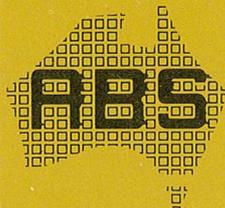


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(Persons in the six State capital cities registered for full-time employment)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Advisory Committee on Commonwealth Employment Service Statistics, in a report issued in November 1973, recommended that surveys of persons registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) as unemployed, similar to a survey carried out in 1963 (the results of which were published on page 27 of the Committee's report) should be undertaken from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). One such survey was conducted in September 1974; the results were published in a press statement issued by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations on 18 January 1977.

2. A further survey was carried out in March 1977. A summary of results from the survey was issued on 15 April 1977 in *Survey of Persons Registered with the CES as Unemployed, March 1977 (Preliminary)* (Reference No. 6.63).

3. The present bulletin contains detailed final estimates and includes information about the age and marital status of registrants, their distribution amongst the six State capital cities, the number of referrals to prospective employers which registrants had received from the CES, difficulties experienced in obtaining employment and reason for leaving last job.

4. There are two principal series of unemployment statistics available in Australia, namely, the monthly statistics of persons registered with the CES as unemployed, awaiting placement in full-time employment, and the quarterly statistics of unemployed persons derived from the labour force survey conducted by the ABS. Although the trends in the two series are generally similar there are substantial differences in levels.

5. The March 1977 survey of persons registered with the CES was designed to assess how many registrants in Metropolitan Statistical Divisions would have been classified as unemployed according to the definitions used in the labour force surveys of the ABS and to obtain the information outlined in paragraph 3.

Confidentiality

6. The survey was conducted under the provisions of the Census and Statistics Act 1905 and was designed to provide only aggregate statistics. In conformity with the law under which the ABS operates no individual records can be shown or made available to any other person, government department or authority. Individual records have now been destroyed.

Methodology of the survey

7. The survey was based on a sample, selected by the ABS, of the addresses in the records of CES offices within Metropolitan Statistical Divisions of the six State capital cities at 18 March 1977. Persons registered at these offices but living outside the boundaries of the Metropolitan Statistical Divisions were excluded. About two per cent of addresses were included in the sample.

8. During the period 21 to 25 March, interviews were conducted by ABS officers at the selected addresses, using a questionnaire similar to that used in the normal quarterly labour force survey. Information was sought in respect of all usual residents at the selected addresses. Because the rules that apply to the labour force survey were adopted, information was not obtained for persons under 15 years of age or for temporary visitors from overseas on holiday.

9. The names of registrants whose addresses were selected in the sample were not known to interviewers. Information was obtained from a responsible adult at the address, not necessarily the person registered with the CES. After interviews were completed, matching of survey questionnaires with information obtained from the selected CES records was carried out by ABS officers. A CES registrant for whom information on labour force status was available was designated a *respondent*. If no such information was available the registrant was designated a *non-respondent*.

Definitions

10. The definitions shown below, which are also used in the quarterly labour force survey, conform very closely to the internationally accepted definitions, as recommended by the Eighth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, Geneva, 1954.

11. In the survey the labour force category to which a person belonged was determined by the person's actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during a specified week, known as the survey week, which was the week from 13 to 19 March 1977 inclusive (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interviews were conducted).

12. Registrants were classified as *in the labour force* if, during the survey week, they were either employed or unemployed as defined in paragraphs 13 and 15.

13. CES registrants classified as *employed* comprised those who, during the survey week,

- (a) did any work for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job, business, or on a farm (including employees, employers or self-employed persons), or
- (b) worked fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business (or farm), or
- (c) had a job, business or farm, but were not at work because of illness, accident, leave, holiday, production hold-up due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc., or because they were on strike.

Registrants who had a job but were temporarily stood down for the whole week without pay were classified as unemployed. Those who did some work during the week, however, before either losing their jobs or being stood down, were classified as employed.

14. *Full-time workers* were CES registrants who usually worked 35 hours or more per week in the job(s) held in the survey week and registrants who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* were registrants who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week.

15. CES registrants classified as *unemployed* comprised all those aged 15 years and over who during the survey week did not work and either :

- (a) did not have a job, but could have taken one had it been available, and had been actively looking for full-time or part-time work in the four weeks up to and including the survey week (including persons who would have been prevented from taking a job in the survey week by their own temporary illness or injury, or by their having made arrangements to start after the survey week in a new job in which they would have preferred to start in the survey week), or
- (b) were awaiting to be called back to a job from which they had been temporarily stood down without pay for four weeks or less (including the whole of the survey week).

16. Registrants were defined as *not in the labour force* if, during the survey week, they were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' as defined above.

17. It should be noted that the definition of unemployed persons adopted by the ABS at the time of the previous surveys of CES registrants in 1963 and 1974 differed from the definition now in use (as set out in paragraph 15 above). The definition applicable to the figures for March 1973 and September 1974 shown in Table 1 is as follows :

CES registrants classified as *unemployed* comprised all those aged 15 years and over who, during the whole of the week prior to the interview week, did no work at all and either :

- did not have a job or business and were actively looking for work (including those who stated that they would have done so if they had not (i) been temporarily ill, or (ii) believed no work was available, or (iii) already made definite arrangements to start in a new job in which they would have preferred to start during survey week), or
- had a job from which they were temporarily stood down without pay for the whole week.

Interpretation of the results

18. Of the selected registrants who were respondents to the survey, 70.0 per cent were classified as unemployed by the ABS. However, the extent of the discrepancy between CES figures and those found by the survey is rather less than would appear at first sight.

19. Persons may register with the CES as (i) unemployed, awaiting placement in a full-time position, (ii) unemployed, awaiting placement in a part-time position, or (iii) employed, but seeking an improved position. Statistics of unemployed persons published each month by the CES include only those persons within category (i). Only those registrants within category (i) living in Metropolitan Statistical Divisions and registered at a metropolitan CES office on 18 March 1977 had a chance of selection in the survey.

20. The ABS definition of unemployed persons includes those actively seeking either full-time or part-time work, and, in that respect, is wider in scope than the CES definition.

21. It should also be noted that there are some persons not registered with the CES who would, in fact, be classified by ABS as unemployed. A labour force survey conducted in May 1976 showed that, of 243,900 persons looking for work according to the ABS definition, 72,900 or 29.9 per cent were not registered with the CES at the time of that survey.

22. On the other hand, the ABS classifies as *employed* persons who had done any paid work at all during the survey week. Therefore, respondents to the survey who had lost a job in the survey week would have been classified as employed by the ABS even though registered with the CES. Many, if not most, of those who had found a job in the survey week may well have done so without notifying the CES immediately.

23. Those respondents who were classified as being

in part-time employment could well be persons who wished to be employed full-time. It is known that some people tend to conceal their part-time employment from the CES under the quite erroneous impression that this will militate against their prospects of obtaining full-time employment through the CES.

24. Once a person is registered with the CES claiming to be unemployed he continues to be so classified until placed or lapsed. Such registrants may be classified by the ABS as *not in the labour force* if they had not been actively looking for work at any time during the four weeks up to and including the survey week. Some registrants who would have looked for work except for the belief that no work was available may have been included in this category.

25. The following reasons can be advanced to explain why many of the 15.2 per cent of respondents reported in the survey as being in full-time employment (other than those who had lost or found a job in the survey week) were registered with the CES as unemployed :

- (a) Standard procedures are applied each month to remove from CES records persons who appear to have obtained work, or for some other reason no longer appear interested in using the services of the CES. In doubtful cases, however, individuals are given the benefit of the doubt. Consequently, persons who may have found employment are sometimes carried on the active records for longer periods than may strictly be warranted.
- (b) The current high level of unemployment has resulted in the normal procedures for lapsing or "work testing" of applicants not always being carried out by the CES as speedily as in the past.
- (c) CES experience, which is supported to some extent by this survey as well as by other evidence, indicates that some individuals do not always give the CES consistent information in respect of their employment status. This is particularly so for that proportion of CES registrants who normally engage in part-time, casual or other irregular forms of employment.

26. It should be noted that the number of referrals for job interviews (shown in Tables 6, 7 and 8) relate to referrals given to registrants by the CES during their current period of registration and cannot be taken as an overall measure of the effectiveness of the CES in finding job opportunities for registrants : most persons who have obtained jobs as a result of referrals will have been removed from the register by the CES, and, for persons who have registered with the CES on more than one occasion, referrals for job interviews arranged by the CES in earlier periods of registration have not been included.

Reliability of the estimates

27. Since the estimates appearing in this bulletin are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from interviews at all addresses of CES registrants seeking full-time work and residing within Metropolitan Statistical Divisions, using the same questionnaire and procedures. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical Note, page 22.

Related publication

28. *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20).

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.
- n.a. Not available.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b) OR REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE,
MARCH 1963, SEPTEMBER 1974 AND MARCH 1977

	1 March 1963			27 September 1974			18 March 1977						
	Persons			Persons			Persons						
	No. (^{'000})	Per cent of total registrants	Per cent of respond- ents	Males (^{'000})	Females (^{'000})	No. (^{'000})	Per cent of total registrants	Per cent of respond- ents	Males (^{'000})	Females (^{'000})	No. (^{'000})	Per cent of total registrants	Per cent of respond- ents
RESPONDENTS													
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b)													
Employed -													
Full-time worker	9.6	19.8	28.0	6.9	3.0	9.9	15.3	23.2	15.9	7.2	23.2	12.2	17.1
Lost or found job in the survey week	1.0	2.0	2.8	1.1	0.5	1.6	2.4	3.7	1.8	*	2.7	1.4	2.0
Other	8.7	17.8	25.2	5.8	2.5	8.3	12.8	19.4	14.1	6.4	20.5	10.8	15.2
Part-time worker	1.5	3.1	4.4	0.7	0.9	1.6	2.4	3.7	3.6	3.1	6.8	3.5	5.0
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>22.9</i>	<i>32.4</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>29.9</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>22.1</i>
Unemployed	18.5	38.1	53.9	17.7	9.5	27.2	42.1	63.8	59.3	35.3	94.6	49.6	70.0
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>29.7</i>	<i>61.1</i>	<i>86.3</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>59.7</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>78.9</i>	<i>45.6</i>	<i>124.5</i>	<i>65.3</i>	<i>92.1</i>
Not in the labour force	4.7	9.7	13.7	1.8	2.2	4.0	6.2	9.4	5.3	5.3	10.6	5.6	7.9
<i>Total respondents</i>	<i>34.4</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>42.6</i>	<i>65.9</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>84.2</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>135.2</i>	<i>70.9</i>	<i>100.0</i>
NON-RESPONDENTS													
REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE													
Person interviewed refused to supply information	n.a.	n.a.		0.7	*	1.0	1.5		3.3	1.6	4.9	2.6	
Insufficient address (c)	n.a.	n.a.		1.4	0.5	1.9	3.0		3.1	1.0	4.1	2.2	
Non-existent address	0.9	1.9		0.9	0.6	1.4	2.2		1.6	*	2.4	1.3	
Dwelling apparently not inhabited	n.a.	n.a.		0.8	*	1.2	1.9		2.7	1.0	3.7	2.0	
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks prior to interview week with no intention of returning	n.a.	n.a.		*	*	0.6	0.9		*	*	1.2	0.6	
Registrant used address as a postal address	n.a.	n.a.		0.5	*	0.6	1.0		1.0	*	1.1	0.6	
Other -													
Registrant did not reside at address (d)	n.a.	n.a.		6.2	2.4	8.6	13.3		21.4	8.2	29.6	15.5	
Other (e)	n.a.	n.a.		4.9	1.5	6.5	9.9		6.0	2.3	8.3	4.3	
<i>Total non-respondents (f)</i>	<i>(g)14.2</i>	<i>(g)29.3</i>		<i>15.9</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>34.1</i>		<i>40.0</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>55.4</i>	<i>29.1</i>	
<i>Total registrants</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>100.0</i>		<i>42.9</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>64.6</i>	<i>100.0</i>		<i>124.1</i>	<i>66.4</i>	<i>190.5</i>	<i>100.0</i>	

(a) See page 3, paragraph 19. (b) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (c) Address shown in CES records insufficient to identify a particular dwelling unit, e.g. an address of a block of flats, a post office box number. (d) Occupants of the dwelling were contacted but there was no evidence that the registrant resided at the address. (e) No occupants of the dwelling were available after repeated calls by the interviewer, or registrants were away at the time of the interview and information about them could not be provided by other residents. (f) Includes a small number of registrants who claimed to be under 15 years of age or overseas visitors on holiday. (g) Includes 10,700 not usual residents of the addresses stated when registering and 2,600 unable to be contacted and other non-response (22.0 and 5.4 per cent of total registrants respectively).

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 2. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b) OR REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE,
STATE CAPITAL CITIES (g), MARCH 1977
(000)

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Total
RESPONDENTS							
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b)							
Employed –							
Full-time worker	8.9	7.2	2.7	2.0	1.9	0.4	23.2
Lost or found job in the survey week	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	2.7
Other	7.9	6.6	2.4	1.7	1.6	0.3	20.5
Part-time worker	2.2	2.2	0.7	0.8	0.7	*	6.8
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>29.9</i>
Unemployed	39.1	22.1	11.2	10.6	9.6	2.0	94.6
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>50.2</i>	<i>31.5</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>124.5</i>
Not in the labour force	4.5	3.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	*	10.6
<i>Total respondents –</i>							
Males	37.5	19.8	9.0	8.4	7.9	1.5	84.2
Females	17.2	15.2	6.5	6.0	5.0	1.1	51.0
Persons	54.7	35.0	15.5	14.4	12.9	2.6	135.2
NON-RESPONDENTS							
REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE							
Person interviewed refused to supply information	2.6	1.1	*	*	*	*	4.9
Insufficient address (c)	1.9	1.0	*	0.6	*	*	4.1
Non-existent address	*	1.7	0.6	*	*	*	2.4
Dwelling apparently not inhabited	1.9						
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks prior to interview week with no intention of returning	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.2
Registrant used address as a postal address	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Other –							
Registrant did not reside at address (d)	15.6	5.8	3.4	2.0	2.4	0.4	29.6
Other (e)	4.8	2.1	0.6	*	0.5	*	8.3
<i>Total non-respondents (f) –</i>							
Males	21.9	7.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	0.5	40.0
Females	6.7	4.9	1.2	1.1	1.4	*	15.4
Persons	28.5	12.3	5.6	4.1	4.1	0.7	55.4
<i>Total registrants</i>	<i>83.2</i>	<i>47.4</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>190.5</i>

For footnotes (a) to (f) see Table 1. (g) See page 2, paragraph 6.

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TABLE 3. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b) OR REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE,
STATE CAPITAL CITIES (g), MARCH 1977
(Per cent)

	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Total</i>
RESPONDENTS							
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b)							
Employed –							
Full-time worker	10.8	15.2	12.9	11.1	10.9	11.8	12.2
Lost or found job in the survey week	1.3	*	*	*	*	*	1.4
Other	9.5	13.9	11.2	9.3	9.2	10.5	10.8
Part-time worker	2.6	4.6	3.3	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.5
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>15.1</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>15.7</i>
Unemployed	46.9	46.7	53.1	57.4	56.5	59.5	49.6
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>60.3</i>	<i>66.6</i>	<i>69.3</i>	<i>72.9</i>	<i>71.6</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>65.3</i>
Not in the labour force	5.4	7.4	4.1	5.0	4.1	*	5.6
<i>Total respondents –</i>							
Males	45.1	41.8	42.6	45.6	46.5	45.9	44.2
Females	20.6	32.2	30.7	32.3	29.2	33.6	26.7
Persons	65.7	74.0	73.4	77.9	75.7	79.5	70.9
NON-RESPONDENTS							
REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE							
Person interviewed refused to supply information	3.1	2.3	*	*	*	*	2.6
Insufficient address (c)	2.3	2.1	*	3.2	*	*	2.2
Non-existent address	*			*	*	*	1.3
Dwelling apparently not inhabited	2.3	3.6	2.8	*	2.9	*	2.0
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks prior to interview week with no intention of returning	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.6
Registrant used address as a postal address	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.6
Other –							
Registrant did not reside at address (d)	18.8	12.2	15.9	11.1	13.9	13.2	15.5
Other (e)	5.7	4.5	2.6	*	3.0	*	4.3
<i>Total non-respondents (f) –</i>							
Males	26.3	15.7	21.0	16.4	15.8	15.0	21.0
Females	8.0	10.3	5.6	5.7	8.5	*	8.1
Persons	34.3	26.0	26.6	22.1	24.3	20.5	29.1
<i>Total registrants</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

For footnotes (a) to (f) see Table 1. (g) See page 2, paragraph 6.

* Based on a figure subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 4. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : AGE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b) OR REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE,
MARCH 1977
(⁰⁰⁰)

	Age group (years)					Total
	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55 and over	
RESPONDENTS						
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b)						
Employed -						
Full-time worker	7.8	5.6	4.8	4.2	*	23.2
Lost or found job in survey week	1.3	1.1		*	*	2.7
Other	6.5	5.1	4.4	3.8	*	20.5
Part-time worker	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.1	*	6.8
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>29.9</i>
Unemployed	35.4	19.7	16.1	17.5	5.9	94.6
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>45.4</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>124.5</i>
Not in the labour force	3.3	1.7	1.7	2.5	1.4	10.6
<i>Total respondents -</i>						
Males	23.5	17.0	17.2	18.5	7.9	84.2
Females	25.3	11.5	6.9	6.8	*	51.0
Persons	48.7	28.5	24.1	25.3	8.5	135.2
NON-RESPONDENTS						
REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE						
Person interviewed refused to supply information	1.0	*	1.3	1.6	*	4.9
Insufficient address (c)	*	1.2	*	1.1	*	4.1
Non-existent address	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.2	*	2.4
Dwelling apparently not inhabited						3.7
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks prior to interview week with no intention of returning	*	*	*	*	*	1.2
Registrant used address as a postal address	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Other -						
Registrant did not reside at address (d)	6.8	8.1	7.6	5.8	1.2	29.6
Other (e)	1.2	1.6	2.5	2.4	*	8.3
<i>Total non-respondents (f) -</i>						
Males	6.0	10.2	11.3	9.9	2.6	40.0
Females	5.6	4.1	2.8	2.7	*	15.4
Persons	11.6	14.4	14.2	12.6	2.7	55.4
Total registrants	60.3	42.9	38.3	37.8	11.2	190.5

For footnotes see Table 1.

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TABLE 5. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : AGE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b) OR REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE,
MARCH 1977
(Per cent)

	Age group (years)					Total
	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55 and over	
RESPONDENTS						
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b)						
Employed -						
Full-time worker	12.9	13.1	12.6	11.1	*	12.2
Lost or found job in survey week	2.1	*	*	*	*	1.4
Other	10.8	11.8	11.4	10.1	*	10.8
Part-time worker	3.8	3.5	3.8	2.9	*	3.5
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>15.7</i>
Unemployed	58.6	46.0	42.1	46.2	52.5	49.6
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>75.3</i>	<i>62.6</i>	<i>58.5</i>	<i>60.2</i>	<i>63.0</i>	<i>65.3</i>
Not in the labour force	5.5	3.9	4.5	6.6	12.9	5.6
<i>Total respondents -</i>						
Males	38.9	39.7	45.0	48.9	70.9	44.2
Females	41.9	26.8	18.0	18.0	*	26.7
Persons	80.8	66.5	63.0	66.8	75.9	70.9
NON-RESPONDENTS						
REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE						
Person interviewed refused to supply information	1.7	*	3.5	4.3	*	2.6
Insufficient address (c)	*	2.8	*	2.9	*	2.2
Non-existent address	2.3	4.5	3.5	3.0	*	1.3
Dwelling apparently not inhabited						2.0
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks before interview week with no intention of returning	*	*	*	*	*	0.6
Registrant used address as a postal address	*	*	*	*	*	0.6
Other -						
Registrant did not reside at address (d)	11.3	19.0	19.8	15.4	10.9	15.5
Other (e)	1.9	3.8	6.5	6.3	*	4.3
<i>Total non-respondents (f) -</i>						
Males	9.9	23.9	29.6	26.1	22.7	21.0
Females	9.3	9.7	7.4	7.1	*	8.1
Persons	19.2	33.5	37.0	33.2	24.1	29.1
Total registrants	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

For footnotes see Table 1.

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TABLE 6. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : DURATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE CES AND NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR JOB INTERVIEWS (b), MARCH 1977 ('000)

Number of referrals by the CES (b)	Duration of registration with the CES (weeks)							Total (c)
	Under 1	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over	
RESPONDENTS								
Males –								
None	4.9	14.3	10.6	5.5	8.4	6.8	2.7	53.4
1	1.0	3.8	4.1	1.9	4.1	2.7	1.0	18.6
2 or more	*	1.3	1.2	1.9	3.7	2.6	1.5	12.2
Total	5.9	19.5	16.0	9.3	16.1	12.0	5.2	84.2
Females –								
None	2.9	10.0	8.4	4.1	5.7	1.6	0.7	33.5
1	*	2.4	2.6	1.4	2.4	1.7	*	11.7
2 or more	*	*	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.1	*	5.8
Total	3.7	12.6	12.1	6.4	9.9	4.4	1.5	51.0
Persons –								
None	7.8	24.3	19.1	9.6	14.0	8.4	3.4	86.8
1	1.7	6.2	6.8	3.3	6.5	4.4	1.4	30.3
2 or more	*	1.6	2.3	2.9	5.5	3.7	2.0	18.0
Total	9.7	32.1	28.1	15.7	26.1	16.5	6.8	135.2
NON-RESPONDENTS								
Males –								
None	1.7	5.7	4.7	2.8	6.2	3.6	1.8	26.8
1	*	2.2	1.5	*	1.7	1.5	*	9.2
2 or more	*	*	*	*	1.2	1.0	*	4.0
Total	2.3	8.6	6.5	4.2	9.2	6.1	2.8	40.0
Females –								
None	*	2.3	2.8	1.2	2.2	*	*	10.4
1 or more	*	1.0	*	1.1	1.0	*	*	5.1
Total	1.0	3.3	3.2	2.3	3.2	1.5	*	15.4
Persons –								
None	2.5	8.0	7.5	4.0	8.4	4.2	2.2	37.2
1	*	2.8	1.9	1.6	2.6	2.1	1.2	12.9
2 or more	*	1.0	*	*	1.3	1.4	*	5.2
Total	3.3	11.8	9.8	6.5	12.4	7.6	3.7	55.4

(a) See page 3, paragraph 19. (b) Number of referrals for job interviews by the CES since registration. For registrants who had registered on more than one occasion, the number of referrals since the last registration. See page 3, paragraph 26. (c) Includes a small number of registrants for whom no information was available on duration of registration.

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TABLE 7. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : DURATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE CES AND NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR JOB INTERVIEWS (b), STATE CAPITAL CITIES (c), MARCH 1977 ('000)

State capital city (c) and number of referrals by the CES (b)	Duration of registration with the CES (weeks)						Total (d)
	Under 1	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and over	
Sydney -							
None	3.8	13.5	11.3	5.4	11.6	12.5	58.1
1	*	2.6	2.4	1.6	4.0	5.2	16.5
2 or more	*	*	*	1.1	2.6	3.6	8.6
Total	4.4	16.9	14.3	8.1	18.2	21.2	83.2
Melbourne -							
None	2.5	8.9	6.5	3.4	5.1	3.4	30.0
1	*	2.9	2.5	1.2	2.3	1.8	11.2
2 or more	*	*	1.0	*	1.8	1.7	6.2
Total	3.2	12.5	10.0	5.5	9.1	6.8	47.4
Brisbane -							
None	1.6	4.0	3.4	1.4	2.3	*	13.2
1	*	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.1	*	5.2
2 or more	*	*	*	0.7	0.9	*	2.8
Total	2.0	5.4	5.1	3.0	4.3	1.3	21.2
Adelaide -							
None	0.9	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.9	1.0	10.8
1	*	1.1	1.3	*	1.1	0.8	5.1
2 or more	*	*	*	*	0.8	0.9	2.6
Total	1.2	4.2	4.1	2.7	3.8	2.6	18.5
Perth -							
None	1.4	2.8	2.5	1.3	1.2	0.8	10.1
1	*	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	4.3
2 or more	*	*	0.5	*	0.6	0.6	2.6
Total	1.9	4.4	4.0	2.4	2.3	1.9	17.0
Hobart -							
None	*	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	*	1.8
1	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.8
2 or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.6
Total	*	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	3.3
Total, six State capital cities -							
None	10.3	32.3	26.6	13.6	22.4	18.2	124.0
1	2.4	9.1	8.6	4.9	9.2	9.0	43.2
2 or more	*	2.6	2.7	3.7	6.9	7.3	23.3
Total	12.9	44.0	37.9	22.2	38.5	34.5	190.5

(a) See page 3, paragraph 19. (b) The number of referrals for job interviews by the CES since registration. For registrants who had registered on more than one occasion, the number of referrals since the last registration. See page 3, paragraph 26. (c) See page 2, paragraph 6. (d) Includes a small number of registrants for whom no information was available on duration of registration.

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TABLE 8. CES REGISTRANTS (a) : DURATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE CES, NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR JOB INTERVIEWS (b) AND AGE, MARCH 1977
(000)

Age and number of referrals by the CES (b)	Duration of registration with the CES (weeks)					Total (c)
	Under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and over	
PERSONS						
15-19 years –						
None	13.7	11.1	4.4	6.5	2.1	38.1
1	3.8	4.0	1.8	3.0	1.5	14.1
2 or more	*	1.2	1.9	2.7	1.7	8.1
Total	18.1	16.2	8.2	12.1	5.4	60.3
20-24 years –						
None	10.7	5.7	3.1	5.1	3.0	27.7
1	2.8	1.4	1.3	2.0	2.5	10.1
2 or more	*	*	*	1.4	1.8	5.1
Total	14.1	7.6	5.2	8.5	7.3	42.9
25-34 years –						
None	8.1	4.8	2.8	4.7	3.8	24.4
1	2.9	1.5	*	2.0	1.7	8.7
2 or more	*	*	*	1.5	1.7	5.2
Total	11.9	6.8	4.1	8.3	7.2	38.3
35 years and over –						
None	10.1	5.1	3.3	6.1	9.2	33.9
1	2.1	1.8	1.1	2.1	3.3	10.3
2 or more	*	*	*	1.4	2.1	4.9
Total	12.7	7.3	4.7	9.6	14.7	49.1
Total –						
None	42.7	26.6	13.6	22.4	18.2	124.0
1	11.5	8.6	4.9	9.2	9.0	43.2
2 or more	2.7	2.7	3.7	6.9	7.3	23.3
Total	56.9	37.9	22.2	38.5	34.5	190.5

(a) See page 3, paragraph 19. (b) The number of referrals for job interviews by the CES since registration. For registrants who had registered on more than one occasion, the number of referrals since the last registration. See page 3, paragraph 26. (c) Includes a small number of registrants for whom no information was available on duration of registration.

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TABLE 9. RESPONDENTS (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b), STATE CAPITAL CITIES (c), MARCH 1977
(Per cent)

<i>Employment status (b)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES							
Employed –							
Full-time worker	18.0	21.4	22.1	17.6	15.0	*	18.9
Part-time worker	2.8	6.9	*	*	*	*	4.3
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>22.3</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>23.8</i>	<i>23.2</i>
Unemployed	72.3	63.9	71.3	73.0	74.1	70.3	70.4
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>93.2</i>	<i>92.2</i>	<i>96.9</i>	<i>95.3</i>	<i>94.3</i>	<i>94.1</i>	<i>93.7</i>
Not in the labour force	6.8	7.8	*	*	*	*	6.3
<i>Total respondents</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
FEMALES							
Employed –							
Full-time worker	12.8	19.5	11.3	*	13.5	*	14.2
Part-time worker	6.6	*	*	*	*	*	6.1
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>20.3</i>
Unemployed	69.4	62.1	73.7	74.6	75.5	81.1	69.2
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>88.8</i>	<i>87.0</i>	<i>90.9</i>	<i>91.2</i>	<i>94.8</i>	<i>94.6</i>	<i>89.5</i>
Not in the labour force	11.2	13.0	*	*	*	*	10.5
<i>Total respondents</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
PERSONS							
Employed –							
Full-time worker	16.4	20.6	17.6	14.2	14.4	14.9	17.2
Part-time worker	4.0	6.3	4.5	5.7	5.5	*	5.0
<i>Total employed</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>26.8</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>19.4</i>	<i>22.1</i>
Unemployed	71.4	63.1	72.3	73.7	74.6	74.9	70.0
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>90.0</i>	<i>94.4</i>	<i>93.6</i>	<i>94.5</i>	<i>94.3</i>	<i>92.1</i>
Not in the labour force	8.2	10.0	5.6	6.4	5.5	*	7.9
<i>Total respondents</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) See page 3, paragraph 19. See also page 2, paragraph 9. (b) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (c) See page 2, paragraph 6.

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TABLE 10. RESPONDENTS (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS (b), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS,
STATE CAPITAL CITIES (c), MARCH 1977
(⁰⁰⁰)

State capital city (b)	Age group (years)					Marital status		Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-54	55 and over	Married	Not married (c)	
EMPLOYED (a)								
Sydney	3.8	2.1	3.0	2.1	*	4.5	6.7	11.1
Melbourne	2.9	2.4	1.8	1.7	*	3.6	5.8	9.4
Brisbane	1.1	1.1	*	0.7	*	1.4	2.0	3.4
Adelaide	0.9	0.9	0.6	*	*	1.0	1.9	2.9
Perth	1.1	0.6	0.5	*	*	0.7	1.9	2.6
Hobart	0.3		*	*	*	*	0.4	0.5
Total -								
Males	5.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	1.1	8.3	11.3	19.6
Females	4.3	2.7	2.1	1.2	*	3.1	7.3	10.4
Persons	10.1	7.1	6.3	5.3	1.2	11.3	18.6	29.9
UNEMPLOYED (a)								
Sydney	12.1	7.5	8.2	8.2	3.1	13.3	25.8	39.1
Melbourne	8.6	4.5	3.5	4.4	1.1	7.0	15.1	22.1
Brisbane	5.3	2.7	1.1	1.6	0.6	2.5	8.7	11.2
Adelaide	4.9	2.3	1.4	1.4	0.6	2.6	8.1	10.6
Perth	3.4	2.3	1.8	1.6	0.5	2.6	7.0	9.6
Hobart	1.1	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.4	1.6	2.0
Total -								
Males	16.5	11.9	12.0	13.4	5.5	21.8	37.5	59.3
Females	18.8	7.8	4.1	4.1	*	6.5	28.7	35.3
Persons	35.4	19.7	16.1	17.5	5.9	28.4	66.2	94.6
TOTAL RESPONDENTS (d)								
Sydney	17.5	10.2	12.1	11.0	3.8	19.0	35.6	54.7
Melbourne	12.5	7.3	5.7	7.3	2.4	12.7	22.3	35.0
Brisbane	6.5	4.1	1.5	2.6	0.8	4.6	11.0	15.5
Adelaide	6.2	3.3	2.1	2.0	0.7	3.8	10.6	14.4
Perth	4.7	3.1	2.3	2.0	0.7	3.5	9.4	12.9
Hobart	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	*	0.6	2.0	2.6
Total -								
Males	23.5	17.0	17.2	18.5	8.0	32.4	51.8	84.2
Females	25.3	11.5	6.9	6.8	*	11.8	39.2	51.0
Persons	48.7	28.5	24.1	25.3	8.5	44.2	90.9	135.2

(a) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (b) See page 2, paragraph 6. (c) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Includes 10,600 respondents classified as not in the labour force, for whom particulars cannot be published in the detail shown.

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TABLE 11. EMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) : DURATION OF CURRENT JOB (b),
STATE CAPITAL CITIES (c), MARCH 1977
(000)

State capital city (c)	Duration of current job (weeks) (b)				Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and over	
Sydney	3.0	2.5	1.8	3.8	11.1
Melbourne	2.2	2.3	1.9	3.0	9.4
Brisbane	1.1	0.9	*	1.0	3.4
Adelaide	0.9	0.7	*	0.9	2.9
Perth	0.8	0.6	*	0.8	2.6
Hobart	*	*	*	*	0.5
<i>Totals -</i>					
Males	5.2	4.1	3.2	7.0	19.6
Females	2.9	3.0	1.8	2.7	10.4
<i>Persons -</i>					
Employed full time	6.6	5.8	4.0	6.7	23.2
Employed part time	1.5	1.3	*	3.0	6.8
Total	8.1	7.1	5.0	9.7	29.9

(a) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (b) The duration of the respondent's current job up to and including survey week. (c) See page 2, paragraph 6.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 12. RESPONDENTS EMPLOYED PART TIME (a) : HOURS WORKED AND
PREFERENCE FOR WORKING 35 HOURS OR MORE A WEEK, MARCH 1977
(000)

	Hours worked in survey week			Total
	0 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 34	
Preferred to work 35 hours or more a week -				
Males	*	1.1	*	2.4
Females	1.0	*	*	1.9
Persons	1.9	1.4	*	4.3
<i>Total part time -</i>				
Males	1.6	1.3	*	3.6
Females	1.5	*	*	3.1
Persons	3.1	2.0	1.7	6.8

(a) For definition see pages 2 and 3, paragraphs 13 and 14.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), MARCH 1977

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of unemployment (weeks) (b)				Total		Persons	Average duration of unemployment (weeks)	
	Under 4	4 - 12	13 - 38	39 and over	Males	Females	Per cent of total		
	- '000 -				('000)	('000)	(%)		
Own ill health	*	1.7	1.7	1.9	4.6	1.1	5.8	6.1	33.0
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	1.4	4.1	4.0	2.8	7.5	4.9	12.4	13.1	24.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	1.2	2.6	2.4	*	4.4	2.4	6.8	7.2	15.2
Lacks necessary education, training or skills	1.0	3.8	2.1	1.8	5.1	3.6	8.7	9.2	22.6
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	1.1	*	1.6	1.7	28.9
Not enough work experience	1.4	4.3	3.6	*	4.0	6.3	10.3	10.9	15.8
No jobs in line of work	2.6	7.7	5.4	2.0	12.9	4.9	17.8	18.8	18.0
No jobs at all	2.6	9.7	7.3	3.8	14.9	8.6	23.5	24.9	20.4
Other difficulties	*	1.4	*	*	2.1	1.1	3.2	3.4	16.4
No difficulties reported	1.8	1.3	*	*	2.5	1.5	4.0	4.3	7.9
Total (c)	13.5	37.5	28.7	14.6	59.2	35.2	94.3	100.0	20.0

(a) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (b) The duration of unemployment up to and including survey week. (c) Includes a small number of unemployed respondents whose main difficulty was "unsuitable hours".

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TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK (b),
STATE CAPITAL CITIES (c), MARCH 1977
(Per cent)

<i>Difficulty reported in finding work (b)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES							
Own ill health	11.6	17.4	11.4	17.1	20.8	*	14.4
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	26.8	32.2	24.5	36.4	23.5	36.6	28.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	24.0	24.3	33.2	25.1	26.8	*	25.4
Lacks necessary education, training or skills	26.3	22.2	26.1	34.8	24.6	28.2	26.1
Language difficulties	7.4	*	*	*	*	*	5.2
Not enough work experience	20.0	20.9	20.7	29.4	18.6	26.8	21.2
No jobs in line of work	41.1	38.7	42.9	34.8	39.9	35.2	39.9
No jobs at all	52.6	30.9	47.3	36.9	27.9	38.0	43.0
Other difficulties	3.7	10.4	*	*	*	*	5.6
No difficulties reported	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	4.6
FEMALES							
Own ill health	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	32.3	33.7	32.1	45.9	47.0	51.7	36.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	27.5	27.3	30.7	37.0	38.5	*	29.9
Lacks necessary education, training or skills	27.5	28.5	26.3	31.9	29.9	*	28.4
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.8
Not enough work experience	35.3	39.5	30.7	48.9	31.6	43.3	37.3
No jobs in line of work	31.7	27.9	34.3	35.6	30.8	*	31.0
No jobs at all	51.5	36.0	43.8	34.8	31.6	43.3	41.9
Other difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.6
PERSONS							
Own ill health	10.2	12.7	9.0	12.7	15.0	*	11.5
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	28.5	32.8	27.7	40.4	32.7	43.5	31.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	25.0	25.6	32.1	30.1	31.3	18.3	27.1
Lacks necessary education, training or skills	26.7	24.9	26.2	33.5	26.7	27.5	27.0
Language difficulties	6.4	6.0	*	*	*	*	4.7
Not enough work experience	24.7	28.9	24.9	37.6	23.7	34.4	27.2
No jobs in line of work	38.2	34.1	39.3	35.1	36.3	25.2	36.6
No jobs at all	52.3	33.1	45.8	36.0	29.3	40.5	42.6
Other difficulties	3.8	8.5	*	*	7.3	*	5.5
No difficulties reported	3.8	5.0	6.2	*	*	*	4.6

(a) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (b) Respondents may have experienced more than one difficulty when looking for work. If so, they will be included in the table under more than one heading. For this reason, column totals will not necessarily add to 100 per cent. (c) See page 2, paragraph 6.

* Based on a figure subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

NOTE: Because some respondents experienced more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates upon which this table is based do not agree with those in Table 13, which shows only the main difficulty.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK, MARCH 1977 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work during period of unemployment	Duration of unemployment (weeks) (b)						Total
	Under 2	2 - 3	4 - 12	13 - 38	39 - 51	52 and over	
Registered with the CES and –							
Took no other active steps	1.0	2.3	8.1	6.2	1.2	4.4	23.1
Applied to prospective employers in person (c)	1.7	6.5	24.6	19.3	1.5	6.0	59.6
Did not apply to prospective employers in person but applied by post or telephone	*	1.1	3.5	2.8	*	1.0	9.2
<i>Total registered with the CES (d)</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>28.6</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>92.7</i>
<i>Claimed not registered with the CES (e)</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>1.6</i>
Total	3.2	10.2	37.5	28.7	3.0	11.6	94.4

(a) For definition see pages 2 and 3. Excludes a small number of registrants who, in the survey week, had been on stand-down without pay for four weeks or less. (b) The duration of unemployment in completed weeks up to and including survey week. (c) This may include referrals to prospective employers initiated by the CES. (d) Includes unemployed respondents who took active steps to find work other than those listed above. (e) Note that the person giving the information may not have been the registrant.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) : AGE AND YEAR OF PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT, MARCH 1977 ('000)

Age group (years)	Never worked	Last worked before 1975	Last worked in –			Total
			1975	1976	1977	
MALES						
15 - 19	5.5	*		5.9	4.3	16.5
20 - 24	*		1.0	7.0	4.0	11.9
25 - 34	*	1.0	1.1	6.2	3.9	12.0
35 and over	*	1.5	3.0	9.3	4.9	18.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>59.2</i>
FEMALES						
15 - 19	6.1	*	1.2	6.0	5.4	18.8
20 - 24	*	*	1.2	3.9	1.9	7.8
25 - 34	*	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.6	4.1
35 and over	*			2.0		4.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>35.2</i>
PERSONS						
15 - 19	11.6		1.8	11.9	9.7	35.3
20 - 24	*	1.1	1.6	10.9	5.9	19.7
25 - 34	*	1.4	1.8	8.1	4.7	16.1
35 and over	*	2.4	3.7	11.3	5.7	23.2
Total	12.4	5.0	8.9	42.2	26.0	94.4

(a) For definition see pages 2 and 3. Excludes a small number of registrants who, in the survey week, had been on stand-down without pay for four weeks or less.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) WHO HAD BEEN WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS
IN THEIR MOST RECENT JOB AND WHO HAD LEFT THAT JOB IN THE YEARS 1975 TO 1977 :
REASON FOR LEAVING AND AGE, MARCH 1977

Reason for leaving most recent job	Age group (years)				Total	
	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 34	35 and over	Number	Per cent of total
	- '000 -					%
Retrenched/made redundant/lost job	11.8	7.6	5.8	10.7	35.9	48.4
Went back to school or university	1.0		*	*	1.1	1.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	2.4	1.9	*	*	6.0	8.1
Retired or didn't want to work	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.5
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	3.5	2.7	2.1	1.7	10.1	13.6
Own ill health or injury	1.6	1.1	1.3	2.9	6.9	9.3
To marry, to have children, to look after house, or to care for family or someone else	*	*	*	*	1.5	2.0
Travel/moved house/spouse transferred	1.8	2.4	2.4	1.1	7.7	10.4
Other reasons	*	1.2	1.7		3.8	5.1
Total	23.3	18.0	13.9	18.9	74.1	100.0

(a) For definition see pages 2 and 3. Excludes a small number of persons who, in the survey week, had been on stand-down for four weeks or less.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 18. UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS (a) WHO HAD BEEN WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS
IN THEIR MOST RECENT JOB AND WHO HAD LEFT THAT JOB IN THE YEARS 1975 TO 1977 :
REASON FOR LEAVING, STATE CAPITAL CITIES (b), MARCH 1977
(⁰⁰⁰)

Reason for leaving most recent job	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/made redundant/lost job	16.9	7.8	3.9	3.7	3.0	0.6	24.7	11.2	35.9
Went back to school or university	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Job was temporary or seasonal	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.6	*	4.2	1.8	6.0
Retired or didn't want to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	3.8	2.8	1.2	1.1	1.0	*	6.3	3.8	10.1
Own ill health or injury	2.8	1.9	*	0.8	0.8	*	4.4	2.5	6.9
To marry, to have children, to look after house, or to care for family or someone else	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.5
Travel/moved house/spouse transferred	2.9	*	1.1	0.9	1.9	*	4.3	3.5	7.7
Other reasons	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.6	*	*	2.9	1.0	3.8
Total	30.9	16.7	8.9	8.5	7.9	1.4	48.3	25.9	74.1

(a) For definition see pages 2 and 3. Excludes a small number of persons who, in the survey week, had been on stand-down without pay for four weeks or less. (b) See page 2, paragraph 6.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 19. RESPONDENTS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a), MARCH 1977
(000)

	Males	Females	Persons
Age (years) –			
15 – 19	1.2	2.1	3.3
20 – 24	*	1.0	1.7
25 – 34	1.0	*	1.7
35 and over	2.4	1.6	4.0
Major activity in the survey week –			
Kept house	*	3.0	3.0
Went to school	1.5	*	2.3
Retired or voluntarily inactive	3.1	1.2	4.3
Other (b)	*	*	1.0
Marital status –			
Married	2.3	2.2	4.5
Not married (c)	3.0	3.1	6.1
Duration of registration with the CES (weeks) –			
Under 4	1.0	1.5	2.5
4 and under 13	1.8	1.8	3.6
13 and over	2.5	2.1	4.6
Total	5.3	5.3	10.6

(a) For definitions see pages 2 and 3. (b) Includes persons permanently unable to work, institutionalised persons and persons who stated that they were looking for work but were classified as not in the labour force according to the ABS definition. (c) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 20. NON-RESPONDENTS (a) : REASON FOR NON-RESPONSE, DURATION OF REGISTRATION
WITH THE CES AND MARITAL STATUS, MARCH 1977
(000)

Reason for non-response	Duration of registration (weeks) (b)			Marital status		Total (h)
	Under 4	4 and under 12	13 and over	Married	Not married (c)	
Person interviewed refused to supply information	1.2	1.1	2.6	1.6	3.3	4.9
Insufficient address (d)	1.0	1.1	2.1	1.1	3.0	4.1
Non-existent address	—	1.4	1.0	*	1.8	2.4
Dwelling apparently not inhabited	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.0	2.7	3.7
Registrant left the dwelling in the four weeks prior to interview week with no intention of returning	*	*	*	*	*	1.2
Registrant used address as a postal address	*	*	*	*	1.0	1.1
Other –						
Registrant did not reside at address (e)	8.4	9.1	12.0	7.9	21.7	29.6
Other (f)	2.1	2.5	3.6	2.8	5.5	8.3
Total non-respondents (g)	15.1	16.3	23.8	15.3	40.1	55.4

(a) See page 2, paragraph 9. (b) The duration of registration in completed weeks up to and including 18 March 1977. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Address shown in CES records insufficient to identify a particular dwelling unit, e.g. an address of a block of flats, a post office box number. (e) Occupants of the dwelling were contacted but there was no evidence that the registrant resided at the address. (f) No occupants of the dwelling were available after repeated calls by the interviewer, or registrants were away at the time of the interview and information about them could not be provided by other residents. (g) Includes a small number of registrants who claimed to be under 15 years of age or overseas visitors on holiday. (h) Includes a small number of registrants for whom no information was available on duration of registration.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TABLE 21. DURATION OF RESIDENCE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD WHERE THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT REGISTRANT RESIDED AT ADDRESS, STATE CAPITAL CITIES (a), MARCH 1977 ('000)

<i>Duration of residence of head of household (weeks)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES							
Under 14	2.4	*	0.6	*	0.7	*	4.7
14 and over	9.5	2.6	2.1	1.1	1.0	0.3	16.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>21.4</i>
FEMALES							
Under 14	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.5
14 and over	2.8	2.5	*	*	0.5	*	6.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>8.2</i>
PERSONS							
Under 14	3.3	*	0.7	0.6	0.9	*	(b)6.3
14 and over	12.3	5.1	2.7	1.4	1.5	0.4	23.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15.6</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>29.6</i>

(a) See page 2, paragraph 6. (b) Comprises 2,100 household heads whose duration of residence at the contacted address was one week or less; 1,700 whose duration of residence was longer than one but less than five weeks; 1,400 whose duration of residence was five but less than nine weeks and 1,200 whose duration of residence was nine but less than 14 weeks.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 22, paragraph 5.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

The estimates for the Metropolitan Statistical Divisions of each State were derived from the survey of registered unemployed by use of a simple ratio estimation procedure which ensured that the survey estimates conformed to a special count, made on Friday 18 March 1977, of persons registered with the CES as not employed, seeking placement in full-time employment and who resided within Metropolitan Statistical Divisions. Within each State capital city all registrants had an equal chance of selection in the survey.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates appearing in this bulletin are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from interviews at all addresses of CES registrants seeking full-time work and residing within Metropolitan Statistical Divisions, using the same questionnaire and procedures. 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 addresses was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if the addresses of all CES registrants had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. A table of standard errors for use with the estimates published in this bulletin is given on page 23.

3. The figures in the table will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations over a range of labour force and non-response characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate for any particular characteristic. An example of the use of the table is as follows : if the estimate for the

total of the six State capital cities obtained from the sample is 5,000, the standard error is 490; i.e. there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 4,510 to 5,490 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 4,020 and 5,980.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage computed by using sample estimates for both numerator and denominator depends upon the size of both estimates. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of numerators can be obtained from the table of standard errors.

5. As the standard errors in the table show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates, and rates based on such 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 bulletin, estimates, or rates based on estimates, below the levels shown in the table of standard errors have not been included. Although estimates for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. 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 by respondents. 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 only 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 (persons)	18 March 1977						27 September 1974		1 March 1963			
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Total, six State capital cities		Total, six State capital cities			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Per cent of estimate	No.	Per cent of estimate		
300						70						
400						80						
500					120	80		105	21.0			
600			140	140	130	90		114	19.0			
700			150	150	140	100		123	17.6	120	17.1	
1,000	250	230	170	180	160	110	230	23.0	144	14.4	140	14.0
2,000	350	330	240	240	220	130	320	16.0	206	10.3	196	9.8
3,000	420	390	280	290	260	120	390	13.0	249	8.3	228	7.6
4,000	490	450	320	320	290	60	440	11.0	288	7.2	260	6.5
5,000	540	500	340	340	320		490	9.8	315	6.3	285	5.7
10,000	730	660	390	380	330		670	6.7	430	4.3	390	3.9
20,000	950	800					940	4.7	540	2.7	520	2.6
30,000	1,060	780					1,140	3.8	600	2.0	630	2.1
50,000	1,030						1,450	2.9	650	1.3		
100,000							2,000	2.0				

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published in this bulletin. Although in some cases such estimates can be derived by deduction they are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses.

