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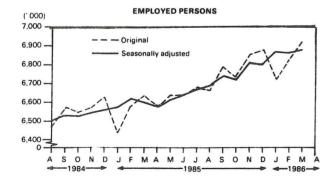
Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 13 to 17. Particular care should be taken in the interpretation of the seasonally graphs 13 to 17. adjusted series in this publication as the short-term movement cannot be assumed to indicate changes in trend.

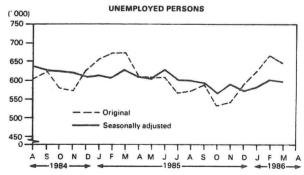
MAIN FEATURES

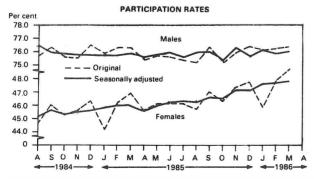
In seasonally adjusted terms, at March 1986 there were an estimated 7,478,600 persons in the labour force, of whom 6,883,000 were employed and 595,600 were unemployed.

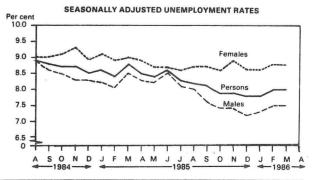
Between March 1985 and March 1986, employment increased by 292,000 persons in original terms Between March 1985 and March 1986, employment increased by 292,000 persons in original terms (132,200 males and 159,800 females), of which 187,000 were full-time employed persons. This is the largest March to March increase since the commencement of monthly labour force surveys in February 1978. Unemployment decreased by 31,300 persons in original terms over the same twelve month period, although the number of persons looking for full-time work fell by 49,700. The original unemployment rate decreased from 9.2 per cent to 8.5 per cent, and the participation rate increased from 61.4 per cent to 62.4 per cent as a result of a 1.9 percentage points increase in female labour force participation.

Total seasonally adjusted employment increased by 27,200 between February and March 1986, resulting in an estimated 6,883,000 employed persons (4,200,200 males and 2,682,800 females) at March 1986. The number of part-time employed persons increased by 42,100. Unemployment changed little in seasonally adjusted terms, with an estimated 595,600 unemployed persons (339,800 males and 255,900 females) at March 1986. This represents a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.0 per cent, which is unchanged from February 1986. The seasonally adjusted participation rate of 61.7 per cent is the highest since the commencement of monthly labour force surveys.









INTRODUCTION

This publication 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)

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, 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 The interviews are interviewers. 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 1985 survey commenced on Monday 2 December, and for the January 1986 survey, on Monday 13 January. information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

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 the actual activity undertaken during the survey week (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.). 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 with-

- out 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 their first full-time 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 worked 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually parttime workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually worked 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".

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

- 13. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The sampling error is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey 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.
- 14. 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).
- 15. 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.
- 16. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:
 - (a) The estimate of 314,800 unemployed males looking for full-time work in March 1986 has a standard error of about 6,300. 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 308,500 to 321,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 302,200 to 327,400.
 - (b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from February 1986 to March 1986 is a decrease of 24,800. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,100. 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 -29,900 to -19,700 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -35,000 to -14,600.

17. 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 a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of question-naires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

18. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 5. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted estimates contained in this bulletin. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted figures for all months since February 1978, will be published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1985" (6203.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19. Users may also wish to refer to "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0), (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available on request.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical note in 6203.0 for more details
- .. not applicable
- 20. 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

Unemployed

Looking for full-time work

		full-time work													
	Employed Full-time		Aged 15-19 looking for		ooking for part- time		Labour	Not in labour	Civilian popula- tion aged 15	Unemp-	Partici- pation				
Month	workers	Total	first job	Total	work	Total	force	force	and over	rate	rate				
				-	'000 -					- per	cent -				
MALES															
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December	3,829.6 3,831.6 3,796.7 3,827.6 3,821.3 3,843.3 3,836.0 3,903.9 3,867.8 3,914.4 3,952.6	4,072.5 4,080.8 4,059.0 4,083.8 4,078.0 4,095.6 4,089.0 4,166.4 4,186.1 4,200.5	42.7 36.3 27.3 25.4 28.1 26.4 27.0 26.8 20.3 21.6 40.3	369.0 362.7 336.1 331.4 341.9 324.3 324.5 315.3 284.6 304.0	21.3 27.0 23.6 30.4 23.2 19.5 23.7 26.4 20.7 25.3 31.4	390.4 389.7 359.7 361.8 365.1 343.8 348.1 341.6 309.8 309.9 335.5	4,462.9 4,470.5 4,418.7 4,445.6 4,443.1 4,437.1 4,508.0 4,448.1 4,496.0 4,535.9	1,386.6 1,386.2 1,445.1 1,425.7 1,435.6 1,448.3 1,459.7 1,398.0 1,468.4 1,430.5 1,400.5	5,849.5 5,863.8 5,871.3 5,878.7 5,887.7 5,896.9 5,906.5 5,926.5 5,936.4	8.7 8.1 8.1 8.2 7.7 7.8 7.6 7.0 6.9	76.3 76.3 75.4 75.7 75.6 75.4 75.2 76.3 75.2 75.9				
1986 - January February March	3,923.8 3,937.7 3,939.5	4,158.7 4,180.5 4,213.0	46.7 39.8 30.3	334.1 339.6 314.8	35.5 28.4 37.4	369.5 367.9 352.2	4,528.3 4,548.5 4,565.2	1,418.9 1,409.2 1,403.0	5,947.2 5,957.7 5,968.2	8.2 8.1 7.7	76.1 76.3 76.5				
Standard error of -															
March 1986 estimates	15.3	15.6	2.3	6.3	2.6	6.6	16.0	10.9	•••	0.1	0.3				
Feb 86 to Mar 86 movements	12.7	13.0	2.3	5.1	2.2	5.2	13.4	8.6	••	0.1	0.2				
					FEMALES	5									
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December	1,606.0 1,620.3 1,583.3 1,599.2 1,600.5 1,628.8 1,603.2 1,643.7 1,628.8 1,648.0 1,686.4	2,503.7 2,553.7 2,505.8 2,548.5 2,579.0 2,557.1 2,617.5 2,6617.5 2,662.8 2,662.8	35.1 27.3 23.9 23.9 26.4 20.3 18.8 21.1 19.5 19.3 33.1	207.4 193.7 174.6 172.2 170.1 152.4 162.4 167.3 157.9 180.3	75.8 88.3 79.9 73.6 71.5 69.5 60.7 78.8 68.6 73.3 73.6	283.2 282.0 254.5 245.8 241.6 221.9 223.0 246.1 223.3 231.2 253.9	2,787.0 2,835.7 2,760.3 2,794.4 2,795.5 2,800.9 2,780.1 2,863.6 2,825.1 2,824.0 2,929.2	3,246.2 3,205.0 3,288.1 3,261.8 3,268.4 3,272.4 3,302.7 3,228.9 3,277.4 3,218.9 3,194.0	6,033.2 6,040.7 6,048.4 6,056.1 6,063.9 6,073.3 6,082.8 6,092.4 6,102.6 6,112.9 6,123.2	10.2 9.9 9.2 8.8 8.6 7.9 8.0 8.6 7.9	46.2 45.6 46.1 46.1 45.7 47.0 46.3 47.3				
1986 - January February March	1,679.8 1,701.1 1,699.4	2,560.2 2,646.8 2,713.5	38.7 34.6 27.8	195.6 209.3 191.9	58.1 86.0 96.4	253.7 295.3 288.2	2,813.9 2,942.2 3,001.7	3,319.3 3,201.2 3,151.8	6,133.2 6,143.4 6,153.6	9.0 10.0 9.6	45.9 47.9 48.8				
Standard error of - March 1986 estimates Feb 86 to Mar 86 movements	11.6 9.3	13.6	2.2	5.2	3.9 3.2 PERSON	6.1 4.8	14.0 11.5	14.3 11.7		0.2	0.2				
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December	5,435.7 5,451.9 5,380.0 5,426.8 5,421.7 5,472.1 5,439.2 5,547.7 5,496.6 5,562.4 5,638.9	6,576.3 6,634.8 6,634.8 6,631.9 6,674.1 6,783.9 6,740.1 6,875.8	77.8 63.6 51.1 49.4 54.5 46.7 45.8 47.9 39.8 40.9 73.4	576.4 556.4 510.7 503.6 512.0 476.7 486.8 482.5 443.8 442.5	97.2 115.3 103.5 104.0 94.7 89.0 84.3 105.2 89.4 98.6 105.0	673.6 671.7 614.2 607.7 606.7 565.7 571.2 587.7 583.1 541.1 589.4	7,249.9 7,306.2 7,179.0 7,239.9 7,238.6 7,240.2 7,217.2 7,371.6 7,273.2 7,390.0 7,465.2	4,632.8 4,791.1 4,733.2 4,687.4 4,704.0 4,720.7 4,762.5 4,626.9 4,745.9 4,745.9 4,594.4	11,882.7 11,897.3 11,912.2 11,927.4 11,961.0 11,979.7 11,998.5 12,019.1 12,039.3 12,059.6	8.4 8.4 7.8 7.9 8.0 7.3 7.3	61.0 61.4 60.3 60.7 60.6 60.5 60.2 61.4 61.9				
January February March	5,603.6 5,638.8 5,638.9	6,719.0 6,827.4 6,926.5	85.4 74.4 58.1	529.6 548.8 506.7	93.6 114.4 133.8	623.2 663.2 640.4	7,342.2 7,490.6 7,566.9	4,738.2 4,610.4 4,554.8	12,080.4 12,101.1 12,121.7	8.5 8.9 8.5	60.8 61.9 62.4				
Standard error of - March 1986 estimates Feb 86 to Mar 86 movements	17.1 14.5	18.2 15.7	3.1 2.9	7.5 6.1	4.5 3.6	8.2	18.7 16.2	16.0		0.1	0.2				

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Unemployed Looking for

			full-time work	k					
	Employed Full-time		Aged 15-19	Total	Looking for part-time		Labour force	Unemp- loyment	Partici- pation
Month		Total	first job	Total	work	Total	force		rate
				-	'000 -			- per	cent -
				MALES					
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November	3,818.7 3,818.5 3,812.7 3,831.9 3,829.1 3,835.7 3,835.7 3,888.4 3,866.1 3,919.8 3,915.6	4,075.9 4,068.0 4,065.2 4,083.6 4,083.9 4,091.3 4,122.7 4,146.4 4,128.0 4,182.0	31.0 34.2 32.1 31.5 38.7 34.9 34.3 31.9 25.2 26.2	337.7 351.4 341.0 335.1 353.9 337.1 329.4 318.6 308.0 303.9	22.6 25.1 24.8 28.0 24.5 22.6 25.5 24.6 22.7 29.3	360.3 376.5 365.8 363.1 378.4 359.7 354.9 343.2 330.7 333.2	4,436.2 4,444.5 4,431.0 4,446.7 4,462.3 4,451.0 4,477.6 4,489.6 4,489.6 4,458.7 4,515.2	8.1 8.3 8.2 8.5 8.1 7.9 7.6 7.4 7.4	75.8 75.9 75.6 75.7 75.9 75.6 75.9 76.0 75.4 76.2
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January February March	3,942.3 3,926.4 3,926.2	4,194.7 4,183.3 4,200.2	29.7 28.9 28.4	301.2 311.0 304.9	30.4 30.1 34.9	331.6 341.1 339.8	4,526.3 4,524.4 4,539.9	7.3 7.5 7.5	76.1 75.9 76.1
				FEMALES					
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December	1,611.6 1,614.6 1,590.6 1,605.5 1,613.6 1,624.2 1,624.4 1,627.0 1,634.9 1,644.7 1,656.1	2,528.1 2,525.3 2,514.9 2,554.6 2,555.0 2,569.6 2,570.1 2,590.5 2,592.5 2,626.3 2,635.7	25.9 24.9 25.2 26.0 29.8 25.6 24.6 25.9 26.1 25.3 23.7	178.9 176.9 170.1 170.8 172.4 167.6 173.1 175.9 173.5 175.2 173.9	68.9 74.1 72.9 70.9 71.6 73.3 70.8 71.8 70.8 79.0 74.6	247.8 251.0 243.0 241.7 244.9 247.7 244.3 254.2 248.5	2,775.9 2,776.3 2,757.9 2,786.3 2,799.0 2,810.5 2,814.0 2,838.2 2,836.8 2,880.5 2,884.2	8.9 9.0 8.8 8.7 8.7 8.6 8.7 8.6 8.6 8.8	46.0 45.6 46.0 46.2 46.3 46.3 46.6 46.5
1086	1,679.1 1,707.5 1,692.9				73.6 78.5 80.9				
				PERSONS					
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December	5,430.3 5,433.1 5,403.3 5,437.4 5,442.7 5,459.9 5,494.9 5,515.4 5,501.0 5,564.5 5,571.7	6,604.0 6,593.3 6,580.1 6,628.2 6,638.9 6,660.9 6,692.8 6,736.5 6,808.3 6,802.9	56.9 59.1 57.3 57.5 68.5 60.5 58.9 57.8 51.3 51.5	516.6 528.3 511.1 505.9 526.3 504.7 502.5 494.5 481.5 479.1	91.5 99.2 97.7 98.9 96.1 95.9 96.3 96.4 93.5 108.3	608.1 627.5 608.8 604.8 622.4 600.6 598.8 590.9 575.0 587.4	7,212.1 7,220.8 7,188.9 7,233.0 7,261.3 7,261.5 7,291.6 7,327.8 7,327.8 7,395.7 7,377.1	8.4 8.7 8.5 8.4 8.6 8.3 8.2 8.1 7.9 7.8	60.7 60.3 60.6 60.8 60.9 61.1 60.7 61.4 61.2
1006	5,621.4 5,634.0 5,619.1					583.3 600.1 595.6	7,446.1 7,455.9 7,478.6	7.8 8.0 8.0	61.6 61.6 61.7

TABLE 3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 1986

	Employed		Unemployed	L				Civilian			
State or Territory	Employed Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full- time work	Looking for part- time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	popula- tion aged 15 and over	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	
				- '000	-				- pe	cent -	
				M	ALES						
was good by malas	1 261 4	1 446 0	101.1	70.0	120.0	1 570 0	400 7	0.076.0			
New South Wales Victoria	1,361.4 1,043.7	1,446.9 1,118.8	121.1 58.4	10.9 12.9	132.0 71.3	1,578.8 1,190.1	498.1 377.5	2,076.9 1,567.5	8.4 6.0	76.0 75.9	
Queensland	620.0	669.1	58.1	5.3	63.4	732.5	222.9	955.4	8.7	76.7	
South Australia Western Australia	334.9 369.8	360.2 393.3	29.7 31.3	2.3 3.1	32.0 34.4	392.3 427.7	129.4 110.9	521.7 538.6	8.2 8.0	75.2 79.4	
Tasmania	106.5	113.4	10.5	*	10.8	124.3	41.9	166.1	8.7	74.8	
Northern Territory Australian Capital	38.0	40.6	2.8	*	3.9	44.5	8.2	52.7	8.7	84.4	
Territory	65.0	70.7	2.9	1.5	4.4	75.1	14.1	89.2	5.8	84.2	
Australia	3,939.5	4,213.0	314.8	37.4	352.2	4,565.2	1,403.0	5,968.2	7.7	76.5	
New South Wales	605.1	925.0	71.8	FEI 28.2	MALES	1,025.0	1,125.0	2,150.0	9.8	47.7	
Victoria Queensland	469.6 248.4	742.0 406.7	39.0 35.6	30.1 17.0	69.1 52.6	811.1 459.3	820.0 515.7	1,631.1 975.0	8.5 11.5	49.7 47.1	
South Australia	135.3	234.8	17.2	7.7	24.9	259.7	285.6	545.3	9.6	47.6	
Western Australia	144.3	251.9	18.1	8.2	26.3	278.2	259.6	537.8	9.5	51.7	
Tasmania Northern Territory	41.0 19.6	69.4 27.4	6.5	2.6	9.1 2.6	78.5 30.0	93.1 17.6	171.6 47.6	11.5 8.8	45.7 63.1	
Australian Capital Territory	36.1	56.3	2.0	1.6	3.6	59.8	35.3	95.1	6.0	62.9	
Australia	1,699.4	2,713.5	191.9	96.4	288.2	3,001.7	3,151.8	6,153.6	9.6	48.8	
				PEI	RSONS						
New South Wales	1,966.5	2,371.8	192.9	39.1	232.0	2,603.8	1,623.1	4,226.9	8.9	61.6	
Victoria	1,513.3	1,860.8	97.4	43.0	140.4	2,001.2	1,197.4	3,198.6	7.0	62.6	
Queensland South Australia	868.4 470.2	1,075.7 595.1	93.7 46.9	22.3 10.0	116.0 56.9	1,191.8 652.0	738.6 415.0	1,930.4 1,067.0	9.7. 8.7	61.7 61.1	
Western Australia	514.1	645.2	49.4	11.3	60.7	705.9	370.5	1,076.5	8.6	65.6	
Tasmania	147.5	182.9	17.0	2.9	19.9	202.7	135.0	337.7	9.8	60.0	
Northern Territory Australian Capital	57.6	68.0	4.5	2.0	6.5	74.5	25.8	100.3	8.8	74.3	
Territory	101.1	127.0	4.9	3.1	7.9	134.9	49.4	184.3	5.9	73.2	
Australia	5,638.9	6,926.5	506.7	133.8	640.4	7,566.9	4,554.8	12,121.7	8.5	62.4	

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

	Number look			Unemployment rate							
	Aged 15-19				Number looking		Lookin			Looking	
	Looking		Aged 20		for part- time			Aged 20		part- time	
Month	first job	Total	and over	Total	work	Total		and over	Total	work	Total
			- '000) –				-	per cent	-	
					MALES						
1985 -	42.7	0.4 5	204 5	260.0	21.2	390.4	25.5	7.4	8.8	8.1	8.7
February March	42.7 36.3 27.3	84.5 77.7 64.7	284.5 285.0 271.4	369.0 362.7 336.1	21.3 27.0 23.6	389.7 359.7	24.2	7.4 7.1	8.6 8.1	9.8	8.7 8.1
April May	25.4 28.1	59.7 64.1	271.7 271.8	331.4 341.9	30.4	361.8 365.1	19.1	7.1 7.2	8.0	10.6	8.1
June July August	26.4 27.0	65.4	258.9 263.3	324.3	19.5	343.8 348.1	21.8	6.7	7.8 7.8	7.2 8.6	7.7 7.8
September October	26.8	60.9	254.4 235.0	315.3 289.0	26.4	341.6 309.8	19.4	6.5	7.5 7.0	9.1 7.1	7.6 7.0
November December	21.6 40.3	51.9 75.2	232.6	284.6 304.0	25.3 31.4	309.9 335.5	17.7	6.0	6.8 7.1	8.5	6.9
1986 -											
January February	46.7 39.8	87.7 78.2	246.4 261.4	334.1 339.6	35.5 28.4	369.5 367.9	25.1	6.3	7.8 7.9	13.1 10.5	8.2 8.1
March	30.3	67.7	247.1	314.8	37.4	352.2	21.4	6.3	7.4	12.0	7.7
Standard error of - March 1986											
estimates Feb 86 to Mar 86	2.3	3.3	5.7	6.3	2.6	6.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1
movements	2.3	2.9	4.6	5.1	2.2	5.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
					FEMALES						
1985 -	25.1	70.1	135.3	207.4	75.8	283.2	26.9	8.8	11.4	7.8	10.2
February March	35.1 27.3 23.9	72.1 62.8 52.8	130.9	193.7 174.6	88.3 79.9	282.0 254.5	24.2	8.4	10.7	8.6 8.0	9.9
April May June	23.9 26.4	52.5	119.8	172.2	73.6 71.5	245.8	21.4	7.8 7.7	9.7	7.2 7.0	8.8
July August	20.3 18.8	46.8	105.6	152.4 162.4	69.5	221.9	19.7 19.9	6.8 7.6	8.6 9.2	6.8	7.9 8.0
September October	21.1 19.5	51.4 45.9	115.8	167.3 154.7	78.8 68.6	246.1 223.3	21.2		9.2 8.7	7.5 6.6	8.6 7.9
November December	19.3 33.1	49.1 66.6	108.9 113.7	157.9 180.3	73.3 73.6	231.2 253.9	21.6 25.6	6.9 7.1	8.7 9.7	6.7	8.0 8.7
1986 -	38.7	73.0	122.6	195.6	58.1	253.7	26.0	7.7	10.4	6.2	9.0
January February March	34.6 27.8	68.1 60.1	141.1	209.3	86.0 96.4	295.3 288.2	25.4	8.6	11.0	8.3	10.0
March	2,10	******	2021,								
Standard error of - March 1986		2.2		F 2	2.0	6.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
estimates Feb 86 to Mar 86	2.2	2.8	4.4 3.7	5.2 4.2	3.9	4.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
movements	2.2	2.0	3.7	4.2	3.2	4.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
					PERSONS						
1985 - February	77.8	156.6	419.9	576.4	97.2	673.6	26.2	7.8	9.6	7.9	9.3
March April	63.6 51.1	140.5	415.9 393.2	556.4 510.7	115.3 103.5	671.7 614.2	24.2 21.2 20.1	7.7 7.4 7.3	9.3 8.7 8.5	8.9 8.0 7.9	9.2 8.6 8.4
May June	49.4	112.2	391.4 394.7 364.5	503.6 512.0 476.7	104.0 94.7 89.0	607.7 606.7 565.7	21.2	7.3 6.7	8.6	7.3 6.9	8.4 7.8
July August September	46.7 45.8 47.9	112.3 107.9 112.3	378.9 370.2	486.8 482.5	84.3 105.2	571.2 587.7	20.3	7.0 6.8	8.2	6.5 7.8	7.9 8.0
October November	39.8 40.9	99.8	343.9 341.5	443.8	89.4 98.6	533.1 541.1	19.1	6.3	7.5 7.4	6.7 7.1	7.3 7.3
December	73.4	141.8	342.5	484.4	105.0	589.4	24.0	6.2	7.9	7.8	7.9
1986 - January	85.4	160.7	369.0	529.6	93.6	623.2	25.5	6.7	8.6	7.7	8.5
February March	74.4 58.1	146.3 127.9	402.6 378.8	548.8 506.7	114.4 133.8	663.2 640.4	24.1 22.2	7.2 6.8	8.9	8.8 9.4	8.9 8.5
Standard error of -											
March 1986 estimates	3.1	4.4	6.7	7.5	4.5	8.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Feb 86 to Mar 86 movements	2.9	3.7	5.4	6.1	3.6	6.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

		Number looki	Number		Unemployment rate							
		Aged 15-19				looking for		Looking : full-time	for e work	1		
.0		Looking for	met al	Aged 20 and over	Total	part- time work	Total	Aged Ac 15-19 and	ged 20		time work	Total
Month		first job	Total	- '0		WOIN	20000			per cent	=	
						MALES						
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December		31.0 34.2 32.1 31.5 38.7 34.9 34.3 31.9 25.2 26.2 25.4	71.1 77.5 71.7 65.0 71.9 71.3 68.8 66.1 62.0 58.0	266.6 273.9 269.3 270.1 282.0 265.8 260.6 252.5 246.0 245.9 239.7	337.7 351.4 341.0 335.1 353.9 337.1 329.4 318.6 308.0 303.9 299.2	22.6 25.1 24.8 28.0 24.5 22.6 25.5 24.6 22.7 29.3 26.5	360.3 376.5 365.8 363.1 378.4 359.7 354.9 343.2 330.7 333.2 325.7	22.9 24.5 22.8 20.9 22.6 23.2 21.9 20.4 19.8 18.5	6.9 7.1 7.0 7.0 7.3 6.9 6.7 6.5 6.4 6.3	8.1 8.4 8.2 8.0 8.5 8.1 7.8 7.6 7.4 7.2	8.1 9.1 8.9 10.0 8.8 8.1 9.2 8.7 8.0 10.1	8.1 8.5 8.3 8.2 8.5 8.1 7.9 7.6 7.4 7.4
1986 - January February March		29.7 28.9 28.4	65.6 65.8 67.3	235.6 245.2 237.6	301.2 311.0 304.9	30.4 30.1 34.9	331.6 341.1 339.8	20.4 20.5 21.7	6.0 6.3 6.1	7.1 7.3 7.2	10.7 10.5 11.3	7.3 7.5 7.5
						FEMALES						
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December		25.9 24.9 25.2 26.0 29.8 25.6 24.6 25.9 26.1 25.3 23.7	59.4 58.3 53.6 54.8 56.4 53.2 52.2 52.0 55.4 56.3	119.5 118.6 116.5 116.0 114.4 120.3 118.9 118.1 118.9	178.9 176.9 170.1 170.8 172.4 167.6 173.1 175.9 175.9	68.9 74.1 72.9 70.9 71.6 73.3 70.8 71.8 79.0 74.6	247.8 251.0 243.0 241.7 244.0 240.9 247.7 244.3 254.2 248.5	23.6 23.0 22.0 22.3 22.6 21.7 21.5 22.9 22.7 23.4 22.8	7.8 7.7 7.7 7.6 7.5 7.4 7.8 7.7 7.5 7.5	10.0 9.9 9.7 9.6 9.7 9.4 9.6 9.8 9.6 9.5	7.0 7.5 7.3 7.0 7.1 7.2 7.0 6.9 6.9 7.4 7.1	8.9 9.0 8.8 8.7 8.7 8.6 8.7 8.6 8.8
1986 - January February March		25.6 25.4 25.4	58.0 56.0 55.7	124.6	178.1 180.6 175.0	73.6 78.5 80.9	251.7 259.0 255.9	22.6 22.2 21.9	7.5 7.6 7.4	9.6 9.6 9.4	6.9 7.5 7.6	8.6 8.8 8.7
						PERSONS						
1985 - February March April May June July August September October November December		56.9 59.1 57.3 57.5 68.5 60.5 58.9 57.8 51.3 51.5 49.1	130.5 135.8 125.3 119.8 124.5 121.6 123.1 117.4 114.3 115.2	392.5 385.8 386.1 398.0 380.2 380.9 371.4 364.8	516.6 528.3 511.1 505.9 526.3 504.7 502.5 494.5 481.5 479.1	91.5 99.2 97.7 98.9 96.1 95.9 96.4 93.5 108.3	608.1 627.5 608.8 604.8 622.4 600.6 598.8 590.9 575.0 587.4	23.2 23.9 22.5 21.5 22.6 22.5 21.7 21.5 21.1	7.2 7.3 7.2 7.4 7.0 7.0 6.8 6.7 6.6	8.7 8.9 8.6 8.5 8.8 8.5 8.4 8.2 8.0 7.8	7.2 7.9 7.7 7.4 7.4 7.3 7.1 8.0 7.6	8.4 8.5 8.4 8.6 8.3 8.2 8.1 7.9 7.8
1986 - January February March		55.3 54.4 53.8	123.6 121.8 123.0	369.7	479.3 491.5 479.9	104.0 108.6 115.8	583.3 600.1 595.6	21.4 21.3 21.8	6.4 6.7 6.4	7.9 8.0 7.9	7.7 8.2 8.4	7.8 8.0 8.0

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

	Number looking for full-time work						Unemployment rate					
	Aged 15-19				Number looking		Looking for Looking					
	Looking				for part-			ime work		for part-		
State or Territory	for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total	time work	Total		Aged 20 and over	Total	time work	Total	
			-	'000 -				- I	er cent	-		
NEW SOUTH WALES -												
1985 - March 1986 - February March	25.0 28.0 23.1	54.2 49.3 46.6	158.1 160.2 146.3	212.4 209.4 192.9	33.8 34.5 39.1	246.2 244.0 232.0	27.5 24.3 23.5	8.2 8.1 7.5	10.0 9.6 8.9	8.1 8.5 8.8	9.7 9.4 8.9	
Standard error of - Mar 1986 estimates	2.1	2.8	4.5	5.0	2.6	5.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
Feb 1986 to Mar 1986 movements	1.8	2.3	3.6	4.0	2.1	4.3	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
VICTORIA -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	14.3 17.6	27.8 34.8	93.6	121.4 114.8	31.8	153.3 145.7	19.8 23.2	6.6 5.4	7.7 7.1	9.3 8.9	8.0 7.4	
March Standard error of -	13.0	25.3	72.1	97.4	43.0	140.4	18.4	4.9	6.0	11.0	7.0	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	1.6	2.2	3.3	3.7	2.7	4.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	
Mar 1986 movements	1.6	2.0	2.6	3.0	2.1	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
QUEENSLAND -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	7.5 10.8	25.7 25.1	77.5 73.7	103.2 98.8	21.0 23.0	124.1 121.8	25.4	9.2 8.5	10.9	10.1	10.8	
March Standard error of -	7.5	23.8	70.0	93.7	22.3	116.0	24.1	8.1	9.7	9.7	9.7	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	1.1	1.8	2.7	3.0	1.7	3.2	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Mar 1986 movements	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	6.5 7.1	11.9 14.7	35.2 32.9	47.1 47.6	11.3	58.3 57.2	23.1 27.0	7.7 7.1	9.3 9.2	8.5 7.4	9.1 8.8	
March Standard error of -	6.1	12.6	34.3	46.9	10.0	56.9	24.1	7.4	9.1	7.4	8.7	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Mar 1986 movements	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	5.9 5.1	13.8 12.8	35.9 37.6	49.7	10.7	60.4	23.2	7.4 7.5	9.1 8.9	8.2	8.9	
March Standard error of -	4.1	11.9	37.5	49.4	11.3	60.7	19.7	7.5	8.8	7.9	8.6	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	0.7	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Mar 1986 movements	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
TASMANIA -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	3.5 4.1	5.4 5.7	9.6 11.2	15.0 16.9	2.9	17.9 19.4	26.9 26.9	6.6 7.7	9.1 10.1	7.9 7.7	8.9 9.7	
March Standard error of -	3.5	5.1	11.9	17.0	2.9	19.9	26.3	8.2	10.3	7.7	9.8	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.9	2.6	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4	
Mar 1986 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	2.0	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	
NORTHERN TERRITORY -												
1985 - March 1986 - February	*	2.1	3.8 3.2	4.4 5.2	*	5.0 6.4	35.9	7.0 5.5	7.4 8.3	*	7.5 8.8	
March Standard error of -	*	*	3.3	4.5	2.0	6.5	*	5.8	7.3	16.1	8.8	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	7.0	0.9	1.0	3.4	0.9	
Mar 1986 movements	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	6.5	0.8	0.9	3.0	0.8	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRIT	ORY -											
1985 - March 1986 - February	*	*	2.1 3.8	3.2 5.7	3.3 2.3	6.5 8.0	23.6	2.3	3.2 5.2	13.2	5.2 6.0	
March Standard error of -	*	1.4	3.5	4.9	3.1	7.9	24.8	3.4	4.6	10.6	5.9	
Mar 1986 estimates Feb 1986 to	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	5.6	0.4	0.5	1.5	0.4	
Mar 1986 movements	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	4.2	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4	

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