

THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1991, PRELIMINARY

Note: Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in the original and seasonally adjusted data. See paragraphs 13 to 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

MAIN FEATURES

The May 1991 seasonally adjusted estimate of **employed persons** was 7,715,000, a small fall of 6,000 since April 1991. Full-time employment rose by 5,400, the first rise since December 1990, and now stands at 6,001,800. Male full-time employment rose by 9,600 while for females, full-time employment fell by 4,200. Part-time employment fell by 11,400 to 1,713,100 with a fall of 6,900 in male

part-time employment and a fall of 4,500 in female part-time employment.

Trend estimates of employed persons continue to fall in all States except New South Wales and Western Australia where the May estimates show a halt to the decline since August 1990 (see graphs on page 2).

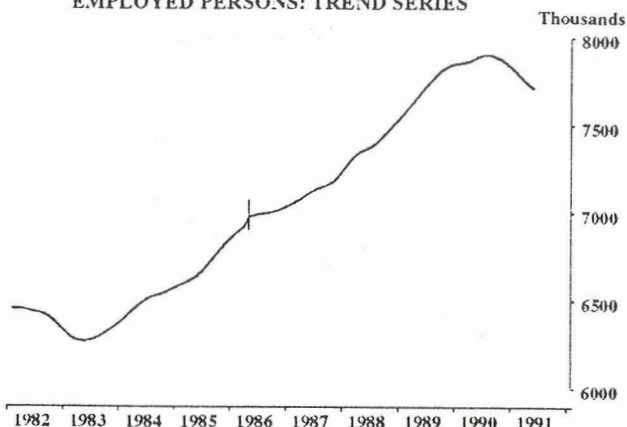
The May 1991 seasonally adjusted estimate of **unemployed persons** fell by 40,300 to 803,600. The main components of this decrease were falls of 24,900 in the number of males seeking full-time work, 6,100 in the number of males seeking part-time work and 11,600 in the number of females seeking part-time work. Overall, male unemployment fell by 31,000 to 483,300 while female unemployment fell 9,400 to 320,300. The trend estimates of unemployment continue the series of increases evident since October 1989.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the **unemployment rate** for May 1991 fell by 0.4 percentage points to 9.4%. For males, the unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage points to 9.7%, and for females, the rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 9.0%. The trend estimate of the unemployment rate is 9.6%, continuing the series of increases since April 1990.

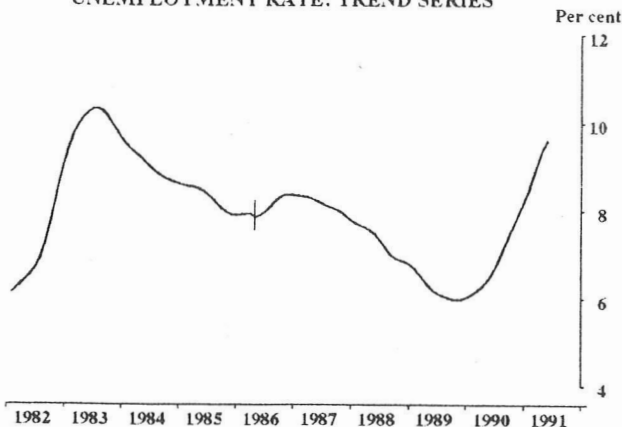
The seasonally adjusted estimates of the unemployment rate for the States showed falls in all States except Queensland and Tasmania. The May 1991 estimates were: New South Wales 8.3%, Victoria 10.1%, Queensland 10.7%, South Australia 9.6%, Western Australia 10.0% and Tasmania 11.0%. Trend estimates of the unemployment rate are continuing to rise in all States (see graphs on page 3).

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the **labour force participation rate** for May 1991 fell by 0.4 percentage points to 63.2%. The male participation rate fell by 0.5 percentage points to 74.8% - the equal lowest level (with November 1987) recorded by the survey. The female participation rate fell by 0.3 percentage points to 51.9%.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



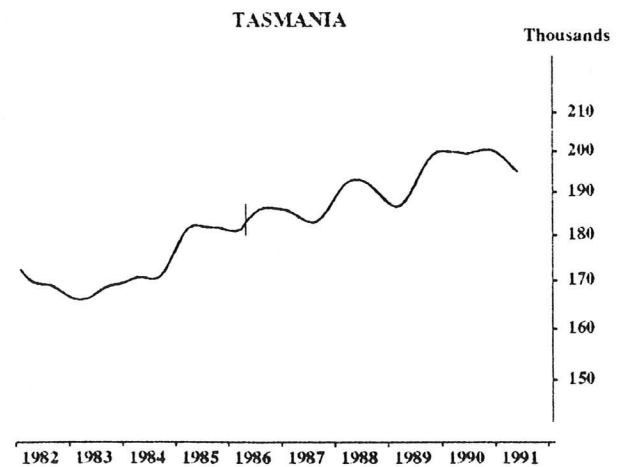
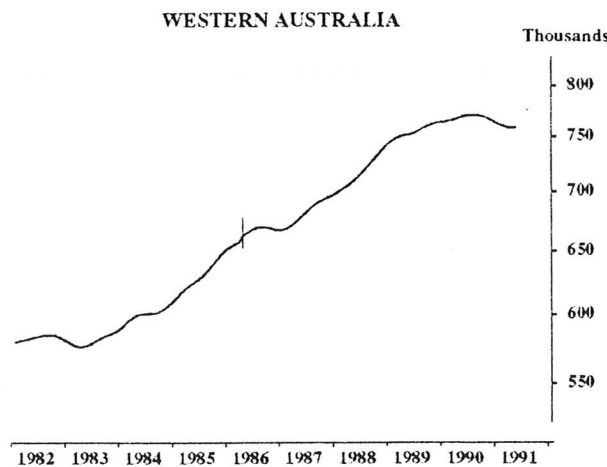
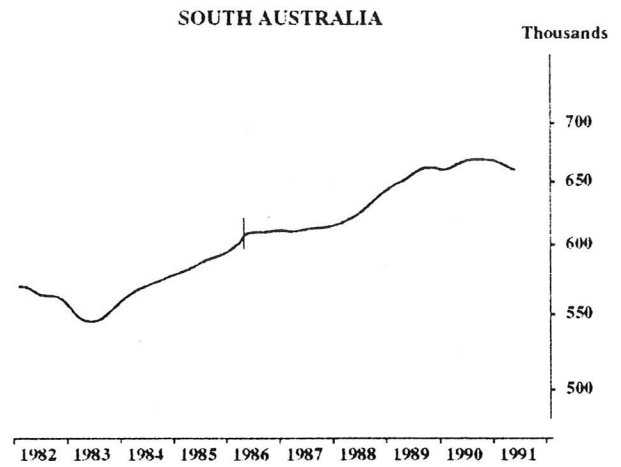
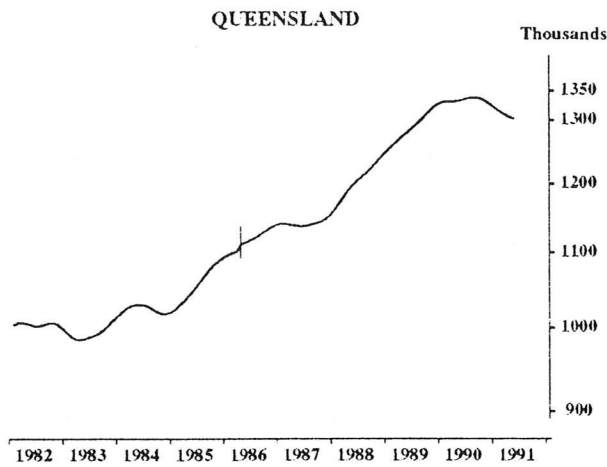
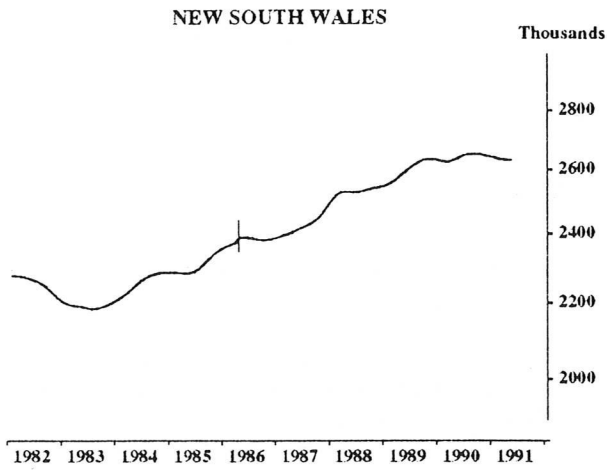
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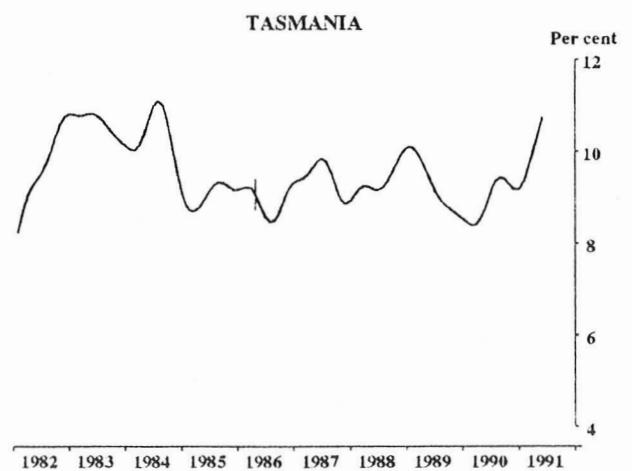
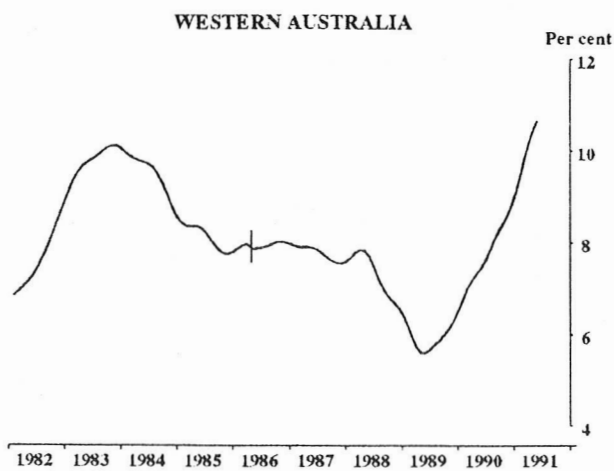
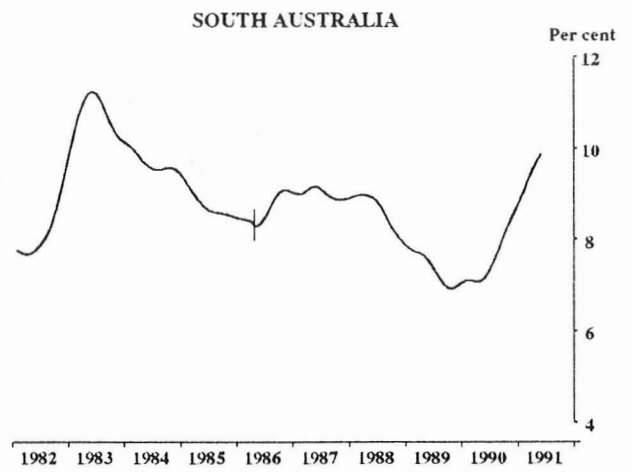
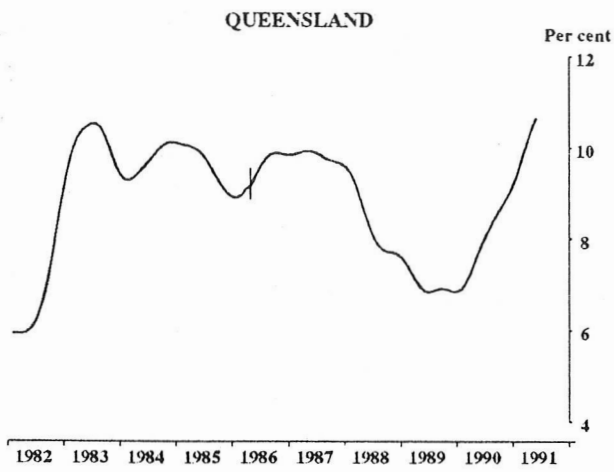
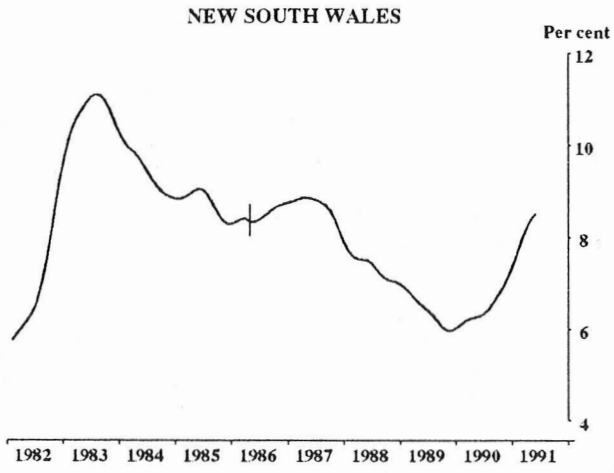
EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES

The graphs on this page have been drawn to a semi-logarithmic scale to enable comparisons to be made of rates of change — See paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes.



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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



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

Month	Unemployed										
	Employed		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total	Total	Total					
	- '000 -										
MALES											
1990 —											
March	4,247.0	4,623.8	16.8	256.0	42.7	298.7	4,922.4	1,590.6	6,513.0	6.1	75.6
April	4,251.1	4,634.7	14.7	258.7	38.6	297.3	4,932.0	1,591.0	6,523.0	6.0	75.6
May	4,255.0	4,638.7	15.0	274.9	36.1	311.0	4,949.8	1,583.3	6,533.1	6.3	75.8
June	4,265.5	4,639.2	14.3	269.5	29.3	298.7	4,938.0	1,605.2	6,543.2	6.0	75.5
July	4,279.6	4,648.2	13.5	292.8	34.3	327.1	4,975.4	1,577.6	6,553.0	6.6	75.9
August	4,218.5	4,583.8	16.5	305.1	32.8	338.0	4,921.8	1,641.0	6,562.8	6.9	75.0
September	4,259.1	4,638.2	13.7	320.3	43.0	363.3	5,001.5	1,571.2	6,572.7	7.3	76.1
October	4,239.6	4,614.2	15.9	315.5	38.9	354.5	4,968.6	1,614.1	6,582.8	7.1	75.5
November	4,200.9	4,576.5	20.1	344.2	36.3	380.5	4,957.1	1,635.8	6,592.8	7.7	75.2
December	4,263.2	4,635.6	40.3	368.9	48.6	417.5	5,053.1	1,549.8	6,602.9	8.3	76.5
1991 —											
January	4,163.0	4,523.1	38.8	419.7	43.0	462.7	4,985.8	1,626.9	6,612.6	9.3	75.4
February	4,153.9	4,532.7	28.9	421.2	51.6	472.8	5,005.5	1,616.8	6,622.3	9.4	75.6
March	4,111.1	4,513.5	24.5	426.3	57.3	483.5	4,997.0	1,635.1	6,632.1	9.7	75.3
April	4,084.4	4,504.9	23.7	445.3	58.5	503.8	5,008.7	1,632.2	6,640.9	10.1	75.4
May	4,086.9	4,496.2	21.9	436.7	49.8	486.5	4,982.7	1,667.0	6,649.7	9.8	74.9
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	18.4	19.0	2.2	8.0	3.2	8.4	19.7	13.4	..	0.2	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	14.0	14.5	2.0	6.1	2.9	6.4	15.1	10.0	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1990 —											
March	1,962.6	3,253.7	16.0	158.1	92.2	250.2	3,503.9	3,179.9	6,683.8	7.1	52.4
April	1,948.3	3,259.6	14.8	157.2	79.6	236.9	3,496.4	3,197.2	6,693.6	6.8	52.2
May	1,965.7	3,277.3	15.6	156.4	83.0	239.4	3,516.8	3,186.6	6,703.4	6.8	52.5
June	1,950.9	3,270.8	16.2	167.7	75.3	243.0	3,513.8	3,199.4	6,713.2	6.9	52.3
July	1,993.5	3,284.7	17.0	167.7	74.5	242.2	3,526.9	3,196.4	6,723.3	6.9	52.5
August	1,941.3	3,241.2	17.3	173.2	76.3	249.5	3,490.7	3,242.7	6,733.4	7.1	51.8
September	1,972.2	3,287.3	19.5	173.1	91.2	264.4	3,551.7	3,191.9	6,743.5	7.4	52.7
October	1,948.1	3,256.3	16.9	169.1	83.4	252.5	3,508.9	3,244.5	6,753.3	7.2	52.0
November	1,946.8	3,273.4	18.9	171.0	78.0	249.0	3,522.4	3,240.8	6,763.2	7.1	52.1
December	1,991.1	3,305.5	34.3	203.6	83.5	287.1	3,592.6	3,180.3	6,773.0	8.0	53.0
1991 —											
January	1,967.7	3,145.7	31.4	216.3	88.7	305.0	3,450.6	3,331.8	6,782.5	8.8	50.9
February	1,919.2	3,206.6	27.5	233.2	106.3	339.4	3,546.1	3,245.8	6,791.9	9.6	52.2
March	1,906.1	3,233.1	25.0	224.0	117.1	341.1	3,574.1	3,227.2	6,801.4	9.5	52.6
April	1,910.7	3,245.6	22.7	238.6	113.9	352.5	3,598.2	3,212.2	6,810.3	9.8	52.8
May	1,905.6	3,242.6	22.6	238.0	87.7	325.7	3,568.3	3,251.0	6,819.3	9.1	52.3
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	14.0	17.0	2.2	6.2	4.1	7.1	17.6	17.0	..	0.2	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	10.5	12.8	2.0	4.8	3.7	5.6	13.4	12.9	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1990 —											
March	6,209.5	7,877.5	32.8	414.1	134.8	548.9	8,426.4	4,770.4	13,196.8	6.5	63.9
April	6,199.4	7,894.3	29.5	415.9	118.3	534.2	8,428.5	4,788.2	13,216.6	6.3	63.8
May	6,220.7	7,916.1	30.6	431.3	119.1	550.5	8,466.5	4,769.9	13,236.5	6.5	64.0
June	6,216.4	7,910.0	30.5	437.2	104.6	541.8	8,451.8	4,804.6	13,256.4	6.4	63.8
July	6,273.1	7,932.9	30.5	460.5	108.9	569.3	8,502.3	4,774.1	13,276.3	6.7	64.0
August	6,159.8	7,825.0	33.8	478.3	109.1	587.4	8,412.5	4,883.7	13,296.2	7.0	63.3
September	6,231.3	7,925.5	33.2	493.4	134.3	627.7	8,553.2	4,763.1	13,316.2	7.3	64.2
October	6,187.7	7,870.5	32.9	484.6	122.3	607.0	8,477.5	4,858.6	13,336.1	7.2	63.6
November	6,147.6	7,849.9	39.0	515.2	114.3	629.5	8,479.4	4,876.5	13,356.0	7.4	63.5
December	6,254.3	7,941.2	74.7	572.5	132.1	704.6	8,645.7	4,730.1	13,375.9	8.1	64.6
1991 —											
January	6,130.7	7,668.8	70.1	635.9	131.7	767.7	8,436.4	4,958.7	13,395.1	9.1	63.0
February	6,073.1	7,739.3	56.4	654.4	157.9	812.2	8,551.6	4,862.7	13,414.2	9.5	63.8
March	6,017.3	7,746.5	49.5	650.2	174.4	824.6	8,571.1	4,862.3	13,433.5	9.6	63.8
April	5,995.0	7,750.5	46.4	683.9	172.4	856.3	8,606.8	4,844.4	13,451.2	9.9	64.0
May	5,992.5	7,738.8	44.5	674.7	137.5	812.2	8,551.0	4,918.0	13,469.0	9.5	63.5
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	21.0	22.8	3.0	9.5	5.0	10.2	23.6	19.6	..	0.1	0.2
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	16.2	17.8	2.6	7.2	4.3	7.8	18.5	15.0	..	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									
1990 —									
March	4,243.1	4,610.6	17.2	252.9	35.8	288.7	4,899.3	5.9	75.2
April	4,248.0	4,621.0	17.1	267.0	36.2	303.2	4,924.1	6.2	75.5
May	4,260.3	4,637.5	17.1	274.1	35.5	309.6	4,947.1	6.3	75.7
June	4,267.1	4,635.6	19.1	278.4	34.8	313.1	4,948.8	6.3	75.6
July	4,263.9	4,640.1	17.0	298.7	38.0	336.7	4,976.8	6.8	75.9
August	4,254.8	4,625.7	19.6	310.0	38.6	348.6	4,974.3	7.0	75.8
September	4,253.4	4,621.0	16.1	320.8	42.5	363.3	4,984.3	7.3	75.8
October	4,234.6	4,611.6	20.5	336.2	41.7	377.9	4,989.6	7.6	75.8
November	4,215.0	4,581.3	23.8	374.0	44.3	418.3	4,999.6	8.4	75.8
December	4,220.7	4,589.3	26.6	362.7	41.9	404.6	4,993.9	8.1	75.6
1991 —									
January	4,193.6	4,570.9	24.2	376.7	39.7	416.4	4,987.3	8.3	75.4
February	4,145.5	4,549.7	22.1	388.0	46.2	434.2	4,983.9	8.7	75.3
March	4,109.0	4,501.7	25.1	420.9	48.1	469.0	4,970.6	9.4	74.9
April	4,080.9	4,490.2	27.7	459.5	54.7	514.3	5,004.5	10.3	75.4
May	4,090.5	4,492.9	25.0	434.6	48.7	483.3	4,976.2	9.7	74.8
FEMALES									
1990 —									
March	1,954.5	3,228.5	15.8	150.3	74.7	225.0	3,453.5	6.5	51.7
April	1,952.3	3,244.3	16.3	154.7	66.9	221.6	3,465.9	6.4	51.8
May	1,971.6	3,258.0	18.3	155.9	79.5	235.4	3,493.4	6.7	52.1
June	1,970.4	3,266.1	18.6	170.9	80.2	251.1	3,517.2	7.1	52.4
July	1,990.6	3,287.8	21.3	175.6	81.1	256.8	3,544.6	7.2	52.7
August	1,973.7	3,264.0	21.5	182.3	86.2	268.5	3,532.5	7.6	52.5
September	1,966.5	3,252.3	23.5	182.6	85.5	268.0	3,520.4	7.6	52.2
October	1,952.5	3,259.7	21.7	186.7	87.7	274.4	3,534.1	7.8	52.3
November	1,945.0	3,250.7	25.7	190.9	88.2	279.1	3,529.8	7.9	52.2
December	1,948.5	3,256.7	22.8	196.5	89.2	285.6	3,542.4	8.1	52.3
1991 —									
January	1,963.8	3,252.3	19.6	193.9	101.8	295.7	3,548.0	8.3	52.3
February	1,919.7	3,242.8	20.9	205.8	98.3	304.1	3,546.9	8.6	52.2
March	1,898.5	3,208.5	24.8	213.1	95.1	308.1	3,516.6	8.8	51.7
April	1,915.5	3,230.7	25.0	234.2	95.5	329.7	3,560.4	9.3	52.3
May	1,911.4	3,222.1	26.7	236.4	83.9	320.3	3,542.4	9.0	51.9
PERSONS									
1990 —									
March	6,197.6	7,839.1	33.0	403.2	110.5	513.7	8,352.9	6.2	63.3
April	6,200.3	7,865.3	33.4	421.7	103.0	524.7	8,390.0	6.3	63.5
May	6,231.9	7,895.4	35.5	430.0	115.0	545.0	8,440.5	6.5	63.8
June	6,237.4	7,901.8	37.7	449.2	115.0	564.2	8,466.0	6.7	63.9
July	6,254.5	7,928.0	38.3	474.3	119.1	593.5	8,521.4	7.0	64.2
August	6,228.5	7,889.8	41.1	492.3	124.8	617.1	8,506.9	7.3	64.0
September	6,219.9	7,873.3	39.6	503.4	128.0	631.3	8,504.6	7.4	63.9
October	6,187.1	7,871.3	42.2	522.9	129.5	652.4	8,523.7	7.7	63.9
November	6,160.0	7,832.0	49.6	564.9	132.5	697.4	8,529.4	8.2	63.9
December	6,169.2	7,846.0	49.4	559.2	131.1	690.3	8,536.3	8.1	63.8
1991 —									
January	6,157.4	7,823.2	43.8	570.6	141.5	712.1	8,535.3	8.3	63.7
February	6,065.2	7,792.5	43.0	593.8	144.4	738.3	8,530.8	8.7	63.6
March	6,007.5	7,710.1	49.9	633.9	143.2	777.1	8,487.2	9.2	63.2
April	5,996.4	7,721.0	52.7	693.7	150.2	844.0	8,564.9	9.9	63.7
May	6,001.8	7,715.0	51.7	671.1	132.6	803.6	8,518.6	9.4	63.2

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: TREND SERIES

Month	Unemployed								
	Employed		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total					
	- '000 -								
MALES									
1990 —									
March	4,252.4	4,623.7	17.0	256.8	34.4	291.2	4,914.9	5.9	75.5
April	4,253.6	4,625.9	17.3	264.5	35.2	299.8	4,925.7	6.1	75.5
May	4,257.3	4,630.2	17.5	272.9	35.9	308.9	4,939.1	6.3	75.6
June	4,260.5	4,633.5	17.5	283.2	36.7	320.0	4,953.5	6.5	75.7
July	4,260.6	4,633.2	17.7	295.8	37.9	333.7	4,966.9	6.7	75.8
August	4,257.3	4,628.5	18.4	310.3	39.4	349.6	4,978.2	7.0	75.9
September	4,250.5	4,620.3	19.6	325.3	40.6	366.0	4,986.3	7.3	75.9
October	4,240.1	4,609.6	20.9	339.6	41.5	381.0	4,990.7	7.6	75.8
November r	4,224.8	4,596.3	22.4	353.8	42.1	395.9	4,992.2	7.9	75.7
December r	4,203.7	4,579.8	23.6	368.6	42.9	411.5	4,991.3	8.2	75.6
1991 —									
January r	4,177.9	4,560.6	24.4	384.4	44.1	428.5	4,989.1	8.6	75.4
February r	4,150.0	4,540.2	24.9	400.9	45.8	446.7	4,986.9	9.0	75.3
March r	4,123.1	4,520.1	25.2	417.2	47.8	464.9	4,985.1	9.3	75.2
April r	4,099.5	4,502.2	25.5	432.1	49.6	481.7	4,983.8	9.7	75.0
May	4,080.4	4,488.1	25.6	443.5	51.1	494.6	4,982.7	9.9	74.9
FEMALES									
1990 —									
March	1,957.1	3,239.8	16.8	155.3	76.7	232.0	3,471.8	6.7	51.9
April	1,962.2	3,248.9	17.1	157.9	76.5	234.4	3,483.3	6.7	52.0
May	1,968.5	3,257.8	18.0	162.0	77.2	239.2	3,497.0	6.8	52.2
June	1,973.6	3,264.6	19.1	167.2	79.0	246.2	3,510.8	7.0	52.3
July	1,974.8	3,267.9	20.5	173.3	81.2	254.5	3,522.4	7.2	52.4
August	1,972.4	3,267.3	21.9	179.2	83.6	262.8	3,530.1	7.4	52.4
September	1,967.7	3,264.4	22.7	183.9	86.0	269.9	3,534.3	7.6	52.4
October	1,961.3	3,260.1	23.0	187.1	88.1	275.2	3,535.3	7.8	52.3
November r	1,953.8	3,255.3	22.8	190.0	90.7	280.7	3,536.0	7.9	52.3
December r	1,945.6	3,250.1	22.4	194.1	93.3	287.5	3,537.6	8.1	52.2
1991 —									
January r	1,937.1	3,244.4	22.4	200.3	95.1	295.4	3,539.8	8.3	52.2
February r	1,928.3	3,237.6	22.7	208.1	95.7	303.8	3,541.4	8.6	52.1
March r	1,919.5	3,230.7	23.5	216.6	95.1	311.7	3,542.4	8.8	52.1
April r	1,912.0	3,224.5	24.4	224.9	93.7	318.7	3,543.2	9.0	52.0
May	1,906.1	3,220.0	25.2	232.3	92.0	324.2	3,544.2	9.1	52.0
PERSONS									
1990 —									
March	6,209.5	7,863.6	33.8	412.1	111.0	523.2	8,386.7	6.2	63.6
April	6,215.9	7,874.9	34.4	422.5	111.7	534.1	8,409.0	6.4	63.6
May	6,225.8	7,888.0	35.4	434.9	113.2	548.0	8,436.0	6.5	63.7
June	6,234.0	7,898.2	36.6	450.5	115.7	566.1	8,464.3	6.7	63.9
July	6,235.3	7,901.1	38.2	469.1	119.1	588.2	8,489.3	6.9	63.9
August	6,229.7	7,895.9	40.3	489.5	123.0	612.4	8,508.3	7.2	64.0
September	6,218.2	7,884.8	42.3	509.2	126.6	635.8	8,520.6	7.5	64.0
October	6,201.4	7,869.7	43.9	526.6	129.6	656.2	8,525.9	7.7	63.9
November r	6,178.5	7,851.6	45.1	543.8	132.8	676.6	8,528.2	7.9	63.9
December r	6,149.2	7,829.9	46.0	562.7	136.2	698.9	8,528.8	8.2	63.8
1991 —									
January r	6,115.0	7,805.0	46.8	584.7	139.2	723.9	8,528.9	8.5	63.7
February r	6,078.3	7,777.8	47.6	609.0	141.5	750.5	8,528.3	8.8	63.6
March r	6,042.6	7,750.8	48.7	633.8	142.9	776.7	8,527.5	9.1	63.5
April r	6,011.4	7,726.7	49.8	657.0	143.3	800.3	8,527.0	9.4	63.4
May	5,986.5	7,708.1	50.8	675.8	143.0	818.8	8,526.9	9.6	63.3

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AUSTRALIA

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	- per cent -	work	
- '000 -											
MALES											
1990 —											
March	16.8	42.6	213.4	256.0	42.7	298.7	14.3	5.1	5.7	10.2	6.1
April	14.7	43.1	215.6	258.7	38.6	297.3	14.6	5.1	5.7	9.1	6.0
May	15.0	46.3	228.6	274.9	36.1	311.0	16.1	5.4	6.1	8.6	6.3
June	14.3	45.1	224.3	269.5	29.3	298.7	15.5	5.3	5.9	7.3	6.0
July	13.5	46.3	246.5	292.8	34.3	327.1	15.5	5.8	6.4	8.5	6.6
August	16.5	50.7	254.5	305.1	32.8	338.0	18.0	6.0	6.7	8.2	6.9
September	13.7	49.4	270.9	320.3	43.0	363.3	17.5	6.3	7.0	10.2	7.3
October	15.9	46.4	269.2	315.5	38.9	354.5	16.9	6.3	6.9	9.4	7.1
November	20.1	54.4	289.8	344.2	36.3	380.5	20.3	6.8	7.6	8.8	7.7
December	40.3	77.2	291.7	368.9	48.6	417.5	24.8	6.8	8.0	11.6	8.3
1991 —											
January	38.8	75.6	344.1	419.7	43.0	462.7	25.0	8.0	9.2	10.7	9.3
February	28.9	63.4	357.8	421.2	51.6	472.8	23.2	8.3	9.2	12.0	9.4
March	24.5	60.2	366.1	426.3	57.3	483.5	23.9	8.5	9.4	12.5	9.7
April	23.7	65.2	380.1	445.3	58.5	503.8	26.2	8.9	9.8	12.2	10.1
May	21.9	61.4	375.3	436.7	49.8	486.5	25.9	8.8	9.7	10.8	9.8
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	2.2	3.5	7.5	8.0	3.2	8.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	2.0	3.0	5.8	6.1	2.9	6.4	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1
FEMALES											
1990 —											
March	16.0	38.2	119.9	158.1	92.2	250.2	17.9	6.3	7.5	6.7	7.1
April	14.8	39.5	117.7	157.2	79.6	236.9	18.4	6.2	7.5	5.7	6.8
May	15.6	39.1	117.3	156.4	83.0	239.4	18.8	6.1	7.4	6.0	6.8
June	16.2	39.0	128.7	167.7	75.3	243.0	19.1	6.7	7.9	5.4	6.9
July	17.0	43.1	124.6	167.7	74.5	242.2	19.5	6.4	7.8	5.5	6.9
August	17.3	41.4	131.7	173.2	76.3	249.5	20.7	6.9	8.2	5.5	7.1
September	19.5	45.6	127.5	173.1	91.2	264.4	23.0	6.6	8.1	6.5	7.4
October	16.9	39.3	129.8	169.1	83.4	252.5	20.6	6.7	8.0	6.0	7.2
November	18.9	40.9	130.1	171.0	78.0	249.0	21.5	6.8	8.1	5.6	7.1
December	34.3	61.5	142.1	203.6	83.5	287.1	27.5	7.2	9.3	6.0	8.0
1991 —											
January	31.4	58.7	157.5	216.3	88.7	305.0	26.8	8.0	9.9	7.0	8.8
February	27.5	56.5	176.7	233.2	106.3	339.4	28.7	9.0	10.8	7.6	9.6
March	25.0	47.9	176.1	224.0	117.1	341.1	27.1	9.0	10.5	8.1	9.5
April	22.7	44.2	194.4	238.6	113.9	352.5	25.2	9.8	11.1	7.9	9.8
May	22.6	49.7	188.3	238.0	87.7	325.7	28.1	9.6	11.1	6.2	9.1
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	2.2	3.2	5.7	6.2	4.1	7.1	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	2.0	2.7	4.5	4.8	3.7	5.6	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1990 —											
March	32.8	80.9	333.2	414.1	134.8	548.9	15.8	5.5	6.3	7.5	6.5
April	29.5	82.7	333.2	415.9	118.3	534.2	16.2	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.3
May	30.6	85.4	345.9	431.3	119.1	550.5	17.2	5.6	6.5	6.6	6.5
June	30.5	84.1	353.1	437.2	104.6	541.8	17.0	5.7	6.6	5.8	6.4
July	30.5	89.4	371.1	460.5	108.9	569.3	17.2	6.0	6.8	6.2	6.7
August	33.8	92.1	386.2	478.3	109.1	587.4	19.1	6.3	7.2	6.2	7.0
September	33.2	95.0	398.4	493.4	134.3	627.7	19.7	6.4	7.3	7.3	7.3
October	32.9	85.6	399.0	484.6	122.3	607.0	18.4	6.4	7.3	6.8	7.2
November	39.0	95.3	420.0	515.2	114.3	629.5	20.8	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.4
December	74.7	138.7	433.8	572.5	132.1	704.6	25.9	6.9	8.4	7.3	8.1
1991 —											
January	70.1	134.3	501.6	635.9	131.7	767.7	25.8	8.0	9.4	7.9	9.1
February	56.4	120.0	534.4	654.4	157.9	812.2	25.5	8.5	9.7	8.7	9.5
March	49.5	108.1	542.2	650.2	174.4	824.6	25.2	8.7	9.8	9.2	9.6
April	46.4	109.5	574.5	683.9	172.4	856.3	25.8	9.2	10.2	8.9	9.9
May	44.5	111.1	563.6	674.7	137.5	812.2	26.8	9.0	10.1	7.3	9.5
Standard error of —											
May 1991 estimates	3.0	4.5	8.9	9.5	5.0	10.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	2.6	3.6	6.7	7.2	4.3	7.8	0.9	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		
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	- per cent -		
									work	work	Total
MALES											
1990 —											
March	17.2	44.2	208.8	252.9	35.8	288.7	14.9	5.0	5.6	8.9	5.9
April	17.1	46.3	220.7	267.0	36.2	303.2	15.6	5.2	5.9	8.8	6.2
May	17.1	48.7	225.4	274.1	35.5	309.6	16.5	5.3	6.0	8.6	6.3
June	19.1	50.5	227.8	278.4	34.8	313.1	16.9	5.4	6.1	8.6	6.3
July	17.0	50.6	248.2	298.7	38.0	336.7	16.9	5.8	6.5	9.2	6.8
August	19.6	54.5	255.5	310.0	38.6	348.6	18.4	6.0	6.8	9.4	7.0
September	16.1	53.8	267.0	320.8	42.5	363.3	18.4	6.2	7.0	10.4	7.3
October	20.5	54.4	281.8	336.2	41.7	377.9	18.8	6.6	7.4	10.0	7.6
November	23.8	64.2	309.8	374.0	44.3	418.3	21.9	7.2	8.1	10.8	8.4
December	26.6	62.1	300.6	362.7	41.9	404.6	21.7	7.0	7.9	10.2	8.1
1991 —											
January	24.2	55.5	321.2	376.7	39.7	416.4	20.6	7.5	8.2	9.5	8.3
February	22.1	53.2	334.8	388.0	46.2	434.2	21.1	7.8	8.6	10.2	8.7
March	25.1	62.5	358.4	420.9	48.1	469.0	24.9	8.4	9.3	10.9	9.4
April	27.7	70.1	389.4	459.5	54.7	514.3	27.7	9.1	10.1	11.8	10.3
May	25.0	64.5	370.1	434.6	48.7	483.3	26.5	8.6	9.6	10.8	9.7
FEMALES											
1990 —											
March	15.8	37.8	112.5	150.3	74.7	225.0	17.8	5.9	7.1	5.5	6.5
April	16.3	40.5	114.2	154.7	66.9	221.6	19.0	6.0	7.3	4.9	6.4
May	18.3	40.9	115.0	155.9	79.5	235.4	19.5	6.0	7.3	5.8	6.7
June	18.6	42.1	128.8	170.9	80.2	251.1	20.1	6.7	8.0	5.8	7.1
July	21.3	46.8	128.8	175.6	81.1	256.8	20.9	6.6	8.1	5.9	7.2
August	21.5	47.1	135.2	182.3	86.2	268.5	22.2	7.0	8.5	6.3	7.6
September	23.5	48.9	133.7	182.6	85.5	268.0	23.6	6.9	8.5	6.2	7.6
October	21.7	46.4	140.3	186.7	87.7	274.4	22.6	7.3	8.7	6.3	7.8
November	25.7	50.8	140.1	190.9	88.2	279.1	24.6	7.3	8.9	6.3	7.9
December	22.8	49.4	147.1	196.5	89.2	285.6	24.5	7.6	9.2	6.4	8.1
1991 —											
January	19.6	46.1	147.8	193.9	101.8	295.7	23.6	7.5	9.0	7.3	8.3
February	20.9	45.9	159.9	205.8	98.3	304.1	25.0	8.2	9.7	6.9	8.6
March	24.8	47.5	165.6	213.1	95.1	308.1	27.0	8.6	10.1	6.8	8.8
April	25.0	45.4	188.8	234.2	95.5	329.7	25.9	9.6	10.9	6.8	9.3
May	26.7	51.9	184.6	236.4	83.9	320.3	29.0	9.4	11.0	6.0	9.0
PERSONS											
1990 —											
March	33.0	82.0	321.2	403.2	110.5	513.7	16.1	5.3	6.1	6.3	6.2
April	33.4	86.8	334.9	421.7	103.0	524.7	17.0	5.5	6.4	5.8	6.3
May	35.5	89.5	340.5	430.0	115.0	545.0	17.8	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
June	37.7	92.6	356.6	449.2	115.0	564.2	18.2	5.8	6.7	6.5	6.7
July	38.3	97.4	377.0	474.3	119.1	593.5	18.6	6.1	7.0	6.6	7.0
August	41.1	101.6	390.7	492.3	124.8	617.1	20.0	6.3	7.3	7.0	7.3
September	39.6	102.7	400.7	503.4	128.0	631.3	20.5	6.4	7.5	7.2	7.4
October	42.2	100.8	422.1	522.9	129.5	652.4	20.4	6.8	7.8	7.1	7.7
November	49.6	115.0	450.0	564.9	132.5	697.4	23.0	7.2	8.4	7.3	8.2
December	49.4	111.5	447.6	559.2	131.1	690.3	22.8	7.2	8.3	7.2	8.1
1991 —											
January	43.8	101.6	469.0	570.6	141.5	712.1	21.9	7.5	8.5	7.8	8.3
February	43.0	99.1	494.7	593.8	144.4	738.3	22.7	8.0	8.9	7.7	8.7
March	49.9	110.0	523.9	633.9	143.2	777.1	25.8	8.4	9.5	7.8	9.2
April	52.7	115.5	578.2	693.7	150.2	844.0	27.0	9.2	10.4	8.0	9.9
May	51.7	116.4	554.7	671.1	132.6	803.6	27.5	8.9	10.1	7.2	9.4

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 -	
											for part-time work	Total
MALES												
1990 —												
March	17.0	43.8	213.0	256.8	34.4	291.2	14.8	5.1	5.7	8.5	5.9	
April	17.3	45.9	218.6	264.5	35.2	299.8	15.5	5.2	5.9	8.6	6.1	
May	17.5	47.9	225.0	272.9	35.9	308.9	16.2	5.3	6.0	8.8	6.3	
June	17.5	49.7	233.5	283.2	36.7	320.0	16.7	5.5	6.2	9.0	6.5	
July	17.7	51.6	244.2	295.8	37.9	333.7	17.4	5.7	6.5	9.2	6.7	
August	18.4	53.7	256.5	310.3	39.4	349.6	18.1	6.0	6.8	9.6	7.0	
September	19.6	55.7	269.6	325.3	40.6	366.0	18.8	6.3	7.1	9.9	7.3	
October	20.9	57.1	282.4	339.6	41.5	381.0	19.5	6.6	7.4	10.1	7.6	
November r	22.4	58.0	295.8	353.8	42.1	395.9	20.2	6.9	7.7	10.2	7.9	
December r	23.6	58.6	310.0	368.6	42.9	411.5	21.0	7.2	8.1	10.2	8.2	
1991 —												
January r	24.4	59.2	325.2	384.4	44.1	428.5	21.9	7.6	8.4	10.3	8.6	
February r	24.9	60.3	340.6	400.9	45.8	446.7	23.0	7.9	8.8	10.5	9.0	
March r	25.2	61.7	355.5	417.2	47.8	464.9	24.3	8.3	9.2	10.7	9.3	
April r	25.5	63.4	368.7	432.1	49.6	481.7	25.6	8.6	9.5	11.0	9.7	
May	25.6	64.7	378.8	443.5	51.1	494.6	26.6	8.8	9.8	11.1	9.9	
FEMALES												
1990 —												
March	16.8	38.9	116.4	155.3	76.7	232.0	18.1	6.1	7.4	5.6	6.7	
April	17.1	40.0	117.9	157.9	76.5	234.4	18.7	6.2	7.4	5.6	6.7	
May	18.0	41.6	120.4	162.0	77.2	239.2	19.5	6.3	7.6	5.7	6.8	
June	19.1	43.3	123.9	167.2	79.0	246.2	20.3	6.4	7.8	5.8	7.0	
July	20.5	45.2	128.1	173.3	81.2	254.5	21.2	6.6	8.1	5.9	7.2	
August	21.9	46.9	132.3	179.2	83.6	262.8	22.1	6.8	8.3	6.1	7.4	
September	22.7	48.1	135.8	183.9	86.0	269.9	22.8	7.0	8.5	6.2	7.6	
October	23.0	48.7	138.4	187.1	88.1	275.2	23.4	7.1	8.7	6.4	7.8	
November r	22.8	48.6	141.4	190.0	90.7	280.7	23.9	7.3	8.9	6.5	7.9	
December r	22.4	48.0	146.1	194.1	93.3	287.5	24.2	7.5	9.1	6.7	8.1	
1991 —												
January r	22.4	47.5	152.8	200.3	95.1	295.4	24.7	7.9	9.4	6.8	8.3	
February r	22.7	47.2	160.9	208.1	95.7	303.8	25.3	8.3	9.7	6.8	8.6	
March r	23.5	47.3	169.3	216.6	95.1	311.7	26.1	8.7	10.1	6.8	8.8	
April r	24.4	47.6	177.3	224.9	93.7	318.7	26.9	9.0	10.5	6.7	9.0	
May	25.2	48.0	184.3	232.3	92.0	324.2	27.6	9.4	10.9	6.5	9.1	
PERSONS												
1990 —												
March	33.8	82.7	329.5	412.1	111.0	523.2	16.2	5.4	6.2	6.3	6.2	
April	34.4	85.9	336.5	422.5	111.7	534.1	16.9	5.5	6.4	6.3	6.4	
May	35.4	89.5	345.4	434.9	113.2	548.0	17.5	5.6	6.5	6.4	6.5	
June	36.6	93.0	357.4	450.5	115.7	566.1	18.2	5.8	6.7	6.5	6.7	
July	38.2	96.8	372.3	469.1	119.1	588.2	19.0	6.0	7.0	6.7	6.9	
August	40.3	100.6	388.8	489.5	123.0	612.4	19.8	6.3	7.3	6.9	7.2	
September	42.3	103.8	405.4	509.2	126.6	635.8	20.5	6.5	7.6	7.1	7.5	
October	43.9	105.8	420.8	526.6	129.6	656.2	21.1	6.8	7.8	7.2	7.7	
November r	45.1	106.6	437.2	543.8	132.8	676.6	21.7	7.0	8.1	7.4	7.9	
December r	46.0	106.6	456.1	562.7	136.2	698.9	22.3	7.3	8.4	7.5	8.2	
1991 —												
January r	46.8	106.7	478.0	584.7	139.2	723.9	23.0	7.7	8.7	7.6	8.5	
February r	47.6	107.5	501.5	609.0	141.5	750.5	23.9	8.0	9.1	7.7	8.8	
March r	48.7	109.0	524.8	633.8	142.9	776.7	25.0	8.4	9.5	7.7	9.1	
April r	49.8	111.0	546.0	657.0	143.3	800.3	26.1	8.7	9.9	7.7	9.4	
May	50.8	112.7	563.1	675.8	143.0	818.8	27.0	9.0	10.1	7.7	9.6	

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL -TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAY 1991

	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	171.9	200.0	56.6	* 2.4	59.0	259.0	18.2	277.2	22.8	93.4
Females	124.3	163.3	46.1	* 2.7	48.7	212.0	32.0	244.0	23.0	86.9
Persons	296.2	363.3	102.6	5.1	107.7	471.0	50.1	521.1	22.9	90.4
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	3.7	33.3	* 2.0	8.8	10.9	44.1	50.3	94.4	24.6	46.7
Females	* 2.5	44.2	* 1.3	9.6	10.9	55.1	54.1	109.2	19.8	50.4
Persons	6.2	77.4	* 3.3	18.5	21.8	99.2	104.4	203.6	21.9	48.7
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	* 0.2	68.0	* 2.8	18.7	21.5	89.5	234.5	324.0	24.0	27.6
Females	* 0.1	81.7	* 2.3	15.0	17.4	99.1	214.0	313.1	17.5	31.6
Persons	* 0.4	149.7	5.1	33.7	38.8	188.6	448.5	637.1	20.6	29.6
TOTAL										
Males	175.8	301.3	61.4	29.9	91.4	392.6	302.9	695.5	23.3	56.5
Females	127.0	289.2	49.7	27.3	77.0	366.2	300.1	666.3	21.0	55.0
Persons	302.8	590.4	111.1	57.3	168.3	758.8	603.0	1,361.8	22.2	55.7

TABLE 8. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MAY 1991

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	1,410.6	1,541.1	131.3	15.3	146.6	1,687.7	571.5	2,259.2	8.7	74.7
Victoria	1,035.8	1,135.8	111.3	16.0	127.3	1,263.0	442.1	1,705.1	10.1	74.1
Queensland	683.3	756.7	85.3	8.7	94.1	850.8	284.6	1,135.3	11.1	74.9
South Australia	341.0	380.5	38.5	2.9	41.4	421.9	146.2	568.1	9.8	74.3
Western Australia	401.2	445.4	48.2	4.2	52.4	497.8	143.8	641.6	10.5	77.6
Tasmania	102.9	113.3	13.3	* 0.5	13.8	127.1	47.3	174.3	10.9	72.9
Northern Territory	38.7	41.6	4.1	* 0.5	4.6	46.2	12.1	58.3	10.0	79.2
Australian Capital Territory	73.4	81.9	4.8	1.7	6.4	88.4	19.4	107.8	7.3	82.0
Australia	4,086.9	4,496.2	436.7	49.8	486.5	4,982.7	1,667.0	6,649.7	9.8	74.9
FEMALES										
New South Wales	670.3	1,091.4	68.0	26.8	94.7	1,186.1	1,142.6	2,328.7	8.0	50.9
Victoria	494.7	844.0	69.6	24.6	94.2	938.3	827.8	1,766.1	10.0	53.1
Queensland	318.3	541.0	43.7	17.7	61.4	602.4	553.5	1,155.9	10.2	52.1
South Australia	146.3	277.2	20.7	7.0	27.7	304.9	279.2	584.1	9.1	52.2
Western Australia	164.1	310.9	25.6	7.8	33.4	344.3	295.5	639.8	9.7	53.8
Tasmania	43.7	80.3	6.1	2.0	8.0	88.3	91.7	180.0	9.1	49.1
Northern Territory	21.7	30.8	* 1.9	* 0.8	2.7	33.4	21.2	54.7	8.0	61.2
Australian Capital Territory	46.5	67.2	2.3	* 1.1	3.5	70.6	39.4	110.1	4.9	64.2
Australia	1,905.6	3,242.6	238.0	87.7	325.7	3,568.3	3,251.0	6,819.3	9.1	52.3
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,080.9	2,632.4	199.2	42.1	241.3	2,873.7	1,714.2	4,587.9	8.4	62.6
Victoria	1,530.5	1,979.8	180.9	40.6	221.5	2,201.3	1,269.9	3,471.2	10.1	63.4
Queensland	1,001.5	1,297.7	129.0	26.5	155.5	1,453.2	838.0	2,291.2	10.7	63.4
South Australia	487.3	657.7	59.2	9.9	69.1	726.7	425.4	1,152.2	9.5	63.1
Western Australia	565.3	756.3	73.8	11.9	85.8	842.1	439.3	1,281.4	10.2	65.7
Tasmania	146.6	193.6	19.4	2.4	21.8	215.4	138.9	354.3	10.1	60.8
Northern Territory	60.4	72.3	6.0	* 1.3	7.3	79.6	33.3	113.0	9.1	70.5
Australian Capital Territory	119.9	149.1	7.1	2.8	9.9	159.0	58.8	217.8	6.2	73.0
Australia	5,992.5	7,738.8	674.7	137.5	812.2	8,551.0	4,918.0	13,469.0	9.5	63.5

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work Aged 15-19			Total - '000 -	Number looking for part- time work	Total	Unemployment rate				Total
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work		Looking for part- time work		
							Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over		Total	
NEW SOUTH WALES											
1990 — May	8.6	20.1	119.8	140.0	34.7	174.7	12.8	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
1991 — April	14.7	31.9	168.3	200.2	45.3	245.5	22.5	7.9	8.8	7.6	8.5
May	14.6	32.5	166.7	199.2	42.1	241.3	23.1	7.8	8.7	7.1	8.4
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	1.9	2.7	5.3	5.7	3.0	6.1	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	1.7	2.2	4.1	4.4	2.5	4.7	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
VICTORIA											
1990 — May	6.4	17.3	67.4	84.7	33.2	117.9	15.5	4.2	4.9	6.8	5.3
1991 — April	10.5	26.3	160.0	186.3	51.1	237.4	27.4	9.8	10.8	10.2	10.7
May	12.2	28.5	152.4	180.9	40.6	221.5	30.6	9.4	10.6	8.3	10.1
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	1.8	2.6	5.1	5.4	3.0	5.9	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	1.4	2.0	3.7	3.9	2.4	4.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND											
1990 — May	6.9	23.0	70.1	93.1	20.0	113.1	22.6	6.7	8.1	6.6	7.8
1991 — April	8.8	22.4	108.3	130.7	33.6	164.3	27.7	10.3	11.6	9.9	11.2
May	8.7	24.0	105.0	129.0	26.5	155.5	29.5	10.0	11.4	8.2	10.7
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	1.2	1.9	3.5	3.8	2.0	4.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	1.1	1.6	2.6	2.8	1.7	3.0	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA											
1990 — May	4.3	8.8	33.0	41.9	9.9	51.8	21.3	6.5	7.6	6.0	7.2
1991 — April	4.6	9.8	48.3	58.0	14.0	72.1	27.0	9.4	10.6	7.6	9.8
May	4.0	9.3	49.9	59.2	9.9	69.1	27.5	9.7	10.8	5.5	9.5
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	0.7	1.0	2.0	2.2	1.0	2.3	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	0.6	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.6	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA											
1990 — May	*2.1	10.9	39.0	49.9	12.4	62.3	19.2	6.8	7.9	6.6	7.6
1991 — April	4.6	12.2	64.7	76.9	19.2	96.1	27.5	10.9	12.1	9.1	11.3
May	3.1	10.5	63.3	73.8	11.9	85.8	25.1	10.6	11.6	5.9	10.2
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	0.7	1.1	2.4	2.5	1.2	2.7	2.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	0.7	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
TASMANIA											
1990 — May	1.8	4.1	10.1	14.2	3.6	17.8	23.4	6.6	8.3	7.5	8.1
1991 — April	1.8	4.4	14.0	18.4	4.7	23.0	29.8	9.3	11.1	8.6	10.5
May	1.4	4.3	15.1	19.4	2.4	21.8	31.6	9.9	11.7	5.0	10.1
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.9	3.9	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	2.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY											
1990 — May	*0.4	*0.7	2.8	3.5	*1.1	4.6	*16.7	4.7	5.5	*7.7	5.9
1991 — April	*0.4	*0.8	4.8	5.6	*1.5	7.2	*16.7	7.7	8.3	*12.4	8.9
May	*0.1	*0.4	5.6	6.0	*1.3	7.3	*9.9	9.0	9.0	*9.7	9.1
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.9	5.9	1.3	1.2	3.0	1.1
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	4.8	0.9	0.8	2.5	0.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY											
1990 — May	*0.1	*0.5	3.5	4.0	4.2	8.2	*8.7	3.0	3.3	11.8	5.2
1991 — April	*1.0	1.8	6.0	7.8	2.9	10.7	28.1	4.8	6.0	8.8	6.6
May	*0.4	1.5	5.6	7.1	2.8	9.9	27.5	4.6	5.6	8.8	6.2
Standard error of —											
May 91 estimates	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	6.7	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
Apr 91 to May 91 movements	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	5.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.4

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1990 —															
March	1,540.1	98.6	1,638.7	6.0	73.8	1,063.6	71.7	1,135.3	6.3	49.5	2,603.6	170.3	2,773.9	6.1	61.5
April	1,541.9	98.8	1,640.7	6.0	73.8	1,065.3	72.9	1,138.2	6.4	49.6	2,607.2	171.7	2,778.9	6.2	61.5
May	1,552.1	95.7	1,647.8	5.8	74.0	1,076.5	75.8	1,152.4	6.6	50.2	2,628.6	171.6	2,800.2	6.1	61.9
June	1,551.0	96.7	1,647.7	5.9	74.0	1,081.4	79.5	1,160.8	6.8	50.5	2,632.4	176.2	2,808.6	6.3	62.0
July	1,559.1	106.4	1,665.6	6.4	74.7	1,081.4	77.8	1,159.2	6.7	50.4	2,640.6	184.2	2,824.8	6.5	62.3
August	1,553.0	108.9	1,661.9	6.6	74.4	1,077.8	76.4	1,154.2	6.6	50.1	2,630.8	185.3	2,816.1	6.6	62.1
September	1,563.2	112.3	1,675.4	6.7	74.9	1,071.1	81.4	1,152.5	7.1	50.0	2,634.3	193.7	2,828.0	6.8	62.3
October	1,555.8	109.5	1,665.3	6.6	74.4	1,066.9	80.5	1,147.4	7.0	49.7	2,622.7	190.0	2,812.7	6.8	61.8
November	1,551.7	121.4	1,673.1	7.3	74.6	1,072.0	80.6	1,152.6	7.0	49.8	2,623.7	202.0	2,825.7	7.1	62.0
December	1,559.5	125.8	1,685.3	7.5	75.1	1,080.2	84.8	1,165.0	7.3	50.3	2,639.7	210.6	2,850.3	7.4	62.5
1991 —															
January	1,546.4	124.9	1,671.2	7.5	74.3	1,078.8	86.2	1,165.0	7.4	50.3	2,625.1	211.1	2,836.2	7.4	62.1
February	1,539.8	131.6	1,671.4	7.9	74.3	1,073.8	93.1	1,167.0	8.0	50.3	2,613.7	224.7	2,838.4	7.9	62.1
March	1,529.3	143.7	1,673.1	8.6	74.2	1,063.0	92.1	1,155.1	8.0	49.7	2,592.3	235.8	2,828.2	8.3	61.8
April	1,538.1	152.7	1,690.8	9.0	74.9	1,084.0	93.5	1,177.5	7.9	50.6	2,622.0	246.2	2,868.3	8.6	62.6
May	1,540.0	146.2	1,686.2	8.7	74.6	1,087.5	90.9	1,178.5	7.7	50.6	2,627.5	237.2	2,864.7	8.3	62.4
VICTORIA															
1990 —															
March	1,213.0	52.1	1,265.1	4.1	75.5	863.0	51.9	914.8	5.7	52.7	2,075.9	104.0	2,179.9	4.8	63.9
April	1,224.4	57.1	1,281.5	4.5	76.4	879.3	48.9	928.3	5.3	53.4	2,103.7	106.0	2,209.8	4.8	64.7
May	1,215.8	63.2	1,279.0	4.9	76.1	880.8	54.2	935.0	5.8	53.7	2,096.6	117.4	2,214.0	5.3	64.7
June	1,216.6	62.6	1,279.2	4.9	76.1	880.5	59.3	939.8	6.3	53.9	2,097.1	121.9	2,219.0	5.5	64.8
July	1,213.2	76.5	1,289.7	5.9	76.6	884.8	64.8	949.6	6.8	54.4	2,098.1	141.3	2,239.3	6.3	65.3
August	1,205.6	77.2	1,282.8	6.0	76.0	877.2	69.9	947.1	7.4	54.2	2,082.8	147.1	2,229.9	6.6	64.9
September	1,197.6	88.5	1,286.1	6.9	76.1	869.7	67.7	937.4	7.2	53.6	2,067.3	156.2	2,223.6	7.0	64.6
October	1,198.1	93.0	1,291.1	7.2	76.3	872.1	73.7	945.8	7.8	54.0	2,070.2	166.7	2,236.9	7.5	64.9
November	1,188.7	104.4	1,293.1	8.1	76.3	869.0	80.0	948.9	8.4	54.1	2,057.6	184.4	2,242.0	8.2	65.0
December	1,184.9	98.1	1,283.0	7.6	75.6	867.3	76.9	944.2	8.1	53.7	2,052.2	175.0	2,227.2	7.9	64.5
1991 —															
January	1,181.4	105.4	1,286.9	8.2	75.8	867.9	82.2	950.1	8.7	54.0	2,049.3	187.7	2,237.0	8.4	64.7
February	1,170.4	104.1	1,274.5	8.2	75.0	864.2	79.6	943.8	8.4	53.6	2,034.7	183.7	2,218.4	8.3	64.1
March	1,140.6	118.8	1,259.3	9.4	74.0	845.0	83.4	928.4	9.0	52.7	1,985.6	202.1	2,187.7	9.2	63.1
April	1,132.2	132.9	1,265.0	10.5	74.3	844.2	97.9	942.1	10.4	53.4	1,976.4	230.8	2,207.2	10.5	63.6
May	1,131.6	127.1	1,258.7	10.1	73.8	841.6	93.4	935.0	10.0	52.9	1,973.2	220.5	2,193.7	10.1	63.2

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -
QUEENSLAND															
1990 —															
March	782.8	57.6	840.4	6.9	76.2	537.1	44.2	581.3	7.6	51.8	1,319.9	101.8	1,421.7	7.2	63.9
April	778.9	62.3	841.3	7.4	76.1	542.6	45.4	588.0	7.7	52.3	1,321.6	107.7	1,429.3	7.5	64.1
May	781.0	66.0	847.0	7.8	76.4	540.8	46.4	587.2	7.9	52.1	1,321.8	112.4	1,434.2	7.8	64.2
June	780.2	66.5	846.7	7.9	76.2	547.1	50.3	597.3	8.4	52.9	1,327.2	116.8	1,444.0	8.1	64.4
July	780.8	68.0	848.8	8.0	76.3	545.2	51.5	596.7	8.6	52.7	1,326.0	119.5	1,445.5	8.3	64.4
August	783.5	69.3	852.8	8.1	76.5	547.3	54.6	601.8	9.1	53.0	1,330.8	123.8	1,454.6	8.5	64.7
September	783.1	71.0	854.1	8.3	76.4	546.2	50.3	596.6	8.4	52.5	1,329.3	121.3	1,450.6	8.4	64.3
October	779.5	75.4	854.9	8.8	76.4	549.2	53.1	602.2	8.8	52.9	1,328.7	128.5	1,457.1	8.8	64.5
November	772.5	80.5	853.0	9.4	76.1	543.3	52.1	595.4	8.8	52.2	1,315.8	132.7	1,448.4	9.2	64.0
December	771.0	78.9	849.9	9.3	75.7	542.2	55.8	598.0	9.3	52.3	1,313.2	134.7	1,447.9	9.3	63.9
1991 —															
January	767.4	78.2	845.6	9.2	75.1	545.1	54.0	599.1	9.0	52.3	1,312.6	132.1	1,444.7	9.1	63.6
February	759.7	82.2	841.9	9.8	74.6	538.3	55.6	593.9	9.4	51.7	1,298.0	137.8	1,435.8	9.6	63.1
March	760.1	90.5	850.6	10.6	75.2	539.4	56.7	596.1	9.5	51.8	1,299.5	147.2	1,446.8	10.2	63.4
April	761.4	90.8	852.2	10.7	75.2	539.8	64.5	604.2	10.7	52.4	1,301.1	155.3	1,456.4	10.7	63.7
May	754.3	92.8	847.1	11.0	74.6	534.5	61.9	596.4	10.4	51.6	1,288.8	154.7	1,443.5	10.7	63.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1990 —															
March	386.9	29.3	416.2	7.0	74.5	268.3	19.2	287.6	6.7	50.0	655.2	48.5	703.8	6.9	62.0
April	388.3	28.7	416.9	6.9	74.5	269.6	20.5	290.2	7.1	50.4	657.9	49.2	707.1	7.0	62.3
May	392.0	30.7	422.8	7.3	75.5	270.5	21.7	292.2	7.4	50.7	662.5	52.4	714.9	7.3	62.9
June	394.7	30.3	424.9	7.1	75.8	270.1	21.5	291.6	7.4	50.5	664.7	51.8	716.5	7.2	63.0
July	391.6	29.1	420.8	6.9	75.0	273.8	22.6	296.4	7.6	51.3	665.4	51.7	717.1	7.2	63.0
August	389.0	34.6	423.6	8.2	75.4	276.6	23.7	300.2	7.9	51.9	665.6	58.3	723.8	8.0	63.5
September	382.3	35.3	417.6	8.4	74.2	275.7	23.9	299.6	8.0	51.8	658.0	59.1	717.2	8.2	62.8
October	388.8	37.7	426.5	8.8	75.7	277.6	22.3	300.0	7.4	51.8	666.4	60.1	726.5	8.3	63.6
November	384.5	38.5	423.1	9.1	75.0	277.7	23.3	301.1	7.8	51.9	662.2	61.9	724.1	8.5	63.3
December	386.7	38.6	425.3	9.1	75.3	279.6	23.4	303.0	7.7	52.2	666.3	62.0	728.3	8.5	63.6
1991 —															
January	388.0	39.5	427.5	9.2	75.6	272.8	28.6	301.4	9.5	51.8	660.8	68.1	728.9	9.3	63.6
February	385.3	40.6	425.9	9.5	75.2	277.8	24.2	301.9	8.0	51.9	663.0	64.8	727.9	8.9	63.4
March	386.8	39.2	426.0	9.2	75.2	267.8	28.5	296.3	9.6	50.8	654.6	67.7	722.3	9.4	62.8
April	382.4	44.7	427.1	10.5	75.3	273.4	30.2	303.6	9.9	52.0	655.8	74.9	730.7	10.3	63.5
May	381.2	41.6	422.8	9.8	74.4	274.4	28.2	302.6	9.3	51.8	655.6	69.8	725.4	9.6	63.0

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1990 —															
March	446.3	33.9	480.2	7.1	76.9	314.1	23.8	337.9	7.1	54.3	760.4	57.7	818.1	7.1	65.6
April	449.4	34.8	484.2	7.2	77.4	314.3	25.4	339.7	7.5	54.5	763.7	60.2	823.8	7.3	66.0
May	450.7	35.6	486.2	7.3	77.5	313.6	25.8	339.4	7.6	54.3	764.2	61.4	825.7	7.4	66.0
June	452.1	35.6	487.7	7.3	77.6	308.9	27.6	336.6	8.2	53.7	761.0	63.2	824.3	7.7	65.7
July	449.4	38.8	488.2	8.0	77.5	321.9	24.6	346.4	7.1	55.2	771.2	63.4	834.6	7.6	66.4
August	449.4	38.9	488.3	8.0	77.4	314.9	28.3	343.2	8.2	54.6	764.3	67.1	831.4	8.1	66.0
September	451.5	41.7	493.2	8.5	78.0	312.7	29.1	341.9	8.5	54.2	764.2	70.8	835.0	8.5	66.1
October	450.8	43.3	494.1	8.8	78.0	311.8	30.5	342.3	8.9	54.2	762.6	73.8	836.4	8.8	66.1
November	448.2	43.0	491.2	8.8	77.3	311.0	29.3	340.3	8.6	53.8	759.2	72.3	831.5	8.7	65.6
December	447.6	43.3	490.9	8.8	77.2	312.8	27.2	340.1	8.0	53.6	760.5	70.5	831.0	8.5	65.4
1991 —															
January	447.2	46.6	493.9	9.4	77.5	312.3	28.9	341.2	8.5	53.7	759.5	75.6	835.1	9.0	65.6
February	445.1	50.4	495.5	10.2	77.6	308.4	31.5	339.9	9.3	53.4	753.4	81.9	835.3	9.8	65.5
March	441.5	53.9	495.4	10.9	77.5	305.0	32.1	337.1	9.5	52.9	746.5	86.1	832.6	10.3	65.2
April	440.5	60.7	501.2	12.1	78.2	312.4	33.4	345.8	9.7	54.1	752.9	94.2	847.0	11.1	66.2
May	449.1	51.7	500.8	10.3	78.1	311.8	32.8	344.5	9.5	53.8	760.9	84.5	845.4	10.0	66.0
TASMANIA															
1990 —															
March	118.3	10.5	128.7	8.1	75.0	79.5	6.5	85.9	7.5	48.4	197.8	16.9	214.7	7.9	61.5
April	118.8	11.5	130.3	8.8	75.8	80.0	6.9	87.0	8.0	48.9	198.9	18.4	217.3	8.5	62.2
May	118.9	11.8	130.7	9.0	76.0	79.8	7.5	87.2	8.6	49.0	198.7	19.3	218.0	8.8	62.3
June	119.2	12.2	131.5	9.3	76.3	78.0	8.5	86.6	9.9	48.6	197.3	20.8	218.0	9.5	62.2
July	119.5	12.7	132.2	9.6	76.6	78.9	7.3	86.2	8.5	48.3	198.4	20.0	218.4	9.2	62.3
August	117.8	13.4	131.3	10.2	76.0	79.3	7.8	87.1	8.9	48.8	197.2	21.2	218.4	9.7	62.2
September	118.8	12.8	131.7	9.8	76.1	80.7	7.8	88.5	8.8	49.5	199.5	20.7	220.2	9.4	62.6
October	117.9	13.0	130.8	9.9	75.5	81.1	7.8	88.9	8.8	49.6	198.9	20.8	219.7	9.5	62.4
November	119.7	11.2	130.8	8.5	75.4	81.4	8.0	89.4	8.9	49.9	201.1	19.1	220.2	8.7	62.4
December	117.0	12.5	129.5	9.7	74.6	80.5	7.9	88.3	8.9	49.2	197.4	20.4	217.8	9.3	61.7
1991 —															
January	116.2	12.0	128.2	9.4	73.8	79.6	7.8	87.5	8.9	48.7	195.9	19.8	215.7	9.2	61.0
February	116.7	12.7	129.4	9.8	74.4	81.2	8.3	89.6	9.3	49.9	197.9	21.0	218.9	9.6	61.9
March	116.4	13.2	129.6	10.2	74.4	80.9	7.6	88.5	8.6	49.2	197.2	20.8	218.1	9.6	61.6
April	115.1	14.3	129.3	11.0	74.2	79.9	9.4	89.4	10.6	49.7	195.0	23.7	218.7	10.8	61.8
May	112.5	14.5	127.1	11.4	72.9	78.5	9.2	87.6	10.5	48.7	191.0	23.7	214.7	11.0	60.6

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															
1990 —															
March	1,545.4	97.3	1,642.7	5.9	74.0	1,063.8	75.7	1,139.6	6.6	49.7	2,609.3	173.0	2,782.3	6.2	61.7
April	1,545.6	98.2	1,643.8	6.0	74.0	1,068.6	76.0	1,144.7	6.6	49.9	2,614.3	174.2	2,788.4	6.2	61.7
May	1,548.1	99.1	1,647.1	6.0	74.0	1,073.6	76.3	1,149.9	6.6	50.1	2,621.7	175.3	2,797.1	6.3	61.9
June	1,551.6	100.6	1,652.2	6.1	74.2	1,077.0	76.7	1,153.7	6.7	50.2	2,628.6	177.3	2,805.9	6.3	62.0
July	1,555.0	103.4	1,658.4	6.2	74.3	1,077.7	77.5	1,155.2	6.7	50.2	2,632.7	180.8	2,813.6	6.4	62.1
August	1,557.5	106.9	1,664.4	6.4	74.5	1,076.5	78.4	1,154.9	6.8	50.1	2,633.9	185.4	2,819.3	6.6	62.1
September	1,558.4	110.8	1,669.2	6.6	74.7	1,075.0	79.5	1,154.4	6.9	50.1	2,633.4	190.3	2,823.7	6.7	62.2
October	1,557.7	114.6	1,672.3	6.9	74.7	1,073.7	80.6	1,154.4	7.0	50.0	2,631.4	195.2	2,826.6	6.9	62.1
November r	1,555.1	118.6	1,673.7	7.1	74.7	1,073.1	82.5	1,155.6	7.1	50.0	2,628.1	201.2	2,829.3	7.1	62.1
December r	1,551.0	123.4	1,674.4	7.4	74.6	1,073.3	85.0	1,158.3	7.3	50.0	2,624.3	208.4	2,832.7	7.4	62.1
1991 —															
January r	1,546.3	129.0	1,675.4	7.7	74.5	1,074.2	87.5	1,161.8	7.5	50.1	2,620.6	216.6	2,837.1	7.6	62.1
February r	1,542.0	135.0	1,677.0	8.1	74.5	1,075.4	89.7	1,165.1	7.7	50.2	2,617.4	224.7	2,842.1	7.9	62.2
March r	1,538.5	140.7	1,679.2	8.4	74.5	1,076.8	91.5	1,168.3	7.8	50.3	2,615.3	232.2	2,847.5	8.2	62.2
April r	1,536.1	145.7	1,681.8	8.7	74.5	1,078.6	92.8	1,171.5	7.9	50.4	2,614.7	238.5	2,853.3	8.4	62.3
May	1,534.6	149.4	1,683.9	8.9	74.5	1,080.4	93.7	1,174.0	8.0	50.4	2,614.9	243.0	2,858.0	8.5	62.3
VICTORIA															
1990 —															
March	1,217.7	54.1	1,271.8	4.3	75.9	875.7	51.5	927.2	5.6	53.4	2,093.4	105.6	2,199.0	4.8	64.5
April	1,218.1	57.3	1,275.3	4.5	76.0	877.9	53.0	930.9	5.7	53.6	2,096.0	110.2	2,206.2	5.0	64.6
May	1,217.4	61.4	1,278.8	4.8	76.1	879.3	55.5	934.9	5.9	53.7	2,096.8	116.9	2,213.7	5.3	64.7
June	1,215.2	66.8	1,282.0	5.2	76.2	879.9	59.0	938.9	6.3	53.9	2,095.1	125.8	2,220.9	5.7	64.8
July	1,211.4	73.3	1,284.7	5.7	76.3	879.3	63.0	942.3	6.7	54.0	2,090.7	136.3	2,227.0	6.1	64.9
August	1,206.6	80.4	1,286.9	6.2	76.3	877.6	67.2	944.8	7.1	54.1	2,084.1	147.6	2,231.7	6.6	65.0
September	1,201.6	87.1	1,288.7	6.8	76.3	875.0	71.1	946.1	7.5	54.0	2,076.6	158.2	2,234.8	7.1	65.0
October	1,196.9	92.7	1,289.6	7.2	76.2	872.4	73.9	946.4	7.8	54.0	2,069.3	166.6	2,236.0	7.5	64.9
November r	1,191.4	97.4	1,288.8	7.6	76.1	870.1	76.1	946.3	8.0	53.9	2,061.5	173.5	2,235.0	7.8	64.8
December r	1,183.8	101.7	1,285.5	7.9	75.8	867.2	78.3	945.5	8.3	53.8	2,051.0	180.0	2,231.0	8.1	64.6
1991 —															
January r	1,174.0	106.4	1,280.4	8.3	75.4	863.2	80.9	944.1	8.6	53.7	2,037.2	187.2	2,224.5	8.4	64.3
February r	1,162.6	111.8	1,274.3	8.8	75.0	858.1	83.8	941.9	8.9	53.5	2,020.7	195.6	2,216.2	8.8	64.0
March r	1,150.8	117.6	1,268.3	9.3	74.5	852.4	87.0	939.5	9.3	53.3	2,003.2	204.6	2,207.8	9.3	63.7
April r	1,139.8	123.2	1,263.1	9.8	74.1	847.0	90.2	937.2	9.6	53.1	1,986.8	213.4	2,200.2	9.7	63.4
May	1,130.9	127.9	1,258.8	10.2	73.8	842.4	92.9	935.3	9.9	53.0	1,973.3	220.8	2,194.1	10.1	63.2

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate - per cent -
QUEENSLAND															
1990 —															
March	782.3	57.8	840.1	6.9	76.2	539.7	45.6	585.3	7.8	52.2	1,322.0	103.4	1,425.4	7.3	64.1
April	781.4	61.0	842.4	7.2	76.2	540.8	46.6	587.4	7.9	52.2	1,322.2	107.6	1,429.8	7.5	64.1
May	781.1	63.8	845.0	7.6	76.3	542.5	48.0	590.5	8.1	52.4	1,323.7	111.8	1,435.5	7.8	64.2
June	781.4	66.3	847.7	7.8	76.3	544.6	49.4	593.9	8.3	52.6	1,326.0	115.6	1,441.6	8.0	64.3
July	781.8	68.4	850.2	8.1	76.4	546.2	50.7	596.9	8.5	52.7	1,327.9	119.1	1,447.1	8.2	64.4
August	781.8	70.6	852.3	8.3	76.4	546.9	51.8	598.8	8.7	52.8	1,328.7	122.4	1,451.1	8.4	64.5
September	780.8	72.6	853.3	8.5	76.4	546.9	52.6	599.5	8.8	52.7	1,327.7	125.2	1,452.8	8.6	64.4
October	778.3	74.7	852.9	8.8	76.2	546.3	52.9	599.1	8.8	52.6	1,324.5	127.5	1,452.0	8.8	64.3
November r	774.6	76.8	851.5	9.0	75.9	545.2	53.1	598.3	8.9	52.4	1,319.8	130.0	1,449.8	9.0	64.1
December r	770.5	79.2	849.7	9.3	75.7	543.7	53.8	597.6	9.0	52.3	1,314.3	133.0	1,447.3	9.2	63.9
1991 —															
January r	766.6	81.7	848.3	9.6	75.3	542.2	55.1	597.3	9.2	52.1	1,308.8	136.8	1,445.6	9.5	63.6
February r	763.3	84.3	847.6	10.0	75.1	540.7	56.8	597.5	9.5	52.0	1,303.9	141.2	1,445.1	9.8	63.5
March r	760.5	87.1	847.6	10.3	74.9	539.2	58.6	597.9	9.8	51.9	1,299.7	145.8	1,445.4	10.1	63.3
April r	758.1	89.8	847.9	10.6	74.8	537.8	60.4	598.2	10.1	51.9	1,295.9	150.2	1,446.1	10.4	63.2
May	756.4	92.0	848.4	10.8	74.7	536.9	62.0	598.8	10.3	51.8	1,293.3	154.0	1,447.2	10.6	63.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1990 —															
March	388.6	29.0	417.6	7.0	74.7	269.2	21.0	290.2	7.2	50.4	657.8	50.0	707.8	7.1	62.4
April	389.8	29.2	419.0	7.0	74.9	269.9	21.0	290.9	7.2	50.5	659.7	50.2	710.0	7.1	62.5
May	390.8	29.7	420.5	7.1	75.1	270.8	21.3	292.1	7.3	50.7	661.5	51.0	712.6	7.2	62.7
June	391.1	30.5	421.6	7.2	75.2	271.8	21.9	293.7	7.5	50.9	662.9	52.4	715.3	7.3	62.9
July	390.4	31.8	422.2	7.5	75.2	273.4	22.4	295.7	7.6	51.2	663.8	54.1	717.9	7.5	63.0
August	389.1	33.4	422.4	7.9	75.2	275.1	22.8	297.9	7.7	51.5	664.1	56.2	720.3	7.8	63.2
September	387.5	35.2	422.7	8.3	75.2	276.6	23.1	299.7	7.7	51.8	664.1	58.3	722.4	8.1	63.3
October	386.4	36.8	423.2	8.7	75.1	277.5	23.4	300.9	7.8	51.9	664.0	60.2	724.1	8.3	63.4
November r	386.1	38.1	424.2	9.0	75.2	277.6	23.9	301.4	7.9	51.9	663.7	61.9	725.6	8.5	63.4
December r	386.3	39.0	425.3	9.2	75.3	276.7	24.6	301.4	8.2	51.9	663.0	63.6	726.7	8.8	63.4
1991 —															
January r	386.3	39.7	426.0	9.3	75.3	275.5	25.7	301.2	8.5	51.8	661.8	65.3	727.2	9.0	63.4
February r	385.8	40.4	426.2	9.5	75.3	274.3	26.8	301.1	8.9	51.7	660.1	67.2	727.3	9.2	63.3
March r	384.9	41.1	426.0	9.7	75.2	273.3	27.8	301.1	9.2	51.7	658.2	68.9	727.1	9.5	63.3
April r	383.8	41.8	425.6	9.8	75.0	272.6	28.6	301.2	9.5	51.6	656.4	70.5	726.9	9.7	63.2
May	383.0	42.4	425.4	10.0	74.9	272.2	29.2	301.4	9.7	51.6	655.1	71.7	726.8	9.9	63.1

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

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partic- ipation rate cent -
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1990 —															
March	447.5	33.6	481.2	7.0	77.1	313.6	25.1	338.7	7.4	54.5	761.1	58.8	819.9	7.2	65.8
April	448.5	34.7	483.2	7.2	77.2	314.1	25.4	339.5	7.5	54.5	762.5	60.1	822.7	7.3	65.9
May	449.6	35.7	485.2	7.3	77.4	314.5	25.7	340.2	7.6	54.5	764.1	61.4	825.5	7.4	65.9
June	450.5	36.8	487.3	7.5	77.5	314.7	26.3	341.0	7.7	54.5	765.2	63.1	828.3	7.6	66.0
July	450.8	38.1	489.0	7.8	77.6	314.7	27.1	341.8	7.9	54.5	765.5	65.2	830.8	7.9	66.1
August	450.7	39.5	490.2	8.1	77.7	314.5	27.9	342.4	8.1	54.4	765.2	67.4	832.6	8.1	66.1
September	450.4	40.8	491.2	8.3	77.7	314.1	28.4	342.5	8.3	54.3	764.5	69.2	833.7	8.3	66.0
October	449.9	41.9	491.8	8.5	77.6	313.2	28.8	342.0	8.4	54.1	763.1	70.7	833.8	8.5	65.9
November r	448.9	43.4	492.2	8.8	77.5	312.1	29.0	341.1	8.5	53.9	760.9	72.4	833.3	8.7	65.7
December r	447.5	45.4	492.9	9.2	77.5	310.9	29.4	340.3	8.6	53.7	758.4	74.7	833.2	9.0	65.6
1991 —															
January r	446.0	47.8	493.8	9.7	77.5	310.3	29.9	340.2	8.8	53.5	756.3	77.7	834.0	9.3	65.5
February r	444.8	50.4	495.3	10.2	77.6	309.9	30.7	340.6	9.0	53.5	754.7	81.2	835.9	9.7	65.6
March r	444.1	52.9	497.0	10.6	77.7	309.7	31.6	341.3	9.3	53.5	753.7	84.6	838.3	10.1	65.6
April r	443.8	55.0	498.7	11.0	77.8	309.7	32.5	342.2	9.5	53.6	753.5	87.5	840.9	10.4	65.7
May	443.9	56.5	500.4	11.3	78.0	309.9	33.3	343.2	9.7	53.6	753.8	89.8	843.6	10.6	65.8
TASMANIA															
1990 —															
March	118.6	10.9	129.5	8.4	75.4	79.7	7.3	87.0	8.4	49.0	198.3	18.2	216.5	8.4	62.0
April	118.7	11.3	130.1	8.7	75.7	79.4	7.2	86.7	8.4	48.8	198.2	18.6	216.7	8.6	62.0
May	118.9	11.8	130.7	9.0	76.0	79.2	7.3	86.5	8.5	48.6	198.1	19.2	217.2	8.8	62.1
June	118.9	12.3	131.3	9.4	76.2	79.1	7.5	86.7	8.7	48.7	198.1	19.9	217.9	9.1	62.2
July	118.9	12.7	131.6	9.7	76.3	79.3	7.7	87.1	8.9	48.8	198.3	20.4	218.7	9.3	62.3
August	118.8	12.8	131.7	9.8	76.2	79.7	7.8	87.5	8.9	49.0	198.5	20.7	219.2	9.4	62.4
September	118.6	12.7	131.4	9.7	75.9	80.2	7.8	88.0	8.9	49.2	198.8	20.6	219.4	9.4	62.4
October	118.4	12.5	130.9	9.6	75.5	80.6	7.8	88.4	8.8	49.4	198.9	20.3	219.2	9.3	62.2
November r	118.0	12.3	130.3	9.4	75.1	80.8	7.8	88.6	8.8	49.5	198.9	20.1	218.9	9.2	62.1
December r	117.6	12.2	129.8	9.4	74.7	80.9	7.9	88.7	8.9	49.5	198.5	20.1	218.5	9.2	61.9
1991 —															
January r	117.0	12.4	129.4	9.6	74.5	80.7	8.0	88.7	9.0	49.4	197.8	20.4	218.1	9.3	61.7
February r	116.3	12.8	129.1	9.9	74.2	80.5	8.2	88.6	9.2	49.3	196.8	21.0	217.8	9.6	61.6
March r	115.5	13.3	128.8	10.3	74.0	80.2	8.4	88.6	9.5	49.3	195.7	21.7	217.4	10.0	61.4
April r	114.8	13.8	128.6	10.7	73.8	79.9	8.7	88.6	9.8	49.2	194.6	22.5	217.1	10.4	61.3
May	114.0	14.3	128.3	11.1	73.6	79.5	9.0	88.5	10.1	49.2	193.5	23.3	216.8	10.7	61.2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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. 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 ana-

lyse 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 page 2 have been drawn using a logarithmic vertical scale to aid comparison 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 and Products, 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

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 Don Clark on Canberra (06) 252 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.

Forthcoming issues

23. The following table shows the dates on which *The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary*, (6202.0) publication is scheduled to be released.

Issue	Release Date
1991 June	11 July 1991
July	8 August 1991
August	12 September 1991
September	10 October 1991
October	7 November 1991
November	12 December 1991

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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 (as defined) 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.



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