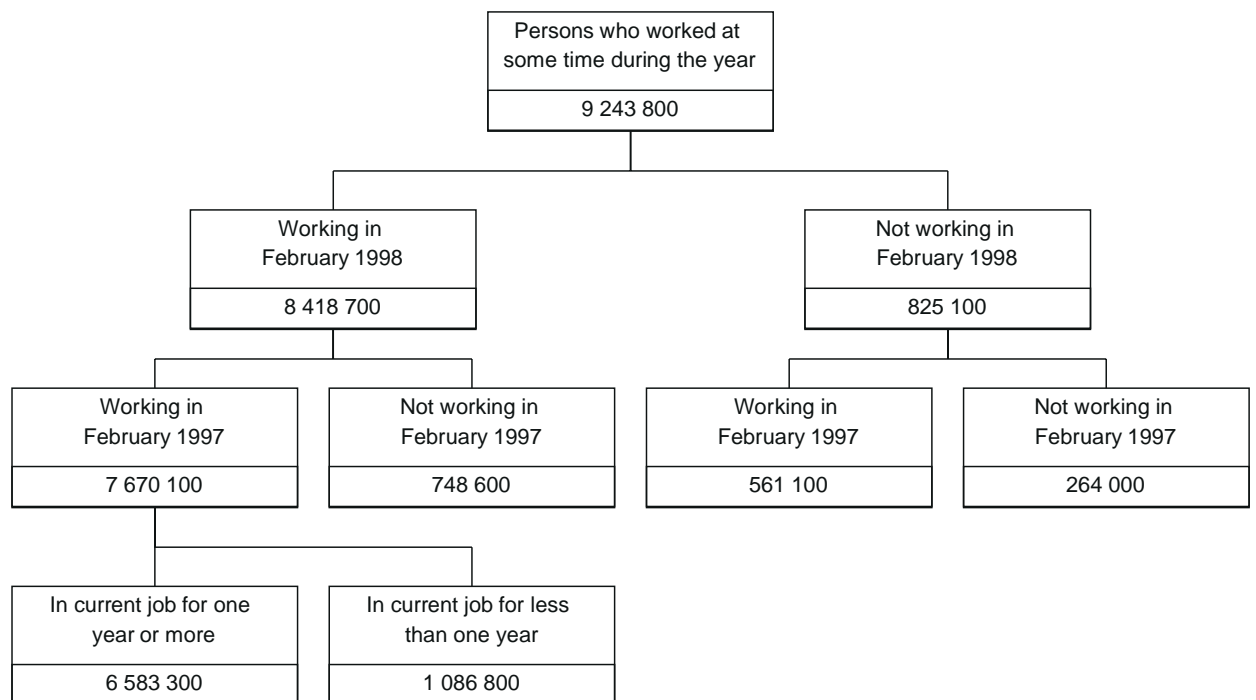
An estimated 9,243,800 persons aged 15–69 years had worked at some time during the year ending February 1998. Of these persons, 91% were working in February 1998, with the balance either looking for work (4%) or not in the labour force (5%).

Of the 8,418,700 persons working in February 1998:

- 78% had been in their current job for the whole year;
- 14% had changed jobs during the year; and
- 8% had started their current job during the year and had no previous job during the year.

Of the 1,156,100 persons working in February 1998 who had changed jobs during the year:

- 40% had changed industry from previous to current job; and
- 34% had changed occupation from previous to current job.



JOB MOBILITY

Of the people who had worked at some time during the year ending February 1998, 14% (1,321,900) were job mobile, that is, they changed their employer and/or their location within the previous year. This represents a 1.5 percentage point decrease in the level of job mobility from the year ended February 1996. This is the first decrease in job mobility rates recorded in the survey since the year ending February 1992.

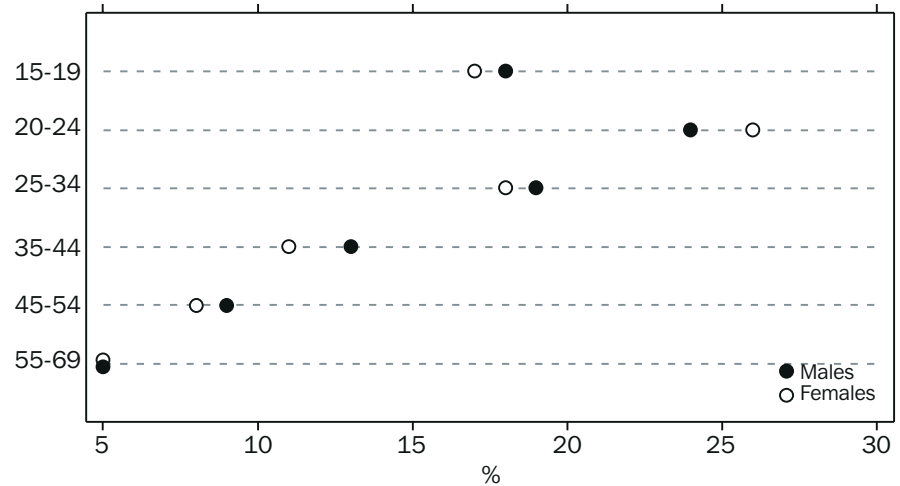
Of the people who were job mobile during the year ending February 1998:

- 76% (1,007,000) changed their employer or business one or more times;
- 20% (270,600) changed locality one or more times while still working for the same employer or business; and
- 3% (44,300) changed both employer or business and locality one or more times.

Of females who were job mobile, 81% changed their employer or business one or more times and a further 19% changed their locality only. Similar proportions were recorded for males (79% and 21% respectively).

Persons aged 20–24 years were most likely to be job mobile (25%), whereas those aged 55–69 years were least likely to be job mobile (5%).

JOB MOBILITY BY AGE



JOB MOBILITY *continued*

Family members were less job mobile than non-family members (13% compared with 20%) and married persons were less job mobile than those who were not married (12% compared with 19%).

In married couple families, 13% of husbands and 11% of wives were job mobile. Female lone parents were more likely to be job mobile than male lone parents (15% compared with 11%).

For those 1,371,700 persons who were not family members, job mobility was higher amongst persons not living alone (24% of males and 29% of females) than amongst those living alone (14% of males and 17% of females).

Job mobility was high among Australian-born persons (15%) and those born overseas in main English-speaking countries (17%). In contrast, job mobility was much lower (10%) for those born in other countries.

Job mobility was similar for those with post-school qualifications (15%) and those without post-school qualifications (14%). Of the people who did not have post-school qualifications, job mobility was higher for those who had completed the highest level of secondary school (17%) compared with those who had not (12%).

INDUSTRY

Some 7,670,100 persons were working in both February 1997 and February 1998. Of these, 86% had been in their current job for at least one year, 8% had changed to another job in the same industry and another 6% had changed to a job in a different industry.

Of the persons who were working in both February 1997 and February 1998, the Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry had the highest proportion of persons staying in their current job for one year or more (92%), while the Accommodation, cafes and restaurants industry had the lowest proportion (77%).

Of the estimated 1,086,800 people who changed jobs during the year, those in the Finance and insurance industry were the most likely to obtain another job in the same industry (75%), whereas those in the Mining and the Cultural and recreational services industries were the least likely (40% each).

OCCUPATION

Of those who were working in both February 1997 and February 1998, 86% had remained in their current job for one year or more, 10% had changed their job but not their occupation major group, and 5% had changed both their job and their occupation major group.

Managers and administrators were the most likely to have stayed in their job for at least one year (90%), while Elementary clerical, sales and service workers were the least likely (82%).

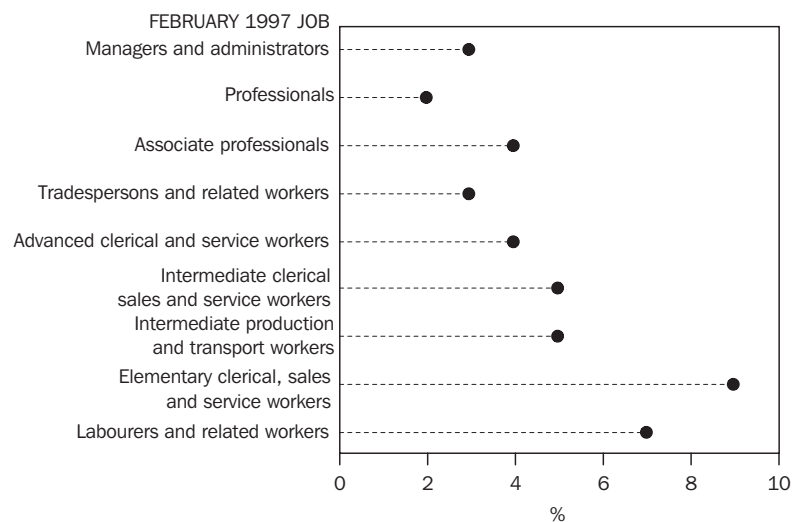
OCCUPATION *continued*

Of those who changed jobs between February 1997 and February 1998, only 15% of Professionals changed their occupation major group. In contrast, 52% of Elementary clerical, sales and service workers and 50% of Labourers and related workers changed their occupation major group.

Of the 67,400 Elementary clerical, sales and service workers who changed their occupation between February 1997 and February 1998, 25,900 (38%) became Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers, and a further 8,900 (13%) became Labourers and related workers.

Of the 50,400 Labourers and related workers who changed their occupation between February 1997 and February 1998, 11,000 (22%) became Tradespersons and related workers, 10,900 (22%) became Elementary clerical, sales and service workers, 10,800 (21%) became Intermediate production and transport workers, and 10,000 (20%) became Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers.

WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1997 AND FEBRUARY 1998,
PROPORTION WHO CHANGED JOB AND OCCUPATION



STATE OF USUAL
RESIDENCE

Some 120,600 people who were working in both February 1997 and February 1998 had changed their State of usual residence. Of these people, 25% became usual residents of New South Wales, with Victoria and Queensland accounting for a further 23% each.

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME
STATUS

Of the 7,670,100 people who were working in February 1997 and in February 1998, 5,749,900 (75%) were working full-time at both points in time. This represents a one percentage point decrease in those working full-time in both February 1995 and February 1996.

Of the 1,086,800 people who changed their job between February 1997 and February 1998, 72,400 (7%) had changed from a full-time job to a part-time job, and 131,600 (12%) had changed from a part-time job to a full-time job.

DURATION OF CURRENT JOB

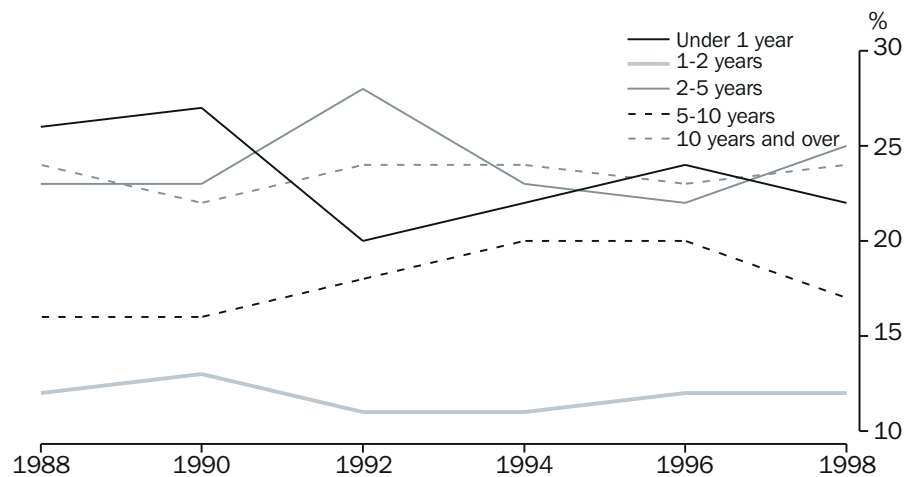
While the proportion of people who had been in their current job for less than one year increased gradually from 20% in 1992 to 24% in 1996, the proportion decreased to 22% in 1998.

A greater proportion of males than females had been in their current job for 10 years or more (28% compared to 20%).

Some 2,056,300 people who were working in February 1998 had been in their current job for 10 years or more. These persons were most likely to work as Professionals (20%), or Tradespersons and related workers (15%). Industries employing higher proportions of persons who had been in their job for ten years or more were Manufacturing (14%) and Education (10%).

Of the 1,835,500 people who were working in February 1998 and who had been in their current job for less than one year, the highest proportions were recorded among Intermediate clerical sales and service workers (20%) and/or in the Retail trade industry (19%).

WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998, DURATION OF CURRENT JOB



PERSONS WHO CEASED A JOB DURING THE YEAR

Of the 9,243,800 persons who had worked during the year ending February 1998, 1,981,200 (21%) ceased a job during that year. This represents a two percentage point decrease in the number of persons who ceased a job during the year ending February 1996.

Of the 1,981,200 people who ceased a job during the year ending February 1998, 1,275,300 (64%) were job leavers, and 705,900 (36%) were job losers. Of the 705,900 people who were job losers, 408,600 (58%) were retrenched.

PERSONS WHO CEASED A
JOB DURING THE YEAR

continued

Some 185,600 (45%) persons who had been retrenched during the year ending February 1998 had been in their last job for less than one year, 53,000 (13%) had been in their last job for between one and two years, and a further 52,300 (13%) had been in their last job for 10 or more years. Males comprised 62% of those retrenched during the year ending February 1998.

Of the 1,040,600 males who ceased a job during the year ending February 1998, 61% were job leavers. In contrast, of the 940,600 females who ceased a job during the year ending February 1998, 68% were job leavers.

Of the 1,275,300 job leavers, 186,200 (15%) had left their job due to unsatisfactory work conditions. This represents a slight decline from the 16% of job leavers who had left their job due to unsatisfactory work conditions in the year ending February 1996.

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1. PERSONS WHO WERE WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE FROM LAST TO CURRENT JOB
Survey conducted in February —

<i>Job change from last to current job</i>	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	
MALES							
			— % —				— '000 —
Less than one year in current job	24.3	24.6	18.4	21.4	22.4	20.8	986.8
No previous job during the year	5.9	6.9	6.3	7.3	7.0	7.0	330.1
Had a previous job during the year	18.4	17.7	12.2	14.1	15.4	13.8	656.7
<i>Whether changed industry —</i>							
Same industry	11.8	10.4	8.0	9.2	9.2	8.5	405.1
Changed industry	6.6	7.2	4.2	4.9	6.2	5.3	251.6
<i>Whether changed occupation —</i>							
Same occupation	12.9	11.3	8.6	9.7	10.7	9.1	433.4
Changed occupation	5.5	6.3	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.7	223.3
One year or more in current job	75.7	75.4	81.6	78.6	77.6	79.2	3,762.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
			— '000 —				
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,359.2</i>	<i>4,568.7</i>	<i>4,420.7</i>	<i>4,429.8</i>	<i>4,698.9</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>4,749.4</i>
FEMALES							
			— % —				— '000 —
Less than one year in current job	28.5	29.2	21.2	23.7	24.8	23.1	848.7
No previous job during the year	11.4	11.8	9.4	10.3	10.3	9.5	349.3
Had a previous job during the year	17.1	17.4	11.9	13.4	14.5	13.6	499.4
<i>Whether changed industry —</i>							
Same industry	10.8	9.8	7.8	8.5	8.2	7.9	288.5
Changed industry	6.3	7.5	4.1	4.9	6.3	5.7	210.8
<i>Whether changed occupation —</i>							
Same occupation	12.4	11.6	8.7	9.7	10.2	9.0	328.9
Changed occupation	4.7	5.8	3.2	3.7	4.3	4.6	170.5
One year or more in current job	71.5	70.8	78.8	76.3	75.2	76.9	2,820.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
			— '000 —				
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,929.4</i>	<i>3,223.5</i>	<i>3,231.8</i>	<i>3,331.0</i>	<i>3,580.7</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>3,669.3</i>
PERSONS							
			— % —				— '000 —
Less than one year in current job	26.0	26.5	19.6	22.4	23.5	21.8	1,835.5
No previous job during the year	8.1	8.9	7.6	8.6	8.5	8.1	679.4
Had a previous job during the year	17.9	17.5	12.0	13.8	15.0	13.7	1,156.1
<i>Whether changed industry —</i>							
Same industry	11.4	10.2	7.9	8.9	8.8	8.2	693.7
Changed industry	6.5	7.3	4.2	4.9	6.2	5.5	462.4
<i>Whether changed occupation —</i>							
Same occupation	12.7	11.4	8.6	9.7	10.5	9.0	762.3
Changed occupation	5.2	6.1	3.4	4.1	4.5	4.7	393.8
One year or more in current job	74.0	73.5	80.4	77.6	76.5	78.2	6,583.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..
			— '000 —				
Total	7,288.6	7,792.2	7,652.5	7,760.8	8,279.6	..	8,418.7

2. PERSONS WHO WERE WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION OF CURRENT JOB

Survey conducted in February —

<i>Duration of current job</i>	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998		
MALES								
	— % —						— '000 —	
Under 1 year	24.3	24.6	18.4	21.4	22.4	20.8	986.8	
Under 3 months	9.8	9.6	7.4	8.6	8.8	8.1	386.5	
3 and under 6 months	5.9	5.4	4.4	5.0	5.2	5.2	244.9	
6 and under 12 months	8.6	9.5	6.6	7.8	8.4	7.5	355.3	
1 and under 2 years	10.2	12.0	9.6	9.9	11.4	11.5	545.2	
2 and under 3 years	8.7	9.0	10.6	7.6	8.7	9.8	463.7	
3 and under 5 years	12.2	12.5	15.3	13.8	11.7	13.8	656.2	
5 and under 10 years	15.5	15.3	17.3	19.5	18.6	16.3	776.2	
10 and under 20 years	18.0	16.0	17.4	16.6	16.3	16.8	799.7	
20 years and over	11.1	10.7	11.3	11.3	10.7	11.0	521.7	
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>	
	— '000 —							
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,359.2</i>	<i>4,568.7</i>	<i>4,420.7</i>	<i>4,429.8</i>	<i>4,698.9</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>4,749.4</i>	
FEMALES								
	— % —						— '000 —	
Under 1 year	28.5	29.2	21.2	23.7	24.8	23.1	848.7	
Under 3 months	11.3	11.5	8.1	9.2	9.1	8.8	322.1	
3 and under 6 months	7.1	6.4	5.0	5.8	6.2	5.8	214.2	
6 and under 12 months	10.0	11.2	8.2	8.7	9.5	8.5	312.4	
1 and under 2 years	14.1	15.0	12.4	11.4	13.1	13.4	491.7	
2 and under 3 years	11.3	10.8	13.2	9.4	10.0	11.4	416.9	
3 and under 5 years	14.0	14.2	17.9	16.6	13.0	14.2	522.1	
5 and under 10 years	16.3	15.8	18.5	21.1	20.7	17.9	655.1	
10 and under 20 years	12.1	11.6	12.9	13.1	13.5	14.6	536.0	
20 years and over	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.7	4.8	5.4	199.0	
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>	
	— '000 —							
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,929.4</i>	<i>3,084.6</i>	<i>3,223.5</i>	<i>3,231.8</i>	<i>3,331.0</i>	<i>3,580.7</i>	<i>3,669.3</i>	
PERSONS								
	— % —						— '000 —	
Under 1 year	26.0	26.5	19.6	22.4	23.5	21.8	1,835.5	
Under 3 months	10.4	10.4	7.7	8.9	8.9	8.4	708.6	
3 and under 6 months	6.4	5.8	4.6	5.3	5.6	5.5	459.2	
6 and under 12 months	9.2	10.2	7.3	8.2	8.9	7.9	667.7	
1 and under 2 years	11.8	13.3	10.8	10.5	12.2	12.3	1,036.9	
2 and under 3 years	9.8	9.8	11.7	8.4	9.3	10.5	880.5	
3 and under 5 years	12.9	13.2	16.4	15.0	12.3	14.0	1,178.3	
5 and under 10 years	15.8	15.5	17.8	20.2	19.5	17.0	1,431.3	
10 and under 20 years	15.6	14.2	15.5	15.1	15.1	15.9	1,335.6	
20 years and over	8.1	7.7	8.2	8.5	8.2	8.6	720.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	
	— '000 —							
Total	7,288.6	7,792.2	7,652.5	7,760.8	8,279.6	..	8,418.7	

3. PERSONS WHO WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998

<i>Job mobility</i>	<i>Survey conducted in February(a) —</i>							
	<i>1988</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1998</i>		
MALES								
			— % —				— '000 —	
Changed employer/business or locality	18.8	18.6	13.0	14.9	16.2	14.5	744.5	
Changed employer/business	13.3	14.9	9.7	11.5	12.7	11.4	586.2	
Changed locality but not employer/business	5.5	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	158.3	
Did not change employer/business or locality	81.2	81.4	87.0	85.1	83.8	85.5	4,388.7	
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>	
			— '000 —					
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,647.7</i>	<i>4,927.6</i>	<i>4,880.1</i>	<i>4,842.1</i>	<i>5,112.1</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>5,133.2</i>	
FEMALES								
			— % —				— '000 —	
Changed employer/business or locality	17.3	18.1	12.5	14.0	15.2	14.0	577.4	
Changed employer/business	13.2	15.0	9.6	11.1	12.5	11.3	465.2	
Changed locality but not employer/business	4.0	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	112.3	
Did not change employer/business or locality	82.7	82.0	87.5	86.0	84.8	86.0	3,533.2	
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>	
			— '000 —					
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,304.4</i>	<i>3,700.4</i>	<i>3,684.0</i>	<i>3,760.3</i>	<i>4,029.8</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>4,110.6</i>	
PERSONS								
			— % —				— '000 —	
Changed employer/business or locality	18.1	18.4	12.8	14.5	15.8	14.3	1,321.9	
Changed employer/business	13.3	14.9	9.6	11.3	12.6	11.4	1,051.3	
Changed locality but not employer/business	4.9	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.9	270.6	
Did not change employer/business or locality	81.9	81.6	87.2	85.5	84.2	85.7	7,921.9	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..	
			— '000 —					
Total	7,952.2	8,628.0	8,564.1	8,602.3	9,141.9	..	9,243.8	

(a) Job mobility estimates for 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 have been revised. See Notes on page 2 for further information.

4. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB MOBILITY

	<i>Changed employer/business or locality</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Did not change employer/business or locality</i>		<i>Percentage Job mobile</i>
	<i>Changed employer/business and locality</i>	<i>Changed employer/business only</i>	<i>Changed locality only</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	
MALES							
— '000 —							
— % —							
<i>Age group —</i>							
15-19	*1.8	58.7	5.2	65.7	302.2	367.9	17.9
20-24	*4.8	116.1	21.0	141.9	439.7	581.7	24.4
25-34	8.9	188.1	49.6	246.6	1,040.2	1,286.8	19.2
35-44	5.2	118.1	40.9	164.2	1,117.5	1,281.7	12.8
45-54	*4.6	58.4	33.7	96.7	950.6	1,047.3	9.2
55-69	*0.9	20.6	7.9	29.4	538.4	567.8	5.2
<i>Marital status —</i>							
Married	14.4	282.1	106.7	403.1	2,812.1	3,215.3	12.5
Not married	11.8	277.9	51.7	341.4	1,576.6	1,918.0	17.8
<i>Relationship in household —</i>							
Family member	19.3	425.5	124.3	569.1	3,619.4	4,188.5	13.6
Husband	14.4	278.4	103.2	396.0	2,758.9	3,154.9	12.6
With dependants	9.3	162.3	63.4	235.0	1,664.9	1,899.9	12.4
Without dependants	5.1	116.1	39.9	161.0	1,093.9	1,255.0	12.8
Lone parent	*0.4	5.2	*2.4	8.0	67.3	75.3	10.7
With dependants	*0.1	*3.3	*1.8	5.2	41.0	46.1	11.2
Without dependants	*0.3	*1.9	*0.7	*2.9	26.3	29.2	*9.8
Dependent student	*1.0	20.3	*2.1	23.4	178.2	201.6	11.6
Non-dependent child	*3.5	109.2	14.5	127.3	548.3	675.6	18.8
Other family person	*0.0	12.3	*2.0	14.3	66.7	81.0	17.7
Non-family member	5.8	117.8	28.9	152.4	671.5	823.9	18.5
Lone person	*2.5	46.4	12.2	61.0	377.6	438.6	13.9
Not living alone	*3.3	71.4	16.7	91.4	293.9	385.3	23.7
Family status not determined	*1.0	16.8	5.2	23.0	97.9	120.9	19.0
<i>Birthplace —</i>							
Born in Australia	19.7	430.1	118.3	568.1	3,242.2	3,810.3	14.9
Born outside Australia	6.4	130.0	40.0	176.4	1,146.5	1,322.9	13.3
Born in main English-speaking countries	*4.3	72.3	21.8	98.4	491.1	589.4	16.7
Born in other countries	*2.2	57.7	18.2	78.0	655.5	733.5	10.6
<i>Educational attainment —</i>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	14.9	283.0	90.7	388.7	2,276.0	2,664.6	14.6
Higher degree	*1.2	10.9	*3.4	15.5	101.4	116.9	13.3
Post-graduate diploma	*1.2	11.3	5.5	18.0	77.6	95.6	18.8
Bachelor degree	*4.4	61.6	28.3	94.2	489.0	583.3	16.2
Undergraduate or associate diploma	*1.4	39.9	14.7	56.0	382.4	438.4	12.8
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	6.7	158.9	38.8	204.4	1,224.9	1,429.3	14.3
Without post-school qualifications	10.9	270.4	66.5	347.9	2,010.0	2,357.8	14.8
Completed highest level of secondary school	5.6	104.6	32.4	142.6	708.6	851.2	16.7
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	5.4	165.7	33.8	204.9	1,296.3	1,501.2	13.6
Left aged 13 years or less	*0.0	*4.6	*0.8	5.4	61.1	66.5	8.1
Left aged 14 years or less	*0.4	14.2	*2.4	17.0	164.0	181.0	9.4
Left aged 15 years	*0.9	56.3	12.9	70.1	439.4	509.5	13.8
Left aged 16 years	*3.6	54.7	9.9	68.2	411.4	479.6	14.2
Left aged 17 years	*0.5	30.2	*5.0	35.7	184.6	220.3	16.2
Left aged 18 years or over	*0.0	5.8	*2.7	8.5	35.8	44.3	19.1
Never attended school	*0.0	*0.1	*0.3	*0.4	*5.0	5.4	*7.8
Still at school	*0.3	6.6	*1.1	8.0	102.8	110.8	7.2
<i>Total</i>	26.2	560.0	158.3	744.5	4,388.7	5,133.2	14.5

4. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB MOBILITY—continued

	Changed employer/business or locality			Total	Did not change employer/business or locality	Total	Percentage Job mobile
	Changed employer/business and locality	Changed employer/business only	Changed locality only				
FEMALES							
— '000 —							
— % —							
<i>Age group —</i>							
15-19	*1.7	57.2	*4.2	63.2	302.0	365.2	17.3
20-24	*4.5	114.0	16.3	134.7	382.7	517.4	26.0
25-34	5.4	140.3	38.7	184.5	864.7	1,049.1	17.6
35-44	*4.8	77.8	29.2	111.8	915.3	1,027.1	10.9
45-54	*1.3	47.6	19.9	68.7	775.2	843.9	8.1
55-69	*0.5	10.0	*4.0	14.5	293.3	307.8	4.7
<i>Marital status —</i>							
Married	9.4	196.1	59.0	264.6	2,224.6	2,489.2	10.6
Not married	8.8	250.8	53.2	312.8	1,308.6	1,621.4	19.3
<i>Relationship in household —</i>							
Family member	14.2	333.0	85.6	432.8	3,014.7	3,447.5	12.6
Wife	9.1	189.1	56.3	254.4	2,164.3	2,418.7	10.5
With dependants	*4.2	85.2	34.0	123.4	1,227.2	1,350.6	9.1
Without dependants	*4.9	103.9	22.2	131.1	937.1	1,068.1	12.3
Lone parent	*0.5	35.9	10.9	47.2	262.2	309.5	15.3
With dependants	*0.5	30.5	7.8	38.8	207.1	245.8	15.8
Without dependants	*0.0	5.4	*3.1	8.5	55.2	63.6	13.3
Dependent student	*1.5	26.7	*2.7	30.9	229.2	260.1	11.9
Non-dependent child	*2.3	71.4	11.2	84.9	314.1	399.0	21.3
Other family person	*0.7	10.1	*4.5	15.3	44.8	60.1	25.4
Non-family member	*3.3	97.5	22.4	123.1	424.7	547.8	22.5
Lone person	*1.5	33.4	11.1	46.0	233.2	279.2	16.5
Not living alone	*1.8	64.1	11.3	77.1	191.5	268.6	28.7
Family status not determined	*0.7	16.5	*4.3	21.5	93.8	115.3	18.6
<i>Birthplace —</i>							
Born in Australia	15.5	351.9	87.1	454.6	2,706.2	3,160.8	14.4
Born outside Australia	*2.6	95.0	25.1	122.8	827.0	949.8	12.9
Born in main English-speaking countries	*1.1	54.1	15.2	70.4	364.3	434.7	16.2
Born in other countries	*1.5	40.9	9.9	52.4	462.8	515.1	10.2
<i>Educational attainment —</i>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	11.4	232.2	56.6	300.2	1,621.9	1,922.1	15.6
Higher degree	*1.0	5.7	*3.3	10.0	49.6	59.6	16.7
Post-graduate diploma	*0.4	13.2	5.5	19.1	87.0	106.1	18.0
Bachelor degree	*4.2	76.7	18.9	99.9	453.9	553.8	18.0
Undergraduate or associate diploma	*3.2	44.3	10.9	58.4	393.8	452.2	12.9
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	*2.6	91.0	17.9	111.5	626.3	737.8	15.1
Without post-school qualifications	6.8	203.6	54.8	265.2	1,777.1	2,042.4	13.0
Completed highest level of secondary school	*3.9	94.2	24.6	122.7	623.0	745.8	16.5
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	*2.9	109.4	30.2	142.5	1,151.0	1,293.6	11.0
Left aged 13 years or less	*0.0	*0.8	*0.3	*1.1	35.5	36.6	*2.9
Left aged 14 years or less	*0.6	8.1	*1.3	10.0	104.5	114.5	8.7
Left aged 15 years	*1.9	36.0	12.7	50.5	422.8	473.4	10.7
Left aged 16 years	*0.5	45.4	11.1	57.0	408.1	465.1	12.3
Left aged 17 years	*0.0	17.3	*4.8	22.1	153.9	176.0	12.5
Left aged 18 years or over	*0.0	*1.9	*0.0	*1.9	26.1	28.0	*6.6
Never attended school	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*3.1	*3.1	*0.0
Still at school	*0.0	11.2	*0.8	12.0	134.2	146.1	8.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>447.0</i>	<i>112.3</i>	<i>577.4</i>	<i>3,533.2</i>	<i>4,110.6</i>	<i>14.0</i>

4. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB MOBILITY—continued

	Changed employer/business or locality				Did not change employer/business or locality	Total	Percentage Job mobile
	Changed employer/business and locality	Changed employer/business only	Changed locality only	Total			
PERSONS							
	— '000 —						— % —
<i>Age group —</i>							
15-19	*3.5	115.9	9.4	128.9	604.2	733.1	17.6
20-24	9.3	230.1	37.2	276.7	822.4	1,099.1	25.2
25-34	14.3	328.4	88.4	431.1	1,904.9	2,336.0	18.5
35-44	10.0	195.9	70.1	276.0	2,032.7	2,308.8	12.0
45-54	5.9	106.0	53.6	165.4	1,725.8	1,891.2	8.7
55-69	*1.3	30.6	11.9	43.9	831.8	875.6	5.0
<i>Marital status —</i>							
Married	23.8	478.2	165.7	667.7	5,036.7	5,704.5	11.7
Not married	20.5	528.8	104.9	654.2	2,885.2	3,539.4	18.5
<i>Relationship in household —</i>							
Family member	33.5	758.5	209.8	1,001.9	6,634.1	7,635.9	13.1
Husband or wife	23.5	467.5	159.5	650.5	4,923.2	5,573.6	11.7
With dependants	13.5	247.5	97.4	358.4	2,892.2	3,250.6	11.0
Without dependants	10.0	220.0	62.1	292.1	2,031.0	2,323.1	12.6
Lone parent	*0.9	41.1	13.3	55.3	329.5	384.8	14.4
With dependants	*0.6	33.8	9.6	43.9	248.0	292.0	15.0
Without dependants	*0.3	7.3	*3.7	11.3	81.5	92.8	12.2
Dependent student	*2.6	47.0	*4.8	54.3	407.4	461.7	11.8
Non-dependent child	5.8	180.6	25.8	212.2	862.4	1,074.6	19.7
Other family person	*0.7	22.4	6.5	29.6	111.5	141.1	21.0
Non-family member	9.1	215.2	51.2	275.6	1,096.1	1,371.7	20.1
Lone person	*4.0	79.8	23.3	107.0	610.8	717.8	14.9
Not living alone	5.1	135.5	28.0	168.5	485.4	653.9	25.8
Family status not determined	*1.7	33.2	9.5	44.5	191.7	236.2	18.8
<i>Birthplace —</i>							
Born in Australia	35.3	782.0	205.5	1,022.7	5,948.3	6,971.0	14.7
Born outside Australia	9.1	225.0	65.1	299.2	1,973.6	2,272.8	13.2
Born in main English-speaking countries	5.4	126.4	37.0	168.8	855.4	1,024.2	16.5
Born in other countries	*3.7	98.6	28.1	130.4	1,118.2	1,248.6	10.4
<i>Educational attainment —</i>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	26.3	515.2	147.4	688.8	3,897.9	4,586.7	15.0
Higher degree	*2.2	16.5	6.8	25.5	151.0	176.5	14.5
Post-graduate diploma	*1.6	24.6	10.9	37.1	164.6	201.8	18.4
Bachelor degree	8.6	138.3	47.2	194.1	942.9	1,137.0	17.1
Undergraduate or associate diploma	*4.6	84.2	25.7	114.4	776.3	890.7	12.8
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	9.3	249.9	56.7	315.9	1,851.1	2,167.0	14.6
Without post-school qualifications	17.8	474.0	121.3	613.1	3,787.1	4,400.2	13.9
Completed highest level of secondary school	9.5	198.8	57.0	265.3	1,331.7	1,597.0	16.6
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	8.3	275.1	64.0	347.4	2,447.3	2,794.7	12.4
Left aged 13 years or less	*0.0	5.4	*1.1	6.4	96.6	103.1	6.2
Left aged 14 years or less	*1.0	22.3	*3.7	27.0	268.5	295.5	9.1
Left aged 15 years	*2.8	92.2	25.6	120.6	862.2	982.8	12.3
Left aged 16 years	*4.0	100.2	21.1	125.3	819.5	944.7	13.3
Left aged 17 years	*0.5	47.4	9.8	57.8	338.5	396.3	14.6
Left aged 18 years or over	*0.0	7.6	*2.7	10.3	61.9	72.3	14.3
Never attended school	*0.0	*0.1	*0.3	*0.4	8.1	8.5	*5.0
Still at school	*0.3	17.8	*1.9	20.0	236.9	256.9	7.8
Total	44.3	1,007.0	270.6	1,321.9	7,921.9	9,243.8	14.3

(a) Includes nursing level unknown.

5. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE AND OCCUPATION

	<i>Working in February 1997</i>					
	<i>Occupation of February 1997 job</i>					
	<i>Managers and administrators</i>	<i>Professionals</i>	<i>Associate professionals</i>	<i>Tradespersons and related workers</i>	<i>Advanced clerical and service workers</i>	<i>Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers</i>
	— '000 —					
Working in February 1998	590.6	1,387.7	801.4	1,090.8	383.7	1,294.0
<i>Occupation of February 1998 job —</i>						
Managers and administrators	573.5	*4.4	*2.3	*2.3	*1.0	*3.4
Professionals	*4.3	1,360.7	8.4	*3.6	*2.6	8.8
Associate professionals	*3.9	*4.7	766.8	*3.8	*2.4	9.7
Tradespersons and related workers	*1.6	*1.1	*4.2	1,054.1	*0.1	*3.5
Advanced clerical and service workers	*0.4	*2.1	*2.5	*0.8	367.2	9.8
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	*3.0	8.7	6.4	*5.0	7.2	1,232.4
Intermediate production and transport workers	*1.0	*0.7	*2.7	7.6	*0.7	*2.4
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	*1.8	*3.1	*4.8	5.1	*2.4	16.8
Labourers and related workers	*1.1	*2.2	*3.2	8.6	*0.2	7.2
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>						
Less than one year	56.8	184.4	112.2	159.5	47.7	205.6
Same occupation major group	39.7	157.4	77.6	122.7	31.2	144.0
Changed occupation major group	17.1	27.0	34.6	36.8	16.5	61.6
One year or more	533.8	1,203.3	689.2	931.3	336.0	1,088.4
Looking for work in February 1998	6.9	19.5	15.7	38.9	*4.2	37.1
Not in the labour force in February 1998	17.1	49.3	29.9	33.2	16.4	67.1
Total	614.6	1,456.5	847.0	1,162.9	404.3	1,398.2

5. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE AND OCCUPATION —continued

	Working in February 1997			Total	Not working in February 1997	Total
	Occupation of February 1997 job					
	Intermediate production and transport workers	Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	Labourers and related workers			
			— '000 —			
Working in February 1998	700.3	743.9	677.6	7,670.1	748.6	8,418.7
<i>Occupation of February 1998 job —</i>						
Managers and administrators	*0.2	*0.2	*1.7	589.0	9.5	598.5
Professionals	*3.7	8.1	*1.9	1,402.0	67.6	1,469.6
Associate professionals	*4.4	8.2	*2.9	806.6	43.3	849.9
Tradespersons and related workers	6.1	*4.4	11.0	1,086.2	73.7	1,159.9
Advanced clerical and service workers	*0.8	*4.7	*1.2	389.6	27.8	417.4
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	5.2	25.9	10.0	1,303.6	140.1	1,443.7
Intermediate production and transport workers	664.8	7.1	10.8	697.7	62.2	760.0
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	*2.8	676.5	10.9	724.4	165.4	889.7
Labourers and related workers	12.3	8.9	627.2	670.9	159.1	830.0
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>						
Less than one year	88.7	130.8	101.1	1,086.8	748.6	1,835.5
Same occupation major group	53.2	63.4	50.8	740.1	..	740.1
Changed occupation major group	35.5	67.4	50.4	346.7	..	346.7
One year or more	611.6	613.1	576.5	6,583.3	..	6,583.3
Looking for work in February 1998	32.3	24.1	39.1	217.8	113.8	331.6
Not in the labour force in February 1998	28.9	54.1	47.3	343.3	150.2	493.5
Total	761.5	822.2	764.0	8,231.2	1,012.6	9,243.8

6. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE AND INDUSTRY

	<i>Working in February 1997</i>									
	<i>Industry of February 1997 job</i>									
	<i>Agri- culture, forestry and fishing</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manu- fact- uring</i>	<i>Elec- tricity, gas and water supply</i>	<i>Con- struc- tion</i>	<i>Whole- sale trade</i>	<i>Retail trade</i>	<i>Accomm- odation cafes and restau- rants</i>	<i>Trans- port and storage</i>	<i>Comm- uni- cation services</i>
	— '000 —									
Working in February 1998	376.1	74.9	1,030.3	60.1	553.0	469.3	1,095.8	340.0	377.2	143.9
<i>Industry of February 1998 job —</i>										
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	360.6	*0.5	*1.5	*0.0	*1.0	*1.3	*2.2	*1.6	*1.7	*0.4
Mining	*0.4	66.1	*0.6	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.6	*0.2	*0.0	*0.0
Manufacturing	*1.3	*0.4	972.4	*0.4	8.3	6.3	13.6	*3.1	*2.0	*1.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	*0.0	*0.0	*1.4	57.9	*0.3	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0
Construction	*1.1	*2.7	7.6	*0.4	526.9	*2.3	7.6	*1.0	*1.1	*1.2
Wholesale trade	*1.8	*0.2	9.3	*0.0	*2.6	439.0	7.0	*1.6	*1.0	*1.4
Retail trade	*3.1	*1.4	9.9	*0.0	*2.7	5.8	1,011.8	7.5	*1.9	*1.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	*2.3	*0.0	*3.1	*0.0	*1.3	*0.6	9.4	300.8	*0.9	*0.9
Transport and storage	*1.1	*0.3	*4.4	*0.0	*2.5	*2.7	*3.6	*2.0	362.4	*0.5
Communication services	*0.4	*0.2	*2.0	*0.0	*0.4	*0.0	*2.8	*1.4	*0.5	130.6
Finance and insurance	*0.0	*0.2	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*1.7	*3.0	*1.8	*0.4	*0.6
Property and business services	*1.9	*2.2	8.6	*1.0	*3.6	7.0	14.7	7.5	*2.0	*4.4
Government administration and defence	*0.1	*0.0	*1.0	*0.0	*1.1	*0.2	*2.6	*0.6	*0.6	*0.0
Education	*0.7	*0.3	*1.1	*0.0	*0.6	*0.3	*4.1	*0.5	*0.6	*0.7
Health and community services	*0.0	*0.0	*2.3	*0.0	*0.6	*1.0	*5.0	6.4	*1.4	*0.4
Cultural and recreational services	*0.7	*0.0	*1.5	*0.0	*0.4	*0.3	*3.8	*1.9	*0.0	*0.0
Personal and other services	*0.6	*0.4	*3.1	*0.4	*0.6	*0.7	*3.9	*2.0	*0.5	*0.2
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>										
Less than one year	31.5	14.6	123.7	6.5	78.4	65.3	188.1	77.8	37.2	25.2
Same industry as February 1997 job	15.9	5.8	65.8	*4.3	52.4	35.0	104.1	38.5	22.4	11.8
Changed industry from February 1997 job	15.6	8.8	57.9	*2.2	26.1	30.3	84.0	39.3	14.8	13.4
One year or more	344.6	60.3	906.6	53.6	474.5	404.0	907.6	262.2	340.0	118.8
Looking for work in February 1998	8.4	*4.6	37.1	*2.7	21.4	12.1	38.6	14.3	11.4	*2.7
Not in the labour force in February 1998	21.9	*4.3	36.9	*2.4	15.3	16.8	61.1	24.8	12.6	5.5
Total	406.5	83.8	1,104.3	65.2	589.7	498.3	1,195.5	379.1	401.2	152.1

6. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE AND INDUSTRY —continued

	Working in February 1997									
	Industry of February 1997 job							Total	Not working in February 1997	Total
	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Government administration and defence	Education	Health and community services	Cultural and recreational services	Personal and other services			
	— '000 —									
Working in February 1998	297.3	780.2	316.1	533.7	739.8	186.7	295.5	7,670.1	748.6	8,418.7
<i>Industry of February 1998 job —</i>										
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	*0.0	*0.6	*0.4	*0.1	*0.0	*0.0	*0.8	372.7	28.0	400.8
Mining	*0.0	*1.4	*0.5	*0.6	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1	70.5	*3.1	73.6
Manufacturing	*0.3	8.5	*1.0	*1.7	*1.0	*1.9	*0.9	1,024.0	82.6	1,106.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	*0.0	*0.9	*0.3	*0.2	*0.0	*0.0	*0.4	61.4	*1.6	63.0
Construction	*0.2	5.7	*0.5	*0.5	*1.4	*1.1	*0.5	561.7	41.0	602.7
Wholesale trade	*0.8	6.7	*0.6	*1.0	*1.9	*2.3	*0.4	477.4	33.1	510.5
Retail trade	*2.5	*4.2	*0.9	*2.3	*2.9	*4.2	*2.2	1,064.8	193.6	1,258.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	*1.3	*1.3	*0.0	*1.8	*2.3	*1.1	*1.9	329.1	68.3	397.4
Transport and storage	*0.7	*1.6	*1.5	*0.7	*0.3	*0.2	*0.3	384.9	23.4	408.3
Communication services	*0.4	*1.9	*0.0	*0.0	*0.2	*0.0	*0.2	141.1	9.2	150.3
Finance and insurance	284.8	5.9	*0.6	*0.3	*0.8	*1.3	*0.7	302.6	13.8	316.4
Property and business services	*3.9	725.5	*4.5	*4.4	*5.0	*3.3	*3.1	802.6	88.9	891.5
Government administration and defence	*0.9	*4.1	299.8	*1.2	*1.0	*0.5	*1.7	315.3	20.2	335.6
Education	*0.5	*2.9	*0.9	514.4	*3.7	*1.8	*0.8	533.9	26.8	560.7
Health and community services	*0.9	5.4	*2.4	*2.4	716.3	*0.6	*0.8	745.9	57.4	803.3
Cultural and recreational services	*0.3	*1.4	*0.8	*0.7	*0.7	167.6	*0.6	180.7	23.0	203.7
Personal and other services	*0.0	*2.1	*1.6	*1.8	*2.4	*0.8	280.2	301.4	34.5	335.9
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>										
Less than one year	51.3	133.2	45.0	55.9	76.0	31.8	45.4	1,086.8	748.6	1,835.5
Same industry as February 1997 job	38.7	78.5	28.7	36.5	52.4	12.6	30.1	633.5	.	633.5
Changed industry from February 1997 job	12.5	54.7	16.4	19.4	23.5	19.2	15.3	453.3	.	453.3
One year or more	246.0	647.0	271.1	477.9	663.8	154.9	250.1	6,583.3	.	6,583.3
Looking for work in February 1998	*3.5	18.7	6.7	11.3	12.5	*4.3	7.4	217.8	113.8	331.6
Not in the labour force in February 1998	10.7	24.6	12.6	28.9	36.4	9.0	19.7	343.3	150.2	493.5
Total	311.5	823.5	335.4	573.9	788.7	200.0	322.6	8,231.2	1,012.6	9,243.8

7. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: JOB CHANGE AND FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS

	Working in February 1997			Not working in February 1997	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total(a)		
MALES					
— '000 —					
Working in February 1998(a)	3,928.0	442.3	4,384.5	364.9	4,749.4
<i>Full-time or part-time status of February 1998 job —</i>					
Full-time	3,894.9	60.9	3,955.8	238.3	4,194.1
Part-time	32.7	380.3	413.0	122.8	535.8
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>					
Less than one year(b)	521.8	100.1	621.9	364.9	986.8
Did not change full-time or part-time status	488.7	38.1	526.8	. .	526.8
Changed full-time or part-time status	32.7	60.9	93.6	. .	93.6
One year or more	3,406.2	342.2	3,762.6	. .	3,762.6
Looking for work in February 1998	122.1	15.9	138.0	65.6	203.6
Not in the labour force in February 1998	85.3	41.7	127.0	53.3	180.3
Total	4,135.4	500.0	4,649.5	483.7	5,133.2
FEMALES					
— '000 —					
Working in February 1998(a)	1,895.6	1,338.3	3,285.6	383.8	3,669.3
<i>Full-time or part-time status of February 1998 job —</i>					
Full-time	1,855.0	70.8	1,925.8	131.9	2,057.7
Part-time	39.7	1,267.0	1,306.7	248.3	1,555.0
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>					
Less than one year(b)	285.4	179.2	464.9	383.8	848.7
Did not change full-time or part-time status	244.9	107.8	352.7	. .	352.7
Changed full-time or part-time status	39.7	70.8	110.4	. .	110.4
One year or more	1,610.2	1,159.1	2,820.7	. .	2,820.7
Looking for work in February 1998	63.0	16.7	79.8	48.3	128.0
Not in the labour force in February 1998	75.7	140.6	216.3	96.9	313.2
Total	2,034.4	1,495.6	3,581.7	528.9	4,110.6
PERSONS					
— '000 —					
Working in February 1998(a)	5,823.6	1,780.6	7,670.1	748.6	8,418.7
<i>Full-time or part-time status of February 1998 job —</i>					
Full-time	5,749.9	131.6	5,881.6	370.2	6,251.8
Part-time	72.4	1,647.3	1,719.7	371.1	2,090.8
<i>Duration of February 1998 job —</i>					
Less than one year(b)	807.2	279.3	1,086.8	748.6	1,835.5
Did not change full-time or part-time status	733.6	145.9	879.5	. .	879.5
Changed full-time or part-time status	72.4	131.6	204.0	. .	204.0
One year or more	5,016.4	1,501.4	6,583.3	. .	6,583.3
Looking for work in February 1998	185.1	32.7	217.8	113.8	331.6
Not in the labour force in February 1998	161.0	182.3	343.3	150.2	493.5
Total	6,169.7	1,995.6	8,231.2	1,012.6	9,243.8

(a) Includes persons whose full-time or part-time status was not determined. (b) Includes persons whose change in full-time or part-time status from February 1997 job to February 1998 job was not determined.

8. WORKED DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: WHETHER CHANGED STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS

State of usual residence in February 1998	Whether changed State of usual residence from February 1997 to February 1998						Total		
	Changed State of usual residence			Did not change State of usual residence			Working Feb 1997	Not working Feb 1997	Total
	Working Feb 1997	Not working Feb 1997	Total	Working Feb 1997	Not working Feb 1997	Total			
WORKING IN FEBRUARY 1998									
— '000 —									
New South Wales	29.7	23.4	53.0	2,529.0	207.5	2,736.6	2,558.7	230.9	2,789.6
Victoria	27.8	12.4	40.2	1,912.0	177.8	2,089.8	1,939.8	190.2	2,130.0
Queensland	27.2	16.6	43.8	1,387.0	137.8	1,524.8	1,414.2	154.4	1,568.6
South Australia	9.0	2.9	11.9	577.3	54.3	631.6	586.3	57.2	643.5
Western Australia	14.8	6.1	20.9	763.9	71.5	835.4	778.7	77.6	856.3
Tasmania	1.9	*0.9	2.9	179.3	16.2	195.5	181.2	17.1	198.4
Northern Territory	4.6	2.7	7.3	61.2	6.1	67.2	65.7	8.8	74.5
Australian Capital Territory	5.5	2.0	7.6	140.0	10.3	150.3	145.5	12.4	157.8
<i>Australia</i>	<i>120.6</i>	<i>67.1</i>	<i>187.6</i>	<i>7,549.5</i>	<i>681.6</i>	<i>8,231.1</i>	<i>7,670.1</i>	<i>748.6</i>	<i>8,418.7</i>
LOOKING FOR WORK IN FEBRUARY 1998									
— '000 —									
New South Wales	*6.3	*0.8	7.1	57.8	29.8	87.7	64.2	30.7	94.8
Victoria	*3.9	*1.3	5.2	43.7	29.0	72.7	47.6	30.3	77.9
Queensland	6.3	*1.2	7.5	48.0	22.8	70.8	54.3	24.0	78.4
South Australia	*2.4	*0.5	2.9	14.3	11.4	25.7	16.6	12.0	28.6
Western Australia	*3.0	*1.3	4.3	21.0	10.2	31.3	24.1	11.6	35.6
Tasmania	*1.0	*0.1	*1.1	4.7	3.2	7.9	5.7	3.3	9.0
Northern Territory	*0.3	*0.3	*0.6	*1.2	*0.2	*1.4	*1.5	*0.5	*2.0
Australian Capital Territory	*0.4	*0.2	*0.7	3.2	1.3	4.5	3.7	1.5	5.2
<i>Australia</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>194.1</i>	<i>108.0</i>	<i>302.0</i>	<i>217.8</i>	<i>113.8</i>	<i>331.6</i>
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE IN FEBRUARY 1998									
— '000 —									
New South Wales	*4.5	*3.6	8.2	107.5	46.8	154.3	112.0	50.4	162.4
Victoria	*4.7	*0.7	5.4	79.2	33.3	112.5	83.9	34.0	117.9
Queensland	8.1	*0.3	8.4	62.2	27.7	89.9	70.3	28.0	98.3
South Australia	*2.0	*0.6	*2.5	25.7	10.9	36.6	27.7	11.5	39.2
Western Australia	*2.6	*0.5	*3.0	29.5	17.8	47.3	32.1	18.3	50.4
Tasmania	*0.7	*0.1	*0.8	8.7	4.1	12.7	9.4	4.1	13.5
Northern Territory	*0.2	*0.1	*0.3	*1.7	*1.0	2.8	*2.0	*1.2	3.1
Australian Capital Territory	*0.8	*0.4	1.3	5.2	2.2	7.4	6.0	2.7	8.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>319.7</i>	<i>143.9</i>	<i>463.6</i>	<i>343.3</i>	<i>150.2</i>	<i>493.5</i>
TOTAL									
— '000 —									
New South Wales	40.5	27.8	68.4	2,694.4	284.1	2,978.5	2,734.9	312.0	3,046.9
Victoria	36.4	14.4	50.8	2,034.9	240.1	2,275.0	2,071.3	254.5	2,325.8
Queensland	41.7	18.1	59.8	1,497.2	188.4	1,685.5	1,538.8	206.5	1,745.3
South Australia	13.4	4.0	17.4	617.2	76.7	693.9	630.6	80.7	711.3
Western Australia	20.4	7.9	28.3	814.4	99.6	914.0	834.9	107.5	942.4
Tasmania	3.7	*1.1	4.8	192.7	23.5	216.1	196.4	24.6	220.9
Northern Territory	5.1	3.1	8.2	64.1	7.3	71.4	69.2	10.4	79.6
Australian Capital Territory	6.8	2.7	9.5	148.4	13.8	162.2	155.1	16.5	171.7
Australia	167.9	79.2	247.1	8,063.2	933.4	8,996.7	8,231.2	1,012.6	9,243.8

9. WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION AND OCCUPATION OF CURRENT JOB

Duration of current job	Occupation				
	Managers and administrators	Professionals	Associate professionals	Tradespersons and related workers	Advanced clerical and service workers
MALES					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	48.5	138.0	91.7	204.7	13.3
Under 3 months	18.5	52.0	29.2	77.1	6.1
3 and under 6 months	10.3	29.6	25.1	53.4	*3.8
6 and under 12 months	19.7	56.5	37.3	74.2	*3.5
1 and under 2 years	28.7	79.3	62.8	112.4	*4.3
2 and under 3 years	25.7	77.5	55.2	103.4	*3.6
3 and under 5 years	48.1	91.3	74.8	164.6	*3.3
5 and under 10 years	77.6	136.1	85.0	179.4	10.5
10 and under 20 years	107.8	137.7	105.8	175.9	7.2
20 years and over	116.8	102.2	67.8	107.1	5.6
Total	453.2	762.2	542.9	1,047.4	47.9
FEMALES					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	16.2	128.2	69.0	23.9	68.1
Under 3 months	*4.2	60.5	22.2	9.8	25.9
3 and under 6 months	*4.5	23.9	18.3	*3.9	17.3
6 and under 12 months	7.4	43.8	28.5	10.3	24.9
1 and under 2 years	10.2	86.4	35.2	16.7	43.7
2 and under 3 years	11.7	72.5	30.6	12.1	35.6
3 and under 5 years	14.5	89.7	51.0	17.4	53.3
5 and under 10 years	25.4	149.7	62.3	22.6	74.8
10 and under 20 years	32.2	125.8	46.4	12.3	66.1
20 years and over	35.0	55.1	12.4	7.4	27.9
Total	145.3	707.4	306.9	112.5	369.5
PERSONS					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	64.7	266.3	160.7	228.6	81.4
Under 3 months	22.7	112.5	51.4	86.8	31.9
3 and under 6 months	14.9	53.5	43.4	57.3	21.1
6 and under 12 months	27.1	100.3	65.8	84.5	28.4
1 and under 2 years	38.9	165.8	98.0	129.1	48.0
2 and under 3 years	37.4	150.0	85.8	115.6	39.2
3 and under 5 years	62.7	181.0	125.8	182.0	56.6
5 and under 10 years	103.0	285.7	147.3	202.0	85.3
10 and under 20 years	140.0	263.5	152.2	188.2	73.4
20 years and over	151.7	157.3	80.2	114.5	33.5
Total	598.5	1,469.6	849.9	1,159.9	417.4

9. WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION AND OCCUPATION OF CURRENT JOB —continued

Duration of current job	Occupation				Total
	Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	Intermediate production and transport workers	Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	Labourers and related workers	
MALES					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	100.7	128.2	92.6	169.0	986.8
Under 3 months	36.0	50.1	38.3	79.3	386.5
3 and under 6 months	28.1	33.7	23.8	37.1	244.9
6 and under 12 months	36.6	44.5	30.5	52.6	355.3
1 and under 2 years	41.0	84.0	54.5	78.2	545.2
2 and under 3 years	44.8	57.5	35.3	60.7	463.7
3 and under 5 years	57.7	101.8	47.7	66.8	656.2
5 and under 10 years	67.0	123.0	33.9	63.7	776.2
10 and under 20 years	64.9	109.9	29.5	61.1	799.7
20 years and over	30.1	53.9	15.8	22.4	521.7
Total	406.2	658.3	309.3	521.9	4,749.4
FEMALES					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	254.6	20.2	184.0	84.5	848.7
Under 3 months	87.6	9.1	65.9	36.9	322.1
3 and under 6 months	68.8	7.2	52.5	17.8	214.2
6 and under 12 months	98.2	*3.8	65.6	29.8	312.4
1 and under 2 years	136.9	13.2	110.6	38.7	491.7
2 and under 3 years	124.5	10.6	81.5	37.9	416.9
3 and under 5 years	153.5	17.4	77.6	47.6	522.1
5 and under 10 years	190.3	18.5	62.4	49.1	655.1
10 and under 20 years	144.8	18.3	51.0	39.0	536.0
20 years and over	33.1	*3.5	13.3	11.4	199.0
Total	1,037.5	101.7	580.4	308.1	3,669.3
PERSONS					
— '000 —					
Under 1 year	355.3	148.4	276.6	253.6	1,835.5
Under 3 months	123.6	59.2	104.1	116.2	708.6
3 and under 6 months	96.9	40.9	76.4	54.9	459.2
6 and under 12 months	134.8	48.3	96.1	82.4	667.7
1 and under 2 years	178.0	97.1	165.1	116.9	1,036.9
2 and under 3 years	169.2	68.0	116.8	98.5	880.5
3 and under 5 years	211.2	119.3	125.3	114.4	1,178.3
5 and under 10 years	257.3	141.5	96.3	112.8	1,431.3
10 and under 20 years	209.6	128.3	80.5	100.1	1,335.6
20 years and over	63.1	57.4	29.1	33.8	720.6
Total	1,443.7	760.0	889.7	830.0	8,418.7

10. WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION AND INDUSTRY OF CURRENT JOB

Duration of current job	Industry								
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas and water supply	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	Transport and storage
MALES									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	39.8	10.7	139.8	7.0	114.9	72.7	162.5	57.5	51.6
Under 3 months	18.5	*4.4	52.4	*2.1	47.6	25.8	64.3	20.9	17.8
3 and under 6 months	10.6	*3.5	34.7	*2.2	29.7	21.0	44.5	14.7	13.1
6 and under 12 months	10.6	*2.8	52.8	*2.7	37.6	25.9	53.8	21.9	20.8
1 and under 2 years	21.3	11.2	97.0	*3.5	58.9	44.5	91.6	28.7	30.5
2 and under 3 years	19.6	6.7	75.5	*3.3	50.0	38.4	67.2	25.9	25.4
3 and under 5 years	25.6	6.2	124.4	*4.2	66.4	53.2	100.9	26.0	45.0
5 and under 10 years	41.3	11.6	146.1	6.0	79.3	69.4	82.3	22.4	60.5
10 and under 20 years	48.1	12.7	157.3	14.9	85.1	56.0	72.6	13.8	59.4
20 years and over	81.3	6.9	67.6	14.4	64.5	22.7	34.1	*4.7	42.2
Total	277.0	66.0	807.7	53.4	519.0	357.0	611.2	179.0	314.4
FEMALES									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	16.4	*2.6	60.1	*2.4	13.3	33.8	188.3	77.7	16.6
Under 3 months	7.9	*0.2	25.5	*0.7	6.1	11.1	63.9	32.1	*3.7
3 and under 6 months	*3.2	*1.4	14.9	*0.7	*1.8	10.3	55.0	18.1	*4.8
6 and under 12 months	5.3	*1.1	19.8	*1.0	5.5	12.5	69.4	27.5	8.1
1 and under 2 years	5.8	*1.6	36.7	*0.5	9.7	20.5	114.5	35.5	10.5
2 and under 3 years	8.8	*0.3	33.3	*0.8	8.9	13.9	94.4	26.5	12.3
3 and under 5 years	12.4	*1.1	42.2	*1.4	11.2	27.3	86.9	35.5	16.5
5 and under 10 years	20.3	*1.3	59.8	*1.0	14.6	34.9	80.7	25.8	22.3
10 and under 20 years	22.3	*0.5	51.0	*2.9	16.4	17.2	67.2	14.2	10.3
20 years and over	37.8	*0.1	15.7	*0.6	9.6	5.8	15.2	*3.3	5.3
Total	123.7	7.6	298.9	9.6	83.7	153.5	647.2	218.4	93.9
PERSONS									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	56.1	13.3	200.0	9.4	128.2	106.5	350.8	135.1	68.3
Under 3 months	26.4	*4.6	77.8	*2.8	53.6	36.9	128.2	53.0	21.5
3 and under 6 months	13.8	*4.9	49.6	*2.8	31.5	31.3	99.5	32.7	17.9
6 and under 12 months	15.9	*3.8	72.5	*3.7	43.1	38.3	123.1	49.5	28.9
1 and under 2 years	27.1	12.9	133.7	*4.0	68.5	65.0	206.1	64.2	41.0
2 and under 3 years	28.4	7.0	108.8	*4.1	58.9	52.4	161.6	52.4	37.6
3 and under 5 years	38.0	7.3	166.6	5.6	77.6	80.5	187.8	61.5	61.5
5 and under 10 years	61.7	13.0	205.9	7.0	93.9	104.3	163.0	48.2	82.8
10 and under 20 years	70.4	13.2	208.3	17.8	101.6	73.3	139.8	28.0	69.7
20 years and over	119.1	7.0	83.3	15.0	74.1	28.6	49.3	7.9	47.5
Total	400.8	73.6	1,106.6	63.0	602.7	510.5	1,258.4	397.4	408.3

10. WORKING AT FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION AND INDUSTRY OF CURRENT JOB —continued

Duration of current job	Industry								Total
	Communi- cation services	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Govern- ment adminis- tration and defence	Educa- tion	Health and comm- unity services	Cultural and recrea- tional services	Personal and other services	
MALES									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	21.7	30.1	134.3	27.7	26.8	29.7	23.4	36.5	986.8
Under 3 months	6.1	10.4	52.2	11.6	13.9	12.9	10.4	15.4	386.5
3 and under 6 months	*3.8	9.0	28.4	*4.5	*4.1	6.6	*4.8	9.7	244.9
6 and under 12 months	11.8	10.8	53.7	11.6	8.8	10.2	8.2	11.4	355.3
1 and under 2 years	7.0	9.5	69.0	11.5	14.0	17.2	15.8	14.0	545.2
2 and under 3 years	7.3	14.4	58.7	12.6	14.0	14.0	14.2	16.3	463.7
3 and under 5 years	13.6	18.1	63.3	21.1	19.5	27.1	18.0	23.7	656.2
5 and under 10 years	13.8	23.0	76.8	32.7	30.7	38.5	13.5	28.3	776.2
10 and under 20 years	20.2	25.7	69.5	44.6	42.2	31.0	15.2	31.3	799.7
20 years and over	19.3	13.5	32.4	26.9	38.9	22.8	10.9	18.6	521.7
Total	103.0	134.4	504.0	177.2	186.1	180.4	110.9	168.7	4,749.4
FEMALES									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	9.8	40.3	110.2	36.7	56.1	109.8	25.4	49.3	848.7
Under 3 months	*4.1	11.3	42.4	12.6	34.7	38.6	10.0	17.2	322.1
3 and under 6 months	*2.3	15.9	28.0	9.0	7.1	23.3	6.5	12.1	214.2
6 and under 12 months	*3.3	13.1	39.8	15.1	14.3	47.8	8.9	20.0	312.4
1 and under 2 years	*3.8	20.3	62.7	14.4	38.9	79.5	10.7	26.0	491.7
2 and under 3 years	*4.4	19.5	47.4	16.6	29.6	71.7	9.9	18.7	416.9
3 and under 5 years	12.2	28.4	53.9	14.2	45.3	100.0	10.8	22.8	522.1
5 and under 10 years	6.8	34.7	61.6	32.7	81.1	129.9	16.3	31.2	655.1
10 and under 20 years	8.3	34.0	41.1	36.4	78.8	107.8	14.4	13.0	536.0
20 years and over	*2.0	*4.9	10.7	7.2	44.8	24.4	5.3	6.1	199.0
Total	47.3	182.0	387.5	158.3	374.6	622.9	92.9	167.2	3,669.3
PERSONS									
— '000 —									
Under 1 year	31.5	70.4	244.5	64.4	82.8	139.5	48.8	85.8	1,835.5
Under 3 months	10.3	21.6	94.6	24.3	48.6	51.5	20.4	32.5	708.6
3 and under 6 months	6.1	24.9	56.4	13.5	11.2	29.9	11.3	21.8	459.2
6 and under 12 months	15.2	23.8	93.5	26.7	23.1	58.1	17.0	31.4	667.7
1 and under 2 years	10.8	29.8	131.7	25.9	52.9	96.7	26.5	40.0	1,036.9
2 and under 3 years	11.7	33.9	106.1	29.2	43.6	85.7	24.1	35.0	880.5
3 and under 5 years	25.8	46.5	117.2	35.4	64.8	127.1	28.8	46.5	1,178.3
5 and under 10 years	20.6	57.7	138.3	65.5	111.8	168.3	29.8	59.5	1,431.3
10 and under 20 years	28.6	59.8	110.6	81.0	121.0	138.8	29.6	44.3	1,335.6
20 years and over	21.4	18.4	43.1	34.1	83.7	47.2	16.2	24.7	720.6
Total	150.3	316.4	891.5	335.6	560.7	803.3	203.7	335.9	8,418.7

11. CEASED A JOB DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1998: DURATION OF AND REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB

Duration of last job	Reason for ceasing last job												
	Job loser			Job leaver									
	Job was			Ceased a job with employer/business					Retired, new		Total	Total job leaver	Total
	Retrenched	temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Own ill health or injury	Unsatisfactory work conditions	Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	business, better job, family or other reason	Changed locality but not employer/business						
MALES													
— '000 —													
Under 1 year	110.8	96.0	14.5	221.4	50.4	26.8	109.9	187.0	65.8	252.8	474.2		
Under 3 months	46.4	60.5	*4.0	111.0	18.4	22.5	34.9	75.8	19.5	95.4	206.4		
3 and under 6 months	28.4	16.8	*4.9	50.0	12.9	*2.2	27.2	42.4	16.8	59.1	109.2		
6 and under 12 months	36.1	18.7	5.6	60.3	19.0	*2.0	47.7	68.8	29.5	98.3	158.6		
1 and under 2 years	34.9	7.0	5.1	47.0	15.2	*0.6	60.3	76.2	28.4	104.6	151.6		
2 and under 3 years	24.9	*3.0	*1.5	29.4	7.6	*0.5	42.6	50.7	24.1	74.9	104.3		
3 and under 5 years	26.9	*3.3	*3.5	33.7	7.3	*0.7	50.3	58.3	22.4	80.7	114.4		
5 and under 10 years	19.8	*1.5	6.4	27.7	7.3	*0.3	33.1	40.7	23.2	63.8	91.5		
10 and under 20 years	19.0	*0.3	*4.0	23.3	*3.5	*0.0	23.7	27.2	12.2	39.4	62.7		
20 years and over	17.4	*0.8	*4.1	22.3	*1.1	*0.0	16.4	17.5	*2.2	19.7	42.0		
Total	253.7	111.8	39.2	404.7	92.3	28.9	336.4	457.6	178.3	635.9	1,040.6		
FEMALES													
— '000 —													
Under 1 year	74.7	92.1	13.1	179.9	52.0	17.4	138.2	207.7	45.1	252.8	432.7		
Under 3 months	33.6	64.3	5.5	103.4	16.3	13.6	43.9	73.8	17.0	90.8	194.2		
3 and under 6 months	16.8	14.3	*5.0	36.0	13.7	*2.3	31.0	47.0	9.0	56.0	92.0		
6 and under 12 months	24.3	13.6	*2.6	40.5	22.0	*1.5	63.3	86.8	19.1	106.0	146.5		
1 and under 2 years	18.1	9.4	*3.3	30.8	20.1	*1.7	88.1	109.9	21.6	131.5	162.4		
2 and under 3 years	12.9	*3.7	*3.7	20.3	7.9	*1.8	45.2	55.0	18.9	73.9	94.2		
3 and under 5 years	13.4	*2.6	*4.7	20.7	6.8	*0.0	54.3	61.2	19.5	80.7	101.4		
5 and under 10 years	19.9	*2.4	5.5	27.8	*3.4	*0.2	40.1	43.7	12.6	56.3	84.0		
10 and under 20 years	12.2	*1.0	*3.4	16.6	*3.7	*0.0	22.0	25.7	6.9	32.6	49.2		
20 years and over	*3.6	*0.3	*1.2	*5.1	*0.0	*0.0	11.0	11.0	*0.6	11.6	16.7		
Total	154.9	111.4	34.9	301.2	94.0	21.1	399.1	514.1	125.3	639.4	940.6		
PERSONS													
— '000 —													
Under 1 year	185.6	188.1	27.6	401.3	102.4	44.2	248.1	394.7	110.9	505.6	906.9		
Under 3 months	80.0	124.8	9.6	214.4	34.7	36.1	78.8	149.6	36.6	186.2	400.6		
3 and under 6 months	45.2	31.1	9.8	86.1	26.6	*4.5	58.3	89.4	25.7	115.1	201.2		
6 and under 12 months	60.4	32.2	8.2	100.8	41.0	*3.5	111.1	155.6	48.6	204.3	305.1		
1 and under 2 years	53.0	16.4	8.5	77.8	35.3	*2.3	148.4	186.1	50.0	236.1	313.9		
2 and under 3 years	37.8	6.7	5.2	49.7	15.5	*2.4	87.8	105.7	43.0	148.8	198.5		
3 and under 5 years	40.3	5.9	8.2	54.4	14.1	*0.7	104.7	119.4	41.9	161.3	215.7		
5 and under 10 years	39.7	*3.9	11.9	55.4	10.7	*0.5	73.2	84.4	35.7	120.1	175.6		
10 and under 20 years	31.3	*1.3	7.4	39.9	7.2	*0.0	45.8	53.0	19.1	72.0	111.9		
20 years and over	21.0	*1.1	5.3	27.3	*1.1	*0.0	27.4	28.5	*2.8	31.3	58.7		
Total	408.6	223.2	74.1	705.9	186.2	50.0	735.5	971.7	303.6	1,275.3	1,981.2		

12. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
— '000 —									
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who worked during the year ending February 1998	1,698.5	1,290.5	964.4	394.8	528.4	124.3	43.2	89.2	5,133.2
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998	1,581.9	1,201.1	878.1	363.0	489.0	112.5	40.2	83.6	4,749.4
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998 and had changed location from previous job	47.9	45.4	36.4	14.1	23.5	3.4	*1.7	5.9	178.3
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998	297.2	244.9	232.1	84.0	125.3	24.1	11.3	21.6	1,040.6
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998 and were working at February 1998	180.7	155.5	145.8	52.2	85.9	12.4	8.3	15.9	656.7
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997	1,554.1	1,169.0	862.3	355.0	477.4	111.3	37.7	82.6	4,649.5
<i>Population 7:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997 and at February 1998	1,470.0	1,108.8	802.1	335.0	450.9	103.9	35.2	78.6	4,384.5
FEMALES									
— '000 —									
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who worked during the year ending February 1998	1,348.4	1,035.3	780.9	316.5	413.9	96.7	36.4	82.5	4,110.6
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998	1,207.6	928.9	690.6	280.6	367.3	85.8	34.3	74.3	3,669.3
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998 and had changed location from previous job	37.4	30.5	26.0	10.9	13.4	2.0	*1.4	3.7	125.3
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998	280.0	230.2	200.7	73.8	106.9	19.2	8.3	21.4	940.6
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998 and were working at February 1998	139.3	123.8	110.3	37.8	60.3	8.4	6.2	13.2	499.4
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997	1,180.7	902.4	676.5	275.6	357.4	85.1	31.5	72.5	3,581.7
<i>Population 7:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997 and at February 1998	1,088.7	831.0	612.1	251.3	327.8	77.3	30.5	66.9	3,285.6

12. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE—continued

	<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>
	PERSONS								
	— '000 —								
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who worked during the year ending February 1998	3,046.9	2,325.8	1,745.3	711.3	942.4	220.9	79.6	171.7	9,243.8
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998	2,789.6	2,130.0	1,568.6	643.5	856.3	198.4	74.5	157.8	8,418.7
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who were working at February 1998 and had changed location from previous job	85.3	75.8	62.4	25.0	36.9	5.4	3.2	9.6	303.6
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998	577.3	475.1	432.8	157.8	232.3	43.3	19.6	43.0	1,981.2
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998 and were working at February 1998	320.0	279.3	256.1	90.0	146.2	20.8	14.5	29.2	1,156.1
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997	2,734.9	2,071.3	1,538.8	630.6	834.9	196.4	69.2	155.1	8,231.2
<i>Population 7:</i> Persons who were working at February 1997 and at February 1998	2,558.7	1,939.8	1,414.2	586.3	778.7	181.2	65.7	145.5	7,670.1

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This survey was conducted as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 For further information about the LFS, see *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This publication contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing which are relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

SCOPE

3 In addition to those already excluded from the LFS, there were approximately 80,000 persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia who were out of scope of this survey. The exclusion of these persons has only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual States and Territories, except the Northern Territory. Please contact the person listed on the front cover of this publication if you require more information.

4 Students at boarding schools, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for the handicapped), and inmates of prisons are further excluded from all supplementary surveys.

5 This survey was restricted to persons less than 70 years who had worked at some time during the year ending February 1998.

6 Estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1998. Because of emigration, deaths, etc. not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Details of last job and job held at February 1998 may relate to jobs outside Australia.

COVERAGE

7 In the LFS, 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 in the survey (see *Labour Force, Australia* Cat. no. 6203.0).

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

8 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- Sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For further information on sampling error, refer to Technical Notes.
- Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that 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 processing procedures.

SEASONAL FACTORS

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

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATIONS

10 From August 1996, occupation data are classified according to the second edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). For more detailed information see *ASCO — Australian Standard Classifications of Occupations* (Cat. no. 1220.0) and Information Paper — *Census of Population and Housing: Link Between First and Second Editions of Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO)* (Cat no. 1232.0).

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

11 Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The last such revision was made in February 1994 to take account of the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates from supplementary surveys conducted after February 1994 are therefore based on revised population benchmarks.

12 Prior to February 1990, this survey was either four-eighths or six-eighths of the full LFS sample. From February 1990 to February 1994 this was expanded to all dwellings selected in the LFS. From February 1996, seven-eighths of the LFS sample were surveyed. As a result, the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

13 The estimates from this survey are not strictly comparable with those obtained from all previous surveys. The scope of surveys run prior to February 1990 included persons aged 15 and over. From February 1990 the survey scope was restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over. However the effect on the estimates is expected to be small.

COMPARABILITY WITH
MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE
SURVEY STATISTICS

14 Due to differences in the scope and sample size of this supplementary survey and that of the LFS, the estimation procedure may lead to some small variations between labour force estimates from this survey and those from the LFS.

15 It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the LFS for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the LFS depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference week. For this survey, a person is assigned to a labour force category on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms working and looking for work are used in this survey rather than the precisely defined terms employed and unemployed used in the LFS.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

16 Results of similar surveys, conducted in November 1972, February 1975 and February 1976, annually from February 1979 to February 1992, February 1994 and February 1996 were published in *Labour Mobility, Australia* (Cat. no. 6209.0).

NEXT SURVEY

17 The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) plans to conduct this survey again in February 2000.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

18 ABS surveys draw extensively on information provided by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) — issued monthly
- *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6206.0) — issued two-yearly
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0) — issued annually
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6245.0) — issued two-yearly
- *Underemployed Workers, Australia* (Cat. no. 6265.0) — issued annually

20 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or from the ABS Information Service on the World Wide Web, <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

APPENDIX: POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1:	Persons who worked during the year ending February 1998.
POPULATION 2:	Persons who were working at February 1998.
POPULATION 3:	Persons who were working at February 1998 and had changed locality from previous job.
POPULATION 4:	Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998.
POPULATION 5:	Persons who had ceased a job during the year ending February 1998 and were working at February 1997.
POPULATION 6:	Persons who were working at February 1997.
POPULATION 7:	Persons who were working at February 1997 and at February 1998.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	ALL
New South Wales		Family member	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With dependants	
South Australia		Without dependants	
Western Australia		Lone parent	
Tasmania		With dependants	
Northern Territory		Without dependants	
Australian Capital Territory		Dependent student(a)	
		Non-dependent child(b)	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Other family person	
Capital City		Non-family member	
Balance of State/Territory		Lone person	
		Not living alone	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Not determined	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
4 SEX	ALL	Family member	
Male		Husband or wife	
Female		With children under 15	
		Without children under 15	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	Lone parent	
Married		With children under 15	
Not-married		With dependent student(s) but without children under 15	
		Without dependants	
		Dependent student(a)	
		Non-dependent child(b)	
		Other family person	
		Non-family member	
		Lone person	
		Not living alone	
		Not determined	

(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.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL ALL Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1971 Arrived 1971–80 Arrived 1981–90 Arrived 1991 to survey date	
7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL
Born in Australia Born outside Australia Born in main English-speaking countries Born in other countries	
7C BIRTHPLACE (2)	ALL
Born in Australia Born outside Australia Oceania New Zealand Europe and the former USSR Germany Greece Italy Netherlands United Kingdom and Ireland Former Yugoslav Republics The Middle East and North Africa Lebanon Southeast Asia Malaysia Philippines Viet Nam Northeast Asia China (Includes Hong Kong SAR) Southern Asia The Americas Africa (excluding North Africa)	
8 AGE GROUP (YEARS)	ALL
15–19 20–24 25–34 35–44 45–54 55–69	
9 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (at February 1998)	1, 4, 6
In the labour force Working Looking for work Not in the labour force	
10 STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN CURRENT JOB	2, 3, 5, 7
Employee Employer Own account worker Contributing family worker	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
11 FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS OF CURRENT JOB	2, 3, 5, 7
Full-time Part-time Not asked	
12A DURATION OF CURRENT JOB (1)	2, 7
Under 1 year Under 3 months 3 and under 6 months 6 and under 12 months 1 and under 2 years 2 and under 3 years 3 and under 5 years 5 and under 10 years 10 and under 20 years 20 years and over	
12B DURATION OF CURRENT JOB (2)	3, 5
Under 3 months 3 and under 6 months 6 and under 12 months	
13 OCCUPATION OF CURRENT JOB	2, 3, 5, 7
Managers and administrators Professionals Associate professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	
14 INDUSTRY OF CURRENT JOB	2, 3, 5, 7
Agriculture, forestry and fishing Mining Manufacturing Electricity, gas and water supply Construction Wholesale trade Retail trade Accommodation, cafes and restaurants Transport and storage Communication services Finance and insurance Property and business services Government administration and defence Education Health and community services Cultural and recreational services Personal and other services	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
15 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	ALL
With post-school qualifications	
Higher degree	
Post-graduate diploma	
Bachelor degree	
Undergraduate or associate diploma	
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	
Other	
Level unknown (nursing)	
Without post-school qualifications	
Completed highest level of secondary school	
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	
Left aged under 14 years	
Left school at age —	
under 14 years	
under 15 years	
under 16 years	
under 17 years	
under 18 years	
under 19 years	
under 20 years	
20 years or more	
Never attended school	
Still at school	
16 NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS OR BUSINESSES DURING THE YEAR	ALL
One	
Two	
Three	
Four or more	
17 NUMBER OF CHANGES IN LOCALITY DURING THE YEAR	ALL
Nil	
One	
Two	
Three	
Four or more	
18 JOB MOBILITY	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
Changed employer/business or locality	
Changed employer/business and locality	
Changed employer/business only	
Changed locality only	
Did not change employer/business or locality	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
19A SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998	1, 4
Working at February 1998	
One year or more in current job	
Less than one year in current job	
Not working at February 1997	
Working at February 1997	
Not working at February 1998	
Began last job more than one year ago	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
Began and ceased a job during the year	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
19B SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998 — INDUSTRY	— 1, 4
Working at February 1998	
One year or more in current job	
Less than one year in current job	
Not working at February 1997	
Working at February 1998	
Same industry division	
Changed industry division	
Not working at February 1997	
Began last job more than one year ago	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
Began and ceased a job during the year	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
19C SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998 — OCCUPATION	— 1, 4
Working at February 1998	
One year or more in current job	
Less than one year in current job	
Not working at February 1998	
Working at February 1997	
Same occupation major group	
Changed occupation major group	
Not working at February 1998	
Began last job more than one year ago	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
Began and ceased a job during the year	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force.	

DATA ITEM **POPULATIONS**

**19D SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM
FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998 —
FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS** **1, 4**

- Working at February 1998
 - One year or more in current job
 - Less than one year in current job
- Not working at February 1997
 - Working at February 1997
 - Did not change full-time/part-time status
 - Changed full-time/part-time status
 - Change in full-time/part-time status not determined
 - Not working at February 1998
 - Began last job more than one year ago
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force
 - Began and ceased a job during the year
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force

**20A SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM
LAST TO CURRENT JOB** **1**

- Working at February 1998
 - One year or more in current job
 - Less than one year in current job
 - No previous job during the year
 - Had a previous job during the year
- Not working at February 1998
 - Began last job more than one year ago
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force
 - Began and ceased a job during the year
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force

**20B SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM
LAST TO CURRENT JOB — INDUSTRY** **1**

- Working at February 1998
 - One year or more in current job
 - Less than one year in current job
 - No previous job during the year
 - Had a previous job during the year
 - Same industry division
 - Changed industry division
- Not working at February 1998
 - Began last job more than one year ago
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force
 - Began and ceased a job during the year
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force

DATA ITEM **POPULATIONS**

**20C SUMMARY OF JOB CHANGE FROM
LAST TO CURRENT JOB — OCCUPATION** **1**

- Working at February 1998
 - One year or more in current job
 - Less than one year in current job
 - No previous job during the year
 - Had a previous job during the year
 - Same occupation major group
 - Changed occupation major group
- Not working at February 1998
 - Began last job more than one year ago
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force
 - Began and ceased a job during the year
 - Looking for work
 - Not in the labour force

21 REASON CHANGED LOCALITY **3**

- Employment reasons
 - Employer changed locality/business moved to other premises
 - Unsatisfactory work conditions
 - Promotion/secondment
 - Home operator who changed residence
 - Transfer
 - Changed working arrangements
- Personal reasons
 - Health, medical reasons (self only)
 - Wanted a change
 - Move closer to home
 - Personal/family reasons
 - Other reasons

22 REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB **4, 5**

- Job loser
 - Retrenched
 - Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies
 - Own ill health or injury
- Job leaver
 - Ceased a job with employer/business
 - Unsatisfactory work conditions
 - Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies
 - Retired, new business, better job, family or other reasons
 - Changed locality but not employer
 - Employment reasons
 - Personal reasons
 - Other reasons

23 STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN LAST JOB **3-5**

- Employee
- Employer
- Own account worker
- Contributing family worker

**24 FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS OF
LAST JOB** **3-5**

- Full-time
- Part-time

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
25 DURATION OF LAST JOB	3-5	29A WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY DIVISION (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5
Under 1 year		Did not change industry	
Under 3 months		Changed industry	
3 and under 6 months		29B WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY SUB-DIVISION (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5
6 and under 12 months		Did not change industry	
1 and under 2 years		Changed industry	
2 and under 3 years		29C WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY GROUP (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5
3 and under 5 years		Did not change industry	
5 and under 10 years		Changed industry	
10 and under 20 years		30 STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN FEBRUARY 1997 (12 months ago)	6, 7
20 years and over		Employee	
26 OCCUPATION OF LAST JOB	3-5	Employer	
Managers and administrators		Own account worker	
Professionals		Contributing family worker	
Associate professionals		31 FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS OF FEBRUARY 1997 (12 months ago)	6, 7
Tradespersons and related workers		Full-time	
Advanced clerical and service workers		Part-time	
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers		Not asked	
Intermediate production and transport workers		32 OCCUPATION AT FEBRUARY 1997	6, 7
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers		Managers and administrators	
Labourers and related workers		Professionals	
27 INDUSTRY OF LAST JOB	3-5	Associate professionals	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing		Tradespersons and related workers	
Mining		Advanced clerical and service workers	
Manufacturing		Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	
Electricity, gas and water supply		Intermediate production and transport workers	
Construction		Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	
Wholesale trade		Labourers and related workers	
Retail trade		33 INDUSTRY AT FEBRUARY 1997	6, 7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants		Agriculture, forestry and fishing	
Transport and storage		Mining	
Communication services		Manufacturing	
Finance and insurance		Electricity, gas and water supply	
Property and business services		Construction	
Government administration and defence		Wholesale trade	
Education		Retail trade	
Health and community services		Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	
Cultural and recreational services		Transport and storage	
Personal and other services		Communication services	
28A WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION MAJOR GROUP (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5	Finance and insurance	
Did not change occupation		Property and business services	
Changed occupation		Government administration and defence	
28B WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION MINOR GROUP (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5	Education	
Did not change occupation		Health and community services	
Changed occupation		Cultural and recreational services	
28C WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION UNIT GROUP (LAST TO CURRENT JOB)	3, 5	Personal and other services	
Did not change occupation			
Changed occupation			

DATA ITEMS	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEMS	POPULATIONS
34A WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION MAJOR GROUP (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7	35B WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY SUB-DIVISION (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7
Did not change occupation		Did not change industry	
Changed occupation		Changed industry	
34B WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION MINOR GROUP (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7	35C WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY GROUP (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7
Did not change occupation		Did not change industry	
Changed occupation		Changed industry	
34C WHETHER CHANGED OCCUPATION UNIT GROUP (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7	36 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT FEBRUARY 1997	ALL
Did not change occupation		New South Wales	
Changed occupation		Victoria	
		Queensland	
		South Australia	
		Western Australia	
		Tasmania	
		Northern Territory	
		Australian Capital Territory	
		Outside Australia	
35A WHETHER CHANGED INDUSTRY DIVISION (FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998)	7	37 WHETHER CHANGED STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE FROM FEBRUARY 1997 TO FEBRUARY 1998	ALL
Did not change industry		Changed State of usual residence	
Changed industry		Did not change State of usual residence	

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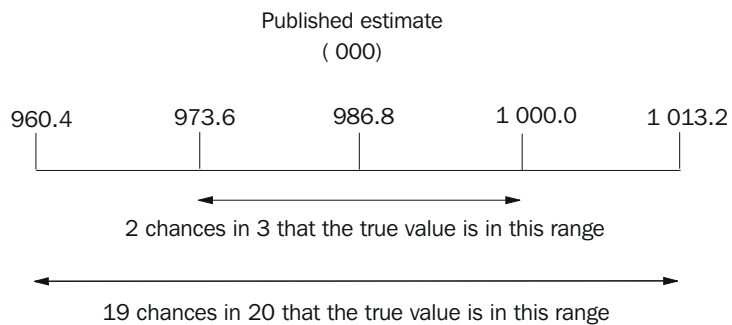
INTRODUCTION

1 Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), 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 SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

2 SEs for general application are given in table T1. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the SE of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SE in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of males who, in February 1998 had been in their current job for less than one year as 986,800. Since this estimate is between 500,000 and 1,000,000, T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 10,150 and 13,300 and can be approximated by interpolation as 13,200 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 973,600 to 1,000,000 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 960,400 to 1,013,200. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



4 As can be seen from the SE table, the smaller the estimate, the higher is the RSE. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high SEs (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In these tables, only estimates with RSEs less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger RSEs have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution.

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

5 Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below:

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

6 Considering the example from the previous page, 986,800 males represent 20.8% of the 4,749,400 males working in February 1998. The SE of 4,749,400 is approximately 23,200 so the RSE is 0.5%. The RSE for 986,800 is 1.3%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is $\sqrt{(1.3)^2 - (0.5)^2}$ or 1.2%, giving a SE for the proportion (20.8%) of 0.2 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males who had been in their current job for less than one year is between 20.6% and 21% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 20.4% to 21.2%.

DIFFERENCE

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

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

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

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	RSE
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	..	..	..	140	..	100	140	90	..	..
200	..	..	220	200	210	140	190	120	210	105.0
300	360	310	280	240	250	170	230	150	270	90.0
500	470	410	360	310	320	230	280	190	360	72.0
700	560	480	430	370	380	270	330	220	440	62.9
1 000	670	580	510	440	450	320	390	260	540	54.0
1 500	820	710	620	530	550	380	470	310	670	44.7
2 000	940	820	720	610	620	430	530	350	780	39.0
2 500	1 050	920	800	670	690	470	590	390	880	35.2
3 000	1 150	1 000	870	730	750	510	640	420	970	32.3
3 500	1 230	1 080	930	790	800	550	690	450	1 050	30.0
4 000	1 310	1 150	990	830	850	580	730	470	1 120	28.0
5 000	1 450	1 300	1 100	900	950	650	800	500	1 250	25.0
7 000	1 700	1 500	1 300	1 050	1 100	700	950	600	1 500	21.4
10 000	2 000	1 750	1 500	1 250	1 300	800	1100	700	1 800	18.0
15 000	2 400	2 100	1 800	1 500	1 500	950	1 350	800	2 150	14.3
20 000	2 700	2 400	2 050	1 700	1 700	1 050	1 550	900	2 500	12.5
30 000	3 250	2 850	2 450	2 000	2 050	1 200	1 850	1 050	3 000	10.0
40 000	3 650	3 250	2 750	2 200	2 300	1 300	2 100	1 200	3 450	8.6
50 000	4 000	3 550	3 000	2 450	2 500	1 400	2 350	1 300	3 800	7.6
100 000	5 350	4 700	4 000	3 200	3 300	1 650	3 250	1 650	5 200	5.2
150 000	6 300	5 550	4 700	3 700	3 850	1 850	3 950	1 900	6 200	4.1
200 000	7 000	6 200	5 250	4 100	4 250	1 950	4 550	2 100	7 000	3.5
300 000	8 200	7 200	6 100	4 750	4 950	2 150	..	2 400	8 250	2.8
500 000	9 900	8 700	7 400	5 700	6 000	2 400	..	..	10 150	2.0
1 000 000	12 700	11 100	9 450	7 150	7 650	..	..	..	13 300	1.3
2 000 000	16 150	14 050	12 000	8 950	9 650	..	..	..	17 200	0.9
5 000 000	21 800	18 800	16 200	..	..	..	..	..	23 750	0.5
10 000 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29 850	0.3

GLOSSARY

Ceased a job	Refer to definitions of Job leavers and Job losers.
Couple families	Families in which there are two married persons and these persons are husband and wife.
Current job	The job in which the person worked in the week before the interview for an employer/business. Where the person worked in more than one job during this period, the main job, i.e. the job in which most hours were usually worked, was regarded as the current job.
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 current job	The period between the commencement of the current job up to the week before the interview.
Duration of last job	The period from the commencement of the last job up to the time the person ceased working in that job.
Educational attainment	Measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications. The seven categories for level of attainment are as follows:
<i>Higher degree</i>	Comprises primarily Doctorates and Master's degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a Master's degree or a first class Honours degree for a Doctorate and completion of an Honours degree for a Master's degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a Doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a Master's degree. This level of qualification is designed to recognise significant contributions to original research or the application of knowledge within a given field of study.
<i>Postgraduate diploma</i>	Includes Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a Bachelor degree or an Undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent. Courses usually build on undergraduate studies, and are designed to broaden or develop professional knowledge and skills in a related or new area of studies.

<i>Bachelor degree</i>	The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses are designed to provide students with a systematic and coherent introduction to a broad body of knowledge. The emphasis is on the underlying principles and concepts of that body of knowledge.
<i>Undergraduate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing. Courses are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for practice in a professional or associate professional occupation.
<i>Associate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a prerequisite certificate course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time or its equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skill necessary to give support to professionals, and for positions in advanced trade, technical or associate professional occupations. Advanced Certificates, Technician's Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diplomas.
<i>Skilled vocational qualification</i>	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a specific vocation, recognised trade or craft that requires a high degree of skill in a range of related activities.
<i>Basic vocational qualification</i>	Often requires Year 10 completion, however many courses have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the practical skills and background knowledge necessary for employment at the operative level in many different fields.

Family Two or more related persons (comprises 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; or
- 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.

Further details on the determination of family relationships are given in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)

Full-time work Hours worked in the survey week is used to determine full-time status of individuals working at February 1998. Individuals who usually worked a total of 35 hours or more a week in all jobs, and others who usually worked less than 35 hours a week, but worked 35 hours or more during the survey week, were considered to be working full-time.

When questions were asked about last job and job held at February 1997 the individual's perception of 'full-time' work was accepted.

Industry All occurrences of industry in this publication refer to Division, as classified by the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0).

Job leavers Persons who ceased their last job voluntarily, that is, because:

- of unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours; or
- the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they left that job to return to studies; or
- they retired, started a new business, got a better job, left for family reasons; or
- changed locality but not employer/business.

Job losers Persons who ceased their last job involuntarily, that is:

- they were retrenched or their business closed down because of financial difficulties; or
- their job was temporary or seasonal and they did not leave that job to return to studies; or
- they left their job because of their own ill health or injury.

Job mobile	Defined as a change of job which may involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ a change of employer/business; or ■ a change of locality without a change of employer/business.
Last job	The last job in which employment ceased during the reference period.
Locality	In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality. Where a person works at different sites for the same employer (e.g. a construction worker), their base of operations (i.e. the employer's office, depot, yard, etc.) is considered to be their locality. The movement of an employer's operations to premises in a different locality would entail a change of locality for employees.
Lone parent	The head of a one-parent family.
Lone person	A person who is the sole member of a household.
Looking for work	Out of work and looking for a job. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.
Main English-speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, New Zealand and South Africa.
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.
Non-dependent child	In couple or one parent families, sons or daughters aged 15 and over not attending school or a tertiary educational institution full time (except those classified as husbands, wives or lone 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	Not working or looking for work. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.
Number of changes in locality during the year	For persons currently working, it is the number of times they have changed locality with respect to their current employer or business. For persons not currently working, it is the number of times they have changed locality with respect to their last employer or business.
Occupation	Occurrences of occupation in this publication relate to major Group as defined by <i>ASCO – Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997</i> (Cat. no. 1220.0).

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.
Part-time work	Hours worked in the survey week is used to determine part-time status of individuals working at February 1998. Individuals who usually worked less than 35 hours a week in all their jobs and did so in the survey week were considered to be working part-time. When asked questions about their last job and job held at February 1997 individuals who did not perceive themselves as working full-time were considered to be working part-time.
Persons with post-school qualifications	Persons who have obtained a vocational qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification, since leaving school. See Educational attainment for a description of these qualifications.
Previous job	Refer to definition of Last job.
Reference period	The 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview.
Working	Working or on paid or unpaid leave from job. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

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■ Participation in Education. Annual. Latest issue September 1997	6272.0
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■ Persons Not in the Labour Force. Annual. Latest issue September 1997	6220.0
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■ Retirement and Retirement Intentions. Irregular. Latest issue November 1997	6238.0
■ Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience. Two-yearly. Latest issue July 1996	6245.0
■ Superannuation. Irregular. Latest issue November 1995	6319.0
■ Trade Union Members. Two-yearly. Latest issue August 1996	6325.0
■ Training and Education Experience. Irregular. Latest issue 1993	6278.0
■ Transition from Education to Work. Annual. Irregular. Latest issue May 1997	6227.0
■ Underemployed Workers. Annual. Latest issue September 1997	6265.0
■ Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution). Annual. Latest issue August 1997	6310.0
■ Working Arrangements. Irregular. Latest issue August 1997	6342.0

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