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**THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1989, PRELIMINARY**

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Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in the original and seasonally adjusted data - see paragraphs 16 and 22 to 26.

**MAIN FEATURES**

The January 1989 seasonally adjusted estimate of employed persons was 7,565,100, a substantial increase of 54,700 on the December 1988 estimate. The large increase in employment was due to a substantial rise in part-time employment - 54,200 persons. Females employed part time showed an in-

crease of 45,100, the largest monthly increase since February 1978. Trend estimates of employment show continued steady growth for both males and females.

Trend estimates of males aged 15-19 employed full time show continued strong growth and the corresponding estimates for females have been relatively stable in the past six months (see graphs on page 2). The graphs show that for both males and females aged 20 and over full-time employment continues to grow, with the growth rate for the number of females higher than the rate for males.

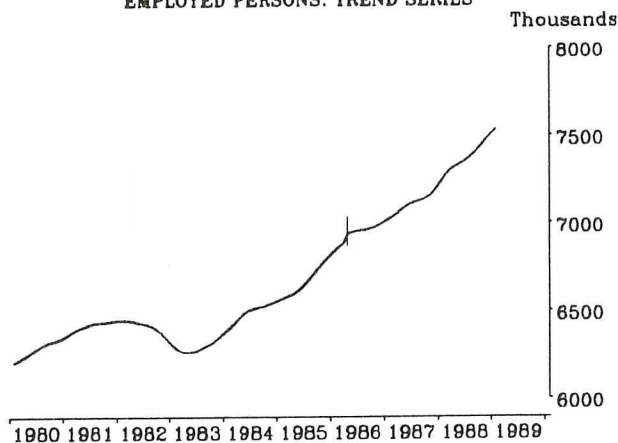
The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployed persons for January 1989 was 571,200. The rise of 12,800 between December 1988 and January 1989 in the number of unemployed persons is not statistically significant. Trend estimates of unemployed persons looking for full-time work (see graphs on page 3) have generally decreased since January 1988. The rate of decrease in the number of males and females aged 15-19 looking for full-time work has been greater than that for males and females aged 20 and over.

The January 1989 seasonally adjusted estimate of the unemployment rate was 7.0%, similar to the December 1988 estimate. Trend estimates of the unemployment rate have been relatively unchanged over the last six months.

The January 1989 seasonally adjusted State estimates of the unemployment rate were: Victoria 5.6%, Western Australia 6.1%, New South Wales 7.2%, Queensland 7.9%, South Australia 8.1% and Tasmania 10.5%

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate for January 1989 was 63.2%, an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the December 1988 estimate. The January 1989 participation rate is the highest seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate since results were first published in 1966.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES

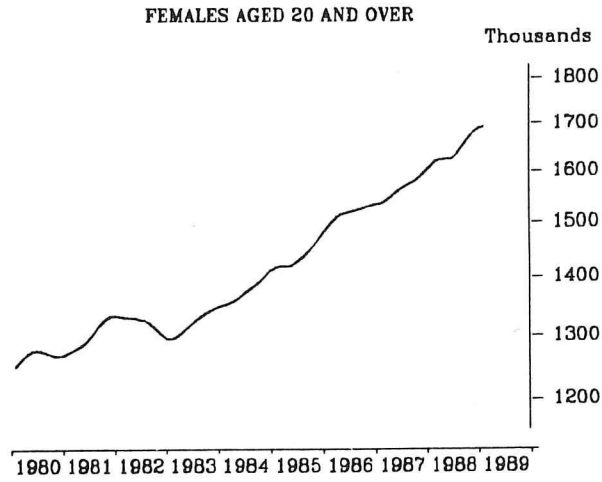
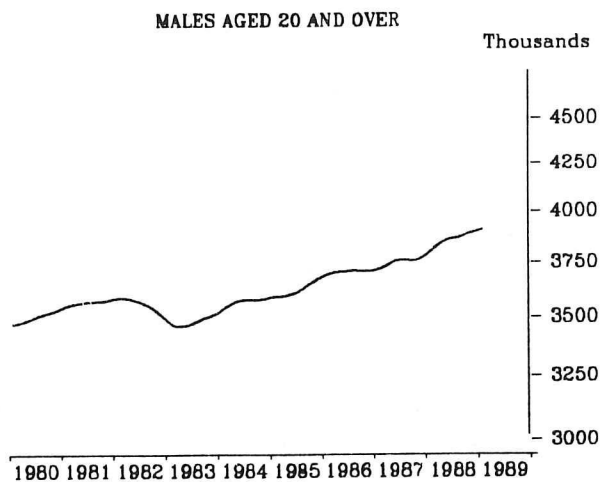
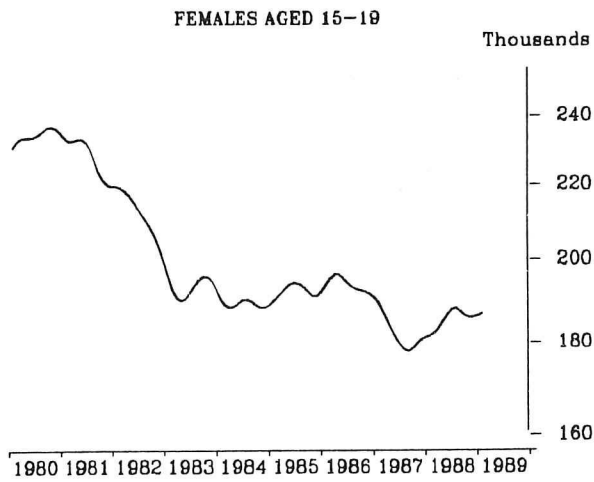
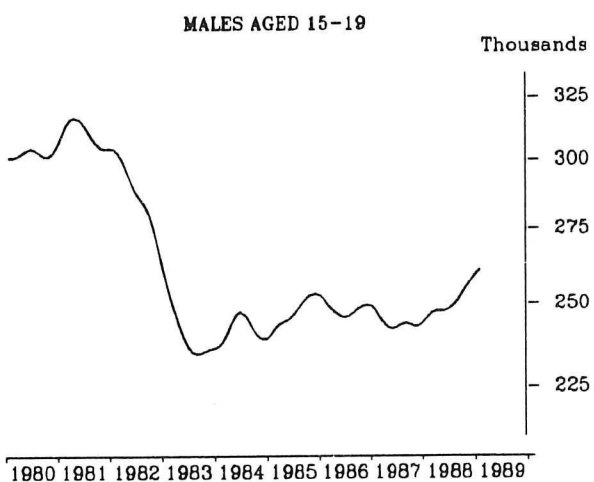
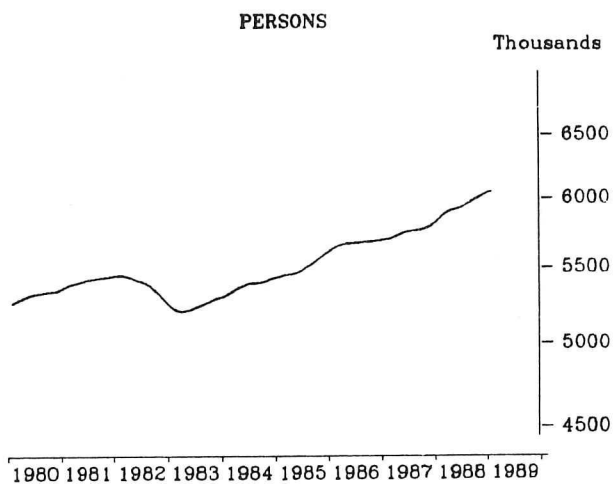


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



**PERSONS EMPLOYED FULL TIME: TREND SERIES**

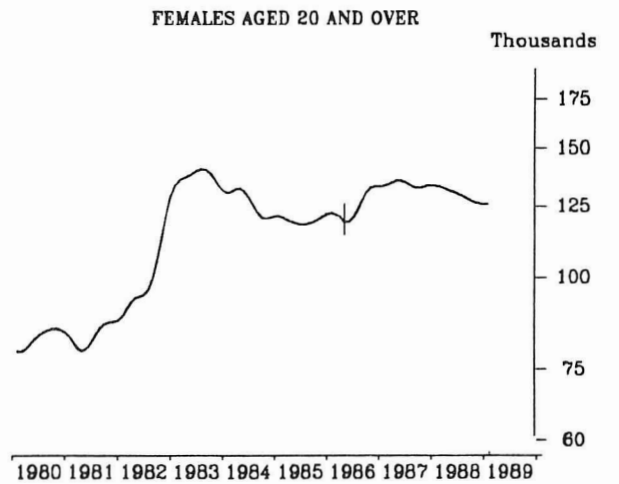
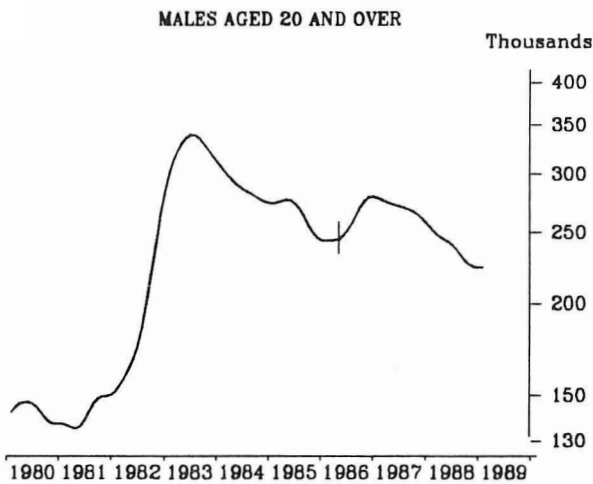
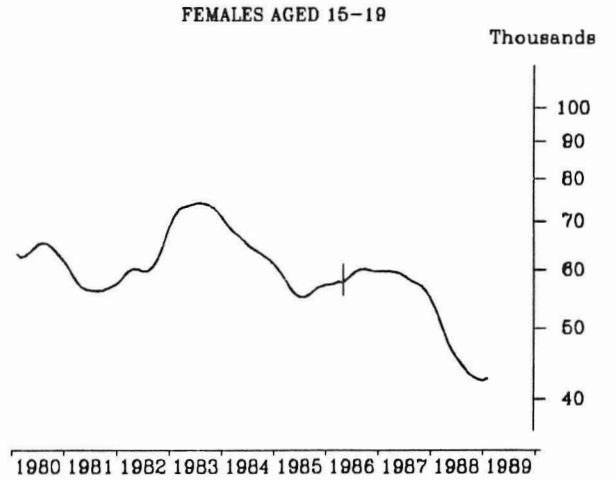
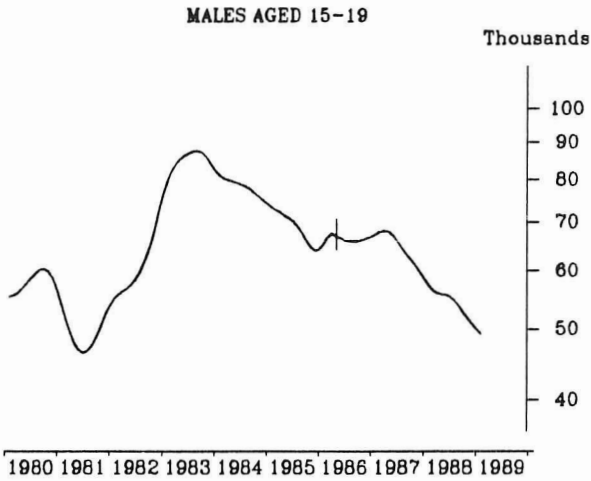
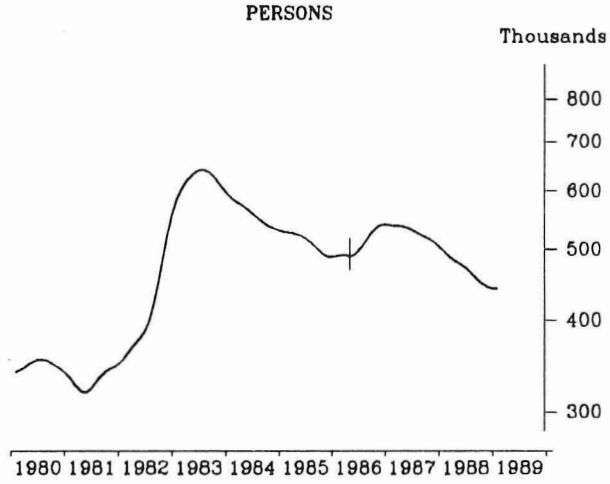
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**UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK: TREND SERIES**

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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 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 31,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about three-fifths 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. To avoid a clash with the Christmas period, the December 1988 survey interviews commenced on Monday 5th December. 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 (comprising 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 (in all jobs) 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 breakdown.

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

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

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.

#### Population benchmarks

14. New benchmarks based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing are now available and are expected to be introduced in the February 1989 issue of this publication. This will result in labour force estimates being revised for the period January 1984 to January 1989. All estimates produced after January 1989 will be based on the new benchmarks.

#### Revision of series

15. 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).

#### Survey sample redesign

16. The LFS sample has been redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Population Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September 1987 to December 1987. For details, see *Information Paper - Labour Force Survey - Sample Design* (6269.0).

#### Reliability of the estimates

17. 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.

18. 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).

19. The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less, and percentages based on such estimates, are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages with larger relative standard errors have been in-

cluded and are preceded by an asterisk (eg. \* 3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

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

- (a) An estimate of 300,000 unemployed males looking for full-time work has a standard error of about 6,600. 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 293,400 to 306,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 286,800 to 313,200.
- (b) On an estimate of movement of +28,300 in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from one month to the next (with the highest of the two monthly level estimates being 300,000) the standard error 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 +23,100 to +33,500, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +17,900 to +38,700.

21. 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

22. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 9. 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.

23. 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 these changes on seasonally adjusted estimates of labour force characteristics cannot be assessed at this stage. Trend estimates are expected to be relatively unaffected by these changes.

24. 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 10.

25. 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.

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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.

29. 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.

#### Unpublished statistics

30. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant un-

published data available. Inquires should be made to the contact in the Phone Inquiries box at the front of this publication.

#### 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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31. 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		Looking for part-time work	Total					
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total							
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1987 - December	4,057.5	4,373.3	42.0	313.1	38.3	351.4	4,724.7	1,472.7	6,197.4	7.4	76.2
1988 -											
January	4,026.5	4,323.1	40.9	332.6	38.1	370.7	4,693.8	1,513.2	6,207.0	7.9	75.6
February	4,053.4	4,341.5	33.3	319.0	35.7	354.6	4,696.1	1,520.1	6,216.2	7.6	75.5
March	4,072.1	4,396.8	25.3	302.3	41.5	343.9	4,740.7	1,484.8	6,225.4	7.3	76.2
April	4,075.6	4,394.9	23.8	302.3	46.7	349.0	4,743.9	1,493.5	6,237.4	7.4	76.1
May	4,060.2	4,372.6	24.1	293.2	35.1	328.3	4,700.9	1,548.2	6,249.0	7.0	75.2
June	4,081.6	4,398.4	19.1	287.4	28.2	315.6	4,714.0	1,546.6	6,260.6	6.7	75.3
July	4,104.2	4,404.4	22.8	278.5	21.6	300.0	4,704.4	1,568.0	6,272.5	6.4	75.0
August	4,060.4	4,364.4	19.1	279.9	25.7	305.6	4,670.0	1,614.3	6,284.3	6.5	74.3
September	4,117.3	4,439.2	23.0	280.0	29.6	309.6	4,748.8	1,547.4	6,296.2	6.5	75.4
October	4,136.2	4,444.6	19.5	256.2	29.7	285.9	4,730.5	1,577.4	6,308.0	6.0	75.0
November	4,122.6	4,453.3	20.1	244.4	26.7	271.1	4,724.4	1,595.4	6,319.7	5.7	74.8
December	4,192.4	4,516.2	35.0	272.6	38.3	310.9	4,827.1	1,504.4	6,331.5	6.4	76.2
1989 - January	4,134.2	4,440.6	36.4	296.2	37.3	333.5	4,774.1	1,569.4	6,343.5	7.0	75.3
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	16.7	17.1	2.7	6.6	2.8	6.9	17.5	12.1	..	0.1	0.3
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	13.9	14.3	2.4	5.2	2.4	5.4	14.7	9.6	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1987 - December	1,814.7	2,934.6	38.8	193.6	74.5	268.2	3,202.7	3,184.7	6,387.5	8.4	50.1
1988 -											
January	1,798.5	2,822.2	38.7	209.3	65.2	274.5	3,096.7	3,300.7	6,397.4	8.9	48.4
February	1,792.2	2,877.7	32.3	200.8	87.3	288.1	3,165.8	3,241.2	6,407.0	9.1	49.4
March	1,812.3	2,969.3	27.2	190.7	107.8	298.4	3,267.8	3,148.9	6,416.7	9.1	50.9
April	1,799.0	2,958.6	22.9	189.1	104.7	293.8	3,252.4	3,176.1	6,428.5	9.0	50.6
May	1,794.1	2,953.6	20.9	175.3	88.3	263.6	3,217.2	3,222.9	6,440.1	8.2	50.0
June	1,781.3	2,953.2	21.7	171.9	81.0	253.0	3,206.1	3,245.6	6,451.7	7.9	49.7
July	1,809.2	2,953.3	17.1	153.7	65.6	219.3	3,172.5	3,290.9	6,463.5	6.9	49.1
August	1,795.5	2,965.8	17.4	166.0	67.3	233.2	3,199.0	3,276.3	6,475.3	7.3	49.4
September	1,845.4	3,041.0	17.3	159.2	85.7	244.9	3,285.9	3,201.2	6,487.1	7.5	50.7
October	1,862.7	3,011.3	15.4	150.3	71.7	222.0	3,233.3	3,265.4	6,498.7	6.9	49.8
November	1,854.3	3,035.5	14.4	147.3	70.2	217.5	3,253.0	3,257.4	6,510.4	6.7	50.0
December	1,894.9	3,087.0	30.2	169.9	82.1	252.0	3,339.0	3,183.1	6,522.1	7.5	51.2
1989 - January	1,867.0	2,966.0	33.5	181.3	77.2	258.4	3,224.5	3,309.3	6,533.7	8.0	49.4
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	12.9	15.0	2.6	5.4	3.8	6.2	15.4	15.5	..	0.2	0.2
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	10.3	12.4	2.3	4.3	3.2	4.9	12.8	12.7	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1987 - December	5,872.2	7,307.9	80.8	506.7	112.9	619.6	7,927.4	4,657.4	12,584.8	7.8	63.0
1988 -											
January	5,825.0	7,145.3	79.6	541.9	103.2	645.2	7,790.5	4,813.9	12,604.4	8.3	61.8
February	5,845.6	7,219.1	65.5	519.8	123.0	642.8	7,861.9	4,761.3	12,623.2	8.2	62.3
March	5,884.5	7,366.1	52.5	493.0	149.3	642.3	8,008.5	4,633.6	12,642.1	8.0	63.3
April	5,874.6	7,353.5	46.7	491.4	151.4	642.8	7,996.3	4,669.6	12,665.9	8.0	63.1
May	5,854.3	7,326.1	45.0	468.6	123.3	591.9	7,918.0	4,771.1	12,689.1	7.5	62.4
June	5,862.9	7,351.6	40.9	459.3	109.2	568.5	7,920.1	4,792.2	12,712.4	7.2	62.3
July	5,913.4	7,357.7	39.9	432.2	87.2	519.3	7,877.0	4,859.0	12,735.9	6.6	61.8
August	5,856.0	7,330.1	36.6	445.9	92.9	538.8	7,869.0	4,890.6	12,759.6	6.8	61.7
September	5,962.7	7,480.2	40.4	439.2	115.3	554.5	8,034.7	4,748.5	12,783.2	6.9	62.9
October	5,998.9	7,455.9	35.0	406.5	101.5	508.0	7,963.8	4,842.9	12,806.7	6.4	62.2
November	5,976.9	7,488.8	34.5	391.7	96.9	488.6	7,977.4	4,852.8	12,830.2	6.1	62.2
December	6,087.4	7,603.2	65.2	442.5	120.4	562.9	8,166.1	4,687.5	12,853.6	6.9	63.5
1989 - January	6,001.2	7,406.6	69.9	477.5	114.5	592.0	7,998.6	4,878.7	12,877.3	7.4	62.1
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	18.7	20.0	3.6	7.9	4.5	8.6	20.4	17.6	..	0.1	0.2
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	16.0	17.4	3.0	6.2	3.7	6.7	17.9	14.7	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate	
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Total				
			Aged 15-19						
			looking for first job	Total					
				Looking for part-time work					
- '000 -									
MALES									
1987 - December	4,012.5	4,328.1	28.2	313.1	31.9	345.0	4,673.1	7.4	75.4
1988 -									
January	4,036.7	4,358.5	26.9	307.8	32.7	340.5	4,698.9	7.2	75.7
February	4,043.6	4,352.5	24.3	292.4	36.8	329.2	4,681.7	7.0	75.3
March	4,059.6	4,377.8	24.7	293.7	36.0	329.7	4,707.5	7.0	75.6
April	4,091.9	4,394.1	26.5	307.3	46.0	353.3	4,747.4	7.4	76.1
May	4,068.9	4,375.5	28.9	294.7	35.5	330.2	4,705.7	7.0	75.3
June	4,094.0	4,406.4	24.7	293.8	30.4	324.2	4,730.6	6.9	75.6
July	4,097.7	4,402.8	27.3	283.9	26.1	310.0	4,712.7	6.6	75.1
August	4,095.1	4,401.9	22.8	281.9	26.9	308.8	4,710.6	6.6	75.0
September	4,107.7	4,424.1	27.6	282.0	28.3	310.3	4,734.4	6.6	75.2
October	4,134.5	4,436.4	24.5	273.2	33.4	306.7	4,743.0	6.5	75.2
November	4,127.3	4,451.3	25.5	260.8	31.1	291.9	4,743.2	6.2	75.1
December	4,145.6	4,469.1	23.6	273.2	31.9	305.1	4,774.2	6.4	75.4
1989 - January	4,143.3	4,476.0	23.9	275.1	32.1	307.2	4,783.2	6.4	75.4
FEMALES									
1987 - December	1,782.0	2,890.7	28.4	188.5	78.2	266.8	3,157.5	8.4	49.4
1988 -									
January	1,795.6	2,937.6	26.0	191.8	81.8	273.6	3,211.2	8.5	50.2
February	1,790.0	2,909.2	24.0	174.1	80.4	254.5	3,163.7	8.0	49.4
March	1,799.7	2,932.9	25.7	173.8	84.8	258.6	3,191.5	8.1	49.7
April	1,800.0	2,948.3	24.7	182.8	92.4	275.2	3,223.5	8.5	50.1
May	1,802.7	2,943.2	22.4	174.9	87.4	262.3	3,205.5	8.2	49.8
June	1,798.7	2,948.1	25.6	177.4	83.2	260.6	3,208.7	8.1	49.7
July	1,804.2	2,942.2	20.6	162.3	68.4	230.6	3,172.8	7.3	49.1
August	1,822.7	2,994.3	21.5	175.7	75.1	250.8	3,245.1	7.7	50.1
September	1,842.2	3,018.5	21.1	168.1	80.1	248.2	3,266.7	7.6	50.4
October	1,869.3	3,008.7	19.5	166.1	75.3	241.4	3,250.1	7.4	50.0
November	1,852.8	3,001.7	18.4	163.4	78.1	241.5	3,243.2	7.4	49.8
December	1,861.1	3,041.3	22.2	167.1	86.2	253.3	3,294.6	7.7	50.5
1989 - January	1,863.8	3,089.1	22.5	167.2	96.8	264.0	3,353.1	7.9	51.3
PERSONS									
1987 - December	5,794.4	7,218.8	56.7	501.6	110.1	611.8	7,830.6	7.8	62.2
1988 -									
January	5,832.3	7,296.0	52.9	499.6	114.5	614.1	7,910.1	7.8	62.8
February	5,833.6	7,261.7	48.3	466.6	117.2	583.7	7,845.4	7.4	62.2
March	5,859.2	7,310.8	50.4	467.5	120.8	588.3	7,899.0	7.4	62.5
April	5,891.9	7,342.4	51.1	490.1	138.4	628.5	7,970.9	7.9	62.9
May	5,871.6	7,318.7	51.3	469.6	122.9	592.5	7,911.2	7.5	62.3
June	5,892.7	7,354.5	50.2	471.2	113.6	584.8	7,939.3	7.4	62.5
July	5,902.0	7,345.0	48.0	446.2	94.5	540.6	7,885.6	6.9	61.9
August	5,917.8	7,396.2	44.3	457.6	102.0	559.5	7,955.7	7.0	62.4
September	5,949.9	7,442.6	48.6	450.1	108.4	558.5	8,001.1	7.0	62.6
October	6,003.8	7,445.1	44.0	439.3	108.8	548.1	7,993.2	6.9	62.4
November	5,980.1	7,453.0	43.9	424.2	109.2	533.4	7,986.4	6.7	62.2
December	6,006.6	7,510.4	45.8	440.3	118.1	558.4	8,068.8	6.9	62.8
1989 - January	6,007.1	7,565.1	46.4	442.3	128.9	571.2	8,136.3	7.0	63.2



TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: TREND SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed				Labour force	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work				
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Total	Total			
- '000 -									
MALES									
1987 - December	4,006.4	4,318.5	27.2	312.1	33.5	345.6	4,664.1	7.4	75.3
1988 -									
January	4,025.4	4,338.9	26.6	307.0	35.1	342.1	4,681.0	7.3	75.4
February	4,045.2	4,358.8	26.3	302.5	36.8	339.3	4,698.1	7.2	75.6
March	4,062.0	4,374.4	26.0	299.0	37.6	336.6	4,710.9	7.1	75.7
April	4,074.3	4,384.4	26.0	296.6	37.0	333.6	4,718.0	7.1	75.6
May	4,082.7	4,390.8	26.1	294.7	35.2	329.9	4,720.7	7.0	75.5
June	4,089.2	4,396.2	26.2	291.9	32.4	324.3	4,720.5	6.9	75.4
July r	4,096.1	4,403.1	26.1	287.5	30.0	317.5	4,720.6	6.7	75.3
August r	4,103.9	4,412.2	25.7	282.2	28.7	311.0	4,723.1	6.6	75.2
September r	4,112.9	4,423.8	25.4	277.4	28.9	306.3	4,730.1	6.5	75.1
October r	4,122.7	4,437.1	25.0	274.0	30.0	304.0	4,741.1	6.4	75.2
November r	4,131.7	4,450.3	24.7	271.6	31.1	302.7	4,753.1	6.4	75.2
December r	4,139.3	4,462.3	24.4	270.0	32.0	302.0	4,764.3	6.3	75.2
1989 - January	4,145.7	4,473.2	24.0	269.6	32.7	302.3	4,775.5	6.3	75.3
FEMALES									
1987 - December	1,775.6	2,891.2	26.8	185.5	79.5	265.0	3,156.1	8.4	49.4
1988 -									
January	1,785.3	2,908.2	26.2	183.9	81.4	265.3	3,173.5	8.4	49.6
February	1,792.7	2,922.3	25.6	181.9	83.9	265.8	3,188.1	8.3	49.8
March	1,796.7	2,931.7	25.0	179.3	85.6	264.9	3,196.7	8.3	49.8
April	1,798.5	2,938.2	24.3	176.9	85.6	262.5	3,200.8	8.2	49.8
May	1,800.4	2,945.1	23.7	175.0	84.0	259.0	3,204.1	8.1	49.8
June	1,805.1	2,954.4	23.0	173.3	81.2	254.5	3,208.8	7.9	49.7
July r	1,814.2	2,966.2	22.1	171.6	77.9	249.5	3,215.7	7.8	49.8
August r	1,826.1	2,980.1	21.2	169.7	75.8	245.5	3,225.6	7.6	49.8
September r	1,838.5	2,995.6	20.6	168.0	76.0	244.0	3,239.6	7.5	49.9
October r	1,849.6	3,012.3	20.4	167.0	78.4	245.4	3,257.7	7.5	50.1
November r	1,858.1	3,028.8	20.4	166.3	81.8	248.1	3,277.0	7.6	50.3
December r	1,864.4	3,044.8	20.7	165.8	85.5	251.4	3,296.2	7.6	50.5
1989 - January	1,868.4	3,059.4	21.2	166.1	89.6	255.7	3,315.1	7.7	50.7
PERSONS									
1987 - December	5,782.0	7,209.6	54.0	497.6	113.0	610.6	7,820.2	7.8	62.1
1988 -									
January	5,810.7	7,247.1	52.8	490.9	116.5	607.4	7,854.5	7.7	62.3
February	5,837.8	7,281.1	51.8	484.4	120.6	605.0	7,886.2	7.7	62.5
March	5,858.7	7,306.1	51.0	478.3	123.2	601.5	7,907.6	7.6	62.5
April	5,872.8	7,322.7	50.3	473.5	122.7	596.1	7,918.8	7.5	62.5
May	5,883.2	7,335.9	49.8	469.7	119.2	588.9	7,924.8	7.4	62.5
June	5,894.2	7,350.5	49.2	465.2	113.6	578.8	7,929.3	7.3	62.4
July r	5,910.3	7,369.3	48.2	459.1	107.9	566.9	7,936.2	7.1	62.3
August r	5,930.0	7,392.3	47.0	451.9	104.5	556.5	7,948.8	7.0	62.3
September r	5,951.5	7,419.3	46.0	445.4	104.9	550.3	7,969.7	6.9	62.3
October r	5,972.3	7,449.4	45.4	441.0	108.5	549.4	7,998.8	6.9	62.5
November r	5,989.9	7,479.1	45.2	437.9	113.0	550.9	8,030.0	6.9	62.6
December r	6,003.7	7,507.1	45.1	435.9	117.5	553.4	8,060.5	6.9	62.7
1989 - January	6,014.1	7,532.6	45.3	435.7	122.4	558.0	8,090.6	6.9	62.8

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

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	per cent		
										- '000 -	-	
MALES												
1987 - December	42.0	70.8	242.3	313.1	38.3	351.4	21.6	6.0	7.2	10.8	7.4	
1988 - January	40.9	74.8	257.8	332.6	38.1	370.7	22.9	6.4	7.6	11.4	7.9	
February	33.3	64.6	254.4	319.0	35.7	354.6	20.0	6.3	7.3	11.0	7.6	
March	25.3	54.5	247.8	302.3	41.5	343.9	17.6	6.1	6.9	11.3	7.3	
April	23.8	53.4	248.9	302.3	46.7	349.0	17.7	6.1	6.9	12.7	7.4	
May	24.1	53.7	239.5	293.2	35.1	328.3	18.2	5.9	6.7	10.1	7.0	
June	19.1	48.2	239.2	287.4	28.2	315.6	16.5	5.9	6.6	8.2	6.7	
July	22.8	50.8	227.7	278.5	21.6	300.0	16.8	5.6	6.4	6.7	6.4	
August	19.1	47.7	232.2	279.9	25.7	305.6	16.7	5.7	6.4	7.8	6.5	
September	23.0	48.9	231.1	280.0	29.6	309.6	16.6	5.6	6.4	8.4	6.5	
October	19.5	42.4	213.8	256.2	29.7	285.9	14.7	5.2	5.8	8.8	6.0	
November	20.1	42.8	201.5	244.4	26.7	271.1	15.3	4.9	5.6	7.5	5.7	
December	35.0	59.4	213.2	272.6	38.3	310.9	18.0	5.2	6.1	10.6	6.4	
1989 - January	36.4	63.4	232.8	296.2	37.3	333.5	18.6	5.7	6.7	10.9	7.0	
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	2.7	3.5	6.0	6.6	2.8	6.9	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	2.4	2.9	4.7	5.2	2.4	5.4	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	
FEMALES												
1987 - December	38.8	67.4	126.2	193.6	74.5	268.2	25.9	7.2	9.6	6.2	8.4	
1988 - January	38.7	69.0	140.3	209.3	65.2	274.5	26.4	8.0	10.4	6.0	8.9	
February	32.3	59.0	141.9	200.8	87.3	288.1	24.3	8.1	10.1	7.4	9.1	
March	27.2	51.6	139.0	190.7	107.8	298.4	22.7	7.8	9.5	8.5	9.1	
April	22.9	46.3	142.8	189.1	104.7	293.8	19.6	8.1	9.5	8.3	9.0	
May	20.9	44.1	131.2	175.3	88.3	263.6	18.9	7.6	8.9	7.1	8.2	
June	21.7	45.3	126.6	171.9	81.0	253.0	19.8	7.3	8.8	6.5	7.9	
July	17.1	35.7	117.9	153.7	65.6	219.3	16.2	6.8	7.8	5.4	6.9	
August	17.4	38.8	127.2	166.0	67.3	233.2	17.7	7.3	8.5	5.4	7.3	
September	17.3	39.1	120.1	159.2	85.7	244.9	17.6	6.7	7.9	6.7	7.5	
October	15.4	36.1	114.2	150.3	71.7	222.0	17.0	6.3	7.5	5.9	6.9	
November	14.4	32.9	114.5	147.3	70.2	217.5	15.4	6.4	7.4	5.6	6.7	
December	30.2	51.6	118.3	169.9	82.1	252.0	21.3	6.5	8.2	6.4	7.5	
1989 - January	33.5	53.8	127.5	181.3	77.2	258.4	21.3	7.1	8.9	6.6	8.0	
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	2.6	3.2	4.7	5.4	3.8	6.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	2.3	2.7	3.8	4.3	3.2	4.9	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	
PERSONS												
1987 - December	80.8	138.2	368.5	506.7	112.9	619.6	23.5	6.4	7.9	7.3	7.8	
1988 - January	79.6	143.8	398.1	541.9	103.2	645.2	24.4	6.9	8.5	7.3	8.3	
February	65.5	123.5	396.3	519.8	123.0	642.8	21.8	6.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	
March	52.5	106.2	386.8	493.0	149.3	642.3	19.8	6.6	7.7	9.2	8.0	
April	46.7	99.7	391.7	491.4	151.4	642.8	18.5	6.7	7.7	9.3	8.0	
May	45.0	97.8	370.8	468.6	123.3	591.9	18.5	6.4	7.4	7.7	7.5	
June	40.9	93.5	365.8	459.3	109.2	568.5	18.0	6.3	7.3	6.8	7.2	
July	39.9	86.5	345.6	432.2	87.2	519.3	16.5	5.9	6.8	5.7	6.6	
August	36.6	86.5	359.4	445.9	92.9	538.8	17.1	6.2	7.1	5.9	6.8	
September	40.4	88.0	351.2	439.2	115.3	554.5	17.1	6.0	6.9	7.1	6.9	
October	35.0	78.5	328.0	406.5	101.5	508.0	15.7	5.6	6.3	6.5	6.4	
November	34.5	75.7	316.0	391.7	96.9	488.6	15.3	5.4	6.2	6.0	6.1	
December	65.2	111.0	331.5	442.5	120.4	562.9	19.4	5.6	6.8	7.4	6.9	
1989 - January	69.9	117.2	360.3	477.5	114.5	592.0	19.8	6.1	7.4	7.5	7.4	
Standard error of - January 1989 estimates	3.6	4.5	7.1	7.9	4.5	8.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	
Dec 88 to Jan 89 movements	3.0	3.7	5.6	6.2	3.7	6.7	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			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 -	- per cent -		
MALES												
1987 -												
December	28.2	58.8	254.3	313.1	31.9	345.0	19.4	6.3	7.2	9.2	7.4	
1988 -												
January	26.9	56.5	251.3	307.8	32.7	340.5	19.0	6.2	7.1	9.2	7.2	
February	24.3	54.4	238.0	292.4	36.8	329.2	17.9	5.9	6.7	10.6	7.0	
March	24.7	53.5	240.3	293.7	36.0	329.7	17.5	5.9	6.7	10.2	7.0	
April	26.5	55.9	251.4	307.3	46.0	353.3	18.5	6.1	7.0	13.2	7.4	
May	28.9	57.3	237.4	294.7	35.5	330.2	19.5	5.8	6.8	10.4	7.0	
June	24.7	53.2	240.5	293.8	30.4	324.2	17.7	5.9	6.7	8.9	6.9	
July	27.3	53.9	230.0	283.9	26.1	310.0	17.5	5.6	6.5	7.9	6.6	
August	22.8	52.7	229.2	281.9	26.9	308.8	17.5	5.6	6.4	8.1	6.6	
September	27.6	53.8	228.3	282.0	28.3	310.3	17.6	5.6	6.4	8.2	6.6	
October	24.5	48.8	224.4	273.2	33.4	306.7	16.0	5.5	6.2	10.0	6.5	
November	25.5	51.0	209.8	260.8	31.1	291.9	16.9	5.1	5.9	8.8	6.2	
December	23.6	49.4	223.8	273.2	31.9	305.1	16.1	5.4	6.2	9.0	6.4	
1989 -												
January	23.9	47.9	227.2	275.1	32.1	307.2	15.3	5.5	6.2	8.8	6.4	
FEMALES												
1987 -												
December	28.4	56.4	132.2	188.5	78.2	266.8	23.3	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.4	
1988 -												
January	26.0	54.7	137.1	191.8	81.8	273.6	23.0	7.8	9.7	6.7	8.5	
February	24.0	47.7	126.4	174.1	80.4	254.5	21.0	7.3	8.9	6.7	8.0	
March	25.7	48.1	125.7	173.8	84.8	258.6	21.8	7.2	8.8	7.0	8.1	
April	24.7	47.3	135.5	182.8	92.4	275.2	20.1	7.8	9.2	7.4	8.5	
May	22.4	46.4	128.5	174.9	87.4	262.3	19.8	7.4	8.8	7.1	8.2	
June	25.6	47.7	129.7	177.4	83.2	260.6	20.2	7.5	9.0	6.7	8.1	
July	20.6	39.4	122.8	162.3	68.4	230.6	17.4	7.1	8.3	5.7	7.3	
August	21.5	44.4	131.3	175.7	75.1	250.8	19.3	7.4	8.8	6.0	7.7	
September	21.1	44.7	123.4	168.1	80.1	248.2	19.6	6.9	8.4	6.4	7.6	
October	19.5	42.3	123.8	166.1	75.3	241.4	18.8	6.8	8.2	6.2	7.4	
November	18.4	38.7	124.7	163.4	78.1	241.5	17.1	7.0	8.1	6.4	7.4	
December	22.2	43.2	123.9	167.1	86.2	253.3	19.2	6.9	8.2	6.8	7.7	
1989 -												
January	22.5	42.6	124.6	167.2	96.8	264.0	18.4	6.9	8.2	7.3	7.9	
PERSONS												
1987 -												
December	56.7	115.1	386.5	501.6	110.1	611.8	21.2	6.7	8.0	7.2	7.8	
1988 -												
January	52.9	111.2	388.4	499.6	114.5	614.1	20.8	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.8	
February	48.3	102.1	364.4	466.6	117.2	583.7	19.2	6.3	7.4	7.6	7.4	
March	50.4	101.6	365.9	467.5	120.8	588.3	19.3	6.3	7.4	7.7	7.4	
April	51.1	103.3	386.8	490.1	138.4	628.5	19.2	6.6	7.7	8.7	7.9	
May	51.3	103.7	365.9	469.6	122.9	592.5	19.6	6.3	7.4	7.8	7.5	
June	50.2	100.9	370.3	471.2	113.6	584.8	18.8	6.4	7.4	7.2	7.4	
July	48.0	93.3	352.8	446.2	94.5	540.6	17.5	6.1	7.0	6.1	6.9	
August	44.3	97.0	360.5	457.6	102.0	559.5	18.3	6.2	7.2	6.5	7.0	
September	48.6	98.5	351.7	450.1	108.4	558.5	18.5	6.0	7.0	6.8	7.0	
October	44.0	91.0	348.2	439.3	108.8	548.1	17.1	5.9	6.8	7.0	6.9	
November	43.9	89.7	334.5	424.2	109.2	533.4	17.0	5.7	6.6	6.9	6.7	
December	45.8	92.6	347.7	440.3	118.1	558.4	17.4	5.9	6.8	7.3	6.9	
1989 -												
January	46.4	90.5	351.8	442.3	128.9	571.2	16.7	6.0	6.9	7.6	7.0	

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		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	
	- '000 -						- per cent -				
MALES											
1987 - December	27.2	57.8	254.3	312.1	33.5	345.6	19.3	6.3	7.2	9.7	7.4
1988 - January	26.6	56.7	250.3	307.0	35.1	342.1	18.8	6.2	7.1	10.1	7.3
February	26.3	55.8	246.8	302.5	36.8	339.3	18.5	6.1	7.0	10.5	7.2
March	26.0	55.2	243.8	299.0	37.6	336.6	18.3	6.0	6.9	10.7	7.1
April	26.0	55.0	241.6	296.6	37.0	333.6	18.2	5.9	6.8	10.7	7.1
May	26.1	54.9	239.8	294.7	35.2	329.9	18.2	5.9	6.7	10.3	7.0
June	26.2	54.5	237.3	291.9	32.4	324.3	18.1	5.8	6.7	9.6	6.9
July r	26.1	53.9	233.6	287.5	30.0	317.5	17.9	5.7	6.6	8.9	6.7
August r	25.7	53.0	229.2	282.2	28.7	311.0	17.5	5.6	6.4	8.5	6.6
September r	25.4	52.0	225.4	277.4	28.9	306.3	17.1	5.5	6.3	8.5	6.5
October r	25.0	51.0	223.0	274.0	30.0	304.0	16.7	5.4	6.2	8.7	6.4
November r	24.7	50.1	221.5	271.6	31.1	302.7	16.4	5.4	6.2	8.9	6.4
December r	24.4	49.3	220.7	270.0	32.0	302.0	16.1	5.4	6.1	9.0	6.3
1989 - January	24.0	48.5	221.1	269.6	32.7	302.3	15.8	5.4	6.1	9.1	6.3
FEMALES											
1987 - December	26.8	54.0	131.5	185.5	79.5	265.0	23.1	7.6	9.5	6.7	8.4
1988 - January	26.2	52.5	131.4	183.9	81.4	265.3	22.5	7.6	9.3	6.8	8.4
February	25.6	50.8	131.1	181.9	83.9	265.8	21.9	7.5	9.2	6.9	8.3
March	25.0	48.9	130.4	179.3	85.6	264.9	21.2	7.5	9.1	7.0	8.3
April	24.3	47.2	129.7	176.9	85.6	262.5	20.4	7.4	9.0	7.0	8.2
May	23.7	45.9	129.1	175.0	84.0	259.0	19.8	7.4	8.9	6.8	8.1
June	23.0	44.9	128.4	173.3	81.2	254.5	19.4	7.3	8.8	6.6	7.9
July r	22.1	44.1	127.5	171.6	77.9	249.5	19.1	7.3	8.6	6.3	7.8
August r	21.2	43.3	126.4	169.7	75.8	245.5	18.9	7.2	8.5	6.2	7.6
September r	20.6	42.6	125.4	168.0	76.0	244.0	18.7	7.0	8.4	6.2	7.5
October r	20.4	42.2	124.8	167.0	78.4	245.4	18.6	7.0	8.3	6.3	7.5
November r	20.4	41.9	124.4	166.3	81.8	248.1	18.5	6.9	8.2	6.5	7.6
December r	20.7	41.8	124.0	165.8	85.5	251.4	18.4	6.9	8.2	6.8	7.6
1989 - January	21.2	42.0	124.0	166.1	89.6	255.7	18.5	6.9	8.2	7.0	7.7
PERSONS											
1987 - December	54.0	111.9	385.7	497.6	113.0	610.6	20.9	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.8
1988 - January	52.8	109.2	381.7	490.9	116.5	607.4	20.5	6.6	7.8	7.5	7.7
February	51.8	106.6	377.8	484.4	120.6	605.0	20.0	6.5	7.7	7.7	7.7
March	51.0	104.1	374.2	478.3	123.2	601.5	19.6	6.4	7.5	7.8	7.6
April	50.3	102.1	371.3	473.5	122.7	596.1	19.2	6.4	7.5	7.8	7.5
May	49.8	100.7	368.9	469.7	119.2	588.9	18.9	6.3	7.4	7.6	7.4
June	49.2	99.5	365.7	465.2	113.6	578.8	18.7	6.3	7.3	7.2	7.3
July r	48.2	98.0	361.1	459.1	107.9	566.9	18.4	6.2	7.2	6.9	7.1
August r	47.0	96.3	355.6	451.9	104.5	556.5	18.1	6.1	7.1	6.7	7.0
September r	46.0	94.6	350.8	445.4	104.9	550.3	17.8	6.0	7.0	6.7	6.9
October r	45.4	93.2	347.8	441.0	108.5	549.4	17.5	5.9	6.9	6.8	6.9
November r	45.2	92.0	345.9	437.9	113.0	550.9	17.3	5.9	6.8	7.1	6.9
December r	45.1	91.1	344.8	435.9	117.5	553.4	17.1	5.8	6.8	7.3	6.9
1989 - January	45.3	90.5	345.1	435.7	122.4	558.0	16.9	5.8	6.8	7.5	6.9

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, JANUARY 1989

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
- '000 -										
- per cent -										
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	247.4	280.1	54.3	4.0	58.3	338.4	46.2	384.6	17.2	88.0
Females	178.4	230.4	47.2	5.5	52.7	283.1	68.5	351.6	18.6	80.5
Persons	425.9	510.5	101.5	9.5	111.0	621.5	114.7	736.2	17.9	84.4
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	14.4	28.9	* 1.6	* 3.9	5.5	34.4	21.9	56.3	16.1	61.1
Females	8.0	34.6	* 2.2	* 3.0	5.2	39.8	22.4	62.2	13.1	64.0
Persons	22.3	63.5	* 3.8	6.9	10.7	74.2	44.3	118.5	14.5	62.6
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	15.8	73.4	7.6	16.1	23.6	97.1	173.6	270.6	24.4	35.9
Females	12.0	90.8	4.3	18.6	22.9	113.7	159.6	273.3	20.2	41.6
Persons	27.8	164.2	11.9	34.7	46.6	210.8	333.1	543.9	22.1	38.8
TOTAL										
Males	277.5	382.4	63.4	24.0	87.4	469.8	241.7	711.6	18.6	66.0
Females	198.4	355.8	53.8	27.1	80.8	436.6	250.4	687.0	18.5	63.6
Persons	475.9	738.2	117.2	51.1	168.3	906.5	492.1	1,398.6	18.6	64.8

TABLE 8. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1989

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	1,404.4	1,503.8	111.6	12.4	124.0	1,627.8	569.8	2,197.7	7.6	74.1
Victoria	1,084.0	1,161.1	54.1	10.6	64.6	1,225.7	422.8	1,648.4	5.3	74.4
Queensland	683.4	733.1	54.4	6.0	60.3	793.5	243.0	1,036.5	7.6	76.6
South Australia	339.7	369.5	32.9	3.9	36.7	406.2	136.8	543.0	9.0	74.8
Western Australia	405.4	439.5	25.7	2.6	28.4	467.9	125.8	593.8	6.1	78.8
Tasmania	105.7	113.4	11.6	* 0.9	12.5	125.9	44.0	169.9	9.9	74.1
Northern Territory	39.2	42.8	2.1	* 0.3	2.4	45.2	9.2	54.4	5.2	83.1
Australian Capital Territory	72.4	77.3	3.9	* 0.7	4.6	81.9	18.0	99.9	5.6	82.0
Australia	4,134.2	4,440.6	296.2	37.3	333.5	4,774.1	1,569.4	6,343.5	7.0	75.3
FEMALES										
New South Wales	664.4	1,000.6	61.1	25.1	86.1	1,086.7	1,184.4	2,271.1	7.9	47.9
Victoria	507.6	796.4	36.7	21.5	58.2	854.6	853.8	1,708.4	6.8	50.0
Queensland	284.6	470.2	36.5	12.2	48.7	518.9	545.0	1,063.9	9.4	48.8
South Australia	144.1	254.6	16.5	7.2	23.8	278.4	287.4	565.8	8.5	49.2
Western Australia	165.6	286.8	16.2	5.9	22.2	309.0	283.6	592.6	7.2	52.1
Tasmania	39.8	69.9	9.3	2.3	11.6	81.5	94.4	175.9	14.3	46.3
Northern Territory	21.3	28.9	2.8	* 1.2	4.0	33.0	17.2	50.2	12.2	65.7
Australian Capital Territory	39.4	58.6	2.1	1.7	3.7	62.4	43.6	105.9	6.0	58.9
Australia	1,867.0	2,966.0	181.3	77.2	258.4	3,224.5	3,309.3	6,533.7	8.0	49.4
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,068.8	2,504.4	172.7	37.5	210.2	2,714.5	1,754.2	4,468.7	7.7	60.7
Victoria	1,591.6	1,957.4	90.8	32.1	122.8	2,080.3	1,276.6	3,356.9	5.9	62.0
Queensland	968.0	1,203.3	90.9	18.2	109.1	1,312.4	788.0	2,100.4	8.3	62.5
South Australia	483.7	624.1	49.4	11.1	60.5	684.6	424.2	1,108.8	8.8	61.7
Western Australia	571.0	726.4	42.0	8.6	50.5	776.9	409.4	1,186.3	6.5	65.5
Tasmania	145.6	183.3	20.9	3.2	24.1	207.4	138.3	345.7	11.6	60.0
Northern Territory	60.6	71.8	4.9	* 1.5	6.4	78.2	26.4	104.6	8.2	74.7
Australian Capital Territory	111.8	136.0	5.9	2.4	8.3	144.3	61.6	205.9	5.8	70.1
Australia	6,001.2	7,406.6	477.5	114.5	592.0	7,998.6	4,878.7	12,877.3	7.4	62.1

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -	
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1987 -															
December	1,491.0	121.7	1,612.7	7.5	74.8	988.6	92.8	1,081.4	8.6	48.5	2,479.6	214.5	2,694.1	8.0	61.5
1988 -															
January	1,506.1	119.4	1,625.5	7.3	75.3	1,018.7	86.8	1,105.5	7.9	49.5	2,524.8	206.2	2,731.0	7.6	62.2
February	1,501.4	111.2	1,612.6	6.9	74.6	1,009.2	81.1	1,090.3	7.4	48.8	2,510.6	192.3	2,702.9	7.1	61.5
March	1,509.5	117.7	1,627.1	7.2	75.2	1,019.9	83.5	1,103.4	7.6	49.3	2,529.4	201.2	2,730.6	7.4	62.0
April	1,506.9	128.3	1,635.1	7.8	75.4	1,027.6	93.1	1,120.7	8.3	50.0	2,534.5	221.4	2,755.9	8.0	62.5
May	1,494.7	118.2	1,612.9	7.3	74.3	1,010.4	89.5	1,099.9	8.1	49.0	2,505.2	207.7	2,712.9	7.7	61.5
June	1,509.8	115.3	1,625.1	7.1	74.8	1,011.3	89.0	1,100.3	8.1	49.0	2,521.1	204.3	2,725.4	7.5	61.7
July	1,504.8	115.5	1,620.3	7.1	74.4	1,014.9	77.9	1,092.8	7.1	48.6	2,519.6	193.4	2,713.1	7.1	61.3
August	1,510.4	117.9	1,628.3	7.2	74.6	1,030.2	84.6	1,114.8	7.6	49.5	2,540.6	202.5	2,743.1	7.4	61.8
September	1,503.3	116.3	1,619.6	7.2	74.1	1,023.7	82.2	1,105.8	7.4	49.0	2,527.0	198.5	2,725.5	7.3	61.3
October	1,519.0	109.7	1,628.7	6.7	74.4	1,030.5	79.3	1,109.6	7.1	49.1	2,549.5	189.0	2,738.5	6.9	61.5
November	1,519.7	105.6	1,625.3	6.5	74.2	1,015.5	83.4	1,098.9	7.6	48.5	2,535.2	189.0	2,724.2	6.9	61.1
December	1,517.0	111.6	1,628.6	6.9	74.2	1,017.8	85.4	1,103.2	7.7	48.6	2,534.8	197.0	2,731.8	7.2	61.2
1989 -															
January	1,512.5	115.3	1,627.8	7.1	74.1	1,037.4	82.8	1,120.2	7.4	49.3	2,550.0	198.1	2,748.0	7.2	61.5
VICTORIA															
1987 -															
December	1,156.8	68.3	1,225.1	5.6	75.6	785.3	58.8	844.2	7.0	50.2	1,942.1	127.1	2,069.2	6.1	62.7
1988 -															
January	1,167.0	66.9	1,233.8	5.4	76.1	783.7	61.4	845.1	7.3	50.2	1,950.7	128.3	2,079.0	6.2	62.9
February	1,161.5	66.1	1,227.6	5.4	75.6	779.3	58.0	837.3	6.9	49.6	1,940.8	124.1	2,064.9	6.0	62.4
March	1,162.4	63.3	1,225.7	5.2	75.4	781.6	62.3	844.0	7.4	50.0	1,944.0	125.7	2,069.7	6.1	62.4
April	1,177.3	73.3	1,250.6	5.9	76.8	784.1	66.3	850.4	7.8	50.3	1,961.4	139.7	2,101.1	6.6	62.3
May	1,162.9	69.6	1,232.5	5.6	75.6	776.9	67.8	844.8	8.0	49.9	1,939.9	137.4	2,077.3	6.6	62.5
June	1,169.3	62.7	1,232.0	5.1	75.5	784.8	64.3	849.1	7.6	50.2	1,954.1	127.0	2,081.1	6.1	62.6
July	1,164.1	59.5	1,223.7	4.9	74.9	776.8	53.8	830.6	6.5	49.0	1,940.9	113.3	2,054.2	5.5	61.7
August	1,148.1	60.2	1,208.4	5.0	73.8	796.8	65.5	862.4	7.6	50.8	1,945.0	125.8	2,070.7	6.1	62.1
September	1,162.5	55.8	1,218.3	4.6	74.3	810.7	58.8	869.6	6.8	51.2	1,973.3	114.6	2,087.9	5.5	62.6
October	1,167.8	62.4	1,230.3	5.1	75.0	797.1	54.9	852.0	6.4	50.1	1,964.9	117.4	2,082.3	5.6	62.3
November	1,170.1	54.2	1,224.3	4.4	74.5	818.1	52.2	870.2	6.0	51.1	1,988.1	106.4	2,094.5	5.1	62.6
December	1,174.5	59.2	1,233.7	4.8	74.9	831.7	55.9	887.6	6.3	52.0	2,006.2	115.1	2,121.3	5.4	63.3
1989 -															
January	1,170.8	59.0	1,229.9	4.8	74.6	825.1	58.3	883.4	6.6	51.7	1,996.0	117.3	2,113.3	5.6	63.0
QUEENSLAND															
1987 -															
December	686.4	69.2	755.6	9.2	75.7	439.8	50.3	490.1	10.3	48.0	1,126.2	119.5	1,245.7	9.6	61.7
1988 -															
January	683.7	68.4	752.0	9.1	75.2	444.6	57.1	501.7	11.4	49.1	1,128.3	125.4	1,253.8	10.0	62.0
February	687.9	65.1	753.0	8.6	75.2	446.3	47.6	493.9	9.6	48.2	1,134.2	112.7	1,246.9	9.0	61.5
March	699.7	62.6	762.3	8.2	75.9	444.9	50.7	495.7	10.2	48.3	1,144.6	113.4	1,258.0	9.0	61.9
April	708.1	63.4	771.5	8.2	76.6	453.7	51.1	504.7	10.1	48.9	1,161.7	114.5	1,276.2	9.0	62.6
May	712.9	55.2	768.1	7.2	76.0	460.0	47.1	507.0	9.3	47.9	1,172.9	102.3	1,275.2	8.0	62.3
June	709.7	56.9	766.5	7.4	75.6	455.7	46.7	502.4	9.3	48.3	1,165.4	103.6	1,269.0	8.2	61.8
July	715.9	53.6	769.5	7.0	75.7	463.2	40.1	503.3	8.0	48.3	1,179.1	93.7	1,272.8	7.4	61.6
August	714.7	55.7	770.5	7.2	75.6	466.1	42.1	508.1	8.3	48.5	1,180.8	97.8	1,278.6	7.6	61.9
September	721.3	59.5	780.7	7.6	76.3	469.9	47.4	517.3	9.2	49.3	1,191.1	106.9	1,298.0	8.2	62.6
October	727.2	52.6	779.8	6.7	76.0	472.7	46.1	518.8	8.9	49.2	1,199.9	98.6	1,298.5	7.6	62.4
November	731.4	54.0	785.4	6.9	76.3	468.2	42.8	510.9	8.4	48.3	1,199.5	96.8	1,296.3	7.5	62.1
December	736.7	56.1	792.9	7.1	76.8	484.1	45.9	530.0	8.7	50.0	1,220.9	102.0	1,322.9	7.7	63.2
1989 -															
January	738.0	55.5	793.5	7.0	76.6	495.4	49.7	545.1	9.1	51.2	1,233.4	105.2	1,338.5	7.9	63.7

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES — inued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
December	358.6	33.7	392.3	8.6	73.4	244.9	24.1	269.1	9.0	48.2	603.5	57.8	661.3	8.7	60.6
1988 -															
January	356.0	34.3	390.4	8.8	73.0	251.2	23.5	274.7	8.6	49.2	607.2	57.8	665.0	8.7	60.9
February	351.5	34.5	386.0	8.9	72.1	248.4	26.5	274.9	9.6	49.2	599.9	61.0	660.9	9.2	60.4
March	357.4	33.0	390.4	8.5	72.9	253.3	23.8	277.0	8.6	49.5	610.6	56.8	667.4	8.5	61.0
April	355.3	36.4	391.7	9.3	73.0	252.3	25.6	277.9	9.2	49.6	607.6	62.0	669.6	9.3	61.1
May	355.8	36.2	392.0	9.2	72.9	254.1	23.4	277.4	8.4	49.5	609.9	59.5	669.4	8.9	60.9
June	358.5	35.6	394.1	9.0	73.2	253.4	25.4	278.8	9.1	49.6	611.9	61.0	672.9	9.1	61.2
July	365.1	35.1	400.3	8.8	74.3	250.8	23.0	273.8	8.4	48.7	615.9	58.2	674.1	8.6	61.2
August	364.6	32.3	396.8	8.1	73.5	255.3	25.6	280.8	9.1	49.9	619.8	57.8	677.7	8.5	61.5
September	366.7	31.9	398.6	8.0	73.8	254.8	24.1	278.9	8.6	49.5	621.5	56.0	677.5	8.3	61.4
October	370.4	31.6	402.0	7.9	74.3	255.9	23.0	278.9	8.2	49.5	626.3	54.6	680.9	8.0	61.6
November	374.3	29.7	404.0	7.4	74.6	255.2	22.2	277.3	8.0	49.1	629.5	51.9	681.3	7.6	61.6
December	369.7	31.2	400.9	7.8	73.9	257.4	21.4	278.8	7.7	49.3	627.1	52.6	679.7	7.7	61.4
1989 -															
January	372.7	32.5	405.2	8.0	74.6	263.2	23.5	286.6	8.2	50.7	635.8	56.0	691.8	8.1	62.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
December	408.6	31.9	440.5	7.2	77.4	269.6	24.1	293.7	8.2	51.6	678.2	56.0	734.2	7.6	64.5
1988 -															
January	409.5	31.0	440.5	7.0	77.3	271.8	27.1	298.9	9.1	52.4	681.3	58.1	739.4	7.9	64.8
February	414.2	32.8	447.0	7.3	78.2	268.9	23.8	292.7	8.1	51.2	683.1	56.7	739.7	7.7	64.7
March	415.7	31.6	447.2	7.1	78.0	274.1	25.1	299.2	8.4	52.2	689.8	56.7	746.5	7.6	65.1
April	415.9	35.0	450.9	7.8	78.4	269.0	25.9	294.8	8.8	51.2	684.8	60.9	745.7	8.2	64.8
May	415.3	34.0	449.4	7.6	77.8	272.2	26.6	298.8	8.9	51.7	687.6	60.6	748.2	8.1	64.6
June	421.3	32.9	454.2	7.2	78.3	277.1	23.9	301.0	7.9	51.9	698.4	56.8	755.2	7.5	65.1
July	427.7	27.1	454.8	6.0	78.1	273.7	23.3	297.0	7.8	51.1	701.4	50.4	751.8	6.7	64.6
August	428.1	28.3	456.4	6.2	78.1	279.2	23.4	302.6	7.7	51.9	707.3	51.7	759.0	6.8	65.0
September	431.8	28.9	460.7	6.3	78.6	285.8	21.8	307.6	7.1	52.6	717.6	50.7	768.3	6.6	65.6
October	433.9	28.7	462.5	6.2	78.7	283.1	22.1	305.1	7.2	52.0	716.9	50.7	767.7	6.6	65.3
November	433.6	28.2	461.9	6.1	78.3	285.2	25.1	310.3	8.1	52.7	718.8	53.4	772.2	6.9	65.5
December	439.0	27.8	466.8	5.9	78.9	285.3	24.6	309.9	7.9	52.5	724.3	52.4	776.7	6.7	65.7
1989 -															
January	438.4	26.0	464.3	5.6	78.2	297.3	22.0	319.3	6.9	53.9	735.7	48.0	783.7	6.1	66.1
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
December	116.5	11.2	127.7	8.8	75.1	76.6	7.4	84.0	8.8	47.7	193.1	18.6	211.7	8.8	61.2
1988 -															
January	117.0	11.2	128.2	8.8	75.4	76.5	7.9	84.4	9.3	47.9	193.5	19.1	212.7	9.0	61.4
February	115.3	11.7	127.0	9.2	74.6	75.8	8.9	84.7	10.5	48.1	191.0	20.6	211.6	9.7	61.1
March	116.7	12.0	128.7	9.3	75.6	76.0	9.2	85.2	10.8	48.3	192.7	21.2	214.0	9.9	61.7
April	117.9	11.2	129.1	8.7	75.9	77.1	9.1	86.3	10.6	49.0	195.0	20.3	215.4	9.4	62.2
May	118.9	10.1	129.0	7.9	75.9	77.1	7.5	84.6	8.9	48.1	195.9	17.7	213.6	8.3	61.7
June	117.7	10.9	128.6	8.5	75.7	77.3	7.7	85.1	9.1	48.4	195.1	18.6	213.7	8.7	61.8
July	116.3	11.5	127.8	9.0	75.3	75.8	8.9	84.8	10.5	48.2	192.2	20.4	212.6	9.6	61.5
August	117.6	11.1	128.7	8.6	75.8	76.0	8.0	84.0	9.5	47.8	193.6	19.1	212.7	9.0	61.6
September	117.3	12.1	129.3	9.4	76.3	74.9	8.3	83.3	10.0	47.4	192.2	20.4	212.6	9.6	61.6
October	117.1	11.7	128.8	9.1	75.9	72.8	9.6	82.4	11.6	46.9	189.8	21.3	211.1	10.1	61.1
November	117.0	12.8	129.7	9.9	76.4	71.9	8.2	80.1	10.2	45.6	188.9	21.0	209.9	10.0	60.7
December	116.3	11.9	128.2	9.3	75.5	72.8	8.6	81.4	10.5	46.3	189.1	20.5	209.6	9.8	60.6
1989 -															
January	114.0	10.7	124.7	8.6	73.4	70.7	11.0	81.7	13.5	46.5	184.7	21.7	206.4	10.5	59.7

TABLE 10. 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															
1987 - December	1,490.3	122.5	1,612.8	7.6	74.8	991.6	90.6	1,082.2	8.4	48.6	2,481.9	213.1	2,695.0	7.9	61.5
1988 -															
January	1,497.8	119.9	1,617.7	7.4	74.9	1,002.9	88.6	1,091.5	8.1	48.9	2,500.7	208.5	2,709.2	7.7	61.7
February	1,502.8	118.6	1,621.4	7.3	75.0	1,011.8	87.4	1,099.2	8.0	49.2	2,514.6	206.0	2,720.6	7.6	61.9
March	1,505.3	118.3	1,623.5	7.3	75.0	1,016.9	86.9	1,103.8	7.9	49.3	2,522.2	205.2	2,727.4	7.5	62.0
April	1,505.7	118.6	1,624.3	7.3	74.9	1,018.6	86.9	1,105.5	7.9	49.3	2,524.3	205.5	2,729.8	7.5	61.9
May	1,505.0	119.0	1,624.0	7.3	74.8	1,018.4	86.8	1,105.3	7.9	49.3	2,523.4	205.8	2,729.3	7.5	61.8
June	1,504.8	118.6	1,623.3	7.3	74.7	1,018.4	86.1	1,104.5	7.8	49.2	2,523.2	204.7	2,727.9	7.5	61.7
July r	1,506.0	117.1	1,623.1	7.2	74.5	1,019.4	84.6	1,104.0	7.7	49.1	2,525.5	201.7	2,727.1	7.4	61.6
August r	1,508.4	115.0	1,623.4	7.1	74.4	1,021.0	83.0	1,104.0	7.5	49.0	2,529.5	198.0	2,727.4	7.3	61.5
September r	1,511.3	113.1	1,624.4	7.0	74.3	1,022.6	82.0	1,104.6	7.4	48.9	2,533.8	195.2	2,729.0	7.2	61.4
October r	1,513.7	112.0	1,625.7	6.9	74.3	1,024.0	82.1	1,106.0	7.4	48.9	2,537.7	194.1	2,731.8	7.1	61.4
November r	1,515.4	111.2	1,626.7	6.8	74.2	1,024.9	82.5	1,107.4	7.5	48.9	2,540.3	193.7	2,734.0	7.1	61.3
December r	1,516.5	110.8	1,627.3	6.8	74.1	1,025.8	83.0	1,108.8	7.5	48.9	2,542.2	193.8	2,736.1	7.1	61.3
1989 - January	1,517.4	110.8	1,628.1	6.8	74.1	1,026.6	83.8	1,110.4	7.5	48.9	2,544.0	194.6	2,738.6	7.1	61.3
VICTORIA															
1987 - December	1,153.4	67.7	1,221.0	5.5	75.4	782.5	58.1	840.7	6.9	50.0	1,935.9	125.8	2,061.7	6.1	62.4
1988 -															
January	1,159.0	67.8	1,226.7	5.5	75.6	782.6	59.7	842.2	7.1	50.0	1,941.5	127.4	2,068.9	6.2	62.6
February	1,164.3	67.8	1,232.2	5.5	75.9	782.1	61.6	843.6	7.3	50.0	1,946.4	129.4	2,075.8	6.2	62.7
March	1,167.6	67.8	1,235.4	5.5	76.0	780.9	63.2	844.0	7.5	50.0	1,948.5	131.0	2,079.4	6.3	62.7
April	1,168.1	67.3	1,235.4	5.4	75.9	780.1	64.0	844.1	7.6	49.9	1,948.2	131.3	2,079.5	6.3	62.7
May	1,166.7	66.2	1,232.9	5.4	75.7	780.6	64.2	844.8	7.6	49.9	1,947.3	130.4	2,077.7	6.3	62.6
June	1,164.2	64.4	1,228.5	5.2	75.3	782.7	63.5	846.2	7.5	50.0	1,946.9	127.9	2,074.8	6.2	62.4
July r	1,162.1	62.1	1,224.2	5.1	74.9	787.0	61.8	848.8	7.3	50.1	1,949.1	123.9	2,073.0	6.0	62.3
August r	1,161.4	60.0	1,221.3	4.9	74.6	793.3	59.7	853.0	7.0	50.3	1,954.6	119.7	2,074.3	5.8	62.2
September r	1,162.4	58.6	1,221.0	4.8	74.5	801.0	57.8	858.8	6.7	50.6	1,963.4	116.4	2,079.8	5.6	62.3
October r	1,165.1	58.1	1,223.2	4.7	74.5	809.0	56.6	865.6	6.5	50.9	1,974.1	114.7	2,088.8	5.5	62.5
November r	1,168.1	58.0	1,226.1	4.7	74.6	816.3	55.8	872.2	6.4	51.2	1,984.5	113.8	2,098.3	5.4	62.7
December r	1,170.8	58.0	1,228.8	4.7	74.7	822.7	55.4	878.2	6.3	51.5	1,993.5	113.5	2,107.0	5.4	62.9
1989 - January	1,173.4	58.2	1,231.6	4.7	74.7	828.3	55.6	883.9	6.3	51.7	2,001.7	113.7	2,115.4	5.4	63.0
QUEENSLAND															
1987 - December	681.7	69.1	750.8	9.2	75.3	440.8	50.6	491.5	10.3	48.2	1,122.5	119.7	1,242.2	9.6	61.6
1988 -															
January	686.3	67.8	754.1	9.0	75.4	443.3	51.1	494.4	10.3	48.3	1,129.6	118.8	1,248.4	9.5	61.7
February	692.3	65.7	758.0	8.7	75.7	446.0	51.2	497.3	10.3	48.5	1,138.3	116.9	1,255.2	9.3	61.9
March	696.6	63.0	761.6	8.3	75.9	449.0	50.6	499.6	10.1	48.6	1,147.6	113.6	1,261.2	9.0	62.1
April	704.3	60.4	764.7	7.9	75.9	452.3	49.1	501.3	9.8	48.6	1,156.5	109.5	1,266.0	8.6	62.1
May	708.8	58.3	767.1	7.6	75.9	455.9	47.1	503.0	9.4	48.6	1,164.7	105.4	1,270.1	8.3	62.1
June	712.4	56.7	769.0	7.4	75.9	459.4	45.4	504.8	9.0	48.6	1,171.7	102.1	1,273.9	8.0	62.0
July r	715.3	55.7	771.0	7.2	75.8	462.3	44.3	506.6	8.7	48.6	1,177.6	100.0	1,277.6	7.8	62.0
August r	718.2	55.3	773.5	7.2	75.9	465.2	43.8	509.0	8.6	48.6	1,183.4	99.1	1,282.5	7.7	62.1
September r	721.9	55.3	777.2	7.1	76.0	468.4	44.0	512.4	8.6	48.8	1,190.3	99.3	1,289.6	7.7	62.2
October r	726.4	55.3	781.6	7.1	76.2	472.5	44.8	517.3	8.7	49.1	1,198.8	100.1	1,298.9	7.7	62.5
November r	730.8	55.2	786.0	7.0	76.4	477.1	45.7	522.8	8.7	49.5	1,207.9	100.9	1,308.8	7.7	62.7
December r	734.8	55.1	789.9	7.0	76.5	482.1	46.5	528.6	8.8	49.8	1,216.8	101.6	1,318.4	7.7	63.0
1989 - January	737.8	55.2	793.0	7.0	76.5	486.4	47.5	533.9	8.9	50.2	1,224.2	102.7	1,327.0	7.7	63.2



TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES — continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
December	356.8	34.0	390.8	8.7	73.2	245.8	24.2	270.0	9.0	48.4	602.6	58.2	660.8	8.8	60.5
1988 -															
January	355.6	34.3	389.9	8.8	72.9	246.1	24.4	272.5	9.0	48.8	603.6	58.7	662.3	8.9	60.6
February	354.9	34.7	389.5	8.9	72.8	250.1	24.6	274.7	9.0	49.2	605.0	59.3	664.3	8.9	60.7
March	354.9	35.0	389.9	9.0	72.8	251.7	24.7	276.4	8.9	49.4	606.6	59.7	666.3	9.0	60.9
April	355.7	35.3	391.0	9.0	72.9	252.6	24.7	277.3	8.9	49.5	608.4	60.0	668.3	9.0	60.9
May	357.3	35.4	392.8	9.0	73.1	253.1	24.6	277.7	8.9	49.5	610.4	60.1	670.5	9.0	61.0
June	359.6	35.2	394.8	8.9	73.3	253.3	24.6	277.8	8.8	49.5	612.9	59.7	672.7	8.9	61.1
July r	362.4	34.3	396.8	8.7	73.6	253.5	24.4	277.8	8.8	49.4	615.9	58.7	674.6	8.7	61.3
August r	365.2	33.2	398.4	8.3	73.8	253.8	24.1	277.9	8.7	49.4	619.0	57.3	676.4	8.5	61.4
September r	367.6	32.2	399.8	8.1	74.0	254.6	23.7	278.3	8.5	49.4	622.2	55.9	678.1	8.2	61.4
October r	369.6	31.5	401.1	7.9	74.2	255.7	23.2	278.9	8.3	49.5	625.3	54.7	680.0	8.0	61.5
November r	371.1	31.1	402.2	7.7	74.3	257.0	22.8	279.8	8.1	49.6	628.1	53.9	682.0	7.9	61.7
December r	372.2	31.0	403.2	7.7	74.4	258.4	22.4	280.8	8.0	49.7	630.6	53.4	684.0	7.8	61.8
1989 -															
January	372.8	31.0	403.9	7.7	74.4	259.8	22.3	282.1	7.9	49.9	632.6	53.3	686.0	7.8	61.9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
December	410.7	31.5	442.2	7.1	77.7	268.9	24.5	293.4	8.3	51.5	679.6	56.0	735.6	7.6	64.6
1988 -															
January	411.3	32.0	443.2	7.2	77.7	270.0	25.0	295.0	8.5	51.7	681.2	57.0	738.2	7.7	64.7
February	412.3	32.6	444.9	7.3	77.8	270.7	25.4	296.1	8.6	51.8	683.0	58.0	741.0	7.8	64.8
March	413.9	33.1	447.0	7.4	78.0	271.2	25.6	296.8	8.6	51.7	685.1	58.7	743.7	7.9	64.9
April	416.0	33.1	449.1	7.4	78.1	271.8	25.5	297.3	8.6	51.6	687.9	58.6	746.5	7.8	64.8
May	418.8	32.5	451.3	7.2	78.1	272.9	25.0	298.0	8.4	51.6	691.7	57.6	749.3	7.7	64.8
June	421.8	31.5	453.3	6.9	78.2	274.7	24.4	299.1	8.1	51.6	696.5	55.8	752.4	7.4	64.9
July r	425.0	30.3	455.3	6.6	78.2	276.9	23.7	300.5	7.9	51.7	701.9	54.0	755.9	7.1	65.0
August r	428.2	29.2	457.5	6.4	78.3	279.2	23.2	302.4	7.7	51.8	707.5	52.4	759.9	6.9	65.1
September r	431.1	28.5	459.6	6.2	78.4	281.7	23.0	304.7	7.6	52.1	712.8	51.5	764.3	6.7	65.3
October r	433.5	28.1	461.6	6.1	78.5	284.1	23.1	307.2	7.5	52.3	717.6	51.2	768.8	6.7	65.4
November r	435.5	27.8	463.3	6.0	78.5	286.6	23.3	309.9	7.5	52.6	722.1	51.1	773.2	6.6	65.6
December r	437.2	27.4	464.6	5.9	78.5	289.1	23.4	312.5	7.5	52.9	726.2	50.9	777.1	6.5	65.7
1989 -															
January	438.4	27.3	465.7	5.9	78.4	291.5	23.5	315.0	7.5	53.2	729.9	50.8	780.7	6.5	65.8
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
December	115.4	11.5	126.8	9.0	74.6	75.2	7.5	82.7	9.1	47.0	190.6	19.0	209.6	9.1	60.5
1988 -															
January	116.0	11.5	127.5	9.0	75.0	75.9	8.0	83.9	9.5	47.7	192.0	19.5	211.5	9.2	61.1
February	116.6	11.5	128.1	9.0	75.3	76.5	8.4	84.9	9.9	48.2	193.1	19.9	213.0	9.3	61.5
March	117.2	11.3	128.5	8.8	75.5	76.8	8.6	85.4	10.1	48.4	193.9	19.9	213.9	9.3	61.7
April	117.5	11.2	128.6	8.7	75.6	76.9	8.6	85.5	10.1	48.5	194.4	19.7	214.1	9.2	61.8
May	117.7	11.0	128.7	8.6	75.7	76.9	8.4	85.4	9.9	48.5	194.6	19.5	214.0	9.1	61.8
June	117.7	11.0	128.7	8.6	75.7	76.8	8.3	85.1	9.8	48.4	194.4	19.3	213.7	9.0	61.8
July r	117.6	11.2	128.8	8.7	75.9	76.3	8.2	84.5	9.7	48.1	193.9	19.4	213.3	9.1	61.7
August r	117.4	11.5	128.9	8.9	76.0	75.5	8.3	83.8	9.9	47.7	192.9	19.8	212.7	9.3	61.6
September r	117.1	11.8	128.9	9.1	76.0	74.5	8.5	83.0	10.2	47.3	191.7	20.2	211.9	9.6	61.4
October r	116.8	11.9	128.7	9.3	75.9	73.5	8.7	82.3	10.6	46.8	190.4	20.7	211.0	9.8	61.1
November r	116.4	11.9	128.4	9.3	75.6	72.6	9.0	81.7	11.1	46.5	189.1	21.0	210.0	10.0	60.8
December r	116.0	11.8	127.8	9.3	75.3	71.9	9.3	81.2	11.5	46.2	187.8	21.2	209.0	10.1	60.5
1989 -															
January	115.5	11.7	127.2	9.2	74.9	71.3	9.6	80.9	11.9	46.0	186.8	21.3	208.1	10.2	60.2

TABLE 11. 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		
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total	
			- '000 -						- per cent -			
NEW SOUTH WALES -												
1988 - January	29.6	50.1	138.4	188.5	30.4	219.0	24.8	6.8	8.4	6.8	8.1	
December	20.1	35.6	123.2	158.7	35.2	194.0	20.1	5.9	7.1	6.9	7.0	
1989 - January	23.5	37.4	135.3	172.7	37.5	210.2	19.5	6.6	7.7	7.9	7.7	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	2.3	2.8	4.7	5.1	2.8	5.6	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	1.9	2.2	3.7	4.0	2.2	4.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
VICTORIA -												
1988 - January	15.9	29.0	79.3	108.3	26.2	134.5	20.5	5.2	6.5	7.0	6.6	
December	14.1	23.2	63.1	86.3	34.6	121.0	16.2	4.0	5.0	7.9	5.6	
1989 - January	16.6	24.1	66.7	90.8	32.1	122.8	17.7	4.3	5.4	8.1	5.9	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	1.9	2.3	3.4	3.8	2.6	4.3	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	1.6	1.9	2.7	3.0	2.1	3.3	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
QUEENSLAND -												
1988 - January	16.6	28.0	80.8	108.9	21.9	130.8	28.3	9.0	10.9	9.2	10.6	
December	13.3	21.4	60.3	81.8	21.4	103.1	19.3	6.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	
1989 - January	12.8	24.5	66.4	90.9	18.2	109.1	21.1	7.0	8.6	7.2	8.3	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	1.4	1.9	2.8	3.2	1.7	3.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	1.3	1.6	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.7	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -												
1988 - January	6.0	12.7	40.5	53.2	9.4	62.6	24.7	8.7	10.3	6.6	9.5	
December	6.5	11.0	33.8	44.8	10.4	55.1	22.1	7.0	8.4	6.7	8.0	
1989 - January	7.0	11.3	38.1	49.4	11.1	60.5	21.6	7.9	9.3	7.3	8.8	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	0.8	1.0	1.7	1.8	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -												
1988 - January	5.8	14.0	38.2	52.2	8.9	61.1	21.7	7.3	8.9	6.1	8.3	
December	6.1	11.1	31.5	42.6	10.8	53.4	18.7	5.6	6.9	6.5	6.8	
1989 - January	4.4	11.0	31.0	42.0	8.6	50.5	17.5	5.6	6.8	5.2	6.5	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	0.7	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
TASMANIA -												
1988 - January	4.1	6.3	12.3	18.6	2.8	21.4	32.2	8.2	10.9	6.5	10.0	
December	3.6	5.1	12.8	17.9	3.7	21.7	28.0	8.6	10.7	8.2	10.2	
1989 - January	4.1	5.9	15.1	20.9	3.2	24.1	32.7	10.1	12.6	7.7	11.6	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.0	3.2	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.5	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	
NORTHERN TERRITORY -												
1988 - January	* 0.7	* 1.5	4.3	5.8	* 1.5	7.3	* 36.3	8.2	10.2	* 14.3	10.9	
December	* 0.3	* 1.1	2.6	3.7	* 1.5	5.1	* 20.3	4.4	5.7	* 13.2	6.8	
1989 - January	* 0.3	* 0.9	4.0	4.9	* 1.5	6.4	* 13.7	6.8	7.5	* 11.9	8.2	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	5.1	1.0	1.0	3.2	0.9	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	5.8	0.9	0.9	3.1	0.8	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -												
1988 - January	* 1.1	2.2	4.3	6.4	2.1	8.6	30.5	3.9	5.6	8.9	6.2	
December	* 1.3	2.6	4.1	6.7	2.8	9.5	29.3	3.6	5.5	9.1	6.2	
1989 - January	* 1.1	2.1	3.8	5.9	2.4	8.3	23.6	3.5	5.0	9.1	5.8	
Standard error of -												
Jan 1989 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	4.5	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.5	
Dec 1988 to												
Jan 1989 movements	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.4	



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