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EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE

(i) *New or amended concepts and definitions were introduced in the September 1983 survey, causing a break in series. Refer to paragraphs 24 to 30 for more detail.*

Introduction

Since 1975, the ABS has conducted regular surveys of persons not in the labour force, seeking information on their labour force aspirations and, if appropriate, their availability for work and reasons for not currently looking for work. As interest has grown over the years in this component of the population, various modifications have been made to the survey to provide a more comprehensive range of data. The September 1983 survey was further modified by the introduction of a new concept, 'marginal attachment to the labour force' (see paragraphs 4 and 11), and some improvements were made to the measure of discouraged jobseekers. These changes caused a break in series (see paragraphs 24 to 30).

2. Persons not in the labour force are by definition those persons who do not meet the criteria that would enable them to be classified as being in the labour force. To be classified as being in the labour force, a person must be aged 15 years or over and be either *employed* or *unemployed*.

3. *Persons not in the labour force*, therefore, includes all persons aged 15 years and over who are not employed, who want work but do not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; who do not want to work; or who through incapacity or infirmity can not work.

4. The revised survey now provides more detailed characteristics concerning those persons who do not meet

all of the criteria to be classified as unemployed but who have *marginal attachment to the labour force*. For the purposes of this survey, *marginal attachment* includes persons who were not actively looking for work but who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks and persons who were actively looking for work but were not available for work in the week prior to interview (the survey week).

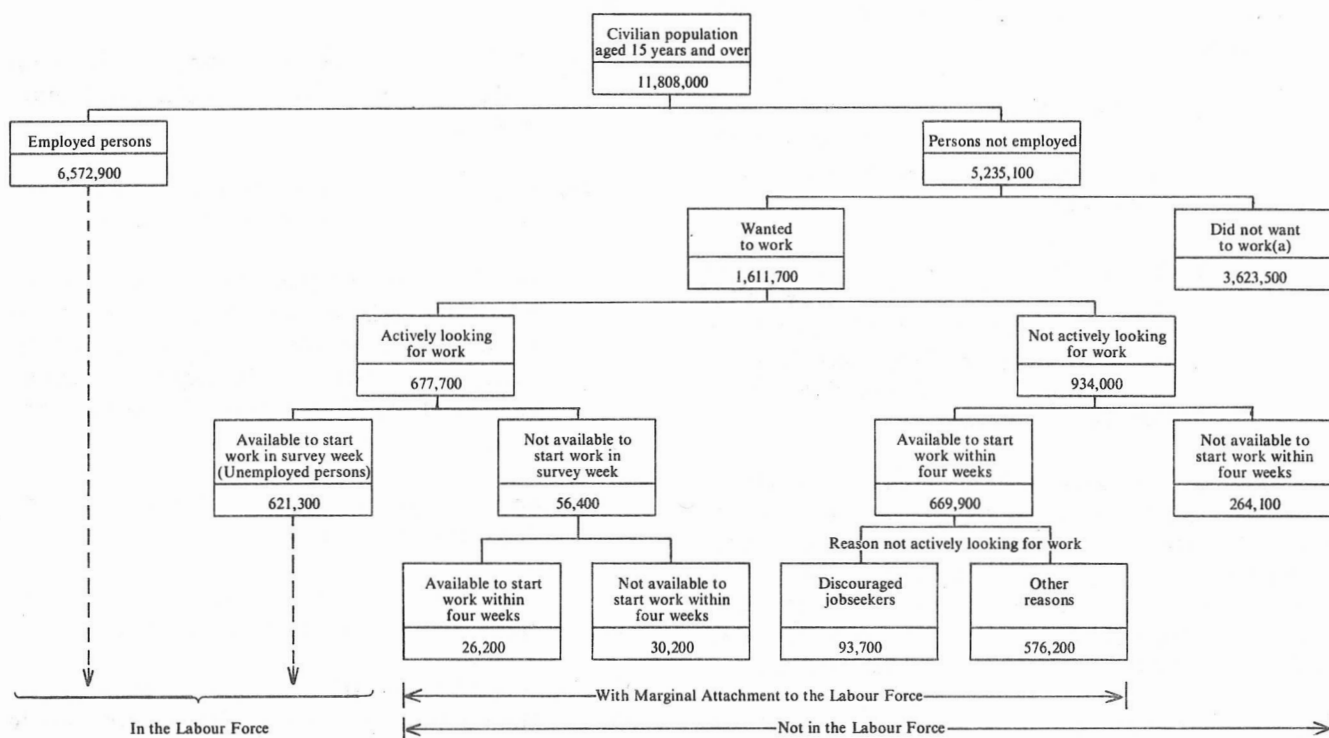
5. The criteria determining those in the labour force are based on actual activity (i.e. working or looking for work) during the survey week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work, availability to start work and reasons for not actively looking, are more subjective and are not based on respondents' actual activity. Hence, the measurement of these criteria is affected by the respondents' own interpretation of the concepts used. Individual respondent's interpretation is affected by such factors as the respondent's work aspirations, as well as the respondent's family, economic and other commitments.

6. *Discouraged jobseekers* (a subcategory of those with marginal attachment) are those persons who were available to start work within four weeks but who were not actively looking for work for reasons which are assessed as indicating discouragement. (Refer to paragraph 15 for a fuller definition.)

7. The survey also provides details of those persons who stated that they wanted to work, but who are not defined as having marginal attachment to the labour force.

8. The various groups of persons either in the labour force or not in the labour force, including those marginally attached to the labour force, are shown schematically in the following diagram.

RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE TO PERSONS IN OR NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE



(a) Includes institutionalised and permanently unable to work.

9. The monthly Population Survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the September 1984 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

10. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to civilians not in the labour force.

Definitions

11. *Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force* are those who were not in the labour force in survey week and:

- (a) *wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks; or*
- (b) *were actively looking for work but were not available to start work within four weeks.*

12. *Persons who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks* are those who:

- (a) in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week had taken *active steps* to find work and who were available to start work within four weeks, even though they were unable to start in survey week for reasons other than own temporary illness or injury; or

(b) were available to start work within four weeks and:

- (i) although claiming to have looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, had not taken *active steps* to find work; or
- (ii) in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week had not looked for work but in the survey answered 'yes' or 'maybe' to the question '*Even though you have not been looking for work would you like a full-time or part-time job?*'.

13. *Persons who were actively looking for work but were not available to start work within four weeks* are those who in the four weeks up to the end of survey week had taken active steps to find work but were not available to start work in survey week for reasons other than own temporary illness or injury or were not available to start work within the four weeks following the interview.

14. *Active steps to find work* comprises writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work;

answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service notice boards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

15. *Discouraged jobseekers* are those persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks but whose main reason for not taking active steps to find work was that they believed they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons: considered by employers to be too young or too old; difficulties with language or ethnic background; lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience; no jobs in their locality or line of work; or no jobs at all.

16. Persons are classified as *married* if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The *not-married* category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced; as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. For effects on estimates of marital status, see paragraph 31.

17. *Family status* characteristics are explained in detail in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). It should be noted that they were not obtained for all persons included in the survey. Family information was not collected for the following persons (identified in tables as 'not family coded'):

- (a) all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions);
- (b) persons enumerated as visitors to, rather than usual residents of, private dwellings; and
- (c) where it was not possible to obtain family information relating to *all* the usual residents of a household, e.g. where one member of the family was a member of the permanent defence forces and therefore outside the scope of the survey.

18. A *job* is any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

19. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication are as of the survey week.

20. Further definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Results of the survey

21. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was issued on 19 December 1984 (6219.0). Preliminary estimates from the next survey of *Persons Not in the Labour Force* (March 1985) will be published in the next edition of that publication.

22. Results of similar surveys, which have been conducted each March and September since March 1979 and also in May 1977 and November 1975, have been published in catalogue 6220.0.

Population Benchmarks

23. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census the population benchmarks used in this survey are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Discontinuities in the series

24. The modifications made to the September 1983 survey included the addition of certain groups of persons excluded from previous *Persons Not in the Labour Force* surveys and several alterations to the order and wording of questions used in the survey. These modifications are described in paragraphs 25 to 30.

25. Only those respondents who reported that they were available to start work within the next four weeks were asked their reasons for not actively looking for work. Hence persons classified as discouraged jobseekers in this survey must have been available to start work within four weeks. This availability criterion was not applied to the definition of discouraged jobseekers in surveys prior to September 1983. The application of the criterion removes the previous anomaly that persons were classified as discouraged jobseekers regardless of whether or not they were available to start work in the near future.

26. Persons not in the labour force aged 65 years and over were added to the September 1983 survey and may be classified as being discouraged jobseekers or as otherwise having marginal attachment to the labour force.

27. Persons belonging to two other groups were added to the survey in September 1983:

- (a) persons who were actively looking for work but who were unable to start in survey week for reasons other than their own temporary illness or injury. These persons are classified as having marginal attachment to the labour force, but not as discouraged jobseekers; and
- (b) persons who had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. Of these persons, those who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks are classified as having marginal attachment to the labour force, but not as discouraged jobseekers.

28. Respondents not in the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks were asked their *main* reason for not actively looking for

work to determine, among other things, whether the respondents should be classified as discouraged jobseekers. In surveys prior to September 1983, the *main* reason was not asked, and respondents were classified as discouraged jobseekers or otherwise according to the 'highest ranked reason' given for not actively looking for work.

29. An extra reason for not actively looking for work ('no jobs at all') was added to the discouraged jobseeker list.

30. A change was made to the ordering of the questions. The responses to some questions may differ from responses in previous surveys because of this change to question order and the subjective nature of some of the questions.

31. A modification to the definition of marital status was introduced to this survey in March 1984. Paragraph 16 outlines this definition. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published for this survey prior to March 1984, which classified as married all respondents who reported that they were married or separated.

Reliability of the estimates

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

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

Related publications

33. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Labour Force Experience, Australia, during the year ending February 1984 (6206.0)

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (excluding persons who were stood down), Australia, July 1984 (6222.0)

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

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

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 32 above.
- .. not applicable.
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In September 1984 there were 4,613,800 persons not in the labour force. More detailed data in respect of 4,412,500 of these persons is contained in this publication; they comprised 37.4 per cent of the civilian population aged 15 and over. Of the 4,412,500 persons not in the labour force, 726,300 (16.5 per cent) were found to have marginal attachment to the labour force. Of these, 93,700 (12.9 per cent) were discouraged jobseekers, a further 56,400 (7.8 per cent) were actively looking for work and 26,200 (3.6 per cent) were also available to start work within four weeks. This information is shown in diagram 1, together with equivalent data from the September 1983 and March 1984 surveys.

There has been a significant decrease in the number of discouraged jobseekers. They numbered only 93,700 compared with 116,100 in March 1984 and 118,200 in September 1983. The data indicate that this was because fewer persons reported 'no jobs at all' as their main reason for not actively looking for work - this figure dropped from 39,700 in September 1983 to 23,200 in September 1984.

The increase in the number of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were actively looking for work is part of an established pattern. Most of the pattern can be explained in terms of persons who were actively looking for work but were not available to start work within four weeks. A possible explanation for this pattern relates to school leavers. It is likely that by September end-of-year school leavers are already looking for work but not available to start work within four weeks, and by March of the next year most had either entered the labour force or had gone back to school leaving a significantly smaller number of persons who were actively looking for work but were not available to start.

DIAGRAM 1. PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE
(Source of data : Table 1)

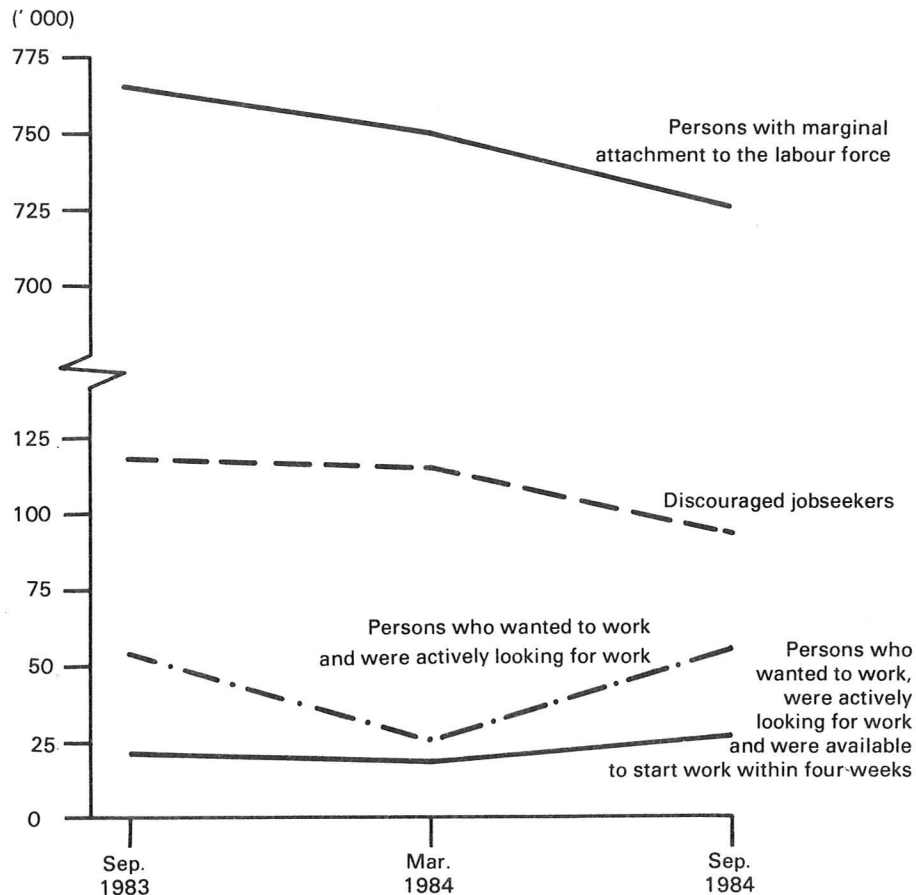


Diagram 2 shows the family status of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force. Persons (whether married or not-married) with children aged 0-14 present in the family unit comprised about half of all persons with marginal attachment to the labour force. Husbands or wives without children aged 0-14 present in the family unit comprised 16.8 per cent and children of family heads comprised 18.0 per cent of persons with marginal attachment.

The diagram also shows whether persons with marginal attachment and with children aged 0-14 present in the family unit had looked for work in the last twelve months. The majority (76.5 per cent) had not, and this tendency was more pronounced among females than among males: 78.2 per cent of females in this group had not looked for work in the last twelve months while the figure for males was 50.2 per cent.

DIAGRAM 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE : FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS
(Source of data : Table 16)

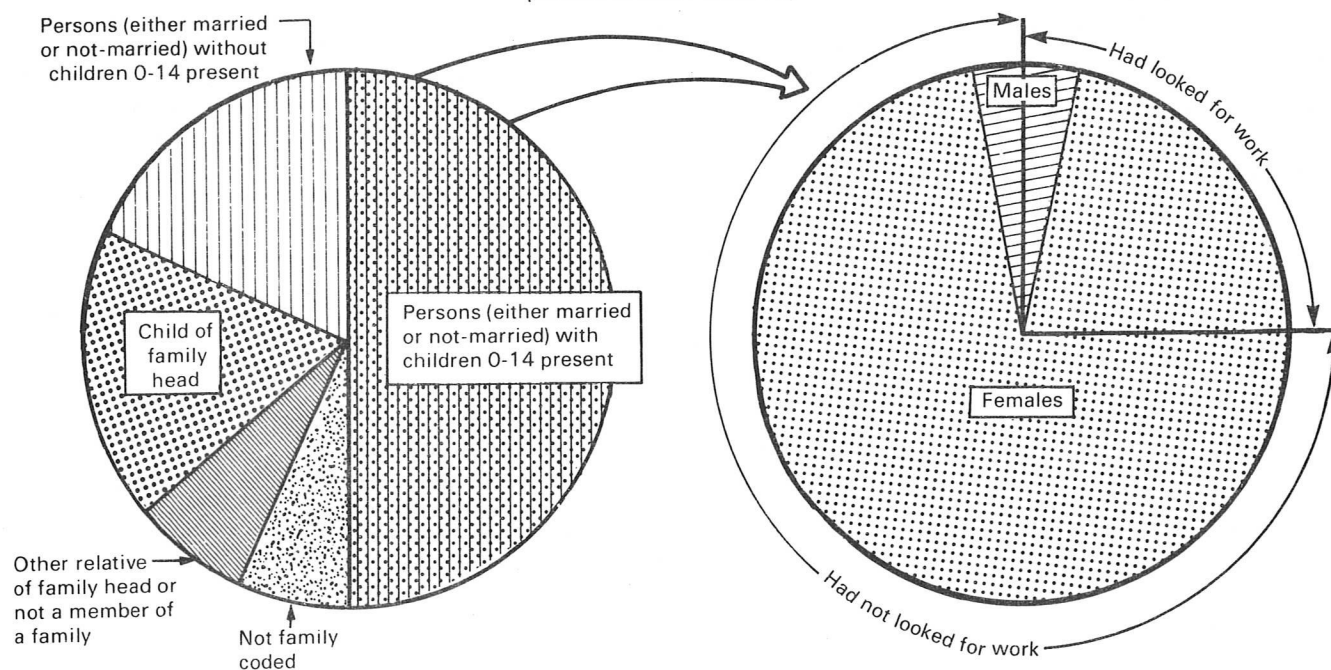
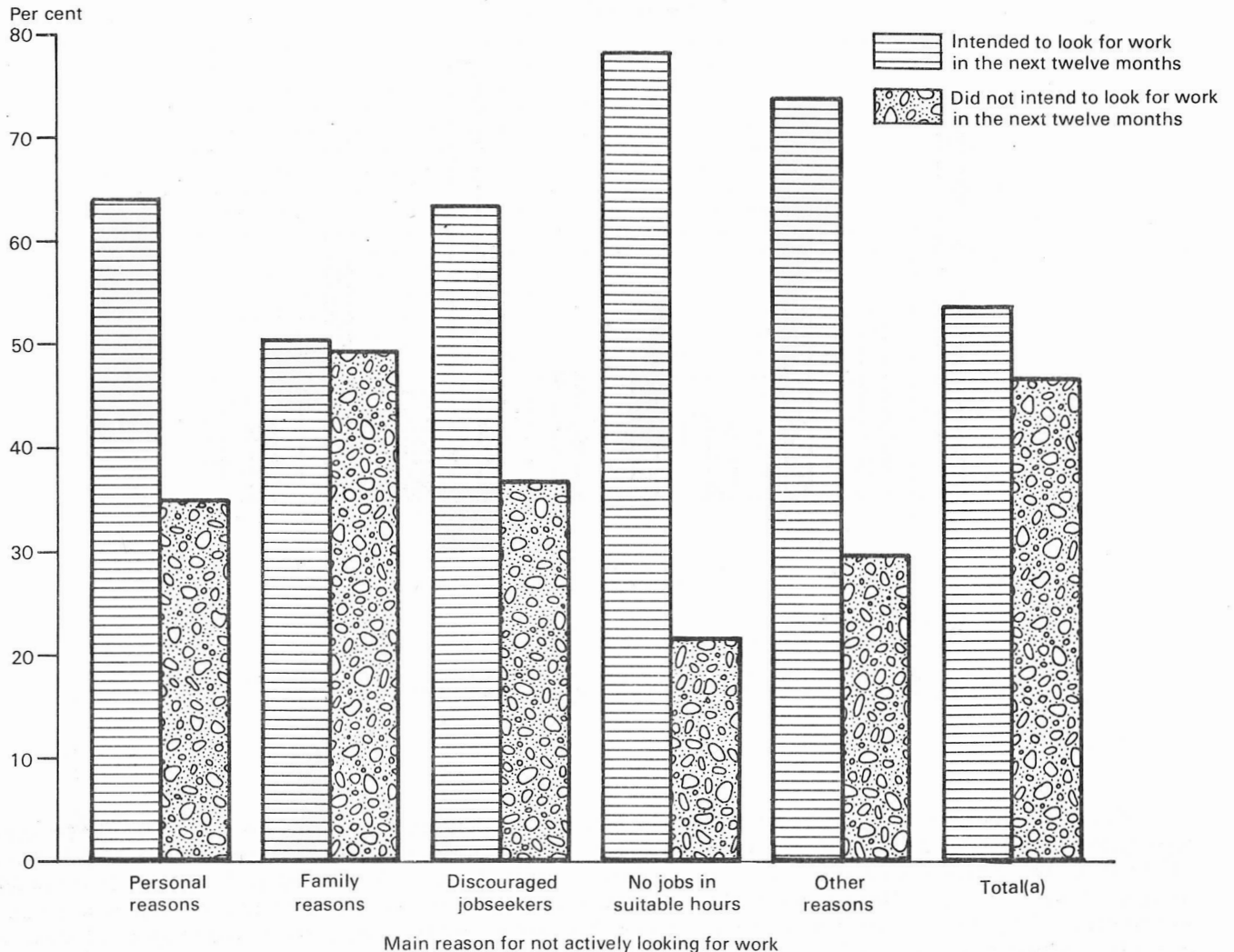


Diagram 3 shows the intention to look for work in the next twelve months of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force, and the main reason given for not actively looking for work. A total of 389,000 persons (59.7 per cent of those with marginal attachment) indicated that they intended to look for work in the next twelve months. For persons who gave 'family reasons' as the main reason for not actively looking for work, approximately half intended to look for work in the next twelve months while the other half did not. For all other reasons given, a substantial majority of persons intended to look for work in the next twelve months.

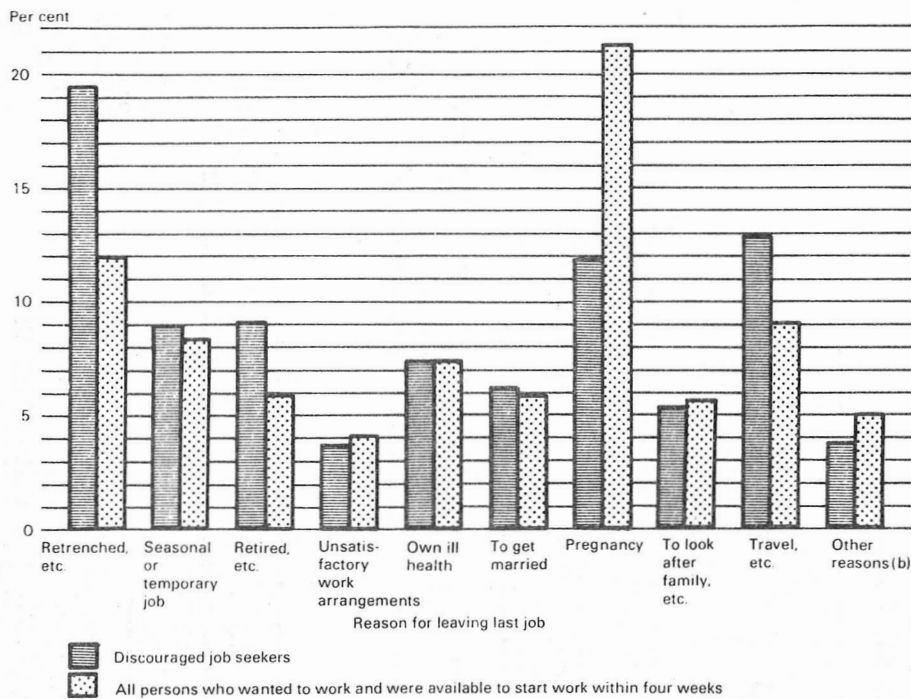
DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE : INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK
(Source of data : Table 13)



(a) Includes other categories not shown separately.

As can be seen in diagram 4 there is some variation in the reasons reported for leaving the last job between discouraged jobseekers and those persons who wanted to work and were available to start within four weeks. This is particularly the case with persons who were retrenched or otherwise lost their last job - 19.4 per cent of discouraged jobseekers provided that as their reason compared with only 12.0 per cent of the persons who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks. 'Pregnancy/to have children' was another category where differences were evident - only 11.8 per cent of discouraged jobseekers reported that as their reason against 21.2 per cent of those who wanted to work and were available to start within four weeks.

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB
(Source of data : Table 17)



(a) Excludes persons who had never had a job and persons who had a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. (b) Includes persons who left their last job to return to studies.

Of the 4,412,500 persons not in the labour force, 1,284,700 (29.1 per cent) were males and 3,127,700 (70.9 per cent) were females. The main activity of these persons varied considerably between males and females. While 708,900 males (55.2 per cent) gave their main activity as 'retired/voluntarily inactive', only 163,500 females (5.2 per cent) were in this category. Conversely, 2,527,300 females (80.8 per cent) gave their main activity as 'housewife/home duties' while only 44,800 males (3.5 per cent) were in this category. Other differences were evident for those 'attending an educational institution' which accounted for 23.0 per cent of males (295,100) and 9.1 per cent of females (284,800) and for 'own illness/injury' which accounted for 11.4 per cent of males (145,900) and only 1.9 per cent of females (58,700).

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : SEX AND MAIN ACTIVITY
(Source of data : Table 14)

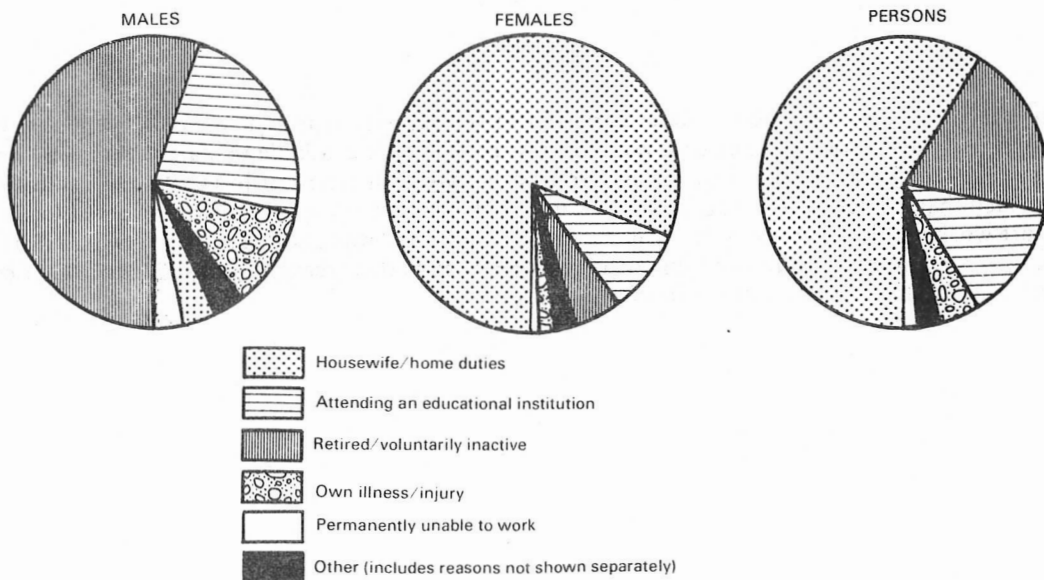


TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER : LABOUR FORCE STATUS,
SEPTEMBER 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1984
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	September 1983	March 1984	September 1984		Persons
	Persons		Males	Females	
Civilian population aged 15 and over	11,585.5	11,718.5	5,812.3	5,995.7	11,808.0
Employed	6,350.0	6,504.2	4,059.1	2,513.8	6,572.9
Unemployed	718.7	701.0	376.8	244.5	621.3
Persons not in the labour force	4,516.8	4,513.2	1,376.5	3,237.4	4,613.8
With marginal attachment to the labour force	765.6	750.0	163.0	563.3	726.3
Wanted to work and available to start work within four weeks	733.7	743.0	144.6	551.5	696.1
Were actively looking for work	21.9	18.7	10.8	15.4	26.2
Were not actively looking for work	711.8	724.3	133.8	536.1	669.9
Discouraged jobseekers	118.2	116.1	19.0	74.7	93.7
Not actively looking for other reasons	593.6	608.2	114.8	461.5	576.2
Were actively looking for work but not available to start work within four weeks	31.9	7.0	18.4	11.8	30.2
Without marginal attachment to the labour force	3,751.2	3,763.3	1,213.5	2,674.0	3,887.6
Wanted to work but not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks	244.2	224.0	67.6	196.4	264.1
Did not want to work	3,225.4	3,275.2	1,020.6	2,345.0	3,365.6
Permanently unable to work	77.3	52.3	33.5	23.0	56.5
Institutionalised(a)	204.3	211.8	91.7	109.6	201.4

(a) Includes students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails etc.

TABLE 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 1984
(' 000)

Main reason for not actively looking for work	September 1983	March 1984	September 1984		Persons
	Persons		Males	Females	
Wanted to work and available to start work within four weeks	733.7	743.0	144.6	551.5	696.1
Had a job to go to	11.4	10.3	*	6.1	8.8
Personal reasons	243.8	265.5	94.0	147.8	241.8
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	61.9	62.2	25.8	34.8	60.6
Attending an educational institution	82.9	104.8	47.3	46.1	93.4
Had no need to work	50.5	49.5	8.6	32.9	41.5
Give others a chance	11.2	11.0	*	8.2	9.3
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	22.1	21.7	3.9	13.5	17.4
Moved house/holidays	15.2	16.3	7.3	12.3	19.6
Family reasons	277.2	262.5	4.8	258.3	263.1
Ill health of other than self	13.4	10.1	*	14.1	15.2
Unable to find suitable childcare			*	75.5	76.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	222.4	212.1	*	131.6	132.9
Other family considerations	41.4	40.3	*	37.1	38.7
Discouraged jobseekers	118.2	116.1	19.0	74.7	93.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	29.0	34.5	7.7	19.3	26.9
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	*	3.8	*	4.4	5.7
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	8.4	10.0	*	7.9	8.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	38.2	40.7	5.6	23.4	29.0
No jobs at all	39.7	27.1	3.5	19.7	23.2
No jobs in suitable hours	15.1	22.9	*	17.4	19.3
Other reasons	27.2	28.2	8.0	21.4	29.5
Did not know	8.1	9.5	*	3.6	4.2
Were actively looking for work	21.9	18.7	10.8	15.4	26.2
Not asked(a)	10.9	9.3	*	6.8	9.5
Were actively looking for work but not available to start work within four weeks	31.9	7.0	18.4	11.8	30.2
Total	765.6	750.0	163.0	563.3	726.3

(a) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

**TABLE 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB AND AGE
SEPTEMBER 1984
(’000)**

Occupation in last job	Age group(years)							65 and over	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64		
MALES									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	*	5.1	4.3	*	*	4.5	14.4	39.2	72.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	4.9	5.9	15.8	45.5	77.1
Clerical	*	4.8	*	*	*	6.7	17.2	44.0	82.5
Sales	9.8	*	*	*	4.3	6.0	8.5	30.8	66.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	3.4	3.5	*	4.2	7.0	4.5	10.2	62.0	97.7
Transport and communication	*	*	*	4.4	5.0	5.5	16.2	32.0	67.9
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	14.0	17.5	22.4	23.6	36.3	37.9	74.5	220.4	446.7
Service, sport and recreation	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	8.2	12.1	36.8	80.2
Total	37.0	41.2	41.4	46.1	67.0	79.1	168.9	510.7	991.4
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	46.4	54.4
Had never had a job	204.9	20.3	6.8	*	*	*	*	*	238.9
Total	241.9	61.5	48.3	49.3	70.0	82.1	172.9	558.7	1,284.7
FEMALES									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	*	9.9	75.5	44.1	17.9	11.5	12.9	27.9	200.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	6.0	8.1	8.5	6.4	6.2	10.9	47.8
Clerical	10.9	39.7	186.7	107.0	43.2	34.0	35.8	49.0	506.3
Sales	19.1	29.5	68.3	48.8	37.3	20.9	24.4	33.6	282.0
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	*	5.6	10.0	8.4	9.3	*	7.8	13.5	59.2
Transport and communication	*	*	12.7	6.5	7.5	*	*	4.8	37.5
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	6.3	24.4	72.4	56.5	51.6	33.9	28.7	41.6	315.5
Service, sport and recreation	9.5	36.4	94.8	69.6	59.1	44.4	48.4	76.3	438.4
Total	49.0	149.4	526.4	349.0	234.4	155.7	166.0	257.6	1,887.4
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	*	*	*	35.2	106.0	83.5	111.7	412.6	748.9
Had never had a job	208.2	29.0	25.9	17.1	25.0	18.6	33.1	134.5	491.4
Total	257.2	178.4	552.3	401.3	365.3	257.9	310.8	804.6	3,127.7
PERSONS									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	*	15.1	79.8	45.8	20.3	16.0	27.3	67.1	273.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	8.0	10.8	13.4	12.2	22.0	56.4	124.9
Clerical	13.3	44.5	188.7	109.9	45.8	40.7	53.0	93.0	588.8
Sales	28.9	32.4	70.6	50.9	41.6	26.9	32.9	64.4	348.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	5.3	9.1	12.8	12.6	16.3	7.3	18.0	75.6	156.9
Transport and communication	*	4.3	13.9	10.9	12.5	7.4	18.1	36.8	105.3
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	20.3	41.9	94.8	80.1	87.9	71.8	103.2	262.0	762.1
Service, sport and recreation	14.2	41.5	99.1	74.2	63.6	52.5	60.5	113.0	518.6
Total	86.0	190.6	567.8	395.1	301.4	234.8	334.9	768.2	2,878.8
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	*	*	*	36.0	107.3	85.9	115.0	459.0	803.4
Had never had a job	413.1	49.3	32.7	19.5	26.6	19.2	33.8	136.1	730.3
Total	499.1	239.9	600.5	450.6	435.3	340.0	483.7	1,363.3	4,412.5

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc. (b) Includes miners and quarryworkers.

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE^(a) : OCCUPATION IN LAST JOB AND MAIN ACTIVITY,
SEPTEMBER 1984
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Occupation in last job	Main activity								Total
	Housewife/ home duties	Attending an educational institution	Retired/ voluntarily inactive	Unpaid leave	Own illness/ injury	Permanently unable to work	Worked in unpaid voluntary job	Other	
MALES									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	*	9.3	50.0	*	4.3	*	3.2	*	72.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	63.4	*	6.2	*	*	*	77.1
Clerical	5.0	7.7	60.0	*	4.9	*	*	*	82.5
Sales	*	11.5	41.0	*	7.2	*	*	*	66.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	3.2	5.3	68.4	*	11.6	4.7	*	*	97.7
Transport and communication	*	3.4	46.3	*	10.6	3.3	*	*	67.9
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	22.7	25.8	286.5	*	77.0	18.9	4.5	9.4	446.7
Service, sport and recreation	4.1	10.1	47.0	*	13.2	*	*	*	80.2
Total	41.9	74.1	662.6	5.1	135.0	34.3	15.3	23.1	991.4
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	*	*	42.2	*	5.8	3.5	*	*	54.4
Had never had a job	*	220.8	4.1	*	5.2	6.5	*	*	238.9
Total	44.8	295.1	708.9	5.1	145.9	44.3	16.3	24.4	1,284.7
FEMALES									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	167.0	9.2	10.4	*	5.5	*	4.9	*	200.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	37.4	*	5.6	*	*	*	*	*	47.8
Clerical	447.4	20.5	19.0	*	5.6	*	7.9	3.7	506.3
Sales	242.6	20.7	9.3	*	*	*	4.7	*	282.0
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	50.9	*	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	59.2
Transport and communication	33.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	37.5
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	283.8	4.7	12.4	*	9.0	*	*	*	315.5
Service, sport and recreation	373.5	14.5	26.6	*	12.5	*	5.9	*	438.4
Total	1,636.3	72.3	88.5	3.6	37.5	6.4	28.4	14.2	1,887.4
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	654.8	*	55.6	*	11.0	12.0	13.4	*	748.9
Had never had a job	236.3	212.1	19.3	*	10.2	8.6	3.1	*	491.4
Total	2,527.3	284.8	163.5	3.6	58.7	26.9	44.9	18.0	3,127.7
PERSONS									
Had had a job within the last 20 years—									
Professional, technical, etc.	168.6	18.5	60.4	*	9.8	*	8.1	4.4	273.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	38.7	*	69.0	*	7.8	*	3.4	*	124.9
Clerical	452.4	28.2	79.1	*	10.6	*	9.9	4.5	588.8
Sales	244.4	32.2	50.3	*	9.1	*	5.7	4.7	348.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters	54.1	7.3	71.8	*	12.3	6.1	*	*	156.9
Transport and communication	35.8	3.6	48.0	*	11.4	3.6	*	*	105.3
Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.(b)	306.5	30.5	298.8	*	86.0	19.8	6.5	12.2	762.1
Service, sport and recreation	377.6	24.6	73.6	*	25.6	4.3	7.2	4.8	518.6
Total	1,678.2	146.4	751.1	8.7	172.5	40.7	43.8	37.3	2,878.8
Had not had a job within the last 20 years	657.2	*	97.8	*	16.8	15.5	13.6	*	803.4
Had never had a job	236.7	432.9	23.4	*	15.3	15.1	3.8	3.1	730.3
Total	2,572.2	579.8	872.3	8.7	204.6	71.2	61.2	42.4	4,412.5

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc. (b) Includes miners and quarryworkers.

TABLE 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) : WHETHER WANTED TO WORK, WHETHER AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AND REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1984 (' 000)

<i>Reason for leaving last job</i>	<i>Wanted to work</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Available to start work within four weeks(b)</i>	<i>Not available to start work within four weeks</i>			
MALES					
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	22.2	5.9	28.0	42.5	70.5
Seasonal or temporary job	9.5	4.2	13.8	20.3	34.1
Returned to studies	8.1	9.4	17.5	25.5	43.1
Retired/did not want to work any longer	18.1	*	20.6	511.0	531.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	6.4	*	8.4	8.3	16.8
Own ill health or injury	20.5	18.9	39.4	258.8	298.2
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	8.7	*	10.1	8.5	18.7
Other reasons(c)	6.8	*	9.1	18.8	27.9
Never had a job	41.4	37.1	78.6	160.3	238.9
Not asked(d)	*	*	5.1	*	5.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>144.6</i>	<i>86.1</i>	<i>230.7</i>	<i>1,054.1</i>	<i>1,284.7</i>
FEMALES					
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	61.4	10.5	71.9	110.1	182.0
Seasonal or temporary job	48.1	10.9	59.0	84.1	143.0
Returned to studies	7.2	7.4	14.6	27.7	42.2
Retired/did not want to work any longer	22.6	3.1	25.6	432.5	458.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	22.3	4.1	26.5	30.3	56.7
Own ill health or injury	30.4	12.3	42.7	193.4	236.1
To get married	40.6	16.9	57.5	473.2	530.7
Pregnancy/to have children	147.3	64.6	211.9	327.1	539.0
To look after family, house or someone else	37.1	11.4	48.5	159.4	207.9
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	53.8	15.1	68.9	103.1	172.0
Other reasons	14.5	4.1	18.6	30.5	49.1
Never had a job	59.3	35.2	94.6	396.8	491.4
Not asked(d)	6.8	12.6	19.4	*	19.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>551.5</i>	<i>208.2</i>	<i>759.7</i>	<i>2,368.0</i>	<i>3,127.7</i>
PERSONS					
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	83.6	16.3	99.9	152.5	252.5
Seasonal or temporary job	57.7	15.1	72.8	104.4	177.2
Returned to studies	15.3	16.8	32.1	53.2	85.3
Retired/did not want to work any longer	40.7	5.6	46.3	943.5	989.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	28.7	6.2	34.9	38.6	73.5
Own ill health or injury	50.9	31.2	82.1	452.2	534.3
To get married	40.6	16.9	57.5	474.1	531.6
Pregnancy/to have children	147.4	64.8	212.2	327.4	539.7
To look after family, house or someone else	39.1	12.3	51.4	167.2	218.6
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	62.5	16.6	79.1	111.6	190.6
Other reasons	19.3	5.1	24.4	40.3	64.7
Never had a job	100.8	72.4	173.2	557.1	730.3
Not asked(d)	9.5	15.0	24.6	*	24.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>696.1</i>	<i>294.3</i>	<i>990.4</i>	<i>3,422.1</i>	<i>4,412.5</i>

(a) Excludes students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc. (b) Includes persons who did not know whether available to start work within four weeks. (c) Includes reasons not shown separately. (d) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : TIME SINCE LAST JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Reason for leaving last job	Time since last job							Total
	Under 6 months	6 and under 12 months	1 and under 3 years	3 and under 5 years	5 and under 10 years	10 and under 20 years	20 years or more	
MALES								
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	11.2	7.2	20.1	9.8	15.5	5.2	*	70.5
Seasonal or temporary job	9.2	9.6	7.4	3.4	3.1	*	*	34.1
Returned to studies	7.7	20.1	12.7	*	*	*	*	43.1
Retired/did not want to work any longer	19.8	16.9	79.5	77.5	163.8	140.7	33.3	531.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	4.1	*	3.7	5.5		*	*	16.8
Own ill health or injury	14.6	19.0	53.3	52.5	84.8	57.2	16.8	298.2
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	4.6	*	5.2	3.6		*	*	18.7
Other reasons(a)	6.0	*	5.6	3.5	5.2	3.0	*	27.9
Not asked(b)	5.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.1
Total	82.4	80.7	187.4	152.7	278.0	210.2	54.4	1,045.8
FEMALES								
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	12.7	11.8	39.1	29.7	46.5	26.1	16.1	182.0
Seasonal or temporary job	28.2	24.3	28.7	18.5	17.0	15.8	10.5	143.0
Returned to studies	10.3	19.4	9.5	3.0		*	*	42.2
Retired/did not want to work any longer	18.8	18.7	47.6	51.3	106.2	122.8	92.8	458.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	7.1	3.7	14.0	10.3	10.9	9.1	*	56.7
Own ill health or injury	13.3	11.0	32.8	33.4	56.5	57.2	31.9	236.1
To get married	3.2		8.3	10.7	30.0	59.6	418.9	530.7
Pregnancy/to have children	24.8	27.5	90.2	77.1	127.3	108.6	83.4	539.0
To look after family, house or someone else	9.5	7.8	23.9	22.6	37.5	42.8	64.0	207.9
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	11.3	7.4	34.1	24.3	35.6	34.9	24.4	172.0
Other reasons	6.0	3.5	9.4	6.7	8.8	9.4	5.3	49.1
Not asked(b)	19.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	19.4
Total	163.8	135.9	337.5	286.6	477.2	486.3	748.9	2,636.3
PERSONS								
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	23.9	19.0	59.2	39.5	62.1	31.3	17.6	252.5
Seasonal or temporary job	37.4	33.9	36.1	21.9	20.1	17.2	10.5	177.2
Returned to studies	18.0	39.5	22.2	4.1	*	*	*	85.3
Retired/did not want to work any longer	38.6	35.6	127.0	128.8	270.0	263.6	126.2	989.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	11.3	6.1	17.7	12.8	13.7	10.2	*	73.5
Own ill health or injury	27.9	30.0	86.1	85.9	141.3	114.4	48.7	534.3
To get married	3.4		8.3	10.7	30.2	59.8	419.2	531.6
Pregnancy/to have children	24.9	27.5	90.2	77.1	127.3	108.9	83.8	539.7
To look after family, house or someone else	10.1	8.8	25.3	24.6	40.5	44.6	64.7	218.6
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	15.9	10.3	39.4	25.8	37.7	36.4	25.1	190.6
Other reasons	11.1	5.2	13.5	8.2	10.7	10.3	5.8	64.7
Not asked(b)	24.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	24.6
Total	246.2	216.6	525.0	439.3	755.2	696.5	803.4	3,682.2

(a) Includes reasons not shown separately. (b) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 7. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB, FULL-TIME PART-TIME STATUS IN LAST JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Reason for leaving last job	Status of worker in last job				Full-time part-time status in last job				Total
	Employers	Self-employed	Wage and salary earners	Unpaid family helpers	Full-time	Part-time	Varied/did not know	Last job 20 or more years ago	
MALES									
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	*	*	65.8	*	56.9	11.7	*	*	70.5
Seasonal or temporary job	*	*	32.2	*	12.9	20.8	*	*	34.1
Returned to studies	*	*	42.0	*	29.4	13.5	*	*	43.1
Retired/did not want to work any longer	29.6	50.1	418.4	*	474.7	22.4	*	33.3	531.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	*	14.3	*	10.9	5.6	*	*	16.8
Own ill health or injury	11.8	26.7	242.8	*	261.8	17.5	*	16.8	298.2
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	*	*	16.2	*	13.6	4.3	*	*	18.7
Other reasons(a)	3.6	4.7	17.7	*	22.4	3.1	*	*	27.9
Not asked(b)	*	*	5.1	*	3.8	*	*	*	5.1
Total	47.8	88.3	854.6	*	886.3	99.9	5.2	54.4	1,045.8
FEMALES									
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	*	4.8	159.2	*	83.7	80.6	*	16.1	182.0
Seasonal or temporary job	*	*	129.4	*	43.4	86.2	*	10.5	143.0
Returned to studies	*	*	41.6	*	18.1	23.6	*	*	42.2
Retired/did not want to work any longer	18.4	30.0	315.2	*	227.3	135.1	*	92.8	458.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	4.3	49.0	*	27.2	26.9	*	*	56.7
Own ill health or injury	3.4	9.3	191.3	*	132.2	69.8	*	31.9	236.1
To get married	*	*	110.7	*	101.5	9.5	*	418.9	530.7
Pregnancy/to have children	3.7	3.4	448.0	*	364.3	88.8	*	83.4	539.0
To look after family, house or someone else	3.2	6.9	133.5	*	86.1	56.5	*	64.0	207.9
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	*	5.7	140.3	*	88.3	57.5	*	24.4	172.0
Other reasons	9.0	7.7	27.0	*	24.8	18.6	*	5.3	49.1
Not asked(b)	*	*	19.4	*	12.8	6.3	*	*	19.4
Total	43.3	75.1	1,764.6	4.3	1,209.6	659.5	18.3	748.9	2,636.3
PERSONS									
Retrenched, made redundant/lost job	*	6.5	225.0	*	140.6	92.3	*	17.6	252.5
Seasonal or temporary job	*	3.5	161.6	*	56.3	107.0	3.3	10.5	177.2
Returned to studies	*	*	83.6	*	47.5	37.0	*	*	85.3
Retired/did not want to work any longer	48.0	80.1	733.6	*	702.0	157.6	4.0	126.2	989.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	6.2	63.3	*	38.1	32.5	*	*	73.5
Own ill health or injury	15.1	36.1	434.1	*	394.0	87.2	4.4	48.7	534.3
To get married	*	*	111.3	*	102.0	9.5	*	419.2	531.6
Pregnancy/to have children	3.7	3.4	448.4	*	364.6	88.8	*	83.8	539.7
To look after family, house or someone else	3.7	7.8	142.0	*	94.3	58.1	*	64.7	218.6
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	*	6.5	156.6	*	101.9	61.8	*	25.1	190.6
Other reasons	12.1	11.5	35.2	*	38.0	20.1	*	5.8	64.7
Not asked(b)	*	*	24.6	*	16.6	7.4	*	*	24.6
Total	91.2	163.4	2,619.2	5.0	2,095.9	759.5	23.4	803.4	3,682.2

(a) Includes reasons not shown separately. (b) Persons who had had a job but, up to end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 8. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB: TIME SINCE LAST JOB AND WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS(a), SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Time since last job	Had looked for work in the last twelve months(a)				Total twelve months	Had not looked in the last twelve months	Total
	Less than 5 weeks ago	5 and less than 8 weeks ago	8 and less than 13 weeks ago	13 and less than 52 weeks ago			
MALES							
Under 12 months							
Under 6 months	8.2	5.2	*	*	15.0	67.4	82.4
6 and under 12 months	7.2	5.9	*	3.3	18.7	61.9	80.7
1 and under 3 years	7.2	4.3	3.0	6.2	20.7	166.7	187.4
3 and under 10 years		4.5		3.9	8.5	422.2	430.7
10 years or more	*	*	*	*	*	263.9	264.7
Total	25.3	17.8	7.5	13.1	63.7	982.2	1,045.8
FEMALES							
Under 12 months							
Under 6 months	10.8	3.5	*	*	17.2	146.6	163.8
6 and under 12 months	6.8	4.7	3.9	4.3	19.8	116.1	135.9
1 and under 3 years	12.4	9.2	7.3	15.1	43.9	293.6	337.5
3 and under 10 years	12.9	9.3	9.2	16.2	47.6	716.2	763.8
10 years or more	5.4	5.3	*	7.1	20.5	1,214.8	1,235.3
Total	48.4	32.0	24.8	43.9	149.1	2,487.3	2,636.3
PERSONS							
Under 12 months							
Under 6 months	19.0	8.7		4.4	32.2	214.0	246.2
6 and under 12 months	14.0	10.6	6.3	7.6	38.6	178.0	216.6
1 and under 3 years	19.6	13.5	10.3	21.3	64.7	460.3	525.0
3 and under 10 years	15.4	11.4	10.2	19.1	56.0	1,138.5	1,194.5
10 years or more	5.7	5.5	*	7.4	21.2	1,478.7	1,499.9
Total	73.7	49.7	32.2	57.1	212.7	3,469.5	3,682.2

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

**TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB AND FAMILY STATUS,
SEPTEMBER 1984
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Reason for leaving last job	Member of a family						Not a member of a family							
	Husband or wife			Not-married family head			Child of family head	Other relative of family head	Total	Living alone	Not living alone	Total	Not family coded	Total
	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total								
Retrenched/made redundant/lost job	54.1	102.5	156.6	13.8	8.2	22.0	16.5	5.9	201.0	32.2	8.1	40.3	11.2	252.5
Seasonal or temporary job	62.1	47.0	109.1	12.4	4.4	16.8	18.1	*	146.5	12.0	5.7	17.6	13.0	177.2
Returned to studies	4.3	6.4	10.7	*	*	*	42.1	*	56.9	*	14.6	16.2	12.3	85.3
Retired/did not want to work any longer	40.3	611.4	651.7	5.8	40.4	46.2	6.2	40.1	744.1	183.1	20.3	203.4	42.2	989.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	24.5	20.5	45.1	7.6	*	10.0	6.6	*	62.0	4.8	*	7.5	4.1	73.5
Own ill health or injury	68.6	272.0	340.6	7.3	23.3	30.6	18.5	17.5	407.2	80.3	19.9	100.3	26.8	534.3
To get married	107.3	246.9	354.2	13.5	28.4	41.9	*	17.0	414.0	89.6	3.4	93.0	24.7	531.6
Pregnancy/to have children	387.6	65.4	453.0	44.9	6.3	51.2	3.4		507.7	8.8	*	10.8	21.2	539.7
To look after family, house or someone else	54.0	80.5	134.5	17.8	13.9	31.7	3.0	6.4	175.5	32.6	*	34.7	8.4	218.6
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	67.0	59.1	126.1	12.6	3.3	15.8	5.0	4.5	151.5	15.3	5.4	20.7	18.4	190.6
Other reasons	15.8	21.8	37.6	4.6	*	7.4	3.5		48.5	8.4	*	11.1	5.1	64.7
Not asked(a)	14.6	4.8	19.5	*	*	*	*	*	22.9	*	*	*	*	24.6
Total	900.3	1,538.3	2,438.6	142.1	134.4	276.5	122.9	99.7	2,937.7	469.3	87.1	556.3	188.1	3,682.2

(a) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 10. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK: AGE, INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Intention to look for work in the next twelve months and type of work preferred	Age group(years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Intended to look	51.4	13.8	10.0	9.9	6.6	7.0	4.8	*	105.2
Might look	6.1	4.6		4.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	*	27.2
Would not look	18.3	5.3		3.0	5.2	3.1	7.3	12.0	54.2
Did not know	3.3		*	*	*	*	*	*	7.1
Not asked(a)	16.1	5.7	5.0	5.0	3.8		*	*	37.1
Preferred to work full-time	53.8	17.9	16.3	15.6	10.6	7.0	3.5	*	126.3
Preferred to work part-time	39.8	6.0	4.2	6.1	6.6	6.3	11.8	14.9	95.6
No preference		4.1				4.7			8.8
Total	94.6	24.3	21.4	23.3	18.2	14.8	16.3	17.8	230.7
MARRIED FEMALES									
Intended to look	*	18.3	59.2	45.8	17.1	4.4	*	*	147.0
Might look	*	6.6	37.5	25.8	17.1	3.8	*	*	92.5
Would not look	*	23.3	96.9	53.9	29.0	11.5	5.3	3.0	225.1
Did not know	*	*	9.0	7.7	3.6	*	*	*	24.1
Not asked(a)	*	4.1	17.5	6.9	3.1		*	*	32.8
Preferred to work full-time	*	9.5	25.0	14.4	7.0	*	*	*	59.6
Preferred to work part-time	4.6	43.4	190.4	122.0	60.5	16.7	7.4	3.5	448.5
No preference	*	*	4.7	3.7	3.1		*	*	13.4
Total	5.7	54.4	220.1	140.1	69.7	19.6	8.0	4.0	521.6
NOT-MARRIED FEMALES									
Intended to look	50.7	14.9	19.5	8.8	5.0	3.2	*	*	102.8
Might look	9.9	3.9	10.1	6.3	3.6	4.5	*	*	39.3
Would not look	17.1	7.2	13.3	6.6	6.0	6.5	3.3	4.8	64.8
Did not know	3.3		4.0			3.8		*	11.3
Not asked(a)	9.0	4.6	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	20.0
Preferred to work full-time	42.1	14.0	10.8	4.1	3.7	*	*	*	77.0
Preferred to work part-time	44.9	17.4	37.2	18.9	12.6	9.9	6.5	6.7	154.1
No preference		3.5			3.1		*	*	7.1
Total	87.9	32.4	49.5	24.5	17.8	11.8	7.4	6.9	238.2
ALL FEMALES									
Intended to look	52.6	33.2	78.7	54.6	22.1	5.1	3.6	*	249.9
Might look	10.6	10.5	47.6	32.1	20.7	6.2	4.0	*	131.8
Would not look	19.3	30.5	110.1	60.6	35.1	18.0	8.6	7.8	289.9
Did not know	*	4.0	11.7	9.0	5.8		3.4	*	35.4
Not asked(a)	9.6	8.6	21.4	8.3	3.7	*	*	*	52.7
Preferred to work full-time	43.0	23.5	35.8	18.5	10.7	3.6	*	*	136.6
Preferred to work part-time	49.5	60.8	227.6	140.9	73.1	26.7	13.9	10.2	602.6
No preference		3.7	6.2	5.2	3.6	*	*	*	20.6
Total	93.6	86.8	269.6	164.6	87.5	31.4	15.4	10.9	759.7
PERSONS									
Intended to look	104.0	47.0	88.7	64.5	28.7	12.1	7.2	*	355.1
Might look	16.7	12.4	50.4	36.2	24.1	9.2	6.0	4.0	158.9
Would not look	37.5	32.9	113.1	63.6	40.3	21.1	15.9	19.9	344.1
Did not know	4.3	4.5	12.4	10.3	6.4	3.6		*	42.5
Not asked(a)	25.7	14.3	26.4	13.3	6.2		3.8	*	89.8
Preferred to work full-time	96.7	41.4	52.1	34.1	21.4	10.6	4.3	*	262.9
Preferred to work part-time	89.2	66.8	231.8	147.0	79.7	33.0	25.6	25.1	698.2
No preference	*	3.0	7.1	6.9	4.6	4.4		*	29.3
Total	188.3	111.1	291.0	187.9	105.7	46.2	31.7	28.7	990.4

(a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 11. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK: INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND WHETHER AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS, SEPTEMBER 1984 (' 000)

<i>Intention to look for work in the next twelve months</i>	<i>Available to start work within four weeks</i>			<i>Not available to start work within four weeks</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Could start</i>	<i>Did not know whether could start</i>	<i>Total</i>		
MALES					
Intended to look	72.8	*	75.4	29.8	105.2
Might look	12.3	*	14.3	12.9	27.2
Would not look	31.8	*	34.2	20.0	54.2
Did not know	3.1	*	4.4	*	7.1
Not asked(a)	14.4	*	16.3	20.8	37.1
Total	134.4	10.2	144.6	86.1	230.7
FEMALES					
Intended to look	191.3	6.2	197.5	52.4	249.9
Might look	92.3	9.6	101.8	29.9	131.8
Would not look	183.3	12.1	195.4	94.5	289.9
Did not know	24.8	3.7	28.5	6.9	35.4
Not asked(a)	26.5	*	28.3	24.4	52.7
Total	518.1	33.4	551.5	208.2	759.7
PERSONS					
Intended to look	264.0	8.9	272.9	82.2	355.1
Might look	104.5	11.6	116.1	42.8	158.9
Would not look	215.1	14.5	229.6	114.5	344.1
Did not know	28.0	5.0	33.0	9.6	42.5
Not asked(a)	40.9	3.7	44.5	45.3	89.8
Total	652.4	43.7	696.1	294.3	990.4

(a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 12. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK: TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED AND WHETHER AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS, SEPTEMBER 1984 (' 000)

<i>Type of work preferred</i>	<i>Available to start work within four weeks(a)</i>		<i>Not available to start work within four weeks</i>		<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Preferred to work full-time	69.0	85.7	57.4	50.9	126.3	136.6	262.9
Preferred to work part-time	70.2	451.7	25.4	150.9	95.6	602.6	698.2
No preference	5.4	14.1	3.4	6.5	8.8	20.6	29.3
Total	144.6	551.5	86.1	208.2	230.7	759.7	990.4

(a) Includes those persons who did not know whether available to start work within four weeks.

TABLE 13. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Main reason for not actively looking for work	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months					Total		
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	Not asked(a)	Males	Females	Persons
Wanted to work and available to start work within four weeks								
Had a job to go to	..	..	..	..	8.8	*	6.1	8.8
Personal reasons	119.3	37.4	76.7	8.4	..	94.0	147.8	241.8
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	24.1	13.3	20.6	*	..	25.8	34.8	60.6
Attending an educational institution	63.7	8.5	18.8	*	..	47.3	46.1	93.4
Had no need to work	9.2	8.9	21.7	*	..	8.6	32.9	41.5
Give others a chance	*	*	6.6	*	..	*	8.2	9.3
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	3.9	4.3	8.3	*	..	3.9	13.5	17.4
Moved house/holidays	17.7	*	*	*	..	7.3	12.3	19.6
Family reasons	82.0	51.7	112.2	17.2	..	4.8	258.3	263.1
Ill health of other than self	5.0	4.0	4.8	*	..	*	14.1	15.2
Unable to find suitable childcare	16.8	11.8	42.1	5.7	..	*	75.5	76.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	46.4	28.9	50.3	7.3	..	*	131.6	132.9
Other family considerations	13.8	7.0	15.0	*	..	*	37.1	38.7
Discouraged jobseekers	41.4	18.0	29.6	4.7	..	19.0	74.7	93.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	6.6	4.8	14.9	*	..	7.7	19.3	26.9
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	3.2	*	*	*	..	*	4.4	5.7
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	3.7	*	*	*	..	*	7.9	8.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	15.7	5.7	6.0	*	..	5.6	23.4	29.0
No jobs at all	12.3	4.9	4.8	*	..	3.5	19.7	23.2
No jobs in suitable hours	9.7	5.4	3.1	*	..	*	17.4	19.3
Other reasons	18.4	3.4	6.9	*	..	8.0	21.4	29.5
Did not know	*	*	*	*	..	*	3.6	4.2
Were actively looking for work	..	..	..	..	26.2	10.8	15.4	26.2
Not asked(b)	..	..	..	..	9.5	*	6.8	9.5
Were actively looking for work but not available to start work within four weeks	..	..	..	..	30.2	18.4	11.8	30.2
Total	272.9	116.1	229.6	33.0	74.8	163.0	563.3	726.3

(a) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons as defined in footnote (b) below. (b) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

**TABLE 14. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
TIME SINCE LAST JOB AND WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS(a), SEPTEMBER 1984
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Time since last job	Had looked for work in the last twelve months(a)				Total twelve months	Had not looked in the last twelve months	Total
	Less than 5 weeks ago	5 and less than 8 weeks ago	8 and less than 13 weeks ago	13 and less than 52 weeks ago			
MALES							
Had never had a job	15.0	3.5	*	3.5	23.2	28.5	51.8
Had had a job	24.6	12.7	4.2	5.9	47.3	64.0	111.3
Under 12 months	14.6	7.5		3.6	25.7	25.8	51.5
Under 6 months	8.0	3.2	*	*	12.0	17.1	29.1
6 and under 12 months	6.6	4.3	*	*	13.7	8.7	22.4
1 and under 3 years	7.2	3.3		3.6	14.1	15.4	29.5
3 and under 10 years		4.1	*	*	6.9	19.2	26.1
10 years or more	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	4.2
Total	39.6	16.1	5.4	9.4	70.5	92.5	163.0
FEMALES							
Had never had a job	10.6	4.9	3.1	5.0	23.5	41.4	64.9
Had had a job	45.4	25.7	17.2	25.5	113.8	384.6	498.4
Under 12 months	16.3	5.9		5.2	27.3	73.9	101.2
Under 6 months	10.0		3.1	*	13.4	44.9	58.3
6 and under 12 months	6.3	3.5		4.1	13.9	29.0	42.9
1 and under 3 years	12.4	7.2	5.1	7.4	32.1	73.7	105.8
3 and under 10 years	11.3	7.8	7.2	10.8	37.1	145.4	182.5
10 years or more	5.4	4.8	*	5.0	17.2	91.6	108.8
Total	55.9	30.6	20.3	30.5	137.3	426.0	563.3
PERSONS							
Had never had a job	25.6	8.4	4.3	8.5	46.7	69.9	116.7
Had had a job	69.9	38.3	21.4	31.4	161.0	448.6	609.7
Under 12 months	30.9	13.4	4.5	4.2	53.0	99.7	152.7
Under 6 months	18.0	5.6	*	*	25.4	62.0	87.4
6 and under 12 months	12.9	7.7	3.3	3.6	27.6	37.7	65.3
1 and under 3 years	19.6	10.5	6.8	9.3	46.2	89.1	135.3
3 and under 10 years	13.8	9.4	8.0	12.8	44.0	164.6	208.7
10 years or more	5.7	5.0	*	5.1	17.8	95.2	113.0
Total	95.5	46.7	25.7	39.9	207.8	518.6	726.3

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

**TABLE 15. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
TIME SINCE LAST JOB AND FAMILY STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1984
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<i>Time since last job</i>	<i>Member of a family</i>						<i>Not a member of a family</i>							
	<i>Husband or wife</i>			<i>Not-married family head</i>			<i>Child of family head</i>	<i>Other relative of family head</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Living alone</i>	<i>Not living alone</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Not family coded</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>With children aged 0-14 present</i>	<i>Without children aged 0-14 present</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>With children aged 0-14 present</i>	<i>Without children aged 0-14 present</i>	<i>Total</i>								
Had never had a job	7.5	3.9	11.5	4.2	*	4.7	89.9	*	108.0	*	*	*	7.1	116.7
Had had a job	284.5	117.7	402.2	67.0	12.8	79.8	40.5	5.9	528.4	25.9	15.6	41.4	39.9	609.7
Under 12 months	54.9	27.9	82.8	7.4	*	9.8	27.5	3.0	123.1	4.2	9.6	13.8	15.8	152.7
Under 6 months	32.7	15.8	48.6	4.4	*	5.0	14.6	*	69.6	3.3	5.7	9.0	8.9	87.4
6 and under 12 months	22.1	12.1	34.2	3.0	*	4.8	12.9	*	53.5	*	3.9	4.9	6.9	65.3
1 and under 3 years	62.7	27.6	90.3	15.2	*	17.7	8.4	*	118.2	5.0	3.5	8.5	8.7	135.3
3 and under 10 years	107.4	37.9	145.3	30.6	4.2	34.9	4.2	*	185.4	10.1	*	12.3	11.0	208.7
10 years or more	59.5	24.3	83.9	13.7	3.7	17.4	*	*	101.8	6.6	*	6.8	4.4	113.0
Total	292.0	121.7	413.7	71.2	13.3	84.5	130.4	7.9	636.4	26.4	16.6	43.0	46.9	726.3

TABLE 16. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS^(a) AND FAMILY STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1984
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Type of work preferred and whether looked for work in last 12 months	Member of a family						Not a member of a family						Total	
	Husband or wife			Not-married family head			Child of family head	Other relative of family head	Total	Living alone	Not living alone	Total		Not family coded
	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total								
MALES														
Type of work preferred—														
Preferred to work full-time	11.2	8.7	19.8	*	*	3.3	38.5	*	64.6	3.3	7.4	10.7	8.2	83.4
Preferred to work part-time	6.3	22.3	28.6	*	*	*	29.9	*	61.5	4.9	*	7.8	4.9	74.2
No preference	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	*	*	*	*	5.5
Whether looked for work in last 12 months—														
Had not looked for work	8.5	23.6	32.1	*	*	4.2	36.8	*	75.5	6.2	4.7	10.9	6.1	92.5
Had looked for work	10.1	9.0	19.2	*	*	*	32.6	*	55.1	*	5.8	8.4	7.0	70.5
Less than 5 weeks ago	5.8	4.1	9.9	*	*	*	19.8	*	31.3	*	3.1	3.8	4.4	39.6
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	3.0	*	5.5	*	*	*	6.6	*	12.8	*	*	*	*	16.1
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	*	*	5.4
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	*	7.1	*	*	*	*	9.4
Total	18.7	32.6	51.3	3.4	*	5.8	69.5	4.0	130.6	8.8	10.5	19.3	13.2	163.0
FEMALES														
Type of work preferred—														
Preferred to work full-time	25.9	10.6	36.6	12.1	*	13.8	28.8	*	80.4	*	3.2	6.1	7.0	93.5
Preferred to work part-time	242.7	74.5	317.2	53.7	8.9	62.6	30.7	*	412.8	14.1	*	16.5	25.7	455.1
No preference	4.7	3.9	8.6	*	*	*	*	*	12.6	*	*	*	*	14.8
Whether looked for work in last 12 months—														
Had not looked for work	215.2	72.3	287.5	51.4	8.2	59.6	34.6	3.1	384.8	13.7	*	16.2	25.1	426.0
Had looked for work	58.1	16.8	74.9	16.4	*	19.1	26.3	*	121.1	4.0	3.5	7.5	8.7	137.3
Less than 5 weeks ago	21.3	5.1	26.5	7.0	*	8.1	13.8	*	48.6	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.8	55.9
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	14.0	3.8	17.8	3.2	*	3.5	5.0	*	26.4	*	*	*	*	30.6
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	8.7	*	11.5	*	*	3.2	3.3	*	18.3	*	*	*	*	20.3
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	14.0	5.1	19.1	3.4	*	4.3	4.2	*	27.8	*	*	*	*	30.5
Total	273.3	89.1	362.4	67.8	10.9	78.7	60.9	3.9	505.8	17.6	6.1	23.7	33.8	563.3
PERSONS														
Type of work preferred—														
Preferred to work full-time	37.1	19.3	56.4	13.9	3.2	17.1	67.3	4.1	144.9	6.2	10.6	16.8	15.2	176.9
Preferred to work part-time	249.0	96.8	345.8	55.0	9.4	64.4	60.7	3.4	474.3	19.0	5.3	24.3	30.6	529.2
No preference	6.0	5.5	11.5	*	*	*	*	*	17.2	*	*	*	*	20.2
Whether looked for work in last 12 months—														
Had not looked for work	223.8	95.8	319.6	54.0	9.8	63.8	71.4	5.4	460.3	19.9	7.2	27.1	31.2	518.6
Had looked for work	68.2	25.9	94.1	17.2	3.5	20.6	58.9	*	176.1	6.5	9.4	15.9	15.7	207.8
Less than 5 weeks ago	27.1	9.2	36.3	7.6	*	8.8	33.7	*	79.9	3.9	5.4	7.4	8.2	95.5
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	17.0	6.3	23.3	3.3	*	3.8	11.5	*	39.2	*	*	4.0	3.5	46.7
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	9.5	3.9	13.4	*	*	3.5	5.1	*	22.2	*	*	*	*	25.7
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	14.6	6.4	21.1	3.4	*	4.5	8.7	*	34.9	*	*	4.5	4.0	39.9
Total	292.0	121.7	413.7	71.2	13.3	84.5	130.4	7.9	636.4	26.4	16.6	43.0	46.9	726.3

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

TABLE 17. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE:
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1984
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	Discouraged jobseekers			All persons who wanted to work and were available to start work within four weeks			All persons with marginal attachment to the labour force		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total	19.0	74.7	93.7	144.6	551.5	696.1	163.0	563.3	726.3
Age group (years)—									
15-19	*	5.7	8.4	52.8	58.7	111.5	65.5	65.8	131.3
20-24	*	*	5.1	14.0	58.7	72.8	16.4	61.2	77.6
25-34	*	12.9	13.8	14.3	187.6	201.9	14.7	188.7	203.4
35-44	*	17.8	19.1	14.9	129.0	143.9	16.5	129.9	146.4
45-54	*	18.0	19.9	11.6	71.8	83.4	12.2	72.0	84.2
55-64	4.4	12.3	16.7	22.6	36.8	59.4	23.1	36.8	59.9
65 and over	5.5	5.2	10.7	14.3	8.9	23.2	14.6	8.9	23.4
Family status—									
Member of a family	14.1	62.8	76.9	116.2	495.9	612.1	130.6	505.8	636.4
Husband or wife	8.9	48.1	57.0	48.6	360.6	409.2	51.3	362.4	413.7
With children aged 0-14 present	*	24.8	25.5	16.7	271.8	288.5	18.7	273.3	292.0
Without children aged 0-14 present	8.2	23.3	31.5	31.9	88.8	120.7	32.6	89.1	121.7
Not-married family head	*	7.9	7.9	5.8	78.0	83.8	5.8	78.7	84.5
With children aged 0-14 present	*	4.6	4.6	3.4	67.1	70.5	3.4	67.8	71.2
Without children aged 0-14 present	*	3.2	3.2	*	10.9	13.3	*	10.9	13.3
Child of family head	3.4	5.7	9.1	57.9	53.4	111.4	69.5	60.9	130.4
Other relative of family head	*	*	3.0	3.9	3.9	7.8	4.0	3.9	7.9
Not a member of a family	3.0	6.9	9.9	18.2	22.6	40.8	19.3	23.7	43.0
Living alone	*	6.6	8.6	8.8	17.4	26.2	8.8	17.6	26.4
Not living alone	*	*	*	9.4	5.2	14.6	10.5	6.1	16.6
Not family coded	*	4.9	6.8	10.2	33.0	43.2	13.2	33.8	46.9
Type of work preferred—									
Preferred to work full-time	9.6	13.6	23.2	69.0	85.7	154.6	83.4	93.5	176.9
Preferred to work part-time	8.2	57.9	66.1	70.2	451.7	522.0	74.2	455.1	529.2
No preference	*	3.2	4.5	5.4	14.1	19.5	5.5	14.8	20.2
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)—									
Had not looked for work	10.7	48.9	59.6	92.5	426.0	518.6	92.5	426.0	518.6
Had looked for work	8.3	25.8	34.1	52.1	125.5	177.5	70.5	137.3	207.8
Less than 5 weeks ago	*	6.1	8.0	21.2	44.1	65.3	39.6	55.9	95.5
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	3.0	7.6	10.6	16.1	30.6	46.7	16.1	30.6	46.7
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	*	4.9	6.0	5.4	20.3	25.7	5.4	20.3	25.7
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	*	7.2	9.4	9.4	30.5	39.9	9.4	30.5	39.9
Time since last job—									
Had never had a job	*	8.6	11.1	41.4	59.3	100.8	51.8	64.9	116.7
Had had a job	16.6	66.0	82.6	103.2	492.2	595.3	111.3	498.4	609.7
Under 12 months	4.3	7.9	12.2	46.1	96.5	142.7	51.5	101.2	152.7
Under 6 months	*	4.4	6.8	27.8	56.4	84.2	29.1	58.3	87.4
6 and under 12 months	*	3.5	5.4	18.4	40.1	58.5	22.4	42.9	65.3
1 and under 3 years	4.0	13.4	17.5	27.3	105.3	132.6	29.5	105.8	135.3
3 and under 10 years	6.7	23.4	30.1	25.5	181.8	207.3	26.1	182.5	208.7
10 years or more	*	21.3	22.8	4.2	108.6	112.8	4.2	108.8	113.0
Reason for leaving last job—									
Retrenched/made redundant/ lost job	5.6	12.6	18.2	22.2	61.4	83.6	23.7	61.4	85.1
Seasonal or temporary job	*	6.8	8.3	9.5	48.1	57.7	10.1	49.3	59.4
Returned to studies	*	*	*	8.1	7.2	15.3	11.6	10.1	21.7
Retired/did not want to work any longer	4.8	3.7	8.5	18.1	22.6	40.7	18.1	22.6	40.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	*	3.5	6.4	22.3	28.7	6.7	22.4	29.1
Own ill health or injury	*	5.9	6.8	20.5	30.4	50.9	21.8	30.5	52.3
To get married	*	5.8	5.8	*	40.6	40.6	*	40.6	40.6
Pregnancy/to have children	*	11.1	11.1	*	147.3	147.4	*	148.2	148.3
To look after family, house or someone else	*	5.0	5.0	*	37.1	39.1	*	37.2	39.4
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	*	9.7	12.0	8.7	53.8	62.5	8.9	54.2	63.1
Other reasons	*	*	3.5	4.7	14.5	19.3	5.3	15.0	20.3
Never had a job	*	8.6	11.1	41.4	59.3	100.8	51.8	64.9	116.7
Not asked(b)	*	*	*	*	6.8	9.5	*	6.8	9.5

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (b) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 18. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: AGE AND MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Main reason for not actively looking for work	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Had a job to go to	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Personal reasons(a)	44.1	7.1	7.5	8.0	6.5	5.9	8.2	6.8	94.0
Own ill health, disability	*	*	4.1	5.7	4.4	3.5	4.3	*	25.8
Attending an educational institution	41.6	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	47.3
Had no need to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.9	*	8.6
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9
Moved house/holidays		4.0				3.3			7.3
Discouraged jobseekers(a)	5.0	*	*	3.3	*	4.4	*	5.5	19.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	4.3	7.7
No jobs in locality or line of work	*	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.6
No jobs at all	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5
Total(a)	52.8	14.0	14.3	14.9	11.6	10.0	12.6	14.3	144.6
FEMALES									
Had a job to go to	*	*	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	6.1
Personal reasons	42.8	12.0	22.3	30.7	23.5	9.5	4.5	*	147.8
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	4.3	6.9	6.3	9.2	3.5	*	*	34.8
Attending an educational institution	39.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	*	*	*	*	46.1
Had no need to work	*	*	6.8	14.0	6.6	3.1	*	*	32.9
Give others a chance	*	*	*	3.3	4.0	*	*	*	8.2
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	3.1	3.0	5.9	*	*	*	13.5
Moved house/holidays	*	*	3.4	5.4	*	*	*	*	12.3
Family reasons	5.0	36.4	127.9	61.9	20.2	4.9	*	*	258.3
Ill health of other than self	*	4.0	*	4.4	3.3	*	*	*	14.1
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	14.1	47.8	10.4	*	*	*	*	75.5
Children too young/preferred to look after children	*	20.0	67.4	35.4	5.9	*	*	*	131.6
Other family considerations	*	*	9.7	11.7	10.0	3.7	*	*	37.1
Discouraged jobseekers	5.7	*	12.9	17.8	18.0	8.5	3.8	5.2	74.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	*	5.1	4.8	*	4.5	19.3
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	*	*	4.4
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	3.4	*	3.2	*	*	*	7.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	4.7	*	6.6	6.2	5.2	*	*	*	23.4
No jobs at all	*	*	3.8	7.3	4.7	*	*	*	19.7
No jobs in suitable hours	*	*	6.7	6.2	3.4	*	*	*	17.4
Other reasons	4.3	*	4.9	5.6	3.6	*	*	*	21.4
Did not know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6
Were actively looking for work	*	3.1	6.3	3.0	*	*	*	*	15.4
Not asked(b)	*	*	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	6.8
Total	58.7	58.7	187.6	129.0	71.8	25.0	11.7	8.9	551.5
PERSONS									
Had a job to go to	*	*	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	8.8
Personal reasons	86.9	19.2	29.7	38.7	30.0	15.4	12.7	9.3	241.8
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	5.3	11.0	12.0	13.6	7.0	5.6	3.5	60.6
Attending an educational institution	81.1	7.4	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	93.4
Had no need to work	*	*	7.3	14.0	7.9	3.4	3.2	*	41.5
Give others a chance	*	*	*	3.3	4.2	*	*	*	9.3
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	3.5	3.4	4.5	*	4.7	*	17.4
Moved house/holidays	*	3.7	4.8	4.2	3.2	*	*	*	19.6
Family reasons	5.2	36.8	128.6	63.1	20.7	5.8	*	*	263.1
Ill health of other than self	*	*	3.1	4.4	3.3	3.2	*	*	15.2
Unable to find suitable childcare	4.7	14.1	48.3	10.5	*	*	*	*	76.3
Children too young/preferred to look after children	4.7	20.2	67.5	36.0	6.3	*	*	*	132.9
Other family considerations	*	*	9.7	12.1	10.1	3.1	*	*	38.7
Discouraged jobseekers	8.4	5.1	13.8	19.1	19.9	10.1	6.6	10.7	93.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	*	5.6	5.3	4.7	8.8	26.9
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	*	*	*	3.3	*	*	*	*	5.7
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	3.5	*	3.1	*	*	*	8.9
No jobs in locality or line of work	4.3	*	7.3	6.7	5.6	*	*	*	29.0
No jobs at all	*	*	3.9	8.2	5.4	3.0	*	*	23.2
No jobs in suitable hours	*	*	6.7	6.4	3.1	*	*	*	19.3
Other reasons	4.0	3.1	6.0	6.6	4.3	4.0	*	*	29.5
Did not know	*	*	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Were actively looking for work	4.4	5.5	8.4	5.1	*	*	*	*	26.2
Not asked(b)	*	*	3.6	3.4	*	*	*	*	9.5
Total	111.5	72.8	201.9	143.9	83.4	35.1	24.3	23.2	696.1

(a) Includes reasons not shown separately. (b) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 19. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: AGE AND ALL REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000 RESPONSES)

All reasons for not actively looking for work	Age group (years)							65 and over	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64		
MALES									
Personal reasons									
Own ill health, disability	*	*	4.5	5.9	4.8	3.6	5.0	*	28.8
Attending an educational institution	42.7	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	49.5
Had no need to work	*	*	*	*		5.7		3.2	11.0
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.4	*	6.1
Moved house/holidays		4.3			3.4			*	8.0
Discouraged jobseekers									
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	*		4.9		6.3	12.1
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.0
No jobs in locality or line of work		3.2		*	*		3.0	*	8.1
No jobs at all			3.5		*	*	*	*	5.4
No jobs in suitable hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.8
Other reasons(a)	3.5	*	3.3	3.0	*		5.5	3.1	22.9
FEMALES									
Personal reasons									
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	5.4	8.6	9.0	10.9	4.7	4.3	*	44.8
Attending an educational institution	42.4	3.6		3.5	*	*	*	*	50.1
Had no need to work		3.4	10.4	17.9	8.6	3.0	*	*	45.1
Give others a chance	*	*	*	5.0	5.0		3.5	*	16.0
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	6.4	5.1	3.3	3.1	4.3	*	23.7
Moved house/holidays		3.6	4.6	4.6	3.2	*	*	*	17.0
Family reasons									
Ill health of other than self	*	*	4.0	6.1	3.8	*	*	*	18.0
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	17.7	63.3	15.0	*	*	*	*	100.4
Children too young/preferred to look after children	*	22.4	78.3	41.1	8.1	*	*	*	153.5
Other family considerations		3.6	16.8	18.8	13.7	3.3	*	*	57.6
Discouraged jobseekers									
Considered too young or too old by employers		3.0		3.9	9.2	7.5	3.6	4.7	31.9
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	*	*		4.6		*	*	*	6.4
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	3.8	3.8	3.3	*	*	*	14.7
No jobs in locality or line of work	4.2	*	11.3	12.2	8.6	*	*	*	41.6
No jobs at all	*	*	5.4	9.1	5.8		3.3	*	26.9
No jobs in suitable hours		3.5	12.8	9.0	5.0	*	*	*	30.9
Other reasons	3.2	*	9.5	8.6	5.6		3.7	*	33.7
PERSONS									
Personal reasons									
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	*	6.7	13.1	15.0	15.7	8.3	7.4	4.9	73.6
Attending an educational institution	85.0	8.0	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	99.6
Had no need to work		4.6	10.9	18.3	9.8	4.8	3.9	3.8	56.1
Give others a chance	*	*	*	5.0	5.0		4.1	*	18.2
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	*	*	7.5	5.5	3.6	3.4	4.1	3.6	29.8
Moved house/holidays	*	4.1	6.1	6.0	4.0	*	*	*	25.0
Family reasons									
Ill health of other than self	*	*	4.2	6.1	3.9		3.8	*	19.4
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	17.7	64.1	15.3	*	*	*	*	101.7
Children too young/preferred to look after children	*	22.7	78.8	41.8	8.4	*	*	*	155.5
Other family considerations		3.9	16.9	19.3	14.1	3.9	*	*	60.1
Discouraged jobseekers									
Considered too young or too old by employers		3.7		4.1	10.6	8.9	5.7	10.9	44.0
Difficulties with language or ethnic background		3.0			4.4		*	*	8.0
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience		4.0	4.3	3.9	3.5	*	*	*	17.7
No jobs in locality or line of work	6.1	3.4	12.1	13.4	9.4		5.4	*	49.7
No jobs at all	3.5	*	5.5	10.4	6.8		4.7	*	32.3
No jobs in suitable hours	4.4	*	12.8	9.5	5.3	*	*	*	34.7
Other reasons	6.5	3.8	11.1	10.1	6.4	3.3	4.5	*	45.5

(a) Includes reasons not shown separately.

TABLE 20. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS : INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS^(a) AND TIME SINCE LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

	<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>Not asked^(b)</i>	
MALES						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	42.4	11.2	30.8	4.0	4.2	92.5
Had looked for work	33.1	3.1	3.4	*	12.0	52.1
Less than 5 weeks ago	8.8	*	*	*	11.0	21.2
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	13.2	*	*	*	*	16.1
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	3.7	*	*	*	*	5.4
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	7.4	*	*	*	*	9.4
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	26.0	3.3	8.4	*	*	41.4
Had had a job	49.4	11.0	25.8	*	14.3	103.2
Under 12 months	27.8	*	4.4	*	10.7	46.1
Under 6 months	16.4	*	*	*	8.2	27.8
6 and under 12 months	11.4	*	*	*	*	18.4
1 and under 3 years	13.3	3.8	6.1	*	3.1	27.3
3 and under 10 years	7.8	4.1	12.6	*	*	25.5
10 years or more	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Total	75.4	14.3	34.2	4.4	16.3	144.6
FEMALES						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	119.7	85.7	183.8	24.7	12.1	426.0
Had looked for work	77.7	16.1	11.6	3.8	16.2	125.5
Less than 5 weeks ago	22.9	3.8	*	*	15.6	44.1
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	23.3	3.1	3.1	*	*	30.6
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	13.1	3.4	*	*	*	20.3
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	18.4	5.9	4.6	*	*	30.5
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	33.3	8.3	15.4	*	*	59.3
Had had a job	164.2	93.6	180.0	27.3	27.1	492.2
Under 12 months	45.9	14.2	16.2	3.4	16.9	96.5
Under 6 months	26.2	7.0	8.2	*	13.3	56.4
6 and under 12 months	19.7	7.2	8.0	*	3.6	40.1
1 and under 3 years	41.4	20.2	33.2	5.3	5.1	105.3
3 and under 10 years	53.3	36.1	79.1	9.9	3.5	181.8
10 years or more	23.7	23.1	51.5	8.8	*	108.6
Total	197.5	101.8	195.4	28.5	28.3	551.5
PERSONS						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	162.1	96.9	214.6	28.7	16.3	518.6
Had looked for work	110.8	19.3	15.0	4.2	28.2	177.5
Less than 5 weeks ago	31.7	4.8	*	*	26.6	65.3
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	36.5	3.5	4.6	*	*	46.7
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	16.8	4.4	3.3	*	*	25.7
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	25.8	6.6	5.4	*	*	39.9
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	59.3	11.6	23.8	3.0	3.1	100.8
Had had a job	213.6	104.5	205.8	29.9	41.4	595.3
Under 12 months	73.7	16.8	20.5	4.0	27.6	142.7
Under 6 months	42.5	7.9	10.0	*	21.5	84.2
6 and under 12 months	31.2	8.9	10.6	*	6.1	58.5
1 and under 3 years	54.7	24.0	39.3	6.3	8.2	132.6
3 and under 10 years	61.0	40.2	91.7	10.3	4.0	207.3
10 years or more	24.3	23.5	54.2	9.3	*	112.8
Total	272.9	116.1	229.6	33.0	44.5	696.1

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (b) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 21. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, WHETHER LOOKED FOR WORK IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS(a) AND TIME SINCE LAST JOB, SEPTEMBER 1984
(* 000)

	<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>		
MALES						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	3.8	*	5.0	*	10.7	
Had looked for work	6.6	*	*	*	8.3	
Less than 5 weeks ago	} 4.4 {	*	*	*	*	
5 and less than 8 weeks ago		*	*	*	3.0	
8 and less than 13 weeks ago		*	*	*	} 3.4	
13 and less than 52 weeks ago		*	*	*		
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	*	*	*	*	*	
Had had a job	8.2	*	5.4	*	16.6	
Under 12 months	3.3	*	*	*	4.3	
Under 6 months	*	*	*	*	*	
6 and under 12 months	*	*	*	*	*	
1 and under 3 years	} 4.5 {	*	*	*	4.0	
3 and under 10 years		*	3.3	*	6.7	
10 years or more		*	*	*	*	
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.4</i>	*	<i>5.4</i>	*	<i>19.0</i>	
FEMALES						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	12.0	11.2	22.2	3.4	48.9	
Had looked for work	19.0	4.0	*	*	25.8	
Less than 5 weeks ago	5.4	*	*	*	6.1	
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	6.0	} 3.6 {	*	*	7.6	
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	3.6		*	*	4.9	
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	4.0		*	*	7.2	
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	6.0	*	*	*	8.6	
Had had a job	25.0	13.9	22.9	4.1	66.0	
Under 12 months	4.5	*	*	*	7.9	
Under 6 months	*	*	*	*	4.4	
6 and under 12 months	*	} 3.1 {	*	*	3.5	
1 and under 3 years	7.5		*	3.0	*	13.4
3 and under 10 years	8.2		5.5	8.3	} 3.6 {	23.4
10 years or more	4.8		4.4	9.9		21.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>15.2</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>74.7</i>	
PERSONS						
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	15.9	12.8	27.2	3.7	59.6	
Had looked for work	25.6	5.2	*	*	34.1	
Less than 5 weeks ago	7.1	*	*	*	8.0	
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	8.6	*	*	*	10.6	
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	4.2	} 3.4 {	*	*	6.0	
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	5.6		*	*	9.4	
Time since last job—						
Had never had a job	8.2	*	*	*	11.1	
Had had a job	33.2	16.5	28.3	4.7	82.6	
Under 12 months	7.8	*	*	*	12.2	
Under 6 months	4.3	*	*	*	6.8	
6 and under 12 months	3.6	*	*	*	5.4	
1 and under 3 years	9.7	3.5	3.6	*	17.5	
3 and under 10 years	10.5	6.7	11.6	} 3.8 {	30.1	
10 years or more	5.2	4.4	10.9		22.8	
<i>Total</i>	<i>41.4</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>93.7</i>	

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

TABLE 22. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AND INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Reason not available to start work within four weeks	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months					Total		
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	Not asked(a)	Males	Females	Persons
Personal reasons	59.9	23.7	46.0	5.8	5.8	63.1	78.0	141.1
Own ill health, etc.	17.0	13.4	24.2	3.2	4.2	24.5	37.5	62.0
Studying	38.7	8.5	18.3	*	*	36.9	31.5	68.4
At school	35.0	7.7	17.2	*	*	33.3	29.0	62.3
Other educational institution	3.7	*	*	*	*	3.6	*	6.1
Moved house/holidays	4.2	*	3.5	*	*	*	8.9	10.7
Family reasons	18.1	16.9	58.4	3.2	8.1	*	102.9	104.6
Ill health of other than self	*	*	6.1	*	*	*	9.9	10.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	*	7.9	*	*	*	12.9	12.9
Children too young/preferred to look after children	13.6	12.4	44.4	*	8.0	*	80.0	81.0
Other reasons	4.2	*	10.1	*	*	*	15.6	18.3
Total								
Males	29.8	12.9	20.0	*	*	67.6	..	..
Females	52.4	29.9	94.5	6.9	12.6	..	196.4	..
Persons	82.2	42.8	114.5	9.6	15.0	..	..	264.1

(a) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of the survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

TABLE 23. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AND AGE, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Reason not available to start work within four weeks	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
Personal reasons	53.7	17.2	24.1	17.2	13.2	7.7	4.3	3.6	141.1
Own ill health, etc.	*	8.3	17.2	11.9	10.1	6.9	3.2	2.9	62.0
Studying	52.3	8.5	3.8	4.4	3.9	*	*	*	68.4
At school	50.1	6.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	62.3
Other educational institution	*	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.1
Moved house/holidays	*	*	3.1	4.6	*	*	*	*	10.7
Family reasons	*	15.9	58.6	20.4	4.2	*	*	*	104.6
Ill health of other than self	*	*	4.9	*	3.6	*	*	*	10.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	*	7.9	*	*	*	*	*	12.9
Children too young/preferred to look after children	*	13.8	48.2	15.4	*	*	*	*	81.0
Other reasons	*	*	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	18.3
Total									
Males	29.2	7.9	6.7	6.8	6.0	4.6	3.4	3.2	67.6
Females	27.8	25.6	80.9	34.7	15.4	6.3	3.7	*	196.4
Persons	56.9	33.5	87.6	41.5	21.4	10.9	7.0	5.2	264.1

TABLE 24. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY
LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS:
REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS
AND TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, SEPTEMBER 1984
(' 000)

<i>Reason not available to start work within four weeks</i>	<i>Males</i>			<i>Females</i>			<i>Persons</i>		
	<i>Preferred to work</i>			<i>Preferred to work</i>			<i>Preferred to work</i>		
	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
Personal reasons	40.3	19.5	63.1	29.1	46.7	78.0	69.5	66.3	141.1
Own ill health, etc.	16.2	6.2	24.5	9.3	27.2	37.5	25.4	33.4	62.0
Studying	23.7	12.1	36.9	18.6	12.1	31.5	42.3	24.2	68.4
At school	21.5	11.4	33.3	17.4	11.1	29.0	38.9	22.5	62.3
Other educational institution	*	*	3.6	*	*	*	3.4	*	6.1
Moved house/holidays	*	*	*	*	7.3	8.9	*	8.6	10.7
Family reasons	*	*	*	12.4	87.2	102.9	13.4	87.9	104.6
Ill health of other than self	*	*	*	*	7.8	9.9	*	7.9	10.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	*	*	*	*	10.5	12.9	*	10.5	12.9
Children too young/preferred to look after children	*	*	*	8.4	68.9	80.0	8.8	69.5	81.0
Other reasons	*	*	*	*	13.6	15.6	3.1	14.8	18.3
Total	43.0	21.4	67.6	43.1	147.5	196.4	86.0	168.9	264.1

(a) Includes those persons who had no preference.

TABLE 25. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS AND FAMILY STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1984 ('000)

Reason not available to start work within four weeks	Member of a family						Not a member of a family						Total	
	Husband or wife			Not-married family head			Child of family head	Other relative of family head	Total	Living alone	Not living alone	Total		Not family coded
	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total	With children aged 0-14 present	Without children aged 0-14 present	Total								
Personal reasons	28.5	23.8	52.3	5.6	*	7.8	58.3	*	121.1	5.0	4.8	9.8	10.2	141.1
Own ill health, etc.	23.7	19.1	42.8	*	*	3.8	5.3	*	53.0	3.5	*	4.8	4.1	62.0
Studying	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	52.8	*	61.3	*	3.3	3.8	3.3	68.4
At school	*	*	3.4	*	*	*	50.7	*	56.7	*	*	3.3	*	62.3
Other educational institution	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.7	*	*	*	*	6.1
Moved house/holidays	*	*	4.8	*	*	*	*	*	6.7	*	*	*	*	10.7
Family reasons	79.2	4.6	83.8	14.3	*	14.6	*	*	99.3	*	*	*	4.2	104.6
Ill health of other than self	3.8	3.8	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	9.7	*	*	*	*	10.7
Unable to find suitable childcare	10.0	*	10.0	*	*	*	*	*	12.8	*	*	*	*	12.9
Children too young/preferred to look after children	65.3	*	66.1	10.6	*	10.8	*	*	76.9	*	*	*	3.6	81.0
Other reasons	7.0	5.4	12.4	*	*	*	*	*	15.3	*	*	*	*	18.3
Total														
Males	7.4	13.9	21.3	*	*	*	32.4	*	57.2	*	3.3	6.1	4.3	67.6
Females	107.3	19.9	127.2	20.9	*	22.9	27.5	*	178.5	4.0	*	6.8	11.1	196.4
Persons	114.7	33.8	148.4	21.9	*	24.8	59.9	*	235.7	6.8	6.1	12.9	15.4	264.1

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

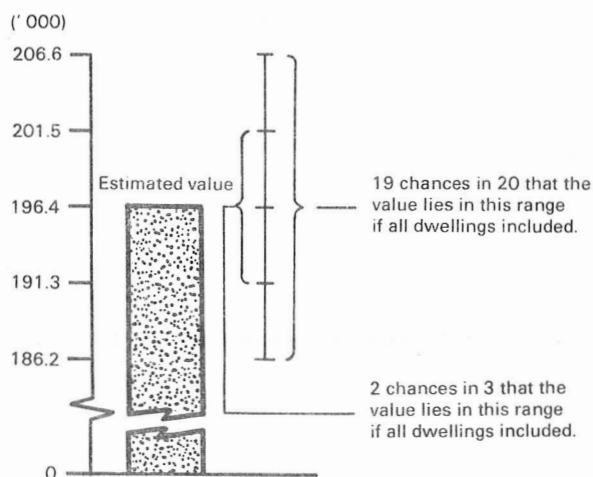
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

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

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 24 on page 29 shows the estimated number of females in Australia who were not in the labour force and who wanted to work but were not available to start work within four weeks was 196,400. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 3,900 and 5,100 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 5,100 (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 191,300 to 201,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 186,200 to 206,600. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



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

6. 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. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, of the 196,400 females who wanted to work but were not available to start work within four weeks only 31,500 or 16.0 per cent were studying. The standard error of 31,500 is approximately 2,300 so the relative standard error is 7.3 per cent. The relative standard error for 196,400 is 2.6 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(7.3)^2 + (2.6)^2}$ or 6.8 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (16.0 per cent) of 1.1 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of females who were studying and who wanted to work but were not available to start work within four weeks was between 14.9 per cent and 17.1 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion was within the range 13.8 per cent to 18.2 per cent.

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

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

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

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N. S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
1,000						250	—	—		
1,500				—	—	300	410	390		
2,000				460	490	340	470	440		
2,500			630	510	540	380	510	480		
3,000			690	550	580	410	550	510	800	26.7
3,500	920	910	740	590	630	430	590	540	860	24.6
4,000	980	960	780	620	660	460	620	560	920	23.0
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	700	480	650	590	970	21.6
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	730	500	680	610	1,000	20.0
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	790	530	740	650	1,100	18.3
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	970	640	910	750	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,300	810	1,200	910	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,200	1,300		1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,700	1,500			5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	3,000				6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,500				7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900						9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400							11,000	0.6
5,000,000									15,000	0.3
10,000,000									18,000	0.2

Note. Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published, see paragraph 5 on page 31.

