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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Unemployed persons

In June 1991, the labour force numbered 8,480,800 persons, of whom there were 740,100 unemployed (excluding those who were stood down). This represents a 35 per cent increase over the estimate of unemployed persons in July 1990 (548,300). Persons looking for full-time work outnumbered those looking for part-time work by almost six to one (Table 1).

Duration of current period of unemployment

The average duration of current period of unemployment dropped from 47 weeks in July 1990 to 44 weeks in June 1991. (In July 1982 the average duration of current period of unemployment was 34 weeks) (Table 4).

The fall in the average duration of unemployment reflects the greater numbers (+134,100) of those unemployed persons whose current period of unemployment commenced in the previous twelve months.

Main difficulty in finding work

The number of persons reporting 'no vacancies at all' as their main difficulty in finding work increased from 91,800 in July 1990 to 247,000 in June 1991. The percentage of unemployed persons experiencing this as the main difficulty in finding work doubled during this period (Table 2 and Diagram 1).

The number of unemployed persons stating the main difficulty in finding work was 'no vacancies in line of work' increased from 79,500 (15% of unemployed persons) in

July 1990 to 136,400 (18% of unemployed persons) in June 1991 (Table 2 and Diagram 1).

Compared with July 1990, an extra 212,100 unemployed persons claimed 'no vacancies' (either 'at all' or 'in line of work') as the main difficulty in finding work. Of persons unemployed for less than one year, 310,800 reported no vacancies as the main difficulty (Table 8) - an increase of 167,100 over the July 1990 estimate.

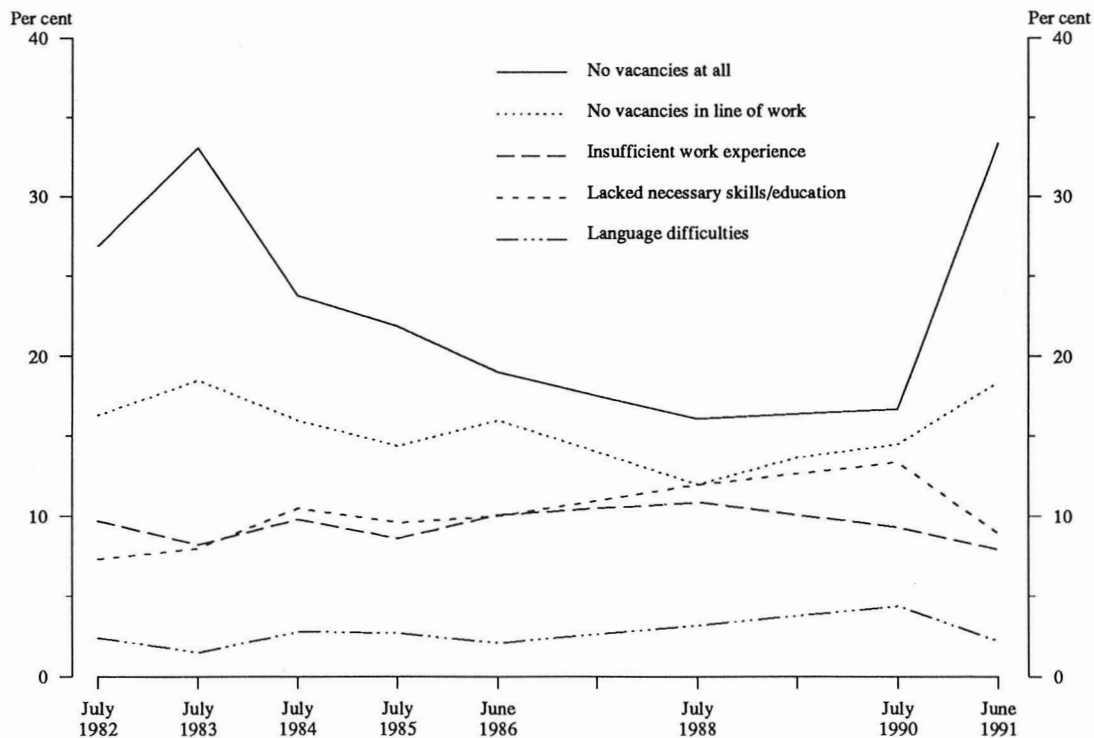
The major increases in numbers of persons reporting no vacancies as the main difficulty in finding work, coupled with the less significant changes for other categories, has meant that the proportions of persons reporting other difficulties (eg. lacked necessary skills/education, considered too young or too old) in June 1991 have decreased compared with July 1990 ratios.

Age

The percentage of unemployed persons reporting 'lacked necessary skills/education' or 'insufficient work experience' as their main difficulties in finding work decreased with age, from 24 per cent of those aged 15 to 19 years to 4 per cent of those aged 45 years and over (Table 10).

'No vacancies' was the main difficulty reported by 54 per cent of the unemployed persons aged less than 45 years and 41 per cent of those aged 45 years and over (Table 10).

DIAGRAM 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1982 TO JUNE 1991



Source: Table 2

Another 39 per cent of the unemployed aged 45 years or more reported the main difficulty in finding work as being 'considered too young or too old by employers' (Table 10).

The long term unemployed

There were 183,700 persons (25% of total unemployed) whose current period of unemployment (at June 1991) was one year or more. For this group the most frequently reported main difficulties in finding work were 'no vacancies at all' and 'considered too young or too old by employers' (Table 8).

Of the persons reporting 'own ill health or injury' as the main difficulty in finding work, one half had been unemployed for one year or more. Similarly, 44 per cent of persons reporting 'age' had been unemployed for one year or more (Table 8).

Educational attainment

An estimated 441,000 persons (60% of total unemployed) did not have post-school qualifications. Persons without post-school qualifications had been unemployed for 11 weeks more on average than those with post-school qualifications (49 compared to 38 weeks).

Persons without post-school qualifications who did not attend the highest level of secondary school experienced an average duration of unemployment of 54 weeks. In contrast, unemployed persons with a degree had an average duration of unemployment of 35 weeks (Table 15).

Preparedness to move if offered a suitable job

Some 29 per cent of unemployed persons reported they would move interstate if offered a suitable job, and 58 per

cent reported they would not move interstate. In July 1990, the corresponding proportions were 25 per cent and 65 per cent respectively (Table 5).

Unemployed persons were more inclined to move intrastate than interstate, with an equal proportion being prepared to move intrastate if offered a suitable job (43%) as not prepared to move. In July 1990 the proportion not prepared to move intrastate was 50 per cent (Table 5).

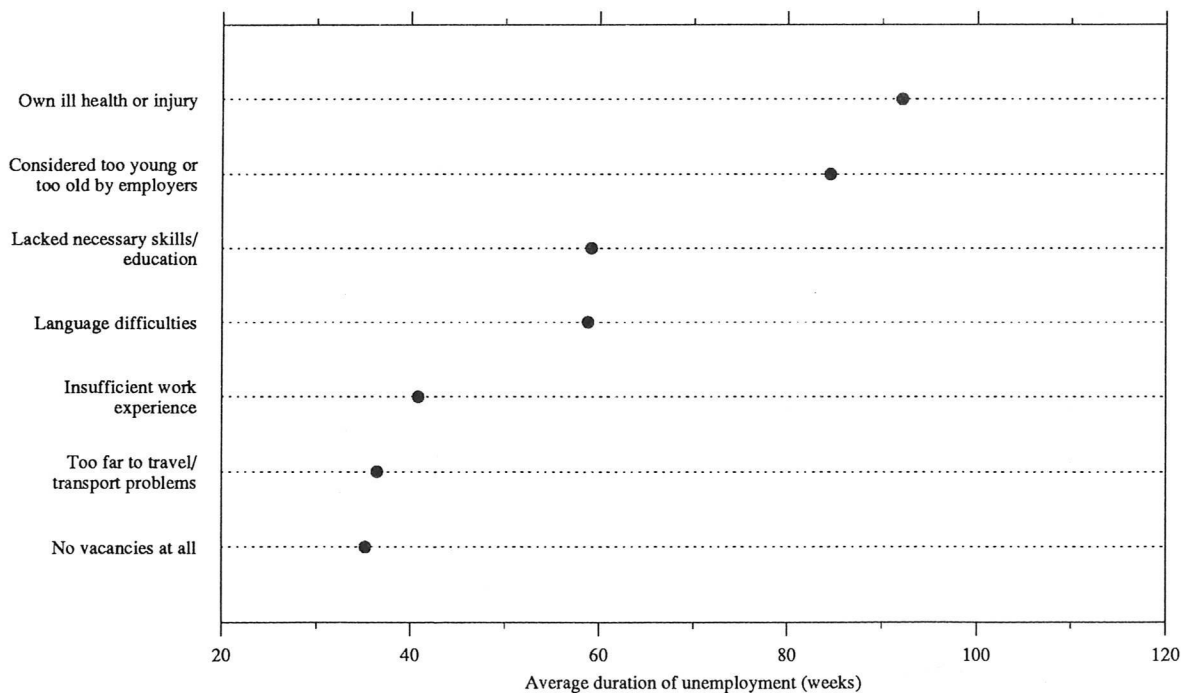
Active steps taken to find work

In June 1991, of the estimated 740,100 unemployed persons, 580,800 (79%) were registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES). Over the period July 1982 to June 1991, this percentage has been within the range of 73 per cent to 82 per cent (Table 3). Of persons looking for full-time work, 86 per cent were registered with the CES (Table 6).

Of those registered with the CES-

- 26 per cent were in the 25 to 34 year age group with 23 per cent aged 20 to 24 and 18 per cent aged 15 to 19. These percentages broadly correspond to the age distribution of the unemployed generally (Table 7).
- More than 9 in 10 were looking for full-time work (Table 6).
- Only 1 per cent reported that they took no other active steps to find work (Table 3).

DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK, JUNE 1991



Source: Table 8

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JUNE 1991
(*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	*2.6	*0.6	*3.2	*0.3	*0.9	*1.2	*2.9	*1.5	4.4
Contacted prospective employers	362.6	160.6	523.2	7.2	20.8	28.0	369.8	181.5	551.3
Took other active steps	14.0	6.8	20.8	*1.1	*3.3	4.4	15.1	10.1	25.2
Total	379.2	168.0	547.2	8.6	25.1	33.7	387.8	193.1	580.8
Not registered with the CES and —									
Contacted prospective employers	37.9	41.7	79.5	21.6	43.3	65.0	59.5	85.0	144.5
Took other active steps	3.7	*3.1	6.8	*2.1	5.8	7.9	5.9	8.9	14.8
Total	41.6	44.7	86.4	23.8	49.1	72.9	65.4	93.9	159.3
Total	420.8	212.7	633.5	32.4	74.2	106.6	453.2	286.9	740.1

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AGE, JUNE 1991

Active steps taken to find work	Age group					Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over	
	— '000 —					
Registered with the CES and —						
Took no other active steps		*1.1	*1.6	*0.7	*0.3	*0.6
Contacted prospective employers		96.3	128.2	145.3	91.1	90.3
Took other active steps		5.5	*3.1	5.0	7.0	4.7
Total		103.0	132.9	151.0	98.4	95.6
Not registered with the CES and —						
Contacted prospective employers		40.5	16.1	38.1	27.5	22.3
Took other active steps		*3.3	*1.7	*3.0	*2.4	4.3
Total		43.8	17.8	41.1	30.0	26.6
Total		146.7	150.7	192.1	128.4	122.2
	— per cent —					
Registered with the CES		17.7	22.9	26.0	16.9	16.5
Not registered with the CES		27.5	11.2	25.8	18.8	16.7
Total		19.8	20.4	26.0	17.3	16.5

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1991

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	--'000--								
Own ill health or injury	*2.7	*1.9	*2.0	3.9	3.7	14.1	28.3	92.1	50.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	5.3	5.1	5.8	17.8	14.5	38.1	86.5	84.5	35.8
Unsuitable hours	*2.9	*2.2	*2.7	5.4	*1.4	*1.9	16.6	22.6	13.0
Too far to travel/transport problems	*3.6	*1.2	3.7	7.7	4.1	6.5	26.7	36.5	20.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	4.0	4.2	5.9	13.9	16.1	22.1	66.2	59.2	27.3
Language difficulties	*2.9	*1.7	*1.0	*1.8	*2.0	6.7	16.1	58.8	27.5
Insufficient work experience	4.8	5.7	4.2	15.6	14.5	14.0	58.6	40.8	23.5
No vacancies in line of work	16.3	21.8	17.9	32.3	28.3	19.7	136.4	26.0	16.0
No vacancies at all	28.7	29.6	32.3	56.2	47.4	52.8	247.0	35.2	20.3
Other difficulties(a)	*2.9	4.3	4.1	10.2	9.7	6.7	37.9	37.3	21.4
No difficulties reported	10.2	3.7	*1.5	*1.7	*1.8	*1.0	19.8	10.1	2.7
Total	84.2	81.3	81.2	166.4	143.4	183.7	740.1	43.7	21.6

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

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JUNE 1991 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment								Total(b)	Total(c)
	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications					
	Degree	Trade qualification/apprenticeship	Certificate or diploma	Total(a)	Attended highest level of secondary school available	Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age - 16 and over	15 and under	Total(b)		
Own ill health or injury	*0.7	5.3	*3.5	9.4	*2.7	7.0	8.5	18.6	28.3	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*2.0	13.8	16.8	33.2	10.8	13.3	26.6	51.2	86.5	
Unsuitable hours	*0.3	*1.0	5.0	6.2	*2.9	*1.7	3.9	8.5	16.6	
Too far to travel/transport problems	*0.4	*3.6	*3.3	7.8	*2.5	8.9	6.3	17.7	26.7	
Lacked necessary skills/education	*0.4	*2.4	9.1	13.1	12.5	15.3	24.0	51.9	66.2	
Language difficulties	*1.6	*1.7	*1.4	4.7	4.8	*3.3	*3.0	11.4	16.1	
Insufficient work experience	6.7	*2.5	12.3	22.6	10.5	13.2	10.1	33.9	58.6	
No vacancies in line of work	10.7	27.0	28.9	67.3	18.9	22.9	24.3	66.3	136.4	
No vacancies at all	6.6	29.2	33.9	72.9	38.1	52.5	63.5	155.9	247.0	
Other difficulties(d)	4.3	*3.6	10.8	19.1	5.8	5.6	6.0	17.8	37.9	
No difficulties reported	*1.5	*2.3	4.0	8.2	*2.8	*2.8	*2.2	7.8	19.8	
Total	35.3	92.3	129.1	264.7	112.4	146.5	178.5	441.0	740.1	

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined. (c) Includes persons still at school. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JUNE 1991 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group					Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over	
Own ill health or injury	*1.4	5.1	6.9	7.4	7.5	28.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	10.4	8.2	6.8	13.1	47.9	86.5
Unsuitable hours	3.9	*2.7	6.2	*3.4	*0.5	16.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	9.5	6.4	6.9	*2.1	*1.8	26.7
Lacked necessary skills/education	16.9	17.6	17.6	10.0	4.1	66.2
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.9	4.7	6.1	4.4	16.1
Insufficient work experience	17.9	17.9	13.3	8.3	*1.3	58.6
No vacancies in line of work	15.5	28.0	47.5	23.4	22.0	136.4
No vacancies at all	58.6	52.9	64.7	42.7	28.1	247.0
Other difficulties(a)	5.3	8.0	12.7	8.4	*3.6	37.9
No difficulties reported	7.4	*3.0	4.7	3.7	*1.1	19.8
Total	146.7	150.7	192.1	128.4	122.2	740.1

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

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1991 ('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	14.5	3.7	18.2	6.2	3.8	10.1	20.7	7.5	28.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	32.4	24.6	57.1	21.3	8.1	29.4	53.8	32.7	86.5
Unsuitable hours	*3.5	10.5	14.0	*0.5	*2.1	*2.6	4.0	12.6	16.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	12.3	8.2	20.5	4.7	*1.6	6.3	17.0	9.7	26.7
Lacked necessary skills/education	29.6	22.9	52.5	7.8	5.9	13.7	37.4	28.9	66.2
Language difficulties	*0.1	*0.2	*0.3	7.8	8.0	15.8	8.0	8.2	16.1
Insufficient work experience	18.7	23.5	42.3	9.4	6.9	16.4	28.2	30.5	58.6
No vacancies in line of work	64.0	30.1	94.1	30.4	12.0	42.3	94.3	42.1	136.4
No vacancies at all	114.6	62.3	176.9	46.7	23.3	70.0	161.3	85.6	247.0
Other difficulties(a)	12.8	10.5	23.3	7.4	7.3	14.7	20.2	17.8	37.9
No difficulties reported	6.6	9.6	16.3	*1.7	*1.8	*3.6	8.4	11.4	19.8
Total	309.2	206.1	515.3	144.0	80.8	224.9	453.2	286.9	740.1

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

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1991 ('000)

<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>
Own ill health or injury	30.4	12.2	42.7	15.9	6.2	22.2	46.4	18.5	64.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	90.5	76.0	166.5	48.4	23.7	72.1	138.9	99.7	238.6
Unsuitable hours	12.5	25.0	37.5	*3.5	8.5	12.0	16.0	33.4	49.4
Too far to travel/transport problems	52.1	41.3	93.3	18.0	12.8	30.8	70.0	54.1	124.1
Lacked necessary skills/education	102.6	74.3	176.9	38.0	23.8	61.8	140.6	98.1	238.7
Language difficulties	*2.1	*2.4	4.5	19.8	15.5	35.3	21.9	17.9	39.8
Insufficient work experience	79.5	70.5	150.0	31.8	21.8	53.6	111.2	92.3	203.6
No vacancies in line of work	160.3	88.0	248.2	74.3	33.7	108.0	234.6	121.7	356.2
No vacancies at all	192.0	109.7	301.8	82.4	42.9	125.4	274.4	152.7	427.1
Other difficulties(a)	26.9	19.1	46.0	16.9	10.1	27.0	43.8	29.2	73.0

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

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JUNE 1991 ('000)

<i>Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months</i>	<i>Age group</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45 and over</i>	
MALES						
One	67.1	73.2	99.2	66.2	80.6	386.3
Two or more	11.3	15.6	21.9	11.8	6.2	66.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>78.4</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>121.1</i>	<i>78.0</i>	<i>86.9</i>	<i>453.2</i>
FEMALES						
One	59.3	54.1	64.4	46.7	32.7	257.2
Two or more	9.0	7.8	6.6	3.7	*2.7	29.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>61.9</i>	<i>71.0</i>	<i>50.4</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>286.9</i>
PERSONS						
One	126.4	127.3	163.6	112.9	113.3	643.5
Two	13.1	15.7	21.1	11.3	5.1	66.4
Three or more	7.2	7.7	7.4	4.2	3.7	30.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>146.7</i>	<i>150.7</i>	<i>192.1</i>	<i>128.4</i>	<i>122.2</i>	<i>740.1</i>

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JUNE 1991 ('000)

<i>Family status</i>	<i>Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months (weeks)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	<i>1 and under 2</i>	<i>2 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 39</i>	<i>39 and under 52</i>	<i>52</i>	
Member of a family	19.8	34.1	55.6	58.2	130.1	96.4	40.3	141.9	576.3
Husband or wife	10.7	18.7	29.0	29.0	61.5	43.9	20.0	78.7	291.5
With dependents present	7.6	12.0	21.0	18.3	39.9	26.8	12.2	48.8	186.6
Without dependents present	*3.2	6.6	8.0	10.7	21.5	17.1	7.8	29.9	104.9
Sole parent	*1.3	*2.3	*2.5	*3.3	5.9	4.6	*1.5	6.5	27.9
Other family head	*0.6	*0.2	*1.4	*1.3	*1.0	*1.5	*1.0	4.2	11.2
Full-time student aged 15-24	*3.6	4.6	6.0	3.8	15.1	8.2	*1.1	5.9	48.4
Other child of married couple or family head	*3.2	7.8	15.8	16.7	41.9	33.3	15.4	42.9	177.0
Other relative of married couple or family head	*0.3	*0.5	*0.9	4.0	4.7	4.8	*1.3	*3.6	20.2
Not a member of a family	*2.5	6.9	10.2	12.2	25.4	19.4	8.5	30.4	115.4
Living alone	*1.4	*2.2	*3.1	4.0	10.4	6.8	*3.3	15.0	46.2
Not living alone	*1.0	4.7	7.1	8.2	15.0	12.6	5.2	15.5	69.2
Family status not determined	*1.1	*2.6	4.9	4.7	11.6	8.4	3.7	11.3	48.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>167.2</i>	<i>124.2</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>183.7</i>	<i>740.1</i>

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1991

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	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			
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MALES										
With post-school qualifications(a)	16.8	18.8	21.2	35.2	31.5	22.1	14.0	159.6	39.6	20.8
Degree	*1.4	*1.9	*3.2	5.8	*3.4	*2.9	*1.9	20.6	37.3	20.4
Trade qualification/apprenticeship	10.4	9.8	12.2	20.4	15.4	10.7	6.1	85.0	36.5	17.9
Certificate or diploma	4.6	6.2	5.7	8.6	11.5	8.1	5.0	49.6	43.8	23.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	25.5	27.7	28.2	57.0	57.0	42.0	39.5	276.9	52.5	25.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	6.8	8.8	7.4	17.3	13.2	6.2	4.4	64.0	34.1	18.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	18.5	18.8	20.8	38.7	43.2	35.9	34.7	210.6	58.3	26.2
Left at age —										
16 and over	9.4	9.6	10.1	17.7	18.1	14.2	13.4	92.4	51.3	24.1
15 and under	9.0	9.2	10.7	21.0	25.1	21.7	21.3	118.2	63.8	31.4
Still at school	*3.1	*2.0	*1.3	5.7	*2.3	*2.2	*0.0	16.7	19.5	17.6
Total	45.5	48.4	50.7	97.9	90.7	66.4	53.5	453.2	46.8	22.8
FEMALES										
With post-school qualifications(a)	13.8	12.7	9.9	23.3	23.2	13.3	8.7	105.0	35.7	21.2
Degree	*1.2	*1.9	*1.7	*3.5	*2.7	*2.7	*1.0	14.8	31.9	21.4
Trade qualification/apprenticeship	*0.5	*1.5	*0.4	*1.1	*2.5	*0.5	*0.6	7.2	52.0	*24.3
Certificate or diploma	11.5	9.3	7.0	18.0	17.4	9.9	6.5	79.5	34.2	20.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	21.4	17.6	17.6	40.7	27.8	21.1	17.8	164.1	43.0	19.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.9	4.5	4.9	15.3	10.4	4.8	*2.6	48.4	30.7	19.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	15.4	13.1	12.7	25.1	17.4	16.2	14.6	114.4	47.2	19.1
Left at age —										
16 and over	7.3	5.4	7.6	10.9	8.5	7.8	6.5	54.0	45.8	19.7
15 and under	8.1	7.7	5.1	14.2	8.9	8.4	8.0	60.4	48.4	18.9
Still at school	*3.5	*2.5	*3.0	4.5	*1.6	*2.3	*0.5	17.8	21.0	11.9
Total	38.7	32.8	30.5	68.5	52.7	36.7	27.1	286.9	39.0	19.7
PERSONS										
With post-school qualifications(a)	30.6	31.5	31.1	58.5	54.7	35.5	22.7	264.7	38.0	21.0
Degree	*2.7	3.8	5.0	9.3	6.1	5.6	*2.9	35.3	35.1	20.8
Trade qualification/apprenticeship	10.9	11.4	12.6	21.5	17.9	11.3	6.7	92.3	37.7	19.0
Certificate or diploma	16.1	15.5	12.7	26.6	28.9	17.9	11.5	129.1	37.9	21.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	47.0	45.3	45.8	97.7	84.8	63.1	57.3	441.0	49.0	22.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	12.7	13.4	12.2	32.6	23.6	11.0	7.0	112.4	32.6	19.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	33.8	31.9	33.5	63.8	60.6	52.0	49.3	325.0	54.4	24.8
Left at age —										
16 and over	16.7	15.0	17.7	28.6	26.6	21.9	20.0	146.5	49.3	22.4
15 and under	17.1	16.9	15.8	35.2	34.0	30.1	29.3	178.5	58.6	25.7
Still at school	6.6	4.5	4.3	10.2	3.9	4.5	*0.5	34.5	20.3	16.1
Total	84.2	81.3	81.2	166.4	143.4	103.1	80.6	740.1	43.7	21.6

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1991

Number of offers of employment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
MALES									
None	37.9	40.9	44.3	89.3	82.5	108.1	403.1	47.6	23.2
One or more	7.6	7.6	6.4	8.6	8.2	11.7	50.1	40.4	18.2
Total	45.5	48.4	50.7	97.9	90.7	119.9	453.2	46.8	22.8
FEMALES									
None	32.9	28.8	24.6	59.1	45.1	54.2	244.7	39.3	19.7
One or more	5.9	4.0	5.8	9.4	7.5	9.6	42.2	37.2	19.6
Total	38.7	32.8	30.5	68.5	52.7	63.8	286.9	39.0	19.7
PERSONS									
None	70.8	69.7	68.9	148.4	127.7	162.3	647.8	44.4	21.8
One	10.2	8.9	8.9	13.2	11.0	15.2	67.3	37.2	17.5
Two or more	*3.3	*2.7	*3.3	4.8	4.7	6.2	25.0	43.5	21.0
Total	84.2	81.3	81.2	166.4	143.4	183.7	740.1	43.7	21.6

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: AGE AND DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JUNE 1991 ('000)

Age group	Duration of last full-time job								Total
	Under one year (weeks)					Total	1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	
	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52					
15-19	6.8	9.3	17.7	11.0	44.7	18.2	*0.2	63.1	
20-24	5.7	7.9	26.6	22.0	62.2	44.8	*3.2	110.2	
25-34	6.5	7.4	25.4	21.3	60.6	53.2	12.2	126.1	
35-44	4.2	4.2	12.7	9.4	30.5	28.6	11.9	71.0	
45 and over	*2.1	*3.0	8.2	6.2	19.4	22.0	21.4	62.9	
Total	25.2	31.8	90.5	70.0	217.5	166.9	49.0	433.4	

TABLE 18. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, JUNE 1991 ('000)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Population 1:									
Unemployed persons	216.9	206.6	129.5	63.7	86.4	22.8	5.3	8.9	740.1
Population 2:									
Unemployed persons who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	123.8	128.6	75.3	33.1	52.5	12.9	3.0	4.1	433.4

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 1991 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. They 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.

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 reference week for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

4. The number of unemployed persons published in *The Labour Force, Australia, June 1991* (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 3.2 per cent of all unemployed persons.

Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

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

7. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

Results of the survey

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

9. Due to the 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 corresponding issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

10. 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.

11. Results of similar surveys, conducted in May 1976, November 1976, annually from May 1977 to June 1986, July 1988 and July 1990, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

12. This survey is scheduled to be conducted next in July 1992.

Comparability of series

13. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the whole of the previous twelve months which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining duration of current period of unemployment depend on a detailed set of questions. The items *time spent looking for work* and *number of spells of looking for work during the previous twelve months* are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the term *looking for work* is used for these items rather than the more precisely defined term *unemployed*.

Unpublished statistics

14. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Inquiries box at the front of this publication.

Estimation procedure

15. 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, gender and labour force status rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For further information refer to the Technical Note, page 12.

Birthplace

17. From April 1991, labour force birthplace data are aggregated according to major groups of the *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS) 1990* (1269.0).

Related publications

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

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

Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0)—issued annually

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0)—issued annually

Underemployed Workers, Australia (6265.0)—issued irregularly

Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia (6245.0)—issued irregularly

19. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, 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 the Technical Note, page 12.
- . . not applicable
- n.a. not available
- r revised

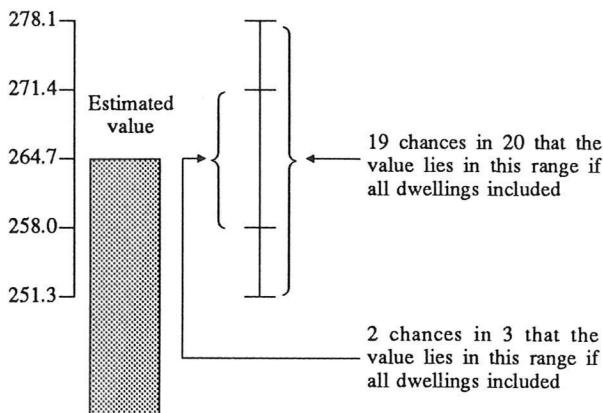
20. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

TECHNICAL NOTE

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 those 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 number 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.

2. 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 numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 15 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who had a post-school qualification was 264,700. Since this estimate is between 200,000 and 300,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 6,000 and 7,100 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 6,700 (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 258,000 to 271,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 251,300 to 278,100. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. 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, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

5. The relative standard errors of estimates of *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median and then multiplying the number so obtained by the following relevant factors:

Average duration of unemployment: 1.3
Median duration of unemployment: 2.0

6. An example of the calculation of standard errors by the use of those factors is as follows. If an estimate of median duration of unemployment for unemployed males is 19 weeks and the number of unemployed males is estimated as 300,000, from the table on the following page it can be calculated that this estimate (300,000) has a standard error of about 7,100 and therefore a relative standard error of about 2.4 per cent. The *relative standard error* of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.4) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.4 \times 2.0 = 4.8$ per cent. The *standard error* of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.8 per cent of 19, i.e. about 1. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for unemployed males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 18 to 20 weeks and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 17 to 21 weeks.

7. 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. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is:

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

8. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, the 264,700 persons represent 35.8 per cent of the 740,100 unemployed persons. The standard error of 740,100 is approximately 10,000 so the relative standard error is 1.4 per cent. The relative standard error for 264,700 is 2.5 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.5)^2 - (1.4)^2}$ or 2.1 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (35.8%) of 0.8 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons who had a post-school qualification is between 35.0 per cent and 36.6 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 34.2 per cent to 37.4 per cent.

9. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is 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 subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

10. 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 coding and processing 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. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
100			130	120	130	90	130	90	120	121.1
200		230	190	170	180	130	170	130	180	91.7
300	310	290	230	210	230	160	200	150	230	77.5
400	360	340	270	240	260	190	230	180	270	68.6
500	410	380	300	270	290	210	260	190	310	62.3
600	450	420	330	290	320	230	280	210	350	57.6
800	520	480	380	340	360	260	320	240	410	50.7
1,000	580	540	430	380	410	290	350	270	460	45.9
1,300	660	620	490	430	460	330	400	300	530	40.7
1,500	710	660	520	460	490	350	420	320	570	38.2
1,800	770	730	570	500	530	380	460	340	630	35.1
2,000	810	770	600	520	560	400	480	360	670	33.4
2,500	910	850	670	580	620	440	530	400	750	30.1
3,000	990	930	730	630	670	480	580	430	830	27.6
3,500	1,050	1,000	780	680	720	510	620	460	900	25.6
4,000	1,150	1,050	830	720	770	540	660	480	960	24.0
4,500	1,200	1,150	880	760	810	560	700	510	1,000	22.7
5,000	1,250	1,200	920	790	850	590	730	530	1,100	21.5
6,000	1,350	1,300	1,000	860	920	630	790	570	1,200	19.7
8,000	1,550	1,500	1,150	980	1,050	700	910	640	1,350	17.1
10,000	1,750	1,650	1,250	1,050	1,150	760	1,000	700	1,550	15.3
20,000	2,350	2,250	1,700	1,450	1,550	970	1,400	920	2,150	10.7
50,000	3,450	3,300	2,500	2,100	2,250	1,300	2,150	1,300	3,250	6.5
100,000	4,600	4,400	3,350	2,750	2,950	1,550	2,950	1,650	4,450	4.4
200,000	6,100	5,700	4,400	3,550	3,850	1,850	4,100	2,150	6,000	3.0
300,000	7,100	6,700	5,100	4,100	4,450	2,000	4,950	2,450	7,100	2.4
500,000	8,600	8,100	6,200	4,900	5,400	2,200	6,400	2,900	8,700	1.7
1,000,000	11,000	10,300	7,900	6,200	6,900	2,500	8,900	3,600	11,400	1.1

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work: steps taken during the current period of unemployment. They 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.

All difficulties in finding work: all difficulties experienced during the current period of unemployment.

Average duration of current period of unemployment: the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Ceased last full-time job: left or lost last full-time job.

Certificate or diploma: completion of an approved certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.

CES: Commonwealth Employment Service.

Degree: a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, masters degree or a doctorate.

Duration of current period of unemployment: the period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference 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 reference week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration.

Educational attainment: measures the highest educational qualification obtained. Qualifications may include those obtained at other than educational institutions (e.g. nursing qualifications obtained at a hospital).

Highest level of secondary school available: the highest level of secondary schooling (or equivalent) offered by the education system at the time the respondent left school.

Interstate: between States/Territories.

Intrastate: within the State/Territory.

Job: any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

Job leavers: persons who voluntarily ceased their last full-time job.

Job losers: persons who involuntarily ceased their last full-time job.

Looking for part-time work: actively looking for part-time work only.

Main difficulty in finding work: the main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.

Main field of study: for those persons whose highest qualification is a degree, trade qualification/apprenticeship, certificate or diploma, it is the main field of study for that qualification.

Median duration of current period of unemployment: 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.

Number of offers of employment: the number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months: the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

Other post-school qualifications: completion of other types of education, e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

Persons with a post-school qualification: persons who have obtained a trade qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification, since leaving school. Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Degree; Trade qualification or apprenticeship; Certificate or diploma; Other post-school qualification.

Still at school: current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

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

Trade qualification or apprenticeship: completion of an approved trade/technical apprenticeship in fitting and turning, hairdressing, plumbing, carpentry, etc.

Unemployed persons: those persons who were not employed during the reference 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 reference week, and:

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

Usual gross weekly pay: the amount of usual total weekly pay (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made).

SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. When ordering special tables from this survey, please ensure you identify the **population(s)** and the **data item(s)** that you require.

This section specifies the data items, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down)

POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years (excluding those who were stood down)

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B FAMILY STATUS (2)	ALL
New South Wales		Member of a family	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With children aged 0-14 present	
South Australia		Without children aged 0-14 present	
Western Australia		Sole parent	
Tasmania		With children aged 0-14 present	
Northern Territory		Without children aged 0-14 present	
Australian Capital Territory		Other family head	
		Full-time student aged 15-24	
		Other child of married couple or family head	
		Other relative of married couple or family head	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Not a member of a family	
Metropolitan		Living alone	
Non-metropolitan		Not living alone	
		Family status not determined	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL		
Standard labour force dissemination regions		7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL
		Born in Australia	
4 GENDER	ALL	Born outside Australia	
Males		Arrived before 1961	
Females		Arrived 1961-1970	
		Arrived 1971-1980	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	Arrived 1981-1991	
Married			
Not-married		7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL
		Born in Australia	
6A FAMILY STATUS (1)	ALL	Born outside Australia	
Member of a family		Born in main English-speaking countries (a)	
Husband or wife		Born in other countries	
With dependents present			
Without dependents present			
Sole parent			
Other family head			
Full-time student aged 15-24			
Other child of married couple or family head			
Other relative of married couple or family head			
Not a member of a family			
Living alone			
Not living alone			
Family status not determined			

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zealand.

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
7C BIRTHPLACE (2) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Oceania New Zealand Europe and the USSR Germany Greece Italy Netherlands UK and Ireland Yugoslavia The Middle East and North Africa Lebanon Southeast Asia Malaysia Philippines Viet Nam Northeast Asia China The Americas Other(a) India	ALL	11B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK Registered with the CES and — Took no other active steps Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps Not registered with the CES and — Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps	ALL
(a) Includes Southern Asia and Africa (excluding North Africa).		12 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB Would move interstate Would not move interstate Moving interstate would depend — On job conditions On other conditions Undecided	ALL
8 AGE	ALL	13 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB Would move intrastate Would not move intrastate Moving intrastate would depend — On job conditions On other conditions Undecided	ALL
15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55 and over		14 NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT None One or more One Two or more	ALL
9 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK Looking for full-time work Looking for part-time work	ALL	15 ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK Own ill health or injury Considered too young or too old by employers Unsuitable hours Too far to travel/transport problems Lacked necessary skills/education Language difficulties Insufficient work experience No vacancies in line of work No vacancies at all Difficulties with ethnic background Other difficulties	ALL
10 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 8 weeks 8 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 and under 104 weeks 104 weeks and over	ALL	16 MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK Own ill health or injury Considered too young or too old by employers Unsuitable hours Too far to travel/transport problems Lacked necessary skills/education Language difficulties Insufficient work experience No vacancies in line of work No vacancies at all Difficulties with ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties reported	ALL
11A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job Checked factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards Been registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service Checked or registered with any other employment agency Advertised or tendered for work Contacted relatives or friends	ALL		

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION			
17	NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL	20	MAIN FIELD OF STUDY	ALL	
	One			Degree		
	Two			Administration, business studies, commerce		
	Three or more			Law		
18	TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL		Education		
	1 and under 2 weeks			Medicine		
	2 and under 4 weeks			Science, mathematics, computing		
	4 and under 8 weeks			Veterinary science, agriculture, forestry		
	8 and under 13 weeks			Engineering		
	13 and under 26 weeks			Architecture		
	26 and under 39 weeks			Social sciences, arts, humanities		
	39 and under 52 weeks			Other		
	52 weeks			Trade qualification/apprenticeship		
19	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	ALL		Metal		
	With post-school qualifications			Service		
	Degree			Building		
	Trade qualification/apprenticeship			Electrical		
	Certificate or diploma			Food and drink		
	Other			Wood and furniture		
	Without post-school qualifications			Printing and allied		
	Attended highest level of secondary school available			Automotive, mechanical		
	Did not attend highest level of secondary school available			Footwear, clothing, textiles		
	Left at age—			Other		
	18 and over			Certificate or diploma		
	16 or 17			Business, administration, commerce		
	14 or 15			Secretarial, typing, data processing		
	13 and under			Education, teacher training		
	Never attended school			Nursing		
	Secondary school qualifications not determined			Other health, para-medical		
	Still at school			Science, computing, agriculture		
				Engineering, architecture		
				Transport, communication		
				Social studies, arts, crafts		
				Other		
				Other		
				Without post-school qualifications		
				Still at school		
				21	WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME	1
				Had never worked full time		
				Had worked full time		
				22A	INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
				Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		
				Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting		
				Mining		
				Manufacturing		
				Electricity, gas and water		
				Construction		
				Wholesale and retail trade		
				Transport and storage		
				Communication		
				Finance, property and business services		
				Public administration and defence		
				Community services		
				Recreation, personal and other services		
				Has not worked full time in the last 2 years		
				Has never worked		

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
22B INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	25A DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Mining		Less than 1 year	
Manufacturing		2 and under 4 weeks	
Electricity, gas and water		4 and under 8 weeks	
Construction		8 and under 26 weeks	
Wholesale and retail trade		26 and under 52 weeks	
Transport and storage		1 and under 2 years	
Communication		2 and under 5 years	
Finance, property and business services		5 years and over	
Public administration and defence		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
Community services		Has never worked	
Recreation, personal and other services			
		(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	
23A OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	25B DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Less than 1 year	
Managers and administrators		2 and under 4 weeks	
Professionals		4 and under 8 weeks	
Para-professionals		8 and under 26 weeks	
Tradespersons		26 and under 52 weeks	
Clerks		1 and under 2 years	
Salespersons and personal service workers		2 and under 5 years	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		5 years and over	
Labourers and related workers			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
		26A REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
23B OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Managers and administrators		Job loser	
Professionals		Retrenched	
Para-professionals		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
Tradespersons		Own ill health or injury	
Clerks		Job leaver	
Salespersons and personal service workers		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
Labourers and related workers		Other	
		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
24 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	2	Has never worked	
Australian currency (\$)			
Under 40		(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	
40 and under 80		26B REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
80 and under 120		Job loser	
120 and under 160		Retrenched	
160 and under 200		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
200 and under 240		Own ill health or injury	
240 and under 280		Job leaver	
280 and under 320		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
320 and under 360		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
360 and under 400		Other	
400 and under 440			
440 and under 480		27 STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	1
480 and under 520		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
520 and under 560		Wage or salary earner	
560 and under 600		In own business, with employees	
600 and under 640		In own business, without employees	
640 and under 680		Other	
680 and under 720		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
720 and under 760		Has never worked	
760 and under 800			
800 and over			
Non-Australian currency			
Payment in kind			

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