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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 June 1986 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. This subset of respondents was 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.

### Scope

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 unemployed persons excluding those 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. The number of unemployed persons published in *The Labour Force, Australia, June 1986* (6203.0) differs from that published for this survey because persons who were stood down were excluded as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Persons who were stood down comprised less than 2.6 per cent of all unemployed persons.

### 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 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. 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 8 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 9 and 10 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 *unemployed*.

8. *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 this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. 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.

9. *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.

10. 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.

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

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

13. *Classification of post-school qualifications*. Respondents indicated which one of the following groups best describes 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.

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

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

#### Results of the survey

16. Estimates of unemployed persons are also published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, more detailed information is contained in this publication.

17. Due to differences in the method of estimation used in this supplementary survey and that used in the labour force survey, there are some small variations between estimates in this publication and those in the June issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

18. The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

19. Additional tables available but not included in this publication are listed on page 18. A preliminary publication (6221.0) containing a summary of the results was issued on 1 September 1986.

20. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in May 1976, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

21. It is proposed that this survey will next be conducted in July 1987.

#### Discontinuities in the series

22. Estimates for June 1986 contained in this publication are based on a revised labour force questionnaire introduced in April 1986. The definition of employment was expanded, resulting in a slight decrease in the estimate of unemployed persons. Further information is contained in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) and in an information paper *Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0). Although estimates for previous years have not been revised in this publication, the June issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) contains revised estimates for unemployed persons back to May 1985.

23. The revised questionnaire determines the reasons, either voluntary or involuntary, why persons ceased their last full-time job held within the last two years. Estimates derived from the revised questionnaire are therefore not comparable with those obtained from previous surveys.

#### Reliability of the estimates

24. 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

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

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

*Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985* (6224.0) —issued annually

*Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1986* (6206.0) —issued annually

*Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0) —issued twice-yearly

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

*Underemployed Workers, Australia, May 1985* (6265.0) —issued irregularly

*Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986, Preliminary* (6244.0) —issued irregularly

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

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 24 above.
- .. not applicable
- CES Commonwealth Employment Service
- n.a. not available
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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



## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

There were 547,500 unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down) in June 1986, a decrease from 555,100 in July 1985. 451,200 (82.4 per cent) were looking for full-time work and 96,300 (17.6 per cent) were looking for part-time work. Most persons looking for full-time work were males (64.3 per cent) while most persons looking for part-time work were females (73.1 per cent).

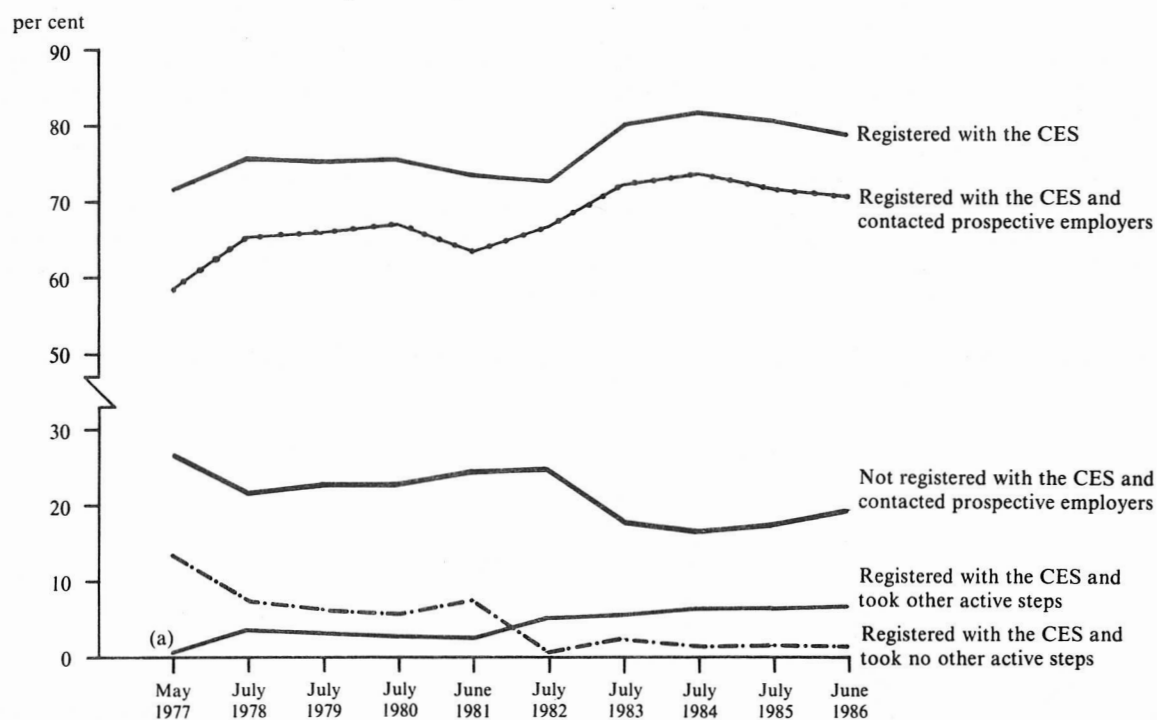
### Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment

The proportion of unemployed persons who were registered with the CES remained fairly steady from May 1977 (71.6 per cent) to July 1982 (72.7 per cent), increased to 81.8 per cent in July 1984, then fell to 78.8 per cent in June 1986.

Over the same period, persons who were registered with the CES became more likely to also take other active steps to find work. The proportion of unemployed persons who were registered with the CES and who also contacted prospective employers increased from 58.0 per cent in May 1977 to 67.0 per cent in July 1980 and, after falling slightly in June 1981 (63.2 per cent), rose to 73.8 per cent in July 1984 then fell to 70.4 per cent in June 1986. Conversely, the proportion of unemployed persons who were registered with the CES but took no other active steps fell from 13.3 per cent in May 1977 to just 1.5 per cent in June 1986.

In contrast, the proportion of unemployed persons who were not registered with the CES remained steady from May 1977 (28.4 per cent) to July 1982 (27.3 per cent) fell to 18.2 per cent in July 1984, then increased to 21.2 per cent in June 1986. Most persons who were not registered with the CES contacted prospective employers.

**DIAGRAM 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986**  
(Source of data : Table 3)



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

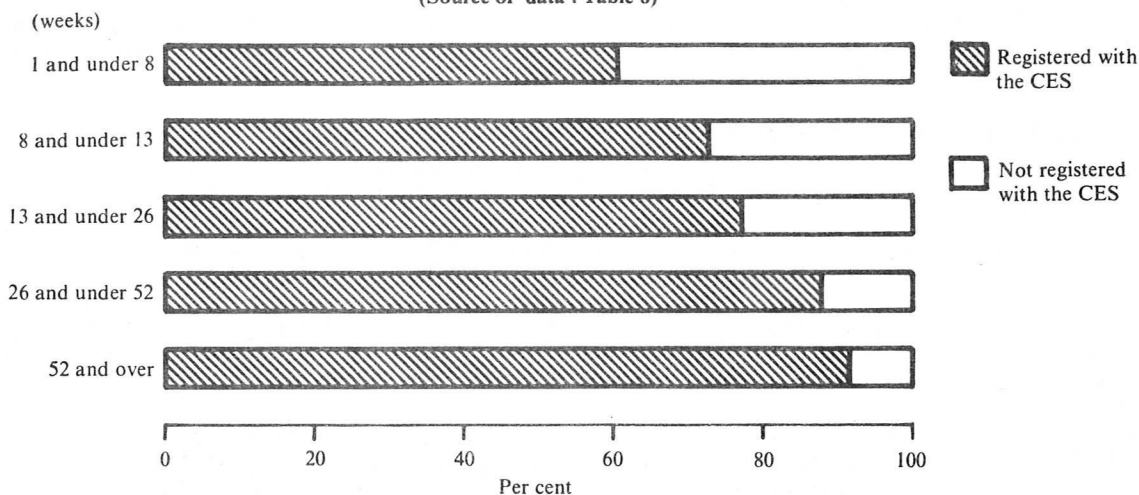
### Average and median duration of current period of unemployment

The average duration of current period of unemployment had increased steadily from 18.4 weeks in May 1977 to 51.9 weeks in July 1985 and 52.2 weeks in June 1986. The median duration of current period of unemployment had remained steady at 26 weeks over recent years, falling slightly to 22 weeks in June 1986. The recent divergence between the average and median durations of current period of unemployment reflect the continuing presence of significant numbers of persons who have been unemployed for very lengthy periods and the high probability of such persons remaining unemployed.

### Whether registered with the CES and duration of current period of unemployment

In June 1986, persons registered with the CES had a higher average and median duration of current period of unemployment, 60.3 weeks and 26 weeks respectively, than those not registered with the CES, 21.9 weeks and 8 weeks respectively. This reflects the fact that persons with lengthy periods of unemployment were more likely to be registered with the CES than persons who had been unemployed for only a short period of time. For unemployed persons whose duration of current period of unemployment was 52 weeks or more, 91.5 per cent were registered with the CES. This proportion steadily decreased as length of unemployment decreased. Of those who had been unemployed for less than 8 weeks, only 60.6 per cent were registered with the CES.

**DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER REGISTERED WITH THE CES AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**  
(Source of data : Table 8)

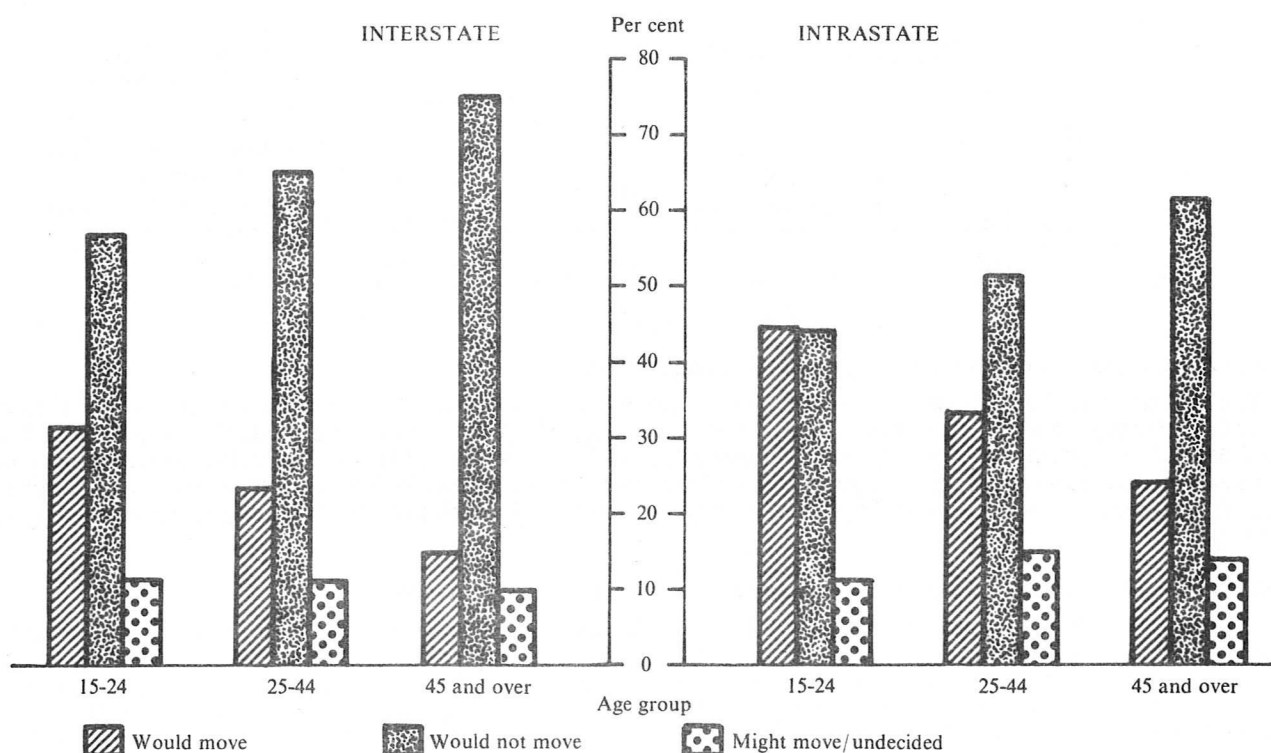


**Whether would move interstate or intrastate if offered a suitable job**

Generally, more unemployed persons were prepared to move intrastate than interstate. Of the unemployed persons in June 1986, 37.2 per cent reported they would move intrastate if offered a suitable job, 49.8 per cent would not move and a further 13.1 per cent reported that they were either undecided or moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions; this compares with persons who would move interstate if offered a suitable job where the corresponding estimates were 26.0 per cent, 63.0 per cent and 11.1 per cent respectively.

Younger persons were more prepared to move interstate or intrastate than older persons. Of persons aged 15 to 24, 44.6 per cent would move intrastate whereas 44.3 per cent would not move intrastate; this compares with persons aged 45 and over where the corresponding estimates were 24.1 per cent and 61.6 per cent. Similarly, for persons aged 15 to 24, 31.6 per cent would move interstate and 57.1 per cent would not move interstate; this compares with persons aged 45 and over where the corresponding estimates were 14.9 per cent and 75.0 per cent.

**DIAGRAM 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB AND AGE, JUNE 1986**  
(Source of data : Table 23)



### Reason for ceasing and occupation of last full-time job

Of the 265,900 unemployed in June 1986 who were wage and salary earners in their last full-time job and who finished working in that job during the two years ending June 1986, 68.0 per cent were job losers and 32.1 per cent were job leavers.

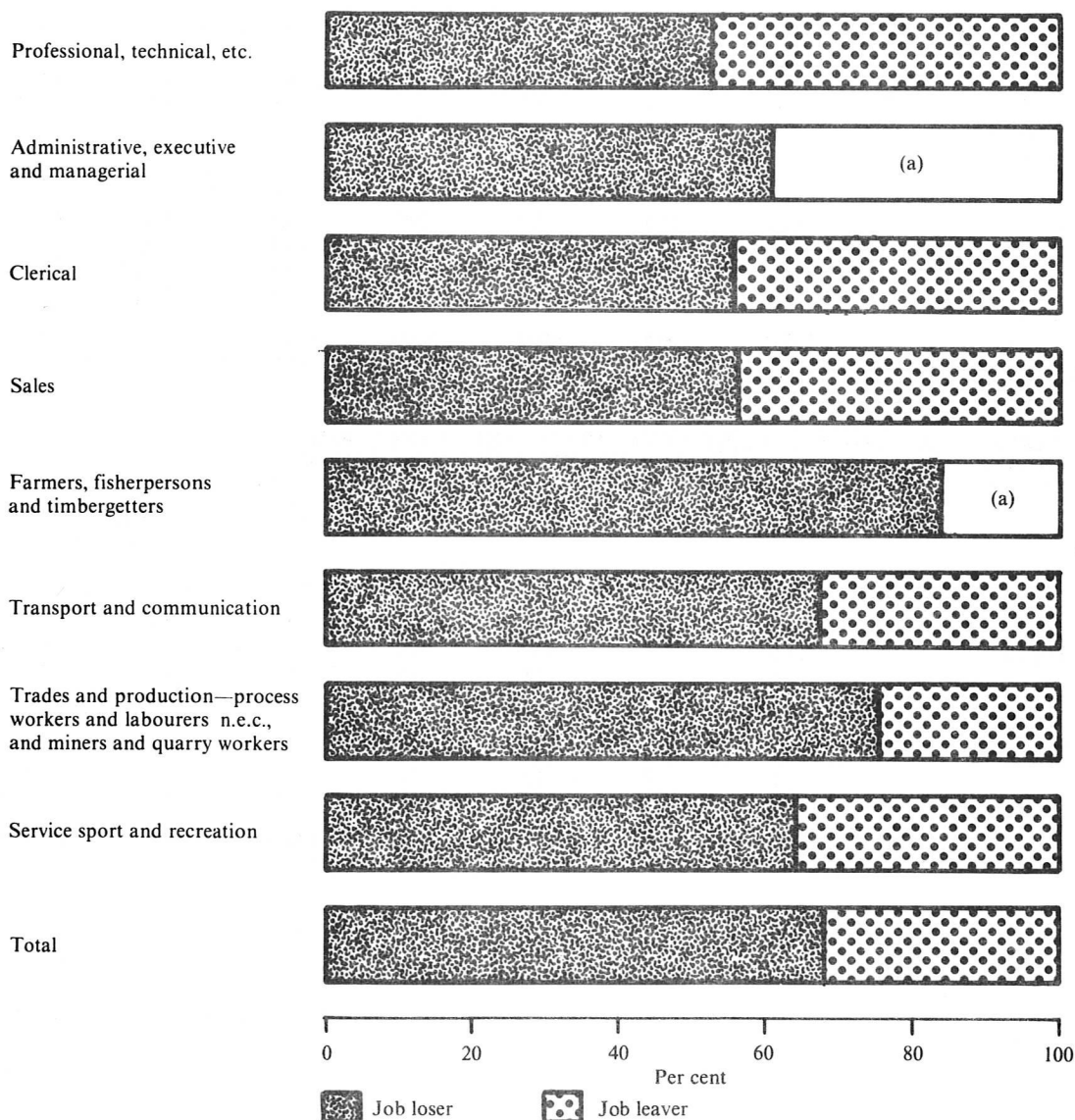
28.9 per cent of job losers lost their jobs because these jobs were temporary or seasonal and a further 8.7 per cent lost their jobs due to their own ill health or injury. However, most job losers had been retrenched (62.3 per cent).

43.3 per cent of job leavers had left due to unsatisfactory work arrangements and a further 6.6 per cent had left a temporary or seasonal job to return to studies. The remaining 50.2 per cent had left for other reasons.

The ratio of job losers to job leavers varied between different occupations; to varying degrees, job losers represented the larger proportion of persons ceasing their last full-time job. 84.1 per cent of farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters and 75.4 per cent of trades and production-process workers and labourers n.e.c. and miners and quarry workers reported they had lost their job. Occupations with relatively large proportions of job leavers included professional, technical, etc (where 47.2 per cent were job leavers), clerical (44.2 per cent) and sales (43.8 per cent).

**DIAGRAM 4. 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 JUNE 1986 : REASON FOR CEASING AND OCCUPATION OF THAT JOB, JUNE 1986**

(Source of data : Table 26)



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



**TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986**

<i>Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)</i>	<i>May 1977</i>	<i>July 1979</i>	<i>June 1981</i>	<i>July 1983</i>	<i>July 1985</i>	<i>June 1986</i>	
							( ' 000)
			—per cent—				
1 and under 4	21.6	15.3	19.4	11.9	13.6	12.7	69.3
4 and under 8	15.7	14.7	14.3	9.3	9.8	11.7	64.0
8 and under 13	17.3	10.5	11.4	10.0	8.7	9.3	50.8
13 and under 26	23.0	17.4	18.5	16.3	14.7	19.8	108.6
26 and under 52		21.1	15.9	26.1	20.9	16.3	89.2
52 and under 104	22.5	21.1	20.5	26.3	13.0	12.3	67.6
104 and over					19.3	17.9	98.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>
			—weeks—				
<i>Average duration</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>39.9</i>	<i>51.9</i>	<i>52.2</i>	
<i>Median duration</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>22</i>	

**TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986**

	<i>May 1977</i>	<i>July 1979</i>	<i>June 1981</i>	<i>July 1983</i>	<i>July 1985</i>	<i>June 1986</i>	
							( ' 000)
			—per cent—				
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>							
Would move interstate	21.7	25.1	23.0	29.4	24.8	26.0	142.1
Would not move interstate	68.1	64.8	65.7	57.9	62.9	63.0	344.8
Moving interstate would depend—							
On job conditions	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.8	5.3	4.0	22.1
On other conditions(a)	4.1	4.2	4.9	5.3	4.4	4.9	26.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>49.0</i>
Undecided	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.1	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>							
Would move intrastate	31.2	39.1	36.4	42.3	37.4	37.2	203.4
Would not move intrastate	55.6	48.4	51.0	43.2	48.3	49.8	272.4
Moving intrastate would depend—							
On job conditions	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.8	4.8	3.8	20.6
On other conditions(a)	6.8	5.5	6.5	7.9	7.4	7.4	40.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>61.1</i>
Undecided	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.9	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>

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

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JUNE 1986 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the CES and—									
Took no other active steps	4.5	*	7.2	*	*	*	5.0	*	8.3
Contacted prospective employers	243.1	114.6	357.6	8.9	18.8	27.7	252.0	133.4	385.4
Took other active steps	23.3	10.6	34.0	*	*	3.8	24.6	13.2	37.8
Total	270.9	127.9	398.8	10.6	22.0	32.7	281.5	149.9	431.5
Not registered with the CES and—									
Contacted prospective employers	17.6	30.6	48.1	13.3	44.1	57.3	30.8	74.6	105.5
Took other active steps	*	*	4.2	*	4.3	6.3	3.6	7.0	10.5
Total	19.1	33.2	52.4	15.3	48.4	63.6	34.4	81.6	116.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>451.2</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>547.5</b>

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JUNE 1986 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>MALES</b>							
Registered with the CES and—							
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.0
Contacted prospective employers	51.0	49.9	65.7	39.9	28.9	16.7	252.0
Took other active steps	4.7	6.1	6.7	3.8	*	*	24.6
Total	56.5	56.8	70.3	43.6	33.0	21.3	281.5
Not registered with the CES and—							
Contacted prospective employers	13.9	*	6.6	*	4.3	*	30.8
Took other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6
Total	15.6	3.5	7.1	*	4.9	*	34.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>315.9</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Registered with the CES and—							
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contacted prospective employers	48.2	30.6	26.9	19.6	7.0	*	133.4
Took other active steps	4.3	*	3.8	*	*	*	13.2
Total	53.6	33.4	28.3	23.4	9.0	*	149.9
Not registered with the CES and—							
Contacted prospective employers	19.1	7.3	22.3	17.0	6.4	*	74.6
Took other active steps	*	*	4.5	*	*	*	7.0
Total	20.3	8.2	25.0	18.9	6.7	*	81.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>231.5</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Registered with the CES and—							
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.3
Contacted prospective employers	99.1	80.5	92.6	59.5	35.8	17.8	385.4
Took other active steps	9.0	8.6	4.5	6.0	5.6	4.2	37.8
Total	110.1	90.3	98.6	67.0	42.0	23.5	431.5
Not registered with the CES and—							
Contacted prospective employers	33.0	10.1	28.9	20.3	8.1	5.1	105.5
Took other active steps	*	4.6	5.0	*	*	*	10.5
Total	35.9	11.7	32.1	22.1	8.8	5.4	116.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>547.5</b>

**TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**

	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 under 104	104 and over			
<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	— '000 —								—weeks—	
Registered with the CES and—										
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.3	62.7	26
Contacted prospective employers	32.0	38.9	33.3	76.7	72.2	53.6	78.7	385.4	59.3	26
Took other active steps	*	4.0	*	6.3	5.4	4.3	11.4	37.8	69.8	32
Total	36.4	44.4	37.0	83.8	78.3	59.0	92.6	431.5	60.3	26
Not registered with the CES and—										
Contacted prospective employers	29.4	17.6	13.1	22.7	9.9	7.8	4.9	105.5	22.1	8
Took other active steps	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.5	19.9	5
Total	32.9	19.6	13.8	24.8	11.0	8.6	5.3	116.0	21.9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>22</b>

**TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**

	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 under 104	104 and over			
<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	— '000 —								—weeks—	
Own ill health or injury	4.7		4.5		4.6	5.7	12.2	31.7	96.8	56
Considered too young or too old by employers	6.1	6.4	8.2	10.9	14.0	14.8	28.5	89.0	82.6	48
Unsuitable hours	*	3.9	*	7.2	4.6	*	*	21.9	30.2	15
Too far to travel/transport problems	*	3.7	*	7.6	6.2	3.6	5.1	31.0	47.6	25
Lacked necessary skills/education	5.2	6.4	4.4	10.1	10.2	7.2	11.5	54.9	60.2	26
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	3.5	*	3.7	11.3	80.3	48
Insufficient work experience	4.6	5.8	5.0	15.6	11.5	5.5	7.3	55.2	43.5	22
No vacancies in line of work	10.3	15.9	9.4	18.4	15.5	8.5	9.7	87.6	37.4	17
No vacancies at all	11.1	10.7	11.5	23.4	17.7	14.0	15.6	103.9	47.0	22
Other difficulties(a)	5.3	3.7	*	6.1	4.2	*	*	27.5	31.7	14
No difficulties reported	17.8	5.5	*	3.5	*	*	*	33.4	10.5	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>22</b>

(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

**TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JUNE 1986 ('000)**

<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>	Educational attainment							
	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications			
	Degree	Trade; technical or other certificate	Total(a)	Attended highest level of secondary school available	Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age		Total(b)	Total(c)
					16 and over	15 and under		
Own ill health or injury	*	5.7	7.7	*	8.5	11.7	24.0	31.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	22.4	24.7	8.5	15.9	35.9	60.6	89.0
Unsuitable hours	*	6.4	7.3	4.0	3.5	4.1	11.6	21.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	*	6.1	8.0	4.9	5.9	11.5	22.3	31.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	*	7.9	10.3	6.6	14.4	22.6	43.6	54.9
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	8.9	11.3
Insufficient work experience	*	10.9	15.2	11.2	14.8	12.0	38.1	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	6.2	25.6	32.8	14.0	16.3	22.4	53.1	87.6
No vacancies at all	*	16.9	19.7	10.3	26.2	36.9	74.1	103.9
Other difficulties(d)	*	7.4	9.4	*	4.7	8.4	16.1	27.5
No difficulties reported	*	8.1	11.0	4.8	4.8	5.9	15.7	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>176.4</b>	<b>368.2</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

**TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JUNE 1986**  
(\* 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Own ill health or injury	20.5	6.0	26.5	*	*	5.3	22.7	9.0	31.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	49.6	29.2	78.7	3.9	6.4	10.3	53.5	35.6	89.0
Unsuitable hours	*	3.5	5.0	3.5	13.4	16.9	5.0	16.9	21.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	17.6	9.7	27.3	*	*	3.7	18.9	12.1	31.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	31.9	18.3	50.2	*	*	4.7	33.2	21.7	54.9
Language difficulties	6.4	4.1	10.6	*	*	*	6.4	4.8	11.3
Insufficient work experience	26.1	22.7	48.8	*	5.1	6.4	27.4	27.8	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	55.9	21.0	76.9	*	9.1	10.7	57.5	30.1	87.6
No vacancies at all	55.6	30.8	86.4	5.4	12.1	17.5	61.0	42.9	103.9
Other difficulties(a)	14.9	6.5	21.4	*	4.1	6.1	16.9	10.6	27.5
No difficulties reported	10.0	9.3	19.3	*	10.8	14.1	13.4	20.0	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>451.2</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

**TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JUNE 1986**  
(\* 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
Own ill health or injury	3.6	5.7	8.0	7.9	4.5	*	31.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	14.7	10.1	12.3	11.8	21.0	19.1	89.0
Unsuitable hours	6.3	*	7.0	5.6	*	*	21.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	11.4	7.2	7.6	*	*	*	31.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	20.0	10.8	13.8	7.0	*	*	54.9
Language difficulties	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	11.3
Insufficient work experience	21.6	15.7	10.1	6.1	*	*	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	14.2	19.1	27.1	19.3	5.6	*	87.6
No vacancies at all	35.0	19.8	23.4	14.2	9.6	*	103.9
Other difficulties(a)	6.9	4.2	9.7	5.0	*	*	27.5
No difficulties reported	11.7	5.7	7.8	6.1	1.6	*	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

**TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1986**  
(\* 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Own ill health or injury	13.3	6.1	19.4	9.4	*	12.3	22.7	9.0	31.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	34.6	26.9	61.5	18.8	8.7	27.5	53.5	35.6	89.0
Unsuitable hours	4.3	12.5	16.8	*	4.4	5.1	5.0	16.9	21.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	14.3	10.1	24.3	4.7	*	6.7	18.9	12.1	31.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	26.1	17.8	43.9	7.1	3.9	11.0	33.2	21.7	54.9
Language difficulties	*	*	*	6.4	4.8	11.3	6.4	4.8	11.3
Insufficient work experience	19.4	19.5	38.9	8.0	8.3	16.3	27.4	27.8	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	39.8	21.1	60.9	17.7	9.0	26.7	57.5	30.1	87.6
No vacancies at all	50.8	35.2	85.9	10.2	7.7	17.9	61.0	42.9	103.9
Other difficulties(a)	12.6	8.5	21.0	4.4	*	6.5	16.9	10.6	27.5
No difficulties reported	10.0	15.2	25.2	*	4.8	8.2	13.4	20.0	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>225.1</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>397.9</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.



**TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1986 ('000)**

	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>									
Own ill health or injury	27.1	12.8	40.0	14.2	4.6	18.8	41.3	17.5	58.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	74.8	63.1	137.9	35.4	18.2	53.6	110.2	81.3	191.5
Unsuitable hours	13.2	30.3	43.5	3.5	7.9	11.4	16.7	38.2	54.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	49.7	37.1	86.8	14.3	9.2	23.5	63.9	46.3	110.3
Lacked necessary skills/education	77.3	59.7	137.1	26.8	16.3	43.0	104.1	76.0	180.1
Language difficulties	*	*	3.7	16.2	8.4	24.6	18.5	9.9	28.3
Insufficient work experience	63.8	58.1	121.9	21.6	17.5	39.0	85.3	75.6	160.9
No vacancies in line of work	100.6	61.4	162.0	38.3	19.5	57.8	138.9	80.9	219.8
No vacancies at all	96.0	63.1	159.1	27.1	16.7	43.7	123.1	79.8	202.9
Other difficulties(a)	21.8	15.0	36.8	13.1	5.1	18.2	34.9	20.2	55.1

(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

**TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JUNE 1986 ('000)**

<i>Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months</i>	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
	MALES						
One	57.6	46.9	63.1	40.3	32.3	23.1	263.5
Two	10.0	9.9	11.0	4.7	*	*	38.0
Three or more	4.5	3.5	5.1	*	*	*	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>315.9</b>
	FEMALES						
One	64.8	36.9	46.1	39.4	14.0	4.4	205.6
Two	7.9	4.2	5.9	*	*	*	22.1
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>231.5</b>
	PERSONS						
One	122.4	83.8	109.2	79.8	46.3	27.5	469.0
Two	17.8	14.1	16.9	7.2	4.0	*	60.1
Three or more	5.8	4.1	4.6	*	*	*	18.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>547.5</b>

**TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JUNE 1986 ('000)**

<i>Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months</i>	Time spent looking for work in the 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	8.8	15.2	19.7	19.6	39.7	35.5	9.4	115.6	263.5
Two	..	*	*	4.7	9.6	12.3	8.3	..	38.0
Three or more	..	*	*	*	4.7	3.7	*	..	14.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>315.9</b>
	FEMALES								
One	15.0	13.3	26.7	20.5	47.6	26.0	6.5	50.0	205.6
Two	..	*	4.9	*	5.9	6.8	3.5	..	22.1
Three or more	..	*	*	*	*	*	*	..	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>231.5</b>
	PERSONS								
One	23.8	28.4	46.4	40.1	87.3	61.5	15.9	165.6	469.0
Two	..	*	4.1	8.1	15.6	19.1	11.8	..	60.1
Three or more	..	*	3.9	*	5.6	4.7	3.6	..	18.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>165.6</b>	<b>547.5</b>

**TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : FAMILY STATUS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**

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 under 104	104 and over			
	— '000 —							— weeks —		
Member of a family	52.0	46.9	39.5	86.2	71.8	53.8	78.8	429.1	53.0	23
Husband or wife	26.4	21.6	20.0	37.1	28.6	27.7	48.1	209.6	59.6	25
With dependent children present	18.7	15.2	14.1	29.7	19.2	18.7	30.8	146.4	55.6	23
Without dependent children present	7.7	6.4	5.9	7.4	9.4	9.0	17.3	63.1	68.8	27
Not-married family head	6.6	*	*	4.6	4.5	5.4	4.2	28.6	59.7	24
With dependent children present	5.5	*	*	4.0	6.3	*	*	21.0	52.3	19
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	3.6	*	*	7.6	80.1	50
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	7.5	6.5	4.3	11.5	4.9	*	*	38.7	20.0	13
Other child(b) of family head	12.9	14.1	10.4	30.4	30.4	16.0	22.6	136.8	51.6	26
Other relative of family head	*	*	4.0	*	5.1	*	*	15.3	45.7	26
Not a member of a family	10.3	10.1	7.8	15.7	10.5	9.7	13.1	77.2	51.0	19
Living alone	*	3.5	*	5.6	5.8	*	5.7	26.2	62.7	22
Not living alone	7.6	6.5	4.9	10.1	7.3	7.2	7.4	51.0	45.0	18
Not family coded	7.0	7.1	3.5	6.7	6.9	4.1	6.0	41.2	46.0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>22</b>

(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school (b) Aged 15 and over.

**TABLE 18. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**

Number of offers of employment	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 under 104	104 and over			
	— '000 —							— weeks —		
<b>MALES</b>										
None	28.2	27.4	23.1	46.1	46.8	36.4	66.7	274.8	65.3	26
One	4.3	*	*	5.8	3.9	*	3.5	26.8	40.9	18
Two or more	*	*	3.5	*	4.1	*	3.7	14.4	63.7	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
None	26.7	26.1	20.8	46.3	30.3	20.6	21.2	192.0	37.7	18
One	5.7	4.2	*	5.5	4.4	3.9	*	27.5	31.3	14
Two or more	4.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.1	41.5	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>										
None	55.0	53.5	43.9	92.4	77.1	57.1	87.9	466.8	54.0	23
One	10.1	7.6	5.0	11.3	8.2	7.1	5.0	54.3	36.0	15
Two or more	4.2	*	*	4.9	3.9	3.5	5.1	26.4	53.6	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>22</b>

**TABLE 19. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986**

<i>Educational attainment</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 under 104</i>	<i>104 and over</i>			
	— 000 —							— weeks —		
<b>MALES</b>										
With post-school qualifications	12.1	10.2	6.9	13.0	12.1	10.9	14.9	80.1	55.8	22
Degree	*	*	*	*	3.6		*	10.8	58.6	26
Trade; technical or other certificate	10.4	8.1	5.6	10.3	9.1	8.8	11.8	64.1	55.9	21
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.2	48.3	17
Without post-school qualifications(a)	19.0	19.2	18.7	37.7	38.4	29.5	58.4	220.9	68.6	29
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.2	4.9	4.3	9.0	7.8	4.4	5.4	40.0	43.9	21
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	14.8	14.3	14.2	28.0	30.7	25.0	52.4	179.4	74.2	32
Left at age—										
18 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.8	114.7	36
16 or 17	6.6	5.7	7.2	12.0	9.3	6.8	12.1	59.8	55.4	23
14 or 15	7.1	7.5	6.6	12.7	17.6	15.1	30.8	97.4	80.6	38
13 and under	*	*	*	*	4.9		8.0	17.3	91.3	77
Still at school	3.9	*	*	3.6	*	*	*	15.0	23.1	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
With post-school qualifications	11.8	10.2	6.6	18.2	8.4	6.8	6.2	68.3	35.1	15
Degree	3.9		*	*	*	*	*	8.5	25.2	12
Trade; technical or other certificate	7.9	8.5	5.9	15.7	7.4	4.9	5.1	55.4	34.4	16
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	62.2	15
Without post-school qualifications(a)	18.9	19.2	15.4	31.9	26.5	17.6	17.8	147.3	40.3	20
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.3	4.2	*	8.7	5.5	*	*	32.6	30.7	16
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	13.6	15.0	11.9	23.0	21.0	14.2	15.1	113.7	42.5	22
Left at age—										
18 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17	5.8	7.1	6.4	9.2	9.6	6.4	5.3	49.9	37.6	21
14 or 15	6.5	7.0	4.8	12.4	9.7	6.2	7.8	54.4	44.8	22
13 and under	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.2	53.6	24
Still at school	3.6	*	*	4.2	*	*	*	15.9	17.1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>										
With post-school qualifications	23.9	20.4	13.5	31.2	20.6	17.7	21.1	148.4	46.3	17
Degree	5.7		*	3.7	5.4		*	19.3	43.9	19
Trade; technical or other certificate	18.3	16.6	11.5	26.0	16.5	13.6	17.0	119.5	46.0	17
Other	3.7		*	*	*	*	*	9.7	54.7	17
Without post-school qualifications(a)	37.9	38.4	34.2	69.6	64.9	47.1	76.2	368.2	57.2	26
Attended highest level of secondary school available	9.5	9.1	7.5	17.6	13.2	7.9	7.6	72.5	38.0	19
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	28.3	29.3	26.1	51.0	51.7	39.2	67.5	293.1	61.9	26
Left at age—										
18 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.0	96.6	36
16 or 17	12.5	12.8	13.6	21.3	18.9	13.3	17.4	109.7	47.3	22
14 or 15	13.5	14.5	11.4	25.1	27.4	21.4	38.6	151.8	67.8	29
13 and under	*	*	*	3.9	*	3.5	9.6	24.5	80.2	52
Still at school	7.5	5.2	*	7.8	3.8	*	*	30.9	20.0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>22</b>

(a) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 20. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1986 ('000)

Educational attainment	Number of offers of employment							Total
	Males		Females		Persons			
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more	
With post-school qualifications	67.3	12.8	51.9	16.5	119.1	18.5	10.8	148.4
Degree	8.5	*	5.1	*	13.6	*	*	19.3
Trade; technical or other certificate	54.1	10.0	43.5	11.9	97.5	14.5	7.4	119.5
Other	4.7	*	*	*	8.0	*	*	9.7
Without post-school qualifications(a)	194.9	25.9	125.3	22.0	320.2	33.1	14.9	368.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	35.0	5.0	26.0	6.5	61.0	8.3	*	72.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	158.5	20.9	98.2	15.5	256.7	24.8	11.7	293.1
Left at age—								
18 and over	4.3	*	*	*	6.1	*	*	7.0
16 or 17	52.2	7.6	41.6	8.3	93.9	11.7	4.1	109.7
14 or 15	85.5	11.9	47.8	6.6	133.4	12.0	6.5	151.8
13 and under	16.4	*	7.0	*	23.4	*	*	24.5
Still at school	12.5	*	14.8	*	27.4	*	*	30.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>274.8</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>192.0</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>466.8</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 21. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB AND FAMILY STATUS, JUNE 1986 ('000)

Family status	Moving would depend—					Total	Undecided	Total
	Would move	Would not move	On job conditions	On other conditions(a)	Total			
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB								
Member of a family	101.8	282.4	15.3	20.6	35.9	9.0	429.1	
Husband or wife	35.9	150.2	6.3	12.9	19.3	4.2	209.6	
With dependent children present	24.1	105.5	4.0	9.1	13.1	3.7	146.4	
Without dependent children present	11.8	44.7	*	3.8	6.2	*	63.1	
Not-married family head	6.8	19.8	*	*	*	*	28.6	
With dependent children present	5.3	14.0	*	*	*	*	21.0	
Without dependent children present	*	5.8	*	*	*	*	7.6	
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	3.6	33.9	*	*	*	*	38.7	
Other child(c) of family head	50.0	70.7	7.6	4.4	12.0	4.2	136.8	
Other relative of family head	5.6	7.8	*	*	*	*	15.3	
Not a member of a family	26.4	41.0	4.2	3.5	7.7	*	77.2	
Living alone	7.8	16.2	*	*	*	*	26.2	
Not living alone	18.6	24.7	*	*	5.5	*	51.0	
Not family coded	13.9	21.4	*	*	5.4	*	41.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>344.8</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>547.5</b>	
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB								
Member of a family	149.8	226.0	15.8	29.9	45.7	7.6	429.1	
Husband or wife	56.8	124.3	7.5	17.2	24.7	3.7	209.6	
With dependent children present	39.1	86.2	5.2	12.7	17.9	*	146.4	
Without dependent children present	17.7	38.2	*	4.5	6.9	*	63.1	
Not-married family head	9.5	15.4	*	*	3.7	*	28.6	
With dependent children	7.2	10.5	*	*	*	*	21.0	
Without dependent children present	*	4.9	*	*	*	*	7.6	
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	5.5	31.4	*	*	*	*	38.7	
Other child(c) of family head	70.2	49.2	7.0	6.9	14.0	3.5	136.8	
Other relative of family head	7.7	5.8	*	*	*	*	15.3	
Not a member of a family	33.2	30.6	*	7.8	11.0	*	77.2	
Living alone	11.0	11.0	*	*	3.7	*	26.2	
Not living alone	22.2	19.6	*	5.1	7.3	*	51.0	
Not family coded	20.4	15.9	*	*	4.4	*	41.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>203.4</b>	<b>272.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>547.5</b>	

(a) Includes personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. (c) Aged 15 and over.

**TABLE 22. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB AND STATE, JUNE 1986**  
( ' 000 )

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>									
Would move interstate	53.4	22.8	30.5	13.3	13.8	5.0	1.8	1.5	142.1
Would not move interstate	123.8	80.5	64.7	30.1	31.2	7.9	2.2	4.4	344.8
Moving interstate would depend—									
On job conditions	9.5	*	4.4	2.5	2.3	*	*	*	22.1
On other conditions(a)	10.6	4.0	5.6	2.6	3.1	*	*	*	26.9
<i>Total</i>	20.2	6.5	10.0	5.0	5.4	1.5	*	*	49.0
Undecided	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>202.3</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>547.5</b>
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>									
Would move intrastate	72.7	30.8	45.3	18.8	23.9	7.3	2.5	2.2	203.4
Would not move intrastate	101.6	68.0	47.1	22.7	21.4	6.4	*	4.0	272.4
Moving intrastate would depend—									
On job conditions	8.9	*	4.2	2.5	*	*	*	*	20.6
On other conditions(a)	16.3	6.8	8.6	3.7	4.2	*	*	*	40.6
<i>Total</i>	25.2	9.1	12.7	6.3	6.1	1.2	*	*	61.1
Undecided	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>202.3</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>547.5</b>

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

**TABLE 23. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB AND AGE, JUNE 1986**  
( ' 000 )

	<i>Age group</i>						<i>55 and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>			
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>								
Would move interstate		39.9	38.5	35.1	16.7	7.8	4.1	142.1
Would not move interstate		91.6	49.9	80.5	62.9	37.5	22.3	344.8
Moving interstate would depend—								
On job conditions		6.2	5.3	5.2	*	*	*	22.1
On other conditions(a)		5.4	5.1	7.5	4.6	4.3	*	26.9
<i>Total</i>		11.6	10.3	12.8	7.1	5.0	*	49.0
Undecided		6.1		4.7		*	*	11.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>146.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>547.5</b>
<b>WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB</b>								
Would move intrastate		58.2	52.4	46.7	26.8	11.7	7.5	203.4
Would not move intrastate		72.1	37.7	63.1	50.4	30.8	18.3	272.4
Moving intrastate would depend—								
On job conditions		4.8	4.0	5.5	*	*	*	20.6
On other conditions(a)		7.3	6.3	13.3	7.1	4.8	*	40.6
<i>Total</i>		12.1	10.3	18.7	9.9	7.3	*	61.1
Undecided		3.7	*	4.1		*	*	10.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>146.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>547.5</b>

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

**TABLE 24. 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 JUNE 1986: REASON FOR CEASING AND DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JUNE 1986**  
( ' 000)

Reason for ceasing last full-time job	Duration of last full-time job							
	Less than one year(weeks)					1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	Total
	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total			
<b>MALES</b>								
Job loser	9.4	13.3	39.8	21.7	84.2	31.0	11.8	127.0
Job leaver	4.5	3.9	9.1	7.5	25.0	13.4	7.2	45.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>172.6</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Job loser	6.1	6.9	16.8	9.6	39.5	11.6	*	53.7
Job leaver	4.6	7.3	4.5	16.4	16.4	17.7	5.6	39.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>93.4</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Job loser	15.6	20.2	56.5	31.4	123.6	42.6	14.5	180.7
Retrenched	5.4	10.6	31.1	20.0	67.0	34.1	11.5	112.6
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	9.9	8.8	21.8	8.0	48.5	3.8		52.3
Own ill health or injury	*	*	3.7	*	8.1	5.1	*	15.8
Job leaver	5.9	7.1	16.4	12.1	41.4	31.1	12.7	85.3
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	3.5	3.9	8.0	4.9	20.2	13.2	3.5	36.9
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	*	*	*	*	5.6	*	*	5.6
Other	*	*	5.7	7.0	15.5	17.9	9.3	42.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>265.9</b>

**TABLE 25. 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 JUNE 1986: AGE AND DURATION OF LAST-FULL TIME JOB, JUNE 1986**  
( ' 000)

Age group	Duration of last full-time job							
	Less than one year(weeks)					1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	Total
	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total			
<b>MALES</b>								
15-19	3.9	3.6	11.8	6.9	26.2	4.3	*	30.5
20-24	*	5.5	16.4	7.4	32.1	12.0	*	45.2
25-34	4.7	4.5	11.3	10.4	30.9	14.8	3.8	49.5
35-44	*	*	5.7	*	11.5	7.0	5.0	23.5
45-54	*	*	4.0	*	5.8	4.5	4.2	14.5
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.8	9.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>172.6</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
15-19	*	4.6	10.2	4.2	21.8	7.4	*	29.2
20-24	*	*	6.5	*	13.0	10.1	*	24.2
25-34	5.0		4.4	*	12.3	6.9	3.7	23.0
35-44	*	*	5.3	*	6.9	4.7	*	11.5
45-54	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.3
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>93.4</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
15-19	6.7	8.2	22.0	11.1	48.1	11.6	*	59.7
20-24	4.0	7.4	22.9	10.8	45.1	22.0	*	69.4
25-34	7.5	6.6	15.7	13.3	43.2	21.7	7.6	72.5
35-44	4.8		7.6	6.0	18.4	10.3	6.4	35.1
45-54	*	*	5.1	*	7.5	6.0	5.4	18.8
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.6	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>265.9</b>



### ADDITIONAL TABLES

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

#### Unemployed persons

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment—

- A1 Number of offers of employment during current period of unemployment
- A2 Industry of last full-time job
- A3 Birthplace and year of arrival and duration of current period of unemployment
- A4 Family status and age
- A5 Educational attainment
- A6 Duration of current period of unemployment and age

Main difficulty in finding work during current period of unemployment—

- A7 Age
- A8 Family status
- A9 Birthplace and year of arrival and educational attainment

All difficulties in finding work during current period of unemployment—

- A10 Birthplace and year of arrival and age
- A11 Whether looking for full-time or part-time work
- A12 Number of offers of employment and age

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months—

- A13 Educational attainment and age
- A14 Duration of current period of unemployment

Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months—

- A15 Whether looking for full-time or part-time work
- A16 Birthplace and year of arrival

- A17 Whether would move interstate or intrastate if offered a suitable job and birthplace and year of arrival

#### 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 June 1986

- A18 Main difficulty in finding work during current period of unemployment and industry of last full-time job

Reason for ceasing last full-time job—

- A19 Occupation of last full-time job and main field of study
- A20 Birthplace and year of arrival

Gross weekly pay in last full-time job—

- A21 Educational attainment
- A22 Birthplace and year of arrival

- A23 Educational attainment and birthplace and year of arrival



## TECHNICAL NOTE

### Estimation procedure

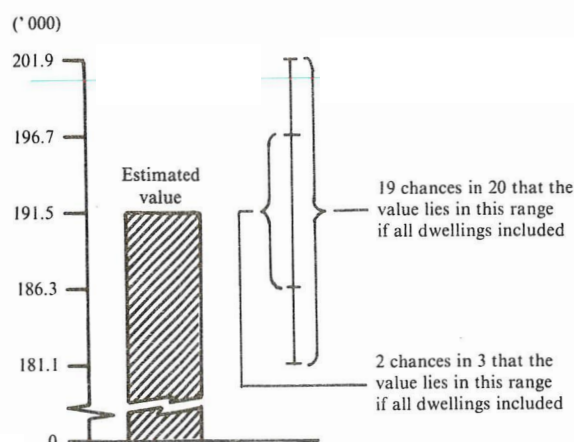
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution 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 14 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who reported as a difficulty in finding work that they were considered too young or too old by employers was 191,500. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 3,950 and 5,300 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 5,200 (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 186,300 to 196,700 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 181,100 to 201,900. 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 191,500 persons represent 35.0 per cent of the 547,500 unemployed persons. The standard error on 547,500 is approximately 7,800 so the relative standard error is 1.4 per cent. The relative standard error for 191,500 is 2.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(2.7)^2 - (1.4)^2}$  or 2.3 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (35.0 per cent) of 0.8 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons who reported as a difficulty in finding work that they were considered too young or too old by employers is between 34.2 per cent and 35.8 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 33.4 per cent to 36.6 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				
1.300						280		310		
1.500						300		330		
1.800				430		330	410	350		
2.000				460	480	340	430	370		
2.500				500	530	380	470	400		
3.000			690	550	580	410	500	430		
3.500			750	590	620	440	530	450	820	23.4
4.000	950	960	800	620	660	460	560	470	880	21.9
4.500	1,000	1,000	840	650	690	480	590	500	930	20.7
5.000	1,050	1,050	880	690	720	500	610	510	980	19.6
6.000	1,150	1,150	960	740	780	540	650	550	1,100	17.9
10.000	1,450	1,450	1,200	920	970	660	790	650	1,400	13.9
20.000	2,000	1,950	1,650	1,200	1,300	860	1,050	810	1,950	9.7
50.000	2,900	2,850	2,350	1,700	1,800	1,150	1,450	1,050	2,950	5.9
100.000	3,850	3,700	3,050	2,200	2,300	1,450		1,250	3,950	4.0
200.000	5,100	4,750	3,950	2,750	2,950	1,750			5,300	2.6
300.000	5,900	5,500	4,500	3,100	3,350				6,200	2.1
500.000	7,200	6,500	5,300	3,650	3,900				7,500	1.5
1,000.000	9,200	8,100	6,600						9,700	1.0
2,000.000	11,600	9,900							12,300	0.6
5,000.000									16,500	0.3



