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Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements. In particular, it is possible that the seasonality of employment, unemployment and labour force participation has been affected by the changed pattern of school holidays in some States. The impact of any such effect cannot be assessed at this stage.

MAIN FEATURES

Full-time employment grew by 47,800 (seasonally adjusted) between June and July, whilst part-time employment decreased by 18,800. The July 1987 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of employed persons was 7,145,600. The trend estimates of employed persons show a pattern of continuing strong growth.

Trend estimates of persons employed full time show varying

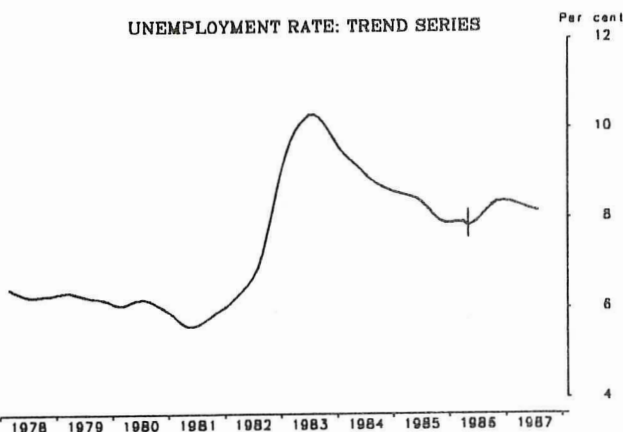
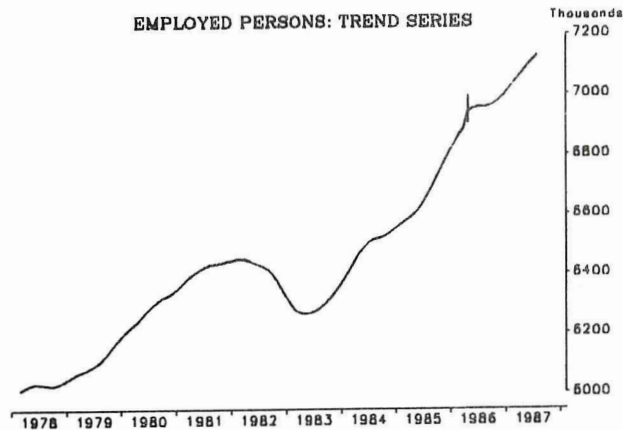
patterns of change by age (see page 2). The number of teenagers employed full time has decreased over the past 9 years. Male teenage full-time employment has fluctuated around the 245,000 level since 1984. While female teenage full-time employment had averaged around 190,000 between January 1984 and January 1987, trend estimates have shown a distinct decline since then. Trend estimates of persons aged 20 and over employed full time indicate relatively steady growth for males and a stronger rate of growth for females.

Unemployment increased by 25,800 (seasonally adjusted) to 644,500 in July 1987 with the major component (15,900) of this increase coming from females looking for full-time work. The trend estimates of unemployed persons were relatively unchanged at about 640,000 between November 1986 and March 1987, and since then have shown successive marginal falls.

The July 1987 unemployment rate was 8.3% (seasonally adjusted), an increase of 0.3 percentage points from June 1987. The major component of the increase in the unemployment rate was 0.6 percentage points in female unemployment accompanied by a 0.4 percentage points increase in the participation rate. In comparison, 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 the period October 1986 to January 1987, and since then has declined slightly.

Trend estimates of unemployed persons looking for full-time work, by age, also show varying patterns of unemployment levels (see page 3). The numbers of teenage males and females looking for full-time work have remained relatively unchanged since February 1986. Trend estimates of males and females aged 20 and over, looking for full-time work, have also remained relatively unchanged in recent months.

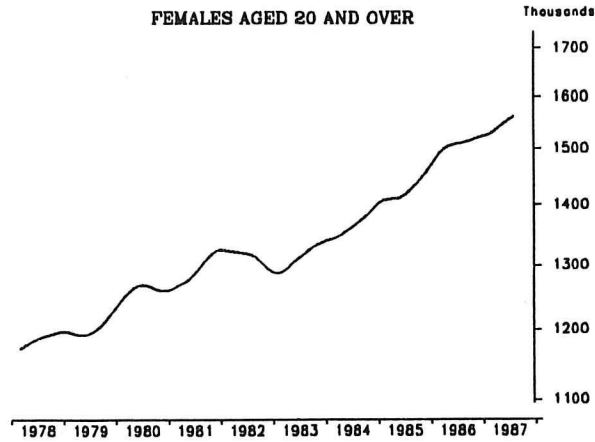
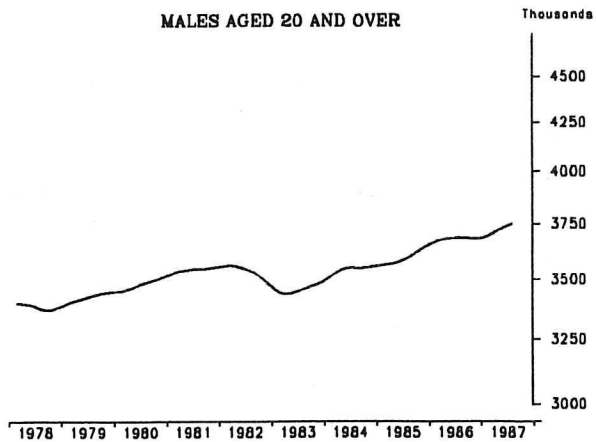
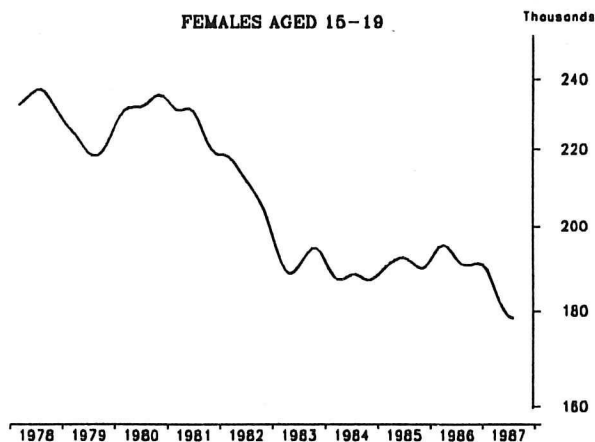
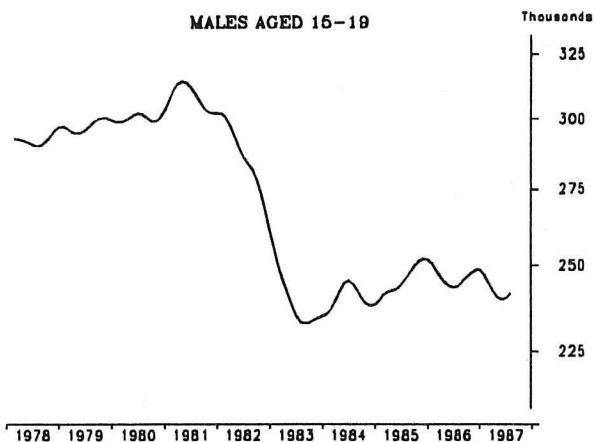
The participation rate (seasonally adjusted) for July 1987 was 62.4%, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from June. Increased labour force participation in New South Wales was the strongest contributor to this rise. The trend estimates show that the participation rate for persons has been relatively unchanged since April 1986.



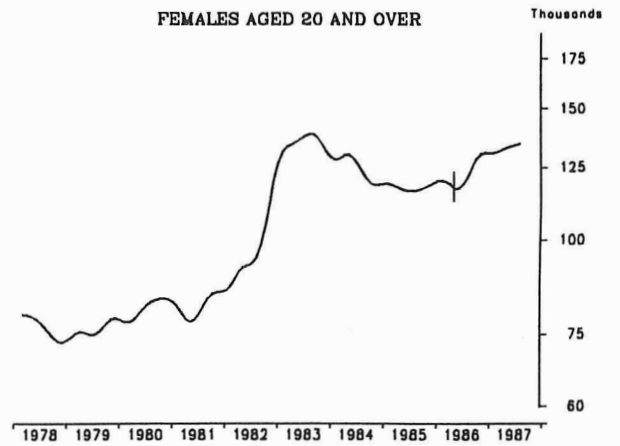
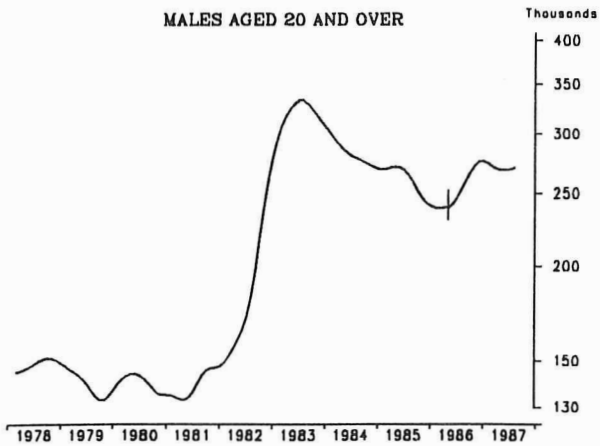
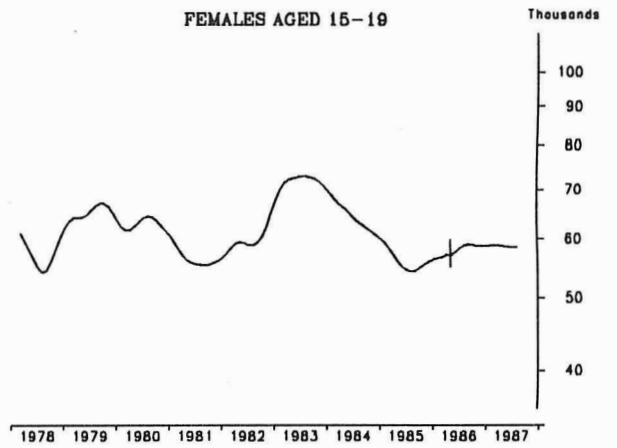
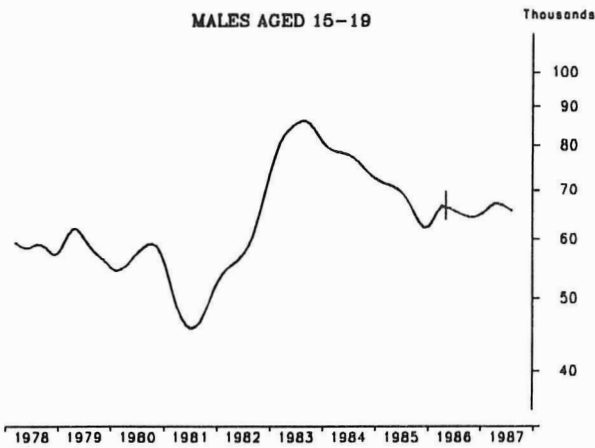
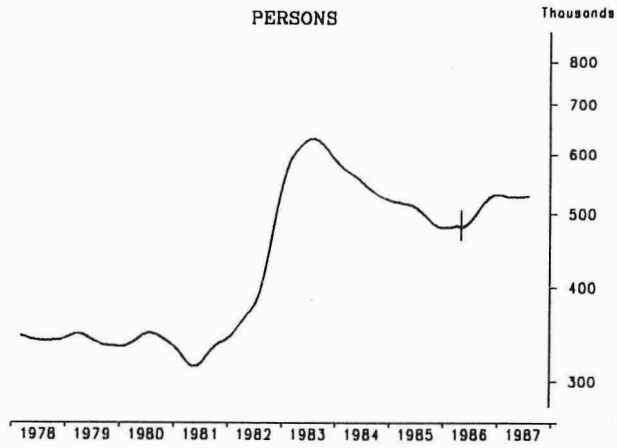
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PERSONS EMPLOYED FULL TIME: TREND SERIES

Semi-logarithmic graphs (see paragraph 24)



UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK: TREND SERIES



Indicates break in series - see paragraph 14.

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 estimates 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 reference 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 reference 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 reference 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 reference 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 reference 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 reference week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference 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 reference 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 reference week and:

(i) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference 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 reference week (including the whole of the reference 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 reference 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 reference 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). 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 estimates 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, 5 and 8. 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, 6 and 9.

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.

Semi-logarithmic graphs

24. Graphs on pages 2 and 3 have been drawn using a logarithmic vertical scale to facilitate comparisons of rates of growth in series of differing magnitude. Equal distances on the vertical scale (over equal time periods) indicate equal rates of growth for graphs on the same page.

Related publications

25. 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.

26. 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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27. Estimates 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								
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Looking for part-time work							
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1986 -											
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	3,963.5	4,230.9	34.2	362.8	32.5	395.4	4,626.3	1,466.0	6,092.3	8.5	75.9
March	3,972.6	4,274.1	23.0	351.4	33.9	385.3	4,659.3	1,444.3	6,103.7	8.3	76.3
April	3,961.3	4,265.3	20.7	327.1	30.2	357.3	4,622.6	1,493.5	6,116.1	7.7	75.6
May	3,958.7	4,254.9	22.2	337.9	29.0	366.9	4,621.8	1,505.9	6,127.6	7.9	75.4
June	3,973.0	4,277.8	17.1	326.7	27.0	353.7	4,631.5	1,507.7	6,139.1	7.6	75.4
July	4,014.9	4,306.1	19.3	327.5	26.8	354.3	4,660.4	1,488.1	6,148.5	7.6	75.8
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	15.4	15.8	1.9	6.4	2.2	6.6	16.2	11.1	..	0.1	0.3
June 87 to July 87 movements	12.8	13.1	1.7	5.0	2.0	5.2	13.5	8.9	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1986 -											
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	2,767.3	29.3	218.3	85.9	304.2	3,071.5	3,207.9	6,279.5	9.9	48.9
March	1,733.6	2,835.0	22.9	211.0	106.3	317.3	3,152.3	3,138.8	6,291.0	10.1	50.1
April	1,726.2	2,822.4	20.9	203.7	91.1	294.8	3,117.2	3,184.9	6,302.1	9.5	49.5
May	1,721.6	2,829.1	15.9	192.7	75.4	268.1	3,097.2	3,216.1	6,313.3	8.7	49.1
June	1,717.9	2,833.4	17.2	179.5	70.5	249.9	3,083.3	3,241.3	6,324.6	8.1	48.8
July	1,757.0	2,851.7	15.9	183.4	72.5	255.9	3,107.6	3,227.4	6,335.0	8.2	49.1
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	11.8	13.8	1.7	5.1	3.4	5.8	14.2	14.4	..	0.2	0.2
June 87 to July 87 movements	9.4	11.2	1.7	4.0	2.8	4.6	11.6	11.8	..	0.1	0.2
PERSONS											
1986 -											
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	6,998.2	63.5	581.1	118.4	699.6	7,697.8	4,673.9	12,371.7	9.1	62.2
March	5,706.2	7,109.1	45.8	562.4	140.2	702.5	7,811.6	4,583.1	12,394.7	9.0	63.0
April	5,687.5	7,087.7	41.5	530.8	121.3	652.1	7,739.8	4,678.4	12,418.2	8.4	62.3
May	5,680.2	7,084.0	38.1	530.6	104.4	635.0	7,719.0	4,721.9	12,440.9	8.2	62.0
June	5,690.8	7,111.2	34.3	506.2	97.4	603.6	7,714.8	4,749.0	12,463.8	7.8	61.9
July	5,771.9	7,157.8	35.3	510.9	99.3	610.2	7,768.0	4,715.5	12,483.5	7.9	62.2
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	17.3	18.4	2.5	7.6	3.9	8.1	18.9	16.2	..	0.1	0.2
June 87 to July 87 movements	14.6	15.8	2.2	5.9	3.2	6.3	16.3	13.6	..	0.1	0.1

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											
1986 -											
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	63.7	263.4	327.1	30.2	357.3	20.7	6.6	7.6	9.0	7.7
May	22.2	63.1	274.7	337.9	29.0	366.9	21.1	6.9	7.9	8.9	7.9
June	17.1	58.4	268.4	326.7	27.0	353.7	19.9	6.7	7.6	8.1	7.6
July	19.3	59.5	268.0	327.5	26.8	354.3	18.9	6.7	7.5	8.4	7.6
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	1.9	3.2	5.9	6.4	2.2	6.6	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
June 87 to July 87 movements	1.7	2.6	4.6	5.0	2.0	5.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
FEMALES											
1986 -											
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
May	15.9	52.1	140.6	192.7	75.4	268.1	22.5	8.4	10.1	6.4	8.7
June	17.2	56.3	123.2	179.5	70.5	249.9	24.6	7.4	9.5	5.9	8.1
July	15.9	53.1	130.3	183.4	72.5	255.9	22.5	7.6	9.5	6.2	8.2
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	1.7	3.0	4.4	5.1	3.4	5.8	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
June 87 to July 87 movements	1.7	2.6	3.5	4.0	2.8	4.6	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
PERSONS											
1986 -											
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	41.5	122.9	408.0	530.8	121.3	652.1	22.2	7.2	8.5	8.0	8.4
May	38.1	115.2	415.4	530.6	104.4	635.0	21.7	7.3	8.5	6.9	8.2
June	34.3	114.7	391.5	506.2	97.4	603.6	22.0	6.9	8.2	6.4	7.8
July	35.3	112.6	398.3	510.9	99.3	610.2	20.5	6.9	8.1	6.7	7.9
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	2.5	4.1	6.9	7.6	3.9	8.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
June 87 to July 87 movements	2.2	3.4	5.4	5.9	3.2	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			Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part- time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
MALES											
1986 -											
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	67.1	262.7	329.8	30.1	360.0	21.9	6.6	7.7	9.5	7.8
May	28.3	68.8	272.3	341.1	27.2	368.4	23.0	6.8	7.9	8.6	8.0
June	21.9	65.3	270.3	335.6	28.9	364.5	21.7	6.7	7.8	8.7	7.8
July	25.1	63.8	273.3	337.1	32.9	370.0	19.9	6.8	7.8	10.1	7.9
FEMALES											
1986 -											
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	280.8	24.5	8.3	10.3	6.9	9.1
May	17.8	54.6	138.0	192.6	73.0	265.6	23.5	8.2	10.0	6.3	8.6
June	19.6	60.1	122.8	182.9	71.3	254.2	25.6	7.3	9.5	6.1	8.2
July	19.8	59.4	139.3	198.8	75.7	274.5	24.4	8.2	10.2	6.5	8.8
PERSONS											
1986 -											
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	46.7	127.3	402.2	529.5	111.3	640.8	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.5	8.3
May	46.1	123.4	410.3	533.7	100.2	634.0	23.2	7.2	8.6	6.8	8.2
June	41.5	125.4	393.1	518.5	100.2	618.7	23.4	6.9	8.3	6.7	8.0
July	44.9	123.3	412.6	535.9	108.6	644.5	21.9	7.2	8.5	7.3	8.3

TABLE 6. 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		
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	- per cent -	
											Total	Total
- '000 -												
- per cent -												
MALES												
1986 -												
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	21.7	64.5	273.5	338.0	29.0	367.0	20.6	6.9	7.9	9.5	8.0	
November	21.8	64.7	276.7	341.4	29.4	370.7	20.6	7.0	8.0	9.5	8.1	
December	22.1	65.1	277.1	342.2	29.8	372.0	20.7	7.0	8.0	9.6	8.1	
1987 -												
January r	22.8	65.9	275.3	341.1	30.2	371.4	21.0	6.9	8.0	9.6	8.1	
February r	23.4	66.7	272.6	339.3	30.3	369.6	21.4	6.9	7.9	9.5	8.0	
March r	23.8	67.2	270.3	337.5	30.2	367.7	21.7	6.8	7.9	9.4	8.0	
April r	24.2	67.3	269.1	336.4	30.0	366.4	21.9	6.7	7.8	9.3	7.9	
May r	24.5	66.9	269.2	336.1	29.9	366.0	21.8	6.7	7.8	9.2	7.9	
June r	24.7	66.4	269.7	336.1	29.9	366.0	21.6	6.7	7.8	9.2	7.9	
July	24.9	65.7	270.8	336.5	30.2	366.7	21.4	6.7	7.8	9.2	7.9	
FEMALES												
1986 -												
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	22.5	58.9	130.7	189.6	79.7	269.3	23.6	7.9	10.0	7.1	8.9	
November	22.3	58.8	131.1	189.9	78.9	268.8	23.5	7.9	10.0	7.0	8.8	
December	22.2	58.9	131.0	189.9	79.0	268.9	23.6	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
1987 -												
January r	22.1	58.9	131.1	190.0	79.7	269.7	23.7	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
February r	21.8	59.0	131.6	190.6	80.4	271.0	23.9	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
March r	21.2	58.9	132.4	191.3	80.2	271.5	24.2	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
April r	20.5	58.8	133.3	192.1	78.9	271.0	24.4	7.9	10.0	6.8	8.8	
May r	20.0	58.7	133.9	192.6	77.1	269.8	24.6	7.9	10.0	6.6	8.7	
June r	19.5	58.6	134.4	193.0	75.3	268.3	24.7	7.9	10.0	6.5	8.7	
July	19.2	58.6	134.9	193.5	73.5	267.0	24.7	7.9	10.0	6.3	8.6	
PERSONS												
1986 -												
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	44.3	123.4	404.2	527.6	108.7	636.3	21.9	7.2	8.5	7.6	8.4	
November	44.1	123.5	407.8	531.3	108.3	639.5	21.9	7.3	8.6	7.5	8.4	
December	44.4	124.0	408.1	532.1	108.8	640.9	22.0	7.3	8.6	7.5	8.4	
1987 -												
January r	44.9	124.8	406.4	531.2	110.0	641.1	22.2	7.2	8.6	7.5	8.4	
February r	45.2	125.6	404.3	529.9	110.7	640.6	22.5	7.2	8.5	7.5	8.3	
March r	45.0	126.1	402.7	528.8	110.4	639.1	22.8	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.3	
April r	44.7	126.1	402.4	528.5	108.9	637.4	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.3	8.3	
May r	44.4	125.6	403.1	528.7	107.0	635.8	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.2	8.2	
June r	44.2	125.0	404.1	529.1	105.3	634.3	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.1	8.2	
July	44.1	124.4	405.6	530.0	103.7	633.7	22.8	7.1	8.5	6.9	8.2	

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 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	1,371.4	1,463.1	131.6	8.0	139.5	1,602.7	535.7	2,138.4	8.7	74.9
Victoria	1,084.1	1,160.9	58.4	5.4	63.9	1,224.8	383.7	1,608.5	5.2	76.1
Queensland	630.0	680.8	61.8	5.7	67.5	748.3	239.9	988.2	9.0	75.7
South Australia	331.4	359.5	31.3	3.0	34.3	393.8	138.0	531.8	8.7	74.0
Western Australia	382.0	410.2	29.9	2.7	32.5	442.7	119.1	561.8	7.3	78.8
Tasmania	107.2	114.3	10.1	*	10.6	124.9	44.7	169.6	8.5	73.6
Northern Territory	40.2	42.6	*	*	2.0	44.6	10.8	55.3	4.5	80.6
Australian Capital Territory	68.7	74.6	2.7	1.3	4.0	78.6	16.2	94.8	5.1	82.9
Australia	4,014.9	4,306.1	327.5	26.8	354.3	4,660.4	1,488.1	6,148.5	7.6	75.8
FEMALES										
New South Wales	613.0	969.4	70.2	22.0	92.2	1,061.6	1,148.0	2,209.6	8.7	48.0
Victoria	490.2	784.6	34.7	19.9	54.6	839.1	831.4	1,670.6	6.5	50.2
Queensland	262.0	434.1	33.6	13.2	46.8	480.9	529.5	1,010.4	9.7	47.6
South Australia	135.9	240.8	17.9	6.5	24.4	265.2	290.0	555.2	9.2	47.8
Western Australia	155.0	261.5	17.5	6.1	23.6	285.1	277.1	562.1	8.3	50.7
Tasmania	39.9	71.2	5.8	2.6	8.4	79.5	95.9	175.4	10.5	45.3
Northern Territory	21.7	29.8	*	*	2.2	32.0	18.2	50.2	7.0	63.7
Australian Capital Territory	39.4	60.4	2.1	1.7	3.7	64.1	37.4	101.5	5.8	63.2
Australia	1,757.0	2,851.7	183.4	72.5	255.9	3,107.6	3,227.4	6,335.0	8.2	49.1
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,984.3	2,432.5	201.8	29.9	231.7	2,664.3	1,683.7	4,347.9	8.7	61.3
Victoria	1,574.3	1,945.5	93.1	25.4	118.4	2,063.9	1,215.1	3,279.1	5.7	62.9
Queensland	892.0	1,114.9	95.5	18.9	114.4	1,229.3	769.4	1,998.7	9.3	61.5
South Australia	467.3	600.3	49.2	9.5	58.7	659.0	428.0	1,087.0	8.9	60.6
Western Australia	536.9	671.7	47.3	8.8	56.1	727.8	396.2	1,124.0	7.7	64.8
Tasmania	147.1	185.5	15.8	3.1	18.9	204.4	140.6	345.0	9.3	59.2
Northern Territory	61.8	72.4	3.4	*	4.2	76.6	29.0	105.6	5.5	72.5
Australian Capital Territory	108.1	135.0	4.8	2.9	7.7	142.8	53.5	196.3	5.4	72.7
Australia	5,771.9	7,157.8	510.9	99.3	610.2	7,768.0	4,715.5	12,483.5	7.9	62.2

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1986 -															
June	1,457.1	124.7	1,581.7	7.9	75.8	928.9	89.2	1,018.1	8.8	47.1	2,386.0	213.9	2,599.8	8.2	61.2
July	1,448.1	131.8	1,579.9	8.3	75.6	930.8	98.3	1,029.1	9.5	47.6	2,378.9	230.1	2,609.0	8.8	61.3
August	1,445.4	126.1	1,571.5	8.0	75.0	924.2	97.1	1,021.3	9.5	47.1	2,369.6	223.3	2,592.9	8.6	60.8
September	1,443.5	132.6	1,576.2	8.4	75.1	913.8	95.9	1,009.7	9.5	46.5	2,357.3	228.6	2,585.9	8.8	60.6
October	1,445.4	134.8	1,580.2	8.5	75.1	929.6	92.7	1,022.3	9.1	47.0	2,375.0	227.5	2,602.5	8.7	60.8
November	1,442.9	141.5	1,584.4	8.9	75.2	924.8	89.5	1,014.3	8.8	46.5	2,367.7	231.0	2,598.7	8.9	60.6
December	1,450.9	142.6	1,593.6	9.0	75.5	937.5	83.7	1,021.2	8.2	46.8	2,388.5	226.3	2,614.8	8.7	60.9
1987 -															
January	1,442.8	141.4	1,584.2	8.9	74.9	936.2	93.0	1,029.2	9.0	47.0	2,379.0	234.4	2,613.4	9.0	60.7
February	1,446.0	142.4	1,588.4	9.0	75.0	931.0	85.8	1,016.9	8.4	46.4	2,377.0	228.3	2,605.3	8.8	60.4
March	1,450.0	137.0	1,587.0	8.6	74.8	944.1	95.8	1,039.8	9.2	47.4	2,394.0	232.8	2,626.8	8.9	60.8
April	1,458.4	135.4	1,593.8	8.5	74.9	946.6	100.2	1,046.8	9.6	47.6	2,405.0	235.6	2,640.6	8.9	61.0
May	1,445.8	136.1	1,581.9	8.6	74.2	950.0	99.4	1,049.5	9.5	47.7	2,395.9	235.5	2,631.4	8.9	60.7
June	1,457.4	137.4	1,594.8	8.6	74.7	961.6	95.1	1,056.6	9.0	47.9	2,419.0	232.5	2,651.5	8.8	61.1
July	1,465.2	145.8	1,611.0	9.1	75.3	968.9	102.5	1,071.3	9.6	48.5	2,434.1	248.3	2,682.4	9.3	61.7
VICTORIA															
1986 -															
June	1,129.4	60.4	1,189.8	5.1	75.5	737.3	58.6	795.8	7.4	48.6	1,866.7	119.0	1,985.6	6.0	61.8
July	1,111.0	70.8	1,181.8	6.0	74.9	738.8	62.7	801.4	7.8	48.8	1,849.8	133.4	1,983.3	6.7	61.6
August	1,116.6	78.5	1,195.1	6.6	75.6	733.5	64.7	798.2	8.1	48.6	1,850.1	143.2	1,993.3	7.2	61.8
September	1,121.6	77.3	1,198.9	6.5	75.8	745.4	63.6	809.0	7.9	49.2	1,867.0	140.9	2,007.9	7.0	62.2
October	1,129.8	75.3	1,205.1	6.2	76.0	749.6	63.6	813.2	7.8	49.3	1,879.4	138.8	2,018.3	6.9	62.4
November	1,118.7	76.8	1,195.5	6.4	75.3	748.1	64.0	812.1	7.9	49.2	1,866.8	140.8	2,007.6	7.0	62.0
December	1,131.2	77.0	1,208.2	6.4	76.0	753.3	66.8	820.1	8.1	49.6	1,884.5	143.8	2,028.3	7.1	62.5
1987 -															
January	1,135.5	71.9	1,207.4	6.0	75.8	763.3	63.7	827.0	7.7	49.9	1,898.8	135.6	2,034.4	6.7	62.6
February	1,137.5	69.5	1,207.0	5.8	75.7	760.4	64.1	824.5	7.8	49.7	1,897.9	133.6	2,031.5	6.6	62.4
March	1,151.8	70.1	1,221.8	5.7	76.5	766.6	67.8	834.4	8.1	50.3	1,918.4	137.9	2,056.3	6.7	63.1
April	1,149.0	70.9	1,219.9	5.8	76.2	776.4	63.8	840.1	7.6	50.5	1,925.3	134.7	2,060.0	6.5	63.1
May	1,150.1	73.8	1,223.8	6.0	76.3	781.3	56.0	837.3	6.7	50.3	1,931.4	129.8	2,061.2	6.3	63.1
June	1,161.7	71.1	1,232.7	5.8	76.7	772.6	51.5	824.0	6.2	49.4	1,934.2	122.6	2,056.8	6.0	62.8
July	1,159.8	65.7	1,225.5	5.4	76.2	775.6	57.5	833.1	6.9	49.9	1,935.4	123.2	2,058.6	6.0	62.8
QUEENSLAND															
1986 -															
June	672.5	66.0	738.5	8.9	76.9	419.1	47.2	466.2	10.1	47.6	1,091.6	113.2	1,204.8	9.4	62.1
July	665.4	68.5	733.9	9.3	76.3	420.1	51.0	471.2	10.8	48.0	1,085.5	119.5	1,205.1	9.9	62.0
August	673.5	66.6	740.1	9.0	76.8	422.0	51.8	473.7	10.9	48.1	1,095.5	118.3	1,213.8	9.8	62.3
September	669.3	69.1	738.3	9.4	76.4	425.5	51.0	476.6	10.7	48.3	1,094.8	120.1	1,214.9	9.9	62.2
October	667.9	70.6	738.6	9.6	76.3	432.5	52.9	485.4	10.9	49.1	1,100.4	123.6	1,224.0	10.1	62.5
November	670.1	69.2	739.3	9.4	76.2	438.4	49.5	487.9	10.1	49.2	1,108.4	118.7	1,227.1	9.7	62.5
December	677.9	73.3	751.2	9.8	77.2	435.8	54.1	489.9	11.0	49.3	1,113.7	127.4	1,241.1	10.3	63.1
1987 -															
January	676.9	66.2	743.1	8.9	76.2	436.7	48.6	485.3	10.0	48.7	1,113.6	114.8	1,228.4	9.3	62.3
February	678.9	68.5	747.4	9.2	76.5	438.7	51.8	490.5	10.6	49.1	1,117.6	120.3	1,238.0	9.7	62.6
March	676.1	74.6	750.8	9.9	76.6	435.4	52.2	487.5	10.7	48.7	1,111.5	126.8	1,238.3	10.2	62.5
April	675.5	72.4	747.8	9.7	76.1	438.4	49.3	487.7	10.1	48.6	1,113.8	121.7	1,235.5	9.8	62.2
May	677.5	73.9	751.3	9.8	76.3	429.6	49.9	479.5	10.4	47.7	1,107.1	123.8	1,230.8	10.1	61.8
June	674.2	71.6	745.8	9.6	75.6	430.3	50.4	480.6	10.5	47.7	1,104.5	122.0	1,226.5	9.9	61.5
July	677.5	69.5	747.0	9.3	75.6	434.7	48.7	483.4	10.1	47.8	1,112.2	118.2	1,230.4	9.6	61.6

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
June	359.4	31.6	391.0	8.1	74.8	240.9	20.4	261.3	7.8	47.8	600.3	52.0	652.3	8.0	61.0
July	357.0	33.8	390.8	8.7	74.6	242.0	23.4	265.4	8.8	48.5	599.0	57.2	656.2	8.7	61.3
August	358.2	33.8	392.1	8.6	74.7	240.7	23.7	264.5	9.0	48.2	599.0	57.5	656.5	8.8	61.2
September	358.4	36.4	394.7	9.2	75.1	241.4	24.5	265.9	9.2	48.4	599.7	60.9	660.6	9.2	61.5
October	358.3	37.1	395.4	9.4	75.1	239.3	25.9	265.2	9.8	48.3	597.6	63.0	660.6	9.5	61.4
November	358.5	34.8	393.3	8.8	74.6	241.6	23.8	265.4	9.0	48.2	600.2	58.6	658.7	8.9	61.2
December	358.4	35.4	393.8	9.0	74.6	244.3	22.3	266.6	8.4	48.4	602.7	57.7	660.4	8.7	61.2
1987 -															
January	358.5	32.6	391.0	8.3	74.0	240.8	22.5	263.3	8.5	47.7	599.3	55.1	654.3	8.4	60.6
February	352.0	37.0	389.0	9.5	73.5	244.4	24.2	268.6	9.0	48.6	596.4	61.1	657.6	9.3	60.8
March	354.8	36.7	391.4	9.4	73.9	242.4	24.2	266.6	9.1	48.2	597.1	60.9	658.0	9.3	60.8
April	358.4	33.6	392.0	8.6	73.9	243.5	27.4	270.9	10.1	48.9	601.9	61.0	662.9	9.2	61.2
May	357.5	34.3	391.8	8.8	73.8	243.2	25.7	268.9	9.6	48.5	600.7	60.0	660.7	9.1	60.9
June	357.4	34.0	391.3	8.7	73.6	245.8	24.5	270.3	9.1	48.7	603.2	58.5	661.7	8.8	60.9
July	361.6	35.7	397.3	9.0	74.7	242.8	25.9	268.7	9.6	48.4	604.4	61.7	666.0	9.3	61.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
June	393.5	30.3	423.9	7.2	78.2	255.3	23.7	279.0	8.5	51.5	648.8	54.0	702.8	7.7	64.9
July	396.1	31.6	427.7	7.4	78.7	259.8	23.7	283.5	8.4	52.2	655.8	55.3	711.2	7.8	65.5
August	395.3	32.1	427.4	7.5	78.5	257.4	24.0	281.4	8.5	51.7	652.6	56.1	708.8	7.9	65.1
September	393.9	32.8	426.7	7.7	78.1	261.1	24.6	285.7	8.6	52.3	655.0	57.4	712.4	8.1	65.2
October	393.2	32.4	425.6	7.6	77.7	260.5	22.6	283.1	8.0	51.7	653.8	55.0	708.8	7.8	64.7
November	388.5	32.7	421.3	7.8	76.7	262.0	22.7	284.7	8.0	51.8	650.5	55.5	706.0	7.9	64.2
December	391.0	33.8	424.8	7.9	77.1	255.8	23.1	278.9	8.3	50.6	646.8	56.9	703.7	8.1	63.8
1987 -															
January	386.1	33.3	419.4	7.9	75.9	260.2	22.8	282.9	8.0	51.2	646.3	56.0	702.3	8.0	63.5
February	390.3	28.9	419.3	6.9	75.7	266.0	24.2	290.3	8.3	52.4	656.4	53.2	709.5	7.5	64.0
March	393.9	30.3	424.1	7.1	76.4	259.8	26.9	286.7	9.4	51.6	653.6	57.2	710.8	8.0	64.0
April	394.2	32.6	426.8	7.6	76.6	258.9	25.6	284.6	9.0	51.1	653.1	58.3	711.3	8.2	63.8
May	395.0	32.5	427.5	7.6	76.5	257.4	23.8	281.3	8.5	50.3	652.4	56.4	708.7	8.0	63.4
June	405.2	32.5	437.7	7.4	78.1	261.6	23.3	284.9	8.2	50.8	666.8	55.7	722.5	7.7	64.5
July	413.0	33.2	446.2	7.4	79.4	260.6	24.6	285.1	8.6	50.7	673.5	57.8	731.3	7.9	65.1
TASMANIA															
1986 -															
June	114.0	10.0	124.0	8.1	74.4	70.3	6.6	76.9	8.6	44.7	184.3	16.6	200.9	8.3	59.3
July	115.2	9.8	125.0	7.9	74.9	71.0	6.8	77.8	8.8	45.1	186.2	16.6	202.8	8.2	59.7
August	115.4	9.5	124.9	7.6	74.7	71.8	7.1	79.0	9.0	45.7	187.2	16.7	203.9	8.2	60.0
September	115.6	9.9	125.5	7.9	74.9	71.4	6.9	78.3	8.8	45.2	187.0	16.8	203.8	8.2	59.9
October	115.1	10.7	125.9	8.5	75.1	71.1	8.1	79.2	10.2	45.7	186.2	18.8	205.1	9.2	60.1
November	113.7	11.1	124.9	8.9	74.3	71.3	8.2	79.5	10.3	45.8	185.1	19.3	204.4	9.5	59.8
December	115.0	11.9	126.9	9.4	75.4	73.0	8.7	81.7	10.6	46.9	188.0	20.6	208.6	9.9	61.0
1987 -															
January	113.2	11.9	125.1	9.5	74.2	72.9	7.5	80.4	9.4	46.2	186.1	19.4	205.6	9.5	60.0
February	115.5	11.3	126.8	8.9	75.1	71.3	8.1	79.4	10.2	45.5	186.8	19.4	206.2	9.4	60.1
March	114.3	12.5	126.8	9.9	75.0	71.2	7.6	78.8	9.6	45.1	185.5	20.1	205.6	9.8	59.8
April	115.0	11.0	126.0	8.7	74.5	71.7	7.7	79.4	9.7	45.4	186.7	18.6	205.4	9.1	59.7
May	113.0	12.6	125.6	10.0	74.2	69.5	7.7	77.2	10.0	44.1	182.5	20.3	202.8	10.0	58.9
June	114.2	11.8	126.0	9.4	74.4	71.2	9.3	80.5	11.6	45.9	185.3	21.2	206.5	10.2	59.9
July	114.0	10.8	124.7	8.6	73.5	71.3	9.2	80.5	11.5	45.9	185.2	20.0	205.2	9.7	59.5

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1986 -															
June	1,449.2	127.4	1,576.6	8.1	75.6	927.4	92.8	1,020.2	9.1	47.2	2,376.6	220.2	2,596.8	8.5	61.2
July	1,448.8	128.2	1,577.0	8.1	75.4	925.7	94.4	1,020.1	9.3	47.1	2,374.5	222.6	2,597.1	8.6	61.0
August	1,447.6	130.0	1,577.6	8.2	75.3	924.4	95.0	1,019.4	9.3	47.0	2,372.0	225.1	2,597.1	8.7	60.9
September	1,446.0	132.9	1,578.9	8.4	75.2	924.2	94.2	1,018.5	9.3	46.9	2,370.3	227.1	2,597.4	8.7	60.8
October	1,444.8	136.1	1,580.9	8.6	75.2	925.4	92.3	1,017.8	9.1	46.8	2,370.2	228.5	2,598.7	8.8	60.7
November	1,444.6	139.1	1,583.7	8.8	75.2	927.8	90.2	1,018.0	8.9	46.7	2,372.5	229.3	2,601.7	8.8	60.7
December	1,445.3	140.8	1,586.2	8.9	75.1	930.8	89.0	1,019.8	8.7	46.7	2,376.1	229.8	2,606.0	8.8	60.7
1987 -															
January r	1,446.5	141.1	1,587.5	8.9	75.0	934.2	89.4	1,023.6	8.7	46.8	2,380.7	230.4	2,611.1	8.8	60.7
February r	1,447.8	140.1	1,587.9	8.8	74.9	937.9	91.2	1,029.2	8.9	47.0	2,385.7	231.3	2,617.0	8.8	60.7
March r	1,449.6	138.7	1,588.3	8.7	74.8	942.1	93.8	1,035.9	9.1	47.2	2,391.7	232.5	2,624.2	8.9	60.8
April r	1,451.9	137.9	1,589.8	8.7	74.7	947.3	96.2	1,043.5	9.2	47.5	2,399.2	234.1	2,633.3	8.9	60.9
May r	1,454.4	138.0	1,592.4	8.7	74.7	953.1	98.2	1,051.2	9.3	47.7	2,407.5	236.2	2,643.7	8.9	61.0
June r	1,457.0	138.7	1,595.7	8.7	74.7	958.6	99.7	1,058.4	9.4	48.0	2,415.7	238.4	2,654.1	9.0	61.1
July	1,459.9	139.7	1,599.6	8.7	74.8	963.9	100.6	1,064.5	9.4	48.2	2,423.8	240.3	2,664.2	9.0	61.3
VICTORIA															
1986 -															
June	1,118.5	68.3	1,186.8	5.8	75.4	740.7	61.2	801.9	7.6	48.9	1,859.1	129.6	1,988.7	6.5	61.9
July	1,118.8	70.5	1,189.3	5.9	75.4	739.4	62.0	801.4	7.7	48.8	1,858.3	132.5	1,990.8	6.7	61.9
August	1,119.5	73.2	1,192.8	6.1	75.5	739.9	62.9	802.7	7.8	48.9	1,859.4	136.1	1,995.5	6.8	61.9
September	1,120.7	75.6	1,196.3	6.3	75.6	742.2	63.7	805.9	7.9	49.0	1,862.9	139.3	2,002.2	7.0	62.0
October	1,122.8	76.9	1,199.6	6.4	75.7	746.0	64.3	810.2	7.9	49.2	1,868.7	141.1	2,009.8	7.0	62.2
November	1,126.0	76.5	1,202.5	6.4	75.7	750.2	64.8	815.0	8.0	49.4	1,876.2	141.3	2,017.5	7.0	62.3
December	1,130.4	74.8	1,205.1	6.2	75.8	754.7	65.4	820.1	8.0	49.6	1,885.1	140.2	2,025.3	6.9	62.4
1987 -															
January r	1,135.2	73.1	1,208.3	6.0	75.9	759.5	65.6	825.1	7.9	49.8	1,894.8	138.6	2,033.4	6.8	62.6
February r	1,140.2	72.0	1,212.1	5.9	76.0	764.3	64.9	829.2	7.8	50.0	1,904.5	136.9	2,041.4	6.7	62.8
March r	1,145.3	71.3	1,216.6	5.9	76.2	768.6	63.4	832.0	7.6	50.1	1,913.9	134.7	2,048.7	6.6	62.9
April r	1,150.1	70.8	1,220.9	5.8	76.3	772.3	61.2	833.5	7.3	50.1	1,922.4	132.1	2,054.4	6.4	63.0
May r	1,154.1	70.4	1,224.5	5.7	76.4	775.1	58.9	833.9	7.1	50.1	1,929.2	129.3	2,058.4	6.3	63.0
June r	1,157.5	69.9	1,227.3	5.7	76.4	777.0	56.6	833.6	6.8	50.0	1,934.4	126.5	2,061.0	6.1	62.9
July	1,160.2	69.4	1,229.7	5.6	76.4	777.9	54.9	832.8	6.6	49.9	1,938.1	124.4	2,062.5	6.0	62.9
QUEENSLAND															
1986 -															
June	669.9	66.2	736.2	9.0	76.7	418.0	48.9	466.8	10.5	47.6	1,087.9	115.1	1,203.0	9.6	62.0
July	669.1	67.6	736.7	9.2	76.6	420.9	50.0	470.9	10.6	47.9	1,090.0	117.6	1,207.6	9.7	62.1
August	668.9	68.6	737.5	9.3	76.5	424.1	50.9	475.0	10.7	48.2	1,093.0	119.6	1,212.6	9.9	62.2
September	669.5	69.2	738.7	9.4	76.5	427.7	51.5	479.2	10.8	48.6	1,097.2	120.7	1,217.9	9.9	62.4
October	670.9	69.5	740.4	9.4	76.5	431.3	51.7	483.0	10.7	48.8	1,102.2	121.2	1,223.4	9.9	62.5
November	672.7	69.6	742.4	9.4	76.5	434.5	51.7	486.2	10.6	49.0	1,107.2	121.3	1,228.6	9.9	62.6
December	674.5	69.9	744.4	9.4	76.5	436.8	51.5	488.3	10.5	49.1	1,111.4	121.4	1,232.8	9.8	62.7
1987 -															
January r	676.1	70.3	746.5	9.4	76.5	437.8	51.3	489.0	10.5	49.1	1,113.9	121.6	1,235.5	9.8	62.6
February r	677.0	70.9	747.9	9.5	76.5	437.3	51.1	488.4	10.5	48.9	1,114.3	122.0	1,236.3	9.9	62.5
March r	677.1	71.5	748.6	9.6	76.4	436.1	50.8	486.8	10.4	48.6	1,113.2	122.3	1,235.5	9.9	62.3
April r	676.7	72.0	748.8	9.6	76.2	434.7	50.4	485.2	10.4	48.3	1,111.5	122.5	1,233.9	9.9	62.1
May r	676.3	72.2	748.6	9.7	76.1	433.6	50.1	483.7	10.4	48.1	1,109.9	122.3	1,232.3	9.9	61.9
June r	676.1	72.1	748.2	9.6	75.9	432.7	49.6	482.3	10.3	47.8	1,108.8	121.8	1,230.5	9.9	61.7
July	676.1	72.1	748.1	9.6	75.7	431.9	49.5	481.4	10.3	47.6	1,108.0	121.6	1,229.6	9.9	61.5

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
June	358.3	32.8	391.2	8.4	74.8	240.8	22.5	263.4	8.6	48.2	599.2	55.4	654.5	8.5	61.2
July	358.2	33.8	392.0	8.6	74.8	241.3	23.0	264.3	8.7	48.3	599.5	56.8	656.3	8.7	61.3
August	358.3	34.6	392.9	8.8	74.9	241.3	23.6	265.0	8.9	48.3	599.6	58.3	657.9	8.9	61.3
September	358.4	35.2	393.6	8.9	74.9	241.2	24.1	265.3	9.1	48.3	599.7	59.3	658.9	9.0	61.3
October	358.4	35.5	393.9	9.0	74.9	241.3	24.1	265.3	9.1	48.3	599.6	59.6	659.2	9.0	61.3
November	358.0	35.6	393.5	9.0	74.7	241.6	23.8	265.5	9.0	48.2	599.6	59.4	659.0	9.0	61.2
December	357.3	35.5	392.8	9.0	74.4	242.1	23.6	265.7	8.9	48.2	599.4	59.1	658.4	9.0	61.0
1987 -															
January r	356.5	35.2	391.8	9.0	74.2	242.6	23.6	266.2	8.9	48.2	599.1	58.9	658.0	8.9	60.9
February r	356.0	35.1	391.0	9.0	73.9	243.0	24.0	267.0	9.0	48.3	599.0	59.1	658.0	9.0	60.9
March r	356.0	34.9	390.9	8.9	73.8	243.3	24.6	267.9	9.2	48.4	599.3	59.6	658.9	9.0	60.9
April r	356.6	34.9	391.4	8.9	73.8	243.5	25.2	268.7	9.4	48.5	600.1	60.1	660.2	9.1	60.9
May r	357.5	34.8	392.2	8.9	73.9	243.7	25.6	269.4	9.5	48.6	601.2	60.4	661.6	9.1	61.0
June r	358.5	34.7	393.1	8.8	74.0	243.9	25.9	269.8	9.6	48.6	602.4	60.5	662.9	9.1	61.0
July	359.5	34.7	394.2	8.8	74.1	244.1	25.9	270.1	9.6	48.6	603.6	60.7	664.3	9.1	61.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1986 -															
June	393.9	31.7	425.5	7.4	78.5	256.2	24.1	280.3	8.6	51.8	650.0	55.8	705.8	7.9	65.1
July	394.3	31.7	426.0	7.5	78.4	257.8	24.0	281.8	8.5	51.9	652.1	55.7	707.8	7.9	65.2
August	394.3	32.0	426.3	7.5	78.3	259.0	23.8	282.8	8.4	51.9	653.3	55.8	709.1	7.9	65.1
September	393.5	32.5	426.0	7.6	78.0	259.7	23.5	283.2	8.3	51.9	653.2	56.0	709.2	7.9	64.9
October	392.1	32.8	424.9	7.7	77.5	260.1	23.2	283.3	8.2	51.7	652.2	56.0	708.2	7.9	64.6
November	390.6	32.8	423.4	7.7	77.0	260.4	23.1	283.5	8.1	51.6	651.0	55.9	706.9	7.9	64.3
December	389.5	32.4	421.9	7.7	76.5	260.6	23.3	284.0	8.2	51.5	650.1	55.8	705.8	7.9	64.0
1987 -															
January r	389.1	31.9	421.0	7.6	76.2	260.7	23.8	284.5	8.4	51.5	649.7	55.7	705.5	7.9	63.8
February r	390.0	31.5	421.5	7.5	76.1	260.6	24.4	285.0	8.6	51.4	650.6	55.9	706.5	7.9	63.8
March r	392.3	31.4	423.7	7.4	76.3	260.4	24.8	285.2	8.7	51.3	652.7	56.2	708.9	7.9	63.8
April r	395.6	31.6	427.2	7.4	76.7	260.2	24.9	285.1	8.7	51.2	655.8	56.5	712.3	7.9	63.9
May r	399.4	32.0	431.4	7.4	77.2	260.0	24.7	284.8	8.7	50.9	659.4	56.8	716.1	7.9	64.1
June r	403.3	32.4	435.7	7.4	77.7	260.0	24.5	284.5	8.6	50.7	663.2	57.0	720.2	7.9	64.2
July	407.1	32.9	440.1	7.5	78.3	259.7	24.3	284.0	8.5	50.5	666.8	57.2	724.0	7.9	64.4
TASMANIA															
1986 -															
June	114.5	10.1	124.6	8.1	74.7	70.2	7.0	77.3	9.1	44.8	184.8	17.1	201.9	8.5	59.5
July	114.9	9.9	124.8	7.9	74.7	70.8	6.9	77.7	8.9	45.0	185.7	16.8	202.5	8.3	59.6
August	115.1	9.9	125.0	7.9	74.8	71.2	7.1	78.3	9.1	45.3	186.3	17.0	203.3	8.4	59.8
September	115.1	10.2	125.3	8.1	74.8	71.5	7.4	78.9	9.4	45.6	186.6	17.5	204.2	8.6	60.0
October	114.9	10.6	125.5	8.5	74.8	71.8	7.7	79.5	9.7	45.9	186.7	18.3	205.0	8.9	60.1
November	114.7	11.1	125.8	8.8	74.9	72.0	8.0	80.0	10.0	46.1	186.7	19.1	205.8	9.3	60.2
December	114.5	11.5	126.0	9.1	74.9	72.1	8.1	80.2	10.1	46.1	186.6	19.5	206.2	9.5	60.2
1987 -															
January r	114.4	11.8	126.2	9.3	74.9	72.1	8.0	80.0	10.0	46.0	186.5	19.7	206.2	9.6	60.2
February r	114.4	11.9	126.3	9.4	74.8	71.8	7.9	79.7	9.9	45.7	186.2	19.8	206.0	9.6	60.0
March r	114.4	11.9	126.2	9.4	74.7	71.5	7.9	79.3	9.9	45.4	185.8	19.7	205.6	9.6	59.8
April r	114.3	11.8	126.1	9.4	74.6	71.1	8.0	79.1	10.1	45.2	185.4	19.8	205.2	9.7	59.6
May r	114.1	11.7	125.9	9.3	74.4	70.9	8.3	79.1	10.4	45.2	185.0	20.0	205.0	9.8	59.5
June r	114.0	11.6	125.6	9.3	74.1	70.7	8.6	79.3	10.8	45.2	184.7	20.2	204.9	9.8	59.4
July	113.9	11.5	125.4	9.2	74.0	70.7	8.9	79.6	11.2	45.4	184.6	20.4	205.0	10.0	59.4

TABLE 10. 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			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 -											
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1986 - July	16.9	41.5	142.6	184.1	30.5	214.6	23.3	7.3	8.7	6.5	8.3
1987 - June	12.1	37.0	157.7	194.7	31.2	225.9	22.5	7.9	9.1	6.3	8.6
July	12.9	38.3	163.5	201.8	29.9	231.7	21.2	8.2	9.2	6.3	8.7
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	1.6	2.6	4.7	5.1	2.3	5.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	1.4	2.1	3.7	4.0	1.9	4.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1986 - July	10.9	25.7	73.3	99.0	29.3	128.3	19.2	5.0	6.1	7.8	6.5
1987 - June	8.6	23.6	71.0	94.6	23.8	118.4	17.7	4.7	5.7	5.9	5.8
July	7.7	21.7	71.4	93.1	25.4	118.4	15.7	4.7	5.6	6.4	5.7
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	1.3	2.0	3.3	3.6	2.2	3.9	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.8	3.0	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
QUEENSLAND -											
1986 - July	6.2	23.1	75.6	98.6	16.8	115.5	22.8	8.6	10.1	7.5	9.6
1987 - June	5.2	24.7	74.5	99.2	18.4	117.6	26.9	8.4	10.1	7.5	9.6
July	5.0	22.2	73.3	95.5	18.9	114.4	23.0	8.2	9.7	7.8	9.3
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.9	1.7	2.7	3.0	1.6	3.2	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.8	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.3	2.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - July	3.6	10.5	34.8	45.3	9.2	54.5	22.7	7.5	8.9	6.7	8.4
1987 - June	4.0	12.8	34.8	47.6	8.2	55.9	27.4	7.5	9.3	5.6	8.5
July	4.4	13.7	35.5	49.2	9.5	58.7	29.2	7.6	9.5	6.6	8.9
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1986 - July	2.6	9.7	32.5	42.2	11.6	53.8	16.1	6.5	7.5	8.0	7.6
1987 - June	*	9.6	36.2	45.8	9.4	55.2	17.0	7.0	8.0	6.2	7.6
July	2.7	10.5	36.9	47.3	8.8	56.1	17.8	7.0	8.1	6.1	7.7
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.8	0.9	1.9	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1986 - July	1.3	3.7	9.7	13.4	2.4	15.8	21.0	6.7	8.3	5.9	7.8
1987 - June	2.0	5.1	12.0	17.1	3.0	20.2	28.7	8.2	10.4	7.5	9.8
July	1.9	4.6	11.2	15.8	3.1	18.9	26.3	7.7	9.7	7.5	9.3
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.8	2.8	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1986 - July	*	*	5.2	5.7	*	6.3	*	9.0	8.8	*	8.6
1987 - June	*	*	2.5	3.0	*	3.7	*	4.2	4.8	*	5.0
July	*	*	3.2	3.4	*	4.2	*	5.3	5.2	*	5.5
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	4.4	0.9	0.8	2.6	0.7
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	5.9	0.7	0.7	2.3	0.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1986 - July	*	*	1.9	2.7	2.8	5.5	*	1.8	2.5	10.0	4.0
1987 - June	*	*	2.9	4.1	2.6	6.7	*	2.8	3.8	8.8	4.9
July	*	1.5	3.4	4.8	2.9	7.7	19.4	3.2	4.3	9.8	5.4
Standard error of -											
July 1987 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.2	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.4
June 1987 to											
July 1987 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.4