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ADDITIONAL DATA ON REQUEST

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. An order form for unpublished data can be found on page 24.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Unemployed persons

In July 1993, the Australian labour force numbered 8,645,700 persons. There were 900,500 unemployed persons, 2.8 per cent fewer than in July 1992. The unemployment rate was 10.4 per cent which is 0.3 percentage points lower than in July 1992. The proportion of unemployed persons looking for full-time work was 92 per cent for males and 73 per cent for females (Table 1).

Duration of current period of unemployment

The average duration of current period of unemployment rose to 59 weeks in July 1993 from 55 weeks in June 1992. Over the same period, the median duration of current period of unemployment was unchanged at 29 weeks. Unemployed persons who were looking for full-time work had an average duration of unemployment of 64 weeks for males and 60 weeks for females. The average duration of unemployment for persons who were seeking part-time work was 39 weeks for males and 36 weeks for females (Tables 2 and 3).

Main difficulty in finding work

The most common main difficulty finding work reported was 'No vacancies at all' which was nominated by 216,300 persons or 25 per cent of the unemployed. This is a fall of 7 percentage points from the 287,100 persons reporting this reason as their main difficulty in July 1992.

In the two years to July 1993, the proportion of unemployed persons reporting that their main difficulty finding work was 'Considered too young or too old by employers' increased from 12 per cent to 17 per cent (147,000 persons).

Over the same period, the proportion stating their main difficulty as 'No vacancies in their line of work' decreased from 18 per cent to 16 per cent (143,000 persons) in July 1993.

A further 86,900 persons (10%) gave their main difficulty as 'Lacked necessary skills or education' (Table 2 and Diagram 1).

Of those unemployed persons born outside Australia, language difficulties were reported as the main difficulty by 8 per cent, and as one of the difficulties in finding work, by 20 per cent of this group (Tables 9 and 10).

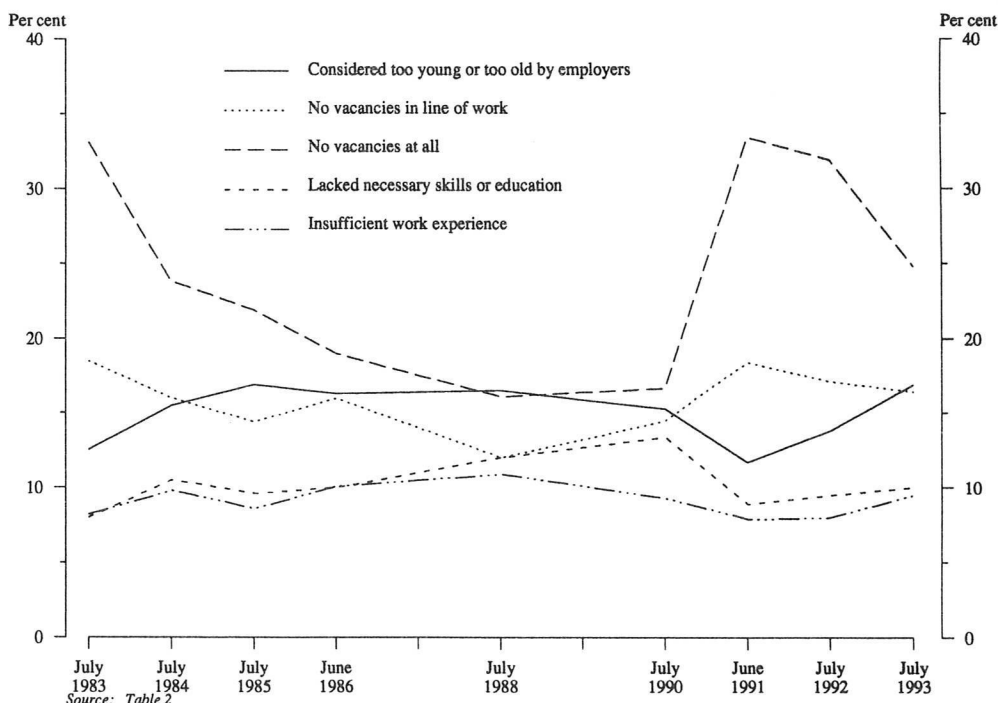
In July 1993, persons reporting 'Language difficulties' as the main difficulty in finding work experienced the longest average duration of unemployment at 105 weeks. For those reporting 'Own ill health or disability' the average duration of unemployment was 100 weeks. The shortest duration, averaging 39 weeks, related to those persons reporting 'No vacancies in line of work' as the main difficulty.

Preparedness to move if offered a suitable job

In July 1993, unemployed persons were less prepared to move interstate or intrastate, if offered a suitable job, compared with July 1992. Some 28 per cent of persons said they would move interstate if offered a suitable job, and 57 per cent reported they would not move interstate. In July 1992, the corresponding proportions were 32 per cent and 55 per cent respectively.

As in previous years, more people were prepared to move intrastate (42%) than interstate (28%) if offered a suitable job (Table 2).

DIAGRAM 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1983 TO JUNE 1993



Age

Difficulties in finding work relating to age, that is 'Considered too young or too old by employers', were reported as the main difficulty in finding work by 147,000 persons (17% of unemployed). Some 8 per cent of persons aged 15 to 34 reported age related reasons as their main difficulty compared with 31 per cent of the over 35 age group.

The percentage of unemployed persons whose main difficulty in finding work was 'No vacancies at all' was higher in the younger age groups — 41 per cent for those aged 15 to 24 years compared with 12 per cent of persons aged 45 years and over.

The percentage of unemployed persons reporting 'Insufficient work experience' as their main difficulty in finding work decreased with age, from 17 per cent of those aged 15 to 24 years to 3 per cent of those aged 35 years and over.

A similar trend was recorded for those who stated 'Lacked necessary skills or education' as their main difficulty — 13 per cent of persons aged 15 to 24 years falling to 6 per cent of persons aged 35 and over (Table 8 and Diagram 2).

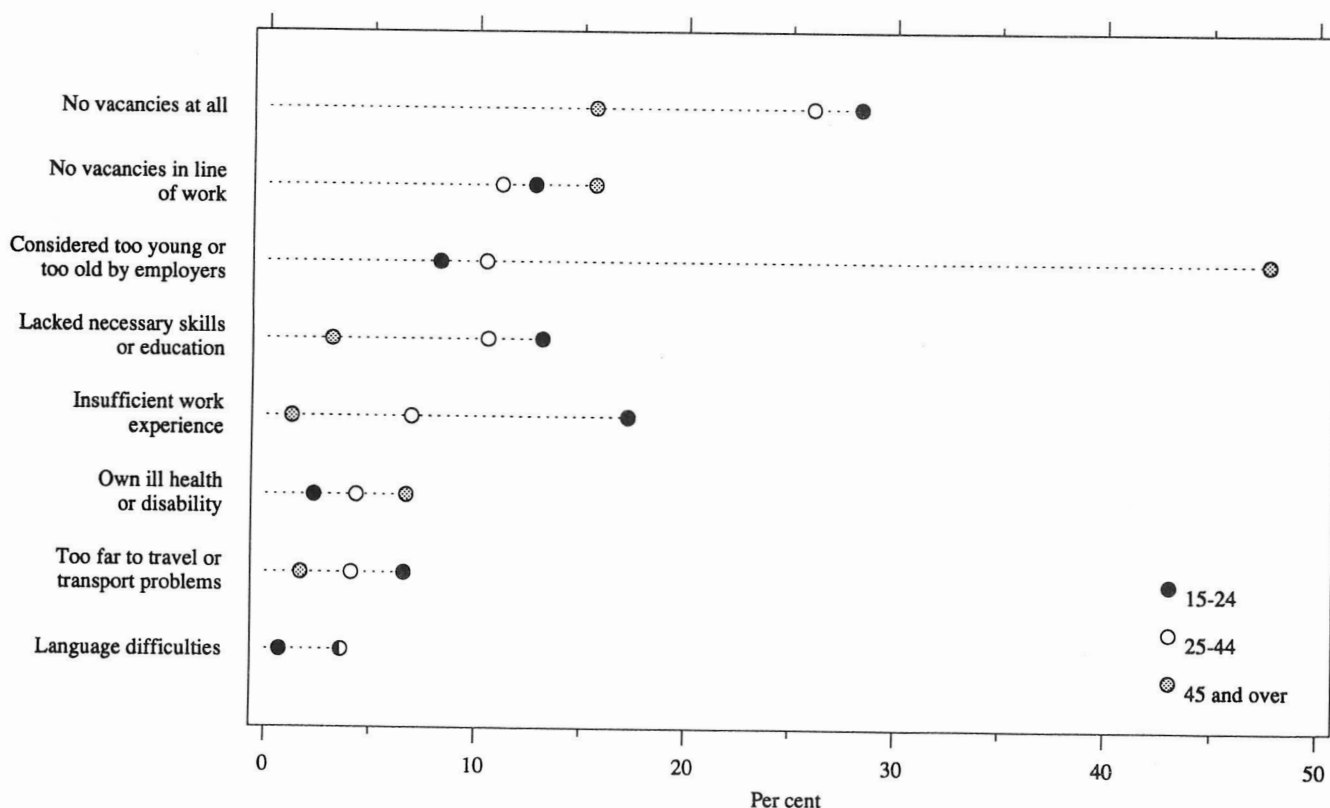
Educational attainment

In July 1993, there were 240,100 persons (28% of total unemployed) who had post-school qualifications. Persons with post school qualifications had been unemployed for 15 weeks less on average than those without post school qualifications (50 compared to 65 weeks).

Persons without post-school qualifications who did not attend the highest level of secondary school experienced an average duration of unemployment of 71 weeks. In contrast, unemployed persons with a bachelor degree or higher had an average duration of unemployment of 47 weeks (Table 13).

Unemployed persons with post-school qualifications reported the same three most common difficulties in finding work as unemployed persons without qualifications. However, a much higher proportion of unemployed persons with post-school qualifications reported 'No vacancies in line of work' (25%), compared with those without qualifications (13%).

DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1993



Source: Table 8

The long term unemployed

There were 331,200 persons (38% of total unemployed) whose current period of unemployment, as at July 1993, was one year or more. For this group, the most frequently reported main difficulties in finding work were 'No vacancies at all' (26%) and 'Considered too young or too old by employers' (22%).

Of all persons reporting 'Language difficulties' as the main difficulty in finding work, 74 per cent had been unemployed for one year or more. Similarly, 50 per cent of those whose reported main difficulty was age related and 51 per cent of persons reporting 'Own ill health or disability' had been unemployed for one year or more (Table 6 and Diagram 3).

Active steps taken to find work

Most unemployed persons were registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES). In July 1993 720,800 (83%) unemployed persons reported that they were registered with the CES.

Compared with July 1992, the estimated number of unemployed persons registered with the CES has fallen slightly, consistent with the 3 per cent decrease in total unemployment over the same period. The proportion of unemployed persons registered with the CES in July 1993

increased slightly to 83 per cent and is the highest recorded since the survey was first conducted in May 1976 (Table 2).

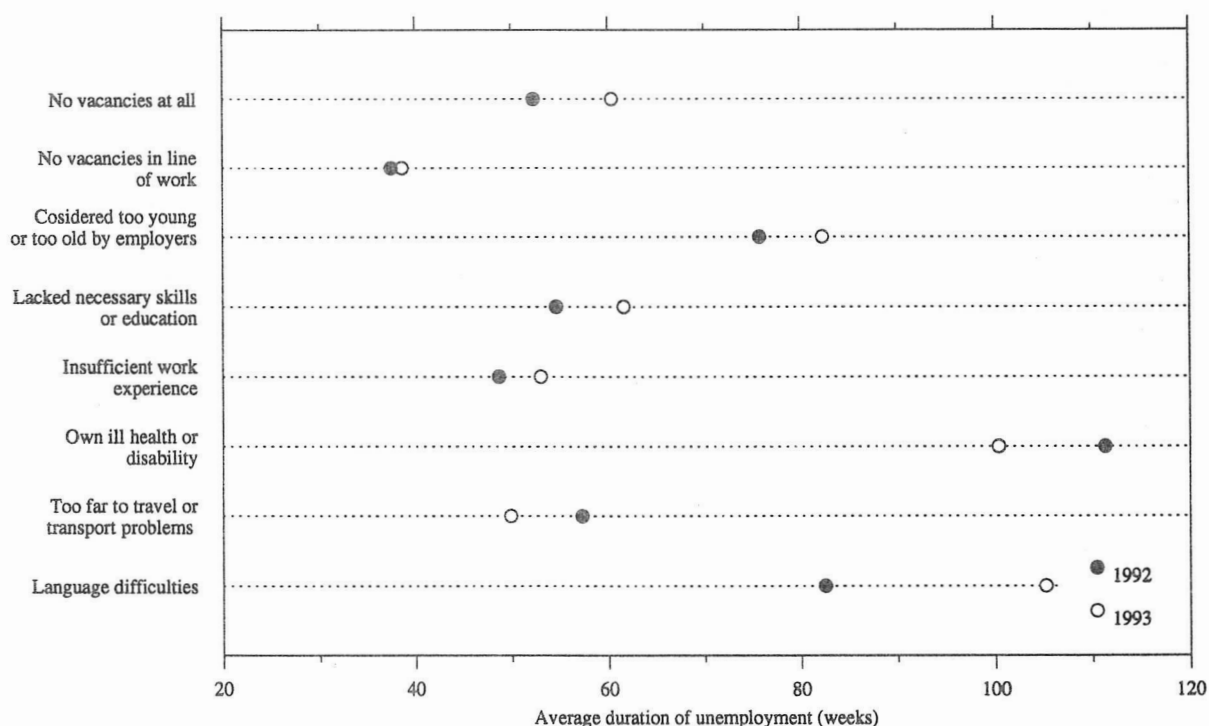
Persons looking for full-time work were more likely to be registered than those looking for part-time work with the proportion of each group registered being 90 per cent and 37 per cent respectively.

The proportion of unemployed persons registered with the CES varied with age. Of the age groups tabulated, 20-24 year olds and those aged 55 and over reported the highest level of registrations (89% and 87% respectively). The 15-19 years age group reported the lowest level of CES registrations (71%).

Of the 720,800 unemployed persons registered with the CES:

- 95 per cent had contacted prospective employers to find work.
- 94 per cent were looking for full-time work.
- Only 1 per cent reported that they took no other active steps to find work (Tables 4 and 5).

DIAGRAM 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1992 AND JULY 1993



Source: Table 6

TABLE 1. ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK,
JULY 1983 TO JULY 1993

	July 1983	July 1985	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993
— '000 —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	403.0	323.7	291.7	275.9	288.7	421.6	529.0	510.2
Females	191.1	151.7	163.0	152.5	166.4	214.9	257.5	251.4
Persons	594.1	475.3	454.8	428.4	455.1	636.4	786.6	761.7
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	20.8	17.9	25.8	18.6	30.0	31.3	36.5	35.7
Females	58.6	63.1	69.5	56.5	64.4	72.4	78.3	77.4
Persons	79.3	80.9	95.3	75.2	94.5	103.6	115.0	113.1
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	5.2	3.0	3.7	5.5	8.4	8.8	10.6	11.4
Females	8.6	7.6	10.0	9.8	11.4	15.2	14.2	14.3
Persons	13.8	10.6	13.7	15.3	19.8	24.1	24.8	25.7
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	429.0	344.5	321.2	300.0	327.1	461.7	576.1	557.3
Females	258.2	222.3	242.5	218.8	242.2	302.5	350.0	343.1
Persons	687.2	566.9	563.8	518.9	569.4	764.1	926.4	900.5
<i>Total in the labour force</i>								
Males	4,362.1	4,461.4	4,579.2	4,723.8	4,975.4	4,949.2	5,053.8	5,041.8
Females	2,620.1	2,808.9	2,992.3	3,178.1	3,526.9	3,531.6	3,614.1	3,603.9
Persons	6,982.2	7,270.3	7,571.5	7,901.8	8,502.3	8,480.8	8,667.9	8,645.7
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE								
— per cent —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	9.2	7.3	6.4	5.8	5.8	8.5	10.5	10.1
Females	7.3	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.7	6.1	7.1	7.0
Persons	8.5	6.5	6.0	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	8.8
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Females	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.1
Persons	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Females	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Persons	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	9.8	7.7	7.0	6.4	6.6	9.3	11.4	11.1
Females	9.9	7.9	8.1	6.9	6.9	8.6	9.7	9.5
Persons	9.8	7.8	7.4	6.6	6.7	9.0	10.7	10.4

TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
JULY 1983 TO JULY 1993

	July 1983	July 1985	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	
	— per cent —							('000)	
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and :									
Took no other active steps	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	4.7
Contacted prospective employers	74.0	71.9	70.4	71.7	69.7	74.5	77.9	78.3	682.2
Took other active steps	4.9	6.7	6.9	6.1	4.7	3.4	3.8	3.9	34.0
Total	80.2	80.2	78.8	79.2	75.8	78.5	82.4	82.7	720.8
Not registered with the CES and :									
Contacted prospective employers	17.6	17.3	19.3	19.0	22.2	19.5	15.5	15.8	137.9
Took other active steps	2.2	2.5	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.4	12.6
Total	19.8	19.8	21.2	20.8	24.2	21.5	17.6	17.3	150.5
<i>Main difficulty in finding work —</i>									
No vacancies at all	33.1	21.9	19.0	16.1	16.7	33.4	31.9	24.8	216.3
No vacancies in line of work	18.5	14.4	16.0	12.0	14.5	18.4	17.1	16.4	143.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	12.5	16.9	16.3	16.5	15.3	11.7	13.8	16.9	147.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	8.0	9.6	10.0	12.0	13.4	8.9	9.5	10.0	86.9
Insufficient work experience	8.2	8.6	10.1	10.9	9.3	7.9	8.0	9.5	82.7
Own ill health or disability	3.7	5.7	5.8	6.6	6.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	35.1
Too far to travel or transport problems	3.8	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.2	3.6	3.9	4.5	39.4
Language difficulties	1.5	2.7	2.1	3.2	4.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	22.2
Unsuitable hours	2.2	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.2	1.9	2.6	22.4
Difficulties with childcare or other family responsibilities(b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.2	1.6	13.6
Other difficulties(c)	4.9	5.8	5.0	6.1	5.5	5.1	2.6	3.2	28.3
No difficulties reported	3.5	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.6	2.7	3.2	3.9	34.3
<i>Whether would move interstate —</i>									
Would move interstate	29.4	24.8	26.0	24.9	24.7	28.9	31.5	28.5	248.0
Would not move interstate	57.9	62.9	63.0	63.3	65.1	58.3	55.0	57.4	499.9
Moving interstate would depend :									
On job conditions	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	46.5
On other conditions	5.3	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.2	5.2	5.8	6.1	53.2
Total	10.2	9.7	8.9	9.5	8.3	10.2	10.4	11.4	99.7
Undecided	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	23.7
<i>Whether would move intrastate —</i>									
Would move intrastate	42.3	37.4	37.2	37.4	38.4	42.6	44.9	41.7	363.6
Would not move intrastate	43.2	48.3	49.8	48.5	49.5	43.3	39.9	42.6	371.3
Moving intrastate would depend :									
On job conditions	4.8	4.8	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	43.8
On other conditions	7.9	7.4	7.4	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.1	71.0
Total	12.7	12.2	11.2	12.1	10.5	12.2	12.9	13.2	114.8
Undecided	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.5	21.5
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	73.7	67.7	69.8	68.9	77.0	75.3	63.2	62.0	540.1
1 and under 4 weeks	11.9	13.6	12.7	15.8	18.1	11.4	8.9	10.7	93.1
4 and under 8 weeks	9.3	9.8	11.7	12.4	14.9	11.0	8.5	9.3	81.3
8 and under 13 weeks	10.0	8.7	9.3	9.4	10.7	11.0	7.3	7.5	65.6
13 and under 26 weeks	16.3	14.7	19.8	13.2	15.4	22.5	15.1	13.7	119.0
26 and under 52 weeks	26.1	20.9	16.3	18.1	17.9	19.4	23.4	20.8	181.0
1 year and over	26.3	32.3	30.2	31.2	23.0	24.8	36.8	38.0	331.2
1 and under 2 years	..	..	12.3	13.2	9.9	13.9	20.6	17.3	150.4
2 years and over	..	..	17.9	18.0	13.1	10.9	16.2	20.8	180.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	871.3
— weeks —									
<i>Average duration</i>	39.9	51.9	52.2	53.1	46.7	43.7	54.7	59.4	
<i>Median duration</i>	26.0	26.0	21.9	23.7	15.6	21.6	29.5	28.9	

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Collected separately for the first time in 1992. (c) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1993

	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>			<i>Looking for part-time work</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	— '000 —								
<i>State or Territory of usual residence —</i>									
New South Wales	171.1	74.1	245.2	11.1	24.3	35.4	182.2	98.4	280.6
Victoria	145.0	76.5	221.5	10.5	21.9	32.5	155.6	98.4	254.0
Queensland	80.6	47.5	128.1	6.6	15.2	21.7	87.2	62.7	149.8
South Australia	45.7	17.5	63.1	*2.1	5.5	7.5	47.7	22.9	70.7
Western Australia	41.0	19.7	60.8	3.6	8.1	11.7	44.6	27.8	72.5
Tasmania	16.3	7.4	23.7	*0.9	2.0	2.9	17.2	9.4	26.5
Northern Territory	2.8	1.7	4.5	*0.5	*0.6	*1.1	3.3	2.3	5.6
Australian Capital Territory	5.4	3.7	9.1	1.1	1.4	2.5	6.5	5.1	11.6
<i>Age —</i>									
15-19	52.7	44.5	97.2	18.8	21.9	40.7	71.5	66.5	137.9
20-24	101.5	58.1	159.5	6.8	10.3	17.1	108.3	68.3	176.6
25-34	136.6	58.5	195.1	*3.2	18.3	21.5	139.8	76.8	216.5
35-44	99.2	51.6	150.8	*1.9	17.8	19.7	101.1	69.4	170.5
45-54	63.3	29.9	93.1	*2.2	8.6	10.8	65.5	38.5	103.9
55 and over	54.8	5.5	60.3	*3.5	*2.1	5.5	58.3	7.5	65.8
<i>Family status —</i>									
Member of a family	372.1	183.6	555.7	28.1	70.3	98.4	400.2	253.9	654.1
Husband or wife	222.7	81.1	303.8	7.0	37.8	44.9	229.7	119.0	348.7
With dependants present	144.0	47.5	191.5	4.0	30.1	34.1	148.0	77.6	225.6
Without dependants present	78.7	33.6	112.3	*3.0	7.8	10.8	81.7	41.4	123.1
Sole parent	4.2	26.2	30.4	*0.2	8.3	8.5	4.4	34.5	38.9
Other family member(b)	145.2	76.3	221.5	20.9	24.2	45.0	166.1	100.5	266.6
Not a member of a family	109.0	48.0	157.0	4.6	5.7	10.3	113.6	53.7	167.3
Living alone	48.4	20.2	68.6	*2.8	*0.9	*3.7	51.1	21.2	72.3
Not living alone	60.6	27.8	88.4	*1.9	4.8	6.6	62.5	32.5	95.0
Family status not determined	26.9	16.4	43.2	*3.6	*3.0	6.6	30.4	19.4	49.8
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	349.0	176.1	525.1	26.6	59.0	85.6	375.7	235.0	610.7
Born outside Australia	158.9	71.9	230.9	9.7	20.0	29.7	168.7	91.9	260.6
Born in main English-speaking countries	44.8	17.2	62.1	4.4	5.9	10.3	49.2	23.1	72.4
Born in other countries	114.1	54.7	168.8	5.3	14.1	19.4	119.4	68.8	188.2
<i>Educational attainment —</i>									
With post-school qualifications	153.1	64.9	218.0	6.2	15.8	22.0	159.3	80.7	240.1
Bachelor degree or higher	27.1	16.4	43.5	*2.0	5.0	7.0	29.2	21.3	50.5
Undergraduate diploma	*2.6	*3.8	6.4	*0.0	*2.0	*2.0	*2.6	5.8	8.4
Associate diploma	21.9	7.4	29.3	*1.6	*2.4	4.0	23.5	9.8	33.3
Skilled vocational qualification	86.6	12.4	99.0	*2.4	*1.6	4.1	89.0	14.1	103.1
Basic vocational qualification	14.8	25.0	39.9	*0.2	4.8	4.9	15.0	29.8	44.8
Without post-school qualifications(c)	353.4	180.7	534.1	15.7	47.5	63.2	369.2	228.2	597.3
Completed highest level of secondary school available	70.3	52.5	122.8	9.7	15.3	25.1	80.0	67.9	147.9
Did not complete highest level of secondary school available	282.4	127.7	410.1	5.8	32.1	38.0	288.2	159.9	448.1
Left at age									
16 and over	101.3	54.3	155.6	*1.4	13.0	14.4	102.7	67.3	170.0
15 and under	181.1	73.4	254.5	4.4	19.1	23.6	185.5	92.6	278.1
Still at school	*1.5	*2.4	*3.8	14.4	15.7	30.1	15.8	18.0	33.9
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	293.5	158.1	451.6	27.8	60.7	88.5	321.3	218.7	540.1
1 and under 4 weeks	42.5	24.1	66.6	6.5	20.0	26.5	49.0	44.1	93.1
4 and under 8 weeks	41.8	23.2	65.0	5.6	10.8	16.3	47.4	34.0	81.3
8 and under 13 weeks	34.9	20.9	55.8	*3.4	6.4	9.8	38.4	27.3	65.6
13 and under 26 weeks	67.7	35.5	103.2	6.2	9.6	15.8	73.9	45.1	119.0
26 and under 39 weeks	78.5	43.9	122.3	5.8	11.2	17.0	84.3	55.1	139.4
39 and under 52 weeks	28.1	10.6	38.7	*0.3	*2.7	*3.0	28.4	13.2	41.6
1 year and over	214.5	89.9	304.4	8.5	18.3	26.8	223.0	108.2	331.2
1 and under 2 years	96.6	40.6	137.2	4.2	9.0	13.1	100.8	49.6	150.4
2 years and over	117.9	49.3	167.2	4.3	9.3	13.7	122.2	58.6	180.8
Total	508.0	248.0	756.0	36.3	79.0	115.3	544.3	327.0	871.3
	— weeks —								
<i>Average duration</i>	64.4	59.6	62.8	39.3	36.2	37.2	62.7	54.0	59.4
<i>Median duration</i>	33.9	27.3	31.3	17.0	15.1	16.4	32.3	25.7	28.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises other family head, full-time student aged 15-24 and other child or relative of married couple or family head. (c) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Active steps taken to find work	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the CES and —									
Took no other active steps	*1.8	*2.5	4.3	*0.4	*0.0	*0.4	*2.1	*2.5	4.7
Contacted prospective employers	456.4	189.4	645.8	10.0	26.3	36.4	466.4	215.8	682.2
Took other active steps	17.1	10.7	27.8	*2.2	*3.9	6.2	19.3	14.7	34.0
Total	475.2	202.7	677.9	12.6	30.2	42.9	487.9	232.9	720.8
Not registered with the CES and —									
Contacted prospective employers	30.5	40.3	70.8	21.4	45.7	67.1	52.0	86.0	137.9
Took other active steps	*2.2	5.0	7.2	*2.3	*3.1	5.3	4.5	8.0	12.5
Total	32.8	45.3	78.0	23.7	48.7	72.4	56.5	94.0	150.5
Total	508.0	248.0	756.0	36.3	79.0	115.3	544.3	327.0	871.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AGE, JULY 1993

Active steps taken to find work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
	— '000 —						
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*1.4	*0.2	*0.8	*1.3	*0.7	*0.3	4.7
Contacted prospective employers	91.8	151.0	175.5	131.0	81.0	51.8	682.2
Took other active steps	5.0	6.6	8.0	5.1	4.0	5.2	34.0
Total	98.2	157.8	184.3	137.5	85.7	57.3	720.8
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	37.7	17.1	27.9	31.8	15.7	7.8	137.9
Took other active steps	*2.1	*1.7	4.3	*1.3	*2.5	*0.7	12.5
Total	39.8	18.7	32.2	33.1	18.2	8.5	150.5
Total	137.9	176.6	216.5	170.5	103.9	65.8	871.3
	— per cent —						
Registered with the CES	13.6	21.9	25.6	19.1	11.9	7.9	100.0
Not registered with the CES	26.4	12.5	21.4	22.0	12.1	5.7	100.0
Total	15.8	20.3	24.9	19.6	11.9	7.6	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1993

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	— '000 —									
No vacancies at all	19.3	19.6	14.6	29.9	46.2	39.6	47.0	216.3	60.4	29.9
No vacancies in line of work	19.6	19.9	14.6	20.9	29.8	22.7	15.6	143.0	38.6	22.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.0	9.4	8.9	17.2	29.6	30.6	43.3	147.0	82.3	51.1
Lacked necessary skills or education	6.7	5.6	4.6	13.9	21.5	17.1	17.5	86.9	61.6	30.1
Insufficient work experience	4.6	5.7	7.9	14.3	23.2	13.4	13.6	82.7	53.0	28.4
Own ill health or disability	4.7	*2.9	*1.5	*3.6	4.4	*3.8	14.3	35.1	100.4	50.9
Too far to travel, transport problems	*2.6	*2.9	4.7	6.4	9.8	5.7	7.2	39.4	49.9	26.8
Language difficulties	*0.5	*0.7	*0.6	*1.0	*2.8	6.2	10.3	22.2	105.2	83.9
Unsuitable hours	*4.0	*2.5	*2.0	*3.1	4.7	*2.6	*3.5	22.4	41.6	21.3
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.6	*1.0	*0.6	*1.7	*2.0	*2.4	*2.4	13.6	59.4	21.2
Other difficulties(b)	*1.6	4.5	*2.8	4.6	5.2	5.1	4.5	28.3	47.6	24.5
No difficulties reported	18.0	6.6	*2.8	*2.4	*1.8	*1.2	*1.5	34.3	12.8	2.8
Total	93.1	81.3	65.6	119.0	181.0	150.4	180.8	871.3	59.4	28.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment									Total(c)
	With post-school qualifications					Without post-school qualifications				
	Bachelor degree or higher	Under-graduate or associate diploma	Skilled vocational qualification	Basic vocational qualification	Total	Completed highest level of secondary school available	Did not complete highest level of secondary school available and left at age -		Total(b)	
							16 and over	15 and under		
No vacancies at all	*5.3	*5.2	24.7	7.8	42.9	38.3	44.5	76.9	160.1	216.3
No vacancies in line of work	15.8	11.0	26.6	7.5	60.9	18.8	25.1	36.2	80.0	143.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	*4.7	7.9	20.6	8.1	41.3	18.8	19.6	64.3	102.6	147.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	*3.6	*1.3	*6.3	*4.5	15.7	15.4	26.7	28.0	70.1	86.9
Insufficient work experience	9.1	*5.4	*4.5	*6.5	25.5	24.8	13.5	15.2	53.5	82.7
Own ill health or disability	*0.4	*1.5	*4.6	*1.1	7.6	*4.4	7.0	15.8	27.2	35.1
Too far to travel, transport problems	*1.1	*0.5	*3.3	*2.9	7.8	*6.0	10.5	13.9	30.4	39.4
Language difficulties	*2.3	*1.7	*1.9	*0.0	*5.9	*4.2	*4.5	6.9	16.2	22.2
Unsuitable hours	*1.0	*0.5	*1.8	*1.3	*4.6	7.8	*3.7	*3.5	15.0	22.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*1.1	*1.0	*2.0	*4.5	*0.3	*4.3	*4.6	9.1	13.6
Other difficulties(d)	*3.0	*3.2	*5.6	*1.9	13.7	*2.5	*4.5	7.2	14.2	28.3
No difficulties reported	*4.0	*2.5	*2.2	*1.2	9.8	*6.6	*6.2	*5.8	18.8	34.3
Total	50.5	41.7	103.1	44.8	240.1	147.9	170.0	278.1	597.3	871.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
No vacancies at all	41.9	47.2	57.1	43.7	19.4	7.1	216.3
No vacancies in line of work	13.5	26.4	42.6	34.0	20.2	*6.2	143.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	11.7	14.1	15.4	24.8	38.4	42.6	147.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	17.7	23.4	24.3	16.3	*5.0	*0.3	86.9
Insufficient work experience	23.7	30.5	17.0	9.6	*1.6	*0.4	82.7
Own ill health or disability	*2.3	*4.8	8.1	8.6	7.0	*4.3	35.1
Too far to travel, transport problems	8.5	12.1	11.9	*4.1	*2.2	*0.7	39.4
Language difficulties	*0.1	*2.0	*6.4	7.4	*3.2	*3.1	22.2
Unsuitable hours	*5.3	*3.8	7.7	*4.7	*0.8	*0.1	22.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.3	*2.4	*5.7	*4.3	*0.0	*0.0	13.6
Other difficulties(b)	*2.5	*5.1	11.0	6.8	*2.6	*0.3	28.3
No difficulties reported	9.5	*5.0	9.4	*6.3	*3.4	*0.8	34.3
Total	137.9	176.6	216.5	170.5	103.9	65.8	871.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1993

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
No vacancies at all	106.0	57.5	163.5	34.7	18.1	52.8	140.6	75.6	216.3
No vacancies in line of work	68.9	28.6	97.4	35.7	9.9	45.6	104.6	38.4	143.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	56.5	36.7	93.3	37.8	15.9	53.7	94.3	52.6	147.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	44.5	24.1	68.6	8.4	9.9	18.3	52.9	34.0	86.9
Insufficient work experience	29.5	28.0	57.5	14.8	10.4	25.2	44.3	38.5	82.7
Own ill health or disability	16.5	7.8	24.2	8.7	*2.1	10.9	25.2	9.9	35.1
Too far to travel, transport problems	21.4	10.9	32.2	*4.9	*2.3	7.2	26.2	13.2	39.4
Language difficulties	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3	12.3	9.6	21.8	12.6	9.6	22.2
Unsuitable hours	*3.8	13.3	17.1	*0.7	*4.6	*5.3	*4.5	17.9	22.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.2	8.0	9.2	*0.4	*4.0	*4.4	*1.6	12.0	13.6
Other difficulties(b)	13.4	*6.4	19.9	*6.2	*2.2	8.5	19.6	8.7	28.3
No difficulties reported	13.7	13.7	27.4	*4.1	*2.8	6.9	17.8	16.5	34.3
Total	375.7	235.0	610.7	168.7	91.9	260.6	544.3	327.0	871.3
— per cent —									
No vacancies at all	28.2	24.5	26.8	20.6	19.7	20.3	25.8	23.1	24.8
No vacancies in line of work	18.3	12.1	16.0	21.2	10.8	17.5	19.2	11.8	16.4
Considered too young or too old by employers	15.0	15.6	15.3	22.4	17.3	20.6	17.3	16.1	16.9
Lacked necessary skills or education	11.9	10.3	11.2	5.0	10.8	7.0	9.7	10.4	10.0
Insufficient work experience	7.9	11.9	9.4	8.8	11.4	9.7	8.1	11.8	9.5
Own ill health or disability	4.4	3.3	4.0	5.2	*2.3	4.2	4.6	3.0	4.0
Too far to travel, transport problems	5.7	4.6	5.3	*2.9	*2.5	2.8	4.8	4.0	4.5
Language difficulties	*0.1	*0.0	*0.1	7.3	10.4	8.4	2.3	2.9	2.5
Unsuitable hours	*1.0	5.6	2.8	*0.4	*5.0	*2.0	*0.8	5.5	2.6
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	3.4	1.5	*0.2	*4.3	*1.7	*0.3	3.7	1.6
Other difficulties(b)	3.6	*2.7	3.3	*3.7	*2.4	3.2	3.6	2.6	3.2
No difficulties reported	3.7	5.8	4.5	*2.4	*3.1	2.7	3.3	5.0	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1993

All difficulties in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
No vacancies at all	203.3	112.7	315.9	71.7	38.3	110.0	274.9	151.0	425.9
No vacancies in line of work	181.1	83.1	264.2	88.7	29.4	118.0	269.8	112.5	382.2
Considered too young or too old by employers	123.2	92.3	215.5	70.7	31.1	101.8	193.9	123.4	317.3
Lacked necessary skills or education	131.7	77.7	209.3	47.9	31.0	78.9	179.6	108.7	288.3
Insufficient work experience	94.4	75.7	170.0	37.6	30.4	68.0	132.0	106.1	238.1
Own ill health or disability	37.0	16.3	53.3	16.3	*5.9	22.2	53.3	22.2	75.5
Too far to travel, transport problems	70.5	46.3	116.7	19.5	14.7	34.2	90.0	61.0	151.0
Language difficulties	*2.6	*1.8	*4.3	28.0	22.8	50.8	30.5	24.6	55.1
Unsuitable hours	12.6	33.4	45.9	*3.3	11.8	15.1	15.8	45.2	61.0
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*4.1	15.5	19.7	*1.8	8.5	10.3	*5.9	24.0	29.9
Other difficulties(b)	29.5	20.6	50.1	16.3	*6.6	22.9	45.9	27.1	73.0
— per cent —									
No vacancies at all	54.1	47.9	51.7	42.5	41.7	42.2	50.5	46.2	48.9
No vacancies in line of work	48.2	35.4	43.3	52.6	31.9	45.3	49.6	34.4	43.9
Considered too young or too old by employers	32.8	39.3	35.3	41.9	33.8	39.1	35.6	37.7	36.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	35.1	33.0	34.3	28.4	33.8	30.3	33.0	33.2	33.1
Insufficient work experience	25.1	32.2	27.8	22.3	33.1	26.1	24.2	32.5	27.3
Own ill health or disability	9.8	6.9	8.7	9.7	*6.4	8.5	9.8	6.8	8.7
Too far to travel, transport problems	18.8	19.7	19.1	11.6	16.0	13.1	16.5	18.7	17.3
Language difficulties	*0.7	*0.8	*0.7	16.6	24.8	19.5	5.6	7.5	6.3
Unsuitable hours	3.3	14.2	7.5	*1.9	12.9	5.8	2.9	13.8	7.0
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.1	6.6	3.2	*1.0	9.3	3.9	*1.1	7.4	3.4
Other difficulties(b)	7.9	8.8	8.2	9.7	*7.1	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.4

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	62.1	88.2	115.6	91.3	61.7	54.8	473.8
Two or more	9.3	20.1	24.2	9.8	*3.7	*3.5	70.6
Total	71.5	108.3	139.8	101.1	65.5	58.3	544.3
FEMALES							
One	59.1	59.9	69.0	64.0	37.4	7.2	296.5
Two or more	7.4	8.4	7.8	5.5	*1.1	*0.3	30.5
Total	66.5	68.3	76.8	69.4	38.5	7.5	327.0
PERSONS							
One	121.2	148.1	184.5	155.3	99.1	62.0	770.2
Two	14.4	21.1	22.4	10.4	*3.6	*1.4	73.3
Three or more	*2.3	7.4	9.6	4.8	*1.3	*2.4	27.7
Total	137.9	176.6	216.5	170.5	103.9	65.8	871.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1993

Number of offers of employment in the previous twelve months	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	— '000 —									
MALES										
None	42.9	39.5	33.2	65.6	99.3	89.5	109.3	479.2	63.7	33.1
One or more	6.2	7.8	5.2	8.3	13.4	11.3	12.9	65.1	54.9	29.3
Total	49.0	47.4	38.4	73.9	112.7	100.8	122.2	544.3	62.7	32.3
FEMALES										
None	37.8	27.6	23.4	38.7	57.4	43.6	51.9	280.4	55.3	25.7
One or more	6.3	6.4	*3.9	6.4	10.9	6.0	6.8	46.6	45.8	25.2
Total	44.1	34.0	27.3	45.1	68.3	49.6	58.6	327.0	54.0	25.7
PERSONS										
None	80.7	67.1	56.6	104.3	156.7	133.1	161.2	759.6	60.6	29.3
One	9.3	10.4	7.1	10.4	16.8	10.5	11.0	75.6	43.6	25.1
Two or more	*3.1	*3.8	*1.9	4.3	7.5	6.8	8.6	36.1	66.8	37.2
Total	93.1	81.3	65.6	119.0	181.0	150.4	180.8	871.3	59.4	28.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1993

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks — '000 —	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
MALES										
With post-school qualifications	14.5	15.1	14.8	23.7	30.4	33.8	27.0	159.3	52.9	27.9
Bachelor degree or higher	*2.3	*3.6	*3.0	4.9	5.3	5.6	4.6	29.2	50.8	25.9
Undergraduate diploma	*0.0	*0.2	*0.5	*0.5	*0.7	*0.3	*0.3	*2.6	*49.5	22.4
Associate diploma	*2.8	*2.0	*2.0	*1.9	5.4	4.4	5.1	23.5	64.9	31.1
Skilled vocational qualification	8.2	7.3	8.9	14.3	15.6	19.8	14.9	89.0	50.5	27.7
Basic vocational qualification	*1.1	*2.1	*0.4	*2.1	*3.5	*3.6	*2.1	15.0	52.9	25.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	30.9	29.7	22.2	48.3	78.4	65.1	94.6	369.2	68.3	35.0
Completed highest level of secondary school available	7.7	7.5	6.3	12.0	21.8	12.8	11.8	80.0	50.1	27.4
Did not complete highest level of secondary school available	23.2	22.0	15.9	36.2	56.6	52.2	82.1	288.2	72.9	42.0
Left at age —										
16 and over	8.8	8.2	5.2	14.4	23.2	20.5	22.5	102.7	59.8	33.9
15 and under	14.5	13.8	10.7	21.9	33.4	31.8	59.6	185.5	80.2	49.1
Still at school	*3.7	*2.5	*1.4	*2.0	*3.8	*1.9	*0.6	15.8	31.3	13.4
Total	49.0	47.4	38.4	73.9	112.7	100.8	122.2	544.3	62.7	32.3
FEMALES										
With post-school qualifications	11.7	9.6	7.2	10.8	20.5	9.6	11.4	80.7	43.3	25.2
Bachelor degree or higher	*3.6	*1.6	*1.6	*1.8	8.4	*1.2	*3.1	21.3	40.8	26.2
Undergraduate diploma	*1.3	*0.8	*0.9	*0.6	*1.9	*0.3	*0.0	5.8	*18.5	11.2
Associate diploma	*1.0	*2.4	*0.9	*1.6	*1.2	*1.6	*1.1	9.8	39.3	12.8
Skilled vocational qualification	*1.7	*1.3	*1.3	*2.4	*3.0	*2.1	*2.3	14.1	45.9	25.0
Basic vocational qualification	4.1	*3.5	*2.6	4.4	6.1	4.3	4.8	29.8	49.8	25.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	26.5	22.1	17.6	32.1	45.9	38.0	46.0	228.2	60.3	26.7
Completed highest level of secondary school available	8.4	7.4	4.5	11.8	14.7	12.1	8.9	67.9	45.7	25.4
Did not complete highest level of secondary school available	18.1	14.7	13.1	20.3	31.1	25.8	36.7	159.9	66.2	27.9
Left at age —										
16 and over	9.1	7.9	6.6	8.1	12.5	10.4	12.8	67.3	51.1	24.2
15 and under	9.0	6.9	6.5	12.2	18.7	15.3	24.0	92.6	77.1	33.5
Still at school	5.9	*2.2	*2.5	*2.2	*2.0	*2.1	*1.2	18.0	21.9	7.2
Total	44.1	34.0	27.3	45.1	68.3	49.6	58.6	327.0	54.0	25.75
PERSONS										
With post-school qualifications	26.2	24.8	22.0	34.4	50.9	43.4	38.4	240.1	49.7	26.5
Bachelor degree or higher	6.0	5.1	4.6	6.6	13.6	6.8	7.7	50.5	46.6	26.0
Undergraduate diploma	*1.3	*1.1	*1.4	*1.1	*2.5	*0.7	*0.3	8.4	28.2	20.1
Associate diploma	*3.8	4.4	*2.8	*3.5	6.6	6.0	6.2	33.3	57.4	28.5
Skilled vocational qualification	9.9	8.6	10.1	16.7	18.6	22.0	17.2	103.1	49.9	27.6
Basic vocational qualification	5.2	5.5	*3.0	6.5	9.6	7.9	7.0	44.8	50.9	26.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	57.4	51.8	39.8	80.4	124.3	103.0	140.6	597.3	65.2	31.4
Completed highest level of secondary school available	16.1	14.9	10.8	23.8	36.6	24.9	20.7	147.9	48.0	26.0
Did not complete highest level of secondary school available	41.3	36.7	29.0	56.5	87.7	78.0	118.8	448.1	70.5	35.3
Left at age —										
16 and over	17.9	16.1	11.8	22.5	35.7	30.9	35.2	170.0	56.3	29.2
15 and under	23.4	20.7	17.1	34.1	52.0	47.1	83.6	278.1	79.2	42.1
Still at school	9.5	4.7	*3.8	4.2	5.8	*4.0	*1.8	33.9	26.3	8.0
Total	93.1	81.3	65.6	119.0	181.0	150.4	180.8	871.3	59.4	28.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Family status	Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months							Total
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 39 weeks	39 and under 52 weeks	52 weeks	
Member of a family	56.0	46.8	41.9	96.1	116.8	45.8	250.8	654.1
Husband or wife	24.6	21.1	19.4	46.3	51.8	29.4	156.0	348.7
With dependents present	14.7	14.8	13.0	26.3	32.4	18.9	105.5	225.6
Without dependents present	10.0	6.3	6.4	20.0	19.5	10.5	50.5	123.1
Sole parent	4.6	*3.3	*2.8	6.0	6.4	*3.0	12.8	38.9
Other family head	*0.3	*1.0	*1.0	*2.8	*2.9	*0.9	8.8	17.8
Full-time student aged 15-24	11.5	6.9	5.4	8.2	8.7	*0.7	9.3	50.7
Other child of married couple or family head	13.9	13.0	11.7	29.6	41.0	10.1	56.1	175.5
Other relative of married couple or family head	*1.1	*1.5	*1.5	*3.1	5.9	*1.7	7.8	22.6
Not a member of a family	11.5	12.8	14.9	22.1	28.1	12.1	65.7	167.3
Living alone	*3.6	5.3	5.7	7.6	10.4	5.3	34.5	72.3
Not living alone	7.9	7.5	9.2	14.6	17.7	6.8	31.3	95.0
Family status not determined	6.0	6.0	4.5	7.5	7.6	*3.5	14.7	49.8
Total	73.5	65.6	61.3	125.8	152.5	61.4	331.2	871.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: AGE AND DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

Age group	Duration of last full-time job							Total
	Under 1 year				Total	1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	
	2 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks				
15-19	5.8	4.3	16.5	6.6	33.1	9.2	*0.2	42.5
20-24	9.4	7.7	26.0	17.7	60.8	34.2	*3.9	98.9
25-34	5.8	9.0	27.0	23.7	65.5	41.9	16.1	123.5
35-44	4.3	*2.9	14.0	13.3	34.6	26.9	17.2	78.7
45-54	*2.6	*2.5	4.5	5.1	14.6	12.2	18.4	45.2
55 and over	*1.6	*1.6	*2.0	*1.1	6.3	5.6	11.0	23.0
Total	29.4	28.0	89.9	67.4	214.8	130.1	66.9	411.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 16. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, JULY 1993
(^{'000})

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Population 1:									
Unemployed persons(a)	280.6	254.0	149.8	70.7	72.5	26.5	5.6	11.6	871.3
Population 2:									
Unemployed persons(a) who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	132.4	108.4	77.4	33.3	39.5	10.8	3.7	6.2	411.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains results of a supplementary survey run in association with the July 1993 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked about their job search experience, including their difficulties in finding work, steps taken to find work and whether they had had offers of employment, as well as their educational attainment and the particulars of their last job, if any.

Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to unemployed persons excluding those who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. Students at boarding school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, goals etc were also excluded.

4. The number of unemployed persons published in *The Labour Force, Australia, July 1992* (6203.0) differs from that published for this survey because persons who were stood down were excluded, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Persons who were stood down comprised 2.8 per cent of all unemployed persons.

Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

6. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

Results of the survey

8. Estimates of unemployed persons are also published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, more detailed information is contained in this publication.

9. The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

10. Results of similar surveys, conducted in May 1976, November 1976, annually from May 1977 to June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991 and annually from July 1992, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

11. This survey is scheduled to be conducted next in July 1994.

Comparability of series

12. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the whole of the previous twelve months which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining duration of current period of unemployment depend on a detailed set of questions. The items *time spent looking for work* and *number of spells of looking for work during the previous twelve months* are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the term *looking for work* is used for these items rather than the more precisely defined term *unemployed*.

Discontinuities in the series

13. The educational attainment data item in this survey has been classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The major difference between data collected according to the ABSCQ and the previous classification used is that the level of attainment and field of study in the ABSCQ are two distinct elements. Persons who received a qualification from a course of study of less than one semester full-time duration are excluded from the new classification. For a more detailed explanation of the ABSCQ, see Information paper, *Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications — ABSCQ* (1263.0).

Unpublished statistics

14. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the Labour Force Inquiries contacts given on page 23.

Estimation procedure

15. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For further information refer to the Technical Notes, page 15.

Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) — issued monthly

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224.0) — issued annually

Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0) — issued annually

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0) — issued annually

Underemployed Workers, Australia (6265.0) — issued irregularly

Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia (6245.0) — issued two yearly

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products*, (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes, page 15.
- . . . not applicable

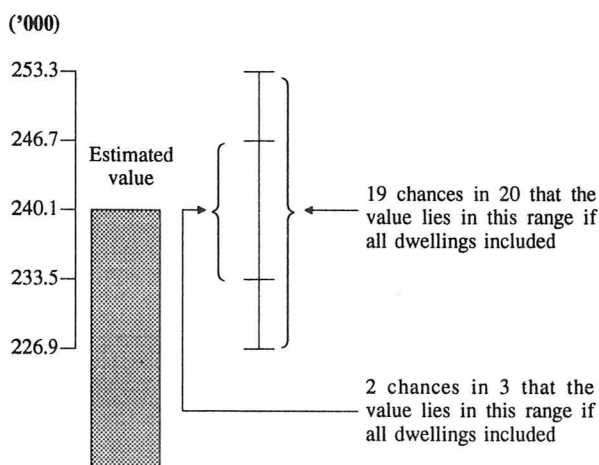
19. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 13 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who had a post-school qualification was 240,100. Since this estimate is between 200,000 and 300,000, the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 6,200 and 7,300 and can be approximated by interpolation as 6,600 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 233,500 to 246,700 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 226,900 to 253,300. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

5. The relative standard errors of estimates of *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median and then multiplying the number so obtained by the following relevant factors:

Average duration of unemployment: 1.3

Median duration of unemployment: 2.0

6. An example of the calculation of standard errors by the use of those factors is as follows. If an estimate of median duration of unemployment for unemployed males is 19 weeks and the number of unemployed males is estimated as 300,000, from the table on the following page it can be calculated that this estimate (300,000) has a standard error of about 7,100 and therefore a relative standard error of about 2.4 per cent. The *relative standard error* of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.4) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.4 \times 2.0 = 4.8$ per cent. The *standard error* of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.8 per cent of 19, i.e. about 1. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for unemployed males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 18 to 20 weeks and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 17 to 21 weeks.

7. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is:

$$\text{RSE } (x/y) = \sqrt{[\text{RSE } (x)]^2 + [\text{RSE } (y)]^2}$$

8. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, the 240,100 persons with post-school qualifications represent 27.6 per cent of the 871,300 unemployed persons. The standard error of 871,300 is approximately 11,100 so the relative standard error is 1.3 per cent. The relative standard error for 240,100 is 2.8 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.8)^2 - (1.3)^2}$ or 2.5 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (27.6%) of 0.7 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons who had a post-school qualification is between 26.9 per cent and 28.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 26.2 per cent to 29.0 per cent.

9. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

10. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
100				120		90	100	80	130	125.4
200		230	210	180	200	130	140	120	190	94.9
300	320	290	260	220	250	160	170	140	240	80.2
400	370	340	300	260	280	190	190	160	280	71.0
500	420	380	340	290	310	210	210	180	320	64.5
600	460	420	370	310	340	230	230	190	360	59.6
800	530	490	430	360	400	260	260	220	420	52.5
1,000	590	540	480	400	440	290	290	240	480	47.5
1,200	650	600	530	440	480	310	310	260	520	43.7
1,300	680	620	550	460	500	330	330	270	550	42.2
1,400	700	640	570	470	510	340	340	280	570	40.8
1,500	720	670	590	490	530	350	350	290	590	39.5
1,600	750	690	610	500	550	360	360	300	610	38.3
1,700	770	710	630	520	560	370	370	310	630	37.3
1,800	790	730	640	530	580	380	380	320	650	36.3
1,900	810	750	660	540	590	390	390	320	670	35.4
2,000	830	770	680	560	610	400	400	330	690	34.6
2,100	850	790	690	570	620	400	400	340	710	33.8
2,200	870	810	710	580	630	410	410	340	730	33.1
2,300	890	820	720	590	650	420	420	350	740	32.4
2,400	910	840	740	610	660	430	430	360	760	31.7
2,500	930	860	750	620	670	440	440	360	780	31.1
3,000	1,000	940	820	670	730	470	480	390	860	28.5
3,500	1,100	1,000	880	720	780	500	510	420	930	26.5
4,000	1,150	1,100	940	770	830	530	540	440	990	24.9
4,500	1,250	1,150	990	810	880	550	570	460	1,050	23.5
5,000	1,300	1,200	1,050	850	920	580	600	490	1,100	22.3
6,000	1,400	1,300	1,150	920	1,000	620	650	520	1,200	20.4
8,000	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,050	1,150	690	750	590	1,400	17.7
10,000	1,750	1,650	1,400	1,150	1,250	750	830	640	1,600	15.8
20,000	2,400	2,250	1,950	1,550	1,650	960	1,150	840	2,200	11.0
30,000	2,850	2,700	2,300	1,800	1,950	1,100	1,400	990	2,650	8.9
40,000	3,250	3,000	2,600	2,050	2,200	1,200	1,600	1,100	3,050	7.6
50,000	3,550	3,300	2,850	2,250	2,450	1,250	1,750	1,200	3,400	6.8
100,000	4,750	4,400	3,750	2,900	3,200	1,550	2,450	1,550	4,600	4.6
200,000	6,200	5,800	4,950	3,750	4,150	1,800	3,400	1,950	6,200	3.1
300,000	7,300	6,700	5,800	4,350	4,850	1,950		2,250	7,300	2.4
400,000	8,100	7,500	6,400	4,800	5,400	2,100			8,200	2.1
500,000	8,800	8,100	7,000	5,200	5,800	2,200			9,000	1.8
1,000,000	11,300	10,400	8,900	6,600	7,400				11,800	1.2
2,000,000	14,300	13,100	11,300	8,200	9,400				15,200	0.8

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work: steps taken during the current period of unemployment. They comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.

All difficulties in finding work: all difficulties experienced during the current period of unemployment.

All unemployed persons: those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), 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:

- (a) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or
- (b) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

Average duration of current period of unemployment: the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

Ceased last full-time job: left or lost last full-time job.

CES: Commonwealth Employment Service.

Duration of current period of unemployment: the period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration.

Educational attainment: measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The seven categories for level of attainment are —

Higher degree: Includes doctorates and masters degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a masters degree or first class honours for a masters degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a masters degree.

Postgraduate diploma: Include Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a bachelor degree or an undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent.

Bachelor degree: The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent.

Undergraduate diploma: The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing.

Associate diploma: The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a pre-requisite course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time or its equivalent. Advanced Certificates, Technician Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diplomas.

Skilled Vocational Qualifications: The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training.

Basic Vocational Qualifications: Often require Year 10 completion, however many course have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent.

Highest level of secondary school available: the highest level of secondary schooling (or equivalent) offered by the education system at the time the respondent left school.

Interstate: between States/Territories.

Intrastate: within the State/Territory.

Job: any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

Looking for part-time work: actively looking for part-time work only.

Main difficulty in finding work: the main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.

Main field of study: for those persons whose highest qualification is a degree, vocational qualification, certificate or diploma, it is the main field of study for that qualification.

Main English-speaking countries: comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zealand

Median duration of current period 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.

Number of offers of employment: the number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months: the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

Persons with post-school qualifications: persons who have obtained a vocational qualification, certificate, diploma,

degree or any other qualification, since leaving school. Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Higher degree; Postgraduate diploma; Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma; Associate diploma; Skilled Vocational Qualification; Basic Vocational Qualification.

Persons who were stood down: persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown

Still at school: current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months: the total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.

Usual gross weekly pay: the amount of usual total weekly pay (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made).

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DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

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The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

Refer to the glossaries in this publication and in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down)

POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons who were wage or salary earners in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years (excluding those who were stood down)

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B FAMILY STATUS (2)	ALL
New South Wales		Member of a family	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With children aged 0-14 present	
South Australia		Without children aged 0-14 present	
Western Australia		Sole parent	
Tasmania		With children aged 0-14 present	
Northern Territory		Without children aged 0-14 present	
Australian Capital Territory		Other family head	
		Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Other child(b) of married couple or family head	
Metropolitan		Other relative of married couple or family head	
Non-metropolitan		Not a member of a family	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Living alone	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Not living alone	
4 SEX	ALL	Family status not determined	
Males		(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.	
Females		(b) Aged 15 and over.	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL
Married		Born in Australia	
Not-married		Born outside Australia	
6A FAMILY STATUS (1)	ALL	Arrived before 1961	
Member of a family		Arrived 1961-1970	
Husband or wife		Arrived 1971-1980	
With dependants present		Arrived 1981-1990	
Without dependants present		Arrived 1991 to survey date	
Sole parent		7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL
Other family head		Born in Australia	
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)		Born outside Australia	
Other child(b) of married couple or family head		Born in main English-speaking countries	
Other relative of married couple or family head		Born in other countries	
Not a member of a family			
Living alone			
Not living alone			
Family status not determined			
(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school.			
(b) Aged 15 and over.			

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
7C BIRTHPLACE (2)	ALL	11B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
Born in Australia		Registered with the CES and —	
Born outside Australia		Took no other active steps	
Oceania		Contacted prospective employers	
New Zealand		Took other active steps	
Europe and the former USSR		Not registered with the CES and —	
Germany		Contacted prospective employers	
Greece		Took other active steps	
Italy			
Netherlands			
UK and Ireland			
Former Yugoslav Republics			
The Middle East and North Africa			
Lebanon			
Southeast Asia			
Malaysia			
Philippines			
Viet Nam			
Northeast Asia			
China			
The Americas			
Other(a)			
India			
(a) Includes Southern Asia and Africa (excluding North Africa).			
8 AGE	ALL	12 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
15-19		Would move interstate	
20-24		Would not move interstate	
25-34		Moving interstate would depend —	
35-44		On job conditions	
45-54		On other conditions	
55 and over		Undecided	
9 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK	ALL	13 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
Looking for full-time work		Would move intrastate	
Looking for part-time work		Would not move intrastate	
10 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT	ALL	Moving intrastate would depend —	
Under 1 year		On job conditions	
1 and under 4 weeks		On other conditions	
4 and under 8 weeks		Undecided	
8 and under 13 weeks			
13 and under 26 weeks			
26 and under 39 weeks			
39 and under 52 weeks			
1 year and over			
1 and under 2 years			
2 years and over			
11A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL	14 NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL
Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work		None	
Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job		One or more	
Checked factory or CES noticeboards		One	
Been registered with the CES		Two or more	
Checked or registered with any other employment agency			
Advertised or tendered for work			
Contacted relatives or friends			
		15 ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK	ALL
		No vacancies at all	
		No vacancies in line of work	
		Considered too young or too old by employers	
		Lacked necessary skills or education	
		Insufficient work experience	
		Too far to travel or transport problems	
		Own ill health or disability	
		Language difficulties	
		Unsuitable hours	
		Difficulties with child care	
		Other family responsibilities	
		Difficulties with ethnic background	
		Other difficulties	
		No difficulties at all	

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
16 MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK	ALL	19B EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2)	ALL
No vacancies at all		With post-school qualifications	
No vacancies in line of work		Masters degree or doctorate	
Considered too young or too old by employers		Post-graduate diploma	
Lacked necessary skills or education		Bachelor degree	
Insufficient work experience		Undergraduate diploma	
Too far to travel or transport problems		Associate diploma	
Own ill health or disability		Skilled vocational qualification	
Language difficulties		Basic vocational qualification	
Unsuitable hours		Without post-school qualifications	
Other family responsibilities		Still at school	
Difficulties with child care			
Difficulties with ethnic background			
Other difficulties			
No difficulties at all			
17 NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL	20 MAIN FIELD OF STUDY	ALL
One		With post-school qualifications	
Two		Business and administration	
Three or more		Health	
		Education	
		Society and culture	
		Natural and physical sciences	
		Engineering	
		Architecture and building	
		Agriculture and related fields	
		Miscellaneous fields	
		Without post-school qualifications	
		Still at school	
18 TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (Weeks)	ALL	21 WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME	1
1 and under 2		Had never worked full time	
2 and under 4		Had worked full time	
4 and under 8			
8 and under 13			
13 and under 26			
26 and under 39			
39 and under 52			
52 weeks			
19A EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (1)	ALL	22A INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
With post-school qualifications		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Masters degree or doctorate		Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	
Post-graduate diploma		Mining	
Bachelor degree		Manufacturing	
Undergraduate diploma		Electricity, gas and water	
Associate diploma		Construction	
Skilled vocational qualification		Wholesale and retail trade	
Basic vocational qualification		Transport and storage	
Without post-school qualifications		Communication	
Completed highest level of secondary school available		Finance, property and business services	
Did not complete highest level of secondary school available		Public administration and defence	
Left at age —		Community services	
18 and over		Recreation, personal and other services	
16 or 17		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
14 or 15		Has never worked	
13 and under			
Never attended school			
Still at school			
		22B INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
		Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	
		Mining	
		Manufacturing	
		Electricity, gas and water	
		Construction	
		Wholesale and retail trade	
		Transport and storage	
		Communication	
		Finance, property and business services	
		Public administration and defence	
		Community services	
		Recreation, personal and other services	

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
23A OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	25B DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Less than 1 year	
Managers and administrators		2 and under 4 weeks	
Professionals		4 and under 8 weeks	
Para-professionals		8 and under 26 weeks	
Tradespersons		26 and under 52 weeks	
Clerks		1 and under 2 years	
Salespersons and personal service workers		2 and under 5 years	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		5 years and over	
Labourers and related workers			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
23B OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	26A REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
Managers and administrators		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Professionals		Job loser	
Para-professionals		Retrenched	
Tradespersons		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
Clerks		Own ill health or disability	
Salespersons and personal service workers		Job leaver	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
Labourers and related workers		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
		Other	
		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
		Has never worked	
24 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB (\$)	2	(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	
Under 80		26B REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
80 and under 160		Job loser	
160 and under 240		Retrenched	
240 and under 320		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
320 and under 400		Own ill health or disability	
400 and under 480		Job leaver	
480 and under 560		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
560 and under 640		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
640 and under 720		Other	
720 and under 800			
800 and under 880		27 STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	1
880 and under 960		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
960 and under 1040		Wage or salary earner	
1040 and under 1120		In own business with employees	
1120 and under 1200		In own business without employees	
1200 and under 1280		Other	
1280 and under 1360		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
1360 and over		Has never worked	
Not stated, don't know			
Non-Australian currency			
Payment in kind			
25A DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1		
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)			
Less than 1 year			
2 and under 4 weeks			
4 and under 8 weeks			
8 and under 26 weeks			
26 and under 52 weeks			
1 and under 2 years			
2 and under 5 years			
5 years and over			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.			

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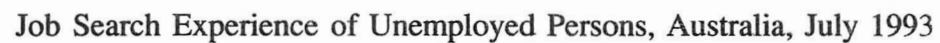
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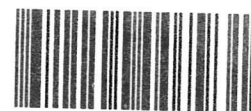
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