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REVISED LABOUR FORCE SURVEY ESTIMATES

Labour force survey estimates for the period from January 1984 have been revised. The revisions take into account amended population estimates based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing.

Revised labour force survey estimates will be published in the **February 1989** issue of *The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (6202.0)*, scheduled for release on 9 March 1989.

Labour force survey estimates of persons employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are calculated in such a way as to add to independent estimates of the population. These independent population estimates are termed *benchmarks*.

New benchmarks based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing are now available, thus enabling all estimates produced after January 1989 to be based on the new benchmarks.

Revised labour force survey estimates for the period from January 1984, cross-classified by a wide variety of demographic variables, are now available on microfiche, and will soon be available on the ABS on-line computer dissemination service, AUSSTATS.

Time series data will also be available on floppy disk to enable users to update their databases. The floppy disks will contain the data published in *The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (6202.0)*, but extended to provide data back to February 1978 for each statistical item published in 6202.0.

The layout of data on the disks is necessarily different to that of the publication 6202.0. Full details are given in the ABS publication *The Labour Force, Australia: Preliminary Data On Floppy Disk — Technical Details (6271.0)*.

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