

CHAPTER 2

THE LABOUR FORCE

The concept of the labour force is fundamental to the measurement of employment and unemployment.

The labour force is defined broadly as those persons who, during a particular week, are either employed or unemployed. The labour force represents the total supply of labour available to the labour market during a given week.

The participation rate, which represents the proportion of the working age population (defined to be those aged 15 and over) who are in the labour force is an important labour force measure. Analysis of the participation rates provides a basis for monitoring changes in the size and composition of labour supply, particularly in terms of age, sex and marital status. Other characteristics such as birthplace, educational attainment and family characteristics also have to be taken into account in an analysis of the labour force.

The need to reflect the dynamic structure of the labour market and the changes required to respond to evolving socio-economic conditions and policy concerns have resulted in significant modifications to the original Labour Force Survey framework that was developed in the 1960s. An ever-increasing demand to obtain information concerning underemployment and information on persons wanting to work but not defined as unemployed has led to improvements to the conceptual basis of the Australian labour force framework. The conceptual framework is set out schematically on the next page.

This chapter presents some summary statistics on the civilian labour force. The principal source for statistics on the civilian labour force is the ABS population survey, which consists of the monthly labour force survey and associated supplementary surveys. The labour force survey collects information on the labour force status of individuals (i.e. whether they are employed, unemployed or not in the labour force) together with a range of demographic and other characteristics. It provides the basis for an analysis of underemployment and underutilisation of labour, a topic addressed in Chapter 3. The supplementary surveys cover a range of topics. For example the Survey of Labour Force Experience examines the movements into and out of the labour force over twelve months.

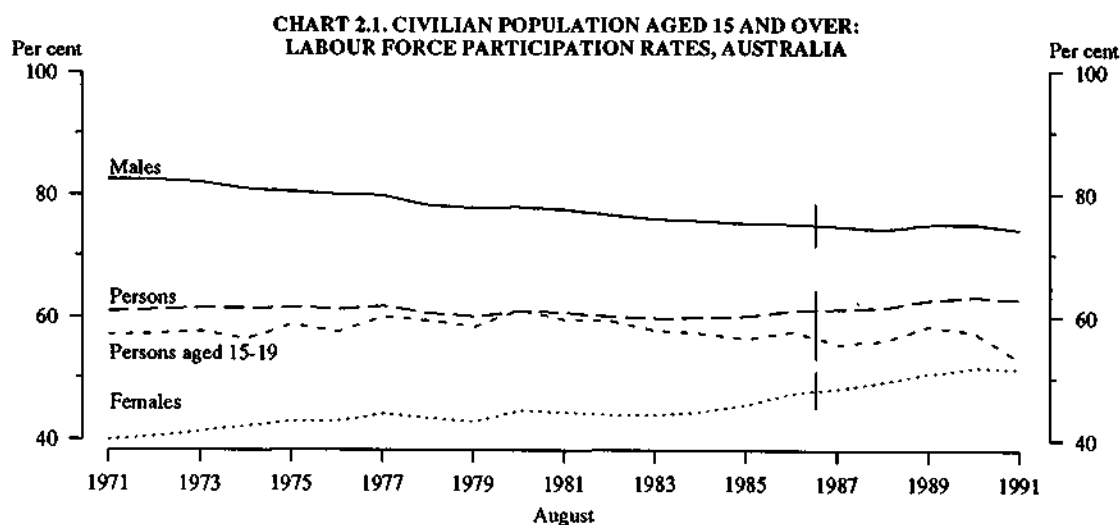
Members of the permanent Defence Forces are excluded from the labour force survey and therefore from discussion in the remainder of this publication. Their numbers totalled 61,100 males and 8,300 females at the end of June 1991.

Labour force

In August 1991, of the 8,475,200 persons in the labour force, 4,946,200 were males and 3,528,900 were females.

The labour force participation rate for persons increased by 12.0 percentage points over the decade August 1981 to August 1991 to 62.7 per cent. This increase was attributable to an increase of 7.1 percentage points in the female participation rate. The labour force participation rate for males has decreased by 3.4 percentage points to 74.1 per cent.

There were large increases in the labour force participation rate for females in both the 35 to 44 age group (13.8 percentage points) and the 45 to 54 age group (13.7 percentage points), to 71.9 and 62.7 per cent respectively. The participation rate for females aged 25 to 34 increased by 12.7 percentage points over the decade, while the participation rates for both males and females in the 15 to 19 and the 65 and over age groups fell.



Indicates break in series. Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)*.

THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR FORCE FRAMEWORK

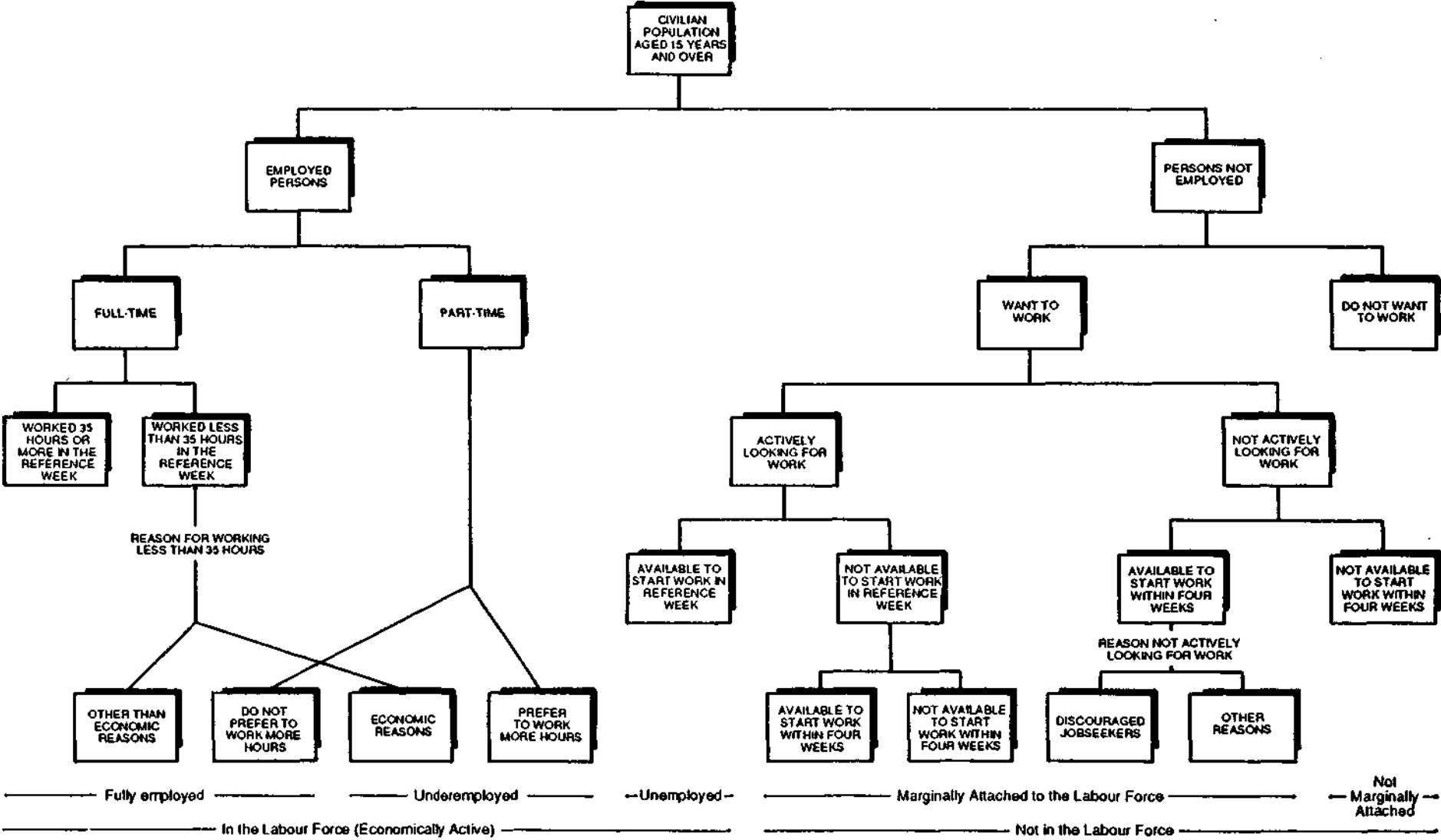


TABLE 2.1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER : LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1971 TO AUGUST 1991

August	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Un-employment rate —per cent—	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
MALES										
1971	3,600.4	3,712.7	39.9	*	43.8	3,756.5	799.6	4,556.1	1.2	82.5
1972	3,632.3	3,757.7	67.7	7.0	74.8	3,832.5	813.8	4,646.2	2.0	82.5
1973	3,697.5	3,839.6	38.3	13.0	51.3	3,891.0	847.9	4,738.8	1.3	82.1
1974	3,710.9	3,847.1	60.0	7.9	67.9	3,914.9	920.5	4,835.4	1.7	81.0
1975	3,668.4	3,820.6	122.5	16.3	138.8	3,959.4	956.6	4,916.0	3.5	80.5
1976	3,665.6	3,836.3	142.7	13.9	156.6	3,992.9	1,000.1	4,993.0	3.9	80.0
1977	3,682.6	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8
1978	3,642.5	3,850.9	207.9	14.3	222.2	4,073.1	1,137.7	5,210.8	5.5	78.2
1979	3,715.9	3,921.2	184.0	13.5	197.5	4,118.7	1,177.6	5,296.3	4.8	77.8
1980	3,773.8	3,982.8	193.9	15.7	209.6	4,192.4	1,193.2	5,385.6	5.0	77.9
1981	3,835.6	4,057.9	187.8	12.7	200.5	4,258.4	1,236.6	5,494.9	4.7	77.5
1982	3,782.5	4,024.3	250.4	21.3	271.7	4,296.0	1,314.6	5,610.6	6.3	76.6
1983	3,663.4	3,903.6	409.5	20.2	429.7	4,333.3	1,379.2	5,712.5	9.9	75.9
1984	3,772.5	4,018.0	358.6	22.6	381.2	4,399.2	1,418.8	5,818.0	8.7	75.6
1985	3,856.7	4,111.1	325.4	23.7	349.1	4,460.2	1,469.5	5,929.8	7.8	75.2
1986(a)	3,922.3	4,202.6	320.9	28.3	349.3	4,551.9	1,509.4	6,061.2	7.7	75.1
1987	3,960.0	4,277.1	317.2	29.8	347.1	4,624.2	1,565.4	6,189.6	7.5	74.7
1988	4,076.4	4,382.1	279.9	25.8	305.7	4,687.8	1,633.9	6,321.7	6.5	74.2
1989	4,217.5	4,571.9	230.7	30.0	260.7	4,832.6	1,619.7	6,452.3	5.4	74.9
1990	4,218.5	4,583.8	305.1	32.8	338.0	4,921.8	1,641.1	6,562.8	6.9	75.0
1991	4,035.4	4,443.7	465.4	37.2	502.6	4,946.3	1,728.3	6,674.6	10.2	74.1
FEMALES										
1971	1,339.2	1,803.0	30.2	18.7	48.9	1,851.9	2,783.1	4,635.0	2.6	40.0
1972	1,356.1	1,852.1	43.4	25.9	69.3	1,921.4	2,811.6	4,733.0	3.6	40.6
1973	1,395.4	1,943.3	28.8	25.6	54.5	1,997.8	2,826.8	4,824.6	2.7	41.4
1974	1,416.9	2,008.1	45.8	27.2	73.1	2,081.2	2,851.8	4,933.0	3.5	42.2
1975	1,378.5	2,020.8	93.0	46.6	139.7	2,160.3	2,859.6	5,019.9	6.5	43.0
1976	1,371.3	2,061.5	94.1	42.0	136.1	2,197.6	2,909.8	5,107.4	6.2	43.0
1977	1,411.9	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4	44.2
1978	1,402.9	2,154.4	126.5	49.6	176.1	2,330.5	3,029.1	5,359.7	7.6	43.5
1979	1,397.2	2,157.4	131.8	48.1	179.9	2,337.4	3,117.0	5,454.4	7.7	42.9
1980	1,477.3	2,298.5	140.7	44.2	184.9	2,483.4	3,071.7	5,555.1	7.4	44.7
1981	1,501.5	2,335.8	135.9	44.2	180.1	2,515.9	3,154.6	5,670.5	7.2	44.4
1982	1,503.4	2,355.0	137.2	52.5	189.7	2,544.7	3,242.8	5,787.5	7.5	44.0
1983	1,486.9	2,337.4	197.9	59.3	257.1	2,594.6	3,299.1	5,893.7	9.9	44.0
1984	1,546.3	2,448.1	165.0	57.9	222.8	2,671.0	3,319.9	5,990.9	8.3	44.6
1985	1,607.3	2,564.5	162.7	60.9	223.6	2,788.1	3,313.6	6,101.6	8.0	45.7
1986(a)	1,686.5	2,716.0	170.9	77.5	248.4	2,964.4	3,266.3	6,230.6	8.4	47.6
1987	1,711.1	2,815.2	177.8	77.1	255.0	3,070.2	3,291.4	6,361.6	8.3	48.3
1988	1,798.1	2,971.3	165.5	67.4	233.0	3,204.2	3,288.6	6,492.9	7.3	49.4
1989	1,891.5	3,155.7	139.4	69.3	208.7	3,364.4	3,258.7	6,623.1	6.2	50.8
1990	1,941.3	3,241.2	173.2	76.3	249.5	3,490.7	3,242.7	6,733.4	7.1	51.8
1991	1,907.6	3,225.5	221.6	81.8	303.4	3,528.9	3,317.0	6,845.9	8.6	51.5
PERSONS										
1971	4,939.6	5,515.7	70.1	22.6	92.7	5,608.4	3,582.7	9,191.1	1.7	61.0
1972	4,988.4	5,609.9	111.1	32.9	144.0	5,753.9	3,625.3	9,379.2	2.5	61.3
1973	5,092.9	5,783.0	67.2	38.6	105.8	5,888.7	3,674.7	9,563.4	1.8	61.6
1974	5,127.8	5,855.2	105.8	35.1	140.9	5,996.1	3,772.3	9,768.4	2.4	61.4
1975	5,046.8	5,841.3	215.5	62.9	278.4	6,119.7	3,816.2	9,935.9	4.6	61.6
1976	5,036.9	5,897.8	236.8	55.9	292.7	6,190.5	3,909.8	10,100.4	4.7	61.3
1977	5,049.6	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8
1978	5,045.3	6,005.4	334.4	63.9	398.3	6,403.7	4,166.8	10,570.5	6.2	60.6
1979	5,113.1	6,078.5	315.8	61.7	377.5	6,456.0	4,294.6	10,750.7	5.9	60.1
1980	5,251.1	6,281.4	334.6	59.9	394.5	6,675.9	4,264.9	10,940.7	5.9	61.0
1981	5,337.1	6,393.7	323.7	56.9	380.6	6,774.3	4,391.2	11,165.5	5.6	60.7
1982	5,285.9	6,379.3	387.6	73.8	461.4	6,840.7	4,557.4	11,398.1	6.7	60.0
1983	5,150.3	6,241.1	607.4	79.5	686.8	6,927.9	4,678.3	11,606.2	9.9	59.7
1984	5,318.8	6,466.1	523.5	80.5	604.0	7,070.1	4,738.7	11,808.8	8.5	59.9
1985	5,464.0	6,675.6	488.0	84.7	572.7	7,248.3	4,783.1	12,031.4	7.9	60.2
1986(a)	5,608.8	6,918.6	491.8	105.8	597.6	7,516.2	4,775.7	12,291.9	8.0	61.1
1987	5,671.1	7,092.3	495.1	107.0	602.0	7,694.4	4,856.8	12,551.2	7.8	61.3
1988	5,874.6	7,353.4	445.4	93.3	538.7	7,892.1	4,922.5	12,814.5	6.8	61.6
1989	6,108.9	7,727.6	370.1	99.3	469.4	8,197.0	4,878.5	13,075.4	5.7	62.7
1990	6,159.8	7,825.0	478.3	109.1	587.4	8,412.5	4,883.7	13,296.2	7.0	63.3
1991	5,943.0	7,669.2	687.0	119.1	806.0	8,475.2	5,045.3	13,520.5	9.5	62.7

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 2.2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES BY AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1981 TO AUGUST 1991
(per cent)

August	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1981	61.8	91.3	95.3	95.2	91.3	81.1	51.2	10.6	77.5
1982	62.4	89.3	94.9	95.1	90.0	79.1	47.7	9.2	76.6
1983	58.2	89.6	95.4	95.0	90.4	78.2	42.8	8.6	75.9
1984	59.0	89.4	95.1	94.7	90.0	76.7	43.4	9.0	75.6
1985	57.7	89.7	94.5	94.8	90.0	76.4	42.6	8.9	75.2
1986(a)	58.5	89.1	94.8	94.4	90.0	75.7	45.1	8.4	75.1
1987	57.4	89.4	94.6	94.4	89.5	74.5	44.7	8.5	74.7
1988	56.4	90.1	93.7	94.2	87.3	73.6	47.2	8.4	74.2
1989	59.6	89.2	94.8	93.3	88.7	74.9	49.8	8.5	74.9
1990	58.1	88.7	94.2	94.3	89.6	76.0	50.6	8.5	75.0
1991	53.5	87.1	94.3	93.8	89.8	71.9	49.6	9.1	74.1
FEMALES									
1981	57.1	70.7	52.9	58.1	49.0	29.8	12.0	2.6	44.4
1982	56.1	70.0	53.6	58.0	49.5	26.0	9.1	2.5	44.0
1983	57.0	70.8	52.8	58.0	48.5	28.3	12.1	2.1	44.0
1984	55.6	71.8	54.9	58.7	50.1	27.6	11.5	2.5	44.6
1985	56.0	73.6	57.6	61.4	50.2	27.1	11.2	2.0	45.7
1986(a)	56.6	74.6	60.1	64.7	54.4	28.7	12.7	1.9	47.6
1987	53.6	75.6	61.9	65.8	55.3	30.4	13.2	2.6	48.3
1988	56.0	75.8	62.0	68.2	57.0	31.4	14.5	2.5	49.4
1989	57.1	77.4	65.0	69.8	59.3	32.1	13.6	2.2	50.8
1990	56.8	78.8	65.1	72.1	61.0	33.8	16.3	2.3	51.8
1991	52.6	76.7	65.6	71.9	62.7	35.7	14.6	2.4	51.5
PERSONS									
1981	59.5	81.0	74.2	76.9	70.6	55.4	30.7	5.9	60.7
1982	59.3	79.6	74.3	76.9	70.2	52.5	27.9	5.3	60.0
1983	57.6	80.2	74.1	76.8	69.9	53.4	26.9	4.8	59.7
1984	57.3	80.6	74.9	77.0	70.5	52.5	27.0	5.2	59.9
1985	56.9	81.7	76.0	78.4	70.6	52.1	26.5	4.9	60.2
1986(a)	57.6	81.9	77.4	79.7	72.7	52.6	28.6	4.7	61.1
1987	55.6	82.6	78.2	80.3	72.8	52.8	28.6	5.1	61.3
1988	56.2	83.0	77.9	81.3	72.5	52.8	30.6	5.0	61.6
1989	58.4	83.4	79.9	81.7	74.4	53.8	31.6	4.9	62.7
1990	57.4	83.8	79.7	83.3	75.7	55.2	33.4	4.9	63.3
1991	53.0	81.9	80.0	82.9	76.6	54.0	32.1	5.3	62.7

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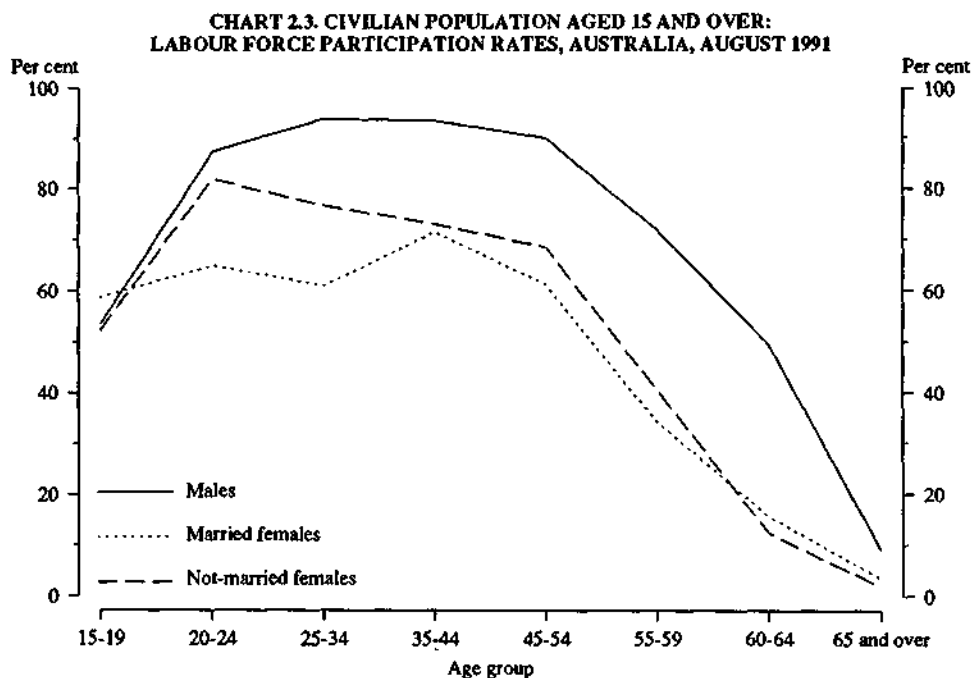


TABLE 2.3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1991

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate — per cent —	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
— '000 —										
MALES										
New South Wales	1,385.7	1,513.0	147.1	11.2	158.3	1,671.3	595.3	2,266.7	9.5	73.7
Victoria	1,020.9	1,120.8	125.3	11.1	136.5	1,257.2	452.3	1,709.5	10.9	73.5
Queensland	692.6	767.3	76.0	5.3	81.3	848.6	293.3	1,141.9	9.6	74.3
South Australia	328.0	366.2	42.4	3.5	45.9	412.1	158.0	570.1	11.1	72.3
Western Australia	395.0	439.5	51.7	3.4	55.1	494.6	150.0	644.7	11.1	76.7
Tasmania	99.8	111.4	14.3	* 0.9	15.2	126.6	48.1	174.7	12.0	72.4
Northern Territory	40.5	42.6	4.8	* 0.2	5.0	47.6	10.7	58.3	10.6	81.7
Australian Capital Territory	73.0	82.9	3.7	1.6	5.3	88.2	20.5	108.7	6.0	81.1
Australia	4,035.4	4,443.7	465.4	37.2	502.6	4,946.3	1,728.3	6,674.6	10.2	74.1
FEMALES										
New South Wales	662.2	1,069.1	69.5	27.6	97.1	1,166.2	1,170.8	2,337.0	8.3	49.9
Victoria	501.3	851.3	56.9	18.9	75.7	927.1	843.9	1,771.0	8.2	52.3
Queensland	310.0	540.9	41.3	14.0	55.3	596.2	566.5	1,162.7	9.3	51.3
South Australia	153.3	269.6	19.3	7.9	27.2	296.8	289.0	585.9	9.2	50.7
Western Australia	169.3	315.0	23.8	9.0	32.8	347.8	295.2	643.1	9.4	54.1
Tasmania	43.1	80.1	7.0	1.8	8.8	88.9	91.4	180.3	9.9	49.3
Northern Territory	23.2	32.4	* 1.7	* 0.7	2.4	34.8	20.0	54.8	6.9	63.4
Australian Capital Territory	45.2	67.0	2.1	2.0	4.1	71.1	40.1	111.2	5.7	64.0
Australia	1,907.6	3,225.5	221.6	81.8	303.4	3,528.9	3,317.0	6,845.9	8.6	51.5
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,047.8	2,582.1	216.6	38.8	255.4	2,837.5	1,766.1	4,603.6	9.0	61.6
Victoria	1,522.2	1,972.1	182.2	30.0	212.2	2,184.3	1,296.2	3,480.5	9.7	62.8
Queensland	1,002.6	1,308.2	117.3	19.2	136.6	1,444.8	859.8	2,304.6	9.5	62.7
South Australia	481.3	635.8	61.7	11.5	73.2	708.9	447.0	1,156.0	10.3	61.3
Western Australia	564.3	754.5	75.6	12.4	88.0	842.4	445.3	1,287.7	10.4	65.4
Tasmania	142.9	191.6	21.3	2.7	23.9	215.5	139.6	355.1	11.1	60.7
Northern Territory	63.7	75.0	6.5	* 0.9	7.4	82.4	30.7	113.2	9.0	72.8
Australian Capital Territory	118.2	149.9	5.8	3.6	9.4	159.3	60.6	219.9	5.9	72.5
Australia	5,943.0	7,669.2	687.0	119.1	806.0	8,475.2	5,045.3	13,520.5	9.5	62.7

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 2.4. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY BIRTHPLACE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1991

	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate — per cent —	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total			
— '000 —							
Born in Australia	4,390.6	5,743.0	465.3	549.9	6,292.9	8.7	64.7
Born outside Australia	1,552.5	1,926.2	221.6	256.2	2,182.3	11.7	61.2
Main English Speaking Countries	690.8	872.5	77.0	88.1	960.6	9.2	65.6
Other Countries	861.6	1,053.6	144.6	168.0	1,221.7	13.8	58.1
Oceania	165.6	202.8	23.4	27.2	230.0	11.8	74.3
New Zealand	135.9	168.8	16.5	19.0	187.8	10.1	77.0
Europe and the USSR	965.1	1,209.1	118.4	133.3	1,342.4	9.9	59.2
Germany	51.7	65.5	4.4	4.9	70.4	7.0	65.5
Greece	59.4	71.8	8.6	9.3	81.2	11.5	57.6
Italy	102.0	126.5	11.6	13.0	139.5	9.3	50.3
Netherlands	41.5	51.9	* 3.4	3.9	55.8	7.0	59.1
UK and Ireland	506.0	640.2	56.2	63.4	703.6	9.0	62.7
Yugoslavia	79.7	93.5	13.9	16.2	109.7	14.7	64.0
The Middle East and North Africa	62.9	73.6	19.1	20.8	94.4	22.0	57.6
Lebanon	22.2	25.5	10.9	11.5	37.0	31.0	54.5
Southeast Asia	138.8	165.0	31.0	35.7	200.7	17.8	61.1
Malaysia	32.3	39.2	* 2.9	4.2	43.4	9.8	68.5
Philippines	31.3	37.7	5.5	6.5	44.2	14.6	68.4
Viet Nam	37.4	43.3	15.5	17.3	60.6	28.6	56.3
Northeast Asia	69.6	88.3	9.1	13.8	102.0	13.5	55.4
China	40.5	50.2	6.5	9.1	59.3	15.4	66.9
The Americas	54.7	66.9	7.0	9.2	76.1	12.1	67.9
Other	95.8	120.5	13.7	16.1	136.6	11.8	67.8
India	30.7	35.8	3.8	4.2	40.0	10.5	71.0

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6303.0).

Characteristics of Migrants who arrived in Australia after 1970

An estimated 39 per cent of persons who migrated to Australia in the period 1971-1990 (and were aged 18 and over on arrival) last resided in Europe. A further 33 per cent of migrants who arrived in this period last resided in Asia.

In September 1990, persons whose country of last residence was in Asia had the highest unemployment rate of 12.8 per cent, followed by those whose country of last residence was in Europe or America (9.2% and 8.2% respectively). Persons who last resided in Oceania had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.1 per cent.

Persons whose country of last residence was New Zealand had the highest participation rate (81.7%), with males recording 92.4 per cent and females 69.7 per cent, while those who last resided in Asia recorded the lowest participation rate at 64.9 per cent (81.0% for males and 50.4% for females).

TABLE 2.5. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1970 AGED 18 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND COUNTRY OF LAST RESIDENCE, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1990
(*000)

Labour force status	Africa	America	Europe			Oceania			Total	Total
			Asia	United Kingdom and Ireland	Other countries in Europe	New Zealand	Other countries in Oceania			
MALES										
--- '000 ---										
Labour force	24.9	30.4	148.2	116.7	78.2	194.9	82.4	11.0	93.3	491.7
Employed	23.1	27.7	128.0	109.8	66.2	176.0	77.8	9.9	87.7	442.6
Full-time	22.1	25.9	119.3	106.0	63.5	169.5	74.7	9.6	84.4	421.2
Part-time	* 1.0	* 1.8	8.6	3.8	* 2.7	6.5	* 3.1	* 0.3	* 3.4	21.4
Unemployed	* 1.8	* 2.6	20.3	6.9	12.0	18.8	4.5	* 1.1	5.6	49.2
Not in the labour force	3.5	3.5	34.8	18.9	11.7	30.6	6.7	* 1.0	7.8	80.2
Total	28.4	33.8	183.1	135.5	89.9	225.5	89.1	12.0	101.1	571.9
--- per cent ---										
Unemployment rate	* 7.3	* 8.6	13.7	5.9	15.3	9.7	5.5	* 9.7	6.0	10.0
Participation rate	87.7	89.8	81.0	86.1	86.9	86.4	92.4	91.4	92.3	86.0
FEMALES										
--- '000 ---										
Labour force	16.5	22.7	102.9	81.8	48.3	130.1	55.7	9.4	65.2	337.3
Employed	15.0	21.0	91.1	76.9	42.2	119.1	50.8	8.7	59.5	305.8
Full-time	10.5	14.6	71.2	47.1	27.5	74.6	36.2	7.2	43.4	214.3
Part-time	4.6	6.3	20.0	29.8	14.7	44.5	14.6	* 1.5	16.1	91.5
Unemployed	* 1.5	* 1.7	11.7	4.9	6.1	11.0	5.0	* 0.7	5.7	31.6
Not in the labour force	12.8	15.3	101.3	49.6	41.4	91.0	24.2	5.1	29.3	249.6
Total	29.3	38.0	204.1	131.4	89.7	221.1	80.0	14.5	94.5	587.0
--- per cent ---										
Unemployment rate	* 8.9	* 7.6	11.4	6.0	12.6	8.4	8.9	* 7.5	8.7	9.4
Participation rate	56.4	59.7	50.4	62.2	53.8	58.8	69.7	64.9	69.0	57.5
PERSONS										
--- '000 ---										
Labour force	41.4	53.1	251.1	198.5	126.5	325.0	138.1	20.4	158.5	829.1
Employed	38.1	48.7	219.1	186.7	108.4	295.1	128.6	18.6	147.2	748.3
Full-time	32.5	40.6	190.5	153.1	91.0	244.1	111.0	16.8	127.7	635.5
Part-time	5.6	8.1	28.6	33.6	17.4	51.1	17.7	* 1.8	19.5	112.9
Unemployed	* 3.3	4.3	32.0	11.8	18.0	29.8	9.5	* 1.8	11.2	80.7
Not in the labour force	16.3	18.8	136.1	68.5	53.1	121.6	31.0	6.1	37.1	329.8
Total	57.7	71.8	387.2	267.0	179.6	446.6	169.1	26.5	195.6	1,158.9
--- per cent ---										
Unemployment rate	* 8.0	8.2	12.8	5.9	14.3	9.2	6.9	* 8.7	7.1	9.7
Participation rate	71.8	73.9	64.9	74.4	70.4	72.8	81.7	76.9	81.0	71.5

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia, September 1990 (6250.0).

Labour Force Experience

An estimated 9,215,200 persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1991. The proportion of persons participating in the labour force has increased from 74 per cent in 1986 to 77 per cent in 1991.

Over this period, participation by males in the labour force has remained steady at 86 per cent. Males aged between 20 and 54 years recorded participation rates over 90 per cent from 1986 onwards. For females, the 20-24 year age group recorded the highest participation rate in each of the past six surveys. The participation rate for married females has increased since 1986, with the proportion of married females participating in the labour force increasing from 57 per cent in 1986 to 65 per cent in 1991.

For all age groups, the participation rate for married males was higher than the participation rate for males not married. Married females aged between 45 and 54 recorded the largest participation rate increase, rising from 57 per cent in 1986 to 69 per cent in 1991.

Of the 8,673,100 persons who had worked at some time during the year ending March 1991, 5,803,000 persons (67%) had worked for the full 52 weeks.

During the year ending March 1991, 1,748,700 persons looked for work at some time. Of these, 232,700 persons (13%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks.

The number of persons not in the labour force at some time during the year was 5,264,700, with 2,775,700 persons (53%) not in the labour force for the whole year. Females made up 65 per cent of persons not in the labour force at some time during the year.

TABLE 2.6. ALL PERSONS : PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTH PERIOD AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1986 TO MARCH 1991(a)
(per cent)

Survey conducted in—	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69(b)	
MALES									
February—									
1986	74.0	97.0	97.6	96.9	92.6	83.4	51.1	18.6	r85.8
1987	74.7	96.7	98.0	96.6	92.1	83.6	52.8	19.5	r86.3
1988	70.1	95.6	97.3	96.4	90.8	81.2	54.5	16.3	r85.5
1989	73.9	96.1	97.2	96.7	92.1	79.8	57.7	17.0	r85.8
March—									
1990	75.4	95.8	97.5	96.5	92.4	80.3	57.7	19.2	86.2
1991	72.3	96.3	97.7	96.7	92.6	81.1	58.7	20.8	86.3
FEMALES									
February—									
1986	72.8	84.5	71.1	71.9	58.7	35.8	16.3	6.6	r61.5
1987	73.4	85.2	72.1	72.6	61.8	37.1	17.5	6.9	r63.1
1988	68.5	86.4	73.1	73.8	61.8	35.1	15.9	6.6	r63.0
1989	73.9	86.4	74.6	76.4	64.7	39.4	19.0	5.9	r65.2
March—									
1990	73.4	86.5	78.0	80.5	66.8	38.5	18.7	5.8	67.1
1991	72.3	86.4	77.4	78.6	69.6	42.5	19.6	6.9	67.3
PERSONS									
February—									
1986	73.4	90.7	84.3	84.5	76.0	59.8	33.4	12.1	r73.7
1987	74.1	91.0	85.0	84.7	77.3	60.5	34.9	12.8	r74.7
1988	69.3	91.0	85.2	85.2	76.6	58.3	35.0	11.1	r74.3
1989	73.9	91.3	85.9	86.6	78.7	59.9	38.1	11.2	r75.6
March—									
1990	74.4	91.1	87.8	88.5	79.9	59.7	38.1	12.2	76.7
1991	72.3	91.4	87.5	87.7	81.4	62.1	38.7	13.6	76.9

(a) Prior to March 1990, the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proportions from 1986 to 1989 have been calculated with persons aged 70 years and over excluded.

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending March 1991 (6206.0).

TABLE 2.7. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1991
AND MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA
(*000)

	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	452.3	1,319.2	1,771.5	374.8	629.4	1,004.2	827.1	1,948.6	2,775.7
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	3,217.7	2,400.3	5,618.1	1,985.3	1,611.8	3,597.1	5,203.0	4,012.2	9,215.2
Time in the labour force during the preceding year (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	9.0	56.3	65.3	41.8	48.1	89.9	50.8	104.4	155.2
4 and under 13	22.2	116.8	138.9	112.5	121.5	234.0	134.7	238.3	373.0
13 and under 26	29.8	116.3	146.1	91.8	104.0	195.8	121.6	220.3	341.9
26 and under 39	47.4	164.9	212.2	80.9	90.7	171.6	128.2	255.6	383.8
39 and under 49	161.9	280.9	442.8	142.8	142.2	285.0	304.7	423.1	727.8
49 and under 52	155.1	158.3	313.4	96.2	97.8	194.0	251.3	256.1	507.4
52	2,792.3	1,506.9	4,299.3	1,419.4	1,007.5	2,426.9	4,211.8	2,514.4	6,726.2
Worked at some time during the preceding year	3,137.5	2,281.2	5,418.7	1,805.3	1,449.1	3,254.4	4,942.8	3,730.3	8,673.1
Time worked during the preceding year (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	9.0	44.9	53.9	36.9	41.5	78.4	45.9	86.4	132.3
4 and under 13	42.9	106.7	149.6	108.7	106.8	215.5	151.6	213.5	365.1
13 and under 26	57.0	118.9	176.0	111.2	97.4	208.5	168.2	216.3	384.5
26 and under 39	116.4	173.0	289.4	145.4	115.4	260.8	261.8	288.4	550.2
39 and under 49	255.3	291.5	546.7	213.9	183.7	397.6	469.2	475.1	944.3
49 and under 52	163.9	152.9	316.8	91.8	85.1	176.9	255.7	238.0	493.7
52	2,493.0	1,393.4	3,886.4	1,097.4	819.2	1,916.6	3,590.4	2,212.6	5,803.0
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	2,851.8	1,126.0	3,977.8	1,378.2	862.5	2,240.7	4,230.0	1,988.5	6,218.5
All were part-time	123.1	945.6	1,068.7	254.5	434.5	689.0	377.6	1,380.0	1,757.7
More full-time than part-time	132.3	119.6	251.9	125.1	91.3	216.4	257.4	210.9	468.3
More part-time than full-time	30.3	90.0	120.3	47.5	60.8	108.2	77.8	150.8	228.6
Number of jobs held during the preceding year—									
One	2,812.4	2,062.7	4,875.0	1,472.3	1,187.8	2,660.1	4,284.6	3,250.5	7,535.1
Two	255.4	177.1	432.5	234.0	193.1	427.1	489.4	370.2	859.6
Three	46.0	34.3	80.3	65.6	48.0	113.7	111.6	82.4	194.0
Four or more	25.4	12.2	37.6	35.5	23.0	58.4	60.9	35.2	96.1
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	404.8	311.5	716.3	577.2	455.2	1,032.4	982.0	766.7	1,748.7
Number of spells of looking for work during the preceding year—									
One	319.4	256.1	575.5	457.6	366.1	823.8	777.0	622.2	1,399.3
Two	35.3	28.9	64.2	56.7	47.8	104.6	92.1	76.7	168.7
Three	18.8	9.9	28.8	30.6	19.4	50.0	49.5	29.3	78.8
Four or more	31.2	16.6	47.8	32.2	21.8	54.1	63.4	38.5	101.9
Total	3,670.0	3,719.5	7,389.6	2,360.1	2,241.2	4,601.3	6,030.2	5,960.7	11,990.9

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending March 1991 (6206.0).

Transition from Education to Work

In May 1991, 2,389,400 persons were identified as having attended an educational institution in the previous year (1990) — 1,365,500 attended full-time and 1,023,800 attended part-time.

Of those who attended full-time in 1990, 316,500 had left full-time education by May 1991. Of this group 66 per cent (209,800) were employed in May 1991, while 25 per cent (79,500) were unemployed and 8.6 per cent (27,200) were not in the labour force.

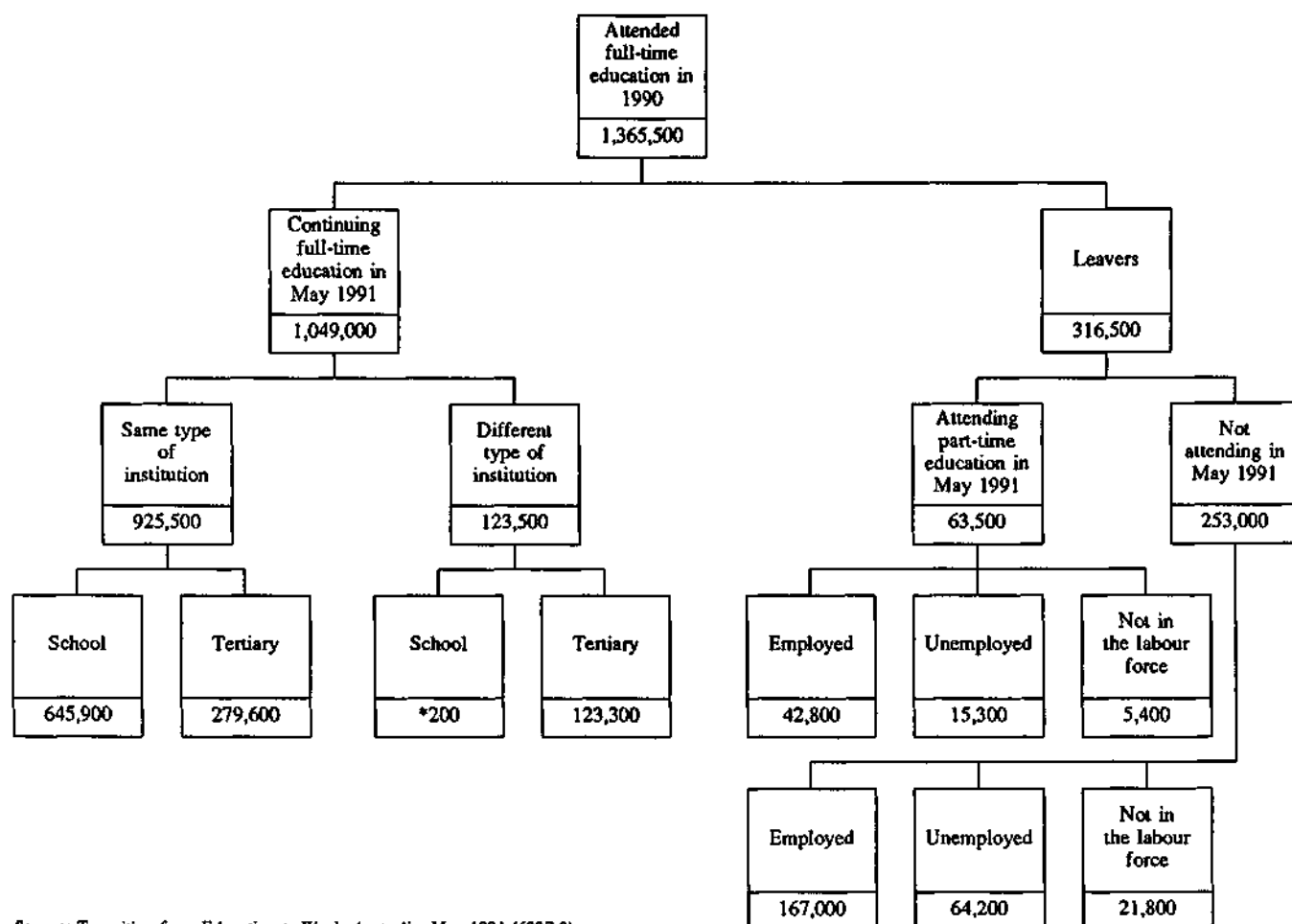
Of those who attended an educational institution part-time in 1990, 55 per cent (560,600) were not attending an educational institution at all in May 1991, 42 per cent (433,600) continued part-time study and 2.9 per cent (29,600) were attending full-time in May 1991.

TABLE 2.8. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 64 : AGE, WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN PREVIOUS YEAR, WHETHER ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1986 TO MAY 1991 ('000)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
AGED 15 TO 24						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	1,328.3	1,369.7	1,423.7	1,483.0	1,510.2	1,539.3
Attended full-time in previous year	1,088.7	1,161.9	1,261.9	1,196.5	1,219.6	1,239.2
Attending full-time education in May	778.3	837.4	870.8	907.2	928.3	990.1
Leavers	310.4	287.6	291.0	289.3	291.4	249.2
Employed	237.0	216.0	232.0	234.0	230.5	166.5
Full-time workers	206.2	182.0	196.1	199.9	186.2	118.5
Part-time workers	30.8	34.0	35.9	34.1	44.2	48.0
Unemployed	55.7	53.9	42.6	38.3	44.7	64.3
Not in labour force	17.6	17.6	16.4	17.0	16.2	18.4
Attended part-time in previous year	239.6	244.7	261.7	286.5	290.5	300.1
Attending an educational institution in May	123.5	133.6	144.6	147.6	152.4	163.4
Full-time	10.1	12.3	12.5	12.3	15.6	17.8
Part-time	113.4	121.3	132.3	135.3	136.8	145.6
Not attending an educational institution in May	116.2	111.1	117.1	138.9	138.1	136.7
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	1,302.7	1,301.4	1,271.6	1,233.8	1,214.2	1,191.9
Total	2,631.0	2,671.0	2,695.2	2,716.8	2,724.4	2,731.2
AGED 25 TO 64						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	667.7	653.1	703.2	725.3	767.1	850.1
Attended full-time in previous year	74.7	76.0	92.5	91.8	113.8	126.3
Attending full-time education in May	28.7	34.3	42.5	45.5	45.6	58.9
Leavers	46.0	41.6	50.0	46.3	68.2	67.4
Employed	36.2	31.6	36.5	35.2	50.9	43.3
Full-time workers	29.7	25.6	26.9	29.8	43.1	31.0
Part-time workers	6.5	6.1	9.6	5.3	7.8	12.3
Unemployed	4.3	5.1	7.0	4.7	7.6	15.2
Not in labour force	5.5	4.9	6.5	6.4	9.7	8.8
Attended part-time in previous year	593.0	577.1	610.7	633.5	653.2	723.7
Attending an educational institution in May	244.1	246.3	253.3	273.8	260.3	299.8
Full-time	7.8	9.3	7.9	12.7	12.0	11.8
Part-time	236.2	237.0	245.4	261.1	248.3	288.0
Not attending an educational institution in May	348.9	330.8	357.4	359.7	393.0	423.9
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	7,128.3	7,328.3	7,464.7	7,651.1	7,773.5	7,858.7
Total	7,796.0	7,981.3	8,167.9	8,376.3	8,540.6	8,708.7
ALL PERSONS						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	1,995.9	2,022.7	2,126.8	2,208.2	2,277.2	2,389.4
Attended full-time in previous year	1,163.3	1,200.9	1,254.4	1,288.2	1,333.4	1,365.5
Attending full-time education in May	807.0	871.7	913.3	952.6	973.8	1,049.0
Leavers	356.3	329.2	341.1	335.6	359.6	316.5
Employed	273.3	247.7	268.5	269.2	281.4	209.8
Full-time workers	235.9	207.6	223.0	229.7	229.3	149.5
Part-time workers	37.4	40.1	45.5	39.5	52.0	60.3
Unemployed	60.0	59.1	49.7	43.0	52.3	79.5
Not in labour force	23.1	22.4	22.9	23.4	26.0	27.2
Attended part-time in previous year	832.6	821.8	872.4	920.0	943.8	1,023.8
Attending an educational institution in May	367.5	379.9	398.0	421.4	412.7	463.2
Full-time	17.8	21.6	20.3	25.0	27.6	29.6
Part-time	349.7	358.3	377.7	396.4	385.1	433.6
Not attending an educational institution in May	465.1	442.0	474.5	498.6	531.1	560.6
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	8,431.1	8,629.7	8,736.3	8,884.9	8,987.7	9,050.6
Total	10,427.0	10,652.4	10,863.1	11,093.1	11,265.0	11,439.9

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1991 (6227.0).

CHART 2.4. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 WHO ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME IN 1990:
SELECTED EDUCATIONAL AND LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1991



Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1991 (6227.0).

TABLE 2.9. LEAVERS AGED 15 TO 64 : TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED FULL-TIME
IN PREVIOUS YEAR AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1986 TO MAY 1991

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
	— '000 —					
Attended school full-time in previous year	212.2	194.5	194.6	198.1	172.9	138.8
Labour force	198.8	181.4	183.2	184.7	162.8	125.6
Employed	157.4	141.1	148.6	158.2	136.2	87.6
Unemployed	41.4	40.3	34.7	26.4	26.7	38.1
Not in labour force	13.4	13.2	11.3	13.5	10.1	13.2
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	20.8	22.2	18.9	14.3	16.4	30.3
Participation rate	93.7	93.2	94.2	93.2	94.2	90.5
	— '000 —					
Attended tertiary full-time in previous year	144.2	134.7	146.5	137.5	186.7	177.7
Labour force	134.5	125.4	134.9	127.5	170.8	163.7
Employed	115.8	106.6	119.9	110.9	145.2	122.2
Unemployed	18.7	18.8	15.0	16.6	25.6	41.4
Not in the labour force	9.7	9.3	11.6	9.9	15.9	14.0
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	13.9	15.0	11.1	13.0	15.0	25.3
Participation rate	93.3	93.1	92.1	92.8	91.5	92.1
	— '000 —					
All leavers	356.3	329.2	341.1	335.6	359.6	316.5
Labour force	333.3	306.8	318.1	312.2	333.7	289.3
Employed	273.3	247.7	268.5	269.2	281.4	209.8
Unemployed	60.0	59.1	49.6	43.0	52.3	79.5
Not in the labour force	23.1	22.4	22.9	23.4	26.0	27.2
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	18.0	19.3	15.6	13.8	15.7	27.5
Participation rate	93.5	93.2	93.3	93.0	92.8	91.4

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1991 (6227.0).

TABLE 2.10. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL IN 1990 BUT WERE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL IN MAY 1991 : LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER ATTENDING A TERTIARY INSTITUTION, TYPE OF ATTENDANCE AND TYPE OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1991

Type of school last attended	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
—'000—									
—per cent—									
ATTENDING TERTIARY FULL-TIME									
Males									
Government	* 1.3	8.5	9.8	4.2	14.0	18.1	32.1	30.0	43.7
Non-government	* 0.0	5.6	5.6	* 2.7	8.2	10.9	19.2	* 32.3	43.0
Total(a)	* 1.3	14.2	15.5	7.0	22.5	29.9	52.4	31.1	43.0
Females									
Government	* 0.3	9.7	10.1	4.3	14.4	23.5	37.8	30.0	38.0
Non-government	* 0.0	8.2	8.2	* 2.8	10.9	7.3	18.2	* 25.2	60.1
Total(a)	* 0.3	18.1	18.4	7.3	25.7	31.9	57.7	28.5	44.6
Persons									
Government	* 1.6	18.3	19.9	8.5	28.4	41.6	70.0	30.0	40.6
Non-government	* 0.0	13.8	13.8	5.4	19.2	18.2	37.4	28.2	51.3
Total(a)	* 1.6	32.3	33.9	14.3	48.2	61.8	110.1	29.7	43.8
ATTENDING TERTIARY PART-TIME									
Males									
Government	6.8	* 1.9	8.7	* 2.5	11.2	* 1.0	12.2	* 22.2	91.8
Non-government	* 2.6	* 0.4	* 3.1	* 0.0	* 3.1	* 0.1	* 3.2	* 0.0	* 96.1
Total(a)	9.5	* 2.4	11.8	* 2.5	14.3	* 1.1	15.5	* 17.4	92.7
Females									
Government	3.9	* 2.1	6.0	* 1.6	7.6	* 0.6	8.2	* 21.1	93.0
Non-government	* 1.1	* 0.9	* 2.0	* 0.6	* 2.6	* 0.2	* 2.8	* 21.3	* 91.6
Total(a)	5.1	* 3.0	8.1	* 2.2	10.2	* 0.8	11.0	* 21.1	92.6
Persons									
Government	10.8	4.0	14.8	4.1	18.9	* 1.6	20.5	21.7	92.3
Non-government	3.8	* 1.4	5.1	* 0.6	5.7	* 0.4	6.0	* 9.7	94.0
Total(a)	14.5	5.4	19.9	4.7	24.6	* 1.9	26.5	18.9	92.7
NOT ATTENDING TERTIARY									
Males									
Government	20.4	8.3	28.7	14.4	43.1	4.0	47.1	33.3	91.5
Non-government	5.4	* 1.2	6.6	* 2.8	9.4	* 1.2	10.6	* 29.7	89.0
Total(a)	26.8	9.7	36.4	18.1	54.5	5.3	59.9	33.2	91.1
Females									
Government	16.2	9.6	25.8	15.1	40.9	4.5	45.5	36.9	90.0
Non-government	5.1	* 3.2	8.2	* 2.3	10.5	* 1.5	12.0	* 21.7	87.9
Total(a)	21.9	13.3	35.2	17.6	52.8	6.3	59.2	33.4	89.3
Persons									
Government	36.6	17.9	54.6	29.5	84.0	8.5	92.6	35.1	90.8
Non-government	10.5	4.3	14.8	5.1	19.9	* 2.6	22.5	25.5	88.4
Total(a)	48.7	22.9	71.6	35.7	107.4	11.7	119.0	33.3	90.2
TOTAL									
Males									
Government	28.5	18.8	47.3	21.1	68.4	23.1	91.4	30.8	74.8
Non-government	8.1	7.2	15.3	5.5	20.7	12.2	33.0	26.3	62.9
Total(a)	37.5	26.3	63.8	27.6	91.4	36.3	127.7	30.2	71.6
Females									
Government	20.5	21.4	41.9	21.0	62.9	28.6	91.5	33.4	68.8
Non-government	6.2	12.3	18.5	5.6	24.0	9.0	33.0	23.2	72.8
Total(a)	27.3	34.3	61.6	27.1	88.8	39.1	127.8	30.6	69.4
Persons									
Government	48.9	40.3	89.2	42.1	131.3	51.7	183.0	32.1	71.8
Non-government	14.3	19.5	33.7	11.0	44.8	21.2	65.9	24.7	67.9
Total(a)	64.8	60.6	125.4	54.7	180.2	75.4	255.6	30.4	70.5

(a) Includes persons who were not asked the type of school they last attended.

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1991 (6227 0)

Educational Attainment

In February 1991 there were an estimated 8,452,500 persons aged 15 to 69 in the labour force, of whom 4,021,500 (48%) had post-school qualifications, 4,245,300 (50%) were without post-school qualifications and 185,800 (2.2%) were still at school. Persons in the labour force with a post-school qualification comprised 1,735,300 (43%) with a certificate or diploma, 1,330,300 (33%) with a trade qualification, 919,100 (23%) with a degree and the remaining 36,700 with other post-school qualifications.

TABLE 2.11. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69 : LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1991

Educational attainment	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
	MALES			—'000—		—per cent—			
With post-school qualifications	2,213.4	116.7	2,330.0	154.4	2,484.5	303.1	2,787.5	6.2	89.1
Degree	522.1	29.4	551.5	21.2	572.7	48.8	621.5	3.7	92.1
Trade qualification	1,103.3	48.5	1,151.8	81.2	1,233.0	177.5	1,410.5	6.6	87.4
Certificate or diploma	570.8	37.3	608.1	47.6	655.7	72.6	728.4	7.3	90.0
Other	17.1	* 1.4	18.6	4.5	23.0	4.1	27.1	19.5	85.0
Without post-school qualifications(a)	1,899.1	182.6	2,081.7	287.2	2,369.0	566.1	2,935.1	12.1	80.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	519.8	85.2	605.0	70.1	675.2	120.6	795.8	10.4	84.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,367.7	95.8	1,463.4	215.9	1,679.4	431.0	2,110.4	12.9	79.6
Left at age—									
18 and over	29.2	3.7	32.9	9.4	42.2	6.4	48.7	22.2	86.8
16 or 17	557.8	35.0	592.8	83.4	676.2	66.0	742.2	12.3	91.1
14 or 15	685.9	48.2	734.2	104.7	838.8	258.3	1,097.1	12.5	76.5
13 and under	94.7	8.9	103.6	18.5	122.1	100.4	222.5	15.1	54.9
Never attended school	4.4	* 0.9	5.3	* 0.4	5.8	11.5	17.3	* 7.7	33.5
Still at school	* 0.2	63.5	63.8	23.3	87.1	217.8	304.9	26.8	28.6
Total	4,112.7	362.8	4,475.5	465.0	4,940.5	1,087.0	6,027.5	9.4	82.0
	FEMALES								
With post-school qualifications	922.9	499.3	1,422.2	114.9	1,537.0	571.6	2,108.6	7.5	72.9
Degree	240.6	82.9	323.4	23.0	346.5	79.3	425.7	6.6	81.4
Trade qualification	55.8	34.5	90.3	7.0	97.3	63.9	161.2	7.2	60.4
Certificate or diploma	618.3	377.6	995.9	83.6	1,079.6	421.3	1,500.9	7.7	71.9
Other	8.1	4.3	12.4	* 1.2	13.7	7.1	20.8	* 9.1	65.7
Without post-school qualifications(a)	973.3	703.9	1,677.2	199.1	1,876.3	1,680.6	3,556.9	10.6	52.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	295.7	194.1	489.8	62.7	552.4	258.9	811.4	11.3	68.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	670.6	504.8	1,175.4	134.9	1,310.3	1,398.9	2,709.2	10.3	48.4
Left at age—									
18 and over	13.4	7.7	21.0	3.6	24.7	18.4	43.0	14.7	57.4
16 or 17	304.9	195.7	500.6	56.9	557.5	341.8	899.3	10.2	62.0
14 or 15	317.1	273.1	590.2	66.1	656.3	850.1	1,506.4	10.1	43.6
13 and under	35.2	28.3	63.6	8.2	71.7	188.7	260.4	11.4	27.5
Never attended school	* 1.7	* 1.6	* 3.3	* 0.5	3.8	16.2	20.0	* 13.3	18.9
Still at school	* 0.2	76.7	76.9	21.8	98.7	194.2	292.9	22.0	33.7
Total	1,896.4	1,279.9	3,176.2	335.7	3,511.9	2,446.4	5,958.3	9.6	58.9
	ALL PERSONS								
With post-school qualifications	3,136.2	615.9	3,752.2	269.3	4,021.5	874.7	4,896.1	6.7	82.1
Degree	762.7	112.3	875.0	44.2	919.1	128.1	1,047.2	4.8	87.8
Trade qualification	1,159.1	83.0	1,242.2	88.2	1,330.3	241.4	1,571.7	6.6	84.6
Certificate or diploma	1,189.1	414.9	1,604.1	131.2	1,735.3	494.0	2,229.2	7.6	77.8
Other	25.3	5.7	31.0	5.7	36.7	11.2	47.9	15.6	76.6
Without post-school qualifications(a)	2,872.4	886.5	3,758.9	486.4	4,245.3	2,246.7	6,491.9	11.5	65.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	815.5	279.3	1,094.8	132.8	1,227.6	379.5	1,607.1	10.8	76.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	2,038.3	600.5	2,638.8	350.8	2,989.6	1,829.9	4,819.6	11.7	62.0
Left at age—									
18 and over	42.6	11.3	53.9	13.0	66.9	24.8	91.7	19.4	73.0
16 or 17	862.7	230.7	1,093.4	140.4	1,233.7	407.8	1,641.5	11.4	75.2
14 or 15	1,003.0	321.3	1,324.4	170.8	1,495.2	1,108.4	2,603.5	11.4	57.4
13 and under	130.0	37.2	167.2	26.6	193.8	289.0	482.9	13.7	40.1
Never attended school	6.1	* 2.5	8.6	* 0.9	9.6	27.7	37.3	* 9.9	25.6
Still at school	* 0.4	140.2	140.7	45.1	185.8	412.0	597.8	24.3	31.1
Total	6,009.1	1,642.7	7,651.8	800.7	8,452.5	3,533.4	11,985.9	9.5	70.5

(a) Includes persons for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

Families

In June 1991, 80 per cent of *married-couple families* had at least one partner in the labour force, 54 per cent of *one-parent families* had the parent in the labour force while 44 per cent of family heads of *other families* were in the labour force.

Of the 77 per cent of *married-couple families* where at least one partner was employed, almost 31 per cent had both partners employed full time. Of those *married-couple families* with both partners employed, 58 per cent had dependents present. About 30 per cent of *married-couple families* had only one partner employed. In 88 per cent of these families the employed person was the husband.

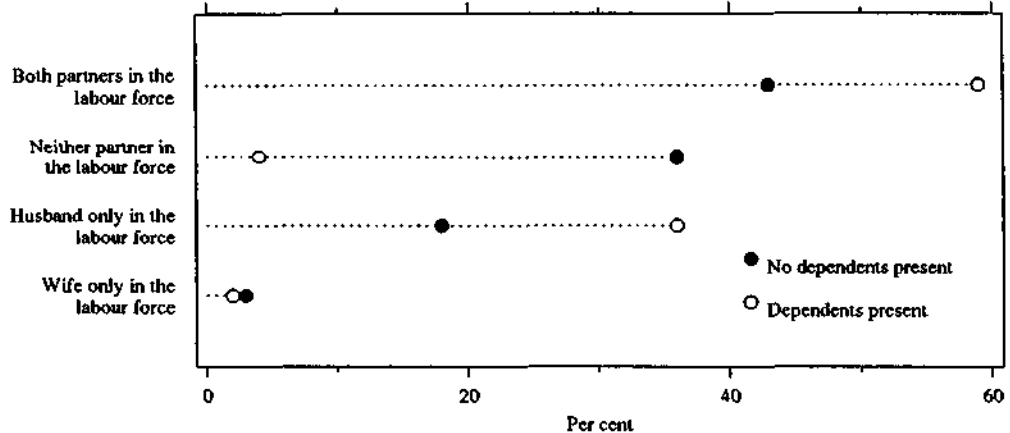
Seven per cent of *married-couple families* had at least one partner unemployed. Of these families, 50 per cent had one partner employed, and of these 76 per cent were employed full time.

In 47 per cent of *one-parent families*, the parent was employed. Eighty-seven per cent of male parents of *one-parent families* were employed, compared with 44 per cent of female parents of *one-parent families*. The percentage of *one-parent families* with the parent employed was greater where the parent was a male irrespective of the age of youngest dependent.

Of the 7 per cent of parents of *one-parent families* who were unemployed, 83 per cent were females. Where the parent was female, the percentage of *one-parent families* with the parent unemployed decreased as the age of the youngest dependent increased.

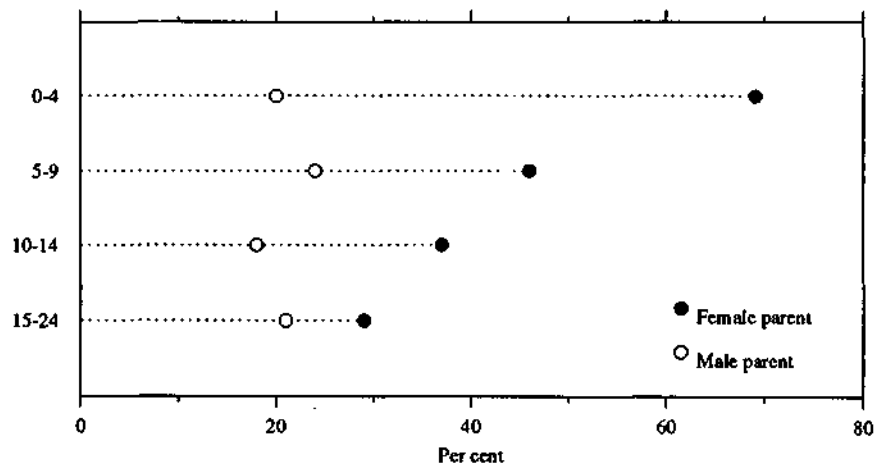
For *other families*, 39 per cent of family heads were employed and only 4 per cent were unemployed.

CHART 2.5. PERCENTAGE OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES (WITH OR WITHOUT DEPENDENTS PRESENT) BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991



Source: *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0)*.

CHART 2.6. PERCENTAGE OF ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH THE PARENT NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991



Source: *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0)*.

TABLE 2.12. FAMILY STATUS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER(a)
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991

	Employed		Total	Unemployed Looking for full-time work		Labour force Total —'000—	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate —per cent—	Participation rate —per cent—
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers		Looking for full-time work	Total					
MALES										
Member of a family	3,361.2	333.1	3,694.3	327.6	356.4	4,050.7	1,283.7	5,334.4	8.8	75.9
Husband	2,703.9	157.5	2,861.4	182.3	188.0	3,049.4	853.1	3,902.5	6.2	78.1
With dependents present	1,703.8	69.5	1,773.3	116.8	119.3	1,892.7	116.0	2,008.6	6.3	94.2
Without dependents present	1,000.0	88.0	1,088.1	65.4	68.6	1,156.7	737.2	1,893.9	5.9	61.1
Sole parent	32.0	* 1.7	33.7	4.2	4.9	38.6	9.7	48.2	12.7	80.0
Other family head	35.1	4.3	39.4	5.6	5.9	45.3	29.5	74.8	13.0	60.6
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	4.6	106.9	111.5	4.2	24.2	135.8	298.4	434.2	17.8	31.3
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	541.1	58.2	599.4	118.3	120.1	719.5	59.4	778.9	16.7	92.4
Other relative of married couple or family head	44.5	4.3	48.9	13.1	13.4	62.2	33.6	95.8	21.5	65.0
Not a member of a family	553.8	62.7	616.5	71.2	74.7	691.3	240.7	932.0	10.8	74.2
Living alone	252.9	23.3	276.1	31.3	31.9	308.1	173.2	481.3	10.4	64.0
Not living alone	301.0	39.4	340.4	39.8	42.8	383.2	67.5	450.7	11.2	85.0
Total	3,915.0	395.8	4,310.8	398.7	431.2	4,742.0	1,524.4	6,266.4	9.1	75.7
FEMALES										
Member of a family	1,476.2	1,200.9	2,677.1	163.4	240.1	2,917.3	2,452.9	5,370.1	8.2	54.3
Wife	1,006.0	909.7	1,915.7	74.1	116.4	2,032.1	1,779.8	3,811.9	5.7	53.3
With dependents present	475.3	627.7	1,103.0	42.0	75.4	1,178.4	764.2	1,942.6	6.4	60.7
Without dependents present	530.7	282.0	812.7	32.2	41.0	853.8	1,015.6	1,869.3	4.8	45.7
Sole parent	82.3	64.3	146.6	15.7	24.0	170.6	165.0	335.6	14.1	50.8
Other family head	44.8	20.8	65.6	4.8	5.6	71.3	120.7	192.0	7.9	37.1
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	* 2.6	137.9	140.5	4.1	26.5	167.0	262.1	429.1	15.9	38.9
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	314.7	62.1	376.9	57.0	59.5	436.4	39.8	476.2	13.6	91.6
Other relative of married couple or family head	25.8	6.1	31.8	7.6	8.1	39.9	85.5	125.4	20.2	31.8
Not a member of a family	327.0	82.8	409.8	38.3	42.9	452.7	547.8	1,000.5	9.5	45.2
Living alone	142.7	35.6	178.4	13.7	15.5	193.8	481.9	675.7	8.0	28.7
Not living alone	184.3	47.2	231.5	24.6	27.4	258.9	65.9	324.8	10.6	79.7
Total	1,803.2	1,283.7	3,086.9	201.7	283.0	3,369.9	3,000.7	6,370.6	8.4	52.9
PERSONS										
Member of a family	4,837.4	1,534.0	6,371.4	491.0	596.6	6,968.0	3,736.6	10,704.5	8.6	65.1
Husband or wife	3,709.9	1,067.3	4,777.1	256.4	304.4	5,081.5	2,632.9	7,714.4	6.0	65.9
With dependents present	2,179.1	697.2	2,876.3	158.8	194.7	3,071.0	880.2	3,951.2	6.3	77.7
Without dependents present	1,530.8	370.0	1,900.8	97.6	109.7	2,010.5	1,752.7	3,763.2	5.5	53.4
Sole parent	114.3	66.0	180.3	19.9	28.9	209.1	174.7	383.8	13.8	54.5
Other family head	79.9	25.2	105.1	10.4	11.5	116.6	150.2	266.8	9.9	43.7
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	7.2	244.8	252.0	8.3	50.8	302.8	560.5	863.3	16.8	35.1
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	855.9	120.3	976.2	175.3	179.6	1,155.8	99.2	1,255.1	15.5	92.1
Other relative of married couple or family head	70.3	10.4	80.7	20.7	21.4	102.1	119.1	221.2	21.0	46.2
Not a member of a family	880.8	145.5	1,026.3	109.5	117.6	1,143.9	788.5	1,932.5	10.3	59.2
Living alone	395.6	58.9	454.5	45.1	47.4	501.9	655.1	1,157.0	9.4	43.4
Not living alone	485.2	86.6	571.8	64.4	70.2	642.1	133.4	775.5	10.9	82.8
Total	5,718.2	1,679.5	7,397.7	600.5	714.2	8,111.9	4,525.1	12,637.0	8.8	64.2

(a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (c) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0).

TABLE 2.13. FAMILY STATUS OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS(a)
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991

	Full-time workers	Part-time workers			Total	Total workers	Average weekly hours worked		
		Weekly hours worked					Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total
		0(b)	1-14	15-34					
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MALES									
Member of a family	3,361.2	20.9	168.3	143.9	333.1	3,694.3	40.9	13.9	38.4
Husband	2,703.9	10.9	57.8	88.8	157.5	2,861.4	41.6	16.5	40.2
With dependents present	1,703.8	4.5	21.2	43.8	69.5	1,773.3	42.2	17.9	41.2
Without dependents present	1,000.0	6.4	36.6	45.1	88.0	1,088.1	40.6	15.4	38.5
Sole parent	32.0	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 0.8	* 1.7	33.7	39.7	15.7	38.5
Other family head	35.1	* 0.5	* 1.5	* 2.2	4.3	39.4	39.6	14.8	36.9
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	4.6	6.5	87.6	12.9	106.9	111.5	31.5	8.1	9.0
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	541.1	* 2.9	19.4	35.8	58.2	599.4	37.7	17.2	35.7
Other relative of married couple or family head	44.5	* 0.0	* 1.1	* 3.3	4.3	48.9	39.0	18.3	37.2
Not a member of a family	553.8	* 3.4	21.6	37.7	62.7	616.5	39.8	16.5	37.4
Living alone	252.9	* 0.8	8.7	13.7	23.3	276.1	40.7	16.3	38.6
Not living alone	301.0	* 2.5	12.9	23.9	39.4	340.4	39.1	16.6	36.5
Total	3,915.0	24.2	190.0	181.6	395.8	4,310.8	40.7	14.3	38.3
FEMALES									
Member of a family	1,476.2	62.3	528.4	610.2	1,200.9	2,677.1	37.0	14.9	27.1
Wife	1,006.0	46.8	357.9	505.1	909.7	1,915.7	37.3	15.6	27.0
With dependents present	475.3	30.0	253.6	344.1	627.7	1,103.0	38.0	15.3	25.1
Without dependents present	530.7	16.8	104.3	161.0	282.0	812.7	36.7	16.3	29.6
Sole parent	82.3	* 2.8	29.0	32.5	64.3	146.6	36.6	15.3	27.2
Other family head	44.8	* 1.9	7.3	11.6	20.8	65.6	37.6	16.4	30.9
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	* 2.6	9.5	112.0	16.4	137.9	140.5	29.2	7.8	8.2
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	314.7	* 0.8	21.2	40.2	62.1	376.9	35.8	18.3	32.9
Other relative of married couple or family head	25.8	* 0.5	* 1.2	4.4	6.1	31.8	39.0	17.6	34.9
Not a member of a family	327.0	3.7	32.2	46.9	82.8	409.8	36.8	16.6	32.7
Living alone	142.7	* 1.2	12.5	22.0	35.6	178.4	37.4	17.2	33.4
Not living alone	184.3	* 2.5	19.7	25.0	47.2	231.5	36.4	16.3	32.3
Total	1,803.2	66.0	560.6	657.1	1,283.7	3,086.9	37.0	15.0	27.8
PERSONS									
Member of a family	4,837.4	83.1	696.8	754.1	1,534.0	6,371.4	39.7	14.6	33.7
Husband or wife	3,709.9	57.7	415.6	593.9	1,067.3	4,777.1	40.4	15.7	34.9
With dependents present	2,179.1	34.6	274.8	387.9	697.2	2,876.3	41.3	15.6	35.0
Without dependents present	1,530.8	23.1	140.8	206.0	370.0	1,900.8	39.2	16.0	34.7
Sole parent	114.3	* 2.8	29.9	33.4	66.0	180.3	37.4	15.3	29.3
Other family head	79.9	* 2.4	8.9	13.9	25.2	105.1	38.5	16.1	33.2
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	7.2	16.0	199.6	29.2	244.8	252.0	30.6	7.9	8.6
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	855.9	3.8	40.6	76.0	120.3	976.2	37.0	17.8	34.6
Other relative of married couple or family head	70.3	* 0.5	* 2.2	7.7	10.4	80.7	39.0	17.9	36.3
Not a member of a family	880.8	7.1	53.8	84.6	145.5	1,026.3	38.7	16.6	35.6
Living alone	395.6	* 2.0	21.2	35.7	58.9	454.5	39.5	16.8	36.6
Not living alone	485.2	5.0	32.7	48.9	86.6	571.8	38.1	16.4	34.8
Total	5,718.2	90.2	750.6	838.7	1,679.5	7,397.7	39.5	14.8	33.9

(a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Persons who had a job in which they usually worked part time, i.e. less than 35 hours per week, but were not at work during the reference week. (c) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (d) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0).

TABLE 2.14. ALL FAMILIES: TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS PRESENT, AND NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED(a), AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1990 AND JUNE 1991
(*000 families)

Number of dependents present	None employed		One employed		Two or more employed		Total	
	June 1990	June 1991	June 1990	June 1991	June 1990	June 1991	June 1990	June 1991
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES								
None	611.1	647.9	340.1	361.5	884.9	874.0	1,836.0	1,883.5
One or more	110.2	136.6	640.4	669.7	1,225.6	1,159.3	1,976.2	1,965.6
One	41.7	46.4	181.6	198.1	434.3	383.6	657.7	628.2
Two	33.5	49.2	272.9	287.3	515.6	524.1	822.0	860.6
Three	18.8	24.1	136.5	133.6	216.2	193.1	371.6	350.8
Four or more	16.2	16.9	49.3	50.7	59.5	58.5	125.0	126.1
Total	721.3	784.6	980.5	1,031.3	2,110.5	2,033.3	3,812.3	3,849.2
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A MALE PARENT								
One	5.5	7.3	17.8	15.9	7.8	4.8	31.1	27.9
Two	* 3.2	4.5	5.1	9.6	* 2.3	* 2.0	10.5	16.2
Three or more	* 1.3	* 1.7	* 3.2	* 2.2	* 0.4	* 0.3	4.8	4.2
Total	10.0	13.5	26.0	27.7	10.4	7.1	46.4	48.3
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A FEMALE PARENT								
One	72.6	90.5	66.5	70.7	22.7	20.5	161.8	181.8
Two	50.4	48.3	43.2	42.0	11.4	11.6	105.1	101.9
Three	18.7	22.3	13.7	11.7	* 2.8	* 3.0	35.2	37.0
Four or more	8.4	9.0	3.7	4.5	* 0.5	* 0.9	12.7	14.4
Total	150.1	170.1	127.1	129.0	37.5	36.1	314.7	335.2
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: TOTAL								
One	78.1	97.8	84.3	86.6	30.5	25.3	192.9	209.7
Two	53.6	52.8	48.3	51.6	13.7	13.6	115.6	118.1
Three	19.5	23.7	16.5	13.6	* 3.2	* 3.3	39.1	40.6
Four or more	8.9	9.3	4.1	4.9	* 0.5	* 0.9	13.6	15.1
Total	160.1	183.6	153.1	156.7	47.9	43.2	361.1	383.5
OTHER FAMILIES								
None	62.2	57.2	104.6	107.5	104.7	91.1	271.4	255.7
One or more	3.6	5.3	5.5	5.8	* 2.5	* 2.5	11.6	13.6
Total	65.7	62.5	110.1	113.3	107.2	93.6	283.0	269.4
ALL FAMILIES								
None	673.2	705.1	444.7	469.0	989.5	965.1	2,107.5	2,139.3
One or more	273.9	325.5	799.0	832.3	1,276.1	1,204.9	2,349.0	2,362.7
One	123.1	149.1	271.1	289.5	467.1	411.3	861.4	849.8
Two	87.3	102.5	321.5	339.7	529.5	537.8	938.3	980.1
Three	38.3	47.8	153.0	147.2	219.4	196.4	410.7	391.4
Four or more	25.1	26.2	53.4	55.9	60.0	59.4	138.6	141.4
Total	947.2	1,030.6	1,243.7	1,301.3	2,265.6	2,170.1	4,456.4	4,502.0

(a) Labour force status refers to persons aged 15 and over only.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0).

TABLE 2.15. ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PARENT AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT PRESENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991
(*000 families)

Age of youngest dependent —	Parent employed			Parent unemployed	Parent in the labour force	Parent not in the labour force	Total
	Full time	Part time	Total				
0-4		17.7	16.0	33.7	8.2	41.9	123.1
5-9		25.2	22.2	47.4	8.4	55.8	99.5
10-14		38.0	19.2	57.2	7.7	64.9	97.4
15-24		33.2	8.8	42.0	4.3	46.2	63.5
Total		114.1	66.1	180.2	28.6	208.8	383.5

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0).

TABLE 2.16. MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT PRESENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1991
(*000 families)

	Wife employed		Total	Wife unemployed	Wife in the labour force	Wife not in the labour force	Total
	Full time	Part time					
HUSBAND EMPLOYED FULL TIME							
Families with dependents present	431.9	581.3	1,013.2	50.7	1,063.9	603.0	1,666.9
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	104.8	215.8	320.6	20.3	340.9	364.6	705.5
5-9	107.0	156.4	263.5	13.0	276.4	107.9	384.4
10-14	126.9	129.8	256.7	12.6	269.3	79.4	348.6
15-24	93.2	79.2	172.4	4.9	177.3	51.1	228.4
Families without dependents present	478.6	224.0	702.6	24.2	726.8	261.7	988.5
Total	910.5	805.3	1,715.8	74.9	1,790.7	864.7	2,655.4
HUSBAND EMPLOYED: TOTAL							
Families with dependents present	447.4	602.0	1,049.4	54.4	1,103.8	631.3	1,735.1
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	111.3	222.7	334.1	21.7	355.8	381.4	737.2
5-9	111.0	163.3	274.3	14.0	288.3	112.3	400.6
10-14	129.4	133.5	262.9	13.0	275.9	82.1	358.0
15-24	95.6	82.5	178.2	5.6	183.8	55.4	239.2
Families without dependents present	496.2	255.6	751.8	26.7	778.5	297.6	1,076.1
Total	943.6	857.6	1,801.2	81.1	1,882.3	928.9	2,811.2
HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED							
Families with dependents present	12.3	18.8	31.2	18.2	49.3	66.7	116.1
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	3.8	6.4	10.1	7.4	17.6	43.0	60.6
5-9	* 2.8	5.6	8.3	5.5	13.9	13.8	27.6
10-14	3.6	4.2	7.9	* 3.4	11.3	6.6	17.8
15-24	* 2.2	* 2.7	4.9	* 1.8	6.6	* 3.4	10.0
Families without dependents present	14.4	7.8	22.3	11.7	34.0	33.4	67.4
Total	26.8	26.7	53.4	29.9	83.3	100.1	183.5
HUSBAND IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
Families with dependents present	459.7	620.9	1,080.6	72.5	1,153.1	698.0	1,851.1
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	115.1	229.1	344.2	29.2	373.4	424.4	797.8
5-9	113.8	168.9	282.6	19.5	302.2	126.1	428.3
10-14	133.0	137.7	270.7	16.4	287.2	88.7	375.8
15-24	97.8	85.2	183.0	7.4	190.4	58.8	249.2
Families without dependents present	510.6	263.4	774.0	38.4	812.5	331.0	1,143.5
Total	970.4	884.3	1,854.6	111.0	1,965.6	1,029.0	2,994.7
HUSBAND NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
Families with dependents present	19.8	15.1	34.9	3.7	38.6	75.9	114.5
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	5.3	* 3.3	8.7	* 1.0	9.7	18.7	28.4
5-9	* 2.3	* 3.2	5.5	* 0.7	6.1	17.0	23.2
10-14	5.2	* 3.4	8.5	* 1.4	9.9	18.3	28.2
15-24	6.9	5.3	12.2	* 0.6	12.8	21.9	34.7
Families without dependents present	27.5	22.6	50.2	* 3.0	53.2	686.8	740.0
Total	47.3	37.8	85.1	6.6	91.7	762.8	854.5
TOTAL							
Families with dependents present	479.5	636.0	1,115.5	76.2	1,191.7	773.9	1,965.6
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	120.5	232.4	352.9	30.1	383.0	443.2	826.2
5-9	116.1	172.0	288.1	20.2	308.3	143.1	451.5
10-14	138.2	141.1	279.3	17.8	297.1	107.0	404.1
15-24	104.8	90.5	195.2	8.0	203.3	80.6	283.9
Families without dependents present	538.2	286.1	824.2	41.4	865.6	1,017.9	1,883.5
Total	1,017.7	922.1	1,939.7	117.6	2,057.3	1,791.8	3,849.2

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1991 (6224.0).

Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force

In the following tables, persons who had re-entered the labour force are those who

- (i) were in the labour force at May 1990;
- (ii) had a period not in the labour force of at least twelve months' duration that finished within the last twelve months and;
- (iii) had worked continuously for at least twelve months at some earlier time.

An estimated 2 per cent of persons in the labour force at May 1990 had re-entered the labour force within the last twelve months.

Females accounted for 85 per cent of re-entrants.

Of the total number of persons who had re-entered the labour force, 89,800 females (65% of all re-entrants) were working at May 1990 and a further 27,400 females (20% of all re-entrants) were looking for work.

TABLE 2.17. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE : AGE, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL, SELECTED DETAILS OF PREVIOUS JOB AND WHETHER WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1990
(^{'000})

	Females			Persons			
	Total males	Working	Looking for work	Total	Working	Looking for work	Total
<i>Age—</i>							
15-24	* 3.1	6.2	* 3.4	9.7	8.7	4.0	12.7
25-34	5.9	38.3	11.7	50.0	41.7	14.2	55.9
35-44	4.0	31.7	8.7	40.4	34.9	9.5	44.4
45-54	* 2.7	9.3	* 2.5	11.9	11.4	* 3.1	14.6
55 and over	4.5	4.2	* 1.1	5.3	7.6	* 2.2	9.8
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival—</i>							
Born in Australia	14.9	70.1	19.3	89.4	80.6	23.8	104.3
Born outside Australia	5.2	19.7	8.1	27.8	23.8	9.2	33.0
Arrived before 1971	* 3.3	7.3	* 3.0	10.3	10.2	* 3.4	13.6
Arrived 1971-1980	* 0.8	6.7	* 2.1	8.8	7.0	* 2.6	9.6
Arrived 1981-1990	* 1.1	5.7	* 3.0	8.7	6.6	* 3.2	9.8
Main English speaking countries(a)	* 2.6	10.9	* 3.4	14.3	13.3	3.5	16.9
Other countries	* 2.6	8.8	4.7	13.5	10.5	5.7	16.2
<i>Full-time or part-time worker in previous job—</i>							
Previous job less than 20 years ago	20.2	84.8	25.8	110.6	99.4	31.4	130.7
Full-time	18.1	66.3	21.8	88.1	79.0	27.2	106.2
Part-time	* 1.8	16.7	3.9	20.6	18.3	4.1	22.4
Varied/did not know	* 0.3	* 1.8	* 0.1	* 1.9	* 2.1	* 0.1	* 2.1
Previous job 20 or more years ago	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
<i>Time in previous job—</i>							
Previous job less than 20 years ago	20.2	84.8	25.8	110.6	99.4	31.4	130.7
1-2 years	6.9	34.9	11.9	46.8	39.3	14.3	53.7
3-9 years	6.9	43.4	11.1	54.4	48.6	12.7	61.3
3-4 years	* 3.2	23.3	5.6	28.9	25.4	6.7	32.1
5-9 years	3.7	20.1	5.5	25.6	23.2	6.1	29.3
10 years or more	6.4	6.5	* 2.9	9.3	11.5	4.3	15.7
10-19 years	* 2.7	6.0	* 2.2	8.2	8.2	* 2.7	10.9
20 years or more	3.7	* 0.5	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 3.2	* 1.6	4.8
Previous job 20 or more years ago	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
<i>Time since previous job—</i>							
1-2 years	8.6	23.7	6.4	30.2	30.2	8.6	38.8
3-9 years	9.8	41.2	12.5	53.7	48.2	15.4	63.5
3-4 years	5.5	17.7	7.0	24.7	21.5	8.7	30.2
5-9 years	4.4	23.5	5.5	29.0	26.6	6.7	33.4
10 years or more	* 1.7	24.8	8.5	33.3	26.0	9.1	35.0
10-19 years	* 1.7	19.9	6.8	26.7	21.0	7.4	28.4
20 years or more	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
Total	20.2	89.8	27.4	117.2	104.3	33.0	137.4

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand.

Source: *Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, May 1990 (6264.0)*.

TABLE 2.18. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE : JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER RELATED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1990
(^{'000})

	Total males	Females		Persons			Total
		Working	Looking for work	Total	Working	Looking for work	
<i>Main reason for wanting to work again—</i>							
Completed studies	* 2.4	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 2.2	4.2	* 0.4	4.6
Financial reasons	10.2	48.2	20.9	69.2	55.3	24.1	79.4
Returned after own illness or injury	* 3.0	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 2.5	* 1.4	3.9
Children gone to school/no longer needed to look after children	* 0.0	6.3	* 2.3	8.7	6.3	* 2.3	8.7
Boredom/needed another interest	* 1.2	13.6	3.5	17.1	14.3	4.0	18.3
To help in family business/bought business	* 0.1	11.0	* 0.2	11.3	11.2	* 0.2	11.4
Other	* 3.2	7.5	* 0.4	7.9	10.5	* 0.6	11.1
<i>Time spent not in the labour force since previous job—</i>							
Under 12 months	* 1.3	5.1	* 1.1	6.2	6.4	* 1.1	7.5
1-2 years	10.4	30.0	8.9	38.9	37.0	12.3	49.3
3-9 years	7.9	33.8	11.2	44.9	39.8	13.0	52.8
3-4 years	5.8	15.9	6.1	21.9	20.0	7.8	27.7
5-9 years	* 2.1	17.9	5.1	23.0	19.8	5.3	25.1
10 years or more	* 0.6	20.9	6.3	27.2	21.1	6.6	27.8
10-19 years	* 0.6	16.8	5.0	21.8	17.1	5.3	22.4
20 years or more	* 0.0	4.0	* 1.3	5.4	4.0	* 1.3	5.4
<i>Active steps taken to find work during the last twelve months—</i>							
Had looked for work	15.1	48.2	27.4	75.6	57.7	33.0	90.7
Registered with CES	7.3	10.7	10.6	21.2	15.0	13.5	28.5
Took no other active steps	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4
Contacted prospective employers	6.1	9.6	9.1	18.7	13.1	11.8	24.9
Took other active steps	* 1.0	* 0.8	* 1.4	* 2.2	* 1.6	* 1.7	* 3.3
Not registered with CES	7.8	37.5	16.9	54.4	42.7	19.5	62.2
Took only inactive steps	* 0.5	* 1.8	* 2.1	3.9	* 2.0	* 2.4	4.4
Contacted prospective employers	5.8	29.4	13.0	42.3	33.5	14.6	48.1
Took other active steps	* 1.5	6.3	* 1.8	8.1	7.2	* 2.5	9.7
Had not looked for work	5.1	41.6	* 0.0	41.6	46.7	* 0.0	46.7
<i>Main difficulty in finding work during the last twelve months—</i>							
Had looked for work	15.1	48.2	27.4	75.6	57.7	33.0	90.7
Own ill health or disability	* 3.0	* 0.2	* 1.3	* 1.5	* 1.7	* 2.8	4.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	* 1.6	* 1.1	* 1.9	* 3.0	* 2.3	* 2.3	4.6
Unsuitable hours	* 0.0	* 1.6	* 3.1	4.7	* 1.6	* 3.1	4.7
No vacancies in line of work	* 1.4	* 2.3	* 2.2	4.5	* 3.3	* 2.7	5.9
Other difficulties(a)	* 1.8	4.8	10.2	15.0	5.2	11.6	16.8
No difficulties at all	7.2	38.2	8.6	46.8	43.6	10.5	54.1
Had not looked for work	5.1	41.6	* 0.0	41.6	46.7	* 0.0	46.7
Total	20.2	89.8	27.4	117.2	104.3	33.0	137.4

(a) Includes too far to travel/transport problems; language difficulties; difficulties with ethnic background; lacked necessary skills/education; insufficient work experience; and no vacancies at all.

Source: *Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, May 1990* (6264.0).

Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force

These statistics relate to persons not in the labour force at April 1991 who left the labour force within the previous twelve months. They provide information on their reasons for leaving the labour force, their past labour force experience, whether or not they intended to return to the labour force and their current activities.

In April 1991 there were an estimated 4,844,400 persons who were not in the labour force (36% of the civilian population age 15 and over). Of these persons 565,800 had left the labour force within the previous twelve months. These people account for 6 per cent of the 9,172,600 persons who were in the labour force at some stage during the year ending April 1991. This is similar to the proportion recorded in 1988.

The majority of persons who have left the labour force in the twelve months to April 1991 were female (370,900 or 66%) of whom more than half were in the age group 25 to 44 years.

Of those that had left the labour force in the last twelve months, 341,500 (60%) stated that their last labour force activity was working. Of these people, 61 per cent were job leavers. The most common reasons, people gave for leaving their jobs were 'pregnancy/to have children' (26%), 'retired/did not want to work any longer' (21%) and 'returned to study' (19%). For the people who were job losers, the most common reasons for having lost their jobs were 'job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies' (45%) and 'retrenched' (31%).

Among the 565,800 persons who left the labour force in the 12 months to April 1991, there were 224,300 persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work.

The majority of persons who had left the labour force intended to return to the labour force (390,000 or 69%), with 53 per cent of these intending to return in under one year.

Of those who intended to return to the labour force, 61 per cent would prefer to return to part-time work. Of those whose main activity since leaving the labour force was 'attending an educational institution', 87 per cent intended to return to the labour force while of those whose main activity was 'home duties/childcare', 64 per cent intended to return.

There were 106,900 persons who did not intend to return to the labour force. Of the 69,700 females who did not intend to return to the labour force, 83 per cent said that 'home duties/childcare' was their main activity since leaving the labour force.

TABLE 2.19. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, DURATION OF CONTINUOUS PERIOD IN THE LABOUR FORCE BEFORE LEAVING AND LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991 ('000)

	November 1985		April 1988		April 1991		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
All persons aged 15 and over	5,926.6	6,112.9	6,237.4	6,428.5	6,640.9	6,810.3	13,451.2
In the labour force	4,496.0	2,894.0	4,743.9	3,252.4	5,008.6	3,598.1	8,606.8
Not in the labour force	1,430.5	3,218.9	1,493.5	3,176.1	1,632.2	3,212.2	4,844.4
Left the labour force within the last twelve months	(a)137.9	(a)323.4	(a)165.5	(a)364.1	194.9	370.9	565.8
Continuous period of less than twelve months in the labour force before leaving	59.9	170.3	83.0	171.6	111.1	210.1	321.2
Last labour force activity—							
Worked	n.a	n.a	47.7	94.4	53.0	102.7	155.7
Looked for work	n.a	n.a	35.3	77.2	58.2	107.4	165.5
Continuous period of at least twelve months in the labour force before leaving	78.0	153.0	80.1	190.8	83.7	160.8	244.6
Last labour force activity—							
Worked	70.4	136.5	56.4	136.7	61.7	124.0	185.7
Looked for work	7.6	16.5	23.7	54.1	22.0	36.7	58.8

(a) Includes persons whose duration of continuous period in the labour force could not be determined.

Source: *Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia, April 1991* (6267.0).

TABLE 2.20. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991
(^{'000})

	November 1985		April 1988		April 1991		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
<i>Age group—</i>							
15-24	47.6	83.9	66.8	102.3	88.7	113.1	201.8
25-44	31.0	177.3	38.3	194.5	40.2	192.5	232.7
45-59	21.9	46.2	29.9	56.0	30.7	50.3	81.0
60 and over	37.4	16.0	30.6	11.4	35.3	14.9	50.2
<i>Birthplace—</i>							
Born in Australia	99.7	246.3	122.2	275.9	144.2	291.4	435.6
Born outside Australia	38.2	77.0	43.4	88.2	50.7	79.4	130.2
<i>Main source of income—</i>							
Investments/saving	26.2	18.9	26.1	15.5	28.8	16.9	45.7
Superannuation	10.4	*3.2	13.3	*3.3	15.7	*4.3	20.0
TEAS/AUSTUDY	10.7	6.7	17.7	15.7	26.3	25.1	51.4
Unemployment/sickness benefit	20.1	13.8	22.6	16.0	25.5	24.4	49.8
Invalid/age/supporting parent's/widow's pension	17.4	37.9	15.9	36.0	16.9	44.6	61.5
Dependent on someone else's income	32.7	229.4	44.1	246.7	63.7	242.8	306.5
Other(a)	20.5	13.5	14.7	8.4	18.0	12.7	30.8
Not asked	..	..	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
<i>Housing arrangements—</i>							
Owned own home	n.a.	n.a.	43.7	65.6	50.8	79.4	130.1
Paying off home	n.a.	n.a.	18.5	121.7	17.1	99.4	116.5
Renting	n.a.	n.a.	41.0	97.5	50.1	113.5	163.6
Lived rent free	n.a.	n.a.	38.6	44.3	30.9	34.3	65.2
Other	n.a.	n.a.	12.3	12.4	7.1	7.5	14.6
Not asked	n.a.	n.a.	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
Still at school	n.a.	n.a.	..	..	38.9	36.9	75.7
<i>Time since left the labour force (weeks)—</i>							
1 and under 4	16.1	38.8	38.7	92.3	51.7	92.8	144.6
4 and under 8	15.3	41.6	27.2	51.8	28.8	53.4	82.2
8 and under 13	18.0	43.2	38.4	58.4	39.6	63.0	102.6
13 and under 26	29.2	69.8	36.5	92.3	47.1	90.9	138.0
26 and under 39	26.3	59.9	13.5	45.3	18.5	44.9	63.5
39 and under 52	33.0	70.1	11.3	24.1	9.0	25.9	35.0
<i>Intention to return to the labour force—</i>							
Intended to return	76.4	166.8	103.0	227.9	139.4	251.5	390.9
Under 1 year	53.0	108.2	61.7	114.9	82.2	123.6	205.8
Under 3 months	43.4	70.2	32.4	59.2	37.1	58.8	95.9
3 and under 6 months	6.1	26.5	7.2	20.3	10.0	23.4	33.5
6 and under 12 months	*3.5	11.5	22.1	35.4	35.2	41.3	76.5
1 and under 3 years	6.0	23.6	9.0	27.8	8.1	30.4	38.4
3 and under 5 years	*1.2	5.1	*1.6	7.6	*0.8	7.0	7.8
5 years and over	*0.2	*4.2	*0.7	*2.1	*1.3	5.0	6.4
Did not know	16.0	25.6	30.0	75.4	46.9	85.6	132.5
Did not intend to return	43.5	99.2	37.3	70.6	37.2	69.7	106.9
Undecided	18.0	57.3	14.0	43.1	18.3	49.7	68.0
Not asked	..	..	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
Total	137.9	323.4	165.5	364.1	194.9	370.9	565.8

(a) Includes life assurance, other retirement schemes, war disability/repatriation/service/war widow's pension.

Source: *Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia, April 1991 (6267.0)*.

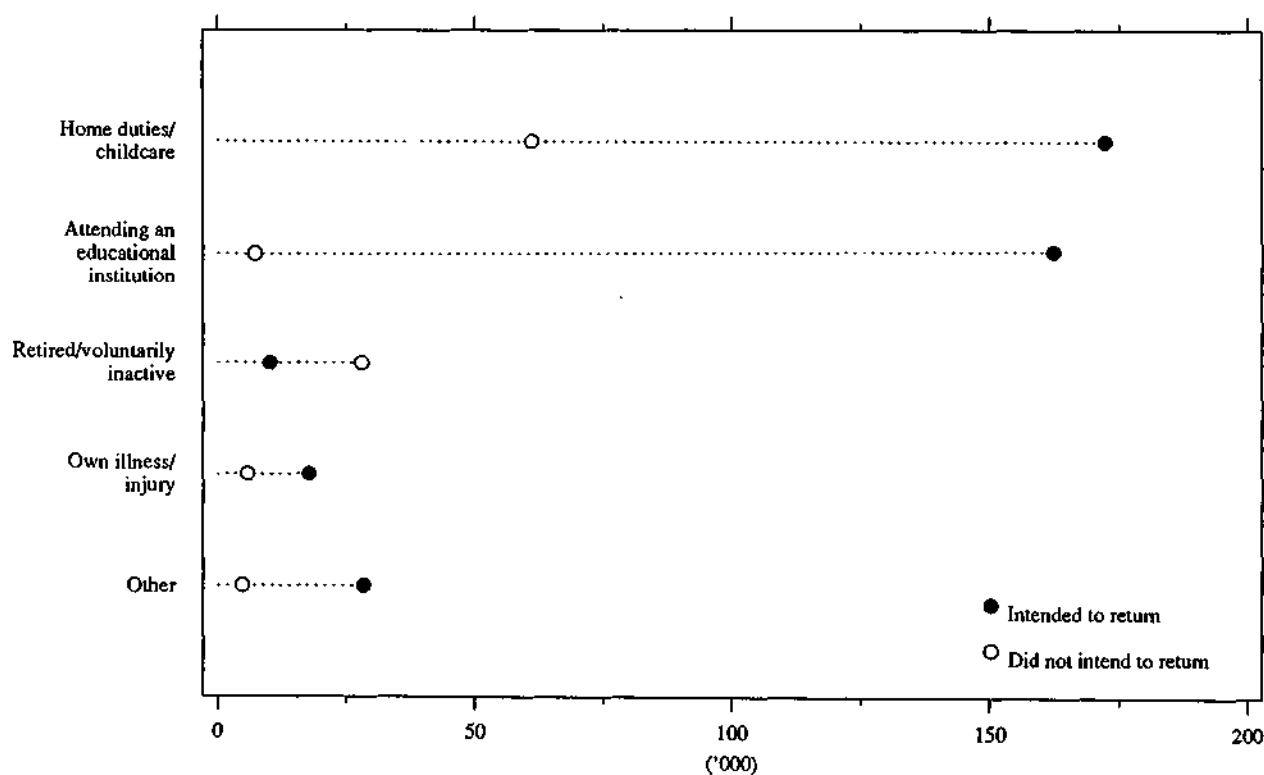
TABLE 2.21. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING: REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991 ('000)

Reason for ceasing last job	Whether intended to return to the labour force							
	Intended to return		Did not intend to return			Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Undecided	Males	Females	Persons
Job loser(a)	33.3	40.8	11.9	22.9	22.9	52.1	79.8	131.9
Retrenched	11.3	13.9	* 2.6	6.0	7.0	15.5	25.2	40.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	14.9	21.4	* 3.0	11.6	9.1	20.7	39.3	60.0
Own ill health or injury	6.1	* 4.1	6.1	* 4.4	5.8	14.5	12.1	26.6
Job leaver	35.6	90.3	21.2	35.9	26.6	62.6	147.0	209.6
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	4.5	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 1.2	4.9	4.6	9.5
Retired/ did not want to work any longer	* 2.1	* 2.2	18.2	15.3	5.4	23.0	20.2	43.2
Returned to studies	17.5	18.4	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 2.6	19.4	21.3	40.7
Pregnancy/ to have children	* 0.0	39.3	* 0.0	7.5	7.4	* 0.0	54.2	54.2
To look after family, house or someone else	* 0.9	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 4.0	* 1.8	* 1.1	9.1	10.2
To have holiday/ to move house spouse transferred	* 2.6	7.6	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 2.7	* 3.1	10.3	13.4
Other	8.1	15.5	* 1.7	7.5	5.5	11.1	27.3	38.4
Total	68.9	131.1	33.1	58.8	49.5	114.7	226.8	341.5

(a) Includes business closed down for economic reasons

Source: *Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia, April 1991 (6267.0)*.

CHART 2.7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: INTENTION TO RETURN BY MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991



Source: *Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia, April 1991 (6267.0)*.

Retirement and Retirement Intentions

In November 1989 there were an estimated 4,863,400 persons aged 45 and over. Of these persons 2,641,900 (54%) had retired from full-time work, 1,584,500 (33%) intended to retire from full-time work, 461,700 (9%) had never worked full time and did not intend to work full time and a further 175,300 (4%) did not intend to retire from full-time work.

Of the estimated 2,641,900 persons who had retired from full-time work, 1,040,000 (39%) were males and 1,602,000 (61%) were females.

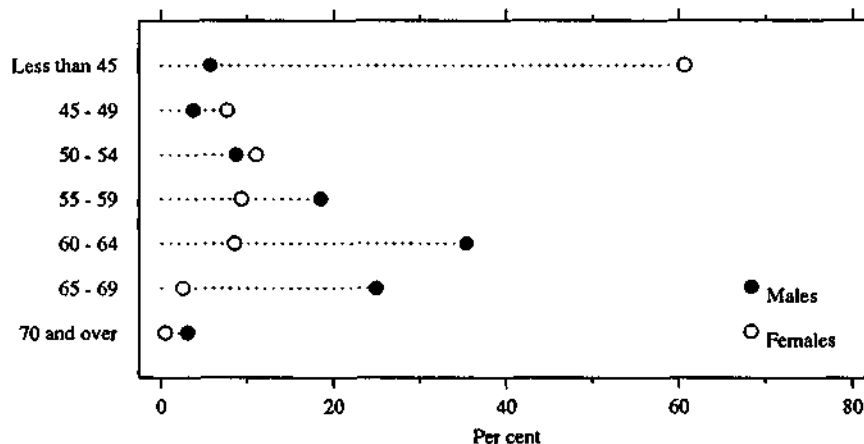
Persons Who Had Retired From Full-time Work

- A large number of persons (1,031,900) had retired from full-time work before reaching the age of 45 years, representing 39 per cent of all persons aged 45 and over who had retired from full-time work.
- Males generally reported retiring from full-time work at an older age than females. For females, 60 per cent retired from full time work before reaching the age of 45, compared with only 6 per cent of males. Some 60 per cent of males retired between the ages of 60 and 69, while only 11 per cent of females had retired between those ages.
- An estimated 20 per cent of persons in the occupations Clerks and Salespersons and personal service workers retired before age 45. In contrast 6 per cent of Managers and administrators retired before age 45. Of the occupation groups, Managers and administrators and Tradespersons were least likely to retire before age 65 (some 25 and 24 per cent respectively retired at age 65 or older).
- In the Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry approximately 66 per cent of persons had retired before age 65 compared with the Recreation, personal and other services industry with 88 per cent.

Persons Aged 45 And Over Who Intended To Retire From Full-time Work

- An estimated 43 per cent of males intended to retire between the ages of 65 and 69. Some 24 per cent reported that they did not know at what age they intended to retire.
- For females, 33 per cent reported that they did not know their intended age at retirement, while 32 per cent intended to retire between 60 and 64 years.
- For males, 78 per cent of those who intended to retire belonged to a retirement scheme, compared with 61 per cent of females.
- A majority of persons expected to receive a lump sum payment from a retirement scheme. About 16 per cent of males reported that they would invest the lump sum they received from a retirement scheme, and a further 11 per cent reported that they would invest in an approved deposit fund or deferred annuity.

CHART 2.8. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK: AGE AT RETIREMENT BY SEX, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1989



Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1989 (6238.0).

TABLE 2.22. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER: COMPARATIVE PROFILE AND WHETHER HAD RETIRED OR INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK(a), AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1989

	Whether had retired or intended to retire from full-time work							
	Had retired	Intended to retire	Did not intend to retire	Had never had a full-time job and did not intend to work full-time	Total	Had retired	Intended to retire	Total
	— '000 —					— per cent —		
<i>Age at November 1989—</i>								
45-49	236.6	614.6	46.3	36.8	934.4	9.0	38.8	19.2
50-54	252.5	462.0	42.3	44.8	801.5	9.6	29.2	16.5
55-59	320.5	309.9	30.1	46.9	707.5	12.1	19.6	14.5
60-64	467.5	169.4	30.7	67.2	734.8	17.7	10.7	15.1
65-69	535.8	21.6	13.7	70.3	641.4	20.3	1.4	13.2
70 and over	829.0	6.9	12.1	195.7	1,043.8	31.4	0.4	21.5
<i>Marital status—</i>								
Married	1,877.0	1,296.9	136.1	259.7	3,569.8	71.0	81.9	73.4
Not-married	764.9	287.5	39.1	202.1	1,293.6	29.0	18.1	26.6
<i>Family status—</i>								
Member of a family	2,040.0	1,352.5	143.9	331.0	3,867.3	77.2	85.4	79.5
Husband or wife	1,827.4	1,247.8	130.3	252.2	3,457.8	69.2	78.8	71.1
With dependents present	202.8	493.2	43.8	29.3	769.1	7.7	31.1	15.8
Without dependents present	1,624.7	754.6	86.5	222.9	2,688.6	61.5	47.6	55.3
Other family head	128.1	72.3	9.6	39.7	249.6	4.8	4.6	5.1
With dependents present	21.9	32.8	* 3.1	6.2	64.0	0.8	2.1	1.3
Without dependents present	106.1	39.5	6.5	33.5	185.6	4.0	2.5	3.8
Other child of married couple or family head	13.9	19.6	* 1.2	* 3.9	38.6	0.5	1.2	0.8
Other relative of married couple or family head	70.6	12.8	* 2.8	35.2	121.4	2.7	0.8	2.5
Not a member of a family	518.8	165.0	23.4	113.9	821.1	19.6	10.4	16.9
Living alone	479.3	128.0	18.1	107.8	733.1	18.1	8.1	15.1
Not living alone	39.5	37.0	5.4	6.2	88.0	1.5	2.3	1.8
Family status not determined	83.1	67.0	8.0	16.8	174.9	3.1	4.2	3.6
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival—</i>								
Born in Australia	1,876.1	1,015.5	126.0	298.6	3,316.2	71.0	64.1	68.2
Born outside Australia	765.8	568.9	49.3	163.1	1,547.2	29.0	35.9	31.8
Arrived before 1961	455.2	220.1	20.2	76.1	771.5	17.2	13.9	15.9
Arrived 1961-1970	187.9	190.5	16.0	38.0	432.4	7.1	12.0	8.9
Arrived 1971-1980	73.4	95.1	6.4	24.1	199.0	2.8	6.0	4.1
Arrived 1981-1989	49.4	63.3	6.7	25.0	144.3	1.9	4.0	3.0
<i>Area—</i>								
Metropolitan	1,639.4	1,027.6	79.9	251.6	2,998.5	62.1	64.9	61.7
Non-metropolitan	1,002.5	556.8	95.4	210.2	1,864.9	37.9	35.1	38.3
Total	2,641.9	1,584.5	175.3	461.7	4,863.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males	1,040.0	1,155.7	134.9	16.8	2,347.4	39.4	72.9	48.3
Females	1,602.0	428.8	40.3	444.9	2,516.0	60.6	27.1	51.7

(a) Excludes persons who were institutionalised or permanently unable to work who were not in the scope of the survey.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1989 (6238.0).

TABLE 2.23. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK: STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB, OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND AGE AT RETIREMENT AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1989 ('000)

	Age at retirement							Total
	Less than 45	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 and over	
Last full-time job less than 20 years ago(a)	236.0	133.4	231.1	312.0	471.4	277.5	37.8	1,699.2
<i>Status of worker in last full-time job—</i>								
Wage and salary earners	215.0	118.6	195.7	273.5	411.1	233.2	22.0	1,468.9
Employers	9.5	7.4	15.7	17.4	24.7	17.2	5.3	97.2
Self-employed	11.4	7.4	19.3	21.1	35.5	26.9	10.3	131.7
<i>Occupation in last full-time job—</i>								
Managers and administrators	15.1	13.9	30.2	46.8	74.3	44.6	14.9	239.8
Professionals	13.5	6.7	11.3	27.8	43.4	24.6	* 4.3	131.7
Para-professionals	13.0	5.0	10.3	21.5	30.7	12.8	* 1.5	95.0
Tradespersons	21.0	17.3	27.0	47.8	83.6	55.7	* 4.4	256.9
Clerks	47.0	20.2	35.8	47.4	61.8	23.3	* 2.7	238.2
Salespersons and personal service workers	35.1	19.4	34.5	26.9	32.6	15.7	* 3.2	167.3
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	32.1	18.1	25.1	34.3	48.2	36.5	* 1.1	195.5
Labourers and related workers	59.2	32.7	56.9	59.5	96.8	64.2	5.6	374.8
<i>Industry of last full-time job—</i>								
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	6.1	* 4.1	11.9	10.9	24.0	18.8	10.4	86.2
Mining	* 1.9	* 0.4	* 2.4	5.1	6.5	* 2.4	* 0.1	18.8
Manufacturing	71.0	39.9	58.3	74.2	111.3	78.8	6.5	440.0
Electricity, gas and water	* 1.2	* 1.4	* 1.5	8.6	19.6	8.6	* 0.3	41.1
Construction	9.5	6.9	11.4	17.0	31.6	21.4	* 1.4	99.3
Wholesale and retail trade	49.1	27.3	49.1	54.8	70.8	36.1	8.1	295.3
Transport and storage	8.6	5.0	11.0	23.2	41.0	25.5	* 1.3	115.7
Communication	* 3.6	* 2.7	7.1	9.6	13.7	7.5	* 0.3	44.4
Finance, property and business services	13.8	5.7	9.5	18.3	30.1	12.6	* 2.8	92.9
Public administration and defence	9.0	* 3.7	11.7	17.9	30.9	22.3	* 0.4	95.8
Community services	40.2	23.4	39.8	51.6	69.2	32.3	* 3.8	260.2
Recreation, personal and other services	22.0	13.0	17.4	20.8	22.8	11.2	* 2.4	109.5
Last full-time job 20 or more years ago	795.9	27.2	35.2	29.2	33.1	20.7	* 1.4	942.7
Total	1,031.9	160.6	266.3	341.2	504.4	298.2	39.2	2,641.9
Males	59.7	38.4	90.6	192.2	368.5	258.7	31.9	1,040.0
Females	972.2	122.2	175.7	149.0	135.9	39.5	7.4	1,602.0

(a) Includes unpaid family helpers and excludes persons whose last full-time job was unpaid voluntary work.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1989 (6238.0).

TABLE 2.24. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK: INTENDED DISBURSEMENT OF LUMP SUM PAYMENT FROM RETIREMENT SCHEME AND AGE INTENDED TO RETIRE, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1989

Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from retirement scheme	Age intended to retire						Total (per cent)	
	45 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69 — '000 —	70 and over	Did not know		
MALES								
Belonged to a retirement scheme	9.2	112.4	197.1	381.4	14.7	182.6	897.4	77.7
Expected to receive a lump sum payment	5.4	78.0	128.8	235.8	10.0	89.3	547.3	47.4
Purchase an annuity	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 1.1	* 2.6	* 0.3	* 0.5	4.8	0.4
Invest in an approved deposit fund/deferred annuity	* 1.6	28.6	37.8	42.7	* 2.2	17.1	129.9	11.2
Invest the money	* 2.7	29.5	43.6	75.3	* 3.8	25.5	180.3	15.6
Pay off home/pay for improvements	* 0.4	* 4.2	10.1	30.2	* 1.0	5.8	51.5	4.5
Pay for a holiday	* 0.1	* 2.3	11.1	13.9	* 0.5	* 3.6	31.5	2.7
Other(a)	* 0.0	* 3.4	8.7	15.4	* 0.2	6.3	33.9	2.9
Did not know	* 0.6	9.7	16.5	55.7	* 2.1	30.6	115.3	10.0
Did not expect to receive a lump sum payment	* 1.6	12.9	20.0	44.0	* 2.2	20.6	101.2	8.8
Did not know	* 2.3	21.5	48.3	101.6	* 2.5	72.7	248.9	21.5
Did not belong to a retirement scheme	* 3.8	9.2	24.2	115.8	8.6	96.7	258.2	22.3
Total	13.0	121.6	221.3	497.2	23.3	279.3	1,155.7	100.0
FEMALES								
Belonged to a retirement scheme	17.1	62.7	83.1	28.4	* 1.7	70.0	263.0	61.3
Expected to receive a lump sum payment	10.8	41.7	52.0	16.1	* 1.2	36.6	158.5	37.0
Purchase an annuity	* 0.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.2
Invest in an approved deposit fund/deferred annuity	* 1.7	9.0	10.6	* 3.1	* 0.0	4.6	29.0	6.8
Invest the money	* 3.5	15.6	18.1	4.7	* 0.2	9.3	51.5	12.0
Pay off home/pay for improvements	* 1.3	5.6	6.3	* 3.2	* 0.6	* 1.6	18.7	4.4
Pay for a holiday	* 2.1	* 4.1	* 3.4	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 2.9	13.5	3.2
Other(a)	* 0.7	* 2.5	* 2.8	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 1.8	9.7	2.3
Did not know	* 1.4	4.8	10.5	* 2.1	* 0.1	16.3	35.2	8.2
Did not expect to receive a lump sum payment	* 1.6	5.7	11.7	* 3.4	* 0.0	7.7	30.1	7.0
Did not know	4.7	15.3	19.4	8.8	* 0.5	25.7	74.4	17.4
Did not belong to a retirement scheme	12.9	12.8	54.0	14.8	* 1.0	70.3	165.8	38.7
Total	30.0	75.5	137.1	43.2	* 2.7	140.3	428.8	100.0
PERSONS								
Belonged to a retirement scheme	26.3	175.1	280.2	409.8	16.4	252.6	1,160.5	73.2
Expected to receive a lump sum payment	16.2	119.7	180.8	252.0	11.2	125.9	705.8	44.5
Purchase an annuity	* 0.1	* 0.5	* 1.3	* 2.9	* 0.3	* 0.5	5.6	0.4
Invest in an approved deposit fund/deferred annuity	* 3.3	37.5	48.4	45.8	* 2.2	21.7	158.9	10.0
Invest the money	6.2	45.1	61.7	80.1	* 4.0	34.8	231.8	14.6
Pay off home/pay for improvements	* 1.7	9.8	16.4	33.4	* 1.6	7.4	70.2	4.4
Pay for a holiday	* 2.3	6.4	14.5	14.5	* 0.8	6.5	45.1	2.8
Other(a)	* 0.7	5.8	11.6	17.4	* 0.2	8.1	43.7	2.8
Did not know	* 2.0	14.5	27.0	57.9	* 2.2	46.9	150.5	9.5
Did not expect to receive a lump sum payment	* 3.1	18.6	31.7	47.4	* 2.2	28.3	131.3	8.3
Did not know	7.0	36.8	67.7	110.4	* 3.1	98.4	323.3	20.4
Did not belong to a retirement scheme	16.7	22.0	78.2	130.6	9.5	167.0	424.0	26.8
Total	43.0	197.1	358.4	540.4	26.0	419.6	1,584.5	100.0

(a) Includes the category 'clear other outstanding debts'.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, November 1989 (6238.0).