



Reference No. 6.55

FAMILY STATUS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION,
NOVEMBER 1974 AND NOVEMBER 1975

MAIN FEATURES

The following figures refer to November 1975.

- The number of families was estimated to be 3,576,400. The number of family members aged 15 years and over (present at the time of the survey) was 8,431,100.
- 554,100 males and 648,800 females, aged 15 years and over, were not members of families.
- 25,000 male and 148,700 female heads of families with dependent children present either had never married, or were widowed, divorced or permanently separated.
- 71.1 per cent of employed males were married heads of families (46.3 per cent with dependent children present and 24.8 per cent without dependent children present).
- The unemployment rate for all males was 3.8 per cent, and for all females 6.0 per cent.
- Other unemployment rates were –

Married male heads of families with dependent children present, 1.4 per cent

Married male heads without dependent children present, 2.3 per cent

Non-dependent children of family heads : males 8.5 per cent, females 10.3 per cent.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This statement contains estimates for November 1974 and November 1975 of the civilian non-institutional population aged fifteen years and over classified by family status and employment status. The estimates were derived from the results of the quarterly population surveys conducted in those months. This information is additional to detailed estimates of the labour force which have been published in bulletins entitled *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20).

The population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained each quarter from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. Interviews are carried out during a period of four weeks, so that in each of the months to which the survey relates, there are four survey weeks, chosen so as to fall within the limits of the calendar month or with minimum encroachment into the adjacent months.

Scope

3. The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces, certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, and persons who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc.

Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during a specified week known as 'survey week', which is the week immediately preceding that in which the interview takes place. Definitions of the principal categories appearing in this statement are given in the quarterly bulletin *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20).

5. A family was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey including the head of the family and any person or persons having any of the following relationships to the head :

- (i) wife
- (ii) son or daughter of any age, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own
- (iii) brother or sister 15 years of age or over, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own
- (iv) grandchild, if unmarried and not accompanied by either of his or her parents, nor by children of his or her own.

- (v) ancestor, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of his or her own; or
- (vi) any child under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the child was related to some person in a second family in the household.

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

- (i) family status was determined at the time of the survey. Thus if members of the family were absent (e.g. children at boarding school) the family status of the head and other family members could have been affected
- (ii) the term 'relationship' includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption
- (iii) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships
- (iv) widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons are considered to be not married
- (v) for married couple families where the husband was a member of the armed forces or in an institution (and hence out of scope of the survey) the wife was automatically classified as the head of the household.

A family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if they are husband and wife.

Reliability of the estimates

7. Since the estimates in this statement are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaire and procedures. 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 and not the whole population was enumerated. Estimates less than 4,000 have not been shown as they would be subject to such high standard errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Further details concerning standard errors of the November 1974 estimates can be found in *Income Distribution 1973-74 Part I* (Reference No. 17.6) and of the November 1975 estimates in the November issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20)

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

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Damien Power on 52 6503 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY FAMILY STATUS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS, NOVEMBER 1974 AND NOVEMBER 1975

| Family status | Employed (b) | | Unemployed (b) | | | | Total labour force (b) | | | | Not in labour force (b) | | Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) ('000) | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| | ('000) | | Number ('000) | | Per cent of labour force (c) | | Number ('000) | | Per cent of population (d) | | ('000) | | | |
| | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 | Nov 1974 | Nov 1975 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member of a family | 3,397.6 | 3,375.5 | 94.6 | 123.8 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3,492.2 | 3,499.3 | 83.4 | 82.8 | 694.9 | 727.9 | 4,187.1 | 4,227.2 |
| Family head | 2,757.4 | 2,741.0 | 38.7 | 48.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2,796.1 | 2,789.3 | 87.7 | 87.1 | 393.1 | 412.1 | 3,189.2 | 3,201.4 |
| Married | 2,696.5 | 2,678.7 | 36.8 | 46.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2,733.3 | 2,724.9 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 373.5 | 392.9 | 3,106.8 | 3,117.8 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 1,742.5 | 1,745.3 | 25.0 | 24.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1,767.6 | 1,770.0 | 97.9 | 97.4 | 38.3 | 46.6 | 1,805.9 | 1,816.6 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 954.0 | 933.4 | 11.8 | 21.5 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 965.7 | 954.9 | 74.2 | 73.4 | 335.2 | 346.3 | 1,300.9 | 1,301.2 |
| Not married (f) | 60.9 | 62.3 | * | * | * | * | 62.8 | 64.4 | 76.2 | 77.0 | 19.6 | 19.2 | 82.4 | 83.6 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 22.4 | 22.3 | * | * | * | * | 23.4 | 23.3 | 94.7 | 93.2 | * | * | 24.7 | 25.0 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 38.5 | 40.0 | * | * | * | * | 39.4 | 41.1 | 68.3 | 70.1 | 18.2 | 17.5 | 57.7 | 58.6 |
| Dependent child (g) of head | 45.7 | 35.9 | (h)25.0 | (h)21.2 | (h)35.4 | (h)37.1 | 70.7 | 57.1 | 24.0 | 19.6 | 223.8 | 234.2 | 294.5 | 291.3 |
| Non-dependent child (i) of head | 553.1 | 557.5 | 28.1 | 52.0 | 4.8 | 8.5 | 581.3 | 609.5 | 92.7 | 92.7 | 45.7 | 47.8 | 627.0 | 657.3 |
| Other relative (parent, brother, etc.) | 41.5 | 41.1 | * | * | * | * | 44.2 | 43.4 | 57.8 | 56.4 | 32.3 | 33.6 | 76.5 | 77.0 |
| Not a member of a family (j) | 378.6 | 393.8 | 16.8 | 25.7 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 395.4 | 419.5 | 73.9 | 75.7 | 139.8 | 134.6 | 535.1 | 554.1 |
| Total | 3,776.2 | 3,769.3 | 111.4 | 149.6 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3,887.5 | 3,918.9 | 82.3 | 82.0 | 834.7 | 862.5 | 4,722.2 | 4,781.4 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member of a family | 1,731.6 | 1,753.6 | 79.4 | 114.6 | 4.4 | 6.1 | 1,811.1 | 1,868.3 | 43.2 | 44.4 | 2,386.2 | 2,335.4 | 4,197.2 | 4,203.8 |
| Family head (k) | 130.4 | 146.1 | 4.2 | 8.6 | 3.1 | 5.6 | 134.6 | 154.7 | 38.7 | 41.3 | 213.0 | 220.3 | 347.6 | 375.0 |
| Married | 22.4 | 34.6 | * | * | * | * | 23.0 | 37.4 | 38.7 | 42.5 | 36.4 | 50.6 | 59.4 | 88.0 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 13.6 | 18.1 | * | * | * | * | 14.0 | 19.1 | 34.9 | 37.7 | 26.1 | 31.5 | 40.1 | 50.6 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 8.8 | 16.5 | * | * | * | * | 9.0 | 18.3 | 46.6 | 48.9 | 10.3 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 37.4 |
| Not married (f) | 108.0 | 111.5 | * | 5.8 | * | 4.9 | 111.6 | 117.3 | 38.7 | 40.9 | 176.6 | 169.7 | 288.2 | 287.0 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 68.5 | 66.8 | * | 4.4 | * | 6.2 | 71.4 | 71.2 | 45.2 | 47.9 | 86.4 | 77.5 | 157.8 | 148.7 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 39.5 | 44.7 | * | * | * | * | 40.2 | 46.1 | 30.8 | 33.3 | 90.2 | 92.2 | 130.4 | 138.3 |
| Wife of family head | 1,198.1 | 1,209.7 | 36.6 | 45.8 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 1,234.7 | 1,255.5 | 40.3 | 41.6 | 1,827.3 | 1,764.6 | 3,062.0 | 3,020.1 |
| Dependent child (g) of head | 48.2 | 34.2 | (h)18.3 | (h)20.2 | (h)27.5 | (h)37.1 | 66.5 | 54.4 | 25.9 | 20.6 | 190.3 | 209.6 | 256.8 | 264.0 |
| Non-dependent child (i) of head | 327.7 | 333.5 | 18.8 | 38.2 | 5.4 | 10.3 | 346.5 | 371.7 | 88.6 | 90.8 | 44.4 | 37.7 | 390.9 | 409.4 |
| Other relative (parent, brother, etc.) | 27.3 | 30.0 | * | * | * | * | 28.7 | 32.0 | 20.5 | 23.7 | 111.2 | 103.3 | 139.9 | 135.3 |
| Not a member of a family (j) | 243.8 | 276.3 | 10.2 | 14.9 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 254.0 | 291.2 | 42.1 | 44.9 | 349.9 | 357.6 | 603.9 | 648.8 |
| Total | 1,975.5 | 2,029.9 | 89.6 | 129.5 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 2,065.1 | 2,159.5 | 43.0 | 44.5 | 2,736.1 | 2,693.0 | 4,801.2 | 4,852.6 |

(a) For a note on persons excluded see page 1 paragraph 3. (b) For definitions see *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the non-institutional civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (e) Comprises all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who were full-time students. (f) Includes widowed, divorced and permanently separated. (g) Family members aged 15 to 20 years who were full-time students. (h) A high proportion of these full-time students who were reported as looking for work and therefore classified as unemployed, would not have been able to start work in the survey week if a job had become available. The figures are unusually high because the surveys were held in November. (i) Of any age. (j) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living. (k) See page 2, paragraph 6(v).

*Less than, or based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 2, paragraph 7.

TABLE 2. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY FAMILY STATUS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS, NOVEMBER 1974 AND NOVEMBER 1975
(Per cent)

| Family status | Employed (b) | | Unemployed (b) | | Total labour force (b) | | Not in the labour force (b) | | Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| | Nov. 74 | Nov. 75 | Nov. 74 | Nov. 75 | Nov. 74 | Nov. 75 | Nov. 74 | Nov. 75 | Nov. 74 | Nov. 75 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member of a family | 90.0 | 89.6 | 84.9 | 82.8 | 89.8 | 89.3 | 83.3 | 84.4 | 88.7 | 88.4 |
| Family head | 73.0 | 72.7 | 34.7 | 32.3 | 71.9 | 71.2 | 47.1 | 47.8 | 67.5 | 67.0 |
| Married | 71.4 | 71.1 | 33.0 | 30.9 | 70.3 | 69.5 | 44.7 | 45.6 | 65.8 | 65.2 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 46.1 | 46.3 | 22.4 | 16.5 | 45.5 | 45.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 38.2 | 38.0 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 25.3 | 24.8 | 10.6 | 14.4 | 24.8 | 24.4 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 27.5 | 27.2 |
| Not married (f) | 1.6 | 1.7 | * | * | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 0.6 | 0.6 | * | * | 0.6 | 0.6 | * | * | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 1.0 | 1.1 | * | * | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Dependent child (g) of head | 1.2 | 1.0 | 22.4 | 14.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 26.8 | 27.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| Non-dependent child (i) of head | 14.6 | 14.8 | 25.2 | 34.8 | 15.0 | 15.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 13.3 | 13.7 |
| Other relative (parent, brother, etc.) | 1.1 | 1.1 | * | * | 1.1 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Not a member of a family (j) | 10.0 | 10.4 | 15.1 | 17.2 | 10.2 | 10.7 | 16.7 | 15.6 | 11.3 | 11.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member of a family | 87.7 | 86.4 | 88.6 | 88.5 | 87.7 | 86.5 | 87.2 | 86.7 | 87.4 | 86.6 |
| Family head (k) | 6.6 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Married | 1.1 | 1.7 | * | * | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 0.7 | 0.9 | * | * | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 0.4 | 0.8 | * | * | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Not married (f) | 5.5 | 5.5 | * | 4.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| with dependent children (e) present | 3.5 | 3.3 | * | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| without dependent children (e) present | 2.0 | 2.2 | * | * | 1.9 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Wife of family head | 60.6 | 59.6 | 40.8 | 35.4 | 59.8 | 58.1 | 66.8 | 65.5 | 63.8 | 62.2 |
| Dependent child (g) of head | 2.4 | 1.7 | 20.4 | 15.6 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Non-dependent child (i) of head | 16.6 | 16.4 | 21.0 | 29.5 | 16.8 | 17.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 8.1 | 8.4 |
| Other relative (parent, brother, etc.) | 1.4 | 1.5 | * | * | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Not a member of a family (j) | 12.3 | 13.6 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 13.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

For footnotes see Table 1.