

CHAPTER 5

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

Persons not in the labour force represent that group of the population who during a particular week are not employed or unemployed. Interest in this group centres primarily around their potential to participate in the labour force. In addition to analysing persons not in the labour force by their demographic and family characteristics, attention is also focussed on their degree of attachment to the labour force. Aspects such as whether they want a job and whether they are discouraged jobseekers (i.e. whether they are out of the labour force because of economic circumstances) are given emphasis.

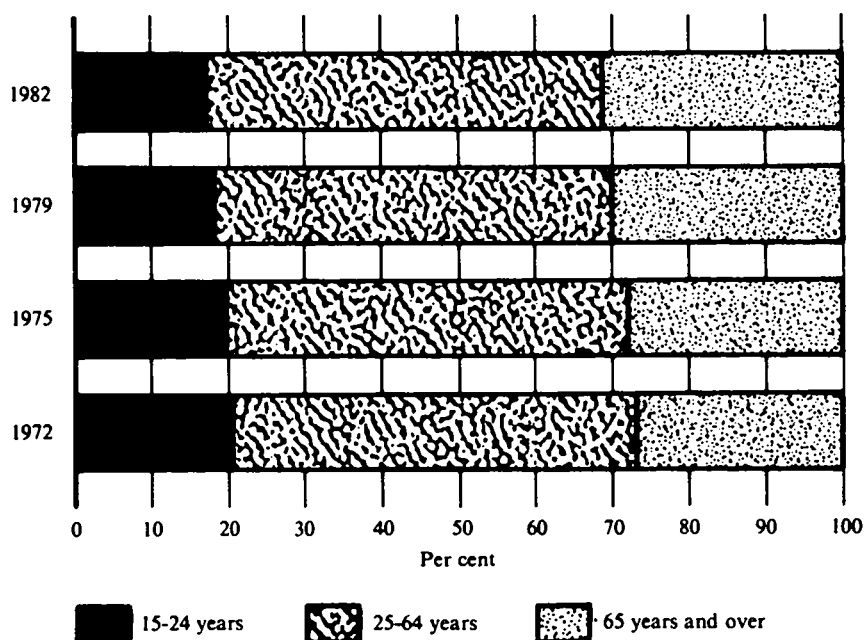
The sources for the statistics in this Chapter are the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries. In particular a survey of persons not in the labour force is conducted twice a year to examine the labour force attachments of persons not in the labour force.

TABLE 5.1. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: SUMMARY
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	September 1979	March 1980	September 1980	March 1981	September 1981	March 1982	September 1982
Civilian population aged 15 and over	10,684.6	10,790.2	10,881.0	10,999.8	11,109.6	11,225.5	11,349.3
Employed	6,118.1	6,243.2	6,325.3	6,389.9	6,466.1	6,461.1	6,414.2
Unemployed	396.5	412.4	405.5	409.8	391.1	459.7	505.9
Not in the labour force	4,170.0	4,134.6	4,150.2	4,200.1	4,252.5	4,304.7	4,429.3
Aged 65 and over	1,278.0	1,303.4	1,315.7	1,337.4	1,365.6	1,391.1	1,409.4
Aged 15 to 64	2,892.0	2,831.2	2,834.5	2,862.7	2,886.9	2,913.6	3,019.9
Unable to work or in institutions	91.4	82.5	79.5	76.2	86.4	96.0	96.7
Had a job but away without pay	n.a.	n.a.	50.6	n.a.	n.a.	21.8	28.1
Took active steps but unable to start	53.8	21.3	24.9	31.5	49.7	33.8	53.9
Persons who do not want a job	2,136.9	2,151.3	2,057.9	2,147.1	2,131.7	2,076.7	2,191.5
Would not like a job now	2,113.7	2,120.9	2,034.1	2,116.4	2,112.8	2,050.9	2,170.5
Does not know whether would like a job	23.2	30.4	23.8	30.7	18.9	25.8	21.0
Persons who want a job	609.9	576.1	621.7	607.9	619.0	659.5	649.8
Have taken steps (non-active) to find a job	42.5	52.3	48.0	46.0	43.3	46.5	44.7
Have taken no steps to find a job	567.4	523.8	573.6	561.9	575.7	613.2	605.1
Yes, would like a job now	479.2	458.9	482.5	461.8	483.6	497.0	517.6
Maybe, would like a job now	88.3	64.9	91.1	100.1	92.1	116.1	87.5
Discouraged	74.0	76.0	73.7	69.8	73.3	77.4	84.5
Have other reasons for not actively looking for work	535.9	500.1	548.0	538.1	545.7	582.1	565.3

Source: *Persons Not in The Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0)

CHART 5.1 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: AGE, AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982



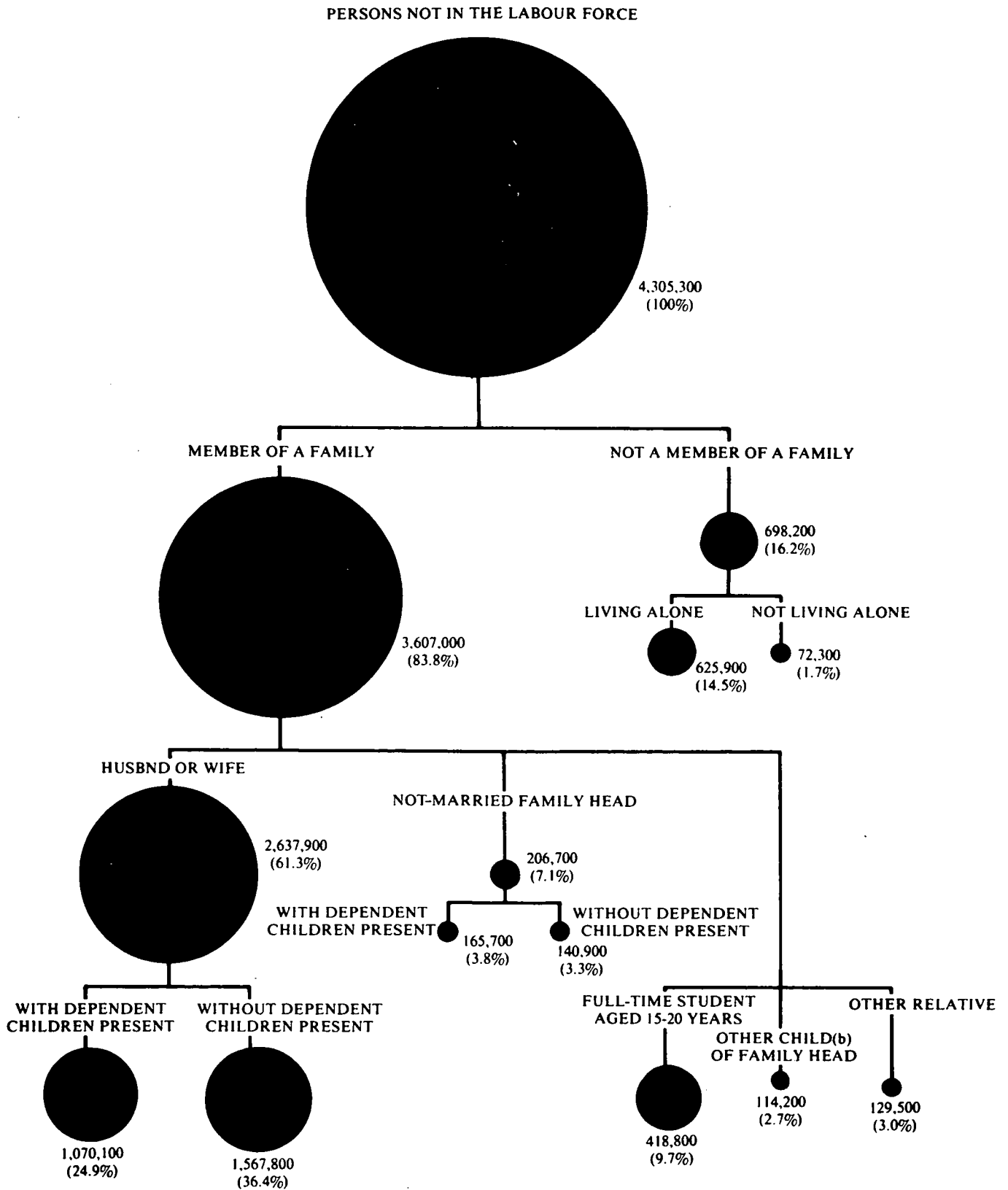
Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6204.0)

TABLE 5.2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, AGE, AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1982
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August	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70 and over	Total
MALES										
1972	234.8	46.1	22.2	18.8	33.2	28.9	60.6	128.2	241.0	813.8
1973	229.9	51.5	22.7	20.9	40.7	35.9	63.5	134.9	247.8	847.9
1974	245.8	57.2	30.8	21.9	45.3	37.8	75.6	148.6	257.5	920.5
1975	242.2	56.9	33.5	25.6	48.4	37.9	87.4	156.9	267.7	956.6
1976	247.1	52.9	33.0	25.4	47.3	42.1	101.1	174.3	277.0	1,000.1
1977	240.4	51.2	34.3	24.3	53.8	45.5	106.3	180.4	288.8	1,024.9
1978	253.2	62.0	45.7	37.4	66.3	62.2	112.8	187.7	299.4	1,126.6
1979	252.7	58.6	48.5	38.2	68.7	64.4	130.1	194.3	312.5	1,167.9
1980	243.2	58.4	52.5	36.7	66.7	60.9	142.3	198.3	325.5	1,184.3
1981	247.0	55.9	55.5	45.1	67.7	70.2	144.4	203.1	341.5	1,230.3
1982	242.3	70.8	61.9	48.5	77.8	78.9	161.3	213.4	353.1	1,308.0
MARRIED FEMALES										
1972	28.2	185.3	508.3	365.5	359.7	173.1	154.1	106.1	108.6	1,988.9
1973	24.2	180.2	499.3	347.7	359.6	173.8	156.3	114.1	115.3	1,970.5
1974	28.9	168.4	501.0	338.4	367.1	172.2	161.4	116.5	110.1	1,964.1
1975	22.9	160.0	506.6	332.8	365.3	170.1	170.0	122.9	114.5	1,965.2
1976	22.1	153.5	519.2	332.4	342.9	178.4	175.6	126.1	125.7	1,975.9
1977	18.8	140.2	507.6	327.6	344.1	185.2	177.6	130.2	122.1	1,953.5
1978	20.0	141.3	508.1	318.5	342.3	193.1	177.9	141.0	135.2	1,977.5
1979	16.1	129.0	523.9	324.5	346.0	213.4	182.1	141.0	144.8	2,020.8
1980	16.7	127.1	500.1	322.4	332.0	201.5	180.3	149.9	152.8	1,982.7
1981	15.9	127.2	509.7	340.7	327.4	209.0	196.1	151.8	156.2	2,034.1
1982	18.2	130.6	503.0	352.9	325.7	217.4	204.2	154.8	165.6	2,072.4
ALL FEMALES										
1972	249.0	214.1	523.4	379.9	401.4	216.5	222.1	195.1	410.1	2,811.6
1973	259.5	214.4	515.9	366.5	401.6	215.8	230.5	203.7	418.9	2,826.8
1974	268.4	208.1	519.9	357.1	410.8	212.7	241.1	207.5	426.3	2,851.8
1975	255.1	201.1	529.8	350.7	408.7	216.9	247.6	217.1	432.6	2,859.6
1976	276.0	194.9	549.1	352.9	389.9	222.6	252.8	223.3	448.4	2,909.8
1977	264.5	184.4	541.7	351.2	390.3	229.3	252.1	232.2	458.6	2,904.3
1978	266.0	194.5	546.7	351.7	391.5	243.3	260.3	249.5	493.8	2,997.3
1979	283.0	185.7	566.6	358.7	394.0	265.9	261.7	261.1	509.7	3,086.4
1980	255.5	177.6	549.7	357.6	386.2	260.1	265.0	264.3	525.5	3,041.4
1981	267.7	184.5	560.0	378.3	375.6	260.6	279.0	270.8	547.6	3,124.3
1982	272.4	193.5	559.9	399.6	374.4	275.9	296.2	273.1	568.4	3,213.3
PERSONS										
1972	483.9	260.2	545.6	398.7	434.5	245.3	282.7	323.3	651.1	3,625.3
1973	489.3	265.9	538.6	387.4	442.4	251.7	294.0	338.6	666.8	3,674.7
1974	514.2	265.3	550.7	379.1	456.0	250.4	316.8	356.1	683.8	3,772.3
1975	497.3	258.0	563.3	376.3	457.1	254.8	335.0	374.0	700.3	3,816.2
1976	523.1	247.8	582.0	378.2	437.2	264.7	353.9	397.6	725.4	3,909.8
1977	504.9	235.5	576.0	375.5	444.1	274.8	358.4	412.7	747.4	3,929.2
1978	519.2	256.5	592.4	389.1	457.8	305.4	373.1	437.2	793.1	4,123.8
1979	535.7	244.4	615.1	396.9	462.7	330.3	391.8	455.3	822.1	4,254.3
1980	498.6	236.0	602.2	394.3	452.9	321.0	407.2	462.5	851.0	4,225.7
1981	514.7	240.4	615.5	423.4	443.3	330.9	423.4	473.9	889.2	4,354.7
1982	514.8	264.3	621.8	448.1	452.1	354.7	457.5	486.5	921.5	4,521.3

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6204.0)

CHART 5.2 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1982



(a) Excludes persons in institutions

(b) Aged 15 and over

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

TABLE 5.3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1982

	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	— '000—			— per cent—		
Member of a family	1,015.0	2,592.0	3,607.0	83.7	83.8	83.8
Husband or wife	684.3	1,953.6	2,637.9	56.4	63.2	61.3
With dependent children present	81.3	988.8	1,070.1	6.7	32.0	24.9
Without dependent children present	603.0	964.8	1,567.8	49.7	31.2	36.4
Not-married family head	27.6	279.1	306.7	2.3	9.0	7.1
With dependent children present	7.5	158.2	165.7	0.6	5.1	3.8
Without dependent children present	20.1	120.8	140.9	1.7	3.9	3.3
Full-time student aged 15-20	212.9	205.9	418.8	17.6	6.7	9.7
Other child(b) of family head	58.8	55.4	114.2	4.9	1.8	2.7
Other relative	31.4	98.1	129.5	2.6	3.2	3.0
Not a member of a family	197.2	501.0	698.2	16.3	16.2	16.2
Living alone	166.1	459.8	625.9	13.7	14.9	14.5
Not living alone	31.1	41.2	72.3	2.6	1.3	1.7
Total	1,212.3	3,093.0	4,305.3	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons in institutions. (b) Aged 15 and over.

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

TABLE 5.4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF TWELVE MONTH PERIOD(a): MAJOR ACTIVITY

Major activity when out of the labour force	Year ended February			
	1979	1980	1981	1982
	NUMBER ('000)			
Kept house	2,663.2	2,593.2	2,591.1	2,658.9
Attended an educational institution	821.7	805.0	751.8	765.3
Ill or injured	200.2	219.9	169.6	166.0
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	1,255.8	1,333.5	1,141.1	1,291.6
Permanently unable to work	65.5	61.3	69.4	69.5
On strike	78.5	85.3	7.0	21.3
Other	57.1	68.5	62.4	60.3
Not asked(b)	..	..	..	613.5
Total	5,142.0	5,166.6	4,792.4	5,646.4
	PROPORTION OF TOTAL (per cent)			
Kept house	51.8	50.2	54.1	47.1
Attended an educational institution	16.0	15.6	15.7	13.6
Ill or injured	3.9	4.3	3.5	2.9
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	24.4	25.8	23.8	22.9
Permanently unable to work	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2
On strike	1.5	1.7	0.1	0.4
Other	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1
Not asked(b)	..	..	..	10.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For 1979 and 1980 refers to calendar year. For 1981 and 1982 refers to twelve month period beginning February. (b) Persons who had had their current job for a year or longer but had only worked for part of the period were not asked their activity when not working.

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, (6206.0)

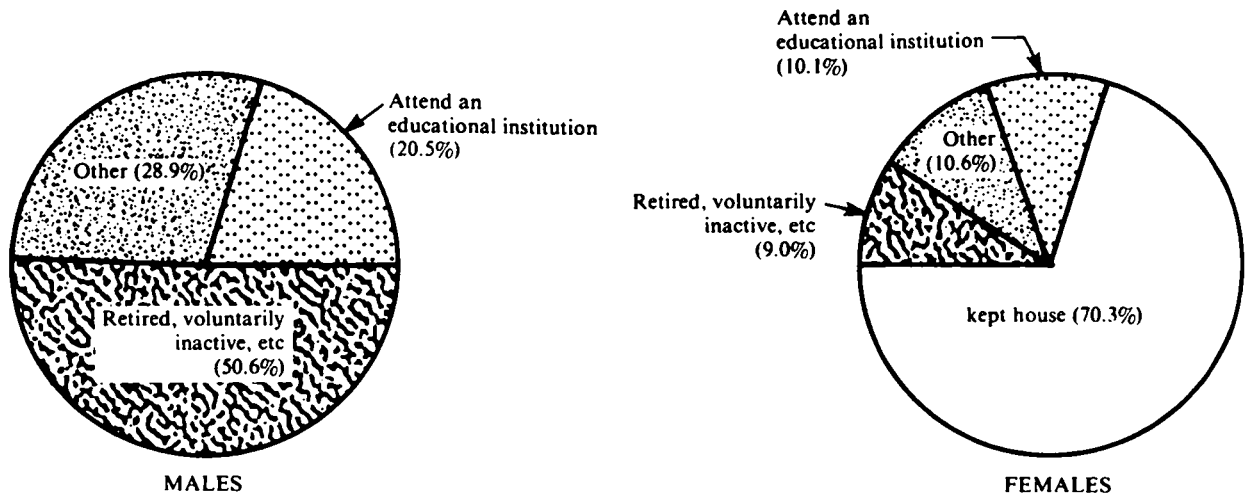
TABLE 5.5. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1982

Educational attainment	Age group (years)						Total	per cent
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
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MALES								
With post-school qualifications	*	7.8	13.0	12.6	17.9	205.4	257.1	22.8
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	*	28.8	38.9	3.4
Trade, technical level	*	4.9	8.7	10.3	16.5	174.7	215.3	19.1
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Without post-school qualifications	39.5	27.2	28.5	24.2	52.5	535.9	707.9	62.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	22.1	17.9	6.0	*	*	43.9	96.2	8.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.0	0.6
16 or 17	7.1	*	4.9	*	5.1	41.2	65.7	5.8
14 or 15	8.9	*	12.4	12.3	28.1	309.6	375.2	33.3
13 or under	*	*	*	5.2	13.4	127.8	150.6	13.3
Total	17.4	8.7	22.2	21.1	46.8	482.3	598.6	53.1
Still at school	163.0	*	..	..	..	..	163.0	14.5
Total	203.0	35.0	41.6	36.8	70.3	741.3	1,128.1	100.0
FEMALES								
With post-school qualifications	*	37.1	171.7	101.5	60.0	162.8	536.9	17.8
Degree or equivalent	*	6.9	26.4	14.8	5.1	14.3	67.5	2.2
Trade, technical level	*	29.7	139.3	81.9	52.6	141.9	449.0	14.9
Other	*	*	6.0	4.8	*	6.6	20.4	0.7
Without post-school qualifications	68.3	143.4	400.1	277.8	306.9	1,133.3	2,329.8	77.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	28.3	32.7	53.8	24.2	27.3	101.0	267.1	8.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.1	0.4
16 or 17	18.9	47.4	125.3	48.6	41.9	104.2	386.2	12.8
14 or 15	20.1	60.5	196.4	172.6	188.8	688.4	1,326.8	44.0
13 or under	*	*	19.2	26.8	44.0	218.8	312.3	10.3
Total	40.0	110.7	345.2	249.8	275.8	1,014.8	2,036.4	67.5
Still at school	151.3	*	..	..	..	..	151.3	5.0
Total	223.3	180.5	571.8	379.4	366.9	1,296.1	3,018.0	100.0
PERSONS								
With post-school qualifications	*	44.9	184.8	114.1	77.9	368.1	794.0	19.2
Degree or equivalent	*	9.5	30.6	16.8	6.2	43.1	106.3	2.6
Trade, technical level	*	34.6	148.0	92.2	69.0	316.6	664.3	16.0
Other	*	*	6.1	5.1	*	8.4	23.4	0.6
Without post-school qualifications	107.8	170.6	428.7	302.1	359.4	1,669.2	3,037.7	73.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	50.4	50.5	59.7	26.6	31.2	144.9	363.4	8.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available and left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	5.8	*	*	7.3	18.2	0.4
16 or 17	26.0	51.8	130.2	51.7	46.9	145.3	451.9	10.9
14 or 15	29.0	64.5	208.8	184.9	216.9	997.9	1,702.0	41.1
13 or under	*	*	22.7	32.1	57.4	346.6	462.8	11.2
Total	57.4	119.4	367.4	271.0	322.6	1,497.2	2,634.9	63.6
Never attended school	*	*	*	4.5	5.5	27.2	39.4	1.0
Still at school	314.3	*	..	..	..	..	314.3	7.6
Total	426.3	215.5	613.4	416.2	437.3	2,037.4	4,146.1	100.0

(a) Excludes persons in institutions. Estimates may therefore differ from those shown in other tables and charts. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

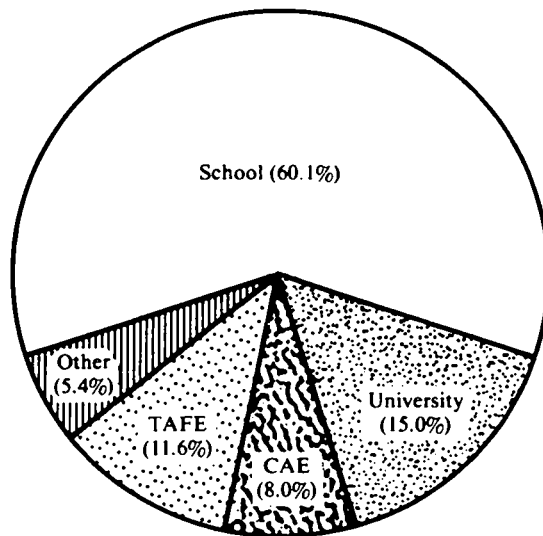
Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1982 (6235.0)

CHART 5.3 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: MAJOR ACTIVITY (a) FEBRUARY 1982



(a) As listed in Table 5.4
 Source: *Labour Force Experience* (6206.0)

CHART 5.4 PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a) ATTENDS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION: TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED, MAY 1982



(a) Excludes persons in institutions and persons permanently unable to work.
 Source: *Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1982* (6227.0)

TABLE 5.6. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): ATTENDANCE AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAY 1981 AND MAY 1982 ('000)

Institution currently attending	May 1981			May 1982		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
School	174.2	169.0	343.2	174.0	168.9	342.9
University	41.2	38.8	79.9	49.3	36.1	85.4
CAE	24.4	35.2	59.7	19.2	26.4	45.6
TAFE	13.3	41.1	54.4	15.0	51.5	66.4
Other	*	23.1	27.1	6.0	24.6	30.6
Total	257.1	307.2	564.3	263.5	307.5	571.0
Persons not currently attending	352.9	1,947.7	2,300.6	372.7	1,981.7	2,354.4
Persons not in the labour force	610.0	2,254.9	2,864.9	636.2	2,289.2	2,925.4

(a) Excludes persons in institutions and persons permanently unable to work. Estimates may therefore differ from those shown in other tables and charts.

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

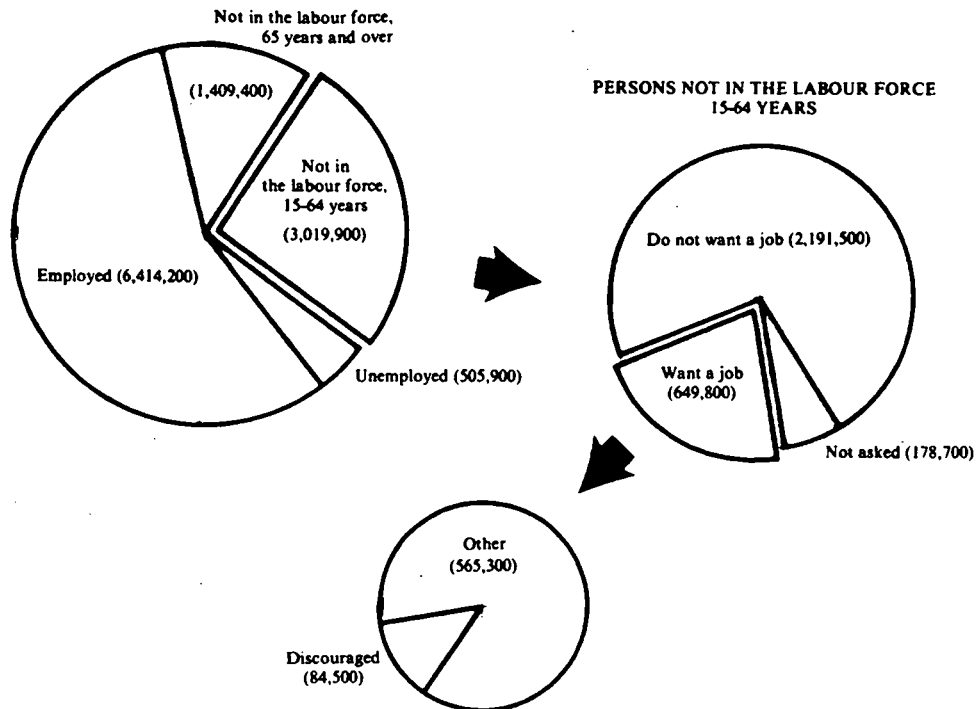
TABLE 5.7. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): TIME SINCE LAST REGULAR JOB, SEPTEMBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1982

Time since last regular job	September			
	1979	1980	1981	1982
NUMBER ('000)				
Never had a regular job	540.7	488.7	498.0	520.4
Under 1 year	406.0	408.3	436.9	406.1
1 year and under 3 years	423.3	397.9	404.3	447.8
3 years and under 5 years	318.2	314.8	311.4	325.3
5 years and under 10 years	386.3	411.9	428.5	438.6
10 years and over	672.3	657.9	671.7	703.1
Total	2,746.9	2,679.5	2,750.8	2,841.3
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (per cent)				
Never had a regular job	19.7	18.2	18.1	18.3
Under 1 year	14.8	15.2	15.9	14.3
1 year and under 3 years	15.4	14.8	14.7	15.8
3 years and under 5 years	11.6	11.7	11.3	11.4
5 years and under 10 years	14.1	15.4	15.6	15.4
10 years and over	24.5	24.6	24.4	24.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons in institutions, boarding school pupils, persons permanently unable to work, persons who had a job but were away without pay for four weeks or longer and persons who had actively looked for work but were unable to start a job for reasons other than their own temporary illness or injury.

Source: *Persons Not in The Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0)

CHART 5.5 PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB, SEPTEMBER 1982

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER
(11,349,300)

Source: Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1982 (6220.0)

TABLE 5.8. PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB AND WHETHER INTEND TO LOOK FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1982 ('000)

Whether would like a job	Intention to look for work					Total
	Intending to look	Might look	Would not look	Does not know	Not asked	
MALES						
Yes	70.0	13.5	25.4	4.3	3.1	116.3
Maybe	4.2	4.9	5.8	*	*	15.6
No	67.5	24.0	354.9	9.8	..	456.1
Does not know	*	*	*	*	..	4.9
Total	143.6	42.9	387.4	15.9	3.1	592.9
FEMALES						
Yes	223.9	61.0	135.7	15.4	10.1	446.0
Maybe	10.1	20.8	36.7	3.9	*	71.9
No	106.3	67.7	1,514.5	25.9	..	1,714.3
Does not know	*	*	10.7	*	..	16.1
Total	341.7	150.8	1,697.6	47.8	10.5	2,248.4
PERSONS						
Yes	293.9	74.5	161.0	19.7	13.2	562.3
Maybe	14.3	25.7	42.5	4.6	*	87.5
No	173.7	91.7	1,869.4	35.7	..	2,170.5
Does not know	3.4	*	12.0	3.8	..	21.1
Total	485.3	193.7	2,084.9	63.8	13.6	2,841.3

(a) See footnote to Table 5.7.

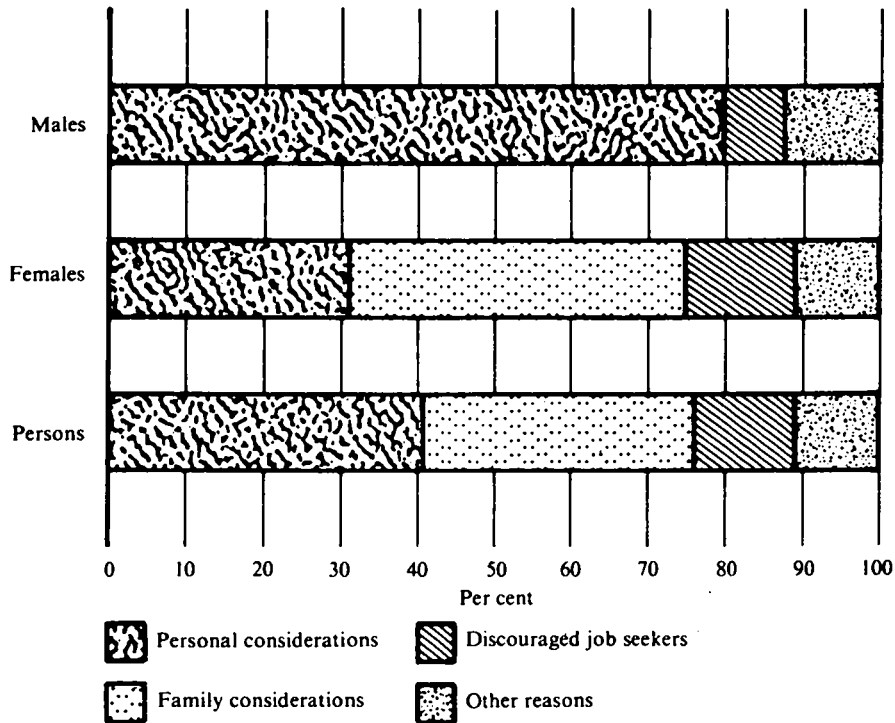
Source: Persons Not in The Labour Force, Australia, September 1982 (6220.0)

TABLE 5.9. PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1982
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	<i>Discouraged jobseekers</i>			<i>All persons who want a job</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Total	10.5	73.9	84.5	131.9	517.9	649.8
Marital status—						
Married	5.7	56.0	61.6	39.6	374.0	413.6
Not married	4.9	18.0	22.8	92.2	143.9	236.1
Age (years)—						
15-19	*	5.7	7.6	59.2	73.2	132.4
20-24	*	4.0	5.4	16.1	50.2	66.3
25-34	*	15.0	16.0	11.7	162.1	173.8
35-44	*	18.2	19.4	9.9	115.0	124.9
45-54	*	19.6	21.4	14.0	73.1	87.1
55-64	3.3	11.3	14.6	21.0	44.3	65.3
Birthplace—						
Australia	7.9	47.4	55.3	100.7	383.1	483.8
Main English-speaking countries	*	12.6	13.5	11.3	62.2	73.4
Other countries	*	13.9	15.6	19.9	72.6	92.5
Work preference—						
Prefers to work full time	6.7	14.0	20.7	69.2	86.3	155.5
Prefers to work part time	3.3	52.8	56.1	53.4	400.2	453.6
No preference	*	7.1	7.7	6.2	20.8	27.0
Not asked	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	4.8	42.7	47.5	90.6	387.3	477.9
Had looked for work	5.7	31.2	37.0	38.2	120.1	158.3
Less than 5 weeks ago	4.1	12.7	16.8	18.8	49.8	68.6
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	*	3.7	3.8	4.4	14.5	18.9
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	*	6.7	7.2	4.8	24.4	29.2
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	*	8.1	9.2	10.1	31.5	41.6
Not asked	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Intention to look for work in the next 12 months—						
Intends to look	7.5	41.6	49.1	74.2	233.9	308.2
Might look	*	11.0	12.0	18.4	81.7	100.1
Would not look	*	18.2	19.9	31.2	172.4	203.5
Does not know	*	3.1	3.4	5.0	19.3	24.3
Not asked	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether could start work in the next four weeks—						
Could start work	9.5	67.8	77.3	68.1	322.0	390.1
Could not start work	*	3.9	4.9	55.6	170.7	226.3
Does not know	*	*	*	5.0	14.7	19.7
Not asked	..	..	..	3.1	10.5	13.6
Whether had a job—						
Has never had a job	*	6.3	8.2	47.2	63.7	110.9
Has had a job	8.6	67.6	76.2	84.7	454.2	538.9
Time since last job—						
Under 6 months	*	5.8	8.6	21.5	50.7	72.2
6 months and under 1 year	*	7.5	9.2	17.6	49.5	67.0
1 year and under 3 years	*	16.4	18.0	21.4	106.4	127.7
3 years and under 10 years	*	21.6	23.6	21.7	159.1	180.8
10 years and under 20 years	*	11.8	12.0	*	64.7	66.6
20 years or more	*	4.5	4.8	*	23.9	24.6
Reason for leaving last job—						
Dismissed, retrenched	3.7	10.3	14.0	17.1	48.1	65.2
Seasonal/temporary; returned to studies	*	9.0	10.2	18.4	59.3	77.7
Retired, did not need to work any longer	*	3.8	4.7	7.1	22.3	29.4
Own ill health or injury	*	5.0	5.4	30.0	36.3	66.3
Family considerations	*	21.3	21.3	*	206.7	208.0
Left to get married	*	7.1	7.1	*	39.5	39.5
Left to have children	*	10.1	10.1	*	130.8	130.9
Other family considerations	*	4.1	4.1	*	36.4	37.6
Travel, changed residence, spouse transferred	*	10.8	11.8	4.1	47.8	51.9
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	5.6	6.6	*	21.2	24.1
Other reasons	*	*	*	3.9	12.4	16.3
Never had a job	*	6.3	8.2	47.2	63.7	110.9

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CHART 5.6 PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: HIGHEST RANKED REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1982
(Per cent)



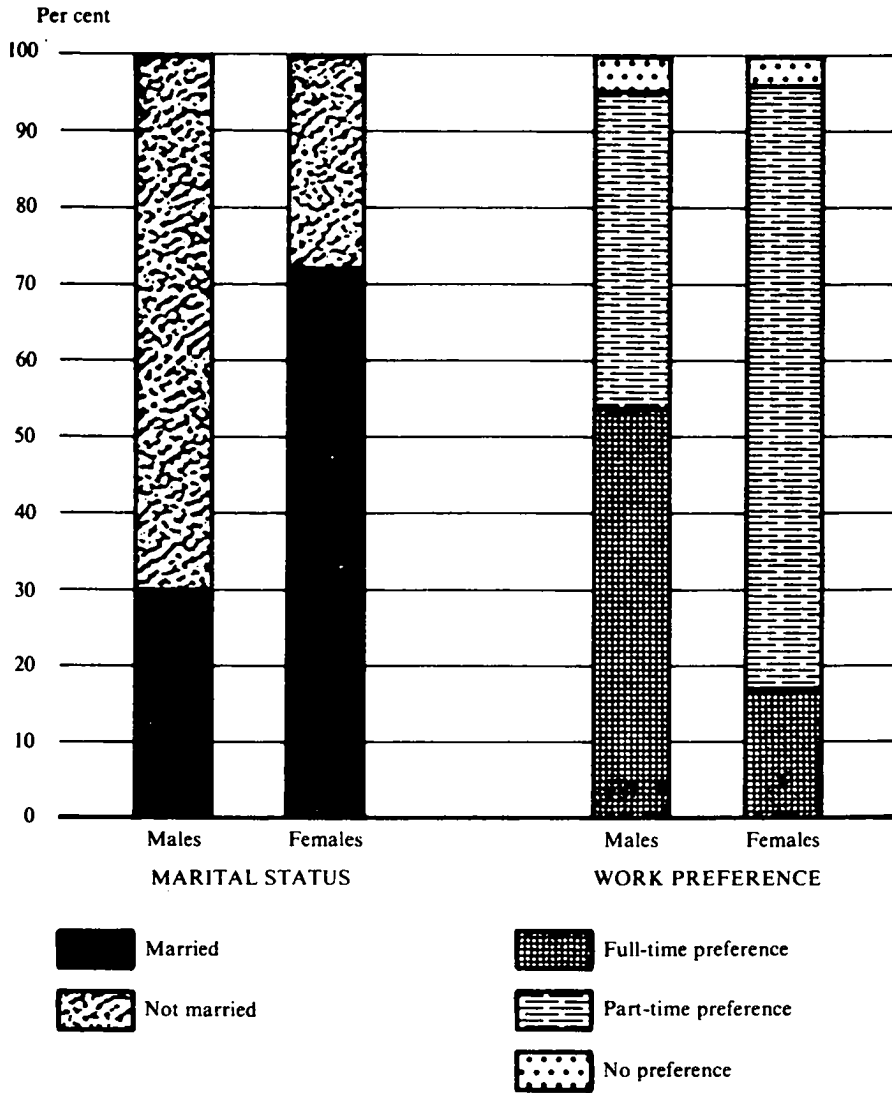
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TABLE 5.10. PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: HIGHEST RANKED REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1982

Highest ranked reason for not actively looking for work	Males	Females	Persons	
			— '000—	per cent
Has a job to go to	3.1	10.5	13.6	2.1
Personal considerations	104.9	159.7	264.6	40.7
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	40.8	49.4	90.1	13.9
Attending an educational institution	57.7	61.0	118.7	18.3
Has no need to work	6.4	49.4	55.8	8.6
Family considerations	*	228.0	230.3	35.4
Ill health of other than self	*	15.3	15.9	2.4
Unable to find child care	*	31.2	31.7	4.9
Prefer to look after children	*	139.9	140.4	21.6
Spouse disapproves	*	6.6	6.6	1.0
Other family considerations	*	34.9	35.7	5.5
Discouraged	10.5	73.9	84.5	13.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	3.6	19.3	22.9	3.5
Language or racial difficulties, lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	9.3	9.9	1.5
No jobs in locality or line of work	6.3	45.3	51.6	7.9
No jobs in suitable hours	*	12.8	13.0	2.0
Other reasons	10.0	26.4	36.4	5.6
No reason given	*	6.6	7.3	1.1
Total	131.9	517.9	649.8	100.0

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CHART 5.7 PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANT A JOB: MARITAL STATUS AND WORK PREFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 1982
(Per cent)



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