



THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1987, PRELIMINARY

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To assist users in interpreting underlying trends, this publication contains estimates of trend for the major labour force series. For a brief explanation of the methodology, refer to paragraphs 20 to 23 of the Explanatory Notes.

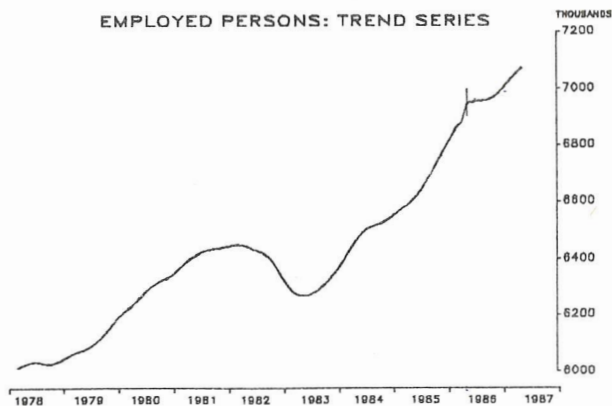
Care should be taken in the interpretation of the trend series, as the most recent data are subject to revision when subsequent months' data become available. Care should also be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in the original and seasonally adjusted data - see paragraphs 15 to 19.

MAIN FEATURES

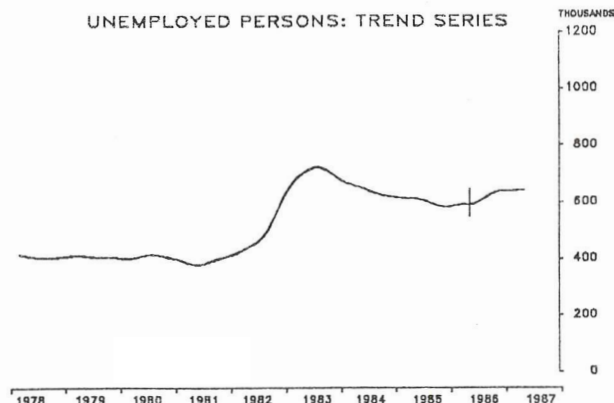
The April 1987 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of employed persons was 7,084,500, an increase of 24,300 compared with March 1987. Trend estimates of employed persons show continuing growth since September 1986, following the levelling-off in the rate of growth from April 1986 to September 1986, and a steady growth in employment in the

period April 1983 to April 1986. The trend estimates show that the growth in employment since September 1986 has occurred for both males and females (see the graphs on page 2). Similarly, growth in employment during this period has occurred in both the full-time and part-time labour markets.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



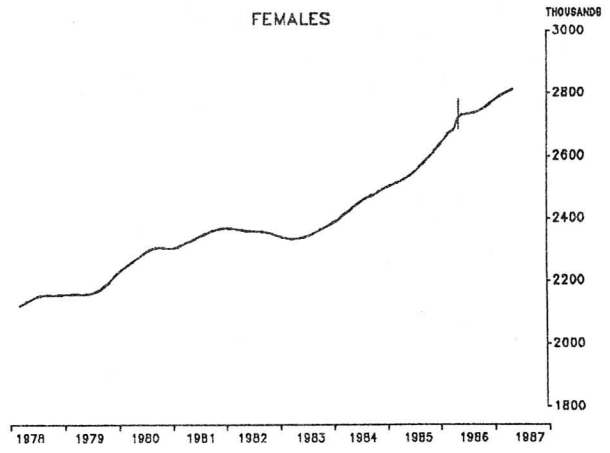
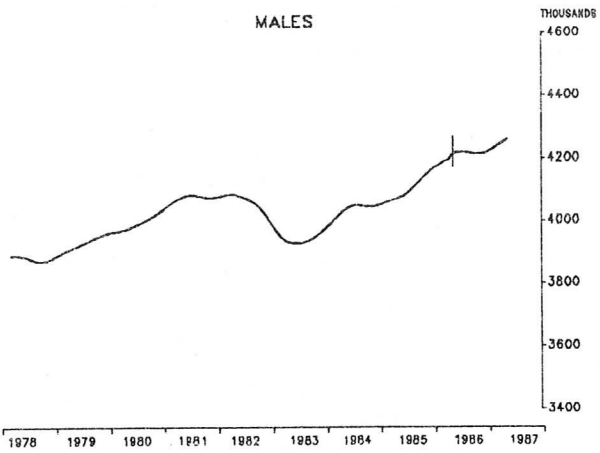
The total number unemployed (seasonally adjusted) stood at 640,900 in April 1987. There was a decline of 11,500 in male unemployment compared with March 1987 and no discernible change in female unemployment. The trend estimates of unemployed persons show that the plateau in the number of unemployed that has been experienced since October 1986 continues. This period was preceded by a gradual increase in the trend estimate of unemployed persons from November 1985 (583,400) to October 1986 (636,300). The male and female trend estimates show a different picture (see graphs on page 3). While male unemployment increased from December 1985 (332,800) until December 1986 (371,500) and has since commenced decreasing, female unemployment has continued to gradually increase during this period. Prior to November 1985, the trend estimate of unemployed persons declined from July 1983 (722,900) to November 1985 (583,400).

The April 1987 unemployment rate for persons was 8.3% (seasonally adjusted). The trend estimates show that, following a series of small monthly increases from April 1986 (7.8%), the unemployment rate reached a level of 8.4% in October 1986 and has remained at about that level since that time. During the period between June 1983 and April 1986, the unemployment rate showed a steady decline from a peak of 10.3% to 7.8%.

The participation rate (seasonally adjusted) for April 1987 was 62.2%, the same as in March 1987. The trend estimates show the participation rate has been relatively unchanged since April 1986 (62.0%). Before that, trend estimates show a steady increase from a turning point of 60.5% in November 1984. Trend estimates for male and female participation rates continue to move in opposite directions, with the male participation rate declining and the female participation rate still rising.

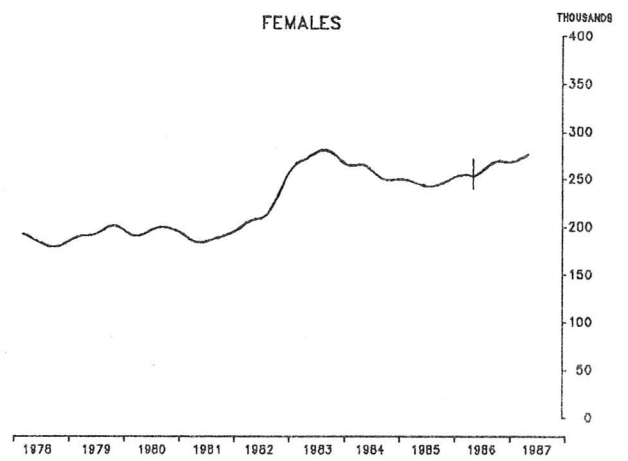
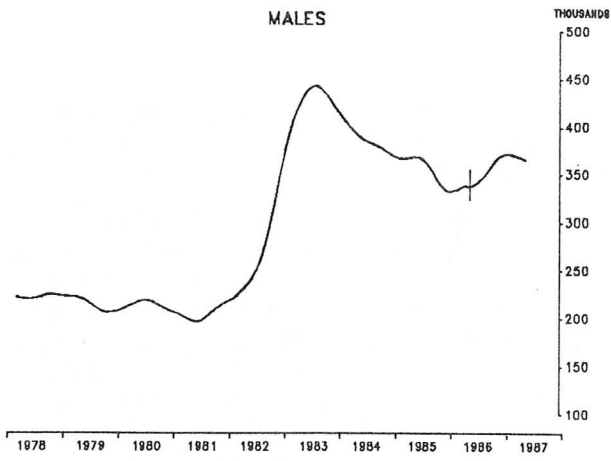
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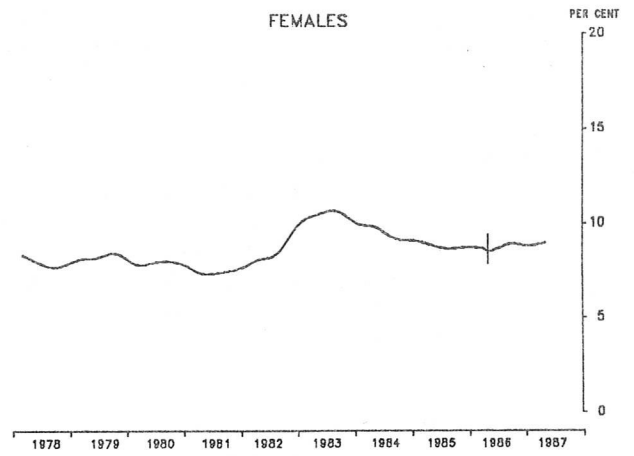
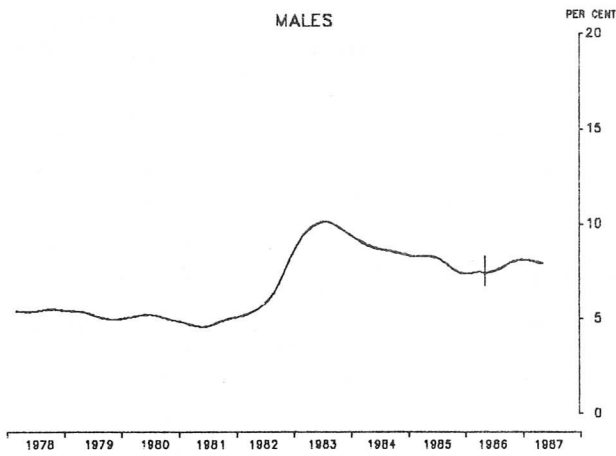


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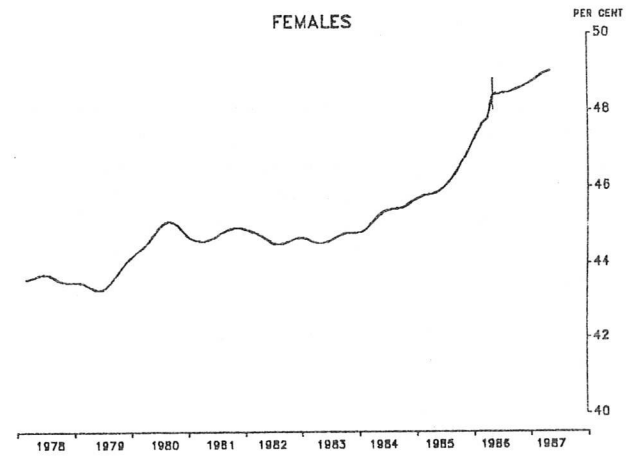
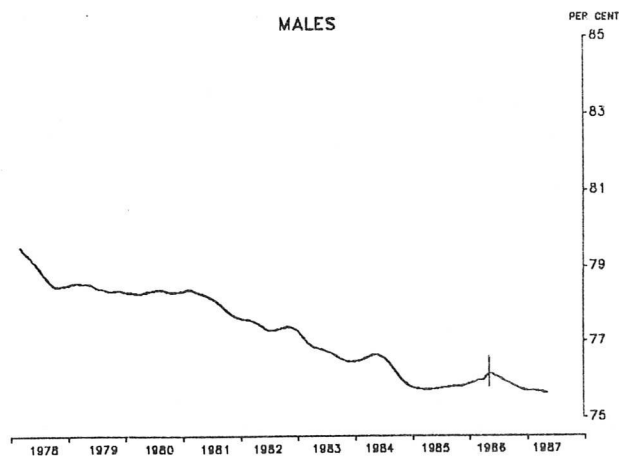
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



PARTICIPATION RATE: TREND SERIES



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. 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. 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.

Coverage

4. In the labour force survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are, necessarily, a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

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. *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 work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

8. *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.

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

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

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

12. 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.

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

Revision of series

14. From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers). In this issue, estimates for months prior to April 1986 are on the old basis, and estimates for April 1986 and later months are based on the new definition. For further information, see paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Reliability of the estimates

15. 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.

16. 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).

17. Very small estimates and percentages based on such 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.

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

- (a) An estimate of 320,000 unemployed males looking for full-time work 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 313,700 to

326,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 307,400 to 332,600.

- (b) An estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from one month to the next is an increase of 28,300. 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 +23,200 to +33,400, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +18,100 to +38,500.

19. 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 and trend estimation

20. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 6. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

21. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. These are published in Tables 3 and 7.

22. While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

23. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0), and *Time Series Decomposition - an Overview* (1317.0) for more detailed information on smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data.

Related publications

24. Users may also wish to refer to *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available on request.

25. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Note in 6203.0 for more details.

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26. Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 4. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, APRIL 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 -		
MALES										
New South Wales	1,367.6	1,461.4	124.0	9.3	133.4	1,594.8	532.6	2,127.4	8.4	75.0
Victoria	1,059.7	1,143.6	61.6	7.1	68.8	1,212.4	388.1	1,600.5	5.7	75.7
Queensland	619.3	674.1	68.2	4.8	73.0	747.1	235.1	982.2	9.8	76.1
South Australia	330.1	359.7	29.3	3.1	32.4	392.1	138.1	530.2	8.3	74.0
Western Australia	369.1	395.7	27.9	4.1	32.0	427.7	129.4	557.1	7.5	76.8
Tasmania	108.8	116.1	9.9	*	10.2	126.3	42.8	169.1	8.1	74.7
Northern Territory	40.6	43.0	2.7	*	3.0	46.0	8.9	54.9	6.6	83.8
Australian Capital Territory	66.4	71.7	3.5	*	4.6	76.3	18.4	94.7	6.1	80.6
Australia	3,961.5	4,265.3	327.2	30.2	357.4	4,622.7	1,493.4	6,116.1	7.7	75.6
FEMALES										
New South Wales	600.3	946.3	72.7	31.0	103.6	1,049.9	1,148.5	2,198.4	9.9	47.8
Victoria	480.7	775.7	44.8	23.4	68.1	843.8	819.2	1,663.1	8.1	50.7
Queensland	258.8	437.1	37.7	15.7	53.4	490.5	513.5	1,004.0	10.9	48.9
South Australia	139.7	246.1	19.0	8.1	27.1	273.2	280.4	553.6	9.9	49.4
Western Australia	152.4	260.3	19.3	7.6	27.0	287.3	270.0	557.3	9.4	51.6
Tasmania	39.6	72.3	5.6	2.7	8.2	80.5	94.4	174.9	10.2	46.0
Northern Territory	19.3	28.4	2.1	*	2.3	30.7	19.1	49.8	7.4	61.7
Australian Capital Territory	35.4	56.1	2.6	2.5	5.1	61.2	39.8	101.0	8.4	60.6
Australia	1,726.0	2,822.3	203.7	91.1	294.8	3,117.2	3,184.9	6,302.1	9.5	49.5
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,967.8	2,407.7	196.7	40.3	237.0	2,644.7	1,681.1	4,325.8	9.0	61.1
Victoria	1,540.4	1,919.3	106.4	30.5	136.9	2,056.2	1,207.4	3,263.6	6.7	63.0
Queensland	878.0	1,111.2	105.9	20.5	126.4	1,237.6	748.6	1,986.2	10.2	62.3
South Australia	469.8	605.8	48.3	11.2	59.5	665.3	418.5	1,083.8	8.9	61.4
Western Australia	521.4	656.0	47.2	11.7	58.9	715.0	399.4	1,114.4	8.2	64.2
Tasmania	148.4	188.4	15.5	2.9	18.4	206.8	137.2	344.0	8.9	60.1
Northern Territory	59.9	71.4	4.9	*	5.3	76.7	28.0	104.7	6.9	73.3
Australian Capital Territory	101.8	127.8	6.1	3.6	9.8	137.6	58.1	195.7	7.1	70.3
Australia	5,687.5	7,087.6	531.0	121.3	652.2	7,739.9	4,678.3	12,418.2	8.4	62.3

TABLE 5. 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	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 -											
March (a)	30.3	67.7	247.1	314.9	37.4	352.2	21.4	6.3	7.4	12.0	7.7
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	34.2	83.3	279.5	362.8	32.5	395.4	24.7	7.0	8.4	10.8	8.5
March	23.0	68.0	283.4	351.4	33.9	385.3	21.6	7.1	8.1	10.1	8.3
April	20.7	63.8	263.5	327.2	30.2	357.4	20.7	6.6	7.6	9.0	7.7
Standard error of -											
April 1987 estimates	2.0	3.3	5.9	6.4	2.3	6.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
Mar 87 to Apr 87 movements	1.9	2.8	4.7	5.1	2.1	5.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
FEMALES											
1986 -											
March (a)	27.8	60.1	131.7	191.8	96.4	288.2	23.1	8.1	10.1	8.7	9.6
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	144.2	218.3	85.9	304.2	27.9	8.6	11.3	7.6	9.9
March	22.9	63.7	147.2	211.0	106.3	317.3	25.5	8.7	10.8	8.8	10.1
April	20.9	59.2	144.5	203.7	91.1	294.8	24.2	8.6	10.6	7.7	9.5
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PERSONS											
1986 -											
March (a)	58.1	127.9	378.8	506.7	133.7	640.4	22.2	6.8	8.2	9.4	8.5
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	63.5	157.4	423.7	581.1	118.4	699.6	26.1	7.5	9.3	8.3	9.1
March	45.8	131.7	430.6	562.4	140.2	702.5	23.4	7.5	9.0	9.1	9.0
April	41.6	123.0	408.0	531.0	121.3	652.2	22.3	7.2	8.5	8.0	8.4
Standard error of -											
April 1987 estimates	2.7	4.3	6.9	7.7	4.3	8.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Mar 87 to Apr 87 movements	2.4	3.6	5.5	6.1	3.6	6.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
ESTIMATES FOR MARCH 1986 BASED ON NEW DEFINITION											
Males	29.9	66.3	245.7	311.9	37.3	349.2	21.0	6.2	7.3	11.6	7.6
Females	27.2	59.1	130.6	189.7	95.7	285.5	22.8	8.0	10.0	8.4	9.4
Persons	57.1	125.4	376.2	501.6	133.0	634.6	21.8	6.8	8.2	9.1	8.4

(a) Estimates based on old definition. These estimates differ from those shown in the April 1986 to February 1987 issues of this publication. See paragraph 14. Estimates for March 1986 based on the new definition are shown above to assist users to assess the impact of the change.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19						Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	
MALES											
1986 -											
March (a)	28.0	66.7	239.2	305.9	33.5	339.3	21.4	6.1	7.2	11.0	7.5
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	70.7	260.9	331.7	34.2	365.8	22.3	6.6	7.7	10.7	7.9
March	21.2	66.8	274.5	341.3	30.4	371.6	21.5	6.9	7.9	9.2	8.0
April	24.2	67.2	262.7	329.9	30.1	360.1	21.9	6.6	7.7	9.5	7.8
FEMALES											
1986 -											
March (a)	25.2	55.8	119.1	174.9	79.0	253.9	22.1	7.4	9.4	7.4	8.7
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	61.2	126.1	187.3	78.8	266.0	24.7	7.6	9.8	6.8	8.7
March	20.7	59.0	133.2	192.2	86.8	279.0	24.5	8.0	10.0	7.4	9.1
April	22.6	60.2	139.5	199.7	81.1	280.9	24.6	8.3	10.3	6.9	9.1
PERSONS											
1986 -											
March (a)	53.2	122.5	358.3	480.8	112.4	593.2	21.7	6.5	7.9	8.2	7.9
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	131.9	387.0	518.9	112.9	631.9	23.3	6.9	8.4	7.6	8.2
March	41.9	125.8	407.6	533.5	117.2	650.6	22.8	7.2	8.6	7.8	8.4
April	46.8	127.4	402.2	529.7	111.3	640.9	23.1	7.1	8.5	7.5	8.3
ESTIMATES FOR MARCH 1986 BASED ON NEW DEFINITION											
Males	27.7	65.3	237.8	303.1	33.4	336.5	21.0	6.1	7.2	10.6	7.4
Females	24.6	54.8	118.2	173.0	78.4	251.4	21.8	7.3	9.3	7.2	8.5
Persons	52.3	120.1	356.0	476.1	111.8	587.9	21.3	6.4	7.8	7.9	7.8

(a) Estimates based on old definition. See paragraph 14. Estimates for March 1986 based on the new definition are shown above to assist users to assess the impact of the change.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19			Total			Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	
			- '000 -								
MALES											
1986 -											
March (a)	27.3	66.9	240.5	307.4	31.2	338.5	21.3	6.1	7.3	10.5	7.5
April	26.2	66.4	240.4	306.8	30.6	337.4	21.3	6.1	7.2	9.8	7.4
May	25.2	66.3	243.3	309.6	30.1	339.6	21.4	6.2	7.3	9.6	7.5
June	24.2	65.8	247.8	313.5	29.4	343.0	21.3	6.3	7.4	9.4	7.5
July	23.2	65.3	253.6	318.9	29.0	347.9	21.1	6.4	7.5	9.4	7.6
August	22.4	64.9	260.7	325.6	28.7	354.4	20.9	6.6	7.6	9.4	7.8
September	21.9	64.6	267.8	332.4	28.7	361.1	20.7	6.8	7.8	9.4	7.9
October r	21.7	64.5	273.5	338.0	29.0	367.0	20.6	6.9	7.9	9.5	8.0
November r	21.9	64.7	276.5	341.2	29.3	370.6	20.7	7.0	8.0	9.5	8.1
December r	22.3	65.1	276.7	341.8	29.7	371.5	20.8	7.0	8.0	9.5	8.1
1987 -											
January r	22.8	65.7	275.1	340.9	30.2	371.1	21.0	6.9	8.0	9.6	8.1
February r	23.1	66.4	272.6	339.1	30.6	369.7	21.2	6.9	7.9	9.6	8.0
March r	23.3	67.1	269.8	336.9	30.9	367.8	21.5	6.8	7.8	9.6	8.0
April	23.4	67.6	267.1	334.7	31.0	365.7	21.7	6.7	7.8	9.6	7.9
FEMALES											
1986 -											
March (a)	23.0	57.2	119.2	176.3	78.3	254.6	22.6	7.4	9.4	7.3	8.6
April	22.3	57.1	117.4	174.5	78.6	253.1	22.6	7.2	9.3	7.1	8.5
May	22.2	57.7	117.6	175.4	79.9	255.3	23.0	7.2	9.3	7.2	8.5
June	22.3	58.4	119.2	177.6	81.4	258.9	23.3	7.3	9.4	7.3	8.6
July	22.5	59.0	122.0	181.0	82.0	263.0	23.6	7.5	9.6	7.3	8.8
August	22.7	59.2	125.7	184.8	81.9	266.7	23.7	7.7	9.8	7.3	8.9
September	22.7	59.1	128.9	188.0	81.0	268.9	23.7	7.8	9.9	7.2	8.9
October r	22.5	58.9	130.7	189.6	79.7	269.3	23.6	7.9	10.0	7.1	8.9
November r	22.3	58.7	131.1	189.8	78.7	268.6	23.5	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8
December r	22.1	58.7	130.8	189.5	78.6	268.1	23.6	7.9	9.9	6.9	8.8
1987 -											
January r	22.1	58.9	130.8	189.7	79.4	269.1	23.7	7.9	9.9	6.9	8.8
February r	22.0	59.3	131.5	190.7	80.6	271.4	24.0	7.9	10.0	7.0	8.8
March r	21.9	59.6	132.5	192.1	81.9	274.0	24.3	7.9	10.0	7.0	8.9
April	21.6	59.8	134.0	193.8	82.8	276.6	24.5	8.0	10.1	7.1	9.0
PERSONS											
1986 -											
March (a)	50.3	124.0	359.6	483.7	109.4	593.1	21.9	6.5	7.9	8.0	7.9
April	48.6	123.5	357.8	481.3	109.1	590.4	21.9	6.4	7.9	7.7	7.8
May	47.4	124.0	361.0	485.0	110.0	595.0	22.1	6.5	7.9	7.7	7.9
June	46.4	124.2	366.9	491.1	110.8	601.9	22.2	6.6	8.0	7.8	8.0
July	45.7	124.3	375.6	499.9	111.0	610.9	22.2	6.7	8.1	7.8	8.1
August	45.1	124.1	386.4	510.5	110.6	621.1	22.2	6.9	8.3	7.8	8.2
September	44.7	123.7	396.7	520.4	109.7	630.1	22.0	7.1	8.4	7.7	8.3
October r	44.3	123.4	404.2	527.6	108.7	636.3	21.9	7.2	8.5	7.6	8.4
November r	44.1	123.4	407.7	531.1	108.0	639.1	21.9	7.3	8.6	7.5	8.4
December r	44.4	123.8	407.5	531.3	108.3	639.6	22.0	7.2	8.6	7.4	8.4
1987 -											
January r	44.9	124.7	405.9	530.6	109.6	640.2	22.2	7.2	8.6	7.5	8.4
February r	45.1	125.7	404.1	529.8	111.2	641.1	22.5	7.2	8.5	7.5	8.3
March r	45.2	126.7	402.3	528.9	112.9	641.8	22.7	7.1	8.5	7.6	8.3
April	45.0	127.4	401.0	528.4	113.9	642.3	22.9	7.1	8.5	7.6	8.3

(a) Estimates based on old definition. See paragraph 14.

TABLE 8. 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	Total	
	Looking for first job	Total				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total			
				- '000 -				- per cent -			
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1986 - April	17.6	47.3	141.1	188.4	34.0	222.4	24.2	7.3	8.8	7.2	8.5
1987 - March	15.9	44.0	165.3	209.3	44.0	253.3	24.1	8.3	9.6	8.9	9.5
April	14.5	40.8	155.9	196.7	40.3	237.0	22.4	7.9	9.1	8.4	9.0
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	1.7	2.7	4.6	5.0	2.7	5.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	1.5	2.2	3.7	4.0	2.2	4.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1986 - April	7.9	23.4	76.1	99.5	35.7	135.2	17.8	5.2	6.2	9.1	6.8
1987 - March	10.6	28.6	86.5	115.1	35.1	150.3	19.5	5.7	6.9	8.5	7.2
April	10.1	23.0	83.4	106.4	30.5	136.9	16.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	6.7
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	1.5	2.1	3.5	3.8	2.3	4.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	1.3	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.0	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1986 - April	4.6	19.7	67.4	87.1	23.2	110.3	20.1	7.8	9.0	9.8	9.2
1987 - March	8.0	27.9	84.5	112.4	25.9	138.3	27.9	9.4	11.2	10.2	11.0
April	6.3	27.3	78.6	105.9	20.5	126.4	28.4	8.9	10.8	8.1	10.2
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	1.0	1.9	2.8	3.1	1.6	3.3	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	1.0	1.5	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - April	3.5	11.4	29.7	41.1	11.3	52.5	23.2	6.5	8.1	7.8	8.0
1987 - March	4.6	11.7	39.5	51.2	12.2	63.4	23.2	8.4	9.8	8.4	9.5
April	4.6	12.6	35.7	48.3	11.2	59.5	25.8	7.6	9.3	7.6	8.9
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.0	1.8	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - April	2.4	11.8	33.7	45.5	10.7	56.2	19.2	6.7	8.1	7.5	8.0
1987 - March	3.4	12.0	35.8	47.8	13.4	61.2	21.7	7.0	8.5	8.7	8.5
April	3.2	11.6	35.6	47.2	11.7	58.9	20.7	6.9	8.3	8.0	8.2
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1986 - April	2.1	4.9	10.5	15.4	3.1	18.6	26.2	7.3	9.5	7.8	9.2
1987 - March	2.2	5.1	12.0	17.1	3.5	20.6	29.1	8.0	10.2	8.5	9.9
April	2.0	4.7	10.7	15.5	2.9	18.4	27.3	7.3	9.4	6.9	8.9
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.9	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1986 - April	*	*	2.6	4.0	*	5.5	*	4.6	6.3	*	7.6
1987 - March	*	*	2.4	3.6	*	5.1	*	4.1	5.5	*	6.6
April	*	*	3.9	4.9	*	5.3	*	6.6	7.5	*	6.9
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6	6.4	0.9	0.9	2.0	0.8
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	6.1	0.8	0.8	2.8	0.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1986 - April	*	*	3.2	4.1	2.2	6.3	*	3.1	3.9	7.9	4.7
1987 - March	*	1.5	4.5	5.9	4.5	10.5	21.0	4.5	5.5	14.2	7.5
April	*	1.9	4.2	6.1	3.6	9.8	27.6	4.2	5.7	12.3	7.1
Standard error of -											
Apr 1987 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	5.2	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.5
Mar 1987 to											
Apr 1987 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.5	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4