



### THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1983 (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES)

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#### MAIN FEATURES

Note: Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 14 to 18. Also, attention is directed to paragraph 20 concerning interpretation of seasonally adjusted estimates.

In December 1983 there were an estimated 7,141,500 persons in the labour force, of whom 6,453,800 were employed and 687,600 were unemployed. There were an estimated 4,499,300 persons aged 15 and over who were not in the labour force. The unemployment rate was 9.6 per cent and the labour force participation rate was 61.3 per cent.

Between November and December, employment increased by 80,000, unemployment increased by 64,200, and persons not in the labour force decreased by 125,900. The unemployment rate increased from 8.9 to 9.6 per cent and the participation rate increased from 60.2 per cent to 61.3 per cent.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the number of employed persons increased by 32,000 while the number of unemployed persons decreased by 29,900. The unemployment rate decreased from 9.6 to 9.2 per cent, while there was little change in the participation rate.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### INTRODUCTION

This publication is generally released in the third week following completion of interviews in the monthly population survey (see paragraph 2). It contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised figures for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

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 are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays, interviews for the December 1983 survey commenced on Monday 5 December. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

##### THE POPULATION SURVEY

2. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels,

##### SCOPE

3. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas

governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas residents in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.

#### 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 the survey week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

5. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 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 helpers); 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; on 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.

6. Unemployed persons are those aged 15 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 (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.

7. Unemployed persons looking for first job are those who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.

8. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

9. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

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

11. Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours or more a week 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.

12. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

#### EARLIER ESTIMATES

13. Estimates back to August 1966 on a basis comparable with those in this publication are published in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6204.0) beginning with the 1978 issue.

#### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

14. Since the survey estimates 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 by chance 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. 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.

15. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in the tables. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical note in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

16. Very small estimates are not published but are indicated with a '\*' because they are subject to high relative standard errors. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

(a) The estimate of 392,100 unemployed males looking for full-time work in December 1983 has a standard error of about 6,600. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 385,500 to 398,700 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 378,900 to 405,300.

(b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from November 1983 to December 1983 is an increase of 25,800. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,300. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range 20,500 to 31,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 15,200 to 36,400.

18. 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 respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the 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 only 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.

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

19. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 5. The figures in these tables were revised in the February 1983 issue of this publication. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually, the latest review being in February 1983 which revised the monthly series back to February 1978. Information about the method of adjustment and seasonally adjusted figures for all months since February 1978 is published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1983" (6203.0)

20. The seasonal adjustment factors have been calculated on the basis of five years of monthly data. This is a relatively short series of data on which to base the calculation of seasonal factors particularly when the pattern of movement is changing from year to year. This changing pattern is most marked in the unemployment figures where large increases may be accompanied by changes in the seasonal patterns which will not become apparent until later years. As a result the current seasonal adjustment might prove to be inadequate or need to be substantially revised. Care should be exercised in interpreting current movements based on these seasonally adjusted estimates.

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)  
-issued monthly  
The Labour Force, Australia, 1981  
(6204.0)  
Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0)  
-issued quarterly  
Overtime, Australia (6330.0) -issued  
quarterly

22. 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 "Publication Advice" (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publication Advice are available from any ABS office.

## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

\* subject to sampling variability  
too high for most practical  
uses (see paragraph 16)  
n.a. not available  
.. not applicable

23. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1982 -											
November	3,754.2	4,004.3	20.7	313.5	13.4	326.9	4,331.2	1,297.3	5,628.5	7.5	77.0
December	3,766.6	4,007.7	46.5	378.4	26.3	404.7	4,412.4	1,227.0	5,639.4	9.2	78.2
1983 -											
January	3,706.0	3,929.8	51.3	409.2	22.3	431.5	4,361.3	1,290.0	5,651.3	9.9	77.2
February	3,730.2	3,959.2	45.0	418.2	23.1	441.3	4,400.6	1,261.7	5,662.3	10.0	77.7
March	3,700.2	3,951.9	34.2	412.2	23.0	435.3	4,387.2	1,285.9	5,673.0	9.9	77.3
April	3,683.2	3,934.3	28.3	407.2	23.4	430.6	4,364.9	1,315.6	5,680.5	9.9	76.8
May	3,686.8	3,932.7	28.3	413.4	22.6	436.0	4,368.7	1,320.5	5,689.2	10.0	76.8
June	3,689.7	3,930.4	24.5	408.2	16.6	424.8	4,355.2	1,342.8	5,698.0	9.8	76.4
July	3,703.5	3,939.5	28.1	407.5	21.9	429.4	4,368.9	1,337.9	5,706.8	9.8	76.6
August	3,670.3	3,910.8	26.6	409.5	20.2	429.7	4,340.5	1,375.1	5,715.5	9.9	75.9
September	3,748.0	3,979.6	30.8	410.7	24.7	435.3	4,415.0	1,310.7	5,725.7	9.9	77.1
October	3,723.2	3,967.6	33.0	385.0	16.2	401.2	4,368.8	1,365.8	5,734.6	9.2	76.2
November	3,728.9	3,976.9	30.5	366.3	20.3	386.7	4,363.6	1,380.0	5,743.6	8.9	76.0
December	3,792.0	4,038.6	57.3	392.1	28.4	420.5	4,459.2	1,293.4	5,752.6	9.4	77.5
Standard error of -											
December 1983											
estimates	13.7	13.9	3.1	6.6	2.3	6.7	14.3	9.9	..	0.2	0.2
Nov 83 to Dec 83											
movements	9.6	9.7	2.9	5.3	2.2	5.4	10.0	7.5	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1982 -											
November	1,491.4	2,346.3	21.4	170.4	54.7	225.1	2,571.4	3,193.4	5,764.8	8.8	44.6
December	1,492.0	2,349.1	47.6	206.8	62.4	269.2	2,618.4	3,157.0	5,775.4	10.3	45.3
1983 -											
January	1,475.7	2,234.9	48.6	216.2	43.9	260.2	2,495.1	3,290.9	5,786.0	10.4	43.1
February	1,465.3	2,295.8	45.5	234.7	71.3	305.9	2,601.7	3,194.9	5,796.6	11.8	44.9
March	1,482.9	2,348.9	37.8	223.8	72.6	296.4	2,645.3	3,161.6	5,806.9	11.2	45.6
April	1,478.4	2,308.9	31.9	203.2	73.3	276.6	2,585.4	3,229.1	5,814.5	10.7	44.5
May	1,491.4	2,328.9	32.7	212.6	70.0	282.5	2,611.4	3,212.0	5,823.4	10.8	44.8
June	1,477.6	2,324.3	30.1	203.8	62.4	266.2	2,590.5	3,241.8	5,832.3	10.3	44.4
July	1,505.2	2,345.0	26.7	190.1	65.2	255.3	2,600.4	3,240.8	5,841.2	9.8	44.5
August	1,475.9	2,321.8	28.1	195.7	58.7	254.4	2,576.3	3,273.8	5,850.0	9.9	44.0
September	1,534.7	2,370.3	33.2	207.0	76.4	283.4	2,653.7	3,206.5	5,860.2	10.7	45.3
October	1,516.1	2,363.1	27.4	181.5	68.9	250.4	2,613.5	3,256.0	5,869.6	9.6	44.5
November	1,524.4	2,396.9	26.9	175.0	61.7	236.8	2,633.6	3,245.2	5,878.8	9.0	44.8
December	1,551.9	2,415.2	51.9	207.8	59.3	267.1	2,682.3	3,205.8	5,888.1	10.0	45.6
Standard error of -											
December 1983											
estimates	10.4	12.0	3.0	5.2	3.2	5.7	12.4	13.0	..	0.2	0.2
Nov 83 to Dec 83											
movements	7.7	8.6	2.8	4.3	2.9	4.7	8.8	9.3	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1982 -											
November	5,245.5	6,350.6	42.1	483.9	68.1	552.0	6,902.6	4,490.7	11,393.3	8.0	60.6
December	5,258.6	6,356.9	94.1	585.2	88.8	674.0	7,030.8	4,384.0	11,414.8	9.6	61.6
1983 -											
January	5,181.7	6,164.7	99.9	625.5	66.2	691.7	6,856.4	4,580.9	11,437.3	10.1	59.9
February	5,195.5	6,255.0	90.4	652.9	94.4	747.3	7,002.2	4,456.6	11,458.9	10.7	61.1
March	5,183.0	6,300.8	72.0	636.0	95.6	731.6	7,032.4	4,447.5	11,479.9	10.4	61.3
April	5,161.6	6,243.2	60.2	610.4	96.7	707.2	6,950.3	4,544.7	11,495.0	10.2	60.5
May	5,178.2	6,261.6	61.0	626.0	92.6	718.6	6,980.1	4,532.5	11,512.7	10.3	60.6
June	5,167.3	6,254.7	54.6	612.0	79.0	691.1	6,945.7	4,584.6	11,530.3	9.9	60.2
July	5,208.7	6,284.5	54.7	597.7	87.1	684.8	6,969.3	4,578.7	11,547.9	9.8	60.4
August	5,146.2	6,232.7	54.8	605.2	78.9	684.1	6,916.7	4,648.8	11,565.6	9.9	59.8
September	5,282.7	6,350.0	64.0	617.6	101.1	718.7	7,068.7	4,517.2	11,585.9	10.2	61.0
October	5,239.4	6,330.8	60.4	566.5	85.1	651.6	6,982.3	4,621.8	11,604.2	9.3	60.2
November	5,253.3	6,373.8	57.4	541.4	82.1	623.4	6,997.2	4,625.2	11,622.4	8.9	60.2
December	5,344.0	6,453.8	109.2	599.9	87.8	687.6	7,141.5	4,499.3	11,640.7	9.6	61.3
Standard error of -											
December 1983											
estimates	15.1	15.9	4.0	7.6	3.7	8.0	16.3	14.4	..	0.1	0.1
Nov 83 to Dec 83											
movements	10.4	10.9	3.5	6.0	3.3	6.2	11.1	10.1	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed				Labour force	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total					
- '000 -									
MALES									
1982 -									
November	3,776.7	4,020.2	23.8	336.7	16.8	353.5	4,373.7	8.1	77.7
December	3,732.1	3,971.5	26.5	360.7	18.9	379.6	4,351.1	8.7	77.2
1983 -									
January	3,711.5	3,952.1	31.5	363.1	21.6	384.7	4,336.8	8.9	76.7
February	3,712.2	3,958.2	32.9	377.6	24.0	401.6	4,359.8	9.2	77.0
March	3,684.0	3,935.4	34.5	406.0	21.0	427.0	4,362.5	9.8	76.9
April	3,682.7	3,929.5	37.0	421.3	24.8	446.1	4,375.6	10.2	77.0
May	3,692.8	3,933.5	35.6	418.5	21.2	439.7	4,373.2	10.1	76.9
June	3,698.1	3,934.9	36.2	432.3	18.3	450.6	4,385.5	10.3	77.0
July	3,703.2	3,944.3	41.0	422.3	23.2	445.5	4,389.7	10.1	76.9
August	3,697.3	3,932.3	36.4	420.5	21.9	442.5	4,374.8	10.1	76.5
September	3,740.2	3,967.1	35.4	414.2	25.5	439.7	4,406.8	10.0	77.0
October	3,730.2	3,968.4	38.3	410.0	16.8	426.8	4,395.2	9.7	76.6
November	3,749.4	3,990.7	35.0	393.4	25.4	418.8	4,409.5	9.5	76.8
December	3,758.7	4,003.9	32.6	373.0	20.5	393.5	4,397.3	8.9	76.4
FEMALES									
1982 -									
November	1,495.9	2,321.4	28.5	187.6	59.8	247.4	2,568.8	9.6	44.6
December	1,466.9	2,324.7	32.8	194.2	63.8	258.0	2,582.7	10.0	44.7
1983 -									
January	1,470.2	2,326.8	31.3	198.6	56.2	254.8	2,581.6	9.9	44.6
February	1,462.2	2,319.1	35.4	206.0	61.9	267.9	2,587.0	10.4	44.6
March	1,480.3	2,327.8	35.7	212.3	62.5	274.8	2,602.6	10.6	44.8
April	1,478.4	2,305.7	33.0	199.0	69.8	268.8	2,574.4	10.4	44.3
May	1,490.3	2,324.0	35.1	212.7	68.4	281.2	2,605.2	10.8	44.7
June	1,484.3	2,328.4	35.3	210.0	61.5	271.4	2,599.8	10.4	44.6
July	1,511.2	2,338.6	33.6	202.5	70.7	273.2	2,611.7	10.5	44.7
August	1,501.6	2,331.2	35.5	204.1	66.6	270.6	2,601.8	10.4	44.5
September	1,525.1	2,345.8	41.4	215.7	74.9	290.7	2,636.5	11.0	45.0
October	1,521.3	2,348.7	35.7	204.7	62.5	267.2	2,615.8	10.2	44.6
November	1,528.6	2,371.1	35.7	192.3	67.6	259.9	2,631.0	9.9	44.8
December	1,525.9	2,389.9	35.8	194.7	60.6	255.3	2,645.2	9.7	44.9
PERSONS									
1982 -									
November	5,272.6	6,341.6	52.3	524.3	76.6	600.9	6,942.5	8.7	60.9
December	5,199.0	6,296.2	59.3	554.9	82.7	637.6	6,933.8	9.2	60.7
1983 -									
January	5,181.7	6,278.9	62.8	561.7	77.8	639.5	6,918.4	9.2	60.5
February	5,174.4	6,277.4	68.4	583.6	85.9	669.5	6,946.9	9.6	60.6
March	5,164.3	6,263.2	70.2	618.3	83.6	701.9	6,965.1	10.1	60.7
April	5,161.1	6,235.2	70.0	620.3	94.6	714.9	6,950.1	10.3	60.5
May	5,183.0	6,257.6	70.7	631.3	89.7	720.9	6,978.5	10.3	60.6
June	5,182.4	6,263.3	71.5	642.3	79.8	722.1	6,985.3	10.3	60.6
July	5,214.3	6,282.8	74.6	624.8	93.9	718.6	7,001.5	10.3	60.6
August	5,198.9	6,263.5	71.9	624.6	88.5	713.1	6,976.6	10.2	60.3
September	5,265.3	6,313.0	76.8	630.0	100.4	730.4	7,043.4	10.4	60.8
October	5,251.5	6,317.1	74.0	614.7	79.2	694.0	7,011.0	9.9	60.4
November	5,278.1	6,361.8	70.7	585.6	93.1	678.7	7,040.5	9.6	60.6
December	5,284.6	6,393.8	68.4	567.7	81.0	648.8	7,042.5	9.2	60.5





TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Total	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total
	- '000 -						- per cent -				
MALES											
1982 -											
November	20.7	63.9	249.6	313.5	13.4	326.9	20.2	6.7	7.7	5.1	7.5
December	46.5	95.7	282.7	378.4	26.3	404.7	26.1	7.5	9.1	9.8	9.2
1983 -											
January	51.3	103.1	306.1	409.2	22.3	431.5	28.4	8.2	9.9	9.1	9.9
February	45.0	97.5	320.7	418.2	23.1	441.3	27.3	8.5	10.1	9.2	10.0
March	34.2	83.1	329.1	412.2	23.0	435.3	24.7	8.7	10.0	8.4	9.9
April	28.3	76.7	330.5	407.2	23.4	430.6	23.7	8.8	10.0	8.5	9.9
May	28.3	77.3	336.1	413.4	22.6	436.0	23.8	8.9	10.1	8.4	10.0
June	24.5	75.4	332.8	408.2	16.6	424.8	24.3	8.8	10.0	6.5	9.8
July	28.1	82.3	325.3	407.5	21.9	429.4	26.9	8.5	9.9	8.5	9.8
August	26.6	75.9	333.6	409.5	20.2	429.7	25.3	8.8	10.0	7.7	9.9
September	30.8	79.8	330.9	410.7	24.7	435.3	25.8	8.6	9.9	9.6	9.9
October	33.0	75.0	310.0	385.0	16.2	401.2	25.1	8.1	9.4	6.2	9.2
November	30.5	72.7	293.6	366.3	20.3	386.7	24.5	7.7	8.9	7.6	8.9
December	57.3	101.6	290.5	392.1	28.4	420.5	29.3	7.6	9.4	10.3	9.4
Standard error of - December 1983 estimates	3.1	3.9	5.9	6.6	2.3	6.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2
Nov 83 to Dec 83 movements	2.9	3.5	4.8	5.3	2.2	5.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1
FEMALES											
1982 -											
November	21.4	57.8	112.6	170.4	54.7	225.1	23.0	8.0	10.3	6.0	8.8
December	47.6	80.9	125.9	206.8	62.4	269.2	28.5	8.9	12.2	6.8	10.3
1983 -											
January	48.6	84.8	131.4	216.2	43.9	260.2	29.8	9.3	12.8	5.5	10.4
February	45.5	83.3	151.3	234.7	71.3	305.9	30.3	10.6	13.8	7.9	11.8
March	37.8	77.2	146.7	223.8	72.6	296.4	29.7	10.1	13.1	7.7	11.2
April	31.9	71.7	131.5	203.2	73.3	276.6	27.5	9.3	12.1	8.1	10.7
May	32.7	70.4	142.2	212.6	70.0	282.5	27.1	9.8	12.5	7.7	10.8
June	30.1	65.1	138.8	203.8	62.4	266.2	26.2	9.7	12.1	6.9	10.3
July	26.7	62.1	128.1	190.1	65.2	255.3	24.8	8.9	11.2	7.2	9.8
August	28.1	63.5	132.2	195.7	58.7	254.4	25.8	9.3	11.7	6.5	9.9
September	33.2	67.9	139.1	207.0	76.4	283.4	26.4	9.4	11.9	8.4	10.7
October	27.4	60.6	120.9	181.5	68.9	250.4	24.6	8.3	10.7	7.5	9.6
November	26.9	56.6	118.5	175.0	61.7	236.8	23.4	8.1	10.3	6.6	9.0
December	51.9	82.7	125.0	207.8	59.3	267.1	29.7	8.4	11.8	6.4	10.0
Standard error of - December 1983 estimates	3.0	3.6	4.3	5.2	3.2	5.7	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nov 83 to Dec 83 movements	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.3	2.9	4.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1982 -											
November	42.1	121.7	362.2	483.9	68.1	552.0	21.4	7.0	8.4	5.8	8.0
December	94.1	176.7	408.5	585.2	88.8	674.0	27.1	7.9	10.0	7.5	9.6
1983 -											
January	99.9	187.9	437.6	625.5	66.2	691.7	29.0	8.5	10.8	6.3	10.1
February	90.4	180.8	472.0	652.9	94.4	747.3	28.6	9.0	11.2	8.2	10.7
March	72.0	160.2	475.8	636.0	95.6	731.6	26.9	9.1	10.9	7.9	10.4
April	60.2	148.4	462.0	610.4	96.7	707.2	25.4	8.9	10.6	8.2	10.2
May	61.0	147.7	478.3	626.0	92.6	718.6	25.3	9.2	10.8	7.9	10.3
June	54.6	140.5	471.5	612.0	79.0	691.1	25.1	9.0	10.6	6.8	9.9
July	54.7	144.3	453.4	597.7	87.1	684.8	25.9	8.6	10.3	7.5	9.8
August	54.8	139.4	465.8	605.2	78.9	684.1	25.5	8.9	10.5	6.8	9.9
September	64.0	147.7	470.0	617.6	101.1	718.7	26.1	8.8	10.5	8.7	10.2
October	60.4	135.6	430.9	566.5	85.1	651.6	24.8	8.2	9.8	7.2	9.3
November	57.4	129.3	412.1	541.4	82.1	623.4	24.0	7.8	9.3	6.8	8.9
December	109.2	184.4	415.5	599.9	87.8	687.6	29.5	7.8	10.1	7.3	9.6
Standard error of - December 1983 estimates	4.0	5.0	6.7	7.6	3.7	8.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Nov 83 to Dec 83 movements	3.5	4.2	5.4	6.0	3.3	6.2	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part- time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19						Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	
MALES											
1982 -											
November	23.8	70.4	266.3	336.7	16.8	353.5	20.6	7.1	8.2	6.5	8.1
December	26.5	72.1	288.6	360.7	18.9	379.6	21.7	7.7	8.8	7.3	8.7
1983 -											
January	31.5	75.8	287.3	363.1	21.6	384.7	23.1	7.7	8.9	8.2	8.9
February	32.9	81.7	295.9	377.6	24.0	401.6	24.7	7.9	9.2	8.9	9.2
March	34.5	88.1	317.9	406.0	21.0	427.0	26.5	8.5	9.9	7.7	9.8
April	37.0	89.0	332.3	421.3	24.8	446.1	26.8	8.8	10.3	9.1	10.2
May	35.6	82.3	336.2	418.5	21.2	439.7	25.4	8.9	10.2	8.1	10.1
June	36.2	86.4	345.9	432.3	18.3	450.6	26.8	9.1	10.5	7.2	10.3
July	41.0	93.0	329.2	422.3	23.2	445.5	29.2	8.6	10.2	8.8	10.1
August	36.4	86.1	334.5	420.5	21.9	442.5	26.8	8.8	10.2	8.5	10.1
September	35.4	86.8	327.4	414.2	25.5	439.7	27.2	8.5	10.0	10.1	10.0
October	38.3	82.6	327.4	410.0	16.8	426.8	25.8	8.6	9.9	6.6	9.7
November	35.0	80.0	313.4	393.4	25.4	418.8	25.0	8.2	9.5	9.5	9.5
December	32.6	76.4	296.5	373.0	20.5	393.5	24.6	7.8	9.0	7.7	8.9
FEMALES											
1982 -											
November	28.5	69.0	118.6	187.6	59.8	247.4	25.8	8.4	11.1	6.8	9.6
December	32.8	65.8	128.4	194.2	63.8	258.0	25.1	9.2	11.7	6.9	10.0
1983 -											
January	31.3	66.0	132.6	198.6	56.2	254.8	25.7	9.4	11.9	6.2	9.9
February	35.4	71.8	134.2	206.0	61.9	267.9	27.8	9.5	12.3	6.7	10.4
March	35.7	76.0	136.3	212.3	62.5	274.8	29.8	9.5	12.5	6.9	10.6
April	33.0	72.5	126.4	199.0	69.8	268.8	28.0	8.9	11.9	7.8	10.4
May	35.1	72.2	140.5	212.7	68.4	281.2	27.6	9.7	12.5	7.6	10.8
June	35.3	69.3	140.7	210.0	61.5	271.4	27.5	9.8	12.4	6.8	10.4
July	33.6	69.5	133.0	202.5	70.7	273.2	26.8	9.1	11.8	7.9	10.5
August	35.5	68.4	135.6	204.1	66.6	270.6	26.5	9.4	12.0	7.4	10.4
September	41.4	75.5	140.2	215.7	74.9	290.7	27.8	9.5	12.4	8.4	11.0
October	35.7	71.4	133.3	204.7	62.5	267.2	26.9	9.1	11.9	7.0	10.2
November	35.7	67.6	124.7	192.3	67.6	259.9	26.2	8.5	11.2	7.4	9.9
December	35.8	67.3	127.4	194.7	60.6	255.3	26.2	8.7	11.3	6.5	9.7
PERSONS											
1982 -											
November	52.3	139.4	384.9	524.3	76.6	600.9	22.9	7.4	9.0	6.7	8.7
December	59.3	137.9	417.0	554.9	82.7	637.6	23.2	8.1	9.6	7.0	9.2
1983 -											
January	62.8	141.8	419.9	561.7	77.8	639.5	24.3	8.1	9.8	6.6	9.2
February	68.4	153.5	430.2	583.6	85.9	669.5	26.1	8.3	10.1	7.2	9.6
March	70.2	164.1	454.2	618.3	83.6	701.9	28.0	8.7	10.7	7.1	10.1
April	70.0	161.6	458.7	620.3	94.6	714.9	27.3	8.8	10.7	8.1	10.3
May	70.7	154.5	476.7	631.3	89.7	720.9	26.4	9.1	10.9	7.7	10.3
June	71.5	155.7	486.6	642.3	79.8	722.1	27.1	9.3	11.0	6.9	10.3
July	74.6	162.5	462.3	624.8	93.9	718.6	28.1	8.8	10.7	8.1	10.3
August	71.9	154.5	470.1	624.6	88.5	713.1	26.7	9.0	10.7	7.7	10.2
September	76.8	162.3	467.7	630.0	100.4	730.4	27.5	8.8	10.7	8.7	10.4
October	74.0	154.0	460.7	614.7	79.2	694.0	26.3	8.7	10.5	6.9	9.9
November	70.7	147.6	438.0	585.6	93.1	678.7	25.5	8.3	10.0	7.9	9.6
December	68.4	143.8	423.9	567.7	81.0	648.8	25.3	8.0	9.7	6.8	9.2



TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate					
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Looking for first job	Total	Total	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total	
	- '000 -					- per cent -						
NEW SOUTH WALES -												
1982 - December	35.4	61.9	159.4	221.3	28.4	249.7	29.0	8.7	10.8	7.4	10.2	
1983 - November	21.7	49.5	154.5	204.0	27.6	231.6	28.1	8.4	10.1	6.7	9.5	
December	42.2	71.0	155.4	226.4	26.3	252.7	33.8	8.3	10.9	6.7	10.2	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	2.8	3.4	4.6	5.2	2.3	5.4	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	2.4	2.8	3.6	4.0	2.1	4.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
VICTORIA -												
1982 - December	19.5	40.4	93.6	134.0	24.5	158.5	25.6	6.8	8.7	7.6	8.5	
1983 - November	14.9	28.1	98.2	126.3	21.2	147.5	20.7	7.0	8.2	6.8	8.0	
December	24.8	39.4	101.4	140.8	26.8	167.6	26.0	7.1	8.9	8.4	8.8	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	2.1	2.5	3.5	3.9	2.1	4.1	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	1.8	2.1	2.8	3.1	1.9	3.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
QUEENSLAND -												
1982 - December	16.6	30.2	64.4	94.6	14.5	109.2	25.1	8.1	10.3	8.0	9.9	
1983 - November	6.1	18.6	62.3	80.9	13.8	94.7	19.4	7.7	8.9	7.3	8.6	
December	14.5	28.1	61.9	90.1	12.4	102.4	25.4	7.6	9.7	6.7	9.2	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	1.3	1.8	2.4	2.7	1.3	2.8	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.1	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -												
1982 - December	8.4	17.3	37.2	54.5	8.7	63.2	28.9	8.4	10.9	7.2	10.2	
1983 - November	5.2	12.0	39.4	51.4	7.6	59.0	25.2	8.9	10.5	6.4	9.7	
December	8.4	15.4	40.3	55.7	8.8	64.5	27.9	8.9	11.0	7.3	10.3	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -												
1982 - December	7.5	15.4	33.4	48.7	8.8	57.6	23.9	7.3	9.4	7.6	9.0	
1983 - November	5.8	14.6	39.4	54.0	8.0	62.0	26.8	8.4	10.3	6.9	9.7	
December	12.0	20.5	40.1	60.6	7.6	68.2	31.5	8.4	11.2	6.5	10.4	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	
TASMANIA -												
1982 - December	4.6	7.8	12.6	20.5	1.6	22.1	35.2	9.2	12.8	5.2	11.6	
1983 - November	2.6	4.8	12.4	17.2	1.6	18.8	26.7	8.9	11.0	5.3	10.1	
December	4.7	6.5	10.8	17.3	2.6	19.9	32.9	7.7	10.9	7.7	10.3	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.8	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.3	
NORTHERN TERRITORY -												
1982 - December	*	*	2.8	4.0	*	4.4	*	5.7	7.4	*	7.2	
1983 - November	*	*	2.6	3.2	*	3.8	*	5.2	5.8	*	5.9	
December	*	*	1.9	2.8	*	3.8	*	4.0	5.3	*	6.2	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	6.5	1.0	1.0	4.3	1.0	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	5.3	0.9	0.9	3.5	0.8	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -												
1982 - December	*	2.4	5.2	7.6	*	9.3	32.8	6.1	8.2	*	8.1	
1983 - November	*	*	3.3	4.4	*	6.0	*	3.6	4.4	*	5.2	
December	*	2.5	3.8	6.3	2.3	8.6	33.9	4.0	6.2	11.7	7.1	
Standard error of -												
Dec 1983 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	6.5	0.6	0.6	2.4	0.6	
Nov 1983 to Dec 1983 movements	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	5.3	0.5	0.5	1.9	0.5	

