

JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION This publication presents information about the job search experience of unemployed persons, in terms of the steps they have taken to find work and the difficulties they have encountered in finding work. Demographic information is provided about these persons along with certain information about their previous employment.

JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS SURVEY The statistics in this publication are compiled from data collected in the Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey that was conducted throughout Australia in July 1999 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS).

Data from the survey relate to persons who were unemployed in July 1999, except for those unemployed persons who were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been stood down. All tables in this publication, with the exception of table 1, exclude this group of unemployed persons.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service
LFS	Labour Force Survey
n.a.	not available
RSE	relative standard error
SE	standard error
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses

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

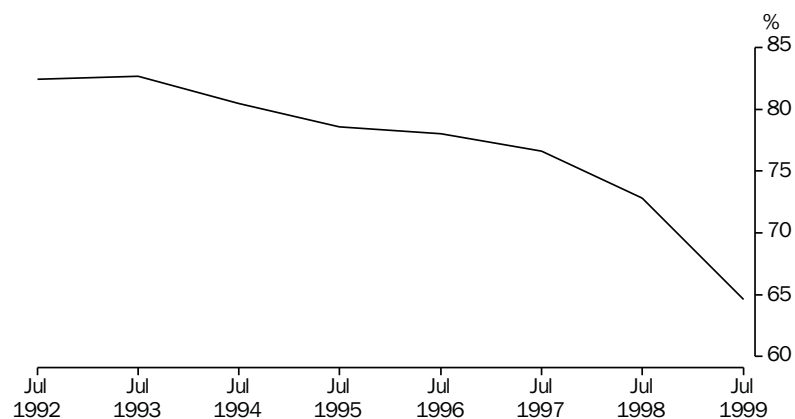
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

In July 1999, there were 591,000 unemployed persons excluding those who were stood down, a 15% decrease since July 1998. Three in four (77%) unemployed persons were looking for full-time work, a decrease from the 82% looking for full-time work 12 months earlier. Most males (86%) were seeking full-time work, as were the majority of females (63%).

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In July 1999, 65% of unemployed persons were registered with Centrelink. This is a decrease of 8 percentage points since July 1998 and continues the steady decline in the use of government provided employment services from a high of 83% in July 1993.

PROPORTION OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS REGISTERED WITH CENTRELINK/CES



Some 63% of unemployed persons were registered with Centrelink and contacted prospective employers. A further 32% contacted prospective employers but were not registered with Centrelink.

Unemployed persons looking for full-time work were more likely to be registered with Centrelink than those looking for part-time work. Of those looking for full-time work, approximately three quarters (78%) were registered with Centrelink. The most common active step taken by those looking for part-time work was contacting prospective employers without having registered with Centrelink (71%).

The most commonly reported main difficulties in finding work for unemployed persons were:

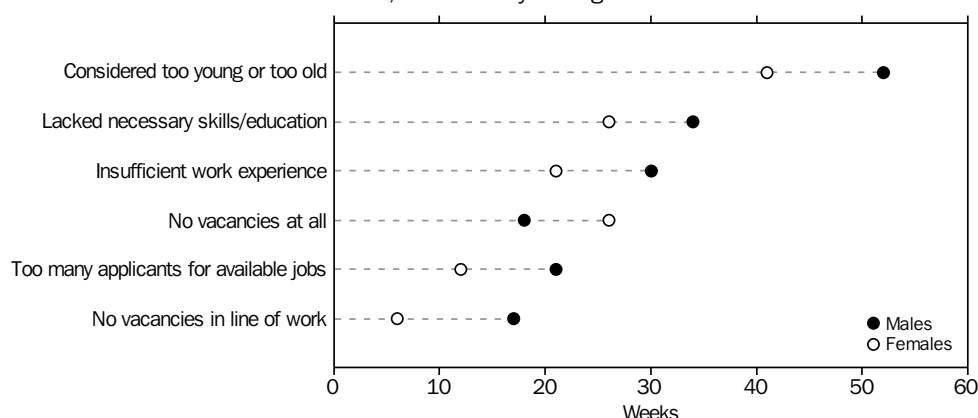
- considered too young or too old by employers (15%);
- too many applicants for available jobs (12%);
- lacked necessary skills/education (11%);
- insufficient work experience (10%); and
- no vacancies at all (10%).

Unemployed persons who reported being 'considered too young or too old by employers' had the highest median duration of unemployment (52 weeks).

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MEDIAN DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, Main Difficulty Finding Work



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In July 1999, 59% of unemployed persons did not have post-school qualifications. Of this group, 72% had not completed the highest level of secondary school available.

Almost one-third (32%) of unemployed persons had post-school qualifications. Most (61%) of this group had a skilled or basic vocational qualification, another 19% had an undergraduate or associate diploma, and a further 19% had a bachelor degree or higher.

YOUNG UNEMPLOYED

Over a third (37%) of unemployed persons were aged 15–24 years. The number of young unemployed persons has decreased over the last three years from 268,800 in July 1997 to 215,900 in July 1999. However, as a proportion of all unemployed persons, they remain at a similar level (about 36% to 37%).

Some 46% of unemployed persons aged 15–19 years and 84% of those aged 20–24 years were seeking full-time work. More young males (68%) wanted full-time work than young females (55%).

The main difficulty in gaining employment that young unemployed persons reported was 'insufficient work experience' (17% of unemployed persons aged 15–19 years and 21% of those aged 20–24 years). Other difficulties experienced were 'too many applicants for available jobs' (11% and 16% respectively); and 'lacked the necessary skills/education' (12% and 14%).

THE LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED

In July 1999, 187,100 persons were considered long-term unemployed, that is, they had been unemployed for twelve months or longer. This represented 32% of all unemployed persons. Most (89%) long-term unemployed persons were seeking full-time work, and the majority (86%) reported they had not received any offers of employment in the previous 12 months.

Being 'too young or too old' was an obstacle to finding work for one in four (26%) long-term unemployed persons. A 'lack of the necessary skills or education' sought by employers (13%) and their 'own ill health or disability' (11%) were other commonly reported difficulties.

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1. ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994	July 1995	July 1996	July 1997	July 1998	July 1999
ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS								
— '000 —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	529.0	510.2	419.1	377.8	368.3	391.8	379.2	299.0
Females	257.5	251.4	233.6	195.5	206.2	205.1	196.5	158.8
Persons	786.6	761.7	652.7	573.2	574.5	596.9	575.7	457.8
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	36.5	35.7	39.0	40.4	43.1	42.1	41.4	49.5
Females	78.3	77.4	89.1	72.0	86.9	80.8	83.4	87.3
Persons	115.0	113.1	128.1	112.4	130.0	122.9	124.8	136.8
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	10.6	11.4	9.7	14.2	10.7	13.7	12.0	10.9
Females	14.2	14.3	13.4	9.7	16.4	17.4	15.2	18.5
Persons	24.8	25.7	23.1	23.9	27.1	31.1	27.3	29.4
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	576.1	557.3	467.8	432.4	422.1	447.6	432.7	359.4
Females	350.0	343.2	336.1	277.2	309.5	303.3	295.1	264.6
Persons	926.4	900.5	803.9	709.6	731.6	750.9	727.8	624.0
PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE								
— '000 —								
Males	4,999.9	4,985.5	5,053.5	5,136.6	5,194.7	5,241.8	5,306.1	5,351.8
Females	3,599.6	3,587.6	3,735.3	3,866.5	3,916.8	3,961.2	4,058.5	4,096.6
Persons	8,599.5	8,573.1	8,788.9	9,003.1	9,111.5	9,203.0	9,364.6	9,448.4
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE								
— % —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	10.6	10.2	8.3	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.1	5.6
Females	7.2	7.0	6.3	5.1	5.3	5.2	4.8	3.9
Persons	9.1	8.9	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.1	4.8
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0
Females	2.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1
Persons	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Females	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Persons	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	11.5	11.2	9.3	8.4	8.1	8.5	8.2	6.7
Females	9.7	9.6	9.0	7.2	7.9	7.7	7.3	6.5
Persons	10.8	10.5	9.1	7.9	8.0	8.2	7.8	6.6

2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994	July 1995	July 1996	July 1997	July 1998	July 1999	
	—%—								'000
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with Centrelink/CES(b) —									
Took no other active steps	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.5	*0.4	*0.6	*0.4	*2.1
Contacted prospective employers	77.9	78.3	75.9	74.0	74.5	74.1	70.1	62.8	371.1
Took other active steps	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.6	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.5	8.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>82.4</i>	<i>82.7</i>	<i>80.5</i>	<i>78.6</i>	<i>78.0</i>	<i>76.6</i>	<i>72.8</i>	<i>64.6</i>	<i>381.9</i>
Not registered with Centrelink/CES(b) —									
Contacted prospective employers	15.5	15.8	18.2	20.2	20.3	21.9	25.7	32.2	190.3
Took other active steps	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.6	3.2	18.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>17.3</i>	<i>19.5</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>27.2</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>209.1</i>
<i>Main difficulty in finding work —</i>									
Too many applicants for available jobs(c)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.6	13.0	14.5	13.7	12.1	71.5
Lacked necessary skills or education	9.5	10.0	11.3	11.0	11.1	12.1	11.5	11.2	66.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	13.8	16.9	17.3	15.4	13.5	14.5	16.0	15.4	91.0
Insufficient work experience	8.0	9.5	11.7	12.3	10.1	10.4	10.9	10.1	59.5
No vacancies at all	31.9	24.8	17.1	10.9	11.9	12.7	11.2	10.0	59.1
No vacancies in line of work	17.1	16.4	14.1	10.6	11.6	9.1	8.5	7.9	46.5
Too far to travel or transport problems	3.9	4.5	5.6	7.2	5.2	5.3	6.2	5.8	34.1
Own ill health or disability	4.2	4.0	4.4	5.0	5.5	6.0	5.9	6.9	40.5
Language difficulties	2.6	2.5	3.9	4.2	3.2	2.6	1.9	2.4	14.0
Unsuitable hours	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.3	3.1	3.7	22.1
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.6	2.4	1.7	2.5	14.9
Other difficulties(d)	2.6	3.2	4.3	2.4	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.7	22.1
No difficulties at all	3.2	3.9	6.3	5.9	6.5	5.3	6.4	8.4	49.4
<i>Whether would move interstate —</i>									
Would move interstate	31.5	28.5	24.2	25.6	25.5	26.0	24.7	22.7	134.0
May move interstate	10.4	11.4	11.4	10.0	8.7	9.4	9.3	9.4	55.5
Depending on job conditions	4.6	5.3	5.4	6.2	4.5	5.2	5.0	4.9	29.1
Depending on other conditions	5.8	6.1	5.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.5	26.4
Would not move interstate(e)	55.0	57.4	61.2	61.6	62.9	61.3	62.8	65.3	386.1
Undecided	3.2	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.2	2.6	15.4
<i>Whether would move intrastate —</i>									
Would move intrastate	44.9	41.7	37.5	36.8	37.3	39.4	37.3	34.7	204.8
May move intrastate	12.9	13.2	13.1	12.2	10.3	10.3	11.6	13.4	79.3
Depending on job conditions	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.4	3.9	4.2	4.7	4.7	27.7
Depending on other conditions	8.0	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.8	8.7	51.6
Would not move intrastate(e)	39.9	42.6	47.0	48.5	49.1	47.4	48.4	49.4	291.8
Undecided	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.6	15.2
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	63.2	62.0	63.5	65.4	70.3	66.8	65.2	68.3	403.9
1 and under 4 weeks	8.9	10.7	12.3	11.9	14.9	12.0	13.2	18.2	107.3
4 and under 8 weeks	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.2	11.0	10.4	10.8	11.3	66.7
8 and under 13 weeks	7.3	7.5	6.9	8.7	9.7	7.9	8.6	10.0	59.2
13 and under 26 weeks	15.1	13.7	15.4	14.7	14.3	15.5	13.3	11.2	66.4
26 and under 52 weeks	23.4	20.8	19.0	19.8	20.4	20.9	19.3	17.6	104.3
1 year and over	36.8	38.0	36.5	34.6	29.7	33.2	34.8	31.7	187.1
1 and under 2 years	20.6	17.3	15.4	14.5	14.1	15.4	15.2	12.5	74.0
2 years and over	16.2	20.8	21.2	20.1	15.6	17.8	19.6	19.1	113.1
	— '000—								
Total	900.0	871.3	774.2	683.9	701.7	717.5	696.4	591.0	..
	—weeks—								
<i>Average duration of unemployment</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>..</i>
<i>Median duration of unemployment</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>..</i>

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Changes to employment service arrangements occurred during the reference period of the July 1998 survey. See paragraphs 9 to 13 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Collected separately for the first time in July 1995. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background. (e) In July 1999, persons still at school were not asked whether they were prepared to move interstate or intrastate to find work.

3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, BY WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
<i>Age group (years) —</i>									
15-19	31.4	22.8	54.3	33.0	31.9	64.9	64.4	54.8	119.2
20-24	53.2	27.8	81.0	6.4	9.3	15.7	59.6	37.1	96.7
25-34	81.3	42.4	123.7	*4.3	17.4	21.7	85.6	59.8	145.4
35-44	58.5	31.1	89.6	*1.2	21.1	22.3	59.7	52.2	111.9
45-54	45.4	23.9	69.2	*1.5	6.3	7.8	46.8	30.1	77.0
55 and over	28.5	6.6	35.1	*2.7	*3.0	5.7	31.3	9.6	40.8
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	209.2	108.5	317.7	41.2	76.6	117.8	250.4	185.1	435.5
Husband or wife	113.9	44.3	158.2	*5.3	29.8	35.1	119.2	74.1	193.3
With dependants	71.0	22.4	93.3	*3.4	22.3	25.7	74.4	44.7	119.0
Without dependants	42.9	21.9	64.8	*1.9	7.6	9.4	44.8	29.5	74.3
Lone parent	8.0	30.3	38.3	*0.4	17.4	17.8	8.3	47.7	56.1
Other family person(b)	87.4	33.8	121.2	35.5	29.4	64.9	122.9	63.2	186.1
Non-family member	72.3	40.9	113.2	6.4	8.1	14.5	78.7	49.1	127.7
Lone person	38.2	20.2	58.4	*2.6	*3.1	5.7	40.8	23.3	64.1
Not living alone	34.1	20.7	54.8	*3.8	*5.0	8.8	37.9	25.8	63.7
Not determined	16.8	*5.2	21.9	*1.7	*4.2	5.9	18.5	9.3	27.8
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	211.0	116.7	327.6	40.1	66.1	106.2	251.1	182.8	433.9
Born outside Australia	87.3	37.9	125.2	9.1	22.8	31.9	96.4	60.7	157.1
Born in main English-speaking countries	34.6	12.4	47.0	*2.6	8.8	11.3	37.2	21.2	58.4
Born in other countries	52.7	25.4	78.2	6.5	14.1	20.6	59.3	39.5	98.8
<i>Educational attainment —</i>									
With post-school qualifications(c)	104.8	59.0	163.9	6.4	21.3	27.7	111.2	80.3	191.5
Bachelor degree or higher	20.9	11.0	31.9	*1.1	*3.7	*4.8	22.0	14.7	36.7
Undergraduate or associate diploma	17.8	12.4	30.2	*1.3	*5.6	6.9	19.1	18.0	37.1
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	65.9	34.7	100.6	*3.9	12.0	15.9	69.8	46.7	116.5
Without post-school qualifications(d)	192.2	93.7	285.9	20.1	43.7	63.8	212.3	137.4	349.7
Completed highest level of secondary school	39.6	25.9	65.5	12.2	17.3	29.5	51.8	43.1	95.0
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	150.1	66.3	216.5	7.8	26.4	34.3	158.0	92.8	250.7
Left aged 15 and under	116.1	53.7	169.8	6.4	20.2	26.6	122.5	73.8	196.3
Left aged 16 and over	34.1	12.6	46.7	*1.4	6.3	7.7	35.5	18.9	54.4
Still at school	*1.2	*1.8	*3.1	22.8	23.9	46.7	24.0	25.8	49.8
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with Centrelink —									
Took no other active steps	*0.1	*0.7	*0.8	*0.0	*1.3	*1.3	*0.1	*2.0	*2.1
Contacted prospective employers	241.1	105.0	346.2	8.2	16.7	24.9	249.3	121.7	371.1
Took other active steps	*4.2	*3.0	7.2	*1.4	*0.2	*1.6	*5.5	*3.2	8.7
Total	245.4	108.8	354.1	9.6	18.2	27.8	255.0	126.9	381.9
Not registered with Centrelink —									
Contacted prospective employers	47.2	44.8	92.0	36.4	61.9	98.4	83.6	106.7	190.3
Took other active steps	5.7	*1.0	6.7	*3.2	8.8	12.0	8.9	9.8	18.7
Total	52.9	45.8	98.7	39.6	70.8	110.4	92.5	116.5	209.1
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	183.1	103.8	286.8	42.6	74.4	117.1	225.7	178.2	403.9
1 and under 4 weeks	41.2	24.0	65.2	13.8	28.3	42.1	55.0	52.3	107.3
4 and under 8 weeks	30.9	15.7	46.7	9.7	10.4	20.1	40.7	26.1	66.7
8 and under 13 weeks	25.4	17.1	42.5	6.1	10.6	16.7	31.5	27.7	59.2
13 and under 26 weeks	33.6	17.6	51.2	5.6	9.6	15.3	39.2	27.2	66.4
26 and under 39 weeks	41.9	23.2	65.1	6.3	14.0	20.2	48.1	37.2	85.3
39 and under 52 weeks	10.1	6.2	16.3	*1.0	*1.6	*2.7	11.2	7.8	19.0
1 year and over	115.2	50.8	166.0	6.6	14.5	21.1	121.8	65.3	187.1
1 and under 2 years	41.1	22.8	63.9	*4.5	*5.6	10.1	45.6	28.4	74.0
2 years and over	74.1	28.0	102.1	*2.1	8.9	11.0	76.2	36.9	113.1
Total	298.3	154.5	452.8	49.2	88.9	138.2	347.5	243.5	591.0
— weeks —									
<i>Average duration of unemployment</i>	66	57	63	28	31	30	61	48	56
<i>Median duration of unemployment</i>	28	26	26	8	9	8	26	18	23

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises dependent student, non-dependent child and other family person. (c) Includes nursing level unknown. (d) Includes persons who never attended school.

4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK

	Age group (years)					55 and over	Total
Active steps taken to find work	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54		
MALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1
Contacted prospective employers	23.7	46.4	64.3	48.5	35.1	23.1	241.1
Took other active steps	*0.6	*0.8	*0.3	*0.7	*1.4	*0.4	*4.2
Total	24.2	47.2	64.7	49.3	36.5	23.5	245.4
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	7.0	*5.4	14.7	7.4	8.3	*4.4	47.2
Took other active steps	*0.2	*0.6	*1.9	*1.8	*0.6	*0.6	5.7
Total	7.2	6.0	16.6	9.2	8.9	*5.0	52.9
Total	31.4	53.2	81.3	58.5	45.4	28.5	298.3
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	77.1	88.7	79.6	84.3	80.4	82.4	82.3
Not registered with Centrelink	22.9	11.3	20.4	15.7	19.6	*17.6	17.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3	*0.0	*0.1	*0.7
Contacted prospective employers	15.9	20.9	25.5	20.2	17.6	*4.9	105.0
Took other active steps	*0.1	*0.3	*0.3	*1.9	*0.4	*0.0	*3.0
Total	16.0	21.5	25.7	22.5	18.0	*5.0	108.8
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	6.8	6.3	16.3	8.6	*5.6	*1.3	44.8
Took other active steps	*0.0	*0.0	*0.4	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*1.0
Total	6.8	6.3	16.6	8.6	5.9	*1.6	45.8
Total	22.8	27.8	42.4	31.1	23.9	6.6	154.5
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	70.3	77.5	60.8	72.3	75.4	*75.9	70.4
Not registered with Centrelink	29.7	22.5	39.2	27.7	24.6	*24.1	29.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.3	*0.0	*0.4	*0.0	*0.1	*0.8
Contacted prospective employers	39.6	67.3	89.8	68.7	52.7	28.1	346.2
Took other active steps	*0.7	*1.1	*0.6	*2.6	*1.7	*0.4	7.2
Total	40.3	68.7	90.4	71.7	54.4	28.5	354.1
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	13.8	11.7	30.9	16.0	13.9	5.6	92.0
Took other active steps	*0.2	*0.6	*2.3	*1.8	*0.9	*1.0	6.7
Total	14.0	12.3	33.2	17.8	14.8	6.6	98.7
Total	54.3	81.0	123.7	89.6	69.2	35.1	452.8
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	74.2	84.9	73.1	80.1	78.6	81.2	78.2
Not registered with Centrelink	25.8	15.1	26.9	19.9	21.4	18.8	21.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK—continued

	Age group (years)					55 and over	Total
Active steps taken to find work	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54		
MALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1
Contacted prospective employers	25.4	48.1	66.7	49.2	36.6	23.5	249.3
Took other active steps	*1.2	*0.8	*0.8	*0.7	*1.4	*0.7	*5.5
Total	26.6	48.9	67.4	50.0	37.9	24.2	255.0
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	35.1	9.8	16.1	7.9	8.3	6.4	83.6
Took other active steps	*2.8	*1.0	*2.1	*1.8	*0.6	*0.6	8.9
Total	37.8	10.8	18.2	9.7	8.9	7.1	92.5
Total	64.4	59.6	85.6	59.7	46.8	31.3	347.5
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	41.3	81.9	78.8	83.7	81.0	77.3	73.4
Not registered with Centrelink	58.7	18.1	21.2	16.3	19.0	22.7	26.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.3	*0.3	*0.4	*0.9	*0.0	*0.1	*2.0
Contacted prospective employers	19.9	24.2	28.4	25.2	19.1	*4.9	121.7
Took other active steps	*0.1	*0.3	*0.5	*1.9	*0.4	*0.0	*3.2
Total	20.4	24.9	29.2	28.0	19.5	*5.0	126.9
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	33.1	11.5	27.5	21.9	9.7	*2.9	106.7
Took other active steps	*1.3	*0.7	*3.0	*2.3	*0.9	*1.6	9.8
Total	34.4	12.2	30.6	24.2	10.7	*4.6	116.5
Total	54.8	37.1	59.8	52.2	30.1	9.6	243.5
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	37.2	67.1	48.9	53.7	64.6	*52.4	52.1
Not registered with Centrelink	62.8	32.9	51.1	46.3	35.4	*47.6	47.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with Centrelink —							
Took no other active steps	*0.3	*0.3	*0.4	*1.0	*0.0	*0.1	*2.1
Contacted prospective employers	45.3	72.3	95.0	74.4	55.7	28.4	371.1
Took other active steps	*1.4	*1.1	*1.2	*2.6	*1.7	*0.7	8.7
Total	47.0	73.7	96.6	78.0	57.4	29.2	381.9
Not registered with Centrelink —							
Contacted prospective employers	68.1	21.4	43.6	29.8	18.1	9.4	190.3
Took other active steps	*4.1	*1.6	*5.1	*4.1	*1.5	*2.3	18.7
Total	72.2	23.0	48.8	33.9	19.6	11.6	209.1
Total	119.2	96.7	145.4	111.9	77.0	40.8	591.0
— % —							
Registered with Centrelink	39.4	76.2	66.5	69.7	74.6	71.5	64.6
Not registered with Centrelink	60.6	23.8	33.5	30.3	25.4	28.5	35.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS

	Age group (years)						
Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
MALES							
	— '000 —						
One	58.0	47.5	73.2	53.9	40.5	29.7	302.9
Two or more	6.5	12.1	12.4	5.8	6.3	*1.5	44.6
Total	64.4	59.6	85.6	59.7	46.8	31.3	347.5
FEMALES							
	— '000 —						
One	49.3	33.6	54.3	50.5	25.9	9.0	222.5
Two or more	*5.4	*3.5	*5.5	*1.7	*4.2	*0.6	21.0
Total	54.8	37.1	59.8	52.2	30.1	9.6	243.5
PERSONS							
	— '000 —						
One	107.3	81.1	127.5	104.4	66.5	38.7	525.4
Two	10.2	11.8	9.5	*4.8	6.4	*1.0	43.7
Three or more	*1.7	*3.9	8.4	*2.7	*4.2	*1.1	21.9
Total	119.2	96.7	145.4	111.9	77.0	40.8	591.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Number of offers of employment in current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
MALES										
	— '000 —								— weeks —	
None	45.4	34.9	24.9	33.8	49.2	38.8	66.8	293.8	63	26
One or more	9.7	5.8	6.6	*5.4	10.1	6.9	9.4	53.7	51	22
Three or more	*1.4	*0.3	*0.0	*1.1	*2.3	*1.6	*2.4	9.1	*62	*34
Total	55.0	40.7	31.5	39.2	59.3	45.6	76.2	347.5	61	26
FEMALES										
	— '000 —								— weeks —	
None	45.8	20.9	21.0	21.0	36.0	24.3	30.8	199.7	47	19
One or more	6.5	*5.2	6.7	6.2	9.0	*4.1	6.1	43.8	48	17
Three or more	*0.3	*0.3	*0.4	*0.7	*1.5	*0.5	*1.8	*5.5	*96	*26
Total	52.3	26.1	27.7	27.2	45.0	28.4	36.9	243.5	48	18
PERSONS										
	— '000 —								— weeks —	
None	91.1	55.8	45.9	54.8	85.2	63.1	97.6	493.5	57	25
One	12.0	9.5	11.7	7.2	9.6	6.3	6.6	62.9	38	11
Two	*2.4	*0.9	*1.2	*2.5	*5.6	*2.6	*4.7	19.9	67	30
Three or more	*1.7	*0.6	*0.4	*1.9	*3.9	*2.1	*4.2	14.7	75	*31
Total	107.3	66.7	59.2	66.4	104.3	74.0	113.1	591.0	56	23

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment					Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
MALES								
	— '000 —						— weeks —	
Too many applicants for available jobs	10.5	11.6	10.7	*4.4	*5.1	42.2	47	21
Lacked necessary skills/education	9.1	6.5	7.5	5.8	11.5	40.4	73	34
Considered too young or too old by employers	9.3	10.0	7.7	10.1	23.1	60.2	96	52
Insufficient work experience	6.8	*5.3	9.7	*4.9	6.1	32.8	66	30
No vacancies at all	11.5	10.3	*4.5	*4.8	8.7	39.9	54	18
No vacancies in line of work	10.5	6.5	6.6	*4.2	*4.7	32.7	47	17
Too far to travel/transport problems	*5.3	*2.9	*4.2	*2.5	*5.2	20.1	56	30
Own ill health or disability	*3.8	7.5	*2.8	*4.6	9.1	27.9	88	48
Language difficulties	*1.6	*1.0	*1.0	*1.6	*0.9	6.2	*39	*29
Unsuitable hours	*2.4	*2.3	*1.3	*0.2	*0.3	6.4	*22	*13
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.0	*0.5	*1.1	*0.7	*0.0	*3.2	*36	*38
Other difficulties(b)	*4.0	*3.5	*1.1	*0.7	*1.2	10.4	*33	*10
No difficulties at all	19.9	*2.9	*1.1	*0.9	*0.3	25.2	10	3
Total	95.7	70.7	59.3	45.6	76.2	347.5	61	26
FEMALES								
	— '000 —						— weeks —	
Too many applicants for available jobs	7.9	9.5	6.2	*3.0	*2.7	29.3	34	12
Lacked necessary skills/education	6.0	6.8	*5.6	*3.3	*4.2	25.9	47	26
Considered too young or too old by employers	*5.0	6.0	*4.6	6.9	8.3	30.8	82	41
Insufficient work experience	7.8	6.2	*5.2	*3.5	*4.0	26.7	45	21
No vacancies at all	*3.7	5.8	*5.0	*2.2	*2.5	19.3	59	26
No vacancies in line of work	7.1	*2.0	*2.6	*0.9	*1.2	13.8	28	*6
Too far to travel/transport problems	*3.1	*4.2	*3.0	*0.9	*2.8	14.0	56	*21
Own ill health or disability	*2.5	*0.7	*3.0	*2.8	*3.7	12.7	76	*52
Language difficulties	*2.6	*0.6	*1.0	*0.6	*3.0	7.9	*91	*47
Unsuitable hours	7.5	*3.6	*2.2	*1.4	*0.9	15.7	23	*8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.7	*4.8	*2.7	*0.6	*1.0	11.7	*45	*13
Other difficulties(b)	*2.4	*3.2	*2.3	*1.7	*2.2	11.7	*48	*26
No difficulties at all	19.9	*1.6	*1.5	*0.6	*0.5	24.2	9	3
Total	78.3	54.9	45.0	28.4	36.9	243.5	48	18
PERSONS								
	— '000 —						— weeks —	
Too many applicants for available jobs	18.4	21.0	16.9	7.4	7.8	71.5	42	20
Lacked necessary skills/education	15.1	13.3	13.0	9.1	15.7	66.3	63	26
Considered too young or too old by employers	14.3	16.0	12.3	17.0	31.4	91.0	91	52
Insufficient work experience	14.7	11.4	14.9	8.4	10.1	59.5	57	26
No vacancies at all	15.2	16.1	9.6	7.1	11.2	59.1	56	20
No vacancies in line of work	17.6	8.5	9.2	*5.1	6.0	46.5	41	13
Too far to travel/transport problems	8.3	7.0	7.3	*3.5	8.0	34.1	56	26
Own ill health or disability	6.3	8.2	5.8	7.4	12.8	40.5	84	48
Language difficulties	*4.3	*1.6	*2.0	*2.2	*3.9	14.0	68	*30
Unsuitable hours	9.9	5.9	*3.5	*1.6	*1.2	22.1	22	8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.7	*5.3	*3.7	*1.2	*1.0	14.9	43	*14
Other difficulties(b)	6.3	6.7	*3.3	*2.4	*3.4	22.1	41	17
No difficulties at all	39.9	*4.6	*2.6	*1.6	*0.7	49.4	9	3
Total	174.0	125.6	104.3	74.0	113.1	591.0	56	23

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment							Total(d)
	With post-school qualifications			Without post-school qualifications				
	Bachelor degree or higher	Under-graduate or associate diploma	Skilled or basic vocational qualification	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school	Total(c)		
MALES								
— '000 —								
Too many applicants for available jobs	*2.4	*3.2	9.2	14.8	7.7	16.8	24.7	42.2
Lacked necessary skills/education	*0.3	*1.1	*5.2	6.7	*3.2	27.7	32.3	40.4
Considered too young or too old by employers	*4.5	*5.3	14.0	23.7	9.8	25.1	34.9	60.2
Insufficient work experience	*4.0	*2.5	*4.7	11.5	6.5	11.4	17.9	32.8
No vacancies at all	*1.1	*0.7	6.6	8.5	*5.5	22.0	27.5	39.9
No vacancies in line of work	*2.8	*2.3	9.2	14.3	*4.3	13.6	18.0	32.7
Too far to travel/transport problems	*0.0	*0.0	*5.5	*5.5	*2.4	11.4	13.8	20.1
Own ill health or disability	*1.9	*1.1	6.3	9.3	*3.2	15.1	18.3	27.9
Language difficulties	*1.4	*1.0	*0.3	*2.7	*0.6	*2.1	*3.4	6.2
Unsuitable hours	*0.2	*0.3	*0.2	*0.7	*2.3	*1.5	*3.8	6.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.5	*0.2	*0.7	*1.4	*0.6	*0.6	*1.3	*3.2
Other difficulties(e)	*0.2	*0.5	*2.9	*3.6	*2.3	*3.8	6.1	10.4
No difficulties at all	*2.5	*1.0	*5.0	8.5	*3.4	6.8	10.2	25.2
Total	22.0	19.1	69.8	111.2	51.8	158.0	212.3	347.5
FEMALES								
— '000 —								
Too many applicants for available jobs	*2.5	*1.4	6.6	10.5	*5.6	9.9	15.5	29.3
Lacked necessary skills/education	*0.1	*2.5	*3.4	6.0	5.8	13.0	18.8	25.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	*1.7	*1.5	8.2	11.8	*3.5	13.8	17.3	30.8
Insufficient work experience	*1.9	*2.1	*3.6	7.6	6.9	8.1	15.0	26.7
No vacancies at all	*0.6	*0.8	*3.0	*4.4	*2.5	7.6	10.1	19.3
No vacancies in line of work	*1.9	*1.6	*3.4	6.9	*2.4	*3.2	6.7	13.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	*0.0	*0.3	*2.2	*2.5	*2.7	7.0	9.6	14.0
Own ill health or disability	*0.0	*1.7	*2.4	*4.6	*2.1	*5.6	8.1	12.7
Language difficulties	*0.0	*1.7	*1.2	*2.9	*1.3	*3.2	*4.6	7.9
Unsuitable hours	*0.9	*1.7	*2.9	*5.4	*2.7	6.9	9.6	15.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.4	*0.5	*2.8	*3.6	*1.5	6.6	8.0	11.7
Other difficulties(e)	*2.9	*1.4	*2.8	7.2	*1.5	*2.2	*3.6	11.7
No difficulties at all	*1.9	*0.7	*4.3	6.9	*4.7	5.7	10.4	24.2
Total	14.7	18.0	46.7	80.3	43.1	92.8	137.4	243.5
PERSONS								
— '000 —								
Too many applicants for available jobs	*4.9	*4.7	15.8	25.3	13.3	26.7	40.2	71.5
Lacked necessary skills/education	*0.4	*3.6	8.6	12.7	9.0	40.7	51.1	66.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	6.2	6.8	22.1	35.5	13.3	38.9	52.3	91.0
Insufficient work experience	6.0	*4.5	8.2	19.1	13.4	19.4	32.8	59.5
No vacancies at all	*1.7	*1.6	9.6	12.9	8.1	29.6	37.7	59.1
No vacancies in line of work	*4.7	*3.9	12.6	21.2	6.7	16.8	24.8	46.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	*0.0	*0.3	7.7	8.0	*5.0	18.4	23.4	34.1
Own ill health or disability	*1.9	*2.7	8.7	13.8	*5.3	20.7	26.4	40.5
Language difficulties	*1.4	*2.7	*1.5	5.6	*1.9	*5.3	8.0	14.0
Unsuitable hours	*1.1	*1.9	*3.1	6.1	*5.0	8.4	13.4	22.1
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.9	*0.7	*3.5	*5.0	*2.1	7.2	9.3	14.9
Other difficulties(e)	*3.2	*1.9	5.7	10.8	*3.8	6.0	9.8	22.1
No difficulties at all	*4.4	*1.7	9.3	15.4	8.1	12.5	20.6	49.4
Total	36.7	37.1	116.5	191.5	95.0	250.7	349.7	591.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes nursing level unknown. (c) Includes persons who never attended school. (d) Includes persons still at school. (e) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, BY BIRTHPLACE

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia		Born outside Australia		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
	— '000 —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	32.4	23.3	9.8	6.0	42.2	29.3	71.5
Lacked necessary skills/education	30.5	22.4	9.9	*3.5	40.4	25.9	66.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	35.5	22.4	24.8	8.4	60.2	30.8	91.0
Insufficient work experience	21.7	19.4	11.1	7.3	32.8	26.7	59.5
No vacancies at all	32.5	14.9	7.3	*4.4	39.9	19.3	59.1
No vacancies in line of work	24.3	10.2	8.4	*3.6	32.7	13.8	46.5
Too far to travel, transport problems	15.9	10.1	*4.2	*3.9	20.1	14.0	34.1
Own ill health or disability	21.0	10.6	6.9	*2.1	27.9	12.7	40.5
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.3	6.2	7.5	6.2	7.9	14.0
Unsuitable hours	*5.2	11.2	*1.3	*4.4	6.4	15.7	22.1
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.0	8.9	*1.3	*2.8	*3.2	11.7	14.9
Other difficulties(b)	8.0	7.8	*2.4	*3.9	10.4	11.7	22.1
No difficulties at all	22.3	21.3	*2.9	*2.9	25.2	24.2	49.4
Total	251.1	182.8	96.4	60.7	347.5	243.5	591.0
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	12.9	12.7	10.2	9.9	12.1	12.0	12.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	12.1	12.2	10.3	*5.8	11.6	10.6	11.2
Considered too young or too old by employers	14.1	12.2	25.7	13.8	17.3	12.6	15.4
Insufficient work experience	8.6	10.6	11.5	12.1	9.4	11.0	10.1
No vacancies at all	13.0	8.1	7.6	*7.3	11.5	7.9	10.0
No vacancies in line of work	9.7	5.6	8.7	*5.9	9.4	5.7	7.9
Too far to travel, transport problems	6.3	5.5	*4.3	*6.5	5.8	5.8	5.8
Own ill health or disability	8.4	5.8	7.1	*3.4	8.0	5.2	6.9
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.2	6.4	12.4	1.8	3.2	2.4
Unsuitable hours	*2.1	6.1	*1.3	*7.3	1.8	6.4	3.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.8	4.9	*1.3	*4.6	*0.9	4.8	2.5
Other difficulties(b)	3.2	4.3	*2.5	*6.4	3.0	4.8	3.7
No difficulties at all	8.9	11.7	*3.0	*4.7	7.2	9.9	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, BY AGE

	Age group (years)						
Main difficulty in finding work	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
MALES							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	10.6	16.6	15.3	14.6	*6.7	*1.8	12.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	13.2	15.2	15.3	10.9	*4.9	*3.1	11.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	*5.5	*3.4	*3.5	16.4	43.1	69.4	17.3
Insufficient work experience	15.8	19.3	8.9	*3.5	*2.9	*0.0	9.4
No vacancies at all	14.4	11.8	11.8	12.0	*9.9	*5.2	11.5
No vacancies in line of work	*5.9	*8.1	9.9	14.5	13.3	*2.2	9.4
Too far to travel, transport problems	9.0	*5.6	8.0	*4.8	*1.7	*1.1	5.8
Own ill health or disability	*2.1	*7.6	9.5	10.0	12.3	*6.8	8.0
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.0	*4.1	*1.8	*1.0	*3.4	1.8
Unsuitable hours	*5.4	*3.1	*0.4	*1.3	*0.0	*0.0	1.8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.9	*0.2	*1.6	*1.2	*0.4	*1.1	*0.9
Other difficulties(b)	*1.7	*3.2	*4.1	*3.0	*1.4	*4.6	3.0
No difficulties at all	15.5	*5.8	7.6	*6.1	*2.5	*1.4	7.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	64.4	59.6	85.6	59.7	46.8	31.3	347.5
FEMALES							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	12.2	*14.7	13.9	*8.8	*10.3	*12.0	12.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	11.0	*12.1	10.4	12.7	*7.5	*2.8	10.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	*6.2	*6.7	*8.2	12.1	36.0	*29.8	12.6
Insufficient work experience	18.4	22.6	*3.5	*9.1	*4.7	*0.0	11.0
No vacancies at all	11.1	*6.6	*5.9	*9.4	*3.8	*11.9	7.9
No vacancies in line of work	*2.6	*5.4	*7.1	*7.3	*4.1	*11.3	5.7
Too far to travel, transport problems	*8.8	*4.4	*5.6	*4.6	*3.1	*8.9	5.8
Own ill health or disability	*1.4	*6.1	*4.6	*8.1	*6.0	*9.4	5.2
Language difficulties	*0.7	*2.1	*4.3	*5.0	*5.0	*0.0	3.2
Unsuitable hours	*2.7	*5.2	10.1	*10.8	*2.1	*0.0	6.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.4	*3.7	9.8	*3.9	*1.8	*0.0	4.8
Other difficulties(b)	*3.2	*3.0	*6.3	*4.2	*8.8	*2.6	4.8
No difficulties at all	18.4	*7.4	10.2	*4.2	*6.7	*11.3	9.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	54.8	37.1	59.8	52.2	30.1	9.6	243.5
PERSONS							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	11.3	15.9	14.7	11.9	8.1	*4.2	12.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	12.2	14.0	13.3	11.7	*5.9	*3.0	11.2
Considered too young or too old by employers	5.8	*4.7	5.4	14.4	40.3	60.1	15.4
Insufficient work experience	17.0	20.6	6.7	6.1	*3.6	*0.0	10.1
No vacancies at all	12.9	9.8	9.4	10.8	7.5	*6.7	10.0
No vacancies in line of work	*4.4	7.1	8.7	11.1	9.7	*4.3	7.9
Too far to travel, transport problems	8.9	*5.2	7.1	*4.7	*2.3	*2.9	5.8
Own ill health or disability	*1.8	7.0	7.5	9.1	9.8	*7.4	6.9
Language difficulties	*0.3	*0.8	4.2	*3.3	*2.6	*2.6	2.4
Unsuitable hours	*4.1	*3.9	4.4	5.7	*0.8	*0.0	3.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.0	*1.5	5.0	*2.4	*1.0	*0.8	2.5
Other difficulties(b)	*2.4	*3.1	5.0	*3.5	*4.3	*4.1	3.7
No difficulties at all	16.8	6.4	8.6	5.2	*4.2	*3.7	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	119.2	96.7	145.4	111.9	77.0	40.8	591.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK

	Age group (years)					55 and over	Total
All difficulties in finding work	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54		
MALES							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	29.0	39.8	42.3	38.9	38.4	33.8	37.5
Lacked necessary skills/education	31.3	35.8	41.8	32.1	28.2	24.5	33.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	21.6	18.5	11.4	31.3	67.8	85.1	32.2
Insufficient work experience	39.6	44.8	31.5	23.3	17.9	*8.0	29.9
No vacancies at all	31.3	33.4	27.8	32.4	29.9	24.3	30.1
No vacancies in line of work	15.1	25.8	29.2	37.8	38.4	20.9	28.0
Too far to travel/transport problems	23.5	25.0	20.5	13.7	17.7	*9.7	19.3
Own ill health or disability	*4.6	11.6	16.0	18.8	24.2	*17.9	14.9
Unsuitable hours	11.9	*5.4	*3.6	*6.1	*6.2	*3.1	6.2
Language difficulties	*0.5	*1.9	7.8	*5.4	*5.0	*5.1	4.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.9	*1.9	*2.6	*3.2	*1.5	*3.0	2.2
Other difficulties(b)	*3.8	*7.0	10.2	*6.9	*3.6	*8.4	6.9
No difficulties at all	15.5	*5.8	7.6	*6.1	*2.5	*1.4	7.2
	— '000 —						
Total	64.4	59.6	85.6	59.7	46.8	31.3	347.5
FEMALES							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	35.0	40.8	41.0	46.4	47.1	*37.9	41.4
Lacked necessary skills/education	32.4	45.6	30.6	41.8	28.8	*19.0	35.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	21.0	32.2	23.2	38.8	55.8	*44.5	32.3
Insufficient work experience	42.9	45.7	29.9	33.6	28.7	*15.6	35.3
No vacancies at all	29.3	24.0	21.6	28.9	27.2	*21.6	26.0
No vacancies in line of work	10.7	18.9	21.3	32.1	19.2	*31.4	21.0
Too far to travel/transport problems	23.4	22.5	19.8	17.6	19.9	*19.1	20.5
Own ill health or disability	*3.7	*11.1	10.3	11.9	*14.1	*23.9	10.3
Unsuitable hours	11.1	*10.5	27.3	28.9	*11.7	*5.9	18.7
Language difficulties	*0.7	*3.2	*6.5	*7.6	*6.9	*0.0	4.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.9	*9.9	14.1	11.7	*4.1	*1.1	10.2
Other difficulties(b)	*7.3	*8.9	11.6	*10.3	*12.4	*5.4	9.8
No difficulties at all	18.4	*7.4	10.2	*4.2	*6.7	*11.3	9.9
	— '000 —						
Total	54.8	37.1	59.8	52.2	30.1	9.6	243.5
PERSONS							
	— % —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	31.7	40.2	41.8	42.4	41.8	34.7	39.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	31.8	39.5	37.2	36.6	28.4	23.2	34.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	21.4	23.7	16.3	34.8	63.1	75.6	32.2
Insufficient work experience	41.1	45.2	30.8	28.1	22.1	*9.8	32.1
No vacancies at all	30.3	29.8	25.2	30.8	28.8	23.7	28.4
No vacancies in line of work	13.1	23.1	26.0	35.1	30.9	23.3	25.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	23.5	24.0	20.2	15.5	18.6	*11.9	19.8
Own ill health or disability	*4.2	11.4	13.6	15.6	20.2	19.4	13.0
Unsuitable hours	11.6	7.4	13.3	16.7	8.4	*3.7	11.3
Language difficulties	*0.6	*2.4	7.2	6.4	*5.7	*3.9	4.5
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.3	*4.9	7.3	7.1	*2.5	*2.5	5.6
Other difficulties(b)	5.4	7.7	10.8	8.5	*7.0	*7.7	8.1
No difficulties at all	16.8	6.4	8.6	5.2	*4.2	*3.7	8.4
	— '000 —						
Total	119.2	96.7	145.4	111.9	77.0	40.8	591.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS

Relationship in household	Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months							Total
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 39 weeks	39 and under 52 weeks	52 weeks	
MALES								
— '000 —								
Family member	34.7	28.8	24.0	28.3	39.8	12.4	82.4	250.4
Husband	13.1	14.1	8.8	14.0	17.4	*5.6	46.1	119.2
With dependants	6.7	9.1	6.2	8.6	12.9	*3.8	27.1	74.4
Without dependants	6.5	*5.0	*2.7	*5.4	*4.5	*1.7	19.0	44.8
Lone parent	*0.0	*0.3	*1.7	*0.6	*0.8	*1.2	*3.8	8.3
Dependent student	11.2	6.7	*3.0	*3.6	*4.6	*0.6	*4.2	33.8
Non-dependent child	10.0	6.3	8.4	8.9	15.4	*4.6	25.4	79.1
Other family person	*0.4	*1.4	*2.1	*1.1	*1.6	*0.4	*3.0	10.0
Non-family member	6.3	6.1	7.0	8.0	11.5	6.6	33.2	78.7
Lone person	*3.8	*1.4	*2.6	*2.9	*3.9	*3.2	22.9	40.8
Not living alone	*2.5	*4.7	*4.4	*5.1	7.7	*3.3	10.3	37.9
Not determined	*5.0	*0.9	*1.2	*1.3	*3.0	*0.8	6.2	18.5
Total	46.0	35.8	32.2	37.6	54.4	19.8	121.8	347.5
FEMALES								
— '000 —								
Family member	36.9	20.6	22.0	22.3	30.0	7.4	45.9	185.1
Wife	15.6	8.5	8.1	12.0	9.8	*3.4	16.7	74.1
With dependants	10.5	*5.1	*4.1	8.3	7.4	*0.7	8.7	44.7
Without dependants	*5.1	*3.5	*4.0	*3.7	*2.4	*2.7	8.1	29.5
Lone parent	8.2	*3.6	5.7	5.7	6.9	*1.4	16.5	47.7
Dependent student	8.0	*5.3	*4.4	*2.9	7.9	*0.1	*2.4	30.9
Non-dependent child	*3.5	*2.7	*3.6	*1.2	*5.2	*1.8	7.9	25.9
Other family person	*1.6	*0.5	*0.2	*0.5	*0.2	*0.8	*2.4	6.4
Non-family member	8.9	*3.1	*4.6	*4.9	6.1	*4.6	16.9	49.1
Lone person	*3.4	*0.5	*0.7	*2.4	*3.0	*3.7	9.6	23.3
Not living alone	*5.5	*2.7	*3.9	*2.4	*3.1	*0.9	7.3	25.8
Not determined	*2.1	*1.1	*0.2	*2.1	*1.1	*0.3	*2.5	9.3
Total	47.8	24.8	26.9	29.2	37.2	12.3	65.3	243.5
PERSONS								
— '000 —								
Family member	71.6	49.3	45.9	50.5	69.8	19.9	128.3	435.5
Husband or wife	28.7	22.6	16.9	26.0	27.2	8.9	62.8	193.3
With dependants	17.2	14.1	10.2	16.9	20.3	*4.5	35.8	119.0
Without dependants	11.6	8.5	6.7	9.2	6.9	*4.4	27.1	74.3
Lone parent	8.2	*3.8	7.4	6.3	7.6	*2.5	20.2	56.1
Dependent student	19.2	11.9	7.4	6.5	12.5	*0.7	6.6	64.7
Non-dependent child	13.6	9.0	12.0	10.1	20.7	6.4	33.3	105.0
Other family person	*2.0	*1.9	*2.3	*1.6	*1.9	*1.2	*5.4	16.3
Non-family member	15.2	9.2	11.6	12.8	17.6	11.2	50.1	127.7
Lone person	7.2	*1.9	*3.3	*5.3	6.9	7.0	32.5	64.1
Not living alone	8.0	7.4	8.3	7.5	10.8	*4.2	17.6	63.7
Not determined	7.0	*2.0	*1.5	*3.4	*4.1	*1.1	8.7	27.8
Total	93.8	60.6	59.0	66.8	91.6	32.1	187.1	591.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment					Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
MALES								
	— '000 —				— weeks —			
With post-school qualifications(b)	32.0	22.6	20.8	13.9	21.9	111.2	62	26
Bachelor degree or higher	6.3	*4.2	*4.7	*2.3	*4.4	22.0	53	26
Undergraduate or associate diploma	*4.3	*5.2	*3.2	*1.6	*4.7	19.1	62	26
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	21.3	13.3	12.8	9.9	12.5	69.8	64	26
Without post-school qualifications(c)	50.5	43.2	35.1	29.5	53.9	212.3	66	29
Completed highest level of secondary school	15.9	11.1	8.7	6.2	9.8	51.8	53	21
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	34.0	31.6	26.0	22.9	43.5	158.0	70	30
Left aged 15 and under	26.1	23.0	18.0	18.2	37.2	122.5	77	34
Left aged 16 and over	7.9	8.6	8.0	*4.7	6.2	35.5	48	26
Still at school	13.1	*4.9	*3.4	*2.3	*0.3	24.0	16	6
Total	95.7	70.7	59.3	45.6	76.2	347.5	61	26
FEMALES								
	— '000 —				— weeks —			
With post-school qualifications(b)	25.6	17.2	13.6	11.8	12.1	80.3	47	17
Bachelor degree or higher	*4.7	*4.2	*1.9	*1.8	*2.1	14.7	36	*12
Undergraduate or associate diploma	7.8	*3.4	*1.7	*2.5	*2.6	18.0	38	11
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	13.1	9.6	9.6	7.5	6.9	46.7	54	26
Without post-school qualifications(c)	40.4	31.9	26.0	14.6	24.5	137.4	54	21
Completed highest level of secondary school	15.1	8.2	8.9	*5.2	5.8	43.1	39	17
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	24.2	23.7	16.7	9.4	18.8	92.8	61	22
Left aged 15 and under	19.8	16.8	12.8	8.4	16.0	73.8	65	26
Left aged 16 and over	*4.4	6.9	*3.9	*1.0	*2.8	18.9	45	21
Still at school	12.3	5.8	*5.3	*2.0	*0.3	25.8	16	8
Total	78.3	54.9	45.0	28.4	36.9	243.5	48	18
PERSONS								
	— '000 —				— weeks —			
With post-school qualifications(b)	57.6	39.8	34.4	25.7	34.0	191.5	56	22
Bachelor degree or higher	11.1	8.4	6.7	*4.2	6.4	36.7	46	17
Undergraduate or associate diploma	12.1	8.6	*4.9	*4.1	7.3	37.1	50	20
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	34.4	22.8	22.4	17.4	19.5	116.5	60	26
Without post-school qualifications(c)	90.9	75.1	61.1	44.0	78.4	349.7	61	26
Completed highest level of secondary school	31.0	19.3	17.6	11.5	15.6	95.0	46	20
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	58.2	55.3	42.7	32.3	62.2	250.7	67	26
Left aged 15 and under	45.9	39.8	30.8	26.6	53.2	196.3	72	28
Left aged 16 and over	12.3	15.5	11.9	5.7	9.0	54.4	47	23
Still at school	25.5	10.7	8.7	*4.3	*0.6	49.8	16	6
Total	174.0	125.6	104.3	74.0	113.1	591.0	56	23

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes nursing level unknown. (c) Includes persons who never attended school.

14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), FORMER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Job loser			Job leaver			
	Laid off or retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total(b)	Unsatis- factory work arrange- ments	Other(c)	Total	
			— '000 —				
<i>Age group (years)—</i>							
15-19	10.5	*3.7	15.3	*5.3	*5.2	10.6	25.8
20-24	19.0	7.7	31.2	9.3	11.7	21.0	52.2
25-34	30.8	13.9	50.1	9.4	18.4	27.8	77.9
35-44	19.2	7.5	31.0	6.6	*5.3	11.9	42.9
45-54	15.4	5.9	22.9	*3.5	*4.1	7.6	30.5
55 and over	8.5	*2.1	11.8	*0.4	*2.1	*2.5	14.3
<i>Birthplace —</i>							
Born in Australia	78.4	30.0	122.6	27.6	34.9	62.5	185.0
Born outside Australia	24.9	10.7	39.7	7.0	12.0	18.9	58.7
Born in main English-speaking countries	11.1	*5.5	18.2	*2.8	*4.7	7.5	25.7
Born in other countries	13.8	*5.1	21.6	*4.2	7.2	11.4	33.0
<i>Duration of last full-time job —</i>							
Less than 1 year	54.5	36.1	99.0	20.9	19.8	40.7	139.7
2 and under 4 weeks	*5.0	7.2	13.0	*1.0	*1.2	*2.2	15.2
4 and under 8 weeks	7.2	9.6	19.2	*2.2	*2.1	*4.4	23.6
8 and under 26 weeks	20.6	13.6	36.5	11.5	9.3	20.7	57.2
26 and under 52 weeks	21.6	*5.6	30.3	6.2	7.3	13.4	43.7
1 and under 2 years	16.8	*2.6	23.9	*3.8	8.4	12.1	36.0
2 and under 5 years	14.2	*1.7	18.4	7.9	12.2	20.1	38.5
5 years and over	17.9	*0.2	21.0	*2.0	6.4	8.4	29.5
<i>Industry of last full-time job —</i>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	*4.1	11.5	18.4	*1.1	*1.7	*2.8	21.2
Manufacturing	26.2	6.8	38.4	5.9	7.7	13.7	52.1
Construction	14.5	*3.5	19.7	*2.7	*1.4	*4.0	23.7
Wholesale trade	6.6	*1.5	9.0	*3.3	*1.1	*4.4	13.4
Retail trade	11.2	*2.5	15.1	6.7	7.1	13.8	28.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	8.7	*1.5	11.9	*4.1	*5.6	9.7	21.6
Transport and storage	*3.2	*0.4	*4.1	*3.1	*0.6	*3.7	7.8
Communication services	*1.7	*1.2	*3.1	*1.4	*0.2	*1.6	*4.7
Property and business services	10.3	*3.1	14.2	*3.1	6.4	9.5	23.7
Government administration and defence	*3.7	*1.5	*5.3	*0.5	*1.5	*2.1	7.4
Education	*2.5	*2.1	*4.9	*0.4	*1.6	*2.0	6.9
Health and community services	*3.2	*1.3	5.9	*0.6	*4.0	*4.5	10.4
Cultural and recreational services	*1.9	*1.7	*3.8	*0.1	*1.3	*1.4	*5.2
Personal and other services	*2.5	*0.3	*2.8	*0.7	*1.8	*2.4	*5.2
All other industries(d)	*3.2	*1.9	5.8	*1.0	*4.8	5.7	11.5
<i>Occupation of last full-time job —</i>							
Managers and administrators	*2.5	*0.7	*3.6	*1.2	*2.3	*3.5	7.1
Professionals	6.5	*4.1	11.9	*1.3	7.1	8.4	20.3
Associate professionals	8.7	*2.2	12.1	*1.9	*3.1	*5.0	17.1
Tradespersons and related workers	23.9	5.9	32.8	*5.6	*5.1	10.7	43.5
Advanced clerical and service workers	*0.7	*1.0	*2.2	*0.2	*1.7	*1.9	*4.1
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	11.3	*4.0	17.9	7.0	9.9	16.8	34.7
Intermediate production and transport workers	15.7	5.8	22.5	*2.9	*4.3	7.2	29.8
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	8.4	*2.3	11.7	*4.6	6.0	10.5	22.2
Labourers and related workers	25.8	14.7	47.6	9.9	7.4	17.3	65.0
<i>Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job (\$) —</i>							
Australian currency	96.7	38.0	149.2	32.8	39.9	72.7	221.9
Under 160	*3.1	*1.2	*4.3	*2.9	*2.4	*5.3	9.6
160 and under 320	19.7	7.8	28.9	*5.2	7.5	12.7	41.7
320 and under 480	30.6	12.2	48.5	11.1	13.0	24.0	72.5
480 and under 640	19.8	6.8	30.6	9.4	10.3	19.7	50.3
640 and under 800	10.1	*3.3	15.5	*1.1	*3.3	*4.4	19.9
800 and over	13.4	6.7	21.4	*3.0	*3.5	6.5	27.9
Other(e)	6.6	*2.7	13.1	*1.8	6.9	8.7	21.8
Total	103.3	40.7	162.3	34.5	46.9	81.4	243.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who had left their job because of their own ill health or disability. (c) Includes 'Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies' and 'Other reasons'. (d) Includes Mining, Electricity, gas and water supply and Finance and insurance. (e) Includes 'Not determined', 'Non-Australian currency' and 'Payment in kind'.

15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a), FORMER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, BY DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB

Age group (years)	Duration of last full-time job						Total
	Under 1 year			Total	1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	
	2 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks				
MALES							
— '000 —							
15-19	*3.0	6.1	*3.3	12.5	*3.0	*0.0	15.5
20-24	*4.2	13.9	6.4	24.5	10.7	*0.0	35.3
25-34	8.0	10.8	11.6	30.4	17.2	6.7	54.3
35-44	6.6	6.9	*4.5	18.0	8.0	6.4	32.4
45-54	*2.7	*3.7	*2.5	8.9	5.8	*4.6	19.2
55 and over	*1.8	*0.5	*1.0	*3.2	*3.1	*4.2	10.6
Total	26.3	41.8	29.4	97.5	47.7	21.9	167.2
FEMALES							
— '000 —							
15-19	*2.8	*3.3	*2.5	8.6	*1.8	*0.0	10.3
20-24	*2.6	*2.8	*3.2	8.6	8.1	*0.3	16.9
25-34	*3.0	*5.2	5.7	13.9	7.7	*1.9	23.6
35-44	*1.3	*1.8	*1.2	*4.3	*4.4	*1.8	10.6
45-54	*2.4	*1.4	*1.7	*5.6	*3.3	*2.5	11.3
55 and over	*0.3	*0.9	*0.0	*1.1	*1.5	*1.1	*3.8
Total	12.5	15.4	14.3	42.2	26.8	7.6	76.5
PERSONS							
— '000 —							
15-19	5.9	9.4	5.8	21.1	*4.7	*0.0	25.8
20-24	6.8	16.7	9.6	33.1	18.8	*0.3	52.2
25-34	11.1	16.0	17.2	44.3	24.9	8.7	77.9
35-44	7.9	8.7	5.7	22.3	12.4	8.2	42.9
45-54	*5.1	*5.1	*4.3	14.4	9.1	7.0	30.5
55 and over	*2.0	*1.3	*1.0	*4.4	*4.6	*5.3	14.3
Total	38.8	57.2	43.7	139.7	74.6	29.5	243.7

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

16. POPULATIONS, BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT(a)</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
MALES									
— '000 —									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b)	97.8	91.8	73.6	30.3	33.9	12.4	2.1	5.5	347.5
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	44.5	44.3	34.7	15.0	18.6	6.4	*1.2	2.5	167.2
FEMALES									
— '000 —									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b)	71.4	68.3	51.6	21.9	20.3	5.7	1.7	2.6	243.5
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	25.2	17.4	18.6	6.1	6.3	*1.4	*0.4	*1.1	76.5
PERSONS									
— '000 —									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b)	169.2	160.1	125.2	52.2	54.2	18.1	3.8	8.1	591.0
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(b) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	69.6	61.8	53.4	21.0	24.9	7.8	1.6	3.6	243.7

(a) Refers to mainly urban areas only. (b) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication are compiled from data collected in the Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey that was conducted throughout Australia in July 1999 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) 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 relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

SCOPE

3 In addition to persons 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 produced for individual States and Territories, except the Northern Territory. Further details can be obtained by contacting the person listed on the front cover of this publication.

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

5 The number of unemployed persons in this publication (from table 2 onwards) differs from that published in *Labour Force, Australia, July 1999* (Cat. no. 6203.0) because persons who were stood down were excluded from this survey, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience.

COVERAGE

6 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in July 1999. 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.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

7 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 more information see the 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

8 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.

NOTES ON ESTIMATES

9 The Government made significant changes to the manner in which it provided employment services to the community between September 1997 and May 1998. As a result, the nature of job search activity undertaken by jobseekers changed.

10 Prior to the change in employment service arrangements, the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) provided jobseekers with access to labour market assistance, and offices of the then Department of Social Security (DSS) provided jobseekers with access to income support.

11 Centrelink progressively replaced CES and DSS shopfronts from September 1997. A competitive employment services market, the Job Network, was launched on 1 May 1998. The Job Network consists of private, community and government organisations on contract to the government to provide employment services to the community. As from that date, jobseekers register with Centrelink for job search assistance and can choose to go to any of the Job Network employment agencies. The agency then attempts to match jobseekers with jobs that are registered with them by employers.

12 During the transition to the new employment services market, Centrelink performed a similar role to the CES. Jobseekers registered at either a CES or Centrelink office, depending on which was operating in their area, for income support and/or job search assistance.

13 Due to the changes in the nature of employment services, caution should be used in comparing results for periods prior to the introduction of the changes with results from surveys conducted after the changes occurred.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

14 Results of similar surveys on job search experience conducted in July 1984, July 1985, June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991, and annually from July 1992 were published in previous issues of *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia* (Cat. no. 6222.0).

GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

15 ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely 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 STATISTICS

16 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6245.0)
- *Labour Mobility, Australia* (Cat. no. 6209.0)
- *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6206.0)
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0)
- *Retrenchment and Redundancy, Australia* (Cat. no. 6266.0)
- *Underemployed Workers, Australia* (Cat. no. 6265.0)

17 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

The ABS has available a range of unpublished data from the Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items are available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates. Where alternative output categories are available for the same data item, these are shown and the data item name is followed by a bracketed numeral (e.g. BIRTHPLACE (2)).

To obtain unpublished data or more information about our customised data service contact the person named on the cover of this publication.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down)

POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1 STATE OR TERRITORY 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	
		Non-dependent child	
		Other family person	
		Non-family member	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Lone person	
State capital city		Not living alone	
Balance of State/Territory		Not determined	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Family member	
4 SEX	ALL	Husband or wife	
Male		With children under 15	
Female		Without children under 15	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	Lone parent	
Married		With children under 15	
Not married		With dependent students but without children under 15	
		Without dependants	
		Dependent student	
		Non-dependent child	
		Other family person	
		Non-family member	
		Lone person	
		Not living alone	
		Not determined	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL
Born in Australia	
Born outside Australia	
Arrived before 1971	
Arrived 1971–1980	
Arrived 1981–1990	
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	
The Middle East and North Africa	
Africa (excluding North Africa)	
Northern America	
South America, Central America and the Caribbean	
Northeast Asia	
Southeast Asia	
Southern Asia	
Europe and the former USSR	
Former Yugoslav Republics	
Germany	
Greece	
Italy	
Netherlands	
Poland	
United Kingdom and Ireland	
Oceania and Antarctica	
New Zealand	
8 AGE GROUP (YEARS)	ALL
15–19	
20–24	
25–34	
35–44	
45–54	
55 and over	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
9 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	ALL
With post-school qualifications	
Higher degree	
Postgraduate diploma	
Bachelor degree	
Undergraduate or associate diploma	
Skilled or basic vocational qualification	
Nursing level unknown	
Without post-school qualifications	
Completed highest level of secondary school	
Didn't complete highest level of secondary school	
Left school aged under 15 years	
Left school aged 15 years	
Left school aged 16 years	
Left school aged 17 years	
Left school aged 18 years or more	
Never attended school	
Still at school	
10 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER QUALIFICATION OBTAINED OVERSEAS OR IN AUSTRALIA	ALL
Born in Australia	
Born outside Australia	
With post-school qualifications	
Educational qualification obtained overseas	
Educational qualification obtained in Australia	
Without post-school qualifications	
Still at school	
11 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK	ALL
Looking for full-time work	
Looking for part-time work	
12 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT	ALL
Under 1 year	
1 and under 4 weeks	
4 and under 8 weeks	
8 and under 13 weeks	
13 and under 26 weeks	
26 and under 39 weeks	
39 and under 52 weeks	
1 year and over	
1 and under 2 years	
2 years and over	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
13A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacted prospective employers Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job Checked touchscreens Checked factory noticeboards Registered with Centrelink Contacted an employment agency Advertised or tendered for work Contacted friends or relatives 	
13B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered with — Took no other active steps Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps Not registered with Centrelink — Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps 	
14A WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would move interstate May move interstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Other Would not move interstate Undecided 	
14B WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has applied for a job interstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would move interstate May move interstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Personal/family reasons Specific state Other Has not applied for a job interstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would move interstate May move interstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Personal/family reasons Specific state Other Would not move interstate Undecided 	
15A WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would move intrastate May move intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Other Would not move intrastate Undecided 	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
15B WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has applied for a job intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would move intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May move intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Personal/family reasons Specific part of the state Other Has not applied for a job intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would not move intrastate May move intrastate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on job conditions Personal/family reasons Specific part of the state Other Would not move intrastate Undecided 	
16 NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None One or more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Two Three or more 	
17 ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too many applicants for available jobs No vacancies in line of work Considered too young or too old by employers Insufficient work experience Lacked necessary skills/education No vacancies at all Too far to travel/transport problems Own ill health or disability Unsuitable hours Language difficulties Other family responsibilities Difficulties with child care Difficulties because of ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties at all 	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
18 MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK	ALL
Too many applicants for available jobs	
Lacked necessary skills/education	
Considered too young or too old by employers	
Insufficient work experience	
No vacancies at all	
No vacancies in line of work	
Too far to travel/transport problems	
Own ill health or disability	
Language difficulties	
Unsuitable hours	
Difficulties with child care	
Other family responsibilities	
Difficulties because of ethnic background	
Other difficulties	
No difficulties at all	
19 NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	ALL
One	
Two	
Three or more	
20 TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	ALL
1 and under 2 weeks	
2 and under 4 weeks	
4 and under 8 weeks	
8 and under 13 weeks	
13 and under 26 weeks	
26 and under 39 weeks	
39 and under 52 weeks	
52 weeks	
21 WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL-TIME	1
Had never worked full-time	
Had worked full-time	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
22 INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB	ALL
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
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	
Last full-time job 2 years or more ago	
Has never worked	
23 OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB	ALL
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
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	
Last full-time job 2 years or more ago	
Has never worked	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
24 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	2
Australian currency (\$)	
Under 80	
80 and under 160	
160 and under 240	
240 and under 320	
320 and under 400	
400 and under 480	
480 and under 560	
560 and under 640	
640 and under 720	
720 and under 800	
800 and under 880	
880 and under 960	
960 and under 1,040	
1,040 and under 1,120	
1,120 and under 1,200	
1,200 and under 1,280	
1,280 and under 1,360	
1,360 and over	
Don't know, not stated	
Non-Australian currency	
Payment in kind	
25 DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	ALL
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Less than 1 year	
2 and under 4 weeks	
4 and under 8 weeks	
8 and under 26 weeks	
26 and under 52 weeks	
1 and under 2 years	
2 and under 5 years	
5 years and over	
Last full-time job 2 years or more ago	
Has never worked	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
26 REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB	ALL
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Job loser	
Laid off or retrenched	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
Own ill health or disability	
Job leaver	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
Other	
Last full-time job 2 years or more ago	
Has never worked	
27 STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	ALL
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Employee	
Employer	
Own account worker	
Contributing family worker	
Unpaid voluntary worker	
Last full-time job 2 years or more ago	
Has never worked	

TECHNICAL NOTES

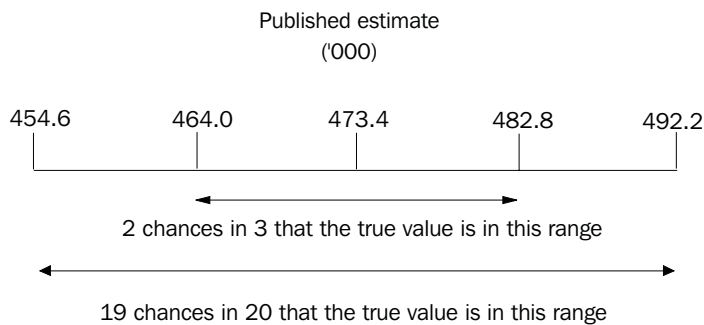
INTRODUCTION

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 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 SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 3 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who were looking for full-time work was 452,800. Since this estimate is between 300,000 and 500,000, table T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 7,950 and 9,650 and can be approximated by interpolation as 9,200 (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 443,600 to 462,000 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 434,400 to 471,200. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR *continued*

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 the tables in this publication, 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.

AVERAGES AND MEDIAN

5 The RSEs of estimates of average duration of unemployment and median duration of unemployment are obtained by first finding the RSE of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median (see table T1) and then multiplying the relevant number so obtained by the following relevant factors:

average duration of unemployment: 1.4

median duration of unemployment: 1.7

6 The following is an example of the calculation of SEs where the use of a factor is required. Table 3 shows that the estimated median duration of unemployment for unemployed males in Australia was 26 weeks and the number of males was estimated as 347,500. From table T1 it can be calculated that the estimate (347,500) has a SE of about 8,400 and therefore a RSE of about 2.4%. The RSE of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.4%) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 1.7): $2.4 \times 1.7 = 4.1\%$. The SE of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.1% of 26, i.e. about 1 week. Therefore, there are two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 25–27 weeks, and about 19 chances in 20 that it would have been within the range 24–28 weeks.

7 Average and median estimates produced from population estimates smaller than the values provided in table T2 have RSEs larger than 25% and should be used with caution.

8 An example of an estimate with a RSE larger than 25% is in table 6. The median duration of current period of unemployment for unemployed persons who had three or more offers of employment is 31 weeks and the number of persons contributing to the estimates is 14,700. Table T2 shows the level at which estimates of median duration have a RSE of 25% is 16,300. Therefore, the estimate of median duration has a high RSE and is shown in table 6 preceded with an asterisk (i.e. *31).

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

9 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:

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

10 Considering the example from the previous page, of the 452,800 unemployed persons who were looking for full-time work 166,000, or 36.6%, had been unemployed for 1 year or more. The SE of 166,000 is approximately 6,400 so the RSE is 3.9%. The RSE for 452,800 is 2.0%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is $\sqrt{(3.9)^2 - (2.0)^2}$ or 3.3%, giving a SE for the proportion (36.7%) of 1.2 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons is between 35.5% and 37.9% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 34.3% to 39.1%.

DIFFERENCES

11 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:

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

12 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 no.	Vic. no.	Qld no.	SA no.	WA no.	Tas. no.	NT no.	ACT no.	Aust.	
									SE no.	RSE %
100	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	90.0
200	180	190	..	..	..	160	160	180	150	75.0
300	240	250	..	290	290	190	190	200	210	70.0
500	350	350	430	350	360	230	230	240	300	60.0
700	450	440	500	410	420	270	260	260	380	54.3
1 000	570	550	590	470	500	310	300	300	490	49.0
1 500	750	690	710	560	600	370	350	340	630	42.0
2 000	890	820	810	630	670	410	400	380	760	38.0
2 500	1 000	900	900	700	750	450	450	400	900	36.0
3 000	1 150	1 000	1 000	750	800	500	450	450	1 000	33.3
3 500	1 250	1 100	1 050	800	850	500	500	450	1 050	30.0
4 000	1 350	1 200	1 100	850	900	550	500	500	1 150	28.8
5 000	1 500	1 300	1 250	900	1 000	600	550	550	1 300	26.0
7 000	1 800	1 550	1 400	1 050	1 150	700	650	600	1 600	22.9
10 000	2 150	1 850	1 650	1 200	1 300	800	750	700	1 900	19.0
15 000	2 550	2 200	2 000	1 450	1 550	900	850	800	2 350	15.7
20 000	2 900	2 450	2 250	1 600	1 750	1 000	950	900	2 700	13.5
30 000	3 450	2 900	2 650	1 900	2 050	1 200	1 100	1 100	3 250	10.8
40 000	3 800	3 200	3 000	2 150	2 250	1 350	1 200	1 250	3 700	9.3
50 000	4 150	3 450	3 300	2 350	2 450	1 450	1 300	1 350	4 050	8.1
100 000	5 150	4 300	4 400	3 100	3 150	1 850	1 700	1 850	5 300	5.3
150 000	5 800	5 050	5 200	3 650	3 650	2 200	1 950	2 200	6 150	4.1
200 000	6 400	5 650	5 850	4 050	4 050	2 400	2 150	2 500	6 800	3.4
300 000	7 450	6 700	6 850	4 800	4 650	2 800	..	3 000	7 950	2.7
500 000	9 250	8 400	8 400	5 850	5 500	3 350	..	..	9 650	1.9
1 000 000	12 950	11 800	11 000	7 650	6 850	..	..	..	12 650	1.3
2 000 000	19 050	17 150	14 350	10 000	8 500	..	..	..	16 700	0.8
5 000 000	34 150	29 450	20 250	..	..	..	..	..	25 600	0.5
10 000 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44 850	0.4

T2 LEVELS(a) AT WHICH ESTIMATES HAVE A RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR OF 25%

	NSW no.	Vic. no.	Qld no.	SA no.	WA no.	Tas. no.	NT no.	ACT no.	Aust. no.
Average duration of time spent looking for work during the year	11 800	10 800	8 300	4 600	5 600	2 000	1 500	2 100	12 000
Median duration of time spent looking for work during the year	18 900	14 300	12 200	6 700	8 000	3 200	3 300	2 900	16 300
All other estimates	7 300	5 600	4 800	3 000	3 400	1 400	1 400	1 300	5 600

(a) Refers to the number of persons contributing to the estimates.

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work	Steps taken during the 12 months up to the time of the survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work;■ answering a newspaper advertisement for a job;■ checking Centrelink touchscreens;■ checking factory noticeboards;■ registering with Centrelink for job search assistance;■ contacting an employment agency;■ advertising or tendering for work; and■ contacting friends or relatives.
All difficulties in finding work	All difficulties in finding work experienced during the current period of unemployment.
Average duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.
Centrelink	Centrelink is a statutory authority responsible for delivering a range of Commonwealth Government services, including the registration of persons for job search assistance and income support.
CES	Prior to April 1998, the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) provided job placement service for jobseekers and managed labour market programs. It also provided the contact point for eligible jobseekers to register for income support.
Duration of current period of unemployment	The period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus, this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full-time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference period.
Educational attainment	The highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the <i>ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)</i> (Cat. no. 1262.0).
Former full-time employees	Unemployed persons, excluding persons who were stood down, who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years.
Industry	All occurrences of industry in this publication relate to Divisions as defined by ANZSIC — <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1993</i> (Cat. no. 1292.0).

Job leavers	Persons who have ceased their last job voluntarily, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 or other reasons; or ■ they changed locality but not employer/business for employment, personal or other reasons.
Job losers	Persons who ceased their last job involuntarily, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ they were retrenched or their business closed down because of financial difficulties; or ■ their job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job 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 Network	Job Network is a national network of private, community and government organisations on contract to the government to provide employment placement services to the community. Jobseekers, who are registered with Centrelink for job search assistance are able to contact any Job Network provider in their area to receive this service.
Looking for part-time work	Actively looking for part-time work (less than 35 hours per week) only.
Main difficulty in finding work	The main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.
Main English-speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand.
Median duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal size groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median, and the other, persons whose duration is below it.
Number of offers of employment	The number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.
Occupation	All occurrences of occupation in this publication relate to Major Group as defined by ASCO — <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition</i> (Cat. no. 1220.0).
Post-school qualifications	Any of the following educational qualifications completed by the person: bachelor degree or higher, undergraduate diploma, associate diploma, skilled vocational qualification or basic vocational qualification.
Persons who were stood down	Persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Unemployed persons Those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, and:

- were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week); or
- were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

In this publication, unemployed persons excludes those people who were stood down without pay for less than four weeks, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience.

Usual gross weekly pay The amount of usual weekly pay before taxation and other deductions have been made.

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

Supplementary and special supplementary surveys collect data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary and special labour force surveys. Data is available in publication form, by subscription or on request. It may be possible to order unpublished data from these surveys by contacting the ABS.

TITLE	CATALOGUE NUMBER
■ Career Experience. Irregular. Latest issue November 1998	6254.0
■ Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications. Final issue 1993 (Discontinued)	6243.0
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■ Education and Training Experience. Irregular. Latest issue 1997	6278.0
■ Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership. Annual. Latest issue August 1998	6310.0
■ Employment Benefits. Final issue August 1994 (Discontinued)	6334.0.40.001
■ Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons. Annual. Latest issue July 1999	6222.0
■ Labour Force Experience. Two-yearly. Latest issue February 1999	6206.0
■ Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment. Final issue February 1994 (Discontinued)	6235.0
■ Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families. Annual. Latest issue June 1998	6224.0
■ Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants. Irregular. Latest issue November 1996	6250.0
■ Labour Mobility. Two-yearly. Latest issue February 1998	6209.0
■ Multiple Jobholding. Irregular. Latest issue August 1997	6216.0
■ Participation in Education. Annual. Latest issue September 1998	6272.0
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■ Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force. Final issue September 1994 (Discontinued)	6267.0.40.001
■ Retirement and Retirement Intentions. Irregular. Latest issue November 1997	6238.0
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■ Trade Union Members. Two-yearly. August 1996 (Discontinued)	6325.0
■ Transition from Education to Work. Annual. Irregular. Latest issue May 1998	6227.0
■ Underemployed Workers. Annual. Latest issue September 1998	6265.0
■ Working Arrangements. Irregular. Latest issue August 1997	6342.0

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