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PREFACE

Since the introduction of monthly population surveys in February 1978, a considerable amount of information on unemployment, underemployment and related statistics has become available from the labour force and supplementary surveys. However, this information is contained in a number of separate ABS publications, which are included in the lists on pages 4 and 5.

In order to assist users, some of the main elements of these data have been brought together in a single publication. Users are invited to comment on the range of statistics shown and on the desirability of compiling further issues of this publication.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains estimates of unemployment, underemployment and related statistics available from the population survey from February 1978 onwards. Section 1 contains estimates obtained from the labour force survey and Section 2 estimates from supplementary and special surveys. Because of limitations of space it has not been possible to include all information available on these topics; however the statistics included will give some indication of the range of information available. More detailed statistics are included in the publications listed in paragraph 5 and reference should be made to these publications for explanations and definitions.

The population survey

2. The population survey is the general title given to the household sample survey carried out monthly in all States and Territories. Emphasis in the survey is placed on the collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, the principal survey component being referred to as the labour force survey. The remaining part of the population survey consists of supplementary collections which are carried out either in conjunction with the labour force survey or, where the topics require personal interview or are too complex to be treated within the processing timetable of the monthly survey, by means of special surveys, generally conducted once a year.

3. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week). Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays the December surveys commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and the January surveys commence a week later than usual.

Population benchmarks

4. The population survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently

estimated distribution of the population aged 15 years and over by age and sex. These independent estimates (benchmarks) are necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes (deaths, internal and overseas migration) and can differ from estimates of the population subsequently published by the ABS. For estimates of the population and other demographic statistics reference should be made to the quarterly publications, *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) and *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0)

Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

Unemployment, Australia (Preliminary Estimates) (6201.0)

The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary) (6202.0)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

The Labour Force, Australia (6204.0)

The Labour Force, New South Wales (6201.1)

The Labour Force, Victoria (6201.2)

The Labour Force, Queensland (6201.3)

The Labour Force, South Australia (6201.4)

Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

Publications listed on page 5.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) 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 paragraph 18, page 7.

n.a. not available.

... not applicable.

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified.

7. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

POPULATION SURVEY REPORTS – LABOUR FORCE TOPICS

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys are published separately. Copies of the following publications, which relate to labour force topics, are available free on request.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Catalogue No.</i>
Supplementary surveys	
Annual and Long Service Leave, Australia, – August 1974; May 1979	6317.0
Employment Status of Teenagers, August 1978 (a)	6234.0
Evening and Night Work, November 1976	6329.0
Family Status and Employment Status of the Population, November 1974 and 1975	6223.0
Frequency of Pay – August 1974, 1976 and 1977	6320.0
Income Distribution, 1968-69 (Consolidated and Revised Edition)	6505.0
Income Distribution, 1973-74 –	
Part 1 (Tables relating to individuals)	6502.0
Part 2 (Tables relating to families)	6503.0
Part 3 (Supplementary Tables)	6504.0
Job Tenure – February 1974; February 1975; August 1976	6211.0
Journey to Work and Journey to School – May 1970; August 1974	9205.0
Labour Force Experience –	
During 1968; During 1972; During 1974; During 1975; During 1976; During 1978	6206.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, November 1974	6224.0
Labour Mobility –	
November 1972; February 1975, 1976 and 1979	6209.0
Leavers from Schools, Universities and Other Educational Institutions –	
Conducted each year since 1964. Latest issue, May 1979	6227.0
Migrants in the Labour Force, 1972 to 1976	6230.0
Multiple Jobholding –	
November 1965, August 1966 and 1967, May 1971, August 1973, 1975, 1977 and 1979	6216.0
Persons Aged 15 to 64 Years: Employment Status and Period Since Leaving School, May 1976	6225.0
Persons Not in the Labour Force (including Discouraged Jobseekers) –	
November 1975; May 1977; March 1979; September 1979	6220.0
Persons Looking for Work –	
May 1976; November 1976; May 1977; July 1978; July 1979	6222.0
School Leavers, 1970 to 1974 : Their Employment Status and Education Experience in May 1975	6226.0
Superannuation, Survey of – February 1974	6319.0
The Labour Force : Country of Birth and Period of Residence, February 1972	6207.0
The Labour Force : Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1979	6235.0
Trade Union Members, November 1976	6325.0
Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution) –	
August 1975 to August 1979 (annually)	6310.0
Work Patterns of Employees, November 1976	6328.0
Special surveys	
Employment Benefits, Australia, February to May 1979 (Preliminary)	6332.0
Survey of Persons Registered with the CES as Unemployed, March 1977	6229.0
Working Conditions, Australia, February to May 1979 (Preliminary)	6333.0

(a) Estimates derived from labour force surveys.

1. LABOUR FORCE SURVEY ESTIMATES

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

Statistics in this section have been obtained from the labour force survey. Tables have been included to show the range of survey information regularly available on unemployed persons, persons employed part-time who would like to work more hours, persons who, although not in the labour force, would like a job, and full-time workers who worked less than 35 hours in the survey week. Because of limitations of space the tables generally do not show cross-classification of variables. More details are shown in the regular labour force publications listed in paragraph 5, page 4. In addition, other unpublished data may be available on request.

Scope

2. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, overseas visitors holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

3. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the ILO, relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

4. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

(a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and :

(i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;

or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

5. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.

6. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

7. *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. *Average (mean) duration* is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is 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. Medians are calculated from group data, linear interpolation being used within the group which contains the median.

8. *Active steps to find work*. See paragraph 5, page 34.

9. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

10. *Hours of work*. The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown etc. When hours of work are recorded fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.

11. *Persons attending school* comprise those who,

during the survey week, were enrolled full-time at secondary or high schools. Excluded are persons who were enrolled at universities, colleges of advanced education, technical colleges, other tertiary education institutions, and coaching and business schools. Persons attending school are classified as unemployed if they satisfy the definition in paragraph 4 above.

12. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'. This category includes persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation, provided they had not actively looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and

(a) in the survey week:

- (i) were without a job, business or farm; or
- (ii) had worked for less than one hour for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind; or
- (iii) had worked for less than 15 hours without pay in a family business or farm;

or (b) had been stood down without pay for four weeks or more up to the end of the survey week.

Classification of industry and occupation

13. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC) and occupation according to the *Classification and Classified List of Occupations, Revised June 1976*.

14. From September 1979, industry estimates in labour force survey publications have been classified according to the 1978 version of the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC). The estimates are therefore not strictly comparable with those for periods prior to September 1979, which were classified according to the 1969 version of ASIC.

Reliability of the estimates

15. Since the estimates in this section are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. 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 figure 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.

16. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this section. Standard errors of estimates and of estimates of monthly movements should be determined by using Tables A and B below.

17. The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

18. Very small estimates 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. In the tables in this section, estimates below the levels shown in Table A, and percentages based on such estimates, have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

19. The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements is given in Table B. The estimates of standard error of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive years, or between two other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. A guide to the standard errors of *quarterly* movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of monthly movements (Table B) by 1.4. A guide to the standard errors of *annual* movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of estimates (Table A) by 1.4.

20. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

- (a) From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 215,200 unemployed males looking for full-time work in February 1980 has a standard error of about 5,300. 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 within the range 209,900 to 220,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 204,600 to 225,800.
- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from January to February 1980 is a decrease of 11,700. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the size of the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the January 1980

estimate (226,900) is the larger. From Table Bit will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 4,500. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range -16,200 to -7,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -20,700 to -2,700.

21. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. 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 the numerators can be obtained from Table A.

22. 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. 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.

TABLE A – STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

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TABLE B – STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS

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TABLE 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

Month	Number ('000)										
	Looking for full-time work						Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	Aged 15-19 years			Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 years and over			Total	Aged 15-19 years	Aged 20 years and over			Total
MALES											
1978 -											
February	40.2	74.6	160.8	235.4	19.5	255.0	20.0	4.6	6.0	9.4	6.2
March	26.1	54.8	145.4	200.2	17.3	217.6	15.7	4.1	5.2	8.2	5.3
April	21.9	50.2	146.0	196.2	14.6	210.9	14.8	4.1	5.1	7.0	5.2
May	18.0	50.5	144.3	194.8	14.4	209.1	14.8	4.1	5.0	6.8	5.1
June	16.7	52.1	153.2	205.4	11.3	216.7	15.5	4.3	5.3	5.2	5.3
July	14.1	52.8	149.5	202.4	8.7	211.1	15.7	4.2	5.3	4.2	5.2
August	18.1	57.5	149.7	207.3	14.2	221.5	17.3	4.3	5.4	6.5	5.5
September	19.9	53.7	151.0	204.7	13.4	218.1	16.1	4.3	5.3	6.4	5.4
October	19.1	50.7	143.3	194.0	13.9	207.9	15.5	4.1	5.0	6.4	5.1
November	18.0	47.8	143.2	191.0	15.4	206.4	14.7	4.1	5.0	7.2	5.1
December	40.4	74.5	145.5	219.9	21.6	241.6	19.4	4.1	5.6	9.6	5.8
1979 -											
January	42.4	83.2	152.0	235.2	14.8	250.0	21.3	4.3	6.0	7.5	6.1
February	33.0	69.9	159.5	229.5	12.3	241.8	18.7	4.5	5.8	6.3	5.8
March	24.1	59.1	147.6	206.6	16.5	223.1	16.4	4.2	5.3	7.7	5.4
April	25.6	59.9	142.3	202.1	15.1	217.2	16.6	4.0	5.2	7.0	5.3
May	22.0	53.5	144.1	197.7	13.0	210.6	15.2	4.1	5.1	5.8	5.1
June	19.7	51.1	141.7	192.8	13.2	206.0	14.8	4.0	4.9	6.1	5.0
July	18.1	51.5	136.7	188.2	13.4	201.6	15.0	3.8	4.8	6.4	4.9
August	20.0	52.7	130.1	182.8	13.3	196.1	15.6	3.7	4.7	6.1	4.8
September	21.2	52.7	132.0	184.7	16.9	201.6	15.4	3.7	4.7	7.6	4.9
October	23.2	52.1	126.0	178.1	17.8	195.9	15.6	3.5	4.6	8.0	4.7
November	20.0	48.8	122.7	171.5	12.4	183.8	14.8	3.4	4.4	5.5	4.5
December	38.5	70.0	132.2	202.2	22.0	224.2	18.2	3.7	5.1	9.5	5.3
1980 -											
January	41.2	75.0	151.9	226.9	15.4	242.3	19.8	4.2	5.7	7.2	5.8
February	32.5	65.1	150.1	215.2	15.3	230.4	17.3	4.2	5.4	7.1	5.5
FEMALES											
1978 -											
February	40.5	72.4	87.9	160.3	61.8	222.1	23.5	7.1	10.4	8.2	9.7
March	30.7	62.1	83.3	145.4	57.3	202.7	21.2	6.7	9.4	7.4	8.7
April	24.5	55.8	81.5	137.3	53.0	190.3	19.0	6.5	8.9	6.8	8.2
May	23.9	53.9	82.9	136.8	49.3	186.2	18.7	6.6	8.8	6.4	8.0
June	18.0	48.9	76.3	125.2	50.5	175.6	17.2	6.1	8.2	6.5	7.6
July	17.8	49.3	73.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	17.3	5.9	8.0	5.6	7.2
August	20.8	49.5	75.8	125.3	48.9	174.2	17.9	6.1	8.3	6.1	7.5
September	19.3	49.1	71.1	120.1	46.3	166.4	17.9	5.6	7.8	6.0	7.2
October	17.4	45.2	66.8	111.9	47.7	159.6	17.2	5.3	7.3	6.1	6.9
November	20.3	50.1	67.8	117.9	45.4	163.3	18.8	5.4	7.7	5.7	7.1
December	47.1	83.5	70.4	153.9	45.8	199.7	26.5	5.5	9.7	5.8	8.4
1979 -											
January	45.3	79.0	77.0	155.9	40.2	196.1	25.1	6.1	9.8	5.9	8.7
February	36.1	69.9	82.3	152.2	59.9	212.1	23.5	6.5	9.7	7.8	9.1
March	30.8	65.8	81.1	146.9	54.9	201.8	22.5	6.4	9.4	6.9	8.6
April	30.0	62.8	81.4	144.2	55.3	199.5	22.2	6.5	9.4	6.9	8.5
May	28.9	61.2	76.3	137.5	48.5	186.0	22.1	6.1	9.0	6.1	8.0
June	27.2	60.3	70.4	130.7	52.6	183.3	21.8	5.6	8.5	6.6	7.9
July	24.3	57.8	73.6	131.3	49.7	181.0	21.4	5.8	8.6	6.2	7.7
August	25.2	60.2	69.9	130.1	47.5	177.7	22.7	5.6	8.6	5.9	7.7
September	27.7	61.0	77.4	138.3	56.6	194.9	22.4	6.0	8.9	6.9	8.2
October	25.1	56.3	77.1	133.5	58.4	191.8	21.5	6.0	8.6	7.0	8.0
November	22.7	53.0	72.1	125.1	51.7	176.8	19.8	5.6	8.0	6.2	7.4
December	45.6	77.0	74.6	151.6	51.1	202.7	25.2	5.7	9.4	6.3	8.3
1980 -											
January	48.4	78.7	75.3	154.1	41.4	195.5	25.1	5.8	9.5	5.8	8.4
February	40.0	71.0	89.6	160.5	53.5	214.1	23.2	6.7	9.8	6.8	8.8

TABLE 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS — *continued*

Number ('000)											
Looking for full-time work						Unemployment rate (per cent)					
Month	Aged 15-19 years		Aged 20 years and over	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19 years	Aged 20 years and over	Total		
PERSONS											
1978 —											
February	80.6	147.0	248.8	395.8	81.3	477.0	21.6	5.2	7.3	8.5	7.4
March	56.8	116.9	228.7	345.7	74.6	420.3	18.2	4.8	6.4	7.5	6.6
April	46.5	105.9	227.5	333.5	67.6	401.1	16.8	4.8	6.2	6.9	6.3
May	41.8	104.4	227.2	331.6	63.7	395.3	16.5	4.7	6.1	6.5	6.2
June	34.6	101.1	229.5	330.5	61.8	392.3	16.3	4.8	6.1	6.2	6.1
July	31.9	102.1	223.3	325.4	52.6	378.0	16.4	4.7	6.0	5.3	5.9
August	38.9	107.0	225.6	332.6	63.1	395.7	17.6	4.8	6.2	6.2	6.2
September	39.2	102.8	222.1	324.8	59.7	384.5	16.9	4.6	6.0	6.1	6.0
October	36.5	95.9	210.0	305.9	61.6	367.5	16.2	4.4	5.7	6.1	5.8
November	38.3	97.9	210.9	308.8	60.9	369.7	16.5	4.4	5.8	6.0	5.8
December	87.5	158.0	215.9	373.8	67.4	441.2	22.6	4.5	6.8	6.7	6.7
1979—											
January	87.7	162.2	229.0	391.1	55.0	446.2	23.0	4.8	7.1	6.3	7.0
February	69.1	139.9	241.8	381.7	72.3	453.9	20.8	5.0	6.9	7.5	7.0
March	54.9	124.9	228.6	353.5	71.4	425.0	19.2	4.7	6.5	7.1	6.6
April	55.6	122.7	223.7	346.4	70.4	416.8	19.1	4.7	6.4	6.9	6.4
May	51.0	114.7	220.4	335.1	61.4	396.6	18.3	4.6	6.2	6.1	6.2
June	46.9	111.4	212.1	323.6	65.8	389.3	17.9	4.4	6.0	6.5	6.0
July	42.4	109.2	210.3	319.5	63.0	382.5	17.9	4.4	5.9	6.2	5.9
August	45.2	112.9	200.1	312.9	60.8	373.8	18.7	4.2	5.8	6.0	5.8
September	48.8	113.7	209.3	323.0	73.5	396.5	18.5	4.3	5.9	7.1	6.1
October	48.3	108.4	203.2	311.6	76.2	387.8	18.2	4.2	5.7	7.2	6.0
November	42.7	101.7	194.8	296.5	64.1	360.6	17.0	4.0	5.4	6.0	5.5
December	84.0	146.9	206.8	353.7	73.1	426.9	21.3	4.2	6.3	7.0	6.4
1980—											
January	89.7	153.7	227.2	380.9	56.9	437.8	22.2	4.6	6.8	6.1	6.7
February	72.5	136.1	239.6	375.7	68.8	444.5	20.0	4.9	6.7	6.8	6.7

TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY MARITAL STATUS

Month	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total
MARRIED MEN						
1978 -						
February	87.9	*	92.0	3.2	*	3.3
March	77.8	*	80.6	2.8	*	2.9
April	75.3	*	77.6	2.8	*	2.7
May	76.8	*	79.3	2.8	*	2.8
June	79.3	*	81.4	2.9	*	2.9
July	77.2	*	79.1	2.8	*	2.8
August	72.6	*	75.7	2.7	*	2.7
September	76.5	*	80.0	2.8	*	2.9
October	71.2	*	73.6	2.6	*	2.6
November	72.1	*	75.2	2.7	*	2.7
December	70.4	5.0	75.3	2.6	5.1	2.7
1979 -						
January	76.5	*	78.5	2.8	*	2.8
February	80.4	*	82.6	2.9	*	2.9
March	71.2	*	75.3	2.6	*	2.7
April	67.9	5.0	72.9	2.5	5.2	2.6
May	67.2	*	70.8	2.5	*	2.5
June	68.5	*	72.1	2.5	*	2.6
July	68.5	*	71.9	2.5	*	2.5
August	67.1	*	69.9	2.5	*	2.5
September	64.4	*	68.5	2.3	*	2.4
October	62.3	4.7	67.0	2.3	4.8	2.4
November	60.1	*	63.3	2.2	*	2.2
December	62.4	*	65.8	2.3	*	2.3
1980 -						
January	75.2	*	79.0	2.8	*	2.8
February	75.3	*	78.7	2.7	*	2.8
MARRIED WOMEN						
1978 -						
February	53.2	39.6	92.8	6.4	6.7	6.6
March	50.7	37.6	88.3	6.1	6.2	6.1
April	47.5	35.4	82.9	5.8	5.8	5.8
May	49.8	34.1	83.9	5.9	5.6	5.8
June	46.0	34.5	80.5	5.7	5.6	5.6
July	44.1	28.2	72.4	5.3	4.6	5.0
August	46.9	30.3	77.2	5.8	4.9	5.4
September	40.5	29.9	70.5	4.9	5.0	4.9
October	38.7	28.2	66.9	4.7	4.6	4.7
November	34.9	28.5	63.4	4.3	4.6	4.4
December	31.5	24.0	55.5	3.8	4.0	3.9
1979 -						
January	38.4	25.4	63.8	4.7	4.8	4.7
February	45.5	40.3	85.7	5.5	6.6	6.0
March	48.2	36.6	84.8	5.8	5.9	5.8
April	45.4	38.1	83.5	5.6	6.1	5.8
May	40.0	32.2	72.2	4.9	5.2	5.1
June	38.3	34.7	73.0	4.7	5.5	5.1
July	41.4	33.6	75.0	5.1	5.3	5.2
August	41.7	31.9	73.6	5.2	5.1	5.2
September	46.9	37.4	84.3	5.6	6.0	5.8
October	45.1	39.0	84.1	5.4	6.1	5.7
November	41.8	34.7	76.5	5.0	5.4	5.1
December	36.8	31.1	67.9	4.4	5.0	4.6
1980 -						
January	38.1	25.3	63.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
February	48.2	36.4	84.6	5.8	5.9	5.8

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE
(000)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	9.4	5.6	5.5	5.0	7.0	*	5.7	5.5	6.2
16	20.7	11.0	12.1	12.3	18.2	13.4	12.2	11.0	18.9
17	19.1	12.4	13.6	11.2	15.6	12.6	13.6	12.2	15.7
18	15.6	11.8	13.7	9.8	13.9	12.4	9.6	10.2	13.2
19	9.8	9.7	12.6	9.5	15.3	11.5	11.6	9.9	11.1
Total, 15-19	74.6	50.5	57.5	47.8	69.9	53.5	52.7	48.8	65.1
20	12.0	9.5	11.5	8.5	10.0	9.0	10.2	9.6	11.1
21	}	}	}	}	12.5	11.0	10.4	10.1	10.8
22					11.3	11.6	9.5	5.6	10.5
23					8.9	7.9	6.6	8.5	9.5
24					7.4	7.0	6.3	4.9	7.7
Total, 20-24	48.6	41.6	45.0	39.9	50.2	46.5	43.0	38.7	49.6
25-34	47.8	42.0	40.5	38.1	43.0	43.2	38.9	36.6	46.2
35-44	27.5	25.9	25.0	25.0	24.7	21.9	19.8	19.3	24.8
45-54	20.4	20.5	23.0	25.0	22.1	18.7	16.5	16.2	17.1
55-59	10.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	12.0	7.8	8.0	8.6	7.8
60 and over	6.0	*	5.9	6.1	7.5	6.0	*	*	4.6
Total	235.4	194.8	207.3	191.0	229.5	197.7	182.8	171.5	215.2
FEMALES									
15	10.2	5.9	4.8	5.0	7.0	4.6	4.7	*	6.5
16	17.4	11.6	11.9	10.3	15.8	12.1	12.6	10.0	16.7
17	21.5	15.1	10.7	12.0	20.0	18.7	14.8	12.5	20.9
18	14.5	10.7	10.8	11.5	15.0	13.4	16.4	14.7	15.8
19	8.8	10.7	11.4	11.4	12.2	12.5	11.7	11.9	11.0
Total, 15-19	72.4	53.9	49.5	50.1	69.9	61.2	60.2	53.0	71.0
20	12.5	11.1	9.9	7.5	10.2	7.9	8.4	9.7	10.7
21	}	}	}	}	8.7	10.2	6.2	7.8	10.1
22					6.0	6.6	6.1	*	7.2
23					5.3	*	4.5	5.1	5.3
24					*	*	*	*	*
Total, 20-24	36.1	31.3	32.4	27.6	34.3	32.8	27.8	29.9	37.1
25-34	27.9	26.0	21.1	18.4	28.1	21.9	21.2	19.9	28.7
35-44	12.5	14.8	11.3	11.7	10.4	13.1	11.4	12.1	11.2
45-54	9.6	7.9	9.7	8.5	7.7	6.5	8.0	8.4	10.5
Total (a)	160.3	136.8	125.3	117.9	152.2	137.5	130.1	125.1	160.5
PERSONS									
15	19.6	11.5	10.3	10.0	14.0	8.3	10.4	9.3	12.7
16	38.1	22.6	23.9	22.6	34.0	25.5	24.8	21.0	35.7
17	40.6	27.5	24.4	23.1	35.6	31.3	28.4	24.7	36.5
18	30.1	22.5	24.4	21.3	28.8	25.7	25.9	24.9	29.0
19	18.6	20.4	24.0	21.0	27.5	24.0	23.3	21.9	22.1
Total, 15-19	147.0	104.4	107.0	97.9	139.9	114.7	112.9	101.7	136.1
20	24.4	20.5	21.3	16.1	20.3	16.9	18.6	19.2	21.8
21	}	}	}	}	21.2	21.2	16.6	17.9	20.9
22					17.3	18.2	15.5	9.1	17.7
23					14.2	11.8	11.1	13.6	14.9
24					11.5	11.3	8.9	8.8	11.4
Total, 20-24	84.7	72.9	77.4	67.5	84.5	79.4	70.8	68.6	86.7
25-34	75.7	68.0	61.5	56.6	71.1	65.1	60.0	56.5	74.9
35-44	39.9	40.7	36.3	36.7	35.1	35.0	31.2	31.3	36.0
45-54	30.0	28.4	32.7	33.5	29.8	25.2	24.5	24.6	27.6
55-59	12.5	12.6	11.7	10.4	13.7	9.5	9.6	9.9	9.6
60 and over	6.0	4.6	5.9	6.2	7.6	6.2	*	*	4.9
Total	395.8	331.6	332.6	308.8	381.7	335.1	312.9	296.5	375.7

(a) Includes females aged 55 years and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE
(per cent)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	39.0	27.8	31.1	34.7	38.0	*	38.9	41.6	31.5
16	30.4	20.1	23.6	26.2	27.3	23.4	25.4	24.5	33.2
17	21.4	15.6	18.4	15.2	19.0	15.5	17.6	16.5	18.0
18	16.3	12.5	14.6	10.7	13.7	12.5	9.8	10.7	12.7
19	10.3	10.4	13.2	9.7	14.4	11.5	11.4	9.6	10.4
Total, 15-19	20.0	14.8	17.3	14.7	18.7	15.2	15.6	14.8	17.3
20	11.0	9.8	11.8	8.9	9.6	8.6	9.9	9.2	10.0
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7	10.9	10.9	10.3	10.6
22					10.3	11.4	8.9	5.5	9.5
23					8.4	7.3	6.6	8.0	9.2
24					7.1	6.7	5.7	4.6	6.8
Total, 20-24	9.4	8.3	9.0	8.0	9.4	8.9	8.3	7.5	9.2
25-34	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.4	4.3
35-44	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	3.0
45-54	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5
55-59	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.4	4.4	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8
60 and over	2.9	*	3.1	3.2	4.1	3.5	*	*	2.6
Total	6.0	5.0	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.1	4.7	4.4	5.4
FEMALES									
15	49.9	41.9	42.5	44.2	48.2	40.1	42.5	*	42.4
16	35.8	25.7	29.3	28.3	36.9	31.5	38.2	31.5	36.9
17	30.3	21.2	16.2	20.6	28.8	28.9	24.5	20.8	28.6
18	17.4	13.5	13.8	14.5	17.7	16.5	20.4	18.1	18.9
19	10.5	13.4	14.0	13.9	14.0	15.3	14.6	14.0	12.5
Total, 15-19	23.5	18.7	17.9	18.8	23.5	22.1	22.7	19.8	23.2
20	14.9	13.4	12.4	9.3	12.0	9.8	10.5	12.1	12.6
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.2	13.6	8.1	9.9	11.5
22					8.6	9.4	9.0	*	10.4
23					8.4	*	6.3	7.6	8.6
24					*	*	*	*	*
Total 20-24	10.3	9.1	9.7	8.1	9.5	9.4	7.8	8.5	10.1
25-34	8.2	7.4	6.1	5.2	7.9	6.3	6.0	5.4	7.7
35-44	5.1	5.8	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.0
45-54	4.6	3.7	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.9	4.7
Total (a)	10.4	8.8	8.3	7.7	9.7	9.0	8.6	8.0	9.8
PERSONS									
15	44.0	33.6	35.5	38.8	42.5	33.1	40.4	40.4	36.3
16	32.6	22.6	26.1	27.1	31.0	26.7	30.6	27.4	34.8
17	25.3	18.2	17.4	17.6	23.5	21.4	20.6	18.4	22.8
18	16.8	12.9	14.2	12.5	15.5	14.3	14.6	14.1	15.4
19	10.4	11.8	13.6	11.6	14.2	13.2	12.8	11.6	11.3
Total, 15-19	21.6	16.5	17.5	16.5	20.8	18.3	18.7	17.0	20.0
20	12.7	11.4	12.1	9.1	10.7	9.1	10.2	10.4	11.2
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.5	12.0	9.7	10.1	11.0
22					9.6	10.6	9.0	5.4	9.9
23					8.4	6.8	6.5	7.8	8.9
24					6.8	7.0	5.3	5.4	6.5
Total 20-24	9.8	8.6	9.3	8.1	9.5	9.1	8.1	7.9	9.6
25-34	5.5	4.9	4.4	4.0	5.0	4.6	4.2	3.9	5.2
35-44	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.3
45-54	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.0
55-59	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.2	4.1	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.8
60 and over	2.5	2.0	2.7	2.9	3.6	3.0	*	*	2.3
Total	7.3	6.1	6.2	5.8	6.9	6.2	5.8	5.4	6.7

(a) Includes females aged 55 years and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK, BY AGE ('000)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15-19	11.9	9.3	8.0	8.6	6.8	6.1	6.5	7.7	7.8
Total	19.5	14.4	14.2	15.4	12.3	13.0	13.3	12.4	15.3
FEMALES									
15-19	16.6	11.2	12.6	11.3	11.8	11.7	10.4	10.9	10.6
20-24	6.5	5.2	5.7	*	9.4	8.2	5.5	6.7	6.6
25-34	20.3	16.1	15.1	15.3	20.2	14.8	16.3	17.9	18.9
35-44	10.0	9.3	8.0	8.9	11.7	7.6	8.6	9.1	9.6
45-54	5.5	5.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.9	6.1
Total (a)	61.8	49.3	48.9	45.4	59.9	48.5	47.5	51.7	53.5
PERSONS									
15-19	28.5	20.5	20.6	19.9	18.7	17.8	16.9	18.5	18.4
20-24	8.8	6.7	7.8	6.8	11.1	10.3	8.0	7.7	9.1
25-34	22.1	17.9	16.2	16.9	21.9	15.8	17.6	18.9	21.0
35-44	10.6	9.5	9.5	9.3	11.7	8.0	9.0	9.7	10.1
45-54	5.8	5.7	4.9	5.8	4.9	5.3	6.1	5.3	7.2
55 and over	5.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	81.3	63.7	63.1	60.9	72.3	61.4	60.8	64.1	68.8

(a) Includes females aged 55 years and over, details for whom are not shown separately.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK, BY AGE (per cent)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15-19	18.9	14.6	12.2	14.0	11.9	9.3	10.3	11.0	11.9
Total	9.4	6.8	6.4	7.2	6.3	5.8	6.1	5.5	7.1
FEMALES									
15-19	19.2	13.3	15.2	13.8	14.4	13.5	12.9	11.8	12.9
20-24	10.7	8.8	8.9	*	15.8	12.6	8.8	9.6	9.7
25-34	9.5	7.6	6.7	6.9	9.2	6.6	7.3	7.8	8.4
35-44	5.2	4.5	3.8	4.2	5.8	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.4
45-54	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.3	4.8
Total (a)	8.2	6.4	6.1	5.7	7.8	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.8
PERSONS									
15-19	19.1	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.4	11.7	11.7	11.4	12.4
20-24	10.5	7.6	8.1	6.9	13.0	11.0	8.5	7.8	9.3
25-34	9.2	7.3	6.3	6.7	8.7	6.1	6.9	7.2	8.3
35-44	5.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	5.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3
45-54	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.2	4.9
55 and over	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	8.5	6.5	6.2	6.0	7.5	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.8

(a) See footnote to Table 5 above.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE
(000)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	14.1	10.1	9.2	9.3	9.3	5.8	6.6	9.6	9.1
16	22.1	13.4	13.9	14.3	19.4	14.9	14.2	12.6	20.5
17	20.5	13.0	13.7	12.5	17.1	13.1	14.3	12.7	17.2
18	18.6	13.2	15.1	10.7	15.2	13.3	11.5	11.0	13.9
19	11.2	10.1	13.6	9.7	15.7	12.5	12.6	10.5	12.2
Total, 15-19	86.5	59.8	65.5	56.4	76.8	59.6	59.2	56.4	72.9
20	12.6	9.9	12.8	8.7	10.3	9.7	11.2	9.7	11.6
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.6	11.2	10.8	10.3	12.0
22					12.0	12.0	9.8	5.9	10.9
23					9.2	8.4	7.1	8.5	9.9
24					7.6	7.4	6.6	5.2	7.8
Total, 20-24	50.9	43.1	47.0	42.7	51.8	48.6	45.5	39.6	52.1
25-34	49.6	43.8	41.6	39.8	44.7	44.3	40.2	37.6	48.3
35-44	28.1	26.1	26.5	25.4	24.7	22.2	20.3	19.8	25.4
45-54	20.7	20.6	23.4	26.1	22.5	19.4	17.2	16.6	18.2
55-59	11.1	10.4	10.6	9.4	12.5	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.2
60 and over	8.1	5.4	6.9	6.7	8.8	7.3	5.0	4.8	5.3
Total	255.0	209.1	221.5	206.4	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	230.4
FEMALES									
15	16.3	8.8	10.0	9.0	11.1	8.2	8.4	8.8	9.6
16	19.9	15.0	15.0	14.7	19.0	16.1	14.6	13.1	18.8
17	24.3	16.3	12.3	13.2	21.9	20.4	16.9	13.8	22.2
18	17.5	12.1	12.0	11.9	16.2	14.7	17.7	15.6	17.6
19	11.0	12.8	12.7	12.5	13.6	13.6	12.9	12.6	13.3
Total, 15-19	89.0	65.1	62.1	61.4	81.8	72.9	70.6	63.8	81.5
20	13.2	12.1	11.5	8.2	12.4	9.4	9.6	11.6	13.2
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.1	12.5	7.9	8.9	11.5
22					7.5	8.1	7.4	*	8.1
23					7.4	5.8	5.6	6.4	6.2
24					6.4	5.2	*	5.6	4.7
Total, 20-24	42.6	36.5	38.1	31.7	43.7	41.1	33.3	36.6	43.7
25-34	48.2	42.1	36.2	33.7	48.3	36.6	37.5	37.8	47.6
35-44	22.4	24.1	19.3	20.6	22.1	20.8	19.9	21.2	20.7
45-54	15.0	13.5	14.3	13.2	12.2	11.1	13.3	13.3	16.6
55 and over	4.9	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	222.1	186.2	174.2	163.3	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	214.1
PERSONS									
15	30.4	18.8	19.2	18.3	20.4	13.9	15.0	18.4	18.7
16	42.0	28.4	28.9	29.0	38.4	31.0	28.8	25.6	39.3
17	44.8	29.4	26.1	25.7	39.0	33.5	31.2	26.5	39.4
18	36.1	25.3	27.1	22.6	31.4	28.0	29.2	26.6	31.5
19	22.2	23.0	26.3	22.2	29.3	26.2	25.5	23.1	25.5
Total, 15-19	175.4	124.9	127.6	117.8	158.5	132.5	129.7	120.2	154.4
20	25.9	22.1	24.2	16.8	22.8	19.1	20.9	21.4	24.7
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	22.7	23.7	18.6	19.2	23.5
22					19.4	20.1	17.1	10.0	19.0
23					16.6	14.2	12.7	14.9	16.1
24					14.0	12.6	9.5	10.8	12.5
Total, 20-24	93.5	79.6	85.2	74.4	95.5	89.7	78.8	76.3	95.8
25-34	97.8	85.9	77.8	73.5	93.0	80.9	77.7	75.4	95.9
35-44	50.5	50.2	45.8	46.0	46.8	43.0	40.2	41.0	46.1
45-54	35.8	34.0	37.6	39.3	34.7	30.5	30.5	29.9	34.8
55-59	15.8	14.3	14.2	11.9	15.8	12.0	11.5	11.8	11.1
60 and over	8.3	6.4	7.6	6.9	9.6	8.0	5.4	6.0	6.3
Total	477.0	395.3	395.7	369.7	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	444.5

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY AGE
(per cent)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	32.8	24.5	26.0	29.3	27.0	17.5	22.1	27.3	23.1
16	27.1	18.5	21.1	22.8	25.0	20.5	21.9	20.6	28.3
17	20.4	14.4	15.7	14.6	17.6	14.1	15.8	14.7	17.1
18	17.4	12.9	14.6	10.7	13.8	12.2	10.7	10.3	12.1
19	10.8	10.2	12.8	9.1	14.0	11.4	11.5	9.5	10.6
Total, 15-19	19.9	14.7	16.5	14.6	17.8	14.3	14.7	14.1	16.5
20	11.0	9.6	12.0	8.3	9.3	8.7	10.2	8.8	9.9
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.0	10.5	10.5	9.8	10.9
22					10.2	11.0	8.7	5.5	9.4
23					8.4	7.3	6.6	7.5	9.0
24					7.2	6.8	5.8	4.8	6.7
Total, 20-24	9.4	8.1	8.9	8.0	9.3	8.9	8.3	7.3	9.2
25-34	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.6	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.4	4.3
35-44	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.4	3.0
45-54	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.6
55-59	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.3	4.4	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8
60 and over	3.3	2.3	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.4	2.3	2.2	2.5
Total	6.2	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.5
FEMALES									
15	39.1	28.7	31.9	32.3	31.4	24.8	29.2	26.0	26.7
16	27.7	21.9	24.6	26.2	30.4	26.7	26.7	23.3	28.6
17	27.6	17.7	14.9	17.3	25.8	24.8	22.0	17.5	25.6
18	17.9	13.0	13.0	12.8	16.3	15.4	18.9	16.2	18.0
19	11.7	14.5	13.8	13.2	13.9	14.6	14.2	13.2	13.2
Total, 15-19	22.6	17.4	17.2	17.6	21.5	20.0	20.4	17.7	21.0
20	13.8	12.8	12.5	8.7	13.1	10.1	10.8	12.4	13.4
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.4	14.2	8.6	9.7	11.6
22					9.2	9.6	9.1	*	9.7
23					9.7	7.3	6.7	7.9	8.2
24					8.2	7.6	*	7.5	6.1
Total, 20-24	10.4	9.0	9.6	7.8	10.4	9.9	8.0	8.7	10.1
25-34	8.7	7.5	6.4	5.8	8.4	6.4	6.5	6.3	8.0
35-44	5.1	5.2	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2
45-54	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.7
55 and over	3.0	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	9.7	8.0	7.5	7.1	9.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.8
PERSONS									
15	35.9	26.3	28.8	30.7	29.2	21.2	25.6	26.7	24.8
16	27.3	20.2	22.8	24.4	27.4	23.3	24.1	21.9	28.4
17	23.7	16.1	15.3	15.8	21.4	19.1	18.6	16.0	21.0
18	17.6	12.9	13.8	11.7	15.0	13.7	14.5	13.1	14.8
19	11.3	12.2	13.3	11.0	13.9	12.9	12.7	11.2	11.8
Total, 15-19	21.2	16.0	16.8	16.0	19.5	17.0	17.4	15.8	18.6
20	12.3	11.1	12.2	8.5	11.1	9.4	10.4	10.5	11.5
21	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.2	12.2	9.6	9.7	11.2
22					9.8	10.4	8.9	5.4	9.5
23					8.9	7.3	6.6	7.7	8.7
24					7.7	7.1	5.1	5.9	6.5
Total, 20-24	9.8	8.5	9.2	7.9	9.8	9.3	8.2	7.9	9.5
25-34	6.0	5.2	4.7	4.4	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.6
35-44	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.4
45-54	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.3
55-59	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.1	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8
60 and over	2.7	2.2	2.6	2.4	3.5	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.3
Total	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.8	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.7

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
					— '000—				
Under 2	17.0	14.8	16.3	10.5	17.2	11.5	11.4	14.5	14.1
2 and under 4	24.3	23.1	21.3	18.8	20.1	17.5	20.1	16.6	24.4
4 and under 8	45.8	27.4	27.7	29.4	37.1	29.0	25.7	21.3	32.3
8 and under 13	49.3	23.2	28.6	21.7	38.9	22.7	24.0	19.8	42.0
13 and under 26	38.2	45.4	38.7	34.7	35.1	40.9	29.6	27.6	33.0
26 and under 39	24.1	23.4	33.5	24.0	26.8	23.0	27.2	16.9	19.8
39 and under 52	6.2	9.1	8.8	14.5	10.5	10.4	8.5	12.3	7.1
52 and under 65	13.9	10.1	14.5	14.6	14.5	14.1	14.1	15.9	15.6
65 and over	16.6	18.3	17.8	22.8	29.3	28.7	22.2	26.5	26.8
Total	235.4	194.8	207.3	191.0	229.5	197.7	182.8	171.5	215.2
					— weeks —				
Average (mean) duration	22.3	25.4	25.5	29.0	29.9	30.9	29.2	34.1	29.3
Median duration	11.1	15.5	16.3	18.7	13.6	18.8	17.5	19.4	12.4
FEMALES									
					— '000—				
Under 2	16.8	11.2	11.4	9.2	13.4	10.0	9.4	10.6	12.7
2 and under 4	17.5	15.9	11.5	16.4	19.9	10.3	13.2	14.4	16.7
4 and under 8	34.9	18.6	18.2	17.2	28.0	17.6	16.1	14.5	25.1
8 and under 13	32.0	16.5	12.9	15.1	27.7	14.0	15.0	12.9	32.9
13 and under 26	24.2	35.0	22.5	15.9	23.0	38.6	22.3	19.8	20.2
26 and under 39	10.2	14.4	20.3	13.2	12.4	15.6	25.7	15.8	13.2
39 and under 52	6.7	*	5.2	10.8	4.7	5.4	*	11.7	6.7
52 and under 65	8.4	8.0	6.4	6.4	10.2	7.0	7.8	7.9	13.8
65 and over	9.7	13.6	17.0	13.7	12.9	19.0	16.4	17.5	19.2
Total	160.3	136.8	125.3	117.9	152.2	137.5	130.1	125.1	160.5
					— weeks—				
Average (mean) duration	18.9	24.6	31.0	28.8	24.0	30.8	30.6	32.1	29.1
Median duration	9.7	15.3	18.0	13.9	10.7	18.7	19.7	19.7	11.9
PERSONS									
					— '000—				
Under 2	33.8	26.0	27.7	19.8	30.5	21.5	20.8	25.1	26.8
2 and under 4	41.8	39.0	32.8	35.1	40.0	27.8	33.3	31.0	41.1
4 and under 8	80.7	46.0	45.9	46.5	65.1	46.5	41.7	35.8	57.4
8 and under 13	81.3	39.7	41.5	36.8	66.6	36.7	39.0	32.8	75.0
13 and under 26	62.4	80.4	61.2	50.6	58.1	79.5	52.0	47.4	53.3
26 and under 39	34.4	37.8	53.8	37.2	39.2	38.6	52.9	32.7	33.0
39 and under 52	12.9	12.7	14.0	25.3	15.2	15.8	12.8	23.9	13.8
52 and under 65	22.2	18.1	20.9	21.0	24.8	21.1	21.9	23.8	29.3
65 and over	26.3	31.9	34.8	36.5	42.2	47.7	38.6	44.0	46.0
Total	395.8	331.6	332.6	308.8	381.7	335.1	312.9	296.5	375.7
					— weeks—				
Average (mean) duration	20.9	25.0	27.6	29.0	27.6	30.9	29.8	33.2	29.2
Median duration	10.6	15.4	16.9	17.2	12.2	18.7	18.4	19.5	12.2

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
					— '000 —				
Under 8	10.9	6.8	6.1	7.8	6.7	5.7	6.9	5.7	8.4
8 and under 26	6.0	5.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total (a)	19.5	14.4	14.2	15.4	12.3	13.0	13.3	12.4	15.3
					— weeks —				
Average (mean) duration	13.3	16.6	25.2	21.3	16.4	27.7	21.7	24.4	16.6
Median duration	7.0	8.8	10.9	7.9	7.0	10.4	7.6	9.6	6.8
FEMALES									
					— '000—				
Under 2	14.2	9.5	10.0	9.9	15.4	8.9	9.7	10.3	11.4
2 and under 4	12.6	9.4	9.9	7.8	12.7	6.2	7.7	6.6	11.5
4 and under 8	11.4	6.6	6.9	5.2	10.6	8.0	6.7	6.1	10.2
8 and under 13	9.5	6.1	*	5.4	7.2	4.5	*	6.6	6.2
13 and under 26	4.9	9.9	5.6	5.0	4.9	10.9	7.2	8.0	*
26 and over	9.1	7.8	12.6	12.1	9.2	10.0	11.8	14.1	10.1
Total	61.8	49.3	48.9	45.4	59.9	48.5	47.5	51.7	53.5
					— weeks —				
Average (mean) duration	13.5	16.0	17.3	20.6	15.2	20.0	21.2	19.4	17.3
Median duration	5.4	7.5	6.7	7.8	4.7	9.3	7.8	10.2	5.5
PERSONS									
					— '000—				
Under 2	17.8	12.4	11.5	12.9	18.1	10.7	12.2	12.0	14.0
2 and under 4	15.1	11.4	11.9	10.5	14.5	7.9	9.2	8.8	14.7
4 and under 8	16.2	8.6	9.4	7.3	12.7	10.3	9.7	8.0	12.7
8 and under 13	14.1	8.6	5.8	7.2	9.2	6.0	5.0	8.1	9.1
13 and under 26	6.4	13.2	8.2	6.4	6.0	13.7	9.0	9.2	5.2
26 and under 52	5.4	4.6	10.5	9.1	5.6	5.3	8.6	9.5	*
52 and over	6.3	5.0	5.9	7.4	6.1	7.6	7.3	8.6	8.9
Total	81.3	63.7	63.1	60.9	72.3	61.4	60.8	64.1	68.8
					— weeks—				
Average (mean) duration	13.4	16.1	19.1	20.8	15.4	21.6	21.3	20.3	17.1
Median duration	5.9	7.8	7.5	7.8	5.1	9.6	7.7	10.1	5.8

(a) Includes duration of unemployment of 26 weeks and over, details for which are not shown separately.

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
					- '000 -				
Under 2	20.6	17.7	17.8	13.5	19.9	13.2	13.9	16.2	16.7
2 and under 4	26.8	25.0	23.3	21.4	21.9	19.1	21.6	18.8	27.6
4 and under 8	50.7	29.4	30.2	31.5	39.3	31.3	28.6	23.2	34.8
8 and under 13	53.9	25.7	30.3	23.5	40.9	24.2	24.5	21.3	45.0
13 and under 26	39.6	48.6	41.3	36.2	36.2	43.7	31.4	28.9	34.1
26 and under 39	25.2	24.0	35.6	25.3	27.7	23.7	29.2	18.2	20.4
39 and under 52	6.5	9.3	8.8	15.6	11.0	10.4	8.8	13.1	7.5
52 and under 65	14.2	10.3	15.0	15.3	14.9	14.7	14.8	16.8	16.9
65 and over	17.5	19.1	19.0	24.1	30.0	30.3	23.4	27.5	27.3
Total	255.0	209.1	221.5	206.4	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	230.4
					- weeks -				
Average (mean) duration	21.6	24.8	25.4	28.5	29.2	30.7	28.7	33.4	28.5
Median duration	10.7	14.8	15.8	17.8	12.9	18.2	16.9	18.7	12.0
FEMALES									
					- '000 -				
Under 2	31.0	20.7	21.3	19.1	28.8	18.9	19.0	20.9	24.1
2 and under 4	30.1	25.3	21.4	24.2	32.6	16.5	20.9	21.0	28.2
4 and under 8	46.3	25.2	25.1	22.3	38.5	25.5	22.8	20.6	35.3
8 and under 13	41.5	22.6	16.9	20.5	34.9	18.6	19.4	19.6	39.1
13 and under 26	29.2	45.0	28.1	20.8	27.9	49.5	29.6	27.8	24.4
26 and under 39	13.6	17.4	27.5	17.5	15.5	19.4	31.2	21.0	15.7
39 and under 52	7.4	*	6.3	13.3	5.8	6.2	5.2	13.8	7.3
52 and under 65	10.8	9.4	8.0	8.5	13.3	9.2	9.7	11.6	17.4
65 and over	12.3	16.2	19.5	16.9	14.9	22.1	19.9	20.5	22.6
Total	222.1	186.2	174.2	163.3	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	214.1
					- weeks -				
Average (mean) duration	17.4	22.3	27.2	26.6	21.5	28.0	28.1	28.4	26.1
Median duration	8.4	12.8	14.1	11.9	8.9	16.5	16.0	16.0	10.5
PERSONS									
					- '000 -				
Under 2	51.6	38.4	39.2	32.6	48.7	32.2	33.0	37.1	40.8
2 and under 4	56.9	50.4	44.7	45.7	54.5	35.6	42.5	39.7	55.8
4 and under 8	97.0	54.6	55.3	53.9	77.8	56.8	51.4	43.8	70.1
8 and under 13	95.4	48.3	47.3	44.0	75.8	42.7	43.9	40.8	84.1
13 and under 26	68.8	93.6	69.4	57.0	64.1	93.2	60.9	56.7	58.5
26 and under 39	38.8	41.4	63.1	42.8	43.2	43.1	60.4	39.2	36.1
39 and under 52	13.8	13.7	15.1	28.9	16.8	16.6	13.9	27.0	14.8
52 and under 65	25.0	19.7	23.0	23.8	28.2	23.9	24.5	28.4	34.3
65 and over	29.8	35.3	38.6	41.0	44.9	52.5	43.3	47.9	49.9
Total	477.0	395.3	395.7	369.7	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	444.5
					- weeks -				
Average (mean) duration	19.7	23.6	26.2	27.6	25.6	29.4	28.4	30.9	27.3
Median duration	9.7	13.8	15.1	15.0	11.0	17.3	16.4	17.3	11.3

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
(000)

Industry division or sub-division	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	178.2	162.5	175.4	158.7	171.4	154.0	146.0	129.3	157.1
Agriculture and services to agriculture	15.3	11.7	11.2	9.6	11.1	9.3	8.5	7.4	10.3
Manufacturing	52.6	49.8	45.9	39.9	47.2	42.8	42.7	40.5	44.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	10.6	11.6	11.4	7.3	10.3	10.8	11.6	7.6	8.2
Metal products	9.9	9.8	8.3	6.1	6.3	6.9	7.5	7.0	6.7
Other manufacturing	32.2	28.4	26.3	26.5	30.6	25.1	23.6	25.9	29.6
Construction	33.1	27.7	40.0	35.5	35.3	26.8	26.2	22.5	26.8
Wholesale trade	12.3	10.2	11.0	8.1	10.6	11.1	10.0	8.1	6.6
Retail trade	21.8	20.3	23.9	23.9	23.6	23.5	20.2	15.5	21.5
Transport and storage	7.3	8.6	8.2	9.3	9.0	6.7	5.7	6.7	10.2
Finance, property and business services	6.8	5.7	6.0	*	5.8	*	*	*	5.5
Community services	7.6	5.3	5.4	6.9	6.0	7.0	6.1	5.8	9.1
Recreation, personal and other services	9.1	9.9	9.6	9.0	10.6	10.3	10.7	8.7	10.6
Other industries	12.1	13.3	14.2	12.1	12.4	12.3	11.5	10.9	11.9
Stood down	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other (a)	73.3	44.9	42.8	46.0	66.5	54.9	47.4	52.1	70.6
Total	255.0	209.1	221.5	206.4	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	230.4
FEMALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (b)	104.0	96.1	86.0	77.7	100.2	91.2	86.0	83.9	96.2
Manufacturing	23.0	21.1	17.9	12.8	17.5	17.5	16.0	16.5	18.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	*	4.7	*	*	*	4.5	*	5.1	5.0
Other manufacturing (c)	18.6	14.8	13.3	9.4	11.8	11.6	10.4	10.1	12.9
Wholesale trade	5.5	5.2	4.9	*	4.8	*	5.8	*	*
Retail trade	28.0	25.9	21.5	22.6	27.2	23.5	21.7	20.4	22.4
Finance, property and business services	7.6	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.8	8.5	4.9	7.0	6.3
Community services	16.0	16.8	12.9	11.2	18.3	15.1	13.1	14.1	18.6
Recreation, personal and other services	14.1	12.3	12.8	13.1	16.2	13.9	14.3	12.2	12.7
Other industries	9.9	9.2	9.8	8.2	10.3	9.3	10.2	9.7	12.9
Stood down	*	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	4.9	*	*
Other (a)	113.9	84.1	83.1	80.5	106.3	89.9	86.8	88.7	113.6
Total	222.1	186.2	174.2	163.3	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	214.1
PERSONS									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	282.3	258.6	261.3	236.4	271.5	245.2	232.0	213.2	253.3
Agriculture and services to agriculture	18.0	14.6	14.6	11.3	14.2	11.9	11.8	10.2	14.1
Manufacturing	75.7	70.9	63.8	52.6	64.6	60.3	58.7	57.0	63.4
Food, beverages and tobacco	14.4	16.3	15.2	10.2	14.6	15.3	15.7	12.7	13.2
Metal products	10.5	11.4	9.1	6.5	7.6	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.6
Other manufacturing	50.7	43.2	39.5	35.9	42.4	36.7	34.0	36.0	42.6
Construction	34.9	28.6	40.9	36.5	35.8	28.3	27.0	22.8	28.6
Wholesale trade	17.8	15.4	15.9	12.1	15.4	14.6	15.8	12.0	11.1
Retail trade	49.8	46.2	45.4	46.5	50.7	47.0	42.0	35.9	43.9
Transport and storage	9.0	10.7	10.3	10.9	11.4	9.4	7.0	8.9	11.6
Finance, property and business services	14.4	11.2	12.3	10.2	11.6	12.7	9.2	10.3	11.8
Community services	23.6	22.1	18.2	18.2	24.3	22.0	19.1	19.9	27.7
Recreation, personal and other services	23.2	22.2	22.4	22.1	26.8	24.1	25.0	20.9	23.2
Other industries	15.9	16.5	17.7	16.1	16.6	14.8	16.4	15.2	17.8
Stood down	7.6	7.7	8.5	6.8	9.7	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.0
Other (a)	187.2	129.0	125.9	126.5	172.8	144.7	134.2	140.8	184.2
Total	477.0	395.3	395.7	369.7	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	444.5

(a) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry was not obtained for these persons. (b) Includes females whose last full-time job was in agriculture and services to agriculture, construction, and transport and storage — details for which are not shown separately. (c) Excludes metal products.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
(per cent)

Industry division or sub-division	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.8
Agriculture and services to agriculture	5.3	4.2	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.4	3.4
Manufacturing	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	6.7	7.2	7.4	4.7	6.5	7.1	7.6	5.1	5.5
Metal products	5.2	5.3	4.7	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.5
Other manufacturing	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.7
Construction	7.1	5.9	8.3	7.5	7.5	5.7	5.9	4.8	5.7
Wholesale trade	4.4	3.7	4.0	3.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	2.9	2.5
Retail trade	4.8	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.3	3.4	4.5
Transport and storage	2.6	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.3	1.9	2.2	3.5
Finance, property and business services	2.6	2.2	2.4	*	2.1	*	*	*	1.9
Community services	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.4
Recreation, personal and other services	5.3	6.0	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.1	6.6	5.2	5.7
Other industries	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4
Stood down	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	6.2	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.5
FEMALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (b)	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.2
Manufacturing	7.1	6.2	5.4	4.0	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	*	8.4	*	*	*	8.8	*	8.5	8.8
Other manufacturing (c)	7.7	5.8	5.4	3.9	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.1	5.2
Wholesale trade	5.0	4.8	4.9	*	4.7	*	5.4	*	*
Retail trade	6.6	5.9	4.9	5.2	6.3	5.2	5.0	4.4	4.9
Finance, property and business services	3.5	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.8	2.2	3.3	2.8
Community services	2.8	2.9	2.2	1.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	2.3	3.0
Recreation, personal and other services	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.7	7.2	6.1	6.3	5.3	5.4
Other industries	3.2	2.9	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.8
Stood down	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	9.7	8.0	7.5	7.1	9.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.8
PERSONS									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.9
Agriculture and services to agriculture	4.8	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.6
Manufacturing	5.8	5.4	5.1	4.2	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.9
Food, beverages and tobacco	6.8	7.5	7.3	4.9	7.0	7.5	7.6	6.1	6.5
Metal products	4.8	5.2	4.4	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.0	3.5
Other manufacturing	5.8	5.0	4.7	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.8
Construction	6.9	5.5	7.8	7.0	6.9	5.5	5.5	4.5	5.6
Wholesale trade	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.4	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.1	2.9
Retail trade	5.7	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.1	4.6	3.9	4.7
Transport and storage	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.0	2.5	3.4
Finance, property and business services	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.6	1.9	2.1	2.3
Community services	2.6	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.8
Recreation, personal and other services	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.7	6.8	6.1	6.4	5.2	5.6
Other industries	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.7
Stood down
Other (a)
Total	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.8	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.7

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TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB ('000)

Occupation group	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	178.2	162.5	175.4	158.7	171.4	154.0	146.0	129.3	157.1
Professional, technical, etc.	6.4	*	5.2	6.5	6.2	6.2	5.6	*	9.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	5.0	5.0	*	*	*	4.7
Clerical	7.5	6.7	6.0	7.3	7.6	*	5.5	*	6.4
Sales	10.9	10.9	12.6	10.0	10.6	10.0	7.0	7.9	9.5
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	19.2	17.4	16.1	13.3	16.0	14.0	14.0	10.7	12.5
Transport and communication	10.0	11.1	12.6	11.0	12.0	6.7	9.5	8.2	11.3
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	106.9	93.4	108.1	94.5	101.4	97.0	88.5	79.3	89.6
Service, sport and recreation	11.7	12.4	10.4	9.5	10.7	11.0	12.5	11.0	12.6
Stood down	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other (b)	73.3	44.9	42.8	46.0	66.5	54.9	47.4	52.1	70.6
Total	255.0	209.1	221.5	206.4	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	230.4
FEMALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	104.0	96.1	86.0	77.7	100.2	91.2	86.0	83.9	96.2
Professional, technical, etc.	9.0	10.0	6.1	8.0	10.7	8.3	6.4	7.2	12.5
Clerical	26.5	22.9	23.8	21.2	26.8	24.3	24.0	23.2	24.1
Sales	17.3	18.4	14.5	15.0	19.4	18.9	16.0	15.8	17.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	23.0	20.3	18.1	13.3	16.4	15.6	16.3	15.8	17.9
Service, sport and recreation	21.3	18.8	17.4	16.5	21.3	18.8	17.5	17.3	18.1
Stood down	*	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	4.9	*	*
Other (b)	113.9	84.1	83.1	80.5	106.3	89.9	86.8	88.7	113.6
Total	222.1	186.2	174.2	163.3	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	214.1
PERSONS									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	282.3	258.6	261.3	236.4	271.5	245.2	232.0	213.2	253.3
Professional, technical, etc.	15.4	14.5	11.3	14.5	16.8	14.6	11.9	11.5	21.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	4.7	*	*	6.0	6.1	4.5	5.1	*	5.6
Clerical	34.0	29.6	29.8	28.5	34.3	27.7	29.5	26.9	30.5
Sales	28.2	29.3	27.1	25.0	29.9	28.9	23.0	23.7	27.2
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	22.2	20.9	19.2	14.9	18.8	16.7	16.9	13.1	16.1
Transport and communication	13.0	12.9	14.6	12.1	13.7	8.5	10.7	10.0	12.8
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	130.0	113.7	126.1	107.8	117.8	112.6	104.8	95.1	107.5
Service, sport and recreation	33.1	31.3	27.8	25.9	32.0	29.8	29.9	28.3	30.6
Stood down	7.6	7.7	8.5	6.8	9.7	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.0
Other (b)	187.2	129.0	125.9	126.5	172.8	144.7	134.2	140.8	184.2
Total	477.0	395.3	395.7	369.7	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	444.5

(a) For males and females includes miners, quarrymen etc. and for females also includes administrative, executive and managerial, farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc., and transport and communication, details of which are not shown separately. (b) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Occupation was not collected for these persons.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
(per cent)

Occupation group	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.8
Professional, technical, etc.	1.4	*	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	*	1.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	1.5	1.5	*	*	*	1.3
Clerical	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.2	*	1.7	*	2.0
Sales	4.2	4.1	4.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	2.6	2.9	3.4
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	5.3	5.0	4.6	3.6	4.4	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.3
Transport and communication	3.2	3.8	4.2	3.7	3.9	2.3	3.2	2.8	4.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	6.2	5.3	6.3	5.6	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.2
Service, sport and recreation	5.4	5.5	4.9	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.1
Stood down	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	6.2	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.5
FEMALES									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.2
Professional, technical, etc.	2.6	2.7	1.6	2.1	2.8	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.1
Clerical	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.2
Sales	6.3	6.1	5.1	5.1	6.6	6.1	5.4	4.8	5.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	9.1	7.7	7.0	5.2	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.9
Service, sport and recreation	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.4	5.8	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.7
Stood down	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other (b)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	9.7	8.0	7.5	7.1	9.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.8
PERSONS									
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (a)	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.9
Professional, technical, etc.	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	2.5
Administrative, executive and managerial	1.3	*	*	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.3	*	1.3
Clerical	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.8
Sales	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.6
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	4.9	4.8	4.4	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.5
Transport and communication	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.9	2.4	3.1	2.9	3.9
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	6.6	5.6	6.3	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.4	4.8	5.4
Service, sport and recreation	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.4	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.9
Stood down
Other (b)
Total	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.8	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.7

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TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY BIRTHPLACE
(⁰⁰⁰)

	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Born in Australia	177.9	146.7	158.4	150.2	172.4	155.4	139.4	133.6	165.8
Looking for full-time work	163.3	136.2	148.3	137.6	163.4	145.3	130.1	124.6	153.6
Looking for part-time work	14.6	10.5	10.2	12.7	9.0	10.2	9.3	9.0	12.2
Born outside Australia	77.0	62.5	63.0	56.2	69.4	55.2	56.7	50.2	64.6
Looking for full-time work	72.1	58.6	59.0	53.4	66.0	52.4	52.7	46.9	61.6
Looking for part-time work	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arrived before 1971	55.8	46.4	45.1	40.4	50.5	37.9	36.8	31.9	42.6
1971 - 1977	21.0	15.1	15.3	13.2	14.4	12.9	14.5	14.3	} 22.0
1978 - February 1980	*	*	*	*	4.5	*	5.3	*	
Greece	7.3	6.4	*	5.0	5.5	5.2	4.6	4.7	*
Italy	7.9	*	6.0	4.5	5.2	4.7	4.9	*	4.5
U.K. and Ireland	28.9	22.1	24.5	20.8	25.1	20.1	18.3	16.5	21.8
Other countries	32.8	29.7	28.5	25.9	33.5	25.2	28.9	25.8	34.5
Main English-speaking countries (a)	33.7	25.5	28.7	26.3	30.7	23.4	23.7	21.5	28.4
Other (b)	43.3	37.0	34.4	29.9	38.7	31.8	33.0	28.8	36.2
FEMALES									
Born in Australia	158.8	131.4	126.0	115.1	156.3	136.8	130.0	130.6	160.1
Looking for full-time work	115.2	95.4	89.4	82.8	112.7	101.9	94.2	94.1	123.1
Looking for part-time work	43.6	36.0	36.6	32.3	43.6	34.9	35.8	36.5	37.0
Born outside Australia	63.3	54.8	48.2	48.3	55.8	49.1	47.6	46.2	54.0
Looking for full-time work	45.1	41.4	35.9	35.1	39.5	35.6	35.9	31.0	37.4
Looking for part-time work	18.2	13.3	12.3	13.2	16.3	13.5	11.7	15.2	16.6
Arrived before 1971	44.5	33.2	29.5	30.3	37.1	32.6	29.5	29.7	33.7
1971 - 1977	18.6	19.8	15.8	13.7	12.2	12.3	11.1	10.4	} 20.3
1978 - February 1980	*	*	*	*	6.6	*	7.0	6.1	
U.K. and Ireland	27.3	19.1	18.4	20.3	22.4	18.4	16.8	18.9	18.4
Main English-speaking countries (a)	33.6	23.0	23.0	23.6	27.6	24.3	23.2	24.1	23.2
Other (b)	29.7	31.8	25.2	24.7	28.2	24.9	24.5	22.1	30.7
PERSONS									
Born in Australia	336.7	278.1	284.5	265.3	328.8	292.2	269.4	264.2	325.9
Looking for full-time work	278.5	231.6	237.7	220.4	276.1	247.1	224.3	218.6	276.7
Looking for part-time work	58.2	46.5	46.8	44.9	52.6	45.1	45.2	45.5	49.2
Born outside Australia	140.4	117.2	111.2	104.4	125.2	104.3	104.3	96.5	118.6
Looking for full-time work	117.2	100.1	94.9	88.4	105.6	88.0	88.7	77.9	99.0
Looking for part-time work	23.1	17.2	16.3	16.0	19.6	16.3	15.7	18.6	19.6
Arrived before 1971	100.3	79.7	74.7	70.7	87.6	70.5	66.4	61.7	76.3
1971 - 1977	39.6	34.9	31.0	26.8	26.6	25.2	25.6	24.8	} 42.3
1978 - February 1980	*	*	5.5	6.9	11.0	8.6	12.4	10.0	
Greece	10.4	10.8	6.2	8.2	8.2	7.5	6.5	7.2	8.1
Italy	11.2	8.5	9.5	7.8	8.8	8.0	8.2	5.7	8.6
New Zealand	9.2	5.2	6.6	5.7	7.2	6.9	8.9	7.5	7.9
U.K. and Ireland	56.3	41.2	43.0	41.1	47.5	38.5	35.1	35.3	40.1
Yugoslavia	10.7	8.1	6.4	*	6.2	5.8	6.8	4.8	7.6
Other countries	42.6	43.4	39.7	37.3	47.3	37.6	38.9	35.9	46.2
Main English-speaking countries (a)	67.3	48.5	51.7	49.9	58.3	47.6	46.9	45.5	51.7
Other (b)	73.0	68.8	59.5	54.6	66.9	56.7	57.4	50.9	66.9

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Other than main English-speaking countries.

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY BIRTHPLACE
(per cent)

	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Born in Australia	6.0	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.7	5.1	4.6	4.4	5.4
Looking for full-time work	5.8	4.9	5.3	4.9	5.7	5.1	4.6	4.4	5.3
Looking for part-time work	9.0	6.3	5.8	7.4	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.2	7.5
Born outside Australia	6.8	5.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	5.0	5.2	4.5	4.7
Looking for full-time work	6.6	5.4	5.6	5.1	6.2	5.0	5.0	4.4	5.7
Looking for part-time work	10.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arrived before 1971	6.1	5.1	5.2	4.6	5.7	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.9
1971 - 1977	9.7	7.2	7.2	6.4	7.2	6.4	7.3	7.0	8.4
1978 - February 1980	*	*	*	*	15.4	*	12.5	*	
Greece	10.4	9.2	*	7.2	8.2	8.1	7.3	6.9	*
Italy	11.3	*	4.6	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.0	*	3.5
U.K. and Ireland	6.9	5.5	6.1	5.1	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.1	5.2
Other countries	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.3	6.7	5.0	5.6	5.0	6.6
Main English-speaking countries (a)	6.9	5.5	6.1	5.5	6.3	5.0	5.0	4.5	5.7
Other (b)	6.7	5.6	6.9	4.8	6.2	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.7
FEMALES									
Born in Australia	9.3	7.6	7.3	6.7	9.0	7.9	7.5	7.3	8.7
Looking for full-time work	10.2	8.5	8.1	7.5	9.8	9.1	8.5	8.1	10.1
Looking for part-time work	7.6	6.1	6.0	5.3	7.4	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.1
Born outside Australia	10.8	9.1	8.1	8.1	9.3	8.4	8.2	7.8	9.0
Looking for full-time work	11.0	9.7	8.8	8.5	9.4	8.7	9.0	7.7	9.0
Looking for part-time work	10.4	7.6	6.6	7.2	9.1	7.7	6.5	7.9	9.0
Arrived before 1971	9.8	7.3	6.6	6.8	8.3	7.5	6.9	6.8	7.7
1971 - 1977	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.0	9.3	9.6	8.9	8.0	12.7
1978 - February 1980	*	*	*	*	31.9	*	25.4	20.8	
U.K. and Ireland	11.8	8.4	8.0	8.6	9.4	8.0	7.6	8.4	8.0
Main English-speaking countries (a)	12.4	8.5	8.3	8.5	9.6	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.4
Other (b)	9.4	9.5	7.9	7.7	9.1	8.0	7.8	6.9	9.6
PERSONS									
Born in Australia	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.9	6.1	5.7	5.5	6.7
Looking for full-time work	7.1	5.9	6.1	5.7	6.9	6.2	5.7	5.5	6.7
Looking for part-time work	7.9	6.1	6.0	5.7	7.0	5.7	5.7	5.6	6.4
Born outside Australia	8.1	6.8	6.6	6.2	7.3	6.2	6.2	5.7	6.8
Looking for full-time work	7.8	6.6	6.5	6.0	7.1	6.0	6.1	5.3	6.6
Looking for part-time work	10.5	7.9	7.0	7.1	9.0	7.4	6.8	7.6	8.4
Arrived before 1971	7.3	5.9	5.7	5.4	6.6	5.4	5.2	4.8	5.8
1971 - 1977	11.3	9.9	8.9	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.9	7.3	10.0
1978 - February 1980	*	*	21.0	19.1	22.3	15.6	17.5	13.4	
Greece	10.0	10.1	6.0	7.4	7.8	7.4	6.5	6.7	7.4
Italy	6.3	4.6	5.2	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.2	4.7
New Zealand	12.3	7.0	8.3	8.0	9.1	8.7	10.3	8.9	9.0
U.K. and Ireland	8.6	6.6	6.8	6.4	7.3	6.1	5.7	5.6	6.2
Yugoslavia	9.7	6.8	6.2	*	6.3	5.6	6.9	4.9	8.2
Other countries	7.0	7.1	6.8	6.3	8.0	6.3	6.5	5.9	7.6
Main English-speaking countries (a)	8.9	6.6	6.9	6.6	7.6	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.7
Other (b)	7.6	6.9	6.3	5.8	7.1	6.1	6.1	5.4	7.0

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, United States of America, South Africa and New Zealand. (b) Other than main English-speaking countries.

TABLE 18. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS ATTENDING SCHOOL

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
NUMBER ('000)									
15	14.3	11.5	11.8	12.1	8.4	7.1	8.8	14.0	8.2
16	8.6	7.1	8.7	10.9	6.7	6.6	7.3	10.6	6.4
17 to 19	8.1	4.8	*	6.3	*	*	5.2	5.5	*
Total	31.0	23.3	24.3	29.3	18.4	17.1	21.2	30.2	16.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)									
15	32.0	28.1	29.7	33.4	23.0	18.3	24.6	28.6	20.4
16	24.1	19.9	26.0	29.4	24.8	20.9	19.3	25.3	21.1
17 to 19	30.8	17.8	*	18.5	*	*	18.8	16.6	*
Total	29.1	22.6	24.4	27.3	21.7	18.2	21.0	24.3	19.4

TABLE 19. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	7.3	*	*	*	5.3	*	*	*	4.5
16	18.0	10.3	10.7	9.8	16.0	12.3	10.0	7.5	17.6
17	18.3	11.0	12.5	9.6	15.3	12.1	13.1	11.0	16.6
18	16.7	12.7	14.6	10.3	15.0	12.9	10.8	9.8	13.5
19	10.7	10.1	13.5	9.5	15.3	12.5	12.6	10.3	11.9
Total	71.0	48.4	54.8	42.4	66.9	52.9	49.9	40.8	64.1
FEMALES									
15	8.8	*	*	*	6.7	*	*	*	6.0
16	15.4	11.0	9.6	8.3	15.7	12.1	11.5	7.5	15.3
17	21.9	14.4	10.9	11.6	21.0	18.7	14.4	11.7	21.7
18	16.8	11.8	11.3	10.9	16.2	14.5	17.0	15.3	17.4
19	10.6	12.8	12.7	12.3	13.6	13.6	12.9	12.6	13.3
Total	73.5	53.2	48.5	46.1	73.2	62.6	58.6	49.2	73.8
PERSONS									
15	16.1	7.4	7.5	6.2	12.0	6.8	6.2	*	10.5
16	33.4	21.3	20.2	18.1	31.7	24.4	21.5	15.0	33.0
17	40.2	25.4	23.4	21.2	36.3	30.7	27.5	22.7	38.4
18	33.5	24.5	26.0	21.2	31.2	27.3	27.8	25.1	30.8
19	21.3	23.0	26.2	21.8	28.9	26.2	25.5	22.9	25.2
Total	144.5	101.5	103.3	88.5	140.1	115.5	108.5	90.1	137.9

TABLE 20. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL
(per cent)

Age (years)	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
15	36.7	*	*	*	30.3	*	*	*	24.9
16	27.0	18.2	20.6	21.5	24.3	20.9	21.1	17.7	30.3
17	19.9	13.8	16.1	12.7	17.3	14.2	15.9	14.3	17.8
18	16.2	12.6	14.6	10.5	13.8	12.1	10.3	9.6	11.8
19	10.6	10.2	12.7	9.0	13.8	11.5	11.5	9.4	10.4
Total	18.5	13.6	15.6	12.6	17.1	14.2	14.0	11.9	16.1
FEMALES									
15	44.0	*	*	*	42.3	*	*	*	35.2
16	30.1	22.7	22.9	23.0	33.1	28.5	33.4	22.9	30.7
17	27.6	18.3	15.2	18.7	27.3	26.4	22.4	18.3	26.6
18	17.5	12.9	12.6	12.4	16.5	15.4	18.8	16.6	17.9
19	11.3	14.5	13.9	13.0	13.9	14.6	14.2	13.2	13.2
Total	21.6	16.6	15.8	15.8	21.8	20.0	20.2	16.8	21.3
PERSONS									
15	40.4	23.9	27.5	26.6	36.0	25.3	27.2	*	29.9
16	28.3	20.3	21.6	22.1	28.0	24.1	26.3	20.0	30.5
17	23.5	16.0	15.7	15.4	22.0	19.7	18.8	16.1	21.9
18	16.9	12.7	13.6	11.4	15.1	13.6	14.3	12.9	14.7
19	10.9	12.2	13.2	10.9	13.8	12.9	12.7	11.1	11.7
Total	20.0	15.0	15.7	14.1	19.3	16.8	16.8	14.2	18.6

TABLE 21. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK (a)
(000)

Active steps taken	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MALES									
Checked or registered with the CES	192.8	164.4	179.6	168.7	194.1	174.8	154.8	141.6	182.7
Checked or registered with a private employment agency	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work	45.3	31.1	29.1	28.3	35.5	25.5	29.4	31.5	33.6
Took other active steps	10.9	9.4	7.6	5.9	6.6	6.4	7.3	7.3	7.3
<i>Total unemployed (b)</i>	<i>255.0</i>	<i>209.1</i>	<i>221.5</i>	<i>206.4</i>	<i>241.8</i>	<i>210.6</i>	<i>196.1</i>	<i>183.8</i>	<i>230.4</i>
FEMALES									
Checked or registered with the CES	114.9	101.0	94.0	91.7	122.6	111.0	106.5	97.1	121.8
Checked or registered with a private employment agency	7.6	5.2	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.8	4.5	6.5	6.2
Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work	76.5	58.6	57.3	48.7	63.2	49.5	52.5	57.0	70.0
Took other active steps	18.9	15.3	11.3	11.7	14.5	13.7	9.2	12.0	11.9
Stood down	*	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	4.9	*	*
<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>222.1</i>	<i>186.2</i>	<i>174.2</i>	<i>163.3</i>	<i>212.1</i>	<i>186.0</i>	<i>177.7</i>	<i>176.8</i>	<i>214.1</i>
PERSONS									
Checked or registered with the CES	307.7	265.4	273.5	260.4	316.7	285.8	261.3	238.7	304.5
Checked or registered with a private employment agency	10.3	7.6	8.3	7.9	7.8	8.9	6.4	7.5	10.3
Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work	121.7	89.6	86.4	77.0	98.7	75.1	81.9	88.6	103.5
Took other active steps	29.7	24.7	19.0	17.6	21.1	20.1	16.5	19.2	19.2
Stood down	7.6	7.7	8.5	6.8	9.7	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.0
<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>477.0</i>	<i>395.3</i>	<i>395.7</i>	<i>369.7</i>	<i>453.9</i>	<i>396.6</i>	<i>373.8</i>	<i>360.6</i>	<i>444.5</i>

(a) For definition see paragraph 5 page 34. In this table the active steps are recorded in the order of response by persons in the survey and there was only one active step recorded for each person. (b) Includes unemployed males stood down for the whole of the survey week.

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK (a) – STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AVAILABILITY TO START WORK IN THE SURVEY WEEK
(000)

	February 1978			February 1979			February 1980		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Took active steps to find work (a)	265.4	237.5	502.8	249.6	221.6	471.2	239.2	224.4	463.7
Available to start work in the survey week	251.5	217.9	469.4	237.8	206.5	444.3	227.7	209.8	437.5
Not available to start work in the survey week	13.8	19.5	33.4	11.7	15.2	26.9	11.5	14.6	26.2
Did not take active steps to find work	15.9	43.2	59.1	10.4	23.0	33.4	8.5	29.2	37.7

(a) Comprises unemployed persons and persons not in the labour force – excludes employed persons.

TABLE 23. PART-TIME WORKERS: WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS AND WHETHER
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE
(^{'000})

	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
<i>15-19 years</i>	120.6	127.4	127.9	123.5	120.7	134.4	127.0	143.2	129.5
Preferred not to work more hours	91.0	100.4	101.2	95.3	88.3	105.1	101.0	102.9	94.1
Preferred to work more hours	29.5	27.0	26.7	28.2	32.5	29.3	26.0	40.3	35.4
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	16.2	10.4	10.4	14.3	19.2	15.0	13.3	18.8	21.2
<i>20-24 years</i>	75.3	81.2	88.2	92.6	74.2	82.8	85.8	90.1	88.4
Preferred not to work more hours	60.3	66.1	71.2	69.8	55.0	64.0	68.6	65.5	64.4
Preferred to work more hours	15.0	15.1	17.0	22.7	19.2	18.8	17.1	24.7	24.0
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	7.8	5.7	6.4	12.1	10.0	7.5	8.1	12.0	12.0
<i>25-34 years</i>	218.8	226.7	242.8	236.4	228.6	245.4	239.3	245.0	233.7
Preferred not to work more hours	189.1	190.7	207.1	205.5	195.4	214.9	209.8	211.5	199.9
Preferred to work more hours	29.7	36.0	35.7	30.9	33.2	30.5	29.5	33.4	33.9
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	6.7	9.6	10.6	9.3	10.5	6.8	7.6	8.7	9.3
<i>35-44 years</i>	198.3	214.1	220.3	218.6	204.4	221.5	230.5	231.5	227.7
Preferred not to work more hours	174.8	187.1	197.9	192.7	184.4	195.9	204.8	201.7	197.8
Preferred to work more hours	23.5	27.1	22.3	25.8	20.0	25.6	25.7	29.8	29.9
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	4.5	7.3	5.0	7.0	*	6.5	5.4	5.9	5.8
<i>45-54 years</i>	146.7	145.1	147.3	151.2	150.5	150.5	165.4	162.2	140.4
Preferred not to work more hours	132.9	134.2	132.8	136.4	137.0	135.4	150.1	146.5	127.7
Preferred to work more hours	13.8	10.9	14.5	14.8	13.4	15.1	15.2	15.7	12.7
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>55 years and over</i>	118.9	120.3	125.0	124.6	115.3	117.2	109.4	124.8	117.9
Preferred not to work more hours	111.8	115.5	121.0	119.7	109.6	111.0	102.4	118.8	110.9
Preferred to work more hours	7.2	4.8	*	4.8	5.7	6.1	7.0	6.0	7.0
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Total</i>	878.5	914.8	951.5	946.8	893.6	951.8	957.3	996.9	937.7
Preferred not to work more hours	759.9	793.8	831.3	819.4	769.6	826.2	836.7	847.0	794.8
Preferred to work more hours	118.6	121.0	120.2	127.4	124.1	125.6	120.7	149.9	142.9
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	37.8	35.5	35.8	47.4	47.6	38.6	37.9	51.4	52.4
<i>Males</i>	187.8	195.4	206.3	199.6	183.0	209.4	203.4	210.9	198.3
Preferred not to work more hours	149.9	162.1	169.8	159.3	144.0	171.4	163.0	163.4	154.5
Preferred to work more hours	37.9	33.3	36.5	40.3	39.0	38.0	40.5	47.6	43.8
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	17.9	16.3	16.3	21.4	20.9	16.1	19.5	24.3	21.2
<i>Married women</i>	546.7	569.2	589.5	588.3	566.7	583.0	591.7	609.6	581.6
Preferred not to work more hours	491.2	508.8	534.5	534.7	517.1	529.0	539.9	548.7	523.3
Preferred to work more hours	55.5	60.4	54.9	53.6	49.6	54.1	51.8	60.9	58.3
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	9.2	10.3	8.6	10.1	8.6	8.7	8.2	9.7	9.6
<i>All females</i>	690.8	719.4	745.2	747.2	710.6	742.3	753.9	786.0	739.4
Preferred not to work more hours	610.0	631.8	661.5	660.1	625.5	654.8	673.7	683.6	640.3
Preferred to work more hours	80.8	87.7	83.6	87.1	85.0	87.5	80.2	102.4	99.1
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	19.9	19.2	19.5	26.0	26.7	22.4	18.4	27.1	31.2

(a) In the four weeks up to the end of the survey week.

TABLE 24. PART-TIME WORKERS : WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS AND WHETHER
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY HOURS WORKED
(000)

	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
Persons who worked during survey week –									
Hours worked in survey week									
<i>1-5 hours</i>	106.7	126.9	132.7	136.7	116.5	124.3	130.7	142.6	122.1
Preferred not to work more hours	84.7	101.3	107.8	111.3	91.1	100.2	109.2	114.7	99.7
Preferred to work more hours	22.0	25.6	24.9	25.4	25.4	24.1	21.5	27.9	22.4
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	6.6	5.2	5.1	9.9	9.0	6.7	4.6	7.5	6.6
<i>6-10 hours</i>	161.5	170.6	182.0	178.0	169.7	180.9	183.1	195.9	173.7
Preferred not to work more hours	129.8	142.7	153.9	145.8	140.1	149.7	152.2	160.8	145.1
Preferred to work more hours	31.7	27.9	28.0	32.2	29.7	31.2	30.9	35.1	28.7
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	9.7	9.0	8.8	12.3	10.7	10.4	10.3	13.2	11.7
<i>11-15 hours</i>	117.6	118.0	127.4	122.8	118.7	128.5	132.3	144.9	127.6
Preferred not to work more hours	100.7	98.2	110.1	106.4	102.0	110.7	113.6	117.1	103.4
Preferred to work more hours	16.9	19.8	17.3	16.3	16.7	17.8	18.7	27.8	24.1
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	5.0	6.0	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.7	11.3	9.1
<i>16-20 hours</i>	162.5	150.1	157.0	169.0	149.5	162.6	165.5	172.9	172.2
Preferred not to work more hours	140.1	125.6	135.7	146.2	126.1	138.0	142.2	149.0	146.2
Preferred to work more hours	22.4	24.4	21.2	22.8	23.4	24.6	23.3	23.9	26.0
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.7	11.5	7.1	8.1	10.2	10.7
<i>21-29 hours</i>	158.3	158.3	167.5	162.9	152.4	166.5	166.5	164.4	160.1
Preferred not to work more hours	143.1	142.7	148.9	143.2	136.2	146.9	148.4	145.2	136.8
Preferred to work more hours	15.1	15.6	18.6	19.7	16.2	19.7	18.2	19.2	23.3
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	*	5.3	5.4	5.7	7.3	6.7	5.7	6.3	9.2
<i>30-34 hours</i>	97.7	117.4	146.3	134.3	131.5	126.1	134.2	133.4	129.3
Preferred not to work more hours	87.2	109.8	136.3	123.3	118.8	117.8	126.2	122.9	116.3
Preferred to work more hours	10.5	7.6	10.0	11.0	12.6	8.2	8.0	10.5	13.0
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	*	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	*	*
Persons who did not work during survey week (b) –									
	74.3	73.6	38.9	43.2	55.3	62.9	44.9	42.9	52.7
Preferred not to work more hours	67.5	67.8	36.2	38.0	50.0	56.8	40.0	37.4	47.4
Preferred to work more hours	6.8	5.7	*	5.2	5.2	6.1	4.9	5.5	5.3
Had actively looked for full-time work (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

(a) In the four weeks up to the end of the survey week. (b) Persons who had a part-time job from which they were absent for the whole of the survey week.

TABLE 25. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS,
BY REASON AND MARITAL STATUS
(000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
MARRIED MEN									
Leave, holiday or flexitime	814.7	309.4	148.5	291.0	211.1	241.3	150.4	300.3	229.1
Own illness or injury	70.1	91.3	111.5	90.7	82.4	88.3	103.4	87.7	80.4
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	18.6	8.1	14.6	19.3	16.6	17.7	8.6	8.7	9.8
Began or left job in the survey week	5.4	4.9	5.5	*	5.3	5.6	6.5	4.8	5.5
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	23.1	20.1	25.6	18.2	21.7	23.1	23.4	17.5	23.5
Other reasons	20.5	17.1	29.4	23.3	22.3	24.9	31.8	22.5	33.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>952.4</i>	<i>451.0</i>	<i>335.0</i>	<i>446.0</i>	<i>359.4</i>	<i>400.9</i>	<i>324.2</i>	<i>441.5</i>	<i>381.7</i>
OTHER MALES									
Leave, holiday or flexitime	361.0	124.9	54.5	113.4	77.7	81.9	63.6	133.5	83.2
Own illness or injury	35.8	47.1	48.4	41.5	39.1	46.2	50.6	38.5	36.2
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	8.4	*	5.9	12.0	8.3	5.9	*	4.8	*
Began or left job in the survey week	8.7	5.3	6.1	5.8	9.4	6.9	5.5	7.1	8.7
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	8.6	8.1	10.1	5.4	10.2	10.3	9.3	8.4	10.2
Other reasons	9.8	10.0	15.2	13.4	12.0	10.2	14.7	9.9	16.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>432.4</i>	<i>199.2</i>	<i>140.2</i>	<i>191.4</i>	<i>156.6</i>	<i>161.2</i>	<i>145.5</i>	<i>202.1</i>	<i>158.8</i>
ALL MALES									
Leave, holiday or flexitime	1,175.7	434.3	203.0	404.3	288.8	323.2	214.1	433.9	312.3
Own illness or injury	105.9	138.5	159.9	132.2	121.5	134.5	154.0	126.2	116.5
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	27.0	11.8	20.5	31.3	24.9	23.6	10.5	13.5	13.9
Began or left job in the survey week	14.2	10.2	11.6	9.3	14.6	12.5	12.0	12.0	14.2
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	31.8	28.2	35.7	23.6	31.9	33.4	32.7	25.8	33.7
Other reasons	30.3	27.1	44.5	36.7	34.3	35.1	46.5	32.4	49.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,384.8</i>	<i>650.2</i>	<i>475.2</i>	<i>637.4</i>	<i>515.9</i>	<i>562.2</i>	<i>469.7</i>	<i>643.7</i>	<i>540.4</i>
MARRIED WOMEN									
Leave, holiday or flexitime	296.8	104.2	53.3	109.3	71.0	85.3	52.9	114.4	73.1
Own illness or injury	26.0	34.0	47.3	39.2	30.6	37.1	44.0	34.8	35.5
Began or left job in the survey week	*	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	5.0	7.3	9.1	6.9	7.2	7.7	5.7	7.5	8.3
Other reasons	13.4	6.1	7.8	6.2	7.2	10.7	8.3	6.9	11.6
<i>Total (a)</i>	<i>345.0</i>	<i>156.1</i>	<i>120.8</i>	<i>165.4</i>	<i>118.0</i>	<i>142.2</i>	<i>112.5</i>	<i>166.3</i>	<i>129.9</i>

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 25. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS,
BY REASON AND MARITAL STATUS - *continued*
(000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours	1978				1979				1980
	February	May	August	November	February	May	August	November	February
OTHER FEMALES									
Leave, holiday or flextime	240.9	81.2	44.9	79.9	55.7	67.4	43.9	97.2	65.9
Own illness or injury	19.1	33.4	37.9	28.3	24.2	32.9	34.5	26.2	26.8
Began or left job in the survey week	5.6	5.4	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	5.3
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other reasons	6.0	*	*	*	4.7	5.0	5.8	5.3	5.5
Total (a)	273.9	126.7	91.9	116.2	91.8	111.4	89.5	134.7	106.4
ALL FEMALES									
Leave, holiday or flextime	537.7	185.4	98.2	189.3	126.8	152.7	96.7	211.5	139.1
Own illness or injury	45.0	67.4	85.2	67.6	54.8	69.9	78.4	61.1	62.2
Began or left job in the survey week	9.4	9.9	5.9	6.8	6.8	5.8	*	4.8	6.7
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	7.3	10.9	11.9	8.5	9.5	9.5	8.5	11.3	11.3
Other reasons	19.5	9.1	11.5	9.5	11.9	15.7	14.1	12.2	17.1
Total (a)	618.9	282.8	212.7	281.7	209.8	253.7	202.0	300.9	236.3
PERSONS									
Leave, holiday or flextime	1,713.4	619.7	301.2	593.6	415.6	475.9	310.8	645.4	451.4
Own illness or injury	150.9	205.9	245.1	199.8	176.3	204.4	232.4	187.2	178.8
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	30.5	12.5	21.5	32.1	26.7	24.3	10.5	13.9	16.1
Began or left job in the survey week	23.6	20.1	17.4	16.1	21.5	18.3	16.2	16.8	20.9
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	39.1	39.2	47.7	32.1	41.4	42.8	41.2	37.2	45.0
Other reasons	46.2	35.5	55.0	45.4	44.4	50.1	60.5	44.1	64.6
Total	2,003.7	932.9	687.9	919.1	725.8	815.8	671.7	944.6	776.8

(a) Includes females who worked less than 35 hours because of bad weather, plant breakdown, etc., details of which are not shown separately.

2. DATA FROM SUPPLEMENTARY AND SPECIAL SURVEYS

The information in this section has been obtained from surveys conducted from time to time as supplements to the monthly population survey or from special surveys. They are not available on a regular monthly or quarterly basis. The statistics which have been included serve to illustrate the range of information that is available from these surveys, and more details can be obtained by reference to the population survey reports in which the statistics were originally published. Each group of tables is preceded by explanatory notes on survey definitions, etc. and the title of the report from which the statistics were obtained. A list of population survey reports on labour force topics is shown on page 5. A complete list of population survey reports is published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (INCLUDING DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In September 1979 a supplementary survey was conducted to obtain information about persons aged 15 to 64 years who were not in the labour force; in particular, whether they wanted a job and, if they did, why they were not looking for work.

2. Results of the survey were published in *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1979* (6220.0). Results of similar surveys conducted in November 1975, May 1977 and March 1979 were published in previous issues of 6220.0. The following tables (Tables 26 to 28) were compiled from the results of the September 1979 survey.

Definitions

3. *Persons not in the labour force*, see paragraph 12, page 7.

4. *Persons who wanted a job* are defined for this survey, as those persons who were not employed at the time of the survey, and:

- (a) in the four weeks before the interview week had not looked for work but in the survey answered 'yes' or 'maybe' to the question '*Even though you have not been looking for work would you like a full-time or part-time job now?*' or

- (b) although claiming to have looked for work in the four weeks before the interview week, had not taken active steps (as defined below) to find employment.

5. *Active steps to find work* include checking or registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service or other employment agencies, writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer, answering a newspaper advertisement for a job, advertising or tendering for work, contacting friends or relatives, and looking on factory or employment service notice boards.

6. *Discouraged job seekers* are persons who wanted a job but *were not actively looking for work* because they believed they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons: they were considered by employers to be too young or too old; they had language or racial difficulties; they lacked the necessary training, skills or experience; or there were no jobs in their locality or line of work.

Reliability of the estimates

7. The standard errors given in Table A on page 8 and, in general, the comments on the reliability of estimates on pages 7 and 8 are also applicable to this survey.

TABLE 26. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: EMPLOYMENT STATUS, SEPTEMBER 1979

	Number ('000)			Per cent of total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	5,275.7	5,408.9	10,684.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employed	3,939.3	2,178.8	6,118.1	74.7	40.3	57.3
Unemployed	201.6	194.9	396.5	3.8	3.6	3.7
Not in the labour force	1,134.7	3,035.2	4,170.0	21.5	56.1	39.0
Aged 65 years and over	506.0	772.0	1,278.0	9.6	14.3	12.0
Aged 15 to 64 years	628.8	2,263.2	2,892.0	11.9	41.8	27.1
Inmate of an institution, permanently unable to work, boarding school student	56.9	34.4	91.4	1.1	0.6	0.9
Had actively looked for work but was unable to start a job in the survey week for reasons other than own temporary illness or injury	26.0	27.9	53.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Had not actively looked for work	546.0	2,200.9	2,746.9	10.3	40.7	25.7
Did not want a job	423.8	1,689.9	2,113.7	8.0	31.2	19.8
Did not know whether wanted a job	*	20.5	23.2	*	0.4	0.2
Wanted a job	119.4	490.5	609.9	2.3	9.1	5.7
Had taken only non-active steps to find a job (a)	9.1	33.4	42.5	0.2	0.6	0.4
Had taken no steps at all to find a job	110.3	457.1	567.4	2.1	8.5	5.3
Would have liked a job	92.8	386.4	479.2	1.8	7.1	4.5
Might have liked a job	17.5	70.8	88.3	0.3	1.3	0.8
Discouraged (b)	8.6	65.4	74.0	0.2	1.2	0.7
Had other reasons for not actively looking for work (b)	110.9	425.1	535.9	2.1	7.9	5.0

(a) Steps other than active steps – see paragraph 5, page 34. (b) For details see Table 27.

TABLE 27. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED A JOB: REASONS FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK (a) AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1979 ('000)

Reason for not actively looking for work (a)	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Total		
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	Males	Females	Persons
Had a job to go to	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	8.2	12.2	20.5
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	38.0	19.0	28.6	*	33.6	54.8	88.4
Attending an educational institution	75.0	12.3	22.2	*	50.6	60.1	110.7
Had no need to work	15.9	11.5	21.6	*	7.4	44.2	51.6
Family considerations (c)	76.2	51.2	81.7	8.7	*	214.4	217.9
Ill health of other than self	5.4	*	*	*	*	13.1	13.6
Unable to find child care	14.4	8.9	7.8	*	*	32.1	32.4
Preferred to look after children	38.6	24.9	56.6	5.0	*	124.7	125.2
Other family considerations	16.6	11.1	9.5	*	*	36.3	38.5
Discouraged	38.3	16.2	17.6	*	8.6	65.4	74.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.4	*	5.6	*	*	15.7	17.7
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	6.6	*	*	*	*	8.2	10.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	24.4	9.5	11.0	*	4.8	41.5	46.3
No jobs in suitable hours	5.6	*	*	*	*	9.5	10.1
Other reasons (d)	21.5	*	9.5	*	6.9	29.8	36.7
Total							
Males	61.8	18.7	27.6	*	119.4	..	..
Females	208.8	98.6	155.2	15.6	..	490.5	..
Persons	270.6	117.4	182.8	18.7	..	..	609.9

(a) Highest ranked reason only. (b) Intention to look for work in the next twelve months was not asked of persons who were not looking for work because they already had a job to go to. (c) Includes 8,200 females whose spouses disapproved of their taking a job. (d) Includes 5,800 persons who gave no reason.

TABLE 28. DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1979

	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	— '000 —		— per cent —	
Total	65.4	74.0	100.0	100.0
Marital status —				
Married (a)	52.2	55.6	79.7	75.1
Not married	13.3	18.5	20.3	24.9
Age (years) —				
15-19	*	7.5	*	10.1
20-24	*	5.7	*	7.7
25-34	14.4	15.1	21.9	20.3
35-44	13.3	13.9	20.3	18.8
45-54	18.5	18.5	28.2	24.9
55-64	10.7	13.5	16.4	18.2
Place of residence —				
New South Wales	21.6	24.5	33.0	33.2
Victoria	19.8	22.6	30.2	30.6
Queensland	10.5	11.4	16.0	15.4
South Australia	5.8	6.1	8.9	8.2
Western Australia	5.9	7.4	9.0	9.9
Tasmania	*	*	*	*
Six State capital cities	35.8	39.9	54.8	53.9
Other areas (b)	29.6	34.2	45.2	46.1
Birth place —				
Australia	43.7	51.0	66.7	69.0
Main English-speaking countries (c)	10.1	10.4	15.4	14.1
Other countries	11.7	12.6	17.8	17.0
Had looked for work in the last 12 months	26.9	30.2	41.2	40.8
Had not looked for work in the last 12 months	38.5	43.8	58.8	59.1
Had never had a regular job	5.1	7.5	7.8	10.1
Had had a regular job	60.4	66.5	92.2	89.9
Time since last regular job —				
Under 1 year	13.0	16.4	19.9	22.2
1 year and under 3 years	11.6	13.7	17.8	18.5
3 years and under 10 years	20.7	21.4	31.6	29.0
10 years and under 20 years	10.2	10.2	15.6	13.8
20 years or more	4.8	4.8	7.4	6.5
Reason for leaving last regular job —				
Dismissed, retrenched	9.7	11.0	14.8	14.9
Seasonal/temporary, went back to school	8.7	10.7	13.2	14.4
Retired, did not need to work any longer	*	*	*	*
Own ill health or injury	5.0	5.6	7.6	7.6
Family considerations	19.1	19.4	29.1	26.2
Left to get married	7.3	7.3	11.2	9.9
Left to have children	7.2	7.5	11.0	10.1
Other family considerations	4.6	4.6	7.0	6.2
Travel, changed residence, spouse transferred	9.3	9.9	14.2	13.4
Other reasons (d)	6.2	7.0	9.5	9.5

(a) Includes permanently separated. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Comprises the U.K., Ireland, Canada, U.S.A., New Zealand and South Africa. (d) Includes 4,800 persons whose reason was unsatisfactory work arrangements.

PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In July 1979 a supplementary survey was conducted to obtain information about unemployed persons who had recently been looking for work, including particulars of their last job, difficulties experienced in finding a job, educational attainment, family status, steps taken to find work, whether or not they had had offers of employment, and whether or not they would move interstate or intrastate if offered a suitable job. In addition to estimates of unemployed persons looking for work, the survey publication (6222.0) also includes estimates of the number of families in which some members were unemployed, families in which the husband or head was unemployed, and the family status of individuals looking for work.

2. Results of the survey were published in *Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1979* (6222.0). Results of similar surveys conducted in May and November 1976, May 1977 and July 1978 were published in previous issues of 6222.0.

3. The following tables (Tables 29-48) were compiled from the results of the July 1979 survey.

Definitions

4. *Persons looking for work* were defined, for this survey, as all civilians aged 15 years and over within the scope of the survey who were not employed during the survey 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 survey week, and:

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

5. Persons 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 survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown are included in Tables 29 to 33 which relate to *families* but not in Tables 34 to 48, which relate to *persons* looking for work. In July 1979 there were an estimated 9,600 persons in this category. As such persons are classified as unemployed in the labour force survey, the number of persons looking for work in the following tables does not agree with the number of unemployed persons shown in the tables in Section 1.

6. *Educational attainment.* For definitions see paragraphs 6-8, page 51.

7. *A family* was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey, comprising the head of the family and spouse (if any) and any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (a) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and not accompanied by children of their own.
- (b) brothers or sisters, if not married and not accompanied by parents or children of their own.
- (c) grandchildren, if not married and not accompanied by either of their parents, nor by children of their own.
- (d) ancestors, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of their own; or
- (e) any children under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the children were related to some person in a second family in the household.

8. The following points should be noted in relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph:

- (a) family status was determined at the time of the survey. Thus, if members of the family were absent (e.g. children at boarding schools) the family status of the head and other family members could have been affected.
- (b) the term 'relationship' includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption.
- (c) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships.
- (d) the term 'not married' comprises never married, widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons.
- (e) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife.

9. *Dependent children* comprise all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who are full-time students.

Reliability of the estimates

10. The standard errors given in Table A page 8 in general and the comments on the reliability of estimates on pages 7 and 8 are applicable to the survey.

The tables in this section contain estimates below the cut-off points shown in the table on page 8. Standard

errors for these smaller estimates can be determined from the following table.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

<i>Size of estimate</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Australia</i>	
			<i>— number —</i>				<i>Per cent of estimate</i>	
1,000						250		
1,500						300		
2,000				460	460	340		
2,500			630	510	510	380		
3,000			690	550	560	410	800	26.7
3,500	920	910	740	590	590	430	860	24.6
4,000	980	960	780	620	630	460	920	23.0

TABLE 29. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a): NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS
EMPLOYED BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND FAMILY SIZE, JULY 1979
(^{'000} families)

Number of family members employed	Number of members in family					Total
	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES						
None	16.7	14.3	10.7	4.1	3.8	49.6
1	18.7	14.7	19.4	11.8	6.1	70.6
2 or more	..	9.1	16.0	14.2	11.8	51.0
Total	35.4	38.0	46.0	30.2	21.6	171.1
OTHER AREAS						
None	9.2	9.8	6.0	*	4.3	31.8
1	7.3	11.6	11.7	7.5	4.7	42.9
2 or more	..	4.2	7.9	9.8	8.6	30.5
Total	16.5	25.6	25.6	19.9	17.6	105.1
TOTAL						
None	25.9	24.0	16.7	6.7	8.0	81.3
1	26.0	26.3	31.0	19.4	10.8	113.5
2 or more	..	13.2	23.9	24.0	20.4	81.5
Total	51.9	63.6	71.6	50.1	39.2	276.3

(a) Excludes 3,100 families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks; see paragraph 4, page 6.

TABLE 30. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a): TYPE OF FAMILY BY NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(⁰000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Number employed in family				Number employed in family				Number employed in family			
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total
ONE FAMILY MEMBER UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	28.2	54.0	42.8	125.0	16.3	34.3	26.6	77.2	44.5	88.3	69.5	202.2
With dependent children present	17.8	35.2	26.8	79.8	10.6	22.1	17.8	50.4	28.4	57.2	44.6	130.3
Without dependent children present	10.4	18.8	16.0	45.2	5.7	12.2	8.9	26.8	16.1	31.0	24.9	71.9
Other families with a male head	*	3.1	*	7.5	*	*	*	3.6	4.4	4.4	*	11.1
Without dependent children present	*	— 3.9 —		5.1	*	*	*	*	*	— 4.5 —		6.8
Other families with a female head	11.1	8.9	*	21.6	8.9	4.0	*	13.8	20.0	12.8	*	35.3
With dependent children present	7.6	3.8	*	12.4	7.2	*	*	10.3	14.8	6.3	*	22.8
Without dependent children present	3.6	5.1	*	9.1	*	*	*	3.4	5.2	6.5	*	12.6
All families	41.5	65.9	46.7	154.1	27.3	39.5	27.7	94.6	68.8	105.5	74.4	248.7
With dependent children present	26.3	39.9	28.5	94.7	18.9	25.2	18.5	62.6	45.2	65.1	46.9	157.3
Without dependent children present	15.2	26.0	18.2	59.4	8.4	14.3	9.2	32.0	23.6	40.3	27.4	91.4
TWO OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	4.9	4.2	3.5	12.5	*	*	*	8.2	7.8	7.0	5.9	20.8
With dependent children present	*	*	*	8.0	*	*	*	5.1	5.2	4.4	3.4	13.0
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	4.6	*	*	*	3.2	*	*	*	7.7
All families	8.0	4.7	4.3	17.0	4.4	3.3	*	10.6	12.5	8.0	7.1	27.6
With dependent children present	4.6	3.1	*	10.4	*	*	*	5.9	7.5	4.7	4.1	16.3
Without dependent children present	3.4	*	*	6.6	*	*	*	4.7	5.0	3.3	3.1	11.3
TOTAL												
Married couple families	33.1	58.1	46.3	137.5	19.2	37.2	29.1	85.5	52.3	95.3	75.4	223.0
With dependent children present	20.8	38.0	29.1	87.8	12.8	23.7	19.0	55.5	33.6	61.6	48.0	143.3
Without dependent children present	12.3	20.2	17.3	49.8	6.4	13.5	10.1	29.9	18.7	33.6	27.4	79.7
Other families with a male head	*	3.1	*	8.5	— 4.0 —		*	4.3	5.4	4.4	3.0	12.8
Without dependent children present	*	— 4.1 —		5.6	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	7.9
Other families with a female head	13.7	9.4	*	25.1	9.9	4.4	*	15.4	23.6	13.8	3.0	40.5
With dependent children present	9.0	4.1	*	14.4	7.8	*	*	10.9	16.9	6.6	*	25.4
Without dependent children present	4.7	5.3	*	10.7	*	*	*	4.5	6.8	7.2	*	15.1
All families	49.6	70.6	51.0	171.1	31.8	42.9	30.5	105.1	81.3	113.5	81.5	276.3
With dependent children present	31.0	43.0	31.1	105.1	21.8	26.9	19.9	68.5	52.7	69.9	51.0	173.6
Without dependent children present	18.6	27.6	19.9	66.0	10.0	16.0	10.6	36.6	28.6	43.6	30.5	102.7

(a) See note (a) to Table 29.

TABLE 31. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities			Other areas			Total		
	Number employed in family			Number employed in family			Number employed in family		
	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total
Married couple families with husband unemployed	28.6	12.1	40.7	15.2	7.3	22.5	43.8	19.4	63.2
With dependent children present	19.1	5.0	24.1	10.8	3.6	14.4	30.0	8.6	38.6
Without dependent children present	9.5	7.1	16.5	4.3	3.7	8.0	13.8	10.8	24.6
Other families with head unemployed	9.1	3.7	12.7	6.2	*	7.1	15.2	4.6	19.9
Female head unemployed	7.3	*	9.9	4.6	*	5.4	11.9	3.5	15.4
With dependent children present	6.2	*	7.5	4.6	*	4.9	10.8	*	12.4
All families	37.7	15.8	53.4	21.3	8.3	29.6	59.0	24.0	83.0
With dependent children present	26.3	6.5	32.8	16.3	4.0	20.3	42.5	10.5	53.1
Without dependent children present	11.4	9.2	20.7	5.1	4.2	9.3	16.5	13.5	29.9

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks; see paragraph 4, page 6.

TABLE 32. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND OR HEAD, JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Type of family	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband or head (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Married couple families with husband unemployed	4.4	6.5	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.3	63.2
With dependent children present	*	4.1	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.1	12.2	38.6
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	4.1	*	8.1	24.6
Other families with head unemployed	*	*	4.3	*	5.0	*	5.4	19.9
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5
Female head unemployed	*	*	3.6	*	4.2	*	3.6	15.4
With dependent children present	*	*	3.5	*	*	*	3.6	14.5
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4
All families	6.6	7.8	12.9	8.7	11.0	10.3	25.7	83.0
With dependent children present	3.5	5.3	9.3	6.3	6.1	6.7	15.8	53.1
Without dependent children present	3.1	*	3.5	*	5.0	3.6	9.9	29.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 31.

TABLE 33. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND (a), JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Employment status of wife	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Employed	3.9		3.0		3.7		*	12.7
Unemployed	*	*	*	*		3.0		5.5
Not in the labour force	*	4.3	4.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	16.5	45.0
Total	4.4	6.5	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.3	63.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 31.

TABLE 34. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: FAMILY STATUS BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Family status	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		weeks
	- '000-								
MALES									
Member of a family (a)	8.3	13.7	24.3	18.8	22.8	23.5	42.8	154.1	32.0
Husband	3.7	5.6	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.4	61.6	35.6
With dependent children present	*	3.6	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.1	12.3	37.8	34.9
Without dependent children present	—4.0—		—4.9—		4.1	*	8.1	23.8	36.7
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	*	—3.2—			—3.9—		*	8.8	17.2
Other child of family head	3.4	5.8	12.4	9.2	11.5	12.8	18.8	73.9	30.5
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*		—3.3—		*	*	5.7	25.2
Not a member of a family (b)	*	3.4	6.3	4.2	8.7	5.7	12.0	43.2	35.2
Total	11.1	17.1	30.6	23.0	31.5	29.2	54.8	197.3	32.7
FEMALES									
Member of a family	11.6	14.4	20.9	13.2	27.8	29.5	31.4	148.7	29.6
Wife	6.1	8.1	9.8	6.9	10.8	7.3	12.2	61.3	26.6
Looking for full-time work	*	3.7	4.6	4.0	6.6	4.0	7.2	32.5	28.9
Looking for part-time work	3.7	4.4	5.3	*	4.2	3.2	5.0	28.8	23.9
Not married head of family	*	*	3.6	—3.2—		*	3.6	15.1	32.4
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	—4.2—		—3.4—		*	3.7	*	13.9	16.1
Other child of family head	*	3.3	5.0	3.8	11.1	15.1	14.0	53.7	35.4
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	*	*	*	—4.1—			4.8	34.9
Not a member of a family (b)	—3.1—		3.3	3.0	5.3	5.1	7.1	26.9	34.5
Total	13.5	15.5	24.2	16.2	33.1	34.5	38.6	175.6	30.4
PERSONS									
Member of a family	19.8	28.1	45.1	32.0	50.6	52.9	74.2	302.8	30.8
Husband or wife	9.8	13.7	18.4	14.0	19.3	15.1	32.6	122.9	31.1
With dependent children present	6.2	10.2	12.8	9.5	13.4	10.6	20.5	83.3	30.2
Without dependent children present	3.6	3.5	5.6	4.4	5.9	4.5	12.1	39.6	32.9
Not married head of family	*	*	4.3	—4.3—		*	5.4	19.1	35.3
With dependent children present	*	*	3.5	—3.1—		*	3.6	14.2	30.6
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	3.2	3.6	3.8	*	3.2	5.4	*	22.7	16.5
Other child of family head	4.8	9.0	17.4	12.9	22.7	27.9	32.8	127.6	32.5
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	*	—4.2—		—4.2—		10.5	29.6
Not a member of a family (b)	4.8	4.5	9.7	7.2	14.0	10.8	19.2	70.2	34.9
Total	24.6	32.6	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9	31.6

(a) Includes 4,000 not married heads of families whose average duration of current period of unemployment was 46.1 weeks. (b) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living.

TABLE 35. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1979

Main difficulty in finding work	Males	Females	Total	Place of residence		Birthplace	
				State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	9.5	5.2	14.6	9.8	4.8	9.0	5.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	26.0	25.4	51.4	34.9	16.5	34.9	16.5
Unsuitable hours	*	12.4	13.5	9.8	3.6	9.6	3.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	10.7	10.1	20.8	16.3	4.5	15.2	5.6
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	19.4	10.4	29.8	20.2	9.6	24.4	5.4
Insufficient work experience	12.9	17.3	30.3	21.2	9.0	21.8	8.5
No vacancies in line of work	38.5	24.1	62.6	39.6	23.0	44.5	18.1
No vacancies at all	58.5	53.0	111.4	51.0	60.4	86.9	24.6
Other difficulties (a)	12.7	11.5	24.2	17.4	6.8	13.8	10.4
No difficulties reported	8.1	6.4	14.4	9.8	4.6	11.7	*
Total	197.3	175.6	372.9	230.1	142.9	271.8	101.2
PERCENT							
Own ill health or handicap	4.8	2.9	3.9	4.3	3.4	3.3	5.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	13.2	14.5	13.8	15.2	11.6	12.8	16.3
Unsuitable hours	*	7.1	3.6	4.3	2.5	3.5	3.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	5.4	5.7	5.6	7.1	3.2	5.6	5.5
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	9.9	5.9	8.0	8.8	6.7	9.0	5.3
Insufficient work experience	6.6	9.9	8.1	9.2	6.3	8.0	8.4
No vacancies in line of work	19.5	13.7	16.8	17.2	16.1	16.4	17.9
No vacancies at all	29.6	30.2	29.9	22.2	42.3	32.0	24.3
Other difficulties (a)	6.4	6.5	6.5	7.6	4.8	5.1	10.3
No difficulties reported	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.3	3.2	4.3	*
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes 6,900 persons whose main difficulty was language problems or discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 36. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK BY AGE
AND PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1979
('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group (years)				Periods of unemployment in previous 12 months		Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	One	Two or more	
Own ill health or handicap	*	—5.5—		6.8	12.9	*	14.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	12.7	9.9	4.5	24.4	43.8	7.6	51.4
Unsuitable hours	*	*	4.1	5.0	12.4	*	13.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	9.8	5.1	3.2	*	15.5	5.3	20.8
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	13.9	7.2	6.8	*	21.4	8.4	29.8
Insufficient work experience	16.4	8.6	4.1	*	22.3	8.0	30.3
No vacancies in line of work	11.2	14.2	19.3	17.8	49.2	13.4	62.6
No vacancies at all	44.3	22.9	23.6	20.6	88.6	22.8	111.4
Other difficulties (a)	5.8	6.4	6.0	6.0	18.9	5.3	24.2
No difficulties reported	5.2	*	4.3	*	11.9	*	14.4
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	88.9	296.9	76.1	372.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 35.

TABLE 37. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Per cent of total	Average duration of current period of unemployment	
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		Total	%	weeks
	— '000—								
Own ill health or handicap		3.6		3.9		7.1	14.6	3.9	54.8
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	*	5.2	4.7	8.8	8.1	21.6	51.4	13.8	46.9
Unsuitable hours	3.5	3.2		4.6		*	13.5	3.6	26.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	*	5.1		4.0	3.6	5.5	20.8	5.6	35.3
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	3.2	4.7	3.1	5.2	6.2	7.5	29.8	8.0	30.6
Insufficient work experience	3.1	4.2	3.3	6.8	6.8	6.1	30.3	8.1	31.6
No vacancies in line of work	8.8	13.6	7.9	11.2	8.9	12.2	62.6	16.8	25.1
No vacancies at all	16.5	16.8	12.7	19.4	20.4	25.7	111.4	29.9	29.8
Other difficulties (a)	4.6	3.4	*	4.6	4.2	5.3	24.2	6.5	26.9
No difficulties reported	10.2	*	*	*	*	*	14.4	3.9	5.6
Total	57.2	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9	100.0	31.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 35.

TABLE 38. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY AGE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Educational attainment	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	*	10.9	13.4	16.7	42.9
Degree or equivalent	*	*	3.0	*	6.3
Trade, technical level	*	8.9	10.2	14.3	35.1
Without post-school qualifications (b)	47.2	36.2	30.2	33.7	147.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.5	12.1	4.8	3.2	25.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —					
16 or 17 years	19.1	9.9	5.8	3.2	38.0
14 or 15 years	21.8	12.6	15.8	19.0	69.1
13 years or under	*	*	*	7.4	11.6
Total (c)	41.8	24.1	25.4	30.1	121.4
Still at school (d)	7.1	*	*	*	7.1
Total	56.3	47.1	43.7	50.3	197.3
FEMALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	5.9	9.0	10.9	9.7	35.6
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	3.4
Trade, technical level	5.1	7.5	8.9	8.3	29.8
Without post-school qualifications (b)	49.4	26.3	23.9	28.8	128.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	6.5	6.0	3.1	4.1	19.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —					
16 or 17 years	17.5	9.2	8.2	4.9	39.8
14 or 15 years	24.4	10.4	10.3	13.4	58.5
13 years or under	*	*	*	5.2	8.0
Total (c)	42.8	20.3	20.8	23.9	107.9
Still at school (d)	11.6	*	*	*	11.6
Total	66.9	35.3	34.8	38.6	175.6
PERSONS					
With post-school qualifications (a)	7.8	19.9	24.3	26.4	78.5
Degree or equivalent	*	*	4.5	*	9.7
Trade, technical level	6.8	16.4	19.1	22.6	64.9
Without post-school qualifications (b)	96.6	62.5	54.2	62.5	275.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	12.0	18.1	8.0	7.3	45.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —					
16 or 17 years	36.6	19.1	14.0	8.1	77.8
14 or 15 years	46.2	23.0	26.1	32.4	127.6
13 years or under	*	*	5.0	12.6	19.6
Total (c)	84.6	44.4	46.2	54.0	229.2
Still at school (d)	18.7	*	*	*	18.7
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	88.9	372.9

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school aged 18 years or over. (d) Although still at school, these persons were actively looking for work.

TABLE 39. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
	— '000 —								— weeks—
With post-school qualifications (a)	6.3	8.7	11.1	8.4	17.3	10.9	15.8	78.5	27.3
Trade, technical level	4.4	7.2	9.0	7.0	15.4	8.7	13.2	64.9	27.2
Without post-school qualifications (b)	15.8	21.5	40.6	28.7	45.1	47.8	76.4	275.8	33.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	*	4.6	6.7	6.5	10.0	5.5	9.7	45.3	27.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.2	22.2
16 or 17 years	4.8	5.5	11.9	8.5	12.0	15.7	19.4	77.8	32.8
14 or 15 years	6.5	8.8	18.7	11.3	19.5	22.8	39.8	127.6	35.5
13 years or under	— 3.2 —	—	— 4.4 —	—	— 5.3 —	—	6.8	19.6	46.4
Total	13.1	16.7	33.7	22.0	34.8	42.3	66.6	229.2	35.3
Still at school (c)	— 5.0 —	—	3.1	— 4.4 —	—	5.0	*	18.7	17.0
Total	24.6	32.6	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9	31.6

(a) Includes a small number of persons with a degree or equivalent or other post-school qualification. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

TABLE 40. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1979
(*000)

	Age group (years)						Place of residence		Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	
INTERSTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move interstate	32.9	26.8	17.5	6.3	6.8	3.2	53.9	39.7	93.5
Would not move interstate	78.1	44.4	53.5	28.3	22.4	14.9	152.1	89.5	241.7
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions (a)	8.5	9.1	6.1	— 3.7 —		*	18.0	10.8	28.7
Undecided	3.6	— 3.5 —		*	*	*	6.1	*	9.1
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	37.3	31.6	20.0	230.1	142.9	372.9
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move intrastate	54.9	41.0	25.9	10.1	8.7	5.2	84.0	61.8	145.8
Would not move intrastate	53.2	29.7	42.5	24.1	18.6	12.3	116.2	64.1	180.3
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions (a)	11.7	9.1	9.2	*	3.7	*	24.8	14.1	38.8
Undecided	3.3	— 3.4 —		*	*	*	5.1	*	8.0
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	37.3	31.6	20.0	230.1	142.9	372.9

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 41. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK
BY MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Main difficulty in finding work							Total
	Con- sidered to be too young/old	Lacked education/ training/ skills	In- sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficul- ties (b)	No difficul- ties reported	
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and —								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	4.0	5.8	4.6	*	22.5
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	39.5	21.7	22.6	39.6	74.7	42.8	4.6	245.6
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	11.7
Total registered with the CES	43.9	25.0	25.2	46.5	83.6	49.9	5.7	279.7
Not registered with the CES and —								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	7.0	4.6	5.1	14.7	25.4	20.2	8.1	85.1
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
Total not registered with the CES	7.5	4.9	5.1	16.1	27.8	23.1	8.7	93.2
Total	51.4	29.8	30.3	62.6	111.4	73.0	14.4	372.9

(a) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES. (b) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, transport problems, language problems and discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 42. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK BY
WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and —						
Took no other active steps	12.2	8.0	20.3	*	*	*
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	145.1	89.5	234.6	*	8.5	11.0
Took other active steps (a)	6.8	3.7	10.5	*	*	*
Total registered with the CES	164.2	101.2	265.4	4.0	10.4	14.4
Not registered with the CES and —						
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	19.4	26.4	45.9	7.7	31.6	39.3
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	3.5	*	4.4	4.5
Total not registered with the CES	21.4	28.0	49.4	7.8	36.0	43.8
Total	185.5	129.2	314.7	11.8	46.4	58.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 41.

TABLE 43. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING
CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Number of offers of employment during current period of unemployment	Males			Females			Persons		
	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total
None	106.8	66.1	172.9	89.5	58.2	147.7	196.3	124.3	320.6
1	11.3	6.4	17.7	13.0	7.0	20.0	24.3	13.4	37.7
2 or more	3.7	3.0	6.7	5.7	*	7.9	9.5	5.2	14.7
Total	121.8	75.5	197.3	108.2	67.4	175.6	230.1	142.9	372.9

TABLE 44. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Educational attainment	Males		Females		Persons		
	Number of job offers		Number of job offers		Number of job offers		
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more
STATE CAPITAL CITIES							
With post-school qualifications (a)	23.8	4.5	19.6	4.0	43.4	5.6	3.0
Degree or equivalent	4.2	*	*	*	6.6	*	*
Trade, technical level	18.9	3.6	16.6	*	35.5	4.5	*
Without post-school qualifications (b)	79.7	10.1	64.0	14.0	143.7	18.0	6.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	15.5	*	11.5	*	27.0	*	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —							
16 or 17 years	20.5	*	18.5	5.2	39.0	4.6	*
14 or 15 years	35.4	4.9	26.5	5.9	61.9	8.8	*
13 years or under	6.1	*	5.8	*	12.0	*	*
Total (c)	64.0	8.0	51.9	11.9	115.9	15.0	4.8
Still at school (d)	3.3	*	5.9	*	9.2	*	*
Total	106.8	15.0	89.5	18.7	196.3	24.3	9.5
OTHER AREAS							
With post-school qualifications (a)	12.2	*	10.0	*	22.2	3.6	*
Trade, technical level	10.2	*	8.1	*	18.4	3.4	*
Without post-school qualifications (b)	51.0	6.6	43.3	7.2	94.3	9.4	4.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	7.2	*	5.0	*	12.1	*	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —							
16 or 17 years	13.9	*	14.1	*	28.0	*	*
14 or 15 years	25.3	3.5	22.5	3.6	47.8	4.6	*
13 years or under	4.3	*	*	*	5.6	*	*
Total (c)	43.6	5.8	38.1	6.0	81.7	8.0	3.8
Still at school (d)	*	*	4.9	*	7.8	*	*
Total	66.1	9.4	58.2	9.2	124.3	13.4	5.2
TOTAL							
With post-school qualifications (a)	35.9	7.0	29.6	5.9	65.6	9.2	3.7
Degree or equivalent	5.7	*	3.0	*	8.7	*	*
Trade, technical level	29.2	6.0	24.7	5.1	53.9	7.9	3.2
Without post-school qualifications (b)	130.7	16.7	107.3	21.2	238.0	27.3	10.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	22.7	*	16.5	*	39.2	4.3	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left school at age —							
16 or 17 years	34.4	3.6	32.6	7.2	67.0	7.3	3.4
14 or 15 years	60.7	8.4	49.0	9.5	109.7	13.4	4.5
13 years or under	10.4	*	7.2	*	17.6	*	*
Total (c)	107.6	13.8	90.0	17.9	197.6	23.1	8.6
Still at school (d)	6.3	*	10.8	*	17.1	*	*
Total	172.9	24.4	147.7	27.9	320.6	37.7	14.7

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school at 18 years or over who did not attend the highest level available. (d) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

TABLE 45. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED (a)
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

When last worked (a)	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
During 1979	63.7	10.6	33.8	97.6	34.8	7.0	18.5	53.3	98.5	17.6	52.4	150.9
During 1978	28.6	6.6	21.5	50.2	18.3	5.4	12.8	31.1	47.0	12.0	34.3	81.3
Before 1978	16.8	25.3	32.4	49.2	10.8	13.5	20.2	31.0	27.6	38.9	52.6	80.2
Never worked	12.7	*	20.4	33.1	11.6	*	15.9	27.5	24.3	*	36.3	60.6
Total	121.8	44.2	108.2	230.1	75.5	26.4	67.4	142.9	197.3	70.6	175.6	372.9

(a) In a full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 46. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
MALES									
One	7.7	10.8	15.2	11.5	21.5	25.1	10.2	46.2	148.2
Two	..	*	3.6	3.7	11.0	10.0	7.5	..	36.2
Three or more	..	..	*	*	4.2	4.0	3.0	..	12.9
Total	7.7	11.2	19.0	16.8	36.7	39.1	20.7	46.2	197.3
FEMALES									
One	10.2	12.8	15.0	12.2	26.0	29.7	8.0	34.6	148.7
Two	..	*	*	3.4	6.8	5.1	4.8	..	21.7
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	..	5.3
Total	10.2	13.5	16.6	16.2	35.0	36.0	13.4	34.6	175.6
PERSONS									
One	17.9	23.6	30.2	23.7	47.5	54.9	18.1	80.9	296.9
Two	..	*	4.5	7.1	17.8	15.1	12.3	..	57.9
Three or more	..	..	*	*	6.4	5.1	3.6	..	18.2
Total	17.9	24.7	35.6	33.0	71.7	75.1	34.0	80.9	372.9

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

TABLE 47. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979 : DURATION OF JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING BY AGE, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
LOST LAST JOB, RETRENCHED OR JOB TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL							
Under 8 weeks	14.0	8.5	6.6	4.9	22.6	11.3	33.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	15.6	14.1	7.1	4.9	28.6	13.0	41.6
26 weeks and under 1 year	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.4	15.5	6.5	22.1
Total under 1 year	37.1	28.1	18.3	14.1	66.7	30.9	97.6
1 year and under 2 years	3.4	3.2	3.7	5.9	9.8	6.4	16.2
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.7	—	4.7	*	7.1
3 years and under 5 years	— 3.5 —	—	3.1	—	3.7	*	6.5
5 years and over	*	*	*	6.8	6.7	*	8.1
Total	42.8	34.9	27.1	30.8	91.7	43.9	135.6
LEFT LAST JOB FOR OTHER REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	5.1	*	*	*	6.8	4.8	11.7
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	7.4	5.9	3.4	*	9.6	9.1	18.7
26 weeks and under 1 year	4.5	6.4	*	*	9.7	6.7	16.3
Total under 1 year	17.0	14.8	8.7	6.1	26.1	20.6	46.7
1 year and under 2 years	3.1	4.7	4.6	*	6.2	8.1	14.3
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.1	—	4.6	*	7.5
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.3	3.6	—	*	4.9	7.1
5 years and over	*	*	4.1	4.5	6.0	4.7	10.7
Total	21.5	27.1	21.5	16.1	44.9	41.2	86.2
ALL REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	19.1	10.9	9.3	6.3	29.5	16.1	45.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	23.0	20.0	10.5	6.8	38.1	22.1	60.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	12.0	12.0	7.2	7.2	25.2	13.2	38.4
Total under 1 year	54.1	42.9	27.0	20.2	92.8	51.5	144.3
1 year and under 2 years	6.5	7.9	8.3	7.8	16.0	14.5	30.5
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.4	4.3	4.5	9.3	5.3	14.6
3 years and under 5 years	*	5.7	3.5	3.1	5.9	7.7	13.6
5 years and over	*	*	5.4	11.3	12.7	6.2	18.8
Total	64.2	62.0	48.6	46.9	136.7	85.1	221.8

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 48. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979: REASON FOR LEAVING, JULY 1979

Reason for leaving	— '000 —			— Per cent —		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/lost job	72.9	34.0	106.9	53.3	40.0	48.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	16.4	11.7	28.1	12.0	13.7	12.7
Own ill health or injury	7.0	5.1	12.1	5.2	6.0	5.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	18.8	9.8	28.7	13.8	11.6	12.9
Returned to studies	*	*	4.1	*	*	1.9
To marry/have children/look after family	*	6.5	7.4	*	7.6	3.3
Changed residence/spouse transferred	*	7.2	10.1	*	8.5	4.6
Travel/take a holiday	3.1	3.9	6.9	2.2	4.5	3.1
Other	12.5	4.9	17.4	9.2	5.7	7.8
Total	136.7	85.1	221.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 45. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED (a)
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(^{'000})

When last worked (a)	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
During 1979	63.7	10.6	33.8	97.6	34.8	7.0	18.5	53.3	98.5	17.6	52.4	150.9
During 1978	28.6	6.6	21.5	50.2	18.3	5.4	12.8	31.1	47.0	12.0	34.3	81.3
Before 1978	16.8	25.3	32.4	49.2	10.8	13.5	20.2	31.0	27.6	38.9	52.6	80.2
Never worked	12.7	*	20.4	33.1	11.6	*	15.9	27.5	24.3	*	36.3	60.6
Total	121.8	44.2	108.2	230.1	75.5	26.4	67.4	142.9	197.3	70.6	175.6	372.9

(a) In a full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 46. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), JULY 1979
(^{'000})

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							Total	
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
MALES									
One	7.7	10.8	15.2	11.5	21.5	25.1	10.2	46.2	148.2
Two	..	*	3.6	3.7	11.0	10.0	7.5	..	36.2
Three or more	..	..	*	*	4.2	4.0	3.0	..	12.9
Total	7.7	11.2	19.0	16.8	36.7	39.1	20.7	46.2	197.3
FEMALES									
One	10.2	12.8	15.0	12.2	26.0	29.7	8.0	34.6	148.7
Two	..	*	*	3.4	6.8	5.1	4.8	..	21.7
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	..	5.3
Total	10.2	13.5	16.6	16.2	35.0	36.0	13.4	34.6	175.6
PERSONS									
One	17.9	23.6	30.2	23.7	47.5	54.9	18.1	80.9	296.9
Two	..	*	4.5	7.1	17.8	15.1	12.3	..	57.9
Three or more	..	..	*	*	6.4	5.1	3.6	..	18.2
Total	17.9	24.7	35.6	33.0	71.7	75.1	34.0	80.9	372.9

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

TABLE 47. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979: DURATION OF JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING BY AGE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
LOST LAST JOB, RETRENCHED OR JOB TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL							
Under 8 weeks	14.0	8.5	6.6	4.9	22.6	11.3	33.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	15.6	14.1	7.1	4.9	28.6	13.0	41.6
26 weeks and under 1 year	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.4	15.5	6.5	22.1
Total under 1 year	37.1	28.1	18.3	14.1	66.7	30.9	97.6
1 year and under 2 years	3.4	3.2	3.7	5.9	9.8	6.4	16.2
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.7	4.7	4.7	*	7.1
3 years and under 5 years	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7	*	6.5
5 years and over	*	*	*	6.8	6.7	*	8.1
Total	42.8	34.9	27.1	30.8	91.7	43.9	135.6
LEFT LAST JOB FOR OTHER REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	5.1	*	*	*	6.8	4.8	11.7
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	7.4	5.9	3.4	*	9.6	9.1	18.7
26 weeks and under 1 year	4.5	6.4	*	*	9.7	6.7	16.3
Total under 1 year	17.0	14.8	8.7	6.1	26.1	20.6	46.7
1 year and under 2 years	3.1	4.7	4.6	*	6.2	8.1	14.3
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.1	4.6	4.6	*	7.5
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.3	3.6	*	*	4.9	7.1
5 years and over	*	*	4.1	4.5	6.0	4.7	10.7
Total	21.5	27.1	21.5	16.1	44.9	41.2	86.2
ALL REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	19.1	10.9	9.3	6.3	29.5	16.1	45.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	23.0	20.0	10.5	6.8	38.1	22.1	60.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	12.0	12.0	7.2	7.2	25.2	13.2	38.4
Total under 1 year	54.1	42.9	27.0	20.2	92.8	51.5	144.3
1 year and under 2 years	6.5	7.9	8.3	7.8	16.0	14.5	30.5
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.4	4.3	4.5	9.3	5.3	14.6
3 years and under 5 years	*	5.7	3.5	3.1	5.9	7.7	13.6
5 years and over	*	*	5.4	11.3	12.7	6.2	18.8
Total	64.2	62.0	48.6	46.9	136.7	85.1	221.8

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 48. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979: REASON FOR LEAVING, JULY 1979

Reason for leaving	-- '000 --			-- Per cent --		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/lost job	72.9	34.0	106.9	53.3	40.0	48.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	16.4	11.7	28.1	12.0	13.7	12.7
Own ill health or injury	7.0	5.1	12.1	5.2	6.0	5.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	18.8	9.8	28.7	13.8	11.6	12.9
Returned to studies	*	*	4.1	*	*	1.9
To marry/have children/look after family	*	6.5	7.4	*	7.6	3.3
Changed residence/spouse transferred	*	7.2	10.1	*	8.5	4.6
Travel/take a holiday	3.1	3.9	6.9	2.2	4.5	3.1
Other	12.5	4.9	17.4	9.2	5.7	7.8
Total	136.7	85.1	221.8	100.0	100.0	100.0

THE LABOUR FORCE : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In February 1979 a supplementary survey was conducted to obtain information about the highest educational qualifications attained by persons in the labour force. For persons with post-school qualifications the information included the field of study, and for those who did not complete their schooling it included the age at which they left school.

2. Results of the survey were published in *The Labour Force : Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1979* (6235.0).

3. The following tables (Tables 49 and 50) were compiled from the results of this survey.

4. Tables 38, 39 and 44, compiled from the survey *Persons Looking for Work, July 1979*, also contain statistics classified by educational attainment.

Definitions

5. Definitions of the principal labour force categories shown in the following tables are given on page 6, but it should be noted that there are slight differences in the estimates for labour force categories shown in the following tables. This is due to (a) the different sizes of the samples used (the labour force survey was approximately twice the size of the educational qualifications survey) and (b) the inability to obtain, from a small number of persons, the additional information required for the educational qualifications survey; although the estimation procedures take account of this, estimates for some characteristics will be affected.

6. *Persons with a post-school qualification* are those who had left school and answered 'Yes' to the question 'Since leaving school have you obtained a certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?'

7. *Classification of post-school qualifications.* Respondents indicated which one of the following groups best described their highest qualification:

- (a) *Degree or equivalent:* a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (b) *Trade, technical:* completion of an approved trade/technician, apprenticeship or training course, other certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.
- (c) *Other:* completion of other post-secondary education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

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

Reliability of the estimates

9. The comments on the reliability of the estimates on pages 7 and 8 are also, in general, applicable to this survey. However, because the sample used for this survey was approximately half the size of the labour force survey sample, the standard errors shown in the following table differ from those shown in Table A on page 8.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Per cent of estimate	
									— number —	
1,700						425				
2,000						450	500			
2,500						500	550	600		
3,000					750	550	600	650		
3,500				850	800	550	650	650		
4,000				900	850	600	650	700		
4,500				950	900	600	700	750		
5,000			1,250	1,000	950	650	700	750		
6,000			1,350	1,050	1,050	700	750	800	1,550	25.8
7,000	1,700	1,750	1,450	1,150	1,100	750	800	850	1,650	23.6
10,000	2,000	2,050	1,700	1,300	1,300	850	950	1,000	1,950	19.5
20,000	2,700	2,700	2,250	1,750	1,700	1,050	1,250	1,250	2,700	13.5
50,000	3,950	3,900	3,250	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,800	1,750	4,050	8.1
100,000	5,200	5,050	4,200	3,050	3,050	1,900	2,400	2,200	5,400	5.4
200,000	6,750	6,400	5,350	3,800	3,800	2,350		2,750	7,150	3.6
300,000	7,800	7,300	6,100	4,250	4,300				8,350	2.8
500,000	9,300	8,500	7,150	4,900	4,950				10,050	2.0
1,000,000	11,750	10,400	8,800						12,800	1.3
2,000,000	14,600	12,500							16,100	0.8
5,000,000	19,150	15,500							21,300	0.4

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see paragraph 9.

TABLE 49. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, FEBRUARY 1979
(000)

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Looking for –	
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over		Full-time work	Part-time work
MALES									
With post-school qualifications (a)	11.9	9.2	8.2	7.6	8.3	8.3	53.4	50.4	*
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.6	6.4	*
Trade, technical level	11.0	6.3	6.4	6.1	7.8	7.9	45.4	43.1	*
Without post-school qualifications (b)	28.0	25.7	27.4	27.7	27.1	41.5	177.4	171.4	6.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	7.6	*	*	6.4	*	*	30.8	27.0	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	20.2	20.3	23.6	21.3	22.8	37.5	145.7	143.4	*
Total (c)	42.5	36.1	38.5	37.7	35.9	50.3	241.1	227.6	13.4
FEMALES									
With post-school qualifications (a)	14.3	12.0	7.7	*	*	6.5	50.3	34.9	15.4
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Trade, technical level	12.4	10.1	*	*	*	*	41.4	28.4	13.0
Without post-school qualifications (b)	41.0	27.7	26.6	21.4	18.5	25.5	160.7	121.5	39.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	7.8	6.1	7.2	*	*	*	29.5	21.3	8.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	33.1	21.6	19.4	17.4	16.8	22.8	131.2	100.2	31.0
Total (c)	57.5	41.1	36.4	28.3	23.6	32.0	219.0	158.8	60.3
PERSONS									
With post-school qualifications (a)	26.2	21.2	15.9	12.2	13.4	14.8	103.7	85.4	18.3
Degree or equivalent	*	6.7	*	*	*	*	12.3	9.9	*
Trade, technical level	23.3	16.4	12.0	10.0	12.2	12.9	86.8	71.6	15.3
Without post-school qualifications (b)	69.0	53.4	54.0	49.1	45.5	67.1	338.1	292.9	45.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	15.5	11.5	11.0	10.4	*	6.5	60.3	48.3	11.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	53.3	41.9	43.0	38.7	39.6	60.3	276.9	243.6	33.3
Total (c)	100.1	77.3	75.0	65.9	59.5	82.4	460.1	386.4	73.7

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Includes 18,400 persons (10,300 males) at school who were actively seeking work.

TABLE 50. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, FEBRUARY 1979

Educational attainment	Age group (years)						Total	Unemployment rate (d) per cent
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
	— '000—							
MALES								
With post-school qualifications (a)	*	14.0	14.2	9.0	7.9	6.6	53.4	3.3
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.6	2.1
Trade, technical level	*	10.4	12.0	7.4	7.7	6.2	45.4	3.5
Without post-school qualifications (b)	64.6	33.5	29.1	16.3	17.4	16.5	177.4	7.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	11.1	9.6	*	*	*	*	30.8	6.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	53.5	23.9	24.0	13.4	15.7	15.2	145.7	7.3
Total (c)	76.5	47.5	43.4	25.3	25.3	23.1	241.1	5.8
FEMALES								
With post-school qualifications (a)	9.4	12.7	19.4	*	*	*	50.3	7.0
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Trade, technical level	7.4	10.0	16.0	*	*	*	41.4	7.1
Without post-school qualifications (b)	69.9	35.0	25.1	19.6	9.1	*	160.7	10.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	16.8	8.3	*	*	*	*	29.5	10.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	53.1	26.7	22.5	18.1	8.7	*	131.2	10.1
Total (c)	87.4	47.7	44.5	25.5	9.9	*	219.0	9.3
PERSONS								
With post-school qualifications (a)	11.0	26.7	33.6	14.8	8.7	8.8	103.7	4.4
Degree or equivalent	*	10.2	*	*	*	*	12.3	2.8
Trade, technical level	9.1	20.4	28.0	13.0	8.2	8.2	86.8	4.7
Without post-school qualifications (b)	134.5	68.5	54.2	35.9	26.6	18.4	338.1	8.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	27.9	17.9	7.7	*	*	*	60.3	8.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	106.6	50.6	46.6	31.6	24.4	17.2	276.9	8.4
Total (c)	163.9	95.2	87.8	50.7	35.2	27.2	460.1	7.1

(a)-(c) See footnotes to Table 49. (d) Unemployed persons as a proportion of persons in the labour force in the same group.

LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING 1978

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In February 1979 a supplementary survey was conducted to obtain statistics about the labour force experience during 1978 of civilians aged 15 years and over. Information obtained included the length of time (in 1978) during which persons were employed, looking for work or not in the labour force; the number of periods during which they were looking for work; and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. Results of the survey were published in *Labour Force Experience During 1978* (6206.0). Results of similar surveys relating to the years 1968, 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1976 were published in previous issues of 6206.0.

3. The following tables (Tables 51 to 56) refer to persons who looked for work during 1978 and were compiled from the results of the February 1979 survey.

Definitions

4. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a calendar year, which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey (for which the reference period is one week). For this reason the definitions used in this survey differ slightly from those shown on pages 6 to 7. In particular it should be noted that whereas the monthly survey seeks information on job search during the four weeks prior to the interview week, and does not classify a person as unemployed unless active steps to obtain work were

taken during those four weeks and the person was available to start work in the survey week, no such constraints applied in the labour force experience survey.

5. For this survey, each person was assigned to a labour force category for each week in 1978 on the basis of his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week. The principal categories are:

- (a) *Persons in the labour force.*
- (b) *Employed persons.*
- (c) *Persons looking for work.* A person was classified as looking for work during a week if, in that week, he did no work at all, did not have a job or business, and was looking for work. No constraints concerning the taking of active steps to find work, or availability to start work, applied.
- (d) *Persons out of the labour force.*

Reliability of the estimates

6. The comments on the reliability of the estimates on pages 7 and 8 are also, in general, applicable to this survey. However, because the sample used for this survey was approximately half the size of the labour force survey sample, the standard errors relating to this survey, are shown on page 51.

TABLE 51. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978: AGE (a)
BY TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	Age group (years)						
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
MALES							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) —				— '000 —			
1 and under 2	9.8	6.6	8.4	*	*	*	31.6
2 " " 4	20.9	16.0	25.7	7.7	*	*	76.1
4 " " 8	49.0	29.5	25.4	10.7	9.5	*	128.7
8 " " 13	21.7	24.6	23.6	10.0	7.8	6.5	94.2
13 " " 26	38.1	27.8	22.3	14.0	7.5	*	114.6
26 " " 52	37.2	25.2	25.2	16.7	13.8	8.7	127.0
52	16.6	11.6	9.6	6.1	9.0	15.0	67.8
Total	193.4	141.4	140.2	68.9	54.4	41.6	639.9
				— per cent —			
Proportion of the labour force (b)	45.0	24.9	12.6	8.2	7.4	7.1	15.0
FEMALES							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) —				— '000 —			
1 and under 2	10.4	6.6	10.6	6.9	*	*	37.5
2 " " 4	18.5	12.4	10.4	6.7	*	*	50.6
4 " " 8	40.2	21.9	13.7	10.2	*	*	90.6
8 " " 13	22.6	14.7	17.7	7.1	*	*	66.5
13 " " 26	36.6	19.0	13.6	10.1	*	*	85.3
26 " " 52	34.9	24.7	17.6	7.1	6.1	*	91.2
52	15.3	13.3	12.6	12.1	*	*	60.7
Total	178.5	112.5	96.4	60.1	27.5	7.4	482.4
				— per cent —			
Proportion of the labour force (b)	43.7	23.8	14.3	11.6	7.1	3.6	18.1
PERSONS							
Time spent looking for work (weeks) —				— '000 —			
1 and under 2	20.2	13.2	19.1	10.5	*	*	69.1
2 " " 4	39.4	28.4	36.1	14.4	6.3	*	126.7
4 " " 8	89.2	51.5	39.2	21.0	13.3	*	219.3
8 " " 13	44.4	39.3	41.3	17.0	11.1	7.6	160.7
13 " " 26	74.8	46.8	35.9	24.1	12.0	6.3	199.9
26 " " 52	72.1	49.9	42.8	23.8	19.9	9.6	218.2
52	31.9	24.9	22.2	18.2	14.3	17.1	128.4
Total	371.9	253.9	236.6	129.0	81.9	49.0	1,122.3
				— per cent —			
Proportion of the labour force (b)	44.4	24.4	13.2	9.5	7.3	6.2	16.2

(a) In February, 1979. (b) Proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978 who looked for work at some time during the year.

TABLE 52. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978: MARITAL STATUS BY TIME SPENT
LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR
(^{'000})

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Married			Not married (a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 2	12.8	21.3	34.2	18.8	16.2	35.0
2 " " 4	36.0	23.2	59.2	40.0	27.4	67.5
4 " " 8	46.9	29.2	76.1	81.8	61.4	143.1
8 " " 13	40.6	32.8	73.5	53.6	33.6	87.3
13 " " 26	40.5	31.2	71.6	74.2	54.2	128.3
26 " " 52	44.0	37.3	81.3	83.0	53.9	136.9
52	25.2	28.6	53.8	42.6	32.0	74.6
Total	246.0	203.7	449.7	394.0	278.7	672.7

(a) Never married, widowed and divorced.

NOTE. For totals for males, females and persons, see Table 51.

TABLE 53. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978 : TIME SPENT
LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBER ('000)									
Time spent looking for work (weeks) —									
1 and under 2	25.2	18.9	8.1	6.3	7.7	*	*		69.1
2 " " 3	26.5	21.0	11.8	5.4	6.5	2.2	2.4	2.8	74.4
3 " " 4	17.3	14.0	8.7	4.0	5.6			3.1	52.3
4 " " 5	41.7	30.5	14.7	10.5	10.4	2.9			112.9
5 " " 6	8.1	7.9	*	*	4.9	*		*	28.1
6 " " 8	25.7	19.8	13.1	7.8	8.4	2.1		*	78.3
8 " " 13	45.4	37.9	30.6	17.9	18.8	4.7	2.7	3.6	160.7
13 " " 26	55.7	52.9	40.2	22.8	17.5	6.0		3.7	199.9
26 " " 52	71.1	55.4	39.6	20.5	20.2	4.1	2.5	5.6	218.2
52	58.7	22.2	16.2	14.3	10.7	2.8		2.7	128.4
Total	375.5	280.4	187.8	110.5	110.7	27.2	8.1	22.1	1,122.3
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE (per cent) (a)									
Males	14.1	13.8	17.9	16.1	16.5	13.1	12.3	18.3	15.0
Females	18.1	16.9	19.3	17.9	20.3	15.5	19.4	22.4	18.1
Persons	15.6	15.0	18.4	16.8	18.0	14.0	14.7	20.0	16.2

(a) Proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during 1978, who looked for work at some time during the year.

TABLE 54. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978:
NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
('000)

Number of periods of looking for work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
One	173.4	127.5	85.8	51.7	46.8	13.6	3.9	9.5	512.2
Two	17.8	17.5	17.1	7.9	8.5	*	*	*	72.7
Three	7.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	24.1
Four or more	11.5	*	7.7	*	4.4	*	*	*	30.9
Total	210.2	156.4	114.8	63.8	62.4	16.1	4.5	11.7	639.9
FEMALES									
One	141.2	106.4	61.4	40.6	39.7	9.0	3.1	8.2	409.5
Two	17.1	13.4	8.5	4.1	5.5	*	*	*	52.5
Three or more	7.0	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	*	20.4
Total	165.3	124.0	73.0	46.8	48.3	11.1	3.6	10.4	482.4
PERSONS									
One	314.6	233.9	147.2	92.2	86.5	22.6	6.9	17.7	921.7
Two	34.9	30.9	25.5	12.1	14.0	2.9	*	3.7	125.2
Three	11.0	8.2	6.2	*	4.6	*	*	*	33.4
Four or more	15.0	7.4	8.8	3.6	5.6	*	*	*	42.0
Total	375.5	280.4	187.8	110.5	110.7	27.2	8.1	22.1	1,122.3

TABLE 55. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978: AGE (a) AND MARITAL STATUS BY NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK ('000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Age group (years)						Married	Not married (b)	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	158.6	109.1	111.6	53.4	44.8	34.7	198.6	313.6	512.2
Two	22.4	17.8	16.5	9.0	*	*	24.8	47.9	72.7
Three	8.0	7.3	6.6	6.6	*	*	7.8	16.4	24.1
Four or more	*	7.3	6.6	8.7	*	*	14.8	16.1	30.9
Total	193.4	141.4	140.2	68.9	54.4	41.6	246.0	394.0	639.9
FEMALES									
One	148.1	92.7	85.3	53.3	24.0	6.2	177.5	232.0	409.5
Two	24.0	13.5	7.7	*	*	*	17.3	35.2	52.5
Three or more	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	*	*	8.9	11.5	20.4
Total	178.5	112.5	96.4	60.1	27.5	7.4	203.7	278.7	482.4
PERSONS									
One	306.7	201.8	196.9	106.6	68.8	40.9	376.1	545.6	921.7
Two	46.4	31.2	24.2	13.0	7.5	*	42.1	83.1	125.2
Three	11.2	10.4	7.2	*	*	*	11.4	22.1	33.4
Four or more	7.7	10.4	8.4	7.4	*	*	20.1	22.0	42.0
Total	371.9	253.9	236.6	129.0	81.9	49.0	449.7	672.7	1,122.3

(a) In February 1979. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 56. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING 1978: NUMBER OF PERIODS OF LOOKING FOR WORK BY TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE YEAR ('000)

Number of periods of looking for work	Time spent looking for work (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52		
MALES									
One	31.6	39.4	29.6	113.5	74.6	73.3	82.4	67.8	512.2
Two	..	*	*	9.9	9.4	22.5	25.0	..	72.7
Three	..	..	*	*	*	7.6	8.1	..	24.1
Four or more	..	..	..	*	*	11.2	11.5	..	30.9
Total	31.6	42.8	33.3	128.7	94.2	114.6	127.0	67.8	639.9
FEMALES									
One	37.5	28.2	17.0	81.9	54.2	68.0	62.1	60.7	409.5
Two	..	*	*	6.2	8.9	10.6	21.8	..	52.5
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	6.7	7.4	..	20.4
Total	37.5	31.6	19.1	90.6	66.5	85.3	91.2	60.7	482.4
PERSONS									
One	69.1	67.7	46.5	195.4	128.8	141.3	144.4	128.4	921.7
Two	..	6.7	*	16.1	18.3	33.1	46.8	..	125.2
Three	..	..	*	*	7.1	11.0	11.1	..	33.4
Four or more	..	..	..	*	6.6	14.5	15.9	..	42.0
Total	69.1	74.4	52.3	219.3	160.7	199.9	218.2	128.4	1,122.3

WORKING CONDITIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

During the period February to May 1979 a special survey was conducted in order to obtain information on a number of topics including working conditions. For the purposes of the survey, working conditions were those aspects of the working situation which directly affected wage and salary earners (employees) and had an influence on their overall satisfaction with their jobs.

2. Some results of the survey were published in *Working Conditions, Australia, February to May 1979 (Preliminary)* (6333.0). Further results will be published shortly. The following table includes information concerning the utilisation and the underutilisation of skills and abilities.

Definitions

3. The attitudes of employees to individual aspects of work were assessed by classifying their responses on the basis of frequency of occurrence or degree of satisfaction. The following aspects (included in Table 57) were assessed on a frequency of occurrence basis:

Able to develop job skills and abilities.

Able to use existing skills and abilities.

4. Questions concerning working conditions were asked only of persons who, at the time of the survey, were employees and who usually worked at least 20 hours a week. Approximately 4,320,300 employees were represented by the survey. Respondents were interviewed personally.

5. Since the attitude of respondents to aspects of working conditions shown in Table 57 was necessarily subjective, the figures may not represent the actual frequency of occurrence of particular conditions, but rather the respondents perception of them.

Reliability of the estimates

6. The comments on the reliability of the estimates on pages 7 and 8 are also, in general, applicable to this survey. However because the sample used for this survey was approximately one half the size of the labour force survey, the standard errors relating to this survey differ from those applicable to that survey. Details on the reliability of the estimates for the Working Conditions survey are set out in the survey publication (6333.0) mentioned above. Percentage estimates with numerators less than 7,000 (which has a relative standard error of 27.3 per cent) have not been included in Table 57. Although figures for these small components can, in some cases, be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

TABLE 57. WORKING CONDITIONS : EMPLOYEES PERCEIVED FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE OF ABILITY TO USE EXISTING SKILLS ETC. AND THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP JOB SKILLS ETC., BY OCCUPATION GROUP, FEBRUARY TO MAY 1979
(Per cent)

Occupation group	Able to use existing skills or abilities –						Able to develop job skills or abilities –					
	Never or rarely	Occasionally	Sometimes	Often	Most or all of the time	Total	Never or rarely	Occasionally	Sometimes	Often	Most or all of the time	Total
MALES												
Professional, technical etc.	*	5.5	9.8	35.0	48.1	100.0	4.1	7.1	17.8	34.9	36.0	100.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	7.6	28.1	61.1	100.0	4.1	6.6	17.0	34.7	37.5	100.0
Clerical	5.1	13.9	18.7	29.9	32.3	100.0	11.3	21.1	22.8	27.7	17.0	100.0
Sales	*	8.7	11.2	30.7	45.2	100.0	7.1	9.1	20.0	29.1	34.7	100.0
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc.	*	*	15.8	28.3	43.3	100.0	13.3	13.6	18.9	27.6	26.6	100.0
Miners, quarrymen, etc.	*	*	*	*	45.0	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	100.0
Transport and communication	12.0	11.3	14.4	22.9	39.5	100.0	30.4	17.3	18.7	16.9	16.8	100.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.	7.8	9.8	15.0	26.4	40.9	100.0	17.0	14.2	17.1	25.5	26.2	100.0
Service, sport and recreation	14.9	11.7	15.3	21.4	36.7	100.0	28.4	13.0	14.9	19.8	23.9	100.0
Total	6.6	9.2	13.8	27.7	42.6	100.0	14.6	13.3	18.0	27.0	27.0	100.0
FEMALES												
Professional, technical, etc.	*	4.2	8.1	26.7	59.9	100.0	4.1	7.7	14.2	33.2	40.9	100.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	34.1	55.4	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	100.0
Clerical	5.3	11.0	16.1	29.9	37.6	100.0	18.3	17.9	20.9	26.7	16.2	100.0
Sales	7.2	11.5	23.4	28.0	29.8	100.0	18.7	17.6	25.1	20.8	17.8	100.0
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	39.7	100.0	39.9	*	*	*	*	100.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.	23.5	12.7	15.3	21.3	27.2	100.0	36.4	18.4	19.4	15.3	10.6	100.0
Service, sport and recreation	17.0	12.7	11.5	21.3	37.5	100.0	37.0	12.6	12.1	18.7	19.7	100.0
Total (a)	8.8	10.1	14.0	26.5	40.6	100.0	20.7	15.0	18.3	24.5	21.5	100.0
PERSONS												
Professional, technical, etc.	1.4	4.9	9.1	31.4	53.2	100.0	4.1	7.4	16.2	34.1	38.1	100.0
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	7.5	28.6	60.6	100.0	5.0	7.4	17.0	33.7	36.9	100.0
Clerical	5.2	12.1	17.0	29.9	35.7	100.0	15.8	19.1	21.6	27.1	16.5	100.0
Sales	5.6	10.0	16.7	29.5	38.3	100.0	12.4	13.0	22.3	25.4	27.0	100.0
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc.	*	7.7	16.7	27.8	41.4	100.0	13.8	14.4	20.1	26.4	25.3	100.0
Miners, quarrymen, etc.	*	*	*	*	45.0	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	100.0
Transport and communication	12.5	12.2	13.8	22.1	39.5	100.0	31.6	17.2	19.0	16.2	16.0	100.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers n.e.c.	9.7	10.1	15.0	25.8	39.3	100.0	19.2	14.7	17.4	24.3	24.4	100.0
Services, sport and recreation	16.1	12.3	13.1	21.3	37.2	100.0	33.3	12.7	13.3	19.1	21.5	100.0
Total	7.3	9.5	13.9	27.3	41.9	100.0	16.7	13.8	18.1	26.2	25.2	100.0

(a) Includes female employees classified as farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc. and miners, quarrymen, etc. details for whom are not shown separately.

