

## CHAPTER 4

### UNEMPLOYMENT

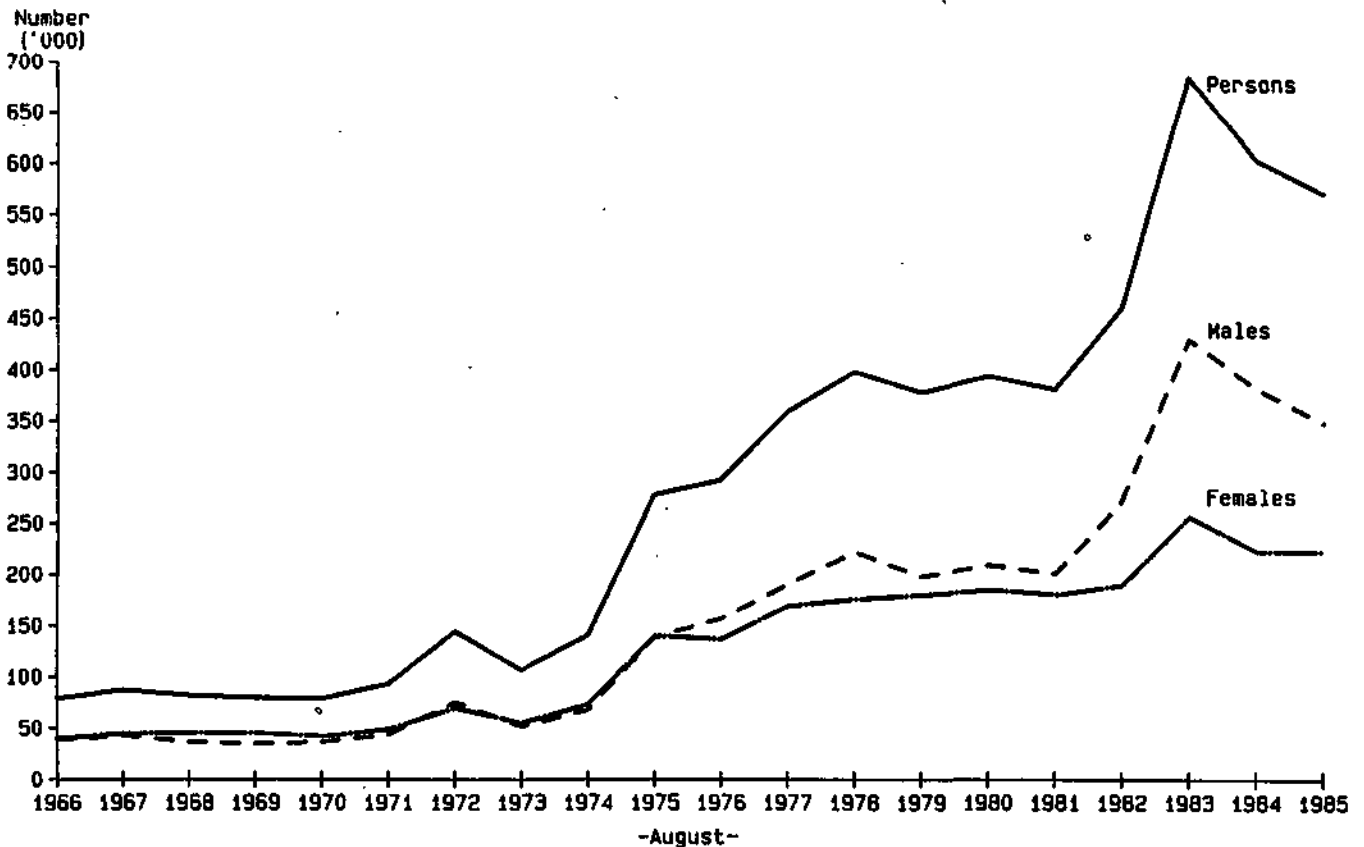
The unemployment statistics presented in this chapter have been derived from ABS sources, primarily the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries.

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.

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

**CHART 4.a. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AUGUST 1966 TO AUGUST 1985**



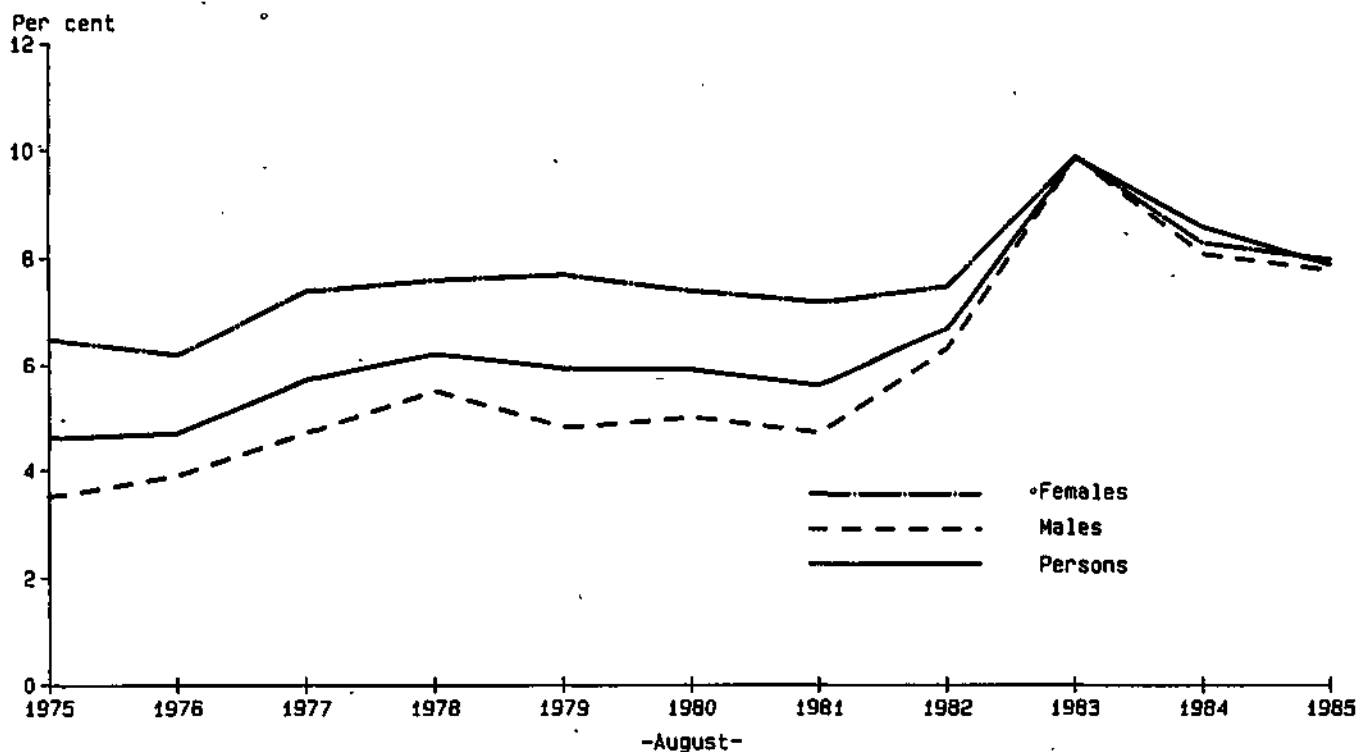
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**TABLE 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985**

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)									
1975	122.5	16.3	138.8	93.0	46.6	139.7	215.5	62.9	278.4
1976	142.7	13.9	156.6	94.1	42.0	136.1	236.8	55.9	292.7
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	324.5	23.7	348.1	162.4	60.7	223.0	486.8	84.3	571.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)									
1975	3.2	9.7	3.5	6.3	6.8	6.5	4.1	7.3	4.6
1976	3.7	7.5	3.9	6.4	5.7	6.2	4.5	6.1	4.7
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	8.6	7.8	9.2	6.0	8.0	8.2	6.5	7.9

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**CHART 4.b. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985**



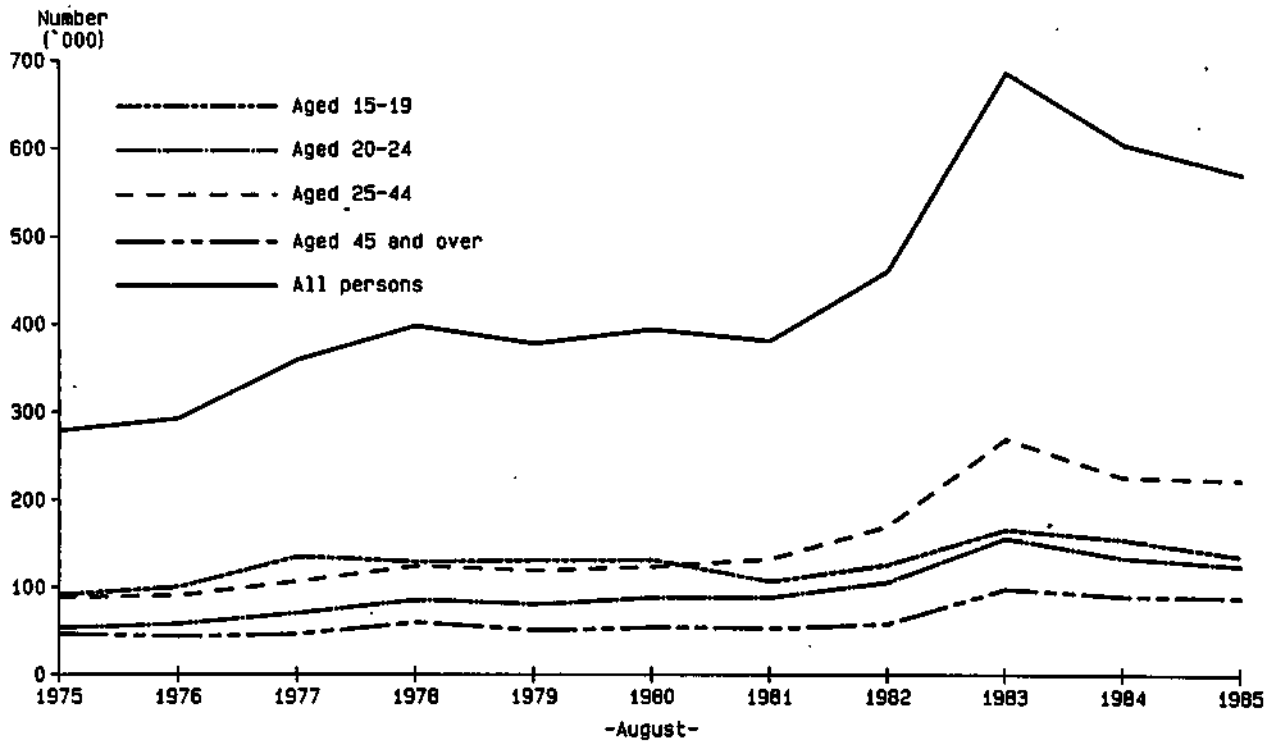
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**TABLE 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY AGE, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985**  
(Per cent)

August	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>MALES</b>							
1975	10.8	5.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.5	3.5
1976	12.7	6.5	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	3.9
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
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1975	15.1	6.9	5.5	4.5	3.6	*	6.5
1976	15.8	6.3	5.1	4.0	3.2	*	6.2
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
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1975	12.9	5.9	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.3	4.6
1976	14.2	6.4	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.0	4.7
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

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

CHART 4.C. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE,  
AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, AUGUST 1985

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>BORN IN AUSTRALIA</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>408.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>
Looking for full-time work	225.3	119.1	344.4	7.4	9.1	7.9
Looking for part-time work	18.9	44.8	63.7	8.7	5.7	6.3
<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>Aged 20 and over</b>	<b>179.6</b>	<b>110.3</b>	<b>289.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>
20-24	57.9	40.9	98.9	11.8	10.2	11.1
25-34	61.8	39.1	100.8	6.7	7.1	6.8
35-44	25.5	20.4	46.0	3.6	4.5	4.0
45-54	17.3	8.1	25.4	3.8	3.1	3.5
55 and over	17.1	*	18.8	5.0	*	4.1
<b>Aged 15-64</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>163.8</b>	<b>407.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Looking for full-time work	99.2	43.3	142.4	8.8	9.5	9.0
Looking for part-time work	4.8	15.9	20.7	8.1	7.0	7.2
<b>Aged 15-19</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>
<b>Aged 20 and over</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>
20-24	16.2	9.7	25.8	15.4	11.6	13.7
25-34	24.3	15.9	40.2	8.8	8.6	8.7
35-44	20.8	14.5	35.3	6.0	6.8	6.3
45-54	17.2	8.4	25.6	6.9	7.0	6.9
55 and over	16.1	*	18.6	10.4	*	9.6
<b>Aged 15-64</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>

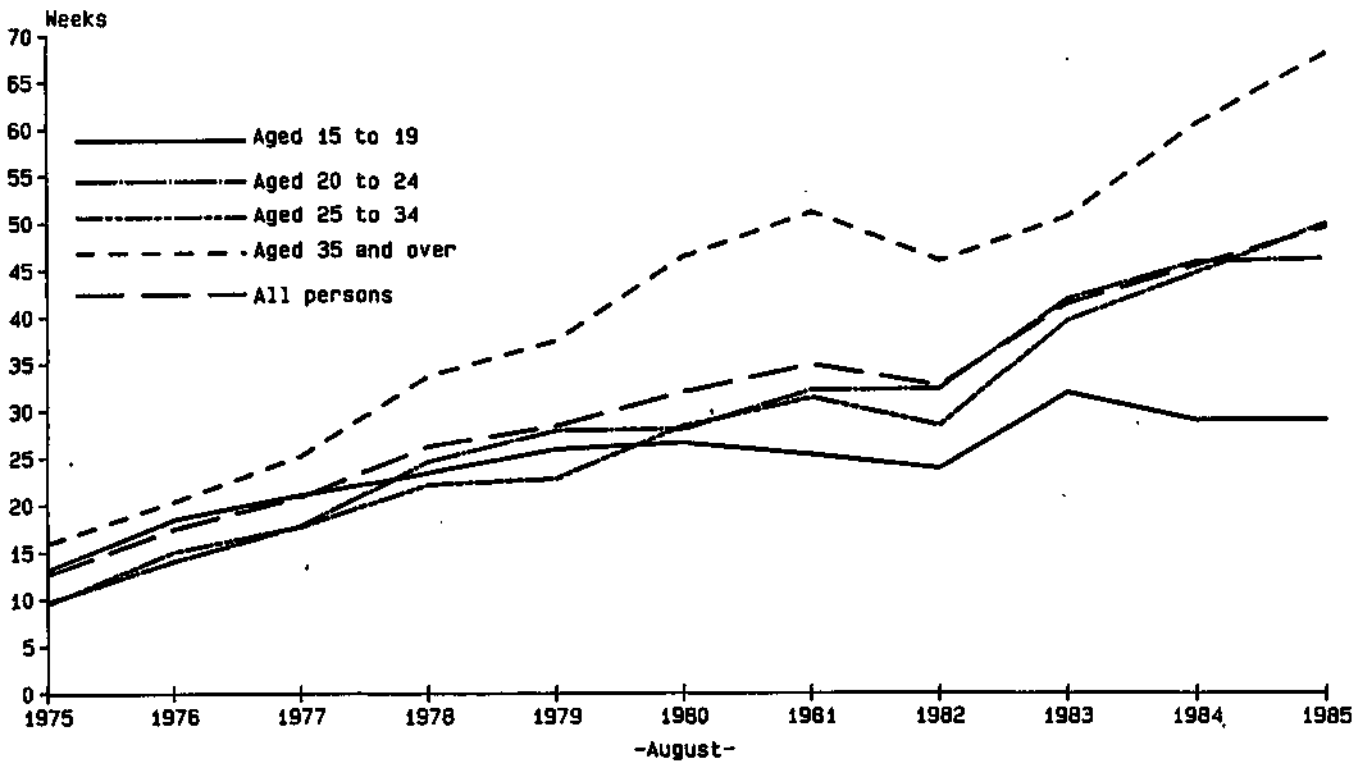
Source: The Labour Force, Australia, August 1985 (6203.0).

TABLE 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985

Duration of unemployment(weeks)	August										
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
	—'000—										
Under 2	25.6	29.0	17.9	39.5	33.4	32.0	33.9	38.6	32.4	34.2	38.7
2 and under 4	57.7	45.7	48.2	45.3	42.9	43.9	41.5	58.2	49.7	56.9	55.4
4 and under 8	65.6	51.3	65.7	55.6	52.0	55.7	58.4	72.4	73.9	64.1	57.3
8 and under 13	46.6	48.9	58.8	47.4	44.3	43.1	45.9	52.3	65.9	58.9	47.5
13 and under 26	37.4	45.0	62.5	70.0	61.7	62.2	52.8	61.2	103.1	80.5	78.0
26 and under 39	25.4	36.1	49.1	63.6	61.0	65.5	53.2	73.3	123.5	95.1	88.0
39 and under 52	7.6	11.9	12.2	15.2	14.1	13.7	15.0	17.8	49.6	26.3	29.7
52 and under 65	7.0	11.6	18.8	23.0	24.7	23.0	23.4	25.7	61.3	46.9	41.2
65 and under 104	5.4	13.3	26.2	19.0	19.8	19.5	15.8	18.6	43.3	49.2	30.6
104 and over				19.6	23.7	35.8	40.8	43.4	84.2	92.5	104.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>278.4</b>	<b>292.7</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>684.6</b>	<b>571.2</b>
	—weeks—										
Average duration—											
Mean	12.7	17.5	20.9	26.2	28.4	32.0	34.9	32.6	41.4	45.5	49.5
Median	7	10	12	13	14	15	13	13	26	26	26

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

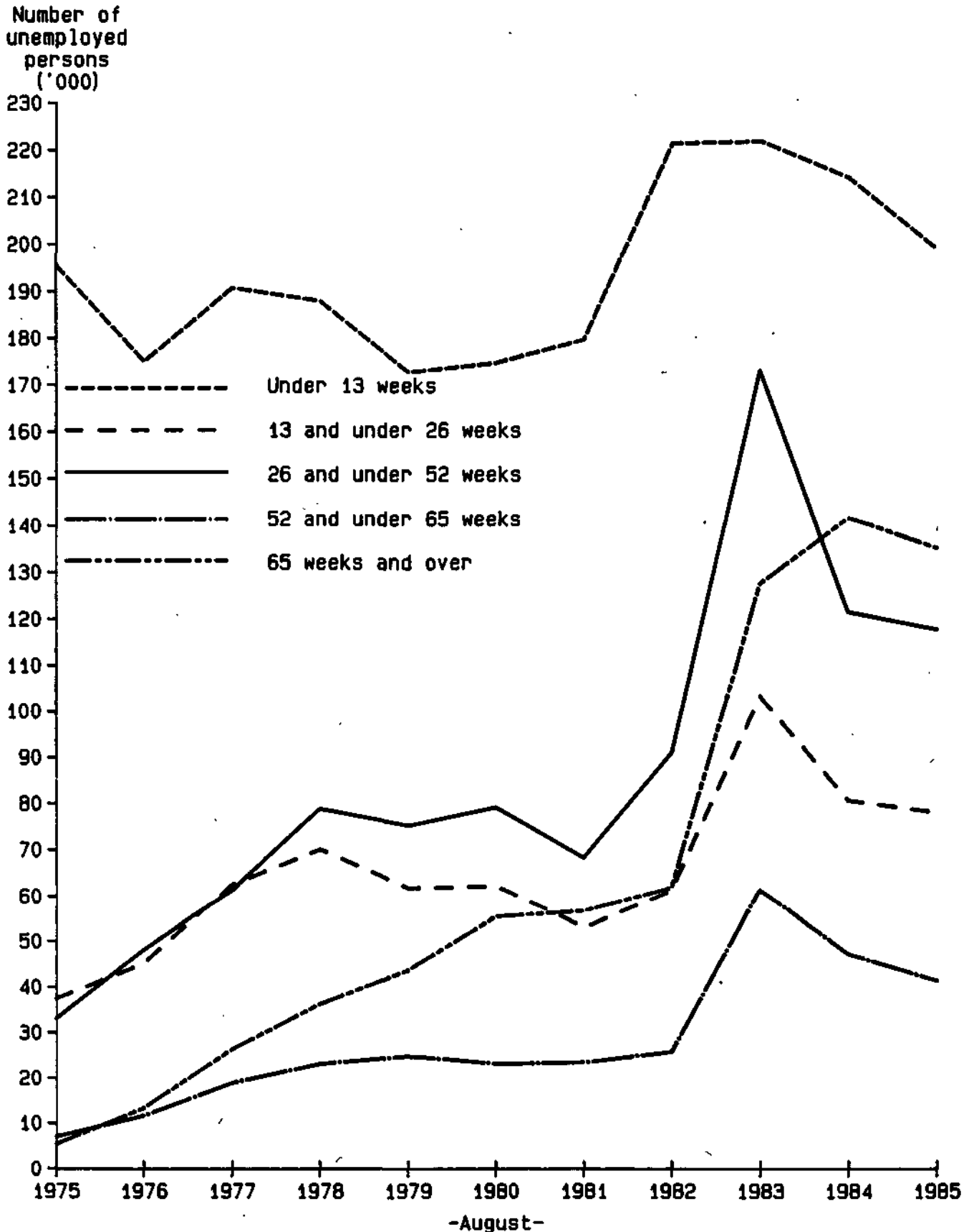
CHART 4.d. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985



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.e. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT,  
AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985**



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, AUGUST 1985

	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	201.8	100.4	302.2	4.7	3.8	4.3
Industry division or subdivision—						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	16.2	4.9	21.0	5.1	4.2	4.8
Agriculture and services to agriculture	13.1	4.1	17.2	4.4	3.7	4.2
Mining	3.7	*	4.2	3.9	*	3.9
Manufacturing	50.1	15.1	65.2	5.8	4.8	5.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	8.3	3.7	12.0	6.5	6.4	6.5
Metal products	10.6	*	11.5	6.2	*	5.8
Other manufacturing	31.2	10.5	41.7	5.6	4.5	5.3
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	28.0	*	29.4	6.4	*	5.9
Wholesale and retail trade	39.7	30.8	70.5	5.0	5.1	5.1
Wholesale trade	11.9	3.7	15.6	3.9	3.2	3.7
Retail trade	27.8	27.1	54.9	5.7	5.6	5.7
Transport and storage	13.6	*	15.7	4.1	*	4.0
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finance, property and business services	9.2	7.2	16.4	2.5	2.3	2.4
Public administration and defence	9.9	5.2	15.1	4.7	4.1	4.5
Community services	8.3	16.9	25.2	1.9	2.3	2.1
Recreation, personal and other services	18.0	15.9	33.9	8.9	6.1	7.3
Occupation group—						
Professional, technical, etc.	5.3	6.6	11.9	0.9	1.4	1.1
Administrative, executive, and managerial	6.8	*	9.7	1.8	*	2.1
Clerical	7.9	29.5	37.4	2.4	3.2	3.0
Sales	17.0	17.8	34.9	5.6	5.3	5.4
Farmers, fisherpersons, timbergetters, etc.	18.3	4.6	22.9	5.0	4.1	4.8
Miners, quarryworkers, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transport and communication	13.2	*	14.0	4.4	*	4.0
Tradespersons, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	114.1	18.1	132.2	6.5	7.4	6.6
Service, sport and recreation	17.1	19.9	37.0	6.9	4.6	5.4
Other(a)	142.7	116.7	259.4	..	..	..
Looking for first job	45.8	41.1	86.9	..	..	..
Looking for full-time work	34.3	25.9	60.2	..	..	..
Other	96.9	75.6	172.5	..	..	..
Stood down	3.6	5.9	9.6	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>348.1</b>	<b>223.0</b>	<b>571.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>

(a) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia, August 1985* (6203.0).

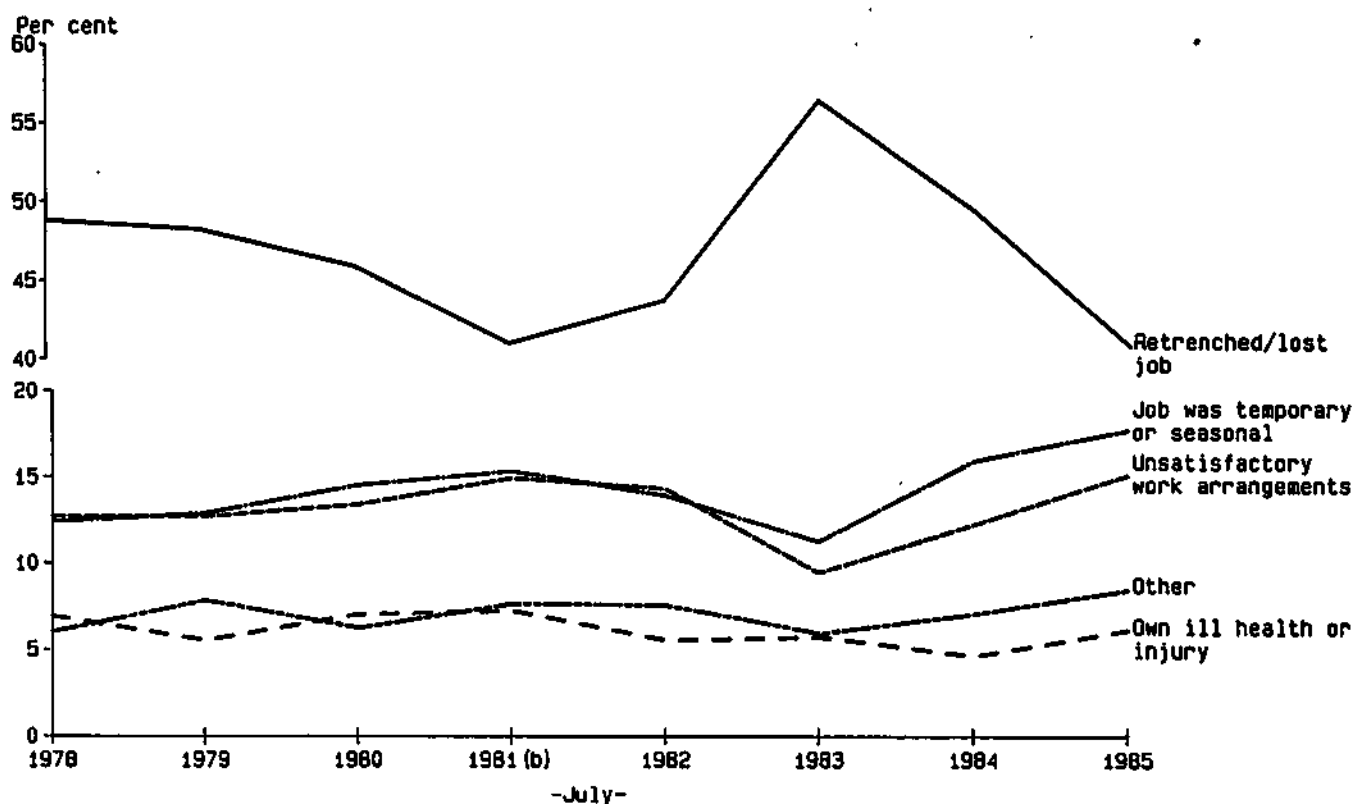
TABLE 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) : REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, JULY 1980 TO JULY 1985

Reason for leaving last full-time job	July 1980	June 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984	July 1985	('000)
	—per cent—						
Retrenched/lost job	45.9	41.0	43.8	56.5	49.5	40.9	110.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	13.4	14.9	14.3	9.4	12.2	15.1	40.7
Own ill health or injury	7.0	7.2	5.5	5.7	4.6	6.1	16.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	14.5	15.3	13.9	11.2	15.9	17.7	47.6
To return to studies	2.4	*	3.2	1.6	1.8	2.5	6.7
To marry/have children/look after family	3.2	2.3	3.1	2.3	2.8	2.7	7.2
Moved house/spouse transferred	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.8	4.5	4.2	11.3
Travel/take a holiday	2.9	4.5	3.1	2.5	1.7	2.5	6.6
Other	6.2	7.6	7.5	5.9	7.0	8.4	22.8
<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>269.6</b>

(a) Includes wage and salary earners in their last full-time job and who finished working in that job during the two years prior to the survey.

Source: *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985* (6222.0).

CHART 4.f. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a): REASONS FOR LEAVING LAST JOB,  
JULY 1978 TO JULY 1985



(a) Includes wage and salary earners in their last full-time job and who finished working in that job during the two years prior to the survey. (b) June figure.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

TABLE 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK(a),  
JULY 1985

Active steps taken to find work	Looking for full-time work				Looking for part-time work			
	Males	Females	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	—'000—		(Per cent)		—'000—		(Per cent)	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	5.8	*	7.6	1.6	*	*	*	*
Contacted prospective employers	268.1	110.2	378.2	79.9	5.9	15.2	21.1	25.7
Took other active steps	23.8	8.0	31.8	6.7	*	*	5.2	6.3
Total	297.6	119.9	417.6	88.3	8.4	19.2	27.6	33.7
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	22.4	27.8	50.1	10.6	7.5	38.4	45.9	56.0
Took other active steps	*	*	5.4	1.1	*	6.4	8.4	10.3
Total	25.3	30.3	55.6	11.7	9.5	44.8	54.3	66.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>323.0</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>473.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Steps taken during current period of unemployment.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

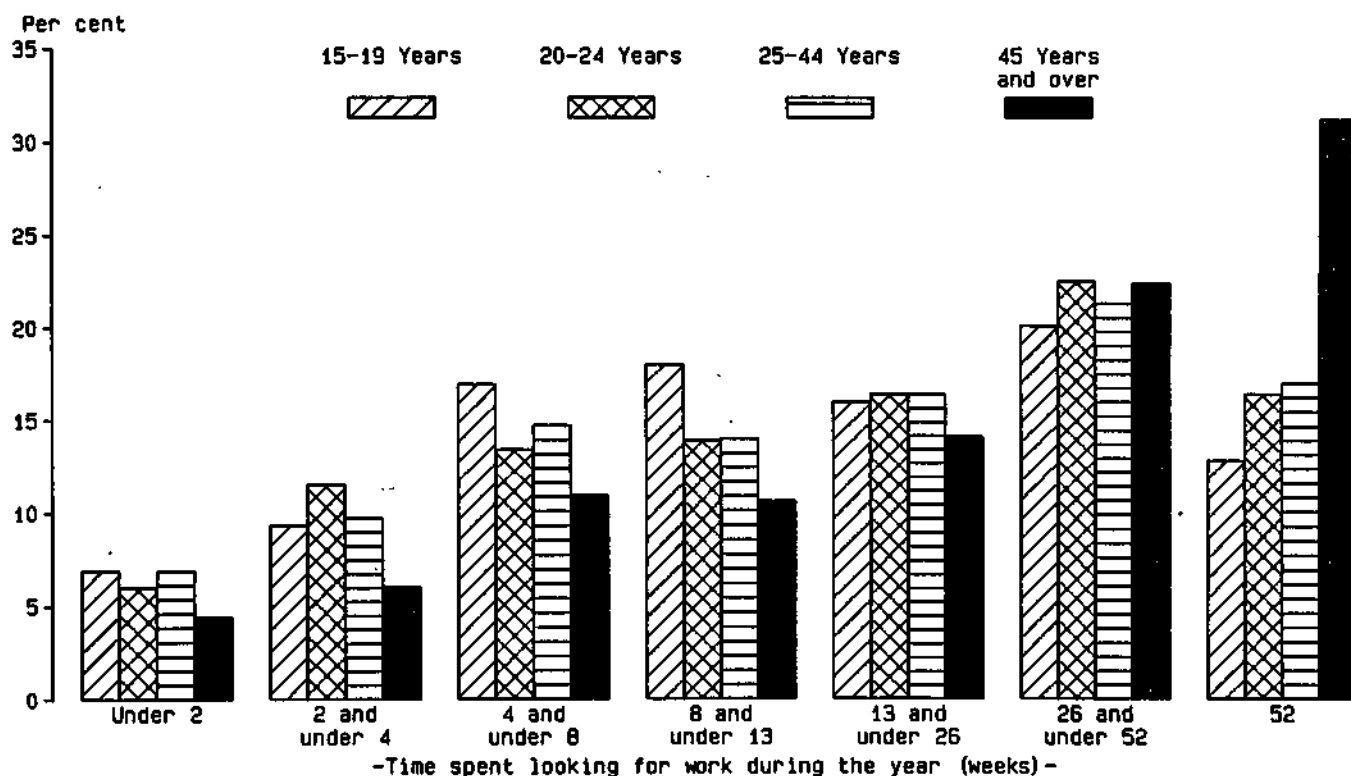


**TABLE 4.8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR  
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Number of spells of looking for work	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
One	34.3	57.9	101.1	87.7	96.3	121.7	160.6	659.6
Two	..	5.1	7.6	9.9	17.0	35.4	..	74.8
Three or more	..	*	7.0	15.0	17.2	22.2	..	63.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>179.2</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>798.3</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
One	58.4	62.8	75.4	79.3	73.6	94.2	92.3	536.0
Two	..	7.2	8.9	8.5	15.9	20.4	..	60.9
Three or more	..	*	10.4	11.2	11.8	16.0	..	51.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>648.8</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
One	92.7	120.7	176.6	167.0	169.9	215.9	252.9	1,195.6
Two	..	12.2	16.5	18.4	32.9	55.8	..	135.8
Three or more	..	4.8	17.5	26.2	29.0	38.2	..	115.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>211.6</b>	<b>231.8</b>	<b>309.8</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>1,447.0</b>

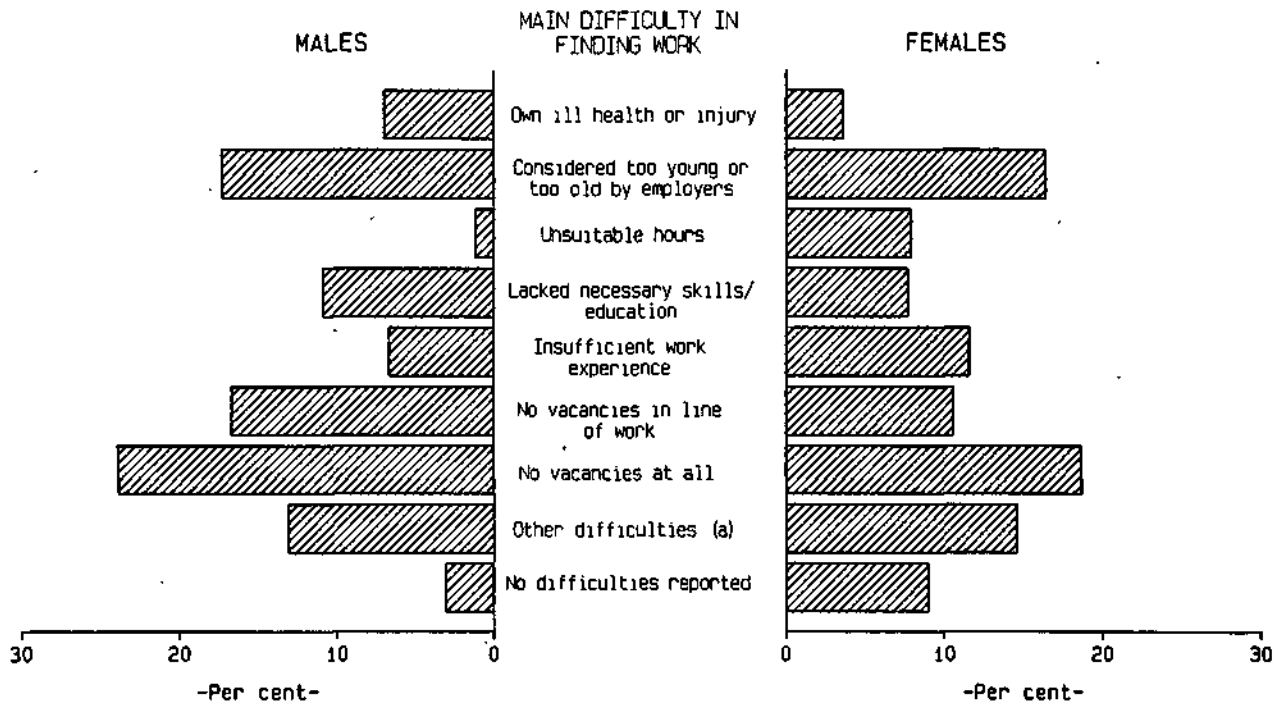
Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1985 (6206.0).

**CHART 4.g. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK  
DURING THE YEAR AND AGE**



Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1985 (6206.0).

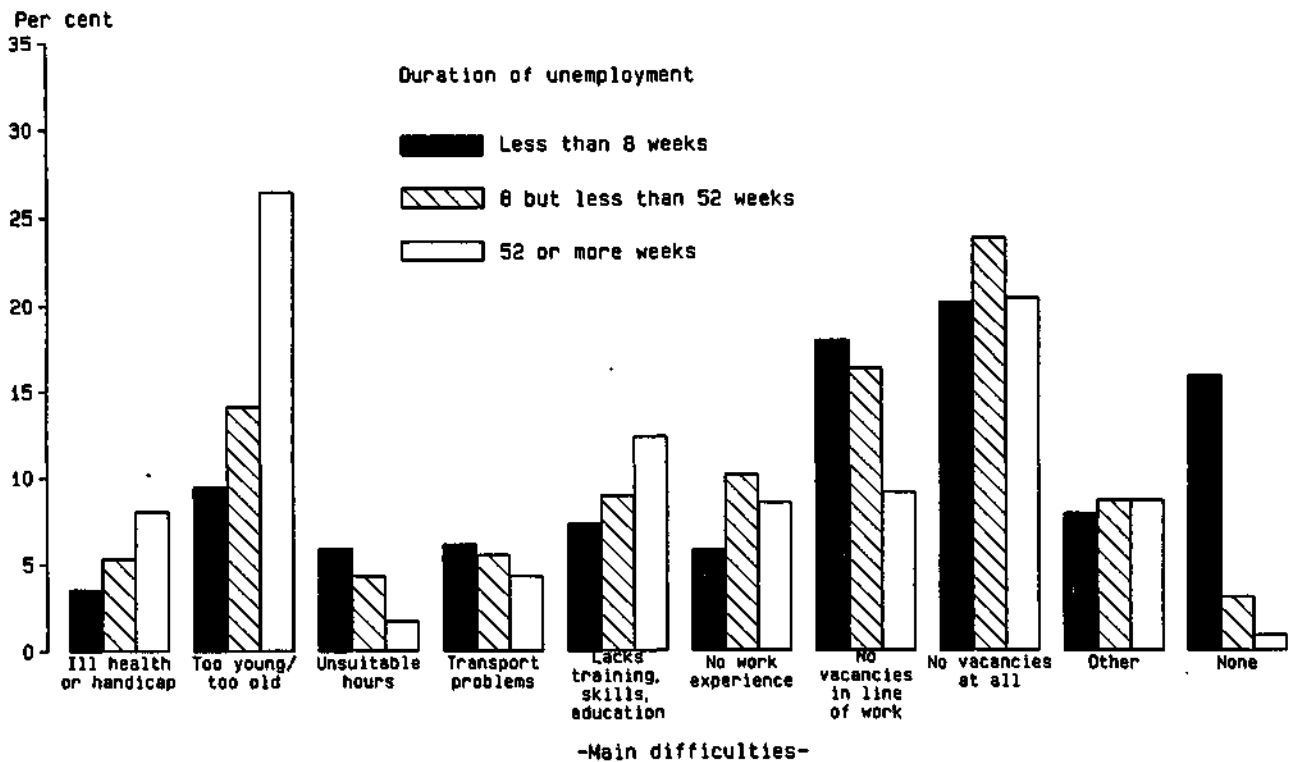
**CHART 4.h. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1985**



(a) Includes too far to travel/transport problems; and Language difficulties.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.i. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1985**



Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

**TABLE 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1985**

February	With post-school qualifications			Without post-school qualifications		Total(b)	Total(c)
	Degree	Trade; technical or other certificate	Total(a)	Attended highest secondary level	Did not attend highest level of secondary school		
<b>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</b>							
1979	12.3	86.8	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	212.0	102.4	404.5	509.7	746.7
1984	33.1	167.8	207.1	102.0	394.7	499.6	737.8
1985	23.7	131.4	164.9	101.5	374.6	476.8	673.6
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE(per cent)</b>							
1979	2.8	4.7	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	7.4	11.6	12.8	12.6	10.7
1984	5.2	7.3	6.9	11.5	12.8	12.6	10.4
1985	3.4	5.8	5.4	10.9	12.0	11.7	9.3

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1985 (6235.0).

**TABLE 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1985**  
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Educational attainment	Age group(years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>MALES</b>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	7.2	21.8	29.8	14.4	13.3	7.9	94.4
Degree	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.5
Trade; technical or other certificate	5.8	16.5	24.4	12.8	11.2	7.1	77.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	79.3	64.0	62.9	33.2	23.7	20.9	284.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	20.4	17.9	10.9	6.1	*	*	60.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school	58.9	46.1	52.0	26.7	21.3	18.0	222.9
Left at age—							
16 years or over	27.3	23.6	18.2	5.7	*	*	79.3
15 years or under	31.7	22.4	33.8	21.0	18.4	16.4	143.7
Still at school(c)	12.0	*	..	..	..	..	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>390.4</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	6.7	16.3	21.2	18.0	6.8	*	70.6
Degree	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.2
Trade; technical or other certificate	5.7	11.6	16.0	14.0	5.2	*	53.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	69.6	40.7	37.3	27.4	14.2	*	192.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	19.4	8.9	7.6	*	*	*	41.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school	50.2	31.8	29.7	24.3	12.3	*	151.7
Left at age—							
16 years or over	26.2	17.8	12.3	6.2	*	*	65.9
15 years or under	24.1	14.1	17.4	18.1	9.2	*	85.8
Still at school(c)	19.9	*	..	..	..	..	19.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>283.2</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
With post-school qualifications(a)	13.9	38.1	51.0	32.4	20.1	9.4	164.9
Degree	*	7.1	8.7	*	*	*	23.7
Trade; technical or other certificate	11.5	28.1	40.4	26.8	16.4	8.2	131.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	149.0	104.7	100.3	60.6	37.9	24.4	476.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	39.8	26.8	18.6	9.1	*	*	101.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school	109.2	77.9	81.7	51.0	33.5	21.3	374.6
Left at age—							
16 years or over	53.4	41.4	30.5	11.9	5.9	*	145.2
15 years or under	55.7	36.5	51.2	39.1	27.6	19.3	229.4
Still at school(c)	31.8	*	..	..	..	..	31.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>673.6</b>

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Aged 15 to 20 years only.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1985 (6235.0).

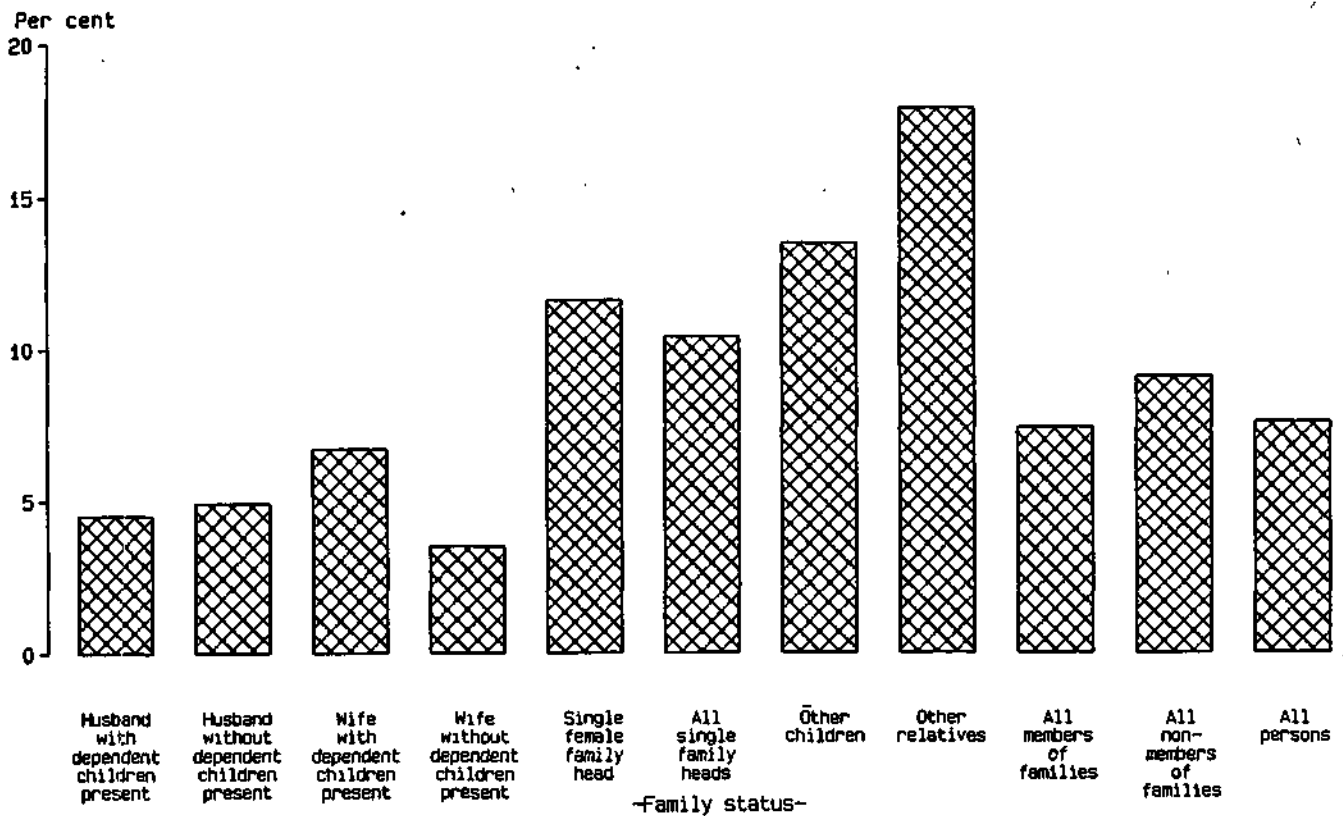
**TABLE 4.11. ALL FAMILIES WITH ONE OR MORE MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED: TYPE OF FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS(a), JULY 1985**  
( ' 000 families)

	None employed		One employed			Two or more employed			Total			
	One un- employed	Two or more un- employed	Total	One un- employed	Two or more un- employed	Total	One un- employed	Two or more un- employed	Total	One un- employed	Two or more un- employed	Total
<b>Married-couple families</b>	86.4	19.8	106.2	110.9	8.9	119.8	78.2	6.1	84.3	275.4	34.8	310.2
With dependent children present	55.3	11.7	67.0	71.8	5.7	77.5	48.8	3.7	52.5	175.8	21.2	197.0
Without dependent children present	31.1	8.1	39.1	39.1	*	42.3	29.4	*	31.8	99.5	13.7	113.2
<b>Other families</b>	36.6	5.7	42.4	24.3	*	26.5	5.9	*	6.5	66.8	8.6	75.4
With dependent children present	22.0	*	24.8	9.2	*	10.5	*	*	*	33.9	4.4	38.3
Without dependent children present	14.6	*	17.6	15.1	*	16.0	*	*	3.5	33.0	4.2	37.1
<b>All families</b>	123.0	25.6	148.6	135.2	11.1	146.3	84.1	6.7	90.7	342.2	43.4	385.6
With dependent children present	77.4	14.5	91.8	81.0	7.0	88.0	51.4	4.1	55.5	209.7	25.5	235.2
Without dependent children present	45.7	11.1	56.8	54.1	4.2	58.3	32.7	*	35.3	132.5	17.8	150.3

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

**CHART 4.j. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JULY 1985**



Source: Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

TABLE 4.12. FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1985

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration	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			
	—'000 persons—									
<i>Member of a family</i>	25.7	41.6	39.2	37.1	62.6	92.6	135.9	434.8	50.4	26
Husband or wife	12.4	19.6	18.7	17.8	30.7	36.8	75.6	211.7	57.0	26
With dependent children present	8.9	13.1	12.9	11.5	22.2	25.7	48.8	143.1	56.2	26
Without dependent children present	3.5	6.5	5.8	6.3	8.5	11.2	26.8	68.6	58.7	28
Not-married family head	3.8		4.3		4.1	5.0	7.2	24.4	45.3	25
With dependent children present	*		4.7		5.5		4.9	16.9	41.9	20
Full-time student aged 15-20	4.8	6.5	3.8	4.2	*	9.4	*	34.8	19.2	9
Other child(a) of family head	5.9	12.2	13.5	11.2	22.4	38.6	44.2	148.0	49.2	26
Other relative	*		4.0		5.4		5.6	15.8	50.2	27
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	3.5	7.3	10.7	6.9	12.7	18.3	30.5	89.8	49.9	26
Living alone	3.8		4.8		4.1	4.8	13.4	30.8	61.2	39
Not living alone	*	4.8	7.8	5.0	8.6	13.5	17.1	59.0	44.1	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>110.9</b>	<b>166.4</b>	<b>524.6</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>26</b>

(a) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

## CHART 4.k. JOB VACANCIES BY INDUSTRY, NOVEMBER 1983, NOVEMBER 1984 AND NOVEMBER 1985

