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MAIN FEATURES

The December 1989 seasonally adjusted estimate of employed persons was 7,845,500, virtually unchanged from the November 1989 estimate. Female employment rose by 19,200, including an increase of 13,900 in female full-time employment. For males, employment fell by 16,500 in seasonally adjusted terms, as a result of a decrease of 22,400 in full-time employment and a small rise in part-time employment.

Trend estimates of total employment show a pattern of continued growth over the past year, although the rate of growth has slowed in recent months.

The strong growth in trend estimates of employed persons during the previous five years continued through 1989 (see graphs on page 2). Most of the increase in the past twelve months was in full-time employment, with males and females recording increases of 2.5% and 4.8% respectively. Although the growth in the number of females employed part time was the main contributor to a significant increase in part-time employment, the percentage increase in the number of males employed part time (14.3%) was more than twice that of females (6.5%).

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployed persons in December 1989 was 496,300, a small increase on the November 1989 estimate. The main component of this increase was a significant rise in the number of males looking for full-time work of 17,600, offset by a decrease in the number of persons looking for part-time work (9,000) and in the number of females looking for full-time work.

The trend estimate of unemployed persons was steady in December 1989. This follows a series of monthly decreases since November 1988. The decrease in trend estimates of unemployment during 1989 was mainly attributable to a reduction in the number of males looking for full-time work.

The December 1989 seasonally adjusted estimate of the unemployment rate was 6.0%. The seasonally adjusted female unemployment rate fell to 6.5% - the lowest level since November 1976. For males, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% - an increase of 0.3 percentage points compared with November 1989.

The December 1989 (November 1989) seasonally adjusted estimates of the unemployment rate for the States were: Victoria 4.5% (5.0%), New South Wales 5.9% (5.6%), Western Australia 6.6% (5.5%), Queensland 6.7% (6.8%), South Australia 6.8% (7.6%), and Tasmania 9.1% (8.7%).

The seasonally adjusted December 1989 estimate of the participation rate was 63.5%. The participation rate for females stood at 51.8%, a record high, and is 1.3 percentage points higher than the December 1988 estimate.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES

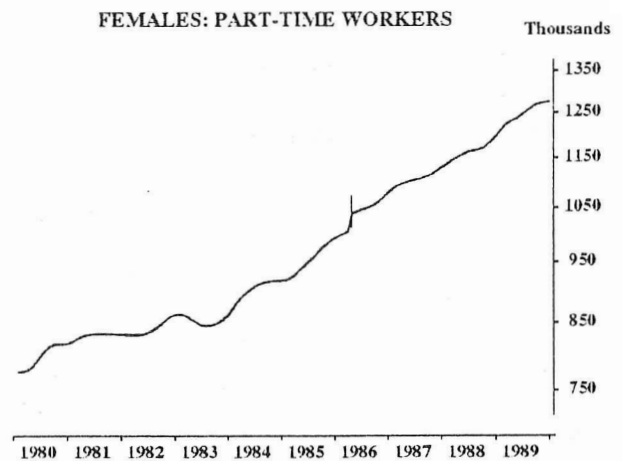
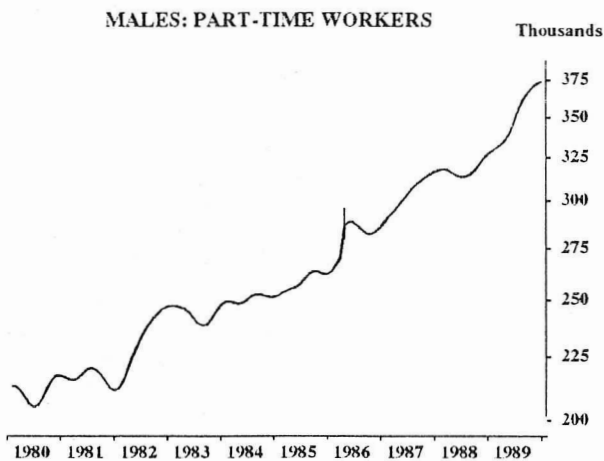
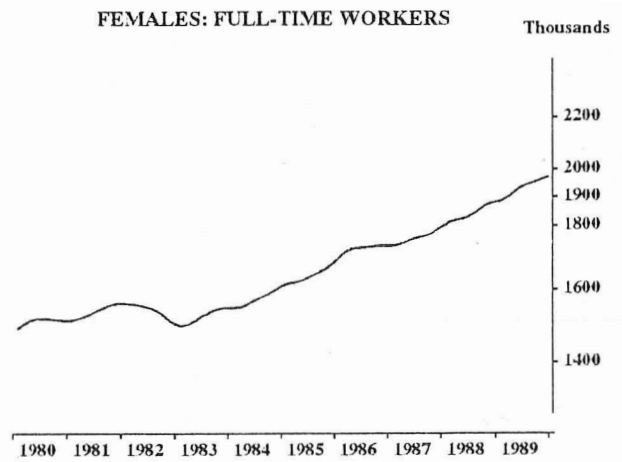
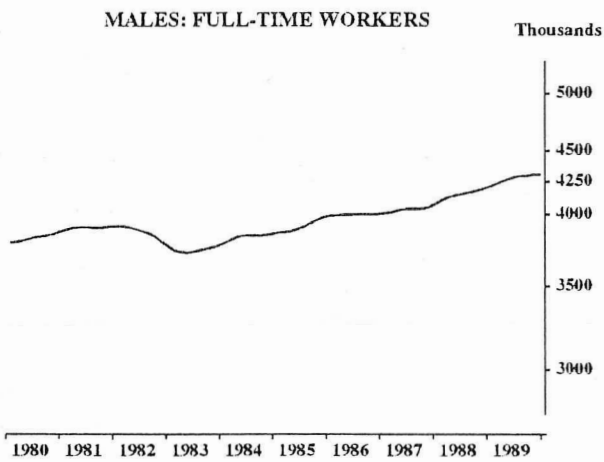
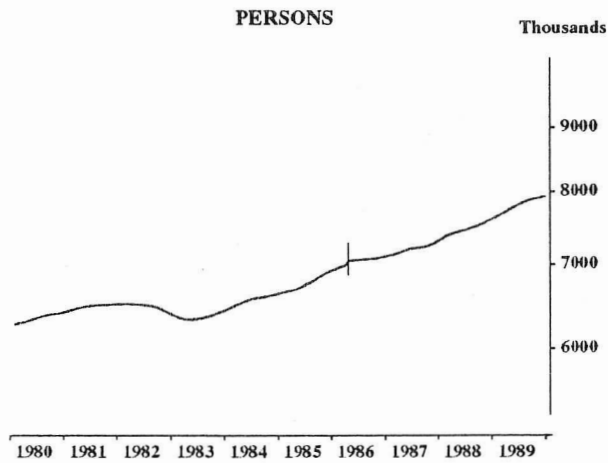


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



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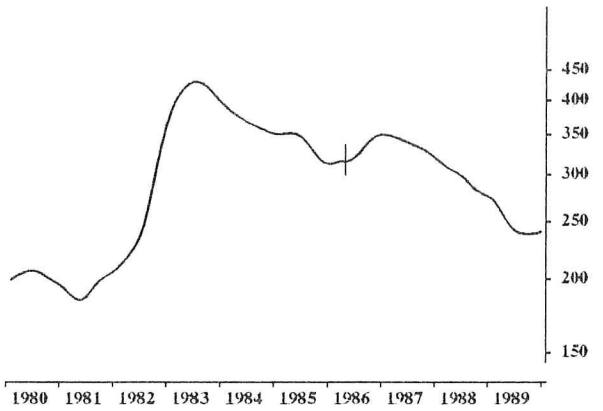
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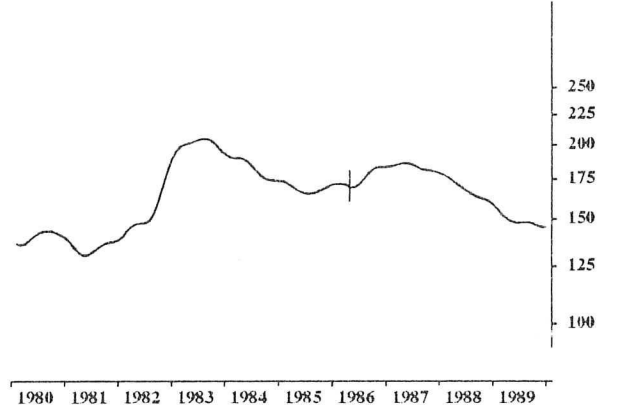
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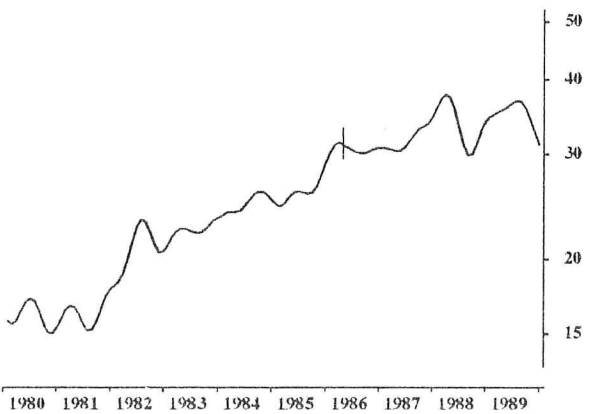
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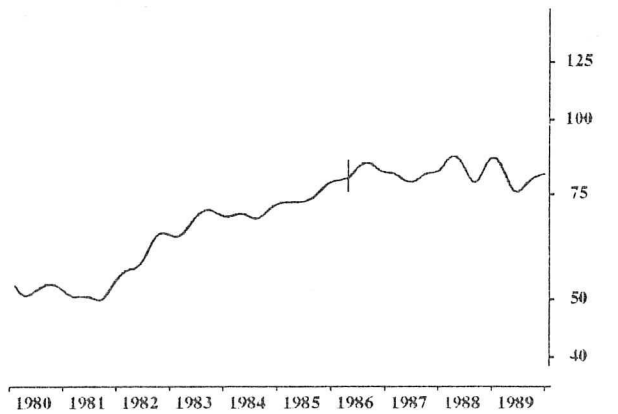
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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed				Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate -- per cent --	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work --'000--	Total					
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total							
MALES											
1988 -											
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	4,196.5	4,530.7	15.2	257.4	36.5	293.9	4,824.6	1,574.1	6,398.6	6.1	75.4
April	4,222.7	4,563.7	14.7	236.4	37.3	273.7	4,837.4	1,572.0	6,409.4	5.7	75.5
May	4,225.1	4,571.2	14.3	242.9	35.6	278.5	4,849.7	1,570.5	6,420.2	5.7	75.5
June	4,222.4	4,570.6	12.0	230.7	29.9	260.5	4,831.1	1,599.8	6,430.9	5.4	75.1
July	4,249.4	4,594.9	12.6	231.1	33.6	264.8	4,859.7	1,581.9	6,441.6	5.4	75.4
August	4,217.5	4,571.9	13.5	230.7	30.0	260.7	4,832.6	1,619.7	6,452.3	5.4	74.9
September	4,250.3	4,628.4	13.7	238.2	36.5	274.7	4,903.1	1,559.9	6,463.0	5.6	75.9
October	4,264.2	4,628.3	15.0	211.0	32.2	243.2	4,871.5	1,599.8	6,471.3	5.0	75.3
November	4,263.0	4,637.7	12.9	214.0	26.7	240.7	4,878.4	1,601.1	6,479.5	4.9	75.3
December	4,299.3	4,672.6	23.5	246.1	31.8	277.9	4,950.5	1,537.3	6,487.8	5.6	76.3
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	18.7	19.3	2.2	6.3	2.6	6.7	19.7	13.0	..	0.1	0.1
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	14.3	14.7	2.0	4.9	2.3	5.1	15.0	9.9	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1988 -											
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	1,885.0	3,107.6	19.8	159.2	93.2	252.4	3,360.0	3,211.3	6,571.3	7.5	51.1
April	1,890.8	3,119.6	18.4	153.4	89.0	242.4	3,362.0	3,220.4	6,582.4	7.2	51.1
May	1,897.5	3,158.0	16.7	160.0	80.1	240.0	3,398.1	3,195.4	6,593.5	7.1	51.5
June	1,902.9	3,149.9	17.1	147.5	69.4	216.9	3,366.7	3,237.9	6,604.6	6.4	51.0
July	1,922.8	3,156.9	15.2	149.5	69.1	218.6	3,375.5	3,238.4	6,613.9	6.5	51.0
August	1,891.5	3,155.7	14.8	139.4	69.3	208.7	3,364.4	3,258.7	6,623.1	6.2	50.8
September	1,930.8	3,226.0	14.1	144.2	82.3	226.6	3,452.6	3,179.9	6,632.5	5.6	52.1
October	1,930.2	3,189.5	14.7	136.7	77.4	214.1	3,403.7	3,237.5	6,641.1	6.3	51.3
November	1,951.4	3,233.0	12.7	136.3	69.7	206.0	3,439.1	3,210.7	6,649.7	6.0	51.7
December	1,996.6	3,268.8	26.4	152.8	71.0	223.9	3,492.7	3,165.7	6,658.4	6.4	52.5
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	14.3	17.0	2.4	5.2	3.7	6.1	17.4	16.8	..	0.2	0.3
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	10.7	12.9	2.1	4.1	3.1	4.7	13.2	12.8	..	0.1	0.1
PERSONS											
1988 -											
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	63.4
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	6,081.4	7,638.3	34.9	416.6	129.6	546.3	8,184.5	4,785.4	12,969.9	6.7	63.1
April	6,113.5	7,683.2	33.1	389.8	126.4	516.1	8,199.4	4,792.4	12,991.8	6.3	63.1
May	6,122.5	7,729.3	31.0	402.8	115.7	518.5	8,247.8	4,765.9	13,013.6	6.3	63.4
June	6,125.3	7,720.5	29.1	378.2	99.2	477.4	8,197.9	4,837.7	13,035.5	5.8	62.9
July	6,172.2	7,751.8	27.8	380.6	102.7	483.4	8,235.1	4,820.4	13,055.5	5.9	63.1
August	6,108.9	7,727.6	28.3	370.1	99.3	469.4	8,197.0	4,878.5	13,075.4	5.7	62.7
September	6,181.1	7,854.4	27.8	382.5	118.8	501.3	8,355.7	4,739.8	13,095.5	6.0	63.8
October	6,194.4	7,817.8	29.7	347.7	109.6	457.4	8,275.1	4,837.2	13,112.4	5.5	63.1
November	6,214.4	7,870.7	25.6	350.3	96.4	446.7	8,317.5	4,811.8	13,129.3	5.4	63.3
December	6,296.0	7,941.4	49.9	399.0	102.8	501.8	8,443.2	4,703.0	13,146.1	5.9	64.2
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	21.3	23.0	3.2	7.7	4.4	8.5	23.5	19.3	..	0.1	0.2
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	16.5	18.0	2.7	5.9	3.5	6.4	18.4	14.9	..	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		Looking for part-time work	Total			
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total					
MALES									
1988 -									
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	4,179.9	4,502.5	15.2	251.0	30.4	281.3	4,783.9	5.9	74.8
April	4,234.4	4,561.1	16.3	239.6	35.0	274.6	4,835.7	5.7	75.4
May	4,232.7	4,573.3	15.8	242.2	35.7	277.9	4,851.3	5.7	75.6
June	4,232.3	4,573.9	15.8	233.7	33.1	266.8	4,840.7	5.5	75.3
July	4,240.4	4,593.0	14.5	234.3	40.9	275.2	4,868.2	5.7	75.6
August	4,257.9	4,616.4	16.9	234.1	32.4	266.6	4,883.0	5.5	75.7
September	4,242.0	4,612.4	15.5	238.7	36.6	275.2	4,887.6	5.6	75.6
October	4,261.0	4,628.1	19.0	224.8	35.6	260.5	4,888.6	5.3	75.5
November	4,274.5	4,637.6	16.5	228.6	31.6	260.2	4,897.9	5.3	75.6
December	4,252.1	4,621.1	15.8	246.2	26.6	272.7	4,893.8	5.6	75.4
FEMALES									
1988 -									
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	1,869.7	3,067.4	18.6	146.5	73.6	220.2	3,287.6	6.7	50.0
April	1,888.3	3,101.8	19.9	147.2	75.5	222.7	3,324.5	6.7	50.5
May	1,905.5	3,147.9	18.6	160.1	78.2	238.3	3,386.2	7.0	51.4
June	1,927.8	3,149.2	19.9	150.4	72.0	222.5	3,371.7	6.6	51.1
July	1,924.2	3,156.0	19.2	159.5	71.8	231.3	3,387.3	6.8	51.2
August	1,926.1	3,183.5	18.0	147.3	78.4	225.8	3,409.3	6.6	51.5
September	1,930.0	3,201.4	17.2	152.7	77.4	230.2	3,431.6	6.7	51.7
October	1,922.4	3,177.9	18.7	151.2	82.5	233.7	3,411.6	6.9	51.4
November	1,951.1	3,205.2	16.6	151.7	79.6	231.3	3,436.5	6.7	51.7
December	1,965.0	3,224.4	18.6	148.0	75.6	223.6	3,448.1	6.5	51.8
PERSONS									
1988 -									
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	6,049.6	7,569.9	33.8	397.5	104.0	501.5	8,071.4	6.2	62.2
April	6,122.8	7,662.9	36.2	386.9	110.4	497.3	8,160.2	6.1	62.8
May	6,138.2	7,721.2	34.4	402.4	113.9	516.3	8,237.5	6.3	63.3
June	6,160.1	7,723.2	35.6	384.1	105.1	489.3	8,212.4	6.0	63.0
July	6,164.6	7,749.0	33.7	393.8	112.7	506.5	8,255.5	6.1	63.2
August	6,184.0	7,800.0	35.0	381.5	110.9	492.3	8,292.3	5.9	63.4
September	6,172.0	7,813.8	32.8	391.4	114.0	505.4	8,319.2	6.1	63.5
October	6,183.4	7,806.0	37.7	376.0	118.2	494.2	8,300.2	6.0	63.3
November	6,225.6	7,842.8	33.1	380.3	111.2	491.5	8,334.3	5.9	63.5
December	6,217.1	7,845.5	34.5	394.2	102.2	496.3	8,341.9	6.0	63.5

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					
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MALES									
1988 -									
October	4,138.8	4,455.9	25.2	274.1	30.5	304.6	4,760.5	6.4	75.1
November	4,148.5	4,469.0	24.9	271.9	32.1	304.0	4,773.0	6.4	75.1
December	4,159.0	4,482.5	23.9	269.4	33.3	302.7	4,785.2	6.3	75.2
1989 -									
January	4,171.4	4,497.1	22.3	265.9	34.0	299.8	4,796.9	6.3	75.2
February	4,185.1	4,512.5	20.3	260.7	34.3	295.0	4,807.5	6.1	75.3
March	4,200.0	4,529.2	18.2	254.0	34.6	288.6	4,817.8	6.0	75.3
April	4,214.7	4,547.0	16.6	246.9	34.9	281.8	4,828.8	5.8	75.3
May	4,227.3	4,564.6	15.5	240.8	35.2	276.0	4,840.6	5.7	75.4
June r	4,237.2	4,581.4	15.3	236.2	35.7	271.9	4,853.3	5.6	75.5
July r	4,244.2	4,595.9	15.6	233.8	36.0	269.9	4,865.8	5.5	75.5
August r	4,249.3	4,607.5	16.2	233.1	35.8	268.9	4,876.5	5.5	75.6
September r	4,253.6	4,616.5	16.5	232.9	34.9	267.8	4,884.3	5.5	75.6
October r	4,257.7	4,623.9	16.7	233.2	33.5	266.7	4,890.6	5.5	75.6
November r	4,261.2	4,629.6	16.9	234.0	31.9	265.9	4,895.5	5.4	75.6
December	4,263.6	4,633.5	16.9	235.6	30.4	266.0	4,899.4	5.4	75.5
FEMALES									
1988 -									
October	1,851.3	3,016.6	20.4	167.2	80.1	247.3	3,263.9	7.6	50.1
November	1,857.7	3,032.0	20.6	165.9	82.9	248.9	3,280.9	7.6	50.3
December	1,861.3	3,046.8	21.1	163.8	84.6	248.4	3,295.3	7.5	50.4
1989 -									
January	1,864.5	3,062.1	21.4	160.8	84.4	245.3	3,307.3	7.4	50.5
February	1,869.9	3,078.2	21.3	157.8	82.4	240.2	3,318.3	7.2	50.6
March	1,878.9	3,094.9	20.9	155.3	79.5	234.9	3,329.8	7.1	50.7
April	1,891.1	3,112.3	20.3	153.6	76.5	230.1	3,342.4	6.9	50.8
May	1,903.6	3,129.9	19.6	152.8	74.4	227.1	3,357.0	6.8	50.9
June r	1,914.2	3,147.4	19.0	152.7	74.0	226.7	3,374.2	6.7	51.1
July r	1,921.8	3,163.7	18.6	153.0	75.2	228.2	3,391.8	6.7	51.3
August r	1,927.2	3,177.0	18.3	152.9	76.6	229.5	3,406.5	6.7	51.4
September r	1,932.2	3,187.4	18.1	152.0	77.8	229.7	3,417.1	6.7	51.5
October r	1,938.2	3,197.0	17.8	151.0	78.6	229.6	3,426.6	6.7	51.6
November r	1,944.8	3,205.8	17.7	150.1	79.1	229.2	3,434.9	6.7	51.7
December	1,950.8	3,213.9	17.6	149.8	79.5	229.3	3,443.2	6.7	51.7
PERSONS									
1988 -									
October	5,990.1	7,472.5	45.6	441.2	110.6	551.9	8,024.4	6.9	62.4
November	6,006.2	7,501.0	45.5	437.8	115.0	552.9	8,053.9	6.9	62.5
December	6,020.3	7,529.3	44.9	433.2	117.9	551.2	8,080.5	6.8	62.6
1989 -									
January	6,035.9	7,559.2	43.6	426.7	118.4	545.1	8,104.3	6.7	62.7
February	6,055.1	7,590.6	41.6	418.5	116.7	535.2	8,125.8	6.6	62.8
March	6,079.0	7,624.2	39.2	409.3	114.1	523.4	8,147.6	6.4	62.8
April	6,105.8	7,659.3	36.9	400.5	111.3	511.9	8,171.2	6.3	62.9
May	6,130.9	7,694.5	35.1	393.5	109.6	503.1	8,197.6	6.1	63.0
June r	6,151.3	7,728.8	34.2	388.9	109.7	498.6	8,227.4	6.1	63.1
July r	6,166.1	7,759.6	34.2	386.9	111.2	498.0	8,257.6	6.0	63.3
August r	6,176.6	7,784.5	34.5	386.0	112.5	498.4	8,283.0	6.0	63.3
September r	6,185.8	7,803.9	34.6	384.9	112.7	497.6	8,301.4	6.0	63.4
October r	6,195.9	7,820.9	34.6	384.2	112.1	496.3	8,317.2	6.0	63.4
November r	6,206.0	7,835.4	34.6	384.1	111.0	495.1	8,330.5	5.9	63.4
December	6,214.4	7,847.4	34.5	385.3	109.9	495.2	8,342.6	5.9	63.5

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	Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	part-time work	Total
							-- per cent --				Total
MALES											
1988 -											
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	217.9	257.4	36.5	293.9	12.7	5.3	5.8	9.8	6.1
April	14.7	35.0	201.4	236.4	37.3	273.7	11.6	4.8	5.3	9.9	5.7
May	14.3	34.1	208.8	242.9	35.6	278.5	11.3	5.0	5.4	9.3	5.7
June	12.0	34.9	195.8	230.7	29.9	260.5	11.5	4.7	5.2	7.9	5.4
July	12.6	35.2	196.0	231.1	33.6	264.8	11.4	4.7	5.2	8.9	5.4
August	13.5	37.5	193.2	230.7	30.0	260.7	12.8	4.6	5.2	7.8	5.4
September	13.7	40.4	197.8	238.2	36.5	274.7	13.7	4.7	5.3	8.8	5.6
October	15.0	35.7	175.3	211.0	32.2	243.2	12.2	4.2	4.7	8.1	5.0
November	12.9	33.9	180.0	214.0	26.7	240.7	12.1	4.3	4.8	6.7	4.9
December	23.5	49.4	196.8	246.1	31.8	277.9	15.6	4.7	5.4	7.8	5.6
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	2.2	3.2	5.8	6.3	2.6	6.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	2.0	2.7	4.5	4.9	2.3	5.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
FEMALES											
1988 -											
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
April	18.4	40.2	113.2	153.4	89.0	242.4	18.0	6.2	7.5	6.8	7.2
May	16.7	40.6	119.3	160.0	80.1	240.0	18.0	6.5	7.8	6.0	7.1
June	17.1	37.5	110.1	147.5	69.4	216.9	16.8	6.0	7.2	5.3	6.4
July	15.2	36.3	113.1	149.5	69.1	218.6	15.9	6.1	7.2	5.3	6.5
August	14.8	34.4	105.0	139.4	69.3	208.7	16.4	5.8	6.9	5.2	6.2
September	14.1	36.8	107.4	144.2	82.3	226.6	17.5	5.8	7.0	6.0	6.6
October	14.7	33.5	103.2	136.7	77.4	214.1	16.0	5.6	6.6	5.8	6.3
November	12.7	29.6	106.7	136.3	69.7	206.0	14.5	5.7	6.5	5.2	6.0
December	26.4	47.2	105.6	152.8	71.0	223.9	19.3	5.5	7.1	5.3	6.4
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	2.4	3.1	4.4	5.2	3.7	6.1	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	2.1	2.6	3.6	4.1	3.1	4.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
PERSONS											
1988 -											
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	336.3	416.6	129.6	546.3	15.0	5.6	6.4	7.7	6.7
April	33.1	75.1	314.6	389.8	126.4	516.1	14.3	5.3	6.0	7.4	6.3
May	31.0	74.7	328.1	402.8	115.7	518.5	14.2	5.5	6.2	6.7	6.3
June	29.1	72.3	305.9	378.2	99.2	477.4	13.7	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.8
July	27.8	71.5	309.1	380.6	102.7	483.4	13.3	5.1	5.8	6.1	5.9
August	28.3	71.9	298.2	370.1	99.3	469.4	14.3	5.0	5.7	5.8	5.7
September	27.8	77.2	305.2	382.5	118.8	501.3	15.3	5.0	5.8	6.6	6.0
October	29.7	69.3	278.5	347.7	109.6	457.4	13.8	4.6	5.3	6.3	5.5
November	25.6	63.6	286.7	350.3	96.4	446.7	13.1	4.7	5.3	5.5	5.4
December	49.9	96.6	302.4	399.0	102.8	501.8	17.2	4.9	6.0	5.9	5.9
Standard error of - December 1989 estimates	3.2	4.3	6.9	7.7	4.4	8.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	2.7	3.4	5.3	5.9	3.5	6.4	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	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	per cent	
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MALES											
1988 -											
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	211.8	251.0	30.4	281.3	12.7	5.1	5.7	8.6	5.9
April	16.3	36.1	203.5	239.6	35.0	274.6	12.0	4.9	5.4	9.7	5.7
May	15.8	35.7	206.6	242.2	35.7	277.9	11.9	4.9	5.4	9.5	5.7
June	15.8	38.8	195.0	233.7	33.1	266.8	12.3	4.7	5.2	8.8	5.5
July	14.5	37.3	197.0	234.3	40.9	275.2	12.0	4.7	5.2	10.4	5.7
August	16.9	41.6	192.5	234.1	32.4	266.6	13.5	4.6	5.2	8.3	5.5
September	15.5	44.2	194.5	238.7	36.6	275.2	14.5	4.7	5.3	9.0	5.6
October	19.0	41.4	183.4	224.8	35.6	260.5	13.4	4.4	5.0	8.8	5.3
November	16.5	40.6	188.0	228.6	31.6	260.2	13.3	4.5	5.1	8.0	5.3
December	15.8	41.0	205.2	246.2	26.6	272.7	13.9	4.9	5.5	6.7	5.6
FEMALES											
1988 -											
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	73.6	220.2	17.6	6.0	7.3	5.8	6.7
April	19.9	41.4	105.8	147.2	75.5	222.7	18.7	5.8	7.2	5.9	6.7
May	18.6	43.0	117.2	160.1	78.2	238.3	19.0	6.4	7.8	5.9	7.0
June	19.9	39.2	111.3	150.4	72.0	222.5	17.1	6.0	7.2	5.6	6.6
July	19.2	40.3	119.2	159.5	71.8	231.3	17.2	6.4	7.7	5.5	6.8
August	18.0	39.6	107.7	147.3	78.4	225.8	17.9	5.8	7.1	5.9	6.6
September	17.2	40.9	111.8	152.7	77.4	230.2	18.9	6.0	7.3	5.7	6.7
October	18.7	38.9	112.3	151.2	82.5	233.7	17.4	6.1	7.3	6.2	6.9
November	16.6	35.9	115.8	151.7	79.6	231.3	16.6	6.1	7.2	6.0	6.7
December	18.6	38.5	109.5	148.0	75.6	223.6	16.8	5.8	7.0	5.7	6.5
PERSONS											
1988 -											
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	319.7	397.5	104.0	501.5	14.8	5.4	6.2	6.4	6.2
April	36.2	77.5	309.3	386.9	110.4	497.3	14.8	5.2	5.9	6.7	6.1
May	34.4	78.6	323.8	402.4	113.9	516.3	14.9	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.3
June	35.6	77.9	306.2	384.1	105.1	489.3	14.3	5.1	5.9	6.3	6.0
July	33.7	77.5	316.2	393.8	112.7	506.5	14.3	5.3	6.0	6.6	6.1
August	35.0	81.2	300.3	381.5	110.9	492.3	15.4	5.0	5.8	6.4	5.9
September	32.8	85.1	306.4	391.4	114.0	505.4	16.4	5.1	6.0	6.5	6.1
October	37.7	80.4	295.7	376.0	118.2	494.2	15.1	4.9	5.7	6.8	6.0
November	33.1	76.5	303.8	380.3	111.2	491.5	14.7	5.0	5.8	6.4	5.9
December	34.5	79.5	314.7	394.2	102.2	496.3	15.2	5.2	6.0	5.9	6.0

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			Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	-- per cent --	
MALES												
1988 -												
October	25.2	51.4	222.6	274.1	30.5	304.6	16.8	5.4	6.2	8.8	6.4	
November	24.9	50.6	221.4	271.9	32.1	304.0	16.4	5.4	6.2	9.1	6.4	
December	23.9	49.0	220.4	269.4	33.3	302.7	15.9	5.4	6.1	9.3	6.3	
1989 -												
January	22.3	46.7	219.2	265.9	34.0	299.8	15.1	5.3	6.0	9.4	6.3	
February	20.3	43.8	216.9	260.7	34.3	295.0	14.2	5.2	5.9	9.5	6.1	
March	18.2	40.8	213.2	254.0	34.6	288.6	13.3	5.1	5.7	9.5	6.0	
April	16.6	38.4	208.5	246.9	34.9	281.8	12.5	5.0	5.5	9.5	5.8	
May	15.5	37.3	203.4	240.8	35.2	276.0	12.2	4.9	5.4	9.5	5.7	
June r	15.3	37.6	198.5	236.2	35.7	271.9	12.3	4.8	5.3	9.4	5.6	
July r	15.6	38.9	195.0	233.8	36.0	269.9	12.6	4.7	5.2	9.3	5.5	
August r	16.2	40.3	192.8	233.1	35.8	268.9	13.1	4.6	5.2	9.1	5.5	
September r	16.5	41.3	191.6	232.9	34.9	267.8	13.5	4.6	5.2	8.8	5.5	
October r	16.7	41.7	191.4	233.2	33.5	266.7	13.7	4.6	5.2	8.4	5.5	
November r	16.9	41.9	192.1	234.0	31.9	265.9	13.8	4.6	5.2	8.0	5.4	
December	16.9	41.8	193.8	235.6	30.4	266.0	13.9	4.6	5.2	7.6	5.4	
FEMALES												
1988 -												
October	20.4	41.9	125.2	167.2	80.1	247.3	18.4	7.0	8.3	6.4	7.6	
November	20.6	42.0	123.9	165.9	82.9	248.9	18.5	6.9	8.2	6.6	7.6	
December	21.1	42.2	121.6	163.8	84.6	248.4	18.6	6.8	8.1	6.7	7.5	
1989 -												
January	21.4	42.4	118.4	160.8	84.4	245.3	18.7	6.6	7.9	6.6	7.4	
February	21.3	42.4	115.4	157.8	82.4	240.2	18.8	6.4	7.8	6.4	7.2	
March	20.9	42.2	113.1	155.3	79.5	234.9	18.7	6.3	7.6	6.1	7.1	
April	20.3	41.7	111.9	153.6	76.5	230.1	18.5	6.2	7.5	5.9	6.9	
May	19.6	41.2	111.6	152.8	74.4	227.1	18.2	6.1	7.4	5.7	6.8	
June r	19.0	40.6	112.1	152.7	74.0	226.7	18.0	6.1	7.4	5.7	6.7	
July r	18.6	40.2	112.8	153.0	75.2	228.2	17.8	6.1	7.4	5.7	6.7	
August r	18.3	39.8	113.0	152.9	76.6	229.5	17.8	6.1	7.3	5.8	6.7	
September r	18.1	39.3	112.7	152.0	77.8	229.7	17.6	6.1	7.3	5.8	6.7	
October r	17.8	38.7	112.3	151.0	78.6	229.6	17.5	6.0	7.2	5.9	6.7	
November r	17.7	38.2	111.9	150.1	79.1	229.2	17.2	6.0	7.2	5.9	6.7	
December	17.6	37.9	111.9	149.8	79.5	229.3	17.1	6.0	7.1	5.9	6.7	
PERSONS												
1988 -												
October	45.6	93.4	347.9	441.2	110.6	551.9	17.5	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	
November	45.5	92.6	345.3	437.8	115.0	552.9	17.3	5.8	6.8	7.1	6.9	
December	44.9	91.2	342.0	433.2	117.9	551.2	17.0	5.8	6.7	7.2	6.8	
1989 -												
January	43.6	89.1	337.6	426.7	118.4	545.1	16.6	5.7	6.6	7.2	6.7	
February	41.6	86.2	332.3	418.5	116.7	535.2	16.1	5.6	6.5	7.1	6.6	
March	39.2	83.0	326.3	409.3	114.1	523.4	15.6	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.4	
April	36.9	80.2	320.4	400.5	111.3	511.9	15.0	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.3	
May	35.1	78.5	315.0	393.5	109.6	503.1	14.7	5.3	6.0	6.6	6.1	
June r	34.2	78.3	310.6	388.9	109.7	498.6	14.7	5.2	5.9	6.5	6.1	
July r	34.2	79.1	307.7	386.9	111.2	498.0	14.8	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.0	
August r	34.5	80.2	305.8	386.0	112.5	498.4	15.1	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.0	
September r	34.6	80.6	304.3	384.9	112.7	497.6	15.2	5.0	5.9	6.5	6.0	
October r	34.6	80.4	303.7	384.2	112.1	496.3	15.3	5.0	5.8	6.5	6.0	
November r	34.6	80.1	304.0	384.1	111.0	495.1	15.3	5.0	5.8	6.4	5.9	
December	34.5	79.6	305.7	385.3	109.9	495.2	15.3	5.0	5.8	6.3	5.9	

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

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemployment rate --per cent--	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work -- '000 --	Total					
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	251.7	283.9	40.0	4.7	44.6	328.5	43.0	371.5	13.6	88.4
Females	186.4	247.6	40.0	4.9	44.9	292.5	55.2	347.7	15.4	84.1
Persons	438.2	531.5	80.0	9.5	89.5	621.1	98.1	719.2	14.4	86.4
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	9.4	29.1	4.0	3.6	7.6	36.7	16.9	53.7	20.8	68.5
Females	5.0	29.9	* 1.6	3.5	5.1	35.0	18.0	52.9	14.6	66.0
Persons	14.5	59.0	5.7	7.1	12.7	71.7	34.9	106.6	17.8	67.3
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	6.5	88.0	5.4	13.7	19.1	107.2	181.8	289.0	17.8	37.1
Females	5.3	97.6	5.5	15.2	20.7	118.3	167.9	286.2	17.5	41.3
Persons	11.8	185.6	10.9	28.9	39.8	225.4	349.7	575.2	17.7	39.2
TOTAL										
Males	267.6	401.1	49.4	22.0	71.4	472.5	241.7	714.1	15.1	66.2
Females	196.8	375.0	47.2	23.5	70.7	445.7	241.1	686.8	15.9	64.9
Persons	464.4	776.1	96.6	45.5	142.1	918.2	482.8	1,401.0	15.5	65.5

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

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate --per cent--	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work -- '000 --	Total					
MALES										
New South Wales	1,451.9	1,571.5	84.6	8.9	93.5	1,665.1	549.8	2,214.9	5.6	75.2
Victoria	1,119.9	1,218.4	49.0	6.4	55.3	1,273.8	395.6	1,669.4	4.3	76.3
Queensland	729.8	793.2	44.2	6.4	50.6	843.8	251.2	1,095.0	6.0	77.1
South Australia	357.7	390.5	24.4	3.2	27.6	418.1	139.3	557.4	6.6	75.0
Western Australia	416.8	455.4	26.3	3.9	30.2	485.6	135.1	620.7	6.2	78.2
Tasmania	110.0	120.3	10.3	* 1.1	11.3	131.6	39.5	171.2	8.6	76.9
Northern Territory	41.5	43.8	2.8	* 0.6	3.5	47.2	10.0	57.3	7.3	82.5
Australian Capital Territory	71.7	79.5	4.5	1.4	5.9	85.4	16.7	102.1	6.9	83.6
Australia	4,299.3	4,672.6	246.1	31.8	277.9	4,950.5	1,537.3	6,487.8	5.6	76.3
FEMALES										
New South Wales	679.8	1,081.5	49.9	18.7	68.6	1,150.1	1,136.2	2,286.3	6.0	50.3
Victoria	547.2	877.5	29.7	17.4	47.1	924.6	805.3	1,729.9	5.1	53.4
Queensland	324.5	544.1	30.8	16.0	46.7	590.8	523.5	1,114.3	7.9	53.0
South Australia	150.1	268.2	15.3	6.0	21.2	289.4	284.6	574.0	7.3	50.4
Western Australia	178.5	314.3	16.2	8.8	25.0	339.3	278.9	618.2	7.4	54.9
Tasmania	45.0	82.2	7.0	2.5	9.5	91.7	85.3	177.0	10.4	51.8
Northern Territory	23.5	31.9	* 1.5	* 0.4	2.0	33.9	18.9	52.8	5.8	64.3
Australian Capital Territory	48.0	69.2	2.5	* 1.2	3.7	72.9	32.9	105.8	5.0	68.9
Australia	1,996.6	3,268.8	152.8	71.0	223.9	3,492.7	3,165.7	6,658.4	6.4	52.5
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,131.7	2,653.0	134.5	27.7	162.2	2,815.2	1,686.0	4,501.2	5.8	62.5
Victoria	1,667.1	2,095.9	78.6	23.8	102.4	2,198.3	1,200.9	3,399.2	4.7	64.7
Queensland	1,054.3	1,337.3	75.0	22.3	97.3	1,434.6	774.7	2,209.4	6.8	64.9
South Australia	507.7	658.7	39.7	9.2	48.8	707.5	423.9	1,131.4	6.9	62.5
Western Australia	595.3	769.7	42.5	12.7	55.2	824.9	414.0	1,238.9	6.7	66.6
Tasmania	155.0	202.5	17.3	3.6	20.9	223.3	124.8	348.2	9.3	64.1
Northern Territory	65.1	75.7	4.4	* 1.1	5.4	81.2	28.9	110.1	6.7	73.7
Australian Capital Territory	119.8	148.6	7.0	2.6	9.6	158.2	49.7	207.9	6.0	76.1
Australia	6,296.0	7,941.4	399.0	102.8	501.8	8,443.2	4,703.0	13,146.1	5.9	64.2

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate						
	Aged 15-19			Total -- '000 --		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	-- per cent --		
NEW SOUTH WALES												
1988 - December	20.0	35.4	120.8	156.1	34.8	190.9	20.1	5.9	7.1	6.9	7.0	
1989 - November	6.6	17.2	100.5	117.7	27.1	144.9	11.6	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.2	
December	16.2	30.4	104.1	134.5	27.7	162.2	17.5	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.8	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	2.0	2.6	4.4	4.9	2.5	5.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	1.7	2.2	3.4	3.8	2.1	4.0	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	
VICTORIA												
1988 - December	14.1	23.3	62.8	86.1	35.0	121.1	16.2	4.0	5.0	7.9	5.6	
1989 - November	5.9	14.9	54.2	69.1	28.1	97.2	12.4	3.4	4.0	6.2	4.5	
December	11.0	19.3	59.3	78.6	23.8	102.4	14.0	3.7	4.5	5.3	4.7	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	1.7	2.2	3.5	3.9	2.4	4.3	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	1.4	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.9	3.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	
QUEENSLAND												
1988 - December	13.4	21.6	61.4	83.1	21.6	104.7	19.3	6.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	
1989 - November	4.1	13.7	52.4	66.1	19.3	85.5	14.6	5.2	6.0	6.2	6.1	
December	8.6	20.2	54.8	75.0	22.3	97.3	18.5	5.4	6.6	7.3	6.8	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	1.2	1.8	2.7	3.0	1.8	3.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.3	1.5	2.5	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA												
1988 - December	6.7	11.2	34.3	45.5	10.5	55.9	22.2	7.0	8.4	6.7	8.0	
1989 - November	4.3	7.0	33.9	40.9	8.4	49.3	16.6	6.7	7.5	5.3	7.0	
December	4.2	8.3	31.4	39.7	9.2	48.8	17.6	6.3	7.2	5.7	6.9	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	0.7	1.0	1.7	1.8	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA												
1988 - December	6.2	11.3	32.1	43.4	11.0	54.4	18.9	5.6	6.9	6.5	6.8	
1989 - November	*1.5	5.8	27.2	33.0	7.7	40.7	11.0	4.8	5.3	4.4	5.1	
December	4.2	10.3	32.2	42.5	12.7	55.2	16.8	5.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.2	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.7	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
TASMANIA												
1988 - December	3.6	5.2	12.6	17.8	3.7	21.5	28.1	8.5	10.7	8.2	10.2	
1989 - November	2.4	3.5	11.6	15.2	3.0	18.2	22.7	7.8	9.2	6.0	8.4	
December	3.5	5.5	11.8	17.3	3.6	20.9	29.0	7.7	10.0	7.0	9.3	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	3.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.4	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	2.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	
NORTHERN TERRITORY												
1988 - December	*0.3	*1.0	2.8	3.8	*1.5	5.3	*20.3	4.4	5.7	*13.4	6.7	
1989 - November	*0.4	*0.8	3.2	4.0	*0.7	4.7	*13.8	5.0	5.7	*5.5	5.6	
December	*0.6	*0.8	3.5	4.4	*1.1	5.4	*16.6	5.5	6.3	*9.0	6.7	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	5.3	0.7	0.7	2.5	0.7	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	4.7	0.7	0.7	2.2	0.7	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY												
1988 - December	*1.2	2.5	4.1	6.6	2.7	9.4	29.2	3.7	5.5	9.0	6.2	
1989 - November	*0.3	*0.6	3.7	4.3	2.1	6.4	*9.6	3.2	3.5	6.6	4.1	
December	1.5	1.8	5.3	7.0	2.6	9.6	20.2	4.4	5.5	8.1	6.0	
Standard error of -												
Dec 89 estimates	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	4.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.5	
Nov 89 to Dec 89 movements	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	3.8	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.4	

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --	-- per cent --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --	-- per cent --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --	-- per cent --
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1988 -															
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	101.9	1,607.5	6.3	73.2	1,020.9	77.4	1,098.4	7.0	48.4	2,526.6	179.3	2,705.8	6.6	60.6
April	1,527.3	95.9	1,623.2	5.9	73.8	1,032.3	78.0	1,110.3	7.0	48.9	2,559.6	173.9	2,733.6	6.4	61.1
May	1,536.2	101.5	1,637.7	6.2	74.4	1,051.1	84.5	1,135.6	7.4	49.9	2,587.3	186.0	2,773.3	6.7	62.0
June	1,538.1	96.7	1,634.8	5.9	74.2	1,045.1	76.2	1,121.3	6.8	49.2	2,583.2	173.0	2,756.1	6.3	61.5
July	1,554.7	97.4	1,652.1	5.9	74.9	1,049.1	82.5	1,131.7	7.3	49.7	2,603.8	180.0	2,783.8	6.5	62.1
August	1,564.1	91.1	1,655.2	5.5	74.9	1,050.5	78.5	1,129.0	7.0	49.5	2,614.6	169.6	2,784.2	6.1	62.0
September	1,554.5	100.9	1,655.4	6.1	74.8	1,060.1	72.9	1,133.0	6.4	49.6	2,614.6	173.9	2,788.4	6.2	62.0
October	1,557.9	92.9	1,650.9	5.6	74.6	1,055.1	69.4	1,124.5	6.2	49.2	2,613.0	162.3	2,775.3	5.8	61.7
November	1,562.2	85.3	1,647.5	5.2	74.4	1,066.2	71.2	1,137.4	6.3	49.8	2,628.4	156.4	2,784.9	5.6	61.9
December	1,557.6	95.2	1,652.9	5.8	74.6	1,067.3	69.1	1,136.4	6.1	49.7	2,625.0	164.3	2,789.3	5.9	62.0
VICTORIA															
1988 -															
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
April	1,208.1	55.0	1,263.1	4.4	76.4	828.1	52.1	880.2	5.9	51.4	2,036.2	107.1	2,143.3	5.0	63.6
May	1,209.9	50.8	1,260.8	4.0	76.1	845.7	57.6	903.3	6.4	52.6	2,055.6	108.5	2,164.1	5.0	64.2
June	1,207.2	44.7	1,251.9	3.6	75.5	847.4	55.4	902.7	6.1	52.5	2,054.5	100.1	2,154.6	4.6	63.8
July	1,206.3	51.8	1,258.1	4.1	75.8	843.3	50.9	894.3	5.7	52.0	2,049.7	102.7	2,152.4	4.8	63.7
August	1,200.2	51.8	1,252.0	4.1	75.3	859.3	48.1	907.4	5.3	52.7	2,059.6	99.8	2,159.4	4.6	63.8
September	1,202.8	56.6	1,259.4	4.5	75.7	868.8	49.9	918.7	5.4	53.3	2,071.6	106.4	2,178.1	4.9	64.3
October	1,215.3	47.2	1,262.5	3.7	75.8	856.7	52.8	909.5	5.8	52.7	2,072.0	100.0	2,172.0	4.6	64.0
November	1,219.4	50.5	1,269.8	4.0	76.1	858.8	58.9	917.7	6.4	53.1	2,078.2	109.4	2,187.6	5.0	64.4
December	1,204.3	50.8	1,255.1	4.0	75.2	859.9	45.8	905.7	5.1	52.4	2,064.2	96.6	2,160.8	4.5	63.6

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --		-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --		-- '000 --	-- '000 --		-- per cent --	
QUEENSLAND															
1988 -															
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
April	754.5	52.4	806.9	6.5	75.5	503.6	43.6	547.2	8.0	50.3	1,258.1	96.0	1,354.1	7.1	62.8
May	762.6	49.8	812.4	6.1	75.8	513.2	43.8	557.1	7.9	51.0	1,275.8	93.7	1,369.5	6.8	63.3
June	762.6	51.2	813.7	6.3	75.7	517.7	41.0	558.7	7.3	51.0	1,280.3	92.2	1,372.5	6.7	63.2
July	764.0	50.4	814.4	6.2	75.5	517.8	42.3	560.1	7.5	51.0	1,281.8	92.7	1,374.5	6.7	63.2
August	767.3	51.1	818.3	6.2	75.6	519.0	45.2	564.2	8.0	51.2	1,286.3	96.2	1,382.5	7.0	63.3
September	775.0	49.5	824.4	6.0	76.0	515.3	48.3	563.6	8.6	51.0	1,290.3	97.7	1,388.0	7.0	63.4
October	783.4	48.4	831.8	5.8	76.4	521.4	51.6	573.1	9.0	51.7	1,304.8	100.0	1,404.9	7.1	64.0
November	784.7	49.9	834.7	6.0	76.5	530.7	45.9	576.6	8.0	51.9	1,315.4	95.9	1,411.3	6.8	64.1
December	784.3	49.6	833.9	6.0	76.1	540.1	45.1	585.2	7.7	52.5	1,324.4	94.7	1,419.0	6.7	64.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
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
April	381.6	32.2	413.8	7.8	74.9	266.2	19.9	286.1	6.9	50.2	647.8	52.1	699.9	7.4	62.4
May	380.7	34.8	415.5	8.4	75.1	266.0	22.4	288.4	7.8	50.6	646.7	57.1	703.8	8.1	62.6
June	382.1	30.2	412.3	7.3	74.4	265.1	22.0	287.1	7.7	50.3	647.3	52.2	699.4	7.5	62.2
July	383.3	32.3	415.5	7.8	74.9	267.2	21.4	288.6	7.4	50.5	650.4	53.7	704.1	7.6	62.6
August	389.7	27.6	417.4	6.6	75.2	275.6	19.0	294.6	6.5	51.6	665.3	46.7	712.0	6.6	63.2
September	389.6	24.9	414.5	6.0	74.6	272.8	19.2	292.0	6.6	51.1	662.4	44.1	706.5	6.2	62.7
October	385.4	27.7	413.1	6.7	74.3	268.7	22.0	290.7	7.6	50.8	654.1	49.7	703.8	7.1	62.4
November	389.3	31.7	421.0	7.5	75.6	264.9	22.4	287.3	7.8	50.1	654.2	54.1	708.3	7.6	62.7
December	386.9	26.8	413.7	6.5	74.2	264.0	20.7	284.7	7.3	49.6	650.9	47.5	698.4	6.8	61.7

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
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
April	448.0	22.7	470.7	4.8	77.4	301.4	19.9	321.2	6.2	53.0	749.4	42.6	792.0	5.4	65.2
May	447.9	22.9	470.9	4.9	77.2	299.8	19.4	319.3	6.1	52.5	747.7	42.4	790.1	5.4	64.9
June	441.4	26.1	467.5	5.6	76.5	300.2	19.3	319.5	6.0	52.4	741.6	45.4	786.9	5.8	64.5
July	449.7	23.8	473.5	5.0	77.2	297.4	19.9	317.3	6.3	51.9	747.1	43.7	790.8	5.5	64.6
August	450.5	25.5	476.0	5.4	77.4	307.4	21.0	328.3	6.4	53.6	757.9	46.5	804.4	5.8	65.5
September	449.8	28.5	478.3	6.0	77.6	303.5	25.4	329.0	7.7	53.6	753.3	53.9	807.3	6.7	65.6
October	451.3	26.7	478.0	5.6	77.4	307.0	22.7	329.7	6.9	53.6	758.3	49.4	807.7	6.1	65.5
November	452.5	25.6	478.2	5.4	77.2	306.5	18.8	325.2	5.8	52.7	759.0	44.4	803.4	5.5	65.0
December	449.7	29.3	479.0	6.1	77.2	309.7	24.3	334.0	7.3	54.0	759.3	53.7	813.0	6.6	65.6
TASMANIA															
1988 -															
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
April	114.4	10.9	125.3	8.7	73.8	71.8	7.9	79.7	9.9	45.4	186.2	18.8	205.0	9.2	59.4
May	115.2	10.9	126.1	8.6	74.3	74.5	7.3	81.8	8.9	46.6	189.8	18.2	208.0	8.7	60.2
June	113.9	11.9	125.8	9.5	74.0	76.0	8.0	83.9	9.5	47.7	189.9	19.9	209.8	9.5	60.7
July	115.0	10.4	125.5	8.3	73.7	76.9	8.8	85.7	10.3	48.7	191.9	19.2	211.1	9.1	61.0
August	116.8	10.9	127.7	8.6	75.0	78.7	7.6	86.3	8.8	49.0	195.5	18.6	214.1	8.7	61.8
September	117.8	10.9	128.6	8.5	75.4	79.4	8.9	88.4	10.1	50.1	197.2	19.8	217.0	9.1	62.6
October	119.7	8.9	128.6	6.9	75.3	79.6	8.4	88.0	9.5	49.9	199.3	17.3	216.6	8.0	62.4
November	119.6	10.1	129.7	7.8	75.9	80.2	9.1	89.3	10.2	50.5	199.9	19.1	219.0	8.7	63.0
December	119.1	10.8	130.0	8.3	75.9	79.7	9.1	88.8	10.2	50.2	198.9	19.9	218.8	9.1	62.8

TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed -- '000 --	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate -- per cent --	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed -- '000 --	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate -- per cent --	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed -- '000 --	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate -- per cent --	Partic- ipation rate
	NEW SOUTH WALES														
1988 -															
October	1,505.5	110.4	1,615.8	6.8	74.0	1,019.3	80.6	1,099.9	7.3	48.8	2,524.7	191.0	2,715.7	7.0	61.2
November	1,506.2	109.7	1,615.9	6.8	73.9	1,019.7	80.8	1,100.5	7.3	48.8	2,525.9	190.5	2,716.4	7.0	61.1
December	1,506.9	108.8	1,615.6	6.7	73.8	1,020.2	80.5	1,100.7	7.3	48.7	2,527.1	189.3	2,716.3	7.0	61.1
1989 -															
January	1,508.3	107.3	1,615.7	6.6	73.7	1,022.0	79.8	1,101.9	7.2	48.7	2,530.4	187.1	2,717.5	6.9	61.0
February	1,511.2	105.6	1,616.8	6.5	73.7	1,025.7	79.1	1,104.8	7.2	48.7	2,536.9	184.6	2,721.5	6.8	61.0
March	1,516.5	103.2	1,619.7	6.4	73.7	1,030.6	78.9	1,109.5	7.1	48.9	2,547.1	182.1	2,729.2	6.7	61.1
April	1,524.3	100.7	1,625.0	6.2	73.9	1,035.9	79.3	1,115.2	7.1	49.1	2,560.2	180.0	2,740.2	6.6	61.3
May	1,533.7	98.6	1,632.3	6.0	74.1	1,041.1	79.7	1,120.8	7.1	49.3	2,574.7	178.4	2,753.1	6.5	61.5
June r	1,542.9	97.2	1,640.1	5.9	74.4	1,045.6	79.8	1,125.4	7.1	49.4	2,588.6	177.0	2,765.5	6.4	61.7
July r	1,550.4	96.3	1,646.7	5.8	74.6	1,049.7	78.9	1,128.6	7.0	49.5	2,600.1	175.2	2,775.3	6.3	61.9
August r	1,555.4	95.4	1,650.8	5.8	74.7	1,053.4	76.9	1,130.2	6.8	49.6	2,608.7	172.3	2,781.1	6.2	61.9
September r	1,558.1	94.3	1,652.4	5.7	74.7	1,056.5	74.5	1,131.0	6.6	49.5	2,614.6	168.8	2,783.4	6.1	61.9
October r	1,559.7	93.1	1,652.9	5.6	74.7	1,059.7	72.3	1,132.0	6.4	49.6	2,619.5	165.4	2,784.8	5.9	61.9
November r	1,560.7	92.1	1,652.7	5.6	74.7	1,062.8	70.3	1,133.1	6.2	49.6	2,623.5	162.4	2,785.8	5.8	61.9
December	1,561.0	91.5	1,652.5	5.5	74.6	1,066.0	69.0	1,135.0	6.1	49.6	2,627.0	160.6	2,787.5	5.8	61.9
VICTORIA															
1988 -															
October	1,164.3	58.1	1,222.4	4.8	74.6	807.1	57.1	864.2	6.6	50.9	1,971.4	115.2	2,086.6	5.5	62.5
November	1,166.6	58.5	1,225.1	4.8	74.6	814.2	56.6	870.8	6.5	51.2	1,980.8	115.1	2,095.9	5.5	62.7
December	1,170.3	59.2	1,229.5	4.8	74.8	820.0	56.1	876.0	6.4	51.4	1,990.3	115.2	2,105.5	5.5	62.9
1989 -															
January	1,176.0	59.4	1,235.4	4.8	75.0	824.5	55.6	880.1	6.3	51.6	2,000.5	115.0	2,115.5	5.4	63.1
February	1,183.5	58.6	1,242.1	4.7	75.3	828.1	55.3	883.5	6.3	51.7	2,011.6	113.9	2,125.5	5.4	63.3
March	1,191.7	56.7	1,248.4	4.5	75.6	831.4	55.2	886.6	6.2	51.8	2,023.1	111.9	2,135.0	5.2	63.5
April	1,198.9	54.4	1,253.3	4.3	75.8	835.1	54.6	889.7	6.1	51.9	2,034.0	109.0	2,142.9	5.1	63.6
May	1,203.8	52.2	1,256.0	4.2	75.9	839.8	53.5	893.3	6.0	52.1	2,043.6	105.8	2,149.3	4.9	63.7
June r	1,206.4	50.8	1,257.1	4.0	75.8	845.7	52.6	898.3	5.9	52.3	2,052.0	103.4	2,155.4	4.8	63.8
July r	1,207.1	50.4	1,257.5	4.0	75.7	851.3	52.1	903.4	5.8	52.5	2,058.4	102.5	2,160.9	4.7	63.9
August r	1,207.2	50.8	1,258.0	4.0	75.7	855.8	51.8	907.6	5.7	52.7	2,063.0	102.6	2,165.6	4.7	64.0
September r	1,207.9	51.2	1,259.1	4.1	75.6	858.7	51.6	910.3	5.7	52.8	2,066.6	102.8	2,169.3	4.7	64.0
October r	1,209.2	51.2	1,260.5	4.1	75.7	860.4	51.5	912.0	5.6	52.8	2,069.7	102.7	2,172.4	4.7	64.0
November r	1,210.6	51.1	1,261.7	4.1	75.7	861.3	51.4	912.8	5.6	52.8	2,071.9	102.5	2,174.4	4.7	64.0
December	1,211.7	51.0	1,262.7	4.0	75.6	861.9	51.5	913.4	5.6	52.8	2,073.6	102.5	2,176.1	4.7	64.0

TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES —continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
		-- '000 --		-- per cent --			-- '000 --		-- per cent --			-- '000 --		-- per cent --	
QUEENSLAND															
1988 -															
October	742.6	56.4	799.0	7.1	76.1	479.5	45.9	525.4	8.7	49.2	1,222.1	102.3	1,324.4	7.7	62.5
November	747.1	56.2	803.2	7.0	76.3	484.0	46.4	530.4	8.8	49.5	1,231.0	102.6	1,333.6	7.7	62.8
December	750.5	55.7	806.2	6.9	76.4	488.8	46.4	535.1	8.7	49.8	1,239.3	102.1	1,341.4	7.6	63.0
1989 -															
January	752.9	55.1	808.0	6.8	76.3	493.7	45.6	539.3	8.5	50.0	1,246.6	100.7	1,347.3	7.5	63.0
February	754.6	54.2	808.7	6.7	76.2	498.6	44.5	543.0	8.2	50.2	1,253.1	98.7	1,351.8	7.3	63.1
March	755.8	53.2	809.0	6.6	76.0	503.3	43.3	546.6	7.9	50.4	1,259.1	96.5	1,355.6	7.1	63.1
April	757.2	52.2	809.4	6.4	75.8	507.5	42.4	549.9	7.7	50.5	1,264.7	94.5	1,359.3	7.0	63.0
May	759.1	51.2	810.3	6.3	75.6	511.0	42.1	553.0	7.6	50.7	1,270.1	93.3	1,363.4	6.8	63.0
June r	762.0	50.6	812.5	6.2	75.6	513.7	42.7	556.4	7.7	50.8	1,275.6	93.3	1,368.9	6.8	63.1
July r	765.8	50.3	816.1	6.2	75.7	516.2	44.1	560.3	7.9	51.0	1,282.0	94.4	1,376.4	6.9	63.2
August r	770.4	50.1	820.4	6.1	75.8	518.6	45.6	564.2	8.1	51.2	1,289.0	95.6	1,384.6	6.9	63.4
September r	774.9	49.8	824.7	6.0	76.0	521.3	46.7	568.0	8.2	51.4	1,296.2	96.5	1,392.7	6.9	63.6
October r	779.2	49.6	828.8	6.0	76.1	524.7	47.4	572.1	8.3	51.6	1,303.9	97.0	1,400.9	6.9	63.8
November r	782.9	49.4	832.3	5.9	76.2	528.6	47.8	576.3	8.3	51.9	1,311.5	97.2	1,408.7	6.9	63.9
December	786.1	49.2	835.3	5.9	76.3	532.4	47.9	580.2	8.3	52.1	1,318.4	97.1	1,415.5	6.9	64.1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
October	375.2	32.1	407.3	7.9	74.3	257.9	23.6	281.5	8.4	49.8	633.0	55.8	688.8	8.1	61.8
November	376.6	31.8	408.5	7.8	74.4	259.3	23.3	282.6	8.2	49.9	636.0	55.1	691.1	8.0	62.0
December	377.7	31.8	409.4	7.8	74.5	261.0	22.9	283.9	8.0	50.1	638.7	54.6	693.3	7.9	62.1
1989 -															
January	378.4	31.9	410.3	7.8	74.6	262.8	22.3	285.1	7.8	50.2	641.2	54.2	695.4	7.8	62.2
February	379.0	32.1	411.0	7.8	74.6	264.2	21.8	286.0	7.6	50.3	643.1	53.9	697.1	7.7	62.3
March	379.4	32.3	411.8	7.9	74.6	265.2	21.5	286.7	7.5	50.4	644.6	53.9	698.5	7.7	62.3
April	380.3	32.4	412.7	7.8	74.7	266.0	21.2	287.2	7.4	50.4	646.3	53.6	700.0	7.7	62.4
May	381.7	31.9	413.6	7.7	74.8	267.0	20.9	288.0	7.3	50.5	648.7	52.9	701.6	7.5	62.5
June r	383.4	31.1	414.5	7.5	74.8	268.3	20.8	289.1	7.2	50.6	651.7	51.8	703.5	7.4	62.5
July r	385.0	30.0	415.0	7.2	74.8	269.4	20.7	290.2	7.1	50.8	654.4	50.8	705.2	7.2	62.6
August r	386.4	29.0	415.4	7.0	74.8	270.1	20.7	290.8	7.1	50.9	656.5	49.8	706.3	7.0	62.7
September r	387.4	28.3	415.7	6.8	74.8	270.0	20.7	290.7	7.1	50.9	657.4	49.0	706.4	6.9	62.7
October r	388.0	27.9	415.9	6.7	74.8	269.1	20.8	289.9	7.2	50.7	657.1	48.7	705.9	6.9	62.5
November r	388.3	27.7	416.1	6.7	74.7	267.8	21.0	288.8	7.3	50.4	656.2	48.8	704.9	6.9	62.4
December	388.4	27.9	416.3	6.7	74.7	266.4	21.3	287.7	7.4	50.1	654.8	49.2	703.9	7.0	62.2

TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES —continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partic- ipation rate
	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- per cent --	-- per cent --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- per cent --	-- per cent --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- '000 --	-- per cent --	-- per cent --
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1988 -															
October	439.7	28.9	468.5	6.2	78.3	288.2	23.9	312.0	7.7	52.4	727.8	52.8	780.6	6.8	65.4
November	441.9	28.6	470.5	6.1	78.4	290.7	23.9	314.6	7.6	52.6	732.6	52.5	785.1	6.7	65.6
December	444.0	28.0	472.0	5.9	78.4	293.2	23.6	316.8	7.4	52.9	737.3	51.5	788.8	6.5	65.7
1989 -															
January	445.7	26.9	472.6	5.7	78.3	295.6	22.8	318.4	7.2	53.0	741.3	49.8	791.0	6.3	65.7
February	446.6	25.7	472.4	5.4	78.1	297.4	21.8	319.2	6.8	52.9	744.0	47.5	791.5	6.0	65.5
March	447.0	24.7	471.6	5.2	77.7	298.6	20.6	319.2	6.5	52.8	745.6	45.3	790.9	5.7	65.3
April	446.9	24.0	470.9	5.1	77.4	299.3	19.8	319.0	6.2	52.6	746.2	43.8	789.9	5.5	65.0
May	446.8	23.9	470.7	5.1	77.2	299.7	19.6	319.3	6.1	52.5	746.5	43.5	790.0	5.5	64.9
June r	447.1	24.3	471.4	5.2	77.1	300.4	20.0	320.3	6.2	52.6	747.5	44.3	791.8	5.6	64.9
July r	447.9	25.0	472.9	5.3	77.1	301.6	20.7	322.2	6.4	52.7	749.5	45.7	795.2	5.7	65.0
August r	449.0	25.8	474.8	5.4	77.2	303.2	21.4	324.5	6.6	53.0	752.2	47.2	799.4	5.9	65.1
September r	450.1	26.5	476.5	5.6	77.3	304.7	22.0	326.7	6.7	53.2	754.8	48.4	803.2	6.0	65.3
October r	450.9	27.0	477.9	5.7	77.3	306.2	22.3	328.5	6.8	53.4	757.1	49.4	806.4	6.1	65.4
November r	451.4	27.5	478.9	5.7	77.3	307.6	22.6	330.2	6.8	53.5	759.0	50.1	809.1	6.2	65.5
December	451.8	27.9	479.7	5.8	77.3	308.7	22.8	331.5	6.9	53.6	760.6	50.6	811.2	6.2	65.5
TASMANIA															
1988 -															
October	116.1	11.7	127.8	9.2	75.6	72.8	8.8	81.6	10.8	46.7	188.9	20.6	209.4	9.8	60.9
November	115.8	11.7	127.5	9.2	75.4	71.8	9.2	81.0	11.4	46.3	187.5	21.0	208.5	10.1	60.6
December	115.3	11.6	126.9	9.1	75.0	70.8	9.5	80.3	11.9	45.8	186.1	21.1	207.2	10.2	60.2
1989 -															
January	114.8	11.5	126.3	9.1	74.6	70.1	9.6	79.7	12.0	45.5	184.9	21.0	206.0	10.2	59.8
February	114.4	11.3	125.7	9.0	74.2	70.0	9.3	79.4	11.8	45.2	184.4	20.7	205.1	10.1	59.5
March	114.1	11.2	125.4	9.0	73.9	70.6	8.9	79.5	11.2	45.3	184.8	20.1	204.9	9.8	59.4
April	114.1	11.2	125.3	8.9	73.8	71.9	8.4	80.3	10.5	45.7	186.0	19.6	205.6	9.5	59.5
May	114.3	11.2	125.5	8.9	73.9	73.6	8.0	81.6	9.8	46.4	187.9	19.2	207.1	9.3	59.9
June r	114.9	11.1	125.9	8.8	74.1	75.4	7.9	83.3	9.4	47.4	190.3	18.9	209.2	9.1	60.5
July r	115.7	10.9	126.6	8.6	74.4	77.1	8.0	85.1	9.4	48.3	192.8	18.9	211.7	8.9	61.1
August r	116.7	10.6	127.3	8.3	74.7	78.3	8.3	86.6	9.6	49.1	195.0	18.9	213.9	8.8	61.7
September r	117.7	10.4	128.1	8.1	75.1	79.1	8.5	87.6	9.7	49.7	196.8	18.9	215.7	8.8	62.2
October r	118.6	10.2	128.8	7.9	75.4	79.7	8.7	88.4	9.8	50.0	198.3	18.9	217.2	8.7	62.5
November r	119.4	10.1	129.4	7.8	75.7	80.1	8.9	89.0	10.0	50.3	199.4	19.0	218.4	8.7	62.8
December	120.0	10.0	130.0	7.7	75.9	80.4	9.0	89.3	10.1	50.5	200.3	19.0	219.3	8.7	63.0

GLOSSARY

Attending school: Persons aged 15 to 19 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full time at secondary or high schools.

Attending tertiary educational institution full time: Persons aged 15 to 24 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full time at universities, colleges of advanced education, technical colleges, colleges of technical and further education and theological colleges.

Employed: Persons 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.

Full-time workers: Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and others who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.

Labour force: For any group, persons who were employed or unemployed, as defined.

Labour force status: A classification of the civilian population aged 15 and over into employed, unemployed or not in the labour force, as defined. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions adopted by the International Conferences of Labour Statisticians.

Not in the labour force: Persons who were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined.

Participation rate: For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

Part-time workers: Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.

Seasonally adjusted series: A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

Trend series: A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See paragraphs 15 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

Unemployed: Persons 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.

Unemployed looking for first full-time job: Unemployed persons looking for full-time work who had never worked full time for two weeks or more.

Unemployed looking for full-time work: Unemployed persons who actively looked for full-time work or were to resume a full-time job, from which they had been stood down.

Unemployed looking for part-time work: Unemployed persons who had actively looked for part-time work only, or were to resume a part-time job, from which they had been stood down.

Unemployment rate: For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

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 1989 survey interviews commenced on Monday 4th December 1989. 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.

Population benchmarks

5. New benchmarks based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing were introduced in the February 1989 issue of this publication. Labour force estimates were revised for the period January 1984 to January 1989. All estimates produced after January 1989 are based on the new benchmarks.

Revision of series

6. 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 36 and 37 of the Explanatory

Notes to the February 1987 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Survey sample redesign

7. The LFS sample was 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

8. 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.

9. 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).

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

13. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 10. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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 11.

16. 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.

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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.

20. 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.

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21. 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 Mr Mark Smith on Canberra (062) 52 6525 or any ABS State Office.

Symbols and other usages

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

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

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