



CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK AUSTRALIA JULY 1983

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In association with the July 1983 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons who had been recently looking for work were asked about their difficulties in finding a job; educational attainment; steps taken to find work; whether they had had offers of employment and particulars of last job, if any.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 11 July 1983, specially trained interviewers asked questions of those of the 70,000 respondents in the July monthly labour force survey who fell within the scope of this survey.

3. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in May 1976 have been published in *Persons Looking for Work, Australia* (6222.0).

Scope

4. The survey included all persons aged fifteen years and over who were looking for work except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas residents in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia, and
- (d) students boarding at school, persons permanently unable to work, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.

Definitions

5. *Active steps to find work* includes 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.

6. For this survey *persons looking for work* are defined as all persons aged 15 years and over within the scope of the survey who were not employed during the survey week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

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

7. The number of persons looking for work differs from the number of *unemployed persons* published in *The Labour Force, Australia, July 1983* (6203.0) in that the latter *includes* persons who are waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they have been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

8. *Persons with a post-school qualification* are those who have left school and answer 'Yes' to the question: 'Since leaving school have you obtained a certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?'

9. *Classification of post-school qualifications.* Respondents indicate which one of the following groups best describes their highest qualification:

- (a) *Degree or equivalent:* a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (b) *Trade, technical:* completion of an approved trade/technician apprenticeship or training course, other certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.
- (c) *Other:* completion of other post-secondary education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

10. *State capital cities* refers to the 1976 Population Census Capital City Statistical Divisions in the six States.

11. *Duration of current period of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Thus the survey measures current (and continuing) periods of unemployment rather than completed spells. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. *Average (mean) duration* is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is the duration which divides persons looking for work into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other, persons whose duration is below it.

12. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the whole of the previous twelve months which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining duration of current

period of unemployment depend on a detailed set of questions. The items duration of looking for work and number of periods of looking for work during the previous twelve months are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the term looking for work is used for these items rather than the more rigidly defined term unemployed.

Reliability of the estimates

13. 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 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

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, July 1982 (6224.0)

Labour Force Experience During the Period February 1981 to February 1982, Australia (6206.0)

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0)—surveyed twice-yearly (March and September)

15. 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 Technical note.
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available
- CES Commonwealth Employment Service

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

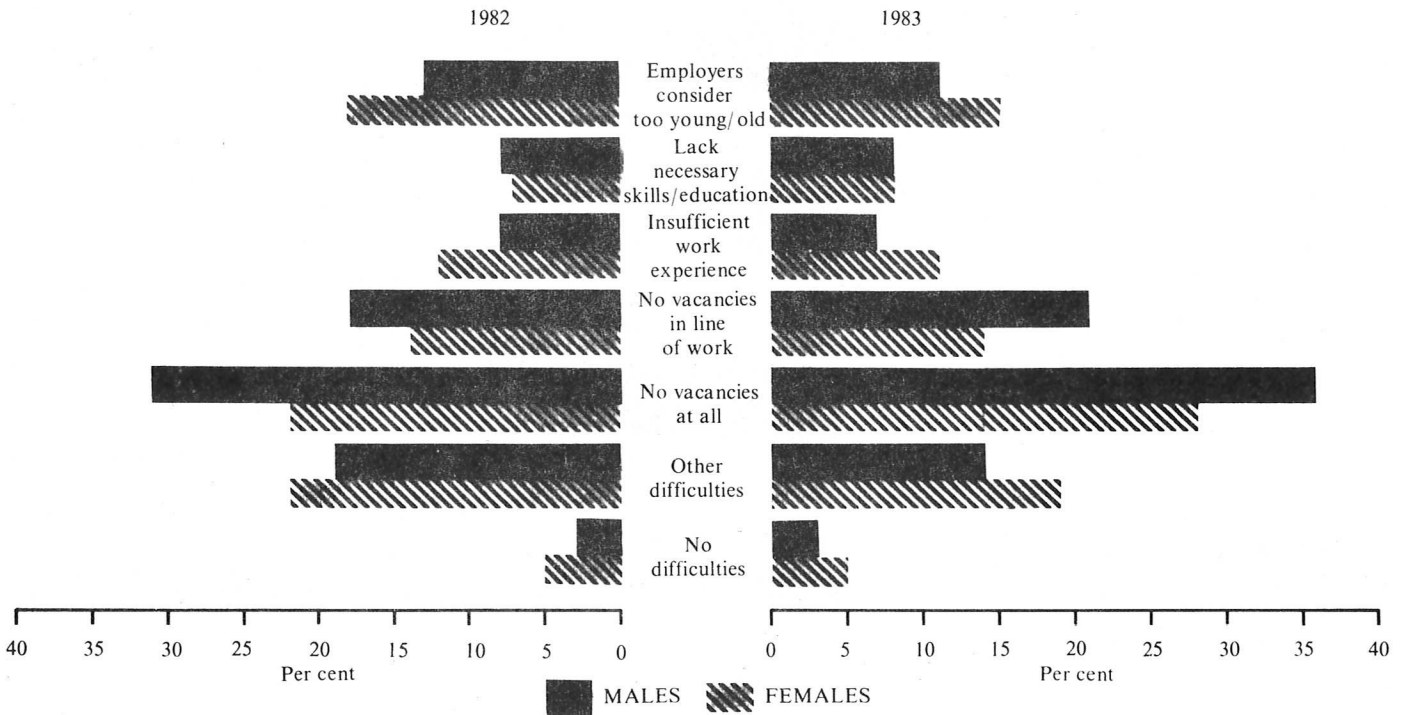
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

During the period July 1982 to July 1983, the number of persons looking for work increased by 52.8 per cent, from 439,300 persons to 671,200. Compared with July 1982, in July 1983 larger proportions of persons looking for work were registered with the CES, reported 'no vacancies at all' as their main difficulty in finding work, had been retrenched from their last job and had one period of looking for work during the previous twelve months. The proportion of persons whose duration of last job was more than one year also increased.

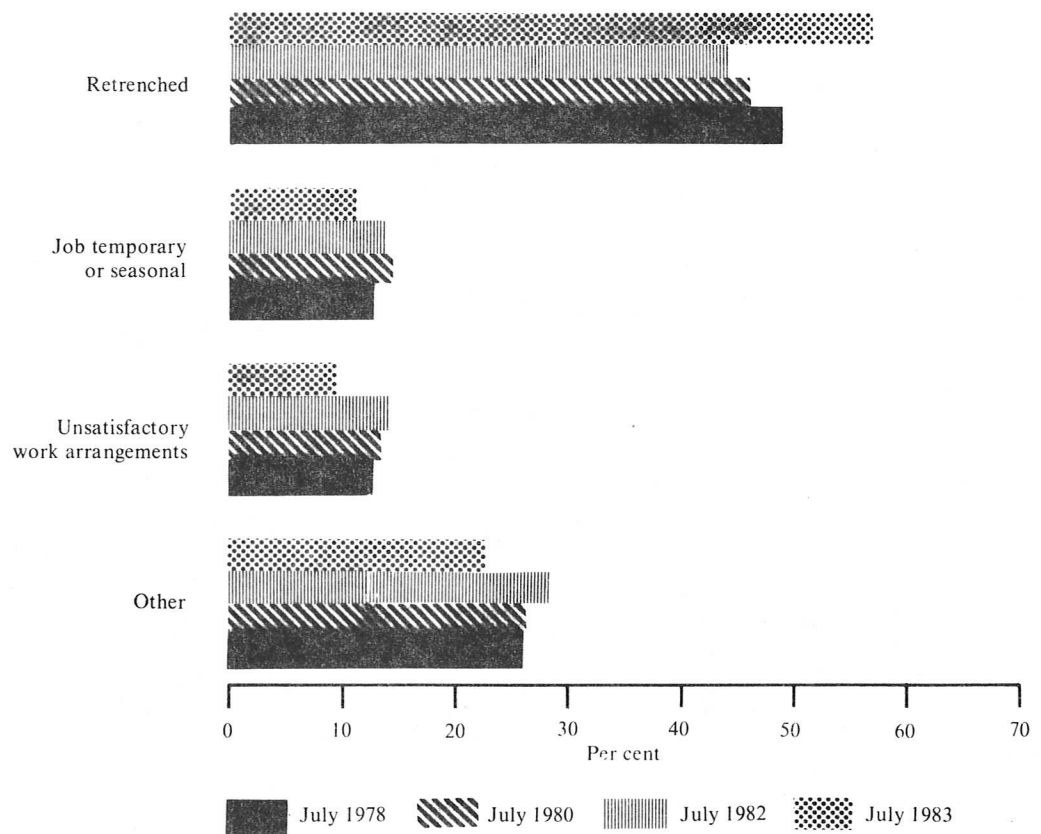
In both July 1982 and July 1983, 'no vacancies at all' was the most commonly reported main difficulty in finding a job. The proportion of persons who reported this main difficulty increased from 26.9 per cent in July 1982 to 33.1 per cent in July 1983. An increase was recorded for both males and females, and in July 1983 the proportion of males (36.2 per cent) who reported this reason as the main difficulty was higher than for females (27.9 per cent). The proportion of persons reporting the main reason 'no vacancies in line of work' also increased, from 16.3 per cent in July 1982 to 18.5 per cent in July 1983.

DIAGRAM 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK—MAIN DIFFICULTY FINDING WORK
 (Source of data: Table 5 of 1982 publication and table 11 of this publication)



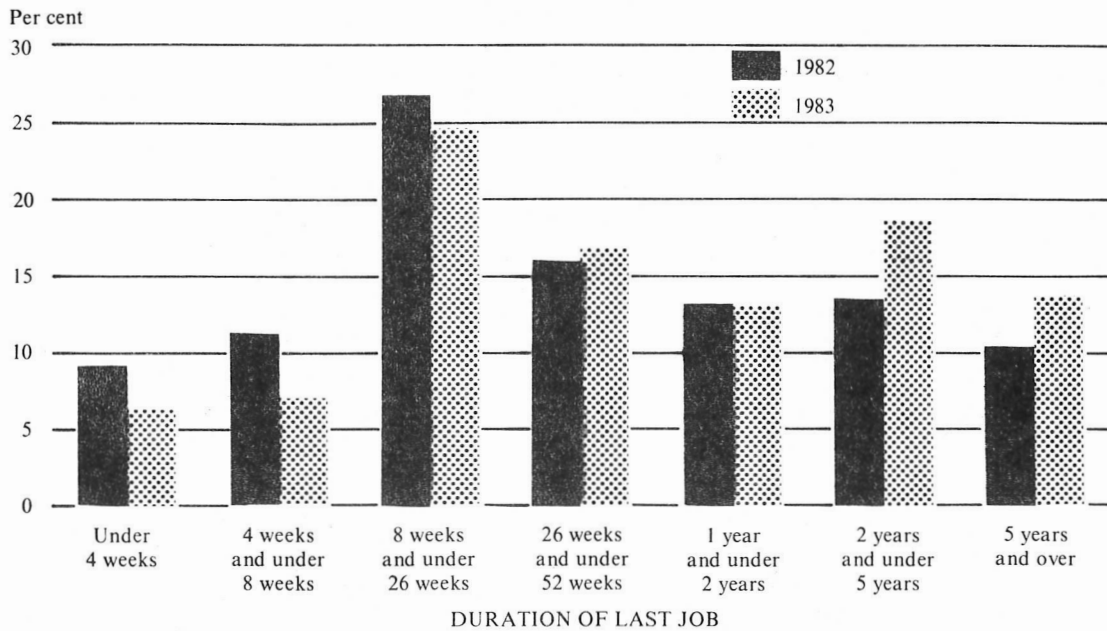
402,700 persons looking for work had been wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and had finished working in that job in the two years ending July 1983. Of these, 227,500 (56.5 per cent) had been retrenched or lost their previous job, 45,100 (11.2 per cent) had been doing temporary or seasonal work and 38,000 (9.4 per cent) had left their job because of unsatisfactory work arrangements. By comparison with July 1982, a larger proportion of persons had been retrenched or lost their previous job and a smaller proportion had left because of unsatisfactory work arrangements.

DIAGRAM 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY—REASON LEFT LAST JOB
(Source of data: Table 4)



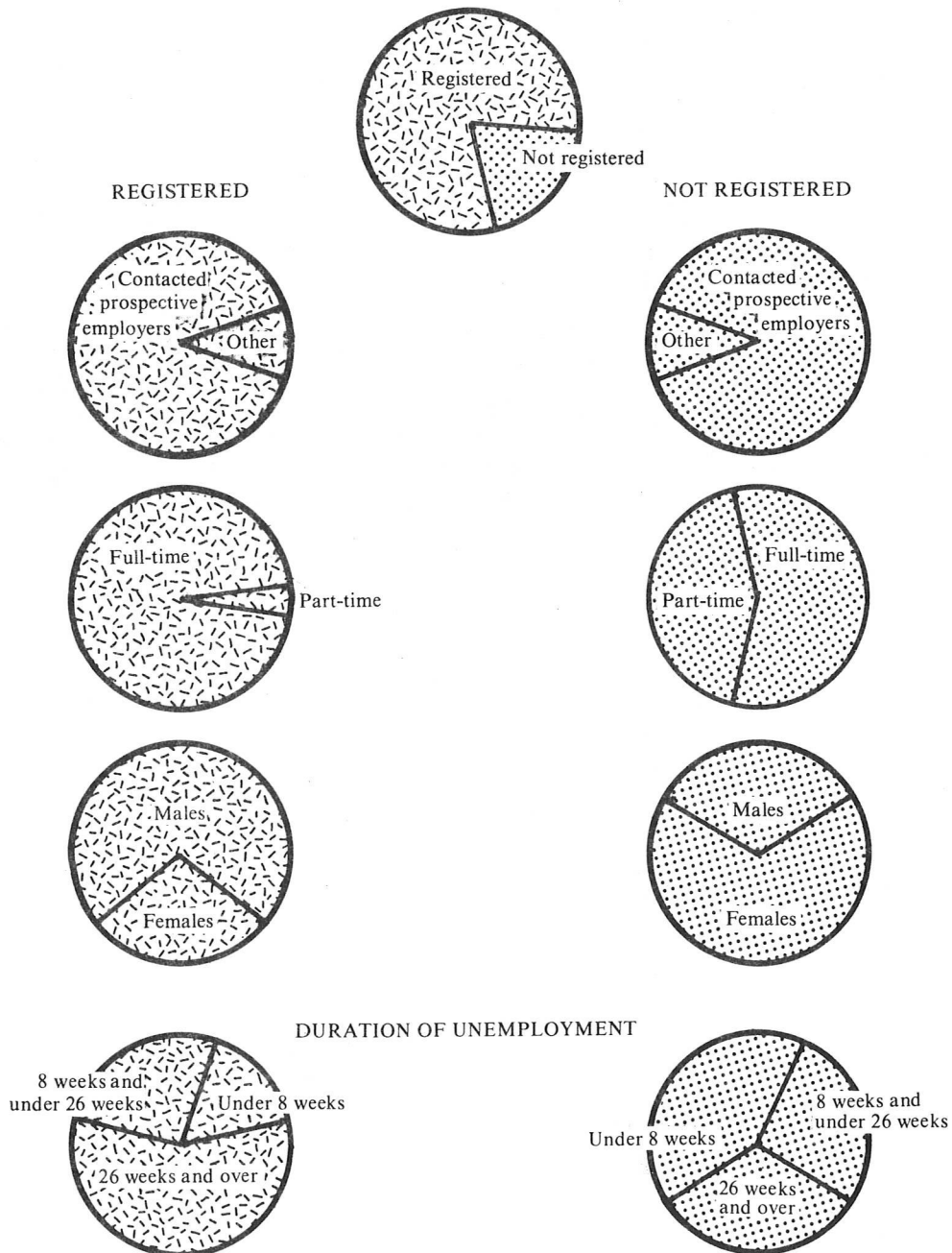
The proportions of persons who had been in their previous job for two and under five years and for five years and over rose from 13.5 to 18.5 per cent and from 10.4 to 13.7 per cent respectively. Conversely, the proportion of persons who had been in their previous job for less than one year fell from 63.0 to 54.7 per cent. In particular, the proportion of persons who had been in their previous job for four and under eight weeks was significantly lower in 1983 compared with 1982 (7.0 and 11.3 per cent respectively).

DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY—DURATION OF LAST JOB
(Source of data: Table 23)



In July 1983, 80.2 per cent of persons looking for work were registered with the CES, compared with 72.7 per cent in July 1982. Females were predominant amongst those jobseekers not registered with the CES and only 63.9 per cent were registered compared with 89.6 per cent for males. The proportion of persons looking for work who wanted full-time work (88.1 per cent) did not change significantly over the period July 1982 to July 1983. This was the case whether or not persons were registered with the CES. Of all persons registered with the CES a majority were looking for full-time work.

DIAGRAM 4. COMPARATIVE PROFILE OF PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK—REGISTERED AND NOT REGISTERED WITH THE CES
(Source of data: Tables 15 and 16)



In July 1983, 173,500 (25.9 per cent) persons looking for work had post-school qualifications, while 497,700 (74.1 per cent) did not. This proportion of persons looking for work who had post-school qualifications is lower than the proportion (32.9 per cent) of the civilian population aged 15 years or more who had post-school qualifications, as measured in February 1983.

In addition, a smaller proportion (46.5 per cent) of persons with post-school qualifications who were looking for work had a current period of unemployment of 26 weeks and over, than of persons without post-school qualifications (54.4 per cent).

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK—EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT

(Source of data: Table 7)

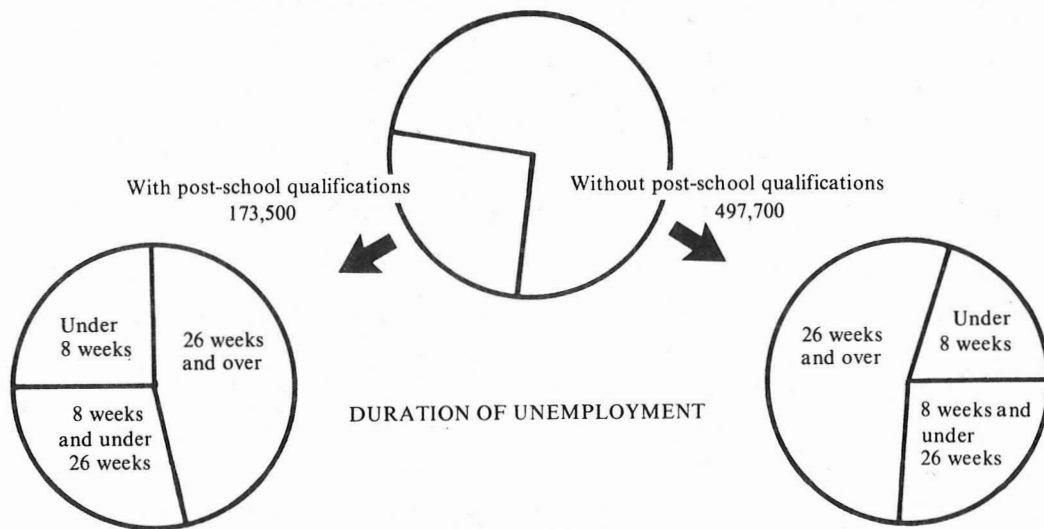


TABLE 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, MAY 1977 TO JULY 1983

	May 1977	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	
<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	—per cent—							(' 000)
Own ill health or handicap	5.0	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.4	3.8	3.7	25.1
Employers consider too young/old	9.6	10.9	13.8	13.0	14.5	15.3	12.5	83.8
Unsuitable hours	4.6	2.4	3.6	2.8	3.2	4.0	2.2	14.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	6.4	5.4	5.6	6.1	5.5	4.7	3.8	25.3
Lack necessary skills/education	7.8	6.4	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.3	8.0	53.8
Insufficient work experience	9.9	7.9	8.1	10.9	10.5	9.7	8.2	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	16.4	15.1	16.8	16.5	18.4	16.3	18.5	124.2
No vacancies at all	30.4	38.2	29.9	27.5	23.6	26.9	33.1	222.5
Other difficulties	4.7	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.6	7.9	6.4	42.9
No difficulties reported	5.2	3.6	3.9	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.5	23.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	671.2

TABLE 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK, MAY 1977 TO JULY 1983

	May 1977	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	
<i>Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment</i>	—per cent—							(' 000)
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	13.3	7.1	6.0	5.5	7.3	0.8	2.6	17.2
Contacted prospective employers	58.0	65.1	65.9	67.0	63.2	66.9	72.2	484.6
Took other active steps(a)	*	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.6	5.0	5.4	36.2
Total registered with the CES	71.6	75.9	75.0	75.3	73.1	72.7	80.2	538.0
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	26.4	21.3	22.8	22.7	24.2	24.8	17.6	118.4
Took other active steps(a)	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.2	14.8
Total not registered with the CES	28.4	24.1	25.0	24.7	26.9	27.3	19.8	133.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	671.2

(a) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

TABLE 3. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE, MAY 1977 TO JULY 1983

	May 1977	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	
	—per cent—						(' 000)
INTERSTATE MOBILITY							
If offered a suitable job—							
Would move interstate	21.7	25.1	24.6	23.0	27.9	29.4	197.4
Would not move interstate	68.1	64.8	64.8	65.7	60.4	57.9	388.8
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions(a)	7.9	7.7	7.8	9.0	9.4	10.2	68.3
Job conditions	3.8	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.8	32.5
Undecided	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.5	16.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	671.2
INTRASTATE MOBILITY							
If offered a suitable job—							
Would move intrastate	31.2	39.1	38.6	36.4	41.1	42.3	283.6
Would not move intrastate	55.6	48.4	50.0	51.0	46.2	43.2	290.2
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions(a)	10.7	10.4	9.0	10.7	11.0	12.7	85.0
Job conditions	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.1	3.3	4.8	32.2
Undecided	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.9	12.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	671.2

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

**TABLE 4. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS
AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY(a):
REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1983**

Reason for leaving	July	July	July	June	July	July		
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983		
	—per cent—							(' 000)
MALES								
Retrenched/lost job	55.0	53.3	51.0	45.0	48.6	62.7	181.9	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	11.2	12.0	14.0	15.0	13.4	8.4	24.4	
Own ill health or injury	6.3	5.2	6.7	6.6	5.0	6.2	18.1	
Job was temporary or seasonal	13.2	13.8	14.6	16.7	13.9	9.7	28.2	
Returned to studies	2.0	*	2.7	*	3.6	1.3	3.8	
To marry/have children/look after family	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Changed residence/spouse transferred	2.4	*	2.7	3.8	4.2	3.2	9.1	
Travel/take a holiday	3.0	2.2	2.3	3.8	2.6	2.0	5.7	
Other	6.4	9.2	5.6	7.5	7.6	6.0	17.5	
<i>Total</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>290.2</i>	
FEMALES								
Retrenched/lost job	36.4	40.0	37.0	34.8	35.4	40.5	45.6	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	15.8	13.7	12.2	14.9	15.8	12.1	13.6	
Own ill health or injury	8.2	6.0	7.4	8.0	6.3	4.5	5.0	
Job was temporary or seasonal	10.9	11.6	14.2	13.2	13.7	15.0	16.8	
Returned to studies	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
To marry/have children/look after family	5.9	7.6	8.2	4.4	7.0	7.1	8.0	
Changed residence/spouse transferred	10.7	8.5	8.0	8.9	8.4	8.9	10.0	
Travel/take a holiday	4.1	4.5	3.9	5.5	3.8	3.8	4.3	
Other	5.4	5.7	7.1	7.7	7.2	5.6	6.3	
<i>Total</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>112.5</i>	
PERSONS								
Retrenched/lost job	48.8	48.2	45.9	41.0	43.8	56.5	227.5	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	12.7	12.7	13.4	14.9	14.3	9.4	38.0	
Own ill health or injury	6.9	5.5	7.0	7.2	5.5	5.7	23.1	
Job was temporary or seasonal	12.4	12.9	14.5	15.3	13.9	11.2	45.1	
Returned to studies	2.1	1.9	2.4	*	3.2	1.6	6.6	
To marry/have children/look after family	2.4	3.3	3.2	2.3	3.1	2.3	9.4	
Changed residence/spouse transferred	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.8	19.2	
Travel/take a holiday	3.4	3.1	2.9	4.5	3.1	2.5	10.0	
Other	6.0	7.8	6.2	7.6	7.5	5.9	23.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	402.7	

(a) In their last full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 5. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES, STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1983

	<i>Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)</i>						<i>Total</i>	<i>Average duration</i>	<i>Median duration</i>
	<i>1 and under 4</i>	<i>4 and under 8</i>	<i>8 and under 13</i>	<i>13 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and under 52</i>	<i>52 and over</i>			
	— '000—								
New South Wales	26.7	18.4	23.8	39.9	66.6	71.8	247.1	42.9	28.0
Sydney	19.5	10.9	14.6	27.4	39.1	39.8	151.5	39.1	26.1
Victoria	19.7	17.9	14.7	27.4	39.9	41.2	160.8	39.2	26.0
Melbourne	14.3	14.0	10.1	19.6	30.5	28.7	117.1	36.4	26.0
Queensland	14.5	10.7	13.5	18.5	29.9	20.6	107.6	32.5	22.1
Brisbane	7.5	6.1	6.4	7.2	12.7	8.4	48.2	30.1	19.1
South Australia	7.2	5.5	5.4	10.5	15.5	19.5	63.7	47.0	27.1
Adelaide	5.4	4.0	4.0	8.2	12.3	14.3	48.4	45.1	28.0
Western Australia	8.1	7.0	7.4	9.2	16.2	13.4	61.2	34.2	23.0
Perth	6.7	5.4	5.7	7.4	13.8	11.6	50.6	34.9	26.0
Tasmania	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.2	4.5	6.6	18.0	50.7	32.2
Hobart	*	*	*	1.2	2.2	2.9	8.2	52.9	33.1
Northern Territory	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4	22.8	11.0
Australian Capital Territory	*	*	*	1.6	*	2.4	7.4	39.0	21.2
Australia	80.2	62.5	67.4	109.7	175.0	176.5	671.2	39.9	26.1
Six State capital cities	54.0	41.0	41.5	71.0	110.6	105.8	424.0	37.8	26.0
Other areas	26.1	21.4	26.0	38.7	64.4	70.7	247.2	43.6	26.1

TABLE 6. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JULY 1983

<i>Age group (years)</i>	<i>Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)</i>						<i>Total</i>	<i>Average duration</i>	<i>Median duration</i>
	<i>1 and under 4</i>	<i>4 and under 8</i>	<i>8 and under 13</i>	<i>13 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and under 52</i>	<i>52 and over</i>			
	— '000—								
MALES									
15-19	12.3	8.3	11.0	14.0	27.6	17.6	90.9	31.6	24.1
20-24	9.0	11.4	8.8	16.3	29.7	24.1	99.1	35.4	26.1
25-34	9.2	8.2	11.1	18.3	26.8	26.7	100.4	41.9	26.1
35-44	6.6	4.5	5.8	9.3	11.8	20.9	58.9	46.6	29.1
45-54	3.0	*	3.7	7.3	13.2	15.1	44.9	51.1	30.1
55 and over	*	*	*	4.2	9.4	10.6	30.2	61.9	36.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>42.6</i>	<i>69.5</i>	<i>118.4</i>	<i>115.0</i>	<i>424.3</i>	<i>41.2</i>	<i>27.0</i>
FEMALES									
15-19	11.3	9.2	7.1	10.6	21.1	13.1	72.4	30.1	22.0
20-24	7.2	5.7	6.2	8.7	9.8	15.0	52.7	42.1	23.1
25-34	12.0	5.8	6.7	11.1	13.0	13.8	62.4	33.8	20.0
35-44	5.2	3.6	3.1	6.4	8.8	10.9	38.0	39.1	26.0
45-54	*	*	*	*	3.0	6.7	17.0	58.5	28.1
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	72.5	37.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>26.0</i>	<i>24.8</i>	<i>40.3</i>	<i>56.6</i>	<i>61.5</i>	<i>246.9</i>	<i>37.7</i>	<i>23.1</i>
PERSONS									
15-19	23.6	17.5	18.2	24.7	48.7	30.7	163.3	30.9	23.1
20-24	16.2	17.1	14.9	25.1	39.4	39.2	151.8	37.7	26.1
25-34	21.2	14.0	17.7	29.4	39.8	40.6	162.7	38.8	25.0
35-44	11.8	8.1	8.8	15.7	20.6	31.8	96.9	43.6	26.1
45-54	4.7	4.1	5.3	9.8	16.2	21.8	61.8	53.2	30.1
55 and over	*	*	*	5.1	10.3	12.4	34.6	63.3	36.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>80.2</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>109.7</i>	<i>175.0</i>	<i>176.5</i>	<i>671.2</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>26.1</i>

TABLE 7. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1983

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	— '000—								
MALES									
With post-school qualifications(a)	15.0	11.2	11.9	23.1	29.1	26.5	116.8	36.2	24.0
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	3.2	3.3	3.1	14.3	42.4	20.1
Trade, technical level	12.4	9.1	10.5	19.7	24.2	22.2	98.0	35.0	24.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	23.7	24.1	29.3	45.1	86.3	87.4	295.9	44.0	29.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.4	5.0	3.9	8.0	15.6	10.1	47.0	37.5	26.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.1	41.6	31.1
16 or 17 years	6.7	7.3	10.4	13.7	25.0	23.8	87.0	41.3	28.1
14 or 15 years	10.9	9.9	12.6	19.3	37.0	43.5	133.2	45.9	30.0
13 years or under	*	*	*	3.3	6.0	8.9	22.7	58.4	36.0
Total	19.3	19.2	25.2	36.9	70.3	77.2	248.0	45.3	30.0
Still at school	3.6	*	*	*	3.0	*	11.6	19.8	9.0
Total	42.3	36.5	42.6	69.5	118.4	115.0	424.3	41.2	27.0
FEMALES									
With post-school qualifications(a)	9.1	7.4	6.5	8.6	13.2	12.0	56.8	33.3	19.1
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.9	42.8	30.0
Trade, technical level	7.0	6.6	5.3	7.6	10.6	8.8	45.9	31.0	18.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	26.0	16.6	16.3	30.5	42.0	48.4	179.8	40.4	26.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.6	3.9	3.1	6.3	10.7	8.3	38.0	37.3	26.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	42.6	36.1
16 or 17 years	7.4	4.8	5.3	9.2	12.5	14.4	53.6	40.4	26.0
14 or 15 years	10.9	6.8	7.4	11.9	17.5	21.0	75.4	40.3	26.0
13 years or under	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	9.3	41.3	16.0
Total	20.2	12.7	13.3	24.2	31.1	39.4	140.8	40.4	26.0
Still at school	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.4	15.1	8.0
Total	37.8	26.0	24.8	40.3	56.6	61.5	246.9	37.7	23.1
PERSONS									
With post-school qualifications(a)	24.1	18.6	18.4	31.8	42.3	38.5	173.5	35.3	22.1
Degree or equivalent	3.7	*	*	3.8	5.4	5.2	22.2	42.5	22.0
Trade, technical level	19.4	15.8	15.8	27.3	34.7	30.9	143.9	33.7	22.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	49.6	40.7	45.6	75.6	128.3	135.8	475.7	42.7	27.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	10.0	8.8	7.0	14.4	26.3	18.5	85.0	37.4	26.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.6	41.9	33.0
16 or 17 years	14.1	12.1	15.7	22.9	37.5	38.3	140.6	40.9	27.0
14 or 15 years	21.8	16.8	19.9	31.1	54.5	64.5	208.6	43.8	28.0
13 years or under	3.5	*	*	5.9	6.4	12.0	32.0	53.4	32.1
Total	39.5	31.9	38.4	61.1	101.3	116.6	388.8	43.6	28.0
Still at school	6.4	3.2	3.4	*	4.4	*	22.0	17.6	8.0
Total	80.2	62.5	67.4	109.7	175.0	176.5	671.2	39.9	26.1

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education.

**TABLE 8. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE,
JULY 1983
(* 000)**

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35 and over</i>	
MALES					
With post-school qualifications(a)	5.7	25.1	38.2	47.7	116.8
Degree or equivalent	*	3.5	5.3	5.6	14.3
Trade, technical level	4.5	20.2	31.7	41.6	98.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	73.8	73.8	62.2	86.2	295.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	11.7	15.7	9.0	10.6	47.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	5.1
16 or 17 years	31.7	25.3	18.9	11.1	87.0
14 or 15 years	29.4	28.8	28.3	46.8	133.2
13 years or under	*	*	5.1	15.1	22.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>62.1</i>	<i>58.1</i>	<i>53.2</i>	<i>74.6</i>	<i>248.0</i>
Still at school	11.4	*	*	*	11.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>90.9</i>	<i>99.1</i>	<i>100.4</i>	<i>133.9</i>	<i>424.3</i>
FEMALES					
With post-school qualifications(a)	8.4	14.4	19.3	14.7	56.8
Degree or equivalent	*	*	4.1	*	7.9
Trade, technical level	7.5	11.7	14.6	12.2	45.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	53.6	38.3	43.1	44.8	179.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	12.1	11.1	7.9	6.9	38.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17 years	19.0	14.0	14.4	6.2	53.6
14 or 15 years	21.7	12.3	17.5	23.9	75.4
13 years or under	*	*	*	6.4	9.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>41.5</i>	<i>27.2</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>36.9</i>	<i>140.8</i>
Still at school	10.4	*	*	*	10.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>72.4</i>	<i>52.7</i>	<i>62.4</i>	<i>59.4</i>	<i>246.9</i>
PERSONS					
With post-school qualifications(a)	14.1	39.6	57.5	62.4	173.5
Degree or equivalent	*	4.8	9.4	7.9	22.2
Trade, technical level	12.0	31.9	46.3	53.7	143.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	127.5	112.0	105.2	131.0	475.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	23.8	26.8	16.8	17.5	85.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	7.6
16 or 17 years	50.7	39.2	33.4	17.3	140.6
14 or 15 years	51.1	41.1	45.8	70.7	208.6
13 years or under	*	*	7.5	21.5	32.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>103.7</i>	<i>85.2</i>	<i>88.4</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>388.8</i>
Still at school	21.7	*	*	*	22.0
Total	163.3	151.8	162.7	193.3	671.2

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education.

TABLE 9. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1983
(' 000)

Educational attainment	Males		Females		Persons			Total
	Number of job offers		Number of job offers		Number of job offers			
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more	
With post-school qualifications(a)	98.5	18.3	44.8	11.9	143.3	20.8	9.4	173.5
Degree or equivalent	11.9	*	6.0	*	17.9	*	*	22.2
Trade, technical level	83.4	14.6	36.1	9.8	119.5	17.2	7.2	143.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	268.5	27.4	154.5	25.3	423.0	38.8	13.9	475.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	42.5	4.5	31.5	6.5	74.0	7.0	4.0	85.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—								
18 years or over	4.7	*	*	*	7.2	*	*	7.6
16 or 17 years	78.7	8.2	44.1	9.5	122.9	13.7	4.0	140.6
14 or 15 years	120.6	12.6	66.1	9.3	186.7	16.7	5.2	208.6
13 years or under	21.1	*	9.3	*	30.4	*	*	32.0
Total	225.1	22.9	122.0	18.8	347.1	31.9	9.8	388.8
Still at school	11.2	*	9.1	*	20.3	*	*	22.0
Total	378.2	46.2	208.5	38.5	586.6	61.2	23.4	671.2

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons with no formal education.

TABLE 10. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1983

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	— ' 000 —							— weeks —	
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	*	5.3	12.2	25.1	68.0	42.1
Employers consider too young/old	4.3	4.1	5.9	14.6	23.8	31.2	83.8	56.3	34.1
Unsuitable hours	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	14.8	30.2	16.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	3.1	*	*	4.0	5.6	7.7	25.3	43.3	26.1
Lack necessary skills/education	3.4	7.0	3.8	8.9	15.6	15.1	53.8	46.3	28.1
Insufficient work experience	5.9	4.7	4.9	6.9	18.2	14.6	55.2	40.1	28.0
No vacancies in line of work	19.4	11.9	16.6	21.3	32.4	22.7	124.2	28.9	21.0
No vacancies at all	21.2	22.6	23.7	38.5	59.1	57.5	222.5	38.2	26.1
Other difficulties	5.4	3.9	3.1	9.0	9.8	11.5	42.9	39.1	25.1
No difficulties reported	13.1	3.2	*	*	*	*	23.7	15.2	3.0
Total	80.2	62.5	67.4	109.7	175.0	176.5	671.2	39.9	26.1

TABLE 11. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1983
(' 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born overseas			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Own ill health or handicap	13.1	4.5	17.6	5.9	*	7.5	19.0	6.1	25.1
Employers consider too young/old	29.1	26.7	55.7	17.3	10.8	28.1	46.3	37.5	83.8
Unsuitable hours	*	8.4	10.6	*	3.4	4.2	3.1	11.7	14.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	11.0	8.4	19.4	3.2	*	6.0	14.2	11.1	25.3
Lack necessary skills/education	25.1	15.6	40.7	8.4	4.7	13.1	33.5	20.3	53.8
Language difficulties	*	*	*	6.2	4.0	10.3	6.2	4.0	10.3
Insufficient work experience	21.1	19.1	40.2	6.3	8.6	15.0	27.4	27.8	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	59.1	25.1	84.3	30.7	9.2	39.9	89.8	34.3	124.2
No vacancies at all	112.3	47.4	159.7	41.3	21.6	62.8	153.6	68.9	222.5
Other difficulties	9.6	9.3	18.9	9.2	4.5	13.7	18.8	13.8	32.6
No difficulties reported	8.8	8.7	17.5	3.6	*	6.3	12.3	11.4	23.7
Total	291.4	173.1	464.5	132.9	73.9	206.8	424.3	246.9	671.2

TABLE 12. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1983
(' 000)

<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.(a)</i>
Own ill health or handicap	11.0	4.8	4.2	2.3	*	*	*	25.1
Employers consider too young/old	29.1	17.4	14.1	10.9	9.5	1.9	*	83.8
Unsuitable hours	5.3	4.8	*	*	*	*	*	14.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	6.8	8.1	4.1	2.3	2.7	*	*	25.3
Lack necessary skills/education	22.3	11.6	7.4	5.2	5.8	*	*	53.8
Insufficient work experience	14.3	17.8	6.9	6.8	6.2	1.1	1.8	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	50.1	26.7	21.3	9.9	10.4	3.0	*	124.2
No vacancies at all	85.2	53.8	35.8	18.4	18.0	8.4	*	222.5
Other difficulties	16.3	10.0	7.5	4.0	3.2	*	*	42.9
No difficulties reported	6.7	5.8	4.3	2.9	2.3	*	*	23.7
Total	247.1	160.8	107.6	63.7	61.2	18.0	7.4	671.2

(a) Includes the Northern Territory.

TABLE 13. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1983
(Responses- ' 000)

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.(a)</i>
MALES								
Own ill health or handicap	17.2	7.7	6.6	4.8	3.0	1.6	*	41.8
Employers consider too young/old	45.4	30.4	19.6	14.6	13.1	3.8	1.5	128.8
Unsuitable hours	4.4	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	13.0
Too far to travel/transport problems	28.0	16.4	8.2	7.6	6.2	1.1	*	68.9
Lack necessary skills/education	50.6	26.4	17.5	12.9	12.4	2.9	*	124.6
Insufficient work experience	39.5	23.3	14.2	9.9	10.8	2.3	1.5	102.2
No vacancies in line of work	85.7	44.2	38.5	20.5	20.5	4.6	2.0	217.7
No vacancies at all	97.8	54.8	42.1	24.2	24.3	8.3	2.1	255.6
Other difficulties(b)	23.4	12.1	9.1	4.5	6.1	*	*	57.1
No difficulties reported	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.3
FEMALES								
Own ill health or handicap	5.9	4.4	3.8	*	*	*	*	17.3
Employers consider too young/old	31.4	19.6	15.6	9.4	8.6	2.6	*	88.3
Unsuitable hours	10.6	9.2	3.8	2.2	*	*	*	29.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	17.2	15.0	7.1	3.2	5.1	*	*	49.1
Lack necessary skills/education	25.6	15.8	12.1	8.2	7.1	2.2	*	72.1
Insufficient work experience	25.4	22.6	8.9	8.4	7.3	1.8	1.8	76.9
No vacancies in line of work	33.0	24.1	17.0	8.2	7.7	2.1	*	93.5
No vacancies at all	45.8	33.4	19.3	11.9	12.4	4.4	*	128.7
Other difficulties(b)	14.8	9.1	6.3	2.9	3.3	*	*	37.8
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.4
PERSONS								
Own ill health or handicap	23.1	12.1	10.4	6.0	4.5	1.8	*	59.2
Employers consider too young/old	76.7	50.1	35.2	24.0	21.7	6.3	2.5	217.1
Unsuitable hours	15.0	13.0	5.3	3.7	3.3	*	*	42.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	45.3	31.3	15.3	10.8	11.3	2.0	*	118.1
Lack necessary skills/education	76.2	42.1	29.5	21.1	19.4	5.1	2.0	196.6
Language difficulties	14.0	8.8	*	2.3	3.6	*	*	31.5
Insufficient work experience	64.9	45.9	23.2	18.2	18.1	4.2	3.3	179.1
No vacancies in line of work	118.7	68.4	55.4	28.7	28.1	6.7	3.0	311.2
No vacancies at all	143.6	88.1	61.4	36.1	36.6	12.7	2.8	384.3
Other difficulties	24.2	12.4	13.3	5.0	5.8	1.1	*	63.3
No difficulties reported	6.7	5.8	4.3	2.9	2.3	*	*	23.7

(a) Includes the Northern Territory. (b) Includes persons who reported language difficulties.

TABLE 14. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1983

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>Born in Australia</i>			<i>Born overseas</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
RESPONSES ('000)									
Own ill health or handicap	27.0	13.3	40.3	14.8	4.0	18.8	41.8	17.3	59.2
Employers consider too young/old	85.7	64.4	150.0	43.2	23.9	67.1	128.8	88.3	217.1
Unsuitable hours	7.7	20.8	28.5	5.3	8.2	13.6	13.0	29.1	42.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	48.6	34.2	82.8	20.3	15.0	35.3	68.9	49.1	118.1
Lack necessary skills/education	93.7	54.0	147.8	30.8	18.0	48.9	124.6	72.1	196.6
Language difficulties	*	*	4.0	17.4	10.1	27.5	19.4	12.2	31.5
Insufficient work experience	78.5	54.6	133.1	23.7	22.3	46.0	102.2	76.9	179.1
No vacancies in line of work	145.4	66.2	211.6	72.3	27.3	99.5	217.7	93.5	311.2
No vacancies at all	181.1	89.8	270.9	74.5	38.8	113.3	255.6	128.7	384.3
Other difficulties	20.3	17.3	37.5	17.4	8.3	25.8	37.7	25.6	63.3
No difficulties reported	8.8	8.7	17.5	3.6	*	6.3	12.3	11.4	23.7

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Own ill health or handicap	9.3	7.7	8.7	11.1	5.4	9.1	9.9	7.0	8.8
Employers consider too young/old	29.4	37.2	32.3	32.5	32.4	32.5	30.4	35.8	32.4
Unsuitable hours	2.6	12.0	6.1	4.0	11.2	6.6	3.1	11.8	6.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	16.7	19.7	17.8	15.3	20.3	17.1	16.2	19.9	17.6
Lack necessary skills/education	32.2	31.2	31.8	23.2	24.4	23.6	29.4	29.2	29.3
Language difficulties	*	*	0.9	13.1	13.7	13.3	4.6	4.9	4.7
Insufficient work experience	26.9	31.5	28.7	17.8	30.2	22.2	24.1	31.1	26.7
No vacancies in line of work	49.9	38.3	45.6	54.4	36.9	48.1	51.3	37.9	46.4
No vacancies at all	62.2	51.9	58.3	56.1	52.6	54.8	60.2	52.1	57.2
Other difficulties	7.0	10.0	8.1	13.1	11.3	12.5	8.9	10.4	9.4
No difficulties reported	3.0	5.0	3.8	2.7	*	3.0	2.9	4.6	3.5

NOTE: Because some respondents reported more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates in Tables 13 and 14 do not agree with those in tables which show only the main difficulty.

TABLE 15. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1983

<i>Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>			<i>Looking for part-time work</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	—'000—			%		
Registered with the CES and—						
Took no other active steps	10.1	5.7	15.9	2.7	*	*
Contacted prospective employers	339.6	127.1	466.7	78.9	5.2	12.8
Took other active steps(a)	24.0	9.6	33.6	5.7	*	*
<i>Total registered with the CES</i>	<i>373.7</i>	<i>142.4</i>	<i>516.2</i>	<i>87.2</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>15.4</i>
Not registered with the CES and—						
Contacted prospective employers	26.6	41.9	68.5	11.6	12.5	37.5
Took other active steps(a)	*	4.4	7.0	1.2	*	5.2
<i>Total not registered with the CES</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>46.4</i>	<i>75.5</i>	<i>12.8</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>42.7</i>
Total	402.9	188.8	591.7	100.0	21.4	58.1
						79.5
						100.0

(a) See note(a) to Table 2.

**TABLE 16. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK,
DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JULY 1983**
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Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)			Age group (years)				Total
	Under 8	8 and under 26	26 and over	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	6.1	3.0	*	*	4.0	10.5
Contacted prospective employers	47.7	93.4	203.7	66.0	85.0	86.6	107.2	344.8
Took other active steps(a)	7.3	5.4	12.1	7.7	4.2	6.4	6.6	24.9
Total registered with the CES	57.2	101.0	221.9	76.7	91.6	94.1	117.8	380.2
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	18.5	9.9	10.7	12.7	6.0	6.0	14.4	39.0
Took other active steps(a)	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.1
Total not registered with the CES	21.6	11.1	11.5	14.2	7.6	6.3	16.1	44.1
Total	78.8	112.1	233.4	90.9	99.1	100.4	133.9	424.3
FEMALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	3.1	*	*	*	*	6.7
Contacted prospective employers	25.8	35.4	78.7	52.5	38.3	26.8	22.2	139.8
Took other active steps(a)	3.6	3.4	4.3	4.3	*	3.5	*	11.3
Total registered with the CES	31.1	40.7	86.1	58.9	41.6	31.2	26.1	157.9
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	29.3	22.6	27.5	12.3	9.5	27.4	30.3	79.4
Took other active steps(a)	3.4	*	4.5	*	*	3.7	3.1	9.6
Total not registered with the CES	32.7	24.3	32.0	13.5	11.1	31.1	33.4	89.1
Total	63.8	65.1	118.0	72.4	52.7	62.4	59.4	246.9
PERSONS								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	3.9	4.1	9.2	5.2	3.8	*	6.2	17.2
Contacted prospective employers	73.5	128.8	282.4	118.5	123.4	113.4	129.4	484.6
Took other active steps(a)	10.9	8.9	16.5	12.0	6.0	9.9	8.3	36.2
Total registered with the CES	88.3	141.7	308.0	135.7	133.2	125.3	143.9	538.0
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	47.8	32.5	38.2	25.0	15.4	33.4	44.6	118.4
Took other active steps(a)	6.5	*	5.3	*	3.2	4.1	4.8	14.8
Total not registered with the CES	54.3	35.4	43.4	27.7	18.7	37.4	49.4	133.2
Total	142.6	177.2	351.4	163.3	151.8	162.7	193.3	671.2

(a) See note(a) to Table 2.

**TABLE 17. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND DURATION OF
CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1983**

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	— ' 000 —							— weeks —	
Registered with the CES and—									
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	4.1	5.1	17.2	42.3	26.0
Contacted prospective employers	35.5	38.0	46.1	82.7	141.9	140.5	484.6	44.0	28.1
Took other active steps(a)	7.1	3.8	3.4	5.5	8.4	8.1	36.2	32.3	20.8
Total registered with the CES	45.0	43.3	51.0	90.7	154.4	153.6	538.0	43.1	28.1
Not registered with the CES and—									
Contacted prospective employers	30.4	17.4	14.1	18.3	18.1	20.1	118.4	26.8	11.1
Took other active steps(a)	4.7	*	*	*	*	*	14.8	28.7	8.0
Total not registered with the CES	35.1	19.2	16.4	19.0	20.6	22.8	133.2	27.0	10.0
Total	80.2	62.5	67.4	109.7	175.0	176.5	671.2	39.9	26.1

(a) See note(a) to Table 2.

**TABLE 18. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK
AND MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1983
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Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Main difficulty in finding work							Total
	Con- sidered to be too young/old	Lack education/ training/ skills	In- sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficul- ties(a)	No difficul- ties reported	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	7.9	*	*	17.2
Contacted prospective employers	66.8	45.5	42.9	88.8	162.8	69.9	7.9	484.6
Took other active steps(b)	3.1	*	*	7.9	13.8	5.9	*	36.2
Total registered with the CES	71.5	49.1	46.0	98.7	184.5	78.6	9.6	538.0
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	11.2	4.4	8.3	23.0	34.5	25.5	11.5	118.4
Took other active steps(b)	*	*	*	*	3.5	3.8	*	14.8
Total not registered with the CES	12.3	4.8	9.2	25.4	38.0	29.4	14.2	133.2
Total	83.8	53.8	55.2	124.2	222.5	108.0	23.7	671.2

(a) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, transport problems, language problems and other difficulties. (b) See note (a) to Table 2.

**TABLE 19. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR
INTRASTATE AND AGE, JULY 1983
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	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
INTERSTATE MOBILITY							
If offered a suitable job—							
Would move interstate	48.0	56.9	51.7	20.9	13.7	6.1	197.4
Would not move interstate	96.0	70.2	87.5	66.7	42.0	26.4	388.8
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions(a)	13.8	19.9	19.9	7.4	5.5	*	68.3
Job conditions	7.1	11.4	8.3	*	*	*	32.5
Undecided	5.5	4.8	3.7	*	*	*	16.7
Total	163.3	151.8	162.7	96.9	61.8	34.6	671.2
INTRASTATE MOBILITY							
If offered a suitable job—							
Would move intrastate	72.7	79.9	70.9	30.9	21.0	8.2	283.6
Would not move intrastate	67.5	48.2	66.7	52.7	32.2	22.8	290.2
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions(a)	19.9	20.0	21.5	12.0	8.0	3.6	85.0
Job conditions	6.6	10.5	7.9	4.0	*	*	32.2
Undecided	3.2	3.7	3.6	*	*	*	12.5
Total	163.3	151.8	162.7	96.9	61.8	34.6	671.2

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 20. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1983
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
INTERSTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job—									
Would move interstate	72.8	35.8	34.4	19.5	22.4	7.4	2.5	2.5	197.4
Would not move interstate	145.6	104.5	57.6	36.0	30.6	8.3	*	4.5	388.8
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions(a)	22.6	17.4	12.6	6.9	6.0	1.4	*	*	68.3
Job conditions	10.5	8.3	4.9	4.7	3.0	*	*	*	32.5
Undecided	6.2	*	3.0	*	2.2	*	*	*	16.7
Total	247.1	160.8	107.6	63.7	61.2	18.0	5.4	7.4	671.2
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job—									
Would move intrastate	99.0	54.4	49.7	28.2	36.0	9.7	2.9	3.7	283.6
Would not move intrastate	111.7	82.0	40.1	26.6	19.1	6.0	*	3.4	290.2
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions(a)	31.5	21.0	16.0	7.9	5.5	2.2	*	*	85.0
Job conditions	11.4	8.7	5.7	3.9	*	*	*	*	32.2
Undecided	5.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.5
Total	247.1	160.8	107.6	63.7	61.2	18.0	5.4	7.4	671.2

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 21. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK(a) IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS(b) AND AGE, JULY 1983
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Number of periods of looking for work in previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	74.2	81.5	83.8	51.5	40.2	27.4	358.6
Two	12.0	12.7	11.3	4.9	3.1	*	46.0
Three or more	4.7	5.0	5.3	*	*	*	19.8
Total	90.9	99.1	100.4	58.9	44.9	30.2	424.3
FEMALES							
One	59.9	42.6	55.4	35.4	16.0	4.2	213.6
Two	10.7	7.0	5.0	*	*	*	25.3
Three or more	*	3.1	*	*	*	*	8.1
Total	72.4	52.7	62.4	38.0	17.0	4.5	246.9
PERSONS							
One	134.1	124.1	139.2	86.9	56.3	31.6	572.1
Two	22.7	19.7	16.3	6.7	3.6	*	71.2
Three or more	6.5	8.0	7.2	3.3	*	*	27.9
Total	163.3	151.8	162.7	96.9	61.8	34.6	671.2

(a) Includes the current period of looking for work. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK(a) IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS(b), JULY 1983
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Number of periods of looking for work in previous twelve months	Duration of looking for work 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	
MALES									
One	9.6	18.7	21.1	30.5	49.8	78.8	35.1	115.0	358.6
Two	*	*	*	5.7	12.4	14.4	10.9	*	46.0
Three or more	*	*	*	*	7.3	6.2	3.1	*	19.8
Total	9.6	19.8	23.3	38.5	69.6	99.4	49.1	115.0	424.3
FEMALES									
One	12.4	15.9	15.8	17.8	32.8	40.6	16.8	61.5	213.6
Two	*	*	*	4.0	7.8	5.7	4.8	*	25.3
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
Total	12.4	17.7	17.7	22.9	42.7	48.5	23.7	61.5	246.9
PERSONS									
One	22.0	34.6	36.9	48.3	82.6	119.4	51.9	176.5	572.1
Two	*	*	*	9.7	20.3	20.1	15.7	*	71.2
Three or more	*	*	*	3.4	9.4	8.4	5.1	*	27.9
Total	22.0	37.4	41.0	61.4	112.3	147.9	72.8	176.5	671.2

See notes to Table 21.

**TABLE 23. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB(a)
IN THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1983: DURATION OF LAST JOB AND AGE, JULY 1983**
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Duration of last full-time job(a)	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES					
Under 4 weeks	5.2	4.0	4.4	3.6	17.2
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	4.5	5.7	4.1	3.9	18.3
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	17.5	19.7	15.8	10.8	63.8
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	10.0	14.7	15.2	9.4	49.3
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>44.1</i>	<i>39.5</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>148.6</i>
1 year and under 2 years	7.3	13.3	11.1	9.3	40.9
2 years and under 5 years	5.4	17.0	15.7	18.3	56.5
5 years and over	*	3.5	8.2	32.5	44.2
Total	49.9	78.0	74.5	87.8	290.2
FEMALES					
Under 4 weeks	4.3	*	*	*	8.5
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	5.5	*	*	*	10.0
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	13.8	10.8	6.7	3.8	35.1
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	5.5	6.1	4.0	*	18.2
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>71.8</i>
1 year and under 2 years	3.0	*	4.3	*	11.4
2 years and under 5 years	*	7.7	5.3	4.1	18.2
5 years and over	*	*	4.1	5.4	11.1
Total	33.4	32.6	27.5	19.1	112.5
PERSONS					
Under 4 weeks	9.5	5.5	6.2	4.5	25.7
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	10.1	7.9	5.4	4.9	28.3
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	31.3	30.5	22.5	14.6	98.9
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	15.5	20.8	19.2	12.1	67.6
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>66.4</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>53.3</i>	<i>36.1</i>	<i>220.4</i>
1 year and under 2 years	10.2	16.2	15.4	10.5	52.3
2 years and under 5 years	6.4	24.7	21.0	22.5	74.6
5 years and over	*	5.0	12.3	37.8	55.3
Total	83.2	110.5	102.0	106.9	402.7

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

**TABLE 24. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS(a)
AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1983: DURATION OF
JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING, JULY 1983**
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Reason for leaving	Duration of last full-time job(a)							Total
	Less than one year (weeks)					1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	
	Under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total			
MALES								
Retrenched/lost job	7.2	8.7	38.0	33.9	87.9	67.1	27.0	181.9
Job was temporary or seasonal	6.6	5.5	10.2	4.0	26.3	*	*	28.2
Other reasons(b)	3.4	4.1	15.6	11.4	34.4	28.4	17.2	80.0
<i>All reasons</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>63.8</i>	<i>49.3</i>	<i>148.6</i>	<i>97.4</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>290.2</i>
FEMALES								
Retrenched/lost job	*	3.8	16.8	8.9	31.5	10.2	3.9	45.6
Job was temporary or seasonal	4.4	3.2	7.7	*	16.0	*	*	16.8
Other reasons(b)	*	3.0	10.6	8.7	24.3	18.5	7.2	50.1
<i>All reasons</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>35.1</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>71.8</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>112.5</i>
PERSONS								
Retrenched/lost job	9.2	12.5	54.7	42.9	119.3	77.3	30.8	227.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	10.9	8.7	17.9	4.7	42.2	*	*	45.1
Other reasons(b)	5.5	7.1	26.2	20.0	58.8	46.9	24.4	130.1
All reasons	25.7	28.3	98.9	67.6	220.4	127.0	55.3	402.7

(a) In their last full-time job lasting two weeks or more. (b) Includes unsatisfactory work arrangements; own ill health or injury; to marry; to have children; to look after family; spouse transferred; to travel or take a holiday; to return to studies.

TABLE 25. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB(a) AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1983(b): GROSS WEEKLY PAY(c) IN LAST JOB AND AGE, JULY 1983

Gross weekly pay(c) in last full-time job (\$)	State capital cities	Other areas	Age group (years)				Total
			15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
—'000—							
Under 80	*	*	3.0	*	*	*	4.7
80 and under 100	4.9	*	5.2	*	*	*	6.9
100 and under 120	8.5	5.5	9.4	3.2	*	*	14.0
120 and under 140	8.0	8.7	9.8	5.1	*	*	16.7
140 and under 160	7.6	6.8	4.9	4.7	*	*	14.4
160 and under 180	9.1	6.9	4.6	4.7	3.9	*	16.0
180 and under 200	14.0	8.5	3.2	8.7	6.4	4.1	22.4
200 and under 250	42.2	25.2	4.7	22.8	18.1	21.7	67.4
250 and under 300	35.7	21.1	*	14.1	18.5	21.7	56.8
300 and over	45.9	21.3	*	11.8	21.6	31.1	67.2
Total	178.5	108.0	49.9	77.0	73.1	86.4	286.4
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	246.7	233.7	156.1	227.7	269.0	280.8	241.8
FEMALES							
—'000—							
Under 80	3.4	3.1	3.2	*	*	*	6.5
80 and under 100	*	*	3.5	*	*	*	5.6
100 and under 120	7.2	3.3	6.7	*	*	*	10.5
120 and under 140	8.4	4.1	7.7	*	*	*	12.5
140 and under 160	7.2	5.4	5.9	3.7	*	*	12.5
160 and under 180	7.6	3.7	3.6	*	*	*	11.2
180 and under 200	8.3	*	*	4.1	*	*	10.2
200 and under 250	16.0	8.2	*	8.9	8.4	6.0	24.2
250 and over	11.6	4.0	*	5.2	6.4	4.0	15.6
Total	72.6	36.2	33.3	31.9	25.0	18.6	108.8
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	183.8	168.2	127.4	188.4	210.5	210.6	178.6
PERSONS							
—'000—							
Under 80	5.9	5.2	6.2	*	*	*	11.1
80 and under 100	7.8	4.6	8.7	*	*	*	12.5
100 and under 120	15.6	8.9	16.2	5.5	*	*	24.5
120 and under 140	16.4	12.8	17.5	7.8	*	*	29.2
140 and under 160	14.8	12.2	10.8	8.3	3.0	4.8	26.9
160 and under 180	16.7	10.5	8.2	7.5	6.2	5.3	27.2
180 and under 200	22.3	10.3	4.9	12.8	8.8	6.2	32.7
200 and under 250	58.2	33.3	5.6	31.8	26.5	27.7	91.6
250 and under 300	44.1	23.3	*	18.8	22.3	23.7	67.3
300 and over	49.2	23.1	*	12.3	24.3	33.1	72.2
Total	251.0	144.2	83.1	108.9	98.2	105.0	395.2
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	228.5	217.2	144.6	216.2	254.1	268.3	224.4

(a) Lasting two weeks or more. (b) Excludes a small number of persons working for payment in kind. (c) Before tax or anything else was taken out.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

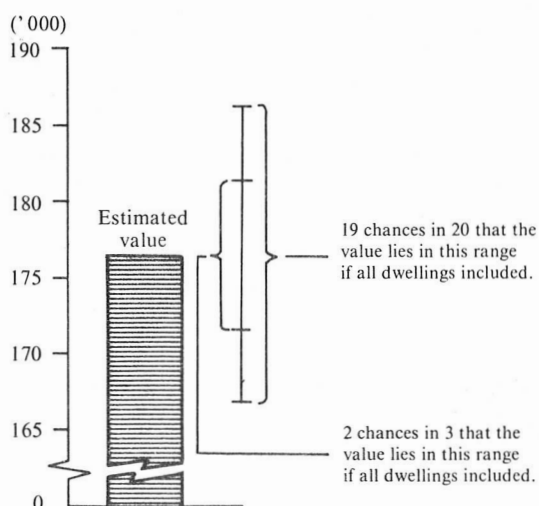
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution 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 5 on page 10 shows the estimated number of persons in Australia who have been looking for work for one year or longer is 176,500. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 3,900 and 5,100 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 4,800 (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 171,700 to 181,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 166,900 to 186,100. 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, the 176,500 persons represent 26.3 per cent of the 671,200 persons who are looking for work. The standard error of 671,200 is approximately 7,850 so the relative standard error is 1.2 per cent. The relative standard error for 176,500 is 2.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.7)^2 + (1.2)^2}$ or 2.4 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (26.3 per cent) of 0.6 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of persons looking for work who had been doing so for one year or longer is between 25.7 per cent and 26.9 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 25.1 per cent to 27.5 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 a sample.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
1,000						250				
1,500				460	490	340		390		
2,000							470	440		
2,500			630	510	540	380	510	480		
3,000			690	550	590	410	550	510	800	26.7
3,500	920	910	740	590	630	430	590	540	860	24.6
4,000	980	960	780	620	660	460	620	560	920	23.0
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	700	480	650	590	970	21.6
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	730	500	680	610	1,000	20.0
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	790	530	740	650	1,100	18.0
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	970	640	910	750	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,300	810	1,200	910	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,200	1,300		1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,700	1,500			5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	3,000				6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,500				7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900						9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400							11,000	0.6
5,000,000									15,000	0.3