

THE LABOUR FORCE, MAY 1978 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

NOTE. The survey estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraphs 22 to 27. Standard errors are shown in Table 1 and paragraph 24.

- In May 1978 the estimated number of persons in the civilian labour force was 6,394,000 (4,072,600 males, 2,321,400 females), comprising 5,998,700 employed persons (3,863,500 males, 2,135,300 females) and 395,300 unemployed persons (209,100 males, 186,200 females).
- 104,400 persons aged 15-19 years were looking for full-time work of whom 8,900 were still attending school. A further 20,500 in the same age group were seeking part-time work of whom 14,500 were attending school.
- In the twelve months to May 1978, the estimated number of employed persons decreased by 25,500, the number of unemployed increased by 41,500 and the number not in the labour force increased by 187,500.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the monthly population survey. Until February 1978, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year. More detailed estimates will be published in *The Labour Force* (6203.0).

2. Preliminary unemployment estimates have been issued in advance of this publication in *Unemployment, Preliminary Estimates* (6201.0).

The population survey

3. 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 from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully

chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e. the survey week). Before February 1978 the interviews were spread over four weeks, chosen so that the survey weeks generally fell within the limits of the calendar month.

Scope

4. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (c) non-Australians on tour or holidaying in Australia, and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

5. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

6. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; or

strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

7. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (a) 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 :

(i) 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

(ii) 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; or

or (b) 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.

8. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.

9. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

10. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 6 and 7.

11. The *labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

12. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

13. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'.

14. Although the wording of the above definitions of employed persons and unemployed persons is different from that appearing in issues of this bulletin prior to February 1978, the changes were made mainly for clarity; they do not signify any change of substance in the definitions, which still conform to the international standard definitions specified by the I.L.O.

Revision of series

15. Because the survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months are based on revised population estimates derived from the results of the 1976 Population Census and were obtained by using a new sample and revised questionnaire, they are not comparable with those in issues of this publication prior to February 1978.

16. In order to provide a series for earlier periods as comparable as possible with those on the new basis, the survey estimates for August 1976 to November 1977 were revised. Information concerning the methods used in the revision was given in the February 1978 issue of this publication.

Population benchmarks

17. The population survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex. As a consequence, whenever these population "benchmarks" are revised it becomes necessary to revise the labour force estimates also.

18. The survey estimates for the period from August 1976 are based on population benchmarks derived from the results of the 1976 Population Census, adjusted for underenumeration. For information concerning these population estimates see *Population and Vital Statistics (Preliminary) : December Quarter 1976* (3211.0).

The new sample and revised questionnaire

19. The new sample was selected in order to reflect the changes in the distribution of the population shown by the 1976 Population Census results. The questionnaire, which had undergone little change since 1960 except for the inclusion in 1975 of additional questions on job-seeking, was revised to provide more accurate and more detailed information concerning the labour force.

20. Copies of both the current questionnaire and the one previously used, together with a description of the main features of the questionnaire, are contained in *Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0) issued on 17 March 1978.

Comparability of series

21. When comparing estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months with those for earlier periods it should be noted that with the introduction of monthly surveys the interviews are now conducted during a

two-week period, whereas formerly the period was four weeks. (See paragraph 3.) This change of timing may affect the level of the figures for any month, but particularly for months such as February, during which unemployment may be changing rapidly.

Reliability of the estimates

22. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, 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 surveys. 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 in the surveys. 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 in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

23. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in Table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other *monthly* movements should be determined by using Tables A and B below.

24. As the standard errors in the following table show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are 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 bulletin, estimates below the levels shown in Table A have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

TABLE A - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.
1,500					
2,000					400
2,500				500	450
3,000			600	500	450
4,000	900	900	700	500	500
5,000	1,000	1,000	750	550	550
10,000	1,300	1,300	900	800	700
20,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,100	1,000
50,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
100,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
200,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
300,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,600	2,400
500,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	3,200	3,000
1,000,000	8,000	8,000	3,700		
2,000,000	10,500	10,500			

Size of estimate (persons)	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Australia	
				No.	Per cent of estimate
1,500	250	300	300		
2,000	250	350	350		
2,500	250	400	400		
3,000	300	400	450		
4,000	300	450	550	800	20.0
5,000	350	500	600	900	18.0
10,000	400	650	800	1,200	12.0
20,000	400	900	1,050	1,600	8.0
50,000	500	1,300	1,500	2,300	4.6
100,000	600		2,000	3,000	3.0
200,000				4,000	2.0
300,000				5,000	1.7
500,000				6,000	1.2
1,000,000				8,000	0.8
2,000,000				10,000	0.5
5,000,000				15,500	0.3

TABLE B - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS

Standard error of larger estimate	N.S.W. and Vic.	Qld, S.A. and W.A.	Tas., N.T. and A.C.T.	Australia
300	250	..
400	..	500	300	..
500	..	600	350	600
1,000	1,000	1,000	600	1,200
1,500	1,500	1,300	800	1,600
2,000	1,800	1,600	1,000	2,000
2,500	2,100	1,900		2,500
3,000	2,500	2,100		2,800
4,000	3,100	2,400		3,500
5,000	3,600	2,800		4,200
6,000	4,000			4,800
8,000	4,800			5,800
10,000	5,400			6,600
15,000				8,400

25. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

- (a) From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 2,135,300 employed females in May 1978 has a standard error of about 11,000 and 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 within the range 2,124,300 to 2,146,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,113,300 to 2,157,300.
- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of employed females from April to May 1978 is a decrease of 800. As Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the standard error of the larger of the two estimates from which the movement was derived, there are two steps involved in calculating the standard error of this monthly movement.
 - (i) Calculate the standard error of the larger of the two estimates by using Table A, and

- (ii) Calculate the standard error of the monthly movement by using Table B and the result of (i)

The larger of the two estimates of employed females for April and May is that for April (2,136,100). The standard error of this estimate is about 11,000. Use of this figure and Table B indicates that the standard error of the monthly movement (-800) is about 7,000. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the estimate of movement would have been within the range -7,800 to +6,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -14,800 to +13,200.

26. Details of standard errors of *quarterly* movements can be obtained from the Technical Note included in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force* (6203.0).

27. Further details on the sampling variability of the estimates are published in *The Labour Force* (6203.0).

Seasonally adjusted estimates

28. The move to the higher level of unemployment since 1974 appears to have been accompanied by shifts in the pattern of seasonal variation. For this reason the publication of seasonally adjusted quarterly figures of unemployment was suspended as from November 1977. The matter will be kept under review.

29. Seasonally adjusted estimates of the labour force are shown in Table 1. These estimates will continue to be published at quarterly intervals. Seasonally adjusted figures for employed persons, the labour force and labour force participation rates are published at quarterly intervals in *The Labour Force* (6203.0).

30. Calculation of seasonally adjusted monthly figures will not be possible until results of monthly surveys for two or three years are available.

Related publications

31. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

Unemployment (Preliminary estimates) (6201.0)

The Labour Force (6203.0)

Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

- NOTES : 1. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in the tables are due to rounding.
2. . . Figures not available or not applicable.

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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Unemployed (a)										
	Looking for full-time work					Labour force (a)			Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (a)	Participation rate (a)
	Employed (a)	Aged 15-19 years looking for first job (a)	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force (a)		Not in labour force (a)			
						Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)				
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1977 -											
February	3,890.2	21.8	166.1	20.0	186.1	4,076.2	4,046.8	963.1	5,039.4	4.6	80.9
May	3,891.5	13.4	163.0	21.7	184.7	4,076.2	4,075.3	985.8	5,062.0	4.5	80.5
1978 -											
February (c)	3,857.4	40.2	235.4	19.5	255.0	4,112.4	4,083.0	1,023.2	5,135.6	6.2	80.1
March	3,870.1	26.1	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.6	..	1,056.6	5,144.2	5.3	79.5
April	3,867.7	21.9	196.2	14.6	210.9	4,078.5	..	1,073.9	5,152.4	5.2	79.2
May	3,863.5	18.0	194.8	14.4	209.1	4,072.6	4,071.7	1,087.2	5,159.8	5.1	78.9
Standard error of - May estimates (d)	14.0	1.5	4.0	1.4	4.2	14.3	..	8.2	..	0.1	0.3
April to May movement (d)	8.0	1.8	3.6	1.6	3.7	8.1	..	5.8	..	0.1	0.2
MARRIED WOMEN											
1977 -											
February	1,355.5	*	42.2	40.5	82.8	1,438.3	1,439.1	1,963.3	3,401.6	5.8	42.3
May	1,382.0	*	42.7	31.9	74.6	1,456.6	1,461.6	1,950.4	3,407.0	5.1	42.8
1978 -											
February (c)	1,320.9	*	53.2	39.6	92.8	1,413.6	1,414.1	1,994.4	3,408.1	6.6	41.5
March	1,352.8	*	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	..	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1	42.4
April	1,354.0	*	47.5	35.4	82.9	1,437.0	..	1,956.2	3,393.2	5.8	42.4
May	1,356.5	*	49.8	34.1	83.9	1,440.4	1,445.3	1,958.7	3,399.1	5.8	42.4
Standard error of - May estimates (d)	9.0	..	2.3	2.0	2.9	9.2	..	10.5	..	0.2	0.3
April to May movement (d)	6.2	..	2.3	2.1	2.8	6.3	..	6.8	..	0.2	0.2
ALL FEMALES											
1977 -											
February	2,095.1	27.2	124.4	61.8	186.2	2,281.3	2,262.2	2,874.0	5,155.3	8.2	44.3
May	2,132.7	16.1	112.8	56.3	169.1	2,301.8	2,315.5	2,878.4	5,180.2	7.3	44.4
1978 -											
February (c)	2,074.8	40.5	160.3	61.8	222.1	2,296.9	2,277.8	2,961.8	5,258.7	9.7	43.7
March	2,117.8	30.7	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	..	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7	44.0
April	2,136.1	24.5	137.3	53.0	190.3	2,326.4	..	2,951.7	5,278.0	8.2	44.1
May	2,135.3	23.9	136.8	49.3	186.2	2,321.4	2,335.2	2,964.5	5,285.9	8.0	43.9
Standard error of - May estimates (d)	11.0	1.7	3.5	2.3	4.0	11.3	..	12.5	..	0.2	0.2
April to May movement (d)	7.0	1.9	3.2	2.4	3.6	7.1	..	7.5	..	0.2	0.1
PERSONS											
1977 -											
February	5,985.2	49.0	290.5	81.8	372.3	6,357.5	6,308.7	3,837.1	10,194.6	5.9	62.4
May	6,024.2	29.5	275.8	78.0	353.8	6,378.0	6,389.8	3,864.2	10,242.2	5.5	62.3
1978 -											
February (c)	5,932.3	80.6	395.8	81.3	477.0	6,409.3	6,360.3	3,985.0	10,394.3	7.4	61.7
March	5,987.9	56.8	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.1	..	4,004.1	10,412.2	6.6	61.5
April	6,003.8	46.5	333.5	67.6	401.1	6,404.9	..	4,025.6	10,430.5	6.3	61.4
May	5,998.7	41.8	331.6	63.7	395.3	6,394.0	6,405.6	4,051.7	10,445.7	6.2	61.2
Standard error of - May estimates (d)	16.7	2.2	5.0	2.6	5.4	17.0	..	14.2	..	0.1	0.2
April to May movement (d)	8.9	2.3	4.2	2.7	4.5	9.1	..	8.1	..	0.1	0.1

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 4. For definitions see paragraphs 5 to 14. (b) Seasonally adjusted figures are available only at quarterly intervals. See paragraphs 29 and 30. (c) First of monthly series. See paragraph 3 for details of change in timing of survey. (d) For information on standard errors see paragraphs 22 to 27.

* Less than 4,000. See paragraph 24.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1978

State or Territory	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Total	Labour force (a)	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (a)	Participation rate (a)	
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work							
				- '000 -						
MALES										
N.S.W.	1,347.0	66.8	5.2	72.0	1,419.0	401.6	1,820.5	5.1	77.9	
Vic.	1,045.3	42.1	*	45.6	1,091.0	282.2	1,373.2	4.2	79.4	
Qld	574.7	37.8	*	39.9	614.5	171.6	786.2	6.5	78.2	
S.A.	355.0	22.2	*	23.5	378.5	94.9	473.4	6.2	80.0	
W.A.	343.3	15.1	*	16.2	359.6	87.0	446.6	4.5	80.5	
Tas.	109.3	6.5	*	6.5	115.9	32.9	148.8	5.6	77.9	
N.T.	31.8	1.7	*	1.7	33.5	7.0	40.6	5.2	82.6	
A.C.T.	57.1	2.7	*	3.6	60.7	9.9	70.6	5.9	86.0	
<i>Australia</i>	<i>3,863.5</i>	<i>194.8</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>209.1</i>	<i>4,072.6</i>	<i>1,087.2</i>	<i>5,159.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>78.9</i>	
FEMALES										
N.S.W.	745.1	49.6	15.6	65.2	810.3	1,073.6	1,883.9	8.0	43.0	
Vic.	592.3	36.7	17.3	54.0	646.3	774.4	1,420.7	8.4	45.5	
Qld	298.2	20.3	6.4	26.8	324.9	473.9	798.8	8.2	40.7	
S.A.	200.9	13.7	3.1	16.7	217.6	270.8	488.4	7.7	44.6	
W.A.	188.5	11.6	4.7	16.3	204.8	232.9	437.7	8.0	46.8	
Tas.	55.4	3.1	*	4.3	59.7	91.5	151.2	7.2	39.5	
N.T.	15.0	*	*	*	16.1	15.8	31.9	*	50.4	
A.C.T.	39.8	*	*	1.9	41.7	31.6	73.3	4.5	56.9	
<i>Australia</i>	<i>2,135.3</i>	<i>136.8</i>	<i>49.3</i>	<i>186.2</i>	<i>2,321.4</i>	<i>2,964.5</i>	<i>5,285.9</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>43.9</i>	
PERSONS										
N.S.W.	2,092.1	116.4	20.8	137.2	2,229.3	1,475.2	3,704.5	6.2	60.2	
Vic.	1,637.7	78.7	20.9	99.6	1,737.3	1,056.6	2,793.9	5.7	62.2	
Qld	872.9	58.1	8.5	66.6	939.5	645.5	1,585.0	7.1	59.3	
S.A.	555.9	35.8	4.4	40.2	596.1	365.6	961.8	6.7	62.0	
W.A.	531.8	26.7	5.8	32.6	564.4	319.9	884.3	5.8	63.8	
Tas.	164.7	9.6	*	10.8	175.5	124.4	300.0	6.2	58.5	
N.T.	46.8	2.4	*	2.8	49.6	22.9	72.4	5.6	68.4	
A.C.T.	96.9	3.8	1.7	5.5	102.4	41.5	143.9	5.3	71.2	
<i>Australia</i>	<i>5,998.7</i>	<i>331.6</i>	<i>63.7</i>	<i>395.3</i>	<i>6,394.0</i>	<i>4,051.7</i>	<i>10,445.7</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>61.2</i>	

For footnotes see Table 1.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 24.

TABLE 3. EMPLOYED PERSONS (a), MAY 1978

	Males	Married women	Other females (b)	All females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)					
All employed persons	3,863.5	1,356.5	778.8	2,135.3	5,998.7
Full-time workers (a)	3,668.1	787.3	628.5	1,415.8	5,083.9
Part-time workers (a)	195.4	569.2	150.2	719.4	914.8
Preferred not to work more hours	162.1	508.8	123.0	631.8	793.8
Preferred to work more hours	33.3	60.4	27.3	87.7	121.0
Were actively looking for full-time work	16.3	10.3	8.8	19.2	35.5
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (c)					
All employed persons	39.3	28.0	31.8	29.4	35.8
Full-time workers (a)	40.6	37.2	36.3	36.8	39.5
Part-time workers (a)	15.8	15.2	13.0	14.8	15.0

(a) For definitions see paragraphs 5 to 14. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (c) Averages have been calculated by using actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. All employed persons, including those who did not work during the survey week, have been included in the calculations. When recording hours worked, fractions of an hour are disregarded. This procedure results in a slight lowering of the average hours figures. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents and industrial disputes; and work stoppages due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a), MAY 1978

	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK						
Total	194.8	136.8	331.6	5.0	8.8	6.1
Married	76.8	49.8	126.6	2.8	5.9	3.5
Not married (b)	118.0	87.0	205.1	10.4	12.2	11.1
Aged 15-19 years	50.5	53.9	104.4	14.8	18.7	16.5
Attending school	*	5.1	8.9
Aged 20-24 years	41.6	31.3	72.9	8.3	9.1	8.6
Aged 25 years and over	102.7	51.7	154.3	3.4	5.6	3.9
Born in Australia	136.2	95.4	231.6	4.9	8.5	5.9
Born outside Australia	58.6	41.4	100.1	5.4	9.7	6.6
Arrived before 1971	44.0	24.1	68.0	5.1	7.7	5.7
1971 to 1976	11.0	10.2	21.2	6.5	11.3	8.2
1977 & 1978	*	7.2	10.8	*	29.2	16.8
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK						
Total	14.4	49.3	63.7	6.8	6.4	6.5
Aged 15-19 years	9.3	11.2	20.5	14.6	13.3	13.9
Attending school	7.6	6.8	14.5
Aged 20-24 years	*	5.2	6.7	*	8.8	7.6
Aged 25 years and over	*	32.9	36.5	*	5.3	4.9

For footnotes see Table 3.

* Less than 4,000. See paragraph 24.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1978

	Males	Married women	Other females (b)	All females	Persons		
					Looking for -		Total
					Full-time work	Part-time work	
NUMBER ('000)							
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -							
Under 2	17.7	12.9	7.8	20.7	26.0	12.4	38.4
2 and under 4	25.0	13.9	11.4	25.3	39.0	11.4	50.4
4 and under 8	29.4	13.2	12.0	25.2	46.0	8.6	54.6
8 and under 13	25.7	10.7	11.9	22.6	39.7	8.6	48.3
13 and under 26	48.6	16.1	28.8	45.0	80.4	13.2	93.6
26 and under 39	24.0	5.1	12.3	17.4	37.8	4.6	41.4
39 and under 52	9.3	*	*	4.4	12.7		
52 and over	29.4	10.1	15.5	25.6	50.0	5.0	55.0
Total	209.1	83.9	102.3	186.2	331.6	63.7	395.3
AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)							
All unemployed persons	24.8	19.5	24.6	22.3	25.0	16.1	23.6
Aged 15-19 years	18.6	10.6	22.1	21.4	21.0	15.4	20.1
Aged 20 years and over	27.2	20.0	28.3	22.8	26.9	16.5	25.2

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* Less than 4,000. See paragraph 24.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : STATE CAPITAL CITIES, MAY 1978

Capital city	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (a) (per cent)		
	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total
Sydney	70.0	14.0	83.9	5.6	6.5	5.7
Melbourne	54.8	16.5	71.3	5.1	9.1	5.6
Brisbane	23.9	3.9	27.8	6.4	5.5	6.2
Adelaide	26.9	3.3	30.2	7.5	4.6	7.0
Perth	20.4	4.2	24.6	6.3	5.8	6.2
Hobart	4.0	*	4.3	6.3	*	6.0
Total	199.8	42.4	242.2	5.8	6.8	6.0

For footnotes see Table 3.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 24.