



THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1986, PRELIMINARY

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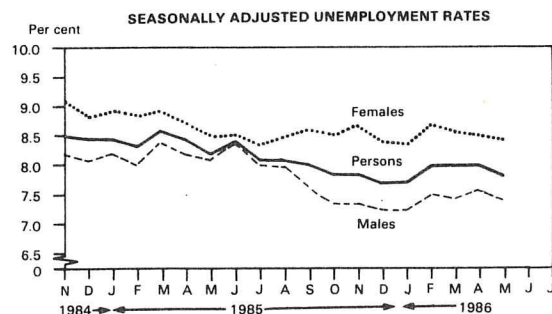
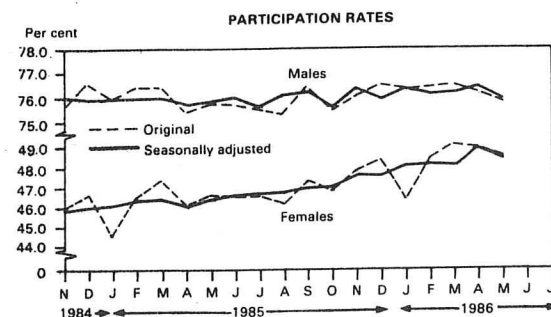
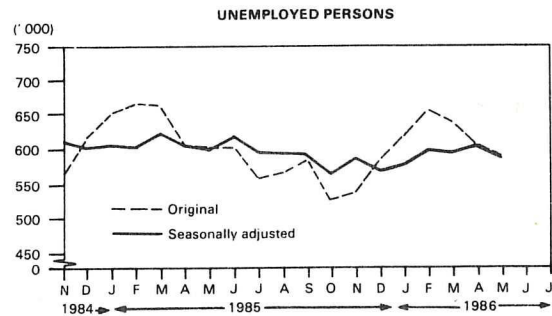
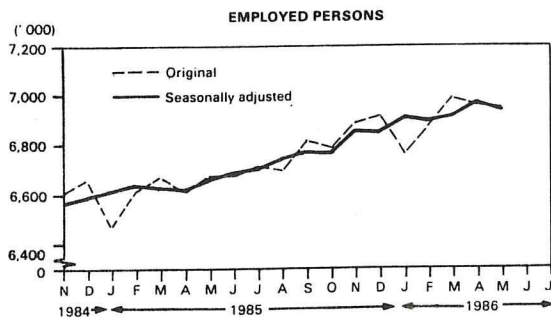
Care should be taken in the interpretation of month to month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 14 to 18. Particular care should be taken in the interpretation of the seasonally adjusted series in this publication as the short-term movement cannot be assumed to indicate changes in trend.

MAIN FEATURES

In seasonally adjusted terms, at May 1986 there were an estimated 7,528,800 persons in the labour force, of whom 6,939,400 were employed and 589,500 were unemployed.

Between May 1985 and May 1986, employment increased by 270,900 persons (163,100 females and 107,800 males) in original terms. This is the largest May to May increase since the commencement of monthly labour force surveys in February 1978. The number of full-time employed persons increased by 188,900. Unemployment decreased only slightly in original terms over the same twelve-month period, falling from 602,100 persons in May 1985 to 592,200 in May 1986. The number of persons looking for full-time work decreased by 15,900. The original unemployment rate fell from 8.3 per cent in May 1985 to 7.9 per cent in May 1986, however the original participation rate increased by 1 percentage point from 61.0 per cent to 62.0 per cent, almost entirely due to an increase of 1.9 percentage points in female participation.

Between April and May 1986, total seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 38,900. This decrease was spread evenly between males (18,700) and females (20,200), and between full-time (18,100) and part-time (20,800). The number of unemployed persons decreased only slightly in seasonally adjusted terms, from 600,800 in April to 589,500 in May. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 7.9 per cent in April to 7.8 per cent in May. The seasonally adjusted participation rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points from 62.4 per cent to 61.9 per cent. This is a return to the level recorded in February and March 1986.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

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)

2. Commencing with the April 1986 labour force survey, the definition of employment was extended to include all persons who worked without pay for one hour or more in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers). This results from changes to international standard definitions by the International Labour Office (ILO). Previously, such persons who worked 1 to 14 hours or who had such a job but were not at work were defined as either unemployed or not in the labour force, depending on whether they were actively looking for work. All estimates in this publication are based on the new definition. Details about this change, together with other changes made to the questionnaire, are contained in "The Labour Force, Australia, April 1986" and in the information paper "Questionnaires used in the Labor Force Survey" (6232.0) issued in June 1986.

THE POPULATION SURVEY

3. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 35,000 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 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 1985 survey commenced on Monday 2 December, and for the January 1986 survey, on Monday 13 January. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

SCOPE

4. 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

5. 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 Office (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

6. 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 one hour 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, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

7. 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.

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

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

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

11. 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.

12. Full-time workers are those who usually worked 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 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.

13. 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

14. 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.

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 308,700 unemployed males looking for full-time work in May 1986 has a standard error of about 6,200. 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 302,500 to 314,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 296,300 to 321,100.

(b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from April 1986 to May 1986 is an increase of 3,200. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 4,900. 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 -1,700 to +8,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -6,600 to +13,000.

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 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. 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, were published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1985" (6203.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20. 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

21. 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	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work						
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Total	Total					
	- '000 -										
	- per cent -										
MALES											
1985 -											
April	3,796.7	4,071.4	26.9	333.5	23.4	356.9	4,428.3	1,435.5	5,863.8	8.1	75.5
May	3,827.6	4,096.3	24.5	328.4	30.4	358.9	4,455.2	1,416.1	5,871.3	8.1	75.9
June	3,821.3	4,088.4	27.8	339.3	23.0	362.3	4,450.7	1,428.0	5,878.7	8.1	75.7
July	3,843.3	4,108.0	25.8	321.4	19.0	340.4	4,448.4	1,439.3	5,887.7	7.7	75.6
August	3,836.0	4,102.8	27.0	323.3	23.3	346.6	4,449.4	1,447.5	5,896.9	7.8	75.5
September	3,903.9	4,176.4	26.6	314.4	26.0	340.4	4,516.8	1,389.2	5,906.0	7.5	76.5
October	3,867.8	4,151.9	19.6	286.5	20.3	306.8	4,458.7	1,457.9	5,916.5	6.9	75.4
November	3,914.4	4,197.8	21.3	282.7	24.9	307.6	4,505.4	1,421.0	5,926.5	6.8	76.0
December	3,952.6	4,215.1	39.3	301.3	30.9	332.2	4,547.3	1,389.1	5,936.4	7.3	76.6
1986 -											
January	3,923.8	4,174.4	45.3	329.9	35.0	364.8	4,539.2	1,407.9	5,947.2	8.0	76.3
February	3,937.7	4,191.1	39.2	337.7	28.4	366.0	4,557.1	1,400.6	5,957.7	8.0	76.5
March	3,939.3	4,223.5	29.9	311.9	37.3	349.2	4,572.7	1,395.5	5,968.2	7.6	76.6
April	3,914.6	4,217.2	21.4	305.5	33.2	338.7	4,555.8	1,422.1	5,977.9	7.4	76.2
May	3,914.5	4,204.1	18.8	308.7	27.6	336.3	4,540.4	1,447.1	5,987.6	7.4	75.8
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	15.3	15.6	1.9	6.2	2.2	6.4	16.0	11.0	..	0.1	0.3
Apr 86 to May 86 movements	12.6	13.0	1.8	4.9	2.1	5.1	13.4	8.7	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1985 -											
April	1,583.3	2,532.5	23.6	173.7	79.2	252.9	2,785.4	3,262.9	6,048.4	9.1	46.1
May	1,599.2	2,576.9	23.7	170.7	72.6	243.3	2,820.2	3,235.9	6,056.1	8.6	46.6
June	1,600.5	2,581.7	25.7	167.7	70.5	238.2	2,819.9	3,244.0	6,063.9	8.4	46.5
July	1,628.8	2,607.9	20.1	150.3	68.2	218.5	2,826.4	3,246.8	6,073.3	7.7	46.5
August	1,603.2	2,587.5	18.3	160.9	60.1	221.0	2,808.5	3,274.0	6,082.8	7.9	46.2
September	1,643.8	2,641.4	20.6	165.2	77.5	242.7	2,884.1	3,208.4	6,092.4	8.4	47.3
October	1,628.8	2,631.0	19.4	154.0	67.7	221.7	2,852.7	3,249.8	6,102.6	7.8	46.7
November	1,648.0	2,692.7	19.3	156.8	72.6	229.4	2,922.1	3,190.8	6,112.9	7.9	47.8
December	1,686.4	2,703.7	32.5	178.4	73.3	251.7	2,955.4	3,167.7	6,123.2	8.5	48.3
1986 -											
January	1,679.8	2,587.7	38.0	193.8	56.4	250.2	2,837.9	3,295.3	6,133.2	8.8	46.3
February	1,701.1	2,679.1	33.4	206.8	85.7	292.5	2,971.5	3,171.9	6,143.4	9.8	48.4
March	1,699.2	2,737.9	27.2	189.7	95.7	285.5	3,023.3	3,130.2	6,153.6	9.4	49.1
April	1,705.5	2,744.9	17.1	179.6	88.6	268.2	3,013.2	3,150.2	6,163.4	8.9	48.9
May	1,701.1	2,740.0	20.0	174.6	81.4	255.9	2,995.9	3,177.4	6,173.3	8.5	48.5
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	11.6	13.6	1.9	5.0	3.6	5.8	14.0	14.3	..	0.2	0.2
Apr 86 to May 86 movements	9.3	11.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	4.6	11.5	11.7	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1985 -											
April	5,380.0	6,604.0	50.5	507.2	102.6	609.8	7,213.7	4,698.4	11,912.2	8.5	60.6
May	5,426.8	6,673.2	48.2	499.1	103.1	602.1	7,275.4	4,652.0	11,927.4	8.3	61.0
June	5,421.7	6,670.1	53.4	507.0	93.5	600.5	7,270.6	4,672.0	11,942.6	8.3	60.9
July	5,472.1	6,715.9	45.9	471.7	87.2	558.9	7,274.8	4,686.2	11,961.0	7.7	60.8
August	5,439.2	6,690.3	45.3	484.2	83.4	567.6	7,257.9	4,721.8	11,979.7	7.8	60.6
September	5,547.7	6,817.8	47.2	479.5	103.5	583.0	7,400.8	4,597.6	11,998.5	7.9	61.7
October	5,496.6	6,782.9	39.1	440.5	87.9	528.4	7,311.4	4,707.7	12,019.1	7.2	60.8
November	5,562.4	6,890.5	40.5	439.5	97.5	537.0	7,427.5	4,611.8	12,039.3	7.2	61.7
December	5,638.9	6,918.9	71.9	479.7	104.2	583.9	7,502.7	4,556.9	12,059.6	7.8	62.2
1986 -											
January	5,603.6	6,762.1	83.3	523.7	91.4	615.0	7,377.2	4,703.2	12,080.4	8.3	61.1
February	5,638.8	6,870.1	72.6	544.5	114.0	658.5	7,528.6	4,572.5	12,101.1	8.7	62.2
March	5,638.5	6,961.4	57.1	501.6	133.0	634.6	7,596.0	4,525.7	12,121.7	8.4	62.7
April	5,620.1	6,962.1	38.4	485.1	121.8	606.9	7,569.0	4,572.3	12,141.3	8.0	62.3
May	5,615.7	6,944.1	38.7	483.2	109.0	592.2	7,536.3	4,624.6	12,160.9	7.9	62.0
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	17.1	18.2	2.6	7.4	4.1	8.0	18.7	16.1	..	0.1	0.2
Apr 86 to May 86 movements	14.5	15.7	2.3	5.8	3.5	6.3	16.2	13.5	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate		
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Aged 15-19 looking for first job					
				Looking for part-time work	Total				
				- '000 -		- per cent -			
MALES									
1985 -									
April	3,812.6	4,077.2	31.6	338.3	24.6	362.9	4,440.1	8.2	75.7
May	3,832.0	4,096.0	30.4	332.1	28.0	360.1	4,456.1	8.1	75.9
June	3,829.1	4,094.1	38.3	351.2	24.3	375.5	4,469.6	8.4	76.0
July	3,835.7	4,103.8	34.1	333.9	22.0	355.9	4,459.7	8.0	75.7
August	3,870.6	4,136.5	34.3	328.2	25.0	353.2	4,489.7	7.9	76.1
September	3,888.5	4,156.3	31.6	317.6	24.2	341.8	4,498.2	7.6	76.2
October	3,866.1	4,141.1	24.3	305.2	22.2	327.4	4,468.5	7.3	75.5
November	3,919.8	4,193.3	25.9	302.0	28.9	330.8	4,524.1	7.3	76.3
December	3,915.6	4,182.2	24.8	296.7	26.0	322.8	4,504.9	7.2	75.9
1986 -									
January	3,942.3	4,211.5	28.8	297.7	29.9	327.6	4,539.2	7.2	76.3
February	3,926.4	4,194.5	28.5	309.3	30.2	339.4	4,533.9	7.5	76.1
March	3,926.1	4,210.7	28.1	302.2	34.8	337.0	4,547.7	7.4	76.2
April	3,931.5	4,222.5	25.0	310.2	34.9	345.1	4,567.6	7.6	76.4
May	3,919.0	4,203.8	23.3	312.5	25.4	338.0	4,541.7	7.4	75.9
FEMALES									
1985 -									
April	1,590.6	2,541.8	24.9	169.3	72.3	241.5	2,783.3	8.7	46.0
May	1,605.5	2,572.6	25.8	169.2	69.9	239.2	2,811.8	8.5	46.4
June	1,613.6	2,582.5	29.0	169.9	70.6	240.5	2,823.0	8.5	46.6
July	1,624.2	2,598.3	25.4	165.2	71.9	237.1	2,835.4	8.4	46.7
August	1,624.4	2,600.3	24.0	171.5	70.1	241.7	2,842.0	8.5	46.7
September	1,627.0	2,614.3	25.3	173.9	70.6	244.5	2,858.8	8.6	46.9
October	1,634.9	2,621.2	26.0	172.6	69.8	242.5	2,863.7	8.5	46.9
November	1,644.7	2,655.2	25.3	173.8	78.2	252.0	2,907.2	8.7	47.6
December	1,656.1	2,663.8	23.3	172.1	74.3	246.4	2,910.3	8.5	47.5
1986 -									
January	1,679.1	2,698.9	25.1	176.5	71.5	248.0	2,947.0	8.4	48.0
February	1,707.5	2,705.4	24.5	178.5	78.1	256.6	2,962.1	8.7	48.2
March	1,692.7	2,706.8	24.8	173.0	80.3	253.3	2,960.2	8.6	48.1
April	1,713.9	2,755.8	18.1	175.1	80.7	255.7	3,011.5	8.5	48.9
May	1,708.3	2,735.6	21.8	173.2	78.3	251.5	2,987.1	8.4	48.4
PERSONS									
1985 -									
April	5,403.3	6,619.0	56.5	507.6	96.8	604.4	7,223.4	8.4	60.6
May	5,437.4	6,668.7	56.2	501.3	97.9	599.3	7,267.9	8.2	60.9
June	5,442.7	6,676.6	67.4	521.2	94.9	616.0	7,292.6	8.4	61.1
July	5,459.9	6,702.1	59.5	499.1	93.9	593.0	7,295.1	8.1	61.0
August	5,494.9	6,736.8	58.2	499.7	95.2	594.9	7,331.7	8.1	61.2
September	5,515.4	6,770.6	56.9	491.5	94.8	586.3	7,356.9	8.0	61.3
October	5,501.0	6,762.3	50.3	477.9	92.0	569.9	7,332.1	7.8	61.0
November	5,564.5	6,848.5	51.1	475.8	107.1	582.9	7,431.4	7.8	61.7
December	5,571.7	6,846.0	48.1	468.8	100.4	569.2	7,415.2	7.7	61.5
1986 -									
January	5,621.4	6,910.5	53.9	474.2	101.4	575.7	7,486.1	7.7	62.0
February	5,634.0	6,899.9	53.0	487.8	108.3	596.1	7,496.0	8.0	61.9
March	5,618.8	6,917.6	52.9	475.2	115.1	590.3	7,507.9	7.9	61.9
April	5,645.4	6,978.3	43.1	485.3	115.5	600.8	7,579.1	7.9	62.4
May	5,627.3	6,939.4	45.1	485.7	103.7	589.5	7,528.8	7.8	61.9

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

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
	- '000 -									
MALES										
New South Wales	1,353.5	1,450.5	118.4	9.0	127.4	1,577.9	505.5	2,083.4	8.1	75.7
Victoria	1,042.7	1,115.6	54.8	6.3	61.1	1,176.7	395.8	1,572.4	5.2	74.8
Queensland	610.1	661.5	63.8	4.6	68.4	729.8	228.8	958.6	9.4	76.1
South Australia	331.9	358.4	29.5	2.1	31.6	390.0	132.5	522.6	8.1	74.6
Western Australia	365.4	391.4	28.7	3.5	32.1	423.5	117.4	540.9	7.6	78.3
Tasmania	106.7	114.2	9.3	*	10.0	124.2	42.4	166.5	8.0	74.6
Northern Territory	38.0	40.7	2.1	*	2.6	43.3	9.8	53.1	6.0	81.6
Australian Capital Territory	66.3	72.0	2.2	*	3.1	75.0	15.0	90.0	4.1	83.3
Australia	3,914.5	4,204.1	308.7	27.6	336.3	4,540.4	1,447.1	5,987.6	7.4	75.8
FEMALES										
New South Wales	599.2	924.2	61.0	25.2	86.1	1,010.3	1,146.0	2,156.4	8.5	46.9
Victoria	462.3	740.5	37.0	25.2	62.2	802.7	833.2	1,635.9	7.7	49.1
Queensland	255.9	420.9	35.9	13.6	49.5	470.4	508.1	978.5	10.5	48.1
South Australia	135.7	242.7	15.2	7.0	22.2	264.8	281.4	546.2	8.4	48.5
Western Australia	150.3	256.5	18.1	5.9	24.0	280.5	259.8	540.3	8.6	51.9
Tasmania	39.3	70.5	5.3	1.9	7.2	77.7	94.4	172.1	9.3	45.1
Northern Territory	20.6	28.5	*	*	2.3	30.7	17.3	48.0	7.3	64.0
Australian Capital Territory	37.9	56.2	*	1.5	2.5	58.7	37.4	96.1	4.3	61.1
Australia	1,701.1	2,740.0	174.6	81.4	255.9	2,995.9	3,177.4	6,173.3	8.5	48.5
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,952.7	2,374.7	179.3	34.2	213.6	2,588.2	1,651.5	4,239.8	8.3	61.0
Victoria	1,505.0	1,856.1	91.7	31.6	123.3	1,979.4	1,228.9	3,208.3	6.2	61.7
Queensland	865.9	1,082.4	99.6	18.2	117.8	1,200.2	736.9	1,937.1	9.8	62.0
South Australia	467.6	601.1	44.7	9.1	53.8	654.9	413.9	1,068.8	8.2	61.3
Western Australia	515.7	647.9	46.7	9.4	56.1	704.0	377.1	1,081.1	8.0	65.1
Tasmania	145.9	184.7	14.7	2.5	17.2	201.9	136.8	338.6	8.5	59.6
Northern Territory	58.6	69.2	3.2	*	4.9	74.0	27.1	101.1	6.6	73.2
Australian Capital Territory	104.2	128.1	3.2	2.4	5.6	133.7	52.4	186.1	4.2	71.8
Australia	5,615.7	6,944.1	483.2	109.0	592.2	7,536.3	4,624.6	12,160.9	7.9	62.0

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											
1985 -											
April	26.9	64.1	269.4	333.5	23.4	356.9	20.6	7.1	8.1	7.9	8.1
May	24.5	58.3	270.2	328.4	30.4	358.9	18.7	7.0	7.9	10.2	8.1
June	27.8	63.4	275.9	339.3	23.0	362.3	20.4	7.2	8.2	7.9	8.1
July	25.8	63.7	257.7	321.4	19.0	340.4	21.4	6.7	7.7	6.7	7.7
August	27.0	60.7	262.6	323.3	23.3	346.6	20.5	6.8	7.8	8.0	7.8
September	26.6	60.5	253.9	314.4	26.0	340.4	19.3	6.5	7.5	8.7	7.5
October	19.6	53.1	233.4	286.5	20.3	306.8	18.1	6.0	6.9	6.7	6.9
November	21.3	51.2	231.5	282.7	24.9	307.6	17.5	5.9	6.7	8.1	6.8
December	39.3	73.8	227.5	301.3	30.9	332.2	22.5	5.8	7.1	10.5	7.3
1986 -											
January	45.3	85.5	244.4	329.9	35.0	364.8	24.6	6.3	7.8	12.2	8.0
February	39.2	77.4	260.3	337.7	28.4	366.0	22.8	6.6	7.9	10.1	8.0
March	29.9	66.3	245.7	311.9	37.3	349.2	21.0	6.2	7.3	11.6	7.6
April	21.4	64.4	241.1	305.5	33.2	338.7	20.5	6.2	7.2	9.9	7.4
May	18.8	60.7	248.0	308.7	27.6	336.3	19.7	6.3	7.3	8.7	7.4
Standard error of -											
April 1986 estimates	1.9	3.2	5.7	6.2	2.2	6.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
Mar 86 to May 86 movements	1.8	2.7	4.5	4.9	2.1	5.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
FEMALES											
1985 -											
April	23.6	52.6	121.1	173.7	79.2	252.9	21.6	8.0	9.9	7.7	9.1
May	23.7	52.1	118.6	170.7	72.6	243.3	21.3	7.8	9.6	6.9	8.6
June	25.7	51.9	115.8	167.7	70.5	238.2	21.5	7.6	9.5	6.7	8.4
July	20.1	45.7	104.6	150.3	68.2	218.5	19.3	6.8	8.4	6.5	7.7
August	18.3	46.0	114.9	160.9	60.1	221.0	19.6	7.5	9.1	5.8	7.9
September	20.6	50.6	114.6	165.2	77.5	242.7	21.0	7.3	9.1	7.2	8.4
October	19.4	45.3	108.7	154.0	67.7	221.7	19.8	7.0	8.6	6.3	7.8
November	19.3	48.7	108.0	156.8	72.6	229.4	21.4	6.8	8.7	6.5	7.9
December	32.5	65.4	113.0	178.4	73.3	251.7	25.2	7.0	9.6	6.7	8.5
1986 -											
January	38.0	72.1	121.7	193.8	56.4	250.2	25.8	7.6	10.3	5.9	8.8
February	33.4	66.3	140.5	206.8	85.7	292.5	24.9	8.6	10.8	8.1	9.8
March	27.2	59.1	130.6	189.7	95.7	285.5	22.8	8.0	10.0	8.4	9.4
April	17.1	56.5	123.1	179.6	88.6	268.2	22.5	7.5	9.5	7.9	8.9
May	20.0	56.2	118.3	174.6	81.4	255.9	22.4	7.3	9.3	7.3	8.5
Standard error of -											
April 1986 estimates	1.9	3.1	4.2	5.0	3.6	5.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Mar 86 to May 86 movements	1.8	2.6	3.5	4.0	3.1	4.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1985 -											
April	50.5	116.7	390.5	507.2	102.6	609.8	21.1	7.3	8.6	7.7	8.5
May	48.2	110.4	388.7	499.1	103.1	602.1	19.8	7.2	8.4	7.6	8.3
June	53.4	115.2	391.8	507.0	93.5	600.5	20.9	7.3	8.6	7.0	8.3
July	45.9	109.4	362.3	471.7	87.2	558.9	20.5	6.7	7.9	6.6	7.7
August	45.3	106.7	377.5	484.2	83.4	567.6	20.1	7.0	8.2	6.2	7.8
September	47.2	111.1	368.4	479.5	103.5	583.0	20.0	6.7	8.0	7.5	7.9
October	39.1	98.4	342.1	440.5	87.9	528.4	18.8	6.3	7.4	6.4	7.2
November	40.5	100.0	339.6	439.5	97.5	537.0	19.2	6.2	7.3	6.8	7.2
December	71.9	139.2	340.4	479.7	104.2	583.9	23.7	6.2	7.8	7.5	7.8
1986 -											
January	83.3	157.6	366.1	523.7	91.4	615.0	25.1	6.7	8.5	7.3	8.3
February	72.6	143.6	400.8	544.5	114.0	658.5	23.7	7.2	8.8	8.5	8.7
March	57.1	125.4	376.2	501.6	133.0	634.6	21.8	6.8	8.2	9.1	8.4
April	38.4	120.9	364.3	485.1	121.8	606.9	21.4	6.6	7.9	8.3	8.0
May	38.7	117.0	366.3	483.2	109.0	592.2	20.9	6.6	7.9	7.6	7.9
Standard error of -											
April 1986 estimates	2.6	4.2	6.7	7.4	4.1	8.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Mar 86 to May 86 movements	2.3	3.4	5.2	5.8	3.5	6.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	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				Total
	Aged 15-19						Looking for				
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
							Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
- '000 -				- per cent -							
MALES											
1985 -											
April	31.6	71.0	267.3	338.3	24.6	362.9	22.6	7.0	8.2	8.5	8.2
May	30.4	63.5	268.6	332.1	28.0	360.1	20.5	7.0	8.0	9.6	8.1
June	38.3	71.2	280.1	351.2	24.3	375.5	22.4	7.3	8.4	8.4	8.4
July	34.1	69.4	264.5	333.9	22.0	355.9	22.7	6.8	8.0	7.6	8.0
August	34.3	68.3	259.9	328.2	25.0	353.2	21.7	6.7	7.8	8.6	7.9
September	31.6	65.7	252.0	317.6	24.2	341.8	20.3	6.5	7.6	8.3	7.6
October	24.3	60.9	244.3	305.2	22.2	327.4	19.5	6.3	7.3	7.5	7.3
November	25.9	57.3	244.7	302.0	28.9	330.8	18.3	6.3	7.2	9.5	7.3
December	24.8	58.4	238.3	296.7	26.0	322.8	19.3	6.1	7.0	8.9	7.2
1986 -											
January	28.8	64.0	233.7	297.7	29.9	327.6	20.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	7.2
February	28.5	65.1	244.1	309.3	30.2	339.4	20.4	6.2	7.3	10.1	7.5
March	28.1	65.9	236.3	302.2	34.8	337.0	21.3	6.0	7.1	10.9	7.4
April	25.0	71.1	239.1	310.2	34.9	345.1	22.4	6.1	7.3	10.7	7.6
May	23.3	66.2	246.3	312.5	25.4	338.0	21.6	6.3	7.4	8.2	7.4
FEMALES											
1985 -											
April	24.9	53.4	115.8	169.3	72.3	241.5	21.9	7.6	9.6	7.1	8.7
May	25.8	54.4	114.8	169.2	69.9	239.2	22.2	7.5	9.5	6.7	8.5
June	29.0	55.0	114.9	169.9	70.6	240.5	22.2	7.5	9.5	6.8	8.5
July	25.4	51.9	113.3	165.2	71.9	237.1	21.3	7.3	9.2	6.9	8.4
August	24.0	52.0	119.5	171.5	70.1	241.7	21.2	7.7	9.6	6.7	8.5
September	25.3	56.1	117.7	173.9	70.6	244.5	22.6	7.6	9.7	6.7	8.6
October	26.0	54.7	117.9	172.6	69.8	242.5	22.5	7.5	9.6	6.6	8.5
November	25.3	55.9	117.9	173.8	78.2	252.0	23.3	7.5	9.6	7.2	8.7
December	23.3	54.7	117.4	172.1	74.3	246.4	22.4	7.4	9.4	6.9	8.5
1986 -											
January	25.1	57.3	119.3	176.5	71.5	248.0	22.4	7.5	9.5	6.5	8.4
February	24.5	54.5	124.0	178.5	78.1	256.6	21.7	7.6	9.5	7.3	8.7
March	24.8	54.7	118.3	173.0	80.3	253.3	21.6	7.3	9.3	7.3	8.6
April	18.1	57.4	117.6	175.1	80.7	255.7	22.8	7.2	9.3	7.2	8.5
May	21.8	58.7	114.5	173.2	78.3	251.5	23.4	7.0	9.2	7.1	8.4
PERSONS											
1985 -											
April	56.5	124.4	383.2	507.6	96.8	604.4	22.3	7.2	8.6	7.4	8.4
May	56.2	117.9	383.5	501.3	97.9	599.3	21.3	7.1	8.4	7.4	8.2
June	67.4	126.2	395.0	521.2	94.9	616.0	22.3	7.3	8.7	7.1	8.4
July	59.5	121.3	377.8	499.1	93.9	593.0	22.1	7.0	8.4	7.0	8.1
August	58.2	120.3	379.4	499.7	95.2	594.9	21.5	7.0	8.3	7.1	8.1
September	56.9	121.8	369.7	491.5	94.8	586.3	21.3	6.8	8.2	7.0	8.0
October	50.3	115.6	362.2	477.9	92.0	569.9	20.8	6.7	8.0	6.8	7.8
November	51.1	113.1	362.6	475.8	107.1	582.9	20.5	6.6	7.9	7.7	7.8
December	48.1	113.0	355.8	468.8	100.4	569.2	20.7	6.5	7.8	7.3	7.7
1986 -											
January	53.9	121.3	353.0	474.2	101.4	575.7	21.1	6.4	7.8	7.3	7.7
February	53.0	119.6	368.1	487.8	108.3	596.1	21.0	6.6	8.0	7.9	8.0
March	52.9	120.6	354.5	475.2	115.1	590.3	21.4	6.4	7.8	8.1	7.9
April	43.1	128.6	356.8	485.3	115.5	600.8	22.6	6.4	7.9	8.0	7.9
May	45.1	125.0	360.8	485.7	103.7	589.5	22.4	6.5	7.9	7.3	7.8

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate					
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over	Total		Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Looking for first job	Total				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total	
- '000 -				- per cent -							
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1985 - May	19.5	41.2	154.7	195.9	27.4	223.3	21.9	8.1	9.4	6.6	8.9
1986 - April	17.6	47.3	141.1	188.4	34.0	222.4	24.2	7.3	8.8	7.2	8.5
May	15.7	41.1	138.2	179.3	34.2	213.6	21.5	7.1	8.4	7.5	8.3
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	1.8	2.7	4.4	4.9	2.5	5.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	1.5	2.3	3.5	3.9	2.0	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1985 - May	10.0	19.8	77.9	97.7	32.3	130.0	14.8	5.5	6.3	8.8	6.8
1986 - April	7.9	23.4	76.1	99.5	35.7	135.2	17.8	5.2	6.2	9.1	6.8
May	9.9	21.9	69.8	91.7	31.6	123.3	16.3	4.8	5.7	8.2	6.2
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	1.4	2.0	3.2	3.6	2.4	4.0	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	1.3	1.7	2.6	2.9	2.0	3.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1985 - May	6.8	20.4	72.0	92.5	19.9	112.3	21.1	8.7	10.0	8.9	9.8
1986 - April	4.6	19.7	67.4	87.1	23.2	110.3	20.1	7.8	9.0	9.8	9.2
May	5.1	23.0	76.6	99.6	18.2	117.8	23.8	8.8	10.3	7.8	9.8
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.9	1.7	2.8	3.1	1.6	3.3	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.8	1.4	2.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1985 - May	3.9	10.7	33.6	44.3	7.6	51.9	20.9	7.4	8.8	5.8	8.2
1986 - April	3.5	11.4	29.7	41.1	11.3	52.5	23.2	6.5	8.1	7.8	8.0
May	3.1	11.1	33.6	44.7	9.1	53.8	23.6	7.2	8.7	6.4	8.2
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.8	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1985 - May	4.8	12.0	34.5	46.5	9.5	56.0	21.2	7.2	8.6	6.7	8.2
1986 - April	2.4	11.8	33.7	45.5	10.7	56.2	19.2	6.7	8.1	7.5	8.0
May	3.1	13.3	33.5	46.7	9.4	56.1	21.8	6.7	8.3	6.6	8.0
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.6	1.1	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.9	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1985 - May	2.5	4.5	10.3	14.8	2.3	17.1	23.8	7.1	9.1	6.2	8.5
1986 - April	2.1	4.9	10.5	15.4	3.1	18.6	26.2	7.3	9.5	7.8	9.2
May	1.6	4.6	10.1	14.7	2.5	17.2	24.5	7.1	9.1	6.0	8.5
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.4
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1985 - May	*	*	3.3	3.7	*	5.0	*	5.9	6.1	*	7.2
1986 - April	*	*	2.6	4.0	*	5.5	*	4.6	6.3	*	7.6
May	*	*	2.1	3.2	*	4.9	*	3.7	5.2	*	6.6
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	6.0	0.8	0.8	3.3	0.8
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	5.5	0.7	0.8	3.4	0.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1985 - May	*	1.4	2.4	3.7	2.9	6.6	19.0	2.5	3.7	11.2	5.3
1986 - April	*	*	3.2	4.1	2.2	6.3	*	3.1	3.9	7.9	4.7
May	*	*	2.3	3.2	2.4	5.6	*	2.2	2.9	9.1	4.2
Standard error of -											
May 1986 estimates	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	4.6	0.4	0.4	1.5	0.4
Apr 1986 to											
May 1986 movements	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	4.1	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4