

## CHAPTER 4

### UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment statistics presented in this chapter have been derived from ABS sources, primarily the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries.

For a concise definition of unemployed as it relates to the labour force survey, see the latest issue of the monthly publication *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, broadly speaking, a person is considered to be unemployed if he or she satisfies three criteria—not employed, available for work, and taking active steps to find work. The employed and the unemployed together make up the labour force.

Measures of unemployment provide an indicator of the underutilisation of labour. The two most important measures are the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. Characteristics of the unemployed presented include their demographic composition, duration of unemployment, educational qualifications and difficulties experienced in finding work. The unemployment characteristics of families, i.e. unemployment rates of different family members and number of families with some unemployment are also shown. The 1982 Income and Housing Survey provides information on the economic circumstances of persons experiencing unemployment. See *Income and Housing Survey, 1981-82 — Income of Individuals* (6502.0) and *Income and Housing Survey, 1981-82 — Income Distribution, Australia : Income Units* (6523.0).

Some summary statistics on job vacancies are also included in this chapter.

#### SELECTED FEATURES

##### Unemployment

There were 601,900 unemployed persons in Australia in August 1987, of whom 347,000 were males and 254,900 were females.

The average duration of unemployment was 20.9 weeks in August 1977, while in August 1987 it was 48.6 weeks.

The unemployment rate in Australia at August 1987 was 7.8 per cent compared with 5.7 per cent in August 1977, and 9.9 per cent in August 1983. Males looking for full-time work showed the largest increase in unemployment rate over the period August 1977 to August 1987, increasing from 4.4 per cent to 7.4 per cent.

##### Job Vacancies

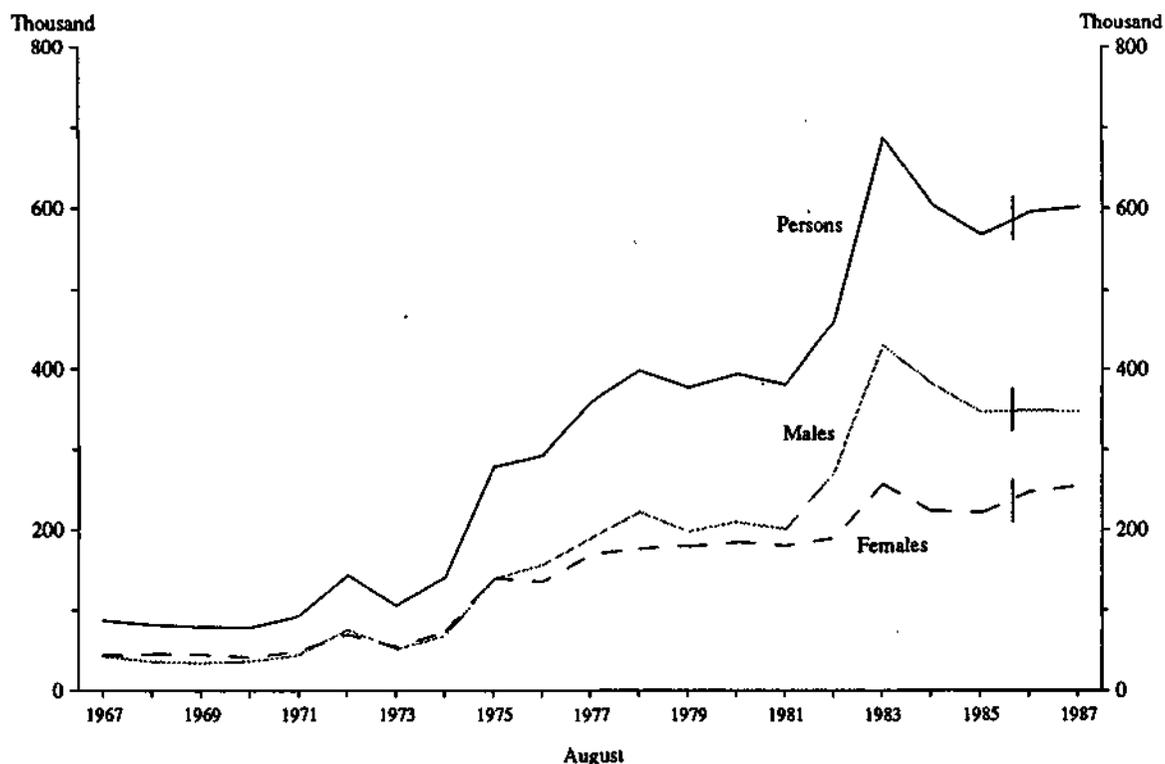
The estimated number of job vacancies in Australia in November 1987 was 52,200 — a decrease of 4,000 since August 1987, but similar to the level of job vacancies 12 months earlier.

**TABLE 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, AUGUST 1977 TO AUGUST 1987**

August	Males			Females			Persons		
	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total
NUMBER (' 000)									
1977	168.5	21.6	190.1	114.8	54.4	169.2	283.3	76.0	359.3
1978	207.9	14.3	222.2	126.5	49.6	176.1	334.4	63.9	398.3
1979	184.0	13.5	197.5	131.8	48.1	179.9	315.8	61.7	377.5
1980	193.9	15.7	209.6	140.7	44.2	184.9	334.6	59.9	394.5
1981	187.8	12.7	200.4	135.9	44.2	180.1	323.7	56.9	380.6
1982	250.4	21.3	271.7	137.2	52.5	189.7	387.6	73.8	461.4
1983	409.5	20.2	429.7	197.9	59.3	257.1	607.4	79.5	686.8
1984	359.0	22.5	381.5	165.1	57.9	223.1	524.2	80.5	604.6
1985	323.3	23.3	346.6	160.9	60.1	221.0	484.2	83.4	567.6
1986(a)	319.9	28.1	348.0	170.8	76.9	247.6	490.7	105.0	595.6
1987	317.3	29.7	347.0	178.1	76.9	254.9	495.4	106.5	601.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)									
1977	4.4	10.5	4.7	7.5	7.1	7.4	5.3	7.8	5.7
1978	5.4	6.4	5.5	8.3	6.2	7.6	6.2	6.2	6.2
1979	4.7	6.2	4.8	8.6	6.0	7.7	5.8	6.0	5.9
1980	4.9	7.0	5.0	8.7	5.1	7.4	6.0	5.5	5.9
1981	4.7	5.4	4.7	8.3	5.0	7.2	5.7	5.1	5.6
1982	6.2	8.1	6.3	8.4	5.8	7.5	6.8	6.3	6.7
1983	10.1	7.7	9.9	11.7	6.5	9.9	10.5	6.8	9.9
1984	8.7	8.4	8.7	9.6	6.0	8.3	9.0	6.6	8.6
1985	7.8	8.0	7.8	9.1	5.8	7.9	8.2	6.2	7.8
1986(a)	7.6	9.2	7.7	9.2	7.0	8.4	8.1	7.5	8.0
1987	7.4	8.6	7.5	9.4	6.5	8.3	8.1	7.0	7.8

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 25 of Appendix 3 for further information.

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

**CHART 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS**


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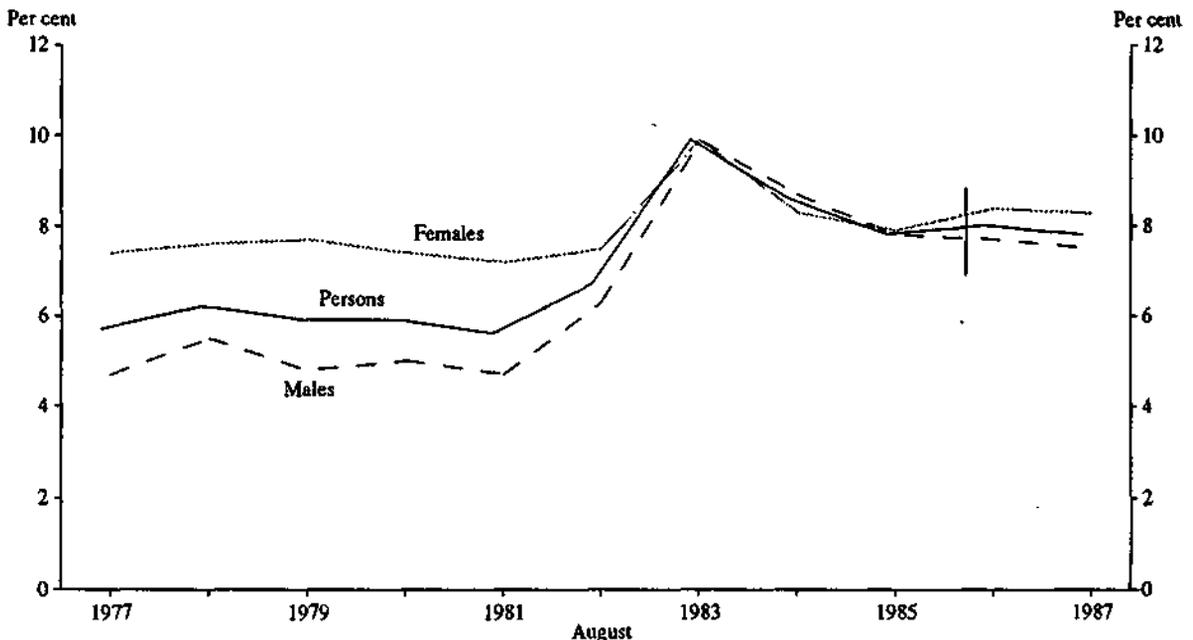
TABLE 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY AGE, AUGUST 1977 TO AUGUST 1987  
(per cent)

August	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>MALES</b>							
1977	15.8	7.2	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	4.7
1978	16.4	8.8	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.3	5.5
1979	14.6	8.4	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	4.8
1980	14.7	8.5	3.9	2.5	2.8	2.9	5.0
1981	11.2	8.3	4.1	2.4	2.8	3.5	4.7
1982	16.3	11.2	5.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	6.3
1983	23.0	17.3	9.1	6.0	5.9	6.5	9.9
1984	22.1	14.3	7.6	5.0	5.7	5.7	8.7
1985	19.3	12.5	7.1	4.4	4.9	6.7	7.8
1986(a)	18.7	12.3	6.8	4.6	5.5	5.5	7.7
1987	18.1	12.6	7.0	4.8	5.7	5.5	7.5
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1977	20.3	8.0	5.3	4.5	3.2	*	7.4
1978	17.2	9.6	6.4	4.2	4.0	2.5	7.6
1979	20.4	8.0	6.5	4.2	3.8	*	7.7
1980	18.7	9.1	5.7	4.3	3.4	2.2	7.4
1981	17.0	8.7	6.3	4.4	3.1	2.2	7.2
1982	17.0	8.8	6.9	4.8	3.6	2.7	7.5
1983	22.2	11.5	9.5	6.8	4.8	2.5	9.9
1984	19.7	10.3	7.0	5.6	4.6	2.6	8.3
1985	17.1	10.5	7.5	5.3	4.4	2.7	8.0
1986(a)	19.5	9.9	7.6	6.0	4.5	3.0	8.4
1987	19.4	10.6	7.5	6.1	3.1	2.2	8.3
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1977	18.0	7.6	3.9	3.5	2.7	2.3	5.7
1978	16.8	9.1	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.1	6.2
1979	17.3	8.2	4.6	3.1	2.9	2.5	5.8
1980	16.6	8.7	4.6	3.2	3.0	2.7	5.9
1981	13.9	8.5	4.9	3.1	2.9	3.2	5.6
1982	16.6	10.2	6.0	4.0	3.6	3.1	6.7
1983	22.6	14.7	9.2	6.3	5.5	5.5	9.9
1984	21.0	12.5	7.4	5.3	5.3	5.0	8.6
1985	18.2	11.6	7.3	4.7	4.7	5.7	7.9
1986(a)	19.1	11.2	7.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	8.0
1987	18.7	11.7	7.2	5.3	5.0	4.6	7.8

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 25 of Appendix 3 for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



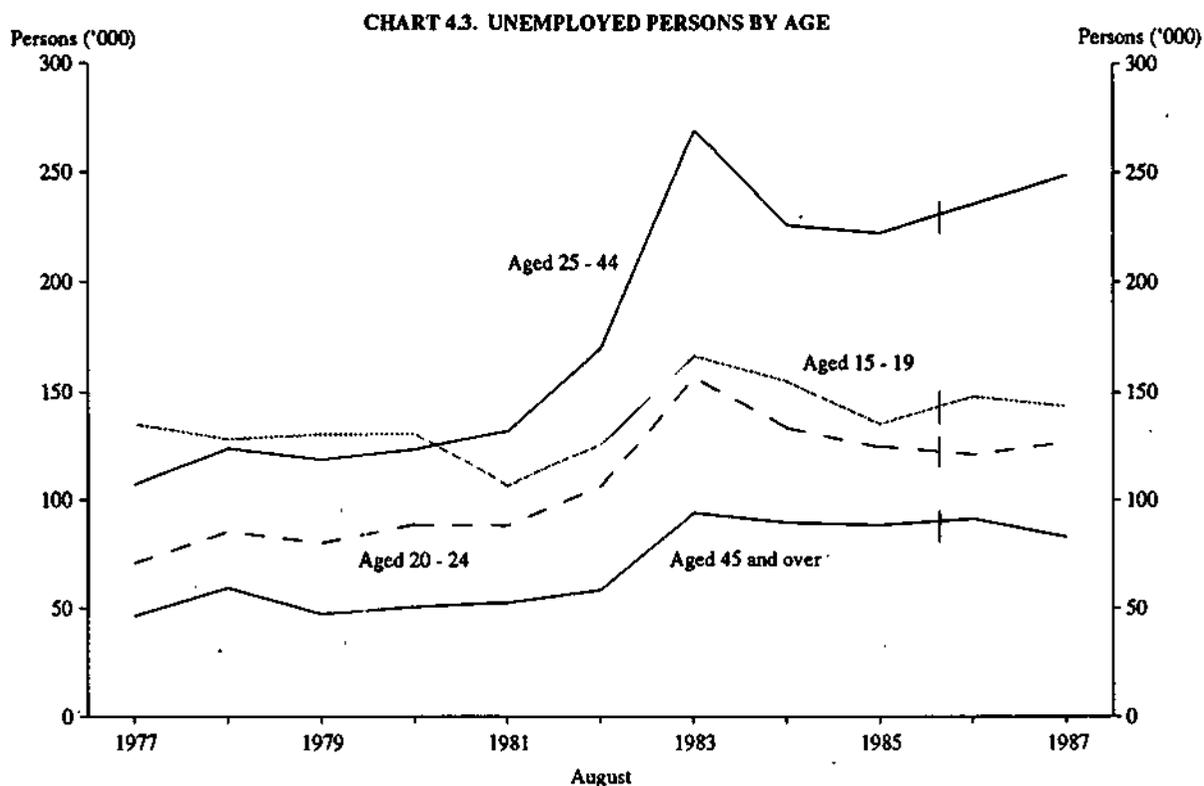
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TABLE 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, AUGUST 1987

	Number unemployed (' 000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>BORN IN AUSTRALIA</b>						
<b>Total</b>	247.8	186.1	433.9	7.3	8.0	7.5
Looking for full-time work	226.7	127.8	354.4	7.2	9.0	7.8
Looking for part-time work	21.2	58.3	79.5	7.7	6.3	6.7
Aged 15-19	63.4	64.0	127.3	17.6	19.3	18.4
Aged 20 and over	184.5	122.1	306.6	6.0	6.1	6.1
20-24	59.0	39.7	98.7	11.9	9.7	10.9
25-34	62.8	43.2	106.0	6.5	6.9	6.6
35-44	32.6	26.0	58.6	4.3	4.9	4.5
45-54	15.6	11.2	26.8	3.2	3.7	3.4
55 and over	14.5	*	16.5	4.3	*	3.5
Aged 15-64	247.6	185.9	433.5	7.4	8.0	7.6
<b>BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA</b>						
<b>Total</b>	99.1	68.8	168.0	8.3	9.5	8.7
Looking for full-time work	90.6	50.3	141.0	8.0	10.8	8.8
Looking for part-time work	8.5	18.5	27.0	11.9	7.2	8.2
Aged 15-19	9.6	6.6	16.2	22.0	20.0	21.1
Aged 20 and over	89.5	62.2	151.7	7.7	9.0	8.2
20-24	15.7	12.1	27.8	16.3	14.6	15.5
25-34	24.1	18.3	42.4	8.6	9.7	9.0
35-44	20.8	21.0	41.9	5.8	9.0	7.1
45-54	15.7	8.7	24.3	6.1	6.4	6.2
55 and over	13.2	*	15.3	8.0	*	7.0
Aged 15-64	98.7	68.5	167.1	8.3	9.5	8.8

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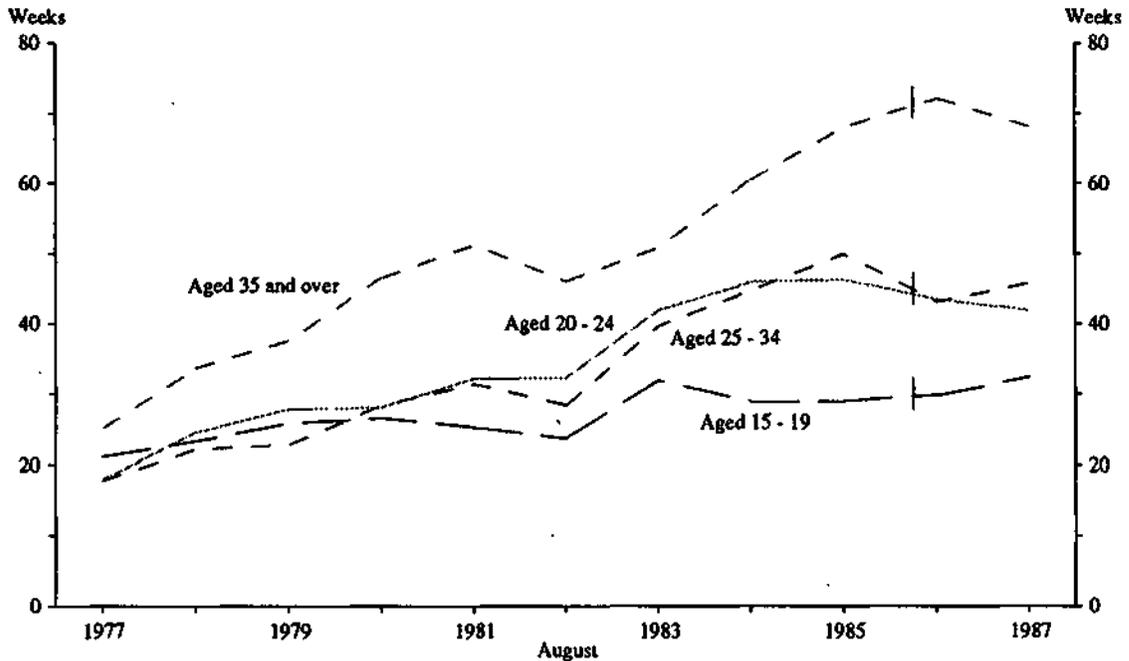
TABLE 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUGUST 1977 TO AUGUST 1987

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	August										
	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986(a)	1987
	— '000 —										
Under 2	17.9	39.5	33.4	32.0	33.9	38.7	32.4	34.2	38.7	47.0	41.7
2 and under 4	48.2	45.3	42.9	43.9	41.5	58.2	49.7	56.9	55.4	56.2	59.3
4 and under 8	65.7	55.6	52.0	55.7	58.4	72.4	73.9	64.1	57.3	67.0	67.4
8 and under 13	58.8	47.4	44.3	43.1	45.9	52.3	65.9	58.9	47.5	58.0	56.3
13 and under 26	62.5	70.0	61.7	62.2	52.8	61.2	103.1	80.5	78.0	85.0	84.1
26 and under 39	49.1	63.6	61.0	65.5	53.2	73.3	123.5	95.1	88.0	91.3	95.0
39 and under 52	12.2	15.2	14.1	13.7	15.0	17.8	49.6	26.3	29.7	27.5	25.5
52 and under 65	18.8	23.0	24.7	23.0	23.4	25.7	61.3	46.9	41.2	35.4	39.6
65 and under 104	} 26.2	19.0	19.8	19.5	15.8	18.6	43.3	49.2	30.6	32.2	36.7
104 and over		{ 19.6	23.7	35.8	40.8	43.4	84.2	92.5	104.7	96.0	96.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>359.3</b>	<b>398.3</b>	<b>377.5</b>	<b>394.5</b>	<b>380.6</b>	<b>461.4</b>	<b>686.8</b>	<b>604.6</b>	<b>571.2</b>	<b>595.6</b>	<b>601.9</b>
	—weeks—										
Average duration—											
Mean	20.9	26.2	28.4	32.0	34.9	32.6	41.4	45.5	49.5	48.8	48.6
Median	12	13	14	15	13	13	26	26	26	21	23

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 25 of Appendix 3 for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE

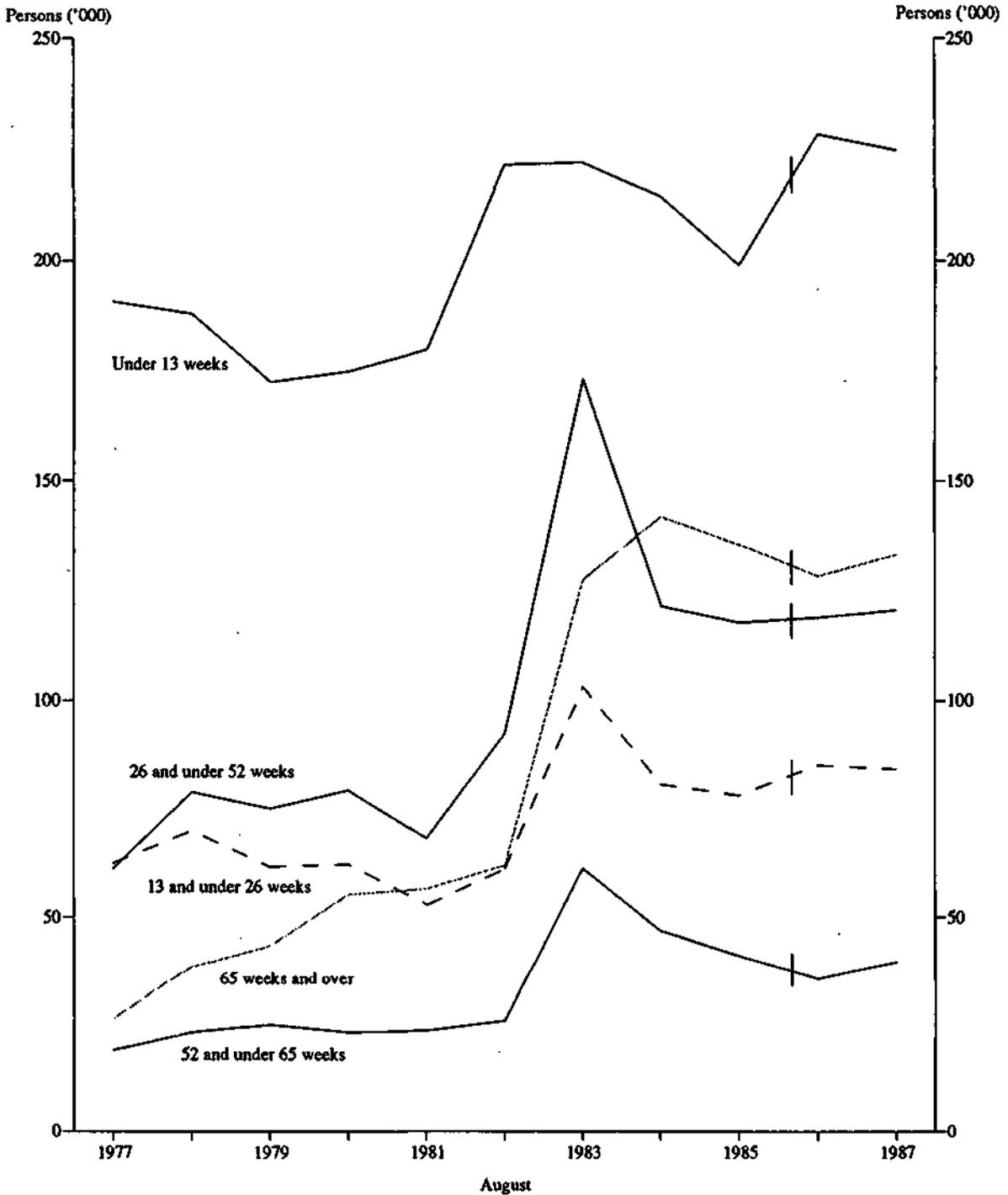


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Note: Estimates for average duration of unemployment refer to current periods of unemployment, not completed periods.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



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Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, AUGUST 1987

	Number (' 000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Had worked full-time for two weeks or more in the last two years	209.9	110.7	320.6	4.7	3.8	4.3
<i>Industry division or subdivision—</i>						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	15.9	*	17.7	5.1	*	4.2
Agriculture and services to agriculture	13.3	*	14.7	4.6	*	3.8
Mining	4.1	*	4.5	4.3	*	4.4
Manufacturing	54.3	16.5	70.9	6.0	5.2	5.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	9.5	4.2	13.7	6.7	7.0	6.8
Metal products	10.5	*	11.1	5.9	*	5.5
Other manufacturing	34.3	11.8	46.1	5.9	5.0	5.6
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	32.2	*	34.0	7.0	*	6.6
Wholesale and retail trade	45.9	36.1	82.0	5.5	5.6	5.5
Wholesale trade	13.3	5.4	18.7	4.2	4.0	4.2
Retail trade	32.6	30.8	63.3	6.2	5.9	6.1
Transport and storage	9.5	*	11.1	3.0	*	2.9
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finance, property and business services	8.8	11.6	20.4	2.1	3.1	2.6
Public administration and defence	9.9	5.2	15.2	4.3	3.9	4.1
Community services	10.4	18.8	29.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
Recreation, personal and other services	15.7	15.8	31.5	6.9	5.3	6.0
<i>Occupation major group (a)—</i>						
Managers and administrators	11.2	3.6	14.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
Professionals	7.1	5.4	12.5	1.3	1.6	1.4
Para-professionals	5.2	3.9	9.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
Tradespersons	46.6	4.8	51.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
Clerks	9.6	27.1	36.7	3.0	2.9	2.9
Salespersons and personal service workers	18.3	38.4	56.7	4.8	5.9	5.5
Plant and machine operators	24.7	6.3	31.0	5.0	6.4	5.3
Labourers and related workers	87.2	21.1	108.3	10.9	5.4	9.1
Other	134.0	135.9	269.9	..	..	..
Looking for first job	34.1	39.4	73.5	..	..	..
Looking for full-time work	24.0	26.5	50.6	..	..	..
Other	99.9	96.5	196.5	..	..	..
Stood down	*	8.3	11.4	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>347.0</b>	<b>254.9</b>	<b>601.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>

(a) Classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, ASCO 1986.

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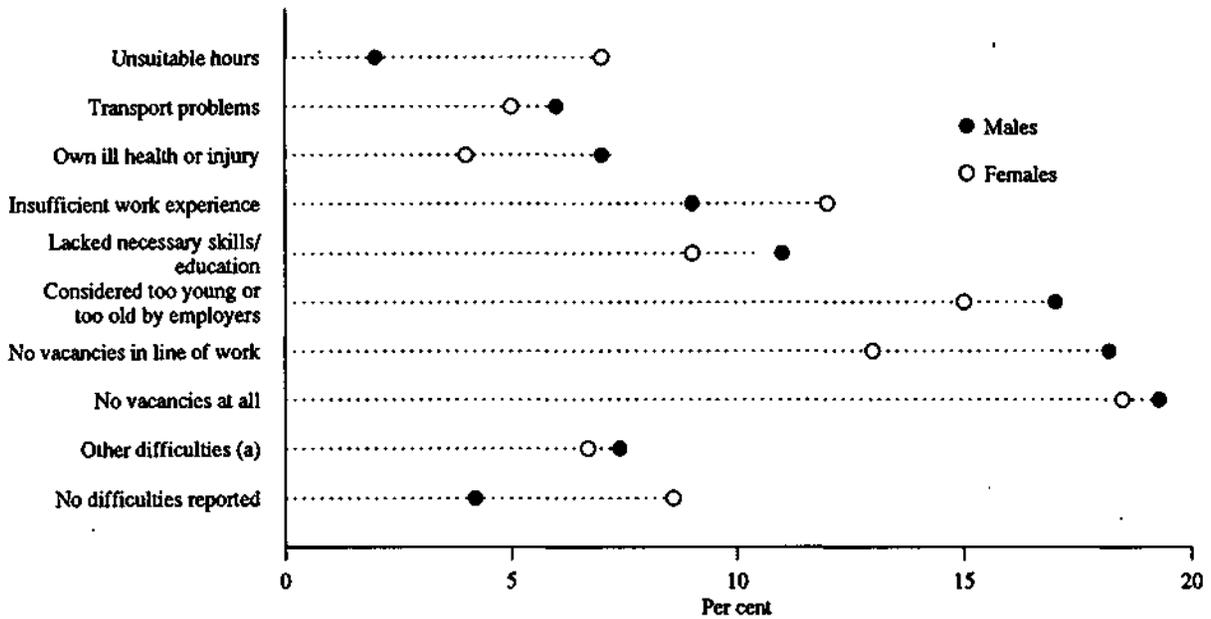
TABLE 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986

Main difficulty in finding work	May 1977	July 1979	June 1981	July 1983	July 1985	June 1986	(' 000)
	—per cent—						
Own ill health or injury	5.0	3.9	4.4	3.7	5.7	5.8	31.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	9.6	13.8	14.5	12.5	16.9	16.3	89.0
Unsuitable hours	4.6	3.6	3.2	2.2	3.8	4.0	21.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	6.4	5.6	5.5	3.8	5.2	5.7	31.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	7.8	8.0	7.0	8.0	9.6	10.0	54.9
Language difficulties	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.5	2.7	2.1	11.3
Insufficient work experience	9.9	8.1	10.5	8.2	8.6	10.1	55.2
No vacancies in line of work	16.4	16.8	18.4	18.5	14.4	16.0	87.6
No vacancies at all	30.4	29.9	23.6	33.1	21.9	19.0	103.9
Other difficulties(a)	3.1	4.9	5.6	4.9	5.8	5.0	27.5
No difficulties reported	5.2	3.9	5.4	3.5	5.4	6.1	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>

(a) Include persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

Source: *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, June 1986* (6222.0).

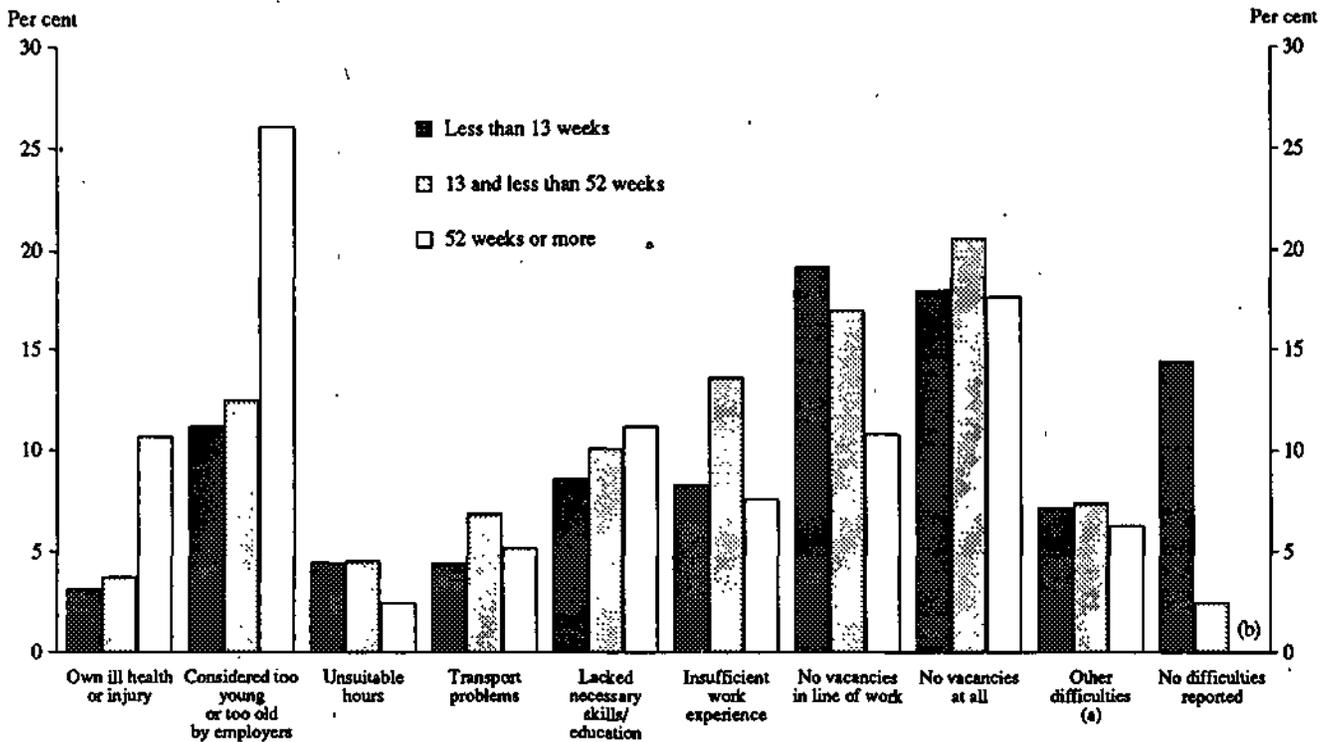
**CHART 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT JUNE 1986**



(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background; and those with language difficulties.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, June 1986 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD UNEMPLOYMENT**



(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background; and those with language difficulties. (b) Estimate subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, June 1986 (6222.0).

TABLE 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986

Active steps taken to find work	May 1977	July 1979	June 1981	July 1983	July 1985	June 1986	
	—per cent—					(' 000)	
Registered with the CES and—							
Took no other active steps	13.3	6.0	7.3	1.2	1.6	1.5	8.3
Contacted prospective employers	58.0	65.9	63.2	74.0	71.9	70.4	385.4
Took other active steps	*	3.1	2.6	4.9	6.7	6.9	37.8
Total	71.6	75.0	73.1	80.2	80.2	78.8	431.5
Not registered with the CES and—							
Contacted prospective employers	26.4	22.8	24.2	17.6	17.3	19.3	105.5
Took other active steps	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.5	1.9	10.5
Total	28.4	25.0	26.9	19.8	19.8	21.2	116.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>

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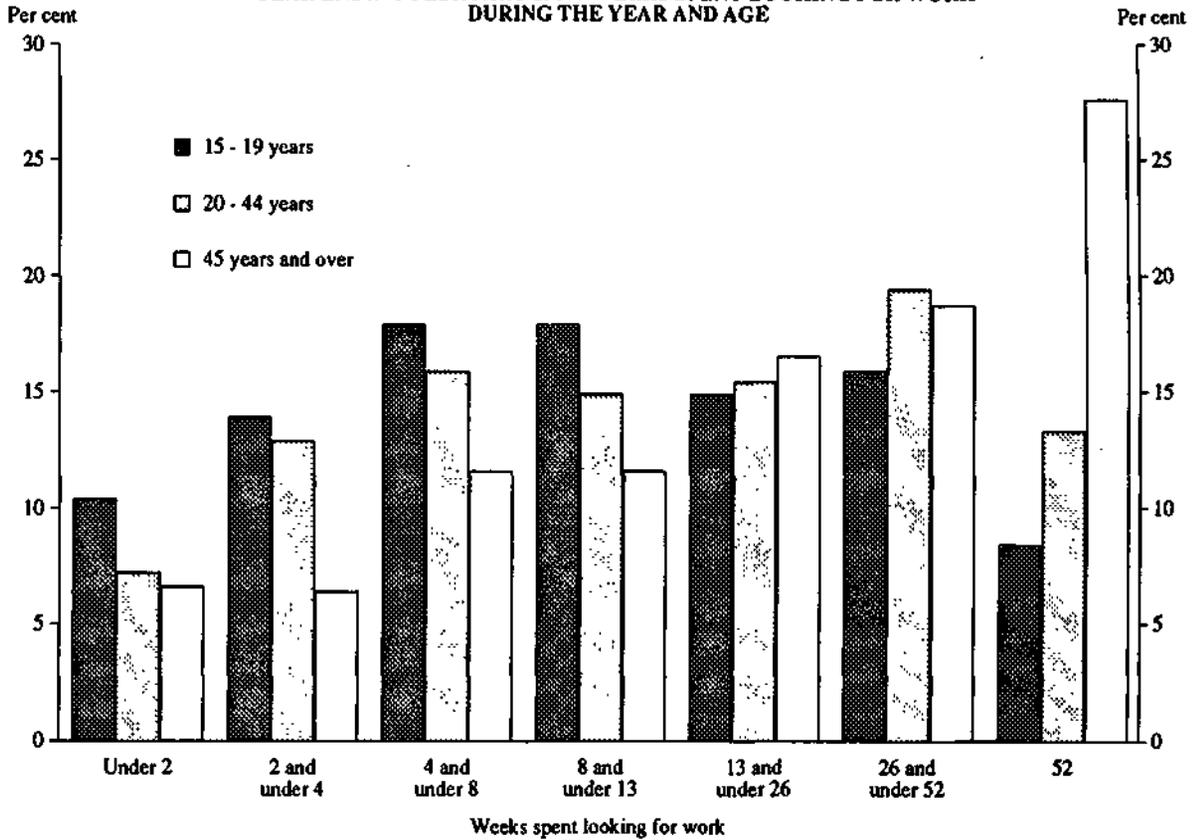
TABLE 4.8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB, MAY 1977 TO JUNE 1986

	May 1977	July 1979	June 1981	July 1983	July 1985	June 1986	
	—per cent—					(' 000)	
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB							
Would move interstate	21.7	25.1	23.0	29.4	24.8	26.0	142.1
Would not move interstate	68.1	64.8	65.7	57.9	62.9	63.0	344.8
Moving interstate would depend—							
On job conditions	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.8	5.3	4.0	22.1
On other conditions(a)	4.1	4.2	4.9	5.3	4.4	4.9	26.9
Total	7.9	7.7	9.0	10.2	9.7	8.9	49.0
Undecided	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.1	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB							
Would move intrastate	31.2	39.1	36.4	42.3	37.4	37.2	203.4
Would not move intrastate	55.6	48.4	51.0	43.2	48.3	49.8	272.4
Moving intrastate would depend—							
On job conditions	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.8	4.8	3.8	20.6
On other conditions(a)	6.8	5.5	6.5	7.9	7.4	7.4	40.6
Total	10.7	10.4	10.7	12.7	12.2	11.2	61.1
Undecided	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.9	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>547.5</b>

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

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, June 1986 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1987: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR AND AGE**



Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1987 (6206.0).

**TABLE 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1987**

February	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications		Total(a)	Total(b)
	Degree	Trade; technical or other certificate(c)	Other	Total	Attended highest level of secondary school	Did not attend highest level of secondary school		
<b>UNEMPLOYED (' 000)</b>								
1979	12.3	86.8	4.6	103.7	60.3	276.9	338.1	460.1
1980	15.4	77.9	*	96.9	52.0	273.2	327.1	442.8
1981	19.6	72.8	*	96.7	53.2	251.9	306.4	422.4
1982	21.2	92.4	*	116.1	68.7	277.9	347.7	484.4
1983	29.5	175.4	7.1	212.0	102.4	404.5	509.7	746.7
1984	33.1	167.8	6.2	207.1	102.0	394.7	499.6	737.8
1985	23.7	131.4	9.9	164.9	101.5	374.6	476.8	673.6
1986	27.5	130.6	13.7	171.8	99.6	353.5	455.2	663.3
1987	25.6	151.9	*	180.8	110.7	362.4	476.9	699.6
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)</b>								
1979	2.8	4.7	9.4	4.4	8.0	8.4	8.3	7.1
1980	3.5	4.0	*	4.0	6.8	8.2	8.0	6.7
1981	3.8	3.6	*	3.7	6.7	7.8	7.5	6.3
1982	3.9	4.3	*	4.2	8.2	8.7	8.6	7.0
1983	5.0	7.9	10.5	7.4	11.6	12.8	12.6	10.7
1984	5.2	7.3	9.2	6.9	11.5	12.8	12.6	10.4
1985	3.4	5.8	9.9	5.4	10.8	12.0	11.7	9.3
1986	3.8	5.4	13.3	5.3	10.4	11.2	11.1	8.9
1987	3.6	5.7	*	5.3	11.1	11.7	11.6	9.1

(a) Includes persons who never attended school. (b) Includes persons aged 15 to 20 still at school. (c) Comprises the categories 'Trade qualifications or apprenticeship' and 'Certificate or Diploma', which were published separately for the first time in the 1987 publication.

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

TABLE 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1987

Educational attainment	Age group						Total	(per cent)
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
—' 000—								
<b>MALES</b>								
With post-school qualifications(a)	*	21.7	30.5	18.1	14.2	11.4	97.6	24.7
Degree	*	*	4.9	*	*	*	14.5	3.7
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*	11.9	16.7	10.7	10.5	9.2	59.9	15.2
Certificate or diploma	*	5.4	7.9	*	*	*	21.9	5.5
Without post-school qualifications(b)	81.7	56.6	64.2	34.5	21.6	21.0	279.6	70.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	23.2	15.2	11.6	6.8	*	*	61.0	15.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	58.4	41.4	52.4	27.5	19.6	17.3	216.5	54.8
Left at age—								
16 and over	28.0	22.4	18.3	8.4	*	*	83.2	21.0
15 and under	30.4	19.0	34.1	19.1	16.1	14.6	133.3	33.7
Still at school	18.2	*	..	..	..	..	18.2	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>395.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
With post-school qualifications(a)	10.4	18.3	27.3	18.3	7.3	*	83.2	27.3
Degree	*	*	4.8	*	*	*	11.1	3.7
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.7	1.9
Certificate or diploma	9.5	14.9	20.3	13.5	5.3	*	64.3	21.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	65.3	39.4	41.0	32.2	16.8	*	197.3	64.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	21.1	13.1	10.2	*	*	*	49.7	16.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	44.2	26.0	30.4	28.5	14.9	*	145.9	48.0
Left at age—								
16 and over	22.6	13.2	15.9	8.3	*	*	63.0	20.7
15 and under	21.7	12.9	14.5	20.2	12.4	*	82.9	27.3
Still at school	23.5	*	..	..	..	..	23.7	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>304.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
With post-school qualifications(a)	12.2	40.0	57.8	36.4	21.6	12.9	180.8	25.8
Degree	*	6.1	9.7	6.4	*	*	25.6	3.7
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*	13.1	18.4	11.6	11.7	9.5	65.7	9.4
Certificate or diploma	10.4	20.3	28.2	17.7	7.7	*	86.2	12.3
Without post-school qualifications(b)	146.9	96.0	105.2	66.8	38.4	23.5	476.9	68.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	44.3	28.3	21.8	9.8	*	*	110.7	15.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	102.7	67.4	82.8	56.0	34.5	19.1	362.4	51.8
Left at age—								
16 and over	50.6	35.5	34.1	16.7	6.0	*	146.2	20.9
15 and under	52.1	31.9	48.7	39.3	28.5	15.8	216.2	30.9
Still at school	41.7	*	..	..	..	..	41.9	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>699.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1987 (6235.0).

TABLE 4.11. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS :  
METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER OUT OF WORK PRIOR TO STARTING JOB, JUNE 1986  
(\* 000)

Method of job attainment	Whether out of work prior to starting job								
	Out of work prior to starting job			Changed employer to start job			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Jobseeker approached employer	381.0	402.5	783.5	287.2	271.5	558.7	668.1	674.0	1,342.1
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	138.1	155.2	293.3	99.0	101.2	200.2	237.2	256.4	493.5
First step taken—									
Tendered/advertised for work	*	4.0	6.9	3.6	*	6.7	6.5	7.1	13.6
Contacted likely employers	99.2	106.0	205.2	70.1	68.3	138.4	169.3	174.3	343.6
Other	36.0	45.2	81.2	25.3	29.8	55.2	61.4	75.0	136.4
Had prior knowledge that job was available through—									
CES	64.8	49.4	114.1	18.1	14.5	32.6	82.9	63.8	146.7
Private employment agency	6.1	5.5	11.5	5.0	7.8	12.8	11.1	13.3	24.4
School programs	*	*	*	4.0	*	6.5	6.2	3.6	9.8
Newspaper advertisements	68.2	90.9	159.1	82.7	74.8	157.5	150.9	165.7	316.5
Friends, relatives, company contacts	86.7	81.4	168.1	64.2	54.1	118.3	150.9	135.5	286.4
Other sources	15.0	19.0	34.0	14.0	16.7	30.8	29.0	35.7	64.8
Employer approached jobseeker.	66.4	91.3	157.6	112.4	73.4	185.9	178.8	164.7	343.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>447.3</b>	<b>493.7</b>	<b>941.1</b>	<b>399.6</b>	<b>345.0</b>	<b>744.5</b>	<b>846.9</b>	<b>838.7</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

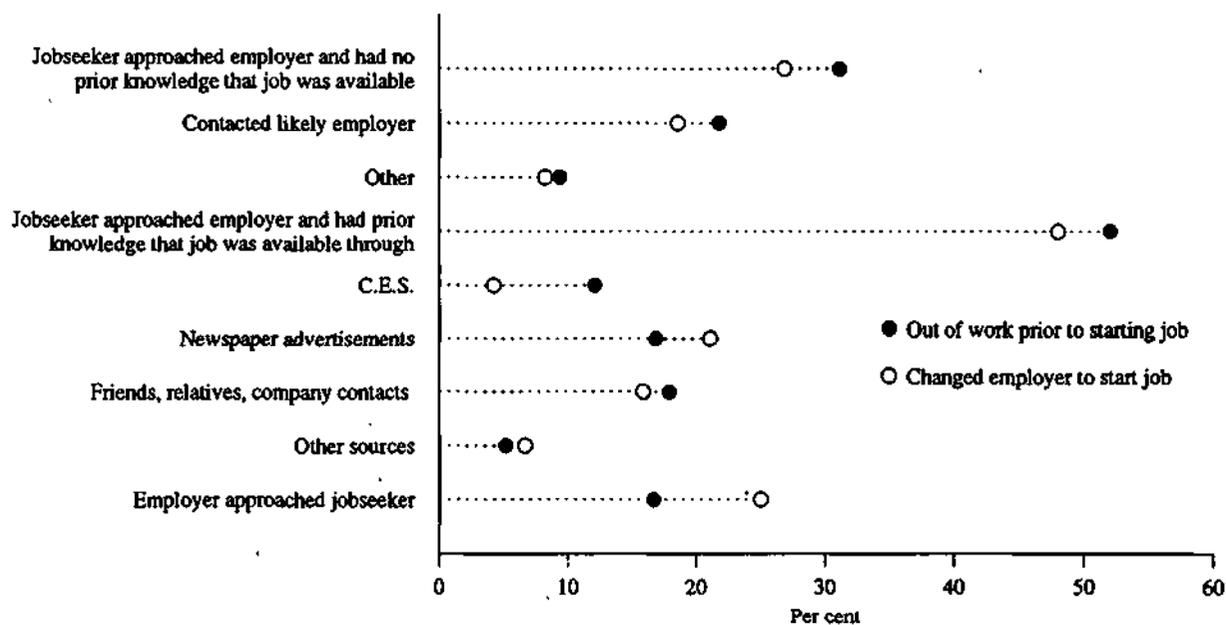
TABLE 4.12. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS :  
METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JUNE 1986  
(\* 000)

Method of job attainment	Educational attainment								
	With post-school qualifications			Without post-school qualifications				Total(b)	Total(c)
	Degree	Trade; technical or other certificate	Total(a)	Attended highest level of secondary school available	Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age				
				16 and over	15 and under				
Jobseeker approached employer	105.3	382.3	512.9	227.3	247.7	275.1	752.1	1,342.1	
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	35.5	135.1	181.0	83.0	88.3	105.2	276.9	493.5	
First step taken—									
Tendered/advertised for work	*	4.7	6.7	*	*	*	6.6	13.6	
Contacted likely employers	21.4	93.1	121.2	57.9	58.0	75.8	192.0	343.6	
Other	12.2	37.4	53.1	22.5	28.3	27.3	78.3	136.4	
Had prior knowledge that job was available through—									
CES	69.7	247.2	331.9	144.3	159.4	169.9	475.2	848.6	
Private employment agency	*	37.3	44.4	24.3	34.7	40.8	100.0	146.7	
School programs	*	9.9	12.5	5.0	*	3.5	11.8	24.4	
Newspaper advertisements	*	*	*	3.5	*	*	6.8	9.8	
Friends, relatives, company contacts	38.6	112.7	156.4	54.8	50.4	49.8	155.1	316.5	
Other sources	16.6	68.5	89.4	44.6	59.8	65.5	170.9	286.4	
Employer approached jobseeker	8.6	18.1	27.4	12.2	8.7	9.5	30.5	64.8	
Employer approached jobseeker	33.1	104.4	142.9	49.5	57.5	75.8	183.0	343.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>486.7</b>	<b>655.7</b>	<b>276.7</b>	<b>305.2</b>	<b>350.9</b>	<b>935.0</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>	

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school.

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

CHART 4.9. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS: METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER OUT OF WORK PRIOR TO STARTING JOB  
JUNE 1986



Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

TABLE 4.13. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS :  
METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT AND AGE, JUNE 1986  
(\* 000)

Method of job attainment	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
Jobseeker approached employer	368.3	308.7	354.5	206.2	79.4	25.0	1,342.1
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	144.0	109.5	127.9	73.6	30.4	8.2	493.5
First step taken—							
Tendered/advertised for work	*	4.3	4.2	*	*	*	13.6
Contacted likely employers	106.2	76.9	87.6	48.0	20.1	4.8	343.6
Other	36.4	28.3	36.1	24.2	8.8	*	136.4
Had prior knowledge that job was available through—	224.3	199.2	226.6	132.7	49.0	16.7	848.6
CES	52.2	40.2	30.7	15.5	6.4	*	146.7
Private employment agency	*	5.7	8.8	4.7	*	*	24.4
School programs	7.3	*	*	*	*	*	9.8
Newspaper advertisements	57.5	72.8	89.9	66.1	22.1	8.1	316.5
Friends, relatives, company contacts	85.3	64.4	77.4	39.3	14.7	5.3	286.4
Other sources	19.1	14.0	19.4	7.2	4.3	*	64.8
Employer approached jobseeker	62.9	65.7	101.4	67.3	29.1	17.0	343.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>431.2</b>	<b>374.5</b>	<b>455.9</b>	<b>273.6</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

**TABLE 4.14. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS : METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS AT JUNE 1986**

Method of job attainment	Labour force status at June 1986				Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Employed	Unem- ployed	In the labour force	Not in the labour force			
	—' 000—						
Jobseeker approached employer	1,105.9	124.9	1,230.8	111.3	1,342.1	10.2	91.7
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	403.9	45.4	449.4	44.2	493.5	10.1	91.1
First step taken—							
Tendered/advertised for work	10.7	*	11.7	*	13.6	*	85.7
Contacted likely employers	280.0	34.5	314.5	29.1	343.6	11.0	91.5
Other	113.2	10.0	123.2	13.2	136.4	8.1	90.4
Had prior knowledge that job was available through—	702.0	79.4	781.4	67.1	848.6	10.2	92.1
CES	108.3	28.0	136.2	10.5	146.7	20.5	92.9
Private employment agency	21.7	*	22.7	*	24.4	*	93.2
School programs	8.6	*	8.8	*	9.8	*	89.6
Newspaper advertisements	282.1	20.3	302.3	14.2	316.5	6.7	95.5
Friends, relatives, company contacts	229.4	25.5	254.9	31.5	286.4	10.0	89.0
Other sources	52.0	4.4	56.4	8.3	64.8	7.9	87.1
Employer approached jobseeker	280.2	20.3	300.5	43.0	343.5	6.7	87.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,386.1</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>1,531.3</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>90.8</b>

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

**TABLE 4.15. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS : METHOD OF JOB ATTAINMENT, WHETHER FIRST JOB EVER HELD AND WHETHER JOB STARTED WAS IN PREFERRED OCCUPATION, JUNE 1986**  
(\* 000)

Method of job attainment	First job ever held			Had worked before			Total		
	Job was in preferred occupation	Job was not in preferred occupation	Total(a)	Job was in preferred occupation	Job was not in preferred occupation	Total(a)	Job was in preferred occupation	Job was not in preferred occupation	Total(a)
	Jobseeker approached employer	148.2	39.7	229.1	805.6	194.2	1,113.0	953.8	233.8
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	62.7	12.9	88.4	287.8	73.5	405.1	350.5	86.4	493.5
First step taken—									
Tendered/advertised for work	*	*	*	8.5	*	12.2	9.6	*	13.6
Contacted likely employers	45.5	8.8	64.7	197.1	50.2	278.9	242.6	59.1	343.6
Other	16.2	4.0	22.3	82.2	21.0	114.0	98.4	25.0	136.4
Had prior knowledge that job was available through—	85.5	26.8	140.7	517.8	120.7	707.9	603.2	147.4	848.6
CES	16.0	7.4	29.0	70.6	28.2	117.7	86.5	35.6	146.7
Private employment agency	*	*	*	19.1	*	22.4	20.3	*	24.4
School programs	5.0	*	5.3	3.6	*	4.6	8.6	*	9.8
Newspaper advertisements	26.5	8.2	39.4	221.5	38.9	277.1	248.0	47.1	316.5
Friends, relatives, company contacts	28.4	9.7	52.1	163.2	41.7	234.3	191.6	51.4	286.4
Other sources	8.4	*	13.1	39.8	7.9	51.7	48.2	9.1	64.8
Employer approached jobseeker	26.3	8.0	44.2	231.4	38.4	299.3	257.7	46.4	343.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>273.3</b>	<b>1,037.0</b>	<b>232.6</b>	<b>1,412.3</b>	<b>1,211.5</b>	<b>280.2</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>

(a) Includes persons who did not have a preferred occupation.

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

TABLE 4.16. PERSONS WHO STARTED A WAGE OR SALARY EARNER JOB DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS :  
ROLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN JOB ATTAINMENT AND FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME  
STATUS OF JOB WHEN STARTED, JUNE 1986  
(\* 000)

Role of the CES in job attainment	Full-time or part-time status of job when started								
	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Jobseeker approached employer	558.6	378.2	936.8	109.5	295.8	405.3	668.1	674.0	1,342.1
Had no prior knowledge that job was available	192.0	129.1	321.1	45.2	127.2	172.4	237.2	256.4	493.5
Had prior knowledge that job was available	366.6	249.1	615.7	64.3	168.6	232.9	431.0	417.6	848.6
Through CES	75.0	47.3	122.2	7.9	16.6	24.5	82.9	63.8	146.7
Through other sources	291.7	201.8	493.5	56.4	152.0	208.4	348.1	353.8	701.9
CES helped jobseeker to obtain job in some way	8.4	5.1	13.4	*	*	3.5	9.8	7.2	17.0
CES did not help jobseeker to obtain job in any way	283.3	196.7	480.0	55.0	149.9	204.9	338.3	346.6	684.9
Employer approached jobseeker	147.9	65.9	213.8	30.9	98.8	129.7	178.8	164.7	343.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>706.4</b>	<b>444.1</b>	<b>1,150.6</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>394.6</b>	<b>535.0</b>	<b>846.9</b>	<b>838.7</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>

Source: Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, June 1986 (6245.0).

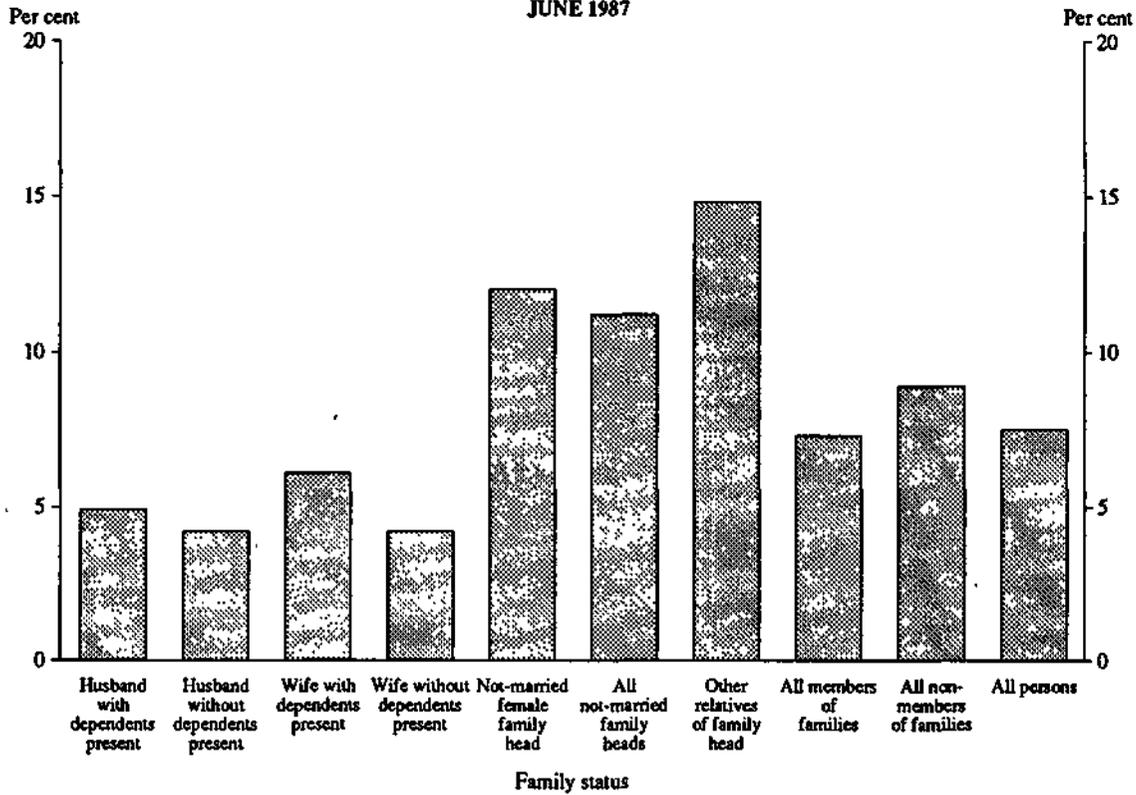
TABLE 4.17. ALL FAMILIES WITH ONE OR MORE MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED : TYPE OF FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT  
STATUS(a), JUNE 1987  
(\* 000 Families)

	None employed		One employed		Two or more employed			Total				
	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total
<b>Married-couple families</b>	87.7	24.5	112.2	113.0	8.2	121.2	85.6	7.2	92.8	286.2	40.0	326.2
With dependents present	61.8	13.9	75.7	71.3	6.0	77.2	53.4	4.5	58.0	186.5	24.4	210.9
Without dependents present	25.9	10.6	36.6	41.7	*	44.0	32.1	*	34.8	99.7	15.6	115.3
<b>Other families</b>	40.6	6.3	46.9	23.0	*	25.0	6.2	*	7.5	69.8	9.6	79.4
With dependents present	24.7	*	26.9	8.5	*	9.1	*	*	4.0	36.5	3.5	40.0
Without dependents present	15.9	4.1	19.9	14.5	*	16.0	*	*	3.5	33.3	6.1	39.4
<b>All families</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>159.1</b>	<b>135.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>356.0</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>405.6</b>
With dependents present	86.5	16.1	102.6	79.7	6.6	86.3	56.7	5.2	62.0	222.9	27.9	250.8
Without dependents present	41.8	14.7	56.5	56.2	3.7	59.9	35.0	*	38.4	133.1	21.7	154.8

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1987 (6224.0).

CHART 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
JUNE 1987



Source: Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1987 (6224.0).

TABLE 4.18. FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1987

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration —weeks—	Median duration
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
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<i>Member of a family</i>	27.4	43.4	49.9	42.2	85.1	84.7	135.7	468.4	49.1	23
Husband or wife	13.5	22.4	22.7	21.0	37.3	35.1	76.8	228.8	54.4	24
With dependents present	9.4	15.4	15.8	13.3	25.1	22.2	53.4	154.6	55.3	24
Without dependents present	4.1	7.0	6.9	7.8	12.2	12.9	23.5	74.3	52.5	24
Not-married family head	4.8		4.6		5.8	5.7	8.4	29.3	49.9	24
With dependents present	4.1		3.7		3.8	3.8	5.2	20.5	45.2	22
Full-time student aged 15-24	5.5	6.2	6.7	5.8	9.9	6.2	3.7	44.1	17.9	10
Other child(a) of family head	5.3	11.0	16.6	12.5	30.0	34.5	42.5	152.4	50.3	26
Other relative	3.6			*	5.2		4.3	13.8	46.6	*
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	5.7	6.9	12.4	8.2	14.5	17.6	29.6	94.8	51.6	25
Living alone	3.7		6.0		4.5	4.5	12.1	30.9	67.8	32
Not living alone	3.9	5.0	9.6	5.0	10.0	13.1	17.5	63.9	43.8	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>165.3</b>	<b>563.1</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>23</b>

(a) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1987 (6224.0).

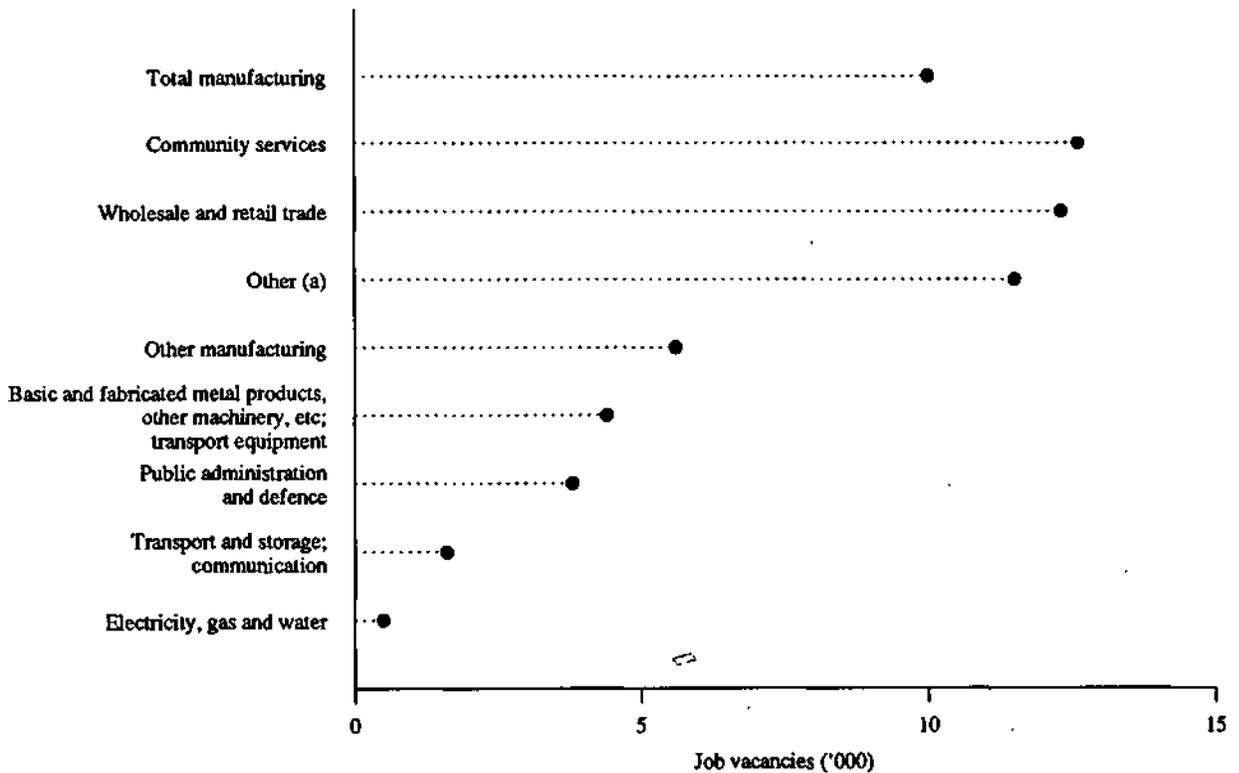
TABLE 4.19. JOB VACANCIES : INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA  
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Industry	1986		1987			
	15 Aug.	21 Nov.	20 Feb.	15 May	21 Aug.	20 Nov.
Manufacturing—	11.0	10.5	14.8	14.3	14.3	10.0
Basic and fabricated metal products, other machinery and equipment, transport equipment	*	4.0	7.4	6.9	*	4.4
Other manufacturing	5.5	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.5	5.6
Non-manufacturing—						
Electricity, gas and water	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Wholesale and retail trade	8.7	9.1	12.1	10.5	*	*
Transport and storage; communication	1.3	*	*	0.7	*	1.6
Public administration and defence	4.1	4.6	4.3	3.4	4.0	3.8
Community services	13.0	13.7	15.5	12.1	13.7	12.6
Other(a)	10.1	12.1	13.9	12.4	10.9	11.5
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>52.2</b>

(a) Includes mining; construction; finance, property and business services; and recreation, personal and other services.

Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

CHART 4.11. JOB VACANCIES BY INDUSTRY, NOVEMBER 1987



(a) Includes mining; construction; finance, property and business services; and recreation, personal and other services.

Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).