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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In May 1977 a survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about persons aged 15 to 64 years who were not in the labour force; in particular, their intentions regarding entering or re-entering the labour force, whether they had ever held a regular job and, if so, how long ago and for what reason they had left it, and their educational qualifications.

2. Preliminary results of the survey were published on 25 October 1977 in *Persons Not in the Labour Force, May 1977 (Preliminary)*, (6219.0). This bulletin contains final and more detailed information. The results of a similar survey in November 1975 were published in *Persons Not in the Labour Force* (6220.0).

The population survey

3. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. Interviews for the survey of persons not in the labour force were carried out during a period of four weeks.

Scope

4. The estimates relate to all persons aged fifteen years and over except members of the permanent defence forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations.

5. Tables 2 to 19 relate to persons aged 15 to 64 who were not in the labour force, except persons in institutions, persons permanently unable to work, boarding school students and persons who, though they had looked for work in the four weeks before interview week, had taken no active steps to obtain employment and/or were unable to start a job in the week before interview week for reasons other than their own temporary illness or injury. Persons in institutions are those who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc., and for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling.

Survey methodology

6. Respondents to the survey, as defined in paragraph 5, were asked "*Even though you are not looking for work would you like a full-time or part-time job now?*" Tables 3 to 5 and 9 to 16 make use of replies of this question. A further question was asked of persons who answered "yes" or "maybe" in order to ascertain their reasons for not looking for work at the time of the survey (See Tables 9 to 11 and 14). Persons who were responsible for children under 12 years of age and who answered "no" or "don't know" to the first question

were asked "*If you had care arrangements for all your children under 12 would you like a full-time or part-time job now?*" Tables 17 to 19 make use of replies to this question in conjunction with replies to the first question above, as defined in the footnotes to Table 17.

Definitions

7. Definitions of labour force categories used in this bulletin are the same as those used in the May 1977 labour force survey, which are set out in the bulletin *The Labour Force, May 1977* (6203.0). The definition of *family status* is given in the Appendix to that bulletin.

8. A *regular job* was defined as one which had lasted for two months or more and in which the person had worked at least an average of five hours a week.

9. *Discouraged job-seekers* were defined as persons who wanted a job but were not looking for work because they believed they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons: considered too young or too old by employers; language or racial difficulties; lacked necessary training, skills or experience; or no jobs in locality or line of work.

10. Persons included in the survey who wanted a job but were not looking for work were asked to give reasons why they were not doing so. Reasons were ranked in the order of priority shown in Table 11. Where more than one reason was given, only the higher or highest-ranked has been included in the estimates in Tables 9, 10 and 11. Table 14 includes estimates of the highest-ranked reason and the second highest ranked reason (if any).

11. For this survey the *State capital cities* were the 1971 Population Census State metropolitan Statistical Divisions. Explanatory notes on the delimitation of urban boundaries and maps showing the boundaries of the capital city Statistical Divisions were published in *Census of Population and Housing, 30 June 1971 - Census Bulletin No. 6*.

Reliability of the estimates

12. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Note, page 21.

Related publications

13. Other ABS publications which are available free of charge from any ABS office and which may be of interest include:

- . *The Labour Force* (6203.0). This publication contains an up-to-date list of population survey reports.
- . *Labour Mobility* (6209.0)
- . *Labour Force Experience* (6206.0)

- . *Persons Looking for Work* (6222.0)
- . *Child Care* (4402.0)

14. Publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
 - .. Not applicable
- Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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TABLE 1 CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS, MAY 1977 (a)

	Number ('000)			Per cent of total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	4,958.4	5,081.3	10,039.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employed	3,824.5	2,059.4	5,883.8	77.1	40.5	58.6
Unemployed	170.1	144.0	314.2	3.4	2.8	3.1
Not in the labour force	963.8	2,877.9	3,841.7	19.4	56.6	38.3
Aged 65 years and over	435.1	683.6	1,118.8	8.8	13.5	11.1
Aged 15 to 64 years	528.7	2,194.3	2,722.9	10.7	43.2	27.1
Inmate of institution, permanently unable to work, boarding school student	69.3	28.3	97.6	1.4	0.6	1.0
Had not looked for work in the four weeks before interview week	449.8	2,142.8	2,592.6	9.1	42.2	25.8
Had previously had a regular job	267.3	1,772.8	2,040.1	5.4	34.9	20.3
Had never had a regular job	182.5	370.0	552.5	3.7	7.3	5.5
Would have liked a job at the time of the survey	83.2	388.9	472.0	1.7	7.6	4.7
Might have liked a job at the time of the survey	12.7	61.2	73.9	0.3	1.2	0.7
Would not have liked a job at the time of the survey	347.2	1,660.3	2,007.5	7.0	32.7	20.0
Did not know whether would have liked a job at the time of the survey	6.6	32.5	39.1	0.1	0.6	0.4
Intended to look for work in the next 12 months	136.2	265.6	401.7	2.7	5.2	4.0
Might look for work in the next 12 months	26.8	130.1	156.8	0.5	2.6	1.6
Did not intend to look for work in the next 12 months	257.4	1,659.6	1,917.0	5.2	32.7	19.1
Did not know whether would look for work in the next 12 months	25.6	79.7	105.3	0.5	1.6	1.0
Had a job to go to	*	7.9	11.7	*	0.2	0.1
Other (b)	9.6	23.2	32.8	0.2	0.5	0.3

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Persons who, though they had looked for work in the four weeks before the interview week, had taken no active steps to obtain employment and/or were unable to start a job in the week before the interview week for reasons other than their own temporary illness or injury.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 2. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : OCCUPATION IN LAST REGULAR JOB (IF ANY) AND AGE, MAY 1977 (a)
(*000)

Occupation in last regular job (a)	Age group (years)						Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59		60-64
MALES								
Professional and technical	4.9		4.1		*	*	4.7	17.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	5.5		6.7	13.1
Clerical workers	7.2		*	*	5.2		5.6	20.7
Sales workers	12.3	*	*		4.6		5.1	25.2
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc.	6.2		*	*	4.1	*	9.7	26.0
Transport and communication		5.9			5.3		8.4	19.6
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c. (b)	26.1	13.9	8.4	6.7	15.0	13.3	34.9	118.3
Service, sport and recreation	5.7	6.6	*	*	6.9		5.8	27.3
Never had a regular job	165.2	10.1		5.9		*	*	182.5
Total	220.3	43.5	21.9	15.5	35.3	32.1	81.2	449.8
FEMALES								
Professional and technical	*	11.7	61.8	31.8	18.9	14.2	17.8	157.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	5.0		*	7.0	4.2	4.1	23.8
Clerical workers	11.0	51.3	190.8	89.7	76.8	34.8	33.1	487.5
Sales workers	26.5	29.6	63.5	43.0	58.9	30.8	34.8	287.2
Farmers, etc.	4.8		7.7	8.0	10.2	5.3	5.8	41.9
Transport and communication	*	4.1	14.4	10.1	6.2	4.2	4.1	43.7
Tradeswomen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c.	8.1	28.1	82.4	63.8	84.9	43.9	40.2	351.4
Service, sport and recreation	12.9	32.1	86.3	60.5	78.0	52.2	57.5	379.5
Never had a regular job	193.1	14.9	18.0	24.0	39.9	33.7	46.5	370.0
Total	255.8	175.9	528.6	334.5	380.9	223.3	243.9	2,142.8
PERSONS								
Professional and technical	*	15.6	65.0	32.7	20.4	16.0	22.5	174.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	4.0	4.1	9.0	7.6	10.8	36.9
Clerical workers	14.7	54.9	192.3	90.8	79.3	37.5	38.7	508.2
Sales workers	38.8	31.4	65.0	44.0	61.1	32.3	39.8	312.4
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc.	5.7	5.3	9.1	9.5	14.4	8.3	15.5	67.8
Transport and communication	*	5.3	16.6	11.2	8.5	6.1	12.6	63.3
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c. (b)	34.2	42.0	90.8	70.5	99.9	57.2	75.1	469.7
Service, sport and recreation	18.7	38.7	87.5	61.5	81.5	55.7	63.2	406.9
Never had a regular job	358.2	24.9	20.1	25.6	42.1	34.6	46.9	552.5
Total	476.1	219.4	550.4	350.0	416.2	255.4	325.1	2,592.6

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes miners, quarrymen and related workers.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 3. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : WHETHER WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MAY 1977 (a)
(⁰⁰⁰)

<i>Would have liked a job or not</i>	<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to look</i>	<i>Might look</i>	<i>Would not look</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Had a job to go to</i>	
MALES						
Yes	59.2	6.6	12.1	*	*	83.2
Maybe	4.7	5.2	*	*	*	12.7
No	71.2	14.2	241.5	20.4	..	347.2
Did not know	*	*	*	*	..	6.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>136.2</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>257.4</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>449.8</i>
FEMALES						
Yes	165.0	67.8	125.5	22.7	7.8	388.9
Maybe	9.4	18.0	28.5	5.3	*	61.2
No	89.1	42.5	1,487.9	40.7	..	1,660.3
Did not know	*	*	17.8	11.0	..	32.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>265.6</i>	<i>130.1</i>	<i>1,659.6</i>	<i>79.7</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>2,142.8</i>
PERSONS						
Yes	224.2	74.4	137.6	24.3	11.6	472.0
Maybe	14.1	23.2	30.7	5.8	*	73.9
No	160.2	56.7	1,729.4	61.1	..	2,007.5
Did not know	*	*	19.3	14.2	..	39.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>401.7</i>	<i>156.8</i>	<i>1,917.0</i>	<i>105.3</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>2,592.6</i>

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 4. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : FAMILY STATUS, WHETHER WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Family status	Intended to look or might look for work in the next 12 months			Did not intend to look for work in the next 12 months or did not know			Total		
	Would have liked a job (b)	Would not have liked a job (c)	Total	Would have liked a job (b)(d)	Would not have liked a job (c)	Total	Would have liked a job (b)(d)	Would not have liked a job (c)	Total
MALES									
Member of a family (e)	66.7	76.9	143.5	18.3	229.5	247.8	85.0	306.3	391.3
Husband	15.3	8.5	23.8	8.1	101.0	109.1	23.4	109.5	132.9
with dependent children (f) present	8.4	*	11.9	*	21.7	24.7	11.4	25.2	36.6
without dependent children (f) present	6.9	5.1	11.9	5.1	79.3	84.4	12.0	84.3	96.3
Not married (g) head of family	*	*	*	*	4.4	5.0	*	4.9	6.3
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	41.1	57.5	98.6	7.4	104.8	112.2	48.5	162.4	210.8
Other child (h) of family head	8.5	9.1	17.5	*	14.2	16.1	10.4	23.2	33.6
Other relative (parent, brother, etc)	*	*	*	*	5.2	5.4	*	6.4	7.7
Not a member of a family (i)	9.0	10.4	19.4	*	37.1	39.0	10.9	47.5	58.4
Total	75.7	87.2	162.9	20.2	266.6	286.8	95.9	353.8	449.8
FEMALES									
Member of a family (e)	250.6	126.0	376.6	184.1	1,463.2	1,647.4	434.7	1,589.2	2,024.0
Wife	177.9	60.7	238.6	153.9	1,212.7	1,366.5	(j)331.8	1,273.3	1,650.1
with dependent children (f) present	143.3	48.7	192.0	117.6	724.9	842.6	260.9	773.7	1,034.6
without dependent children (f) present	34.6	11.9	46.5	36.2	487.7	523.9	70.8	499.7	570.5
Not married (g) head of family	21.9	8.6	30.4	16.7	95.3	112.0	38.6	103.9	142.5
with dependent children (f) present	19.2	7.4	26.5	13.6	60.9	74.5	32.8	68.3	101.0
without dependent children (f) present	*	*	*	*	34.4	37.5	5.8	35.6	41.4
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	43.5	51.6	95.1	11.5	109.3	120.8	55.0	160.9	215.9
Other child (h) of family head	5.6	4.3	9.9	*	18.8	20.5	7.4	23.0	30.4
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	*	*	*	27.2	27.5	*	28.1	30.1
Not a member of a family (i)	9.6	9.4	19.0	5.7	94.1	99.8	15.3	103.5	118.8
Total	260.2	135.4	395.6	189.8	1,557.4	1,747.2	450.0	1,692.8	2,142.8
PERSONS									
Member of a family (e)	317.3	202.9	520.1	202.5	1,692.7	1,895.2	519.7	1,895.6	2,415.3
Husband or wife	193.2	69.2	262.4	162.0	1,313.6	1,475.6	355.2	1,382.8	1,738.0
with dependent children (f) present	151.7	52.2	203.9	120.6	746.7	867.3	272.4	798.9	1,071.2
without dependent children (f) present	41.5	17.0	58.5	41.3	567.0	608.3	82.8	584.0	666.8
Not married (g) head of family	22.6	9.1	31.7	17.3	99.7	117.0	39.9	108.8	148.7
with dependent children (f) present	19.3	7.4	26.6	13.6	62.4	76.1	32.9	69.8	102.7
without dependent children (f) present	*	*	5.1	*	37.3	41.0	7.1	39.0	46.0
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	84.6	109.1	193.7	18.9	214.1	233.0	(k)103.5	323.2	426.7
Other child (h) of family head	14.1	13.3	27.4	*	32.9	36.6	17.8	46.3	64.1
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	4.9	*	32.3	32.9	*	34.5	37.8
Not a member of a family (i)	18.7	19.8	38.5	7.5	131.3	138.8	26.2	151.0	177.3
Total	335.9	222.6	558.6	210.0	1,824.0	2,034.0	546.0	2,046.6	2,592.6

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises persons who would have or might have liked a job at the time of the survey. (c) Includes persons who did not know whether they would have liked a job at the time of the survey. (d) Includes 11,700 persons who had a job to go to. (e) For definition, see the Appendix to *The Labour Force*, May 1977. (f) Comprises all family members who were under 15 years of age or full-time students aged 15 to 20 years. (g) Includes widowed, divorced and permanently separated. (h) Of any age. (i) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living. (j) 82.7 per cent of wives (comprising 218,600 with dependent children present and 55,700 without dependent children present) expressed a preference for part-time work. (k) 59.4 per cent of full-time students (comprising 26,300 males and 35,200 females) expressed a preference for part-time work.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 5. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : BIRTHPLACE, WHETHER WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

	Born overseas			Total
	Born in Australia	Main English-speaking countries (b)	Other countries	
Would have liked a job or not –				
Yes	357.3	53.6	61.2	472.0
Maybe	56.3	7.8	9.8	73.9
No	1,595.7	169.0	242.8	2,007.5
Did not know	29.4	*	7.1	39.1
Intention to look for work in the next twelve months –				
Intended to look	309.6	39.0	53.1	401.7
Might look	119.9	12.3	24.6	156.8
Would not look	1,519.6	168.7	228.6	1,917.0
Did not know	80.2	11.1	14.0	105.3
Had a job to go to	9.3	*	*	11.7
Total	2,038.7	233.0	320.9	2,592.6

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 6. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO HAD HAD A REGULAR JOB : TIME SINCE LAST REGULAR JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING IT, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Reason for leaving last regular job	Time since last regular job							Total
	Under 6 months	6 months and under 1 year	1 year and under 3 years	3 years and under 5 years	5 years and under 10 years	10 years and under 20 years	20 years and over	
MALES								
Dismissed, retrenched	7.1	*	6.2	*	*	*	*	19.3
Seasonal/temporary job/went back to school	56.9	6.5	14.3	*	*	*	*	81.4
Retired/did not want to work any longer	11.2	9.1	16.7	10.4	4.8	*	*	53.6
Own ill health or injury	11.1	7.7	30.0	17.5	15.8	7.3	*	91.6
Other reasons	9.9	*	4.5	*	*	*	*	21.3
Total	96.1	29.4	71.7	33.6	23.8	9.3	*	267.3
FEMALES								
Dismissed, retrenched	17.1	14.2	32.6	18.5	14.3	9.2	6.0	112.0
Seasonal/temporary job/went back to school	65.4	26.2	43.3	16.6	17.5	9.2	5.3	183.4
Retired/did not want to work any longer	26.7	16.9	42.2	34.0	40.4	37.1	20.3	217.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	6.3	4.5	10.9	5.3	4.9	*	*	35.5
Own ill health or injury	13.6	13.8	32.9	32.1	30.6	21.5	8.4	152.9
Left to get married	*	*	10.7	15.4	53.4	82.7	226.1	392.5
Pregnancy/to have children	26.8	27.3	84.6	77.0	110.3	66.6	33.9	426.4
To look after family or other person	12.3	10.6	23.1	18.6	19.5	16.6	21.2	122.0
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	10.7	10.1	24.4	17.7	21.6	19.9	10.2	114.6
Other reasons	*	*	4.0	*	*	*	*	16.0
Total	183.5	127.6	308.5	236.7	315.2	266.9	334.4	1,772.8
PERSONS								
Dismissed, retrenched	24.2	16.9	38.8	20.7	15.1	9.5	6.2	131.4
Seasonal/temporary job/went back to school	122.4	32.7	57.6	18.9	18.7	9.3	5.3	264.8
Retired/did not want to work any longer	37.9	25.9	58.9	44.4	45.1	38.3	20.6	271.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	9.9	5.5	12.3	5.7	5.1	*	*	42.5
Own ill health or injury	24.7	21.5	62.9	49.7	46.3	28.8	10.6	244.4
Left to get married	*	*	10.7	15.4	53.4	82.8	226.1	392.7
Pregnancy/to have children	26.8	27.3	84.6	77.0	110.3	66.6	33.9	426.4
To look after family or other person	13.1	10.9	23.5	18.8	19.7	16.6	21.2	123.9
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	13.8	11.6	26.0	18.1	21.8	19.9	10.3	121.4
Other reasons	5.6	*	5.1	*	*	*	*	21.3
Total	279.6	157.0	380.3	270.3	339.0	276.2	337.8	2,040.1

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 7. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WERE INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS : AGE AND WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Whether preferred to work full time or part time	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Preferred to work full time	66.7	18.4	8.5	4.4	5.1	*	*	105.3
Preferred to work part time	33.2	7.5	*	*	*	*	4.1	52.7
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>101.1</i>	<i>26.5</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>162.9</i>
MARRIED WOMEN (c)								
Preferred to work full time	*	9.0	14.0	8.9	4.9	*	*	39.4
Preferred to work part time	*	22.2	78.7	51.1	35.2	8.8	*	201.4
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>95.5</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>250.1</i>
OTHER FEMALES								
Preferred to work full time	60.5	10.4	4.0	*	*	*	*	79.0
Preferred to work part time	42.0	6.0	5.3	*	4.1	*	*	64.0
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>104.4</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>145.6</i>
ALL FEMALES								
Preferred to work full time	61.7	19.4	18.0	11.1	6.1	*	*	118.4
Preferred to work part time	45.3	28.2	84.0	54.6	39.3	10.5	*	265.4
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>109.2</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>105.0</i>	<i>68.6</i>	<i>47.7</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>395.6</i>
PERSONS								
Preferred to work full time	128.5	37.9	26.5	15.5	11.2	*	*	223.8
Preferred to work part time	78.5	35.8	86.9	55.2	41.6	12.5	7.6	318.0
No preference	4.9		7.1		4.8			16.8
Total	210.3	75.2	116.9	74.3	56.3	16.2	9.4	558.6

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might look for work in the next twelve months.
(b) Includes persons who did not state a preference. (c) Includes permanently separated.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 8. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WERE INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS : EDUCATIONAL STATUS AND OCCUPATION IN LAST REGULAR JOB, MAY 1977 (a)
(⁰⁰⁰)

Occupation in last regular job	Without post-school qualifications						Still at school	Total (c)
	With post-school qualifications (b)	Completed final year secondary	Did not complete final year secondary; left school at age (years)			Total		
			16 or over	14 or 15	13 or under			
MALES								
Professional, technical, administrative and executive	*	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	9.3
Clerical	}	5.6	4.1		*	4.2	{	7.1
Sales			7.3					
Farmers, etc.	}	*	4.5		*	5.5	{	7.4
Transport and communication			*					
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. and quarrymen etc.	7.2	12.9	*	6.7	*	11.8	11.8	44.0
Service, sport and recreation	*	6.1	*	*	*	*	*	12.2
Never had a regular job	*	6.7	*	*	*	*	55.2	65.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>28.6</i>	<i>81.2</i>	<i>162.9</i>
FEMALES								
Professional, technical, administrative and executive	23.3	4.1	*	5.6	*	10.2	*	37.7
Clerical	6.3	14.5	20.0	33.3	*	55.5	*	78.1
Sales	*	9.3	6.7	21.5	*	31.1	6.7	49.1
Farmers, etc.	*	*	4.9		*	6.0	*	6.9
Transport and communication	*	*	*	5.2	*	7.3	*	8.1
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	*	5.4	8.9	28.4	11.9	49.3	*	60.6
Service, sport and recreation	7.1	9.1	12.4	33.8	8.3	54.5	*	73.2
Never had a regular job	*	8.0	4.7	7.1	*	12.4	60.2	82.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>59.7</i>	<i>138.4</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>226.2</i>	<i>72.8</i>	<i>395.6</i>
PERSONS								
Professional, technical, administrative and executive	25.9	8.4	4.0	6.9	*	12.0	*	47.0
Clerical	6.9	17.8	21.8	33.5	*	57.4	*	85.2
Sales	*	11.7	7.7	22.6	*	33.4	14.1	61.5
Farmers, etc.	*	*	*	5.6	*	9.0	*	14.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	6.0	*	9.9	*	13.5
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. and quarrymen etc.	10.6	18.4	12.3	35.0	13.7	61.1	13.6	104.6
Service, sport and recreation	8.1	15.2	13.0	35.0	9.2	57.1	4.8	85.4
Never had a regular job	*	14.8	5.4	8.9	*	15.0	115.4	147.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>57.2</i>	<i>90.3</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>153.6</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>254.8</i>	<i>153.9</i>	<i>558.6</i>

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might look for work in the next twelve months.
(b) Comprises 13,200 persons (9,600 females) with a university degree or equivalent; 12,000 persons (10,000 females) with other tertiary qualifications; 16,900 persons (15,700 females) with technician qualifications; 10,200 persons (4,500 females) with trade qualifications and 4,800 persons (4,100 females) with other post-school qualifications. (c) Includes persons who never went to school.

* Less than 4,000, see Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 9. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB : REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b) AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Reason for not looking for work (b)	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Total		
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	Males	Females	Persons
Had a job to go to	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	*	7.9	11.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	25.4	12.9	20.9	5.4	17.2	47.4	64.7
Attending an educational institution	77.5	9.5	15.5	*	50.9	54.7	105.6
Had no need to work	11.5	12.7	24.2	*	5.1	46.0	51.1
Family considerations (d)	64.5	41.8	83.1	13.5	*	200.8	202.9
Ill health of other than self	—6.2—		4.5	*	*	10.6	11.3
Unable to find child care	8.1	5.4	7.6	*	*	21.7	21.8
Preferred to look after children	36.2	24.3	56.5	7.2	*	123.8	124.3
Other family considerations	15.3	8.0	9.5	*	*	35.6	36.4
Discouraged	32.2	13.5	16.4	*	7.7	57.8	65.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	4.1	*	4.9	*	*	9.3	11.5
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	—4.0—		*	*	*	5.6	6.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	25.2	10.3	9.6	*	4.8	42.9	47.7
No jobs in suitable hours	10.0	6.6		*	*	15.2	17.1
Other reasons	17.3	*	5.0	*	7.2	20.2	27.4
Total							
Males	63.9	11.8	14.3	*	95.9	..	..
Females	174.4	85.8	153.9	28.0	..	450.0	..
Persons	(c)238.3	(c)97.6	(c)168.3	(c)30.1	..	..	546.0

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) Highest ranked reason only, see page 2, paragraph 10. (c) Intention to look for work in the next twelve months was not asked of persons who were not looking for work because they already had a job to go to. (d) Includes 9,100 females whose spouse disapproved of their taking a job.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 10. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB (a) : REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b), MAY 1977 ('000)

<i>Reason for not looking for work (b)</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust. (c)</i>
MALES							
Own ill health or physical disability	6.6	*	3.8	*	*	*	17.2
Attending an educational institution	18.0	14.9	5.3	4.8	5.8	*	50.9
<i>Total (d)</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>95.9</i>
FEMALES							
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	18.0	13.9	6.7	3.4	3.0	1.6	47.4
Attending an educational institution	22.7	12.9	5.5	6.0	5.2	*	54.7
Had no need to work	18.4	10.2	7.8	4.1	4.2	*	46.0
Family considerations (d)	73.2	54.9	30.9	16.2	15.8	5.4	200.8
Unable to find child care	8.7	5.6	3.3	*	2.0	*	21.7
Preferred to look after children	46.0	33.0	19.3	10.2	9.7	3.3	123.8
Discouraged (d)	23.1	12.8	10.3	5.0	3.7	1.8	57.8
No jobs in locality or line of work	17.6	9.8	8.5	2.8	2.1	*	42.9
No jobs in suitable hours	7.9	*	*	*	*	*	15.2
Other (e)	10.6	7.5	3.3	*	2.2	*	28.1
Total	174.0	115.8	65.3	37.7	35.4	12.3	450.0

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 10. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes reasons not shown separately. (e) Includes 7,900 females who had a job to go to.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 11. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB (a) : BIRTHPLACE AND REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b), MAY 1977 ('000)

Reason for not looking for work (b)	Born in Australia	Born overseas		Total
		Main English-speaking countries (c)	Other countries	
FEMALES				
Had a job to go to	6.2	*	*	7.9
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	34.2	6.0	7.3	47.4
Attending an educational institution	46.0	4.5	4.2	54.7
Had no need to work	35.3	6.1	4.5	46.0
Family considerations	148.9	22.7	29.2	200.8
Ill health of other than self	7.9	*	*	10.6
Unable to find child care	16.3	*	4.4	21.7
Preferred to look after children	92.1	14.1	17.7	123.8
Husband disapproved	7.0	*	*	9.1
Other family considerations	25.7	5.3	4.6	35.6
Discouraged	39.3	7.7	10.8	57.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	5.5	*	*	9.3
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	*	5.6
No jobs in locality or line or work	31.5	5.8	5.6	42.9
No jobs in suitable hours	11.9	*	*	15.2
Other reasons	16.1	*	*	20.2
Total	337.9	53.2	58.9	450.0
PERSONS				
Had a job to go to	9.3	*	*	11.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	47.6	6.5	10.5	64.7
Attending an educational institution	86.6	9.0	10.0	105.6
Had no need to work	39.2	6.7	5.3	51.1
Family considerations	150.4	23.2	29.3	202.9
Ill health of other than self	8.6	*	*	11.3
Unable to find child care	16.3	*	4.5	21.8
Preferred to look after children	92.1	14.6	17.7	124.3
Spouse disapproved	7.0	*	*	9.1
Other family considerations	26.5	5.3	4.6	36.4
Discouraged	45.6	8.2	11.7	65.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.2	*	*	11.5
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	*	6.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	35.5	6.2	6.0	47.7
No jobs in suitable hours	13.7	5.9	*	17.1
Other reasons	21.1			
Total	413.6	61.4	71.0	546.0

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 10. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 5.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 12. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB : AGE AND WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Whether preferred to work full time or part time	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Preferred to work full time	22.6	6.3	4.7	*	4.1	*	*	44.5
Preferred to work part time	26.2	5.4	*	*	*	*	5.6	44.1
Total (b)(d)	50.9	12.7	7.1	5.0	8.4	*	7.9	95.9
MARRIED WOMEN (c)								
Preferred to work full time	*	8.6	16.2	8.9	5.3	*	*	41.6
Preferred to work part time	*	28.7	107.2	68.2	55.8	16.0	7.6	287.0
No preference	*	5.0	6.5			*	*	12.5
Total (d)	4.1	40.0	129.6	82.0	64.4	18.3	8.2	346.3
OTHER FEMALES								
Preferred to work full time	23.0	6.2	*	*	*	*		33.0
Preferred to work part time	39.4	*	6.2	*	6.7	5.9		65.9
Total (b)(d)	64.9	7.5	9.7	6.4	8.3	*	*	103.8
ALL FEMALES								
Preferred to work full time	23.7	12.0	19.0	10.6	6.6	*	*	74.6
Preferred to work part time	42.8	32.5	113.4	72.1	62.5	18.7	10.8	352.9
No preference	*	5.4	4.1		4.4			14.7
Total (d)	69.1	47.1	139.3	88.4	72.7	21.7	11.8	450.0
PERSONS								
Preferred to work full time	46.3	18.3	23.7	14.1	10.8	4.0	*	119.0
Preferred to work part time	69.0	38.0	114.7	72.8	65.4	20.8	16.4	397.0
No preference	*	*	4.3	4.6	4.5		*	18.2
Total (d)	120.0	59.7	146.4	93.5	81.1	25.6	19.7	546.0

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) Includes persons who did not state a preference. (c) Includes permanently separated. (d) Includes persons who had a job to go to and who were not asked whether they preferred full-time or part-time work.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 13. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB: FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME, MAY 1977 (a)
(000)

Family status	Preferred to work –		No preference	Had a job to go to	Total
	Full time	Part time			
FEMALES					
Member of a family (a)	70.1	343.3	14.0	7.3	434.7
Wife	40.0	274.3	12.3	5.2	331.8
with dependent children present	30.4	218.6	7.6	4.3	260.9
without dependent children present	9.6	55.7	4.7	*	70.8
Not married (b) head of family	6.6	30.5	*	*	38.6
with dependent children present	5.8	25.8	*	*	32.8
without dependent children present	*	4.7	*	*	5.8
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	19.0	35.2	*	*	55.0
Other child or relative (parent, sister, etc.) of family head	4.5	*	*	*	9.4
Not a member of a family	4.5	9.6	*	*	15.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>74.6</i>	<i>352.9</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>450.0</i>
PERSONS					
Member of a family (a)	109.1	383.0	16.6	11.0	519.7
Husband or wife	51.4	283.1	13.8	6.8	355.2
with dependent children present	38.0	220.1	8.6	5.7	272.4
without dependent children present	13.5	63.0	5.3	*	82.8
Not married (b) head of family	7.0	31.0	*	*	39.9
with dependent children present	5.9	25.8	*	*	32.9
without dependent children present	*	5.3	*	*	7.1
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	39.7	61.5	*	*	103.5
Other child or relative (parent, sister, etc.) of family head	11.0	7.4	*	*	21.2
Not a member of a family	10.0	14.0	*	*	26.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>119.0</i>	<i>397.0</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>546.0</i>

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) Includes permanently separated.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 14. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB (a) : HIGHEST RANKED REASON AND SECOND REASON (IF ANY) (b) FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK, MAY 1977 ('000)

Highest-ranked reason for not looking for work	Second reason for not looking for work (b)									
	Family considerations				Discouraged (a)					
	Had no need to work	Preferred to look after children	Spouse disapproved	Total (c)	No jobs in locality or line of work	Total (c)	No jobs in suitable hours	Total (c)	No second reason given	Total
FEMALES										
Had a job to go to	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.9	7.9
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	*	*	4.7	5.0	7.6	4.2	13.1	34.3	47.4
Attending an educational institution	*	*	*	*	5.0	7.6	4.2	11.2	43.5	57.4
Had no need to work	..	6.1	*	10.6	*	4.9	*	18.2	27.8	46.0
Family considerations	..	7.6	4.9	21.5	11.5	15.6	7.7	47.9	152.9	200.8
Unable to find child care	..	6.3	*	7.8	*	*	*	11.2	10.5	21.7
Preferred to look after children	..	..	4.0	8.6	5.6	7.3	5.9	23.4	100.4	123.8
Other family considerations	..	*	*	5.1	4.1	6.3	*	13.3	42.0	55.3
Discouraged (a)(c)	..	..	..	..	4.9	6.2	7.6	16.3	41.5	57.8
No jobs in locality or line of work	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.6	8.6	34.4	42.9
Other reasons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*	34.8	35.4
Total	4.2	16.1	5.7	38.0	24.4	34.4	20.0	107.3	342.8	450.0
PERSONS										
Had a job to go to	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.7	11.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	*	*	5.3	*	4.4	*	14.8	49.9	64.7
Attending an educational institution	*	*	*	*	4.8	6.3	5.5	18.6	87.0	105.6
Had no need to work	..	6.1	*	10.8	*	5.5	*	19.1	32.0	51.1
Family considerations	..	7.6	4.9	21.5	11.7	16.0	7.7	48.2	154.7	202.9
Unable to find child care	..	6.3	*	7.8	*	*	*	11.2	10.6	21.8
Preferred to look after children	..	..	4.0	8.6	5.7	7.4	5.9	23.5	100.8	124.3
Other family considerations	..	*	*	5.1	4.1	6.4	*	13.5	43.3	56.8
Discouraged (a)(c)	..	..	..	..	5.8	7.2	8.3	18.7	46.8	65.5
No jobs in locality or line of work	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.3	9.8	37.9	47.7
Other reasons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*	43.8	44.4
Total	6.0	16.3	5.7	39.6	28.2	39.3	22.3	120.1	425.9	546.0

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (b) See page 2, paragraph 10.
(c) Includes reasons not shown separately.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 15. DISCOURAGED JOB-SEEKERS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1977 (a)

	Number ('000)		Per cent	
	Females	Persons	Females	Persons
Total	57.8	65.5	100.0	100.0
Marital status –				
Married (b)	48.0	51.3	83.1	78.4
Other	9.8	14.2	16.9	21.6
Age (years) –				
15 to 24 (c)	6.9	10.7	11.9	16.4
25 to 34	13.0	14.4	22.6	21.9
35 to 44	14.3	14.7	24.7	22.4
45 to 54	17.1	17.5	29.5	26.7
55 to 64	6.6	8.2	11.4	12.6
Place of residence –				
States –				
New South Wales	23.1	26.6	40.0	40.6
Victoria	12.8	14.5	22.1	22.1
Queensland	10.3	11.0	17.8	16.8
South Australia	5.0	5.7	8.6	8.7
Western Australia	3.7	3.9	6.5	6.0
Tasmania	1.8	1.8	3.1	2.8
Six State capital cities (a)	28.3	32.3	48.9	49.2
Other areas (d)	29.5	33.3	51.1	50.8
Birthplace –				
Australia	39.3	45.6	68.0	69.5
Main English-speaking countries (e)	7.7	8.2	13.3	12.5
Other overseas countries	10.8	11.7	18.7	17.9
Intention to look for work in the next twelve months –				
Intended to look	26.9	32.2	46.6	49.1
Might look	12.3	13.5	21.2	20.7
Would not look	15.2	16.4	26.3	25.0
Did not know	*	*	*	*
Educational attainment –				
With post-school qualifications	6.2	6.4	10.6	9.7
Without post-school qualifications (f)	51.7	59.2	89.4	90.3
Completed final year secondary	5.0	6.0	8.7	9.2
Did not complete final year secondary	42.9	47.5	74.2	72.5
Left school when aged 16 years or over	9.4	10.3	16.2	15.7
Left school when aged 14 to 15 years	28.8	32.0	49.7	48.9
Left school when aged 13 years or under	4.8	5.2	8.2	7.9
Never had a regular job	4.4	6.1	7.7	9.3
Had a regular job	53.4	59.4	92.3	90.7
Reason for leaving last regular job –				
Dismissed, retrenched	7.5	8.8	12.9	13.4
Seasonal/temporary job, went back to school	8.3	10.0	14.4	15.2
Retired, did not want to work any longer	4.7	6.0	8.1	9.2
Own ill health or injury	*	4.2	*	6.3
Family considerations	17.2	17.2	29.7	26.2
Left to get married	8.3	8.3	14.3	12.7
Left to have children	5.8	5.8	10.0	8.8
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	8.4	8.9	14.5	13.6
Other reasons (g)	*	4.4	*	6.7
Time since last regular job –				
Under 1 year	10.2	13.9	17.7	21.3
1 year and under 3 years	13.6	15.2	23.6	23.2
3 years and under 10 years	15.5	16.2	26.7	24.8
10 years and under 20 years	8.4	8.4	14.6	12.9
20 years or more	5.6	5.6	9.7	8.6

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes permanently separated. (c) Includes 7,200 persons (4,500 females) aged 15 to 19 years. (d) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (e) See footnote (b) to Table 5. (f) Includes 4,900 persons still at school and a small number who never went to school. (g) Includes unsatisfactory work arrangements.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 16. DISCOURAGED JOB-SEEKERS (a) : AGE AND REASON FOR BELIEVING NO WORK AVAILABLE (b), MAY 1977 ('000)

Reason for believing no work available	Age group (years)					Total
	15-19	20-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	*	4.9	11.5
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	*	*	*	6.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	5.7	16.3	11.4	11.5	*	47.7
Total	7.2	17.9	14.7	17.5	8.2	65.5

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 10.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 17. FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : WHETHER WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB, BY NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM RESPONSIBLE, MAY 1977 (a) ('000)

Number and age of children for whom responsible		Would have liked a job			Total
Under 5 years	5-11 years	If child care available (b)	Other (c)	Would not have liked a job (d)	
None	1	12.4	48.2	101.5	162.1
	2	13.7	36.4	67.6	117.7
	3 or more	4.1	13.6	28.6	46.2
	Total	30.2	98.2	197.7	326.0
1	none	23.7	38.2	109.5	171.3
	1	16.6	29.9	75.3	121.8
	2	10.4	15.2	41.8	67.5
	3 or more	*	5.1	13.7	21.9
Total	53.8	88.4	240.2	382.5	
2	none	25.2	33.4	79.3	137.8
	1	6.8	8.2	24.7	39.7
	2 or more	*	*	11.2	16.1
	Total	33.8	44.6	115.2	193.6
3 or more	none	*	*	9.4	14.1
	Total	4.8	*	16.4	24.6
Total	none	52.0	73.0	198.2	323.3
	1	37.2	87.7	205.5	330.4
	2	25.9	54.0	119.4	199.3
	3 or more	7.5	19.7	46.4	73.7
Total	122.7	234.5	569.5	926.6	

(a) For scope and definitions see Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises 112,200 females who initially stated that they would not like a job or did not know whether they would, but later stated that they would or might like a job if they had suitable child care arrangements for all their children under 12 years of age and 10,500 females (5,400 responsible only for children under 5 years of age) who stated that they would or might like a job and whose *only reason* for not looking for work was that they were unable to find child care. (c) Comprises females who would or might have liked a job and whose reasons for not looking for work either did not include lack of suitable child care arrangements or included some other reason in conjunction with lack of suitable child care arrangements. (d) Comprises females who would not have liked a job or did not know whether they would, even if suitable child care arrangements were available.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TABLE 18. FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE : PREFERRED CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENT, WHETHER CHILDREN ATTENDED SCHOOL AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Number of children and place of residence	Preferred child care arrangement							Total (c)
	Child care centre at work	Kinder-garten, pre-school, child care centre	Spouse to look after child(ren)	At home with older children (b)	At home with another person	In another person's home	Would work in school hours only	
FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN (d)								
One child attending school –								
Six State capital cities	5.8		5.9	5.4	13.7	13.0	26.9	72.2
Other areas	4.1		4.9	4.4	9.9	9.2	16.4	50.3
Total	5.0	4.9	10.8	9.9	23.6	22.2	43.3	122.5
Two or more children attending school –								
Six State capital cities	4.3		4.2	*	15.6	10.2	27.2	68.1
Other areas	*	*	4.5	*	9.1	4.7	16.2	41.6
Total	4.5	*	8.7	5.9	24.7	14.9	43.4	109.7
Total –								
Six State capital cities	4.9	5.2	10.1	8.7	29.3	23.2	54.1	140.2
Other areas	4.5	*	9.5	7.1	19.0	13.9	32.6	91.9
Total	9.5	8.3	19.6	15.8	48.3	37.1	86.7	232.1
FEMALES RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL (d)								
One child not attending school –								
Six State capital cities	10.3	25.6	6.7	*	19.9	18.9	..	86.5
Other areas	6.8	12.4	4.2	*	13.7	16.5	..	57.0
Total	17.0	38.0	10.9	*	33.5	35.4	..	143.5
Two or more children not attending school –								
Six State capital cities	9.7	12.1	5.4	*	13.8	6.9	..	48.9
Other areas	5.5	7.3	3.5	*	9.9	9.8	..	36.6
Total	15.1	19.3	8.9	*	23.7	16.7	..	85.5
Total –								
Six State capital cities	19.9	37.6	12.1	*	33.6	25.8	..	135.4
Other areas	12.3	19.7	7.7	*	23.6	26.3	..	93.6
Total	32.2	57.3	19.7	*	57.2	52.2	..	229.0

(a) See footnotes (a), (b) and (c) to table 17. (b) Brothers or sisters aged 12 years and over. (c) Includes a small number who preferred other arrangements or no arrangements for their children under 12 years of age. (d) Includes 103,900 responsible for both school children and children not attending school.

* Less than 4,000. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

NOTE – Preferred arrangements were collected separately in respect of school children and children not attending school. Consequently the child care arrangements shown in the first part of the table refer to arrangements preferred for school children and in the second part of the table to arrangements preferred for children not attending school.

TABLE 19. FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE AND WOULD HAVE LIKED A JOB IF CHILD CARE HAD BEEN AVAILABLE : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1977 (a)
(^{'000})

	<i>Responsible only for –</i>		<i>Responsible for school children and children not attending school</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>School children</i>	<i>Children not attending school</i>		
Total	30.6	52.3	39.8	122.7
Age of female responsible (years) –				
15-24	*	23.0	*	26.0
25-34	12.1	26.7	32.6	71.3
35 and over	17.9	*	4.8	25.3
Marital status –				
Married (b)	27.7	49.2	37.8	114.7
Not married	*	*	*	8.0
Place of residence –				
New South Wales	11.7	19.4	15.9	46.9
Sydney (c)	8.7	12.1	7.3	28.3
Other	*	7.3	8.6	18.6
Victoria	10.2	13.1	9.8	33.1
Melbourne (c)	8.0	9.7	6.3	23.9
Other	*	*	*	9.2
Queensland	*	6.9	6.4	15.5
Brisbane (c)	*	4.0	4.3	9.6
Other	*	*	*	5.9
South Australia	2.5	4.7	2.9	10.2
Adelaide (c)	*	3.3	*	6.9
Other	*	*	*	3.3
Western Australia	2.2	5.2	3.5	10.9
Perth (c)	*	3.1	2.6	7.6
Other	*	2.2	*	3.3
Tasmania	*	*	*	2.8
A.C.T.	*	1.6	*	2.5
Total Six State capital cities (c)	22.4	32.6	22.1	77.1
Total other areas (d)	8.2	19.7	17.7	45.6
Birthplace –				
Australia	20.8	39.0	28.8	88.5
Overseas	9.8	13.3	11.1	34.2
Main English-speaking countries (e)	*	5.7	4.7	13.9
Other overseas countries	6.4	7.6	6.3	20.3
Period of arrival –				
Before 1960	*	4.6	*	10.9
1960 to 1969	5.4	5.3	5.9	16.6
1970 to May 1977		4.9	*	6.7
Preferred work arrangements –				
Full-time work	*	6.6	4.6	14.5
Part-time work	26.4	44.9	34.6	105.9
No preference	*	*	*	*

(a) See footnotes (a) and (b) to Table 17. (b) Includes permanently separated. (c) For definition see page 2, paragraph 11. (d) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (e) See footnote (b) to Table 5.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See Technical Note, paragraph 5.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. A table of standard errors for general application is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of labour force surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate. An example of the use of the table is as follows : if an estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is

100,000, the standard error is 3 per cent of the estimate i.e. 3,000; there are then about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 97,000 to 103,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 94,000 and 106,000.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard error of the numerator can be obtained from the table below.

5. As the standard errors in the table below show *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this bulletin, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the table below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error* and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Number	Per cent of estimate
1,500						250	300	300		
2,000						400	250	350		
2,500				500	450	250	400	400		
3,000			600	500	450	300	400	450		
4,000	900	900	700	500	500	300	450	550	800	20.0
5,000	1,000	1,000	750	550	550	350	500	600	900	18.0
10,000	1,300	1,300	900	800	700	400	650	800	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,100	1,000	400	900	1,050	1,600	8.0
50,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	500	1,300	1,500	2,300	4.6
100,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	600		2,000	3,000	3.0
200,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000				4,000	2.0
500,000	5,000	5,000	3,500	3,200	3,000				6,000	1.2
1,000,000	8,000	8,000							8,000	0.8
2,000,000									10,000	0.5

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see paragraph 5 above.

