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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. Respondents in this subset were asked about their job search experience, including their difficulties in finding work, steps taken to find work and whether they had had offers of employment, as well as about their educational attainment and the particulars of their last job, if any.

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to persons who were unemployed and excluded:

- (a) students boarding at school;
- (b) persons permanently unable to work;
- (c) some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.; and
- (d) persons who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had 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.

4. Persons who were stood down (as defined in paragraph 3 above) were excluded from the scope of this supplementary survey as it is inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience.

Definitions

5. *Active steps taken to find work* comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

6. For this survey *unemployed persons* are those aged 15 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) were 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 unemployed persons in this supplementary survey differs from that published in *The Labour Force, Australia, July 1984* (6203.0) in that the latter includes persons who were *stood down*. However, persons who were *stood down* comprised less than 1.4 per cent of all unemployed persons.

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

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

- (a) *Degree*: a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (b) *Trade; technical or other certificate*: 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 1981 Population Census Capital City Statistical Divisions in the six States.

11. 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 (see paragraph 12 following) depend on a detailed set of questions. The items *time spent looking for work* and *number of spells of looking for work during the previous twelve months* (see paragraphs 13 and 14 following) 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 *unemployment*.

12. *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 current period 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 unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other, persons whose duration is below it.

13. *Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months* is the total number of weeks the person reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.

14. *The number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months* is the number of different periods, including the current period, during which the person reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

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

16. Persons are classified as *married* if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The *not-married* category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced; as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. For effects on estimates of marital status, see paragraph 25.

17. Estimates of family status in this publication use the classifications 'with' or 'without dependent children present' which are used in the publication *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families* (6224.0), which contains data compiled from the same survey. *Dependent children* comprise all family members aged 0 to 14 and all family members aged 15 to 20 who are full-time students. The family status estimates published monthly in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) use the classifications 'with' or 'without children aged 0 to 14 present' rather than by 'with' or 'without dependent children present'. Further information about family status is given in both the above publications. Other supplementary publications also use the same classifications as *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

18. It should be noted that *family status* characteristics were not obtained for all persons included in the survey. Family information was not collected for the following persons identified in tables as 'not family coded':

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

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

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

Population benchmarks

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

22. The change from 1976 Population Census based benchmarks to 1981 Population Census based benchmarks has had little effect on the movement in the estimates between the July 1983 and July 1984 surveys.

Results of the Survey

23. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the results was issued on 29 November 1984.

24. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in May 1976, have been published in *Characteristics of Persons Looking for Work, Australia* (6222.0). The title of the publication has been changed in this edition to more clearly indicate the group of persons to which the statistics refer. A further survey was conducted in July 1982, (see *Methods of Obtaining Jobs, Australia* (6245.0)) which collected data on persons who had started a job in the six months to July 1982.

Discontinuities in the series

25. Paragraph 16 outlines the definition of marital status now used in this survey. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published for this survey in previous years, which classified as married all respondents who reported that they were married or separated.

Reliability of the estimates

26. 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

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.10, \$1.90 incl. postage)

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, July 1983 (6224.0)

Labour Force Experience During the Year Ending February 1984, Australia (6206.0)

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (including persons who wanted to work but who were not defined as unemployed (6220.0)—conducted twice-yearly (March and September)

Employment, Underemployment and Unemployment 1966-1983, Australia (6246.0) (\$1.80, \$2.60 incl. postage)

Methods of Obtaining Jobs, Australia, July 1982 (6245.0).

28. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issued, 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.

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

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In July 1984 there were 587,400 unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down), a decrease since July 1983 (671,200). Of the unemployed persons in July 1984, 513,400 (87.4 per cent) were looking for full-time work.

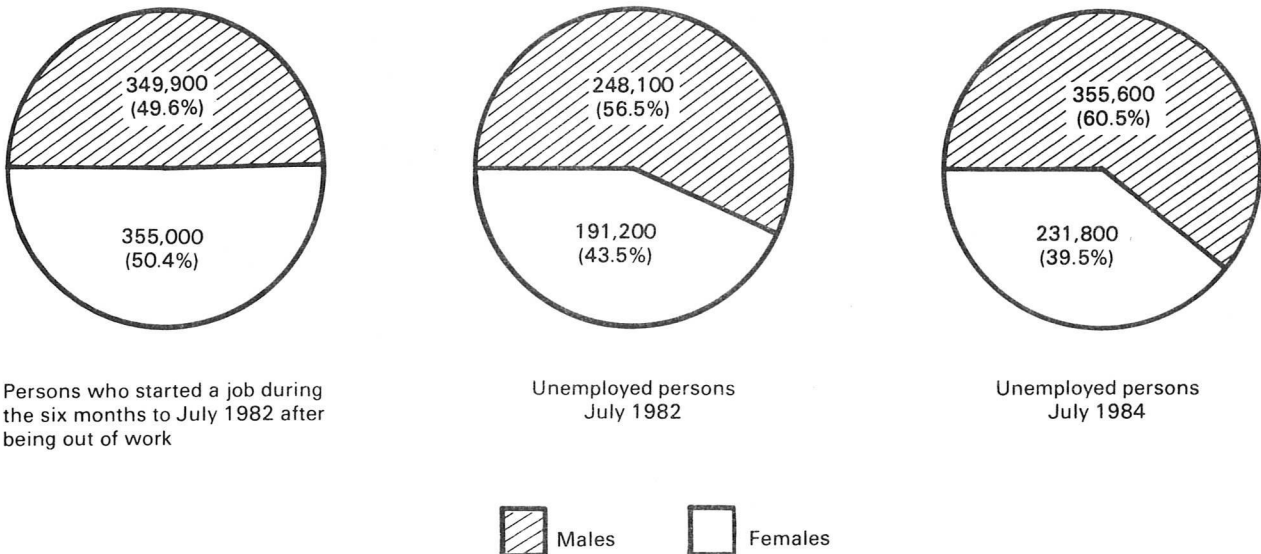
Similar surveys have been conducted annually since May 1976, and in July 1982 a further survey was conducted to collect data on persons who had started a job during the six months to July 1982. Results of that survey were published in *Methods of Obtaining Jobs, Australia* (6245.0).

Diagram 1 shows the broad characteristics of those who had been successful in their job-seeking compared with persons who were still unemployed in July 1982. A further comparison is drawn between unemployed persons in July 1982 and July 1984.

While persons who had started a job in the six months to July 1982 were almost equally divided between males and females, there was a greater tendency for unemployed persons to be males, rather than females. In July 1982, 56.5 per cent of unemployed persons were males and this figure has grown to 60.5 per cent in July 1984.

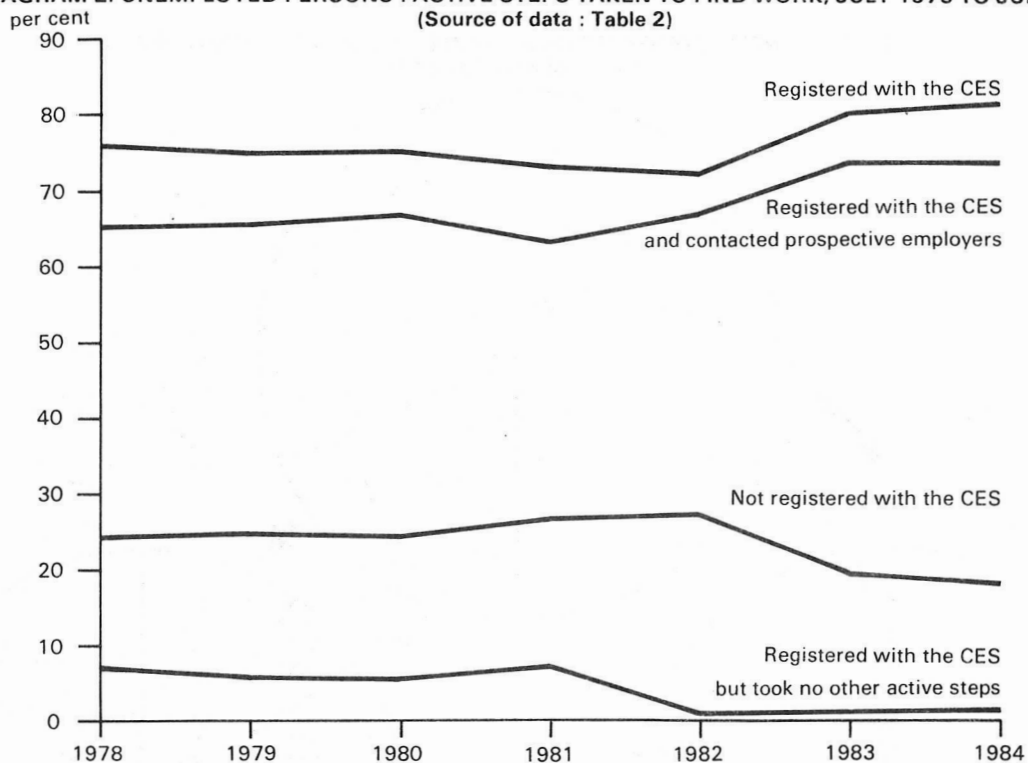
Persons who started a job in the six months to July 1982 were better educated than those who were still unemployed —35.5 per cent of the former, but only 20.6 per cent of the latter group had post-school qualifications. There is also evidence that unemployed persons in July 1984 had attained a higher level of education than their counterparts in July 1982: 20.6 per cent of unemployed persons in July 1982 reported having a post-school qualification, and a further 60.6 per cent stated that they had not attended the highest level of secondary school. In July 1984 these figures were 26.4 per cent and 55.1 per cent respectively.

DIAGRAM 1. SEX OF PERSONS WHO STARTED A JOB IN THE SIX MONTHS TO JULY 1982 AND OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN JULY 1982 AND JULY 1984
(Source of data : Table 1)



In recent years there has been a change in the job search methods of unemployed persons. Between July 1978 and July 1982 the proportion of unemployed persons who registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) dropped from 75.9 per cent to 72.7 per cent. Between July 1982 and July 1984 however, this figure increased significantly to 81.8 per cent. Moreover, more unemployed persons are now taking other active steps to find work. Of unemployed persons in July 1984, 73.8 per cent contacted prospective employers as well as registering with the CES. This compares with 65.1 per cent in July 1978. The proportion of unemployed persons who were registered with the CES but took no other active steps to obtain work has fallen from 7.1 per cent in July 1978 to 1.3 per cent in July 1984.

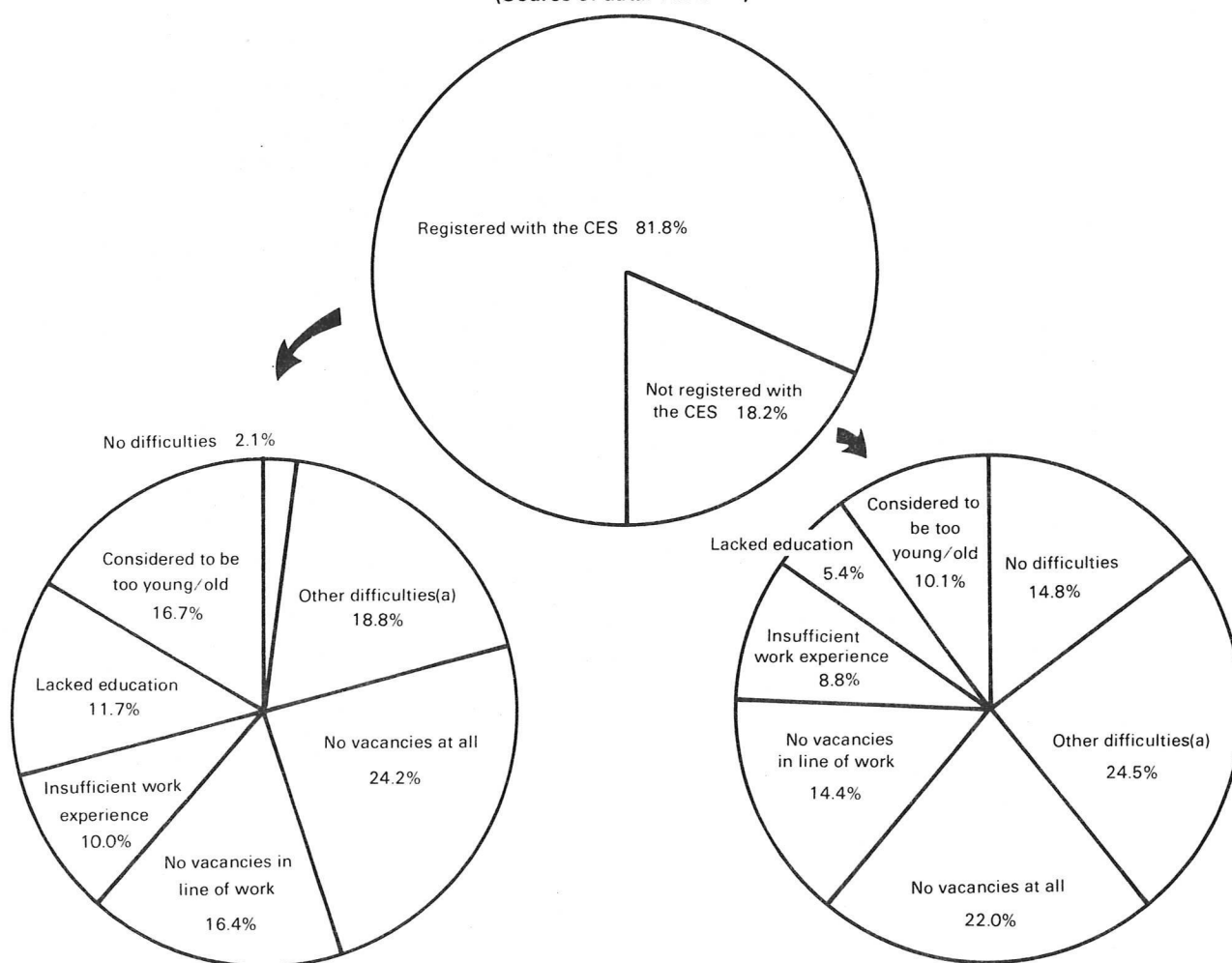
DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1984
(Source of data : Table 2)



The majority of unemployed persons (81.8 per cent) were registered with the CES. A comparison with those who were not registered with the CES shows differences in the main difficulty in finding work. The most striking difference is that only 2.1 per cent registered persons reported experiencing no difficulties, compared with 14.8 per cent of persons who were not registered with the CES. Persons who were registered were more likely to report that they were considered too young or too old or the lack of education as their main difficulty in finding work. There were no significant differences between the two groups for the remaining categories.

A comparison over time of main difficulty shows that in each of the years July 1980 to July 1984 the most frequently reported main difficulty in finding work was that there were no vacancies at all. The proportion of unemployed persons reporting this as their main difficulty rose from 23.6 per cent in June 1981 to a peak of 33.1 per cent in July 1983 before falling back to 23.8 per cent in July 1984.

DIAGRAM 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
(Source of data: Table 11)



(a) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, too far to travel/transport problems, language difficulties and other difficulties.

The majority of persons looking for full-time work were males (66.0 per cent), while males comprised a much smaller proportion (22.7 per cent) of the persons looking for part-time work.

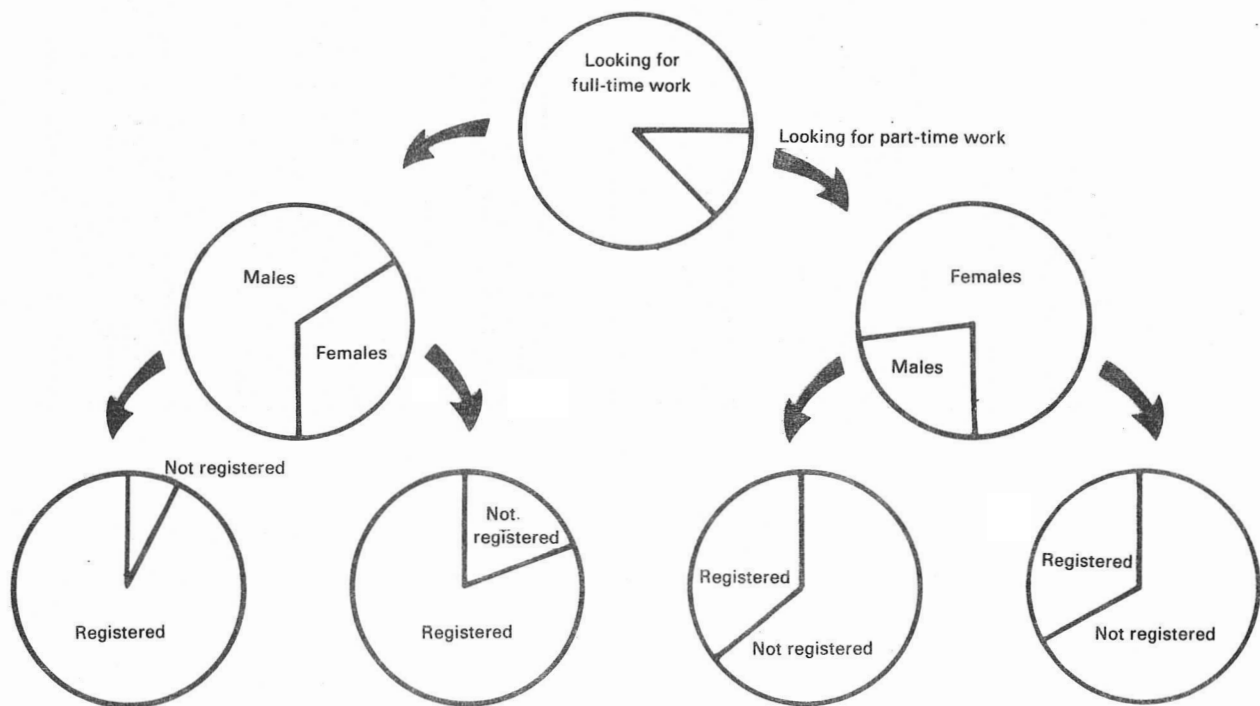
The proportions of males and females registered with the CES depended upon whether they were looking for full-time or part-time work. Only 7.0 per cent of males looking for full-time work were not registered with the CES, whereas 19.7 per cent of females looking for full-time work were not registered.

In contrast, the proportion of persons looking for part-time work who were not registered with the CES was similar for both males and females (64.3 per cent and 67.1 per cent respectively).

The average duration of current period of unemployment was 50.8 weeks for persons looking for full-time work and 27.2 weeks for persons looking for part-time work.

DIAGRAM 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK AND WHETHER REGISTERED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

(Source of data : Table 8)



In July 1984 the average duration of current period of unemployment was 51.2 weeks for males and 42.6 weeks for females. A breakdown by age shows separate patterns for males and females. For males, the average duration increases with age from 32.2 weeks for those aged 15 to 19 to 77.5 weeks for those aged 55 or more. For females however, the age group 20 to 24 has an average duration of 51.1 weeks. This falls to 37.5 weeks for females aged 25 to 34 and then increases again to 81.3 weeks for females aged 55 or more.

DIAGRAM 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AVERAGE DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY SEX
(Source of data: Table 22)

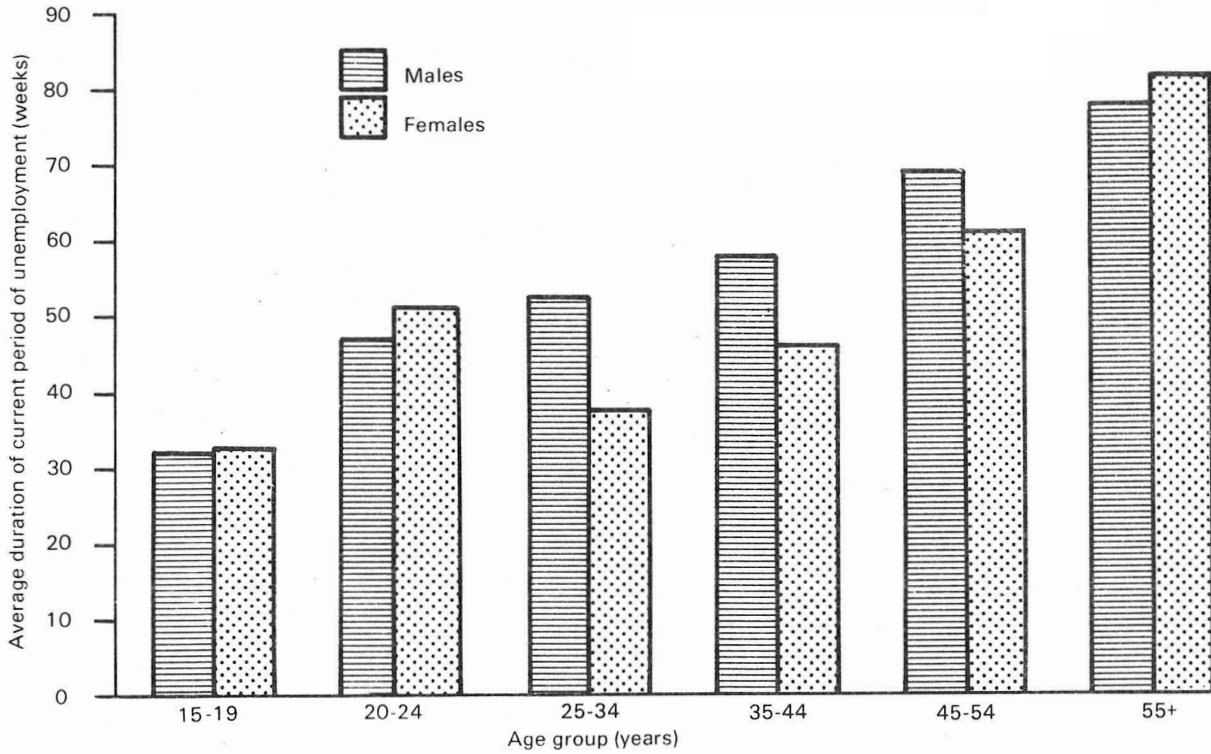


TABLE 1. PERSONS WHO STARTED A JOB DURING THE SIX MONTHS TO JULY 1982 AFTER BEING OUT OF WORK, AND UNEMPLOYED PERSONS JULY 1982 AND JULY 1984: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Persons who started a job during the six months to July 1982 after being out of work</i>		<i>Unemployed persons, July 1982</i>		<i>Unemployed persons, July 1984</i>	
	<i>('000)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>('000)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>('000)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Total	704.9	100.0	439.3	100.0	587.4	100.0
Sex—						
Males	349.9	49.6	248.1	56.5	355.6	60.5
Females	355.0	50.4	191.2	43.5	231.8	39.5
Age (years)—						
15-19	190.3	27.0	126.1	28.7	147.8	25.2
20-24	178.9	25.4	98.9	22.5	131.3	22.4
25 and over	335.6	47.6	214.3	48.8	308.3	52.5
Educational attainment—						
With post-school qualifications	250.2	35.5	56.4	20.6	155.0	26.4
Degree or equivalent	48.3	6.9	6.0	2.2	20.1	3.4
Trade, technical level	195.2	27.7	47.2	17.2	125.8	21.4
Other	6.8	1.0	3.2	1.2	9.2	1.6
Without post-school qualifications(a)	454.6	64.5	198.0	72.3	406.5	69.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	111.6	15.8	30.7	11.2	79.4	13.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school	342.1	48.5	166.0	60.6	323.9	55.1
Left at age—						
16 or over	145.5	20.6	58.6	21.4	120.5	20.5
15 or under	196.6	27.9	107.4	39.2	203.4	34.6
Still at school	19.6	7.2	25.9	4.4
Total asked			274.0	100.0		
State—						
New South Wales	233.1	33.1	152.2	34.6	205.6	35.0
Victoria	167.6	23.8	112.8	25.7	131.1	22.3
Queensland	133.6	19.0	58.9	13.4	102.4	17.4
South Australia	58.0	8.2	45.0	10.2	55.8	9.5
Western Australia	75.4	10.7	44.6	10.2	61.7	10.5
Tasmania	14.2	2.0	15.8	3.6	20.4	3.5
Northern Territory	10.8	1.5	2.7	0.6	4.4	0.7
A.C.T.	12.1	1.7	7.2	1.6	6.0	1.0

(a) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1984

	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984	
<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	—per cent—						(' 000)	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	7.1	6.0	5.5	7.3	0.8	1.2	1.3	7.7
Contacted prospective employers	65.1	65.9	67.0	63.2	66.9	74.0	73.8	433.2
Took other active steps	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.6	5.0	4.9	6.7	39.3
Total	75.9	75.0	75.3	73.1	72.7	80.2	81.8	480.3
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	21.3	22.8	22.7	24.2	24.8	17.6	16.4	96.3
Took other active steps	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.8	10.8
Total	24.1	25.0	24.7	26.9	27.3	19.8	18.2	107.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	587.4

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1984

	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984	
<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	—per cent—						(' 000)	
Own ill health or handicap	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.4	3.8	3.7	4.1	24.1
Considered too young/old by employers	10.9	13.8	13.0	14.5	15.3	12.5	15.5	91.3
Unsuitable hours	2.4	3.6	2.8	3.2	4.0	2.2	2.8	16.3
Too far to travel/transport problem	5.4	5.6	6.1	5.5	4.7	3.8	4.9	28.7
Lacked necessary skills/education	6.4	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.3	8.0	10.5	62.0
Language difficulties	n.a.	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.5	2.8	16.2
Insufficient work experience	7.9	8.1	10.9	10.5	9.7	8.2	9.8	57.5
No vacancies in line of work	15.1	16.8	16.5	18.4	16.3	18.5	16.0	94.1
No vacancies at all	38.2	29.9	27.5	23.6	26.9	33.1	23.8	139.8
Other difficulties	(a)6.4	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.5	4.9	5.3	31.4
No difficulties reported	3.6	3.9	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.5	4.4	26.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	587.4

(a) For July 1978, this estimate includes language difficulties.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1984

	Looking for full-time work			Proportion of the labour force looking for full-time work (per cent)	Looking for part-time work			Proportion of the labour force looking for part-time work (per cent)	Unem- ployed persons (' 000)
	Males	Females	Persons		Males	Females	Persons		
	—'000—				—'000—				
July 1978	200.9	122.6	323.5	5.1	8.6	38.6	47.2	0.7	370.7
July 1979	185.5	129.2	314.8	4.9	11.8	46.4	58.2	0.9	373.0
July 1980	187.9	133.8	321.6	4.8	14.3	41.5	55.8	0.8	377.4
June 1981	167.3	119.9	287.2	4.3	12.0	43.3	55.2	0.8	342.4
July 1982	229.2	141.7	370.9	5.4	18.9	49.6	68.4	1.0	439.3
July 1983	402.9	188.8	591.7	8.5	21.4	58.1	79.5	1.1	671.2
July 1984	338.8	174.6	513.4	7.2	16.8	57.2	74.0	1.0	587.4

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1984

Duration of current period of unemployment	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984	
	—per cent—							(' 000)
1 and under 4	17.7	15.3	17.0	19.4	18.3	11.9	12.7	74.6
4 and under 8	16.3	14.7	13.9	14.3	14.5	9.3	10.1	59.1
8 and under 13	12.1	10.5	12.2	11.4	12.2	10.0	8.7	51.2
13 and under 26	18.7	17.4	17.2	18.5	15.5	16.3	14.6	85.7
26 and under 52	(a)15.2	21.1	20.1	15.9	19.1	26.1	20.4	119.8
52 and over	(b)20.0	21.1	19.6	20.5	20.3	26.3	33.6	197.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	587.4
—weeks—								
Average duration of current period of unemployment	26.6	31.6	30.8	34.1	34.3	39.9	47.8	
Median duration of current period of unemployment	15.7	20.1	18.2	16.4	17.1	26.1	26.1	

(a) For July 1978, this estimate is for 26 and under 39 weeks. (b) For July 1978, this estimate is for 39 weeks and over.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE, JULY 1979 TO JULY 1984

	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984		
	—per cent—						(' 000)	
INTERSTATE MOBILITY								
If offered a suitable job—								
Would move interstate	25.1	24.6	23.0	27.9	29.4	26.9	158.0	
Would not move interstate	64.8	64.8	65.7	60.4	57.9	61.2	359.2	
Moving interstate would depend—								
On job conditions	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.0	4.8	5.4	31.7	
On other conditions (a)	4.2	4.0	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.4	25.6	
Total	7.7	7.9	9.0	9.4	10.2	9.8	57.3	
Undecided	2.4	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.2	12.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	587.4	
INTRASTATE MOBILITY								
If offered a suitable job—								
Would move intrastate	39.1	38.6	36.4	41.1	42.3	40.5	237.8	
Would not move intrastate	48.4	50.0	51.0	46.2	43.2	45.5	267.4	
Moving intrastate would depend—								
On job conditions	4.9	4.5	4.1	3.3	4.8	5.7	33.2	
On other conditions (a)	5.5	4.5	6.5	7.8	7.9	6.6	38.5	
Total	10.4	9.0	10.7	11.0	12.7	12.2	71.8	
Undecided	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8	10.4	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	587.4	

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

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK AND ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>				<i>Looking for part-time work</i>			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> —'000—	<i>Persons</i> (Per cent)		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i> —'000—	<i>Persons</i> (Per cent)	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	3.7	3.4	7.1	1.4	*	*	*	*
Contacted prospective employers	285.8	126.6	412.4	80.3	4.7	16.0	20.8	28.1
Took other active steps	25.7	10.3	35.9	7.0	*	*	3.4	4.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>315.2</i>	<i>140.3</i>	<i>455.5</i>	<i>88.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>24.8</i>	<i>33.5</i>
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	21.1	32.0	53.1	10.3	8.9	34.4	43.3	58.5
Checked CES noticeboards	*	*	3.9	0.8	*	*	*	*
Took other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	4.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>57.9</i>	<i>11.3</i>	<i>10.8</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>49.2</i>	<i>66.5</i>
Total	338.8	174.6	513.4	100.0	16.8	57.2	74.0	100.0

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AGE AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984 ('000)

<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	<i>Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)</i>			<i>Age group (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Under 8</i>	<i>8 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and over</i>	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35 and over</i>	
MALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9
Contacted prospective employers	47.7	65.2	177.6	57.3	68.8	74.8	89.6	290.6
Took other active steps	6.4	5.1	15.3	6.1	5.2	5.6	9.9	26.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>55.7</i>	<i>71.2</i>	<i>194.3</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>74.5</i>	<i>80.8</i>	<i>101.6</i>	<i>321.2</i>
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	15.3	6.3	8.4	10.8	5.9	5.2	8.1	30.0
Took other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	3.1		4.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>78.5</i>	<i>204.4</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>80.7</i>	<i>87.3</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>355.6</i>
FEMALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.8
Contacted prospective employers	25.8	36.5	80.3	50.9	38.5	25.7	27.6	142.7
Took other active steps	3.6	*	6.7	6.2	3.2		3.1	12.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>40.3</i>	<i>88.2</i>	<i>58.1</i>	<i>41.8</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>159.0</i>
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	26.9	17.2	22.2	12.8	8.0	25.2	20.3	66.4
Took other active steps	3.4	3.0	*	*	*	4.9		6.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>30.3</i>	<i>18.2</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>22.5</i>	<i>72.8</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>60.9</i>	<i>58.5</i>	<i>112.4</i>	<i>71.8</i>	<i>50.6</i>	<i>55.8</i>	<i>53.7</i>	<i>231.8</i>
PERSONS								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	5.1	*	*	4.0		3.7		7.7
Contacted prospective employers	73.5	101.8	258.0	108.2	107.3	100.5	117.2	433.2
Took other active steps	10.0	7.3	22.0	12.3	6.9	7.1	13.0	39.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>111.5</i>	<i>282.5</i>	<i>122.4</i>	<i>116.3</i>	<i>108.7</i>	<i>132.9</i>	<i>480.3</i>
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	42.2	23.5	30.6	23.6	13.9	30.4	28.4	96.3
Took other active steps	5.1	*	3.7	*	*	4.0	4.0	10.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>47.3</i>	<i>25.5</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>25.4</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>32.3</i>	<i>107.2</i>
Total	133.6	137.0	316.8	147.8	131.3	143.1	165.2	587.4

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

	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			
<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	— '000—							—weeks—	
Registered with CES and—									
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.7	38.3	17.1
Contacted prospective employers	36.6	36.9	34.7	67.1	94.7	163.3	433.2	53.5	30.0
Took other active steps	6.2	3.9	4.4	*	7.7	14.3	39.3	47.2	26.1
Total	45.0	41.3	39.6	71.9	103.2	179.2	480.3	52.7	29.1
Not registered with the CES and—									
Contacted prospective employers	25.4	16.7	10.7	12.8	14.9	15.7	96.3	25.4	8.1
Checked CES noticeboards	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	6.5	41.0	18.0
Took other active steps	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	4.4	11.6	3.0
Total	29.5	17.8	11.6	13.9	16.4	17.9	107.2	25.8	8.1
Total	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	26.1

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984 ('000)

	Main difficulty in finding work							Total
	Considered too young/old by employers	Lacked necessary skills/education	In-sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficulties(a)	No difficulties reported	
<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	7.7
Contacted prospective employers	73.9	51.6	45.5	72.0	103.0	79.3	8.0	433.2
Took other active steps	5.9	3.8	*	6.2	10.1	9.5	*	39.3
Total	80.4	56.2	48.1	78.8	116.2	90.4	10.2	480.3
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	9.2	5.2	9.2	13.2	22.8	22.3	14.5	96.3
Took other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	*	10.8
Total	10.8	5.8	9.4	15.4	23.6	26.3	15.9	107.2
Total	91.3	62.0	57.5	94.1	139.8	116.7	26.1	587.4

(a) Includes own ill health or handicap; unsuitable hours; too far to travel/transport problems; language difficulties and other difficulties.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

	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			
<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	— '000—							—weeks—	
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	3.4		5.5	12.5	24.1	77.4	52.1
Considered too young/old by employers	6.3	5.5	4.4	13.8	18.1	43.1	91.3	66.4	43.0
Unsuitable hours	4.1	*	*	3.7	3.8	*	16.3	29.6	18.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	*	3.7	3.8	3.3	6.0	9.3	28.7	46.7	26.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	4.3	4.7	5.3	9.0	13.4	25.2	62.0	57.6	32.0
Language difficulties	*	*	3.8	*	*	7.8	16.2	62.7	49.1
Insufficient work experience	5.6	8.2	3.5	8.0	14.9	17.2	57.5	43.8	28.0
No vacancies in line of work	15.7	10.2	10.5	15.3	17.8	24.7	94.1	37.7	20.1
No vacancies at all	18.3	14.3	13.3	19.7	30.7	43.5	139.8	43.2	26.1
Other difficulties	*	4.1	3.6	7.2	5.5	9.4	31.4	44.0	23.0
No difficulties reported	14.9	4.7	3.6	*	*	*	26.1	10.5	3.0
Total	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	26.1

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH, JULY 1984

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	— '000 —								
Own ill health or handicap	12.4	4.4	16.8	5.6	*	7.3	17.9	6.2	24.1
Considered too young/old by employers	35.5	25.2	60.7	20.6	9.9	30.5	56.1	35.2	91.3
Unsuitable hours	*	8.8	11.5	*	4.3	4.8	3.2	13.1	16.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	12.0	9.6	21.7	*	4.3	7.0	14.7	14.0	28.7
Lacked necessary skills/education	30.6	15.2	45.8	10.2	6.0	16.2	40.8	21.2	62.0
Language difficulties	*	*	*	8.9	7.3	16.2	8.9	7.3	16.2
Insufficient work experience	18.4	23.3	41.7	8.8	7.0	15.8	27.2	30.3	57.5
No vacancies in line of work	42.2	25.1	67.2	19.8	7.1	26.9	62.0	32.1	94.1
No vacancies at all	69.4	34.2	103.6	25.3	10.9	36.2	94.7	45.1	139.8
Other difficulties	12.3	7.8	20.1	6.8	4.5	11.2	19.1	12.3	31.4
No difficulties reported	8.8	11.9	20.8	*	3.2	5.3	11.0	15.1	26.1
Total	244.2	165.6	409.9	111.3	66.2	177.6	355.6	231.8	587.4

PERCENTAGE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

Own ill health or handicap	5.1	2.7	4.1	5.0	*	4.1	5.0	2.7	4.1
Considered too young/old by employers	14.5	15.2	14.8	18.5	15.0	17.2	15.8	15.2	15.5
Unsuitable hours	*	5.3	2.8	*	6.5	2.7	0.9	5.7	2.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	4.9	5.8	5.3	*	6.6	4.0	4.1	6.0	4.9
Lacked necessary skills/education	12.5	9.2	11.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	11.5	9.1	10.5
Language difficulties	*	*	*	8.0	11.1	9.2	2.5	3.2	2.8
Insufficient work experience	7.5	14.1	10.2	7.9	10.5	8.9	7.7	13.1	9.8
No vacancies in line of work	17.3	15.1	16.4	17.8	10.7	15.2	17.4	13.9	16.0
No vacancies at all	28.4	20.6	25.3	22.7	16.5	20.4	26.6	19.4	23.8
Other difficulties	5.0	4.7	4.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	5.4	5.3	5.3
No difficulties reported	3.6	7.2	5.1	*	4.8	3.0	3.1	6.5	4.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND STATE, JULY 1984 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Own ill health or handicap	8.6	4.7	4.3	2.6	2.8	*	24.1
Considered too young/old by employers	29.4	19.5	14.9	12.0	10.8	3.1	91.3
Unsuitable hours	4.2	6.7	*	*	*	*	16.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	7.4	6.0	7.0	2.7	4.6	*	28.7
Lacked necessary skills/education	22.2	14.4	9.6	6.4	6.7	1.3	62.0
Language difficulties	9.3	*	*	*	*	*	16.2
Insufficient work experience	20.6	17.2	6.4	6.0	4.3	1.7	57.5
No vacancies in line of work	32.2	20.0	18.2	7.7	11.1	3.2	94.1
No vacancies at all	54.0	26.9	28.4	10.3	11.1	8.2	139.8
Other difficulties	11.5	5.5	5.0	3.0	4.6	*	31.4
No difficulties reported	6.2	6.9	5.7	3.3	2.5	*	26.1
Total	205.6	131.1	102.4	55.8	61.7	20.4	587.4

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH, JULY 1984

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>Born in Australia</i>			<i>Born outside Australia</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>
	— '000 —								
Own ill health or handicap	27.0	9.9	36.9	12.7	5.9	18.6	39.7	15.7	55.5
Considered too young/old by employers	79.8	64.2	143.9	41.6	22.3	63.9	121.4	86.4	207.8
Unsuitable hours	7.0	24.2	31.1	*	11.9	13.7	8.8	36.1	44.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	45.1	37.8	82.9	14.1	16.8	30.8	59.2	54.6	113.8
Lacked necessary skills/education	93.8	60.0	153.8	34.3	22.2	56.4	128.1	82.1	210.2
Language difficulties	*	*	*	19.6	13.7	33.3	21.5	14.5	36.0
Insufficient work experience	74.3	62.0	136.2	28.6	21.3	49.9	102.9	83.3	186.2
No vacancies in line of work	114.3	61.9	176.3	56.8	21.5	78.2	171.1	83.4	254.5
No vacancies at all	132.6	67.7	200.3	53.0	26.5	79.5	185.6	94.2	279.8
Other difficulties	20.4	15.0	35.4	13.3	9.1	22.4	33.7	24.1	57.8

PERCENTAGE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

Own ill health or handicap	11.1	6.0	9.0	11.4	8.8	10.5	11.2	6.8	9.4
Considered too young/old by employers	32.7	38.7	35.1	37.4	33.6	36.0	34.1	37.3	35.4
Unsuitable hours	2.9	14.6	7.6	*	18.0	7.7	2.5	15.6	7.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	18.5	22.8	20.2	12.6	25.3	17.4	16.7	23.5	19.4
Lacked necessary skills/education	38.4	36.2	37.5	30.8	33.5	31.8	36.0	35.4	35.8
Language difficulties	*	*	*	17.6	20.7	18.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
Insufficient work experience	30.4	37.4	33.2	25.7	32.2	28.1	28.9	35.9	31.7
No vacancies in line of work	46.8	37.4	43.0	51.0	32.4	44.1	48.1	36.0	43.3
No vacancies at all	54.3	40.9	48.9	47.6	40.1	44.8	52.2	40.6	47.6
Other difficulties	8.4	9.0	8.6	11.9	13.8	12.6	9.5	10.4	9.8

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND STATE, JULY 1984 ('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	13.9	9.2	6.1	4.2	4.7	1.1	*	39.7
Considered too young/old by employers	41.2	23.3	21.9	13.5	15.8	4.3	*	121.4
Unsuitable hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.2	13.4	10.6	4.5	7.9	2.3	*	59.2
Lacked necessary skills/education	47.5	26.7	22.4	11.1	14.6	3.5	1.7	128.1
Language difficulties	10.1	6.2	*	*	2.0	*	*	21.5
Insufficient work experience	37.3	19.1	19.4	9.7	12.5	3.1	*	102.9
No vacancies in line of work	64.8	29.0	34.6	15.2	19.3	5.9	*	171.1
No vacancies at all	71.5	31.6	35.9	16.1	20.2	8.9	*	185.6
Other difficulties	12.4	5.8	5.6	3.4	5.1	*	*	33.7
FEMALES								
Own ill health or handicap	5.1	*	3.3	*	2.3	*	*	15.7
Considered too young/old by employers	28.7	20.3	12.4	10.1	10.2	2.8	*	86.4
Unsuitable hours	11.1	12.6	4.5	2.3	3.7	1.0	*	36.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.2	12.9	7.8	5.3	7.2	*	*	54.6
Lacked necessary skills/education	27.7	23.0	12.4	7.2	8.3	1.8	*	82.1
Language difficulties	7.4	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	14.5
Insufficient work experience	29.3	21.3	13.6	7.7	7.7	1.6	*	83.3
No vacancies in line of work	24.6	23.4	15.0	7.6	8.8	1.9	*	83.4
No vacancies at all	32.8	21.0	18.4	7.6	10.0	3.4	*	94.2
Other difficulties	7.2	6.1	3.6	2.7	3.3	*	*	24.1
PERSONS								
Own ill health or handicap	19.0	12.6	9.4	5.3	7.1	1.3	*	55.5
Considered too young/old by employers	70.0	43.6	34.3	23.6	26.0	7.0	1.7	207.8
Unsuitable hours	14.0	13.9	6.0	3.3	5.2	1.1	*	44.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	38.4	26.3	18.4	9.8	15.2	3.1	1.5	113.8
Lacked necessary skills/education	75.1	49.7	34.8	18.4	22.9	5.3	2.4	210.2
Language difficulties	17.6	10.3	*	2.0	3.2	*	*	36.0
Insufficient work experience	66.6	40.4	33.0	17.4	20.2	4.7	2.5	186.2
No vacancies in line of work	89.4	52.3	49.6	22.9	28.1	7.8	2.5	254.5
No vacancies at all	104.3	52.6	54.3	23.7	30.2	12.4	1.5	279.8
Other difficulties	19.6	11.9	9.2	6.1	8.4	1.2	*	57.8

(a) Includes the Northern Territory.

**TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1984
(' 000)**

Family Status	Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months									Total
	One			Two			Three or more			
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
Member of a family	229.5	167.4	396.9	30.6	14.5	45.1	11.4	4.8	16.1	458.2
Husband or wife	117.2	75.0	192.2	11.6	4.6	16.2	5.3	*	6.9	215.3
With dependent children present	77.3	54.0	131.2	8.6	*	10.7	4.0	*	4.9	146.8
Without dependent children present	39.9	21.0	60.9	3.0	*	5.5	*	*	*	68.5
Not-married family head	4.9	20.5	25.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	28.5
With dependent children present	*	15.3	18.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.8
Without dependent children present	*	5.2	7.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.7
Full-time student aged 15-20	14.5	15.4	29.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	31.7
Other child(a) of family head	85.3	51.4	136.7	17.0	8.0	25.0	4.3	*	6.2	167.9
Other relative	7.6	5.1	12.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	14.7
Not a member of a family	50.9	24.1	74.9	8.5	5.6	14.1	3.2	*	5.0	94.0
Living alone	18.4	5.3	23.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	27.9
Not living alone	32.5	18.7	51.2	6.5	4.8	11.3	*	*	3.6	66.2
Not family coded	16.4	11.4	27.8	3.6	*	5.3	*	*	*	35.2
Total	296.8	202.8	499.7	42.8	21.8	64.5	16.0	7.2	23.2	587.4

(a) Aged 15 and over

**TABLE 18. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JULY 1984
(' 000)**

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	60.5	64.4	73.1	41.7	34.2	23.0	296.8
Two	11.4	13.0	10.2	4.3	3.9	*	42.8
Three or more	4.2	3.3	4.0	3.9	*	*	16.0
Total	76.1	80.7	87.3	48.5	37.8	25.3	355.6
FEMALES							
One	60.3	43.3	49.8	31.5	14.0	3.9	202.8
Two	8.9	5.6	5.0	*	*	*	21.8
Three or more	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	7.2
Total	71.8	50.6	55.8	34.3	15.1	4.3	231.8
PERSONS							
One	120.8	107.8	122.8	73.2	48.2	26.9	499.7
Two	20.3	18.5	15.3	6.3	4.2	*	64.5
Three or more	6.8	5.0	5.0	3.3	3.1	*	23.2
Total	147.8	131.3	143.1	82.8	52.9	29.5	587.4

TABLE 19. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1984 (' 000)

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Time spent looking for work in the 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	7.7	12.9	22.4	17.4	36.4	48.7	18.6	132.8	296.8
Two	*	*	3.6	4.6	12.7	11.5	9.5	*	42.8
Three or more	*	*	*	*	5.8	4.8	3.8	*	16.0
Total	7.7	13.9	26.1	23.3	54.9	65.0	31.9	132.8	355.6
FEMALES									
One	10.6	18.0	18.5	15.7	28.1	35.9	11.8	64.3	202.8
Two	*	*	3.4		5.9	7.8	4.5	*	21.8
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*	4.0		*	7.2
Total	10.6	18.3	19.8	19.2	35.7	46.3	17.7	64.3	231.8
PERSONS									
One	18.3	30.8	40.9	33.1	64.6	84.5	30.4	197.1	499.7
Two	*	*	4.5	7.1	18.6	19.2	14.1	*	64.5
Three or more	*	*	*	*	7.4	7.4	5.2	*	23.2
Total	18.3	32.2	45.9	42.5	90.6	111.2	49.7	197.1	587.4

TABLE 20. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)	Looking for full-time work				Looking for part-time work			
	Males	Females	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	—'000—		(per cent)		—'000—		(per cent)	
1 and under 4	33.6	22.4	56.0	10.9	4.0	14.5	18.5	25.0
4 and under 8	31.0	16.0	47.0	9.2	4.1	8.0	12.1	16.3
8 and under 13	27.3	16.0	43.3	8.4	*	6.0	8.0	10.8
13 and under 26	47.5	29.0	76.5	14.9	*	7.6	9.3	12.5
26 and under 52	69.5	37.3	106.8	20.8	*	10.8	13.0	17.5
52 and over	129.8	54.0	183.8	35.8	*	10.3	13.2	17.9
Total	338.8	174.6	513.4	100.0	16.8	57.2	74.0	100.0
	—weeks—							
Average duration of current period of unemployment	52.4	47.7	50.8		27.6	27.1		27.2
Median duration of current period of unemployment	30.0	26.1	28.0		8.0	13.0		11.0

TABLE 21. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1984

Family Status	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—	
Member of a family	55.4	46.5	39.1	66.6	94.7	155.8	458.2	48.4	26.1
Husband or wife	25.7	21.4	16.7	32.0	35.7	83.9	215.3	52.3	28.1
With dependent children present	18.4	14.8	12.0	21.8	23.8	55.9	146.8	50.1	26.1
Without dependent children present	7.3	6.6	4.6	10.2	11.9	28.0	68.5	57.1	34.1
Not-married family head	4.2	*	3.3	3.3	6.3	8.7	28.5	42.2	26.0
With dependent children present	3.3	*	3.1	*	4.1	5.3	20.8	36.0	18.1
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	3.0		3.4	7.7	59.0	41.1
Full-time student aged 15-20	6.6	5.6	3.2	3.4	9.7	3.2	31.7	21.1	13.0
Other child(a) of family head	17.1	15.3	14.9	25.9	39.5	55.2	167.9	49.3	28.1
Other relative of family head	3.3		3.1		3.5	4.8	14.7	51.7	27.0
Not a member of a family	12.4	8.0	9.0	13.6	20.1	30.9	94.0	47.2	26.1
Living alone	3.8	5.3		3.4	4.6	10.8	27.9	57.3	28.0
Not living alone	8.6	5.1	6.5	10.3	15.5	20.1	66.2	43.0	26.1
Not family coded	6.7	4.7	3.1	5.5	4.9	10.4	35.2	41.9	17.1
Total	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	26.1

(a) Aged 15 and over

TABLE 22. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JULY 1984

Age group (years)	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—	
MALES									
15-19	10.6	9.6	7.7	12.0	21.9	14.3	76.1	32.2	23.1
20-24	9.5	8.8	7.0	10.8	16.0	28.5	80.7	47.7	27.0
25-34	8.4	8.1	8.1	11.5	17.0	34.1	87.3	52.1	30.1
35-44	4.2	4.2	3.8	7.1	7.4	21.8	48.5	57.8	41.1
45-54	3.6	4.7		4.4	6.1	18.9	37.8	68.9	49.2
55 and over	*	*	*	3.4	3.3	15.2	25.3	77.5	60.2
Total	37.6	35.1	29.3	49.2	71.6	132.8	355.6	51.2	28.1
FEMALES									
15-19	10.5	8.0	7.4	11.4	19.6	14.9	71.8	32.7	23.1
20-24	8.0	4.4	4.0	7.5	9.9	16.7	50.6	51.1	26.0
25-34	11.7	6.9	4.9	10.6	9.6	12.2	55.8	37.5	17.0
35-44	4.5	3.3	4.2	4.0	6.6	11.8	34.3	46.1	26.0
45-54	3.2		3.9		*	6.1	15.1	60.9	26.1
55 and over	*	*	*	*	3.2		4.3	81.3	78.0
Total	36.9	24.0	21.9	36.5	48.1	64.3	231.8	42.6	23.0
PERSONS									
15-19	21.1	17.6	15.1	23.4	41.4	29.2	147.8	32.5	23.1
20-24	17.5	13.1	11.1	18.4	26.0	45.2	131.3	49.0	26.1
25-34	20.1	15.1	13.1	22.1	26.5	46.2	143.1	46.4	26.0
35-44	8.7	7.5	8.0	11.0	14.0	33.6	82.8	53.0	30.0
45-54	5.5	4.3	3.0	7.1	8.0	25.0	52.9	66.6	43.2
55 and over	3.1		*	3.7	3.8	17.8	29.5	78.1	61.1
Total	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	26.1

TABLE 23. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1984

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—							—weeks—	
MALES									
With post-school qualifications(a)	12.2	10.6	8.5	13.4	17.2	31.2	93.2	43.6	26.1
Degree	4.1		*	*	3.4	3.5	12.8	47.5	31.0
Trade; technical or other certificate	9.8	8.1	7.6	11.3	12.9	26.1	75.9	42.3	26.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	22.6	21.8	18.9	34.5	51.2	100.8	249.7	55.9	32.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.7	5.4	3.5	7.5	12.3	12.2	45.5	41.5	26.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	57.9	52.1
16 or 17 years	7.3	7.1	7.5	9.4	13.8	25.1	70.1	47.1	28.1
14 or 15 years	9.9	8.2	6.6	14.3	21.7	50.4	111.0	62.1	38.2
13 years or under	*	*	3.7		*	10.3	18.4	82.1	64.3
Total	17.8	16.4	15.2	26.8	38.6	86.9	201.7	58.7	34.2
Still at school	5.6		3.2		3.2	*	12.8	15.8	8.0
Total	37.6	35.1	29.3	49.2	71.6	132.8	355.6	51.2	28.1
FEMALES									
With post-school qualifications(a)	10.1	7.8	6.4	9.3	12.5	15.7	61.9	37.6	21.1
Degree	3.9		*	*	*	*	7.3	20.0	6.0
Trade; technical or other certificate	6.6	5.9	5.2	7.9	11.0	13.4	49.9	38.6	24.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	23.7	13.8	14.0	25.9	32.2	47.2	156.9	46.6	26.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	6.1	*	3.2	5.5	8.3	8.0	33.9	40.8	22.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.8	14.0
16 or 17 years	5.3	3.9	4.2	8.5	9.6	14.2	45.8	49.1	26.0
14 or 15 years	10.3	5.9	6.1	10.5	13.4	22.0	68.1	46.5	26.0
13 years or under	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.9	67.6	22.1
Total	17.5	10.9	10.9	20.2	23.9	38.8	122.2	48.0	26.0
Still at school	3.1	3.9		*	3.4	*	13.1	18.3	8.0
Total	36.9	24.0	21.9	36.5	48.1	64.3	231.8	42.6	23.0
PERSONS									
With post-school qualifications(a)	22.3	18.3	14.9	22.7	29.8	47.0	155.0	41.2	25.0
Degree	4.4	3.7	3.7		4.1	4.3	20.1	37.5	16.0
Trade; technical or other certificate	16.4	14.0	12.7	19.2	24.0	39.5	125.8	40.9	26.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	46.3	35.5	32.9	60.4	83.3	148.0	406.5	52.3	28.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	10.8	8.2	6.7	13.0	20.6	20.2	79.4	41.2	26.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.6	39.0	26.1
16 or 17 years	12.6	11.0	11.7	17.9	23.4	39.3	115.9	47.9	26.1
14 or 15 years	20.2	14.1	12.6	24.8	35.1	72.4	179.1	56.2	30.1
13 years or under	3.5		*	3.6	3.1	12.7	24.3	78.6	52.1
Total	35.2	27.3	26.1	47.0	62.5	125.8	323.9	54.7	30.0
Still at school	5.9	5.2	3.4	*	6.6	*	25.9	17.0	8.0
Total	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	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 24. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATE AND AREA, JULY 1984

	<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	22.0	16.3	17.9	29.6	43.1	76.8	205.6	49.6	29.0
Sydney	13.6	10.8	13.1	19.0	25.8	37.8	120.0	42.7	26.1
Victoria	19.3	15.0	10.9	19.7	27.3	38.9	131.1	43.2	26.0
Melbourne	14.4	11.2	7.3	15.0	20.5	29.0	97.5	43.2	26.0
Queensland	13.2	12.6	8.9	14.8	23.5	29.2	102.4	42.2	26.0
Brisbane	6.5	6.3	4.7	8.7	9.3	11.8	47.3	37.0	20.0
South Australia	8.1	4.9	4.7	8.4	9.4	20.4	55.8	59.5	26.1
Adelaide	6.4	3.4	3.3	6.3	6.3	15.1	40.8	59.6	26.0
Western Australia	8.6	7.2	5.8	8.4	11.1	20.5	61.7	47.9	26.0
Perth	6.5	4.6	3.5	6.6	9.6	16.8	47.6	49.9	27.0
Tasmania	1.9	1.8	1.5	3.0	3.5	8.7	20.4	62.3	32.2
Hobart	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4	3.7	8.2	68.0	32.2	
Northern Territory	*	*	1.7	1.6			4.4	26.8	13.0
Australian Capital Territory		2.0	2.2	1.7			6.0	40.9	24.1
Australia	74.6	59.1	51.2	85.7	119.8	197.1	587.4	47.8	26.1
Six State capital cities	48.5	36.8	32.5	56.6	72.9	114.1	361.5	45.5	26.0
Other areas	26.0	22.3	18.7	29.2	46.9	83.0	226.0	51.5	28.0

TABLE 25. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984 ('000)

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>		<i>Persons</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Number of offers</i>		<i>Number of offers</i>		<i>Number of offers</i>			
	<i>None</i>	<i>One or more</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>One or more</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Two or more</i>	
With post-school qualifications(a)	74.9	18.3	45.6	16.3	120.5	22.7	11.8	155.0
Degree	9.4	3.3	5.3	*	14.7	5.3		20.1
Trade; technical or other certificate	61.9	14.0	36.1	13.8	98.0	18.8	9.0	125.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	217.9	31.8	135.4	21.4	353.3	34.0	19.2	406.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	38.3	7.3	28.7	5.2	67.0	7.4	5.1	79.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—								
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	4.1	*	*	4.6
16 or 17 years	61.5	8.7	40.3	5.5	101.8	9.1	5.0	115.9
14 or 15 years	97.4	13.6	58.1	10.1	155.4	16.2	7.5	179.1
13 years or under	17.0	*	5.4	*	22.3	*	*	24.3
Total	177.6	24.1	106.1	16.1	283.7	26.2	14.1	323.9
Still at school	11.4	*	11.8	*	23.2	*	*	25.9
Total	304.2	51.4	192.8	39.0	497.0	58.8	31.6	587.4

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

**TABLE 26. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE,
JULY 1984
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Educational attainment	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
With post-school qualifications(a)	6.1	18.9	28.3	17.1	12.5	10.3	93.2
Degree	*	*	5.9	3.5	*	*	12.8
Trade; technical or other certificate	4.2	15.0	21.9	14.4	11.3	9.1	75.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	57.3	61.7	59.0	31.3	25.2	15.0	249.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	11.1	14.4	10.7	5.6	*	*	45.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—							
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17 years	22.0	22.0	17.7	4.7	3.6		70.1
14 or 15 years	23.1	23.6	27.3	15.4	13.8	7.9	111.0
13 years or under	*	3.3	5.2	5.2	6.1	3.1	18.4
Total	46.2	47.3	48.1	25.4	21.6	13.1	201.7
Still at school	12.7	*	*	*	*	*	12.8
Total	76.1	80.7	87.3	48.5	37.8	25.3	355.6
FEMALES							
With post-school qualifications(a)	11.0	16.9	19.9	10.4	3.2	*	61.9
Degree	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	7.3
Trade; technical or other certificate	9.5	14.0	15.3	8.1	3.0		49.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	47.7	33.7	35.9	23.9	11.9	3.7	156.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	9.0	9.7	8.1	3.2	3.1	*	33.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—							
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17 years	18.9	11.1	10.2	3.6	*	*	45.8
14 or 15 years	19.2	11.4	15.6	14.2	5.6	*	68.1
13 years or under	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	5.9
Total	38.7	24.0	27.8	20.4	8.6	*	122.2
Still at school	13.1	*	*	*	*	*	13.1
Total	71.8	50.6	55.8	34.3	15.1	4.3	231.8
PERSONS							
With post-school qualifications(a)	17.1	35.8	48.2	27.5	15.7	10.8	155.0
Degree	*	3.8	9.7	3.7	*	*	20.1
Trade; technical or other certificate	13.7	29.0	37.2	22.5	13.7	9.7	125.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	105.0	95.4	94.9	55.3	37.2	18.7	406.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	20.2	24.1	18.8	8.8	5.8	*	79.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—							
18 years or over		4.0		*	*	*	4.6
16 or 17 years	41.0	33.1	28.0	8.3	3.1	*	115.9
14 or 15 years	42.2	34.9	42.9	29.6	19.5	10.0	179.1
13 years or under	*	*	3.9	7.8	7.4	3.3	24.3
Total	84.8	71.3	75.9	45.8	30.2	15.9	323.9
Still at school	25.8	*	*	*	*	*	25.9
Total	147.8	131.3	143.1	82.8	52.9	29.5	587.4

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

TABLE 27. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE AND FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1984 (' 000)

Family status	If offered a suitable job—						Total	Undecided	Total	
	Moving interstate would depend—				Total	Undecided				Total
	Would move interstate	Would not move interstate	On job conditions	On other conditions(a)						
INTERSTATE MOBILITY										
Member of a family	111.9	295.4	23.2	18.7	42.0	8.9	458.2			
Husband or wife	40.8	152.4	9.9	10.0	19.9	*	215.3			
With dependent children present	30.8	101.4	7.7	5.8	13.5	*	146.8			
Without dependent children present	10.0	51.0	*	4.2	6.4	*	68.5			
Not-married family head	5.8	20.5	*	*	*	*	28.5			
With dependent children present	3.9	15.5	*	*	*	*	20.8			
Without dependent children present	*	5.0	*	*	*	*	7.7			
Full-time student aged 15-20	3.8	26.4	*	*	*	*	31.7			
Other child(b) of family head	56.3	88.6	10.9	6.4	17.3	5.7	167.9			
Other relative	5.2	7.4	*	*	*	*	14.7			
Not a member of a family	31.6	47.2	7.4	5.0	12.4	*	94.0			
Living alone	8.4	15.6	*	*	*	*	27.9			
Not living alone	23.2	31.6	5.7	3.8	9.5	*	66.2			
Not family coded	14.6	16.7	*	*	3.0	*	35.2			
Total	158.0	359.2	31.7	25.6	57.3	12.8	587.4			
INTRASTATE MOBILITY										
Member of a family	173.3	224.7	24.7	27.5	52.2	7.9	458.2			
Husband or wife	63.9	121.6	12.0	15.6	27.6	*	215.3			
With dependent children present	44.2	82.4	8.4	10.9	19.3	*	146.8			
Without dependent children present	19.7	39.1	3.6	4.7	8.3	*	68.5			
Not-married family head	8.2	17.5	*	*	*	*	28.5			
With dependent children present	6.1	13.1	*	*	*	*	20.8			
Without dependent children present	*	4.4	*	*	*	*	7.7			
Full-time student aged 15-20	7.1	22.7	*	*	*	*	31.7			
Other child(b) of family head	87.0	57.4	10.1	8.5	18.5	4.9	167.9			
Other relative	7.1	5.6	*	*	*	*	14.7			
Not a member of a family	45.8	31.7	7.1	8.2	15.3	*	94.0			
Living alone	12.4	10.8	*	*	4.2	*	27.9			
Not living alone	33.3	20.9	5.5	5.6	11.1	*	66.2			
Not family coded	18.7	11.0	*	*	4.3	*	35.2			
Total	237.8	267.4	33.2	38.5	71.8	10.4	587.4			

(a) Includes personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality. (b) Aged 15 and over.

TABLE 28. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE AND AGE, JULY 1984
(* 000)

	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	39.8	45.7	39.5	17.2	12.2	3.5	158.0
Would not move interstate	91.8	63.9	86.9	57.9	36.1	22.7	359.2
Moving interstate would depend—							
On job conditions	7.5	11.4	7.3	5.1		*	31.7
On other conditions(a)	5.3	6.5	7.2	3.2	3.4		25.6
Total	12.8	17.9	14.5	5.8	4.1	*	57.3
Undecided	3.4	3.8	4.0		*	*	12.8
Total	147.8	131.3	143.1	82.8	52.9	29.5	587.4
INTRASTATE MOBILITY							
If offered a suitable job—							
Would move intrastate	66.0	66.8	55.5	25.4	16.7	7.4	237.8
Would not move intrastate	64.3	43.8	65.3	46.2	29.8	18.0	267.4
Moving intrastate would depend—							
On job conditions	6.5	8.8	10.5	3.5	3.9		33.2
On other conditions(a)	8.0	8.3	9.7	6.6	3.5	*	38.5
Total	14.5	17.2	20.2	10.1	6.3	3.6	71.8
Undecided	3.1	3.6	3.2		*	*	10.4
Total	147.8	131.3	143.1	82.8	52.9	29.5	587.4

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

TABLE 29. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE AND STATE, JULY 1984
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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	55.2	32.0	27.8	15.6	18.0	5.6	2.2	1.7	158.0
Would not move interstate	123.6	88.3	61.8	31.9	37.1	11.8	*	3.3	359.2
Moving interstate would depend—									
On job conditions	11.2	4.9	5.5	5.1	3.0	1.6	*	*	31.7
On other conditions(a)	9.2	4.2	5.2	2.6	2.3	1.1	*	*	25.6
Total	20.4	9.1	10.7	7.6	5.3	2.7	*	*	57.3
Undecided	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.8
Total	205.6	131.1	102.4	55.8	61.7	20.4	4.4	6.0	587.4
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job—									
Would move interstate	81.9	43.1	44.4	23.5	29.5	9.9	2.7	2.9	237.8
Would not move interstate	93.4	73.1	42.2	22.6	25.0	7.5	*	2.7	267.4
Moving interstate would depend—									
On job conditions	11.0	6.1	6.4	5.2	2.5	1.7	*	*	33.2
On other conditions(a)	14.0	6.9	8.1	3.9	4.0	1.2	*	*	38.5
Total	25.0	13.0	14.5	9.1	6.5	2.8	*	*	71.8
Undecided	5.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.4
Total	205.6	131.1	102.4	55.8	61.7	20.4	4.4	6.0	587.4

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

TABLE 30. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1984 : DURATION OF THAT JOB AND AGE, JULY 1984
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Duration of last full-time job	Age group(years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
Under 4 weeks	5.1	3.6	3.2	*	*	*	14.1
4 and under 8 weeks	3.7	5.1	4.7	4.0		*	18.3
8 and under 26 weeks	14.3	17.5	11.8	4.9	4.5		53.0
26 and under 52 weeks	6.6	9.4	12.5	4.0	3.3	*	36.9
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	29.7	35.5	32.2	12.8	7.8	4.4	122.4
1 and under 2 years	3.4	6.2	6.6	4.6	*	*	23.6
2 and under 5 years	3.8	12.9	12.1	5.0	4.3	*	39.9
5 years and over	*	3.1	5.3	6.5	6.9	7.4	29.2
Total	36.9	57.7	56.1	28.9	20.8	14.6	215.1
FEMALES							
Under 4 weeks	3.8		*	*	*	*	4.8
4 and under 8 weeks	4.4	3.7		*	*	*	8.8
8 and under 26 weeks	8.5	6.6	5.9	3.1		*	24.1
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	5.4	5.1	3.0	*	*	*	16.2
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	20.5	15.4	11.3	4.9	*	*	53.9
1 and under 2 years	4.1	5.5	3.4	*	*	*	14.7
2 and under 5 years	*	5.5	4.3	*	*	*	14.3
5 years and over	*	*	3.0	*	*	*	8.1
Total	26.5	28.2	22.0	9.5	4.3	*	91.0
PERSONS							
Under 4 weeks	7.2	5.3	4.0	*	*	*	18.9
4 and under 8 weeks	8.1	7.1	6.4	4.7		*	27.1
8 and under 26 weeks	22.9	24.1	17.7	7.5	*	*	77.1
26 and under 52 weeks	12.0	14.4	15.5	5.8	4.2	*	53.1
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	50.1	51.0	43.5	17.8	9.5	4.4	176.3
1 and under 2 years	7.6	11.7	9.9	5.6	3.5		38.3
2 and under 5 years	5.7	18.4	16.4	6.4	5.2	*	54.2
5 years and over	*	4.9	8.3	8.5	8.0	7.6	37.3
Total	63.4	86.0	78.1	38.3	25.1	15.1	306.0

TABLE 31. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1984: DURATION OF AND REASON FOR LEAVING THAT JOB, JULY 1984
(' 000)

Reason for leaving	Duration of last full-time job							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	5.1	7.9	27.9	23.0	63.9	38.0	16.7	118.5
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	3.5		5.1	*	11.0	8.6	3.3	22.9
Job was temporary or seasonal	5.5	7.2	13.8	4.3	30.8	*	*	33.1
Other reasons(a)	3.3		6.2	7.2	16.7	14.9	8.8	40.5
Total	14.1	18.3	53.0	36.9	122.4	63.5	29.2	215.1
FEMALES								
Retrenched/lost job	3.4		10.2	6.8	20.4	9.8	*	33.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	*	3.6	*	7.7	4.9	*	14.3
Job was temporary or seasonal	*	5.0	5.5	*	14.5	*	*	15.5
Other reasons(a)	*	*	4.8	5.2	11.2	13.2	3.7	28.1
Total	4.8	8.8	24.1	16.2	53.9	28.9	8.1	91.0
PERSONS								
Retrenched/lost job	6.3	10.0	38.2	29.8	84.3	47.8	19.4	151.5
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	5.2		8.6	4.9	18.8	13.5	5.0	37.3
Job was temporary or seasonal	7.8	12.2	19.3	6.1	45.3	3.3		48.6
Other reasons(a)	4.6		11.0	12.4	27.9	28.2	12.5	68.6
Total	18.9	27.1	77.1	53.1	176.3	92.4	37.3	306.0

(a) Includes own ill health or injury; to return to studies; to marry, have children, look after family; move house, spouse transferred; and travel, take a holiday.

TABLE 32. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS ENDING JULY 1984(a): GROSS WEEKLY PAY(b) IN THAT JOB AREA AND AGE, JULY 1984

Gross weekly pay(b) 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 100	5.3	3.6	5.1		3.8		8.9
100 and under 120	6.0	3.5	6.8	*	*	*	9.5
120 and under 140	4.4	5.5	5.9	3.1	*	*	10.0
140 and under 160	6.8	5.0	5.1	3.3		3.3	11.7
160 and under 180	5.7	5.3	4.0	3.3		3.7	11.0
180 and under 200	9.7	7.1	3.3	7.3	3.5	*	16.9
200 and under 250	27.2	19.7	3.3	16.9	12.3	14.2	46.8
250 and under 300	25.4	16.9	*	10.3	15.9	14.9	42.2
300 and under 400	22.2	13.5	*	8.1	11.9	14.5	35.6
400 and over	9.1	7.8	*	*	5.6	9.8	16.9
Total	121.7	87.8	36.3	57.1	54.4	61.8	209.5
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	252.8	250.5	154.1	232.1	282.5	300.3	215.8
FEMALES							
—'000—							
Under 100	3.5	3.3	3.3		3.6		6.8
100 and under 120	5.1	4.3	5.8		3.1	*	9.4
120 and under 140	6.2	3.4	5.5		3.9	*	9.7
140 and under 160	5.7	2.8	4.1			4.5	8.5
160 and under 180	6.3	3.3	3.9	4.1	*	*	9.6
180 and under 200	3.5	2.8		3.1		3.1	6.2
200 and under 250	12.3	5.1	*	6.1	5.0	4.6	17.4
250 and under 300	8.6	4.0	*	4.6	4.8	*	12.7
300 and over	4.5	*	*	*	3.3	*	6.5
Total	55.7	31.1	26.1	26.6	20.6	13.5	86.8
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	199.8	181.7	141.7	203.6	231.6	214.5	193.3
PERSONS							
—'000—							
Under 100	8.8	6.9	8.4	3.1		4.2	15.7
100 and under 120	11.0	7.8	12.7	3.4	*	*	18.8
120 and under 140	10.7	9.0	11.4	5.7	*	*	19.7
140 and under 160	12.5	7.8	9.2	5.7	*	3.4	20.3
160 and under 180	12.0	8.6	7.9	7.4	3.1	*	20.6
180 and under 200	13.2	9.9	4.5	9.2	5.6	3.8	23.1
200 and under 250	39.4	24.8	5.0	23.0	17.2	18.9	64.2
250 and under 300	34.0	20.9	*	14.9	20.7	17.7	54.9
300 and under 400	24.9	15.2	*	9.2	14.2	15.5	40.1
400 and over	10.9	8.1	*	*	6.5	10.0	19.0
Total	177.4	118.9	62.3	83.7	74.9	75.3	296.3
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	236.1	232.5	148.9	223.1	268.5	284.9	234.7

(a) Excludes a small number of persons working for payment in kind or who are paid in non-Australian currency. (b) Before tax or anything else was taken out.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

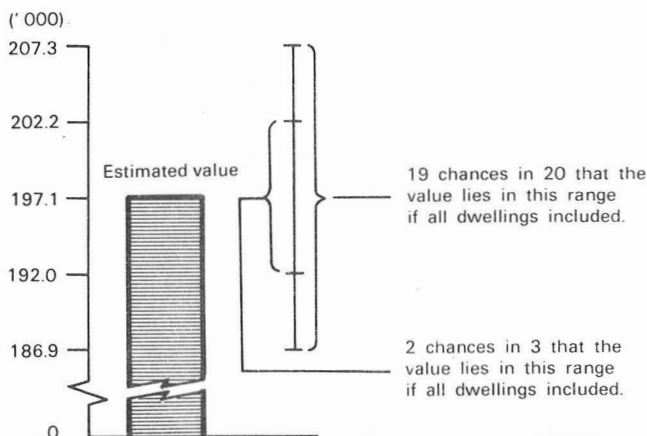
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution 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 12 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who had a duration of current period of unemployment of one year or longer was 197,100. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 3,900 and 5,100 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 5,100 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 192,000 to 202,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 186,900 to 207,300. 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:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, the 197,100 persons represent 33.6 per cent of the 587,400 unemployed persons. The standard error on 587,400 is approximately 7,500 so the relative standard error is 1.3 per cent. The relative standard error for 197,100 is 2.6 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.6)^2 - (1.3)^2}$ or 2.3 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (33.6 per cent) of 0.8 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons who had a duration of current period of unemployment of one year or longer is between 32.8 per cent and 34.4 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 32.0 per cent to 35.2 per cent.

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

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

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				—	—	300	410	390		
2,000					490	340	470	440		
2,500			—	630	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	18.3
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	970	640	910	750	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,300	810	1,200	910	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,200	1,300		1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,700	1,500			5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	3,000				6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,500				7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900						9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400							11,000	0.6
5,000,000									15,000	0.3

