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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE (Quarter)</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
October 2009	2 October 2009
January 2010	8 January 2010
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The statistics shown are the latest available at 22 June 2009. Data sources for the tables in this publication are listed in Appendix 1.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The average weekly earnings graph in the Labour Market Summary has been revised, with full-time ordinary time earnings replacing all employees total earnings.

The wage price index total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses graph has been added to the Labour Market Summary.

Changes have been made to the key measures table. These include the addition of employment to population ratios, and the extended labour force underutilisation rate. Information on compensation of employees has been removed from the key measures table, but estimates are available in table 5.3.

The tables containing underutilisation data have been revised, and now include time series data for both state and territory (table 4.3 and 4.4) and age (table 4.5). As a result, table 4.5 and table 4.6 in the previous issue have been renumbered 4.6 and 4.7.

Finally, table 5.3 has been revised to include only data directly related to the labour market. Gross mixed income for household sector and gross domestic product (GDP) are no longer included.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

The spreadsheets and data cubes referenced in this publication are available free of charge on the ABS website at <http://www.abs.gov.au> [Access to all ABS products & statistics – By Catalogue Number – 6. Labour Statistics and Prices].

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For information about other Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) statistics and services, please refer to the back of this publication.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSCO	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASCO	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AWE	average weekly earnings
EEH	Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours
ERP	estimated resident population
GDP	gross domestic product
ID	industrial disputes
ILO	International Labour Organization
JVS	Job Vacancies Survey
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LPI	labour price index
MPHS	Multipurpose Household Survey
MPS	Monthly Population Survey
qtr	quarter
RSE	relative standard error
SEE	Survey of Employment and Earnings
WPI	wage price index

LABOUR STATISTICS NEWS

LABOUR THEME PAGE	The ABS Labour Theme Page, available on the ABS web site, provides a guide to the range of ABS statistics on the labour market, as well as links to the latest data released. To find the Theme Page, go to < http://www.abs.gov.au > [Themes – People – Labour].
AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF LABOUR ECONOMICS THEMATIC ISSUE - CALL FOR ARTICLES BASED ON SEARS	In early 2010, the <i>Australian Journal of Labour Economics</i> (AJLE) will publish a thematic issue dedicated to articles exploiting the expanded CURF from SEARS 2007. The analysis should be innovative and will be peer reviewed. The final selection lies with the editors of the AJLE. The deadline for submission of articles is the 31 August 2009. Articles should be submitted to Boyd.Hunter@anu.edu.au and Nicholas.Biddle@anu.edu.au .
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY	On 13 May 2009, the Australian Statistician announced the full re-instatement of the Labour Force Survey sample. The December 2009 estimates, released in January 2010, will be the first under the fully re-instated sample.
SURVEY OF JOB VACANCIES	On 13 May 2009, the Australian Statistician also announced the reinstatement of the Survey of Job Vacancies. The estimates for the November 2009 reference period will be the first under the re-instated survey.
FORMS OF EMPLOYMENT SURVEY	Results from the November 2008 <i>Forms of Employment Survey</i> (FOES) were released on 12 June 2009. The FOES has been released annually since 2004, and prior to this in 2001 and 1998. The November 2008 FOES was redeveloped to better capture information regarding people who work as independent contractors, as well as to collect information on the use of labour hire firms/employment agencies. For more information see <i>Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008</i> (cat. no. 6359.0), available free of charge on the ABS website < www.abs.gov.au >. A CURF for FOES is expected to be released in late 2009.
EMPLOYEE EARNINGS AND HOURS 2008	Final results from the August 2008 <i>Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours</i> (EEH) were released on 17 June 2009 in <i>Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, August 2008</i> (cat.no.6306.0). The EEH survey collects information from a sample of employers about the earnings, hours paid for, and methods of setting pay and other characteristics of selected employees.
RELEASE OF SURVEY OF EMPLOYEE EARNINGS AND HOURS 2006 CURF	The first CURF produced from the <i>Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours</i> (EEH) was released on 31 March 2009. The CURF, which was produced in respect of the May 2006 EEH survey, is available as an expanded CURF via the ABS Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL). To access the CURF, see the CURF page on the ABS website, at < www.abs.gov.au/Services We Provide>CURF Microdata>Accessing CURF Microdata >.
SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS ON LABOUR TOPICS	The Monthly Population Survey comprises the Labour Force Survey and a range of supplementary surveys, which provide detailed information on a range of topics. Results from surveys on labour-related topics recently released include: <i>Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia, August 2008</i> (cat. no. 6310.0); <i>Locations of Work, Australia, November 2008</i> (cat. no. 6275.0); and <i>Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008</i> (cat. no. 6359.0).

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LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION

The Extended Labour Force Underutilisation Rate (ELFUR) data published in *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0) was previously released on an annual basis in respect of September. The ELFUR time series has now been released on an annual basis in respect of August. Information on this change is outlined in the technical report in this issue. In addition, the annual Volume Measures of Labour Underutilisation, also in respect of August, are expected to be released in the October 2009 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

EMPLOYMENT TYPE

The employment type data cube, published in *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0), has been updated to include data for August 2008. Industry data are available for August 2008 on both an ANZSIC 1993 and ANZSIC 2006 basis. Occupation data are available for August 2008 on both an ASCO Second Edition and ANZSCO basis.

RELEASE OF LABOUR STATISTICS NEWS

Labour Statistics News (cat. no. 6106.0) was released on 24 February 2009. Labour Statistics News will be released twice-yearly (in February and August) and is designed to provide users with insight into the ABS labour market program, and recent and upcoming statistical developments. Each issue will feature updates on current projects and recent highlights, articles and analysis on labour market issues, information on contacts in the ABS labour market area and other related information. To subscribe to the newsletter please email "subscribe" to labour.statistics@abs.gov.au, or you may access the newsletter directly at www.abs.gov.au.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY REGION MAPS

The ABS has developed maps which outline the boundaries of the new LFS sample design, which was implemented between November 2007 and June 2008. These maps have been released in conjunction with this issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0) and are available as PDFs on the ABS website, at www.abs.gov.au [Statistics – By Catalogue Number – 6. Labour Statistics and Prices – 61. Labour statistics general]. The PDFs can be found under the 'Downloads' tab in Australian Labour Market Statistics (cat. no. 6105.0). Maps for previous LFS sample designs were released with the July 2004 issue of this publication.

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RECENT AND UPCOMING STATISTICAL RELEASES

<i>Release date/title of publication</i>	<i>Reference period</i>	<i>Catalogue number</i>
June 2009		
ANZSCO - Australian and New Zealand Standard Occupations	2006, revision 1	1220.0
Australian Economic Indicators	(a) July 2009	1350.0
Australian Social Trends	(a) June 2009	4102.0
Business Indicators, Australia	March 2008	5676.0
Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia	August 2008	6306.0
Forms of Employment, Australia	November 2008	6359.0
Industrial Disputes, Australia	March quarter 2009	6321.0.55.001
Information Paper: Update on ANZSIC 2006 implementation for Labour Price Index	June 2009	6345.0.55.001
Labour Force, Australia	May 2009	6202.0
Labour Force, Australia – Detailed Delivery, Monthly	May 2009	6291.0.55.001
Labour Force, Australia – Detailed Delivery, Quarterly	May 2009	6291.0.55.003
July 2009		
Australian Economic Indicators	(a) August 2009	1350.0
Australian Labour Market Statistics	July 2009	6105.0
Labour Force, Australia	June 2009	6202.0
Labour Force, Australia – Detailed Delivery, Monthly	June 2009	6291.0.55.001
Labour Force, Australia; Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families	June 2009	6224.0.55.001
Labour Force Survey and Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership Survey, Basic and Expanded CURF, Australia	August 2008	6202.0.30.001
Labour Force Survey and Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership Survey, Basic and Expanded CURF, Technical Manual	August 2008	6202.0.30.002
August 2009		
Australian Economic Indicators	(a) September 2009	1350.0
Average Weekly Earnings, Australia	May 2009	6302.0
Business Indicators, Australia	June 2008	5676.0
Labour Force, Australia	July 2009	6202.0
Labour Force, Australia – Detailed Delivery, Monthly	July 2009	6291.0.55.001
Labour Force Experience, Australia	February 2009	6206.0
Labour Price Index, Australia	June 2009	6345.0
Labour Statistics News	August 2009	6106.0
September 2009		
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(a) Refers to the issue of the publication, not the reference period.

LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY

KEY MEASURES

Measure	Series type	Period	Current figure	% CHANGE FROM		
				Previous qtr(a)	Previous year(b)	
Employed						
Persons	'000	Trend	May 09	10 788.1	-0.1	0.1
Full-time	'000	Trend	May 09	7 640.5	-0.4	-1.0
Part-time	'000	Trend	May 09	3 147.6	0.6	3.0
Part-time employment as a proportion of total employment	%	Trend	May 09	29.2	(c)0.2	(c)0.8
Employment to population ratio						
Males	%	Trend	May 09	67.9	(c)-0.6	(c)-1.8
Females	%	Trend	May 09	55.7	(c)0.0	(c)-0.2
Persons	%	Trend	May 09	61.7	(c)-0.3	(c)-1.0
Unemployed						
Persons	'000	Trend	May 09	654.9	10.9	39.8
Looking for full-time work	'000	Trend	May 09	478.8	13.4	50.8
Looking for part-time work	'000	Trend	May 09	176.1	4.4	16.7
Unemployment rate						
Persons	%	Trend	May 09	5.7	(c)0.5	(c)1.6
Long-term unemployment						
Persons	'000	Trend	May 09	83.5	7.6	18.6
As a proportion of total unemployment	%	Trend	May 09	12.7	(c)-0.4	(c)-2.3
Long-term unemployment rate	%	Trend	May 09	0.7	(c)0.0	(c)0.1
Quarterly labour underutilisation rates(d)						
Unemployment rate(e)	%	Trend	May 09	5.7	(c)0.5	(c)1.6
Underemployment rate	%	Trend	May 09	7.7	(c)0.5	(c)1.8
Labour force underutilisation rate(f)	%	Trend	May 09	13.4	(c)1.1	(c)3.4
Annual extended labour force underutilisation rate(d)						
	%	Original	Aug 08	10.8	.	(c)-0.4
Children living without an employed parent(g)						
	%	Original	Dec 08	13.0	(c)0.1	(c)0.2
Labour force participation rate						
Persons aged 15-64 years	%	Trend	May 09	76.7	(c)0.2	(c)0.1
Total	%	Trend	May 09	65.5	(c)0.1	(c)0.0
Actual hours worked						
Aggregate weekly hours	mill. hours	Original	May 09	363.5	-1.3	-2.1
Average weekly hours - Persons	hours	Original	May 09	33.7	-1.4	-2.5
Average weekly hours - Full-time	hours	Original	May 09	40.9	-0.5	-1.9
Average weekly hours - Part-time	hours	Original	May 09	16.6	-1.8	-1.9
Part-time workers						
Proportion who preferred to work more hours	%	Original	May 09	26.6	(c)-0.5	(c)4.2
Wage price index						
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses	index no.	Trend	Mar qtr 2009	122.4	0.7	4.1
Average weekly earnings						
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	Trend	Feb 09	1 183.10	1.5	5.9
All employees total earnings	\$	Trend	Feb 09	918.50	1.0	4.2
Industrial disputes						
Working days lost	'000	Original	Mar qtr 2009	11.6	-62.7	-72.9
Working days lost per 1,000 employees	number	Original	Mar qtr 2009	1.2	-63.6	-73.3
Job vacancies(h)						
Australia	'000	Trend	May 2008	183.6	1.1	9.0

. . . not applicable

- (a) Same period previous quarter (monthly data is presented for the middle month of each quarter).
- (b) Same period previous year.
- (c) Change is in percentage points.
- (d) See the Glossary for further explanation of labour underutilisation rates.

(e) The quarterly unemployment rate is compiled using data collected in the quarter months and may differ slightly from the official monthly unemployment rate.

(f) Discrepancies may occur due to rounding.

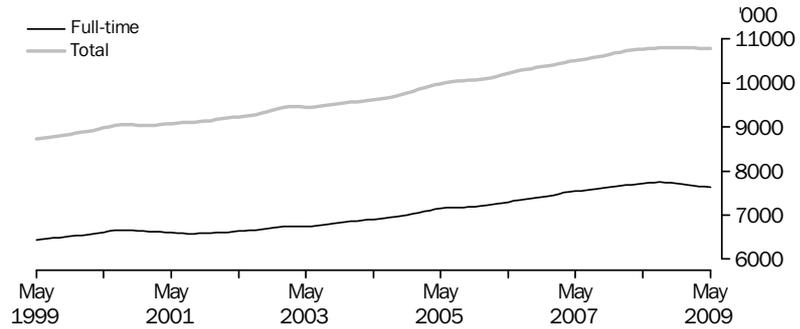
(g) As a proportion of all children aged under 15 years. See the Explanatory Notes for information on family data.

(h) The May 2008 issue of *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0) was the final issue for 2007-08. The survey will be reinstated in 2009-10.

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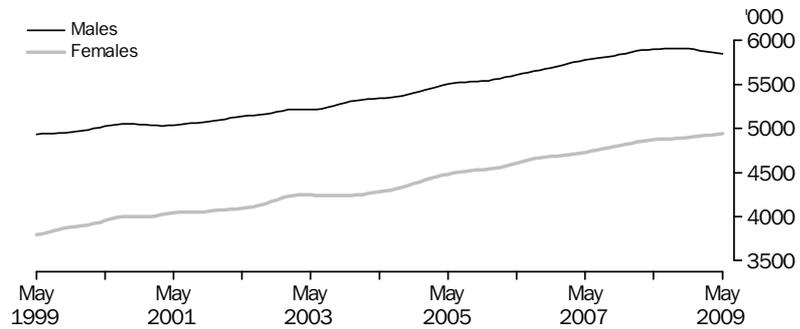
EMPLOYMENT: TREND
SERIES

FULL-TIME AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT



Source: Labour Force Survey.

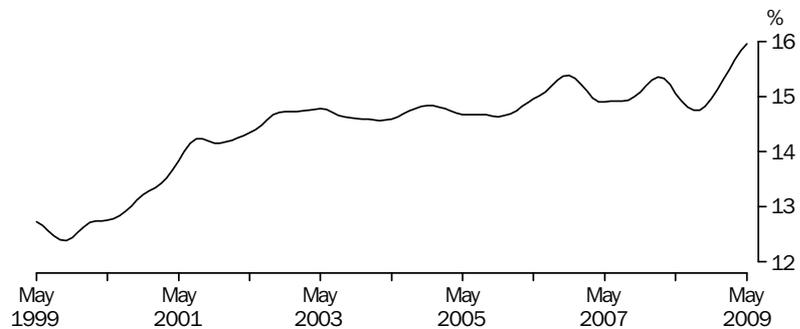
MALES AND FEMALES



Source: Labour Force Survey.

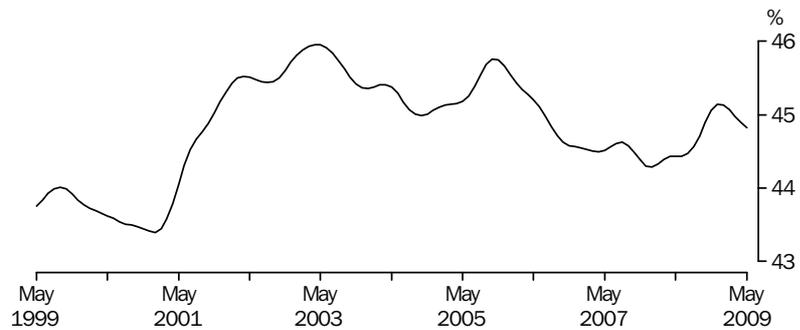
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PROPORTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, Males



Source: Labour Force Survey.

PROPORTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, Females

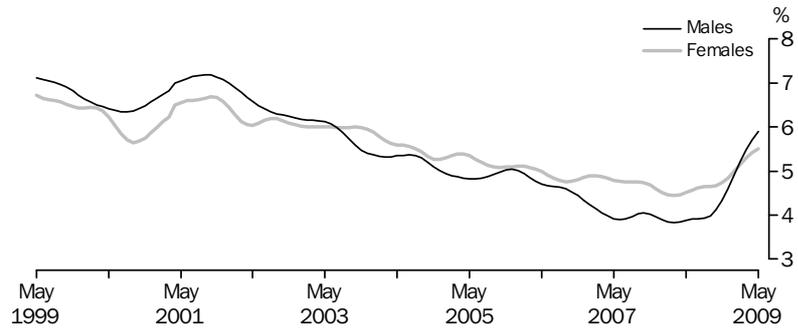


Source: Labour Force Survey.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:
TREND SERIES

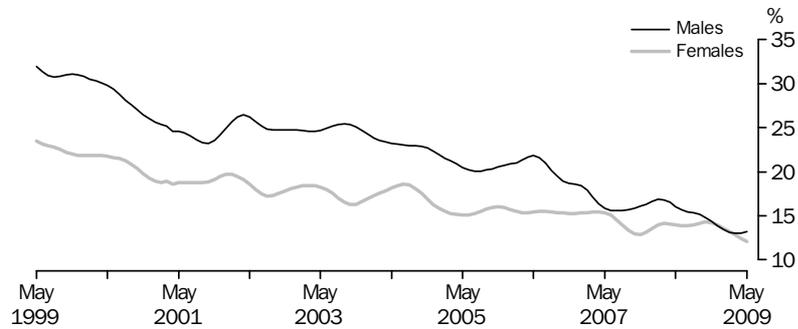
MALES AND FEMALES



Source: Labour Force Survey.

LONG-TERM
UNEMPLOYMENT: TREND
SERIES

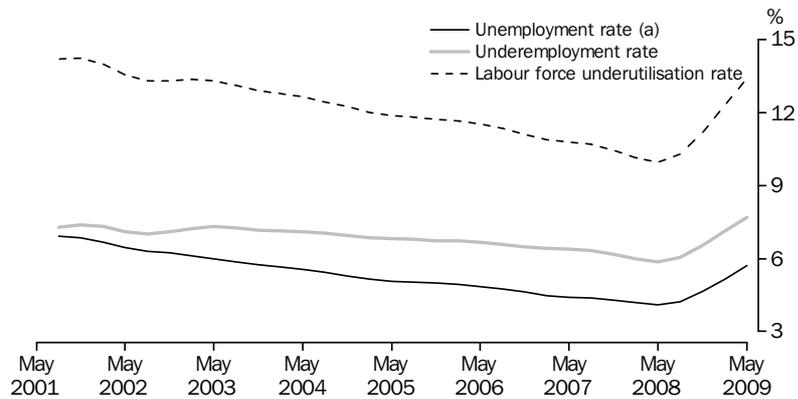
PROPORTION OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT



Source: Labour Force Survey.

UNDERUTILISED LABOUR:
TREND SERIES

QUARTERLY LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION RATES



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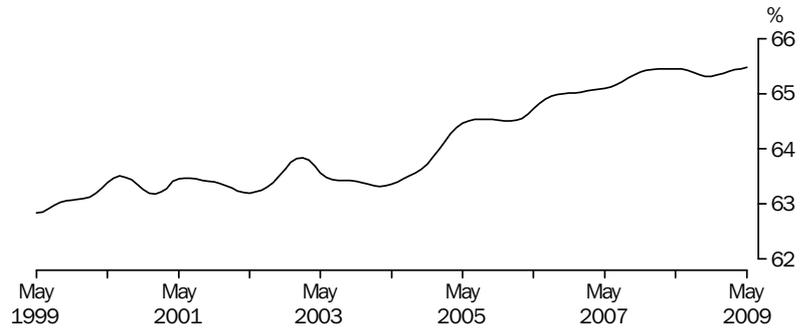
Note: See the Glossary for further information on the labour underutilisation rates.

Source: Labour Force Survey.

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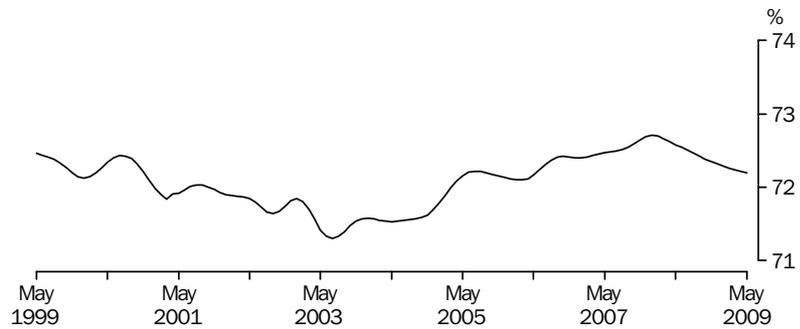
PARTICIPATION RATE:
TREND SERIES

PERSONS



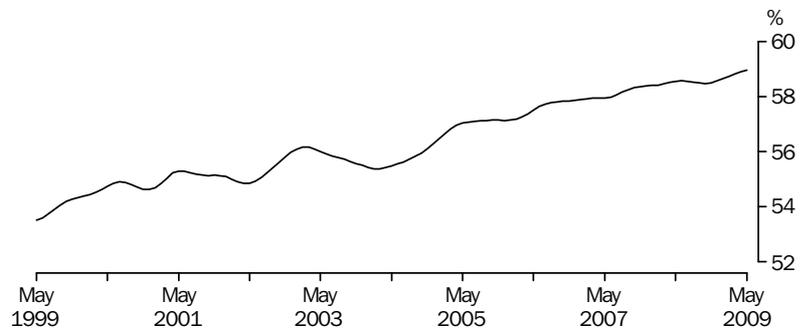
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MALES



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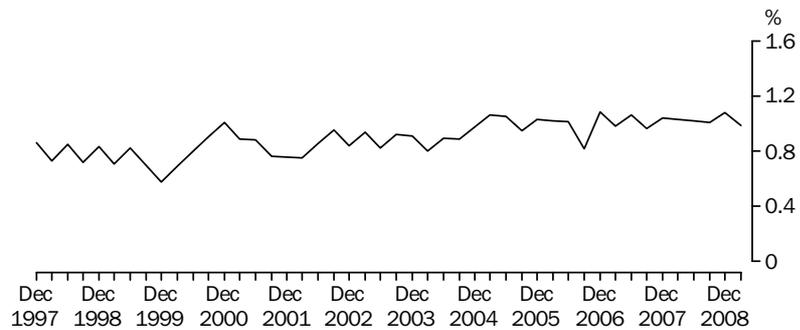
FEMALES



Source: Labour Force Survey.

WAGE PRICE INDEX:
TREND SERIES

TOTAL HOURLY RATES OF PAY EXCLUDING BONUSES, Quarterly change

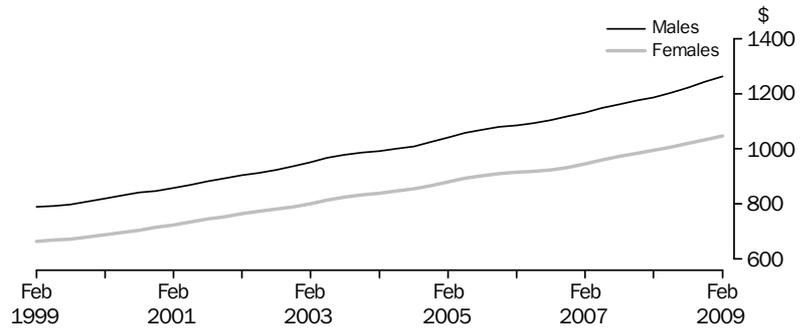


Source: Labour Price Index.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY
EARNINGS: TREND
SERIES

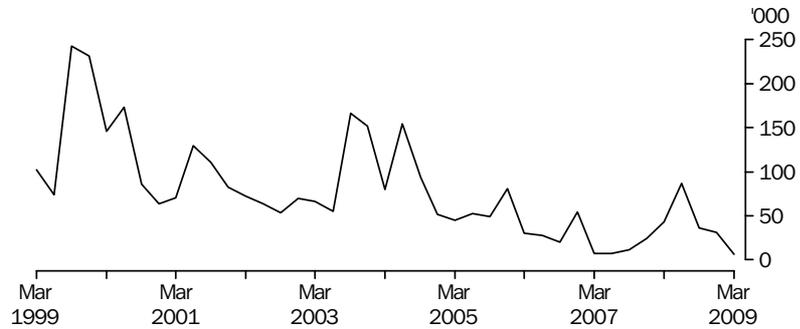
FULL TIME ADULT ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, Level



Source: Survey of Average Weekly Earnings.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES:
ORIGINAL SERIES

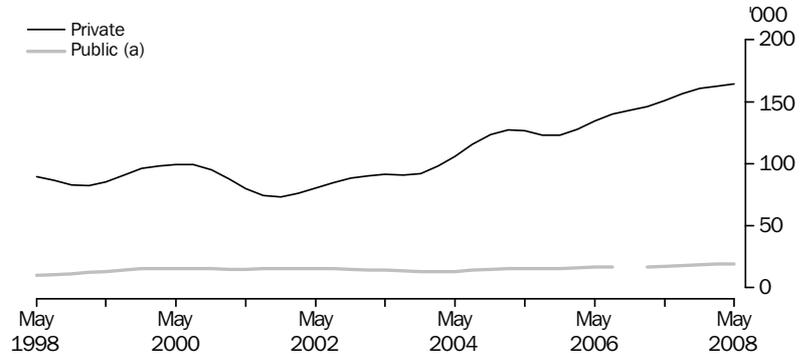
WORKING DAYS LOST, Quarter ending



Source: Industrial Disputes.

JOB VACANCIES: TREND
SERIES

JOB VACANCIES, by Sector



(a) Break in series between November 2006 and February 2007. See paragraphs 77 and 78 of the Explanatory Notes.

Notes: The Job Vacancies Survey was not conducted in 2008-09. The May issue of the publication Job Vacancies, Australia (cat. no. 6354.0), released in June 2008, was the final issue for 2007-08. The survey will be reinstated in 2009-10.

Source: Survey of Job Vacancies.

HISTORICAL LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION

INTRODUCTION

The extent to which available labour is underutilised is of interest from a number of perspectives. From an economic perspective, there is interest in the amount of spare capacity in the labour supply and its potential to contribute to the production of goods and services. From a social viewpoint, there is concern that people whose aspirations for work are not being met may suffer financially, personally and socially.

The ABS has a number of indicators which measure labour underutilisation. These include:

- monthly unemployment rate
- quarterly unemployment and underemployment rates
- quarterly labour force underutilisation rate
- annual extended labour force underutilisation rate
- annual volume measures of underutilisation

This article provides analysis of the quarterly labour force underutilisation rate, and its components - the quarterly unemployment and underemployment rates. The labour force underutilisation rate provides a measure of the level of available, but unused, labour within the labour force. It is the sum of the number of people unemployed and the number underemployed, expressed as a proportion of the labour force, or alternatively as the sum of the unemployment rate and the underemployment rate.

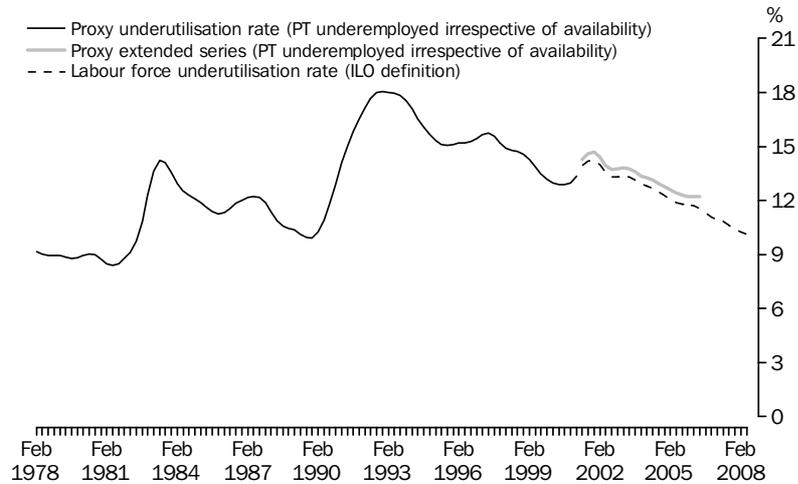
Data on part-time workers preferring more hours and full-time workers on reduced hours have been collected in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) since February 1978. While this provided a proxy measure of the number of underemployed part-time workers information on their availability to work more hours was not available. However, changes to the LFS in 2001 and 2003, have enabled a more precise measure of underemployment, and hence underutilisation, consistent with the international standard, as defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The two series (the proxy series available from February 1978 to February 2001, and the labour force underutilisation rate based on the ILO definition available from May 2001 onwards) are nonetheless closely related, and for the purpose of time series analysis can be used together to provide a historical perspective on underutilisation in Australia. The difference between the two series is discussed in more detail in the feature article 'Quarterly Labour Force Underutilisation Rate', published in the July 2008 issue of Australian Labour Market Statistics (cat. no. 6105.0).

Graph 1, also published in the feature article referred to above, illustrates the break in series that occurred in the quarterly data between February 2001 and May 2001. It is clear from the graph that the difference between the current series (from May 2001) and the historical proxy series (February 1978 to February 2001) is relatively minor. For the purposes of clarity, however, the underutilisation data used in the graphs in this article are shown with the break in series.

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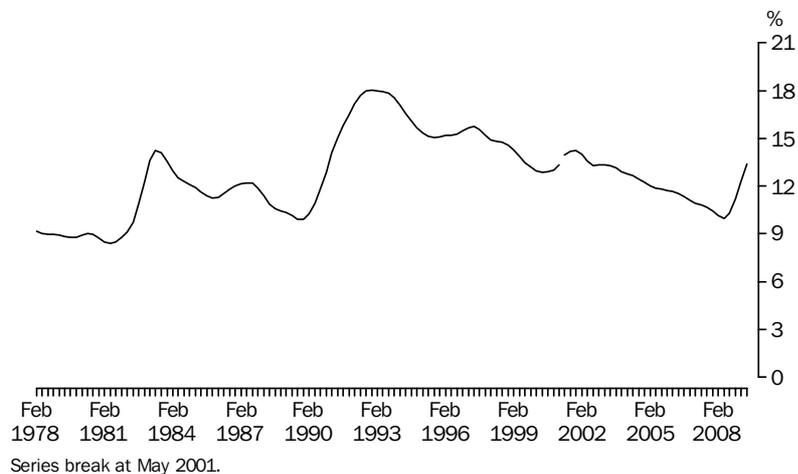
1. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, Persons: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2008



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON UNDERUTILISATION

The trend historical labour force underutilisation rate clearly shows a number of periods in which underutilisation has been an increasing or decreasing concern for the labour market, and these closely align with the peaks and troughs of the economic cycle. Graph 2 particularly emphasises the relatively steep increase in the early 1980s and then in the early 1990s, with indications that the early stages of a similar trend are currently being observed in the first half of 2009.

2. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2009



Over the past 30 years, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 8.4% (in May 1981) and a historical high of 18% (in November 1992). Since the high of November 1992 the rate generally decreased to the recent low of 10% in May 2008 and has since risen to 13.4% in May 2009.

THE COMPONENTS OF UNDERUTILISATION

In order to better understand the historical trends in underutilisation it is useful to analyse the trends seen in the two component rates, that is the unemployment rate and the underemployment rate. A number of trends have been observed in these series, shown in Graph 3, which in part reflect the changing working arrangements within the

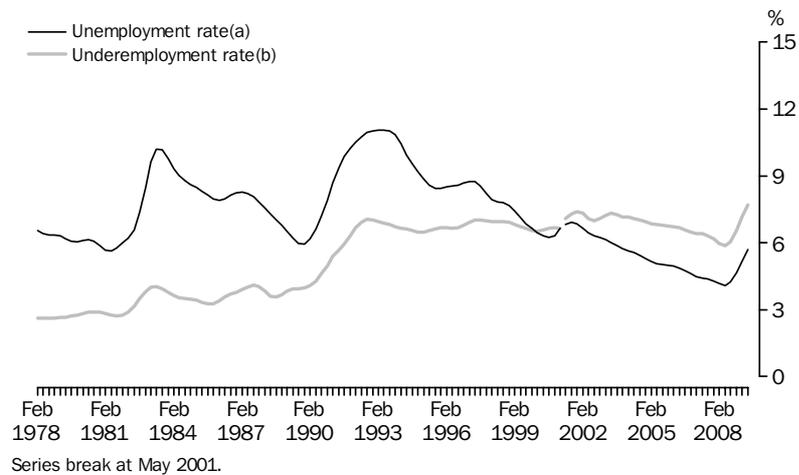
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THE COMPONENTS OF UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

labour market, such as the increase in the proportion of people working part-time, which has contributed to the general increase in underemployment.

At the start of the period, underemployment was less of an issue than unemployment. However, by the 1999/2000 financial year the rates had converged, and since May 2001 the underemployment rate has consistently been higher than the unemployment rate. In the recent May 2001 to August 2007 period, which saw a period of expansion in the economy, the unemployment rate decreased at a noticeably faster rate than the underemployment rate.

3. COMPONENT RATES: QUARTERLY UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2009



From 6.5% in February 1978 the trend unemployment rate remained generally steady until May 1981, at which point it increased steadily over 2 years from 5.6% to 10.2% in May 1983. After generally falling to 5.9% in November 1989, the rate then rose to a historical high of 11% in May 1993. From May 1993 the rate generally decreased to a historical low of 4.1% in May 2008, and has since risen to 5.7% in May 2009.

In contrast, the trend underemployment rate increased from 2.6% in February 1978 to 7.1% in August 1992. From August 1992 until the high of 7.4% in November 2001 the rate remained relatively steady. From November 2001 the rate generally decreased to 5.9% in May 2008, and has since risen to the historical high of 7.7% in May 2009.

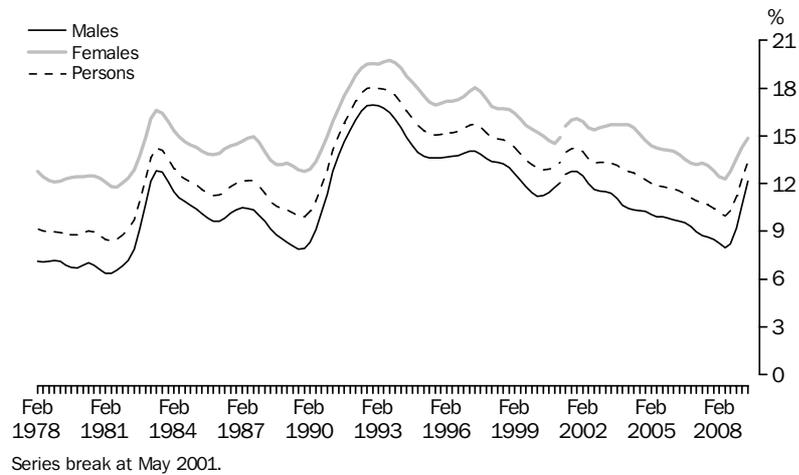
UNDERUTILISATION BY SEX

Since the series commenced in February 1978 the trend labour force underutilisation rate for females has been consistently higher than for males. The difference, as seen in graph 4, was most pronounced in November 1980, with a different of 5.7 percentage points (12.4% for females and 6.6% for males), and least pronounced in November 1992, with a difference of 2.6 percentage points (19.6% and 17%). The average difference between the rates between February 1978 and May 2009 was 4.1 percentage points. In May 2009, the difference is 2.7 percentage points.

HISTORICAL LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

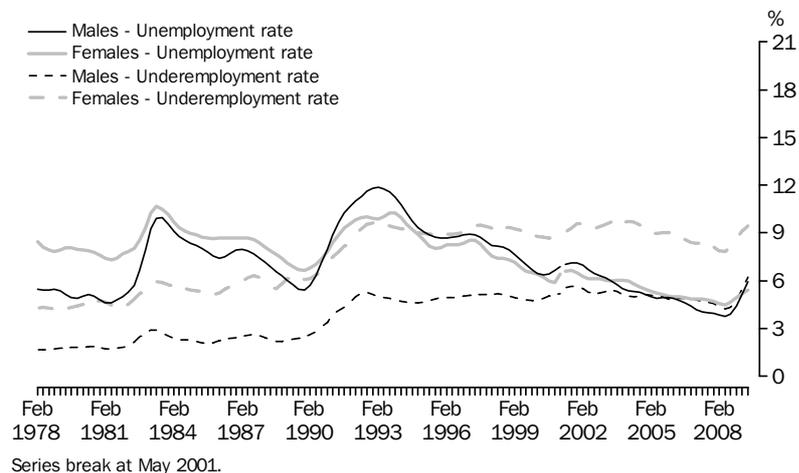
UNDERUTILISATION BY
SEX *continued*

4. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, Sex: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2009



Analysis of the difference in trend labour force underutilisation rates over time reveals that most of the difference between the rates for males and females is a result of the different levels of underemployment for these two groups. Graph 5 reveals that the female trend underemployment rate has been on average 3.7 percentage points higher than the rate for males. This is largely explained by the greater and increasing participation in part-time employment by women relative to men, since the majority of underemployed people are employed part-time. During the period an average of 41% of employed women were employed part-time, compared to just 10% of men (trend).

5. COMPONENT RATES: QUARTERLY UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES, Sex: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2009



UNDERUTILISATION BY
STATE

In May 2009, NSW had the highest labour force underutilisation rate (14.3%), followed by Victoria (14.2%), while the Northern Territory had the lowest (6.9%).

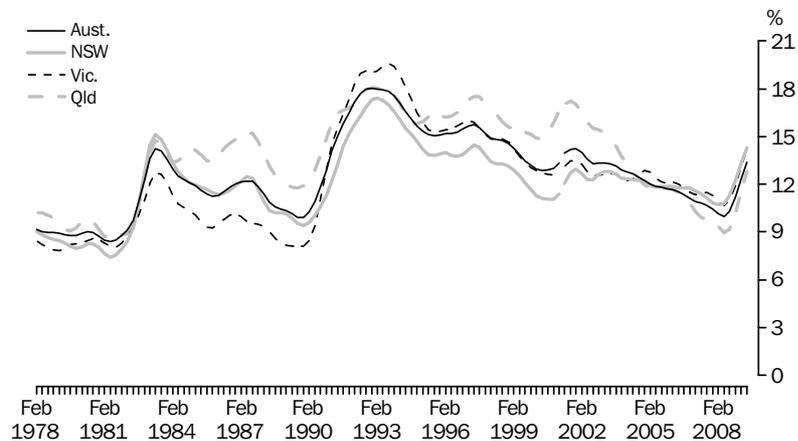
Graph 6 presents the trend labour force underutilisation rates from February 1978 for the three most populous states. During the economic downturn of the early 1980s the New South Wales rate peaked at a higher level than the rate for Australia, while this was the case for Victoria in the early 1990s, during the second major economic downturn.

HISTORICAL LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

UNDERUTILISATION BY
STATE *continued*

Since August 2004 the Queensland rate has generally been lower than the rate for Australia.

6. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, NSW, Vic., and Qld: Trend—Feb 1978 – May 2009



Series break at May 2001.

In New South Wales over the past 30 years, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 7.4% (in May 1981) and a historical high of 17.4% in February 1993. Since then the rate generally decreased to a recent low of 10.7% in February 2008, but has subsequently risen to 14.3% in May 2009.

The Victorian trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 7.9% (in February 1979) and a historical high of 19.6% (in August 1993) over the past 30 years. Since the historical high of August 1993 the rate generally decreased to a recent low of 10.7% in May 2008, but has since risen to 14.2% in May 2009.

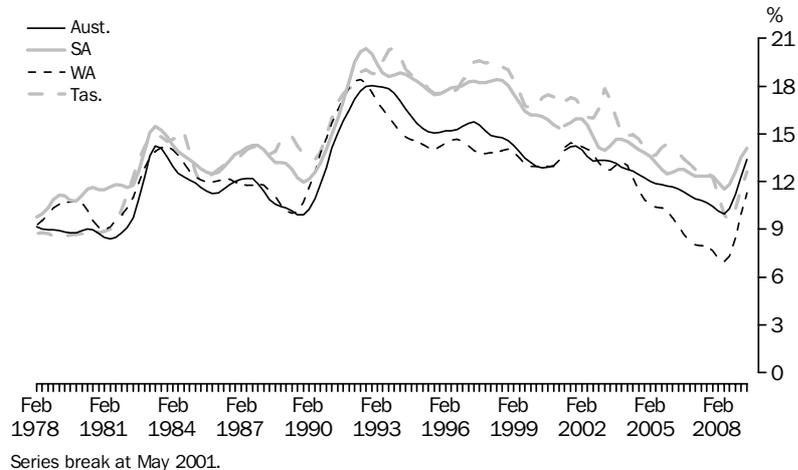
For Queensland, over the same period, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 8.6% (in May 1981) and a historical high of 18.1% (in November 1992). For the periods 1978 to 1991 and 1994 to 2003 the underutilisation rate in Queensland was generally higher than the national rate. However, since the historical high of November 1992 the rate generally decreased to a recent low of 9% in May 2008, but has since risen to 12.8% in May 2009.

Graph 7 presents the trend labour force underutilisation rates for the three least populous states. The rates for South Australia and Tasmania have generally been greater than the rate for Australia, particularly during the 1990s. Earlier in the period this was also true for Western Australia, but since November 1992 the rate for this state has generally been lower, especially in recent years, reflecting the economic growth experienced in WA during the period.

HISTORICAL LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

UNDERUTILISATION BY
STATE *continued*

7. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, SA, WA and Tas.: Trend—Feb 1978 – May 2009



In South Australia over the past 30 years, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 9.8% (in February 1978) and a historical high of 20.4% (in August 1992). Since the historical high of August 1992 the rate generally decreased to a recent low of 11.6% in May 2008, but has since risen to 14.1% in May 2009.

The Western Australian trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between an initial low of 9% (in February 1981) and a high of 18.4% (in May 1992) over the past 30 years. Since the historical high of May 1992 the rate generally decreased to a historical low of 7.0% in May 2008, but has since risen to stand at 11.3% in May 2009.

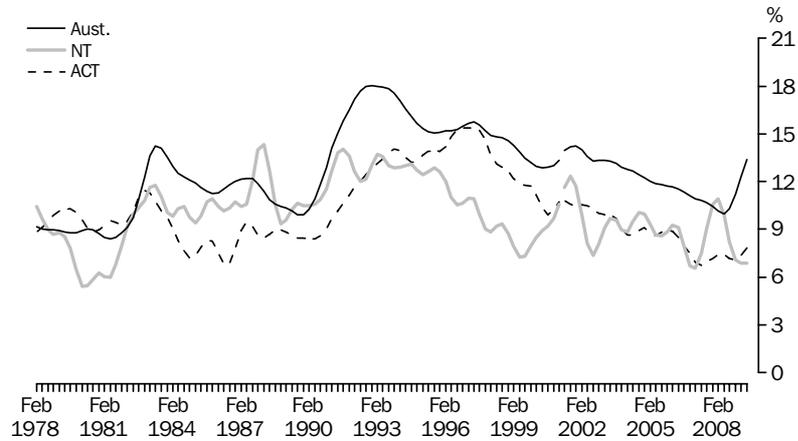
In Tasmania over the same period, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between a historical low of 8.6% (in February 1979) and a historical high of 20.4% (in November 1993). Since the historical high of November 1993 the rate generally decreased to a recent low of 9.5% in August 2008, but has subsequently risen to 12.6% in May 2009.

Graph 8 presents the trend labour force underutilisation rates for the two territories. The rates for both the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have generally been much lower than the rate for Australia, particularly since 1990.

HISTORICAL LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION *continued*

UNDERUTILISATION BY
STATE *continued*

8. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, NT and ACT: **Trend**—Feb 1978 – May 2009



The Northern Territory trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated over the past 30 years between a historical low of 5.4% (in February 1980) and a historical high of 14.3% (in February 1988). The rate has recently decreased to 6.9% in February and May 2009.

In the Australian Capital Territory over the past 30 years, the trend labour force underutilisation rate has fluctuated between an early low of 6.8% (in May 1986) and a historical high of 15.4% (in February 1997). Since the historical high of February 1997 the rate generally decreased to a historical low of 6.8% in May 2007, but has since increased to 7.8% in May 2009.

RELATED RELEASES

A number of recent articles providing further analysis of labour underutilisation time series are available as follows:

- an article in the May 2009 issue of Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)
- the feature article, 'Labour underutilisation in the economic downturn', providing an analysis of the changes in components of underutilisation from February 2009 to May 2009, which can also be found in this issue (July 2009) of Australian Labour Market Statistics (cat. no. 6105.0)
- the feature article, 'Quarterly Labour Force Underutilisation Rate', published in the July 2008 issue of Australian Labour Market Statistics (cat. no. 6105.0).

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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

INTRODUCTION

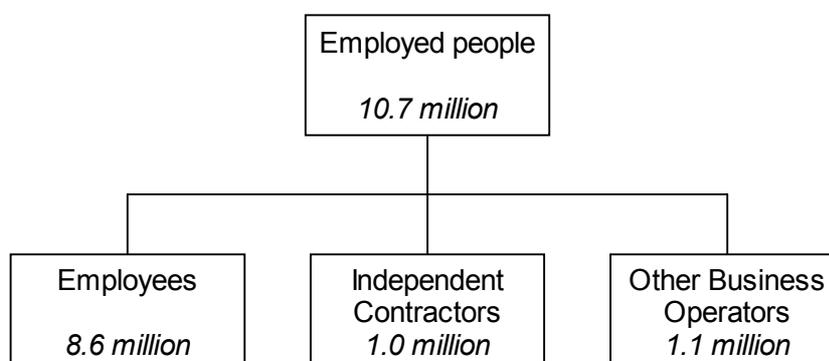
In recent years, changes in the nature of employment relationships, changes to workplace relations laws, and the introduction of the *Independent Contractors Act 2006*, have resulted in an increased interest in the extent of independent contracting, and the working conditions of independent contractors. In light of this interest, the ABS reviewed its annual Forms of Employment Survey (FOES), revising the existing FOES concepts relating to 'contract work' to more precisely identify the group of employed people who work as independent contractors. These changes are reflected in the November 2008 FOES, which was released on 12 June 2009 (for more information see *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008* (cat. no. 6359.0)).

Independent contractors are sometimes referred to as consultants or freelancers. The term 'contractors' is also frequently used, however this is a broad term that is often used to describe people with a variety of forms of employment, for example, not only true independent contractors, but also employees engaged in short-term or fixed-term work, often engaged through a third-party (e.g. a labour hire firm/employment agency). The FOES measure of independent contractors refers to people who are not employees, but who may be operating in a similar manner to employees.

In FOES, independent contractors are defined as those who operate their own business and who contract to perform services for others without having the legal status of an employee, that is, they are engaged by a client under a commercial contract, rather than as an employee under an employment contract. Thus, independent contractors have the same rights as their clients under common law to control the terms of the contract.¹

FOES also identifies two other groups of employed people: employees; and other business operators. Employees are those who work for a public or private employer and receive remuneration in wages or salary. They are engaged under a contract of service (an employment contract) and take directions directly from their employer on how the work is performed. Other business operators are employed people who operate their own business but are not operating as independent contractors. They are distinguished from independent contractors in that they generally generate their income from managing their staff or from selling goods or services to the public, rather than providing a labour service directly to a client.

1. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS *continued*

OVERVIEW

In November 2008 there were 10.7 million employed people aged 15 years and over in Australia. Of these, 1 million were independent contractors in their main job, making up 9% of employed people. A further 8.6 million people (81%) were employees² in their main job, while 1.1 million (10%) were other business operators in their main job. A further 100,000 employed people who were multiple job holders and who were not independent contractors in their main job were independent contractors in their second job, therefore the total number of employed people working as independent contractors in November 2008 was 1.1 million, or 10% of all employed. While employed people may be independent contractors in their main job or second job, the remainder of this article focuses on those employed people who were independent contractors in their main job.

AGE AND SEX

Men were more likely to be independent contractors, with 12% of employed men working as independent contractors in their main job, compared with 5% of women, and across all age groups there were proportionally more men who were independent contractors than women. Consequently, men made up the majority of independent contractors (75%). Around half of independent contractors (50% of men and 58% of women) were aged 35-54 years.

2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, Proportion within each age group—by Sex

Age	Males		Females		Persons	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
15-24	41.1	4.4	11.4	1.3	52.5	2.9
25-34	134.3	10.3	36.6	3.6	170.9	7.3
35-44	180.2	13.3	75.2	6.7	255.3	10.3
45-54	185.7	14.7	63.8	5.8	249.5	10.6
55-64	141.8	17.5	43.1	7.2	184.9	13.1
65 and over	44.0	24.3	*10.0	11.7	54.0	20.3
Total	727.0	12.4	240.1	5.0	967.1	9.1

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Source: Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008 (cat. no. 6359.0).

The proportion of independent contractors increases with age, with just 3% of 15-24 year old employed people working as independent contractors, compared with 20% of those aged 65 years and over. This indicates that once people pass the traditional retirement age, they may move from being in employee positions to operating their own businesses, for example, as consultants. This may be due to their ability as independent contractors to choose the hours and conditions under which they work, particularly as part of a transition to retirement.

OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY

Male independent contractors were most likely to be Technicians and trades workers, with over one third (36%) employed in this occupation. In comparison, 24% of the total male employed population were Technicians and trade workers. Female independent contractors were more likely to be Professionals, with 32% of female independent contractors working in this occupation, compared with 24% of the total female employed population who were employed as Professionals.

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OCCUPATION AND
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3. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, by Occupation

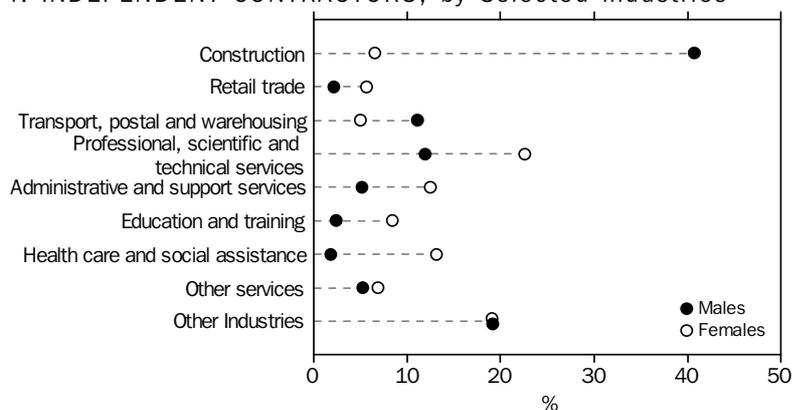


* Female Machinery operators and drivers had an RSE greater than 25%

Source: *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008 (cat. no. 6359.0)*.

Male independent contractors were most likely to be found operating their business in the Construction industry, with over two fifths (41%) working in that industry. Almost two thirds (62%) of these men were employed as Technicians and trade workers, and a further 17% as Labourers. The highest proportion of female independent contractors was found in the Professional, scientific and technical services (23%) industry, with over half (52%) of these women working as Professionals and over one third (34%) working as Clerical and administrative workers. It should be noted that the industry of independent contractors reflects the industry of the independent contractors' business rather than the industry of their client.

4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, by Selected industries



Source: *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008 (cat. no. 6359.0)*.

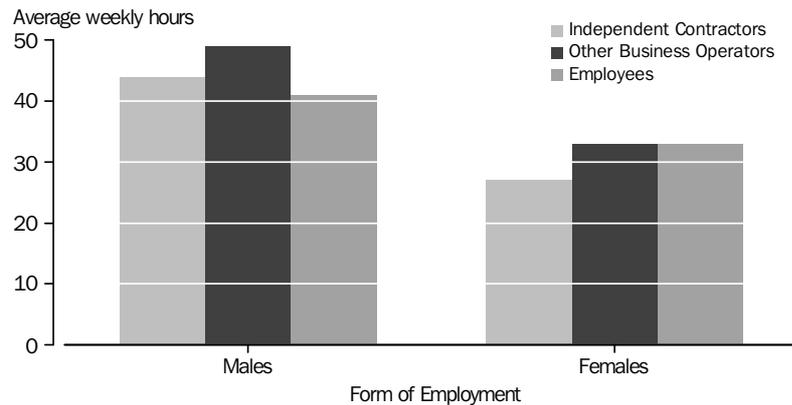
HOURS WORKED

The working hours of independent contractors in their main job varied from other forms of employment. The average usual hours worked by male independent contractors was 44 hours per week, which was higher than that of employees (41 hours), but lower than that of male other business operators (49 hours). Female independent contractors, however, worked fewer hours (27 hours) than both female employees and other business operators (both 33 hours).

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS *continued*

HOURS WORKED *continued*

5. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS, by Form of employment

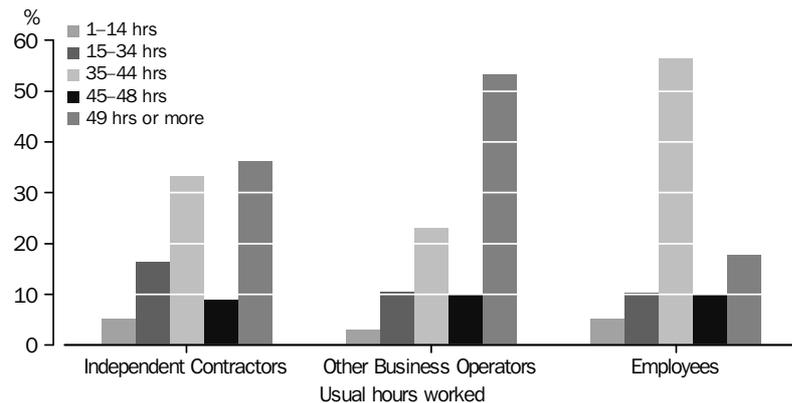


Source: *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008 (cat. no. 6359.0)*.

People who operate their own business tend to work longer hours than those who are employees. Over one third (36%) of male independent contractors and over half (53%) of other business operators usually worked 49 hours or more, compared with just 18% of employees. Like men, female other business operators were most likely to work longer hours, with over one fifth (21%) usually working 49 hours or more per week.

A higher proportion of male independent contractors usually worked part-time hours, with over one fifth (22%) usually working less than 35 hours per week, compared with 16% of male employees, and 13% of male other business operators. In comparison, over two thirds (67%) of women who were independent contractors in their main job worked part-time hours. Female employees and other business operators were less likely to work part-time hours, with around half of each group (47% and 53%, respectively) usually working less than 35 hours per week.

6. USUAL HOURS WORKED, by Form of Employment—Males

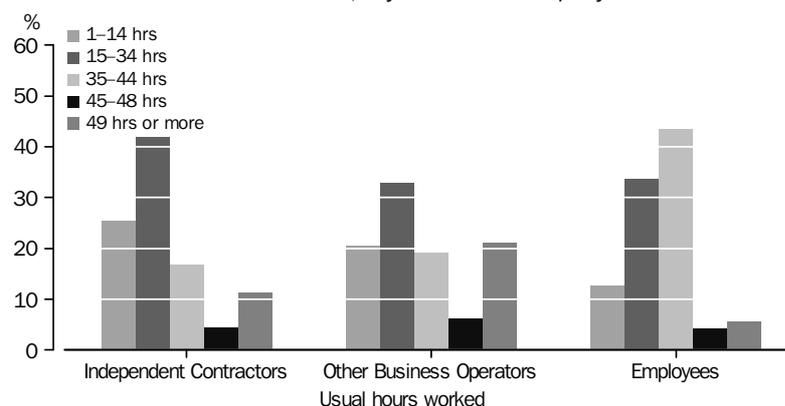


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HOURS WORKED *continued*

7. USUAL HOURS WORKED, by Form of Employment—Females

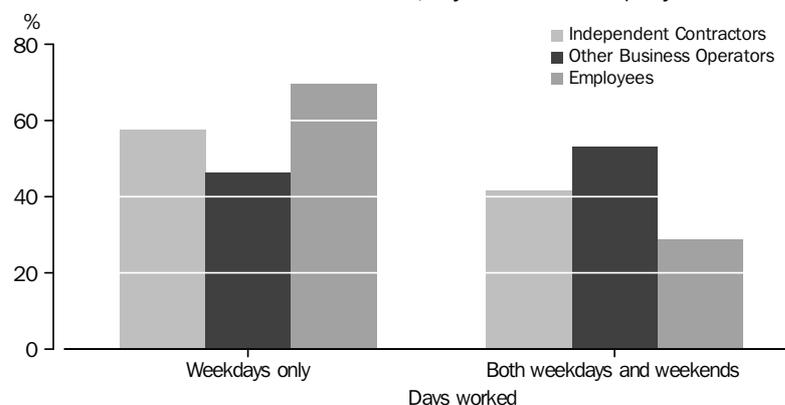


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WORKING PATTERNS

The days on which independent contractors worked varied from those engaged in other forms of employment. Over half (55%) of male independent contractors worked weekdays only. In contrast, over two thirds (69%) of employees and less than half (43%) of other business operators worked weekdays only. Female independent contractors were more likely than male independent contractors to work on weekdays only, with two thirds (66%) working only on weekdays. Like men, a large proportion (70%) of female employees worked weekdays only, while about half (51%) of other business operators worked weekdays only.

8. DAYS OF THE WEEK WORKED, by Form of employment



Source: *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008 (cat. no. 6359.0)*.

Independent contractors, as well as other business operators, were more likely to have some say in their start and finish times (84% and 89%, respectively) than employees (41%).

BUSINESS OPERATION

A small proportion of independent contractors utilised a third party to obtain work, with 2% having found their current job through a labour hire firm/employment agency, compared with 5% of employees. Of independent contractors, 4% were currently registered with a labour hire firm/employment agency in the reference week, compared to 7% of employees.

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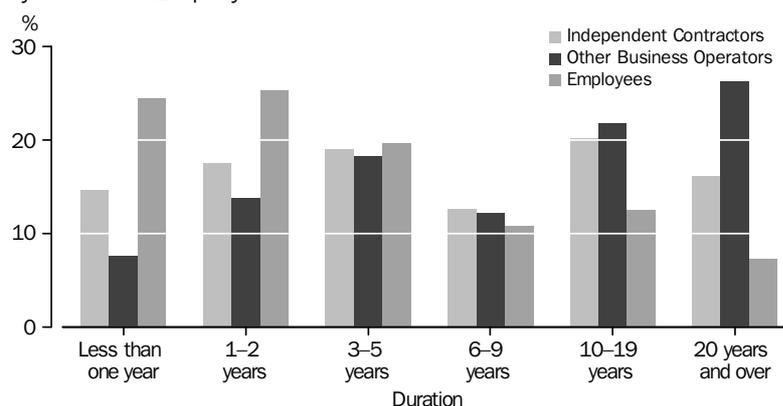
BUSINESS OPERATION *continued*

Almost two thirds (62%) of independent contractors reported that they had authority over their working procedures. Of those who reported not having authority over their working procedures, 30% reported that it was their supervisor who had that control, while a further 28% reported that it was the client contracted to. Independent contractors tended to be responsible for organising their own financial protection. Around four fifths of independent contractors organised their own liability insurance (87%), superannuation (90%), and workers compensation (85%).

Over three quarters (78%) of independent contractors did not have employees. Of the 22% of independent contractors who did have employees, most (90%) had less than 10 employees.

The average duration of employment in their current business for independent contractors was 6 years. Over one third (36%) of independent contractors had been working in their current business for over 10 years. In comparison, 48% of other business operators had been operating their business for over 10 years, while 20% of employees had had 10 years continuous duration of employment with their current employer.

9. DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT WITH CURRENT EMPLOYER/BUSINESS, by Form of Employment



Source: *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008* (cat. no. 6359.0).

Most independent contractors were able to work for multiple clients, with 73% reporting that they were usually able to work on more than one active contract. Despite this, only 46% of independent contractors had more than one active contract in the reference week, suggesting that for many independent contractors, working on one contract at a time may be preferable or provides sufficient income.

Almost two thirds (65%) of independent contractors were able to sub contract their own work. For those independent contractors who could not, the 'Nature of the work' was the main reason for not being able to sub contract their work, with almost two thirds (62%) of independent contractors reporting this reason, followed by 'Part of contract/conditions' (23%).

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the Forms of Employment Survey, see *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008* (cat. no. 6359.0). This publication is available free of charge on the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS *continued*

FURTHER INFORMATION *continued*

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END NOTES

1. Phillips, K., 2008, *Independence and the Death of Employment*, Connor Court Publishing Pty Ltd, Australia
2. The 'Employees' group as defined for the purposes of FOES differs slightly from the 'Employees' group as defined within the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) (and other supplementary surveys). For more information see *Forms of Employment, Australia, November 2008*, ABS cat. no. 6359.0, Appendix 1.

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE

EMPLOYEES IN THE FEDERAL OR STATE WORKPLACE RELATIONS JURISDICTIONS FOR PAY-SETTING

INTRODUCTION

Recent changes to the Australian workplace relations system, through the introduction of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005* and more recently the *Fair Work Act 2009*, have resulted in increasing interest in the jurisdictional coverage of employees, that is, the number of employees in the federal and state workplace relations systems.

Indicative estimates of the proportion of employees in the federal and state workplace relations systems for pay-setting purposes (in May 2006) were provided in an article published in the January 2008 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0). These estimates were based on data collected in the May 2006 Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours (EEH). This article presents updated estimates for August 2008.

THE WORKPLACE RELATIONS ENVIRONMENT

Prior to the introduction of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005*, employers could essentially choose whether to access federal or state workplace relations systems (i.e. by using a federal or state award, collective or individual agreement to set the pay and conditions of their employees). Alternatively they could choose to negotiate pay and conditions outside of either the federal or state systems (through an unregistered arrangement, e.g. common-law contract). However, following its introduction, employers (and their employees) were deemed to be in the federal jurisdiction if they were within scope of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005*. This comprises:

- constitutional corporations (i.e. financial, trading and foreign corporations covered by paragraph 51(xx) of the Constitution);
- employers and employees in Victoria, ACT, NT and Christmas and Cocos Islands;
- the Commonwealth, including its authorities; and
- waterside, maritime and flight crew employers.

The *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005* also included two sets of transitional arrangements. These apply to:

- constitutional corporations with employees who have their terms of employment set by a state registered agreement or state award; and
- employers who are not constitutional corporations with employees who have their terms of employment set by a federally registered agreement or federal award.

Employees of constitutional corporations who have their terms of employment set by a state registered agreement or state award, are deemed to be in the federal jurisdiction on a transitional basis (transitioning into the federal jurisdiction). For these employees, the state agreements or awards are deemed to be transitional federal agreements, or Notional Agreements Preserving State Awards (NAPSAs). Employees whose employer is not a constitutional corporation, but who have their terms of employment set by a federal award or federal agreement, are also deemed to be in the federal jurisdiction on a transitional basis (transitioning out of the federal jurisdiction).

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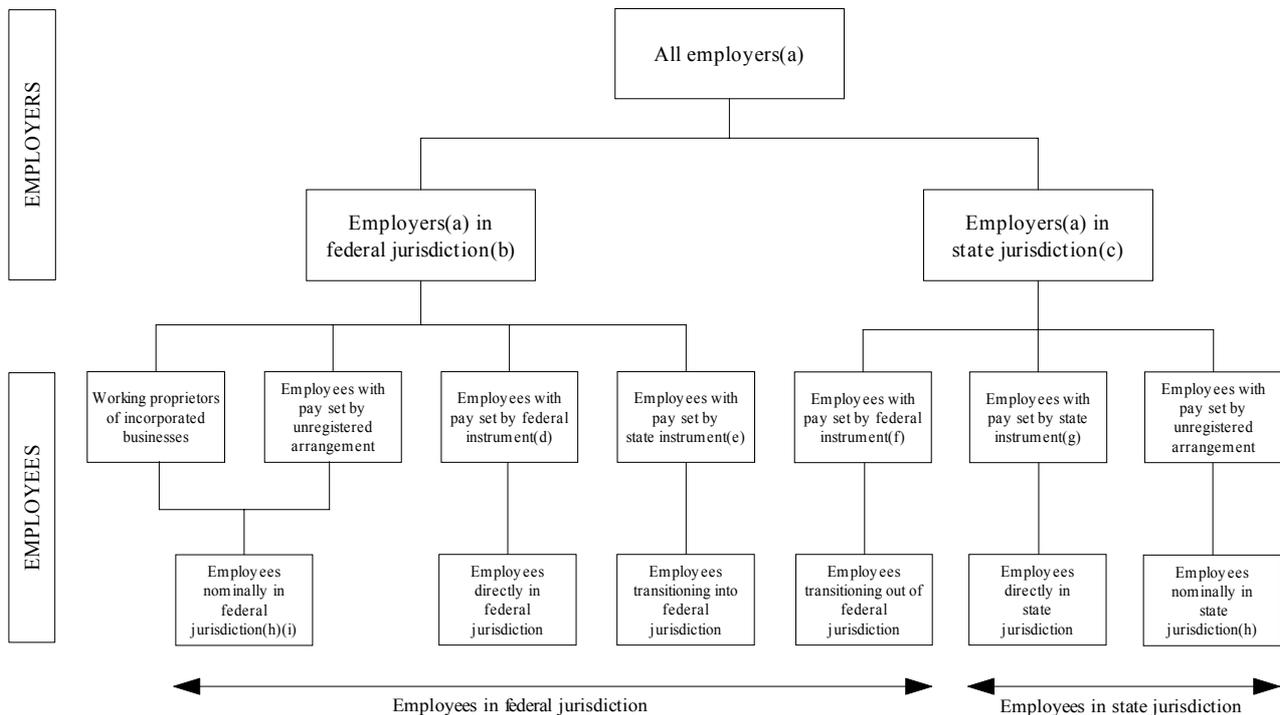
THE WORKPLACE
RELATIONS ENVIRONMENT
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The *Fair Work Act 2009*, which has replaced the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005*, took effect on 1 July 2009. The *Fair Work Act 2009* has resulted in considerable changes to the workplace relations system, including the establishment of Fair Work Australia, the introduction of new National Employment Standards, and changes to unfair dismissal provisions. However, like the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005*, the scope of the *Fair Work Act 2009* is based primarily on the powers of the constitution. The transitional arrangements within *Fair Work Act 2009* also provide for the continued existence of Awards, NAPSAs, and Agreements (including collective/certified agreements, Australian Workplace Agreements, and preserved State agreements) that were in operation immediately before 1 July 2009.

As a result, the framework for analysing workplace relations coverage, and therefore determining the proportion of employees in the federal or state workplace relations jurisdiction, remains essentially unchanged.

JURISDICTIONAL
COVERAGE FRAMEWORK

The following diagram provides a framework for identifying which employees are deemed to be under the federal or state workplace relations jurisdictions for pay-setting purposes, based on the status of the employer and the prevailing pay-setting instrument of the employee.



(a) As defined for the Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours. Comprises all employing organisations in Australia, except: businesses primarily engaged in agriculture, forestry and fishing; private households employing staff; and foreign embassies, consulates, etc.
 (b) Comprises employers who are constitutional corporations; waterside, maritime, or flight crew employers; and all employers in Victoria, the NT or the ACT.
 (c) Employers other than those in the federal jurisdiction (as defined).
 (d) Comprises employees with pay set by a federally registered individual or collective agreement or by a federal award.
 (e) Comprises employees with pay set by a state registered individual or collective agreement or by a state award. For employees of constitutional corporations, these state agreements or awards are now deemed to be transitional federal agreements, or Notional Agreements Preserving State Awards (NAPSAs).
 (f) Comprises employees with pay set by a federally registered individual or collective agreement or by a federal award. For employees of employers who are not constitutional corporations, these federal agreements or awards are now deemed to be transitional federal agreements or transitional federal awards.
 (g) Comprises employees with pay set by a state registered individual or collective agreement or by a state award.
 (h) Employees with their pay set by an unregistered arrangements have their pay and conditions negotiated outside of the federal or state jurisdictions.
 (i) Working proprietors of incorporated businesses are not generally bound by the requirements of the federal workplace relations system in setting their own pay and conditions.

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE *continued*

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE FRAMEWORK *continued*

The methodology used to classify employing businesses and employees according to this framework was outlined in an earlier article, *Jurisdictional coverage of pay-setting arrangements*, which was published in the January 2008 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

INDICATIVE ESTIMATES OF JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE

In August 2008, 78.5% of employees (6.9 million) were in the federal workplace relations jurisdiction and 13% of employees (1.1 million) were in one of the state workplace relations jurisdictions. For 8.6% of employees (900, 000) there was insufficient information to reliably determine which workplace relations jurisdiction they were in.

Between May 2006 and August 2008, federal workplace relations coverage reduced slightly, from 79.1% to 78.5% of employees. There was a corresponding increase in state workplace relations coverage, from 11.9% of employees in May 2006 to 13% of employees in August 2008.

2. JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES PAY-SETTING ARRANGEMENTS, Indicative estimates

	May 2006	Aug 2008
	%	%
Federal jurisdiction		
Federal award or agreement(a)	36.1	42.0
State award or agreement(b)	9.8	1.3
Unregistered arrangement(c)	28.2	30.2
<i>Federal jurisdiction (excluding Working proprietors of incorporated businesses)</i>	74.0	73.5
Working proprietor of incorporated business	5.1	5.0
<i>Total federal jurisdiction</i>	79.1	78.5
State jurisdiction		
State award or agreement	8.8	10.0
Unregistered arrangement(c)	3.2	2.9
<i>Total state jurisdiction</i>	11.9	13.0
Unable to be determined(d)	9.0	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes employees transitioning out of the federal jurisdiction.

(b) Employees transitioning into the federal jurisdiction.

(c) Includes employees receiving overaward pay.

(d) Employees whose jurisdictional coverage for pay-setting was unable to be determined.

Source: ABS Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours.

Employees in the federal and state jurisdictions can be further distinguished according to whether they are directly or nominally in either the federal or state jurisdiction, or whether they are transitioning into, or out of, the federal jurisdiction (see Figure 1).

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE *continued*

INDICATIVE ESTIMATES OF JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE *continued*

The 78.5% of employees in the federal workplace relations jurisdiction at August 2008 comprised:

- 42% of employees paid by a federal award or agreement. Of these:
 - 37% were directly in the federal jurisdiction (i.e. their employer was in the federal jurisdiction and their pay was set by a federally registered agreement or federal award);
 - 1% were transitioning out of the federal jurisdiction (i.e. their employer was in one of the state jurisdictions but their pay was set by a federally registered agreement or federal award); and
 - 4% had their pay set by federal agreement or federal award but it was not possible to determine whether they were directly in the federal jurisdiction or transitioning out of the federal jurisdiction.
- 1% transitioning into the federal jurisdiction (i.e. their employer was in the federal jurisdiction but their pay was set by a state registered agreement or state award); and
- 35% nominally in the federal jurisdiction. Of these:
 - 30% had their pay set by an unregistered arrangement (their employer was in the federal jurisdiction); and
 - 5% were working proprietors of their own incorporated business.

The 13% of employees in the state workplace relations jurisdiction comprised:

- 10% directly in one of the state jurisdictions (i.e. their employer was in one of the state jurisdictions and their pay was set by a state registered agreement or state award); and
- 3% nominally in one of the state jurisdictions (i.e. their employer was in one of the state jurisdictions but their pay was set by an unregistered arrangement).

Between May 2006 and August 2008, the proportion of employees directly in the federal workplace relations jurisdiction increased from 31% to 37%. In conjunction with this, the proportion of employees transitioning into the federal workplace relations jurisdiction decreased from almost 10% in May 2006 to just over 1% in August 2008, which indicates that by August 2008, most of the employees who were transitioning into the federal jurisdiction had done so.

Workplace relations coverage varies considerably across the states and territories. With the exception of Victoria, NT and the ACT, which do not have their own workplace relations systems, the state with the highest proportion of employees in the federal workplace relations jurisdiction was NSW (74%). Tasmania had the highest proportion of its employees in the state jurisdiction, with almost a quarter (24%) of Tasmanian employees in the Tasmanian workplace relations jurisdiction.

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE *continued*

2. JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES PAY-SETTING ARRANGEMENTS, States and territories: **Indicative estimates**—August 2008

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Federal jurisdiction									
Federal award or agreement(a)	36.5	55.3	35.8	38.0	32.4	43.5	62.9	75.3	42.0
State award or agreement(b)	1.2	—	2.8	2.7	*0.8	*2.6	—	—	1.3
Unregistered arrangement(c)	31.0	39.0	23.1	26.0	27.8	16.3	32.4	21.6	30.2
<i>Federal jurisdiction (excluding Working proprietors of incorporated businesses)</i>	68.7	94.3	61.7	66.7	61.0	62.4	95.5	96.9	73.5
Working proprietor of incorporated business	5.4	5.7	4.0	5.2	4.7	2.7	4.5	3.1	5.0
<i>Total federal jurisdiction</i>	74.1	100.0	65.7	71.9	65.7	65.1	100.0	100.0	78.5
State jurisdiction									
State award or agreement	10.4	—	*17.8	17.6	*14.0	*19.5	—	—	10.0
Unregistered arrangement(c)	2.8	—	5.1	4.1	6.2	4.7	—	—	2.9
<i>Total state jurisdiction</i>	13.2	—	22.8	21.7	20.3	*24.3	—	—	13.0
Unable to be determined(d)	12.6	—	11.5	6.4	14.1	10.6	—	—	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

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(a) Includes employees transitioning out of the federal jurisdiction.

(b) Employees transitioning into the federal jurisdiction.

(c) Includes employees receiving overaward pay.

(d) Employees whose jurisdictional coverage for pay-setting was unable to be determined.

Source: ABS Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours.

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UNDERUTILISATION IN THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

INTRODUCTION

The downturn in the Australian economy in 2008 and 2009 has had a noticeable impact on the labour market. The change in demand for labour during an economic downturn is most frequently measured with reference to the rising numbers of unemployed people. However, there is also another impact evident in an economic downturn - a rise in underemployment. In any analysis of underutilised labour it is therefore useful to examine both the unemployment rate and underemployment rate, and in addition the labour force underutilisation rate (LFUR), which is the sum of these two rates.

This article highlights recent changes in underutilisation to May 2009, from February 2009 and also from the previous May. It also explores changes in quarterly unemployment and underemployment for particular populations, in order to identify the underlying trends which have contributed to the recent increases in underutilisation.

The article presents data on both trend and original bases. While the ABS does not undertake time series adjustments for all underutilisation data, key underutilisation data, such as the labour force underutilisation rate, are available on a trend, seasonally adjusted and original basis. In this article trend data are presented wherever possible.

The data presented in this article relate to headcount measures of underutilisation, that is the proportion of *people* whose labour is underutilised. However, an alternative view of underutilisation is that which identifies the *hours* offered by these people. An hours based measure takes into account the fact that, while some people may offer a small number of hours, others may offer many more. In recognition of this the ABS produces annual volume measures, which provide hours based unemployment, underemployment and labour force underutilisation rates. The updated volume measures for 2008 will be released in the October 2009 issue of this publication.

As estimates in this article have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between levels and movements.

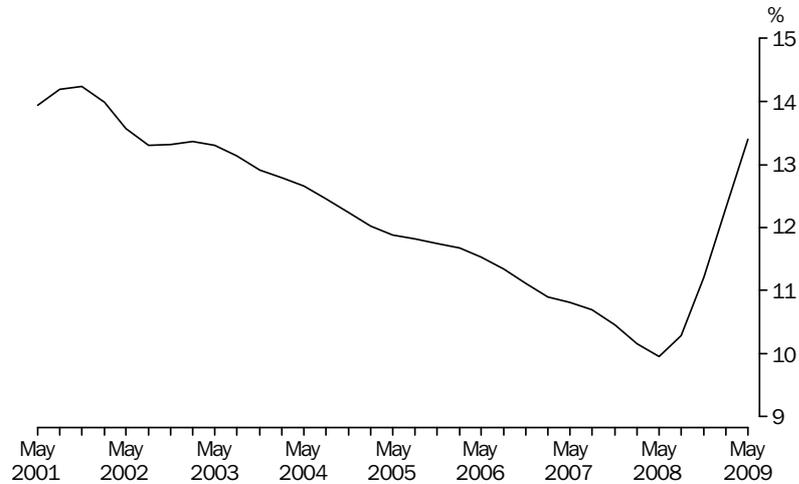
RECENT TREND

Information on underutilisation is available on a quarterly basis from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Graph 1 presents data from May 2001 and illustrates the considerable increase in the LFUR in the 2008-2009 financial year, particularly between February 2009 and May 2009 (up 1.1 percentage points, from 12.3% to 13.4%). The two most recent quarterly increases, both up 1.1 percentage points, represent the largest quarter to quarter percentage point increases in the rate in the recent time series, and in the context of the broader historical series are the largest quarter to quarter increases since February 1991 which saw an increase of 1.2 percentage points. In year to year terms, the LFUR increased 3.4 percentage points, from 10% in May 2008 to 13.4% in May 2009.

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RECENT TREND *continued*

1. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE: Trend—May 2001 – May 2009



UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Increases in both the trend quarterly unemployment rate and the trend quarterly underemployment rate contributed to the increase in the LFUR to May 2009. The trend quarterly unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points from 5.2% in February 2009, to 5.7% in May 2009 (up 1.6 percentage points from May 2008), while the trend underemployment rate increased 0.5 percentage points, from 7.1% in February 2009 to 7.7% in May 2009 (up 1.8 percentage points from the previous May).

2. CHANGES IN THE COMPONENTS OF THE LFUR: Trend

	May 2008	February 2009	May 2009	May 2008–May 2009 change	February 2009–May 2009 change
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	5.2	5.7	1.6 pts	0.6 pts
Underemployment rate (%)	5.9	7.1	7.7	1.8 pts	0.5 pts
Labour force underutilisation rate (%)	10.0	12.3	13.4	3.4 pts	1.1 pts

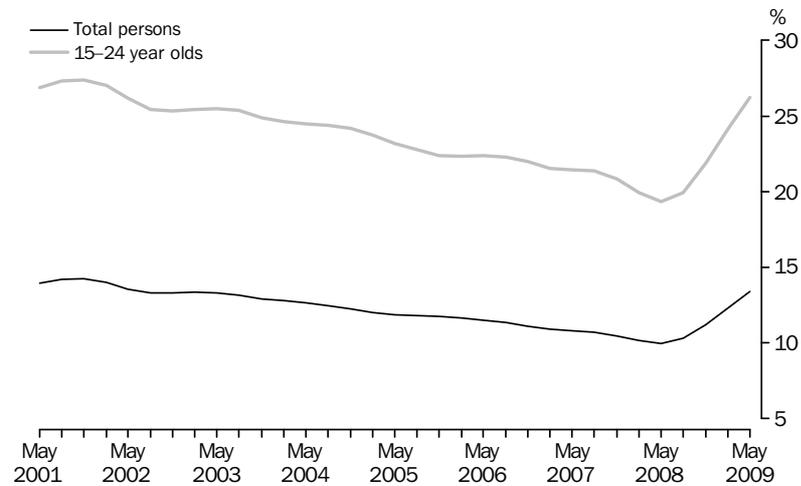
In order to understand the increase in labour underutilisation in the year to May 2009, it is useful to identify the population groups for which the underutilisation measures have shown the largest increase.

AGE

The LFUR has been considerably higher for people aged 15-24 years compared to the rate for all people. People in this younger age group are of particular interest from an underutilisation perspective, as they are often deemed to be a population group whose employment is particularly vulnerable to changes in the economic cycle, particularly as many are employed in part-time and casual work. The average underutilisation rate for people aged 15-24 years from May 2001 to May 2009 was 23.7% (varying from a low of 19.3% to a high of 27.4%), whereas the average rate for people aged 25 years and over for the same period was 12.2% (fluctuating between a low of 10% and a high of 14.2%). Graph 3 illustrates the increases in the underutilisation rate between February 2009 and May 2009 for 15-24 year olds, the 'youth' population, (up 2.1 percentage points, from 24.2% to 26.2%), compared to the increase for all people (up 1.1 percentage points, from 12.3% to 13.4%).

AGE *continued*

3. LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, Youth and total:
Trend—May 2001 – May 2009



Both component rates within the LFUR were considerably higher for people aged 15-24 years, as shown in table 4. The youth unemployment rate was 12.0% in May 2009, considerably higher than the rate for all people (5.7%). The youth underemployment rate was also markedly higher, at 14.3% in May 2009 (compared to 7.7% for all people). The high underemployment rate reflects the relatively high proportion of people in this age group who are employed part-time, often combining employment with education.

The increases in the unemployment and underemployment rates from February 2009 to May 2009 were also noticeably higher for 15-24 year olds than the change observed for all people. In contrast, the 55 years and over age group showed the smallest percentage point increase in the unemployment rate during the period (0.2 percentage points, from 2.7% to 2.8%), and the 35-44 year age group showed the smallest increase in underemployment for the period (0.3 percentage points, from 6.1% to 6.4%). This was also true for the year to year changes.

4. COMPONENTS OF THE LFUR BY AGE GROUPS: Trend

	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)			UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
	May 2008	February 2009	May 2009	May 2008	February 2009	May 2009
	15-24 years	8.4	10.7	12.0	10.9	13.4	14.3
25-34 years	3.8	5.1	5.6	4.8	5.7	6.4
35-44 years	3.3	4.1	4.4	5.1	6.1	6.4
45-54 years	2.9	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.9	6.3
55 years and over	2.2	2.7	2.8	4.2	5.1	5.5
Total	4.1	5.2	5.7	5.9	7.1	7.7

SEX

The unemployment and underemployment rates rose for both men and women over the year to May 2009. There have been considerable differences between the rate of underemployment for men and women, as shown in table 5. As part-time employment has become more prevalent, so too has underemployment, since underemployment is largely associated with part-time work. Women maintain higher rates of part-time

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employment than men, and this is reflected in the higher trend underemployment rate for women.

However, over recent quarters men have experienced larger increases in both unemployment and underemployment than women. The trend unemployment rate increased more for men from February 2009 to May 2009 (up 0.8 percentage points, from 5.1% to 6.0%), than for women (up 0.2 percentage points, from 5.2% to 5.4%). The trend underemployment rate for men during this period rose by 0.7 percentage points, from 5.5% to 6.2%, compared to an increase of 0.3 percentage points for women (from 9.1% to 9.4%). Similarly, the underemployment rate for men rose at a greater rate than for women for the year ending May 2009.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES BY SEX: *Trend*

	May 2008	February 2009	May 2009	May 2008–May 2009 change	February 2009–May 2009 change
Unemployment rate - Males (%)	3.8	5.1	6.0	2.2 pts	0.8 pts
Unemployment rate - Females (%)	4.5	5.2	5.4	0.9 pts	0.2 pts
Underemployment rate - Males (%)	4.2	5.5	6.2	2.0 pts	0.7 pts
Underemployment rate - Females (%)	7.8	9.1	9.4	1.6 pts	0.3 pts

STATES AND TERRITORIES

The recent changes in underutilisation experienced by each state and territory have generally followed the trend in the rate for Australia. The largest increases in labour force underutilisation rates from February 2009 to May 2009 were observed in Western Australia (up 1.4 percentage points) and Queensland (up 1.3 percentage points). The LFUR remained at 6.9% in the Northern Territory, the lowest of any state or territory.

The largest year to year increase occurred in the rate for Western Australia, which increased by 4.3 percentage points, from 7% to 11.3%. In contrast, the Northern Territory experienced the largest year to year LFUR decrease, down 3 percentage points, from 9.9% to 6.9%.

6. LFUR BY STATES AND TERRITORIES: *Trend*

	MAY 2008	FEBRUARY 2009	MAY 2009	MAY 2008–MAY 2009 CHANGE	FEBRUARY 2009–MAY 2009 CHANGE
	%	%	%	pts	pts
New South Wales	10.8	13.3	14.3	3.5	1.0
Victoria	10.7	13.1	14.2	3.5	1.1
Queensland	9.0	11.5	12.8	3.8	1.3
South Australia	11.5	13.5	14.1	2.5	0.6
Western Australia	7.0	9.9	11.3	4.3	1.4
Tasmania	9.9	11.5	12.6	2.7	1.1
Northern Territory	9.9	6.9	6.9	-3.0	—
Australian Capital Territory	7.4	7.4	7.8	0.4	0.5
Australia	10.0	12.3	13.4	3.4	1.1

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STATES AND TERRITORIES *continued*

As shown in table 7, Western Australia had the largest percentage point increase in unemployment rate from February 2009 to May 2009 (up 0.8 percentage points, from 4% to 4.8%), followed by Queensland (up 0.7 percentage points, from 4.6% to 5.2%). In contrast, the Northern Territory had a decrease in unemployment during the period (down 0.1 percentage points, from 3.7% to 3.6%).

Similarly, Western Australia had the largest increase in year to year movements in unemployment from May 2008 to May 2009 (up 1.9 percentage points, from 3% to 4.8%), followed by New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland (all up 1.7 percentage points). The Northern Territory unemployment rate remained at 3.6% in year to year trend terms.

Considerable changes in underemployment rates were also observed at the state and territory level over the period. The underemployment rate for Tasmania showed the largest quarter to quarter increase (up 0.7 percentage points, from 6.7% to 7.3%), followed by Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria (all up 0.6 percentage points). The Northern Territory was the only state or territory that did not record an increase during the quarter.

In year to year movements Western Australia had the largest underemployment rate increase from May 2008 to May 2009 (up 2.5 percentage points, from 4.0% to 6.5%), and the Northern Territory showed the only underemployment rate decrease for the period (down 3 percentage points, from 6.2% to 3.2%).

7. COMPONENTS OF THE LFUR BY STATES AND TERRITORIES: **Trend**

	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)			UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
	<i>May</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>May</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2009</i>
New South Wales	4.6	5.9	6.4	6.1	7.4	7.9
Victoria	4.2	5.3	5.9	6.5	7.8	8.3
Queensland	3.6	4.6	5.2	5.4	7.0	7.6
South Australia	4.7	5.5	5.7	6.8	8.0	8.4
Western Australia	3.0	4.0	4.8	4.0	5.9	6.5
Tasmania	4.4	4.9	5.3	5.6	6.7	7.3
Northern Territory	3.6	3.7	3.6	6.2	3.2	3.2
Australian Capital Territory	2.8	2.8	3.1	4.6	4.5	4.8
Australia	4.1	5.2	5.7	5.9	7.1	7.7

INDUSTRY

In order to understand underutilisation in an industry context it is necessary to use a different approach. While it is possible to determine the industry of an unemployed person's last job, it does not necessarily provide an indication of the industry in which they will next work in. This article therefore uses a combination of changes in employment, together with the proportion of employed people in the industry that are underemployed, to identify changes in labour demand and underutilisation within industry divisions. The analysis also employs year to year comparisons, given the variability in original quarterly industry employment estimates.

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INDUSTRY *continued*

Table 8 shows that between May 2008 and May 2009 there were relatively small changes in total employment in most industries. In contrast, the change in the percentage of employed people within those industries who were underemployed was considerably more pronounced over the period, with an increase in the proportion of employed people who were underemployed increasing from 6.3% to 8.2%.

As at May 2009, people working in the Accommodation and food services industry reported the highest rate of underemployment, reflecting the relatively high proportion of part-time workers in the industry. People employed in Mining, an industry with relatively little part-time employment, maintained the lowest rate of underemployment. The largest year to year change in underemployment (an increase of 3.6 percentage points) occurred amongst people working in Information media and telecommunications, an industry where employment increased by less than 1%.

8. COMPONENTS OF UNDERUTILISATION BY INDUSTRY: **Original**

	EMPLOYED ('000)		UNDEREMPLOYED (% OF EMPLOYED)	
	May 2008	May 2009	May 2008	May 2009
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	368.1	348.1	3.4	4.1
Mining	164.5	152.3	*0.9	*0
Manufacturing	1 070.0	993.5	3.1	5.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste Services	125.3	136.7	*1.2	*3.9
Construction	975.7	984.1	4.2	7.0
Wholesale trade	398.6	399.2	3.4	4.7
Retail trade	1 227.1	1 209.5	11.3	13.7
Accommodation and food services	712.1	721.2	14.0	17.1
Transport, postal and warehousing	566.8	599.2	5.6	7.9
Information media and telecommunications	222.5	224.3	4.0	7.6
Financial and insurance services	406.6	391.6	1.5	*1.5
Rental, hiring and real estate services	198.9	181.8	3.3	5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	781.3	762.4	2.8	5.9
Administrative and support services	339.3	340.4	11.5	14.7
Public administration and safety	628.1	693.1	3.7	3.3
Education and training	825.7	808.8	7.2	6.9
Health care and social assistance	1 109.2	1 189.4	7.3	9.1
Arts and recreation services	178.1	204.6	11.9	14.5
Other services	446.8	441.5	7.0	8.4
Total	10 744.8	10 781.6	6.3	8.2

Note: * estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.

OCCUPATION

As with industry, it is useful to assess changes in employment in each occupation major group, together with the proportion of employed people in the groups that are underemployed, to identify changes in labour demand and underutilisation. Table 9 provides a summary of total employment for each occupation major group, with the corresponding proportion of underemployment. Labourers reported the highest incidences of underemployment in both the May 2008 and May 2009 quarters.

The largest increase in the rate of underemployment from May 2008 to May 2009 (an increase of 4.8 percentage points) was reported by Machinery operators and drivers (up 3.4 percentage points), followed closely by Community and personal service workers (up 3.3 percentage points). As with industry, high incidences of underemployment relate to the high proportions of part-time employment within particular occupations.

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OCCUPATION *continued*

9. COMPONENTS OF UNDERUTILISATION BY OCCUPATION: **Original**

	EMPLOYED ('000)		UNDEREMPLOYED (% OF EMPLOYED)	
	May 2008	May 2009	May 2008	May 2009
	Managers	1 388.9	1 408.6	1.4	2.0
Professionals	2 227.1	2 211.0	3.6	4.4
Technicians and trades workers	1 616.7	1 623.8	3.2	5.9
Community and personal service workers	947.8	1 000.6	12.1	15.4
Clerical and administrative workers	1 632.1	1 679.6	4.4	5.5
Sales workers	1 028.5	1 012.5	12.9	15.4
Machinery operators and drivers	724.2	692.2	4.9	8.3
Labourers	1 179.4	1 153.3	14.1	17.2
Total	10 744.8	10 781.6	6.3	8.2

RELATED RELEASES

A number of recent articles providing further analysis of labour underutilisation are available as follows:

- an article in the May 2009 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0)
- the feature article, 'Historical labour underutilisation', providing an analysis of historical underutilisation, which can also be found in this issue (July 2009) of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).
- the feature article, 'Quarterly Labour Force Underutilisation Rate', published in the July 2008 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

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EXTENDED LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE

INTRODUCTION

First released in 2002¹, the ABS extended labour force underutilisation rate (ELFUR) provides the broadest measure of underutilised labour resources in Australia and has been published annually as a companion rate to the labour force underutilisation rate (LFUR).

The rationale behind the development of both the LFUR and the ELFUR was that no single measure, such as the unemployment rate, can fully capture the complexity of underutilisation in the labour market. The ABS therefore developed a number of supplementary measures of labour underutilisation, in order to better inform on the structure and dynamics of the labour market. These two measures were initially produced on an annual basis, in respect of September.

In the July 2008 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0) the ABS introduced, in the feature article 'Quarterly Labour Force Underutilisation Rate', a new quarterly LFUR to replace the annual LFUR. As noted in the article the new rate uses data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), rather than data from both the LFS and the annual *Underemployed Workers* (cat. no. 6265.0). Due to a range of factors, which are discussed more fully in that article, this resulted in higher estimates of the labour force underutilisation rate.

The purpose of this article is to detail changes that the ABS has made to the annual ELFUR measures. The changes have included three elements:

- to ensure consistency with the LFUR, the ELFUR estimates are now primarily sourced from the LFS.
- the reference period of the ELFUR has been changed from September to August, to align with a LFUR quarter month.
- the definition of discouraged job seekers has been expanded.

ELFUR ELEMENTS

The ELFUR is expressed as the sum of the unemployed and underemployed, and two marginally attached groups (people not in the labour force), as a proportion of the labour force augmented by the number of people in the two marginally attached groups.

The marginally attached groups currently included in the ELFUR are:

- Marginally attached group 1: people actively looking for work, not available to start in the reference week, but available to start within four weeks; and
- Marginally attached group 2: discouraged job seekers.²

These two groups of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force are each close to satisfying the ABS and International Labour Organization criteria for unemployment. Those in the first group would meet the definition of unemployment if the availability criterion were relaxed; while those in the second group would be classified as unemployed if the looking for work criterion were relaxed for persons who have given up looking because they believe they cannot find a job.

ELFUR DATA SOURCE AND REFERENCE PERIOD

Most components included in the ELFUR are currently available from the LFS, with the exception of Marginally attached group 2. The only regular source for discouraged job seekers data is *Persons Not in the Labour Force* (cat. no. 6220.0), which continues to be in respect of September. It is for this reason that the ABS has selected August as the new reference for the ELFUR, rather than February, May or November, due to its proximity to September.

EXTENDED LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE *continued*

ELFUR DATA SOURCE AND REFERENCE PERIOD *continued*

For the purposes of compiling estimates as at August, the ABS has used the proportion of persons not in the labour force who are in Marginally attached group 2, from *Persons Not in the Labour Force* (cat. no. 6220.0) in September, and applied it to August LFS estimates of persons not in the labour force. This has enabled the ABS to create synthetic estimates for the Marginally attached group 2 population. Estimates on this basis have been compiled from August 1994 onwards.

Prior to the introduction of the new LFS questionnaire in April 2001 data for the Marginally attached group 1 population are also unavailable, and a similar methodology has been used for this group, to create estimates of the Marginally attached group 1 for August reference periods from 1994 to 2000.

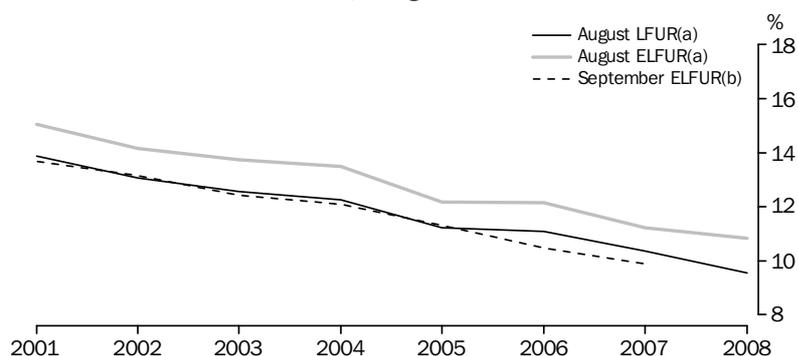
DISCOURAGED JOB SEEKERS

An additional change has also been made to a component of the ELFUR. In 2008 the ABS undertook an assessment of the categories that are considered to be labour market reasons for not actively looking for work for those people who want to work and are available to start within four weeks, which constitutes the definition of a discouraged job seeker. The reported reason of 'no jobs in suitable hours' was previously not considered a labour market reason, but this has now been changed. As with people who report that there are 'no jobs in locality or line of work', those who report that there are 'no jobs in suitable hours' are also now considered discouraged job seekers, as the labour market is unable to provide a job which satisfies a relatively basic requirement.

This expansion of the definition of discouraged job seekers has now been applied to the ELFUR time series, from 1994 onwards, and will also be reflected in the 2009 results in *Persons Not in the Labour Force* (cat. no. 6220.0). The effect on the ELFUR is minimal, since the population is relatively small. For instance, in September 2008, 7,600 people indicated that they were not actively looking due to 'no jobs in suitable hours', compared to the 79,300 people who were classified as discouraged job seekers using the previous definition.

COMPARISON OF RATES

1. COMPARISON OF RATES, Original—2001-2008



(a) Annual data for all series are presented using year reference periods, rather than months.

(b) Discontinued. Last data in this series was September 2007.

Source: 6105.0 Datacube 1.1

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RELATED RELEASES

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- the feature article, 'Historical labour underutilisation', providing an analysis of historical underutilisation, which can also be found in this issue (July 2009) of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).
- the feature article, 'Labour underutilisation in the economic downturn', providing an analysis of the changes in components of underutilisation from February 2009 to May 2009, which can also be found in this issue (July 2009) of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).
- the feature article, 'Quarterly Labour Force Underutilisation Rate', published in the July 2008 issue of *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

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END NOTES

1. Released in the information paper *Measures of Labour Underutilisation, 2002* (cat. no. 6296.0).

2. As of this release, discouraged job seekers includes those people with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within the next four weeks but whose main reason for not actively looking for work was that they believed they would not find a job for any of the following reasons:

- considered to be too young by employers
- considered to be too old by employers
- lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience
- difficulties because of language or ethnic background
- no jobs in their locality or line of work
- no jobs available at all
- no jobs in suitable hours.

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Month	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			CHANGE IN EMPLOYED (a)			CHANGE IN RATE (a)				
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	% pts	% pts
MALES														
May 2004	4 561.6	779.8	5 341.4	245.1	56.5	301.6	5 643.0	5.3	71.5	2.7	1.2	2.5	-0.8	0.1
May 2005	4 697.0	807.9	5 504.9	220.4	58.3	278.8	5 783.7	4.8	72.2	3.0	3.6	3.1	-0.5	0.6
May 2006	4 769.7	839.2	5 608.9	217.9	58.8	276.7	5 885.6	4.7	72.2	1.5	3.9	1.9	-0.1	0.0
2007														
May	4 919.2	861.7	5 780.9	183.7	52.2	235.9	6 016.7	3.9	72.5	1.0	-0.5	0.8	-0.2	0.1
August	4 938.1	865.9	5 804.0	183.0	57.0	240.0	6 044.0	4.0	72.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
November	4 955.5	880.9	5 836.4	186.3	58.3	244.6	6 081.0	4.0	72.6	0.4	1.7	0.6	0.1	0.1
2008														
February	4 978.4	903.3	5 881.7	181.0	53.9	234.9	6 116.6	3.8	72.7	0.5	2.5	0.8	-0.2	0.0
May	5 009.9	888.6	5 898.4	184.5	53.4	238.0	6 136.4	3.9	72.6	0.6	-1.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1
August	5 038.0	872.5	5 910.5	186.9	55.1	242.0	6 152.6	3.9	72.5	0.6	-1.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1
November	5 022.1	883.6	5 905.7	209.6	57.7	267.2	6 173.0	4.3	72.3	-0.3	1.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
2009														
February	4 963.4	910.6	5 874.0	258.7	64.4	323.1	6 197.2	5.2	72.3	-1.2	3.1	-0.5	0.9	-0.1
May	4 916.1	934.1	5 850.2	297.9	68.9	366.8	6 217.0	5.9	72.2	-1.0	2.6	-0.4	0.7	-0.1
FEMALES														
May 2004	2 338.6	1 942.7	4 281.3	159.6	94.3	253.9	4 535.2	5.6	55.5	2.0	-0.4	0.9	-0.4	-0.5
May 2005	2 456.3	2 024.3	4 480.6	155.3	97.7	253.0	4 733.6	5.3	57.0	5.0	4.2	4.7	-0.3	1.6
May 2006	2 525.8	2 083.4	4 609.2	144.3	97.5	241.8	4 851.0	5.0	57.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	-0.4	0.5
2007														
May	2 624.8	2 105.8	4 730.7	144.1	93.9	238.0	4 968.6	4.8	58.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.0
August	2 640.0	2 127.2	4 767.1	141.5	96.4	237.9	5 005.1	4.8	58.2	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
November	2 673.6	2 133.0	4 806.6	133.9	102.1	236.0	5 042.6	4.7	58.4	1.3	0.3	0.8	-0.1	0.2
2008														
February	2 697.4	2 148.1	4 845.4	129.6	96.5	226.2	5 071.6	4.5	58.4	0.9	0.7	0.8	-0.2	0.1
May	2 708.7	2 166.1	4 874.8	132.9	97.4	230.4	5 105.1	4.5	58.6	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1
August	2 707.0	2 176.1	4 883.1	141.7	96.5	238.2	5 121.3	4.7	58.5	-0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0
November	2 692.2	2 207.6	4 899.8	147.3	95.9	243.3	5 143.1	4.7	58.5	-0.5	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.0
2009														
February	2 703.9	2 218.0	4 921.9	163.3	104.1	267.5	5 189.4	5.2	58.8	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3
May	2 724.4	2 213.5	4 937.9	180.9	107.1	288.1	5 226.0	5.5	59.0	0.8	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
PERSONS														
May 2004	6 900.3	2 722.5	9 622.7	404.7	150.8	555.5	10 178.2	5.5	63.4	2.5	0.0	1.8	-0.6	-0.2
May 2005	7 153.2	2 832.3	9 985.5	375.8	156.0	531.8	10 517.3	5.1	64.5	3.7	4.0	3.8	-0.4	1.1
May 2006	7 295.5	2 922.7	10 218.1	362.2	156.3	518.5	10 736.6	4.8	64.7	2.0	3.2	2.3	-0.2	0.3
2007														
May	7 544.0	2 967.5	10 511.5	327.8	146.1	473.8	10 985.4	4.3	65.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.0
August	7 578.1	2 993.0	10 571.1	324.5	153.4	477.9	11 049.1	4.3	65.2	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.1
November	7 629.1	3 013.9	10 643.0	320.1	160.4	480.6	11 123.6	4.3	65.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.2
2008														
February	7 675.8	3 051.4	10 727.1	310.6	150.4	461.1	11 188.2	4.1	65.5	0.6	1.2	0.8	-0.2	0.1
May	7 718.6	3 054.7	10 773.2	317.5	150.9	468.3	11 241.6	4.2	65.5	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
August	7 745.1	3 048.6	10 793.7	328.6	151.6	480.2	11 273.9	4.3	65.4	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
November	7 714.3	3 091.2	10 805.5	356.9	153.6	510.5	11 316.0	4.5	65.3	-0.4	1.4	0.1	0.3	-0.1
2009														
February	7 667.4	3 128.6	10 796.0	422.0	168.6	590.6	11 386.6	5.2	65.4	-0.6	1.2	-0.1	0.7	0.1
May	7 640.5	3 147.6	10 788.1	478.8	176.1	654.9	11 443.0	5.7	65.5	-0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.1

(a) Change is calculated from the middle month of the previous quarter for the nine most recent quarters, and from the corresponding month of the previous year for earlier periods.

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Age group (years)	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force	Not in the labour force	Civilian population	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES											
Married											
15-19	*4.9	*1.2	*6.1	*0.8	*0.2	*1.0	*7.1	*2.0	9.1	*14.2	*78.5
20-24	102.7	21.7	124.4	*6.6	*1.2	7.8	132.1	12.4	144.5	5.9	91.4
25-29	297.2	28.1	325.3	14.0	*2.4	16.5	341.7	17.2	358.9	4.8	95.2
30-34	431.0	30.9	461.9	17.8	*1.4	19.2	481.1	19.6	500.7	4.0	96.1
35-39	507.9	33.2	541.1	17.3	*1.4	18.8	559.9	23.9	583.8	3.4	95.9
40-44	470.7	34.3	505.0	12.9	*0.6	13.5	518.5	26.7	545.2	2.6	95.1
45-49	503.5	33.9	537.4	19.3	*0.9	20.2	557.6	34.1	591.7	3.6	94.2
50-54	450.4	32.6	483.0	17.2	*1.4	18.7	501.7	38.1	539.8	3.7	92.9
55-59	347.7	49.7	397.4	*7.4	*0.5	7.9	405.2	86.6	491.8	1.9	82.4
60-64	211.4	64.9	276.2	10.8	*1.0	11.8	288.1	179.6	467.7	4.1	61.6
65-69	71.2	46.7	117.9	*0.5	*0.4	*1.0	118.9	217.2	336.1	*0.8	35.4
70 and over	20.8	23.5	44.3	*0.2	*—	*0.2	44.5	558.7	603.2	*0.4	7.4
15-64	3 327.3	330.5	3 657.8	124.1	11.2	135.3	3 793.1	440.1	4 233.2	3.6	89.6
Total	3 419.2	400.7	3 820.0	124.8	11.6	136.5	3 956.4	1 216.1	5 172.5	3.4	76.5
Not Married											
15-19	132.6	208.2	340.8	44.7	34.5	79.2	420.0	326.7	746.7	18.9	56.2
20-24	309.5	150.2	459.7	44.7	14.7	59.5	519.2	111.8	631.0	11.5	82.3
25-29	276.2	54.5	330.7	35.6	*1.4	37.0	367.7	49.9	417.6	10.1	88.0
30-34	155.5	24.5	180.0	13.5	*0.9	14.4	194.4	37.2	231.6	7.4	83.9
35-39	138.0	18.3	156.3	13.7	*0.6	14.3	170.6	36.1	206.6	8.4	82.5
40-44	127.0	17.9	144.9	9.5	*1.8	11.3	156.2	51.3	207.5	7.2	75.3
45-49	108.7	16.9	125.6	14.6	*—	14.6	140.2	40.2	180.4	10.4	77.7
50-54	95.1	19.0	114.1	8.3	*0.9	9.2	123.3	45.6	168.8	7.4	73.0
55-59	70.4	17.8	88.2	*6.3	*1.3	7.6	95.8	57.3	153.0	7.9	62.6
60-64	38.9	10.8	49.7	*2.9	*0.6	*3.5	53.2	60.3	113.5	*6.6	46.9
65-69	9.0	7.8	16.8	*—	*0.1	*0.1	16.9	74.9	91.9	*0.7	18.4
70 and over	*5.6	8.8	14.4	*—	*—	*—	14.4	278.9	293.4	*—	4.9
15-64	1 451.9	538.0	1 989.9	193.9	56.7	250.6	2 240.5	816.4	3 056.8	11.2	73.3
Total	1 466.6	554.6	2 021.1	193.9	56.8	250.7	2 271.8	1 170.2	3 442.1	11.0	66.0
Total											
15-19	137.5	209.4	346.9	45.5	34.7	80.2	427.1	328.7	755.8	18.8	56.5
20-24	412.2	171.9	584.1	51.3	15.9	67.2	651.3	124.2	775.5	10.3	84.0
25-29	573.3	82.6	655.9	49.7	*3.8	53.5	709.4	67.1	776.6	7.5	91.4
30-34	586.5	55.4	641.9	31.3	*2.3	33.6	675.5	56.8	732.3	5.0	92.2
35-39	645.9	51.5	697.3	31.1	*2.0	33.1	730.4	60.0	790.4	4.5	92.4
40-44	597.6	52.2	649.9	22.4	*2.4	24.8	674.7	77.9	752.6	3.7	89.6
45-49	612.2	50.8	663.0	33.9	*0.9	34.8	697.8	74.3	772.1	5.0	90.4
50-54	545.4	51.7	597.1	25.5	*2.3	27.8	624.9	83.7	708.6	4.5	88.2
55-59	418.1	67.5	485.6	13.7	*1.8	15.4	501.0	143.8	644.8	3.1	77.7
60-64	250.3	75.6	325.9	13.7	*1.6	15.3	341.3	239.9	581.2	4.5	58.7
65-69	80.2	54.5	134.7	*0.5	*0.6	*1.1	135.8	292.1	427.9	*0.8	31.7
70 and over	26.4	32.3	58.8	*0.2	*—	*0.2	58.9	837.6	896.6	*0.3	6.6
15-64	4 779.2	868.5	5 647.7	318.0	67.9	385.9	6 033.5	1 256.5	7 290.1	6.4	82.8
Total	4 885.8	955.3	5 841.1	318.7	68.4	387.1	6 228.2	2 386.3	8 614.6	6.2	72.3
Mean age	40.6	36.7	40.0	34.4	24.4	32.6	39.5	55.9	44.1
Median age	40	30	39	31	19	28	39	63	43

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Age group (years)	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force	Not in the labour force	Civilian population	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
FEMALES											
Married											
15-19	11.3	*5.5	16.8	*2.7	*1.7	*4.4	21.2	14.7	35.9	*20.7	59.1
20-24	108.6	49.4	158.0	8.2	*5.5	13.7	171.8	56.0	227.8	8.0	75.4
25-29	223.1	81.1	304.2	10.5	*3.5	14.1	318.2	130.2	448.5	4.4	71.0
30-34	199.5	159.7	359.1	*6.7	*3.7	10.4	369.5	143.6	513.1	2.8	72.0
35-39	182.0	228.4	410.5	13.4	8.9	22.3	432.7	160.3	593.0	5.2	73.0
40-44	214.7	235.0	449.7	7.9	*7.2	15.0	464.8	115.9	580.6	3.2	80.0
45-49	252.1	211.6	463.7	10.0	*6.7	16.8	480.5	100.8	581.3	3.5	82.7
50-54	226.7	165.2	391.9	*6.0	*2.2	8.2	400.1	116.9	517.0	2.0	77.4
55-59	148.4	133.2	281.6	*3.9	*3.0	*6.9	288.5	175.4	464.0	2.4	62.2
60-64	71.5	105.3	176.8	*0.4	*0.1	*0.5	177.3	235.6	412.9	*0.3	42.9
65-69	11.3	30.3	41.6	*—	*0.4	*0.4	42.1	243.2	285.3	*1.1	14.8
70 and over	*1.3	*6.6	7.9	*—	*—	*—	7.9	403.2	411.1	*—	1.9
15-64	1 638.0	1 374.3	3 012.4	69.7	42.5	112.2	3 124.6	1 249.4	4 374.1	3.6	71.4
Total	1 650.7	1 411.2	3 062.0	69.7	43.0	112.7	3 174.6	1 895.8	5 070.5	3.5	62.6
Not Married											
15-19	65.0	269.0	334.0	27.6	27.5	55.1	389.1	294.9	684.0	14.2	56.9
20-24	193.9	176.8	370.6	18.9	10.5	29.4	400.0	125.9	525.9	7.3	76.1
25-29	173.5	59.9	233.5	14.3	*3.0	17.4	250.8	64.6	315.4	6.9	79.5
30-34	117.7	35.7	153.4	8.7	*4.2	13.0	166.4	54.9	221.3	7.8	75.2
35-39	99.5	50.8	150.3	9.2	*3.7	12.9	163.2	47.5	210.6	7.9	77.5
40-44	77.7	49.8	127.5	7.8	*1.9	9.7	137.2	44.8	182.0	7.0	75.4
45-49	98.8	47.0	145.8	12.4	*2.8	15.2	161.0	44.9	205.9	9.5	78.2
50-54	93.3	45.2	138.5	*4.5	*0.7	*5.2	143.7	61.7	205.4	3.6	69.9
55-59	80.0	39.9	119.9	*4.6	*1.0	*5.6	125.4	66.0	191.4	*4.4	65.5
60-64	40.1	26.3	66.4	*3.1	*1.5	*4.6	71.0	98.1	169.1	*6.5	42.0
65-69	9.9	14.9	24.8	*—	*—	*—	24.8	125.8	150.6	*—	16.5
70 and over	*4.1	9.8	13.8	*—	*—	*—	13.8	720.8	734.6	*—	1.9
15-64	1 039.5	800.4	1 839.9	111.1	56.8	167.9	2 007.9	903.3	2 911.2	8.4	69.0
Total	1 053.5	825.0	1 878.6	111.1	56.8	167.9	2 046.5	1 749.9	3 796.4	8.2	53.9
Total											
15-19	76.3	274.5	350.8	30.3	29.2	59.5	410.3	309.6	719.9	14.5	57.0
20-24	302.5	226.2	528.7	27.1	16.0	43.1	571.8	181.9	753.7	7.5	75.9
25-29	396.6	141.0	537.6	24.9	*6.6	31.4	569.1	194.8	763.9	5.5	74.5
30-34	317.2	195.4	512.6	15.4	7.9	23.3	535.9	198.5	734.4	4.4	73.0
35-39	281.6	279.2	560.7	22.6	12.6	35.2	595.9	207.8	803.7	5.9	74.1
40-44	292.5	284.8	577.3	15.6	9.1	24.7	602.0	160.7	762.6	4.1	78.9
45-49	350.9	258.6	609.5	22.5	9.5	32.0	641.5	145.8	787.3	5.0	81.5
50-54	320.0	210.4	530.4	10.4	*2.9	13.4	543.8	178.6	722.4	2.5	75.3
55-59	228.4	173.1	401.5	8.5	*4.0	12.4	413.9	241.4	655.3	3.0	63.2
60-64	111.6	131.6	243.1	*3.6	*1.6	*5.2	248.3	333.7	582.0	*2.1	42.7
65-69	21.3	45.2	66.5	*—	*0.4	*0.4	66.9	369.0	435.9	*0.7	15.3
70 and over	*5.4	16.3	21.8	*—	*—	*—	21.8	1 123.9	1 145.7	*—	1.9
15-64	2 677.6	2 174.7	4 852.3	180.8	99.3	280.2	5 132.5	2 152.8	7 285.2	5.5	70.5
Total	2 704.3	2 236.3	4 940.5	180.8	99.8	280.6	5 221.1	3 645.7	8 866.8	5.4	58.9
Mean age	39.4	39.0	39.2	33.6	30.7	32.6	38.8	54.8	45.4
Median age	39	40	39	32	29	31	39	60	44

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PERSONS											
Married											
15-19	16.2	*6.7	22.9	*3.5	*2.0	*5.4	28.3	16.6	44.9	*19.1	63.0
20-24	211.3	71.1	282.4	14.8	*6.7	21.5	303.9	68.4	372.3	7.1	81.6
25-29	520.3	109.2	629.4	24.6	*6.0	30.5	660.0	147.5	807.4	4.6	81.7
30-34	630.5	190.5	821.1	24.5	*5.1	29.6	850.7	163.2	1 013.8	3.5	83.9
35-39	689.9	261.6	951.5	30.8	10.3	41.1	992.6	184.2	1 176.8	4.1	84.3
40-44	685.4	269.3	954.7	20.8	7.8	28.5	983.3	142.5	1 125.8	2.9	87.3
45-49	755.6	245.5	1 001.1	29.3	7.7	37.0	1 038.1	134.9	1 173.1	3.6	88.5
50-54	677.1	197.8	874.9	23.2	*3.6	26.8	901.8	155.0	1 056.8	3.0	85.3
55-59	496.1	182.9	679.0	11.3	*3.5	14.8	693.8	262.0	955.8	2.1	72.6
60-64	282.9	170.1	453.0	11.2	*1.1	12.3	465.3	415.2	880.6	2.7	52.8
65-69	82.5	77.0	159.6	*0.5	*0.9	*1.4	161.0	460.4	621.4	*0.9	25.9
70 and over	22.1	30.1	52.3	*0.2	*—	*0.2	52.4	961.9	1 014.3	*0.3	5.2
15-64	4 965.3	1 704.8	6 670.1	193.9	53.7	247.6	6 917.7	1 689.6	8 607.3	3.6	80.4
Total	5 070.0	1 812.0	6 881.9	194.6	54.6	249.1	7 131.1	3 111.9	10 243.0	3.5	69.6
Not Married											
15-19	197.6	477.2	674.8	72.3	62.0	134.3	809.1	621.7	1 430.8	16.6	56.6
20-24	503.4	326.9	830.4	63.7	25.2	88.9	919.2	237.7	1 157.0	9.7	79.5
25-29	449.7	114.4	564.1	50.0	*4.4	54.4	618.5	114.5	733.1	8.8	84.4
30-34	273.2	60.2	333.4	22.2	*5.1	27.4	360.8	92.1	452.9	7.6	79.7
35-39	237.5	69.0	306.6	22.9	*4.3	27.2	333.7	83.5	417.2	8.1	80.0
40-44	204.7	67.7	272.4	17.3	*3.7	21.0	293.4	96.1	389.5	7.2	75.3
45-49	207.5	63.9	271.4	27.0	*2.8	29.8	301.2	85.1	386.3	9.9	78.0
50-54	188.4	64.2	252.6	12.7	*1.6	14.3	266.9	107.3	374.2	5.4	71.3
55-59	150.4	57.7	208.0	10.8	*2.3	13.1	221.2	123.2	344.4	5.9	64.2
60-64	79.0	37.0	116.1	*6.1	*2.1	8.2	124.2	158.4	282.6	*6.6	44.0
65-69	19.0	22.7	41.6	*—	*0.1	*0.1	41.7	200.7	242.5	*0.3	17.2
70 and over	9.7	18.6	28.3	*—	*—	*—	28.3	999.7	1 027.9	*—	2.7
15-64	2 491.4	1 338.4	3 829.8	305.0	113.5	418.5	4 248.3	1 719.7	5 968.0	9.9	71.2
Total	2 520.1	1 379.6	3 899.7	305.0	113.6	418.6	4 318.3	2 920.1	7 238.4	9.7	59.7
Total											
15-19	213.9	483.9	697.7	75.8	63.9	139.7	837.4	638.3	1 475.7	16.7	56.7
20-24	714.7	398.0	1 112.8	78.4	31.9	110.3	1 223.1	306.1	1 529.3	9.0	80.0
25-29	969.9	223.6	1 193.6	74.6	10.4	84.9	1 278.5	262.0	1 540.5	6.6	83.0
30-34	903.7	250.8	1 154.5	46.7	10.2	57.0	1 211.4	255.3	1 466.7	4.7	82.6
35-39	927.4	330.7	1 258.1	53.7	14.5	68.2	1 326.3	267.7	1 594.1	5.1	83.2
40-44	890.1	337.1	1 227.2	38.0	11.5	49.5	1 276.7	238.6	1 515.3	3.9	84.3
45-49	963.1	309.4	1 272.5	56.3	10.5	66.8	1 339.3	220.1	1 559.4	5.0	85.9
50-54	865.5	262.0	1 127.5	35.9	*5.2	41.2	1 168.7	262.3	1 431.0	3.5	81.7
55-59	646.5	240.6	887.1	22.1	*5.8	27.9	915.0	385.2	1 300.2	3.0	70.4
60-64	361.9	207.2	569.1	17.3	*3.2	20.5	589.6	573.7	1 163.2	3.5	50.7
65-69	101.5	99.7	201.2	*0.5	*1.0	*1.5	202.7	661.2	863.9	*0.8	23.5
70 and over	31.8	48.7	80.5	*0.2	*—	*0.2	80.7	1 961.5	2 042.2	*0.2	4.0
15-64	7 456.7	3 043.2	10 500.0	498.9	167.2	666.0	11 166.0	3 409.3	14 575.3	6.0	76.6
Total	7 590.1	3 191.6	10 781.6	499.6	168.2	667.8	11 449.4	6 032.0	17 481.4	5.8	65.5
Mean age	40.2	38.3	39.6	34.1	28.1	32.6	39.2	55.2	44.7
Median age	40	38	39	31	22	29	39	61	43

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force	Not in the labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NEW SOUTH WALES											
Sydney											
Males	1 009.8	191.2	1 201.1	74.7	16.0	90.8	1 291.8	458.2	1 750.0	7.0	73.8
Females	601.8	420.6	1 022.4	44.9	20.3	65.2	1 087.6	748.3	1 835.9	6.0	59.2
Persons	1 611.7	611.8	2 223.5	119.7	36.3	156.0	2 379.4	1 206.4	3 585.9	6.6	66.4
Balance of New South Wales											
Males	528.5	107.4	635.9	38.2	*7.8	46.0	681.9	357.9	1 039.8	6.7	65.6
Females	271.1	264.9	536.0	19.4	15.0	34.4	570.3	493.7	1 064.1	6.0	53.6
Persons	799.6	372.3	1 171.9	57.6	22.8	80.4	1 252.3	851.6	2 103.9	6.4	59.5
Total											
Males	1 538.4	298.6	1 837.0	112.9	23.9	136.8	1 973.8	816.0	2 789.8	6.9	70.7
Females	872.9	685.5	1 558.4	64.3	35.3	99.6	1 657.9	1 242.0	2 899.9	6.0	57.2
Persons	2 411.2	984.1	3 395.4	177.2	59.1	236.4	3 631.7	2 058.0	5 689.7	6.5	63.8
VICTORIA											
Melbourne											
Males	880.9	188.7	1 069.6	66.2	14.2	80.4	1 150.0	429.8	1 579.8	7.0	72.8
Females	511.7	398.1	909.8	31.8	22.5	54.4	964.2	677.1	1 641.3	5.6	58.7
Persons	1 392.6	586.8	1 979.4	98.0	36.7	134.8	2 114.2	1 106.9	3 221.1	6.4	65.6
Balance of Victoria											
Males	295.7	75.2	371.0	14.8	*3.0	17.8	388.7	173.7	562.4	4.6	69.1
Females	139.3	160.5	299.8	12.1	*4.5	16.6	316.4	266.9	583.3	5.3	54.2
Persons	435.1	235.7	670.8	26.8	7.5	34.4	705.2	440.6	1 145.7	4.9	61.5
Total											
Males	1 176.6	263.9	1 440.6	81.0	17.2	98.2	1 538.7	603.5	2 142.2	6.4	71.8
Females	651.1	558.6	1 209.6	43.9	27.1	71.0	1 280.6	943.9	2 224.6	5.5	57.6
Persons	1 827.7	822.5	2 650.2	124.9	44.3	169.2	2 819.4	1 547.4	4 366.8	6.0	64.6
QUEENSLAND											
Brisbane											
Males	464.6	77.4	542.0	25.0	*4.6	29.7	571.7	187.0	758.7	5.2	75.4
Females	276.8	202.7	479.5	14.6	5.5	20.1	499.7	287.0	786.7	4.0	63.5
Persons	741.4	280.1	1 021.6	39.7	10.1	49.8	1 071.4	474.1	1 545.4	4.6	69.3
Balance of Queensland											
Males	559.8	93.9	653.7	38.3	8.4	46.7	700.5	262.0	962.4	6.7	72.8
Females	284.3	260.8	545.1	22.4	*9.7	32.1	577.3	391.3	968.5	5.6	59.6
Persons	844.2	354.7	1 198.9	60.7	18.1	78.8	1 277.7	653.2	1 931.0	6.2	66.2
Total											
Males	1 024.4	171.4	1 195.8	63.3	13.1	76.4	1 272.2	449.0	1 721.1	6.0	73.9
Females	561.1	463.5	1 024.7	37.0	15.2	52.3	1 076.9	678.3	1 755.2	4.9	61.4
Persons	1 585.6	634.9	2 220.4	100.4	28.3	128.6	2 349.1	1 127.3	3 476.4	5.5	67.6

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force '000	Not in the labour force '000	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %
	Full- time	Part- time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
SOUTH AUSTRALIA											
Adelaide											
Males	250.5	53.0	303.5	17.3	5.0	22.3	325.8	144.8	470.6	6.9	69.2
Females	138.3	136.9	275.2	9.5	4.7	14.2	289.4	213.7	503.1	4.9	57.5
Persons	388.8	189.8	578.6	26.8	9.7	36.5	615.2	358.5	973.7	5.9	63.2
Balance of South Australia											
Males	100.0	18.0	118.0	4.2	*0.8	5.0	123.0	54.3	177.3	4.1	69.4
Females	47.9	51.0	99.0	*3.4	*0.4	3.8	102.7	69.8	172.5	*3.7	59.5
Persons	147.9	69.1	217.0	7.6	*1.2	8.7	225.7	124.1	349.9	3.9	64.5
Total											
Males	350.5	71.0	421.5	21.5	5.8	27.3	448.8	199.1	647.9	6.1	69.3
Females	186.2	187.9	374.1	12.9	5.1	18.0	392.1	283.6	675.6	4.6	58.0
Persons	536.7	258.9	795.6	34.4	10.9	45.3	840.9	482.7	1 323.6	5.4	63.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA											
Perth											
Males	406.9	81.6	488.5	19.5	*4.5	23.9	512.4	148.0	660.4	4.7	77.6
Females	213.2	175.3	388.5	12.7	9.6	22.2	410.7	253.1	663.9	5.4	61.9
Persons	620.1	256.9	877.0	32.1	14.0	46.2	923.2	401.2	1 324.3	5.0	69.7
Balance of Western Australia											
Males	143.6	24.5	168.1	8.6	*1.1	9.8	177.9	56.9	234.9	5.5	75.8
Females	64.2	62.0	126.2	*4.7	*2.5	7.1	133.3	83.1	216.5	5.3	61.6
Persons	207.8	86.6	294.3	13.3	*3.6	16.9	311.2	140.1	451.3	5.4	69.0
Total											
Males	550.5	106.1	656.6	28.1	*5.6	33.7	690.3	205.0	895.3	4.9	77.1
Females	277.3	237.3	514.7	17.3	12.0	29.4	544.1	336.3	880.3	5.4	61.8
Persons	827.8	343.5	1 171.3	45.4	17.6	63.1	1 234.4	541.3	1 775.6	5.1	69.5
TASMANIA											
Hobart											
Males	41.8	9.8	51.6	*3.0	*0.1	3.1	54.8	27.2	82.0	5.7	66.8
Females	25.3	24.4	49.7	*1.3	*0.5	*1.8	51.5	37.7	89.3	3.4	57.7
Persons	67.1	34.3	101.4	4.2	*0.7	4.9	106.3	65.0	171.2	4.6	62.1
Balance of Tasmania											
Males	61.3	13.3	74.6	3.6	*0.1	3.7	78.3	37.3	115.6	4.7	67.7
Females	28.6	30.5	59.1	*1.6	*2.3	3.9	63.0	55.0	118.0	6.2	53.4
Persons	89.9	43.8	133.7	5.2	*2.4	7.6	141.3	92.3	233.6	5.4	60.5
Total											
Males	103.1	23.2	126.3	6.5	*0.3	6.8	133.1	64.5	197.6	5.1	67.4
Females	53.9	54.9	108.8	2.9	2.8	5.7	114.5	92.8	207.3	5.0	55.2
Persons	157.0	78.1	235.1	9.4	3.1	12.5	247.6	157.3	404.9	5.0	61.2

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			Labour force '000	Not in the labour force '000	Civilian population aged 15 and over '000	Unemp- loyment rate %	Partic- ipation rate %
	Full- time	Part- time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000					
NORTHERN TERRITORY											
Total											
Males	57.6	7.0	64.6	2.7	*0.3	3.0	67.7	16.7	84.4	4.5	80.2
Females	40.7	15.9	56.6	*0.8	*0.7	*1.6	58.2	23.1	81.2	*2.7	71.6
Persons	98.3	22.9	121.2	3.6	*1.0	4.6	125.8	39.8	165.6	3.6	76.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY											
Total											
Males	84.6	14.1	98.8	*2.7	*2.2	4.9	103.7	32.5	136.2	4.8	76.1
Females	61.0	32.6	93.7	*1.6	*1.7	3.2	96.9	45.7	142.6	3.3	67.9
Persons	145.7	46.8	192.4	4.3	*3.9	8.2	200.6	78.2	278.8	4.1	72.0
AUSTRALIA											
State capital cities											
Males	3 054.6	601.7	3 656.3	205.7	44.5	250.2	3 906.5	1 395.0	5 301.5	6.4	73.7
Females	1 767.1	1 358.0	3 125.1	114.8	63.1	177.9	3 303.1	2 217.1	5 520.1	5.4	59.8
Persons	4 821.7	1 959.7	6 781.4	320.5	107.6	428.1	7 209.6	3 612.0	10 821.6	5.9	66.6
Balance of Australia(a)											
Males	1 831.3	353.5	2 184.8	113.0	23.9	136.9	2 321.7	991.3	3 313.0	5.9	70.1
Females	937.1	878.3	1 815.4	66.0	36.7	102.7	1 918.1	1 428.6	3 346.7	5.4	57.3
Persons	2 768.4	1 231.8	4 000.2	179.0	60.6	239.6	4 239.8	2 420.0	6 659.8	5.7	63.7
Total											
Males	4 885.8	955.3	5 841.1	318.7	68.4	387.1	6 228.2	2 386.3	8 614.6	6.2	72.3
Females	2 704.3	2 236.3	4 940.5	180.8	99.8	280.6	5 221.1	3 645.7	8 866.8	5.4	58.9
Persons	7 590.1	3 191.6	10 781.6	499.6	168.2	667.8	11 449.4	6 032.0	17 481.4	5.8	65.5

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(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

Age group (years)	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED				Labour force	Not in the labour force	Civilian population	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	UNEMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO	Looking for f/t work
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for f/t work	Looking for first f/t job	Looking for p/t work	Total(a)							
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000							
NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION														
Males														
15-19	132.8	51.1	184.0	39.0	23.2	*1.9	40.9	224.8	23.4	248.2	18.2	90.6		15.7
20-24	401.9	79.8	481.7	45.7	11.0	*4.8	50.5	532.2	43.0	575.2	9.5	92.5		7.9
Total	534.8	130.9	665.7	84.7	34.2	*6.7	91.3	757.0	66.4	823.4	12.1	91.9		10.3
Females														
15-19	72.5	56.5	129.0	26.7	16.6	*3.3	30.0	159.1	40.5	199.5	18.9	79.7		13.4
20-24	294.2	99.2	393.5	22.5	*4.7	*4.6	27.0	420.5	87.3	507.7	6.4	82.8		4.4
Total	366.7	155.8	522.5	49.2	21.3	7.9	57.1	579.5	127.7	707.3	9.8	81.9		7.0
Persons														
15-19	205.3	107.6	313.0	65.7	39.8	*5.2	70.9	383.9	63.8	447.7	18.5	85.7		14.7
20-24	696.1	179.1	875.2	68.2	15.6	9.3	77.5	952.7	130.3	1 083.0	8.1	88.0		6.3
Total	901.5	286.7	1 188.2	133.9	55.5	14.6	148.4	1 336.6	194.1	1 530.7	11.1	87.3		8.7
ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION														
Males														
15-19	*4.7	158.3	163.0	*6.5	*4.6	32.8	39.3	202.3	305.3	507.6	19.4	39.9		*1.3
20-24	10.3	92.1	102.3	*5.6	*3.2	11.1	16.8	119.1	81.2	200.3	14.1	59.5		*2.8
Total	15.0	250.3	265.3	12.1	*7.8	43.9	56.1	321.4	386.5	707.9	17.4	45.4		1.7
Females														
15-19	*3.8	218.0	221.8	*3.5	*2.8	25.9	29.4	251.3	269.1	520.4	11.7	48.3		*0.7
20-24	8.3	126.9	135.2	*4.6	*2.5	11.5	16.1	151.3	94.7	246.0	10.6	61.5		*1.9
Total	12.1	344.9	357.0	8.2	*5.3	37.4	45.5	402.6	363.8	766.4	11.3	52.5		1.1
Persons														
15-19	8.5	376.2	384.8	10.1	*7.4	58.7	68.8	453.5	574.4	1 028.0	15.2	44.1		1.0
20-24	18.6	219.0	237.6	10.2	*5.7	22.6	32.9	270.4	175.9	446.3	12.1	60.6		2.3
Total	27.1	595.2	622.3	20.3	13.1	81.3	101.6	724.0	750.3	1 474.2	14.0	49.1		1.4
TOTAL														
Males														
15-19	137.5	209.4	346.9	45.5	27.8	34.7	80.2	427.1	328.7	755.8	18.8	56.5		6.0
20-24	412.2	171.9	584.1	51.3	14.2	15.9	67.2	651.3	124.2	775.5	10.3	84.0		6.6
Total	549.7	381.3	931.0	96.8	42.0	50.6	147.4	1 078.4	452.9	1 531.3	13.7	70.4		6.3
Females														
15-19	76.3	274.5	350.8	30.3	19.4	29.2	59.5	410.3	309.6	719.9	14.5	57.0		4.2
20-24	302.5	226.2	528.7	27.1	*7.2	16.0	43.1	571.8	181.9	753.7	7.5	75.9		3.6
Total	378.9	500.6	879.5	57.4	26.6	45.2	102.6	982.1	491.5	1 473.6	10.4	66.6		3.9
Persons														
15-19	213.9	483.9	697.7	75.8	47.2	63.9	139.7	837.4	638.3	1 475.7	16.7	56.7		5.1
20-24	714.7	398.0	1 112.8	78.4	21.4	31.9	110.3	1 223.1	306.1	1 529.3	9.0	80.0		5.1
Total	928.6	881.9	1 810.5	154.2	68.6	95.9	250.0	2 060.5	944.4	3 005.0	12.1	68.6		5.1

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(a) Total unemployment can be obtained by adding the columns 'looking for f/t work' and 'looking for p/t work'. 'Looking for first f/t job' is a subset of 'looking for f/t work'.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED		Unemployed	Labour force	Not in the labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Total					
	'000	'000					
COUNTRY OF BIRTH							
Australia	5 555.1	7 920.3	445.7	8 366.0	3 721.7	5.3	69.2
Born overseas	2 031.9	2 857.8	220.7	3 078.5	1 976.2	7.2	60.9
Oceania and Antarctica	301.4	390.9	31.4	422.2	132.2	7.4	76.2
New Zealand	236.7	304.1	22.8	326.9	93.8	7.0	77.7
North-West Europe	581.4	819.8	36.7	856.5	564.9	4.3	60.3
United Kingdom and Ireland	485.1	678.3	31.6	709.9	418.3	4.4	62.9
Germany	32.6	51.5	*1.4	52.8	57.5	*2.6	47.9
Netherlands	26.0	34.4	*1.7	36.1	46.5	*4.7	43.7
Southern and Eastern Europe	231.1	316.9	18.7	335.6	477.0	5.6	41.3
Italy	53.7	77.5	*2.1	79.6	136.1	*2.7	36.9
Greece	23.1	30.9	*0.7	31.6	85.6	*2.1	26.9
North Africa and the Middle East	79.6	122.4	25.1	147.6	171.9	17.0	46.2
Lebanon	23.6	36.7	*4.7	41.5	48.8	*11.4	45.9
South-East Asia	283.6	383.4	38.4	421.8	227.0	9.1	65.0
Viet Nam	59.9	80.8	14.1	94.9	63.1	14.9	60.1
Malaysia	50.7	68.9	*7.9	76.7	45.2	*10.2	63.0
Philippines	93.4	123.5	*7.3	130.7	40.1	*5.6	76.5
North-East Asia	165.8	249.3	14.8	264.1	186.1	5.6	58.7
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province)	91.5	146.3	8.0	154.3	111.3	5.2	58.1
Southern and Central Asia	182.5	276.5	33.9	310.3	104.9	10.9	74.7
India	113.4	168.7	16.2	184.9	53.8	8.8	77.5
Americas	87.0	127.3	10.2	137.5	56.5	7.4	70.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	119.5	171.4	11.6	183.0	55.8	6.3	76.6
YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA							
Arrived 1986–1995							
Oceania and Antarctica	68.1	90.7	*8.2	98.9	24.2	*8.3	80.4
North-West Europe	89.6	125.7	*7.3	133.0	29.9	*5.5	81.6
Southern and Eastern Europe	43.1	56.1	*4.7	60.9	29.3	*7.7	67.5
North Africa and the Middle East	20.1	28.4	*5.4	33.8	22.5	*15.9	60.0
South-East Asia	95.8	126.5	12.9	139.4	60.5	9.2	69.8
North-East Asia	51.0	64.4	*3.8	68.2	31.0	*5.6	68.7
Southern and Central Asia	45.4	55.7	*2.2	57.8	18.3	*3.8	75.9
Americas	21.8	29.1	*3.5	32.6	12.8	*10.9	71.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	24.3	33.9	*1.3	35.2	*7.9	*3.8	81.7
<i>Total born overseas</i>	<i>459.2</i>	<i>610.5</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>659.9</i>	<i>236.4</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>73.6</i>
Arrived 1996–2009							
Oceania and Antarctica	141.4	176.3	16.1	192.4	49.4	8.4	79.6
North-West Europe	155.3	200.2	12.3	212.4	55.7	5.8	79.2
Southern and Eastern Europe	32.3	47.8	*7.1	54.8	22.2	*12.9	71.2
North Africa and the Middle East	24.3	47.0	13.7	60.7	75.7	22.6	44.5
South-East Asia	106.0	151.5	18.9	170.4	103.9	11.1	62.1
North-East Asia	91.2	155.9	10.5	166.4	130.8	6.3	56.0
Southern and Central Asia	114.1	186.7	29.3	216.0	65.7	13.6	76.7
Americas	33.0	55.7	*5.0	60.7	11.7	*8.3	83.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	72.2	105.2	8.1	113.3	35.5	7.1	76.1
<i>Total born overseas</i>	<i>769.8</i>	<i>1 126.2</i>	<i>121.0</i>	<i>1 247.1</i>	<i>550.6</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>69.4</i>

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

<i>Relationship in household</i>	<i>Employed</i> '000	<i>Unemployed</i> '000	<i>Labour force</i> '000	<i>Not in the labour force</i> '000	<i>Civilian population aged 15 and over</i> '000	<i>Unemployment rate</i> %	<i>Participation rate</i> %
MALES							
Family member							
Husband or partner	3 792.0	133.5	3 925.5	1 165.7	5 091.2	3.4	77.1
Lone parent	116.8	9.6	126.5	56.4	182.8	7.6	69.2
Dependent student	211.0	41.6	252.6	303.8	556.4	16.5	45.4
Non-dependent child	666.3	93.6	759.8	133.7	893.5	12.3	85.0
Other related individual	108.9	25.8	134.7	60.3	195.0	19.2	69.1
<i>Total</i>	4 895.0	304.1	5 199.1	1 719.9	6 919.0	5.8	75.1
Non-family member							
Person living alone	506.7	38.5	545.2	342.8	888.0	7.1	61.4
Not living alone	368.2	29.7	397.9	109.9	507.8	7.5	78.4
<i>Total</i>	874.9	68.2	943.1	452.7	1 395.8	7.2	67.6
<i>Usual resident of a household where relationship was determined</i>	5 769.9	372.3	6 142.2	2 172.5	8 314.8	6.1	73.9
Relationship not determined(a)	71.2	14.8	86.0	213.8	299.8	17.2	28.7
Total	5 841.1	387.1	6 228.2	2 386.3	8 614.6	6.2	72.3
FEMALES							
Family member							
Wife or partner	3 038.6	111.2	3 149.8	1 840.9	4 990.7	3.5	63.1
Lone parent	397.3	44.0	441.2	323.1	764.3	10.0	57.7
Dependent student	280.9	30.0	310.9	252.5	563.4	9.7	55.2
Non-dependent child	402.4	42.4	444.9	81.7	526.6	9.5	84.5
Other related individual	109.2	7.8	117.0	132.2	249.2	6.7	46.9
<i>Total</i>	4 228.4	235.5	4 463.8	2 630.3	7 094.2	5.3	62.9
Non-family member							
Person living alone	408.0	18.5	426.5	617.4	1 043.9	4.3	40.9
Not living alone	243.3	19.1	262.4	87.0	349.4	7.3	75.1
<i>Total</i>	651.3	37.6	688.9	704.3	1 393.2	5.5	49.4
<i>Usual resident of a household where relationship was determined</i>	4 879.7	273.1	5 152.7	3 334.7	8 487.4	5.3	60.7
Relationship not determined(a)	60.9	7.6	68.4	311.0	379.4	11.1	18.0
Total	4 940.5	280.6	5 221.1	3 645.7	8 866.8	5.4	58.9
PERSONS							
Family member							
Spouse or partner	6 830.6	244.7	7 075.4	3 006.6	10 082.0	3.5	70.2
Lone parent	514.1	53.6	567.7	379.4	947.1	9.4	59.9
Dependent student	491.9	71.6	563.5	556.3	1 119.8	12.7	50.3
Non-dependent child	1 068.7	136.0	1 204.7	215.4	1 420.1	11.3	84.8
Other related individual	218.1	33.6	251.7	192.5	444.2	13.4	56.7
<i>Total</i>	9 123.4	539.6	9 663.0	4 350.2	14 013.2	5.6	69.0
Non-family member							
Person living alone	914.7	57.0	971.8	960.1	1 931.9	5.9	50.3
Not living alone	611.5	48.8	660.2	196.9	857.1	7.4	77.0
<i>Total</i>	1 526.2	105.8	1 632.0	1 157.0	2 789.0	6.5	58.5
<i>Usual resident of a household where relationship was determined</i>	10 649.6	645.4	11 295.0	5 507.2	16 802.2	5.7	67.2
Relationship not determined(a)	132.1	22.4	154.4	524.8	679.2	14.5	22.7
Total	10 781.6	667.8	11 449.4	6 032.0	17 481.4	5.8	65.5

(a) Includes usual residents of households where relationship was not determined, visitors to private dwellings, and persons enumerated in non-private dwellings.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

Family type/labour force status	NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 15			NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS UNDER 25(a)			FAMILIES
	None	One	Two or more	None	One	Two or more	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ALL FAMILIES(b)	3 760.4	1 043.5	1 243.5	3 228.4	1 157.9	1 661.1	6 047.4
Couple family(c)	3 207.8	782.9	1 042.1	2 835.6	824.9	1 372.3	5 032.8
One or both spouses unemployed (excluding not determined)	75.5	34.0	39.3	65.6	35.1	48.0	148.8
Husband employed, wife unemployed	33.3	16.0	16.5	29.9	15.9	20.0	65.8
Husband unemployed, wife employed	23.6	8.6	9.7	20.4	10.4	11.1	41.9
Husband unemployed, wife unemployed	*7.3	*2.8	*1.8	*5.7	*3.1	*3.2	11.9
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	*6.2	*5.9	9.3	*5.3	*4.8	11.3	21.4
Husband not in the labour force, wife unemployed	*5.1	*0.8	*1.9	*4.3	*1.0	*2.4	*7.8
Neither spouse unemployed (excluding not determined)	3 050.2	737.1	976.0	2 703.1	769.5	1 290.7	4 763.3
Husband employed, wife employed	1 604.0	505.2	612.2	1 357.0	502.4	862.0	2 721.5
Husband employed, wife not in the labour force	370.0	177.7	311.9	313.5	190.8	355.3	859.6
Husband not in the labour force, wife employed	157.0	27.4	26.5	140.0	37.7	33.2	210.9
Husband not in the labour force, wife not in the labour force	919.1	26.8	25.5	892.5	38.6	40.3	971.4
One or both spouses not determined(d)	82.1	11.8	26.8	66.9	20.3	33.6	120.8
One-parent family	448.6	260.5	201.4	317.4	305.9	287.2	910.6
Parent unemployed	13.7	20.0	10.8	7.8	20.0	16.7	44.5
Male parent unemployed	*1.7	*1.9	*0.8	*1.7	*1.9	*0.8	*4.4
Female parent unemployed	11.9	18.2	10.0	*6.0	18.2	15.9	40.1
Parent employed	243.3	155.7	100.1	140.5	193.9	164.7	499.1
Male parent employed	69.0	35.0	18.9	43.3	47.7	32.0	123.0
Female parent employed	174.3	120.7	81.1	97.3	146.1	132.7	376.1
Parent not in the labour force	186.6	82.7	90.2	165.4	90.4	103.7	359.5
Male parent not in the labour force	35.4	*7.5	*6.9	29.8	10.8	9.2	49.8
Female parent not in the labour force	151.3	75.3	83.3	135.7	79.6	94.5	309.8
Parent not determined(d)	*5.0	*2.1	*0.4	*3.7	*1.6	*2.1	*7.5
Other family	104.0	..	..	75.4	27.0	*1.6	104.0
Family reference person unemployed	*1.7	..	..	*1.2	*0.5	*—	*1.7
Family reference person employed	63.2	..	..	45.4	17.2	*0.5	63.2
Family reference person not in the labour force	34.7	..	..	26.1	*7.7	*0.9	34.7
Family reference person not determined(d)	*4.4	..	..	*2.7	*1.5	*0.2	*4.4

- * estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
- (a) All children under 15 years, and all family members aged 15–24 years attending full-time education (except those who have a partner or child of their own usually resident in the household).
- (b) See paragraphs 40 and 41 of the Explanatory notes.
- (c) Couple families include same sex couples.

- (d) Families estimates from the Labour Force Survey include families where one or more adult members have an unknown labour force status. This 'not determined' category comprises families where one or both spouses (or lone parent or family reference person) did not fully complete the questionnaire, were away from their usual residence for six weeks or more, or were permanent members of the Australian defence forces (out of scope of the LFS).

Note: Publication of families data in Labour Force, Australia: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families (cat. no. 6224.0.55.001) ceased in January 2009 and is currently under review.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

Country	ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE											
	POPULATION(b)			PARTICIPATION RATE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT		
	Reference period	Persons		Reference period	Males	Females(c)	Persons	Reference period	Persons	Reference period	Persons	Rate
Year	'000		Year	%	%	%	Year	'000	Year	'000	%	
Australia	2007	10 927.6		2007	71.7	57.5	64.5	2007	10 444.1	2007	483.6	4.4
Canada	2007	17 945.8		2007	72.7	62.7	67.6	2007	16 866.4	2007	1 079.4	6.0
France	2007	27 842.8		2007	61.9	51.2	56.3	2007	25 628.0	2007	2 215.0	8.0
Greece	2007	4 917.9		2007	64.7	42.7	53.4	2007	4 520.0	2007	398.0	8.1
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2007	3 640.5		2007	70.6	53.2	61.4	2007	3 495.0	2007	145.6	4.0
Indonesia	2007	109 941.4		2006	86.5	48.9	67.6	2007	99 930.2	2007	10 011.1	9.1
Italy	2007	24 727.9		2007	60.7	38.0	48.9	2007	23 221.8	2007	1 506.0	6.1
Japan	2007	69 320.0		2007	66.4	41.7	53.3	2007	64 120.0	2007	2 570.0	3.9
Korea (Republic of)	2007	24 215.7		2007	74.0	50.2	61.8	2007	23 433.0	2007	783.0	3.2
Malaysia	2007	10 889.5		2000	79.0	43.7	61.7	2007	10 538.1	2007	351.4	3.2
New Zealand	2007	2 235.4		2007	74.3	60.0	66.9	2007	2 155.5	2007	79.8	3.6
Singapore	2007	1 918.2		2007	76.5	54.3	65.1	2007	1 842.1	2007	76.1	4.0
Sweden	2007	4 838.0		2007	73.9	68.3	71.1	2007	4 541.0	2007	298.0	6.1
United Kingdom	2007	30 720.7		2007	70.6	56.2	63.2	2007	29 099.9	2007	1 620.8	5.3
United States of America	2007	153 125.0		2007	73.2	59.3	66.0	2007	146 047.0	2007	7 078.0	4.6

(a) For most countries the employed and unemployed populations are aged 15 years and over. However the age range varies for some countries: Malaysia — 15–64 years; Sweden — 15–74 years; UK and USA — 16 years and over. Definitions also vary in terms of the inclusion or exclusion of certain other segments of the population such as the armed forces.

(b) The 'economically active population' comprises all persons who supplied labour for the production of goods and services during a specified time period. Two common measures of the economically active population are the 'usually active population,' measured in relation to a long reference period such as a year, and the 'currently active population' (often referred to as 'the labour force'), measured in relation to a short reference period such as one day or one week.

(c) Participation rates for women are frequently not comparable internationally since, in many countries, relatively large numbers of women assist on farms or in other family enterprises without pay.

Source: International Labour Organisation LABORSTA database: <http://laborsta.ilo.org>

	2005		2006			2007			2008				2009	
	May	May	May	Aug	Nov	Feb	May	Aug	Nov	Feb	May			
PERSONS ('000)														
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	358.4	348.2	352.0	348.8	346.5	348.7	355.3	361.9	360.9	357.5	357.8			
Mining	116.1	132.0	136.8	135.8	137.7	145.6	159.6	172.5	173.4	166.1	157.5			
Manufacturing	1 030.9	1 026.2	1 032.9	1 041.2	1 053.3	1 065.7	1 064.0	1 045.8	1 023.8	1 008.0	996.7			
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	98.8	108.1	103.8	106.0	110.0	115.1	119.9	127.3	134.6	139.0	140.2			
Construction	855.2	900.0	943.4	943.9	957.0	975.4	988.1	989.8	986.9	985.7	985.1			
Wholesale trade	375.8	391.4	394.8	387.4	386.5	395.6	406.2	405.9	400.0	396.7	394.9			
Retail trade	1 185.6	1 173.3	1 197.3	1 216.4	1 232.0	1 235.7	1 224.3	1 212.0	1 206.9	1 206.5	1 210.0			
Accommodation and food services	696.5	661.4	708.2	705.7	700.3	702.1	707.5	710.3	708.9	709.8	712.4			
Transport, postal and warehousing	502.4	508.7	537.2	545.9	548.1	549.9	559.5	574.8	588.9	596.9	602.3			
Information media and telecommunications	239.4	240.9	245.3	239.7	232.5	226.6	222.9	221.9	223.2	223.5	222.6			
Financial and insurance services	374.6	381.5	408.5	405.5	402.7	403.8	405.0	403.0	397.8	392.0	387.9			
Rental, hiring and real estate services	176.6	194.6	203.2	202.4	198.8	197.7	202.9	204.4	197.8	187.7	178.4			
Professional, scientific and technical services	681.9	736.4	742.0	761.2	781.4	786.1	786.6	786.6	783.4	777.4	767.1			
Administrative and support services	356.2	354.0	360.7	357.8	349.8	343.4	339.1	340.8	343.1	346.0	346.7			
Public administration and safety	615.6	623.5	645.6	640.1	632.0	629.5	636.2	647.4	661.1	674.1	684.5			
Education and training	710.1	744.5	767.3	774.2	786.0	802.9	814.4	812.0	802.3	794.6	790.2			
Health care and social assistance	994.1	1 059.7	1 074.0	1 085.5	1 095.8	1 100.1	1 102.0	1 109.3	1 128.4	1 151.7	1 172.4			
Arts and recreation services	173.9	177.6	193.3	199.8	198.7	191.3	184.2	185.8	195.3	205.1	212.0			
Other services	407.7	423.2	434.6	456.6	469.1	467.6	458.9	451.5	450.0	447.7	444.0			

	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (a) (%)										
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.1	-2.8	0.3	-0.9	-0.7	0.6	1.9	1.8	-0.3	-0.9	0.1
Mining	13.3	13.7	0.4	-0.7	1.4	5.7	9.6	8.1	0.5	-4.2	-5.2
Manufacturing	-1.9	-0.5	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	-0.2	-1.7	-2.1	-1.5	-1.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	9.5	9.4	-0.1	2.0	3.8	4.7	4.2	6.1	5.7	3.3	0.9
Construction	8.3	5.2	-0.6	0.1	1.4	1.9	1.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Wholesale trade	-1.6	4.2	-2.5	-1.9	-0.2	2.4	2.7	-0.1	-1.5	-0.8	-0.4
Retail trade	7.6	-1.0	1.0	1.6	1.3	0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-0.4	—	0.3
Accommodation and food services	5.9	-5.0	0.9	-0.4	-0.8	0.3	0.8	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.4
Transport, postal and warehousing	3.4	1.3	3.1	1.6	0.4	0.3	1.7	2.7	2.5	1.4	0.9
Information media and telecommunications	9.8	0.6	-1.6	-2.3	-3.0	-2.5	-1.7	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.4
Financial and insurance services	7.8	1.8	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-1.3	-1.5	-1.0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	-0.5	10.2	0.9	-0.4	-1.8	-0.6	2.6	0.8	-3.2	-5.1	-4.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	8.8	8.0	0.5	2.6	2.6	0.6	0.1	—	-0.4	-0.8	-1.3
Administrative and support services	5.0	-0.6	0.5	-0.8	-2.2	-1.8	-1.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.2
Public administration and safety	3.6	1.3	0.2	-0.9	-1.3	-0.4	1.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.5
Education and training	-0.4	4.8	1.2	0.9	1.5	2.2	1.4	-0.3	-1.2	-1.0	-0.5
Health care and social assistance	3.1	6.6	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.7	1.7	2.1	1.8
Arts and recreation services	12.4	2.1	5.4	3.4	-0.5	-3.8	-3.7	0.9	5.1	5.0	3.4
Other services	-3.0	3.8	4.1	5.1	2.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

(a) Percentage change is calculated from the middle month of the previous quarter of the nine most recent quarters, and from the corresponding quarter of the previous year for earlier periods.

	EMPLOYED		SEX		
	Employed Full-Time	Employed Part-Time	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ALL INDUSTRIES	7 590.1	3 191.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6
Agriculture, forestry and fishing(a)	253.8	94.2	237.7	110.3	348.1
Agriculture	221.1	87.0	203.9	104.2	308.1
Aquaculture	*5.3	*0.1	*4.8	*0.7	*5.5
Forestry and logging	*6.1	*1.3	*5.7	*1.7	*7.4
Fishing, hunting and trapping	*1.8	*1.5	*2.4	*0.9	*3.3
Agriculture, forestry and fishing support services	18.7	*3.5	19.8	*2.4	22.2
Mining(a)	147.3	*4.9	131.8	20.5	152.3
Coal mining	31.7	*1.7	29.0	*4.3	33.3
Oil and gas extraction	14.1	*—	11.8	*2.3	14.1
Metal ore mining	47.6	*1.1	43.0	*5.7	48.7
Non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying	10.0	*0.5	8.6	*1.9	10.5
Exploration and other mining support services	28.2	*1.4	26.2	*3.3	29.5
Manufacturing(a)	850.4	143.0	721.2	272.2	993.5
Food product manufacturing	142.8	40.8	111.6	72.0	183.6
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing	23.5	*5.3	20.4	8.4	28.9
Textile, leather, clothing and footwear manufacturing	35.2	14.0	18.5	30.7	49.1
Wood product manufacturing	35.6	*3.1	34.7	*3.9	38.6
Pulp, paper and converted paper product manufacturing	17.2	*1.7	14.5	*4.4	19.0
Printing (including the reproduction of recorded media)	47.3	*6.5	36.7	17.1	53.9
Petroleum and coal product manufacturing	*6.5	*0.7	*4.6	*2.5	*7.1
Basic chemical and chemical product manufacturing	36.2	*4.2	20.7	19.7	40.4
Polymer product and rubber product manufacturing	34.1	*4.5	28.7	10.0	38.6
Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing	31.9	*2.8	30.4	*4.3	34.7
Primary metal and metal product manufacturing	73.0	*5.3	64.2	14.1	78.3
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	69.3	8.2	65.7	11.9	77.6
Transport equipment manufacturing	76.2	11.6	71.7	16.1	87.8
Machinery and equipment manufacturing	104.5	15.6	95.7	24.4	120.2
Furniture and other manufacturing	54.2	10.8	51.9	13.1	65.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services(a)	123.7	13.0	108.2	28.4	136.7
Electricity supply	53.4	*4.8	45.9	12.3	58.2
Gas supply	9.9	*0.4	8.6	*1.6	10.3
Water supply, sewerage and drainage services	34.4	*3.1	28.1	9.4	37.5
Waste collection, treatment and disposal services	24.6	*4.4	24.3	*4.6	28.9
Construction(a)	841.6	142.4	861.1	123.0	984.1
Building construction	202.9	28.6	202.5	29.0	231.5
Heavy and civil engineering construction	64.6	*5.7	63.8	*6.5	70.3
Construction services	540.2	103.7	562.6	81.4	644.0
Wholesale trade(a)	327.7	71.6	265.6	133.7	399.2
Basic material wholesaling	78.6	14.0	69.0	23.6	92.6
Machinery and equipment wholesaling	83.5	12.2	71.8	23.9	95.7
Motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts wholesaling	17.3	*4.9	17.4	*4.8	22.2
Grocery, liquor and tobacco product wholesaling	59.2	14.8	44.3	29.8	74.1
Other goods wholesaling	61.9	19.5	43.4	38.1	81.4
Commission-based wholesaling	*6.1	*2.3	*5.2	*3.2	8.4
Retail trade(a)	619.6	589.9	532.7	676.8	1 209.5
Motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts retailing	80.3	10.1	69.4	21.0	90.4
Fuel retailing	15.5	18.6	15.9	18.2	34.1
Food retailing	163.1	242.5	181.1	224.6	405.7
Other store-based retailing	338.1	300.6	251.3	387.4	638.7
Non-store retailing and retail commission-based buying and/or selling	*4.1	*4.5	*2.4	*6.2	8.6

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(a) Includes any persons allocated as not further defined within this industry division.

Source: Labour Force Survey, Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED		SEX		
	Employed Full-Time	Employed Part-Time	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ALL INDUSTRIES <i>cont.</i>	7 590.1	3 191.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6
Accommodation and food services (a)	315.2	406.0	319.6	401.6	721.2
Accommodation	60.5	44.9	38.0	67.4	105.5
Food and beverage services	254.6	361.1	281.6	334.2	615.7
Transport, postal and warehousing (a)	471.1	128.2	455.0	144.3	599.2
Road transport	202.0	51.1	215.1	38.0	253.1
Rail transport	43.2	*1.4	36.8	7.8	44.6
Water transport	*6.3	*0.6	*6.6	*0.3	*6.9
Air and space transport	44.3	13.9	32.7	25.5	58.2
Other transport	8.8	*1.2	*6.7	*3.3	10.0
Postal and courier pick-up and delivery services	69.0	39.2	67.7	40.5	108.2
Transport support services	54.9	9.1	48.9	15.1	64.0
Warehousing and storage services	35.1	*5.6	34.6	*6.1	40.7
Information media and telecommunications (a)	179.2	45.1	131.9	92.5	224.3
Publishing (except internet and music publishing)	36.0	14.9	27.2	23.6	50.9
Motion picture and sound recording activities	22.6	9.3	17.8	14.1	31.9
Broadcasting (except internet)	21.9	*1.6	12.1	11.5	23.6
Telecommunications services	81.8	10.4	65.1	27.1	92.2
Internet service providers, web search portals and data processing services	*6.8	*1.0	*4.8	*3.1	7.8
Library and other information services	10.0	8.0	*4.9	13.1	18.0
Financial and insurance services (a)	324.2	67.4	178.7	212.9	391.6
Finance	171.1	36.6	81.1	126.7	207.7
Insurance and superannuation funds	70.7	10.9	39.7	41.8	81.5
Auxiliary finance and insurance services	79.0	19.4	56.0	42.4	98.4
Rental, hiring and real estate services (a)	131.3	50.5	80.8	101.0	181.8
Rental and hiring services (except real estate)	29.3	12.8	26.1	16.0	42.1
Property operators and real estate services	102.0	37.7	54.7	85.0	139.7
Professional, scientific and technical services (a)	577.5	184.9	416.7	345.7	762.4
Professional, scientific and technical services (except computer system design and related services)	446.5	161.8	308.7	299.5	608.2
Computer system design and related services	131.1	23.1	108.1	46.1	154.2
Administrative and support services (a)	206.6	133.8	160.4	180.0	340.4
Administrative services	124.3	50.8	67.3	107.7	175.1
Building cleaning, pest control and other support services	82.3	83.1	93.1	72.3	165.3
Public administration and safety (a)	586.9	106.2	371.8	321.3	693.1
Public administration	393.7	74.8	213.7	254.8	468.5
Defence	25.5	*2.1	19.1	8.5	27.6
Public order, safety and regulatory services	167.7	29.3	139.0	58.1	197.0
Education and training (a)	511.9	296.9	246.7	562.1	808.8
Preschool and school education	297.0	156.9	104.7	349.2	453.9
Tertiary education	157.9	74.4	104.2	128.1	232.3
Adult, community and other education	47.8	59.0	33.0	73.8	106.8
Health care and social assistance (a)	693.6	495.8	256.2	933.1	1 189.4
Hospitals	251.3	121.1	78.4	294.0	372.4
Medical and other health care services	197.2	126.7	94.0	230.0	324.0
Residential care services	80.4	93.5	26.2	147.7	173.9
Social assistance services	163.2	154.5	57.5	260.3	317.7
Arts and recreation services (a)	117.9	86.7	110.3	94.3	204.6
Heritage activities	24.3	*5.5	15.7	14.1	29.8
Creative and performing arts activities	17.3	22.7	23.2	16.8	40.0
Sports and recreation activities	56.5	52.5	57.9	51.1	109.0
Gambling activities	17.9	*5.5	12.0	11.5	23.4

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Source: Labour Force Survey. Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED		SEX		
	<i>Employed Full-Time</i>	<i>Employed Part-Time</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ALL INDUSTRIES <i>cont.</i>	7 590.1	3 191.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6
Other services (a)	310.6	130.9	254.7	186.7	441.5
Repair and maintenance	181.6	39.3	187.7	33.1	220.8
Personal and other services	129.0	87.7	66.8	149.8	216.6
Private households employing staff and undifferentiated goods and service-producing activities of households for own use	*—	*4.0	*0.2	*3.7	*4.0

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Source: Labour Force Survey. Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED		SEX		
	Employed Full-Time	Employed Part-Time	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ALL OCCUPATIONS	7 590.1	3 191.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6
Managers(a)	1 245.9	162.8	922.8	485.8	1 408.6
Chief executives, general managers and legislators	91.0	*9.0	80.8	19.1	100.0
Farmers and farm managers	163.9	42.3	155.3	51.0	206.3
Specialist managers	557.9	47.0	409.9	195.1	605.0
Hospitality, retail and service managers	407.3	60.5	255.3	212.5	467.8
Professionals(a)	1 692.1	518.9	1 067.7	1 143.3	2 211.0
Arts and media professionals	55.6	32.8	52.1	36.3	88.4
Business, human resource and marketing professionals	446.9	89.5	282.8	253.7	536.4
Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	282.5	48.1	239.4	91.2	330.6
Education professionals	316.4	137.6	143.8	310.1	453.9
Health professionals	278.3	147.6	119.1	306.8	425.9
ICT professionals	174.3	17.5	152.4	39.5	191.8
Legal, social and welfare professionals	132.0	40.3	71.7	100.7	172.3
Technicians and trades workers(a)	1 398.4	225.3	1 392.9	230.8	1 623.8
Engineering, ICT and science technicians	193.5	30.7	169.9	54.2	224.1
Automotive and engineering trades workers	320.6	21.9	340.4	*2.1	342.5
Construction trades workers	330.5	32.5	359.0	*4.0	363.0
Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	210.1	14.7	217.9	*6.9	224.8
Food trades workers	114.4	45.6	109.0	51.0	160.0
Skilled animal and horticultural workers	73.2	28.0	75.2	26.0	101.2
Other technicians and trades workers	151.5	51.3	116.3	86.5	202.9
Community and personal service workers(a)	483.3	517.4	306.9	693.7	1 000.6
Health and welfare support workers	71.3	34.0	26.2	79.2	105.3
Carers and aides	149.9	229.4	51.0	328.3	379.3
Hospitality workers	79.9	150.2	70.6	159.5	230.1
Protective service workers	119.4	18.1	112.3	25.2	137.6
Sports and personal service workers	62.7	85.6	46.8	101.5	148.3
Clerical and administrative workers(a)	1 088.1	591.5	402.8	1 276.8	1 679.6
Office managers and program administrators	177.1	63.3	76.1	164.3	240.4
Personal assistants and secretaries	86.4	54.4	*3.0	137.8	140.8
General clerical workers	132.7	83.3	36.1	179.9	216.0
Inquiry clerks and receptionists	181.9	114.9	42.9	253.9	296.8
Numerical clerks	239.5	185.1	68.2	356.4	424.6
Clerical and office support workers	74.9	42.0	59.9	57.1	117.0
Other clerical and administrative workers	194.5	48.5	116.6	126.4	243.0
Sales workers(a)	443.5	569.1	372.9	639.6	1 012.5
Sales representatives and agents	141.6	24.7	101.4	64.9	166.2
Sales assistants and salespersons	245.4	397.2	221.5	421.1	642.6
Sales support workers	56.5	147.1	50.1	153.6	203.7
Machinery operators and drivers(a)	598.9	93.2	638.7	53.4	692.2
Machine and stationary plant operators	140.0	11.6	131.9	19.8	151.7
Mobile plant operators	120.4	*11.3	126.8	*5.0	131.7
Road and rail drivers	251.1	52.4	286.1	17.4	303.5
Storepersons	83.1	16.7	88.6	11.3	99.8
Labourers(a)	640.0	513.4	736.3	417.0	1 153.3
Cleaners and laundry workers	95.9	149.3	95.7	149.5	245.2
Construction and mining labourers	141.5	19.4	156.2	*4.6	160.9
Factory process workers	184.8	38.7	141.8	81.7	223.5
Farm, forestry and garden workers	66.3	42.9	73.7	35.5	109.2
Food preparation assistants	29.4	122.7	81.5	70.6	152.1
Other labourers	116.7	139.4	181.9	74.2	256.1

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(a) Includes any persons allocated as not further defined within this occupation major group.

Source: Labour Force Survey. Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME			EMPLOYED PART-TIME			EMPLOYED TOTAL		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Industry									
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	205.0	48.8	253.8	32.7	61.5	94.2	237.7	110.3	348.1
Mining	129.5	17.8	147.3	*2.3	*2.6	*4.9	131.8	20.5	152.3
Manufacturing	665.0	185.5	850.4	56.2	86.8	143.0	721.2	272.2	993.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	100.3	23.4	123.7	7.9	*5.0	13.0	108.2	28.4	136.7
Construction	788.3	53.3	841.6	72.7	69.7	142.4	861.1	123.0	984.1
Wholesale trade	241.9	85.8	327.7	23.7	47.8	71.6	265.6	133.7	399.2
Retail trade	352.7	266.9	619.6	180.0	409.9	589.9	532.7	676.8	1 209.5
Accommodation and food services	167.2	148.0	315.2	152.4	253.6	406.0	319.6	401.6	721.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	388.4	82.7	471.1	66.6	61.5	128.2	455.0	144.3	599.2
Information media and telecommunications	114.7	64.5	179.2	17.1	28.0	45.1	131.9	92.5	224.3
Financial and insurance services	169.2	155.0	324.2	9.4	58.0	67.4	178.7	212.9	391.6
Rental, hiring and real estate services	67.9	63.4	131.3	12.8	37.6	50.5	80.8	101.0	181.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	363.4	214.2	577.5	53.4	131.5	184.9	416.7	345.7	762.4
Administrative and support services	111.2	95.3	206.6	49.2	84.7	133.8	160.4	180.0	340.4
Public administration and safety	341.4	245.5	586.9	30.4	75.8	106.2	371.8	321.3	693.1
Education and training	195.7	316.2	511.9	51.1	245.8	296.9	246.7	562.1	808.8
Health care and social assistance	194.6	498.9	693.6	61.6	434.2	495.8	256.2	933.1	1 189.4
Arts and recreation services	75.4	42.5	117.9	34.9	51.7	86.7	110.3	94.3	204.6
Other services	214.1	96.4	310.6	40.6	90.3	130.9	254.7	186.7	441.5
Occupation									
Managers	867.1	378.8	1 245.9	55.7	107.1	162.8	922.8	485.8	1 408.6
Professionals	931.8	760.3	1 692.1	135.8	383.1	518.9	1 067.7	1 143.3	2 211.0
Technicians and trades workers	1 257.3	141.2	1 398.4	135.6	89.7	225.3	1 392.9	230.8	1 623.8
Community and personal service workers	211.2	272.1	483.3	95.7	421.7	517.4	306.9	693.7	1 000.6
Clerical and administrative workers	347.3	740.8	1 088.1	55.6	536.0	591.5	402.8	1 276.8	1 679.6
Sales workers	232.1	211.4	443.5	140.9	428.2	569.1	372.9	639.6	1 012.5
Machinery operators and drivers	561.0	37.9	598.9	77.7	15.5	93.2	638.7	53.4	692.2
Labourers	478.0	161.9	640.0	258.3	255.1	513.4	736.3	417.0	1 153.3
Australia	4 885.8	2 704.3	7 590.1	955.3	2 236.3	3 191.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT					
		Employee	Employer	Own account worker	Total(a)
Employed					
Full-Time	'000	6 784.5	217.2	585.2	7 590.1
Part-Time	'000	2 767.6	47.4	346.8	3 191.6
Total	'000	9 552.1	264.7	932.0	10 781.6
Industry					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	170.2	32.6	134.2	348.1
Mining	'000	150.6	*1.0	*0.7	152.3
Manufacturing	'000	928.1	18.3	46.4	993.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	'000	134.5	*0.7	*1.5	136.7
Construction	'000	712.9	49.3	217.5	984.1
Wholesale trade	'000	374.0	5.5	19.2	399.2
Retail trade	'000	1 125.4	24.7	56.1	1 209.5
Accommodation and food services	'000	674.0	26.1	16.5	721.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	'000	509.1	16.2	71.4	599.2
Information media and telecommunications	'000	213.7	*0.7	9.9	224.3
Financial and insurance services	'000	379.5	*2.7	9.4	391.6
Rental, hiring and real estate services	'000	160.8	*6.1	14.5	181.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	'000	639.1	30.7	91.0	762.4
Administrative and support services	'000	272.7	9.6	56.4	340.4
Public administration and safety	'000	686.1	*0.5	*6.1	693.1
Education and training	'000	765.0	*2.3	41.5	808.8
Health care and social assistance	'000	1 127.6	14.4	46.5	1 189.4
Arts and recreation services	'000	172.4	*2.9	29.0	204.6
Other services	'000	356.2	20.5	64.2	441.5
Occupation					
Managers	'000	1 107.3	94.2	203.5	1 408.6
Professionals	'000	2 000.1	45.3	165.2	2 211.0
Technicians and trades workers	'000	1 319.7	63.8	240.0	1 623.8
Community and personal service workers	'000	947.0	*3.8	48.3	1 000.6
Clerical and administrative workers	'000	1 565.3	28.2	74.2	1 679.6
Sales workers	'000	961.9	9.5	38.0	1 012.5
Machinery operators and drivers	'000	622.1	7.8	60.1	692.2
Labourers	'000	1 028.6	12.1	102.7	1 153.3
ACTUAL HOURS WORKED IN ALL JOBS					
Average weekly hours worked		33.4	44.4	34.2	33.7
Aggregate weekly hours worked	'000	319 365.4	11 758.0	31 877.0	363 506.9

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(a) Includes contributing family workers
Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME			EMPLOYED PART-TIME			EMPLOYED TOTAL		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours
Industry									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	56.0	45.3	53.9	16.2	15.4	15.7	50.5	28.7	43.6
Mining	44.6	46.1	44.7	*16.2	*20.9	*18.7	44.1	42.8	43.9
Manufacturing	40.7	38.2	40.2	18.4	17.3	17.7	39.0	31.5	36.9
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	38.1	38.2	38.1	18.8	*14.5	17.1	36.7	34.0	36.1
Construction	41.7	40.2	41.6	17.7	12.9	15.3	39.7	24.8	37.8
Wholesale trade	42.2	38.6	41.2	17.1	17.5	17.4	39.9	31.1	37.0
Retail trade	43.4	39.6	41.8	14.6	16.5	15.9	33.7	25.6	29.2
Accommodation and food services	44.5	43.0	43.8	15.2	15.2	15.2	30.5	25.4	27.7
Transport, postal and warehousing	42.6	38.0	41.8	18.0	16.6	17.4	39.0	28.9	36.6
Information media and telecommunications	40.7	36.9	39.4	16.2	16.8	16.5	37.5	30.8	34.8
Financial and insurance services	42.0	35.9	39.1	15.0	17.1	16.8	40.5	30.8	35.2
Rental, hiring and real estate services	43.4	38.1	40.9	14.1	15.5	15.1	38.8	29.7	33.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	43.3	38.7	41.6	17.6	16.9	17.1	40.0	30.4	35.6
Administrative and support services	42.5	36.9	39.9	17.3	15.5	16.1	34.7	26.8	30.6
Public administration and safety	38.0	35.4	36.9	18.5	19.1	18.9	36.4	31.6	34.2
Education and training	41.8	40.8	41.2	14.9	17.3	16.9	36.2	30.5	32.2
Health care and social assistance	39.2	36.8	37.4	18.5	18.6	18.6	34.2	28.3	29.6
Arts and recreation services	40.6	37.4	39.5	12.2	15.0	13.9	31.6	25.1	28.6
Other services	42.2	38.2	41.0	16.4	15.3	15.7	38.1	27.2	33.5
Occupation									
Managers	49.1	42.6	47.1	15.8	18.7	17.7	47.1	37.3	43.7
Professionals	42.2	39.5	41.0	16.6	17.9	17.5	39.0	32.2	35.5
Technicians and trades workers	40.3	38.8	40.1	18.5	16.6	17.7	38.2	30.2	37.0
Community and personal service workers	38.3	37.3	37.8	16.0	17.2	17.0	31.3	25.1	27.0
Clerical and administrative workers	39.7	36.4	37.5	18.9	16.9	17.1	36.9	28.2	30.3
Sales workers	40.7	37.5	39.2	13.7	15.7	15.2	30.5	22.9	25.7
Machinery operators and drivers	42.6	41.3	42.5	18.4	19.4	18.6	39.7	35.0	39.3
Labourers	39.4	35.0	38.3	15.3	14.9	15.1	30.9	22.7	28.0
Australia	42.3	38.4	40.9	16.3	16.8	16.6	38.0	28.6	33.7
Average weekly hours worked by persons at work	44.3	40.6	43.0	17.4	18.0	17.8	40.0	30.5	35.7
Aggregate weekly hours worked ('000 h)	206 595.0	103 918.6	310 513.6	15 529.6	37 463.8	52 993.4	222 124.6	141 382.4	363 506.9

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

2.7

EMPLOYED PERSONS, Actual hours worked in all jobs: Original

	May 2002	May 2003	May 2004	May 2005	May 2006	May 2007	May 2008	May 2009
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES								
Weekly hours worked								
0	227.3	234.8	228.6	231.6	235.1	258.4	273.9	288.6
1-15	370.4	386.1	370.4	382.5	389.7	392.9	414.8	452.9
16-29	385.8	442.7	450.4	472.9	454.4	486.7	494.9	517.2
30-34	341.6	394.5	420.4	412.6	433.5	423.5	448.6	492.2
35-39	743.3	733.2	777.3	797.2	856.0	888.2	873.1	929.7
40	887.9	834.1	909.8	933.7	940.7	1 002.2	983.6	1 022.0
41-44	279.1	288.1	286.9	279.3	298.4	291.7	300.6	275.4
45-49	549.1	556.3	567.9	589.7	581.9	620.1	641.0	555.0
50 and over	1 346.6	1 336.9	1 329.2	1 386.4	1 398.9	1 411.7	1 448.1	1 308.2
Total	5 131.0	5 206.8	5 341.1	5 486.1	5 588.7	5 775.4	5 878.5	5 841.1
Average weekly hours worked								
Average hours worked	39.7	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.3	39.1	39.0	38.0
% change from corresponding month of previous year	-0.5	-1.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-2.6
FEMALES								
Weekly hours worked								
0	225.5	219.5	224.6	240.5	239.8	252.5	272.3	301.9
1-15	795.5	823.9	811.9	809.4	834.5	844.0	838.6	881.3
16-29	819.0	890.4	889.4	971.5	961.7	986.7	1 038.1	1 055.9
30-34	420.1	461.8	478.7	482.7	542.0	502.8	532.6	528.8
35-39	620.3	634.9	665.6	676.9	729.4	775.2	771.0	802.4
40	480.3	486.7	514.7	513.5	538.5	572.2	566.8	553.5
41-44	148.8	166.9	153.2	163.2	155.6	175.6	172.5	181.1
45-49	220.7	214.6	216.1	241.6	253.9	244.0	268.9	266.4
50 and over	354.2	359.4	341.0	379.7	368.6	394.5	405.4	369.2
Total	4 084.5	4 258.2	4 295.2	4 479.1	4 624.1	4 747.6	4 866.3	4 940.5
Average weekly hours worked								
Average hours worked	28.8	28.7	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.2	29.2	28.6
% change from corresponding month of previous year	-1.9	-0.1	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.7	-0.2	-1.9
PERSONS								
Weekly hours worked								
0	452.8	454.3	453.2	472.1	474.9	511.0	546.2	590.4
1-15	1 165.9	1 210.0	1 182.3	1 192.0	1 224.2	1 236.8	1 253.4	1 334.2
16-29	1 204.8	1 333.1	1 339.8	1 444.5	1 416.1	1 473.4	1 533.0	1 573.0
30-34	761.7	856.3	899.1	895.3	975.6	926.3	981.2	1 020.9
35-39	1 363.7	1 368.1	1 442.9	1 474.1	1 585.4	1 663.4	1 644.0	1 732.1
40	1 368.2	1 320.8	1 424.6	1 447.2	1 479.2	1 574.4	1 550.3	1 575.5
41-44	427.8	455.0	440.1	442.5	454.0	467.3	473.1	456.6
45-49	769.8	770.9	784.0	831.4	835.8	864.0	909.9	821.4
50 and over	1 700.8	1 696.4	1 670.2	1 766.1	1 767.6	1 806.3	1 853.5	1 677.4
Total	9 215.5	9 465.0	9 636.2	9 965.2	10 212.8	10 523.0	10 744.8	10 781.6
Average weekly hours worked								
Average hours worked	34.9	34.5	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6	33.7
% change from corresponding month of previous year	-1.0	-1.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-2.5

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

2.8

EMPLOYED PERSONS, Actual & usual hours worked in all jobs: **Original**—May 2009

Weekly hours worked	ACTUAL HOURS WORKED			USUAL HOURS WORKED		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
0	288.6	301.9	590.4	*7.5	12.2	19.7
1-15	452.9	881.3	1 334.2	397.0	863.8	1 260.8
16-29	517.2	1 055.9	1 573.0	378.6	1 046.2	1 424.7
30-34	492.2	528.8	1 020.9	217.2	404.7	621.9
35-39	929.7	802.4	1 732.1	1 232.9	1 103.1	2 335.9
40	1 022.0	553.5	1 575.5	1 467.4	804.4	2 271.8
41-44	275.4	181.1	456.6	199.8	118.0	317.9
45-49	555.0	266.4	821.4	553.7	236.3	790.0
50 and over	1 308.2	369.2	1 677.4	1 387.1	351.9	1 738.9
Total	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

2.9

FULL-TIME WORKERS (a), Who worked less than 35 hours: **Original**—May 2009

Reason for working less than 35 hours	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000
Leave, holiday or flexitime, personal reasons	467.0	347.9	814.9
Own illness or injury	134.5	108.6	243.1
Bad weather, plant breakdown	14.0	*0.9	14.9
Began or left job in the reference week	*4.3	*2.4	*6.6
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	76.9	17.0	93.9
Shift work, standard work arrangements	86.4	40.0	126.4
Other reasons	12.3	14.9	27.2
Total	795.5	531.6	1 327.1

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

(a) This table relates only to full-time workers who usually work 35 hours or more per week.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

2.10

EMPLOYED PERSONS, Future employment expectations: **Original**—May 2009

	EMPLOYED FULL-TIME			EMPLOYED PART-TIME			TOTAL		
	<i>Been in job less than 12 months</i>	<i>Been in job 12 months and over</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Been in job less than 12 months</i>	<i>Been in job 12 months and over</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Been in job less than 12 months</i>	<i>Been in job 12 months and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Expects to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months	651.9	3 958.5	4 610.4	226.1	566.9	793.0	878.1	4 525.4	5 403.5
Does not expect to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months									
Voluntary/non economic reasons	76.4	127.5	203.9	57.1	76.5	133.6	133.5	204.0	337.6
Involuntary/economic reasons	30.6	40.9	71.5	15.9	12.7	28.6	46.5	53.6	100.1
<i>Total</i>	107.0	168.4	275.4	73.0	89.3	162.2	180.0	257.7	437.7
Total	758.9	4 126.9	4 885.8	299.1	656.2	955.3	1 058.0	4 783.1	5 841.1
FEMALES									
Expects to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months	407.5	2 096.8	2 504.3	420.0	1 583.4	2 003.4	827.5	3 680.2	4 507.7
Does not expect to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months									
Voluntary/non economic reasons	53.6	95.4	149.0	81.9	120.7	202.6	135.6	216.0	351.6
Involuntary/economic reasons	25.6	25.3	50.9	15.8	14.4	30.2	41.5	39.7	81.2
<i>Total</i>	79.3	120.7	199.9	97.8	135.1	232.9	177.0	255.8	432.8
Total	486.8	2 217.4	2 704.3	517.7	1 718.5	2 236.3	1 004.5	3 936.0	4 940.5
PERSONS									
Expects to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months	1 059.5	6 055.3	7 114.7	646.1	2 150.4	2 796.5	1 705.5	8 205.6	9 911.2
Does not expect to be working for current employer/in current business in 12 months									
Voluntary/non economic reasons	130.1	222.9	352.9	139.0	197.2	336.2	269.1	420.1	689.2
Involuntary/economic reasons	56.2	66.2	122.4	31.7	27.1	58.9	87.9	93.3	181.3
<i>Total</i>	186.3	289.1	475.4	170.7	224.4	395.1	357.0	513.4	870.5
Total	1 245.7	6 344.3	7 590.1	816.8	2 374.7	3 191.6	2 062.6	8 719.1	10 781.6

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

2.11

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES, Level of government—States and territories

JUNE 2008

	Commonwealth	State	Local	Total
State	'000	'000	'000	'000
New South Wales	55.0	423.2	51.7	529.8
Victoria	42.9	295.9	41.7	380.5
Queensland	28.4	280.3	43.5	352.1
South Australia	14.9	111.1	10.1	136.0
Western Australia	13.8	152.4	16.6	182.8
Tasmania	5.4	38.2	5.0	48.6
Northern Territory	3.6	22.0	3.1	28.8
Australian Capital Territory	73.2	19.6	. .	92.8
Australia	237.1	1 342.6	171.7	1 751.4

. . not applicable

Source: Annual Survey of Employees and Earnings. See Appendix 1.

2.12

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES, Industry

Industry	Employees June 2008 '000
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	54.3
Construction	13.0
Transport, postal and warehousing	79.6
Information media and telecommunications	10.6
Financial and insurance services	12.3
Rental, hiring and real estate services	7.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.6
Public administration and safety	580.8
Education and training	543.8
Health care and social assistance	395.2
Arts and recreation services	14.9
Other industries(a)	13.9
All industries	1 751.4

(a) Includes Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Mining, Manufacturing, Wholesale trade, Retail trade, Accommodation and food services, Administrative and support services and Other services.

Source: Annual Survey of Employees and Earnings. See Appendix 1.

Duration of unemployment	AGE GROUP (YEARS)						LOOKING FOR WORK		UNEMPLOYED
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Looking for f/t work	Looking for p/t work	Total
MALES									
Duration of unemployment									
Under 4 weeks	20.3	13.8	22.0	9.0	9.7	*4.3	58.3	20.9	79.2
4 weeks and under 13 weeks	17.1	18.7	20.3	16.0	13.4	8.2	78.0	15.7	93.7
13 weeks and under 26 weeks	26.7	19.4	21.7	14.0	16.7	*5.5	89.1	14.8	103.9
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	12.0	8.3	10.6	9.0	9.9	*6.3	47.7	8.4	56.1
52 weeks and over	*4.1	*7.0	12.6	9.9	*12.9	7.7	45.6	8.7	54.3
52 weeks and under 104 weeks	*3.2	*4.8	7.5	*5.7	*5.6	*3.3	26.2	*3.9	30.0
104 weeks and over	*1.0	*2.3	*5.0	*4.3	*7.3	*4.4	19.4	*4.8	24.3
Total	80.2	67.2	87.1	57.9	62.6	32.0	318.7	68.4	387.1
Mean duration of unemployment (weeks)	18.0	20.9	26.9	36.4	50.0	57.8	32.1	30.0	31.7
Median duration of unemployment (weeks)	14	13	14	15	19	19	16	11	15
FEMALES									
Duration of unemployment									
Under 4 weeks	13.1	12.6	16.0	12.6	11.9	*4.0	41.4	28.9	70.3
4 weeks and under 13 weeks	15.6	13.2	11.3	12.6	12.6	*4.6	45.7	24.2	69.9
13 weeks and under 26 weeks	22.0	10.6	13.6	17.6	10.6	*3.3	50.2	27.4	77.6
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	*4.9	*3.5	*5.2	*6.6	*5.2	*2.8	17.3	10.9	28.2
52 weeks and over	*3.9	*3.2	8.7	10.5	*5.0	*3.3	26.3	8.2	34.6
52 weeks and under 104 weeks	*2.9	*1.9	*7.0	*7.0	*2.0	*2.3	16.9	*6.1	23.0
104 weeks and over	*1.0	*1.3	*1.7	*3.5	*3.1	*1.0	9.4	*2.2	11.6
Total	59.5	43.1	54.8	59.9	45.3	18.1	180.8	99.8	280.6
Mean duration of unemployment (weeks)	18.1	19.1	24.3	27.5	23.2	27.2	24.6	19.8	22.9
Median duration of unemployment (weeks)	13	10	13	15	11	13	14	11	13
PERSONS									
Duration of unemployment									
Under 4 weeks	33.4	26.4	38.0	21.6	21.7	8.4	99.6	49.8	149.4
4 weeks and under 13 weeks	32.7	31.9	31.7	28.6	26.0	12.8	123.7	39.9	163.6
13 weeks and under 26 weeks	48.7	30.0	35.3	31.5	27.3	8.8	139.3	42.2	181.5
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	16.9	11.8	15.8	15.6	15.1	9.2	65.0	19.3	84.4
52 weeks and over	8.0	10.3	21.2	20.4	17.9	11.0	71.9	16.9	88.9
52 weeks and under 104 weeks	*6.1	*6.7	14.5	12.6	7.6	*5.5	43.1	9.9	53.0
104 weeks and over	*2.0	*3.6	*6.7	7.8	10.3	*5.5	28.9	*7.0	35.9
Total	139.7	110.3	141.9	117.7	108.0	50.1	499.6	168.2	667.8
Mean duration of unemployment (weeks)	18.0	20.2	25.9	31.9	38.7	46.8	29.4	23.9	28.0
Median duration of unemployment (weeks)	13	11	13	15	15	18	15	11	14

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104</i> '000	<i>Unemployed 104 weeks and over</i> '000	<i>Total long-term unemployment</i> '000	<i>Proportion of total unemployment</i> %
MALES				
May 2004	28.4	41.5	70.0	23.2
May 2005	21.2	35.9	57.1	20.5
May 2006	25.3	35.1	60.4	21.8
2007				
May	16.1	21.2	37.4	15.8
August	17.4	20.1	37.5	15.6
November	18.1	21.1	39.2	16.1
2008				
February	19.0	20.4	39.4	16.8
May	19.6	18.6	38.2	16.1
August	18.8	18.5	37.3	15.4
November	18.1	20.3	38.3	14.4
2009				
February	20.3	22.0	42.3	13.1
May	25.9	22.6	48.6	13.2
FEMALES				
May 2004	21.8	24.3	46.1	18.1
May 2005	17.7	20.4	38.1	15.1
May 2006	18.0	19.4	37.3	15.4
2007				
May	19.4	17.2	36.6	15.4
August	17.6	15.5	33.1	13.9
November	15.8	14.6	30.3	12.9
2008				
February	15.9	15.6	31.5	14.0
May	15.8	16.3	32.2	14.0
August	16.9	16.3	33.2	14.0
November	18.2	16.5	34.7	14.2
2009				
February	20.3	15.0	35.2	13.2
May	22.2	12.7	34.9	12.1
PERSONS				
May 2004	50.2	65.8	116.0	20.9
May 2005	38.9	56.3	95.2	17.9
May 2006	43.3	54.4	97.7	18.9
2007				
May	35.5	38.4	74.0	15.6
August	35.0	35.6	70.6	14.8
November	33.9	35.6	69.5	14.5
2008				
February	34.9	36.0	70.9	15.4
May	35.4	34.9	70.4	15.0
August	35.8	34.7	70.5	14.7
November	36.3	36.7	73.0	14.3
2009				
February	40.6	37.0	77.6	13.2
May	48.1	35.3	83.5	12.7

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB		SEX		
<i>Job loser</i>	<i>Job leaver</i>	Males	Females	Persons
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000

HAD WORKED FOR TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS

Industry of last job

Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15.2	*1.7	10.7	*6.1	16.8
Mining	8.7	*1.7	9.1	*1.2	10.4
Manufacturing	41.3	20.3	44.9	16.7	61.6
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	*1.8	*2.2	*2.8	*1.2	*4.0
Construction	42.7	*6.9	46.2	*3.3	49.6
Wholesale trade	12.8	*5.3	13.6	*4.5	18.1
Retail trade	32.5	25.8	26.7	31.6	58.3
Accommodation and food services	27.3	24.7	19.2	32.8	51.9
Transport, postal and warehousing	21.9	*4.9	21.8	*5.1	26.8
Information media and telecommunications	*7.0	*4.7	*6.8	*4.8	11.7
Financial and insurance services	11.9	*5.5	9.5	8.0	17.5
Rental, hiring and real estate services	*1.9	*3.8	*1.9	*3.8	*5.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	17.4	*5.5	14.5	8.4	22.9
Administrative and support services	18.4	8.1	14.4	12.2	26.5
Public administration and safety	10.7	*2.8	*7.2	*6.3	13.5
Education and training	*6.6	*6.8	*2.7	10.7	13.4
Health care and social assistance	9.7	13.3	*3.8	19.2	23.1
Arts and recreation services	*6.7	*2.0	*7.1	*1.6	8.7
Other services	13.0	*4.8	11.0	*6.7	17.8

Occupation of last job

Managers	20.4	8.5	19.4	9.5	28.9
Professionals	34.1	16.1	30.5	19.7	50.1
Technicians and trades workers	52.7	15.6	58.1	10.2	68.3
Community and personal service workers	22.3	22.0	11.7	32.6	44.3
Clerical and administrative workers	39.8	22.8	21.3	41.3	62.6
Sales workers	28.6	27.9	21.0	35.4	56.4
Machinery operators and drivers	36.3	*7.5	39.4	*4.3	43.7
Labourers	73.5	30.3	72.6	31.1	103.8

Total	307.4	150.8	274.1	184.1	458.2
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HAD NOT WORKED FOR TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS

Looking for first job

Looking for full-time work	40.4	26.1	66.5
Total	71.6	56.8	128.4

Former worker

..	..	41.4	39.7	81.2
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Total	113.0	96.5	209.6
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TOTAL	307.4	150.8	387.1	280.6	667.8
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.. not applicable

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

Month	Unemployed(a)	Underemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Underemployment rate	Labour force underutilisation rate(b)
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
MALES						
May 2004	300.8	282.1	5 625.5	5.3	5.0	10.4
May 2005	282.8	290.0	5 761.1	4.9	5.0	9.9
May 2006	278.9	286.3	5 863.7	4.8	4.9	9.6
2007						
May	243.0	282.3	5 997.2	4.1	4.7	8.8
August	241.3	280.5	6 035.0	4.0	4.6	8.6
November	240.0	275.7	6 065.7	4.0	4.5	8.5
2008						
February	235.3	267.4	6 089.2	3.9	4.4	8.3
May	229.3	259.1	6 109.2	3.8	4.2	8.0
August	238.0	264.1	6 125.7	3.9	4.3	8.2
November	271.9	294.7	6 147.2	4.4	4.8	9.2
2009						
February	317.5	339.4	6 172.3	5.1	5.5	10.6
May	367.4	378.8	6 189.9	6.0	6.2	12.2
FEMALES						
May 2004	263.6	438.7	4 530.5	5.8	9.7	15.5
May 2005	247.1	424.2	4 714.0	5.2	9.0	14.2
May 2006	240.8	428.1	4 837.5	5.0	8.9	13.8
2007						
May	241.0	418.6	4 965.0	4.9	8.4	13.3
August	241.1	417.3	5 000.3	4.8	8.3	13.2
November	236.1	408.0	5 031.2	4.7	8.1	12.8
2008						
February	230.1	399.0	5 059.7	4.5	7.9	12.4
May	228.4	397.0	5 082.3	4.5	7.8	12.3
August	238.2	415.6	5 111.0	4.7	8.1	12.8
November	254.4	445.9	5 147.1	4.9	8.7	13.6
2009						
February	268.9	472.4	5 180.9	5.2	9.1	14.3
May	279.9	488.0	5 202.2	5.4	9.4	14.8
PERSONS						
May 2004	564.5	720.7	10 156.0	5.6	7.1	12.7
May 2005	529.8	714.2	10 475.1	5.1	6.8	11.9
May 2006	519.7	714.5	10 701.2	4.9	6.7	11.5
2007						
May	484.0	700.9	10 962.2	4.4	6.4	10.8
August	482.4	697.8	11 035.2	4.4	6.3	10.7
November	476.1	683.7	11 096.9	4.3	6.2	10.5
2008						
February	465.4	666.4	11 148.9	4.2	6.0	10.2
May	457.7	656.0	11 191.5	4.1	5.9	10.0
August	476.3	679.6	11 236.7	4.2	6.0	10.3
November	526.2	740.6	11 294.4	4.7	6.5	11.2
2009						
February	586.3	811.8	11 353.2	5.2	7.1	12.3
May	647.3	866.7	11 392.1	5.7	7.7	13.4

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

4.2

QUARTERLY MEASURES OF LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION (AGED 15 AND OVER):

Seasonally adjusted

Month	Unemployed(a) '000	Underemployed '000	Labour force '000	Unemployment rate %	Underemployment rate %	Labour force underutilisation rate(b) %
MALES						
May 2004	294.6	282.5	5 627.4	5.2	5.0	10.3
May 2005	284.5	293.3	5 762.3	4.9	5.1	10.0
May 2006	275.1	276.2	5 856.9	4.7	4.7	9.4
2007						
May	232.0	273.3	6 001.9	3.9	4.6	8.4
August	241.6	287.4	6 031.3	4.0	4.8	8.8
November	256.9	273.9	6 074.7	4.2	4.5	8.7
2008						
February	217.5	269.2	6 079.4	3.6	4.4	8.0
May	241.6	262.9	6 116.5	3.9	4.3	8.2
August	234.3	255.0	6 122.9	3.8	4.2	8.0
November	257.6	291.5	6 147.9	4.2	4.7	8.9
2009						
February	324.9	335.8	6 161.9	5.3	5.4	10.7
May	374.8	399.2	6 212.7	6.0	6.4	12.5
FEMALES						
May 2004	246.6	446.0	4 523.9	5.5	9.9	15.3
May 2005	252.7	424.2	4 713.5	5.4	9.0	14.4
May 2006	237.9	428.8	4 841.6	4.9	8.9	13.8
2007						
May	233.0	420.7	4 962.3	4.7	8.5	13.2
August	245.4	420.8	4 997.0	4.9	8.4	13.3
November	243.9	409.7	5 037.5	4.8	8.1	13.0
2008						
February	218.9	391.9	5 059.3	4.3	7.7	12.1
May	233.0	404.0	5 078.9	4.6	8.0	12.5
August	235.9	407.1	5 115.4	4.6	8.0	12.6
November	253.1	436.7	5 132.3	4.9	8.5	13.4
2009						
February	273.2	500.4	5 200.7	5.3	9.6	14.9
May	280.0	471.6	5 199.4	5.4	9.1	14.5
PERSONS						
May 2004	541.3	728.5	10 151.2	5.3	7.2	12.5
May 2005	537.2	717.5	10 475.7	5.1	6.8	12.0
May 2006	513.0	705.0	10 698.5	4.8	6.6	11.4
2007						
May	464.9	694.0	10 964.2	4.2	6.3	10.6
August	487.0	708.2	11 028.3	4.4	6.4	10.8
November	500.7	683.7	11 112.2	4.5	6.2	10.7
2008						
February	436.4	661.1	11 138.7	3.9	5.9	9.9
May	474.5	667.0	11 195.4	4.2	6.0	10.2
August	470.2	662.1	11 238.4	4.2	5.9	10.1
November	510.8	728.2	11 280.2	4.5	6.5	11.0
2009						
February	598.1	836.2	11 362.6	5.3	7.4	12.6
May	654.9	870.8	11 412.2	5.7	7.6	13.4

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(b) Discrepancies may occur due to rounding.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (a)									
May 2004	5.4	5.5	5.5	6.2	5.3	6.6	5.6	3.7	5.6
May 2005	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.9	5.0	3.2	5.1
May 2006	5.2	5.0	4.7	5.0	3.6	6.7	5.6	3.5	4.9
2007									
May	5.0	4.8	3.7	4.9	3.1	4.9	4.6	2.7	4.4
August	4.8	4.8	3.6	4.8	3.2	5.0	5.4	2.8	4.4
November	4.6	4.7	3.7	4.7	3.2	5.1	5.5	2.8	4.3
2008									
February	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.7	3.1	4.8	4.6	2.8	4.2
May	4.6	4.2	3.6	4.7	3.0	4.4	3.6	2.8	4.1
August	5.0	4.3	3.6	4.9	3.0	4.2	3.3	2.7	4.2
November	5.4	4.8	4.0	5.2	3.4	4.4	3.6	2.7	4.7
2009									
February	5.9	5.3	4.6	5.5	4.0	4.9	3.7	2.8	5.2
May	6.4	5.9	5.2	5.7	4.8	5.3	3.6	3.1	5.7
UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (%)									
May 2004	6.9	6.9	7.3	8.1	7.0	8.4	3.9	5.0	7.1
May 2005	6.7	7.1	6.6	8.0	6.0	7.8	3.7	5.4	6.8
May 2006	6.6	7.0	6.8	7.8	5.7	7.1	3.5	5.0	6.7
2007									
May	6.4	6.7	6.3	7.5	4.9	7.7	2.9	4.0	6.4
August	6.3	6.7	6.1	7.6	4.8	7.6	3.7	4.1	6.3
November	6.3	6.6	5.8	7.6	4.4	7.1	5.1	4.4	6.2
2008									
February	6.2	6.6	5.6	7.3	4.1	6.3	6.3	4.6	6.0
May	6.1	6.5	5.4	6.8	4.0	5.6	6.2	4.6	5.9
August	6.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	4.3	5.4	4.9	4.4	6.0
November	6.8	7.2	6.2	7.4	5.1	5.9	3.5	4.4	6.5
2009									
February	7.4	7.8	7.0	8.0	5.9	6.7	3.2	4.5	7.1
May	7.9	8.3	7.6	8.4	6.5	7.3	3.2	4.8	7.7
LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE (%) (b)									
May 2004	12.3	12.3	12.8	14.3	12.3	15.0	9.5	8.7	12.7
May 2005	11.8	12.4	11.7	13.2	10.4	13.7	8.6	8.6	11.9
May 2006	11.8	12.0	11.5	12.8	9.2	13.8	9.1	8.5	11.5
2007									
May	11.4	11.5	9.9	12.4	8.0	12.7	7.5	6.8	10.8
August	11.1	11.5	9.7	12.3	8.0	12.6	9.1	7.0	10.7
November	10.8	11.3	9.6	12.3	7.6	12.2	10.6	7.2	10.5
2008									
February	10.7	10.9	9.4	12.0	7.2	11.1	10.9	7.4	10.2
May	10.8	10.7	9.0	11.5	7.0	9.9	9.9	7.4	10.0
August	11.3	11.0	9.2	11.8	7.3	9.5	8.2	7.2	10.3
November	12.3	11.9	10.2	12.6	8.5	10.3	7.1	7.1	11.2
2009									
February	13.3	13.1	11.5	13.5	9.9	11.5	6.9	7.4	12.3
May	14.3	14.2	12.8	14.1	11.3	12.6	6.9	7.8	13.4

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

4.4

QUARTERLY MEASURES OF LABOUR UNDERUTILISATION, States and territories:

Seasonally adjusted

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (a)									
May 2004	5.4	5.1	5.4	6.1	5.3	6.5	5.4	3.4	5.3
May 2005	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.5	5.8	5.1	3.1	5.1
May 2006	5.1	5.0	4.6	5.0	3.2	6.8	5.2	3.7	4.8
2007									
May	4.8	4.7	3.3	4.7	3.0	4.2	4.8	2.8	4.2
August	4.7	4.9	3.7	4.9	3.2	5.5	5.3	2.6	4.4
November	4.9	4.9	3.9	4.8	3.4	5.1	5.9	3.1	4.5
2008									
February	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.4	2.8	5.1	4.7	2.9	3.9
May	4.8	4.3	3.7	5.1	3.4	4.1	3.3	2.2	4.2
August	5.0	4.3	3.4	4.5	2.8	4.1	2.7	3.6	4.2
November	5.3	4.5	3.9	5.3	3.1	4.6	4.4	2.4	4.5
2009									
February	6.0	5.6	4.6	5.7	4.2	4.6	3.5	2.2	5.3
May	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.4	4.9	5.6	3.5	3.8	5.7
UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (%)									
May 2004	7.5	6.8	7.4	8.0	6.8	8.4	3.6	5.0	7.2
May 2005	6.5	7.1	7.3	8.6	5.8	7.8	4.5	5.4	6.8
May 2006	6.5	7.1	6.6	7.9	5.9	6.5	3.8	4.7	6.6
2007									
May	7.0	6.5	6.1	7.0	4.9	8.1	3.2	3.8	6.3
August	6.4	6.8	6.1	8.2	4.8	7.6	4.3	4.3	6.4
November	6.2	6.8	5.9	7.3	4.5	7.0	3.3	4.3	6.2
2008									
February	6.1	6.4	5.5	7.3	4.2	6.3	7.5	4.5	5.9
May	6.3	6.6	5.6	7.3	3.5	6.1	7.5	4.8	6.0
August	6.2	6.6	5.4	6.0	4.7	4.5	3.4	4.5	5.9
November	6.6	7.2	5.9	7.7	5.1	6.0	3.5	3.9	6.5
2009									
February	7.8	7.6	7.4	8.4	5.6	7.2	3.5	4.9	7.4
May	7.7	8.5	7.5	8.2	7.0	7.1	3.1	4.8	7.6
LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE (%) (b)									
May 2004	12.9	11.9	12.7	14.0	12.1	14.9	8.9	8.4	12.5
May 2005	11.7	12.5	12.5	14.0	10.3	13.5	9.6	8.4	12.0
May 2006	11.6	12.1	11.3	12.9	9.1	13.3	8.9	8.5	11.4
2007									
May	11.8	11.1	9.4	11.8	7.9	12.4	8.0	6.6	10.6
August	11.2	11.7	9.9	13.1	8.0	13.1	9.6	6.9	10.8
November	11.1	11.7	9.8	12.0	7.9	12.0	9.2	7.4	10.7
2008									
February	10.3	10.5	9.1	11.8	7.0	11.4	12.2	7.4	9.9
May	11.1	10.9	9.4	12.4	6.9	10.2	10.8	7.0	10.2
August	11.2	10.9	8.8	10.6	7.4	8.5	6.1	8.0	10.1
November	11.9	11.7	9.8	13.0	8.2	10.6	7.9	6.4	11.0
2009									
February	13.8	13.2	12.1	14.1	9.8	11.8	7.0	7.1	12.6
May	14.2	14.4	12.8	13.6	11.8	12.6	6.6	8.6	13.4

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (a)						
May Quarter 2004	11.3	5.0	4.5	3.5	3.3	5.6
May Quarter 2005	10.3	4.8	3.9	3.2	3.1	5.1
May Quarter 2006	10.2	4.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	4.9
2007						
May	9.5	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.6	4.4
August	9.6	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.4	4.4
November	9.4	4.0	3.3	2.7	2.2	4.3
2008						
February	8.9	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.2	4.2
May	8.4	3.8	3.3	2.9	2.2	4.1
August	8.6	4.0	3.4	3.0	2.3	4.2
November	9.5	4.6	3.7	3.2	2.5	4.7
2009						
February	10.7	5.1	4.1	3.5	2.7	5.2
May	12.0	5.6	4.4	4.0	2.8	5.7
UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (%)						
May Quarter 2004	13.2	5.7	6.0	5.9	4.6	7.1
May Quarter 2005	12.8	5.0	5.7	5.9	4.7	6.8
May Quarter 2006	12.2	5.1	5.9	5.8	4.5	6.7
2007						
May	11.9	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	6.4
August	11.8	4.9	5.5	5.2	4.7	6.3
November	11.4	5.0	5.4	4.8	4.5	6.2
2008						
February	11.1	4.9	5.2	4.6	4.3	6.0
May	10.9	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.2	5.9
August	11.4	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.3	6.0
November	12.4	5.1	5.7	5.3	4.7	6.5
2009						
February	13.4	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.1	7.1
May	14.3	6.4	6.4	6.3	5.5	7.7
LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE (%) (b)						
May Quarter 2004	24.5	10.8	10.5	9.4	7.9	12.7
May Quarter 2005	23.2	9.8	9.7	9.1	7.8	11.9
May Quarter 2006	22.4	9.8	9.3	8.9	7.6	11.5
2007						
May	21.4	8.9	8.8	8.2	7.2	10.8
August	21.4	9.0	8.7	7.8	7.0	10.7
November	20.9	8.9	8.6	7.5	6.7	10.5
2008						
February	20.0	8.7	8.5	7.4	6.5	10.2
May	19.3	8.5	8.4	7.5	6.4	10.0
August	20.0	8.8	8.8	7.8	6.6	10.3
November	21.9	9.7	9.4	8.5	7.1	11.2
2009						
February	24.2	10.9	10.2	9.4	7.8	12.3
May	26.2	12.0	10.7	10.2	8.3	13.4

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Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	EMPLOYED TOTAL			UNDEREMPLOYED			PROPORTION UNDEREMPLOYED		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
Industry									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	237.7	110.3	348.1	*7.4	*6.8	14.2	*3.1	*6.2	*4.1
Mining	131.8	20.5	152.3	*—	*—	*—	*—	*—	*—
Manufacturing	721.2	272.2	993.5	31.9	23.2	55.1	*4.4	8.5	*5.5
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	108.2	28.4	136.7	*3.7	*1.6	*5.3	*3.4	*5.6	*3.9
Construction	861.1	123.0	984.1	59.4	9.2	68.6	*6.9	*7.5	*7.0
Wholesale trade	265.6	133.7	399.2	10.7	8.2	18.9	*4.0	*6.1	*4.7
Retail trade	532.7	676.8	1 209.5	61.2	104.2	165.4	11.5	15.4	13.7
Accommodation and food services	319.6	401.6	721.2	54.0	69.2	123.2	16.9	17.2	17.1
Transport, postal and warehousing	455.0	144.3	599.2	36.2	11.1	47.4	8.0	7.7	7.9
Information media and telecommunications	131.9	92.5	224.3	8.6	8.5	17.1	*6.5	9.2	*7.6
Financial and insurance services	178.7	212.9	391.6	*1.3	*4.4	*5.7	*0.7	*2.1	*1.5
Rental, hiring and real estate services	80.8	101.0	181.8	*4.2	*5.8	10.0	*5.2	*5.7	*5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	416.7	345.7	762.4	20.3	24.9	45.2	*4.9	*7.2	*5.9
Administrative and support services	160.4	180.0	340.4	21.8	28.3	50.1	13.6	15.7	14.7
Public administration and safety	371.8	321.3	693.1	12.8	10.0	22.8	*3.4	*3.1	*3.3
Education and training	246.7	562.1	808.8	16.1	39.7	55.7	*6.5	*7.1	*6.9
Health care and social assistance	256.2	933.1	1 189.4	19.5	88.4	108.0	*7.6	9.5	9.1
Arts and recreation services	110.3	94.3	204.6	16.6	13.1	29.7	15.1	13.9	14.5
Other services	254.7	186.7	441.5	16.2	21.1	37.2	*6.3	11.3	8.4
Occupation									
Managers	922.8	485.8	1 408.6	16.3	11.6	27.9	*1.8	*2.4	*2.0
Professionals	1 067.7	1 143.3	2 211.0	43.4	53.6	97.1	*4.1	*4.7	*4.4
Technicians and trades workers	1 392.9	230.8	1 623.8	72.8	23.0	95.8	*5.2	10.0	*5.9
Community and personal service workers	306.9	693.7	1 000.6	44.4	109.7	154.1	14.5	15.8	15.4
Clerical and administrative workers	402.8	1 276.8	1 679.6	17.9	74.2	92.1	*4.5	*5.8	*5.5
Sales workers	372.9	639.6	1 012.5	49.0	107.2	156.2	13.1	16.8	15.4
Machinery operators and drivers	638.7	53.4	692.2	49.3	8.3	57.6	7.7	15.6	8.3
Labourers	736.3	417.0	1 153.3	108.8	89.9	198.7	14.8	21.6	17.2
Australia	5 841.1	4 940.5	10 781.6	401.9	477.7	879.6	*6.9	9.7	8.2

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

AGE GROUP (YEARS)

	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
Whether looking for work	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Looking for work									
Took active steps to find work(a)									
Available to start work within four weeks	*2.0	*5.8	*3.7	*2.7	*0.9	*0.6	*0.6	*0.1	16.4
Unavailable to start work within four weeks	*1.2	*0.8	*0.8	*2.0	*0.6	*0.4	—	—	*5.8
Total	*3.2	*6.6	*4.5	*4.6	*1.5	*1.0	*0.6	*0.1	22.1
Did not take active steps to find work	10.6	*6.0	*2.1	*2.1	*3.1	*3.3	*2.2	*0.5	30.1
Total	13.8	12.7	*6.6	*6.8	*4.6	*4.3	*2.8	*0.6	52.2
Not looking for work(b)	312.1	103.9	97.1	93.6	103.2	96.3	180.9	1 023.3	2 010.4
Permanently unable to work	*1.8	*4.6	15.0	25.2	43.2	39.3	51.3	24.6	205.0
Institutionalised	*0.9	*3.0	*5.3	12.4	*6.9	*3.9	*5.0	81.2	118.7
Total	328.7	124.2	123.9	137.9	158.0	143.8	239.9	1 129.8	2 386.3
FEMALES									
Looking for work									
Took active steps to find work(a)									
Available to start work within four weeks	*3.7	*2.3	8.7	*4.6	*4.2	*2.2	*0.3	—	25.9
Unavailable to start work within four weeks	*0.8	*3.3	*0.9	*2.3	*1.2	—	—	—	8.5
Total	*4.5	*5.6	9.6	*6.9	*5.4	*2.2	*0.3	—	34.5
Did not take active steps to find work	12.6	*1.9	11.4	*7.4	*5.4	*1.7	*0.9	*0.9	42.1
Total	17.1	*7.5	20.9	14.4	10.8	*3.9	*1.2	*0.9	76.6
Not looking for work(b)	290.4	169.2	359.6	339.8	273.0	209.7	287.9	1 276.8	3 206.4
Permanently unable to work	*1.6	*5.1	11.9	13.2	36.9	26.0	42.0	31.0	167.7
Institutionalised	*0.5	*0.1	*1.0	*1.0	*3.7	*1.8	*2.6	184.3	195.0
Total	309.6	181.9	393.3	368.4	324.4	241.4	333.7	1 492.9	3 645.7
PERSONS									
Looking for work									
Took active steps to find work(a)									
Available to start work within four weeks	*5.7	*8.1	12.3	*7.3	*5.1	*2.8	*0.9	*0.1	42.3
Unavailable to start work within four weeks	*2.0	*4.1	*1.7	*4.3	*1.8	*0.4	—	—	14.3
Total	*7.7	12.2	14.0	11.6	*6.9	*3.2	*0.9	*0.1	56.6
Did not take active steps to find work	23.2	*7.9	13.5	9.6	8.5	*4.9	*3.1	*1.4	72.2
Total	30.9	20.2	27.5	21.1	15.4	*8.2	*4.0	*1.5	128.8
Not looking for work(b)	602.5	273.2	456.7	433.4	376.2	306.0	468.8	2 300.1	5 216.8
Permanently unable to work	*3.4	9.7	26.8	38.4	80.1	65.3	93.2	55.6	372.7
Institutionalised	*1.4	*3.1	*6.2	13.4	10.6	*5.7	*7.6	265.5	313.7
Total	638.3	306.1	517.3	506.3	482.4	385.2	573.7	2 622.7	6 032.0

* estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Not available to start work in the reference week.

(b) Includes persons permanently not intending to work and boarding school residents.

Source: Labour Force Survey. See Appendix 1.

	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR		
	Mar Qtr 2007	Jun Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Mar Qtr 2008	Jun Qtr 2008	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Mar Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2007	Mar Qtr 2008	Mar Qtr 2009
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TREND												
Australia	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	4.0	4.2	4.2
Sector												
Private	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	3.9	4.2	4.1
Public	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	4.3	3.9	4.4
ORIGINAL												
Australia	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.7	4.1	4.1	4.1
States and territories												
New South Wales	1.1	0.7	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.8	3.8	3.7	3.9
Victoria	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.7	3.7	3.7	4.0
Queensland	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.0	4.5	4.1	4.3
South Australia	1.2	0.6	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.7	4.2	4.6	3.9
Western Australia	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.8	0.8	4.8	5.9	5.4
Tasmania	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.1	4.5	3.6	4.5
Northern Territory	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.5	1.1	3.9	3.6	5.1
Australian Capital Territory	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.1	4.1	4.0	4.1
Industry(a)												
Mining	1.0	1.7	1.4	0.9	1.7	2.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	6.3	5.8	5.7
Manufacturing	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.9	0.5	3.7	4.3	3.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.4	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.9	0.9	3.8	4.6	4.8
Construction	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.0	4.5	4.2	4.6
Wholesale trade	0.9	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	4.2	2.9	4.2
Retail trade	1.1	0.8	0.9	2.1	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.6	2.8	4.5	3.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.5	1.0	2.9	2.4	3.5
Transport and storage	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	3.8	4.3	4.4
Communication services	0.1	0.1	1.3	2.0	0.3	0.1	1.5	1.1	0.1	3.5	3.7	2.8
Finance and insurance	0.7	1.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.4	0.9	0.4	4.2	4.0	4.1
Property and business services	0.8	0.6	2.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.9	1.1	0.7	4.0	4.8	4.9
Government administration and defence	1.1	0.6	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.3	1.7	0.7	4.1	4.2	4.2
Education	1.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.9	4.2	3.9	4.6
Health and community services	1.2	0.3	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.6	0.9	5.1	3.3	4.1
Cultural and recreational services	1.0	0.5	2.2	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.4	1.6	0.5	3.9	4.2	3.9
Personal and other services	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.5	1.3	0.3	2.1	0.8	1.0	4.3	3.6	4.3

(a) ANZSIC93 classification.

Source: Labour Price Index. See Appendix 1.

Period	FULL-TIME ADULT ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS					ALL EMPLOYEES TOTAL EARNINGS		
	Males	Females	Persons	Private sector	Public sector	Males	Females	Persons
EARNINGS (\$)								
February 2004	993.20	839.40	938.30	915.00	1 019.00	890.40	580.90	743.10
February 2005	1 041.50	881.70	984.60	962.00	1 060.00	925.30	609.50	776.40
February 2006	1 087.10	915.10	1 026.20	1 001.60	1 114.70	971.60	635.40	812.80
2007								
February	1 133.50	946.00	1 066.10	1 041.40	1 155.50	1 020.80	667.70	851.00
May	1 149.60	961.10	1 082.00	1 058.40	1 166.40	1 034.50	675.50	861.30
August	1 164.10	974.80	1 096.40	1 074.00	1 176.00	1 046.10	681.00	869.30
November	1 175.80	985.80	1 107.40	1 086.00	1 184.20	1 055.30	686.20	875.50
2008								
February	1 187.30	995.40	1 117.50	1 097.00	1 192.10	1 063.30	692.30	881.70
May	1 203.80	1 006.30	1 131.20	1 111.80	1 201.80	1 074.80	700.60	890.20
August	1 223.90	1 019.40	1 148.20	1 129.40	1 216.50	1 087.90	710.10	900.20
November	1 244.50	1 033.20	1 165.80	1 146.70	1 234.60	1 100.20	719.10	909.80
2009								
February	1 264.50	1 046.90	1 183.10	1 163.30	1 254.30	1 111.20	727.00	918.50
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)								
2007								
February	1.4	1.4	1.4	(a)np	(a)np	1.4	1.2	1.2
May	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.2
August	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.9
November	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
2008								
February	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7
May	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.0
August	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1
November	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.1
2009								
February	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.9
CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)								
February 2004	4.3	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.6
February 2005	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.0	3.9	4.9	4.5
February 2006	4.4	3.8	4.2	4.1	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.7
February 2007	4.3	3.4	3.9	(a)np	(a)np	5.1	5.1	4.7
February 2008	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.3	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.6
February 2009	6.5	5.2	5.9	6.0	5.2	4.5	5.0	4.2

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Break in series between November 2006 and February 2007. See paragraph 63 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Survey of Average Weekly Earnings. See Appendix 1.

5.3

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND RELATED MEASURES: Trend

Quarter	Compensation of employees, household income account	Average weekly earnings (National Accounts basis – nominal)	GDP per hour worked
	\$m	\$	index number

TREND

March 2004	100 676	927	97.9
March 2005	108 754	966	97.6
March 2006	116 981	1 008	99.6
2007			
March	126 621	1 054	100.3
June	129 251	1 069	100.6
September	131 398	1 079	100.6
December	133 335	1 087	100.7
2008			
March	135 668	1 099	100.9
June	138 704	1 117	100.9
September	141 089	1 134	101.0
December	142 430	1 144	101.2
2009			
March	143 040	1 148	101.6

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)

2007			
March	2.3	1.6	0.5
June	2.1	1.5	0.3
September	1.7	1.0	0.1
December	1.5	0.7	0.1
2008			
March	1.7	1.1	0.2
June	2.2	1.7	0.0
September	1.7	1.5	0.1
December	1.0	0.9	0.2
2009			
March	0.4	0.4	0.4

CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)

March 2004	6.7	5.0	2.6
March 2005	8.0	4.2	-0.3
March 2006	7.6	4.4	2.1
March 2007	8.2	4.5	0.7
March 2008	7.1	4.3	0.6
March 2009	5.4	4.5	0.7

Note: Reference base of index: 2006–07 = 100.0

Source: National Accounts. See Appendix 1.

	2007				2008				2009
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Australia									
Total	6.9	7.1	11.3	24.4	42.8	86.5	36.2	31.1	11.6
% change from previous quarter	-87.3	2.9	59.2	115.9	75.4	102.1	-58.2	-14.1	-62.7
States and territories									
New South Wales	0.4	1.7	3.6	1.1	5.7	51.2	14.7	16.7	3.4
Victoria	3.5	2.8	6.4	21.0	29.2	14.3	10.2	6.6	4.2
Queensland	0.5	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.1	6.7	6.0	1.3	2.5
South Australia	2.1	0.6	0.1	—	0.1	9.8	4.3	np	np
Western Australia	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.3	6.8	1.4	0.4	1.8	np
Tasmania	—	—	—	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	np	np
Northern Territory	—	—	—	0.1	0.6	2.8	0.4	np	np
Australian Capital Territory	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	np	—
Industry(a)									
Mining									
Coal	na	na	na	na	0.2	—	1.6	—	0.7
Other	na	na	na	na	0.1	—	0.2	—	—
Manufacturing									
Metal product etc manufacturing	na	na	na	na	0.2	10.1	0.2	0.6	0.6
Other	na	na	na	na	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.3	1.6
Construction	na	na	na	na	2.0	1.4	7.1	3.3	4.3
Transport, postal and warehousing	na	na	na	na	0.4	1.5	1.3	np	0.7
Education and training; health care and social assistance	na	na	na	na	34.4	65.6	17.9	19.5	0.1
Other industries	na	na	na	na	5.2	7.5	6.3	np	3.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

na not available

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

(a) Other industries comprises those industries not included in the specified industry groupings, i.e. Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Electricity, gas, water and waste services; Wholesale trade; Retail trade; Accommodation and food services; Information media and telecommunications; Financial and insurance services; Rental, hiring and real estate services; Professional, scientific and technical services; Administrative and support services; Public administration and safety; Arts and recreation services; and Other services.

Data classified using ANZSIC06 available from March quarter 2008 onwards.

Source: Industrial Disputes. See Appendix 1.

6.2

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, Working days lost per 1,000 employees: **Original**

	2007				2008				2009	
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March	June
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Australia										
Total	0.8	0.8	1.2	2.6	4.5	9.1	3.8	3.3	1.2	
% change from previous quarter	-86.7	—	50.0	116.7	73.1	102.2	-58.2	-13.2	-63.6	
States and territories										
New South Wales	0.1	0.6	1.2	0.4	1.9	16.8	5.0	5.6	1.1	
Victoria	1.5	1.2	2.8	9.1	12.3	6.0	4.3	2.8	1.8	
Queensland	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	3.5	3.1	0.7	1.3	
South Australia	3.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	14.3	6.3	np	np	
Western Australia	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.3	6.8	1.4	0.4	1.8	np	
Tasmania	—	—	0.1	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.0	np	np	
Northern Territory	—	—	—	1.4	6.0	27.4	4.1	np	np	
Australian Capital Territory	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	np	—	
Industry(a)										
Mining										
Coal	na	na	na	na	6.2	—	46.9	—	20.2	
Other	na	na	na	na	0.6	—	1.7	—	0.4	
Manufacturing										
Metal product etc manufacturing	na	na	na	na	0.6	28.7	0.5	1.8	1.6	
Other	na	na	na	na	0.3	0.6	2.5	0.5	2.6	
Construction	na	na	na	na	2.9	2.0	10.3	4.6	6.1	
Transport, postal and warehousing	na	na	na	na	0.9	3.0	2.7	np	1.3	
Education and training; health care and social assistance	na	na	na	na	19.3	35.7	9.8	10.8	0.1	
Other industries	na	na	na	na	1.0	1.4	1.2	np	0.7	

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

na not available

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(a) Other industries comprises those industries not included in the specified industry groupings, i.e. Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Electricity, gas, water and waste services; Wholesale trade; Retail trade; Accommodation and food services; Information media and telecommunications; Financial and insurance services; Rental, hiring and real estate services; Professional, scientific and technical services; Administrative and support services; Public administration and safety; Arts and recreation services; and Other services. Data classified using ANZSIC06 available from March quarter 2008 onwards.

Source: Industrial Disputes. See Appendix 1.

7.1

JOB VACANCIES

Period	ORIGINAL									TREND
	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia	Australia
JOB VACANCIES ('000)										
May 2003	38.2	22.9	19.3	5.8	7.8	*2.0	1.2	2.2	99.5	105.8
May 2004	43.7	30.7	25.1	6.0	10.5	1.7	2.4	2.6	122.7	119.2
May 2005	41.2	31.6	34.9	7.4	14.5	1.9	2.3	4.0	137.8	142.2
2006										
May	41.7	32.8	36.8	10.8	21.2	2.4	2.4	3.9	152.0	151.2
August	42.5	31.6	39.8	9.0	22.6	2.3	2.6	4.7	155.0	156.9
November	47.7	31.6	38.8	9.4	23.9	2.5	2.7	4.5	161.1	159.9
2007										
February	48.2	32.1	38.7	9.9	25.0	2.5	2.5	4.8	163.7	163.0
May	51.9	31.8	35.6	10.2	27.0	2.3	2.4	5.3	166.5	168.4
August	51.7	31.6	38.5	10.0	29.7	2.8	2.8	6.1	173.1	174.4
November	55.5	36.1	37.3	9.4	32.6	2.6	3.5	5.9	182.8	179.0
2008										
February	54.7	36.2	38.6	9.8	27.1	*2.6	4.2	4.9	178.0	181.6
May	56.5	38.5	41.6	8.6	27.2	2.6	3.6	5.6	184.4	183.6
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)										
2006										
May	-10.5	3.8	14.0	27.5	2.8	18.6	22.0	5.0	3.2	5.3
August	1.9	-3.6	8.3	-16.2	6.2	-6.6	8.4	18.3	2.0	3.8
November	12.1	0.1	-2.5	4.1	6.0	10.2	5.4	-3.9	3.9	1.9
2007										
February	1.2	1.7	-0.4	5.3	4.8	1.3	-7.6	6.0	1.7	1.9
May	7.6	-0.9	-8.0	2.9	7.7	-9.6	-4.3	11.9	1.7	3.3
August	-0.5	-0.7	8.2	-1.8	10.2	19.7	15.5	14.9	4.0	3.6
November	7.4	14.2	-3.2	-6.3	9.6	-6.9	28.0	-2.8	5.6	2.6
2008										
February	-1.4	0.4	3.5	4.7	-16.8	1.4	18.1	-18.4	-2.6	1.5
May	3.4	6.4	8.0	-12.0	0.2	1.2	-13.5	15.2	3.6	1.1
CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR (%)										
May 2003	22.9	-8.1	64.9	-17.0	-18.5	20.8	7.2	-30.8	10.1	10.6
May 2004	14.2	33.9	30.3	4.0	35.7	-15.6	107.1	13.9	23.4	12.7
May 2005	-5.7	3.0	39.1	22.3	37.8	8.1	-4.1	55.2	12.3	19.3
May 2006	1.3	3.6	5.2	45.6	46.1	31.3	1.1	-0.3	10.3	6.3
May 2007	24.4	-2.8	-3.3	-5.4	27.0	-5.8	1.0	35.0	9.5	11.4
May 2008	8.9	21.1	17.1	-15.2	0.8	14.4	51.1	5.0	10.8	9.0

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

Note: The Job Vacancies Survey will not be conducted in 2008-09. The May issue of the publication *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0), released in June 2008, was the final issue for 2008-09. The survey will be reinstated in 2009-10.

Source: Survey of Job Vacancies. See Appendix 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 *Australian Labour Market Statistics* brings together a range of ABS labour statistics to present a statistical summary of the Australian labour market. It has been developed primarily as a reference document, and provides a broad basis for labour analysis and research.

2 In addition to data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), this publication contains statistics from a range of other ABS labour surveys including Average Weekly Earnings, the Labour Price Index, Job Vacancies, Employment and Earnings – Public Sector, and Industrial Disputes. The publication also includes summary data from recently released labour force supplementary surveys.

3 This publication includes international data for selected labour market indicators.

LABOUR STATISTICS CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

4 The concepts and definitions underpinning ABS labour statistics align closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts of Australia's labour market statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling the estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001), which is available on the ABS website at <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> [Themes – People – Labour – *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods*].

5 For an explanation of terms used in this publication, refer to the Glossary.

LABOUR STATISTICS THEME PAGE

6 The Labour Statistics theme page is a portal to all labour statistics and related information residing on the ABS website. The page contains hyperlinks to *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001); information about labour related surveys; and a help page for respondents to ABS labour related surveys. The Labour Theme Page can be accessed at <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> [Themes – People – Labour].

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

7 Series in this publication include *original*, *seasonally adjusted* and *trend* series. Special care should be taken in interpreting data for the most recent months and quarters, as some of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted and trend series are subject to revision.

8 It is not uncommon for movements in original time series data and those provided from seasonally adjusted and trend series to differ. Movements in a time series of original data may reflect several factors, including:

- longer-term changes in the item being measured (i.e. trend movements)
- short-term irregular changes
- regular seasonal influences
- normal 'trading', 'working' or 'pay' day patterns
- systematic holiday effects.

9 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

10 The Labour Force Survey uses the concurrent seasonal adjustment method to derive seasonal factors. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses data up to the current month to estimate seasonal factors for the current and all previous months. This process can result in revisions each month to estimates for earlier periods. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the seasonally adjusted estimates for the previous month and one year prior to the current month.

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

11 Seasonal adjustment is able to remove the effect of events which occur at the same time in the survey every year. However, there are some events, like holidays, which are not always at the same time in the survey cycle or which are not at the same time across Australia. The effects of these types of events on Labour Force Survey estimates cannot in all cases be removed, because the pattern of their effects cannot be determined. However, two events which are adjusted for in the seasonally adjusted series are the January interview start date and the timing of Easter.

12 Trend estimates help the user to identify the underlying magnitude and direction of a time series. Seasonal adjustment removes the effect of the last three listed influences from the data, leaving only trend and short-term irregular movements. Trend estimates are then obtained by removing the effects of the short-term irregularities, which in some series can be a major contributor to movements in the original data.

13 Trend estimates are produced by smoothing the seasonally adjusted series using a statistical procedure based on Henderson moving averages. At each time point in a series, a trend estimate is calculated using a centred x-term Henderson moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. The moving averages are centred on the point in time at which the trend is being estimated. The number of terms used to calculate the trend varies across surveys. Generally, ABS monthly surveys use a 13-term moving average and quarterly surveys use a 7-term moving average.

14 Estimates for the most recent time points cannot be calculated using the centred average method as there are insufficient data to do so. Instead, alternative approaches that approximate the smoothing properties of the Henderson moving average are used. This can lead to revision in the trend estimates for the most recent time periods until sufficient data are available to calculate the trend using the centred Henderson moving average. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors.

15 Seasonal factors are reviewed at least annually for ABS labour series, to take account of additional original data. The results of the latest reviews were used to compile the trend estimates given in this publication. For further information about the most recent reviews of seasonal factors for the labour surveys, see the following publications:

- for labour force see *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0)
- for labour price index see *Labour Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0)
- for average weekly earnings see *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0)
- for public sector employees see *Employment and Earnings, Public Sector, Australia, 2007–08* (cat. no. 6248.0.55.002)
- for job vacancies see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

16 The general methods used in the ABS for estimating trends are described in *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

17 Estimates in this publication are subject to two types of error:

- sampling error – errors that occur because the data were obtained from a sample rather than the entire population
- non-sampling error – errors that occur at any stage of a survey and can also occur in a census, e.g. incorrect responses to questions, processing errors, frame deficiencies.

18 For more information on these sources of error, and on measures of these types of errors, including standard errors, refer to the main publications associated with each of the data series presented in this publication (see the relevant sections later in these Explanatory Notes). More information on standard errors applying to LFS estimates is contained in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Standard Errors, 2005*

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RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES <i>continued</i>	(cat. no. 6298.0). To assist users, a spreadsheet incorporating the revised standard error models using composite estimation is available from <i>Labour Force Survey Standard Errors, Data Cube, 2007</i> (cat. no. 6298.0.55.001).
ROUNDING	19 Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
LABOUR FORCE SURVEY DATA <i>Description of the survey</i>	20 Data in tables 1.1–1.7, 2.1–2.10, 3.1–3.3, and 4.1 to 4.6 are obtained from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which provides extensive information about the labour market on a monthly basis. The LFS is a component of the Monthly Population Survey (MPS), which includes the LFS and supplementary surveys.
<i>Monthly Population Survey</i>	21 The MPS is a population survey based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 23,000 houses, flats, etc.), and list samples of discrete Indigenous communities and non-private dwellings (hospitals, hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about 0.24% of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from occupants of selected dwellings by interviewers, with the first interview conducted face-to-face and subsequent interviews over the telephone. Once selected, households are included for eight consecutive months before being replaced.
<i>Labour Force Survey</i>	22 The LFS has been conducted on a monthly basis since February 1978. Prior to that, from 1964 to 1978, a national survey was conducted quarterly. Telephone interviewing was introduced between August 1996 and February 1997. New questionnaires have been introduced periodically, most recently in April 2001. 23 The LFS includes all usual residents of Australia aged 15 and over except: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ members of the permanent defence forces■ certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts■ overseas residents in Australia■ members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
<i>Supplementary surveys</i>	24 From July 1993, Jervis Bay Territory has been excluded from the scope of the LFS. 25 The supplementary surveys collect additional data on a different topic each month. Many topics covered are rotated on an annual or less frequent basis, while others are included once only. Results from each supplementary survey topic are released separately. A list of topics covered in recent years is in Appendix 3. 26 The supplementary surveys include a subset of the persons included in the LFS (see paragraph 20). The additional exclusions for most supplementary surveys are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ persons living in private dwellings in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia■ institutionalised persons■ boarding school pupils.
<i>Multi-Purpose Household Survey</i>	27 The Multi-Purpose Household Survey (MPHS) was introduced in 2004–05. This survey vehicle is designed to provide statistics annually for a number of small, self contained topics, including a number of labour related topics. Data for MPHS topics are collected each month over a financial year. A list of topics covered in recent years is in Appendix 3. 28 In addition to those already excluded from the LFS, the following people are excluded from most MPHS topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ people under 15 years■ people living in private dwellings in very remote parts of Australia

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Multi-Purpose Household Survey continued

- people living in non-private dwellings such as hotels, university residences, students at boarding schools, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for people with disabilities) and inmates of prisons
- visitors to private dwellings.

29 Depending on the topic, there may be further exclusions from scope. For example, some MPHS topics collect information only from a certain population or interest group (e.g. information on retirement and retirement intentions is collected from people aged 45 years or over).

Reference period

30 Interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month, with questions relating to the week prior to the interview (the reference week).

Notes on data

31 From time to time, changes to survey methodology affect the time series produced. Some examples of changes to this survey are: new questions added to the LFS questionnaire in April 2001; and the introduction of telephone interviewing in 1996–97.

32 In February 2004 the definition of unemployed persons was changed to include all persons who were waiting to start work and were available to start in the reference week, with consequent revisions to data from April 2001 to January 2004. For further details, see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2003* (cat. no. 6292.0).

33 In May 2007, an improved method of estimation, known as composite estimation, was introduced into the Labour Force Survey. In introducing this change the ABS revised unit record data from April 2001 to April 2007 based on the new estimation method. While estimates for periods prior to April 2001 are unrevised and were compiled using a different estimation method, no trend break was identified in the employed persons series. Also, no change was identified in the trend breaks in the unemployed persons and unemployment rate series which arose with the introduction of a redesigned survey form in April 2001. For further details, see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 6292.0).

34 The sample size of the Labour Force Survey for July 2008 was reduced by 24% when compared with the June 2008 sample. Detailed information about the sample reduction is provided in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, Nov 2007 (Second edition)* (cat. no. 6269.0), which was released on 25 July 2008.

35 The reduced sample will still be representative, with selections made across all parts of Australia. However, there will be increased volatility in the estimates, particularly the original and seasonally adjusted estimates. Therefore, the ABS continues to encourage users to focus on trend estimates.

Population benchmarks

36 Labour Force Survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to add up to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 years and over (population benchmarks). These population benchmarks are projections of the most recently released quarterly Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data. For information on the methodology used to produce the ERP see *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (cat. no. 3101.0). To create the population benchmarks for the Labour Force Survey, the most recently released quarterly ERP estimates are projected forward one quarter past the period for which they are required. The projection is based on the historical pattern of each population component - births, deaths, interstate migration and overseas migration. By projecting one quarter past that needed for the current population benchmarks, demographic changes are smoothed in, thereby making them less noticeable in the population benchmarks.

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Population benchmarks continued

37 The ERP series are revised annually in the March quarter issue of *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (cat. no. 3101.0), released in September each year, to incorporate more up to date information available for the population components. The revised ERP estimates are used to update the quarterly population projections used in creating the Labour Force Survey population benchmarks. Benchmarks already used in producing the Labour Force Survey estimates are not updated. A process of smoothing is used in the creation of population benchmarks to reduce the effect of these annual revisions to ERP estimates on the Labour Force Survey population benchmarks.

38 Every five years the ERP series are revised to incorporate additional information available from the latest Census of Population and Housing. Following the incorporation of Census information, the ERP series prior to the latest Census are final and subject to no further revision. Labour Force Survey population benchmarks, and the estimates, are revised following this 5-yearly revision in the ERP. From the February 2009 issue of this publication, labour force estimates have been compiled using population benchmarks based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. Revisions were made in that issue to historical labour force estimates from January 2001 to January 2009.

Estimation method

39 The estimation method used in the Labour Force Survey is Composite Estimation, which was introduced in May 2007. Composite Estimation combines data collected in the previous six months with current month's data to produce the current month's estimates, thereby exploiting the high correlation between overlapping samples across months in the Labour Force Survey. The Composite Estimator combines the previous and current months' data by applying different factors according to length of time in the survey. After these factors are applied, the seven months of data are weighted to align with current month population benchmarks. For details see *Information Paper: Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 6292.0).

Families series

40 The families estimates use family relationship information collected as part of the LFS. The survey questions used to determine family relationships are restricted to persons enumerated as usual residents of private dwellings. That is, the following persons are excluded from the family estimates:

- all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions)
- persons enumerated as visitors to (rather than usual residents of) private dwellings.

41 Family relationship information is determined for persons enumerated as usual residents of private dwellings that are in scope of LFS. This information is also determined for some additional persons who are enumerated as usual residents of private dwellings and are:

- aged less than 15 years
- out of scope of the LFS (i.e. persons who are permanent members of the Australian defence forces)
- away from their usual residence for more than six weeks
- for whom there was not a fully completed LFS questionnaire (but sufficient family relationship information was collected).

Further information and data on the LFS

42 LFS estimates are published monthly in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0). A series of time series spreadsheets are released at the same time as this publication under cat. no. 6202.0.55.001. More detailed estimates are released, in electronic format, one week later, under cat. no. 6291.0.55.001 for monthly data, or cat. no. 6291.0.55.003 for quarterly data. All electronic data can be accessed via the ABS website at <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. Additional data are available on request.

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Further information and data on the LFS continued

43 For further information about the range of LFS products and services, and the concepts and methodology used in the LFS, refer to *Information Paper: Changes to Labour Force Survey Products* (cat. no. 6297.0) and *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001).

INTERNATIONAL DATA

44 Table 1.8 contains data from the International Labour Organisation.

45 Estimates of key indicators of the labour markets from various countries have been included for comparison with Australian estimates of labour force participation, employment, unemployment and unemployment rates.

EMPLOYER SURVEY DATA

46 Tables 2.11–2.12, 5.1–5.3, 6.1–6.2 and 7.1 of this publication contain data from ABS employer surveys.

Scope of employer surveys

47 Except where otherwise noted, the sample for ABS labour employer surveys is selected from the ABS Business Register, which is primarily based on registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Pay As You Go Withholding scheme. The population is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, businesses that have ceased employing, changes in employment levels, changes in industry, and other general business changes. Businesses excluded from the scope of the employer surveys are:

- those primarily engaged in Agriculture, forestry and fishing (except for the Survey of Employment and Earnings)
- private households employing staff
- overseas embassies, consulates, etc.
- those located outside Australia.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES DATA

48 Tables 2.11 and 2.12 contain employment data from the Survey of Employment and Earnings – Public Sector (SEE).

Description of the survey

49 The Survey of Employment and Earnings was conducted on a quarterly basis from the September quarter 1983. The June quarter 2007 issue of the publication *Wage and Salary Earners, Public Sector, Australia* (cat. no. 6248.0.55.001) was the final issue. The quarterly survey has been replaced with an annual survey commencing with the 2007–08 reference year with data available in the publication *Employment and Earnings, Public Sector, Australia, 2007–08* (cat. no. 6248.0.55.002). The survey measures both the number of public sector wage and salary earners employed at the last pay period of the financial year and their total earnings.

Reference period

50 The reference period for employment is the last pay period of the financial year.

Notes on data

51 The private sector component of the Survey of Employment and Earnings was discontinued after the December quarter 2001.

52 The privatisation of Telstra Corporation in November 2006 significantly impacted the public sector employment series. Telstra Corporation was effectively privatised on 20 November 2006. For the purpose of ABS statistics this change from public sector to private sector is effective from March quarter 2007. For more information please see *Information Paper: Future Treatment of Telstra in ABS Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 8102.0).

53 As a result of privatisation, Telstra Corporation was no longer in the scope of SEE, and Telstra data were excluded from the series from March quarter 2007. As a result, a trend break was applied to the Commonwealth government and total public sector employees series between November 2006 and February 2007.

Further information

54 For further information about data relating to public sector employees, and the concepts and methodology used, refer to *Employment and Earnings, Public Sector, Australia, 2007–08* (cat. no. 6248.0.55.002), and *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001).

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WAGE PRICE INDEX DATA	<p>55 Table 5.1 contains data from the <i>Labour Price Index, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6345.0) publication.</p>
<i>Description of the survey</i>	<p>56 The Labour Price Index (LPI) measures change in the price of labour in the Australian labour market, unaffected by changes in the quality or quantity of work performed. i.e. it is unaffected by changes in the composition of the labour force, hours worked, or changes in characteristics of employees (e.g. work performance). In the LPI, index numbers are compiled for a range of wage and non-wage costs. Information about the wage price indexes has been released for each quarter since September 1997. Approximately 20,000 matched jobs from 4,800 businesses are priced each quarter.</p>
<i>Reference period</i>	<p>57 The reference period for the survey is the last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the mid-month of the quarter.</p>
<i>Further information</i>	<p>58 For further information about the range of products and services relating to the Wage Price Index, and the concepts and methodology used, refer to <i>Labour Price Index, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6345.0), the associated time series spreadsheets available from the ABS website and <i>Labour Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 6351.0.55.001).</p>
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS DATA	<p>59 Table 5.2 contains data from the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings (AWE).</p>
<i>Description of the survey</i>	<p>60 The Survey of Average Weekly Earnings has been conducted quarterly since August 1981. Approximately 5,500 businesses contribute to the survey each quarter. The purpose of the survey is to measure average gross weekly earnings of employee jobs in Australia.</p> <p>61 Average weekly earnings statistics represent average gross (before tax) earnings of employees and do not relate to average award rates nor to the earnings of the 'average person'. Estimates of average weekly earnings are derived by dividing estimates of weekly total earnings by estimates of number of employees. Changes in the averages may be affected not only by changes in the level of earnings of employees but also by changes in the overall composition of the wage and salary earner segment of the labour force.</p>
<i>Reference period</i>	<p>62 The reference period for the survey is the last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter. For non-weekly payrolls, businesses are asked to provide one week's portion.</p>
<i>Notes on data</i>	<p>63 The privatisation of Telstra Corporation in November 2006 has significantly impacted on the private sector and public sector average weekly earnings series. Telstra Corporation was effectively privatised on 20 November 2006. For the purposes of ABS statistics this change from public sector to private sector is effective from March quarter 2007. The effect of this change is significant for both the private sector and public sector series. As a result, a trend break has been applied to both series between November 2006 and February 2007. For more information please see <i>Information Paper: Future Treatment of Telstra in ABS Statistics, 2007</i> (cat. no. 8102.0).</p>
<i>Further information</i>	<p>64 For further information about average weekly earnings statistics and the concepts and methodology used refer to <i>Average Weekly Earnings, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6302.0), and <i>Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001).</p>
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DATA	<p>65 Table 5.3 contains data from the Australian National Accounts.</p>

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DATA

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66 Estimates of compensation of employees are contained within the Income Accounts of the Australian National Accounts, which are published in *Australian System of National Accounts* (cat. no. 5204.0) and *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0). For further information on how estimates are obtained, see *Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5216.0).

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES DATA

Description of the survey

67 Tables 6.1 and 6.2 contain data from the Industrial Disputes collection.

68 The ABS has been collecting information about industrial disputes since 1913. The Industrial Disputes collection produces estimates of the number of industrial disputes (where ten or more working days are lost), employees involved, and working days lost.

69 The scope of the Industrial Disputes collection is restricted to employing businesses at which an industrial dispute has occurred. For this collection, industrial disputes are defined as work stoppages of ten working days or more. Ten working days are equivalent to the amount of ordinary time worked by ten people in one day, regardless of the length of the stoppage, e.g. 3,000 workers on strike for two hours would be counted as 750 working days lost (assuming they work an eight-hour day).

70 Effects on other establishments not directly involved in the dispute, such as stand-downs because of lack of materials, disruption of transport services, power cuts, etc. are not included in the scope of this collection.

Reference period

71 The collection reference period is the calendar quarter.

Further information

72 For further information about industrial disputes statistics, and the concepts and methodology used, refer to the electronic publication *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (cat. no. 6321.0.55.001), and *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001).

JOB VACANCIES DATA

Description of the survey

73 Table 7.1 contains data from the Job Vacancies Survey (JVS).

74 The Job Vacancies Survey has been conducted since November 1983 and is a quarterly sample survey of approximately 5,000 employers. The survey produces estimates of the number of job vacancies in Australia. The May 2008 issue of the publication *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0), released in June 2008, was the final issue for 2008. The Job Vacancies Survey was not conducted during 2008–09 but will be reinstated in 2009–10.

Reference date

75 The reference date for the survey is the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter.

Notes on data

76 Prior to the August quarter 1999, job vacancies statistics were collected as part of the Job Vacancies and Overtime Survey. The overtime component of the survey ceased following the May quarter 1999.

77 The privatisation of Telstra Corporation in November 2006 impacted the private sector and public sector job vacancies series. For the purposes of ABS statistics this change from public sector to private sector was effective from March quarter 2007. For more information please see *Information Paper: Future Treatment of Telstra in ABS Statistics, 2007* (cat. no. 8102.0).

78 Although the privatisation of Telstra Corporation in November 2006 impacted on both the private and public sector series, the effect was significant only for the public sector series. As a result, a trend break was applied to the public sector series between November 2006 and February 2007.

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Further information

79 For further information about the range of products and services relating to ABS job vacancies statistics, and the concepts and methodology used, refer to *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0), the associated time series spreadsheets available from the ABS website and *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001).

APPENDIX 1 DATA SOURCES FOR TABLES

HOW TO FIND DATA SOURCES

All ABS statistics on the ABS website can be downloaded free of charge.

To find a labour market related publication, spreadsheet or datacube on the ABS website, go to <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> [Statistics – By Catalogue Number – 6. Labour Statistics and Prices]. All products can be accessed by catalogue number and subject e.g. to find the publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0), look under '62. Labour force'. Select '6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia' and from the Summary tab select the Details tab.

No.	Table description	Data source	Notes
1.1	Labour force status: trend series	Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0) 6202.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 1	
1.2	Age by marital status	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 1	
1.3	States and territories	Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0) 6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 2	Excludes Capital city/balance of state
1.4	Educational attendance	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 3a	More detailed Age
1.5	Country of birth	6291.0.55.001 data cube LM4	Includes Sex, State, less detailed Country of birth
		6291.0.55.001 data cube LM5	Includes Sex, Age, State, less detailed Country of birth
		6291.0.55.001 data cube LM6	Includes Sex, State
		6291.0.55.001 data cube LM7	Includes Sex, State, less detailed Country of birth
	Year of arrival	6291.0.55.001 data cube LM4	Includes Sex, State, less detailed Country of birth
		6291.0.55.001 data cube LM7	Includes Sex, State, less detailed Country of birth
1.6	Relationship in household	6291.0.55.001 data cube FM1	Includes State
		6291.0.55.001 data cube FM2	Includes Age
		6291.0.55.001 data cube FM3	Includes Hours worked
		6291.0.55.001 data cube FM4	Unemployed persons only, includes Duration of unemployment
1.7	Families	6224.0.55.001 data cube FA2	
1.8	International comparisons	International Labour Organisation, LABORSTA database: http://laborsta.ilo.org	
2.1	Industry: trend	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 4	Includes Employed full-time, Employed part-time
2.2	Industry: divisions and subdivisions	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 6	
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E03	Includes Sex, State, Hours worked, less detailed Industry
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E05	Includes Sex, Age, Status in employment, Hours worked
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E06	Includes Sex, State, Status in employment, Hours worked, more detailed Industry
2.3	Occupation	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 7	Less detailed Occupation
		6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 12	Includes Hours worked, less detailed Occupation
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E07	Includes Age, Hours worked, Status in employment
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E08	Includes State, Status in employment, more detailed Occupation
2.4	Industry and occupation by full-time/part-time status	6291.0.55.003 data cube E09	Includes State, Hours worked

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No.	Table description	Data source	Notes
2.5	Industry by status in employment	6291.0.55.003 data cube E04	Includes Sex, State, excludes Industry
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E05	Includes Sex, Age, more detailed Industry
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E06	Includes Sex, State, more detailed Industry
	Occupation by status in employment	6291.0.55.003 data cube E04	Includes Sex, State, excludes Occupation
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E07	Includes Sex, Age, more detailed Occupation
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E08	Includes Sex, State, more detailed Occupation
		6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 8	Excludes Hours worked, includes Sex, Employed full-time, Employed part-time
	Hours worked in all jobs by status in employment	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 13	Includes Sex
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E04	Includes Sex, State
		6291.0.55.003 data cube E05	Includes Sex, Age, Industry
6291.0.55.003 data cube E06		Includes Sex, State, Industry	
6291.0.55.003 data cube E07		Includes Sex, Age, Occupation	
6291.0.55.003 data cube E08		Includes Sex, State, Occupation	
6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 11			
2.6 Average hours worked in all jobs by Industry	6291.0.55.003 data cube E03	Includes State	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E05	Includes Age, Status in employment, more detailed Industry	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E06	Includes State, Status in employment, more detailed Industry	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E09	Includes State, Occupation	
	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 12		
Average hours worked in all jobs by occupation	6291.0.55.003 data cube E07	Includes Age, Status in employment, more detailed Occupation	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E08	Includes State, Status in employment, more detailed Occupation	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E09	Includes State, Industry	
	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 9		
	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 11	Includes Industry	
2.7 Actual hours worked in all jobs	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 12	Includes Occupation	
	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 13	Includes Status in employment	
	6291.0.55.001 data cube EM1	Includes Age, State	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E03	Includes State, Industry	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E04	Includes State, Status in employment	
	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 9		
	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 11	Includes Industry	
2.8 Actual hours worked in all jobs	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 12	Includes Occupation	
	6291.0.55.003 spreadsheet table 13	Includes Status in employment	
	6291.0.55.001 data cube EM1	Includes Age, State	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E03	Includes State, Industry	
	6291.0.55.003 data cube E04	Includes State, Status in employment	
	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 10		
Usual hours worked in all jobs	6291.0.55.001 data cube EM3	Includes Age, State	
	6291.0.55.001 data cube E10	Includes State, Industry	
	6291.0.55.001 data cube EM2	Includes Age, State, Hours worked	
2.9 Full-time workers who worked less than 35 hours in all jobs			
2.10 Future employment expectations by job tenure	6291.0.55.003 data cube E02	Excludes Future employment expectations, Includes Job tenure, State, Age	
2.11 Public sector employees: state and territories	Employment and Earnings Public Sector, Australia, 2007-08 (cat. no. 6248.0.55.002)		

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2.12	Public sector employees: industry	Employment and Earnings Public Sector, Australia, 2007-08 (cat. no. 6248.0.55.002)	
3.1	Unemployed persons: duration of unemployment by age	6291.0.55.001 data cube UM2	Excludes Age, median Duration of unemployment
		6291.0.55.001 data cube UM3	Excludes median Duration of unemployment
3.2	Long-term unemployed	6291.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 14B	
		6291.0.55.001 data cube UM2	Excludes trend data, includes State, more detailed Duration of unemployment
		6291.0.55.001 data cube UM3	Excludes trend data, includes State, Age
3.3	Unemployed persons: reason for unemployment by industry of last job	6291.0.55.003 data cube UQ1	Excludes Industry of last job
		6291.0.55.003 data cube UQ1	Excludes Industry of last job
	Unemployed persons: reason for unemployment by occupation of last job	6291.0.55.003 data cube UQ1	Excludes Occupation of last job
4.1	Underutilised labour: trend series	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.2	Underutilised labour: seasonally adjusted series	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.3	Underutilised labour by states and territories: trend	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.4	Underutilised labour by states and territories: seasonally adjusted	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.5	Underutilised labour by age: trend	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.6	Underemployed by industry and occupation	Labour Force Survey	Data available on request
4.7	Persons not in the labour force	6291.0.55.001 data cube NM1	
5.1	Labour price index	Labour Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0)	
	Labour price index: trend data	6345.0 spreadsheet table 1	
	Labour price index: Australia, states and territories	6345.0 spreadsheet table 2b	
	Labour price index: private sector	6345.0 spreadsheet table 3b	Includes States and territories
	Labour price index: public sector	6345.0 spreadsheet table 4b	Includes States and territories
	Labour price index: industry	6345.0 spreadsheet table 5b	Includes Sector
	Labour price index: occupation	6345.0 spreadsheet table 7b	Includes Sector
5.2	Average weekly earnings	Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0)	
	Average weekly earnings by sex	6302.0 spreadsheet table 1	Includes Full-time adult total earnings
	Average weekly earnings: private sector	6302.0 spreadsheet table 4	Includes Full-time adult total earnings
	Average weekly earnings: public sector	6302.0 spreadsheet table 7	Includes Full-time adult total earnings
5.3	Compensation of employees	Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0)	
6.1	Industrial disputes: working days lost	Industrial Disputes, Australia (cat. no. 6321.0.55.001)	
	Industrial disputes: working days lost by state	6321.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 3a	
	Industrial disputes: working days lost by industry	6321.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 2a	
6.2	Industrial disputes: working days lost per 1,000 employees	Industrial Disputes, Australia (cat. no. 6321.0.55.001)	
	Industrial disputes: working days lost per 1,000 employees by state	6321.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 3b	
	Industrial disputes: working days lost per 1,000 employees by industry	6321.0.55.001 spreadsheet table 2b	

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7.1	Job vacancies	Job Vacancies, Australia (cat. no. 6354.0)	
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Education & Work	6227.0	Annual	May 2008
Employee Earnings, Benefits & Trade Union Membership	6310.0	Annual	Aug 2008
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Labour Force Experience	6206.0	Biennial	Feb 2007
Labour Force Status & Other Characteristics of Migrants	6250.0	Triennial	Nov 2007
Labour Mobility	6209.0	Biennial	Feb 2008
Locations of Work	6275.0	Irregular	Nov 2008
Multiple Jobholding(a)	6216.0	Discontinued	Aug 1997
Persons Not in the Labour Force	6220.0	Annual	Sep 2008
Retrenchment & Redundancy(b)	6266.0	Discontinued	Jul 2001
Underemployed Workers	6265.0	Annual	Sep 2008
Working Time Arrangements	6342.0	Triennial	Nov 2006
Multi purpose household surveys			
Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation	6239.0	Biennial	Jul 2006 to Jun 2007
Retirement and Retirement Intentions(c)	6238.0	Biennial	Jul 2006 to Jun 2007
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Industrial Disputes	6321.0.55.001	Quarterly	Mar 2009
Job Vacancies	6354.0	Suspended	May 2008
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Labour Force, Australia: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families	6224.0.55.001	Suspended	Dec 2008
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Wage & Salary Earners, Public Sector, Australia(e)	6248.0.55.001	Discontinued	Jun qtr 2007
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Employment and Earnings, Public Sector, Australia	6248.0.55.002	Annual	2007–08
Employee Earnings & Hours	6306.0	Biennial	Aug 2008
Employer Training Expenditure & Practices	6362.0	Irregular	2001–02
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Labour Costs	6348.0.55.001	Irregular	2002–03
Labour Force Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, Estimates from the Labour Force Survey	6287.0	Annual	2007
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Australians' Employment and Unemployment Patterns, CURF, 1994–1997	6286.0.30.001	Discontinued	1994 to 1997
Australians' Employment and Unemployment Patterns, 1994–1997: Expanded CURF	6286.0.55.001	Irregular	1994 to 1997
Australians' Employment and Unemployment Patterns: Expanded CURF, Technical Paper	6286.0.55.002	Irregular	1994 to 1997
Child Care, Australia, Expanded CURF	4402.0.55.001	Irregular	Jun 2008
Child Care, Australia, Expanded CURF, Technical Manual	4402.0.55.002	Irregular	Jun 2008
Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, Expanded CURF, Technical Manual	6306.0.55.002	Irregular	May 2006

(a) Latest data available on request for July 2001.

(b) Related data available from Labour Mobility.

(c) Previously conducted as a labour force supplementary survey until 1997, data now collected as part of the Multi Purpose Household Survey.

(d) Previously conducted as a labour force supplementary survey in 2000, data now collected as part of the Multi Purpose Household Survey.

(e) The quarterly survey of Employment and Earnings – Public Sector is being replaced with an annual survey, commencing with the 2007–08 reference year. As a result, the June quarter 2007 was the final issue of Wage and Salary Earners, Public Sector, Australia (cat. no. 6248.0.55.001). Data from the 2007–08 survey are expected to be released in January 2009.

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Labour Force Survey and Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia – Basic CURF, Technical Paper	6202.0.30.002	Biennial	Aug 2008
Labour Force Survey and Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia: Expanded CURF	6202.0.30.003	Biennial	Aug 2006
Labour Force Survey and Labour Mobility, Australia: Basic and Expanded CURF	6202.0.30.004	Irregular	Feb 2008
Labour Force Survey and Labour Mobility, Australia: Basic and Expanded CURF, Technical Manual	6202.0.30.005	Irregular	Feb 2006
Microdata: Employment Arrangements, Retirement and Superannuation, Expanded CURF, Australia	6361.0.55.001	Irregular	Apr to Jul 2007
Employee Earnings and Hours, Expanded CURF, Australia	6306.0.55.001	Irregular	May 2006
Survey of Education and Training, Australia, Basic CURF, Technical Manual	6278.0.55.001	Irregular	2005
Survey of Education and Training, Australia, Basic CURF	6278.0.55.002	Irregular	2005
Survey of Education and Training, Australia, Expanded CURF, Technical Manual	6278.0.55.003	Irregular	2005
Survey of Education and Training, Australia, Expanded CURF	6278.0.55.004	Irregular	2005
Survey of Income and Housing – Basic and Expanded CURFs, Technical Paper	6541.0	Irregular	2005–06 (Second edition)
Title	cat. no.	Frequency	Latest issue
<i>Information papers and other reference material</i>			
ABS Labour Market Statistics	6106.0.55.001	Irregular	2003
Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources & Methods	5216.0	Irregular	2000
Changes to ABS Measures of Employee Remuneration	6313.0	Irregular	2006
Changes to Labour Force Survey Products	6297.0	Irregular	2003
Estimating Average Annual Hours Worked	1352.0.55.077	Irregular	Jun 2006
Forthcoming Changes to Labour Force Statistics	6292.0	Irregular	2007
Improvements to Family Estimates from the Labour Force Survey	6224.0.55.002	Irregular	2008
Labour Force Survey Sample Design	6269.0	Irregular	Nov 2007 (Second edition)
Labour Force Survey Standard Errors	6298.0	Irregular	2005
Labour Force Survey Standard Errors, Data Cube	6298.0.55.001	Irregular	May 2009
Labour Price Index: Concepts, Sources & Methods	6351.0.55.001	Irregular	2004
Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources & Methods	6102.0.55.001	Irregular	Apr 2007
Labour Statistics News	6106.0	Biennial	Feb 2009
Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey	6232.0	Irregular	2004
<i>Other publications</i>			
Australian Economic Indicators	1350.0	Monthly	Jul 2009
Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure & Product	5206.0	Quarterly	Mar 2009
Australian Social Trends	4102.0	Quarterly	Jun 2009
Australian System of National Accounts	5204.0	Annual	2007–08
Australians' Employment & Unemployment Patterns: First Results	6286.0	Discontinued	1994 to 1997
Business Indicators	5676.0	Quarterly	Mar 2008
Census of Population & Housing: Selected Education & Labour Force Characteristics	2017.0	Five yearly	2001
Education & Training Indicators	4230.0	Irregular	2002 (Reissue)
General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia	4159.0	Irregular	2006
Government Benefits, Taxes & Household Income	6537.0	Irregular	2003–04
Household Income & Income Distribution	6523.0	Biennial	2007–08
Measures of Australia's Progress	1370.0	Biennial	2006 (Reissue)
Regional Wage & Salary Earners — Electronic Publication	5673.0.55.001	Irregular	2003–04

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Superannuation: Coverage & Financial Characteristics	6360.0	Irregular	Jun 2000
Voluntary Work	4441.0	Irregular	2006

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Active steps to find work	Includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering an advertisement for a job; checking factory noticeboards or the touchscreens at Centrelink offices; being registered with Centrelink as a jobseeker; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
Actual hours worked	The hours actually worked during the reference week, not necessarily hours paid for.
Adult employees	Adult employees are those employees 21 years of age or over and those employees who, although under 21 years of age, are paid at the full adult rate for their occupation.
Aggregate (actual) hours worked	The total number of hours a group of employed persons has actually worked during the reference week, not necessarily hours paid for.
Attending full-time education	Persons aged 15–24 years who were enrolled full-time at secondary school, high school, Technical and Further Education (TAFE) college, university, or other educational institution in the reference week.
Average compensation per employee	<i>National Accounts</i> . The total compensation of employees divided by the number of employees.
Average earnings (National Accounts basis)	See <i>average compensation per employee</i> .
Average hours worked	Aggregate hours worked by a group divided by the number of persons in that group.
Average weekly earnings	Average weekly earnings represent average gross (before tax) earnings of employees and do not relate to average award rates nor to the earnings of the 'average person'. Estimates of average weekly earnings are derived by dividing estimates of weekly total earnings by estimates of number of employees. For information about scope exclusions applying to employer surveys, refer to paragraph 47 of the Explanatory Notes.
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	All usual residents of Australia aged 15 years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated population counts, overseas residents in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
Commonwealth government employees	Employees of all departments, agencies and authorities created by or reporting to the Commonwealth Parliament. Those bodies run jointly by the Commonwealth Government and state governments are classified to Commonwealth.
Compensation of employees	<i>National Accounts</i> . The total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by enterprises to employees in return for work done by the employees during the accounting period. Compensation of employees comprises wages and salaries (in cash and in kind) and <i>employers' social contributions</i> . Compensation of employees is not payable in respect of unpaid work undertaken voluntarily, including the work done by members of a household within an unincorporated enterprise owned by the same household. Compensation of employees excludes any taxes payable by the employer on the wage and salary bill (e.g. payroll tax, fringe benefits tax). See <i>Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 5216.0) for further information.
Contributing family worker	A person who works without pay, in an economic enterprise operated by a relative.
Country of birth	Classified according to the <i>Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)</i> (cat. no. 1269.0).
Couple families	A family based on two persons who are in a registered or de facto marriage and who are usually resident in the same household.
Dependants	All family members under 15 years, and all children aged 15–24 years attending full-time education (except those who have a partner or child of their own usually resident in the household).

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Dependent child	Any child in a family under 15 years of age or aged 15–24 years who is attending full-time education (except those who have a partner or child of their own usually resident in the household).
Dependent student	A child who is 15–24 years of age, who is attending full-time education, and who has no partner or child of his or her own usually resident in the same household.
Discouraged jobseekers	Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within the next four weeks but whose main reason for not actively looking for work was that they believed they would not find a job for any of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ considered to be too young by employers■ considered to be too old by employers■ lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience■ difficulties because of language or ethnic background■ no jobs in their locality or line of work■ no jobs available at all■ no jobs in suitable hours.
Duration of unemployment	<p>Under the redesigned LFS questionnaire, implemented in April 2001, the definition of duration of unemployment is the period of time from when an unemployed person began looking for work, until the end of the reference week; or the period of time since an unemployed person last worked in any job for two weeks or more, until the end of the reference week; whichever was the shorter period.</p> <p>Prior to April 2001, duration of unemployment was defined in the LFS as the period of time from when an unemployed person began looking for work, until the end of the reference week; or the period of time since an unemployed person last worked full-time for two weeks or more, until the end of the reference week; whichever was the shorter period.</p>
Employed	Employed persons include all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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 own account workers); or■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or■ on strike or locked out; or■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or■ were employers or own account workers, who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Employed full-time	See <i>full-time employed</i> .
Employed part-time	See <i>part-time employed</i> .
Employee	<i>Labour Force Survey and other household surveys.</i> A person who works for a public or private employer and receives remuneration in wages, salary, a retainer fee from their employer while working on a commission basis, tips, piece rates, or payment in kind, or a person who operates their own incorporated enterprise with or without hiring employees.

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Employee continued	<i>Employer surveys.</i> Employees are wage and salary earners who received pay for any part of the reference period. For information about scope exclusions applying to employer surveys, refer to paragraph 47 of the Explanatory Notes.
Employee job	<i>Wage Price Index (WPI).</i> A job for which the occupant receives remuneration in wages, salary, payment in kind, or piece rates. All employee jobs in all employing organisations (except those excluded from all ABS labour employer surveys) are in scope of the WPI, except the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 'non-maintainable' jobs (i.e. jobs that are expected to be occupied for less than six months of a year)■ jobs for which wages and salaries are not determined by the Australian labour market (e.g. working proprietors of small incorporated enterprises, most employees of Community Development Employment Programs, jobs where the remuneration is set in a foreign country). For information about scope exclusions applying to employer surveys, refer to paragraph 47 of the Explanatory Notes.
Employer	<i>Labour Force Survey and other household surveys.</i> A person who operates their own unincorporated economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires one or more employees. <i>Employer surveys.</i> A business with one or more employees.
Employers' social contributions	<i>National Accounts.</i> Contributions by employers to pension and superannuation funds; and premiums paid by employers to workers' compensation schemes for occupational injuries and diseases.
Employment to population ratio	For any group, the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.
Extended labour force underutilisation rate	The unemployed, plus the underemployed, plus two groups of marginally attached to the labour force: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) persons actively looking for work, not available to start work in the reference week, but available to start work within four weeks and(ii) discouraged jobseekers as a percentage of the labour force augmented by (i) and (ii). For more information see datacube 'Table 1.1. Extended Labour Force Underutilisation Rate' (cat. no. 6105.0).
Family	Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering; and who are usually resident in the same household. The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.
Family reference person	In families which are not couple families or one-parent families, as defined, the family reference person is the eldest person in the household.
Former workers	Unemployed persons who have previously worked for two weeks or more but not in the last two years.
Full-time educational attendance	Persons aged 15–19 who, during the reference week were enrolled full-time at secondary or high schools, and those aged 15–24 who, during the reference week, were enrolled full-time at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) college, university, or other tertiary educational institution.
Full-time employed	<i>Household surveys.</i> Persons employed full-time are those employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.

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Full-time employees	<i>Employer surveys.</i> Full-time employees are permanent, fixed term and casual employees who normally work the agreed or award hours for a full-time employee in their occupation and received pay for any part of the reference period. If agreed or award hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they ordinarily work 35 hours or more per week.
Gross domestic product (GDP)	<i>National Accounts.</i> The total market value of goods and services produced in Australia within a given period after deducting the cost of goods and services used up in the process of production but before deducting allowances for the consumption of fixed capital. Thus gross domestic product, as here defined, is at 'market prices'. It is equivalent to gross national expenditure plus exports of goods and services less imports of goods and services. See <i>Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 5216.0) for further information.
Household	A group of one or more persons in a private dwelling who consider themselves to be separate from other persons (if any) in the dwelling, and who make regular provision to take meals separately from other persons, i.e. at different times or in different rooms. Lodgers who receive accommodation but no meals are treated as separate households. Boarders who receive both accommodation and meals are not treated as separate households. A household may consist of any number of families and non-family members.
Industrial dispute	An industrial dispute is defined as a state of disagreement over an issue or group of issues between an employer and its employees, which results in employees ceasing work. Industrial disputes comprise strikes, which are a withdrawal from work by a group of employees; and lockouts, which are a refusal by an employer or group of employers to permit some or all of their employees to work.
Industry	An industry is a group of businesses or organisations that perform similar sets of activities in terms of the production of goods and services. Industry is classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006</i> (cat. no. 1292.0). The industry assigned to an employed person is the industry of the organisation in which the person's main job is located. Unemployed persons who had worked for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the industry of their most recent job.
Job leavers	Unemployed persons who have worked for two weeks or more in the past two years and <i>left that job voluntarily</i> – that is, because (for example): of unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours; the job was a holiday job or they left the job to return to studies; or their last job was running their own business and they closed down or sold that business for reasons other than financial difficulties.
Job losers	Unemployed persons who have worked for two weeks or more in the past two years and <i>left that job involuntarily</i> : that is, they were laid off or retrenched from that job; left that job because of their own ill-health or injury; the job was seasonal or temporary; or their last job was running their own business and the business closed down because of financial difficulties.
Job vacancy	A job vacancy is an employee job available for immediate filling on the survey reference date and for which recruitment action has been taken. Recruitment action includes efforts to fill vacancies by advertising, by factory notices, by notifying public or private employment agencies or trade unions and by contacting, interviewing or selecting applicants already registered with the enterprise or organisation. Excluded are vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ for jobs which became vacant on the survey date and were filled that same day■ for jobs of less than one day's duration■ to be filled by persons already hired, or by promotion or transfer of existing employees■ to be filled by employees returning from paid or unpaid leave or after industrial dispute(s)

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Job vacancy <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ not available for immediate filling on the survey reference date■ for work to be carried out by contractors■ for which no recruitment action has been taken■ where a person has been appointed but has not yet commenced duty■ to be filled by staff from contract labour agencies■ for jobs available only to persons already employed by the enterprise or organisation. <p>For information about scope exclusions applying to employer surveys, refer to paragraph 47 of the Explanatory Notes.</p>
Labour force	The labour force is the labour supply available for the production of economic goods and services in a given period, and is the most widely used measure of the economically active population. Persons in the labour force are classified as either employed or unemployed according to their activities during the reference period by using a specific set of priority rules.
Labour force status	A classification of the civilian population aged 15 years 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.
Labour force underutilisation rate	The unemployed plus the underemployed, as a percentage of the labour force.
Local government employees	Employees of municipalities and shires and other local authorities created by or subject to the provisions of local government legislation, such as county councils in New South Wales.
Lone parent	A person who has no spouse or partner present in the household but who forms a parent-child relationship with at least one dependent or non-dependent child usually resident in the household.
Lone person	A person who makes provision for their food and other essentials for living, without combining with any other person to form part of a multi-person household. They may live in a dwelling on their own or share a dwelling with another individual or family.
Long-term unemployed	Persons unemployed for 12 months or more. See <i>duration of unemployment</i> for details of the calculation of duration of unemployment.
Long-term unemployment rate	The number of long-term unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.
Marginal attachment to the labour force	Persons who were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were actively looking for work but did not meet the availability criteria to be classified as unemployed or■ were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks or could start work within four weeks if child care was available. <p>The criteria for determining those in the labour force are based on activity (i.e. working or looking for work) and availability to start work during the reference week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work and reasons for not actively looking for work, are more subjective. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondent's own interpretation of the concepts used. An individual respondent's interpretation may be affected by their work aspirations, as well as family, economic and other commitments.</p>
Marital status	See <i>social marital status</i> .
Mean age	The sum of the ages of all the persons in a group, divided by the total number of persons in that group.
Mean duration of unemployment	The sum of the duration of unemployment of all the unemployed persons in a group, divided by the total number of unemployed persons in that group.

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Median age	The age which divides a group of persons into two equal groups: one comprising persons whose age is above the median; and the other, persons whose age is below it.
Median duration of unemployment	The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups: one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median; and the other, persons whose duration is below it.
Non-dependent child	A child of a couple or lone parent usually resident in the household, aged over 15 years and who is not a dependent student aged 15–24 years, and who has no partner or child of their own usually resident in the household.
Non-family member	A person who is not related to any other member of the household in which they are living.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not classified as employed or unemployed.
Occupation	An occupation is a collection of jobs that are sufficiently similar in their main tasks to be grouped together for the purposes of classification. Occupation is classified according to the <i>ANZSCO Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, 2006</i> (cat. no. 1220.0). The occupation assigned to an employed person relates to the person's main job. Unemployed persons who had worked for two weeks or more in the last two years are classified according to the occupation of their most recent job.
One-parent family	A family consisting of a lone parent with at least one dependent or non-dependent child (regardless of age) who is also usually resident in the household.
Ordinary time earnings	See <i>weekly ordinary time earnings</i> .
Original series	Estimates produced directly from the survey data, before seasonal adjustment or trend estimation takes place.
Other family	Related individuals residing in the same household who do not form a couple or parent-child relationship with any other person in the household and are not attached to a couple or one parent family in the household. If two brothers, for example, are living together and neither is a spouse, a lone parent or a child, then they are classified as other family.
Overtime earnings	See <i>weekly overtime earnings</i> .
Own account workers	People who operate their own unincorporated economic enterprise or engaged independently in a profession or trade, and hired no employees.
Owner managers of incorporated enterprises	People who work in their own incorporated enterprise, that is, a business entity which is registered as a separate legal entity to its members or owners (also known as a limited liability company). These people are classified as employees under 'status in employment'. Technically they are employees, however, they are similar in characteristics to owner managers of unincorporated enterprises.
Owner managers of unincorporated enterprises	People who operate their own unincorporated enterprise, that is, a business entity in which the owner and the business are legally inseparable, so that the owner is liable for any business debts that are incurred. Includes those engaged independently in a trade or profession. These people are classified as employers under 'status in employment' if their business has employees, or own account workers if they do not.
Participation rate	The labour force participation rate for any group within the population is the labour force component of that group, expressed as a percentage of the population in that group.
Part-time employed	<i>Household surveys.</i> Persons employed part-time are those employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.

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Reason for leaving last job	Unemployed persons who had worked for two weeks or more in the past two years classified by whether they left that job voluntarily, that is, job leavers; or left that job involuntarily, that is, job losers.
Seasonally adjusted series	A time series of estimates with the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation removed. See paragraphs 7–13 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.
Social marital status	Social marital status is the relationship status of an individual with reference to another person who is usually resident in the household. A marriage exists when two people live together as husband and wife, or partners, regardless of whether the marriage is formalised through registration. Individuals are, therefore, regarded as married if they are in a de facto marriage, or if they are living with the person to whom they are registered as married.
State capital cities	The areas determining the six state capital cities are the Statistical Divisions for those capital cities defined in the <i>Statistical Geography: Volume 1 – Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)</i> (cat. no. 1216.0).
State government employees	Employees of all State government departments and authorities created by, or reporting to, State Parliaments, including organisations for which the Commonwealth has assumed financial responsibility. Following self-government, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory administrations have been classified to State Governments. Employees of State Governments employed interstate are included in the estimates of the State in which they are based.
Status in employment	Employed persons classified by whether they were employees, employers, own account workers or contributing family workers.
Total earnings	See <i>weekly total earnings</i> .
Total hourly rates of pay index excluding bonuses	<i>Wage Price Index</i> . This index measures quarterly change in a weighted combination of ordinary time and overtime hourly rates of pay. See <i>Labour Price Index, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6345.0) for more information.
Trend series	A smoothed seasonally adjusted series of estimates. See paragraphs 7–13 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.
Underemployed workers	Underemployed workers are employed persons who want, and are available for, more hours of work than they currently have. They comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ persons employed part-time who want to work more hours and are available to start work with more hours, either in the reference week or in the four weeks subsequent to the survey■ persons employed full-time who worked part-time hours in the reference week for economic reasons (such as being stood down or insufficient work being available). It is assumed that these people wanted to work full-time in the reference week and would have been available to do so.
Underemployment rate	The number of underemployed workers expressed as a percentage of the labour force.
Unemployed	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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 were available for work in the reference week, or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
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 first job	Unemployed persons who had never worked for two weeks or more.
Unemployed looking for full-time work	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ actively looked for full-time work, or

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Unemployed looking for full-time work <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were waiting to start a new full-time job.
Unemployed looking for part-time work	Unemployed persons who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ actively looked for part-time work only, or■ were waiting to start a new part-time job.
Unemployment rate	The number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.
Unemployment to population ratio	For any group, the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.
Usual hours worked	The hours usually worked per week by an employed person.
Wage and salary earners	See <i>employee</i> .
Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings refers to one week's earnings of employees for the reference period attributable to award, standard or agreed hours of work, calculated before taxation and any other deductions (e.g. superannuation, board and lodging) have been made. Included are piecework payments and one week's portion of regular production and task bonuses and commissions. Excluded are overtime payments and payments not related to the reference period, e.g. bonus payments for earlier periods of work.
Weekly overtime earnings	Weekly overtime earnings refers to payment for hours worked in the reference week in excess of award, standard or agreed hours of work, calculated before taxation and any other deductions (e.g. superannuation) have been made.
Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings of employees is equal to weekly ordinary time earnings plus weekly overtime earnings.
Working days lost	Refers to working days lost by employees directly and indirectly involved in the dispute.
Working days lost per thousand employees	Calculated for a quarterly period by dividing the total number of working days lost in the period by the total number of employees in the Australian labour force in the period (obtained from the ABS Labour Force Survey) and multiplying by 1,000.

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