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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 22 to 28 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 reasons for not currently actively looking for work and their availability 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 22 to 28).

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 or over and be either *employed* or *unemployed*.

3. *Persons not in the labour force*, therefore, includes all persons aged 15 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 cannot 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 wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks and persons who were actively looking for work but were not available to start work in the week prior to interview (the survey week).

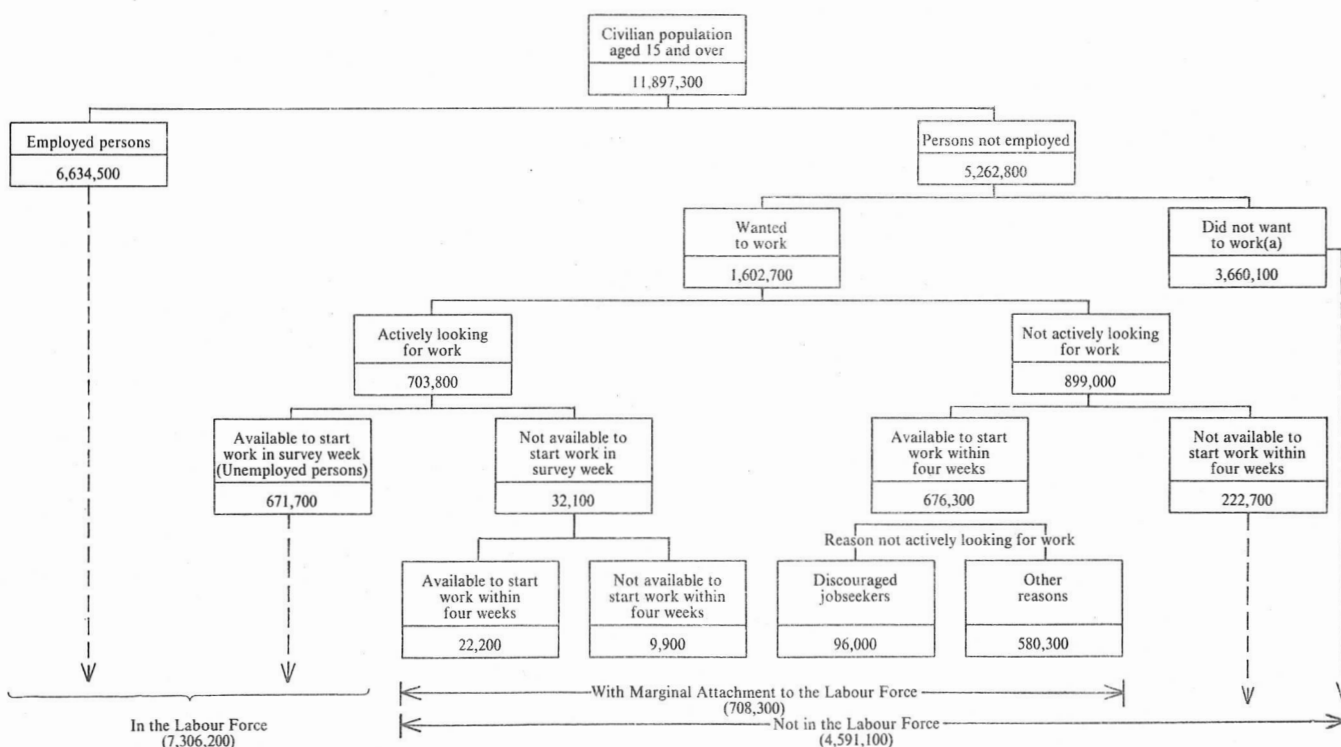
5. The criteria determining those in the labour force are based on actual activity (i.e. working or looking for work) during the survey week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work, reasons for not actively looking for work and availability to start work, 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 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 to indicate discouragement. (Refer to paragraph 14 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, MARCH 1985



(a) Includes institutionalised, boarding school pupils and persons 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 March 1985 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

Scope

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 persons 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, wanted to work and:

- (a) were actively looking for work but do not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; or
- (b) were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks.

12. *Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work* are those who:

- (a) in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week had taken *active steps* to find work but do not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; or
- (b) 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
- (c) 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. *Active steps taken to find work* comprise writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; 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.

14. *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.

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

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

17. 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

18. Additional tables available but not included in this publication are listed on page 19. A preliminary publication (6219.0) containing a summary of the results of the survey was issued on 2 July 1985.

19. 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 given in previous issues of this publication.

20. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted in September 1985 and March 1986.

21. In order to more closely reflect the population structure shown in the above diagram, the structure of the labour force status variable in Table I is different to that in previous issues of this publication. Although there have been no changes in concepts, the definitions have therefore been restructured. As well, the tables in this issue now match the identified groups in the above diagram.

Discontinuities in the series

22. 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 23 to 28.

23. 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.

24. Persons not in the labour force aged 65 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

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

28. 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.

Reliability of the estimates

29. 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

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage)

Labour Force Experience, Australia, during the year ending February 1985 (6206.0)

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985, Preliminary (6221.0)

Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment 1966-1983, Australia (6246.0) (\$1.70, \$2.40 incl. postage)

31. 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 29 above.

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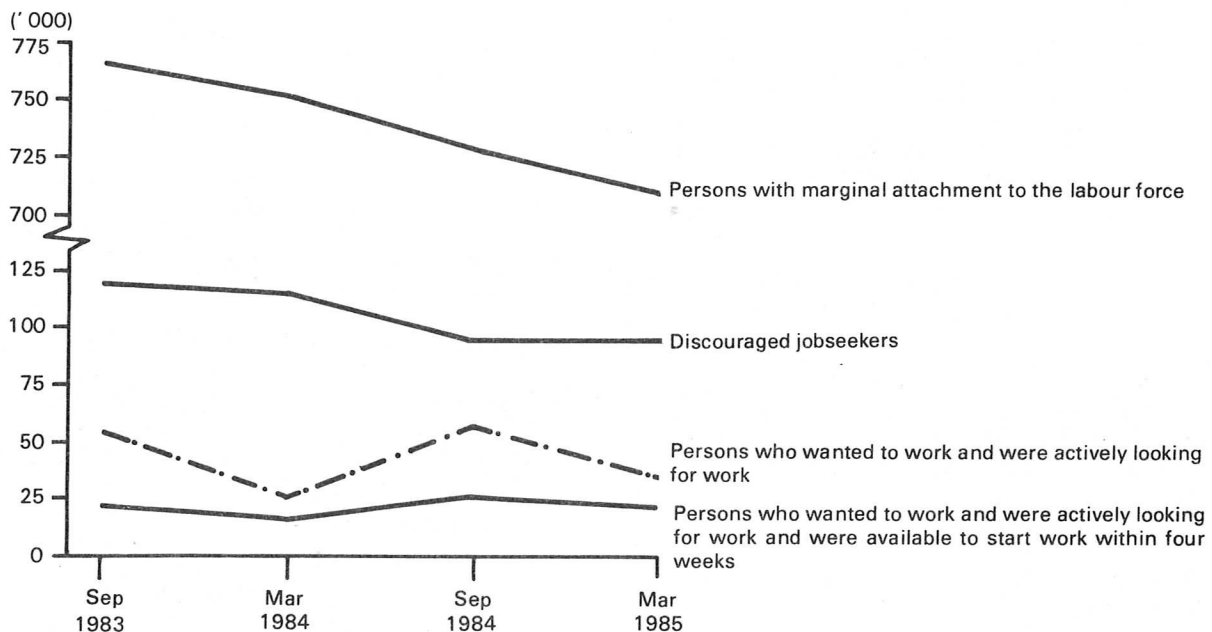
32. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In March 1985 there were 4,591,100 persons not in the labour force (38.6 per cent of the civilian population aged 15 and over). 708,300 of these persons were found to have marginal attachment to the labour force. Of these, 96,000 (13.6 per cent) were discouraged jobseekers while 32,100 wanted to work and were actively looking for work. (Of these, 22,200 were available to start work within four weeks.) This information is shown in diagram 1 below, together with equivalent data from the September 1983, March 1984 and September 1984 surveys.

While the number of employed persons has increased from 6,350,000 in September 1983 to 6,634,500 in March 1985, the number of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force has decreased (from 765,600 in September 1983 to 708,300 in March 1985). The proportion of persons not in the labour force who have marginal attachment to the labour force has also decreased from 17.0 per cent in September 1983 to 15.4 per cent in March 1985.

DIAGRAM 1. PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1983 TO MARCH 1985
(Source of data: Table 1)

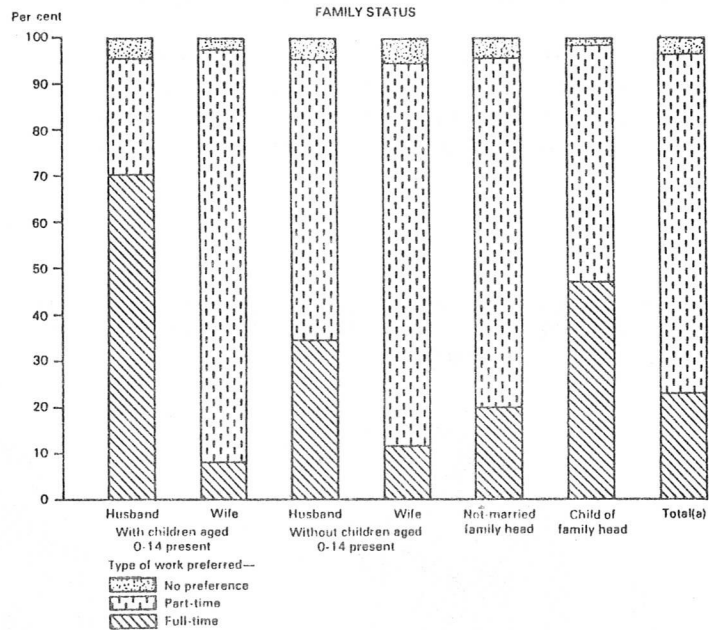


Of the 708,300 persons with marginal attachment to the labour force, most were females (555,100 or 78.4 per cent).

Approximately half the males in this population would prefer full-time work, while just 15.5 per cent of the females would prefer to work full-time. Wives are less likely to prefer full-time work than other females with marginal attachment to the labour force. Children of family heads reported a relatively high preference (46.9 per cent) for full-time work.

The type of work preferred by husbands and wives with children aged 0 to 14 present is different from that of husbands and wives without such children. 70.4 per cent of husbands with children present in this age group reported a preference for full-time work, while a much lower proportion (34.5 per cent) of husbands without children present reported this work preference. 89.3 per cent of wives with children present would prefer part-time work, compared with 82.9 per cent of other wives.

DIAGRAM 2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED AND FAMILY STATUS, MARCH 1985
(Source of data: Table 9)



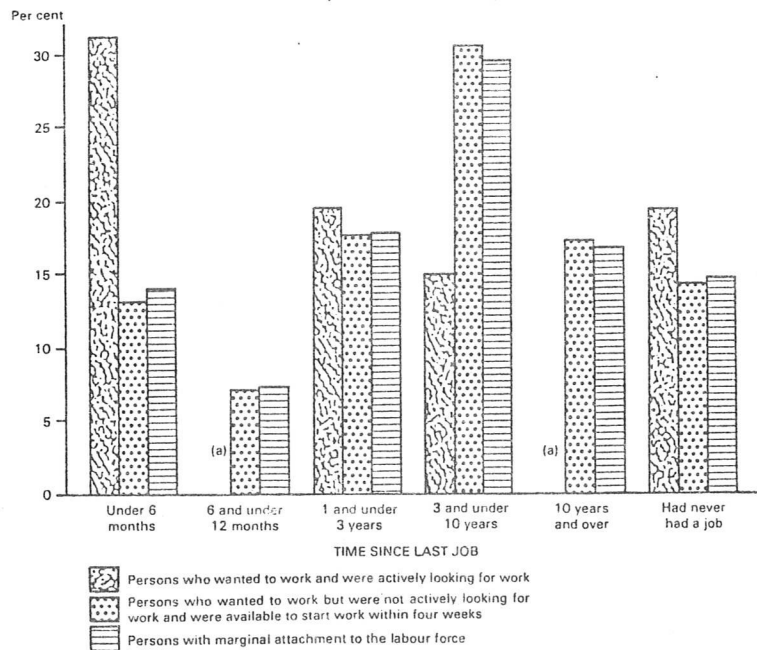
(a) Includes other relative of family head; not a member of a family; and not family coded.

In March 1985, of the 708,300 persons with marginal attachment to the labour force, 32,100 (4.5 per cent) wanted to work and were actively looking for work while the other 676,300 (95.5 per cent) were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks.

14.4 per cent of persons with marginal attachment had never had a job. Persons who were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks were more likely to have had a job than the other group of persons with marginal attachment.

While 31.2 per cent of persons with marginal attachment who were actively looking for work had worked within the last six months, just 13.1 per cent of persons who were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks had done so. Only 20.2 per cent of persons who were actively looking for work had not worked within the last three years, compared to 47.9 per cent of those who were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks.

DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE: TIME SINCE LAST JOB, MARCH 1985
(Source of data: Table 10)

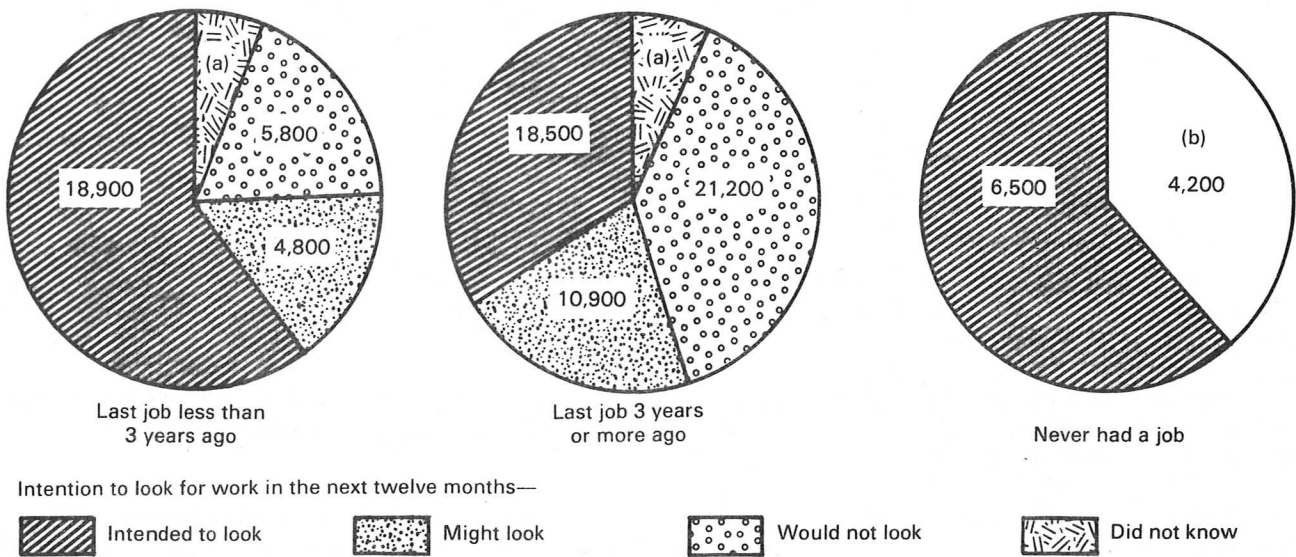


(a) Estimates subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

In March 1985 there were 96,000 discouraged jobseekers. Of these 31,300 (32.6 per cent) had had a job within the last 3 years, 54,100 (56.4 per cent) last had a job 3 or more years ago and 10,700 (11.1 per cent) had never had a job.

For those whose last job was less than 3 years ago, 60.4 per cent intended to look for work in the next twelve months, while only 18.2 per cent indicated they would not look. This compares with discouraged jobseekers whose last job was more than 3 years ago, where only 34.2 per cent intended to look and 39.2 per cent would not look for work in the next twelve months. Most discouraged jobseekers (60.7 per cent) who had never had a job intended to look for work in the next twelve months.

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS: INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND TIME SINCE LAST JOB, MARCH 1985
(Source of data: Table 13)



(a) Estimates subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

(b) Comprises might look, would not look and did not know.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER : LABOUR FORCE STATUS,
SEPTEMBER 1983 TO MARCH 1985
(' 000)

| | Sept. 1983 | March 1984 | Sept. 1984 | March 1985 | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------|----------|
| | | | | Males | Females | Persons |
| Civilian population aged 15 and over | 11,585.5 | 11,718.5 | 11,808.0 | 5,856.6 | 6,040.7 | 11,897.3 |
| Employed | 6,350.0 | 6,504.2 | 6,572.9 | 4,080.8 | 2,553.7 | 6,634.5 |
| Unemployed | 718.7 | 701.0 | 621.3 | 389.7 | 282.0 | 671.7 |
| Persons not in the labour force | 4,516.8 | 4,513.2 | 4,613.8 | 1,386.2 | 3,205.0 | 4,591.1 |
| With marginal attachment to the labour force | 765.6 | 750.0 | 726.3 | 153.3 | 555.1 | 708.3 |
| Wanted to work and were actively looking for work | 53.8 | 25.7 | 56.4 | 14.8 | 17.3 | 32.1 |
| Were available to start work within four weeks | 21.9 | 18.7 | 26.2 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 22.2 |
| Were not available to start work within four weeks | 31.9 | 7.0 | 30.2 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 9.9 |
| Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks | 711.8 | 724.3 | 669.9 | 138.5 | 537.8 | 676.3 |
| Discouraged jobseekers | 118.2 | 116.1 | 93.7 | 19.7 | 76.3 | 96.0 |
| Other | 593.6 | 608.2 | 576.2 | 118.8 | 461.5 | 580.3 |
| Without marginal attachment to the labour force | 3,751.2 | 3,763.3 | 3,887.6 | 1,232.9 | 2,649.9 | 3,882.8 |
| Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks | 244.2 | 224.0 | 264.1 | 50.1 | 172.6 | 222.7 |
| Did not want to work | 3,225.4 | 3,275.2 | 3,365.6 | 1,058.5 | 2,340.6 | 3,399.1 |
| Permanently unable to work | 77.3 | 52.3 | 56.5 | 32.0 | 22.4 | 54.4 |
| Institutionalised(a) and boarding school pupils | 204.3 | 211.8 | 201.4 | 92.3 | 114.3 | 206.6 |

(a) Includes 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 MARCH 1985
(' 000)

| | Sept. 1983 | March 1984 | Sept. 1984 | March 1985 | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Males | Females | Persons |
| Wanted to work and were actively looking for work | 53.8 | 25.7 | 56.4 | 14.8 | 17.3 | 32.1 |
| Were available to start work within four weeks | 21.9 | 18.7 | 26.2 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 22.2 |
| Were not available to start work within four weeks | 31.9 | 7.0 | 30.2 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 9.9 |
| Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks | 711.8 | 724.3 | 669.9 | 138.5 | 537.8 | 676.3 |
| <i>Main reason for not actively looking for work</i> | | | | | | |
| Had a job to go to | 11.4 | 10.3 | 8.8 | * | 5.7 | 9.1 |
| Personal reasons | 243.8 | 265.5 | 241.8 | 94.7 | 168.8 | 263.5 |
| Own ill health, disability, pregnancy | 61.9 | 62.2 | 60.6 | 26.9 | 38.9 | 65.8 |
| Attending an educational institution | 82.9 | 104.8 | 93.4 | 50.6 | 54.3 | 104.9 |
| Had no need to work | 50.5 | 49.5 | 41.5 | 6.5 | 38.2 | 44.7 |
| Give others a chance | 11.2 | 11.0 | 9.3 | * | 8.5 | 9.1 |
| Welfare payments/pension may be affected | 22.1 | 21.7 | 17.4 | 6.7 | 17.6 | 24.2 |
| Moved house/holidays | 15.2 | 16.3 | 19.6 | * | 11.3 | 14.7 |
| Family reasons | 277.2 | 262.5 | 263.1 | 5.3 | 232.9 | 238.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | 13.4 | 10.1 | 15.2 | * | 8.7 | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | 222.4 | 212.1 | 76.3 | * | 72.7 | 73.6 |
| Children too young/preferred to look after children | | | 132.9 | * | 113.6 | 115.0 |
| Other family considerations | | | 38.7 | * | 37.9 | 38.6 |
| Discouraged jobseekers | 118.2 | 116.1 | 93.7 | 19.7 | 76.3 | 96.0 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 29.0 | 34.5 | 26.9 | 8.5 | 22.5 | 31.0 |
| Difficulties with language or ethnic background | * | * | 5.7 | * | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience | 8.4 | 10.0 | 8.9 | * | 10.0 | 11.2 |
| No jobs in locality or line of work | 38.2 | 40.7 | 29.0 | 5.7 | 27.4 | 33.0 |
| No jobs at all | 39.7 | 27.1 | 23.2 | * | 12.4 | 16.1 |
| No jobs in suitable hours | 15.1 | 22.9 | 19.3 | * | 15.8 | 17.7 |
| Other reasons | 27.2 | 28.2 | 29.5 | 7.4 | 22.3 | 29.7 |
| Did not know | 8.1 | 9.5 | 4.2 | * | 8.7 | 10.3 |
| Not asked(a) | 10.9 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 4.6 | 7.2 | 11.9 |
| Total | 765.6 | 750.0 | 726.3 | 153.3 | 555.1 | 708.3 |

(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 MAIN ACTIVITY,
MARCH 1985
(' 000)

| Occupation in last job | Main activity | | | | | | Other | Total |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|-------|---------|
| | Housewife/ home duties | Attending an educational institution | Retired/ voluntarily inactive | Unpaid leave | Own ill health/injury; permanently unable to work | Worked in unpaid voluntary job | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Last job less than 20 years ago— | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, technical, etc. | * | 11.0 | 56.9 | * | 7.5 | * | * | 81.7 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | * | * | 71.0 | * | 6.1 | * | * | 83.4 |
| Clerical | 4.1 | 10.0 | 55.7 | * | 8.0 | * | * | 81.1 |
| Sales | * | 15.1 | 37.9 | * | 6.2 | * | * | 64.1 |
| Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters | * | 8.4 | 73.1 | * | 15.1 | * | * | 101.7 |
| Transport and communication | * | * | 52.6 | * | 14.7 | * | * | 74.5 |
| Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners and quarryworkers | 18.0 | 28.4 | 300.2 | * | 98.7 | 5.1 | 9.0 | 460.3 |
| Service, sport and recreation | * | 9.9 | 45.1 | * | 13.4 | * | * | 72.2 |
| Total | 35.0 | 85.3 | 692.4 | * | 169.7 | 15.1 | 19.0 | 1,019.5 |
| Last job 20 or more years ago | * | * | 47.4 | * | 8.6 | * | * | 60.1 |
| Had never had a job | * | 196.3 | 4.3 | * | 8.8 | * | * | 214.3 |
| Total | 39.6 | 281.6 | 744.1 | * | 187.1 | 16.6 | 21.9 | 1,293.9 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Last job less than 20 years ago— | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 167.8 | 8.5 | 14.1 | * | 4.2 | 5.9 | * | 203.6 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 39.2 | * | 4.7 | * | * | * | * | 46.4 |
| Clerical | 454.5 | 18.9 | 20.9 | * | 8.8 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 516.8 |
| Sales | 242.0 | 22.8 | 12.5 | * | 5.0 | 4.6 | * | 289.4 |
| Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters | 55.8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 65.5 |
| Transport and communication | 35.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 38.6 |
| Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners and quarryworkers | 273.5 | 4.3 | 13.0 | * | 8.5 | * | * | 303.4 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 355.9 | 14.1 | 20.5 | * | 15.5 | 5.9 | * | 416.2 |
| Total | 1,623.8 | 72.5 | 90.6 | * | 45.8 | 29.1 | 15.4 | 1,879.9 |
| Last job 20 or more years ago | 658.5 | * | 58.6 | * | 25.4 | 13.1 | 5.5 | 761.4 |
| Had never had a job | 218.9 | 188.5 | 20.9 | * | 17.8 | * | * | 449.4 |
| Total | 2,501.2 | 261.2 | 170.2 | * | 88.9 | 43.6 | 22.8 | 3,090.7 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Last job less than 20 years ago— | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 168.9 | 19.5 | 71.0 | * | 11.6 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 285.3 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 41.6 | * | 75.8 | * | 6.4 | * | * | 129.8 |
| Clerical | 458.6 | 28.9 | 76.6 | * | 16.8 | 10.4 | 5.5 | 597.9 |
| Sales | 244.4 | 37.9 | 50.4 | * | 11.2 | 6.3 | * | 353.6 |
| Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters | 57.8 | 11.1 | 76.6 | * | 17.6 | * | * | 167.2 |
| Transport and communication | 38.4 | * | 53.9 | * | 15.6 | * | * | 113.1 |
| Trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners and quarryworkers | 291.5 | 32.7 | 313.1 | * | 107.3 | 7.6 | 10.4 | 763.7 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 357.7 | 24.0 | 65.6 | * | 28.9 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 489.0 |
| Total | 1,658.8 | 157.7 | 783.0 | 5.8 | 215.5 | 44.2 | 34.4 | 2,899.4 |
| Last job 20 or more years ago | 662.2 | * | 106.0 | * | 34.0 | 13.1 | 5.8 | 821.5 |
| Had never had a job | 219.8 | 384.8 | 25.2 | * | 26.6 | * | 4.5 | 663.7 |
| Total | 2,540.8 | 542.8 | 914.3 | 5.8 | 276.0 | 60.1 | 44.7 | 4,384.6 |

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

TABLE 4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : TIME SINCE LAST JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, MARCH 1985 ('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 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 21.4 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 6.7 | * | 67.4 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | 20.9 | 5.2 | 7.5 | * | * | * | * | 40.3 |
| Returned to studies | 37.0 | * | 10.7 | * | * | * | * | 53.8 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 18.9 | 21.7 | 78.5 | 83.7 | 165.0 | 156.8 | 37.3 | 561.8 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | 4.2 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 13.3 |
| Own ill health or injury | 12.2 | 16.8 | 57.7 | 49.7 | 86.4 | 52.6 | 17.2 | 292.7 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | * | * | 4.0 | * | * | * | * | 17.6 |
| Other reasons(a) | 4.3 | * | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.9 | * | * | 25.1 |
| Not asked(b) | 7.5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7.5 |
| Total | 115.5 | 57.5 | 187.2 | 157.6 | 277.8 | 224.1 | 60.1 | 1,079.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Retrenched/made redundant/lost job | 10.4 | 10.2 | 35.3 | 26.2 | 39.5 | 31.0 | 18.4 | 171.0 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | 38.3 | 17.3 | 28.1 | 19.0 | 17.8 | 13.7 | 14.3 | 148.6 |
| Returned to studies | 26.2 | * | 9.1 | * | * | * | * | 42.9 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 18.2 | 18.8 | 52.3 | 62.3 | 119.3 | 130.3 | 96.0 | 497.4 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | 7.3 | 5.3 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 11.6 | 7.6 | * | 55.5 |
| Own ill health or injury | 12.0 | 13.6 | 32.5 | 35.1 | 48.2 | 54.5 | 31.1 | 227.0 |
| To get married | * | * | 8.9 | 9.7 | 24.7 | 57.9 | 408.6 | 512.6 |
| Pregnancy/to have children | 22.7 | 28.8 | 85.7 | 80.1 | 117.7 | 117.1 | 87.4 | 539.4 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | 8.8 | 7.2 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 44.1 | 38.1 | 71.1 | 209.6 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | 11.9 | 10.0 | 23.7 | 26.1 | 34.2 | 31.6 | 24.8 | 162.3 |
| Other reasons | 7.5 | 5.8 | 8.5 | 6.9 | 12.1 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 55.2 |
| Not asked(b) | 19.8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 19.8 |
| Total | 184.6 | 122.2 | 315.9 | 296.9 | 470.2 | 490.2 | 761.4 | 2,641.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Retrenched/made redundant/lost job | 18.0 | 15.7 | 56.7 | 37.7 | 52.4 | 37.8 | 20.2 | 238.4 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | 59.2 | 22.5 | 35.6 | 21.5 | 20.1 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 188.9 |
| Returned to studies | 63.1 | 5.7 | 19.8 | 4.8 | * | * | * | 96.7 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 37.2 | 40.5 | 130.8 | 146.0 | 284.3 | 287.0 | 133.4 | 1,059.2 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | 11.4 | 7.2 | 13.5 | 10.3 | 13.7 | 9.2 | * | 68.8 |
| Own ill health or injury | 24.2 | 30.4 | 90.2 | 84.9 | 134.6 | 107.2 | 48.3 | 519.7 |
| To get married | * | * | 8.9 | 9.7 | 24.7 | 57.9 | 409.7 | 513.7 |
| Pregnancy/to have children | 22.7 | 28.8 | 85.8 | 80.1 | 117.7 | 117.3 | 87.4 | 539.8 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | 9.2 | 7.2 | 22.4 | 21.8 | 46.0 | 38.5 | 71.4 | 216.4 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | 14.8 | 12.3 | 27.7 | 28.2 | 37.2 | 34.0 | 25.6 | 179.9 |
| Other reasons | 11.4 | 8.0 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 15.1 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 72.0 |
| Not asked(b) | 27.3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 27.3 |
| Total | 300.1 | 179.6 | 503.0 | 454.5 | 747.9 | 714.3 | 821.5 | 3,720.9 |

(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 5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO HAD HAD A JOB : STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST JOB, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS IN LAST JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, MARCH 1985 ('000)

| Reason for leaving last job | Status of worker in last job | | | | Full-time or 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 | * | * | 62.8 | * | 57.0 | 8.3 | * | * | 67.4 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | * | * | 37.6 | * | 23.3 | 16.1 | * | * | 40.3 |
| Returned to studies | * | * | 52.5 | * | 36.6 | 16.8 | * | * | 53.8 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 33.7 | 51.0 | 439.8 | * | 498.4 | 24.4 | * | 37.3 | 561.8 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | * | * | 11.2 | * | 8.6 | 4.2 | * | * | 13.3 |
| Own ill health or injury | 13.4 | 25.7 | 236.4 | * | 255.5 | 17.9 | * | 17.2 | 292.7 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | * | * | 15.0 | * | 12.5 | 4.2 | * | * | 17.6 |
| Other reasons(a) | * | * | 15.3 | * | 18.5 | 4.0 | * | * | 25.1 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | 7.5 | * | 6.1 | * | * | * | 7.5 |
| Total | 53.5 | 87.6 | 878.2 | * | 916.7 | 97.2 | 5.6 | 60.1 | 1,079.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Retrenched/made redundant/lost job | * | 4.5 | 144.5 | * | 77.5 | 74.2 | * | 18.4 | 171.0 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | * | * | 129.2 | * | 43.2 | 88.7 | * | 14.3 | 148.6 |
| Returned to studies | * | * | 41.7 | * | 22.9 | 19.9 | * | * | 42.9 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 21.8 | 27.3 | 350.6 | * | 249.8 | 147.6 | * | 96.0 | 497.4 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | * | * | 49.4 | * | 27.0 | 25.0 | * | * | 55.5 |
| Own ill health or injury | * | 9.5 | 182.9 | * | 130.5 | 64.2 | * | 31.1 | 227.0 |
| To get married | * | * | 102.6 | * | 97.0 | 6.7 | * | 408.6 | 512.6 |
| Pregnancy/to have children | * | 4.7 | 444.3 | * | 367.1 | 83.5 | * | 87.4 | 539.4 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | * | 6.7 | 127.9 | * | 80.5 | 56.0 | * | 71.1 | 209.6 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | * | 6.4 | 128.7 | * | 82.7 | 53.5 | * | 24.8 | 162.3 |
| Other reasons | 7.6 | 10.4 | 30.2 | * | 26.2 | 21.9 | * | 6.4 | 55.2 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | 19.8 | * | 12.3 | 7.0 | * | * | 19.8 |
| Total | 46.3 | 75.7 | 1,751.8 | 6.1 | 1,216.9 | 648.3 | 14.8 | 761.4 | 2,641.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Retrenched/made redundant/lost job | * | 6.2 | 207.3 | * | 134.6 | 82.5 | * | 20.2 | 238.4 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | * | 5.3 | 166.9 | * | 66.6 | 104.8 | * | 14.6 | 188.9 |
| Returned to studies | * | * | 94.2 | * | 59.5 | 36.7 | * | * | 96.7 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | 55.4 | 78.4 | 790.4 | * | 748.3 | 171.9 | 5.6 | 133.4 | 1,059.2 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | * | * | 60.6 | * | 35.7 | 29.2 | * | * | 68.8 |
| Own ill health or injury | 16.7 | 35.2 | 419.3 | * | 386.0 | 82.1 | * | 48.3 | 519.7 |
| To get married | * | * | 102.6 | * | 97.0 | 6.7 | * | 409.7 | 513.7 |
| Pregnancy/to have children | * | 4.7 | 444.7 | * | 367.5 | 83.5 | * | 87.4 | 539.8 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | 4.1 | 7.2 | 133.3 | * | 86.0 | 56.9 | * | 71.4 | 216.4 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | * | 7.6 | 143.7 | * | 95.3 | 57.7 | * | 25.6 | 179.9 |
| Other reasons | 11.0 | 13.6 | 39.6 | * | 38.8 | 25.0 | * | 7.2 | 72.0 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | 27.3 | * | 18.4 | 8.4 | * | * | 27.3 |
| Total | 99.8 | 163.2 | 2,630.0 | 6.4 | 2,133.6 | 745.5 | 20.3 | 821.5 | 3,720.9 |

(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 6. 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, MARCH 1985 ('000)

| | Age group (years) | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to look for work in the next 12 months— | | | | | | | | | |
| Intended to look | 45.4 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 5.5 | 4.8 | * | * | 90.1 |
| Might look | 9.7 | * | * | * | 4.5 | * | * | * | 30.3 |
| Would not look | 11.7 | * | * | * | 4.7 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 49.2 |
| Did not know | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.2 |
| Not asked(a) | 5.6 | * | 7.7 | * | * | * | * | * | 25.6 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 37.3 | 10.1 | 17.6 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 7.8 | 5.4 | * | 107.6 |
| Part-time | 35.0 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 9.8 | 13.4 | 87.0 |
| No preference | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.7 |
| Total | 74.7 | 17.9 | 24.2 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 15.4 | 16.0 | 18.0 | 203.4 |
| MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to look for work in the next 12 months— | | | | | | | | | |
| Intended to look | * | 16.4 | 55.5 | 42.0 | 20.8 | 4.1 | * | * | 142.4 |
| Might look | * | 9.7 | 35.4 | 31.4 | 14.2 | * | * | * | 97.5 |
| Would not look | * | 21.2 | 85.5 | 54.5 | 27.9 | 13.0 | 6.0 | * | 213.8 |
| Did not know | * | 4.0 | 7.7 | 8.3 | * | * | * | * | 26.3 |
| Not asked(a) | * | * | 14.9 | 8.0 | * | * | * | * | 30.9 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | * | 7.3 | 20.1 | 13.0 | 7.9 | * | * | * | 54.0 |
| Part-time | * | 46.1 | 173.0 | 125.3 | 58.2 | 20.9 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 439.7 |
| No preference | * | * | 6.0 | 6.0 | * | * | * | * | 17.2 |
| Total | 5.3 | 54.9 | 199.1 | 144.2 | 68.9 | 23.6 | 8.9 | 6.0 | 510.9 |
| NOT-MARRIED FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to look for work in the next 12 months— | | | | | | | | | |
| Intended to look | 43.3 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 9.1 | 7.3 | * | * | * | 94.1 |
| Might look | 10.8 | 5.3 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 4.2 | * | * | * | 41.7 |
| Would not look | 12.7 | 6.2 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 5.7 | * | * | 6.8 | 57.2 |
| Did not know | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.9 |
| Not asked(a) | 4.1 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.9 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 28.5 | 13.7 | 9.9 | 5.0 | * | * | * | * | 62.9 |
| Part-time | 43.2 | 18.2 | 27.8 | 19.9 | 15.1 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 145.7 |
| No preference | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.3 |
| Total | 73.2 | 32.7 | 39.9 | 26.2 | 20.0 | 9.3 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 216.8 |
| ALL FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to look for work in the next 12 months— | | | | | | | | | |
| Intended to look | 44.6 | 32.6 | 70.9 | 51.1 | 28.1 | 6.0 | * | * | 236.5 |
| Might look | 12.1 | 15.0 | 43.0 | 38.7 | 18.4 | 6.7 | * | * | 139.2 |
| Would not look | 14.8 | 27.3 | 97.1 | 61.9 | 33.7 | 16.9 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 271.0 |
| Did not know | * | 5.2 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 5.0 | * | * | * | 38.2 |
| Not asked(a) | 4.3 | 7.3 | 17.5 | 8.9 | * | * | * | * | 42.8 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 30.2 | 21.0 | 29.9 | 18.0 | 11.3 | * | * | * | 116.9 |
| Part-time | 46.8 | 64.3 | 200.8 | 145.2 | 73.4 | 28.1 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 585.3 |
| No preference | * | * | 8.2 | 7.3 | 4.2 | * | * | * | 25.5 |
| Total | 78.5 | 87.6 | 238.9 | 170.4 | 88.9 | 32.9 | 15.0 | 15.4 | 727.6 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Intention to look for work in the next 12 months— | | | | | | | | | |
| Intended to look | 89.9 | 42.5 | 80.5 | 59.9 | 33.7 | 10.8 | 5.6 | * | 326.6 |
| Might look | 21.8 | 16.6 | 45.1 | 41.8 | 22.9 | 9.9 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 169.4 |
| Would not look | 26.5 | 29.6 | 100.6 | 65.1 | 38.3 | 21.9 | 15.9 | 22.3 | 320.2 |
| Did not know | 5.0 | 5.6 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 6.3 | * | * | * | 46.4 |
| Not asked(a) | 9.9 | 11.2 | 25.2 | 12.1 | 6.2 | * | * | * | 68.4 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 67.5 | 31.1 | 47.6 | 30.9 | 24.5 | 11.4 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 224.5 |
| Part-time | 81.8 | 71.5 | 206.5 | 150.0 | 77.9 | 34.8 | 22.7 | 27.2 | 672.3 |
| No preference | * | * | 9.2 | 8.1 | 5.0 | * | * | * | 34.2 |
| Total | 153.1 | 105.5 | 263.2 | 188.9 | 107.4 | 48.3 | 31.1 | 33.4 | 931.0 |

(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 7. 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, MARCH 1985 ('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(a)</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| Wanted to work and were actively looking for work | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32.1 | 14.8 | 17.3 | 32.1 |
| Were available to start work within four weeks | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22.2 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 22.2 |
| Were not available to start work within four weeks | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.9 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 9.9 |
| Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks | 266.1 | 130.3 | 222.8 | 36.2 | 20.9 | 138.5 | 537.8 | 676.3 |
| <i>Main reason for not actively looking for work</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Had a job to go to | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.1 | * | 5.7 | 9.1 |
| Personal reasons | 126.2 | 47.9 | 79.0 | 10.4 | .. | 94.7 | 168.8 | 263.5 |
| Own ill health, disability, pregnancy | 26.2 | 17.3 | 19.1 | * | .. | 26.9 | 38.9 | 65.8 |
| Attending an educational institution | 69.7 | 13.8 | 18.5 | * | .. | 50.6 | 54.3 | 104.9 |
| Had no need to work | 11.5 | 9.6 | 22.1 | * | .. | 6.5 | 38.2 | 44.7 |
| Give others a chance | * | * | 5.4 | * | .. | * | 8.5 | 9.1 |
| Welfare payments/pension may be affected | 4.9 | 4.7 | 12.7 | * | .. | 6.7 | 17.6 | 24.2 |
| Moved house/holidays | 12.1 | * | * | * | .. | * | 11.3 | 14.7 |
| Family reasons | 66.6 | 52.5 | 104.0 | 15.2 | .. | 5.3 | 232.9 | 238.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | 4.3 | * | * | * | .. | * | 8.7 | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | 14.4 | 14.8 | 40.3 | 4.1 | .. | * | 72.7 | 73.6 |
| Children too young/preferred to look after children | 33.8 | 25.3 | 47.9 | 7.9 | .. | * | 113.6 | 115.0 |
| Other family considerations | 14.0 | 10.1 | 12.2 | * | .. | * | 37.9 | 38.6 |
| Discouraged jobseekers | 44.0 | 16.9 | 29.0 | 6.1 | .. | 19.7 | 76.3 | 96.0 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 8.7 | 5.4 | 14.1 | * | .. | 8.5 | 22.5 | 31.0 |
| Difficulties with language or ethnic background | * | * | * | * | .. | * | 4.1 | 4.7 |
| Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience | 5.1 | * | * | * | .. | * | 10.0 | 11.2 |
| No jobs in locality or line of work | 18.0 | 5.7 | 7.3 | * | .. | 5.7 | 27.4 | 33.0 |
| No jobs at all | 9.6 | * | * | * | .. | * | 12.4 | 16.1 |
| No jobs in suitable hours | 9.1 | 4.7 | * | * | .. | * | 15.8 | 17.7 |
| Other reasons | 15.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | * | .. | 7.4 | 22.3 | 29.7 |
| Did not know | 4.7 | * | * | * | .. | * | 8.7 | 10.3 |
| Not asked(b) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11.9 | 4.6 | 7.2 | 11.9 |
| Total | 266.1 | 130.3 | 222.8 | 36.2 | 53.0 | 153.3 | 555.1 | 708.3 |

(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). (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 8. 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), MARCH 1985 ('000)

| Time since last job | Had looked for work in the last 12 months | | | | Total | Had not looked in the last 12 months | Total |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Less than 5 weeks ago | 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 13 to 52 weeks ago | | | |
| Had had a job | 62.4 | 33.8 | 18.6 | 29.0 | 143.8 | 462.8 | 606.7 |
| Under 12 months | 26.1 | 12.4 | 4.1 | * | 45.8 | 104.0 | 149.8 |
| Under 6 months | 18.4 | 8.2 | * | * | 28.5 | 70.4 | 98.9 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 7.7 | 4.2 | * | * | 17.3 | 33.6 | 50.9 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 14.9 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 35.8 | 90.9 | 126.7 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 15.2 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 12.3 | 45.4 | 165.2 | 210.6 |
| 10 years or more | 6.2 | * | * | 5.3 | 16.9 | 102.7 | 119.6 |
| Had never had a job | 13.2 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 33.0 | 68.7 | 101.7 |
| Total | 75.6 | 41.8 | 25.7 | 33.8 | 176.9 | 531.5 | 708.3 |

(a) Persons who had left a job in the last 12 months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job.

TABLE 9. 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, MARCH 1985 ('000)

| Type of work preferred— | Family status | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Member of a family | | | | | | Not a member of a family | Not family coded | | Total |
| | Husband or wife | | Total | Not-married family head | Child of family head | Other relative of family head | | | | |
| | With children aged 0-14 present | Without children aged 0-14 present | | | | | | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 10.0 | 11.3 | 21.4 | * | 34.5 | * | 59.5 | 10.4 | 6.9 | 76.8 |
| Part-time | * | 19.9 | 23.6 | * | 29.1 | * | 55.7 | 11.1 | 4.3 | 71.1 |
| No preference | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4.3 | * | * | 5.4 |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 7.0 | 6.7 | 13.7 | * | 25.4 | * | 42.1 | 8.3 | 4.4 | 54.8 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | * | * | 6.1 | * | 10.4 | * | 17.7 | 5.0 | * | 25.9 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 6.5 | * | 10.9 | * | * | 12.8 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 4.3 | * | 6.4 | * | * | 6.7 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 4.2 | * | 7.1 | * | * | 9.5 |
| Had not looked for work | 7.2 | 26.1 | 33.3 | * | 39.9 | * | 77.4 | 14.1 | 7.0 | 98.4 |
| Total | 14.2 | 32.8 | 47.0 | 4.6 | 65.3 | * | 119.5 | 22.4 | 11.4 | 153.3 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 21.5 | 11.3 | 32.8 | 12.5 | 21.4 | * | 68.7 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 85.8 |
| Part-time | 238.9 | 79.8 | 318.8 | 56.8 | 32.0 | * | 410.4 | 18.0 | 23.1 | 451.5 |
| No preference | 7.0 | 5.1 | 12.1 | * | * | * | 16.5 | * | * | 17.7 |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 51.6 | 19.0 | 70.6 | 16.1 | 19.0 | * | 107.1 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 122.0 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 22.2 | 5.8 | 27.9 | 5.9 | 8.4 | * | 42.7 | * | 4.3 | 49.7 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 9.4 | 5.7 | 15.1 | * | 5.9 | * | 24.6 | * | * | 29.1 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 7.8 | 4.4 | 12.2 | * | * | * | 17.7 | * | * | 19.0 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | 12.1 | * | 15.4 | 4.9 | * | * | 22.2 | * | * | 24.3 |
| Had not looked for work | 215.8 | 77.2 | 293.1 | 56.4 | 34.9 | 4.1 | 388.5 | 19.6 | 25.0 | 433.0 |
| Total | 267.4 | 96.3 | 363.7 | 72.5 | 53.9 | 5.5 | 495.6 | 26.4 | 33.0 | 555.1 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 31.5 | 22.6 | 54.2 | 15.4 | 55.9 | * | 128.2 | 18.2 | 16.3 | 162.6 |
| Part-time | 242.6 | 99.8 | 342.4 | 58.5 | 61.1 | 4.1 | 466.1 | 29.1 | 27.4 | 522.6 |
| No preference | 7.5 | 6.6 | 14.2 | * | * | * | 20.8 | * | * | 23.2 |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 58.6 | 25.7 | 84.3 | 17.4 | 44.4 | * | 149.2 | 15.2 | 12.5 | 176.9 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 25.7 | 8.3 | 34.0 | 6.1 | 18.8 | * | 60.4 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 75.6 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 10.7 | 7.8 | 18.5 | * | 12.4 | * | 35.5 | 4.1 | * | 41.8 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 9.1 | 4.9 | 14.0 | * | 7.1 | * | 24.1 | * | * | 25.7 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | 13.1 | 4.8 | 17.8 | 5.2 | 6.0 | * | 29.3 | * | * | 33.8 |
| Had not looked for work | 223.1 | 103.3 | 326.4 | 59.6 | 74.8 | 5.0 | 465.8 | 33.7 | 32.0 | 531.5 |
| Total | 281.7 | 129.0 | 410.7 | 77.1 | 119.2 | 8.1 | 615.0 | 48.8 | 44.5 | 708.3 |

(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 10. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE :
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MARCH 1985
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| | <i>Persons who wanted to work and were actively looking for work</i> | | <i>Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks</i> | | | <i>Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force</i> | | |
|---|--|-----------------|---|--------------|--------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Were available to start work within the next four weeks</i> | <i>Total(a)</i> | <i>Discouraged jobseekers</i> | <i>Other</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| Age group (years)— | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 105.1 | 113.3 | 59.2 | 61.7 | 120.9 |
| 20-24 | * | 5.8 | 5.1 | 65.9 | 70.9 | 14.3 | 62.5 | 76.7 |
| 25-34 | 8.3 | 10.4 | 15.6 | 163.1 | 178.6 | 17.2 | 171.9 | 189.1 |
| 35-44 | * | 5.0 | 17.8 | 126.4 | 144.2 | 13.1 | 136.1 | 149.2 |
| 45-54 | * | * | 18.4 | 63.4 | 81.8 | 10.5 | 73.6 | 84.0 |
| 55-64 | * | * | 20.2 | 40.1 | 60.4 | 23.0 | 38.3 | 61.4 |
| 65 and over | * | * | 10.7 | 16.3 | 27.0 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 27.0 |
| Family status— | | | | | | | | |
| Member of a family | 13.7 | 22.3 | 81.6 | 511.2 | 592.8 | 119.5 | 495.6 | 615.0 |
| Husband or wife | 8.5 | 12.4 | 59.2 | 339.2 | 398.3 | 47.0 | 363.7 | 410.7 |
| With children aged 0-14 present | 6.7 | 9.8 | 21.7 | 250.1 | 271.8 | 14.2 | 267.4 | 281.7 |
| Without children aged 0-14 present | * | * | 37.4 | 89.0 | 126.5 | 32.8 | 96.3 | 129.0 |
| Not-married family head | * | * | 11.3 | 64.5 | 75.8 | 4.6 | 72.5 | 77.1 |
| With children aged 0-14 present | * | * | 7.1 | 54.5 | 61.6 | * | 59.7 | 62.2 |
| Without children aged 0-14 present | * | * | 4.3 | 10.0 | 14.2 | * | 12.9 | 14.8 |
| Child of family head | * | 7.5 | 9.7 | 102.0 | 111.7 | 65.3 | 53.9 | 119.2 |
| Other relative of family head | * | * | * | 5.5 | 7.0 | * | 5.5 | 8.1 |
| Not a member of a family | 4.4 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 33.5 | 43.9 | 22.4 | 26.4 | 48.8 |
| Living alone | * | * | 8.1 | 19.5 | 27.7 | 13.0 | 16.1 | 29.1 |
| Not living alone | * | * | * | 14.0 | 16.2 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 19.7 |
| Not family coded | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 35.6 | 39.7 | 11.4 | 33.0 | 44.5 |
| Type of work preferred— | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time | 12.7 | 18.5 | 23.8 | 120.2 | 144.1 | 76.8 | 85.8 | 162.6 |
| Part-time | 8.7 | 12.4 | 65.8 | 444.3 | 510.2 | 71.1 | 451.5 | 522.6 |
| No preference | * | * | 6.4 | 15.7 | 22.1 | 5.4 | 17.7 | 23.2 |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(b)— | | | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 22.2 | 32.1 | 29.5 | 115.3 | 144.8 | 54.8 | 122.0 | 176.9 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 22.2 | 32.1 | 9.7 | 33.9 | 43.5 | 25.9 | 49.7 | 75.6 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | .. | .. | 7.7 | 34.1 | 41.8 | 12.8 | 29.1 | 41.8 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | .. | .. | 4.8 | 20.9 | 25.7 | 6.7 | 19.0 | 25.7 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | .. | .. | 7.4 | 26.4 | 33.8 | 9.5 | 24.3 | 33.8 |
| Had not looked for work | .. | .. | 66.5 | 465.0 | 531.5 | 98.4 | 433.0 | 531.5 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 18.6 | 25.7 | 85.3 | 495.6 | 580.9 | 111.0 | 495.7 | 606.7 |
| Under 12 months | 10.9 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 123.6 | 136.9 | 50.2 | 99.5 | 149.8 |
| Under 6 months | 8.4 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 82.5 | 88.9 | 38.5 | 60.4 | 98.9 |
| 6 and under 12 months | * | * | 6.9 | 41.1 | 48.0 | 11.7 | 39.2 | 50.9 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 4.3 | 6.3 | 18.0 | 102.4 | 120.3 | 29.7 | 97.0 | 126.7 |
| 3 and under 10 years | * | 4.8 | 32.5 | 173.4 | 205.9 | 26.3 | 184.4 | 210.6 |
| 10 years or more | * | * | 21.6 | 96.3 | 117.9 | 4.8 | 114.8 | 119.6 |
| Had never had a job | * | 6.3 | 10.7 | 84.6 | 95.3 | 42.3 | 59.4 | 101.7 |
| Reason for leaving last job— | | | | | | | | |
| Retrenched/made redundant/ lost job | 5.1 | 6.1 | 16.3 | 46.6 | 62.9 | 19.6 | 49.4 | 69.0 |
| Seasonal or temporary job | * | 4.7 | 10.0 | 50.5 | 60.5 | 14.0 | 51.1 | 65.2 |
| Returned to studies | * | * | * | 23.5 | 24.4 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 26.5 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | * | * | 10.1 | 33.8 | 43.9 | 17.7 | 26.6 | 44.2 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | * | * | 4.6 | 23.4 | 28.1 | 6.4 | 23.0 | 29.4 |
| Own ill health or injury | * | * | 6.8 | 44.3 | 51.1 | 23.5 | 29.8 | 53.3 |
| To get married | * | * | 7.6 | 37.9 | 45.6 | * | 46.5 | 46.5 |
| Pregnancy/to have children | * | * | 8.7 | 140.0 | 148.6 | * | 151.5 | 151.6 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | * | * | 4.4 | 29.2 | 33.6 | * | 33.1 | 34.3 |
| Travelled, moved house, spouse transferred | * | * | 12.2 | 39.4 | 51.6 | 6.0 | 48.9 | 54.9 |
| Other reasons | * | * | * | 15.3 | 18.9 | 4.6 | 15.2 | 19.8 |
| Had never had a job | * | 6.3 | 10.7 | 84.6 | 95.3 | 42.3 | 59.4 | 101.7 |
| Not asked(c) | .. | .. | .. | 11.9 | 11.9 | 4.6 | 7.2 | 11.9 |
| Total | 22.2 | 32.1 | 96.0 | 580.3 | 676.3 | 153.3 | 555.1 | 708.3 |

(a) Includes persons who wanted to work and were actively looking for work but were not available to start work within four weeks. (b) Persons who had left a job in the twelve months were only asked whether they had looked for work since that job. (c) 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 BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: AGE AND MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, MARCH 1985
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal reasons(a) | 45.9 | 7.8 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 94.7 |
| Own ill health, disability | * | * | * | 5.0 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 | * | 26.9 |
| Attending an educational institution | 44.0 | 5.5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 50.6 |
| Had no need to work | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.5 |
| Welfare payments/pension may be affected | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.7 |
| Family reasons(a) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5.3 |
| Discouraged jobseekers(a) | 4.2 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.0 | 19.7 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4.6 | 8.5 |
| No jobs in locality or line of work | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5.7 |
| Other reasons | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7.4 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4.6 |
| Total(a) | 55.1 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 13.4 | 16.0 | 138.5 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Had a job to go to | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5.7 |
| Personal reasons | 46.9 | 14.9 | 27.2 | 33.7 | 26.4 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 168.8 |
| Own ill health, disability, pregnancy | * | * | 8.7 | 7.4 | 11.4 | 4.2 | * | * | 38.9 |
| Attending an educational institution | 42.8 | 6.6 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 54.3 |
| Had no need to work | * | * | 8.7 | 14.5 | 8.7 | * | * | * | 38.2 |
| Give others a chance | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.5 |
| Welfare payments/pension may be affected | * | * | * | 5.0 | * | * | * | * | 17.6 |
| Moved house/holidays | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.3 |
| Family reasons | * | 33.2 | 108.6 | 61.0 | 20.7 | * | * | * | 232.9 |
| Ill health of other than self | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.7 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | * | 14.4 | 42.0 | 13.5 | * | * | * | * | 72.7 |
| Children too young/preferred to look after children | * | 17.2 | 59.1 | 30.1 | 4.1 | * | * | * | 113.6 |
| Other family considerations | * | * | 5.8 | 15.1 | 11.4 | * | * | * | 37.9 |
| Discouraged jobseekers | 4.0 | 4.2 | 13.4 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 10.1 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 76.3 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | * | * | * | * | 6.4 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 22.5 |
| Difficulties with language or ethnic background | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4.1 |
| Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience | * | * | * | 4.2 | * | * | * | * | 10.0 |
| No jobs in locality or line of work | * | * | 7.0 | 7.7 | 5.4 | * | * | * | 27.4 |
| No jobs at all | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12.4 |
| No jobs in suitable hours | * | * | 5.3 | 7.0 | * | * | * | * | 15.8 |
| Other reasons | * | * | 4.8 | 7.3 | * | * | * | * | 22.3 |
| Did not know | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 8.7 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7.2 |
| Total | 58.2 | 58.7 | 166.5 | 132.9 | 72.5 | 25.1 | 12.9 | 11.0 | 537.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Had a job to go to | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 9.1 |
| Personal reasons | 92.8 | 22.7 | 32.2 | 39.9 | 32.1 | 16.7 | 13.8 | 13.2 | 263.5 |
| Own ill health, disability, pregnancy | * | 5.1 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 16.0 | 9.3 | 5.4 | * | 65.8 |
| Attending an educational institution | 86.8 | 12.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 104.9 |
| Had no need to work | * | * | 8.7 | 14.6 | 9.2 | * | * | * | 44.7 |
| Give others a chance | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 9.1 |
| Welfare payments/pension may be affected | * | * | 4.3 | 5.6 | * | * | 4.6 | 4.1 | 24.2 |
| Moved house/holidays | * | * | 4.1 | * | * | * | * | * | 14.7 |
| Family reasons | * | 33.6 | 109.9 | 62.3 | 22.1 | * | * | * | 238.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | * | * | * | * | 4.4 | * | * | * | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | * | 14.4 | 42.5 | 13.9 | * | * | * | * | 73.6 |
| Children too young/preferred to look after children | * | 17.4 | 59.9 | 30.3 | 4.3 | * | * | * | 115.0 |
| Other family considerations | * | * | 5.8 | 15.4 | 11.6 | * | * | * | 38.6 |
| Discouraged jobseekers | 8.1 | 5.1 | 15.6 | 17.8 | 18.4 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 10.7 | 96.0 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | * | * | * | * | 7.0 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 31.0 |
| Difficulties with language or ethnic background | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4.7 |
| Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience | * | * | * | 4.2 | * | * | * | * | 11.2 |
| No jobs in locality or line of work | * | * | 8.1 | 7.9 | 5.7 | * | * | * | 33.0 |
| No jobs at all | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 16.1 |
| No jobs in suitable hours | * | * | 5.3 | 7.3 | * | * | * | * | 17.7 |
| Other reasons | * | * | 5.8 | 8.7 | 4.3 | * | * | * | 29.7 |
| Did not know | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10.3 |
| Not asked(b) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.9 |
| Total | 113.3 | 70.9 | 178.6 | 144.2 | 81.8 | 34.0 | 26.3 | 27.0 | 676.3 |

(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 12. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR 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, MARCH 1985 ('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(a)— | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 29.3 | * | * | * | * | 40.1 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 8.7 | * | * | * | * | 11.1 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 9.6 | * | * | * | * | 12.8 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 5.7 | * | * | * | * | 6.7 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | 5.2 | * | * | * | * | 9.5 |
| Had not looked for work | 42.1 | 16.6 | 30.8 | * | 6.2 | 98.4 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 45.4 | 15.3 | 26.1 | 4.1 | 7.9 | 98.8 |
| Under 12 months | 26.0 | * | 4.4 | * | 7.6 | 41.8 |
| Under 6 months | 19.4 | * | * | * | 7.4 | 31.5 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 6.6 | * | * | * | * | 10.3 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 11.9 | 6.1 | 6.3 | * | * | 27.1 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 7.0 | 6.2 | 11.5 | * | * | 25.3 |
| 10 years or more | * | * | * | * | * | 4.7 |
| Had never had a job | 25.9 | 4.9 | 7.5 | * | * | 39.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>71.3</i> | <i>20.2</i> | <i>33.6</i> | <i>5.4</i> | <i>8.0</i> | <i>138.5</i> |
| FEMALES | | | | | | |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 71.1 | 15.3 | 11.9 | 4.2 | * | 104.8 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 26.5 | * | * | * | * | 32.4 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 20.7 | 4.9 | * | * | * | 29.1 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 12.1 | * | * | * | * | 19.0 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | 11.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | * | * | 24.3 |
| Had not looked for work | 123.7 | 94.8 | 177.3 | 26.5 | 10.7 | 433.0 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 163.4 | 100.4 | 177.8 | 27.5 | 12.9 | 482.1 |
| Under 12 months | 45.5 | 17.5 | 18.1 | * | 12.0 | 95.1 |
| Under 6 months | 29.6 | 8.8 | 7.4 | * | 11.0 | 57.4 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 15.9 | 8.8 | 10.7 | * | * | 37.7 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 38.7 | 18.1 | 30.6 | 5.2 | * | 93.2 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 52.8 | 40.7 | 75.6 | 11.2 | * | 180.6 |
| 10 years or more | 26.4 | 24.1 | 53.6 | 9.1 | * | 113.2 |
| Had never had a job | 31.4 | 9.7 | 11.4 | * | * | 55.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>194.8</i> | <i>110.1</i> | <i>189.2</i> | <i>30.8</i> | <i>12.9</i> | <i>537.8</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 100.4 | 18.9 | 14.6 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 144.8 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 35.2 | * | * | * | * | 43.5 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 30.3 | 5.7 | * | * | * | 41.8 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | 17.8 | * | * | * | * | 25.7 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | 17.0 | 6.9 | 6.3 | * | * | 33.8 |
| Had not looked for work | 165.8 | 111.4 | 208.2 | 29.2 | 16.9 | 531.5 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 208.8 | 115.7 | 203.9 | 31.7 | 20.8 | 580.9 |
| Under 12 months | 71.5 | 20.5 | 22.5 | * | 19.6 | 136.9 |
| Under 6 months | 49.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 | * | 18.4 | 88.9 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 22.5 | 10.2 | 12.1 | * | * | 48.0 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 50.7 | 24.2 | 36.9 | 7.8 | * | 120.3 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 59.8 | 46.9 | 87.1 | 11.8 | * | 205.9 |
| 10 years or more | 26.8 | 24.2 | 57.5 | 9.3 | * | 117.9 |
| Had never had a job | 57.3 | 14.6 | 18.9 | 4.5 | * | 95.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>266.1</i> | <i>130.3</i> | <i>222.8</i> | <i>36.2</i> | <i>20.9</i> | <i>676.3</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. (b) Comprises persons who had a job to go to 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 13. 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, MARCH 1985
(* 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(a)— | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 6.7 | * | * | * | 8.7 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | * |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | * |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | * |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | * |
| Had not looked for work | 4.7 | * | 4.4 | * | 11.0 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 8.3 | * | 4.7 | * | 16.4 |
| Under 12 months | 4.0 | * | * | * | 4.6 |
| 1 and under 3 years | * | * | * | * | 5.8 |
| 3 and under 10 years | * | * | * | * | 4.8 |
| 10 years or more | * | * | * | * | * |
| Had never had a job | * | * | * | * | * |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>11.4</i> | <i>*</i> | <i>4.9</i> | <i>*</i> | <i>19.7</i> |
| FEMALES | | | | | |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 15.6 | * | * | * | 20.8 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 5.7 | * | * | * | 6.7 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 4.0 | * | * | * | 4.9 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | * |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 5.3 |
| Had not looked for work | 17.0 | 11.4 | 23.3 | * | 55.5 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 29.2 | 13.4 | 22.3 | 4.0 | 68.9 |
| Under 12 months | 5.0 | * | * | * | 8.7 |
| Under 6 months | * | * | * | * | * |
| 6 and under 12 months | * | * | * | * | 5.3 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 7.5 | * | * | * | 12.2 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 11.1 | 5.9 | 9.0 | * | 27.7 |
| 10 years or more | 5.6 | 4.2 | 9.2 | * | 20.4 |
| Had never had a job | * | * | * | * | 7.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>32.6</i> | <i>14.6</i> | <i>24.1</i> | <i>5.0</i> | <i>76.3</i> |
| PERSONS | | | | | |
| Whether looked for work in the last 12 months(a)— | | | | | |
| Had looked for work | 22.3 | * | * | * | 29.5 |
| Less than 5 weeks ago | 8.4 | * | * | * | 9.7 |
| 5 and less than 8 weeks ago | 6.5 | * | * | * | 7.7 |
| 8 and less than 13 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 4.8 |
| 13 to 52 weeks ago | * | * | * | * | 7.4 |
| Had not looked for work | 21.7 | 13.1 | 27.6 | 4.1 | 66.5 |
| Time since last job— | | | | | |
| Had had a job | 37.5 | 15.8 | 26.9 | 5.2 | 85.3 |
| Under 12 months | 9.0 | * | * | * | 13.3 |
| Under 6 months | 5.6 | * | * | * | 6.4 |
| 6 and under 12 months | * | * | * | * | 6.9 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 9.9 | * | 4.0 | * | 18.0 |
| 3 and under 10 years | 12.7 | 6.7 | 11.0 | * | 32.5 |
| 10 years or more | 5.8 | 4.2 | 10.2 | * | 21.6 |
| Had never had a job | 6.5 | * | * | * | 10.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>44.0</i> | <i>16.9</i> | <i>29.0</i> | <i>6.1</i> | <i>96.0</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 14. 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, INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND TYPE OF WORK PREFERRED, MARCH 1985 ('000)

| Reason not available to start work within four weeks | Intention to look for work in the next twelve months | | | | | Type of work preferred | | | Total |
|--|--|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Intended to look | Might look | Would not look | Did not know | Not asked(a) | Full-time | Part-time | No preference | |
| Personal reasons | 39.4 | 21.0 | 41.0 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 46.0 | 60.4 | 6.7 | 113.1 |
| Own ill health, etc. | 15.2 | 11.2 | 26.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 25.4 | 31.9 | 4.3 | 61.6 |
| Studying | 18.6 | 7.3 | 10.4 | * | * | 18.2 | 17.9 | * | 38.2 |
| At school | 15.1 | 6.6 | 8.4 | * | * | 15.1 | 14.9 | * | 31.5 |
| Other educational institution | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.6 |
| Moved house/holidays | 5.6 | * | 4.4 | * | * | * | 10.6 | * | 13.4 |
| Family reasons | 15.4 | 15.3 | 45.4 | 4.0 | 8.1 | 12.0 | 73.0 | * | 88.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | * | * | 5.4 | * | * | * | 8.1 | * | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | * | * | 6.4 | * | * | * | 10.2 | * | 12.3 |
| Children too young/ preferred to look after children | 11.6 | 9.3 | 33.6 | * | 7.2 | 7.9 | 54.7 | * | 64.9 |
| Other reasons | 5.6 | * | 11.0 | * | * | * | 16.3 | * | 21.3 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 18.8 | 10.0 | 15.6 | * | * | 30.8 | 15.9 | * | 50.1 |
| Females | 41.7 | 29.1 | 81.8 | 7.5 | 12.6 | 31.1 | 133.8 | 7.7 | 172.6 |
| Persons | 60.5 | 39.1 | 97.4 | 10.3 | 15.4 | 61.9 | 149.7 | 11.0 | 222.7 |

(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 15. 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, MARCH 1985 ('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 | 29.4 | 15.2 | 24.1 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 9.1 | 7.0 | | 113.1 |
| Own ill health, etc. | * | 8.3 | 16.5 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 7.4 | 4.8 | | 61.6 |
| Studying | 26.4 | 5.9 | 4.7 | * | * | * | * | * | 38.2 |
| At school | 23.7 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 31.5 |
| Other educational institution | 4.7 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6.6 |
| Moved house/holidays | * | * | 5.7 | | 4.0 | | | | 13.4 |
| Family reasons | * | 13.5 | 44.5 | 20.3 | 4.4 | * | * | * | 88.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | * | * | 4.6 | * | * | * | * | * | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | * | * | 7.4 | * | * | * | * | * | 12.3 |
| Children too young/ preferred to look after children | * | 10.5 | 35.7 | 14.9 | * | * | * | * | 64.9 |
| Other reasons | * | * | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 | | 5.1 | | 21.3 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 15.5 | * | 7.1 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 4.7 | | 50.1 |
| Females | 16.8 | 25.1 | 67.0 | 34.3 | 15.3 | 7.5 | * | 4.4 | 172.6 |
| Persons | 32.3 | 28.8 | 74.1 | 39.7 | 23.4 | 13.3 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 222.7 |

TABLE 16. 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, MARCH 1985 ('000)

| Reason not available to start work within four weeks | Family status | | | | | | | | Total |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------|
| | Member of a family | | | | Not married family head | Child of family head | Not a member of a family | Not family coded | |
| | With children aged 0-14 present | Without children aged 0-14 present | Total | Total(a) | | | | | |
| Personal reasons | 31.0 | 23.6 | 54.6 | 7.1 | 29.1 | 92.9 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 113.1 |
| Own ill health, etc. | 24.3 | 17.4 | 41.6 | 4.5 | * | 50.4 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 61.6 |
| Studying | * | * | 4.8 | * | 25.0 | 32.6 | * | * | 38.2 |
| At school | * | * | * | * | 22.5 | 27.4 | * | * | 31.5 |
| Other educational institution | * | * | * | * | * | 5.2 | * | * | 6.6 |
| Moved house/holidays | 4.0 | 4.2 | 8.2 | * | * | 9.9 | * | * | 13.4 |
| Family reasons | 67.4 | 4.6 | 71.9 | 11.6 | * | 84.8 | * | * | 88.2 |
| Ill health of other than self | * | 4.3 | 7.7 | * | * | 10.3 | * | * | 11.0 |
| Unable to find suitable childcare | 9.9 | * | 9.9 | * | * | 12.2 | * | * | 12.3 |
| Children too young/ preferred to look after children | 54.0 | * | 54.2 | 7.7 | * | 62.4 | * | * | 64.9 |
| Other reasons | 7.5 | 6.3 | 13.8 | * | * | 16.7 | * | * | 21.3 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 9.0 | 12.1 | 21.1 | * | 15.9 | 39.8 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 50.1 |
| Females | 96.9 | 22.4 | 119.3 | 19.0 | 15.0 | 154.6 | 6.9 | 11.1 | 172.6 |
| Persons | 105.9 | 34.4 | 140.3 | 20.8 | 30.9 | 194.4 | 13.0 | 15.3 | 222.7 |

(a) Includes other relative of family head.

ADDITIONAL TABLES

The following is a list of additional tables of results from the survey which are available to users on request. These tables show a selection of estimates on an Australia-wide basis. Tables disaggregated by State/Territory and other tables may also be available. Most tables are dissected by sex.

Persons not in the labour force—

- Labour force status and age
- Labour force status and marital status

Persons not in the labour force (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils)—

- Age and occupation in last job
- Age and main activity
- Age and reason for leaving last job
- Age and whether wanted to work
- Family status and reason for leaving last job
- Family status and labour force status
- Main activity and family status
- Main activity and time since last job
- Whether wanted to work and reason for leaving last job
- Whether looked for work in the last twelve months and time since last job

Persons who wanted work—

- Age, occupation in last job and full-time or part-time status in last job
- Age and whether looked for work in the last twelve months
- Type of work preferred and intention to look for work in the next twelve months
- Status of worker in last job and reason for leaving last job
- Family status and intention to look for work in the next twelve months
- Intention to look for work in the next twelve months and whether available to start work within four weeks
- Type of work preferred and whether available to start work within four weeks
- Reason for leaving last job and whether available to start work within four weeks

Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force—

- Age and main reason for not actively looking for work
- Family status and main reason for not actively looking for work
- Family status and time since last job
- Family status and reason for leaving last job
- Occupation in last job and whether looked for work in the last twelve months
- Birthplace, year of arrival and main reason for not actively looking for work

Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks—

- All reasons for not actively looking for work and age
- All reasons for not actively looking for work, birthplace and year of arrival
- All reasons for not actively looking for work and family status

Persons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks—

- Type of work preferred and whether available to start work within four weeks

Discouraged jobseekers—

- Age and family status

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

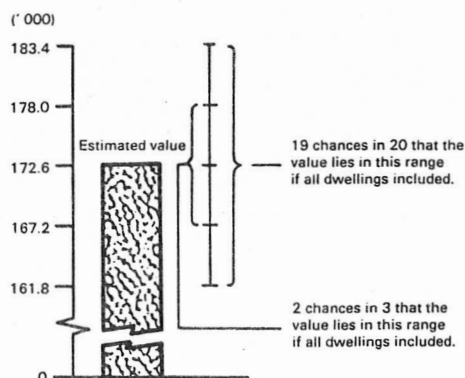
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution 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 15 on page 18 shows the estimated number of females in Australia who were not in the labour force and who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks was 172,600. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 4,400 and 5,800 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 5,400 (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 167,200 to 178,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 161,800 to 183,400. 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 172,600 females who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks only 25,100 or 14.5 per cent were aged between 20 and 24. The standard error of 25,100 is approximately 2,300 so the relative standard error is 9.2 per cent. The relative standard error for 172,600 is 3.1 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(9.2)^2 - (3.1)^2}$ or 8.7 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (14.5 per cent) of 1.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of females who were aged between 20 and 24 and who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks was between 13.2 per cent and 15.8 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion was within the range 11.9 per cent to 17.1 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) |
| 1,500 | | | | | | 360 | | 350 | | |
| 1,800 | | | | | | 390 | | 380 | | |
| 2,000 | | | | | | 400 | | 390 | | |
| 2,500 | | | | | 560 | 450 | | 430 | | |
| 3,000 | | | 740 | 610 | 630 | 480 | 700 | 460 | | |
| 3,500 | | | 790 | 650 | 680 | 510 | 740 | 480 | | |
| 4,000 | | | 840 | 690 | 720 | 540 | 780 | 510 | 970 | 24.3 |
| 4,500 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 890 | 730 | 750 | 570 | 810 | 530 | 1,050 | 23.3 |
| 5,000 | 1,150 | 1,200 | 940 | 760 | 790 | 600 | 850 | 550 | 1,100 | 22.0 |
| 6,000 | 1,250 | 1,300 | 1,000 | 820 | 850 | 640 | 910 | 590 | 1,200 | 20.0 |
| 10,000 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,300 | 1,000 | 1,050 | 780 | 1,100 | 700 | 1,550 | 15.5 |
| 20,000 | 2,150 | 2,150 | 1,750 | 1,350 | 1,400 | 1,000 | 1,450 | 870 | 2,150 | 10.8 |
| 50,000 | 3,200 | 3,150 | 2,500 | 1,900 | 1,950 | 1,400 | 2,000 | 1,150 | 3,250 | 6.5 |
| 100,000 | 4,250 | 4,100 | 3,250 | 2,400 | 2,550 | 1,700 | | 1,350 | 4,400 | 4.4 |
| 200,000 | 5,600 | 5,300 | 4,150 | 3,050 | 3,200 | 2,100 | | | 5,800 | 2.9 |
| 300,000 | 6,500 | 6,100 | 4,800 | 3,450 | 3,650 | | | | 6,800 | 2.3 |
| 500,000 | 7,900 | 7,200 | 5,600 | 4,050 | 4,250 | | | | 8,300 | 1.7 |
| 1,000,000 | 10,100 | 8,900 | 7,000 | | | | | | 10,700 | 1.1 |
| 2,000,000 | 12,800 | 11,000 | | | | | | | 13,600 | 0.7 |
| 5,000,000 | | | | | | | | | 18,300 | 0.4 |

