

PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK, MAY 1977

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In May 1977 a survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about unemployed persons who had recently been looking for work, including particulars of their last job, difficulties experienced in finding a job, educational attainment, family status, steps taken to find work, whether they had had offers of employment, whether they would move interstate or intrastate, gross weekly pay from last job and duration of last job.

2. In addition to estimates of unemployed persons looking for work, this publication also includes estimates of the number of families with some unemployment, families with an unemployed head and the family status of individuals looking for work.

3. Preliminary results of the survey were published in a statement issued on 29 July 1977: *Persons Looking For Work, May 1977, (Preliminary.)* (Catalogue No. 6221.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.56). The present publication contains final estimates and more detailed information. The results of similar inquiries conducted in May and November 1976 were published in *Persons Looking for Work* (Catalogue No. 6222.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.60).

The population survey

4. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained each quarter from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers.

Scope

5. The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except persons in institutions, members of the permanent defence forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. Persons in institutions are those who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc., and for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling.

Definitions

6. Definitions of *employed*, *unemployed* and *not in the labour force* used in this statement conform to those used in the quarterly population survey. Reference should be made to the August 1977 issue of the

quarterly bulletin *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 6203.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.20).

7. For this survey *persons looking for work* were defined as all civilians aged 15 years and over who during the survey week *did not work and did not have a job*, but could have taken one had it been available, and had been actively looking for full-time or part-time work in the four weeks up to and including the survey week (including persons who would have been prevented from taking a job in the survey week by their own temporary illness or injury, or by their having made arrangements to start after the survey week in a new job which they would have preferred to start in the survey week). They therefore comprise all unemployed persons other than those waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been temporarily stood down without pay for four weeks or less (including the whole of the survey week). In May 1977 there were an estimated 3,100 persons in this latter category.

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

9. A *family* was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey, comprising the head of the family and spouse (if any) and any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (i) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and not accompanied by children of their own
- (ii) brothers or sisters, if not married and not accompanied by parents or children of their own
- (iii) grandchildren, if not married and not accompanied by either of their parents, nor by children of their own
- (iv) ancestors, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of their own; or
- (v) any children under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the children were related to some person in a second family in the household.

10. The following points should be noted in relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph:

- (i) family status was determined at the time of the survey. Thus, if members of the family were absent (e.g. children at boarding schools) the family status of the head and other family members could have been affected
- (ii) the term 'relationship' includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption
- (iii) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships
- (iv) the term 'not married' comprises never married, widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons
- (v) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife.

11. *Dependent children* comprise all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who are full-time students.

Reliability of the estimates

12. Since the estimates in this statement are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Note, page 23.

Related publications

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

- . *The Labour Force* (Catalogue No. 6203.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.20). This publication contains an up-to-date list of population survey reports.
- . *Labour Mobility* (Catalogue No. 6209.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.43).
- . *Labour Force Experience* (Catalogue No. 6206.0. Previously Ref. No. 6.26).

14. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (Catalogue No. 1101.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
- .. Not applicable.
- n.a. Not available

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS (a), MAY 1976, NOVEMBER 1976 AND MAY 1977

Family status	May 1976			November 1976			May 1977		
	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (b)	Per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (b)	Per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (b)	Per cent of total
MALES									
Member of a family (a)	102.7	2.9	79.1	109.9	3.1	76.8	135.3	3.8	80.2
Husband	43.2	1.6	33.3	44.1	1.6	30.8	51.0	1.9	30.2
with dependent children present	27.4	1.6	21.1	30.8	1.7	21.5	33.8	1.9	20.0
without dependent children present	15.8	1.7	12.2	13.3	1.4	9.3	17.2	1.8	10.2
Not married head of family	3.5	4.6	2.7	*	*	*	4.9	6.2	3.0
with dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.0	7.8	2.4
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	5.8	13.1	4.5	10.3	23.0	7.2	8.1	15.9	4.8
Other child of family head	46.3	7.2	35.7	47.1	7.5	32.9	64.2	10.2	38.1
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	3.8	7.5	2.9	5.7	11.9	4.0	6.9	12.0	4.1
Not a member of a family (c)	27.1	6.2	20.9	33.2	7.2	23.2	33.4	7.1	19.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>129.8</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>143.2</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>168.6</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>100.0</i>
FEMALES									
Member of a family (a)	98.1	5.3	86.1	93.5	5.1	85.1	123.2	6.5	86.8
Wife	45.4	3.6	39.8	37.5	2.9	34.2	54.7	4.1	38.5
with dependent children present							37.4	4.8	26.3
without dependent children present							17.4	3.1	12.3
Not married head of family	6.2	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.1	5.2	9.1	7.6	6.4
with dependent children present	4.9	6.5	4.3	4.5	6.3	4.1	7.4	9.5	5.2
without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	6.3	15.9	5.5	10.6	22.6	9.7	11.3	20.6	8.0
Other child of family head	38.3	10.2	33.6	36.3	10.2	33.0	45.3	12.3	31.9
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	*	*	3.4	11.5	3.1	*	*	*
Not a member of a family (c)	15.8	5.4	13.8	16.4	5.6	14.9	18.8	6.3	13.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>114.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>109.9</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>142.0</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>100.0</i>
PERSONS									
Member of a family (a)	200.8	3.7	82.3	203.4	3.8	80.4	258.4	4.8	83.2
Husband or wife	88.6	2.2	36.3	81.7	2.0	32.3	105.7	2.6	34.0
with dependent children present							71.1	2.8	22.9
without dependent children present							34.6	2.3	11.1
Not married head of family	9.8	4.9	4.0	8.3	4.6	3.3	14.0	7.1	4.5
with dependent children present	5.6	5.5	2.3	5.1	5.4	2.0	8.2	7.9	2.6
without dependent children present	4.1	4.3	1.7	3.2	3.8	1.3	5.8	6.2	1.9
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	12.1	14.4	5.0	21.0	22.8	8.3	19.5	18.3	6.3
Other child of family head	84.6	8.3	34.7	83.4	8.5	33.0	109.5	11.0	35.3
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	5.7	7.1	2.3	9.1	11.8	3.6	9.7	10.8	3.1
Not a member of a family (c)	43.0	5.9	17.6	49.6	6.6	19.6	52.2	6.8	16.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>243.9</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>253.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>310.6</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) The number of persons looking for work in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living. n.a. — not available.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a), MAY 1977

Family status	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
- '000 -									
- weeks -									
MALES									
Member of a family (a)(b)	7.1	19.4	20.9	23.7	31.6	14.4	18.0	135.3	18.9
Husband	3.2	6.9	8.0	10.2	9.4	5.3	8.0	51.0	19.5
With dependent children present	*	5.0	4.7	7.9	6.0	3.1	5.0	33.8	18.7
Without dependent children present	*	*	3.4	*	3.5	*	3.0	17.2	21.0
Student 15-20 years of age or other relative	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.1	15.4
Other child of family head	*	9.0	8.9	9.9	18.5	6.8	8.3	64.2	19.4
Not a member of a family (c)	3.2	5.2	6.7	5.2	4.5	3.7	4.8	33.4	17.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>168.6</i>	<i>18.7</i>
FEMALES									
Member of a family (a)	9.2	19.0	18.7	20.2	30.4	9.3	16.3	123.2	18.2
Wife	5.7	9.4	10.0	11.0	9.6	3.0	6.0	54.7	15.5
Looking for full-time work	3.4	5.8	5.6	6.3	4.1	*	4.2	31.4	16.4
Looking for part-time work	*	3.6	4.4	4.7	5.4	*	*	23.3	14.2
Not married head of family	*	3.1	4.1	*	*	*	*	9.1	18.4
Student 15-20 years of age or other relative	*	3.6	*	*	3.6	*	*	14.1	15.8
Other child of family head	*	4.7	5.5	5.2	15.2	4.4	7.7	45.3	22.2
Not a member of a family (c)	*	*	*	4.5	4.9	*	*	18.8	16.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>21.9</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>142.0</i>	<i>18.0</i>
PERSONS									
Member of a family (a)	16.3	38.5	39.7	43.9	62.0	23.7	34.3	258.4	18.6
Husband or wife	8.9	16.3	18.1	21.2	19.0	8.3	13.9	105.7	17.4
With dependent children present	6.4	11.0	11.1	15.7	11.7	5.4	9.8	71.1	17.6
Without dependent children present	*	5.3	7.0	5.4	7.3	*	4.1	34.6	17.2
Not married head of family	*	4.9	*	*	3.1	3.0	*	14.0	18.0
With dependent children present	*	3.3	3.4	*	*	*	*	8.2	18.0
Student 15-20 years of age or other relative	*	6.4	4.6	4.7	6.1	*	2.6	29.2	15.5
Other child of family head	5.3	13.7	14.4	15.1	33.7	11.3	16.0	109.5	20.5
Not a member of a family (c)	4.2	8.0	9.0	9.7	9.4	5.0	6.9	52.2	17.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>48.7</i>	<i>53.6</i>	<i>71.4</i>	<i>28.6</i>	<i>41.2</i>	<i>310.6</i>	<i>18.4</i>

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes 4,900 not married heads of families whose average duration of current period of unemployment was 17.0 weeks. (c) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 3. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS
EMPLOYED, BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND FAMILY SIZE (a), MAY 1977
(*000 families)

<i>Number of family members employed</i>	<i>Number of members in family</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6 or more</i>	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES						
Nil	12.2	9.5	6.2	4.2	*	34.5
1	15.6	12.1	15.6	9.4	3.6	56.4
2 or more	..	5.4	12.6	9.9	12.0	39.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>18.0</i>	<i>130.6</i>
OTHER AREAS						
Nil	8.0	6.6	4.3	*	4.3	25.6
1	9.8	8.6	10.4	5.8	4.8	39.4
2 or more	..	3.3	5.8	9.5	9.7	28.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>93.2</i>
TOTAL						
Nil	20.2	16.1	10.5	6.6	6.7	60.1
1	25.4	20.7	26.0	15.2	8.4	95.7
2 or more	..	8.7	18.4	19.3	21.7	68.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>45.6</i>	<i>45.5</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>41.1</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>223.9</i>

(a) For definitions see page 3. Excludes 3,800 families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 4. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977
(*000 families)

Type of family	No dependent children 15-20 years				Some dependent children 15-20 years				Total
	Number of dependent children under 15 years				Number of dependent children under 15 years				
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
Married couple families	34.7	17.3	29.7	81.8	9.9	7.7	5.4	23.0	(b)104.8
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	3.0	6.3	*	*	*	*	7.3
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	6.4	4.2	7.2	17.9	*	*	*	*	19.6
Husband employed, wife unemployed	9.8	5.2	12.3	27.2	*	*	*	3.9	31.1
Family member other than husband or wife unemployed	14.3	6.3	6.1	26.7	7.6	5.4	*	15.8	42.5
Other families	13.5	5.5	3.4	22.4	*	*	*	3.4	25.8
Head unemployed	3.5	4.3		7.8	*	*	*	*	8.2
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	10.0	3.2	*	14.6	*	*	*	3.0	17.6
<i>All families</i>	48.2	22.8	33.1	104.2	11.5	9.0	6.0	26.5	130.6
OTHER AREAS									
Married couple families	22.8	14.1	21.0	57.8	5.0	6.2	6.2	17.4	(c)75.2
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	*	3.5	*	*	*	*	3.9
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	4.2	3.0	5.1	12.3	*	*	*	*	13.6
Husband employed, wife unemployed	5.4	3.9	6.7	16.0	*	*	*	*	16.4
Family member other than husband or wife unemployed	11.4	5.4	7.8	24.6	4.2	5.7	5.2	15.2	39.8
Other families	8.1	3.0	3.5	14.7	*	*	*	3.3	18.0
Head unemployed	4.1		*	5.0	*	*	*	*	(d)5.8
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	5.9	*	*	9.7	*	*	*	*	12.3
<i>All families</i>	30.9	17.1	24.5	72.5	6.9	7.1	6.8	20.7	93.2
TOTAL									
Married couple families	57.5	31.4	50.7	139.6	14.9	13.9	11.6	40.4	(e)180.0
Husband unemployed, wife employed	3.9	*	4.1	9.8	*	*	*	*	11.1
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	10.6	7.3	12.3	30.2	*	*	*	3.0	33.2
Husband employed, wife unemployed	15.2	9.0	18.9	43.2	*	*	*	4.3	47.4
Family member other than husband or wife unemployed	25.7	11.7	13.9	51.3	11.8	11.2	8.0	31.0	82.3
Other families	21.6	8.5	6.9	37.0	3.5	*	*	6.8	43.8
Male head unemployed	3.9	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	*	4.9
Female head unemployed	*	3.8	*	8.0	*	*	*	*	9.1
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	15.9	4.4	3.9	24.2	4.7		*	5.6	29.9
<i>All families</i>	79.1	39.9	57.6	176.7	18.4	16.0	12.8	47.2	223.9

(a) For definitions see page 3. Excludes 3,800 families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. (b) Includes 3,500 families with both husband and wife unemployed and a small number of families with the husband not in the labour force and the wife unemployed. (c) Includes a small number of family types described in footnote (b). (d) Includes 3,600 unemployed female heads. (e) Includes 4,800 families with both husband and wife unemployed and a small number of families with the husband not in the labour force and the wife unemployed.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 5. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED, BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Number employed in family				Number employed in family				Number employed in family			
	Nil	1	2 or more	Total	Nil	1	2 or more	Total	Nil	1	2 or more	Total
1 FAMILY MEMBER UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	19.7	42.8	33.9	96.5	14.2	30.5	22.2	66.9	33.9	73.3	56.1	163.3
With dependent children present	12.7	27.6	24.6	64.9	9.1	20.2	17.4	46.7	21.8	47.8	42.0	111.6
Without dependent children present	7.0	15.2	9.3	31.5	5.1	10.3	4.8	20.1	12.1	25.5	14.1	51.7
Other families with a male head	*	4.5	*	5.9	*	3.2	*	4.2	*	6.6	*	10.0
Without dependent children present	*	3.3	*	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	4.8	*	6.8
Other families with a female head	8.3	5.3	3.1	16.7	6.7	3.4	*	11.4	15.0	8.7	4.4	28.1
With dependent children present	5.3	*	*	9.0	4.8	*	*	7.0	10.1	3.9	*	16.0
Without dependent children present	3.0	5.9	*	7.7	1.9	3.9	*	4.4	4.9	4.9	*	12.2
All families	28.7	52.7	37.7	119.0	21.8	36.0	24.6	82.4	50.5	88.7	62.3	201.5
With dependent children present	18.3	31.3	25.9	75.5	14.5	22.2	18.6	55.3	32.7	53.5	44.6	130.8
Without dependent children present	10.4	21.4	11.8	43.6	7.4	13.8	5.9	27.1	17.8	35.2	17.7	70.7
2 OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	3.9	*	*	8.4	*	*	3.0	8.3	6.4	5.2	5.1	16.7
With dependent children present	3.7	*	*	5.0	*	4.3	*	5.7	3.4	3.7	3.6	10.7
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	3.4	*	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	6.0
All families	5.8	3.7	*	11.6	3.8	3.4	3.7	10.8	9.6	7.0	5.8	22.4
With dependent children present	*	4.1	*	6.7	4.3	*	*	7.0	4.7	5.2	3.9	13.7
Without dependent children present	3.1	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	3.8	4.9	*	*	8.7
TOTAL												
Married couple families	23.6	45.2	36.1	104.8	16.7	33.4	25.2	75.2	40.3	78.6	61.2	180.0
With dependent children present	14.7	29.3	25.8	69.9	10.5	22.2	19.8	52.4	25.2	51.5	45.6	122.3
Without dependent children present	8.9	15.9	10.2	34.9	6.2	11.2	5.4	22.8	15.1	27.0	15.6	57.7
Other families with a male head	*	5.1	*	7.0	3.9	*	*	5.3	*	7.5	*	12.3
Without dependent children present	*	3.2	*	4.8	*	*	*	3.6	*	4.9	*	8.4
Other families with a female head	9.7	6.1	3.1	18.8	7.3	3.6	*	12.7	17.0	9.7	4.8	31.5
With dependent children present	6.0	3.0	*	10.1	5.4	*	*	8.1	11.4	4.6	*	18.3
Without dependent children present	3.7	3.1	*	8.7	1.9	3.9	*	4.6	5.6	5.1	*	13.2
All families	34.5	56.4	39.8	130.6	25.6	39.4	28.2	93.2	60.1	95.7	68.1	223.9
With dependent children present	20.9	34.1	27.1	82.2	16.5	24.5	21.3	62.3	37.4	58.7	48.4	144.5
Without dependent children present	13.5	22.2	12.7	48.4	9.1	14.8	7.0	30.9	22.6	37.0	19.7	79.4

(a) For definitions see page 3. Excludes 3,800 families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 6. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH AN UNEMPLOYED HUSBAND AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH AN UNEMPLOYED HEAD (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, MAY 1977 ('000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities			Other areas			Total		
	Number employed in family			Number employed in family			Number employed in family		
	Nil	1 or more	Total	Nil	1 or more	Total	Nil	1 or more	Total
Married couple families with an unemployed husband	20.1	10.4	30.5	12.9	5.8	18.7	33.0	16.2	49.2
With dependent children present	13.7	6.1	19.8	9.1	3.7	12.8	22.9	9.8	32.6
Without dependent children present	6.4	4.3	10.7	3.8	*	5.9	10.1	6.4	16.5
Other families with an unemployed head	5.3	*	8.2	4.0	*	5.8	9.3	4.6	14.0
Female head unemployed	4.4	*	5.5	*	*	3.6	7.0	*	9.1
With dependent children present	3.9	*	4.3	*	*	3.0	6.5	*	7.2
All families	25.4	13.3	38.7	16.9	7.5	24.5	42.3	20.8	63.1
With dependent children present	17.9	6.6	24.5	12.2	4.1	16.4	30.1	10.8	40.8
Without dependent children present	7.6	6.6	14.2	4.7	3.4	8.1	12.3	10.0	22.3

(a) For definitions see page 3. Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 7. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH AN UNEMPLOYED HUSBAND AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH AN UNEMPLOYED HEAD (a) : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND, HEAD, MAY 1977 ('000)

Type of family	Duration of current period of unemployment of head (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Married couple families with an unemployed husband	3.2	6.9	7.6	10.0	9.1	4.5	8.0	49.2
With dependent children present	*	5.0	4.2	8.0	5.8	*	5.0	32.6
Without dependent children present	—	3.1	3.3	*	3.3	*	3.0	16.5
Other families with an unemployed head	—	3.2	—	5.1	—	4.4	—	14.0
Male head unemployed	*	*	—	—	3.8	—	*	4.9
Female head unemployed	*	—	3.3	—	3.7	—	*	9.1
With dependent children present	*	—	3.1	—	3.6	—	*	8.2
Without dependent children present	*	—	3.6	—	*	*	*	5.8
All families	3.6	9.7	10.0	12.7	12.0	6.0	9.3	63.1
With dependent children present	*	6.8	5.5	9.3	7.5	3.3	6.1	40.8
Without dependent children present	—	4.1	4.5	3.4	4.5	*	3.2	22.3

(a) See note (a) to Table 6.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 8. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH UNEMPLOYED HUSBAND : EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Employment status of wife	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Employed	*	3.9	—	4.6	—	*	*	11.1
Unemployed	*	*	—	3.3	—	*	*	4.8
Not in the labour force	*	4.4	4.8	5.9	6.4	3.0	6.7	33.2
Total	3.2	6.9	7.6	10.0	9.1	4.5	8.0	49.2

(a) For definitions see page 3. Excludes a small number of families where the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 9. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK,
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a), MAY 1977

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)					Total	Per cent of total	Average duration of current period of unemploy- ment
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and over			
	- '000 -							- weeks -
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	3.1	*	6.7	15.4	5.0	27.7
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	3.7	5.0	5.3	5.8	10.0	29.8	9.6	23.7
Unsuitable hours	5.0	*	*	3.3	*	14.3	4.6	11.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	4.8	*	*	5.6	5.2	19.9	6.4	20.0
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	5.6	*	3.9	6.4	6.1	24.3	7.8	18.9
Insufficient work experience	4.2	3.9	5.8	10.0	6.8	30.7	9.9	19.8
No vacancies in line of work	10.1	9.5	9.0	13.6	8.7	51.0	16.4	16.8
No vacancies at all	20.6	15.2	16.3	20.6	21.7	94.4	30.4	18.2
Other difficulties (b)	*	*	3.7	3.6	*	14.6	4.7	14.7
No difficulties reported	8.2	4.4	*	*	*	16.2	5.2	8.9
Total	67.0	48.7	53.6	71.4	69.9	310.6	100.0	18.4

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes about 5,000 persons whose main difficulty was language problems or discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 10. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK,
BY AGE (a), MAY 1977
('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	9.5	15.4
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	9.3	5.4	*	13.8	29.8
Unsuitable hours	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.5	14.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	9.1	3.6	4.0	3.3	19.9
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	13.2	5.7	3.4	*	24.3
Insufficient work experience	18.1	7.9	*	*	30.7
No vacancies in line of work	12.1	10.9	14.2	13.8	51.0
No vacancies at all	38.7	16.7	14.7	24.3	94.4
Other difficulties (b)	*	3.4	4.3	5.3	14.6
No difficulties reported	4.9	3.4	*	5.1	16.2
Total	112.9	62.6	52.7	82.4	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) See note (b) to Table 9.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 11. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK,
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE (a), MAY 1977

Main difficulty in finding work	Persons						
	Males	Females	Total	Place of residence		Birthplace	
				State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	12.4	3.0	15.4	10.1	5.3	9.4	6.1
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	13.9	15.9	29.8	17.2	12.7	20.3	9.5
Unsuitable hours	3.3	11.0	14.3	11.3	3.0	10.8	3.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	10.7	9.3	19.9	15.0	4.9	14.3	5.6
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	16.6	7.7	24.3	15.6	8.7	18.6	5.7
Insufficient work experience	13.2	17.5	30.7	23.1	7.6	24.0	6.7
No vacancies in line of work	32.0	19.0	51.0	31.3	19.7	36.4	14.6
No vacancies at all	51.2	43.2	94.4	43.8	50.6	69.4	24.9
Other difficulties (b)	6.1	8.5	14.6	10.8	3.8	7.1	7.5
No difficulties reported	9.4	6.8	16.2	11.1	5.1	12.0	4.2
Total	168.6	142.0	310.6	189.3	121.3	222.4	88.2
PER CENT							
Own ill health or handicap	7.3	2.1	5.0	5.3	4.4	4.2	6.9
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	8.2	11.2	9.6	9.1	10.4	9.1	10.8
Unsuitable hours	2.0	7.7	4.6	6.0	2.5	4.9	3.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	6.3	6.5	6.4	7.9	4.0	6.4	6.4
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	9.8	5.4	7.8	8.2	7.2	8.4	6.4
Insufficient work experience	7.8	12.4	9.9	12.2	6.2	10.8	7.6
No vacancies in line of work	19.0	13.4	16.4	16.6	16.2	16.4	16.5
No vacancies at all	30.4	30.4	30.4	23.1	41.7	31.2	28.3
Other difficulties (b)	3.6	6.0	4.7	5.7	3.1	3.2	8.5
No difficulties reported	5.6	4.8	5.2	5.9	4.2	5.4	4.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) See note (b) to Table 9.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 12. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK,
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE (a), MAY 1977

Difficulty in finding work	Persons						
	Males	Females	Total	Place of residence		Birthplace	
				State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	21.4	7.8	29.1	18.9	10.2	19.4	9.7
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	40.2	41.7	81.9	49.9	32.0	59.8	22.1
Unsuitable hours	6.7	21.9	28.6	21.4	7.2	20.8	7.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	33.4	33.8	67.1	46.4	20.8	49.2	18.0
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	47.0	32.8	79.8	50.1	29.7	59.3	20.5
Insufficient work experience	37.2	38.8	75.9	52.8	23.1	57.4	18.6
No vacancies in line of work	62.8	45.0	107.9	65.7	42.2	76.8	31.1
No vacancies at all	85.3	68.6	153.9	77.2	76.7	112.4	41.6
Language difficulties	6.6	5.0	11.5	9.8	*	*	9.7
Other difficulties (b)	8.4	9.9	18.3	12.8	5.4	12.3	6.0
PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO REPORTED SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES							
Own ill health or handicap	12.7	5.5	9.4	10.0	8.4	8.7	11.0
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	23.8	29.4	26.4	26.4	26.3	26.9	25.1
Unsuitable hours	4.0	15.4	9.2	11.3	6.0	9.3	8.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.8	23.8	21.6	24.5	17.1	22.1	20.4
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	27.8	23.1	25.7	26.5	24.5	26.7	23.3
Insufficient work experience	22.0	27.3	24.5	27.9	19.0	25.8	21.0
No vacancies in line of work	37.3	31.7	34.7	34.7	34.8	34.5	35.3
No vacancies at all	50.6	48.3	49.6	40.8	63.2	50.5	47.1
Language difficulties	3.9	3.5	3.7	5.2	*	*	11.1
Other difficulties (b)	5.0	7.0	5.9	6.8	4.5	5.5	6.8

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes discrimination against migrants or racial groups.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

NOTE: Because some respondents experienced more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates in this table do not agree with those in Tables 9, 10 and 11 which show only the main difficulty.

TABLE 13. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a), MAY 1977

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
	- '000 -								- weeks -
With post-school qualifications	3.9	6.0	7.1	5.7	9.5	4.2	4.2	40.7	16.8
Without post-school qualifications (b)	14.7	36.5	39.3	46.4	57.4	22.8	36.0	253.1	18.8
Completed final year secondary	*	5.5	5.6	8.2	8.7	— 4.5 —		35.4	14.3
Did not complete final year secondary and left school at —									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	27.4
16 or 17 years	3.0	9.1	9.3	10.9	19.3	6.1	7.6	65.3	18.4
14 or 15 years	7.2	19.0	17.9	21.1	24.6	12.1	19.6	121.3	19.7
13 years or under	— 3.8 —		5.7	5.3	4.2	*	4.3	25.2	19.5
Total	11.7	30.9	33.1	38.0	48.4	20.5	32.5	215.1	19.4
Still at school (c)	*	3.9	— 4.0 —		4.5	*	*	16.8	14.3
Total	20.5	46.5	48.7	53.6	71.4	28.6	41.2	310.6	18.4

(a) For definition see page 3. (b) Includes a small number of persons who, at the time of the survey, had received no formal education. (c) Although still at school, these persons are classified as looking for work. See page 3, paragraph 6.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 14. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE AND COUNTRY WHERE QUALIFICATION OBTAINED (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Educational attainment	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
With post-school qualifications	*	11.3	10.5	17.1	40.7
Obtained in Australia	*	9.8	8.3	10.5	30.5
Obtained overseas	*	*	*	6.6	10.3
Without post-school qualifications (b)	94.3	51.2	42.2	65.4	253.1
Completed final year secondary	12.9	11.8	5.2	5.6	35.4
In Australia	12.3	10.5	*	*	28.1
Overseas	*	— 3.6 —		3.2	7.4
Did not complete final year secondary	81.5	39.4	36.3	57.9	215.1
Attended school in Australia	80.2	36.0	27.1	38.0	181.3
Attended school overseas	*	3.5	9.1	19.9	33.8
Still at school (c)	16.8	*	*	*	16.8
Total	112.9	62.6	52.7	82.4	310.6

For footnotes see Table 13.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 15. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Educational attainment	Males	Females	Persons		
			Total	State capital cities	Other areas
With post-school qualifications	27.7	13.0	40.7	27.5	13.2
Degree or equivalent	3.8	*	6.5	5.4	*
Non-degree tertiary	*	*	4.9	3.6	*
Technician level	3.0	5.3	8.3	4.4	4.0
Trade level	16.1	*	17.5	12.0	5.5
Other (b)	*	*	3.4	*	*
Without post-school qualifications (d)	133.7	119.4	253.1	152.3	100.8
Completed final year secondary	18.9	16.5	35.4	25.7	9.7
Did not complete final year secondary and left school at –					
18 or over	*	*	3.3	*	*
16 or 17 years	31.6	33.7	65.3	37.6	27.7
14 or 15 years	64.5	56.8	121.3	68.4	52.9
13 or under	15.0	10.2	25.2	16.3	8.9
Total	112.6	102.5	215.1	124.1	91.0
Still at school (d)	7.2	9.6	16.8	9.5	7.3
Total	168.6	142.0	310.6	189.3	121.3

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Persons for whom the type of post-school qualification could not be determined at the time of the survey. (c) See note (b) to Table 13. (d) See note (c) to Table 13.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 16. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE, BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

	Age group (years)						Place of residence		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	Total
INTERSTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job –									
Would move interstate	26.6	16.3	9.8	7.2	4.8	*	38.9	28.4	67.3
Would not move interstate	75.7	35.8	38.5	30.9	19.3	11.3	132.3	79.2	211.5
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions (b)	6.7	8.7	4.2	4.2	*	*	14.0	10.6	24.5
Undecided	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	4.1	3.2	7.3
Total	112.9	62.6	52.7	40.8	27.0	14.7	189.3	121.3	310.6
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job –									
Would move intrastate	39.7	23.4	12.5	10.9	6.8	3.8	55.8	41.2	97.0
Would not move intrastate	56.5	27.7	34.9	27.2	17.3	9.1	111.6	61.1	172.6
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions (b)	12.7	9.1	5.3	*	3.6	*	17.3	15.8	33.1
Undecided	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	*	4.6	3.2	7.8
Total	112.9	62.6	52.7	40.8	27.0	14.7	189.3	121.3	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 17. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AGE AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)		Age group (years)		Place of residence		Total
	Under 8 weeks	8 weeks over	15-24	25 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	
MALES							
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –							
Took no other active steps	10.4	15.0	13.1	12.2	14.7	10.6	25.3
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	30.9	70.8	54.3	47.4	60.2	41.5	101.7
By post or telephone	3.9	6.7	5.5	5.1	7.5	3.1	10.6
Total registered with the CES (b)	45.2	92.7	72.9	64.9	82.6	55.3	137.9
Not registered with the CES and –							
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	13.4	11.0	13.2	11.2	15.7	8.7	24.4
By post or telephone	*	*	*	*	3.3	*	4.3
Total not registered with the CES (c)	17.4	13.4	17.4	13.4	20.8	10.0	30.8
Total	62.6	106.1	90.3	78.4	103.4	65.2	168.6
FEMALES							
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –							
Took no other active steps	5.8	10.3	8.2	7.9	9.6	6.4	16.1
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	13.8	43.5	44.1	13.2	32.0	25.3	57.3
By post or telephone	3.4	7.0	7.8	*	7.0	3.4	10.4
Total registered with the CES (b)	23.4	61.2	60.3	24.2	49.2	35.3	84.5
Not registered with the CES and –							
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	20.5	19.2	18.1	21.6	24.7	15.0	39.7
By post or telephone	7.5	6.0	4.4	9.0	8.5	4.9	13.5
Total not registered with the CES (c)	29.7	27.8	24.8	32.6	36.6	20.8	57.4
Total	53.0	88.9	85.2	56.8	85.8	56.1	142.0
PERSONS							
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –							
Took no other active steps	16.1	25.3	21.3	20.1	24.4	17.0	41.4
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	44.7	114.3	98.5	60.5	92.2	66.8	159.0
By post or telephone	7.3	13.7	13.3	7.7	14.6	6.4	21.0
Total registered with the CES (b)	68.6	153.8	133.3	89.1	131.8	90.6	222.4
Not registered with the CES and –							
Applied to prospective employers –							
In person	33.9	30.2	31.2	32.8	40.4	23.7	64.1
By post or telephone	10.1	7.7	6.9	10.9	11.9	5.9	17.8
Total not registered with the CES (c)	47.1	41.1	42.2	46.0	57.5	30.7	88.2
Total	115.6	195.0	175.5	135.1	189.3	121.3	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes a small number of persons who took other active steps to find work. (c) Includes a small number of persons who, although they did not register with the CES, took other active steps to find work.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 18. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
<i>Looking for full-time work –</i>							
State capital cities							
Males	17.9	17.6	16.6	16.0	11.6	14.7	94.4
Females	14.4	7.4	9.8	16.0	4.4	7.0	58.9
Persons	32.3	25.0	26.4	32.0	16.0	21.7	153.3
Other areas							
Males	12.8	8.5	11.1	17.2	5.4	7.0	61.9
Females	7.6	6.3	6.6	8.7	4.1	8.2	41.5
Persons	20.3	14.8	17.7	25.9	9.5	15.2	103.4
Total							
Males	30.7	26.1	27.7	33.2	17.0	21.7	156.3
Females	22.0	13.7	16.3	24.7	8.5	15.2	100.4
Persons	52.6	39.8	44.0	57.9	25.5	36.9	256.7
<i>Looking for part-time work –</i>							
State capital cities							
Males	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	9.0
Females	7.3	4.4	6.4	6.6	*	*	26.9
Persons	10.8	5.8	7.5	8.3	3.7		36.0
Other areas							
Males	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3
Females	5.7		*	4.0	3.1		14.7
Persons	3.6	3.1	*	5.2	3.9		17.9
Total							
Males	4.3	*	*	3.0	*	*	12.3
Females	10.1	7.4	8.4	10.6	*	3.2	41.6
Persons	14.3	8.9	9.6	13.5	3.2	4.4	53.9
Total	67.0	48.7	53.6	71.4	28.6	41.2	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 19. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977 ('000)

Number of offers of employment in current period of unemployment	Males			Females			Persons		
	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total
None	84.9	56.6	141.5	73.5	50.2	123.6	158.4	106.7	265.1
1	13.6	7.2	20.8	9.3	5.0	14.3	22.9	12.2	35.1
2 or more	4.9	*	6.3	3.1	*	4.0	8.0	*	10.4
Total	103.4	65.2	168.6	85.8	56.1	142.0	189.3	121.3	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 20. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED,
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE (a), MAY 1977
(*000)

When last worked	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
During 1977	51.4	13.4	32.2	83.7	37.3	5.8	17.8	55.1	88.7	19.2	50.0	138.8
During 1976	32.5	11.0	24.4	56.9	15.7	4.9	13.4	29.0	48.2	16.0	37.7	85.9
During 1975	7.8	4.4	6.4	14.1	4.0	*	4.6	8.5	11.7	7.0	10.9	22.6
Before 1975	*	10.0	11.8	14.4	*	6.6	8.4	10.1	4.3	16.6	20.2	24.5
Never worked (b)	9.2	*	11.0	20.2	6.5	*	12.0	18.5	15.7	*	23.1	38.7
Total	103.4	39.6	85.8	189.3	65.2	20.5	56.1	121.3	168.6	60.1	142.0	310.6

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) Includes 15,300 males and 20,800 females aged 15 to 19 years.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 21. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE (c), MAY 1977
(*000)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)								Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52	52	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
One	11.3	18.1	17.3	18.0	29.6	14.9	6.2	21.9	137.3
Two	..	*	4.4	6.0	10.0	7.4	5.7	..	35.0
Three and over	..	*	*	*	6.7	4.9	*	..	17.0
Total	11.3	19.8	22.6	25.8	46.3	27.2	14.4	21.9	189.3
OTHER AREAS									
One	5.3	9.6	10.6	10.7	21.9	7.9	5.5	13.8	85.4
Two	..	*	3.1	*	5.2	7.0	6.1	..	24.7
Three and over	..	*	*	*	3.7	4.3	*	..	11.3
Total	5.3	10.5	13.8	14.2	30.9	19.3	13.7	13.8	121.3
TOTAL									
One	16.6	27.7	27.9	28.7	51.5	22.8	11.6	35.7	222.6
Two	..	*	7.5	8.6	15.2	14.4	11.8	..	59.7
Three and over	..	*	*	*	10.4	9.2	4.7	..	28.3
Total	16.6	30.3	36.4	39.9	77.1	46.5	28.1	35.7	310.6

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of survey week. (c) For definitions see page 3.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), MAY 1977
(^{'000})

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
MALES									
One	7.8	12.4	13.4	14.2	24.7	14.0	6.2	20.0	112.6
Two	..	*	4.9	5.1	9.9	7.9	6.3	..	35.9
Three and over	..	*	*	*	7.6	6.3	3.6	..	20.1
<i>Total</i>	7.8	14.3	19.2	20.8	42.2	28.2	16.2	20.0	168.6
FEMALES									
One	8.8	15.4	14.5	14.5	26.8	8.8	5.4	15.6	110.0
Two	..	*	*	3.5	5.3	6.5	5.4	..	23.7
Three and over	..	*	*	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.3
<i>Total</i>	8.8	16.0	17.2	19.1	34.9	18.2	11.9	15.6	142.0

For footnotes see Table 21. For Persons see Table 21.

TABLE 23. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b) AND AGE (c), MAY 1977
(^{'000})

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	33.1	20.4	20.7	17.0	11.1	10.2	112.6
Two	15.8	7.8	5.1	3.1	*	*	35.9
Three and over	6.2	6.9	*	4.0	*	*	20.1
<i>Total</i>	55.2	35.1	28.3	22.0	15.9	12.2	168.6
FEMALES							
One	42.3	21.1	20.9	14.5	9.1	*	110.0
Two	12.3	4.5	5.6	*	*	*	23.7
Three and over	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	8.3
<i>Total</i>	57.7	27.5	24.4	18.8	11.0	*	142.0
PERSONS							
One	75.4	41.4	41.6	31.5	20.3	12.4	222.6
Two	28.1	12.3	7.9	5.9	4.0	*	59.7
Three and over	9.3	8.9	3.3	3.4	*	*	28.3
<i>Total</i>	112.9	62.6	52.7	40.8	27.0	14.7	310.6

For footnotes see Table 21.

TABLE 24. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THEIR LAST JOB IN 1976 OR 1977 :
DURATION OF LAST JOB BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE (a), MAY 1977
(^{'000})

Duration of last job	Place of residence		Total	Age group (years)	
	State capital cities	Other areas		15-19	20 and over
MALES					
Under 2 weeks	5.1	3.8	8.9	3.9	5.0
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	13.2	11.9	25.1	11.4	13.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	21.6	16.1	37.6	13.8	23.9
26 weeks and under 1 year	15.7	7.2	22.9	5.2	17.7
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>94.5</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>60.2</i>
1 year and under 2 years	9.7	5.9	15.6	*	13.7
2 years and under 5 years	10.7	3.8	14.5	*	12.5
5 years and over	8.1	4.3	12.4	*	12.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>84.0</i>	<i>53.0</i>	<i>136.9</i>	<i>38.1</i>	<i>98.8</i>
FEMALES					
Under 2 weeks	3.0	*	4.5	3.5	*
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	9.9	7.4	17.3	9.4	7.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	13.5	8.1	21.5	10.2	11.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	9.2	5.0	14.3	5.3	9.0
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>57.5</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>29.1</i>
1 year and under 2 years	8.5	3.8	12.3	3.8	8.5
2 years and under 5 years	10.7	3.8	14.5	*	12.6
5 years and over	*	*	3.5	*	3.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>87.8</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>53.7</i>
TOTAL					
Under 2 weeks	8.1	5.2	13.4	7.4	6.0
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	23.1	19.3	42.3	20.8	21.5
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	35.0	24.2	59.2	24.0	35.2
26 weeks and under 1 year	24.9	12.3	37.2	10.5	26.7
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>91.1</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>152.0</i>	<i>62.7</i>	<i>89.4</i>
1 year and under 2 years	18.2	9.7	27.9	5.8	22.1
2 years and under 5 years	21.4	7.6	28.9	3.8	25.1
5 years and over	9.9	6.0	15.9	*	15.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>140.6</i>	<i>84.2</i>	<i>224.7</i>	<i>72.2</i>	<i>152.5</i>

(a) For definitions see page 3. Age in May 1977

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TABLE 25. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1976 OR 1977 : AGE (a), DURATION OF LAST JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING (b), MAY 1977

Duration of last job	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
LOST LAST JOB OR RETRENCHED (c)							
— '000 —							
Under 2 weeks	4.8	*	*	*	5.7	*	8.4
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	14.5	6.4	*	5.2	17.6	10.8	28.5
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	14.5	7.9	6.3	5.5	23.9	10.4	34.2
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	7.2	5.5	*	4.4	13.2	5.8	19.0
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>41.0</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>60.4</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>90.1</i>
1 year and under 2 years	*	5.3		5.4	8.9	4.5	13.4
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.3		3.1	4.1	3.7	7.8
3 years and under 5 years	*	*	*	3.0	3.9	*	6.3
5 years and over	*	*	*	5.3	4.7	*	6.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>46.0</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>42.0</i>	<i>124.0</i>
— per cent —							
<i>Per cent of all reasons</i>	<i>63.9</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>61.0</i>	<i>63.7</i>	<i>48.9</i>	<i>57.8</i>
OTHER REASONS							
— '000 —							
Under 2 weeks	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.0
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	6.4	3.0	*	*	7.2	6.2	13.4
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	9.1	7.1	*	4.2	12.1	10.9	23.0
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	3.2	5.7	3.2	3.6	7.7	8.1	15.8
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>29.3</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>56.2</i>
1 year and under 2 years	3.0	3.7	3.0	3.0	5.7	7.0	12.7
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.0	*	*	3.6	4.7	8.3
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.0	*	*	*	3.6	5.1
5 years and over	*	3.1	*	5.2	6.6	*	8.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>17.8</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>46.7</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>90.5</i>
— per cent —							
<i>Per cent of all reasons</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>48.7</i>	<i>49.9</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>51.1</i>	<i>42.2</i>
ALL REASONS							
— '000 —							
Under 2 weeks	7.4	*	*	*	8.0	4.3	12.4
2 weeks and under 8 weeks	20.8	9.4	5.0	6.6	24.8	17.0	41.8
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	23.7	15.0	8.9	9.7	36.0	21.3	57.3
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	10.5	11.3	5.0	8.0	20.9	13.9	34.8
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>89.7</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>146.3</i>
1 year and under 2 years	5.8	6.5	5.5	8.4	14.6	11.5	26.1
2 years and under 3 years	*	4.3	4.6	4.6	7.7	8.4	16.1
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.3	*	4.5	5.4	6.0	11.4
5 years and over	*	*	3.3	10.5	11.3	3.4	14.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>52.1</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>54.9</i>	<i>128.7</i>	<i>85.8</i>	<i>214.5</i>
— per cent —							
<i>Per cent of all reasons</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) In May 1977. (b) For definitions see page 3. (c) Includes termination of seasonal jobs.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

NOTE. The estimates in this table were derived from the question "Did you lose that job, were you retrenched or did you quit that job?".

TABLE 26. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WORKED FULL TIME AS WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS
IN THEIR LAST JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1976 OR 1977:
GROSS WEEKLY PAY (a) IN LAST JOB, BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE (b) AND AGE (c), MAY 1977

Gross weekly pay in last job (a)(\$)	Place of residence		Age group (years)				Total
	State capital cities	Other areas	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	3.4	4.7	5.7	*	*	*	8.1
60 and under 80	4.6	4.1	7.5	*	*	*	8.7
80 and under 100	5.5	3.4	5.5	*	*	*	8.9
100 and under 120	7.7	5.1	3.9	4.4	*	3.0	12.7
120 and under 140	16.8	8.0	3.1	7.4	5.6	8.7	24.8
140 and under 160	13.0	6.2	*	5.0	4.2	8.1	19.2
160 and under 180	6.6	4.1	*	3.0	*	4.2	10.7
180 and under 250	8.2	4.2	*	3.3	4.1	5.2	12.4
250 and over	3.4	*	*			*	*
Total	69.1	41.4	29.0	26.7	20.7	34.1	110.5
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (d)	142.7	131.4	91.8	139.3	164.8	161.5	138.5
FEMALES							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	3.4	3.1	5.4	*	*	*	6.4
60 and under 80	4.8	3.8	7.7	*	*	*	8.6
80 and under 100	7.9	3.8	5.1	3.3	4.1	4.2	11.6
100 and under 120	9.2	4.2	3.7	4.7			
120 and under 140	8.3	*	*	5.2	3.0	*	10.4
140 and under 180	6.0	3.4	*	3.7	3.6	3.6	9.4
Total (e)	41.6	20.6	24.4	18.0			
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (d)	112.6	100.8	84.3	120.0	132.7	124.7	108.7
PERSONS							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	6.8	7.7	11.1	*	3.3	4.2	14.5
60 and under 80	9.4	7.8	15.1	*			
80 and under 100	13.3	7.2	10.6	5.1	3.8	5.7	20.5
100 and under 120	16.8	9.3	7.6	9.0			
120 and under 140	25.1	10.1	4.6	12.6	7.0	10.9	35.1
140 and under 160	17.2	8.7	*	7.5	5.1	10.8	25.9
160 and under 180	8.4	5.0	*	4.0	3.3	5.1	13.4
180 and under 250	9.9	4.5	*	3.0	5.3	5.4	14.5
250 and over	3.7	*	*	*	*	*	5.4
Total	110.6	62.1	53.4	44.7	29.6	45.0	172.7
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (d)	131.4	121.2	88.4	131.5	155.2	152.6	127.7

(a) Before tax or anything else was taken out. (b) For definitions see page 3. (c) In May 1977. (d) Calculated from grouped income ranges. (e) Includes females with weekly incomes in excess of \$180.

* Less than 3,000. See page 23, paragraph 5.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

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

Reliability of the estimates

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

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

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

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

5. As the standard errors in the table below show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. In the tables in this bulletin estimates under 3,000 have not been shown, as they would be subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	Approximate standard error of estimates		Size of estimate (Persons)	Approximate standard error of estimates	
	Persons	Per cent of estimate		Persons	Per cent of estimate
3,000	700	24.0	50,000	2,300	4.6
4,000	800	20.0	100,000	3,000	3.0
5,000	900	18.0	200,000	4,000	2.0
10,000	1,200	12.0	500,000	6,000	1.2
20,000	1,600	8.0			

