

## CHAPTER 2

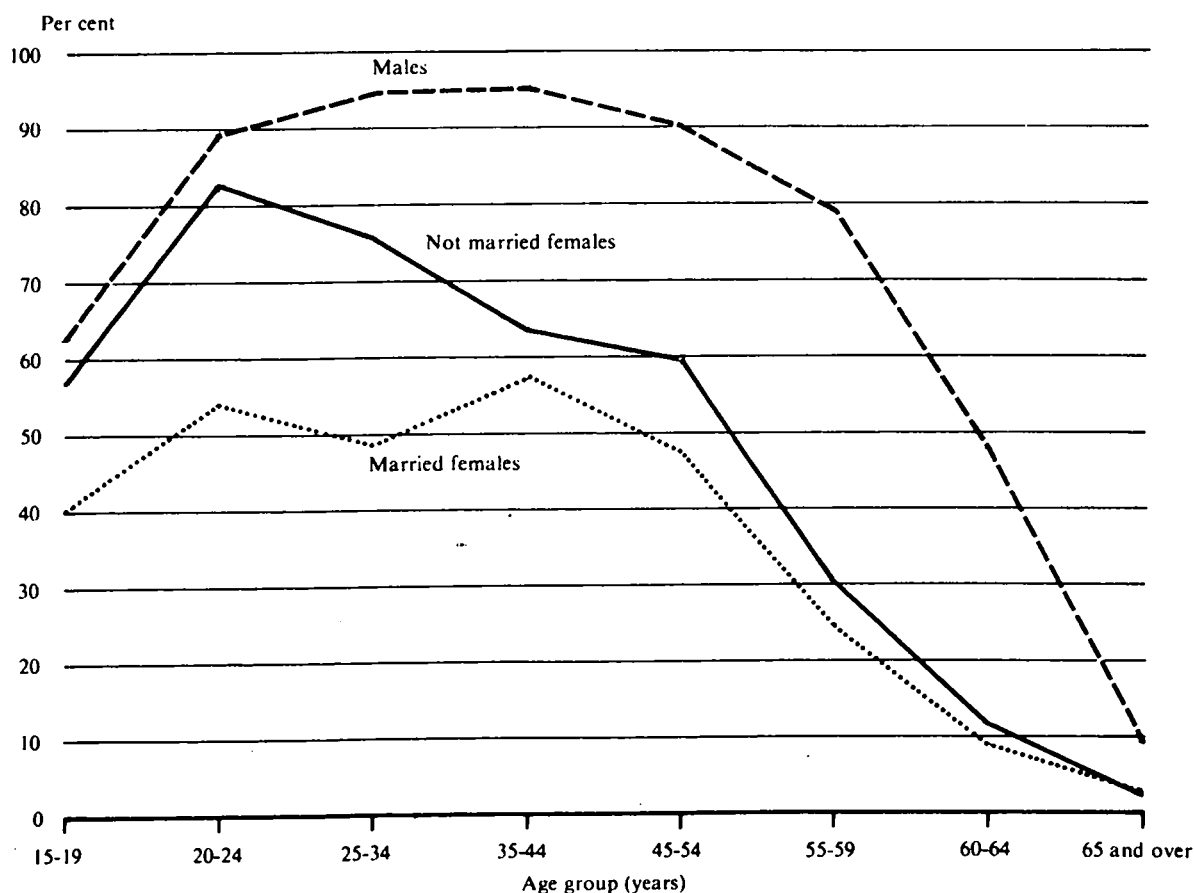
### THE LABOUR FORCE

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

This chapter presents some summary statistics on the labour force. The most important labour force measure is 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. Analysis of the participation rates provides the basis for monitoring changes in the size and composition of labour supply, particularly in terms of their age, sex and marital status. Other characteristics of the labour force such as its birthplace, educational attainment and family characteristics are also of interest.

The principal source for statistics on the labour force is the ABS monthly labour force survey and the supplementary surveys attached to it. 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. The supplementary surveys cover a range of topics including the Survey of Labour Force Experience, conducted in February in each year, which examines the movements into and out of the labour force over a twelve month reference period.

**CHART 2.1 CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: AGE, LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, AUGUST 1982**  
(Per cent)



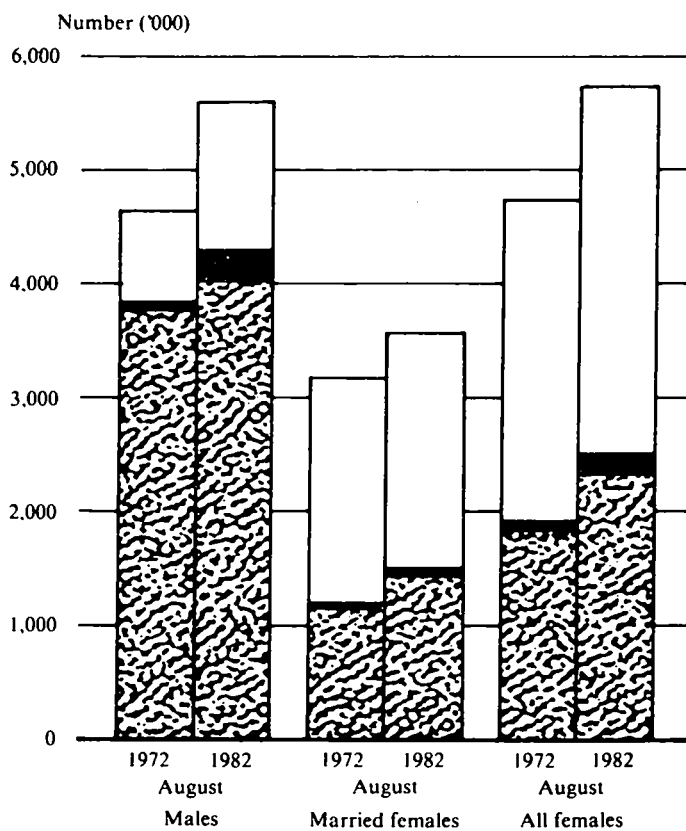
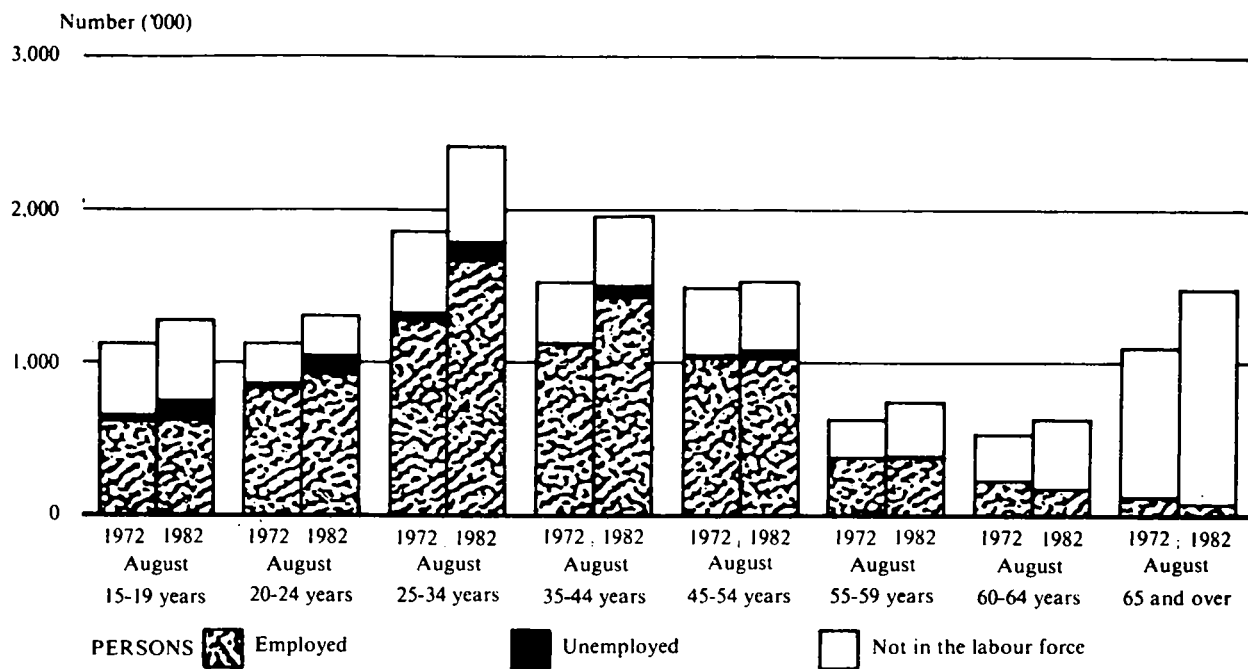
Source: *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1982* (6203.0)

TABLE 2.1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS  
AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982

August	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Un-employment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
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MALES										
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	3,626.0	3,832.3	207.3	14.2	221.5	4,053.8	1,126.6	5,180.4	5.5	78.3
1979	3,701.1	3,904.5	182.8	13.3	196.1	4,100.7	1,167.9	5,268.6	4.8	77.8
1980	3,762.9	3,970.9	193.3	15.8	209.1	4,180.0	1,184.3	5,364.2	5.0	77.9
1981	3,823.8	4,045.3	187.0	12.7	199.7	4,245.0	1,230.3	5,475.3	4.7	77.5
1982	3,775.5	4,016.4	249.9	21.2	271.0	4,287.5	1,308.0	5,595.5	6.3	76.6
FEMALES										
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	1,392.1	2,137.2	125.3	48.9	174.2	2,311.5	2,997.3	5,308.7	7.5	43.5
1979	1,383.0	2,136.9	130.1	47.5	177.7	2,314.6	3,086.4	5,401.0	7.7	42.9
1980	1,461.8	2,275.8	139.4	43.8	183.2	2,459.0	3,041.4	5,500.4	7.5	44.7
1981	1,484.7	2,311.0	133.8	43.5	177.4	2,488.4	3,124.3	5,612.7	7.1	44.3
1982	1,487.8	2,331.1	135.6	51.9	187.5	2,518.6	3,213.3	5,731.9	7.4	43.9
PERSONS										
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	5,094.6	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8
1978	5,018.1	5,969.6	332.6	63.1	395.7	6,365.3	4,123.8	10,489.1	6.2	60.7
1979	5,084.2	6,041.5	312.9	60.8	373.8	6,415.3	4,254.3	10,669.6	5.8	60.1
1980	5,224.7	6,246.7	332.6	59.7	392.3	6,639.0	4,225.7	10,864.7	5.9	61.1
1981	5,308.5	6,356.3	320.9	56.2	377.1	6,733.4	4,354.7	11,088.0	5.6	60.7
1982	5,263.3	6,347.6	385.4	73.1	458.5	6,806.0	4,521.3	11,327.4	6.7	60.1

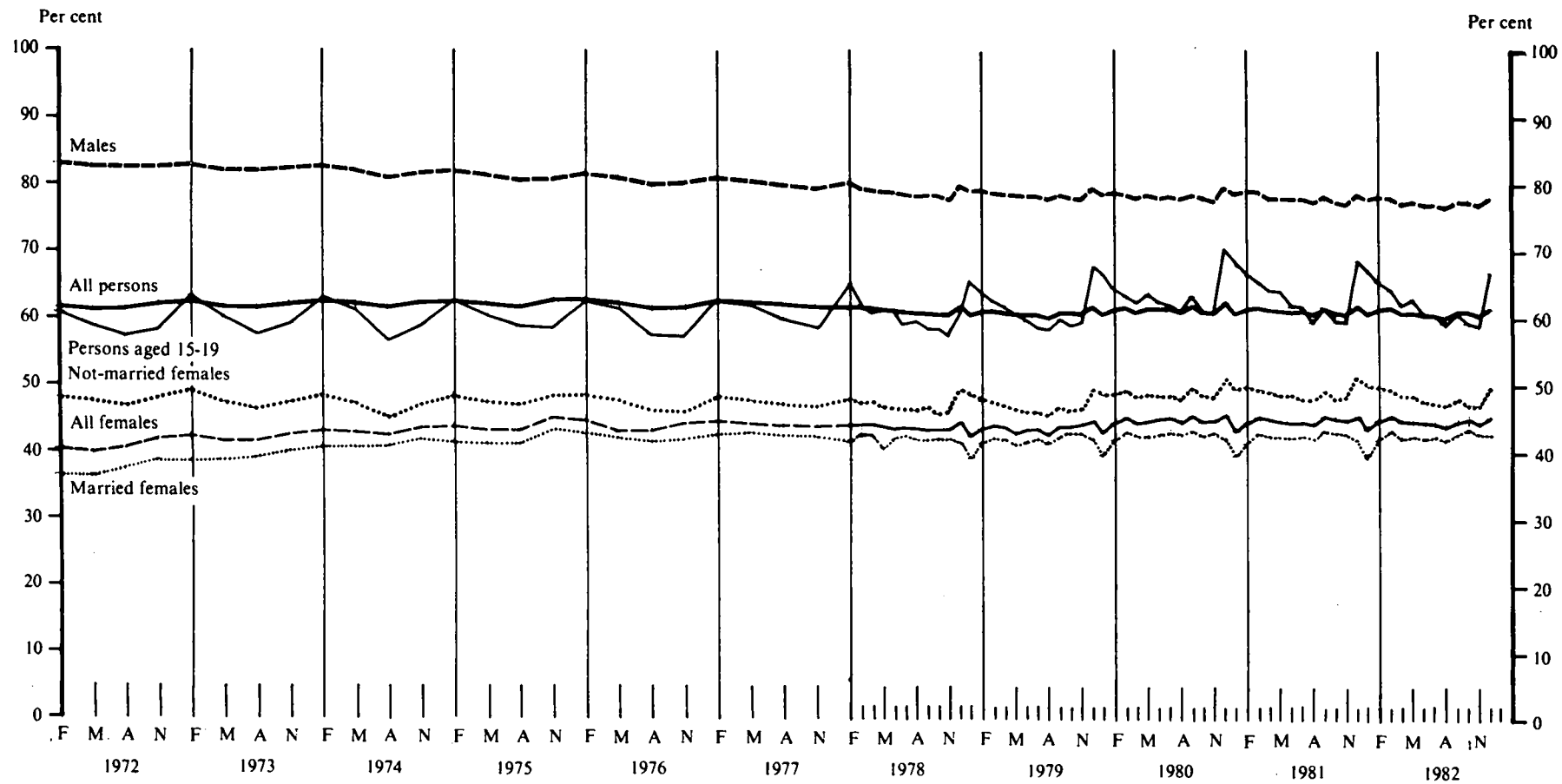
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6204.0)

**CHART 2.2 CHANGES IN THE LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: AGE GROUPS, AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982**



Source: *The Labour Force, Australia*, (6204.0)

CHART 2.3 CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, 1972 TO 1982  
(Per cent)



Source: *The Labour Force, Australia*, (6204.0)

TABLE 2.2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, 1982

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Un-employment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
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MALES										
January	3,863.5	4,061.0	221.0	17.6	238.6	4,299.6	1,225.6	5,525.2	5.5	77.8
February	3,885.6	4,083.0	236.3	15.5	251.7	4,334.7	1,200.7	5,535.4	5.8	78.3
March	3,880.4	4,091.8	216.1	22.0	238.1	4,329.9	1,215.6	5,545.4	5.5	78.1
April	3,826.5	4,062.7	210.2	16.9	227.2	4,289.9	1,265.2	5,555.0	5.3	77.2
May	3,836.5	4,066.9	219.8	20.0	239.8	4,306.8	1,256.7	5,563.4	5.6	77.4
June	3,821.6	4,054.6	215.8	23.7	239.5	4,294.1	1,278.8	5,572.9	5.6	77.1
July	3,829.2	4,054.4	233.1	20.2	253.3	4,307.8	1,276.5	5,584.3	5.9	77.1
August	3,775.5	4,016.4	249.9	21.2	271.0	4,287.5	1,308.0	5,595.5	6.3	76.6
September	3,822.6	4,059.2	271.6	22.2	293.7	4,352.9	1,253.6	5,606.5	6.7	77.6
October	3,792.5	4,047.3	286.6	20.6	307.3	4,354.6	1,263.7	5,618.2	7.1	77.5
November	3,754.2	4,004.3	313.5	13.4	326.9	4,331.2	1,297.3	5,628.5	7.5	77.0
December	3,766.6	4,007.7	378.4	26.3	404.7	4,412.4	1,227.0	5,639.4	9.2	78.2
FEMALES										
January	1,535.9	2,260.3	156.0	45.1	201.0	2,461.4	3,200.5	5,661.9	8.2	43.5
February	1,524.5	2,314.5	170.3	62.4	232.7	2,547.2	3,123.5	5,670.7	9.1	44.9
March	1,524.2	2,369.3	158.2	63.4	221.6	2,590.9	3,089.4	5,680.3	8.6	45.6
April	1,519.0	2,333.5	153.1	55.9	209.0	2,542.5	3,148.2	5,690.8	8.2	44.7
May	1,520.3	2,337.9	152.8	57.2	210.0	2,547.9	3,152.0	5,699.9	8.2	44.7
June	1,509.4	2,324.1	150.8	57.5	208.3	2,532.4	3,177.1	5,709.5	8.2	44.4
July	1,507.3	2,337.5	142.9	54.0	196.9	2,534.4	3,186.4	5,720.8	7.8	44.3
August	1,487.8	2,331.1	135.6	51.9	187.5	2,518.6	3,213.3	5,731.9	7.4	43.9
September	1,514.3	2,355.0	149.1	63.1	212.1	2,567.1	3,175.7	5,742.9	8.3	44.7
October	1,490.5	2,352.8	158.4	71.2	229.6	2,582.4	3,171.8	5,754.2	8.9	44.9
November	1,491.4	2,346.3	170.4	54.7	225.1	2,571.4	3,193.4	5,764.8	8.8	44.6
December	1,492.0	2,349.1	206.8	62.4	269.2	2,618.4	3,157.0	5,775.4	10.3	45.3
PERSONS										
January	5,399.4	6,321.3	377.0	62.6	439.6	6,761.0	4,426.1	11,187.1	6.5	60.4
February	5,410.1	6,397.5	406.6	77.8	484.4	6,881.9	4,324.1	11,206.0	7.0	61.4
March	5,404.6	6,461.1	374.3	85.4	459.7	6,920.8	4,305.0	11,225.8	6.6	61.7
April	5,345.4	6,396.2	363.3	72.8	436.2	6,832.4	4,413.4	11,245.8	6.4	60.8
May	5,356.8	6,404.8	372.6	77.3	449.9	6,854.7	4,408.7	11,263.3	6.6	60.9
June	5,331.0	6,378.7	366.6	81.2	447.8	6,826.5	4,455.9	11,282.4	6.6	60.5
July	5,336.5	6,391.9	376.1	74.2	450.3	6,842.2	4,463.0	11,305.2	6.6	60.5
August	5,263.3	6,347.6	385.4	73.1	458.5	6,806.0	4,521.3	11,327.4	6.7	60.1
September	5,336.8	6,414.2	420.6	85.2	505.9	6,920.0	4,429.3	11,349.3	7.3	61.0
October	5,283.0	6,400.1	445.1	91.8	536.8	6,937.0	4,435.5	11,372.5	7.7	61.0
November	5,245.5	6,350.6	483.9	68.1	552.0	6,902.6	4,490.7	11,393.3	8.0	60.6
December	5,258.6	6,356.9	585.2	88.8	674.0	7,030.8	4,384.0	11,414.8	9.6	61.6

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

**TABLE 2.3. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES: AGE AND MARITAL STATUS**  
(per cent)

August	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
<b>MALES</b>									
1972	58.5	91.7	97.7	97.6	95.6	90.6	76.5	22.3	82.5
1975	60.0	90.1	96.8	96.8	93.9	87.8	68.8	16.7	80.5
1979	61.4	90.3	95.8	95.6	91.2	81.9	53.5	11.5	77.8
1982	62.5	89.3	94.9	95.1	90.0	79.1	47.7	9.2	76.6
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
1972	47.4	48.7	37.8	46.6	42.5	27.7	14.5	3.5	37.5
1975	52.6	54.4	44.2	52.5	43.9	28.2	12.8	3.4	41.1
1979	47.2	56.5	45.7	56.3	45.0	23.7	11.3	2.8	41.3
1982	40.0	53.8	48.5	57.2	47.6	24.7	8.9	2.7	42.1
<b>NOT-MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
1972	57.1	85.4	83.6	78.0	62.1	42.6	22.4	3.9	46.9
1975	57.8	82.0	80.6	73.6	60.5	40.5	21.2	4.2	46.9
1979	55.4	81.5	75.9	63.3	57.2	34.6	17.5	2.2	45.6
1982	56.8	82.6	75.6	63.3	59.7	30.3	11.7	2.3	47.0
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
1972	56.2	61.7	42.4	49.3	45.4	31.3	17.1	3.8	40.6
1975	57.3	65.3	48.4	54.4	46.3	31.2	15.6	3.9	43.0
1979	55.0	69.2	50.4	57.1	46.8	26.1	13.2	2.4	42.9
1982	56.0	70.0	53.7	58.0	49.6	25.9	9.8	2.5	43.9
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1972	57.3	76.7	70.6	74.0	70.8	60.5	46.3	11.8	61.3
1975	58.7	77.6	72.9	76.0	70.6	59.3	41.4	9.4	61.6
1979	58.3	79.8	73.1	76.8	69.6	53.9	32.6	6.2	60.1
1982	59.3	79.7	74.2	77.0	70.3	52.6	28.1	5.3	60.1

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6204.0)

**TABLE 2.4. CIVILIAN AND TOTAL PARTICIPATION RATES, AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982**  
(per cent)

August	Civilian participation rate	Total participation rate(a)
1972	61.3	61.7
1973	61.6	61.9
1974	61.4	61.6
1975	61.6	61.9
1976	61.3	61.6
1977	61.8	62.1
1978	60.7	60.9
1979	60.1	60.4
1980	61.1	61.4
1981	60.7	61.0
1982	60.1	60.3

(a) Includes permanent defence forces.

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6204.0)

**TABLE 2.5. LABOUR FORCE: SOURCES OF GROWTH,  
AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982  
(per cent)**

Year ending August	Males			Females			Persons		
	Percentage change in labour force	Proportion of change due to		Percentage change in labour force	Proportion of change due to		Percentage change in labour force	Proportion of change due to	
		Population growth	Labour force participation		Population growth	Labour force participation		Population growth	Labour force participation
1972	2.0	2.0	0.0	3.8	2.1	1.7	2.6	2.0	0.6
1973	1.5	2.0	-0.5	4.0	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.0	0.3
1974	0.6	2.0	-1.4	4.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.1	-0.3
1975	1.1	1.7	-0.6	3.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	1.7	0.4
1976	0.8	1.6	-0.8	1.7	1.7	0.0	1.2	1.7	-0.5
1977	1.6	1.8	-0.2	4.6	1.9	2.7	2.7	1.8	0.9
1978	-0.1	1.9	-2.0	0.6	2.0	-1.4	0.2	2.0	-1.8
1979	1.2	1.7	-0.5	0.1	1.7	-1.6	0.8	1.7	-0.9
1980	1.9	1.8	0.1	6.2	1.8	4.4	3.5	1.8	1.7
1981	1.6	2.1	-0.5	1.2	2.0	-0.8	1.4	2.1	-0.7
1982	1.0	2.2	-1.2	1.2	2.1	-0.9	1.1	2.2	-1.1

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6204.0)

**TABLE 2.6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1982**

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
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<b>MALES</b>										
N.S.W.	1,325.0	1,410.7	87.2	6.3	93.5	1,504.2	462.1	1,966.3	6.2	76.5
Vic.	1,003.0	1,069.0	55.5	7.1	62.6	1,131.7	337.6	1,469.2	5.5	77.0
Qld	593.1	630.0	35.7	3.6	39.3	669.3	216.9	886.2	5.9	75.5
S.A.	323.9	344.7	27.1	*	28.8	373.6	124.9	498.5	7.7	74.9
W.A.	336.0	356.9	28.4	*	29.6	386.4	106.0	492.4	7.7	78.5
Tas.	104.0	108.9	10.4	*	10.7	119.5	37.3	156.9	8.9	76.2
N.T.	34.5	36.1	2.1	*	2.3	38.4	8.8	47.2	5.9	81.3
A.C.T.	56.1	60.1	3.4	*	4.2	64.4	14.4	78.8	6.6	81.7
<i>Australia</i>	<i>3,775.5</i>	<i>4,016.4</i>	<i>249.9</i>	<i>21.2</i>	<i>271.0</i>	<i>4,287.5</i>	<i>1,308.0</i>	<i>5,595.5</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>76.6</i>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
N.S.W.	526.7	803.7	43.9	16.5	60.4	864.0	1,159.5	2,023.6	7.0	42.7
Vic.	421.6	644.7	33.6	13.8	47.4	692.1	827.0	1,519.1	6.8	45.6
Qld	221.0	345.7	21.1	7.2	28.3	374.0	526.6	900.6	7.6	41.5
S.A.	121.7	204.4	15.7	5.9	21.6	226.0	284.8	510.8	9.5	44.2
W.A.	119.6	209.3	13.6	4.9	18.4	227.7	260.2	488.0	8.1	46.7
Tas.	35.6	59.6	5.4	1.5	6.9	66.5	97.4	163.9	10.4	40.6
N.T.	15.1	22.5	*	*	*	24.0	18.6	42.5	*	56.3
A.C.T.	26.6	41.2	2.0	*	3.0	44.2	39.3	83.5	6.9	53.0
<i>Australia</i>	<i>1,487.8</i>	<i>2,331.1</i>	<i>135.6</i>	<i>51.9</i>	<i>187.5</i>	<i>2,518.6</i>	<i>3,213.3</i>	<i>5,731.9</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>43.9</i>
<b>PERSONS</b>										
N.S.W.	1,851.7	2,214.4	131.1	22.8	153.9	2,368.2	1,621.7	3,989.9	6.5	59.4
Vic.	1,424.5	1,713.8	89.1	20.9	110.0	1,823.8	1,164.6	2,988.3	6.0	61.0
Qld	814.0	975.7	56.8	10.8	67.6	1,043.3	743.4	1,786.7	6.5	58.4
S.A.	445.6	549.2	42.8	7.6	50.4	599.6	409.7	1,009.2	8.4	59.4
W.A.	455.6	566.2	42.0	6.0	48.0	614.2	366.2	980.4	7.8	62.6
Tas.	139.6	168.4	15.8	1.8	17.6	186.0	134.7	320.7	9.5	58.0
N.T.	49.5	58.6	2.5	*	3.7	62.3	27.4	89.7	6.0	69.5
A.C.T.	82.7	101.3	5.4	*	7.3	108.6	53.7	162.4	6.7	66.9
<i>Australia</i>	<i>5,263.3</i>	<i>6,347.6</i>	<i>385.4</i>	<i>73.1</i>	<i>458.5</i>	<i>6,806.0</i>	<i>4,521.3</i>	<i>11,327.4</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>60.1</i>

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1982* (6203.0)

**TABLE 2.7. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: BIRTHPLACE, AUGUST 1982**

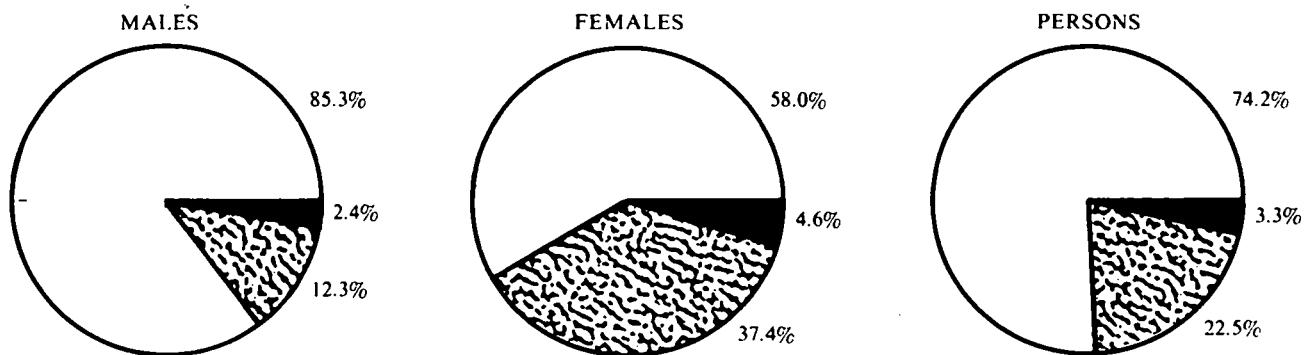
	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate(a)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total			
	— '000 —						
Born in Australia	3,845.3	4,681.9	273.2	322.4	5,004.3	6.4	60.5
Born outside Australia	1,418.0	1,665.7	112.3	136.1	1,801.7	7.6	62.1
Africa	44.7	53.5	*	5.2	58.7	8.9	65.4
America	39.1	45.1	*	5.6	50.7	11.0	66.4
Asia	182.4	209.2	21.3	25.6	234.7	10.9	61.5
Lebanon	18.9	22.1	*	*	26.5	*	60.2
Europe	1,061.6	1,242.8	75.4	90.5	1,333.3	6.8	61.1
Germany, Fed. Rep.	44.6	53.7	*	*	57.4	*	62.1
Greece	78.1	87.9	4.9	5.5	93.4	5.8	67.0
Italy	131.0	147.7	6.5	7.8	155.4	5.0	60.0
Malta	29.7	32.9	*	*	35.5	*	58.7
Netherlands	46.9	59.2	*	*	63.3	*	61.6
Poland	22.7	27.8	*	*	30.1	*	49.4
U.K. and Ireland	532.4	634.1	39.0	47.4	681.5	7.0	61.0
Yugoslavia	83.7	92.1	7.0	7.6	99.7	7.6	64.4
Oceania	90.3	115.1	7.1	9.1	124.2	7.4	72.6
New Zealand	74.4	95.9	6.1	8.0	103.9	7.7	73.8

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1982* (6203.0)

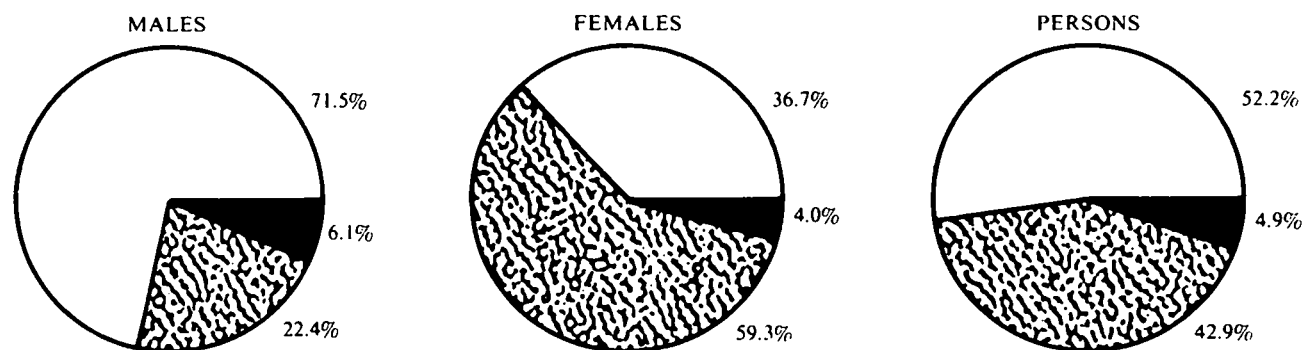


**CHART 2.4 CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT(a), FEBRUARY 1982**  
(Per cent)

**With Post-School Qualifications**



**Without Post-School Qualifications**



Employed
  Unemployed
  Not in the labour force

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and boarding school pupils. Details of educational attainment were not obtained for these persons.

Source: *Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia*, February 1982 (6235.0)

**TABLE 2.8. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, FEBRUARY 1982**

Educational attainment	Number ('000)							Participation rate(a)	Unemployment rate
	Employed			Unemployed	In the labour force	Not in the labour force	Total		
	Full time	Part time	Total						
—per cent—									
<b>MALES</b>									
With post-school qualifications	1,726.3	62.8	1,789.1	50.6	1,839.7	257.2	2,096.9	87.7	2.7
Degree or equivalent	344.4	19.2	363.7	8.4	372.1	38.9	410.9	90.5	2.3
Trade, technical level	1,356.9	42.3	1,399.2	41.6	1,440.9	215.3	1,656.1	87.0	2.9
Other	25.0	*	26.2	*	26.8	*	29.8	89.8	2.1
Without post-school qualifications	2,156.7	103.3	2,259.9	192.3	2,452.2	707.9	3,160.2	77.6	7.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	455.5	27.8	483.3	35.2	518.5	96.2	614.7	84.3	6.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—									
18 or over	26.3	*	27.2	*	30.3	7.0	37.3	81.1	10.2
16 or 17	523.9	19.4	543.3	58.8	602.1	65.7	667.8	90.2	9.8
14 or 15	961.0	43.8	1,004.8	78.8	1,083.6	375.2	1,458.9	74.3	7.3
13 or under	182.3	11.0	193.3	15.8	209.1	150.6	359.6	58.1	7.6
Total	1,693.5	75.1	1,768.6	156.5	1,925.0	598.6	2,523.6	76.3	8.1
Never attended school	7.7	*	8.1	*	8.7	13.1	21.8	40.0	7.5
Still at school	*	30.4	33.8	8.9	42.7	163.0	205.7	20.8	20.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,886.4</b>	<b>196.5</b>	<b>4,082.9</b>	<b>251.7</b>	<b>4,334.7</b>	<b>1,128.1</b>	<b>5,462.8</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
With post-school qualifications	579.0	254.0	833.0	65.5	898.5	536.9	1,435.4	62.6	7.3
Degree or equivalent	116.7	37.2	153.9	12.8	166.7	67.5	234.2	71.2	7.7
Trade, technical level	449.1	206.5	655.5	50.8	706.3	449.0	1,155.3	61.1	7.2
Other	13.2	10.3	23.5	*	25.5	20.4	45.9	55.5	7.8
Without post-school qualifications	938.3	502.1	1,440.4	155.4	1,595.7	2,329.8	3,925.6	40.6	9.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	197.6	86.0	283.7	33.6	317.2	267.1	584.3	54.3	10.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—									
18 or over	10.3	*	13.2	*	15.6	11.1	26.7	58.3	15.0
16 or 17	277.4	119.3	396.7	44.8	441.5	386.2	827.7	53.3	10.1
14 or 15	385.5	263.9	649.4	65.4	714.9	1,326.8	2,041.6	35.0	9.2
13 or under	64.0	28.5	92.5	8.9	101.3	312.3	413.6	24.5	8.7
Total	737.2	414.7	1,151.9	121.4	1,273.3	2,036.4	3,309.7	38.5	9.5
Never attended school	*	*	4.8	*	5.2	26.3	31.5	16.5	7.9
Still at school	*	39.8	41.3	11.8	53.0	151.3	204.3	26.0	22.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,518.8</b>	<b>795.8</b>	<b>2,314.6</b>	<b>232.7</b>	<b>2,547.3</b>	<b>3,018.0</b>	<b>5,565.2</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
With post-school qualifications	2,305.3	316.8	2,622.1	116.1	2,738.2	794.0	3,532.2	77.5	4.2
Degree or equivalent	461.1	56.4	517.6	21.2	538.8	106.3	645.1	83.5	3.9
Trade, technical level	1,806.0	248.8	2,054.8	92.4	2,147.2	664.3	2,811.4	76.4	4.3
Other	38.2	11.6	49.7	*	52.3	23.4	75.7	69.0	4.9
Without post-school qualifications	3,095.0	605.3	3,700.3	347.7	4,048.0	3,037.7	7,085.7	57.1	8.6
Attended highest level of secondary school available	653.1	113.8	766.9	68.7	835.7	363.4	1,199.0	69.7	8.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—									
18 or over	36.6	*	40.4	5.4	45.8	18.2	64.0	71.6	11.8
16 or 17	801.3	138.8	940.1	103.5	1,043.6	451.9	1,495.5	69.8	9.9
14 or 15	1,346.5	307.7	1,654.2	144.3	1,798.5	1,702.0	3,500.5	51.4	8.0
13 or under	246.3	39.5	285.8	24.6	310.4	462.8	773.3	40.1	7.9
Total	2,430.7	489.8	2,920.5	277.9	3,198.4	2,634.9	5,833.3	54.8	8.7
Never attended school	11.2	*	12.9	*	14.0	39.4	53.4	26.1	7.7
Still at school	4.9	70.2	75.1	20.6	95.7	314.3	410.1	23.3	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,405.2</b>	<b>992.3</b>	<b>6,397.5</b>	<b>484.4</b>	<b>6,881.9</b>	<b>4,146.1</b>	<b>11,028.0</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>

(a) Because it is not practicable to ascertain details of educational attainment for persons in institutions and boarding school pupils, participation rates have been calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions and boarding school pupils. Participation rates and estimates of persons not in the labour force therefore differ from those given in other tables and charts.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1982 (6235.0).

**TABLE 2.9. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER(a): LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982**  
( ' 000)

	<i>Married males</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<b>Civilian population</b>	<b>3,551.1</b>	<b>5,462.8</b>	<b>3,525.8</b>	<b>5,565.2</b>	<b>11,028.0</b>
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	<i>2,964.3</i>	<i>4,523.5</i>	<i>1,826.6</i>	<i>3,012.8</i>	<i>7,536.3</i>
For 1 and under 4 weeks	6.7	41.7	64.0	101.2	142.9
4 and under 13 weeks	21.1	132.9	111.6	218.3	351.2
13 and under 26 weeks	31.3	91.0	117.8	177.8	268.8
26 and under 39 weeks	49.8	106.0	139.5	202.2	308.2
39 and under 49 weeks	119.7	206.6	181.7	258.7	465.2
49 weeks but not whole period	248.4	364.4	172.3	253.9	618.4
The whole period	2,487.2	3,580.9	1,093.6	1,800.7	5,381.6
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole period</i>	<i>586.8</i>	<i>939.0</i>	<i>1,698.0</i>	<i>2,551.0</i>	<i>3,490.0</i>

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and boarding school pupils. Details of labour force experience during the period were not obtained for these persons.

Source: *Labour Force Experience, Australia, February 1982* (6206.0)

**TABLE 2.10. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1982: PROPORTION OF POPULATION(a)**  
(per cent)

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55-59</i>	<i>60-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	
Married males	*	99.5	99.2	98.1	94.8	89.0	56.8	14.6	83.5
All males	76.8	98.0	98.2	97.5	93.2	87.9	56.7	13.6	82.8
Married females	68.8	70.1	61.1	66.8	57.3	31.9	12.4	3.9	51.8
All females	73.7	81.8	65.5	67.9	58.1	34.7	14.8	3.6	54.1
<b>Persons</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>68.3</b>

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutionalised civilian population in the same group in February 1982.

Source: *Labour Force Experience, Australia, February 1982* (6206.0)

**TABLE 2.11. LEAVERS FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS(a): LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND AGE, MAY 1982**

<i>Labour force status</i>	<i>Leavers aged 15 to 19</i>			<i>Leavers aged 20 to 24</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	(' 000)					
Employed	97.6	77.2	174.8	25.7	21.2	46.9
Full time	88.5	66.8	155.3	23.4	16.8	40.2
Part time	9.1	10.4	19.5	*	*	6.7
Unemployed	19.4	22.9	42.3	*	4.7	9.0
In the labour force	117.0	100.1	217.1	30.0	25.8	55.9
Not in the labour force	4.7	10.7	15.4	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>110.8</b>	<b>232.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>59.4</b>
	—per cent—					
Unemployment rate	16.6	22.9	19.5	*	18.1	16.1
Participation rate	96.2	90.4	93.4	95.0	93.0	94.1

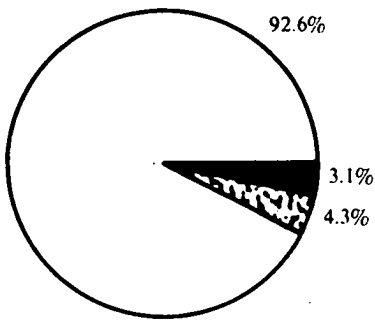
(a) Leavers from educational institutions are persons who were full-time students at some time in the previous year but are not currently full-time students. Some patients hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of gaols, reformatories etc. are excluded.

Source: *Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1982* (6227.0)

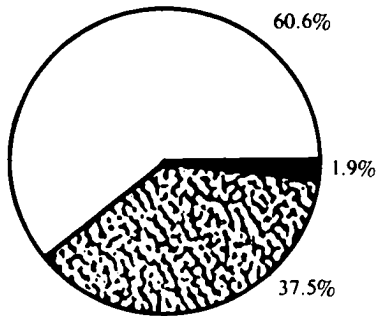
CHART 2.5 FEMALES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND, WIFE OR FAMILY HEAD, JULY 1982

A. Married-Couple Families

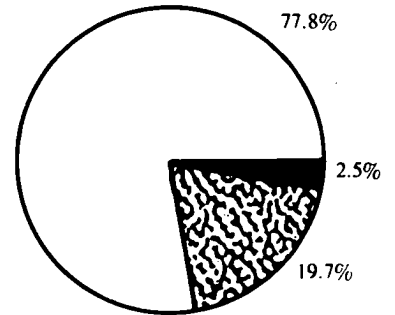
With dependent children present  
HUSBAND



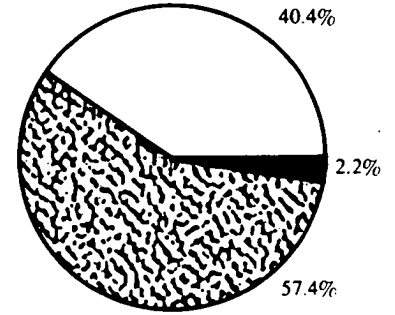
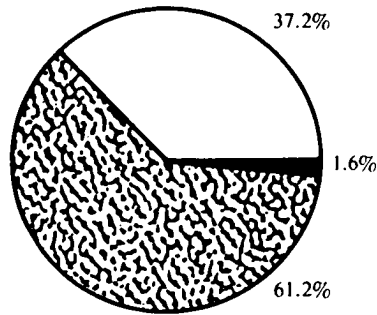
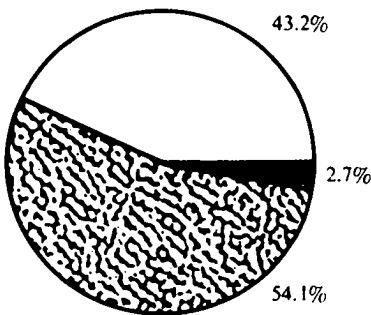
Without dependent children present



Total



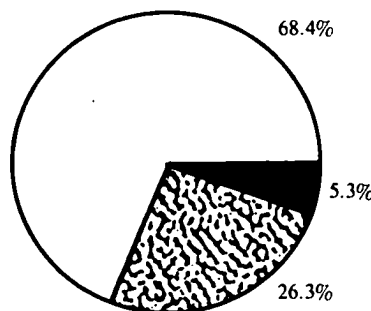
WIFE



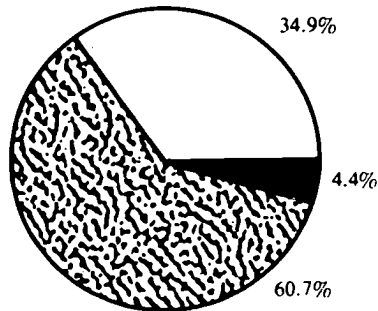
B. Other Families

FEMALE FAMILY HEAD

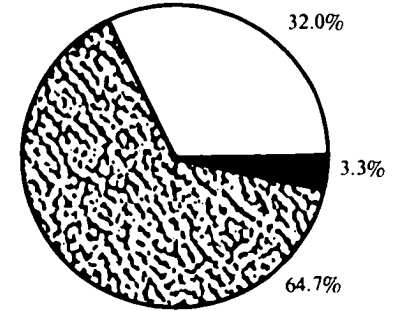
MALE FAMILY HEAD



With dependent children present



Total



Employed
  Unemployed
  Not in the labour force

Source: Labour Force Status and other Characteristics of Families, July 1982 (6224.0)

TABLE 2.12. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER(a): FAMILY STATUS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, JULY 1982

	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in the labour force	Total	Un-employment rate	Participation rate	
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work						Total
	— '000—									— per cent—
<b>MALES</b>										
<i>Member of a family</i>	3,325.7	183.9	3,509.6	186.1	201.4	3,711.0	1,015.0	4,726.0	5.4	78.5
Husband	2,612.7	93.5	2,706.2	83.7	87.3	2,793.5	684.3	3,477.8	3.1	80.3
With dependent children present	1,695.3	36.3	1,731.7	55.4	57.0	1,788.7	81.3	1,870.0	3.2	95.7
Without dependent children present	917.3	57.2	974.5	28.3	30.3	1,004.8	603.0	1,607.8	3.0	62.5
Not-married family head	66.0	5.6	71.7	4.7	5.5	77.2	27.6	104.8	7.1	73.7
With dependent children present	31.5	*	34.1	*	*	38.0	7.5	45.5	*	83.5
Without dependent children present	34.6	*	37.5	*	*	39.1	20.1	59.3	*	66.1
Full-time student aged 15-20	10.8	48.8	59.6	4.5	12.8	72.4	212.9	285.3	17.6	25.4
Other child(b) of family head	587.3	33.3	620.7	82.0	83.8	704.5	58.8	763.3	11.9	92.3
Other relative	48.8	*	51.5	11.3	12.0	63.5	31.4	94.9	18.9	66.9
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	503.5	41.4	544.8	47.0	51.9	596.8	197.2	974.0	8.7	75.2
Living alone	363.7	27.8	391.4	29.8	32.6	424.1	166.1	590.2	7.7	71.9
Not living alone	139.8	13.6	153.4	17.2	19.3	172.7	31.1	203.9	11.2	84.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,829.1</b>	<b>225.3</b>	<b>4,054.4</b>	<b>233.1</b>	<b>253.3</b>	<b>4,307.8</b>	<b>1,212.3</b>	<b>5,520.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>78.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
<i>Member of a family</i>	1,200.4	767.3	1,967.6	111.9	162.8	2,130.4	2,592.0	4,722.4	7.6	45.1
Wife	746.3	615.9	1,362.1	39.4	72.5	1,434.6	1,953.6	3,388.2	5.1	42.3
With dependent children present	341.0	441.9	782.9	19.9	47.9	830.8	988.8	1,819.6	5.8	45.7
Without dependent children present	405.3	174.0	579.2	19.5	24.6	603.8	964.8	1,568.6	4.1	38.5
Not-married family head	90.8	47.5	138.3	8.1	14.1	152.4	279.1	431.5	9.2	35.3
With dependent children present	55.1	36.1	91.2	5.9	11.4	102.7	158.2	260.9	11.1	39.3
Without dependent children present	35.7	11.4	47.1	*	*	49.8	120.8	170.6	*	29.2
Full-time student aged 15-20	*	63.7	67.8	4.7	14.0	81.8	205.9	287.7	17.1	28.4
Other child(b) of family head	324.3	35.2	359.5	54.9	56.9	416.3	55.4	471.7	13.7	88.3
Other relative	34.9	5.0	39.9	4.8	5.3	45.2	98.1	143.3	11.7	31.5
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	307.0	62.9	369.8	31.1	34.2	404.0	501.0	905.0	8.5	44.6
Living alone	207.7	45.8	253.5	18.3	19.9	273.4	459.8	733.2	7.3	37.3
Not living alone	99.2	17.1	116.3	12.8	14.3	130.6	41.2	171.8	10.9	76.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>830.1</b>	<b>2,337.5</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>196.9</b>	<b>2,534.4</b>	<b>3,093.0</b>	<b>5,627.4</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>45.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>										
<i>Member of a family</i>	4,526.0	951.2	5,477.2	298.0	364.2	5,841.4	3,607.0	9,448.4	6.2	61.8
Husband or wife	3,358.9	709.4	4,068.3	123.1	159.8	4,228.1	2,637.9	6,866.0	3.8	61.6
With dependent children present	2,036.3	478.3	2,514.6	75.3	104.9	2,619.5	1,070.1	3,689.6	4.0	71.0
Without dependent children present	1,322.6	231.1	1,553.7	47.8	54.9	1,608.6	1,567.8	3,176.4	3.4	50.6
Not-married family head	156.8	53.2	210.0	12.8	19.6	229.6	306.7	536.2	8.5	42.8
With dependent children present	86.6	38.8	125.4	9.0	15.3	140.7	165.7	306.4	10.9	45.9
Without dependent children present	70.2	14.4	84.6	*	*	88.9	140.9	229.8	*	38.7
Full-time student aged 15-20	14.9	112.4	127.4	9.1	26.8	154.1	418.8	572.9	17.4	26.9
Other child(b) of family head	911.6	68.5	980.1	136.9	140.7	1,120.9	114.2	1,235.0	12.6	90.8
Other relative	83.8	7.6	91.4	16.1	17.3	108.7	129.5	238.2	15.9	45.6
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	810.4	104.2	914.7	78.1	86.1	1,000.8	698.2	1,699.0	8.6	58.9
Living alone	571.4	73.5	645.0	48.1	52.5	697.5	625.9	1,323.4	7.5	52.7
Not living alone	239.0	30.7	269.7	30.0	33.6	303.3	72.3	375.6	11.1	80.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,336.5</b>	<b>1,055.4</b>	<b>6,391.9</b>	<b>376.1</b>	<b>450.3</b>	<b>6,842.2</b>	<b>4,305.3</b>	<b>11,147.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>61.4</b>

(a) Excludes persons in institutions. Participation rates and estimates of persons not in the labour force therefore differ from those given in other tables and charts.  
 (b) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1982 (6224.0)

**TABLE 2.13. MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES(a): LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE,  
AND NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS, JULY 1979 AND JULY 1982**  
( ' 000)

Number of family members	Husband in the labour force			Husband not in the labour force			Total
	Wife in the labour force	Wife not in the labour force	Total	Wife in the labour force	Wife not in the labour force	Total	
JULY 1979							
Two	398.9	284.0	683.0	21.3	385.2	406.4	1,089.4
Three	233.2	306.5	539.7	12.1	76.7	88.8	628.5
Four	393.5	415.7	809.2	7.9	33.2	41.1	850.3
Five	206.7	251.7	458.4	*	13.6	17.1	475.5
Six or more	102.6	142.4	244.9	*	11.4	13.0	257.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,335.0</b>	<b>1,400.3</b>	<b>2,735.3</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>519.9</b>	<b>566.3</b>	<b>3,301.6</b>
JULY 1982							
Two	424.4	263.3	687.7	23.8	473.7	497.5	1,185.1
Three	271.7	312.9	584.6	11.8	94.3	106.1	690.7
Four	427.1	420.8	847.9	7.5	35.0	42.5	890.3
Five	210.9	242.2	453.1	4.8	16.4	21.2	474.3
Six or more	92.9	118.8	211.7	*	11.7	14.2	225.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,427.0</b>	<b>1,357.9</b>	<b>2,785.0</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>631.0</b>	<b>681.4</b>	<b>3,466.4</b>

(a) Estimates of numbers of husbands and wives differ from those given in Table 2.12 (see paragraph 2.43 of Appendix I).

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

**TABLE 2.14. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES(a): EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF HUSBAND AND  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE, JULY 1979 AND JULY 1982**  
( ' 000)

	Husband employed			Total	Husband unemployed	Husband in the labour force
	Employer	Self-employed	Wage or salary earner			
JULY 1979						
<i>Wife employed</i>	122.8	177.6	959.3	1,259.7	12.7	1,272.4
Employer	70.3	*	11.4	85.5	*	85.5
Self-employed	4.8	98.3	34.3	137.4	*	137.8
Wage or salary earner	47.6	75.5	913.6	1,036.7	12.3	1,049.1
<i>Wife unemployed</i>	*	*	52.5	57.1	5.5	62.6
<b>Wife in the labour force</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>181.1</b>	<b>1,011.8</b>	<b>1,316.8</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>1,335.0</b>
JULY 1982						
<i>Wife employed</i>	120.3	195.2	1,020.6	1,336.1	18.7	1,354.7
Employer	68.0	5.6	14.5	88.1	*	88.2
Self-employed	5.3	100.6	40.7	146.7	*	147.7
Wage or salary earner	46.9	89.0	965.4	1,101.3	17.5	1,118.8
<i>Wife unemployed</i>	*	*	58.1	63.3	9.0	72.3
<b>Wife in the labour force</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>198.4</b>	<b>1,078.8</b>	<b>1,399.4</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>1,427.0</b>

(a) Estimates of numbers of husbands and wives differ from those given in Table 2.12 (see paragraph 2.43 of Appendix I).

Source: *Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia* (6224.0)