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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. See also paragraphs 14, 16 and 22 to 26 for details of revisions to historical estimates, introduced in the February 1989 issue of this publication.

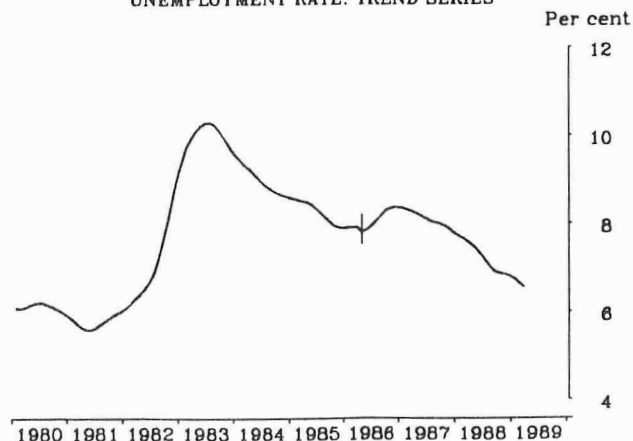
**MAIN FEATURES**

The March 1989 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of employed persons was 7,569,900, a decrease of 47,900 compared with the February 1989 estimate. This was mainly attributable to a fall in part-time employment of 38,900, which included a decrease of 28,200 for females employed part time. Employ-

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



ment estimates (seasonally adjusted) decreased in all States, except for South Australia.

Trend estimates of employment continue to grow steadily. In the past year, trend estimates show increases in full-time employment of 2.6 per cent for males and 3.9 per cent for females.

The March 1989 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of the number of unemployed persons was 501,300, a significant decrease of 59,100 from the February 1989 estimate. The number of males and females looking for full-time work fell by 18,200 and 16,600 respectively. The seasonally adjusted estimate of the number of unemployed persons is at its lowest level since August 1982. Trend estimates of the number of males and females looking for full-time work continue to show a steady decline, having fallen by 13.2 per cent and 13 per cent respectively since March 1988.

The March 1989 seasonally adjusted estimate of the unemployment rate was 6.2%, a fall of 0.5 percentage points from February 1989, and is the lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate since January 1982. The underlying trend continues to be one of decline.

The March 1989 seasonally adjusted estimates of the unemployment rate for the States were: Victoria 5.0%, Western Australia 5.8%, New South Wales 6.6%, Queensland 6.7%, South Australia 7.0% and Tasmania 9.7%. The largest monthly decreases in the State unemployment rates from February 1989 occurred in South Australia and Tasmania with Victoria and Queensland also showing large decreases.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate for March 1989 was 62.2%, a fall of 0.9 percentage points since the previous month, brought about by significant decreases in the levels of both employment and unemployment.

## EMPLOYED PERSONS

CHART 1: ORIGINAL SERIES

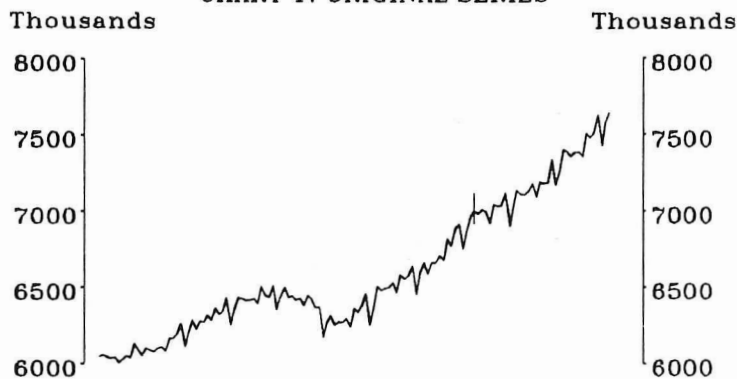


CHART 2: SEASONAL VARIATION

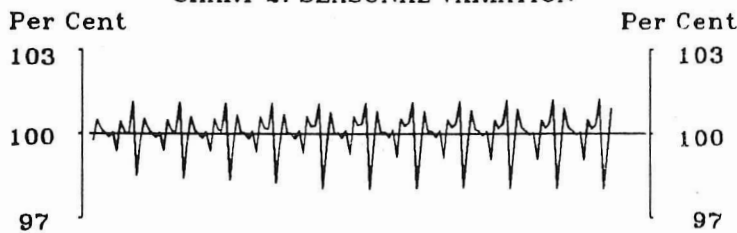


CHART 3: ADJUSTED SERIES

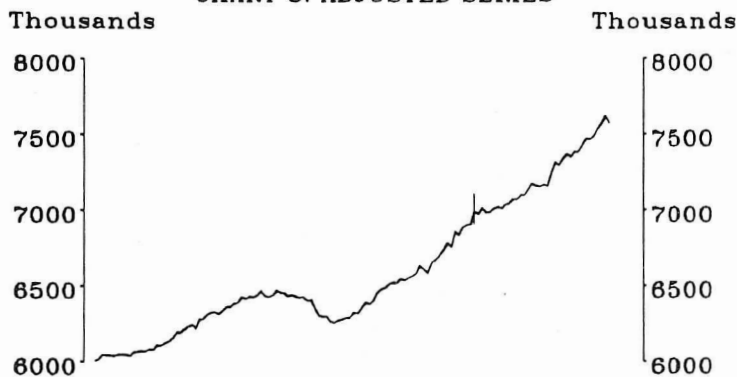


CHART 4: RESIDUAL/IRREGULAR VARIATION

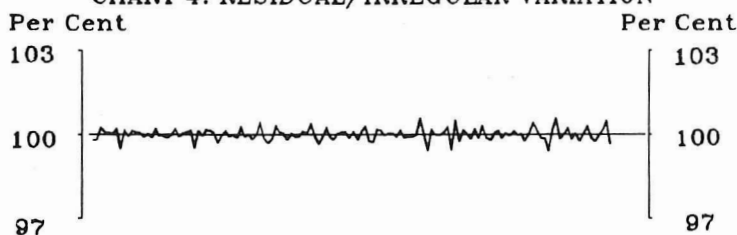
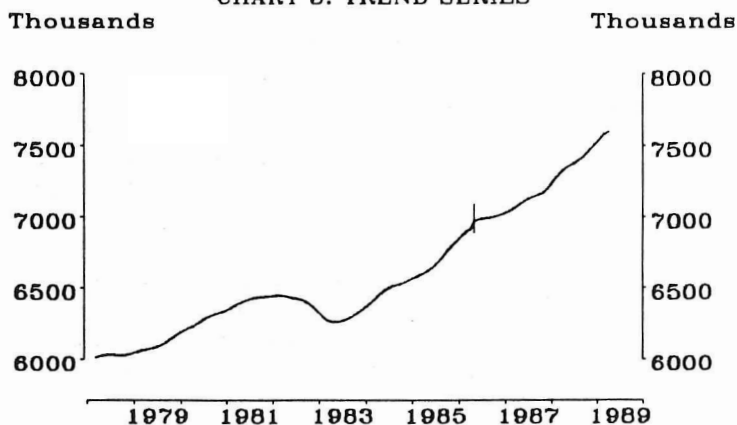


CHART 5: TREND SERIES



Indicates break in series - see paragraph 15

Further information on seasonally adjusted and trend series is given in paragraphs 22 to 26 of the Explanatory notes.

## TIME SERIES DECOMPOSITION

A particular observation in a labour force time series may be the net result of three notional influences, each interacting with the others and having its own distinguishing character. The three factors are:

- systematic between month (or seasonal) influences
- residual/irregular factors
- trend.

The following discussion and accompanying charts illustrate these concepts with reference to the monthly total employed persons series.

Chart 1 shows, over the last 11 years, the behaviour of the **original** monthly data. The month-to-month variability, which is the result of the three factors mentioned above, can be clearly seen. Each of these factors is described below and is graphically illustrated in Charts 2, 4 and 5.

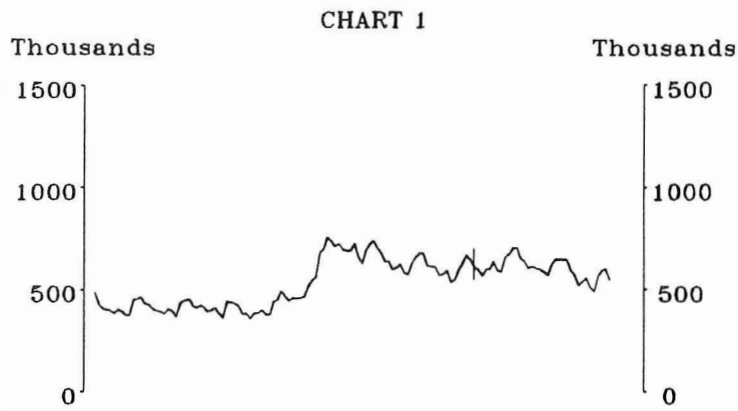
Chart 2 shows the **systematic between month** influences composed in this case, of the seasonal pattern that repeats each year. As can be seen from Chart 2 these influences are gradually changing. Notice that the magnitude of these variations is frequently greater than those for the residual/irregular variation presented below in Chart 4.

When the **systematic between month** influences are removed from the **original** series the **seasonally adjusted** series is produced. In **seasonally adjusted** form, the month-to-month variability has declined compared with the original series. The series does remain relatively variable, however, due to the residual/irregular influences and to a lesser degree the changes in the trend direction.

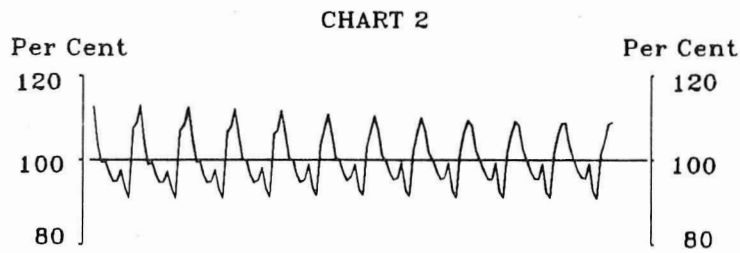
**Residual/irregular** influences can be seen in Chart 4. These represent short term effects which may be present in any particular month. They can be seen to be much more volatile and erratic than the trend, and lack the systematic behaviour of the seasonal component.

To obtain an estimate of **trend** the residual/irregular influences in the seasonally adjusted series have to be significantly dampened. This results in smoothed seasonally adjusted (trend) series as in Chart 5. The trend shows the underlying direction of the series at any month. Because of the volatility in both the original and the seasonally adjusted series, neither of these is a good proxy for the total employed persons trend series. Note also that the last couple of observations of the trend series are provisional and that the extent of revision is influenced by the degree of volatility in the series

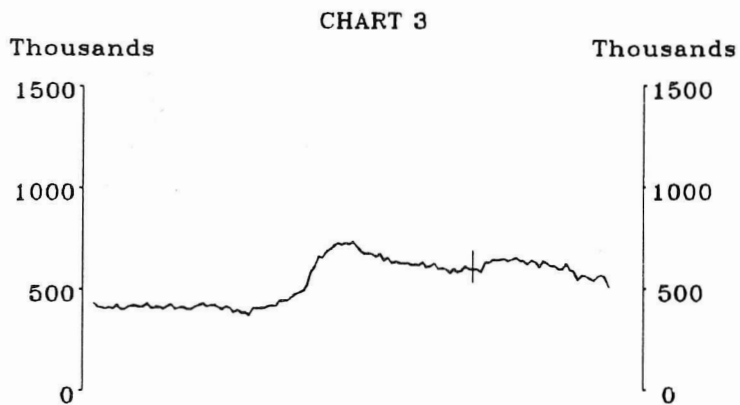
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



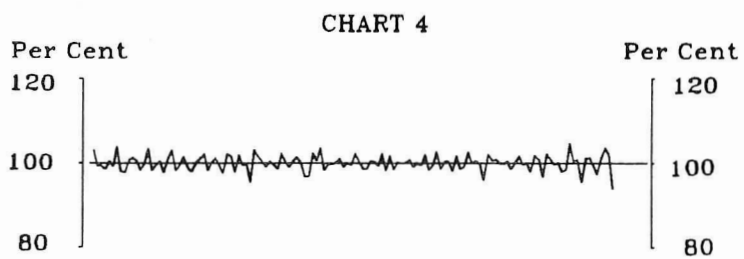
ORIGINAL SERIES



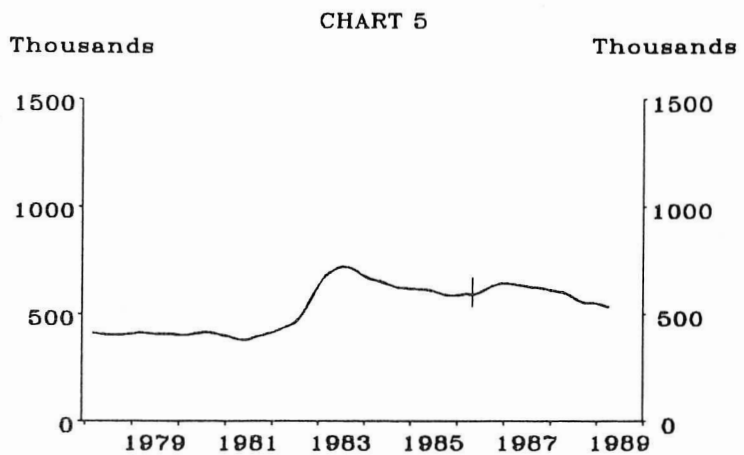
SEASONAL VARIATION



ADJUSTED SERIES



RESIDUAL/IRREGULAR VARIATION



TREND SERIES

Indicates break in series - see paragraph 15

Further information on seasonally adjusted and trend series is given in paragraphs 22 to 26 of the Explanatory notes.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

From February 1989, both current and historical estimates in this publication are compiled using benchmarks based on the 1986 Census of Population and Housing. See paragraph 14. This change is also reflected in the floppy disk release (6271.0) from February 1989 onwards.

### 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 have been introduced in the February issue of this publication. Labour force estimates have been revised for the period January 1984 to January 1989. All estimates produced after January 1989 are 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 Census of Population and Housing. 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 included 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 6,900. 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 293,100 to 306,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 286,200 to 313,800.

(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 5,300. 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 +23,000 to +33,600, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +17,700 to +38,900.

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.

#### Related publications

27. 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.

28. 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

29. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries 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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30. 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						
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Total	Total					
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1988 -											
February	4,072.3	4,362.7	33.2	319.8	36.2	356.0	4,718.7	1,539.3	6,258.0	7.5	75.4
March	4,093.0	4,420.2	25.3	304.0	41.9	345.9	4,766.2	1,503.7	6,269.9	7.3	76.0
April	4,095.3	4,417.3	23.8	303.5	46.9	350.4	4,767.7	1,512.5	6,280.2	7.3	75.9
May	4,079.0	4,393.8	24.0	293.9	35.2	329.1	4,722.9	1,567.7	6,290.5	7.0	75.1
June	4,098.6	4,418.4	19.1	287.9	28.3	316.2	4,734.6	1,566.3	6,301.0	6.7	75.1
July	4,121.2	4,423.8	22.6	278.3	21.7	300.0	4,723.8	1,587.6	6,311.4	6.4	74.8
August	4,076.4	4,382.1	19.0	279.9	25.8	305.7	4,687.8	1,633.9	6,321.7	6.5	74.2
September	4,133.4	4,457.5	22.9	280.0	29.8	309.8	4,767.4	1,564.6	6,332.0	6.5	75.3
October	4,151.7	4,461.9	19.5	255.9	29.9	285.8	4,747.7	1,595.4	6,343.0	6.0	74.8
November	4,136.9	4,469.7	19.9	244.0	26.8	270.8	4,740.5	1,613.6	6,354.1	5.7	74.6
December	4,206.6	4,532.1	35.2	272.8	38.5	311.3	4,843.4	1,521.8	6,365.1	6.4	76.1
1989 -											
January	4,147.0	4,455.4	36.4	296.1	37.8	333.8	4,789.2	1,587.1	6,376.3	7.0	75.1
February	4,204.3	4,513.3	28.5	286.9	39.6	326.6	4,839.9	1,547.5	6,387.4	6.7	75.8
March	4,196.4	4,530.6	15.2	257.2	36.5	293.7	4,824.3	1,574.3	6,398.6	6.1	75.4
Standard error of -											
March 1989											
estimates	18.6	19.1	1.8	6.5	2.7	6.8	19.5	13.1	..	0.1	0.3
Feb 89 to Mar 89											
movements	14.2	14.6	2.2	5.2	2.5	5.4	14.9	9.8	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1988 -											
February	1,796.2	2,884.7	32.2	200.9	87.9	288.8	3,173.4	3,256.6	6,430.0	9.1	49.4
March	1,817.0	2,977.2	27.2	190.8	108.5	299.3	3,276.5	3,165.4	6,441.9	9.1	50.9
April	1,803.5	2,966.0	22.8	189.1	105.3	294.4	3,260.5	3,191.9	6,452.4	9.0	50.5
May	1,798.5	2,961.1	20.7	175.1	88.8	263.9	3,225.0	3,237.9	6,462.9	8.2	49.9
June	1,784.7	2,959.8	21.4	171.7	81.2	252.9	3,212.7	3,260.7	6,473.4	7.9	49.6
July	1,812.4	2,959.3	16.9	153.2	65.6	218.8	3,178.1	3,305.1	6,483.2	6.9	49.0
August	1,798.1	2,971.3	17.4	165.5	67.4	233.0	3,204.2	3,288.6	6,492.9	7.3	49.4
September	1,847.6	3,045.6	17.3	158.7	86.1	244.7	3,290.4	3,212.2	6,502.6	7.4	50.6
October	1,864.6	3,015.4	15.4	150.1	72.0	222.1	3,237.5	3,276.3	6,513.9	6.9	49.7
November	1,855.6	3,039.0	14.4	147.3	70.3	217.6	3,256.6	3,268.6	6,525.2	6.7	49.9
December	1,896.7	3,090.8	30.4	169.6	82.4	252.0	3,342.9	3,193.7	6,536.5	7.5	51.1
1989 -											
January	1,868.3	2,969.5	33.6	181.1	77.4	258.6	3,228.1	3,320.0	6,548.1	8.0	49.3
February	1,872.4	3,056.4	32.7	184.7	86.9	271.5	3,327.9	3,231.8	6,559.7	8.2	50.7
March	1,884.7	3,107.6	19.8	159.2	93.2	252.4	3,360.0	3,211.3	6,571.3	7.5	51.1
Standard error of -											
March 1989											
estimates	14.0	16.7	2.1	5.3	4.2	6.4	17.2	16.9	..	0.2	0.3
Feb 89 to Mar 89											
movements	10.5	12.6	2.3	4.4	3.4	5.1	13.0	12.8	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1988 -											
February	5,868.5	7,247.4	65.4	520.7	124.0	644.8	7,892.1	4,795.9	12,688.0	8.2	62.2
March	5,910.0	7,397.4	52.5	494.8	150.4	645.2	8,042.7	4,669.1	12,711.8	8.0	63.3
April	5,898.8	7,383.4	46.6	492.6	152.2	644.8	8,028.2	4,704.4	12,732.6	8.0	63.1
May	5,877.4	7,354.9	44.8	469.0	124.0	593.0	7,947.9	4,805.5	12,753.4	7.5	62.3
June	5,883.3	7,378.3	40.5	459.6	109.5	569.1	7,947.3	4,827.0	12,774.3	7.2	62.2
July	5,933.6	7,383.1	39.5	431.5	87.3	518.8	7,901.8	4,892.7	12,794.6	6.6	61.8
August	5,874.6	7,353.4	36.3	445.4	93.3	538.7	7,892.1	4,922.5	12,814.5	6.8	61.6
September	5,981.0	7,503.2	40.3	438.7	115.9	554.6	8,057.7	4,776.8	12,834.5	6.9	62.8
October	6,016.3	7,477.3	34.9	406.0	101.9	507.9	7,985.2	4,871.7	12,856.9	6.4	62.1
November	5,992.6	7,508.7	34.3	391.3	97.1	488.4	7,997.1	4,882.2	12,879.3	6.1	62.1
December	6,103.3	7,622.9	65.6	442.4	120.9	563.3	8,186.2	4,715.4	12,901.7	6.9	63.5
1989 -											
January	6,015.3	7,424.9	70.0	477.2	115.2	592.4	8,017.3	4,907.1	12,924.4	7.4	62.0
February	6,076.8	7,569.7	61.2	471.6	126.5	598.1	8,167.8	4,779.3	12,947.1	7.3	63.1
March	6,081.1	7,638.3	34.9	416.5	129.7	546.1	8,184.4	4,785.6	12,969.9	6.7	63.1
Standard error of -											
March 1989											
estimates	21.1	22.7	2.7	7.9	4.8	8.7	23.3	19.4	..	0.1	0.2
Feb 89 to Mar 89											
movements	16.2	17.7	2.9	6.2	3.8	6.8	18.2	14.9	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate		
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work						
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total				Looking for part-time work	Total
- '000 -					- per cent -				
MALES									
1988 -									
February	4,059.4	4,372.5	24.9	299.2	36.1	335.3	4,707.8	7.1	75.2
March	4,076.7	4,393.3	25.3	296.5	35.1	331.5	4,724.8	7.0	75.4
April	4,107.0	4,415.5	26.5	307.8	44.2	352.0	4,767.5	7.4	75.9
May	4,086.5	4,396.2	26.7	294.1	35.1	329.2	4,725.4	7.0	75.1
June	4,107.8	4,421.8	25.2	292.3	31.2	323.5	4,745.4	6.8	75.3
July	4,112.6	4,421.3	26.2	282.8	26.4	309.2	4,730.5	6.5	75.0
August	4,115.1	4,424.2	23.7	283.9	27.9	311.9	4,736.1	6.6	74.9
September	4,125.4	4,442.8	26.0	280.7	29.7	310.4	4,753.3	6.5	75.1
October	4,148.4	4,460.8	24.6	272.6	33.1	305.6	4,766.4	6.4	75.1
November	4,147.5	4,469.9	25.4	261.4	31.7	293.1	4,762.9	6.2	75.0
December	4,160.3	4,482.5	23.7	271.8	32.2	304.0	4,786.5	6.4	75.2
1989 -									
January	4,164.4	4,494.2	24.2	272.3	33.3	305.6	4,799.8	6.4	75.3
February	4,190.3	4,523.8	21.4	269.0	39.4	308.4	4,832.3	6.4	75.7
March	4,179.7	4,502.5	15.2	250.8	30.4	281.1	4,783.6	5.9	74.8
FEMALES									
1988 -									
February	1,792.0	2,919.3	24.4	177.5	80.9	258.3	3,177.7	8.1	49.4
March	1,802.5	2,938.8	25.5	175.6	85.9	261.4	3,200.3	8.2	49.7
April	1,801.4	2,949.7	24.6	181.2	89.5	270.7	3,220.4	8.4	49.9
May	1,806.1	2,951.7	23.1	175.2	86.6	261.9	3,213.6	8.1	49.7
June	1,807.5	2,958.9	24.8	175.0	84.1	259.0	3,218.0	8.0	49.7
July	1,813.5	2,958.2	21.2	163.5	68.3	231.8	3,190.0	7.3	49.2
August	1,830.8	2,998.0	21.2	174.7	76.5	251.2	3,249.2	7.7	50.0
September	1,846.6	3,023.0	21.1	167.9	80.8	248.6	3,271.6	7.6	50.3
October	1,858.0	3,004.3	19.6	166.0	76.8	242.8	3,247.0	7.5	49.8
November	1,856.2	3,013.7	18.9	163.9	80.1	244.0	3,257.7	7.5	49.9
December	1,866.5	3,048.6	21.5	164.6	87.5	252.1	3,300.8	7.6	50.5
1989 -									
January	1,861.1	3,078.8	21.9	165.2	94.8	260.0	3,338.8	7.8	51.0
February	1,867.9	3,094.0	24.9	163.1	79.9	242.9	3,336.9	7.3	50.9
March	1,869.5	3,067.4	18.6	146.5	73.7	220.2	3,287.6	6.7	50.0
PERSONS									
1988 -									
February	5,851.4	7,291.9	49.3	476.6	117.0	593.6	7,885.5	7.5	62.1
March	5,879.2	7,332.1	50.8	472.1	120.9	593.0	7,925.1	7.5	62.3
April	5,908.4	7,365.1	51.1	489.1	133.7	622.7	7,987.8	7.8	62.7
May	5,892.6	7,347.9	49.8	469.3	121.7	591.0	7,938.9	7.4	62.2
June	5,915.4	7,380.8	50.0	467.3	115.3	582.6	7,963.4	7.3	62.3
July	5,926.1	7,379.5	47.4	446.3	94.7	541.0	7,920.5	6.8	61.9
August	5,945.8	7,422.2	44.9	458.6	104.4	563.0	7,985.2	7.1	62.3
September	5,972.0	7,465.8	47.2	448.6	110.5	559.1	8,024.9	7.0	62.5
October	6,006.4	7,465.0	44.2	438.5	109.9	548.4	8,013.4	6.8	62.3
November	6,003.6	7,483.6	44.3	425.3	111.8	537.1	8,020.7	6.7	62.3
December	6,026.8	7,531.2	45.2	436.4	119.7	556.1	8,087.2	6.9	62.7
1989 -									
January	6,025.4	7,573.0	46.1	437.5	128.1	565.6	8,138.6	6.9	63.0
February	6,058.2	7,617.8	46.3	432.1	119.3	551.4	8,169.2	6.7	63.1
March	6,049.2	7,569.9	33.8	397.3	104.0	501.3	8,071.3	6.2	62.2





TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total		Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		Total
	- '000 -					- per cent -					
MALES											
1988 -											
February	33.2	64.6	255.2	319.8	36.2	356.0	20.0	6.3	7.3	11.1	7.5
March	25.3	54.6	249.4	304.0	41.9	345.9	17.6	6.1	6.9	11.4	7.3
April	23.8	53.5	250.0	303.5	46.9	350.4	17.6	6.1	6.9	12.7	7.3
May	24.0	53.6	240.3	293.9	35.2	329.1	18.1	5.9	6.7	10.1	7.0
June	19.1	48.0	239.8	287.9	28.3	316.2	16.5	5.9	6.6	8.1	6.7
July	22.6	50.5	227.8	278.3	21.7	300.0	16.6	5.6	6.3	6.7	6.4
August	19.0	47.5	232.4	279.9	25.8	305.7	16.6	5.7	6.4	7.8	6.5
September	22.9	48.7	231.3	280.0	29.8	309.8	16.5	5.6	6.3	8.4	6.5
October	19.5	42.4	213.4	255.9	29.9	285.8	14.7	5.2	5.8	8.8	6.0
November	19.9	42.7	201.4	244.0	26.8	270.8	15.2	4.9	5.6	7.5	5.7
December	35.2	59.8	213.1	272.8	38.5	311.3	18.0	5.1	6.1	10.6	6.4
1989 -											
January	36.4	63.6	232.5	296.1	37.8	333.8	18.6	5.7	6.7	10.9	7.0
February	28.5	54.9	232.1	286.9	39.6	326.6	16.4	5.6	6.4	11.4	6.7
March	15.2	39.5	217.7	257.2	36.5	293.7	12.7	5.3	5.8	9.8	6.1
Standard error of -											
March 1989 estimates	1.8	2.8	6.0	6.5	2.7	6.8	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
Feb 89 to Mar 89 movements	2.2	2.8	4.8	5.2	2.5	5.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
FEMALES											
1988 -											
February	32.2	58.9	142.0	200.9	87.9	288.8	24.2	8.1	10.1	7.5	9.1
March	27.2	51.8	139.0	190.8	108.5	299.3	22.7	7.8	9.5	8.5	9.0
April	22.8	46.3	142.9	189.1	105.3	294.4	19.6	8.1	9.5	8.3	9.1
May	20.7	43.9	131.2	175.1	88.8	263.9	18.9	7.5	8.9	7.1	8.2
June	21.4	45.0	126.7	171.7	81.2	252.9	19.7	7.3	8.8	6.5	7.9
July	16.9	35.5	117.6	153.2	65.6	218.8	16.1	6.7	7.8	5.4	6.9
August	17.4	38.6	126.9	165.5	67.4	233.0	17.6	7.3	8.4	5.4	7.3
September	17.3	39.0	119.7	158.7	86.1	244.7	17.6	6.7	7.9	6.7	7.4
October	15.4	36.0	114.1	150.1	72.0	222.1	17.0	6.3	7.5	5.9	6.9
November	14.4	33.0	114.3	147.3	70.3	217.6	15.5	6.4	7.4	5.6	6.7
December	30.4	51.7	117.9	169.6	82.4	252.0	21.4	6.5	8.2	6.5	7.5
1989 -											
January	33.6	53.8	127.3	181.1	77.4	258.6	21.3	7.1	8.8	6.6	8.0
February	32.7	56.8	127.9	184.7	86.9	271.5	23.2	7.1	9.0	6.8	8.2
March	19.8	40.8	118.4	159.2	93.2	252.4	18.1	6.5	7.8	7.1	7.5
Standard error of -											
March 1989 estimates	2.1	2.9	4.6	5.3	4.2	6.4	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Feb 89 to Mar 89 movements	2.3	2.8	3.8	4.4	3.4	5.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1988 -											
February	65.4	123.5	397.3	520.7	124.0	644.8	21.8	6.8	8.1	8.3	8.2
March	52.5	106.4	388.4	494.8	150.4	645.2	19.8	6.6	7.7	9.2	8.0
April	46.6	99.7	392.9	492.6	152.2	644.8	18.5	6.7	7.7	9.3	8.0
May	44.8	97.5	371.5	469.0	124.0	593.0	18.4	6.4	7.4	7.7	7.5
June	40.5	93.0	366.5	459.6	109.5	569.1	17.9	6.3	7.2	6.8	7.2
July	39.5	86.0	345.5	431.5	87.3	518.8	16.4	5.9	6.8	5.7	6.6
August	36.3	86.1	359.3	445.4	93.3	538.7	17.0	6.2	7.0	5.9	6.8
September	40.3	87.7	351.0	438.7	115.9	554.6	17.0	5.9	6.8	7.1	6.9
October	34.9	78.5	327.5	406.0	101.9	507.9	15.6	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.4
November	34.3	75.7	315.6	391.3	97.1	488.4	15.3	5.4	6.1	6.0	6.1
December	65.6	111.5	330.9	442.4	120.9	563.3	19.4	5.5	6.8	7.4	6.9
1989 -											
January	70.0	117.4	359.8	477.2	115.2	592.4	19.8	6.1	7.3	7.6	7.4
February	61.2	111.6	359.9	471.6	126.5	598.1	19.3	6.0	7.2	7.8	7.3
March	34.9	80.4	336.1	416.5	129.7	546.1	15.0	5.6	6.4	7.7	6.7
Standard error of -											
March 1989 estimates	2.7	3.9	7.2	7.9	4.8	8.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Feb 89 to Mar 89 movements	2.9	3.6	5.6	6.2	3.8	6.8	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over	Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total
- '000 -						- per cent -					
MALES											
1988 -											
February	24.9	54.6	244.6	299.2	36.1	335.3	18.0	6.0	6.9	10.3	7.1
March	25.3	54.1	242.4	296.5	35.1	331.5	17.7	6.0	6.8	10.0	7.0
April	26.5	55.4	252.4	307.8	44.2	352.0	18.3	6.1	7.0	12.5	7.4
May	26.7	56.2	237.9	294.1	35.1	329.2	19.1	5.8	6.7	10.2	7.0
June	25.2	53.4	238.9	292.3	31.2	323.5	17.6	5.8	6.6	9.0	6.8
July	26.2	53.5	229.3	282.8	26.4	309.2	17.5	5.6	6.4	7.9	6.5
August	23.7	52.6	231.3	283.9	27.9	311.9	17.4	5.6	6.5	8.3	6.6
September	26.0	53.2	227.5	280.7	29.7	310.4	17.4	5.5	6.4	8.6	6.5
October	24.6	49.2	223.3	272.6	33.1	305.6	16.1	5.4	6.2	9.6	6.4
November	25.4	51.0	210.4	261.4	31.7	293.1	16.7	5.1	5.9	9.0	6.2
December	23.7	49.6	222.2	271.8	32.2	304.0	16.1	5.4	6.1	9.1	6.4
1989 -											
January	24.2	48.2	224.1	272.3	33.3	305.6	15.4	5.4	6.1	9.2	6.4
February	21.4	46.3	222.7	269.0	39.4	308.4	14.8	5.4	6.0	10.6	6.4
March	15.2	39.2	211.6	250.8	30.4	281.1	12.7	5.1	5.7	8.6	5.9
FEMALES											
1988 -											
February	24.4	48.8	128.6	177.5	80.9	258.3	21.3	7.4	9.0	6.7	8.1
March	25.5	48.9	126.7	175.6	85.9	261.4	22.1	7.2	8.9	7.0	8.2
April	24.6	47.6	133.6	181.2	89.5	270.7	20.3	7.6	9.1	7.2	8.4
May	23.1	46.5	128.8	175.2	86.6	261.9	19.8	7.4	8.8	7.0	8.1
June	24.8	47.0	127.9	175.0	84.1	259.0	20.0	7.3	8.8	6.8	8.0
July	21.2	39.4	124.1	163.5	68.3	231.8	17.4	7.1	8.3	5.6	7.3
August	21.2	44.5	130.3	174.7	76.5	251.2	19.3	7.3	8.7	6.2	7.7
September	21.1	43.3	124.5	167.9	80.8	248.6	19.0	7.0	8.3	6.4	7.6
October	19.6	42.0	124.0	166.0	76.8	242.8	18.5	6.9	8.2	6.3	7.5
November	18.9	39.9	124.0	163.9	80.1	244.0	17.6	6.9	8.1	6.5	7.5
December	21.5	42.3	122.3	164.6	87.5	252.1	18.6	6.8	8.1	6.9	7.6
1989 -											
January	21.9	41.9	123.3	165.2	94.8	260.0	18.3	6.9	8.2	7.2	7.8
February	24.9	47.2	115.9	163.1	79.9	242.9	20.4	6.4	8.0	6.1	7.3
March	18.6	38.6	107.9	146.5	73.7	220.2	17.6	6.0	7.3	5.8	6.7
PERSONS											
1988 -											
February	49.3	103.4	373.2	476.6	117.0	593.6	19.5	6.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
March	50.8	103.0	369.1	472.1	120.9	593.0	19.5	6.3	7.4	7.7	7.5
April	51.1	103.0	386.0	489.1	133.7	622.7	19.2	6.6	7.6	8.4	7.8
May	49.8	102.7	366.6	469.3	121.7	591.0	19.4	6.3	7.4	7.7	7.4
June	50.0	100.4	366.9	467.3	115.3	582.6	18.7	6.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
July	47.4	92.9	353.4	446.3	94.7	541.0	17.4	6.1	7.0	6.1	6.8
August	44.9	97.0	361.6	458.6	104.4	563.0	18.2	6.2	7.2	6.6	7.1
September	47.2	96.5	352.0	448.6	110.5	559.1	18.1	6.0	7.0	6.9	7.0
October	44.2	91.2	347.3	438.5	109.9	548.4	17.1	5.9	6.8	7.0	6.8
November	44.3	90.9	334.4	425.3	111.8	537.1	17.1	5.7	6.6	7.0	6.7
December	45.2	91.9	344.5	436.4	119.7	556.1	17.2	5.8	6.8	7.4	6.9
1989 -											
January	46.1	90.1	347.4	437.5	128.1	565.6	16.7	5.9	6.8	7.6	6.9
February	46.3	93.5	338.6	432.1	119.3	551.4	17.2	5.7	6.7	7.1	6.7
March	33.8	77.8	319.5	397.3	104.0	501.3	14.8	5.4	6.2	6.4	6.2

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: TFEND SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work					Unemployment rate					
	Aged 15-19				Number looking for part- time work	Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part- time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
	- '000 -					- per cent -					
MALES											
1988 -											
February	26.5	55.8	248.6	304.4	36.4	340.8	18.5	6.1	7.0	10.4	7.2
March	26.1	55.1	245.6	300.7	36.9	337.6	18.3	6.0	6.9	10.5	7.1
April	25.8	54.8	243.0	297.7	36.4	334.1	18.2	5.9	6.8	10.4	7.1
May	25.7	54.6	240.6	295.2	34.8	329.9	18.1	5.9	6.7	10.1	7.0
June	25.5	54.2	237.5	291.7	32.5	324.2	17.9	5.8	6.6	9.5	6.8
July	25.5	53.6	233.4	287.0	30.4	317.4	17.7	5.7	6.5	8.9	6.7
August	25.4	52.8	228.9	281.7	29.2	310.9	17.4	5.6	6.4	8.6	6.6
September r	25.3	52.1	225.0	277.1	29.3	306.5	17.1	5.5	6.3	8.5	6.5
October r	25.2	51.3	222.5	273.8	30.6	304.4	16.8	5.4	6.2	8.8	6.4
November r	24.7	50.2	221.0	271.2	32.2	303.4	16.4	5.4	6.1	9.1	6.4
December r	23.7	48.8	220.0	268.8	33.3	302.0	15.8	5.3	6.1	9.3	6.3
1989 -											
January r	22.4	47.1	219.2	266.2	33.9	300.2	15.2	5.3	6.0	9.4	6.3
February r	20.8	45.2	218.3	263.5	34.3	297.9	14.6	5.3	5.9	9.5	6.2
March	19.2	43.4	217.7	261.1	34.4	295.5	14.0	5.3	5.9	9.5	6.1
FEMALES											
1988 -											
February	25.4	50.9	131.0	181.9	83.7	265.7	21.9	7.5	9.2	6.9	8.3
March	24.9	49.2	130.4	179.5	85.1	264.6	21.3	7.5	9.1	7.0	8.3
April	24.4	47.4	129.6	177.0	85.0	262.0	20.6	7.4	8.9	6.9	8.2
May	23.8	46.0	128.8	174.9	83.5	258.4	19.9	7.4	8.8	6.8	8.0
June	23.1	44.8	128.1	172.9	81.0	254.0	19.4	7.3	8.7	6.6	7.9
July	22.2	43.8	127.3	171.1	78.3	249.4	19.0	7.2	8.6	6.4	7.7
August	21.2	42.8	126.5	169.3	76.8	246.1	18.6	7.1	8.5	6.2	7.6
September r	20.5	42.1	125.8	168.0	77.5	245.5	18.4	7.1	8.4	6.3	7.6
October r	20.4	42.0	125.1	167.0	80.0	247.0	18.4	7.0	8.3	6.4	7.6
November r	20.6	42.1	123.8	165.8	82.7	248.5	18.5	6.9	8.2	6.6	7.6
December r	21.0	42.2	121.7	164.0	84.2	248.2	18.6	6.8	8.1	6.6	7.5
1989 -											
January r	21.4	42.3	119.2	161.5	84.3	245.8	18.6	6.6	8.0	6.6	7.4
February r	21.6	42.3	116.4	158.7	83.4	242.0	18.7	6.5	7.8	6.5	7.3
March	21.7	42.3	113.9	156.2	81.9	238.1	18.8	6.3	7.7	6.3	7.2
PERSONS											
1988 -											
February	51.9	106.8	379.6	486.3	120.1	606.4	20.0	6.5	7.7	7.7	7.7
March	51.0	104.3	375.9	480.2	122.0	602.3	19.6	6.5	7.6	7.8	7.6
April	50.2	102.2	372.6	474.8	121.4	596.2	19.2	6.4	7.5	7.7	7.5
May	49.5	100.6	369.4	470.0	118.3	588.4	18.9	6.3	7.4	7.5	7.4
June	48.8	99.0	365.6	464.6	113.5	578.1	18.6	6.3	7.3	7.2	7.3
July	47.7	97.4	360.7	458.1	108.7	566.8	18.2	6.2	7.2	6.9	7.1
August	46.6	95.6	355.4	451.0	106.0	557.0	17.9	6.1	7.0	6.7	7.0
September r	45.8	94.2	350.9	445.1	106.9	552.0	17.7	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.9
October r	45.5	93.2	347.6	440.8	110.6	551.4	17.5	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.9
November r	45.3	92.3	344.8	437.1	114.8	551.9	17.3	5.8	6.8	7.1	6.9
December r	44.7	91.0	341.7	432.7	117.5	550.2	17.0	5.8	6.7	7.2	6.8
1989 -											
January r	43.7	89.4	338.4	427.7	118.2	546.0	16.7	5.7	6.6	7.2	6.7
February r	42.4	87.5	334.7	422.2	117.7	539.9	16.3	5.6	6.5	7.1	6.6
March	40.8	85.7	331.6	417.3	116.3	533.6	16.0	5.6	6.4	7.0	6.6



TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MARCH 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	264.8	287.8	36.2	* 0.7	36.9	324.7	14.1	338.8	11.4	95.8
Females	181.9	217.9	38.7	* 2.5	41.2	259.1	31.5	290.6	15.9	89.1
Persons	446.7	505.7	74.9	* 3.1	78.1	583.8	45.6	629.4	13.4	92.7
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	7.1	31.6	* 1.2	5.1	6.3	37.9	51.8	89.7	16.6	42.2
Females	* 2.0	42.8	* 1.1	9.1	10.1	52.9	54.0	107.0	19.1	49.5
Persons	9.1	74.4	* 2.2	14.2	16.4	90.8	105.8	196.6	18.1	46.2
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	* 0.2	62.9	* 2.2	14.3	16.5	79.4	207.9	287.3	20.7	27.6
Females	* 0.7	78.5	* 1.0	18.7	19.7	98.2	193.6	291.8	20.1	33.6
Persons	* 1.0	141.4	* 3.2	32.9	36.2	177.5	401.6	579.1	20.4	30.7
TOTAL										
Males	272.1	382.3	39.5	20.1	59.6	441.9	273.8	715.7	13.5	61.7
Females	184.7	339.2	40.8	30.2	71.0	410.2	279.2	689.4	17.3	59.5
Persons	456.8	721.5	80.4	50.3	130.7	852.1	553.0	1,405.1	15.3	60.6

TABLE 8. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 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	1,407.8	1,518.0	96.1	9.6	105.7	1,623.7	573.4	2,197.0	6.5	73.9
Victoria	1,104.2	1,191.3	49.4	10.0	59.3	1,250.6	400.9	1,651.4	4.7	75.7
Queensland	699.8	754.1	47.3	7.2	54.5	808.7	256.0	1,064.6	6.7	76.0
South Australia	349.3	382.0	27.1	3.2	30.3	412.4	139.3	551.7	7.4	74.7
Western Australia	415.9	447.4	21.2	4.3	25.5	472.9	134.0	606.8	5.4	77.9
Tasmania	105.5	114.6	10.9	* 0.4	11.3	125.9	43.7	169.6	9.0	74.2
Northern Territory	45.8	47.5	2.4	* 0.4	2.9	50.4	7.8	58.2	5.7	86.6
Australian Capital Territory	68.1	75.8	2.8	* 1.3	4.2	80.0	19.3	99.3	5.2	80.6
Australia	4,196.4	4,530.6	257.2	36.5	293.7	4,824.3	1,574.3	6,398.6	6.1	75.4
FEMALES										
New South Wales	662.2	1,036.5	53.9	33.6	87.5	1,124.0	1,145.6	2,269.6	7.8	49.5
Victoria	511.4	834.5	35.4	22.4	57.8	892.3	819.1	1,711.4	6.5	52.1
Queensland	294.3	500.9	29.4	16.1	45.5	546.4	538.3	1,084.6	8.3	50.4
South Australia	149.3	272.8	14.1	6.0	20.2	292.9	275.9	568.8	6.9	51.5
Western Australia	168.4	296.2	14.4	9.6	24.0	320.3	284.4	604.7	7.5	53.0
Tasmania	36.1	69.9	6.9	3.0	9.9	79.8	95.6	175.5	12.4	45.5
Northern Territory	21.2	30.9	3.1	* 0.1	3.2	34.1	18.7	52.8	9.5	64.5
Australian Capital Territory	41.7	65.9	1.9	2.4	4.3	70.2	33.6	103.9	6.1	67.6
Australia	1,884.7	3,107.6	159.2	93.2	252.4	3,360.0	3,211.3	6,571.3	7.5	51.1
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,070.0	2,554.5	150.0	43.1	193.2	2,747.7	1,718.9	4,466.6	7.0	61.5
Victoria	1,615.6	2,025.7	84.8	32.4	117.1	2,142.8	1,220.0	3,362.8	5.5	63.7
Queensland	994.1	1,255.1	76.7	23.2	100.0	1,355.0	794.2	2,149.3	7.4	63.0
South Australia	498.6	654.8	41.2	9.3	50.5	705.3	415.2	1,120.5	7.2	62.9
Western Australia	584.4	743.6	35.6	14.0	49.5	793.1	418.4	1,211.5	6.2	65.5
Tasmania	141.7	184.5	17.8	3.4	21.2	139.4	139.4	345.1	10.3	59.6
Northern Territory	67.0	78.3	5.5	* 0.6	6.1	84.5	26.5	111.0	7.2	76.1
Australian Capital Territory	109.7	141.7	4.7	3.7	8.5	150.2	52.9	203.1	5.6	74.0
Australia	6,081.1	7,638.3	416.5	129.7	546.1	8,184.4	4,785.6	12,969.9	6.7	63.1

TABLE 9. 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															
1988 -															
February	1,493.7	109.5	1,603.3	6.8	74.3	1,002.5	82.8	1,085.2	7.6	48.7	2,496.2	192.3	2,688.5	7.2	61.3
March	1,501.1	117.1	1,618.3	7.2	74.8	1,011.7	83.9	1,095.6	7.7	49.0	2,512.8	201.0	2,713.9	7.4	61.7
April	1,499.1	126.5	1,625.6	7.8	75.1	1,016.1	92.2	1,108.3	8.3	49.5	2,515.2	218.7	2,733.9	8.0	62.1
May	1,489.3	116.6	1,606.0	7.3	74.1	1,007.4	87.6	1,095.0	8.0	48.9	2,496.8	204.2	2,701.0	7.6	61.3
June	1,501.3	114.3	1,615.6	7.1	74.4	1,008.2	87.3	1,095.5	8.0	48.8	2,509.5	201.6	2,711.1	7.4	61.4
July	1,499.7	113.2	1,612.9	7.0	74.2	1,010.9	75.3	1,086.3	6.9	48.4	2,510.6	188.6	2,699.2	7.0	61.1
August	1,504.1	114.2	1,618.3	7.1	74.3	1,024.6	82.1	1,106.7	7.4	49.2	2,528.7	196.3	2,725.1	7.2	61.6
September	1,498.5	113.6	1,612.0	7.0	74.0	1,019.7	80.7	1,100.5	7.3	48.9	2,518.2	194.3	2,712.5	7.2	61.2
October	1,510.0	109.7	1,619.7	6.8	74.2	1,023.1	79.1	1,102.3	7.2	48.9	2,533.1	188.9	2,722.0	6.9	61.4
November	1,508.8	103.5	1,612.3	6.4	73.8	1,014.0	81.9	1,095.9	7.5	48.6	2,522.8	185.4	2,708.2	6.8	61.0
December	1,506.4	110.2	1,616.7	6.8	73.9	1,014.6	83.1	1,097.7	7.6	48.6	2,521.1	193.4	2,714.4	7.1	61.0
1989 -															
January	1,505.3	113.0	1,618.3	7.0	73.9	1,026.4	82.1	1,108.6	7.4	49.0	2,531.7	195.1	2,726.8	7.2	61.2
February	1,515.7	106.5	1,622.1	6.6	73.9	1,032.2	74.5	1,106.7	6.7	48.8	2,547.8	181.0	2,728.8	6.6	61.2
March	1,505.6	101.7	1,607.3	6.3	73.2	1,021.0	77.5	1,098.4	7.1	48.4	2,526.5	179.1	2,705.7	6.6	60.6
VICTORIA															
1988 -															
February	1,157.5	66.8	1,224.3	5.5	75.5	775.9	58.6	834.5	7.0	49.6	1,933.4	125.4	2,058.9	6.1	62.3
March	1,158.5	64.5	1,223.1	5.3	75.3	778.2	61.6	839.8	7.3	49.9	1,936.7	126.2	2,062.9	6.1	62.4
April	1,173.8	70.4	1,244.2	5.7	76.5	777.9	65.3	843.2	7.7	50.0	1,951.7	135.7	2,087.4	6.5	63.0
May	1,160.5	67.0	1,227.5	5.5	75.4	775.8	66.2	842.0	7.9	49.9	1,936.3	133.2	2,069.5	6.4	62.4
June	1,163.1	62.9	1,225.9	5.1	75.2	784.0	64.7	848.7	7.6	50.2	1,947.1	127.6	2,074.6	6.1	62.5
July	1,161.4	60.4	1,221.8	4.9	74.8	777.2	54.3	831.5	6.5	49.1	1,938.5	114.7	2,053.3	5.6	61.7
August	1,145.2	59.5	1,204.8	4.9	73.7	794.6	63.4	858.0	7.4	50.6	1,939.8	123.0	2,062.8	6.0	61.9
September	1,161.0	57.6	1,218.5	4.7	74.4	807.3	59.6	866.9	6.9	51.1	1,968.2	117.2	2,085.4	5.6	62.6
October	1,164.8	61.0	1,225.8	5.0	74.8	797.1	55.9	853.0	6.6	50.2	1,961.8	117.0	2,078.8	5.6	62.3
November	1,170.2	55.1	1,225.2	4.5	74.6	815.8	53.6	869.4	6.2	51.1	1,985.9	108.7	2,094.6	5.2	62.6
December	1,171.9	58.6	1,230.4	4.8	74.8	826.5	55.9	882.4	6.3	51.8	1,998.4	114.5	2,112.9	5.4	63.1
1989 -															
January	1,167.6	58.9	1,226.5	4.8	74.5	822.3	57.7	880.0	6.6	51.6	1,989.9	116.5	2,106.4	5.5	62.8
February	1,185.6	63.4	1,249.0	5.1	75.7	833.0	60.1	893.1	6.7	52.3	2,018.7	123.5	2,142.1	5.8	63.8
March	1,183.4	57.4	1,240.8	4.6	75.1	827.0	49.5	876.4	5.6	51.2	2,010.4	106.9	2,117.2	5.0	63.0
QUEENSLAND															
1988 -															
February	704.8	66.5	771.3	8.6	75.1	456.4	48.4	504.8	9.6	48.2	1,161.2	114.9	1,276.1	9.0	61.6
March	715.4	64.5	779.8	8.3	75.8	458.6	51.4	510.0	10.1	48.6	1,174.0	115.8	1,289.9	9.0	62.0
April	721.7	64.7	786.4	8.2	76.2	462.8	51.7	514.4	10.0	48.9	1,184.5	116.3	1,300.8	8.9	62.4
May	726.1	56.9	782.9	7.3	75.7	467.8	48.1	515.9	9.3	48.9	1,193.8	104.9	1,298.8	8.1	62.2
June	724.9	58.6	783.4	7.5	75.5	465.2	47.8	513.0	9.3	48.5	1,190.1	106.3	1,296.4	8.2	61.9
July	730.4	55.5	786.0	7.1	75.6	471.2	40.9	512.1	8.0	48.3	1,201.7	96.4	1,298.1	7.4	61.8
August	730.1	57.1	787.2	7.3	75.5	474.1	43.3	517.4	8.4	48.7	1,204.2	100.4	1,304.6	7.7	61.9
September	737.7	60.8	798.5	7.6	76.3	478.0	47.9	525.8	9.1	49.3	1,215.7	108.7	1,324.4	8.2	62.7
October	744.0	53.6	797.6	6.7	76.0	480.0	46.3	526.3	8.8	49.2	1,224.0	99.9	1,323.9	7.5	62.5
November	747.7	55.0	802.6	6.8	76.3	473.9	45.4	519.3	8.7	48.4	1,221.6	100.3	1,321.9	7.6	62.2
December	750.5	55.8	806.2	6.9	76.4	490.5	46.3	536.7	8.6	49.9	1,240.9	102.0	1,343.0	7.6	63.0
1989 -															
January	754.7	55.8	810.6	6.9	76.6	502.1	49.3	551.4	8.9	51.1	1,256.8	105.1	1,361.9	7.7	63.7
February	756.5	57.2	813.8	7.0	76.7	499.4	44.1	543.5	8.1	50.3	1,256.0	101.3	1,357.3	7.5	63.3
March	752.6	50.7	803.3	6.3	75.5	498.7	39.5	538.3	7.3	49.6	1,251.4	90.3	1,341.6	6.7	62.4

TABLE 9. 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															
1988 -															
February	358.7	35.6	394.3	9.0	72.6	250.3	26.3	276.6	9.5	49.3	609.0	61.9	670.9	9.2	60.7
March	363.6	33.5	397.0	8.4	73.0	253.7	24.4	278.2	8.8	49.5	617.3	57.9	675.2	8.6	61.1
April	362.2	37.0	399.3	9.3	73.3	253.7	25.0	278.7	9.0	49.6	615.9	62.0	678.0	9.2	61.2
May	362.7	36.4	399.1	9.1	73.2	254.7	23.8	278.6	8.6	49.5	617.4	60.2	677.6	8.9	61.2
June	364.7	36.1	400.9	9.0	73.4	254.7	25.3	280.0	9.0	49.7	619.5	61.4	680.9	9.0	61.4
July	370.3	35.2	405.5	8.7	74.2	253.3	23.5	276.7	8.5	49.1	623.5	58.7	682.2	8.6	61.4
August	370.2	33.1	403.2	8.2	73.7	257.0	25.1	282.0	8.9	50.0	627.1	58.1	685.2	8.5	61.6
September	372.1	32.3	404.3	8.0	73.8	256.8	24.0	280.9	8.6	49.7	628.9	56.3	685.2	8.2	61.6
October	375.3	32.0	407.4	7.9	74.3	258.4	23.2	281.6	8.2	49.8	633.7	55.3	689.0	8.0	61.9
November	380.3	31.0	411.3	7.5	74.9	258.3	22.7	281.0	8.1	49.6	638.5	53.8	692.3	7.8	62.1
December	375.6	32.1	407.7	7.9	74.2	260.1	22.2	282.4	7.9	49.8	635.7	54.3	690.1	7.9	61.8
1989 -															
January	378.1	33.0	411.1	8.0	74.7	263.4	23.8	287.1	8.3	50.6	641.5	56.7	698.3	8.1	62.5
February	378.8	32.4	411.2	7.9	74.6	263.8	24.0	287.8	8.3	50.7	642.5	56.4	698.9	8.1	62.5
March	379.4	30.0	409.4	7.3	74.2	267.8	18.5	286.2	6.4	50.3	647.2	48.5	695.6	7.0	62.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
February	423.1	33.4	456.6	7.3	78.0	274.3	24.2	298.5	8.1	51.2	697.5	57.6	755.1	7.6	64.6
March	424.7	32.7	457.5	7.2	77.9	278.7	24.9	303.6	8.2	51.9	703.4	57.7	761.1	7.6	65.0
April	425.3	34.8	460.1	7.6	78.2	275.1	25.6	300.7	8.5	51.3	700.4	60.4	760.7	7.9	64.8
May	425.8	33.9	459.7	7.4	77.9	277.8	26.3	304.1	8.6	51.7	703.5	60.2	763.8	7.9	64.8
June	428.7	33.3	461.9	7.2	78.1	281.3	24.5	305.8	8.0	51.9	710.0	57.8	767.7	7.5	65.0
July	433.0	27.7	460.7	6.0	77.6	277.5	23.7	301.3	7.9	51.0	710.6	51.4	762.0	6.7	64.3
August	434.2	29.0	463.2	6.3	77.8	284.2	23.7	308.0	7.7	52.0	718.4	52.7	771.1	6.8	64.9
September	437.6	29.6	467.2	6.3	78.3	289.5	22.9	312.4	7.3	52.6	727.1	52.5	779.6	6.7	65.5
October	439.7	29.2	468.9	6.2	78.4	287.1	22.9	310.0	7.4	52.0	726.8	52.1	778.9	6.7	65.2
November	441.1	28.9	470.1	6.2	78.3	288.8	25.7	314.5	8.2	52.6	729.9	54.6	784.5	7.0	65.5
December	444.1	28.4	472.5	6.0	78.5	289.3	24.6	313.9	7.8	52.4	733.4	53.0	786.4	6.7	65.5
1989 -															
January	445.8	27.2	473.0	5.8	78.4	300.1	23.1	323.2	7.2	53.8	745.9	50.4	796.2	6.3	66.1
February	447.9	25.6	473.5	5.4	78.2	301.7	20.7	322.3	6.4	53.5	749.6	46.3	795.8	5.8	65.9
March	446.6	25.0	471.6	5.3	77.7	293.2	20.7	313.9	6.6	51.9	739.8	45.6	785.5	5.8	64.8
TASMANIA															
1988 -															
February	113.9	11.3	125.2	9.0	74.4	74.3	8.5	82.8	10.3	47.5	188.1	19.8	207.9	9.5	60.7
March	115.0	11.4	126.4	9.0	75.0	74.6	8.7	83.3	10.4	47.8	189.6	20.1	209.7	9.6	61.2
April	115.8	11.1	126.9	8.7	75.3	75.5	8.7	84.2	10.4	48.3	191.3	19.8	211.1	9.4	61.6
May	116.7	10.0	126.7	7.9	75.1	75.5	7.6	83.2	9.2	47.7	192.3	17.6	209.9	8.4	61.2
June	116.1	10.9	126.9	8.6	75.3	75.8	7.9	83.7	9.4	48.0	191.9	18.8	210.7	8.9	61.4
July	115.0	11.4	126.5	9.0	74.9	74.9	8.3	83.2	10.0	47.6	189.9	19.7	209.6	9.4	61.1
August	116.3	11.2	127.5	8.8	75.5	74.8	8.2	83.0	9.8	47.5	191.1	19.4	210.5	9.2	61.3
September	116.3	12.0	128.2	9.3	75.9	74.1	8.5	82.6	10.3	47.3	190.4	20.5	210.8	9.7	61.3
October	116.2	11.6	127.8	9.1	75.6	72.5	9.1	81.5	11.1	46.6	188.7	20.7	209.4	9.9	60.9
November	116.2	12.1	128.3	9.4	75.8	71.6	8.5	80.0	10.6	45.7	187.8	20.5	208.3	9.8	60.5
December	115.3	11.7	127.0	9.2	75.0	71.4	8.8	80.3	11.0	45.8	186.7	20.6	207.3	9.9	60.2
1989 -															
January	113.5	10.6	124.1	8.5	73.3	70.0	11.2	81.2	13.8	46.3	183.5	21.8	205.3	10.6	59.6
February	113.3	12.0	125.3	9.6	73.9	70.2	10.2	80.4	12.6	45.8	183.5	22.2	205.7	10.8	59.7
March	114.0	11.1	125.2	8.9	73.8	68.3	8.3	76.7	10.9	43.7	182.3	19.5	201.8	9.7	58.5

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															
1988 -															
February	1,495.1	117.3	1,612.5	7.3	74.7	1,004.7	87.2	1,092.0	8.0	49.0	2,499.9	204.5	2,704.4	7.6	61.6
March	1,497.8	116.9	1,614.7	7.2	74.7	1,009.5	86.6	1,096.1	7.9	49.1	2,507.3	203.6	2,710.8	7.5	61.7
April	1,498.5	117.2	1,615.7	7.3	74.6	1,011.5	86.2	1,097.7	7.9	49.1	2,510.0	203.4	2,713.4	7.5	61.6
May	1,498.2	117.4	1,615.5	7.3	74.5	1,012.3	85.6	1,097.9	7.8	49.0	2,510.5	203.0	2,713.4	7.5	61.5
June	1,498.4	116.7	1,615.0	7.2	74.4	1,013.3	84.3	1,097.6	7.7	48.9	2,511.6	201.0	2,712.6	7.4	61.4
July	1,499.8	115.0	1,614.7	7.1	74.3	1,015.0	82.6	1,097.6	7.5	48.9	2,514.8	197.5	2,712.3	7.3	61.4
August	1,501.8	112.9	1,614.6	7.0	74.2	1,016.8	81.1	1,097.9	7.4	48.8	2,518.5	194.0	2,712.5	7.2	61.3
September r	1,503.9	111.2	1,615.0	6.9	74.1	1,018.1	80.5	1,098.7	7.3	48.8	2,522.0	191.7	2,713.7	7.1	61.3
October r	1,505.8	110.2	1,616.0	6.8	74.0	1,019.4	80.7	1,100.1	7.3	48.8	2,525.1	190.9	2,716.1	7.0	61.2
November r	1,507.0	109.5	1,616.5	6.8	74.0	1,020.3	81.0	1,101.2	7.4	48.8	2,527.3	190.4	2,717.7	7.0	61.2
December r	1,508.0	108.6	1,616.6	6.7	73.9	1,021.2	80.7	1,101.8	7.3	48.8	2,529.2	189.3	2,718.4	7.0	61.1
1989 -															
January r	1,508.8	107.6	1,616.4	6.7	73.8	1,022.5	79.9	1,102.4	7.2	48.7	2,531.3	187.5	2,718.8	6.9	61.0
February r	1,509.2	106.6	1,615.8	6.6	73.6	1,023.9	78.8	1,102.7	7.1	48.7	2,533.1	185.4	2,718.5	6.8	60.9
March	1,509.6	105.6	1,615.2	6.5	73.5	1,025.4	77.9	1,103.3	7.1	48.6	2,535.0	183.5	2,718.5	6.7	60.9
VICTORIA															
1988 -															
February	1,158.8	67.5	1,226.3	5.5	75.6	777.6	61.2	838.8	7.3	49.9	1,936.4	128.7	2,065.1	6.2	62.5
March	1,160.9	67.2	1,228.1	5.5	75.6	776.9	62.5	839.5	7.4	49.9	1,937.9	129.7	2,067.6	6.3	62.5
April	1,161.4	66.4	1,227.9	5.4	75.5	776.9	63.3	840.2	7.5	49.8	1,938.4	129.7	2,068.1	6.3	62.4
May	1,161.3	65.3	1,226.6	5.3	75.3	778.3	63.5	841.8	7.5	49.9	1,939.6	128.8	2,068.4	6.2	62.4
June	1,161.0	63.7	1,224.7	5.2	75.1	781.1	62.9	844.0	7.5	49.9	1,942.1	126.6	2,068.7	6.1	62.3
July	1,161.3	61.8	1,223.0	5.1	74.9	785.7	61.5	847.2	7.3	50.1	1,946.9	123.3	2,070.2	6.0	62.3
August	1,161.8	59.9	1,221.7	4.9	74.7	791.8	59.7	851.5	7.0	50.2	1,953.6	119.5	2,073.2	5.8	62.3
September r	1,162.8	58.5	1,221.3	4.8	74.6	799.2	58.1	857.3	6.8	50.5	1,962.0	116.6	2,078.6	5.6	62.3
October r	1,164.8	58.1	1,222.9	4.8	74.6	806.9	57.1	864.0	6.6	50.8	1,971.7	115.2	2,086.9	5.5	62.5
November r	1,167.8	58.3	1,226.2	4.8	74.7	814.0	56.7	870.7	6.5	51.2	1,981.8	115.0	2,096.8	5.5	62.7
December r	1,171.5	58.7	1,230.2	4.8	74.8	820.0	56.3	876.3	6.4	51.4	1,991.4	115.0	2,106.4	5.5	62.9
1989 -															
January r	1,175.2	59.1	1,234.3	4.8	75.0	824.9	55.8	880.7	6.3	51.6	2,000.1	114.9	2,115.0	5.4	63.1
February r	1,178.8	59.4	1,238.2	4.8	75.1	828.7	55.1	883.8	6.2	51.7	2,007.5	114.6	2,122.0	5.4	63.2
March	1,181.9	59.7	1,241.7	4.8	75.2	831.3	54.7	886.1	6.2	51.8	2,013.3	114.5	2,127.8	5.4	63.3
QUEENSLAND															
1988 -															
February	708.0	66.8	774.7	8.6	75.5	456.1	51.9	508.1	10.2	48.6	1,164.1	118.7	1,282.8	9.3	61.9
March	713.9	64.4	778.2	8.3	75.6	459.3	51.2	510.5	10.0	48.6	1,173.2	115.6	1,288.8	9.0	62.0
April	719.0	62.0	781.0	7.9	75.7	462.3	49.8	512.1	9.7	48.7	1,181.4	111.7	1,293.1	8.6	62.0
May	723.3	60.0	783.3	7.7	75.7	465.5	47.9	513.4	9.3	48.7	1,188.8	107.9	1,296.7	8.3	62.1
June	726.9	58.4	785.3	7.4	75.7	468.3	46.3	514.6	9.0	48.7	1,195.2	104.7	1,299.9	8.1	62.1
July	730.2	57.4	787.6	7.3	75.7	470.7	45.2	515.9	8.8	48.7	1,200.9	102.6	1,303.4	7.9	62.1
August	733.7	56.8	790.4	7.2	75.8	473.0	44.8	517.8	8.7	48.7	1,206.6	101.6	1,308.2	7.8	62.1
September r	737.9	56.5	794.3	7.1	75.9	475.8	45.1	520.9	8.7	48.9	1,213.6	101.6	1,315.3	7.7	62.3
October r	742.5	56.3	798.9	7.1	76.1	479.5	45.9	525.5	8.7	49.2	1,222.0	102.3	1,324.3	7.7	62.5
November r	746.9	56.0	802.9	7.0	76.3	484.1	46.4	530.6	8.8	49.5	1,231.0	102.5	1,333.5	7.7	62.8
December r	750.4	55.6	806.0	6.9	76.4	489.1	46.3	535.4	8.6	49.8	1,239.5	101.9	1,341.3	7.6	63.0
1989 -															
January r	753.1	55.1	808.1	6.8	76.3	493.9	45.6	539.5	8.4	50.0	1,247.0	100.6	1,347.6	7.5	63.1
February r	755.1	54.5	809.5	6.7	76.3	498.2	44.5	542.7	8.2	50.2	1,253.2	99.0	1,352.2	7.3	63.1
March	756.1	53.8	809.9	6.6	76.1	501.5	43.2	544.7	7.9	50.2	1,257.6	97.1	1,354.6	7.2	63.0



TABLE 10. 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															
1988 -															
February	361.5	35.5	397.0	8.9	73.1	251.5	24.9	276.5	9.0	49.3	613.0	60.4	673.4	9.0	61.0
March	361.6	35.7	397.3	9.0	73.0	252.8	24.9	277.7	9.0	49.4	614.4	60.6	675.0	9.0	61.0
April	362.4	35.8	398.2	9.0	73.1	253.7	24.8	278.4	8.9	49.5	616.1	60.6	676.6	9.0	61.1
May	363.8	35.9	399.6	9.0	73.3	254.2	24.7	278.9	8.8	49.5	618.0	60.5	678.5	8.9	61.2
June	365.7	35.5	401.3	8.9	73.5	254.7	24.5	279.2	8.8	49.6	620.4	60.1	680.5	8.8	61.3
July	368.2	34.7	402.9	8.6	73.7	255.2	24.4	279.6	8.7	49.6	623.4	59.1	682.5	8.7	61.5
August	370.7	33.7	404.5	8.3	73.9	255.9	24.1	280.0	8.6	49.6	626.6	57.8	684.4	8.4	61.6
September r	373.2	32.8	405.9	8.1	74.1	256.7	23.8	280.5	8.5	49.7	629.9	56.6	686.5	8.2	61.7
October r	375.2	32.2	407.3	7.9	74.3	257.9	23.6	281.4	8.4	49.8	633.0	55.8	688.8	8.1	61.8
November r	376.6	32.0	408.5	7.8	74.4	259.3	23.3	282.6	8.2	49.9	635.9	55.3	691.1	8.0	62.0
December r	377.6	31.9	409.5	7.8	74.5	260.9	22.9	283.8	8.1	50.1	638.5	54.8	693.3	7.9	62.1
1989 -															
January r	378.3	31.8	410.2	7.8	74.6	262.6	22.5	285.1	7.9	50.2	641.0	54.3	695.3	7.8	62.2
February r	379.0	31.7	410.6	7.7	74.5	264.3	21.9	286.2	7.7	50.4	643.2	53.6	696.9	7.7	62.3
March	379.3	31.5	410.8	7.7	74.5	265.8	21.4	287.2	7.5	50.5	645.1	52.9	698.1	7.6	62.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
February	421.6	33.4	455.0	7.3	77.8	275.6	25.5	301.1	8.5	51.7	697.2	58.9	756.1	7.8	64.7
March	423.3	33.7	456.9	7.4	77.8	276.3	25.6	301.9	8.5	51.6	699.6	59.2	758.8	7.8	64.8
April	425.2	33.5	458.7	7.3	77.9	277.0	25.4	302.5	8.4	51.6	702.2	58.9	761.2	7.7	64.8
May	427.3	32.8	460.1	7.1	78.0	278.0	25.1	303.1	8.3	51.6	705.3	57.9	763.2	7.6	64.8
June	429.5	31.8	461.3	6.9	78.0	279.6	24.6	304.1	8.1	51.6	709.0	56.3	765.4	7.4	64.8
July	431.9	30.7	462.5	6.6	78.0	281.4	24.1	305.5	7.9	51.7	713.3	54.8	768.0	7.1	64.9
August	434.5	29.8	464.2	6.4	78.0	283.4	23.9	307.2	7.8	51.8	717.8	53.6	771.4	7.0	65.0
September r	437.1	29.2	466.3	6.3	78.2	285.6	23.8	309.4	7.7	52.1	722.8	53.0	775.7	6.8	65.1
October r	439.6	28.8	468.4	6.2	78.3	288.2	23.9	312.0	7.6	52.4	727.8	52.7	780.5	6.8	65.4
November r	441.7	28.5	470.3	6.1	78.4	290.7	23.8	314.5	7.6	52.6	732.5	52.3	784.8	6.7	65.5
December r	443.7	27.9	471.6	5.9	78.4	293.1	23.5	316.6	7.4	52.8	736.8	51.4	788.2	6.5	65.6
1989 -															
January r	445.4	27.1	472.5	5.7	78.3	295.2	22.9	318.1	7.2	52.9	740.6	50.0	790.6	6.3	65.6
February r	446.8	26.3	473.1	5.6	78.2	296.9	22.2	319.1	6.9	52.9	743.7	48.5	792.1	6.1	65.6
March	447.7	25.5	473.3	5.4	78.0	298.0	21.5	319.5	6.7	52.8	745.8	47.0	792.8	5.9	65.4
TASMANIA															
1988 -															
February	114.8	11.1	125.9	8.8	74.8	74.8	8.2	83.0	9.8	47.7	189.7	19.3	209.0	9.2	61.0
March	115.3	11.0	126.3	8.7	75.0	75.2	8.3	83.5	10.0	47.9	190.5	19.4	209.8	9.2	61.2
April	115.6	10.9	126.6	8.6	75.1	75.4	8.3	83.7	10.0	48.0	191.0	19.2	210.2	9.2	61.3
May	115.9	10.9	126.7	8.6	75.2	75.5	8.2	83.7	9.8	48.0	191.3	19.1	210.4	9.1	61.3
June	116.0	10.9	126.9	8.6	75.2	75.4	8.2	83.6	9.8	47.9	191.4	19.1	210.5	9.1	61.3
July	116.1	11.1	127.2	8.7	75.4	75.1	8.1	83.3	9.8	47.7	191.2	19.3	210.5	9.1	61.3
August	116.2	11.4	127.6	8.9	75.6	74.6	8.2	82.8	9.9	47.4	190.7	19.6	210.3	9.3	61.2
September r	116.2	11.6	127.8	9.1	75.6	73.8	8.5	82.2	10.3	47.0	189.9	20.1	210.0	9.6	61.1
October r	116.1	11.7	127.8	9.2	75.6	72.9	8.8	81.7	10.8	46.7	188.9	20.5	209.4	9.8	60.9
November r	115.8	11.7	127.5	9.2	75.4	72.0	9.1	81.1	11.3	46.3	187.8	20.8	208.6	10.0	60.6
December r	115.4	11.6	127.0	9.1	75.0	71.1	9.4	80.5	11.7	46.0	186.5	21.0	207.5	10.1	60.2
1989 -															
January r	114.9	11.5	126.4	9.1	74.6	70.3	9.6	79.9	12.0	45.6	185.2	21.1	206.3	10.2	59.9
February r	114.4	11.4	125.8	9.1	74.2	69.6	9.7	79.3	12.2	45.2	184.0	21.1	205.1	10.3	59.5
March	113.9	11.3	125.2	9.0	73.8	69.1	9.7	78.7	12.3	44.9	183.0	21.0	204.0	10.3	59.1

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				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 -											
1988 - March	18.3	31.1	136.3	167.4	49.3	216.6	17.8	6.6	7.5	9.5	7.9
1989 - February	18.1	34.4	124.5	158.9	39.1	198.0	18.1	6.1	7.1	7.9	7.2
March	10.2	25.5	124.6	150.0	43.1	193.2	14.5	6.1	6.8	8.2	7.0
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	1.6	2.4	4.7	5.1	3.1	5.6	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	1.8	2.3	3.7	4.0	2.5	4.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1988 - March	10.4	22.0	79.7	101.7	37.0	138.6	16.1	5.2	6.1	8.8	6.6
1989 - February	18.4	27.7	73.8	101.5	34.3	135.8	19.8	4.7	5.9	8.0	6.3
March	10.8	19.4	65.3	84.8	32.4	117.1	14.7	4.2	5.0	7.3	5.5
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	1.7	2.2	3.6	4.0	2.7	4.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	1.7	1.9	2.8	3.1	2.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1988 - March	10.2	24.7	73.9	98.6	29.6	128.3	26.7	7.9	9.6	10.6	9.8
1989 - February	9.5	21.4	68.3	89.6	24.6	114.3	20.2	7.0	8.3	8.8	8.4
March	5.9	15.2	61.5	76.7	23.2	100.0	16.0	6.3	7.2	8.2	7.4
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	1.0	1.6	2.8	3.1	1.9	3.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.6	2.7	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1988 - March	5.3	9.8	38.7	48.5	12.0	60.5	20.9	8.1	9.2	7.5	8.8
1989 - February	6.4	10.0	39.3	49.3	11.0	60.2	19.9	8.0	9.1	6.9	8.6
March	3.2	6.9	34.3	41.2	9.3	50.5	14.2	7.0	7.6	5.6	7.2
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	0.6	0.9	1.7	1.9	1.0	2.0	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1988 - March	4.4	11.5	37.5	49.0	13.4	62.4	19.5	6.9	8.2	7.9	8.1
1989 - February	4.3	9.6	30.7	40.3	10.6	51.0	15.8	5.4	6.5	6.3	6.4
March	* 1.7	7.5	28.1	35.6	14.0	49.5	13.2	5.0	5.7	8.1	6.2
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	0.5	1.0	1.7	1.9	1.3	2.1	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1988 - March	2.7	4.9	11.6	16.4	5.4	21.8	27.6	7.8	9.9	11.3	10.2
1989 - February	3.7	6.2	14.7	20.9	2.9	23.8	33.4	10.1	12.7	6.8	11.5
March	2.3	3.6	14.2	17.8	3.4	21.2	22.8	9.9	11.2	7.4	10.3
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	3.1	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.5
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1988 - March	* 0.4	* 1.2	7.0	8.2	* 0.5	8.7	* 25.7	12.1	13.1	* 5.4	12.1
1989 - February	* 0.3	* 1.3	4.6	5.9	* 0.5	6.4	* 20.9	7.1	8.3	* 4.3	7.7
March	* 0.6	* 1.6	4.0	5.5	* 0.6	6.1	* 28.4	5.9	7.6	* 4.7	7.2
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	6.2	0.7	0.8	1.9	0.7
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	5.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.7
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1988 - March	* 0.8	* 1.3	3.7	5.1	3.2	8.2	* 18.9	3.4	4.3	9.9	5.5
1989 - February	* 0.5	* 1.0	4.1	5.1	3.4	8.6	* 14.9	3.8	4.4	11.1	5.8
March	* 0.2	* 0.6	4.1	4.7	3.7	8.5	* 8.7	3.8	4.1	10.5	5.6
Standard error of -											
Mar 1989 estimates	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	3.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
Feb 1989 to Mar 1989 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.0	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4



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