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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 adjusted series in this publication as short-term movements cannot be assumed to indicate changes in trend.

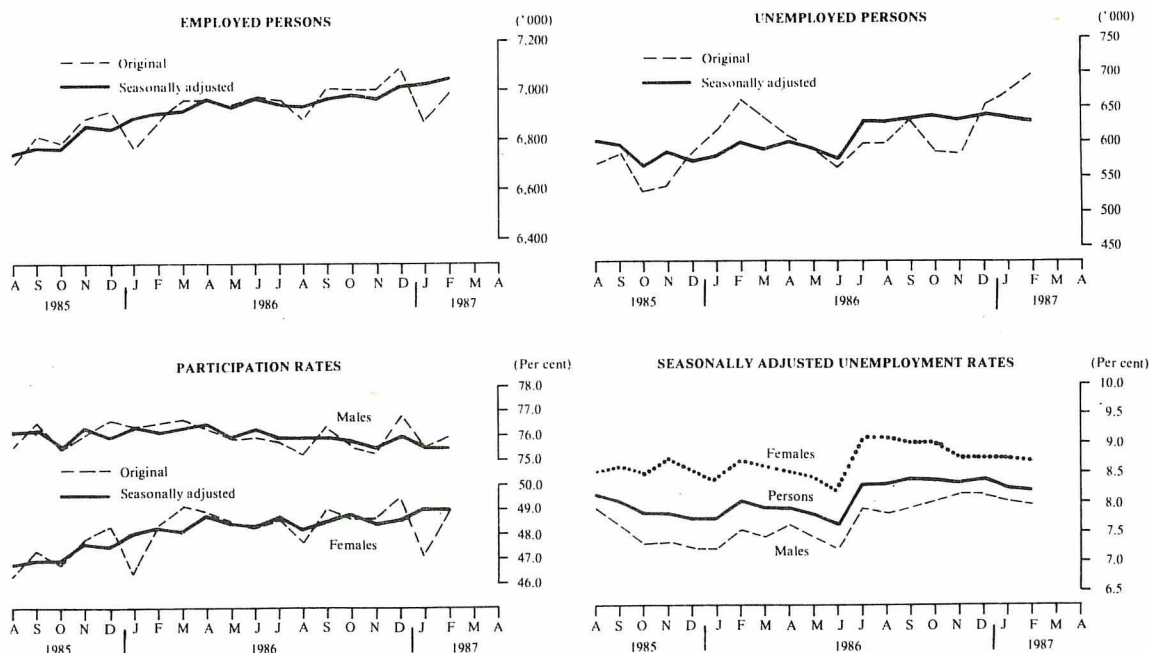
Tables 2 and 5 include revisions to seasonally adjusted data following the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors up to January 1987.

#### MAIN FEATURES

In seasonally adjusted terms, there were an estimated 7,672,600 persons in the labour force in February 1987, of whom 7,040,500 were employed and 632,100 were unemployed.

Between February 1986 and February 1987, total employment increased in original terms by 127,200 (42,200 full time and 85,000 part time). The bulk of this increase was in female employment, which grew by 87,600 in original terms over the twelve-month period. The number of females employed part time increased in original terms by 71,100 between February 1986 and February 1987. Unemployment also increased over the same twelve-month period, with an extra 41,300 persons unemployed (original) in February 1987 compared with February 1986. The increase in unemployment was most noticeable in the number of persons looking for full-time work, which increased by 36,800 and in the total number of unemployed males (increase of 29,400). The original unemployment rate increased from 8.7 per cent in February 1986 to 9.1 per cent in February 1987. The original participation rate remained at 62.2 per cent in the same period.

In seasonally adjusted terms, total employment increased by 20,100 between January 1987 and February 1987, with most of this increase in full-time employment which grew by 12,800. The number of unemployed persons decreased slightly in seasonally adjusted terms from 638,300 to 632,100 persons. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 8.3 per cent in January 1987 to 8.2 per cent in February 1987, while the seasonally adjusted participation rate remained unchanged at 62.0 per cent.



## 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)

## THE POPULATION SURVEY

2. 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

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 Office (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 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.

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 break-down.

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 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.

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 370,800 unemployed males looking for full-time work in January 1987 has a standard error of about 6,700. 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 364,100 to 377,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 357,400 to 384,200.

(b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from December 1986 to January 1987 is an increase of 22,500. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,200. 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 +17,300 to +27,700, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +12,100 to +32,900.

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 questionnaires, 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 from June 1981 will be published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1987" (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

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	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total					
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
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	3,914.3	4,204.1	18.8	308.8	27.6	336.4	4,540.5	1,447.1	5,987.6	7.4	75.8
June	3,950.7	4,233.2	18.5	292.9	27.0	320.0	4,553.2	1,444.1	5,997.3	7.0	75.9
July	3,927.7	4,204.7	20.6	317.4	24.3	341.7	4,546.4	1,462.6	6,009.0	7.5	75.7
August	3,901.6	4,179.8	17.5	319.9	28.1	348.0	4,527.8	1,492.4	6,020.2	7.7	75.2
September	3,955.8	4,237.2	16.9	333.2	29.3	362.5	4,599.7	1,431.8	6,031.5	7.9	76.3
October	3,944.0	4,223.8	17.2	315.0	26.1	341.0	4,564.9	1,479.3	6,044.2	7.5	75.5
November	3,930.9	4,209.0	17.8	320.0	24.8	344.8	4,553.8	1,503.0	6,056.8	7.6	75.2
December	3,984.3	4,273.3	34.9	348.3	37.2	385.5	4,658.8	1,410.6	6,069.5	8.3	76.8
1987 -											
January	3,929.0	4,193.6	35.0	370.8	31.7	402.4	4,596.1	1,484.8	6,080.9	8.8	75.6
February	3,963.4	4,230.7	34.3	362.9	32.5	395.4	4,626.1	1,466.2	6,092.3	8.5	75.9
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	15.3	15.7	2.5	6.6	2.4	6.9	16.1	11.0	..	0.1	0.3
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	12.7	13.0	2.2	5.2	2.1	5.4	13.5	8.8	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
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	1,701.6	2,740.4	20.0	174.5	81.3	255.8	2,996.2	3,177.1	6,173.3	8.5	48.5
June	1,684.3	2,739.5	17.3	164.1	77.8	241.9	2,981.4	3,201.9	6,183.2	8.1	48.2
July	1,703.5	2,753.7	21.4	173.5	78.9	252.4	3,006.1	3,189.4	6,195.5	8.4	48.5
August	1,680.7	2,705.9	19.5	170.8	76.9	247.6	2,953.6	3,253.1	6,206.7	8.4	47.6
September	1,711.2	2,770.4	14.9	184.4	84.7	269.1	3,039.5	3,178.5	6,218.0	8.9	48.9
October	1,717.9	2,776.5	16.5	171.0	78.1	249.1	3,025.6	3,205.2	6,230.7	8.2	48.6
November	1,716.7	2,798.0	18.5	169.1	69.3	238.4	3,036.4	3,207.1	6,243.5	7.9	48.6
December	1,739.7	2,818.7	30.4	197.4	72.6	269.9	3,088.6	3,167.7	6,256.3	8.7	49.4
1987 -											
January	1,719.8	2,684.6	35.3	204.2	64.7	269.0	2,953.6	3,314.3	6,267.9	9.1	47.1
February	1,717.6	2,766.7	29.3	218.4	86.0	304.4	3,071.1	3,208.4	6,279.5	9.9	48.9
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	11.7	13.7	2.3	5.4	3.7	6.2	14.1	14.3	..	0.2	0.2
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	9.3	11.1	2.2	4.3	3.0	4.9	11.5	11.9	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
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	5,615.8	6,944.5	38.7	483.3	108.9	592.2	7,536.7	4,624.1	12,160.9	7.9	62.0
June	5,634.9	6,972.7	35.8	457.0	104.8	561.9	7,534.6	4,646.0	12,180.5	7.5	61.9
July	5,631.2	6,958.4	42.0	490.9	103.2	594.2	7,552.6	4,652.0	12,204.5	7.9	61.9
August	5,582.4	6,885.7	37.0	490.7	105.0	595.6	7,481.4	4,745.6	12,226.9	8.0	61.2
September	5,667.0	7,007.6	31.8	517.6	114.0	631.6	7,639.2	4,610.2	12,249.5	8.3	62.4
October	5,661.9	7,000.3	33.7	485.9	104.2	590.1	7,590.4	4,684.4	12,274.9	7.8	61.8
November	5,647.6	7,006.9	36.3	489.1	94.2	583.3	7,590.2	4,710.1	12,300.3	7.7	61.7
December	5,724.0	7,092.0	65.3	545.7	109.8	655.5	7,747.4	4,578.4	12,325.8	8.5	62.9
1987 -											
January	5,648.8	6,878.3	70.3	575.0	96.4	671.4	7,549.7	4,799.1	12,348.8	8.9	61.1
February	5,681.0	6,997.3	63.6	581.3	118.5	699.8	7,697.1	4,674.6	12,371.7	9.1	62.2
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	17.2	18.3	3.3	7.9	4.2	8.5	18.8	16.2	..	0.1	0.2
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	14.5	15.7	2.8	6.2	3.4	6.6	16.3	13.6	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed				Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation 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									
1986 -									
January	3,936.0	4,204.4	28.9	301.8	30.2	332.0	4,536.3	7.3	76.3
February	3,927.0	4,197.7	28.4	308.7	29.8	338.5	4,536.2	7.5	76.1
March	3,927.0	4,209.3	27.7	303.1	33.4	336.5	4,545.8	7.4	76.2
April	3,930.8	4,218.1	25.1	308.4	33.2	341.6	4,559.8	7.5	76.3
May	3,922.4	4,206.4	23.9	312.0	26.0	338.0	4,544.4	7.4	75.9
June	3,961.4	4,243.0	23.8	301.8	29.0	330.8	4,573.9	7.2	76.3
July	3,925.3	4,205.0	26.8	327.0	29.6	356.6	4,561.6	7.8	75.9
August	3,935.9	4,214.5	21.3	321.8	30.1	351.9	4,566.3	7.7	75.9
September	3,942.4	4,219.3	20.3	333.9	27.7	361.6	4,580.9	7.9	76.0
October	3,940.5	4,213.3	21.6	337.3	29.0	366.3	4,579.6	8.0	75.8
November	3,933.8	4,203.0	21.8	343.5	28.8	372.3	4,575.2	8.1	75.5
December	3,942.0	4,236.1	23.1	346.8	31.0	377.7	4,613.8	8.2	76.0
1987 -									
January	3,940.1	4,223.3	22.4	342.9	27.1	370.0	4,593.3	8.1	75.5
February	3,953.2	4,238.7	24.8	331.7	34.2	365.9	4,604.6	7.9	75.6
FEMALES									
1986 -									
January	1,678.8	2,694.2	25.3	176.7	71.4	248.0	2,942.3	8.4	48.0
February	1,701.9	2,711.8	23.8	177.6	78.4	256.0	2,967.8	8.6	48.3
March	1,687.5	2,704.6	24.6	173.0	78.4	251.4	2,956.0	8.5	48.0
April	1,709.5	2,741.4	18.4	176.3	79.1	255.4	2,996.8	8.5	48.6
May	1,707.3	2,732.1	22.2	174.9	78.6	253.5	2,985.6	8.5	48.4
June	1,699.3	2,736.2	19.7	167.3	78.8	246.1	2,982.3	8.3	48.2
July	1,699.2	2,741.6	26.7	188.4	82.4	270.8	3,012.4	9.0	48.6
August	1,704.2	2,728.4	25.6	182.5	89.1	271.6	3,000.0	9.1	48.3
September	1,700.0	2,746.4	18.2	191.4	77.5	268.9	3,015.3	8.9	48.5
October	1,727.0	2,770.7	21.9	191.8	81.2	273.0	3,043.7	9.0	48.8
November	1,714.6	2,763.4	23.4	188.3	76.1	264.4	3,027.9	8.7	48.5
December	1,711.9	2,778.7	22.3	191.6	75.1	266.7	3,045.4	8.8	48.7
1987 -									
January	1,718.4	2,797.1	23.4	186.4	81.9	268.3	3,065.5	8.8	48.9
February	1,718.2	2,801.8	20.8	187.4	78.8	266.2	3,068.0	8.7	48.9
PERSONS									
1986 -									
January	5,614.8	6,898.6	54.2	478.5	101.5	580.0	7,478.6	7.8	61.9
February	5,628.9	6,909.5	52.2	486.3	108.2	594.5	7,504.0	7.9	62.0
March	5,614.5	6,913.9	52.3	476.1	111.8	587.9	7,501.8	7.8	61.9
April	5,640.2	6,959.5	43.5	484.7	112.3	597.1	7,556.6	7.9	62.2
May	5,629.7	6,938.5	46.1	486.9	104.6	591.5	7,530.0	7.9	61.9
June	5,660.7	6,979.2	43.5	469.1	107.8	577.0	7,556.2	7.6	62.0
July	5,624.4	6,946.6	53.5	515.4	112.0	627.4	7,574.0	8.3	62.1
August	5,640.1	6,942.9	46.9	504.4	119.1	623.5	7,566.4	8.2	61.9
September	5,642.4	6,965.7	38.5	525.3	105.3	630.5	7,596.3	8.3	62.0
October	5,667.5	6,984.0	43.5	529.1	110.2	639.3	7,623.3	8.4	62.1
November	5,648.4	6,966.4	45.2	531.8	105.0	636.7	7,603.1	8.4	61.8
December	5,653.9	7,014.8	45.4	538.4	106.0	644.5	7,659.2	8.4	62.1
1987 -									
January	5,658.6	7,020.4	45.8	529.3	109.1	638.3	7,658.7	8.3	62.0
February	5,671.4	7,040.5	45.6	519.1	113.0	632.1	7,672.6	8.2	62.0

TABLE 3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, FEBRUARY 1987

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 -										
- per cent -										
<b>MALES</b>										
New South Wales	1,358.6	1,445.6	140.1	11.5	151.6	1,597.2	521.9	2,119.1	9.5	75.4
Victoria	1,064.5	1,137.8	69.5	7.2	76.7	1,214.5	380.5	1,595.0	6.3	76.1
Queensland	624.4	672.3	70.3	6.6	76.9	749.2	228.4	977.6	10.3	76.6
South Australia	333.5	354.8	35.4	3.3	38.8	393.5	135.4	529.0	9.8	74.4
Western Australia	366.1	390.6	29.0	2.2	31.2	421.8	132.2	554.0	7.4	76.1
Tasmania	111.0	116.3	11.6	*	12.1	128.3	40.4	168.7	9.4	76.1
Northern Territory	41.4	43.1	2.6	*	2.9	46.0	8.5	54.5	6.2	84.3
Australian Capital Territory	63.8	70.2	4.3	*	5.3	75.5	18.8	94.2	7.0	80.1
Australia	3,963.4	4,230.7	362.9	32.5	395.4	4,626.1	1,466.2	6,092.3	8.5	75.9
<b>FEMALES</b>										
New South Wales	588.4	926.5	77.1	25.3	102.4	1,028.9	1,162.3	2,191.2	10.0	47.0
Victoria	483.0	749.6	50.3	23.0	73.3	822.9	835.1	1,658.1	8.9	49.6
Queensland	258.4	432.7	41.5	17.8	59.3	492.0	507.4	999.4	12.1	49.2
South Australia	137.2	242.6	17.5	8.5	25.9	268.6	283.8	552.4	9.7	48.6
Western Australia	151.6	261.8	20.3	7.4	27.7	289.6	264.6	554.2	9.6	52.3
Tasmania	41.9	70.5	7.1	1.5	8.6	79.1	95.4	174.5	10.8	45.3
Northern Territory	18.5	26.0	1.9	*	2.4	28.4	21.0	49.5	8.6	57.5
Australian Capital Territory	38.6	56.9	2.8	1.9	4.7	61.6	38.7	100.4	7.6	61.4
Australia	1,717.6	2,766.7	218.4	86.0	304.4	3,071.1	3,208.4	6,279.5	9.9	48.9
<b>PERSONS</b>										
New South Wales	1,947.0	2,372.1	217.2	36.8	254.0	2,626.1	1,684.2	4,310.3	9.7	60.9
Victoria	1,547.5	1,887.4	119.8	30.2	150.0	2,037.4	1,215.7	3,253.1	7.4	62.6
Queensland	882.7	1,105.0	111.8	24.5	136.2	1,241.3	735.8	1,977.1	11.0	62.8
South Australia	470.7	597.4	52.9	11.8	64.7	662.1	419.2	1,081.3	9.8	61.2
Western Australia	517.7	652.4	49.3	9.6	58.9	711.3	396.8	1,108.2	8.3	64.2
Tasmania	153.0	186.8	18.7	1.9	20.6	207.4	135.8	343.2	10.0	60.4
Northern Territory	59.9	69.1	4.5	*	5.3	74.4	29.6	104.0	7.1	71.6
Australian Capital Territory	102.5	127.1	7.1	2.9	10.0	137.1	57.5	194.6	7.3	70.5
Australia	5,681.0	6,997.3	581.3	118.5	699.8	7,697.1	4,674.6	12,371.7	9.1	62.2

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			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		Total
	- '000 -						- per cent -				
MALES											
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	248.1	308.8	27.6	336.4	19.7	6.3	7.3	8.7	7.4
June	18.5	57.6	235.3	292.9	27.0	320.0	19.5	6.0	6.9	8.7	7.0
July	20.6	60.7	256.8	317.4	24.3	341.7	20.0	6.5	7.5	8.1	7.5
August	17.5	58.7	261.2	319.9	28.1	348.0	19.7	6.7	7.6	9.2	7.7
September	16.9	59.5	273.7	333.2	29.3	362.5	19.8	6.9	7.8	9.4	7.9
October	17.2	57.3	257.7	315.0	26.1	341.0	19.5	6.5	7.4	8.5	7.5
November	17.8	55.3	264.6	320.0	24.8	344.8	19.1	6.7	7.5	8.2	7.6
December	34.9	80.4	267.9	348.3	37.2	385.5	23.7	6.7	8.0	11.4	8.3
1987 -											
January	35.0	81.9	288.9	370.8	31.7	402.4	23.8	7.3	8.6	10.7	8.8
February	34.3	83.4	279.5	362.9	32.5	395.4	24.7	7.0	8.4	10.9	8.5
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	2.5	3.7	6.0	6.6	2.4	6.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	2.2	3.0	4.8	5.2	2.1	5.4	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
FEMALES											
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	174.5	81.3	255.8	22.4	7.3	9.3	7.3	8.5
June	17.3	52.9	111.2	164.1	77.8	241.9	21.9	6.9	8.9	6.9	8.1
July	21.4	54.8	118.7	173.5	78.9	252.4	22.4	7.3	9.2	7.0	8.4
August	19.5	51.2	119.6	170.8	76.9	247.6	21.5	7.4	9.2	7.0	8.4
September	14.9	52.6	131.8	184.4	84.7	269.1	21.6	8.0	9.7	7.4	8.9
October	16.5	51.9	119.0	171.0	78.1	249.1	22.4	7.2	9.1	6.9	8.2
November	18.5	48.7	120.4	169.1	69.3	238.4	20.7	7.3	9.0	6.0	7.9
December	30.4	69.9	127.5	197.4	72.6	269.9	26.0	7.6	10.2	6.3	8.7
1987 -											
January	35.3	73.2	131.0	204.2	64.7	269.0	26.9	7.9	10.6	6.3	9.1
February	29.3	74.1	144.3	218.4	86.0	304.4	28.0	8.6	11.3	7.6	9.9
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	2.3	3.5	4.6	5.4	3.7	6.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	2.2	2.9	3.7	4.3	3.0	4.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
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	116.9	366.4	483.3	108.9	592.2	20.9	6.6	7.9	7.6	7.9
June	35.8	110.6	346.5	457.0	104.8	561.9	20.6	6.2	7.5	7.3	7.5
July	42.0	115.4	375.5	490.9	103.2	594.2	21.0	6.7	8.0	7.2	7.9
August	37.0	109.8	380.8	490.7	105.0	595.6	20.5	6.9	8.1	7.5	8.0
September	31.8	112.1	405.5	517.6	114.0	631.6	20.6	7.2	8.4	7.8	8.3
October	33.7	109.2	376.7	485.9	104.2	590.1	20.8	6.7	7.9	7.2	7.8
November	36.3	104.0	385.1	489.1	94.2	583.3	19.9	6.9	8.0	6.5	7.7
December	65.3	150.3	395.4	545.7	109.8	655.5	24.7	7.0	8.7	7.4	8.5
1987 -											
January	70.3	155.1	419.9	575.0	96.4	671.4	25.2	7.5	9.2	7.3	8.9
February	63.6	157.5	423.8	581.3	118.5	699.8	26.1	7.5	9.3	8.3	9.1
Standard error of - February 1987 estimates	3.3	4.8	7.0	7.9	4.2	8.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Jan 87 to Feb 87 movements	2.8	3.8	5.5	6.2	3.4	6.6	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				
	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 -				
MALES											
1986 -											
January	28.9	64.9	236.9	301.8	30.2	332.0	20.5	6.0	7.1	10.1	7.3
February	28.4	65.6	243.1	308.7	29.8	338.5	20.5	6.2	7.3	9.9	7.5
March	27.7	65.3	237.8	303.1	33.4	336.5	21.0	6.1	7.2	10.6	7.4
April	25.1	68.1	240.3	308.4	33.2	341.6	21.7	6.1	7.3	10.4	7.5
May	23.9	66.1	245.9	312.0	26.0	338.0	21.5	6.3	7.4	8.4	7.4
June	23.8	64.5	237.3	301.8	29.0	330.8	21.3	6.0	7.1	9.3	7.2
July	26.8	65.1	261.9	327.0	29.6	356.6	21.0	6.6	7.7	9.6	7.8
August	21.3	65.0	256.8	321.8	30.1	351.9	20.7	6.5	7.6	9.7	7.7
September	20.3	64.5	269.4	333.9	27.7	361.6	20.7	6.8	7.8	9.1	7.9
October	21.6	66.1	271.2	337.3	29.0	366.3	21.1	6.8	7.9	9.6	8.0
November	21.8	63.6	279.8	343.5	28.8	372.3	20.5	7.1	8.0	9.7	8.1
December	23.1	65.2	281.6	346.8	31.0	377.7	20.8	7.1	8.1	9.5	8.2
1987 -											
January	22.4	62.2	280.7	342.9	27.1	370.0	19.8	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.1
February	24.8	70.8	261.0	331.7	34.2	365.9	22.3	6.6	7.7	10.7	7.9
FEMALES											
1986 -											
January	25.3	56.9	119.7	176.7	71.4	248.0	22.2	7.5	9.5	6.6	8.4
February	23.8	54.8	122.8	177.6	78.4	256.0	21.9	7.5	9.5	7.2	8.6
March	24.6	54.8	118.2	173.0	78.4	251.4	21.8	7.3	9.3	7.2	8.5
April	18.4	57.4	118.9	176.3	79.1	255.4	22.8	7.3	9.4	7.1	8.5
May	22.2	58.9	116.0	174.9	78.6	253.5	23.4	7.1	9.3	7.1	8.5
June	19.7	56.5	110.8	167.3	78.8	246.1	22.7	6.8	9.0	7.1	8.3
July	26.7	61.3	127.0	188.4	82.4	270.8	24.3	7.8	10.0	7.3	9.0
August	25.6	58.2	124.3	182.5	89.1	271.6	23.4	7.6	9.7	8.0	9.1
September	18.2	58.2	133.2	191.4	77.5	268.9	23.3	8.1	10.1	6.9	8.9
October	21.9	61.6	130.3	191.8	81.2	273.0	24.9	7.8	10.0	7.2	9.0
November	23.4	56.8	131.5	188.3	76.1	264.4	22.8	8.0	9.9	6.8	8.7
December	22.3	58.5	133.1	191.6	75.1	266.7	23.1	8.1	10.1	6.6	8.8
1987 -											
January	23.4	57.6	128.8	186.4	81.9	268.3	23.2	7.8	9.8	7.1	8.8
February	20.8	61.3	126.1	187.4	78.8	266.2	24.7	7.6	9.8	6.8	8.7
PERSONS											
1986 -											
January	54.2	121.8	356.6	478.5	101.5	580.0	21.2	6.5	7.9	7.3	7.8
February	52.2	120.4	365.9	486.3	108.2	594.5	21.1	6.6	8.0	7.8	7.9
March	52.3	120.1	356.0	476.1	111.8	587.9	21.3	6.4	7.8	7.9	7.8
April	43.5	125.5	359.2	484.7	112.3	597.1	22.2	6.5	7.9	7.8	7.9
May	46.1	125.0	361.9	486.9	104.6	591.5	22.3	6.5	8.0	7.4	7.9
June	43.5	121.1	348.0	469.1	107.8	577.0	21.9	6.2	7.7	7.6	7.6
July	53.5	126.5	388.9	515.4	112.0	627.4	22.5	7.0	8.4	7.8	8.3
August	46.9	123.2	381.2	504.4	119.1	623.5	21.9	6.8	8.2	8.4	8.2
September	38.5	122.7	402.6	525.3	105.3	630.5	21.8	7.2	8.5	7.4	8.3
October	43.5	127.6	401.5	529.1	110.2	639.3	22.8	7.1	8.5	7.7	8.4
November	45.2	120.5	411.3	531.8	105.0	636.7	21.5	7.3	8.6	7.4	8.4
December	45.4	123.7	414.8	538.4	106.0	644.5	21.8	7.4	8.7	7.2	8.4
1987 -											
January	45.8	119.8	409.4	529.3	109.1	638.3	21.3	7.3	8.6	7.4	8.3
February	45.6	132.0	387.1	519.1	113.0	632.1	23.3	6.9	8.4	7.6	8.2

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	Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
	- '000 -						- per cent -				
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1986 - February	27.8	48.8	159.3	208.1	34.5	242.6	24.2	8.1	9.6	8.2	9.3
1987 - January	27.5	53.2	162.0	215.2	35.8	251.0	26.7	8.3	10.0	8.3	9.7
February	25.5	56.6	160.6	217.2	36.8	254.0	28.7	8.2	10.0	8.0	9.7
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	2.2	3.1	4.7	5.2	2.6	5.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	1.8	2.4	3.7	4.1	2.1	4.4	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1986 - February	16.5	33.5	80.0	113.5	30.7	144.2	22.5	5.4	7.0	8.5	7.3
1987 - January	16.3	33.9	87.5	121.4	20.7	142.0	21.2	5.9	7.3	5.9	7.1
February	14.6	34.2	85.6	119.8	30.2	150.0	21.9	5.7	7.2	8.2	7.4
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	1.7	2.4	3.5	4.0	2.3	4.3	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.1	1.9	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1986 - February	10.5	24.5	73.1	97.6	23.0	120.6	24.2	8.5	10.1	10.3	10.1
1987 - January	11.2	29.0	78.6	107.6	17.9	125.6	26.9	8.9	10.9	8.2	10.4
February	9.9	30.6	81.2	111.8	24.5	136.2	29.5	9.1	11.2	9.9	11.0
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	1.2	1.9	2.8	3.2	1.8	3.4	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	1.1	1.6	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - February	7.0	14.5	32.7	47.2	9.5	56.7	26.9	7.0	9.1	7.2	8.7
1987 - January	5.4	13.3	36.9	50.1	9.4	59.5	24.6	8.0	9.7	7.1	9.2
February	5.1	13.6	39.3	52.9	11.8	64.7	24.9	8.4	10.1	8.5	9.8
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	0.7	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - February	5.1	12.7	37.6	50.4	10.3	60.6	19.8	7.5	8.9	7.5	8.6
1987 - January	4.8	15.8	36.0	51.8	7.4	59.2	25.3	7.1	9.1	5.8	8.5
February	4.1	13.8	35.5	49.3	9.6	58.9	24.5	7.0	8.7	6.6	8.3
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.7	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1986 - February	4.1	5.7	11.1	16.8	2.6	19.4	26.9	7.7	10.1	7.6	9.7
1987 - January	3.6	6.8	12.4	19.2	2.2	21.5	31.8	8.5	11.4	6.0	10.4
February	3.2	6.0	12.7	18.7	1.9	20.6	28.6	8.4	10.9	5.4	10.0
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.9	2.6	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1986 - February	*	2.1	3.2	5.2	*	6.4	35.9	5.5	8.3	*	8.8
1987 - January	*	*	1.8	2.9	*	4.0	24.9	*	4.8	*	5.5
February	*	*	3.3	4.5	*	5.3	20.0	*	7.0	*	7.1
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	5.8	0.9	0.9	2.9	0.8
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.3	0.8	0.8	2.9	0.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1986 - February	*	1.8	3.8	5.7	2.3	8.0	23.6	3.8	5.2	9.0	6.0
1987 - January	*	2.0	4.7	6.7	2.0	8.7	27.9	4.7	6.3	8.8	6.7
February	*	1.5	5.6	7.1	2.9	10.0	20.4	5.5	6.5	10.6	7.3
Standard error of -											
Feb 1987 estimates	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	4.4	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
Jan 1987 to Feb 1987 movements	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.4	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.4