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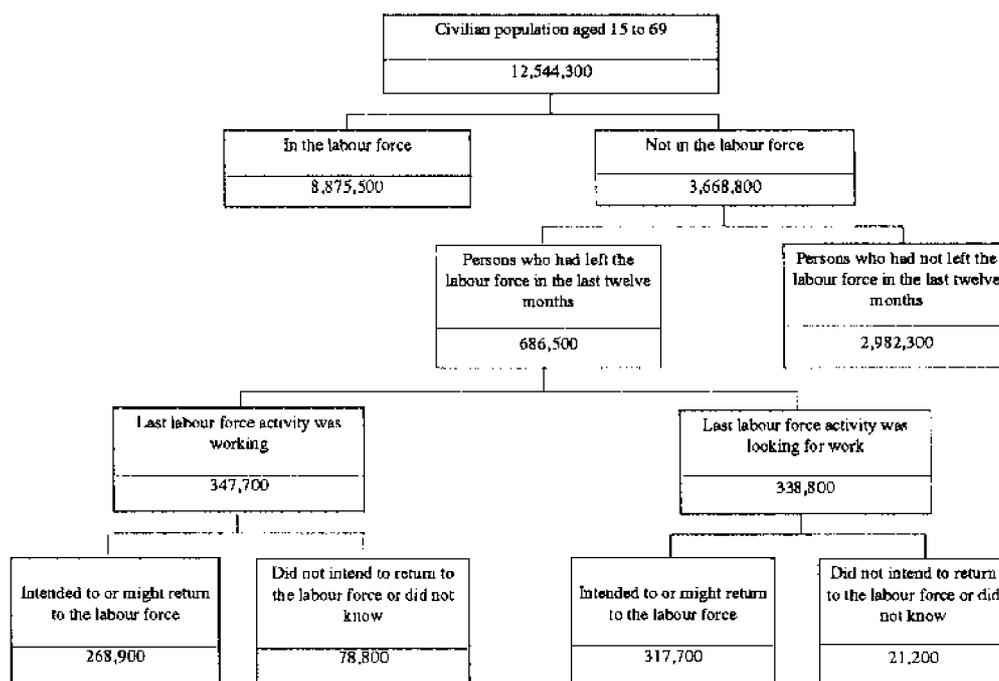
Persons who have left the labour force

The dynamics of the labour force are such that there is continuous movement of people in and out of the labour force. In net terms, the trend in labour force growth resulted in an increase of 150,000 persons (or 1.7 per cent) in the twelve months to September 1994.

However at September 1994, the ranks of persons not in the labour force included 686,500 people who had left the labour force in the previous twelve months. A survey of these people was conducted as a supplement to the Monthly Labour Force Survey in September 1994.

The survey was conducted among persons aged 15 to 69 years who were not in the labour force who had either worked or looked for work in the previous twelve months. The survey focused on work and job search experience as well as intentions to rejoin the labour force at a later date.

DIAGRAM 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND WHETHER HAD LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, SEPTEMBER 1994



Source: Table 1

Overview

An estimated 686,500 persons aged between 15 and 69 years who were not in the labour force in September 1994 had left the labour force in the previous twelve months. These persons comprised 19 per cent of those not in the labour force in this age group in September 1994.

The last time this survey was conducted (April 1991), some 563,100 persons were estimated to have left the labour force in the previous twelve months. These people represented 16 per cent of all persons not in the labour force.

Age

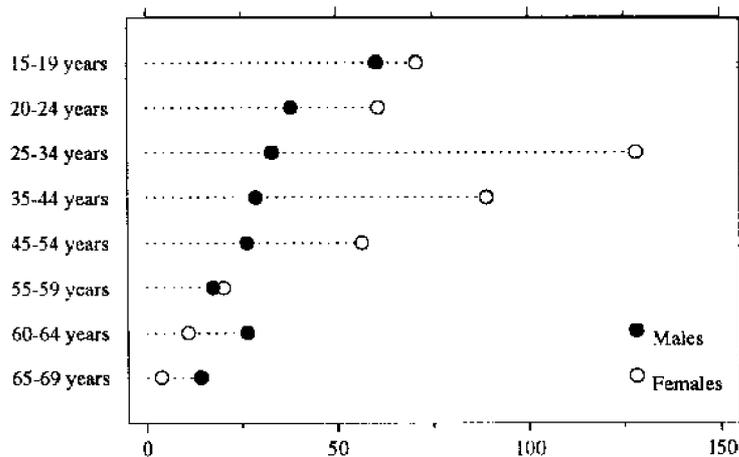
Of the 245,300 males who had left the labour force in the year to September 1994 —

- 40 per cent were aged 15 to 24 years;
- 25 per cent were aged 25 to 44 years; and
- 34 per cent were aged 45 to 69 years.

In contrast, of the 441,200 females in this group —

- 30 per cent were aged 15 to 24 years;
- 49 per cent were aged 25 to 44 years; and
- 21 per cent were aged 45 to 69 years (Table 2).

DIAGRAM 2. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS: AGE AND SEX, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)



Source: Table 2

Relationship in household

Some 82 per cent of persons who had left the labour force were members of a family (compared with 81 per cent of persons in the labour force), 12 per cent were non-family members and family status was not determined for the remaining 5 per cent. Of the 565,800 who were members of a family —

- 44 per cent were wives (wives account for 31% of family members in the labour force) and 18 per cent were husbands (husbands account for 43% of family members in the labour force);
- 10 per cent were female lone parents (female lone parents account for 3.5% of family members in the labour force) while 1 per cent were male lone parents; and
- 28 per cent were other members of a family (Table 2).

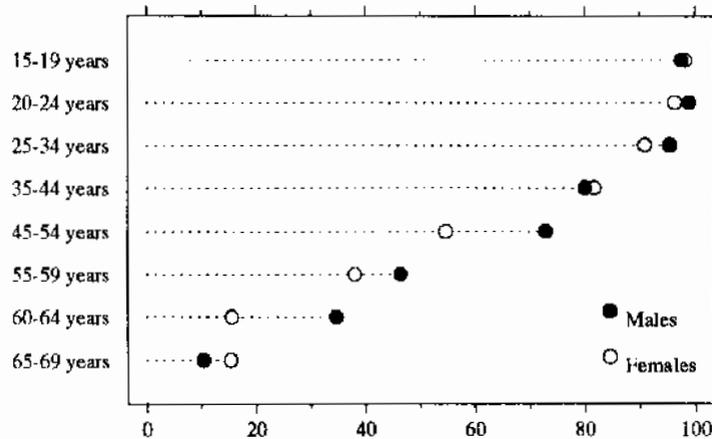
Main source of income

For males, the most commonly reported main sources of income since leaving the labour force were 'Someone else's income, pension or superannuation' (23%), 'Jobsearch, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit' (17%), 'Aged, Disability Support or Sole Parent's pension' (12%) and 'AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY' (12%). By comparison, the most commonly reported main sources of income for females were 'Someone else's income, pension or superannuation' (52%), 'Aged, Disability Support, Sole Parent's or Widow's pension' (13%), 'Jobsearch, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit' (7%) and 'AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY' (7%) (Table 2).

Last labour force activity was working

Of the 686,500 persons who had left the labour force, 347,700 (51%) persons reported their last labour force activity was working. Of the 123,300 males in this group, just under three-quarters intended to return or might return to the labour force. By comparison, of the 224,400 females in this group, 79 per cent intended to return or might return to the labour force (Table 2).

DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS WHO LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING: PROPORTION WHO INTENDED TO RETURN(a) BY AGE AND SEX, SEPTEMBER 1994 (per cent)



(a) Includes those who indicated they might return to the labour force
Source: Table 2

Reason ceased last job

Of the 347,700 persons whose last labour force activity was working, 114,100 (33%) had lost their job and 233,600 (67%) had left their job voluntarily (Table 4).

Time spent in last job

Of the 347,700 persons whose last labour force activity was working —

- 38 per cent had spent less than 1 year in their last job;
- 31 per cent had spent between 1 and 5 years in their last job;
- 12 per cent had spent between 5 and 10 years in their last job; and
- 19 per cent had spent 10 years or more in their last job (Table 4).

Last labour force activity was looking for work

Of the 686,500 persons who had left the labour force, 338,800 (49%) persons reported their last labour force activity was looking for work, an increase from 40% in April 1991. In contrast, 9% of the labour force comprises persons 'looking for work'. Of the 122,000 males who had left the labour force, 91 per cent intended to or might return to the labour force. By comparison, of the 216,800 females in this group, 95 per cent intended to or might return to the labour force (Table 2).

Time spent looking for work

Of the 338,800 persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work —

- 69 per cent had spent less than 1 year looking for work (compared with 65% of all unemployed persons);
- 27 per cent had spent between 1 and 5 years looking for work; and
- 4 per cent had spent 5 years or more looking for work (Table 5).

Reason not looking for work

Of the 338,800 persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work, over half (182,000) wanted to work and were available for work within four weeks. A further 28 per cent (95,500) did not want to work or were not available for work within four weeks and 18 per cent (61,400) were actively looking for work but were not available in the reference week.

Of those who wanted to work and were available, 85,200 (47%) reported 'personal reasons' for ceasing their search for work. A further 42,200 (23%) stated 'family reasons' and 34,000 (19%) had become discouraged (Table 5).

Whether looked for full-time or part-time work

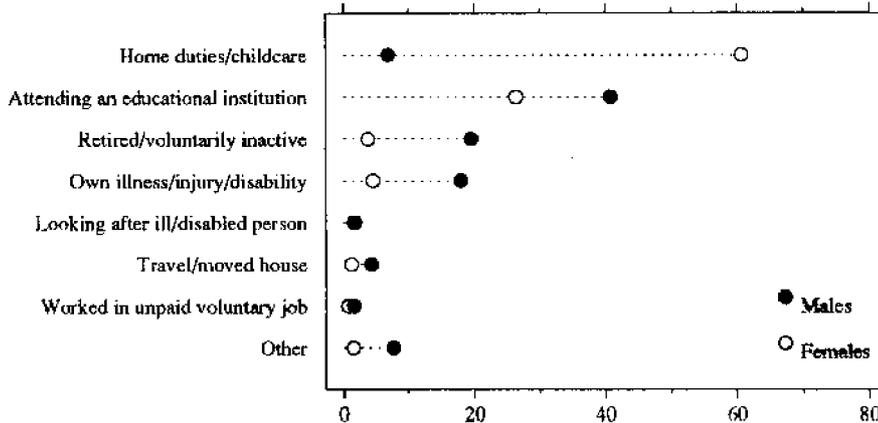
Just over 50 per cent of persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work had looked for full-time work. A further 34 per cent had looked for part-time work and the remaining 15 per cent had looked for both full- and part-time work or had no preference.

Of the 172,200 persons who had looked for full-time work, 97 per cent indicated they either intended to return or might return to the labour force. By comparison, of the 116,300 persons who had looked for part-time work, 93 per cent intended to or might return to the labour force (Table 5).

Main activity since leaving the labour force

For males, the most commonly reported main activities since leaving the labour force were 'attending an educational institution' (41%), 'retired or voluntarily inactive' (19%) and 'own illness or injury' (17%). By comparison, the most commonly reported main activities of females were 'home duties, childcare' (61%) and 'attending an educational institution' (26%) (Table 3).

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS: MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE AND SEX, SEPTEMBER 1994 (per cent)



Source: Table 3

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• for further information about statistics in this publication and the availability of related unpublished statistics, contact Mr Jon Havelock on Canberra (06) 252 6661 or any ABS State office.

ADDITIONAL DATA ON REQUEST

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. An order form can be found in the Special Data Services section.

TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69 YEARS: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY AND INTENTION TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, APRIL 1988, APRIL 1991 AND SEPTEMBER 1994
(*000)

	<i>April 1988</i>	<i>April 1991</i>	<i>September 1994 (a)</i>
MALES			
<i>All males aged 15 to 69 years</i>	6,158.6	6,287.9	6,292.7
In the labour force	4,986.0	5,049.5	5,057.5
Not in the labour force	1,058.4	1,145.7	1,235.1
Did not leave the labour force in the last 12 months	895.8	952.9	989.8
Left the labour force in the last 12 months	162.6	192.9	245.3
Last labour force activity was working	101.1	113.1	123.3
Intended to return	58.3	68.5	77.0
Might return	6.8	10.1	14.4
Did not intend to return	32.6	32.0	28.4
Did not know/not asked	*3.4	*2.6	*3.6
Last labour force activity was looking for work	61.4	79.7	122.0
Intended to return	43.0	70.0	99.1
Might return	*2.3	4.9	11.6
Did not intend to return	*3.6	*4.1	7.6
Did not know/not asked	12.5	*0.7	*3.7
FEMALES			
<i>All females aged 15 to 69 years</i>	5,734.2	6,043.2	6,251.7
In the labour force	3,239.6	3,586.9	3,818.0
Not in the labour force	2,494.6	2,456.3	2,433.7
Did not leave the labour force in the last 12 months	2,130.9	2,086.0	1,992.5
Left the labour force in the last 12 months	363.7	370.2	441.2
Last labour force activity was working	230.8	226.6	224.4
Intended to return	130.3	130.9	132.5
Might return	26.2	26.7	45.0
Did not intend to return	64.0	58.8	39.0
Did not know/not asked	10.2	10.1	7.8
Last labour force activity was looking for work	132.9	143.7	216.8
Intended to return	97.6	120.0	188.3
Might return	5.0	9.2	18.6
Did not intend to return	6.2	10.9	7.1
Did not know/not asked	24.1	*3.6	*2.8
PERSONS			
<i>All persons aged 15 to 69 years</i>	11,503.8	12,168.7	12,544.3
In the labour force	7,850.8	8,566.7	8,875.5
Not in the labour force	3,553.0	3,602.0	3,668.8
Did not leave the labour force in the last 12 months	3,026.7	3,038.9	2,982.3
Left the labour force in the last 12 months	526.3	563.1	686.5
Last labour force activity was working	331.9	339.7	347.7
Intended to return	188.6	199.4	209.5
Might return	33.0	36.8	59.4
Did not intend to return	96.6	90.8	67.4
Did not know/not asked	13.7	12.7	11.4
Last labour force activity was looking for work	194.4	223.4	338.8
Intended to return	140.6	189.9	287.4
Might return	7.3	14.1	30.3
Did not intend to return	9.8	14.9	14.7
Did not know/not asked	36.7	*4.4	6.5

(a) The September 1994 survey was weighted using population estimates based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing and results, therefore, may not be comparable with previous years.

TABLE 2. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	Last labour force activity								Total
	Worked				Looked for work				
	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	
MALES									
<i>Age (years) —</i>									
15-19	21.2	* 2.1	* 0.4	23.9	33.7	* 2.7	* 0.4	36.7	60.5
20-24	16.7	* 1.5	* 0.2	18.4	18.4	* 1.4	* 0.0	19.7	38.1
25-34	15.3	* 1.6	* 0.6	17.7	12.7	* 2.1	* 0.0	15.4	33.1
35-44	9.4	* 1.8	* 1.9	14.0	12.5	* 1.7	* 0.4	15.0	28.9
45-54	8.1	* 2.4	* 2.8	14.4	10.0	* 1.1	* 0.9	12.1	26.4
55-59	* 3.3	* 2.0	* 4.7	11.4	* 4.1	* 0.7	* 0.6	6.0	17.4
60-64	* 2.6	* 2.3	9.1	14.1	5.5	* 1.0	* 3.8	12.4	26.5
65-69	* 0.5	* 0.5	8.5	9.5	* 2.3	* 1.0	* 1.5	4.8	14.3
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	58.3	11.5	23.3	96.1	75.7	8.9	5.6	92.6	188.7
Husband or wife	27.1	7.5	21.2	58.3	28.3	5.1	5.3	41.1	99.3
With dependants	14.9	* 2.1	* 2.6	21.3	18.9	* 2.1	* 1.3	22.4	43.7
Without dependants	12.2	5.4	18.6	37.0	9.4	* 3.0	* 4.0	18.7	55.7
Lone parent	* 2.3	* 0.4	* 0.6	* 3.3	* 1.7	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 2.1	5.4
With dependants	* 2.3	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 2.4	* 1.1	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 1.5	* 3.9
Without dependants	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 0.9	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 1.6
Dependent student	18.9	* 2.4	* 0.4	21.9	32.5	* 2.6	* 0.4	35.5	57.4
Non-dependent child	7.9	* 0.9	* 1.1	10.3	9.5	* 0.8	* 0.0	10.3	20.6
Other family person	* 2.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 2.3	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.6	5.9
Non-family member	13.3	* 2.5	* 3.7	19.9	18.5	* 2.3	* 1.2	23.0	43.0
Lone person	5.1	* 1.6	* 2.7	9.8	7.1	* 1.6	* 1.2	10.9	20.7
Not living alone	8.2	* 0.8	* 0.9	10.2	11.4	* 0.7	* 0.0	12.1	22.3
Family status not determined	5.4	* 0.4	* 1.4	7.3	4.9	* 0.5	* 0.7	6.4	13.6
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>									
Born in Australia	58.4	10.7	20.3	90.9	72.9	8.5	5.5	89.7	180.6
Born outside Australia	18.6	* 3.7	8.1	32.4	26.2	* 3.1	* 2.1	32.3	64.7
Arrived before 1961	* 2.2	* 0.6	* 3.4	7.0	5.5	* 0.7	* 0.8	7.2	14.2
Arrived 1961-1970	* 2.2	* 1.4	* 3.1	7.4	5.1	* 0.9	* 1.0	7.4	14.8
Arrived 1971-1980	* 3.9	* 0.7	* 0.7	5.6	5.0	* 0.7	* 0.2	6.1	11.7
Arrived 1981-1990	6.4	* 0.2	* 0.7	7.2	7.4	* 0.9	* 0.1	8.4	15.6
Arrived 1991 to survey date	* 3.9	* 0.7	* 0.2	5.2	* 3.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.2	8.4
Born in main English speaking countries	6.9	* 1.7	* 3.7	12.5	9.2	* 0.7	* 0.3	10.4	22.9
Born in other countries	11.6	* 2.0	* 4.4	19.9	17.0	* 2.4	* 1.8	21.9	41.8
<i>Main source of income —</i>									
Accumulated leave or compensation	* 2.7	* 0.4	* 1.5	5.0	* 2.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.2	7.3
Superannuation	* 1.8	* 1.6	6.7	10.9	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.4	12.3
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.0
AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY	13.6	* 2.4	* 0.1	16.3	10.3	* 1.8	* 0.4	12.4	28.7
Aged, Disability Support, Sole Parent's or Widow's Pension	* 3.2	* 2.3	10.9	16.5	* 4.7	* 2.8	* 4.1	12.8	29.3
Jobsearch, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit	9.2	* 1.3	* 1.1	12.9	22.1	* 2.6	* 2.2	28.5	41.3
War Disability, Repatriation, Service or War Widow's pension	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.4
Rent, farm, business or property	* 1.5	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 2.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 2.6
Investment, interest, stocks, debentures etc.	* 1.0	* 0.1	* 3.1	* 4.8	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 1.6	6.4
Savings or sale of assets	13.0	* 1.6	* 2.1	16.9	6.0	* 0.6	* 0.0	6.5	23.4
Someone else's income, pension or superannuation	24.7	* 3.0	* 1.5	29.6	22.5	* 3.8	* 0.3	26.9	56.5
Other	5.0	* 0.5	* 0.4	5.8	* 3.1	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 3.7	9.5
Not asked	..	..	..	..	25.7	..	..	25.7	25.7
Total	77.0	14.4	28.4	123.3	99.1	11.6	7.6	122.0	245.3

(a) Includes persons who did not know whether they intended to return to the labour force.

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FEMALES									
<i>Age (years) —</i>									
15-19	20.3	* 3.1	* 0.1	23.8	44.5	* 2.3	* 0.4	47.1	70.9
20-24	21.6	* 4.5	* 1.0	27.1	31.5	* 1.5	* 0.8	33.8	60.9
25-34	51.2	18.7	* 4.5	76.8	41.9	6.9	* 1.8	51.4	128.2
35-44	26.0	10.8	5.0	45.0	39.1	* 3.8	* 0.5	44.2	89.2
45-54	11.0	* 4.4	11.7	28.1	22.9	* 3.2	* 1.6	28.6	56.6
55-59	* 2.0	* 2.0	7.0	11.4	5.9	* 0.8	* 1.9	9.0	20.4
60-64	* 0.4	* 0.9	6.6	8.3	* 2.4	* 0.2	* 0.1	* 2.7	11.0
65-69	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 3.3	* 3.9	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 4.0
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	113.1	40.7	33.6	193.9	159.3	16.6	5.5	183.2	377.1
Husband or wife	81.6	34.7	30.7	152.9	77.9	10.4	* 4.4	93.9	246.8
With dependants	64.3	26.2	8.9	103.4	54.3	6.9	* 2.2	63.8	167.2
Without dependants	17.3	8.6	21.7	49.5	23.6	* 3.5	* 2.2	30.1	79.6
Lone parent	12.1	* 4.0	* 1.9	18.5	31.5	* 3.6	* 1.0	36.9	55.3
With dependants	11.5	* 3.2	* 1.3	16.5	28.8	* 3.3	* 0.0	32.1	48.5
Without dependants	* 0.6	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 2.0	* 2.7	* 0.3	* 1.0	* 4.8	6.8
Dependent student	15.5	* 1.5	* 0.1	17.1	42.6	* 1.7	* 0.1	44.4	61.5
Non-dependent child	* 2.4	* 0.4	* 0.9	* 3.7	6.3	* 0.9	* 0.0	7.1	10.8
Other family person	* 1.6	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 1.7	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 2.6
Non-family member	14.9	* 2.3	* 3.0	21.0	17.5	* 0.8	* 1.2	20.0	41.0
Lone person	* 4.5	* 1.3	* 2.6	8.6	8.5	* 0.8	* 1.1	10.5	19.1
Not living alone	10.4	* 1.0	* 0.4	12.4	9.0	* 0.0	* 0.2	9.5	21.9
Family status not determined	* 4.5	* 2.0	* 2.5	9.5	11.6	* 1.3	* 0.4	13.6	23.1
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>									
Born in Australia	104.5	32.3	29.7	172.9	137.6	12.6	5.3	157.9	330.9
Born outside Australia	28.0	12.7	9.3	51.4	50.7	6.1	* 1.8	58.9	110.3
Arrived before 1961	* 2.0	* 1.2	* 3.8	7.4	5.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	5.4	12.8
Arrived 1961-1970	7.7	* 4.3	* 2.2	14.7	7.5	* 2.0	* 0.4	9.9	24.6
Arrived 1971-1980	5.5	* 2.1	* 2.0	9.9	10.6	* 0.9	* 0.7	12.2	22.1
Arrived 1981-1990	9.4	* 3.2	* 0.8	13.5	17.6	* 1.2	* 0.3	19.4	32.9
Arrived 1991 to survey date	* 3.4	* 1.9	* 0.6	5.9	9.9	* 1.6	* 0.5	12.0	17.9
Born in main English speaking countries	14.3	* 4.2	5.4	24.3	17.7	* 2.2	* 0.4	20.3	44.6
Born in other countries	13.8	8.6	* 4.0	27.1	33.0	* 3.9	* 1.4	38.6	65.8
<i>Main source of income —</i>									
Accumulated leave or compensation	* 1.0	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 2.2	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 3.0
Superannuation	* 0.7	* 0.8	* 1.7	* 3.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.4	* 3.8
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.4
AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY	13.9	* 1.7	* 0.0	15.6	15.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	15.3	31.0
Aged, Disability Support, Sole Parent's or Widow's Pension	11.6	* 4.6	10.3	27.0	25.1	4.8	* 0.7	32.2	59.1
Jobsearch, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit	7.8	* 1.3	* 1.4	11.0	15.6	* 2.5	* 1.9	20.3	31.4
War Disability, Repatriation, Service or War Widow's pension	* 1.2	* 0.1	* 0.4	* 2.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 2.7
Rent, farm, business or property	* 0.7	* 0.6	* 1.0	* 2.3	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 2.9
Investment, interest, stocks, debentures etc.	* 0.3	* 2.4	* 1.6	* 4.8	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.5	6.3
Savings or sale of assets	* 4.2	* 0.9	* 0.7	6.0	* 1.7	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 1.8	7.9
Someone else's income, pension or superannuation	86.9	31.9	20.6	144.7	67.7	10.7	* 3.7	82.8	227.5
Other	* 3.9	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 4.8	* 4.0	* 0.4	* 0.5	4.9	9.6
Not asked	..	..	..	..	55.6	..	..	55.6	55.6
Total	132.5	45.0	39.0	224.4	188.3	18.6	7.1	216.8	441.2

(a) Includes persons who did not know whether they intended to return to the labour force.

TABLE 2. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	Last labour force activity								Total
	Worked				Looked for work				
	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	
PERSONS									
<i>Age (years) —</i>									
15-19	41.5	5.2	* 0.5	47.7	78.1	4.9	* 0.7	83.8	131.4
20-24	38.3	6.0	* 1.2	45.5	49.9	* 2.9	* 0.8	53.5	99.0
25-34	66.5	20.3	5.1	94.5	54.6	9.0	* 1.8	66.8	161.3
35-44	35.4	12.6	6.9	59.0	51.6	5.5	* 0.8	59.1	118.1
45-54	19.1	6.8	14.5	42.4	32.9	* 4.4	* 2.6	40.6	83.1
55-59	5.3	* 4.0	11.7	22.7	9.9	* 1.5	* 2.5	15.0	37.8
60-64	* 2.9	* 3.2	15.7	22.4	7.9	* 1.2	* 4.0	15.0	37.4
65-69	* 0.5	* 1.1	11.8	13.4	* 2.4	* 1.0	* 1.5	4.9	18.3
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	171.4	52.2	56.9	290.0	235.0	25.4	11.1	275.8	565.8
Husband or wife	108.7	42.2	51.8	211.2	106.2	15.5	9.7	134.9	346.1
With dependants	79.2	28.2	11.6	124.7	73.2	9.0	* 3.5	86.2	210.8
Without dependants	29.5	14.0	40.3	86.5	33.0	6.6	6.2	48.8	135.3
Lone parent	14.4	* 4.4	* 2.5	21.8	33.3	* 4.0	* 1.0	39.0	60.8
With dependants	13.8	* 3.3	* 1.3	18.8	29.9	* 3.7	* 0.0	33.6	52.4
Without dependants	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 1.2	* 2.9	* 3.4	* 0.3	* 1.0	5.4	8.4
Dependent student	34.4	* 3.9	* 0.5	39.1	75.1	* 4.3	* 0.4	79.9	118.9
Non-dependent child	10.3	* 1.3	* 2.0	14.0	15.8	* 1.6	* 0.0	17.4	31.4
Other family person	* 3.6	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 4.0	* 4.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 4.6	8.6
Non-family member	28.2	* 4.7	6.6	40.9	36.0	* 3.1	* 2.4	43.0	83.9
Lone person	9.6	* 2.9	5.3	18.4	15.6	* 2.4	* 2.3	21.3	39.7
Not living alone	18.6	* 1.8	* 1.4	22.5	20.4	* 0.7	* 0.2	21.7	44.2
Family status not determined	10.0	* 2.4	* 3.9	16.8	16.4	* 1.8	* 1.1	20.0	36.8
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>									
Born in Australia	162.9	42.9	49.9	263.8	210.5	21.1	10.8	247.6	511.5
Born outside Australia	46.6	16.4	17.4	83.8	76.9	9.2	* 3.9	91.2	175.0
Arrived before 1961	* 4.2	* 1.9	7.2	14.4	10.5	* 1.0	* 0.8	12.6	27.0
Arrived 1961-1970	9.8	5.7	5.3	22.2	12.6	* 2.8	* 1.4	17.3	39.4
Arrived 1971-1980	9.3	* 2.8	* 2.6	15.4	15.7	* 1.6	* 0.9	18.4	33.8
Arrived 1981-1990	15.9	* 3.4	* 1.5	20.8	25.0	* 2.1	* 0.4	27.8	48.5
Arrived 1991 to survey date	7.4	* 2.6	* 0.8	11.1	13.1	* 1.6	* 0.5	15.2	26.3
Born in main English speaking countries	21.2	5.8	9.1	36.8	26.9	* 2.9	* 0.7	30.7	67.5
Born in other countries	25.4	10.6	8.4	47.0	50.0	6.3	* 3.2	60.6	107.6
<i>Main source of income —</i>									
Accumulated leave or compensation	* 3.8	* 0.8	* 1.8	7.3	* 2.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.0	10.3
Superannuation	* 2.5	* 2.4	8.5	14.3	* 1.7	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 1.8	16.1
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.4
AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY	27.5	* 4.1	* 0.1	31.9	25.4	* 2.0	* 0.4	27.7	59.7
Aged, Disability Support, Sole Parent's or Widow's Pension	14.9	6.9	21.2	43.4	29.8	7.6	* 4.7	45.0	88.4
Jobsearch, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit	17.0	* 2.6	* 2.5	23.9	37.6	5.1	* 4.1	48.8	72.7
War Disability, Repatriation, Service or War Widow's pension	* 1.9	* 0.4	* 1.0	* 3.6	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.5	* 4.1
Rent, farm, business or property	* 2.3	* 1.0	* 1.3	* 4.6	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.0	5.5
Investment, interest, stocks, debentures etc.	* 1.3	* 2.5	* 4.8	9.5	* 2.5	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 3.1	12.7
Savings or sale of assets	17.2	* 2.6	* 2.9	22.9	7.7	* 0.7	* 0.0	8.3	31.2
Someone else's income, pension or superannuation	111.7	35.0	22.1	174.3	90.1	14.4	* 4.0	109.8	284.0
Other	8.9	* 0.8	* 0.9	10.6	7.2	* 0.5	* 0.8	8.5	19.1
Not asked	..	..	..	..	81.3	..	..	81.3	81.3
Total	209.5	59.4	67.4	347.7	287.4	30.3	14.7	338.8	686.5

(a) Includes persons who did not know whether they intended to return to the labour force.

TABLE 3. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE, LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994
(^{'000})

Main activity since leaving the labour force	Last labour force activity								Total
	Worked				Looked for work				
	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	
MALES									
Home duties, childcare	5.7	* 1.2	* 1.1	8.2	7.1	* 1.0	* 0.0	8.5	16.7
Attending an educational institution	38.2	* 4.4	* 0.7	43.5	51.5	* 4.5	* 0.4	56.4	99.9
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.5	* 3.7	18.8	31.1	8.6	* 1.0	5.0	16.7	47.8
Unpaid leave	* 1.7	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.9	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 2.7
Own illness or injury	12.3	* 3.5	5.4	22.7	13.7	* 3.5	* 1.2	19.0	41.7
Own disability or handicap	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 1.3	* 0.7	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 2.3
Looking after ill or disabled person	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 1.9	* 1.4	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 2.3	* 4.2
Travel, moving house or holiday	6.9	* 0.3	* 0.4	7.7	* 2.3	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 2.7	10.4
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.7	* 2.1	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 2.9	* 3.6
Other	* 3.2	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 4.3	11.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	11.7	16.0
Total	77.0	14.4	28.4	123.3	99.1	11.6	7.6	122.0	245.3
FEMALES									
Home duties, childcare	79.7	34.7	25.8	146.3	101.2	12.5	5.3	120.9	267.2
Attending an educational institution	38.4	* 4.3	* 0.5	43.4	69.3	* 2.9	* 0.5	72.8	116.2
Retired or voluntarily inactive	* 1.6	* 2.3	9.4	14.0	* 1.5	* 0.4	* 0.6	* 3.0	16.9
Unpaid leave	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.9
Own illness or injury	6.6	* 1.9	* 1.8	10.9	5.8	* 1.2	* 0.7	8.1	18.9
Own disability or handicap	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.7
Looking after ill or disabled person	* 1.1	* 0.7	* 1.0	* 2.8	* 2.7	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 3.8	6.6
Travel, moving house or holiday	* 2.5	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 3.2	* 1.9	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 2.1	5.4
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 2.2	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 2.5	* 3.0
Other	* 1.8	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 2.1	* 3.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.3	5.4
Total	132.5	45.0	39.0	224.4	188.3	18.6	7.1	216.8	441.2
PERSONS									
Home duties, childcare	85.4	36.0	26.9	154.5	108.3	13.5	5.3	129.4	283.9
Attending an educational institution	76.6	8.6	* 1.2	86.9	120.9	7.4	* 0.9	129.2	216.1
Retired or voluntarily inactive	9.0	6.0	28.2	45.1	10.1	* 1.3	5.7	19.6	64.7
Unpaid leave	* 2.3	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 2.8	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 3.6
Own illness or injury	18.9	5.3	7.3	33.6	19.5	* 4.7	* 1.9	27.0	60.6
Own disability or handicap	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 0.9	* 1.6	* 1.1	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 1.4	* 3.0
Looking after ill or disabled person	* 1.4	* 0.9	* 2.0	* 4.6	* 4.1	* 1.7	* 0.3	6.1	10.8
Travel, moving house or holiday	9.4	* 1.1	* 0.4	10.9	* 4.2	* 0.2	* 0.4	4.9	15.7
Worked in unpaid voluntary job	* 0.9	* 0.2	* 0.1	* 1.2	* 4.3	* 0.5	* 0.2	5.4	6.6
Other	5.0	* 1.0	* 0.2	6.4	14.2	* 0.3	* 0.0	15.0	21.4
Total	209.5	59.4	67.4	347.7	287.4	30.3	14.7	338.8	686.5

(a) Includes persons who did not know whether they intended to return to the labour force.

TABLE 4. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

Educational attainment	Last labour force activity								Total
	Worked				Looked for work				
	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	Intended to return	Might return	Did not intend to return	Total(a)	
MALES									
With post-school qualifications	19.8	5.2	11.7	38.5	16.2	* 2.2	* 1.5	21.4	59.9
Higher degree	* 1.0	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 1.9	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 2.2
Post-graduate diploma	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 1.6
Bachelor degree	* 4.4	* 1.1	* 2.2	8.6	* 3.6	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 3.9	12.5
Undergraduate diploma	* 0.4	* 0.7	* 0.7	* 2.1	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 2.7
Associate diploma	* 0.5	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 1.7	* 1.7	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 2.3	* 4.0
Skilled vocational qualifications	11.9	* 2.3	6.8	21.6	9.3	* 1.4	* 1.5	13.3	34.8
Basic vocational qualifications	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 1.7	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 2.0
Without post-school qualifications	46.6	7.9	16.2	72.3	45.9	* 2.9	* 1.2	51.6	123.9
Completed highest level of secondary school	26.2	* 3.0	* 2.2	32.1	18.6	* 1.0	* 0.0	19.6	51.8
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	20.3	4.9	14.0	40.2	27.0	* 1.9	* 1.2	31.3	71.5
Never attended school	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.7	* 0.7
Still at school	10.6	* 1.2	* 0.4	12.5	21.1	* 1.2	* 0.0	22.2	34.7
Not determined	..	..	..	..	15.9	5.4	4.9	26.7	26.7
Total	77.0	14.4	28.4	123.3	99.1	11.6	7.6	122.0	245.3
FEMALES									
With post-school qualifications	42.2	14.4	9.6	69.9	39.0	* 2.4	* 0.0	41.4	111.3
Higher degree	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 1.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.6	* 2.9
Post-graduate diploma	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 2.3	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.3	* 3.5
Bachelor degree	12.2	* 4.8	* 1.1	19.1	7.2	* 0.8	* 0.0	8.1	27.2
Undergraduate diploma	6.2	* 0.6	* 1.4	8.1	* 4.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 4.6	12.7
Associate diploma	* 3.8	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 4.5	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.0	6.4
Skilled vocational qualifications	11.5	5.1	5.9	23.3	13.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	13.6	36.8
Basic vocational qualifications	6.0	* 3.0	* 0.9	11.1	9.4	* 1.0	* 0.0	10.4	21.5
Other	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3
Without post-school qualifications	78.5	28.8	29.3	140.4	95.9	8.5	* 1.8	107.3	247.7
Completed highest level of secondary school	33.4	11.5	5.6	51.1	34.0	* 2.1	* 0.4	36.7	87.8
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	45.1	17.3	23.7	89.4	61.4	6.4	* 1.4	70.1	159.4
Never attended school	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 0.5
Still at school	11.8	* 1.9	* 0.1	14.0	25.6	* 1.0	* 0.0	26.6	40.6
Not determined	..	..	..	..	27.9	6.7	5.4	41.5	41.5
Total	132.5	45.0	39.0	224.4	188.3	18.6	7.1	216.8	441.2
PERSONS									
With post-school qualifications	62.1	19.6	21.3	108.5	55.1	* 4.6	* 1.5	62.8	171.3
Higher degree	* 2.0	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 3.2	* 1.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.9	5.1
Post-graduate diploma	* 2.2	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 3.1	* 1.8	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 2.0	5.1
Bachelor degree	16.6	5.9	* 3.3	27.7	10.8	* 1.1	* 0.0	12.0	39.7
Undergraduate diploma	6.6	* 1.3	* 2.2	10.3	* 4.7	* 0.3	* 0.0	5.1	15.4
Associate diploma	* 4.3	* 0.2	* 1.3	6.2	* 3.7	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 4.3	10.5
Skilled vocational qualifications	23.3	7.4	12.8	44.9	22.6	* 1.7	* 1.5	26.8	71.7
Basic vocational qualifications	6.8	* 3.6	* 1.3	12.9	9.6	* 1.0	* 0.0	10.6	23.5
Other	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3
Without post-school qualifications	125.1	36.7	45.5	212.7	141.8	11.4	* 3.0	159.0	371.7
Completed highest level of secondary school	59.6	14.5	7.8	83.2	52.6	* 3.1	* 0.4	56.4	139.6
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	65.4	22.2	37.7	129.5	88.4	8.3	* 2.6	101.4	230.9
Never attended school	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 1.2
Still at school	22.4	* 3.0	* 0.5	26.5	46.6	* 2.2	* 0.0	48.8	75.3
Not determined	..	..	..	..	43.8	12.1	10.2	68.2	68.2
Total	209.5	59.4	67.4	347.7	287.4	30.3	14.7	338.8	686.5

(a) Includes persons who did not know whether they intended to return to the labour force.

**TABLE 5. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING:
SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS JOB CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE,
SEPTEMBER 1994
('000)**

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
MALES					
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	12.4	* 0.8	* 0.4	* 2.0	15.6
4 and under 8 weeks	8.3	* 1.5	* 0.3	* 2.1	12.2
8 and under 13 weeks	14.2	* 1.2	* 0.6	* 5.4	21.4
13 and under 26 weeks	12.7	* 3.6	* 0.3	6.9	23.4
26 and under 39 weeks	21.1	5.7	* 1.3	7.1	35.3
39 and under 52 weeks	8.3	* 1.6	* 0.8	4.8	15.5
<i>Time spent in last job —</i>					
Less than 1 year	42.9	* 4.8	* 0.6	* 4.1	52.4
Less than 3 months	29.8	* 2.5	* 0.0	* 2.9	35.2
3 and under 6 months	5.4	* 1.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	6.9
6 and under 9 months	5.5	* 0.9	* 0.2	* 1.3	7.8
9 and under 12 months	* 2.2	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 2.5
1 and under 3 years	13.8	* 1.5	* 0.2	* 2.8	18.2
3 and under 5 years	6.0	* 0.9	* 0.3	* 1.8	8.9
5 and under 10 years	* 4.5	* 2.4	* 0.4	* 3.4	10.8
10 and under 20 years	* 3.9	* 2.2	* 0.7	6.6	13.3
20 years or more	5.9	* 2.7	* 1.4	9.7	19.7
<i>Occupation in last job —</i>					
Managers and administrators	5.0	* 1.6	* 0.3	* 3.6	10.5
Professionals	7.8	* 1.4	* 0.9	* 4.3	14.5
Para-professionals	* 2.8	* 1.0	* 0.2	* 2.1	6.2
Tradespersons	13.7	* 2.3	* 0.3	* 3.5	19.8
Clerks	* 4.5	* 0.7	* 0.0	* 2.3	7.6
Salespersons and personal service workers	8.3	* 1.1	* 0.5	* 2.9	12.9
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	6.1	* 1.3	* 0.5	* 3.0	10.9
Labourers and related workers	28.7	4.9	* 0.9	6.5	41.0
<i>Industry of last job —</i>					
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	7.5	* 2.1	* 0.1	* 1.5	11.2
Mining	* 2.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.4
Manufacturing	11.5	* 2.5	* 0.8	5.6	20.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	* 1.2	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.8	* 2.5
Construction	8.9	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 1.2	12.1
Wholesale trade	* 2.7	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.7	5.4
Retail trade	13.1	* 2.1	* 0.2	* 2.1	17.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	5.4	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 2.0	7.7
Transport & storage	* 2.8	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 2.6	6.2
Communication services	* 1.0	* 0.2	* 0.2	* 0.6	* 2.1
Finance and insurance	* 1.9	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.0	* 3.2
Property and business services	5.1	* 1.1	* 0.5	* 1.5	8.2
Government administration and defence	* 4.3	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.8	6.0
Education	* 3.1	* 1.2	* 0.4	* 1.7	6.4
Health and community services	* 1.9	* 0.7	* 0.3	* 1.7	* 4.7
Cultural and recreation services	* 2.3	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 1.3	* 3.7
Personal and other services	* 2.3	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 1.2	* 3.8
<i>Status in employment in last job —</i>					
Employers	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 0.6	* 2.0
Own account workers	* 4.7	* 1.2	* 0.3	* 2.1	8.3
Employees	72.0	12.8	* 2.6	25.6	113.1
Contributing family workers	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
<i>Full-time or part-time worker in last job —</i>					
Full-time	51.5	10.0	* 2.9	23.3	87.8
Part-time	24.1	* 4.3	* 0.6	4.8	33.9
Varied, did not know	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.6
Total	77.0	14.4	* 3.6	28.4	123.3

**TABLE 5. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING:
SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS JOB CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE,
SEPTEMBER 1994
(’000)**

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
FEMALES					
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	10.7	* 2.0	* 0.1	* 2.1	14.8
4 and under 8 weeks	15.5	* 3.3	* 1.9	5.0	25.7
8 and under 13 weeks	19.6	9.7	* 1.3	5.6	36.2
13 and under 26 weeks	25.6	10.7	* 1.0	7.2	44.5
26 and under 39 weeks	35.6	12.5	* 1.9	10.9	60.9
39 and under 52 weeks	25.6	6.7	* 1.5	8.2	42.1
<i>Time spent in last job —</i>					
Less than 1 year	57.0	14.8	* 2.1	7.5	81.3
Less than 3 months	32.9	7.3	* 1.3	6.1	47.5
3 and under 6 months	8.4	* 2.0	* 0.5	* 0.8	11.6
6 and under 9 months	10.2	* 1.9	* 0.0	* 0.2	12.3
9 and under 12 months	5.5	* 3.6	* 0.4	* 0.4	9.8
1 and under 3 years	30.4	11.7	* 2.0	* 3.7	47.8
3 and under 5 years	17.2	6.0	* 1.6	7.3	32.1
5 and under 10 years	17.1	6.6	* 0.7	6.5	30.9
10 and under 20 years	9.4	5.2	* 0.9	8.7	24.2
20 years or more	* 1.3	* 0.7	* 0.6	5.3	8.0
<i>Occupation in last job —</i>					
Managers and administrators	* 4.1	* 0.7	* 0.9	* 1.6	7.3
Professionals	16.2	5.2	* 1.0	* 1.4	23.8
Para-professionals	6.6	* 1.6	* 0.9	* 1.3	10.4
Tradespersons	* 3.0	* 1.9	* 0.3	* 1.9	7.1
Clerks	27.4	11.5	* 1.7	13.2	53.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	48.0	12.9	* 0.9	7.8	69.5
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	* 3.4	* 2.3	* 0.4	* 1.4	7.5
Labourers and related workers	23.7	8.9	* 1.8	10.5	44.9
<i>Industry of last job —</i>					
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	* 3.5	* 1.3	* 0.3	* 2.6	7.7
Mining	* 0.2	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.3
Manufacturing	11.3	6.5	* 0.6	* 4.6	23.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.4
Construction	* 1.1	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 1.1	* 2.4
Wholesale trade	* 4.7	* 2.1	* 0.0	* 1.6	8.4
Retail trade	32.7	7.8	* 1.0	* 4.4	45.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	15.3	* 3.6	* 0.5	* 3.5	22.9
Transport & storage	* 2.2	* 1.0	* 0.5	* 0.5	* 4.2
Communication services	* 1.1	* 0.9	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 2.9
Finance and insurance	6.8	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 2.0	10.2
Property and business services	11.3	* 3.6	* 0.8	* 3.4	19.1
Government administration and defence	* 4.8	* 1.1	* 0.1	* 1.4	7.4
Education	13.8	5.5	* 1.4	* 3.1	23.8
Health and community services	16.2	6.6	* 1.1	6.5	30.4
Cultural and recreation services	* 3.0	* 1.5	* 0.7	* 1.6	6.9
Personal and other services	* 4.7	* 0.6	* 0.2	* 1.9	7.5
<i>Status in employment in last job —</i>					
Employers	* 1.2	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 1.4	* 3.8
Own account workers	* 4.1	* 0.9	* 0.6	* 2.1	7.8
Employees	127.1	43.5	6.7	35.5	212.8
Contributing family workers	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
<i>Full-time or part-time worker in last job —</i>					
Full-time	55.6	20.3	* 3.3	18.3	97.4
Part-time	73.8	24.3	* 4.1	20.1	122.4
Varied, did not know	* 3.1	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.7	* 4.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>132.5</i>	<i>45.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>224.4</i>

**TABLE 5. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING:
SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS JOB CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE,
SEPTEMBER 1994
(*000)**

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
	PERSONS				
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	23.1	* 2.8	* 0.5	* 4.1	30.5
4 and under 8 weeks	23.8	4.8	* 2.2	7.0	37.8
8 and under 13 weeks	33.8	10.9	* 1.9	11.0	57.6
13 and under 26 weeks	38.2	14.4	* 1.2	14.1	67.9
26 and under 39 weeks	56.7	18.2	* 3.2	18.0	96.2
39 and under 52 weeks	33.9	8.3	* 2.3	13.1	57.6
<i>Time spent in last job —</i>					
Less than 1 year	99.9	19.5	* 2.7	11.6	133.7
Less than 3 months	62.7	9.8	* 1.3	8.9	82.7
3 and under 6 months	13.8	* 3.2	* 0.7	* 0.8	18.5
6 and under 9 months	15.8	* 2.8	* 0.2	* 1.4	20.2
9 and under 12 months	7.7	* 3.7	* 0.5	* 0.4	12.4
1 and under 3 years	44.2	13.2	* 2.1	6.4	66.0
3 and under 5 years	23.2	6.9	* 1.8	9.1	41.0
5 and under 10 years	21.7	9.0	* 1.1	9.9	41.7
10 and under 20 years	13.3	7.4	* 1.5	15.3	37.6
20 years or more	7.2	* 3.4	* 2.0	15.0	27.7
<i>Occupation in last job —</i>					
Managers and administrators	9.2	* 2.3	* 1.2	5.2	17.8
Professionals	23.9	6.6	* 1.9	5.7	38.2
Para-professionals	9.5	* 2.6	* 1.0	* 3.4	16.5
Tradespersons	16.8	* 4.1	* 0.6	5.4	26.9
Clerks	31.9	12.2	* 1.7	15.5	61.4
Salespersons and personal service workers	56.3	14.0	* 1.3	10.7	82.4
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	9.5	* 3.7	* 0.9	* 4.4	18.4
Labourers and related workers	52.5	13.8	* 2.7	17.0	86.0
<i>Industry of last job —</i>					
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	10.9	* 3.4	* 0.4	* 4.1	18.9
Mining	* 2.2	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 3.7
Manufacturing	22.8	9.0	* 1.5	10.1	43.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	* 1.2	* 0.7	* 0.2	* 0.8	* 2.9
Construction	10.0	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 2.3	14.5
Wholesale trade	7.4	* 2.1	* 0.0	* 4.3	13.8
Retail trade	45.8	9.9	* 1.2	6.5	63.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	20.7	* 3.6	* 0.8	5.5	30.6
Transport & storage	5.0	* 1.7	* 0.5	* 3.1	10.3
Communication services	* 2.1	* 1.1	* 0.6	* 1.2	5.0
Finance and insurance	8.7	* 1.4	* 0.2	* 3.1	13.4
Property and business services	16.4	* 4.6	* 1.3	4.9	27.2
Government administration and defence	9.1	* 2.0	* 0.1	* 2.1	13.4
Education	16.8	6.7	* 1.8	4.8	30.2
Health and community services	18.1	7.3	* 1.4	8.3	35.1
Cultural and recreation services	5.3	* 1.6	* 0.7	* 3.0	10.6
Personal and other services	7.0	* 0.7	* 0.5	* 3.1	11.3
<i>Status in employment in last job —</i>					
Employers	* 1.5	* 0.9	* 1.2	* 2.1	5.7
Own account workers	8.9	* 2.1	* 0.9	* 4.1	16.1
Employees	199.2	56.3	9.3	61.1	325.9
Contributing family workers	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
<i>Full-time or part-time worker in last job —</i>					
Full-time	107.1	30.3	6.2	41.6	185.2
Part-time	97.9	28.7	* 4.8	24.9	156.3
Varied, did not know	* 4.5	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.9	6.2
Total	209.5	59.4	11.4	67.4	347.7

TABLE 6. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING: REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

Reason for ceasing last job	Whether intended to return to the labour force				Total
	Intended to return	Might return	Did not know	Did not intend to return	
MALES					
Job loser	29.0	7.1	* 1.8	13.8	51.7
Retrenched	11.2	* 2.6	* 0.3	* 3.0	17.1
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	5.0	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 2.6	8.2
Own ill health or injury	11.5	* 4.0	* 1.5	7.9	25.0
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.5
Job leaver	48.0	7.2	* 1.7	14.6	71.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements, pay or hours	* 4.4	* 1.0	* 0.2	* 0.0	5.6
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	9.8	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 0.6	11.9
Retired, didn't want to work any longer or too old	* 3.3	* 1.2	* 1.0	12.0	17.6
Returned to studies	18.3	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.1	19.8
To look after family, house or someone else	* 2.6	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 1.0	* 4.4
To have holiday, to move house or spouse transferred	* 3.0	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 3.6
Business closed down for non-economic reasons	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6	* 1.6
Other	5.5	* 1.3	* 0.2	* 0.0	7.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>77.0</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>* 3.6</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>123.3</i>
FEMALES					
Job loser	32.9	13.7	* 1.7	14.1	62.4
Retrenched	11.3	* 4.0	* 0.8	* 4.6	20.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	13.0	5.1	* 0.4	* 4.7	23.2
Own ill health or injury	7.2	* 3.7	* 0.5	* 4.7	16.0
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 1.5	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.4
Job leaver	99.6	31.3	6.1	24.9	162.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements, pay or hours	6.3	* 2.2	* 0.5	* 0.7	9.8
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	9.5	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.1	10.2
Retired, didn't want to work any longer or too old	* 2.5	* 2.5	* 1.3	14.9	21.2
Returned to studies	17.6	* 1.8	* 0.0	* 0.4	19.9
To get married	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6
Pregnancy, to have children	41.3	15.8	* 2.5	* 4.3	63.8
To look after family, house or someone else	5.5	* 3.6	* 0.8	* 2.2	12.1
To have holiday, to move house or spouse transferred	9.3	* 2.5	* 0.3	* 0.9	13.1
Business closed down for non-economic reasons	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 1.0	* 2.9
Other	5.8	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 0.5	8.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>132.5</i>	<i>45.0</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>39.0</i>	<i>224.4</i>
PERSONS					
Job loser	61.9	20.8	* 3.5	27.8	114.1
Retrenched	22.4	6.6	* 1.1	7.7	37.8
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	18.0	5.6	* 0.4	7.3	31.4
Own ill health or injury	18.7	7.7	* 2.0	12.7	41.0
Business closed down for economic reasons	* 2.8	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 3.9
Job leaver	147.6	38.6	7.9	39.5	233.6
Unsatisfactory work arrangements, pay or hours	10.7	* 3.2	* 0.7	* 0.7	15.3
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	19.3	* 1.8	* 0.3	* 0.7	22.1
Retired, didn't want to work any longer or too old	5.8	* 3.7	* 2.3	26.9	38.8
Returned to studies	36.0	* 3.2	* 0.0	* 0.5	39.7
To get married	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.6
Pregnancy, to have children	41.3	15.8	* 2.5	* 4.3	63.8
To look after family, house or someone else	8.1	* 4.1	* 1.1	* 3.2	16.5
To have holiday, to move house or spouse transferred	12.3	* 2.9	* 0.3	* 1.1	16.7
Business closed down for non-economic reasons	* 2.4	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 1.6	* 4.5
Other	11.4	* 3.6	* 0.2	* 0.5	15.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>209.5</i>	<i>59.4</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>67.4</i>	<i>347.7</i>

TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS LOOKING FOR WORK: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
MALES					
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	47.1	* 0.7	* 0.5	* 0.4	48.7
4 and under 8 weeks	18.6	* 3.3	* 0.1	* 0.9	22.9
8 and under 13 weeks	16.2	* 2.2	* 1.2	* 0.6	20.2
13 and under 26 weeks	7.2	* 2.0	* 0.8	* 1.9	11.8
26 and under 39 weeks	6.1	* 2.3	* 1.1	* 2.3	11.8
39 and under 52 weeks	* 4.0	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 1.5	6.6
<i>Time spent looking for work prior to leaving the labour force —</i>					
Less than 1 year	65.8	7.8	* 1.8	* 3.1	78.5
Less than 3 months	45.4	5.0	* 0.4	* 1.9	52.7
3 and under 6 months	7.2	* 0.9	* 1.0	* 0.2	9.3
6 and under 9 months	10.8	* 1.5	* 0.4	* 0.7	13.4
9 and under 12 months	* 2.5	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 3.1
1 and under 3 years	21.7	* 3.0	* 1.9	* 3.1	29.6
3 and under 5 years	6.3	* 0.7	* 0.0	* 0.5	7.5
5 and under 10 years	* 4.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.8	4.9
10 and under 20 years	* 1.2	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 1.4
20 years or more	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.1
<i>Whether looked for full-time or part-time work before left labour force —</i>					
Full-time	62.3	* 3.5	* 0.9	* 4.3	71.0
Part-time	24.4	5.6	* 0.5	* 1.4	31.9
Both, no preference	12.4	* 2.5	* 2.3	* 1.8	19.0
<i>Reason unavailable for work —</i>					
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	25.1	..	..	..	25.1
Own illness or injury	* 3.4	..	..	..	* 3.4
Attending an educational institution	12.2	..	..	..	12.2
Personal reasons or family responsibilities	5.1	..	..	..	5.1
Had a job to go to	* 0.5	..	..	..	* 0.5
Other reasons	* 3.9	..	..	..	* 3.9
Not actively looking for work	74.0	11.6	* 3.7	7.6	96.9
<i>Reason ceased looking for work —</i>					
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	24.2	6.5	* 2.0	5.6	38.2
Had a job to go to	* 1.6	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.8
Personal reasons	16.2	* 4.2	* 1.8	* 3.3	25.4
Family reasons	* 1.2	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.5
Became discouraged	* 1.0	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 2.7
No jobs in suitable hours	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
Other reasons	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 0.2	* 1.3	* 3.6
Not asked	* 2.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.1
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	49.8	5.1	* 1.7	* 2.0	58.6
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	25.1	..	..	..	25.1
<i>Reason not looking for work —</i>					
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	49.8	5.1	* 1.7	* 2.0	58.6
Had a job to go to	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.9
Personal reasons	30.6	* 2.9	* 0.0	* 0.9	34.5
Family reasons	* 2.2	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.1
On a job related training program	* 2.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.3
Became discouraged	9.9	* 1.0	* 1.4	* 1.1	13.4
No jobs in suitable hours	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.2
Other reasons	* 2.5	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 3.0
Don't know	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.3
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	24.2	6.5	* 2.0	5.6	38.2
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	25.1	..	..	..	25.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>99.1</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>* 3.7</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>122.0</i>

TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS LOOKING FOR WORK: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
FEMALES					
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	86.2	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 1.0	89.5
4 and under 8 weeks	34.7	* 3.8	* 0.8	* 0.0	39.3
8 and under 13 weeks	26.0	* 3.4	* 0.5	* 1.4	31.3
13 and under 26 weeks	20.9	* 3.3	* 0.7	* 2.0	26.8
26 and under 39 weeks	13.5	* 4.0	* 0.5	* 2.2	20.3
39 and under 52 weeks	7.0	* 2.0	* 0.3	* 0.4	9.8
<i>Time spent looking for work prior to leaving the labour force —</i>					
Less than 1 year	134.9	12.3	* 2.4	5.5	155.1
Less than 3 months	87.6	9.1	* 1.2	* 2.4	100.3
3 and under 6 months	16.2	* 1.5	* 0.7	* 0.8	19.2
6 and under 9 months	26.8	* 1.4	* 0.4	* 1.5	30.1
9 and under 12 months	* 4.3	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 0.8	5.5
1 and under 3 years	39.5	* 4.5	* 0.1	* 1.4	45.5
3 and under 5 years	8.8	* 1.2	* 0.3	* 0.0	10.3
5 and under 10 years	* 4.0	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 4.6
10 and under 20 years	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.5
20 years or more	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.8
<i>Whether looked for full-time or part-time work before left labour force —</i>					
Full-time	97.8	* 2.7	* 0.0	* 0.8	101.2
Part-time	66.7	11.1	* 2.3	* 4.3	84.4
Both, no preference	23.8	4.9	* 0.5	* 2.0	31.2
<i>Reason unavailable for work —</i>					
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	36.2	..	..	..	36.2
Own illness or injury	* 3.8	..	..	..	* 3.8
Attending an educational institution	14.7	..	..	..	14.7
Personal reasons or family responsibilities	11.7	..	..	..	11.7
Had a job to go to	* 2.0	..	..	..	* 2.0
Other reasons	* 4.1	..	..	..	* 4.1
Not actively looking for work	152.1	18.6	* 2.8	7.1	180.6
<i>Reason ceased looking for work —</i>					
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	40.3	9.3	* 1.9	5.7	57.3
Had a job to go to	* 1.8	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 2.3
Personal reasons	27.6	5.9	* 1.1	* 3.1	37.7
Family reasons	* 2.5	* 2.0	* 0.4	* 0.4	5.3
Became discouraged	* 2.5	* 0.5	* 0.4	* 1.7	5.2
No jobs in suitable hours	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.4
Other reasons	* 0.9	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 1.2
Not asked	* 4.2	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 4.2
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	111.8	9.3	* 0.8	* 1.4	123.3
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	36.2	..	..	..	36.2
<i>Reason not looking for work —</i>					
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	111.8	9.3	* 0.8	* 1.4	123.3
Had a job to go to	* 2.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 2.4
Personal reasons	46.8	* 3.2	* 0.7	* 0.0	50.7
Family reasons	34.5	* 4.1	* 0.0	* 0.6	39.1
On a job related training program	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.3
Became discouraged	18.1	* 1.9	* 0.0	* 0.6	20.6
No jobs in suitable hours	* 3.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.1
Other reasons	* 4.0	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 4.4
Don't know	* 1.6	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 1.7
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	40.3	9.3	* 1.9	5.7	57.3
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	36.2	..	..	..	36.2
Total	188.3	18.6	* 2.8	7.1	216.8

TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS LOOKING FOR WORK: SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	<i>Whether intended to return to the labour force</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Intended to return</i>	<i>Might return</i>	<i>Did not know</i>	<i>Did not intend to return</i>	
	PERSONS				
<i>Time since left the labour force —</i>					
1 and under 4 weeks	133.3	* 3.0	* 0.5	* 1.5	138.2
4 and under 8 weeks	53.3	7.1	* 0.9	* 0.9	62.2
8 and under 13 weeks	42.1	5.6	* 1.7	* 2.0	51.4
13 and under 26 weeks	28.0	5.3	* 1.5	* 3.9	38.6
26 and under 39 weeks	19.7	6.3	* 1.6	* 4.5	32.1
39 and under 52 weeks	11.0	* 3.1	* 0.3	* 1.9	16.3
<i>Time spent looking for work prior to leaving the labour force —</i>					
Less than 1 year	200.8	20.1	* 4.2	8.6	233.6
Less than 3 months	132.9	14.1	* 1.7	* 4.3	153.0
3 and under 6 months	23.4	* 2.4	* 1.7	* 1.0	28.5
6 and under 9 months	37.6	* 2.9	* 0.7	* 2.2	43.5
9 and under 12 months	6.8	* 0.7	* 0.1	* 1.1	8.7
1 and under 3 years	61.1	7.5	* 2.0	* 4.5	75.1
3 and under 5 years	15.1	* 1.9	* 0.3	* 0.5	17.8
5 and under 10 years	8.1	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.8	9.5
10 and under 20 years	* 1.7	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 1.9
20 years or more	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.9
<i>Whether looked for full-time or part-time work before left labour force —</i>					
Full-time	160.0	6.2	* 0.9	5.1	172.2
Part-time	91.1	16.7	* 2.8	5.7	116.3
Both, no preference	36.3	7.4	* 2.8	* 3.8	50.3
<i>Reason unavailable for work —</i>					
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	61.4	..	..	..	61.4
Own illness or injury	7.2	..	..	..	7.2
Attending an educational institution	26.8	..	..	..	26.8
Personal reasons or family responsibilities	16.8	..	..	..	16.8
Had a job to go to	* 2.5	..	..	..	* 2.5
Other reasons	7.9	..	..	..	7.9
Not actively looking for work	226.0	30.3	6.5	14.7	277.5
<i>Reason ceased looking for work —</i>					
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	64.5	15.8	* 3.9	11.3	95.5
Had a job to go to	* 3.4	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 4.1
Personal reasons	43.8	10.1	* 2.9	6.4	63.1
Family reasons	* 3.7	* 3.2	* 0.4	* 0.4	7.8
Became discouraged	* 3.4	* 1.3	* 0.4	* 2.7	7.9
No jobs in suitable hours	* 0.8	* 0.6	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 1.4
Other reasons	* 3.0	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 1.4	4.8
Not asked	6.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	6.3
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	161.6	14.4	* 2.5	* 3.4	182.0
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	61.4	..	..	..	61.4
<i>Reason not looking for work —</i>					
Wanted to work and available for work within four weeks	161.6	14.4	* 2.5	* 3.4	182.0
Had a job to go to	* 3.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.3
Personal reasons	77.4	6.1	* 0.7	* 0.9	85.2
Family reasons	36.7	4.9	* 0.0	* 0.6	42.2
On a job related training program	* 3.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.5
Became discouraged	28.0	* 3.0	* 1.4	* 1.7	34.0
No jobs in suitable hours	* 3.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 3.3
Other reasons	6.5	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 0.3	7.4
Don't know	* 2.9	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.0	* 3.0
Did not want to work or not available for work within four weeks	64.5	15.8	* 3.9	11.3	95.5
Actively looking for work but not available for work in the reference week	61.4	..	..	..	61.4
Total	287.4	30.3	6.5	14.7	338.8

TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WHO INTENDED TO RETURN(a) TO THE LABOUR FORCE: WHETHER PREFERRED SAME OCCUPATION UPON RETURN, WHETHER PREFERRED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT UPON RETURN, ANTICIPATED TIME UNTIL RE-ENTRY INTO THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE, SEPTEMBER 1994 ('000)

	Age (years)							Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64		65-69
MALES									
<i>Whether preferred same occupation upon return —</i>									
Last labour force activity was working	30.3	24.9	22.4	15.7	13.3	6.7	6.7	* 1.4	121.4
Preferred same occupation	6.2	7.6	11.2	6.6	* 4.3	* 2.6	* 3.6	* 1.3	43.2
Preferred different occupation	18.5	11.8	8.8	5.2	6.2	* 3.3	* 1.3	* 0.1	55.2
No preference, did not know	5.7	5.4	* 2.5	* 3.9	* 2.9	* 0.8	* 1.8	* 0.0	22.9
Last labour force activity was looking for work	29.2	13.0	9.4	9.7	8.3	* 3.5	* 4.7	* 2.9	80.7
<i>Whether preferred full-time or part-time employment upon return —</i>									
Full-time	24.5	29.5	23.2	18.5	12.1	* 3.0	* 3.8	* 0.3	114.6
Part-time	32.3	6.8	6.2	5.2	6.8	6.2	5.8	* 3.3	72.6
No preference	* 2.8	* 1.7	* 2.4	* 1.7	* 2.8	* 1.0	* 1.8	* 0.7	14.8
<i>Anticipated time until re-entry into the labour force —</i>									
In the next 12 months	50.1	33.5	28.3	22.8	19.1	7.5	10.8	* 3.8	175.9
After more than 12 months	9.5	* 4.4	* 3.4	* 2.6	* 2.5	* 2.6	* 0.5	* 0.6	26.2
Total	59.5	37.9	31.8	25.4	21.6	10.1	11.4	* 4.3	202.1
FEMALES									
<i>Whether preferred same occupation upon return —</i>									
Last labour force activity was working	31.0	35.0	79.0	43.9	19.7	5.9	* 1.9	* 0.6	217.0
Preferred same occupation	5.8	13.2	44.9	20.7	8.8	* 3.2	* 1.9	* 0.6	99.2
Preferred different occupation	19.2	18.4	22.8	17.4	7.7	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 0.0	86.7
No preference, did not know	6.1	* 3.4	11.2	5.8	* 3.2	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 0.0	31.1
Last labour force activity was looking for work	39.1	24.1	39.7	35.8	21.9	* 4.8	* 1.9	* 0.1	167.4
<i>Whether preferred full-time or part-time employment upon return —</i>									
Full-time	23.3	23.0	23.6	17.7	8.9	* 1.2	* 0.2	* 0.0	97.8
Part-time	42.4	29.6	84.4	56.3	26.0	7.8	* 3.2	* 0.7	250.4
No preference	* 4.5	6.5	10.8	5.7	6.8	* 1.7	* 0.5	* 0.0	36.3
<i>Anticipated time until re-entry into the labour force —</i>									
In the next 12 months	60.6	47.1	83.1	64.3	35.9	9.6	* 3.2	* 0.7	304.5
After more than 12 months	9.5	12.0	35.6	15.4	5.8	* 1.0	* 0.7	* 0.0	80.0
Total	70.2	59.1	118.7	79.7	41.6	10.6	* 3.9	* 0.7	384.5
PERSONS									
<i>Whether preferred same occupation upon return —</i>									
Last labour force activity was working	61.4	59.9	101.4	59.6	33.0	12.5	8.6	* 2.0	338.4
Preferred same occupation	11.9	20.8	56.1	27.3	13.1	5.9	5.5	* 1.9	142.5
Preferred different occupation	37.7	30.2	31.6	22.6	13.9	* 4.4	* 1.3	* 0.1	141.9
No preference, did not know	11.7	8.9	13.7	9.7	6.0	* 2.3	* 1.8	* 0.0	54.1
Last labour force activity was looking for work	68.3	37.1	49.1	45.5	30.2	8.2	6.6	* 3.0	248.1
<i>Whether preferred full-time or part-time employment upon return —</i>									
Full-time	47.8	52.4	46.7	36.2	20.9	* 4.1	* 4.0	* 0.3	212.4
Part-time	74.7	36.4	90.6	61.5	32.8	14.0	9.1	* 4.0	323.0
No preference	7.2	8.2	13.1	7.4	9.6	* 2.6	* 2.2	* 0.7	51.1
<i>Anticipated time until re-entry into the labour force —</i>									
In the next 12 months	110.7	80.6	111.5	87.1	55.0	17.1	14.1	* 4.5	480.5
After more than 12 months	19.0	16.4	39.0	18.0	8.2	* 3.6	* 1.2	* 0.6	106.1
Total	129.7	97.0	150.5	105.1	63.2	20.8	15.3	5.0	586.6

(a) Includes persons who indicated they 'might return'.

TABLE 9. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1994
(^{'000})

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
	MALES								
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who have left the labour force	72.8	61.8	47.4	19.4	26.1	8.7	2.9	6.2	245.3
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working	35.7	29.9	25.0	10.7	13.7	2.9	1.6	3.7	123.3
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was looking for work	37.1	31.9	22.4	8.6	12.4	5.8	* 1.3	2.5	122.0
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force	61.3	50.7	38.7	15.1	21.0	7.2	2.9	5.1	202.1
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who did not intend to return to the labour force	11.5	11.0	8.7	4.3	5.1	* 1.5	* 0.0	1.1	43.2
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force and whose last labour force activity was working as an employee	24.8	21.1	17.8	6.8	8.8	* 1.6	* 1.4	2.6	84.8

TABLE 9. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1994
(’000)

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
FEMALES									
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who have left the labour force	134.1	106.0	90.1	36.9	48.1	13.5	4.4	8.2	441.2
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working	67.3	48.9	48.6	19.0	27.3	7.0	2.6	3.6	224.4
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was looking for work	66.7	57.1	41.5	17.9	20.7	6.5	1.8	4.6	216.8
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force	113.6	94.5	79.2	32.2	41.8	11.6	4.1	7.4	384.5
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who did not intend to return to the labour force	20.4	11.5	10.9	4.6	6.2	1.9	* 0.4	* 0.8	56.7
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force and whose last labour force activity was working as an employee	49.3	39.7	36.9	14.2	20.0	5.2	2.4	3.1	170.6
<i>Population 7:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working and whose reason for leaving their last job was pregnancy/to have children	14.9	20.5	12.3	4.7	7.9	2.0	* 0.6	* 0.8	63.8

TABLE 9. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATE AND TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1994
(’000)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
PERSONS									
<i>Population 1:</i> Persons who have left the labour force	206.9	167.8	137.5	56.2	74.2	22.2	7.3	14.4	686.5
<i>Population 2:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working	103.1	78.8	73.6	29.7	41.0	9.9	4.2	7.3	347.7
<i>Population 3:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was looking for work	103.8	89.0	63.9	26.5	33.1	12.3	3.1	7.1	338.8
<i>Population 4:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force	174.9	145.3	117.8	47.3	62.9	18.8	7.0	12.5	586.6
<i>Population 5:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who did not intend to return to the labour force	31.9	22.5	19.6	8.9	11.3	3.4	* 0.4	1.9	99.9
<i>Population 6:</i> Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force and whose last labour force activity was working as an employee	74.1	60.8	54.6	21.0	28.7	6.8	3.8	5.7	255.4
<i>Population 7:</i> Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working and whose reason for leaving their last job was pregnancy/to have children	14.9	20.5	12.3	4.7	7.9	2.0	* 0.6	* 0.8	63.8

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly Labour Force Survey and supplementary topics. These tables contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the September 1994 Labour Force Survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the Labour Force Survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked about the time since they left the labour force, their main activity since then, their main source of income, their intentions of returning to the labour force and their educational attainment. Respondents whose last labour force activity was working were asked details of their previous job and reason for leaving that job; respondents whose last labour force activity was looking for work were asked their reason for no longer looking for work.

Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the Labour Force Survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to persons who have left the labour force in the last twelve months aged 15 to 69, excluding students who were boarding at school and institutionalised persons.

Coverage

4. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

5. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in these tables are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

6. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (ie. the reference week).

Results of the survey

7. Due to differences in the method of estimation used in this supplementary survey and that used in the Labour Force Survey and the differences in the scope of this survey, there are some small variations between estimates in these tables and those in the corresponding issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

8. The estimates in these tables refer to information collected in the survey month and due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

9. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in November 1985, have been given in previous issues of the discontinued publication *Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia* (6267.0).

10. A brief analysis of statistics from this survey, and a set of summary tables were published in the March 1995 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

11. Statistical tables formerly published in these bulletins are now available as a Standard Data Service, available on subscription or on request. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Phone Inquiries box on the Contents page.

12. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in September 1997.

Unpublished statistics

13. As well as the statistics included in these tables and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Inquiries box on the Contents page.

Estimation procedure

14. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each State by age, sex and labour force status, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Comparability of series

15. The scope of surveys run prior to September 1994 included all persons aged 15 and over. In September 1994 the survey was restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over.

16. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a long period of time which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly Labour Force Survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference period. For the survey of 'Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force' a person is assigned to labour force categories at various times on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the rigidly defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly Labour Force Survey.

Discontinuities in the series

17. The educational attainment data item in this survey has been classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The major difference between data collected according to the ABSCQ and the previous classification used is that the level of attainment and field of study in the ABSCQ are two distinct elements. For a more detailed explanation of the ABSCQ, see *Information Paper, Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications — ABSCQ* (1263.0).

Survey sample redesign

18. Previously this survey has been conducted on all dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since July 1994, this has been reduced to seven-eighths of the Labour Force Survey sample. As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

Benchmark revision

19. From February 1994, the monthly Labour Force Survey and its supplementary surveys are based on population estimates from the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. While historical monthly labour force estimates were revised back to January 1989, results of supplementary surveys conducted before February 1994 were not revised and are based on population estimates from the 1986 Census of Population and Housing.

20. The change to population estimates based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing resulted in a downward revision to the size of the in-scope civilian population aged 15 and over (the January 1994 estimate of this population was revised from the 13,960,400 to 13,860,400, a downward revision of 100,000 or approximately one per cent).

21. This change in the base population estimates should be considered when comparing the results of supplementary surveys conducted before February 1994 with results of those conducted after February 1994.

Changes in families classifications

22. The *Relationship in household* classification has been introduced to align with recently established ABS standards. Most categories in the new classification remain comparable with categories in the previous classification, *Family Status*. The cases in which there are breaks in comparability are discussed in the following paragraphs.

(a) *Lone parents* (previously referred to as *Sole parents*) now includes parents with non-dependent children (provided those children are without a spouse or children of their own).

(b) *Dependent students* (previously *Full-time students aged 15-24*) now comprise sons or daughters (of a couple or a lone parent) aged 15 to 19 attending school or aged 15 to 24 attending a tertiary educational institution full-time. Other related full-time students, who were previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24* are now included in *Other family persons*.

(c) *Other family persons* now comprises the previous groups:

- *Other family head* (excluding those now counted as *Lone Parents*);
- Other related full-time students (previously classified as *Full-time students aged 15-24*) and;
- Other relative of married couple or family head.

For further details refer to *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Changes in industry classification

23. From August 1994, industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *ANZSIC 1993* (1291.0). Like the previous Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities, in a structure consisting of four levels (Division, Sub-division, Group and Class).

For further details refer to *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Reliability of the estimates

24. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling error. For more information refer to the Technical Note section.

Related surveys

25. Other supplements to the monthly Labour Force Survey which may be of interest include:

Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0) — conducted annually

Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6260.0) — conducted irregularly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0) — conducted annually

26. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications and standard data services to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Note section
- . . not applicable
- n.a. not available

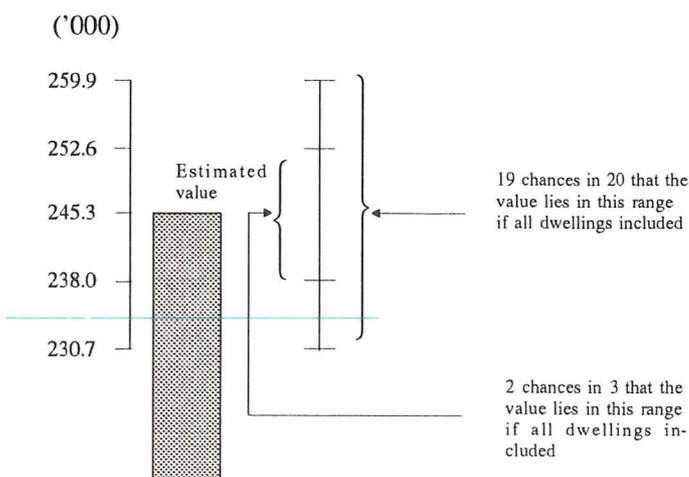
27. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 shows the estimated number of males not in the labour force who had left the labour force within the last twelve months is 245,300. Since this estimate is between 200,000 and 300,000, the table below shows that the standard error for Australia will be between 6,800 and 8,000 and can be approximated by interpolation as 7,300 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 238,000 to 252,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 230,700 to 259,900. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



4. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

5. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is:

$$RSE (x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE (x)]^2 + [RSE (y)]^2}$$

6. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, of the 245,300 males not in the labour force who had left the labour force within the last twelve months, there were 91,400 (or 37.3 per cent) whose last labour force activity was working and who intended to or might return to the labour force. The standard error of 91,400 is approximately 4,900 so the relative standard error is 5.3 per cent. The relative standard error for 245,300 is 3.0 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(5.3)^2 + (3.0)^2}$ or 4.4 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (37.3 per cent) of 1.6 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males not in the labour force who had left the labour force within the last twelve months and intended to or might return to the labour force is between 35.7 per cent and 38.9 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 34.1 per cent to 40.5 per cent.

7. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE (x-y) = \sqrt{[SE (x)]^2 + [SE (y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they

may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia	
									—number—	Relative standard error (per cent)
200			220	200	220	140	150	110	210	104.2
300		320	270	240	270	180	180	130	260	88.1
400	420	370	320	280	310	210	200	150	310	78.0
500	480	410	360	310	350	230	220	170	350	70.8
600	520	460	390	340	380	250	240	180	390	65.4
700	560	490	420	370	410	270	260	190	430	61.1
800	600	530	450	400	440	290	270	210	460	57.6
900	640	560	480	420	460	310	290	220	490	54.7
1,000	680	590	500	440	490	320	300	230	520	52.2
1,100	710	620	530	460	510	340	320	240	550	50.0
1,200	740	650	550	480	530	350	330	250	580	48.0
1,300	770	680	570	500	550	370	340	260	600	46.3
1,400	800	700	590	520	570	380	350	270	630	44.8
1,500	830	730	610	530	590	390	360	270	650	43.4
1,600	850	750	630	550	610	400	370	280	670	42.1
1,700	880	770	650	570	620	410	380	290	700	40.9
1,800	900	790	670	580	640	420	390	300	720	39.9
1,900	930	820	690	600	660	430	400	300	740	38.9
2,000	950	840	710	610	670	440	410	310	760	38.0
2,100	970	860	720	630	690	450	420	320	780	37.1
2,200	1,000	880	740	640	700	460	430	320	800	36.3
2,300	1,000	900	760	650	720	470	440	330	820	35.5
2,400	1,050	920	770	670	730	480	450	330	840	34.8
2,500	1,050	930	790	680	750	490	460	340	850	34.2
3,000	1,150	1,000	860	740	810	530	500	370	940	31.3
3,500	1,250	1,100	920	790	870	560	530	390	1,000	29.1
4,000	1,350	1,150	980	840	920	590	570	410	1,100	27.3
4,500	1,400	1,250	1,050	890	970	620	600	440	1,150	25.8
5,000	1,450	1,300	1,100	930	1,000	650	630	460	1,200	24.5
6,000	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,000	1,100	700	680	490	1,350	22.4
8,000	1,850	1,600	1,350	1,150	1,250	770	780	550	1,550	19.4
10,000	2,000	1,800	1,500	1,250	1,400	840	870	600	1,750	17.3
20,000	2,750	2,450	2,000	1,700	1,850	1,050	1,200	790	2,450	12.1
30,000	3,300	2,900	2,400	2,000	2,200	1,200	1,450	930	2,950	9.8
40,000	3,700	3,300	2,700	2,250	2,450	1,350	1,650	1,050	3,350	8.4
50,000	4,050	3,600	2,950	2,450	2,700	1,400	1,850	1,100	3,700	7.4
100,000	5,400	4,800	3,950	3,200	3,550	1,700	2,550	1,450	5,100	5.1
200,000	7,100	6,300	5,200	4,150	4,600	2,050	3,550	1,850	6,800	3.4
300,000	8,300	7,300	6,000	4,800	5,400	2,200	.	2,100	8,000	2.7
400,000	9,200	8,100	6,700	5,300	6,000	2,350	.	.	9,000	2.3
500,000	10,000	8,800	7,300	5,700	6,500	2,450	.	.	9,900	2.0
1,000,000	12,800	11,300	9,300	7,200	8,300	.	.	.	12,900	1.3
2,000,000	16,300	14,300	11,900	9,000	10,400	.	.	.	16,700	0.8
5,000,000	22,000	19,100	16,000	.	.	.	.	.	23,100	0.5
10,000,000	27,300	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29,100	0.3
20,000,000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36,100	0.2

GLOSSARY

AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY: provides income support to financially disadvantaged full-time secondary or tertiary students.

Became discouraged: persons who ceased looking for a job because they believed they would not be able to find a job for any of the following reasons - considered to be too young or too old by employers; difficulties with language or ethnic background; lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience; no jobs in their locality or line of work; or no jobs at all.

Ceased last job: persons who left or lost their last job.

Ceased looking for work: persons who stopped looking for work for personal, family or other reasons or who *became discouraged* (as defined).

Duration of continuous period in the labour force before leaving: the total number of weeks/years persons worked and/or looked for work in an unbroken period immediately prior to leaving the labour force.

Educational attainment: measures the highest qualification attained by the respondent, with post-school qualifications classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). For the purposes of ABSCQ, level of (educational) attainment is the recognition by an accredited authority, that a person possesses knowledge and practical ability of a certain quality and quantity. The seven categories for level of attainment are: higher degree, post-graduate diploma, bachelor degree, undergraduate diploma, associate diploma, skilled vocational qualifications and basic vocational qualifications.

Note: Persons who reported having a certificate qualification which required the equivalent of less than one semester full-time study duration to complete, are not considered by the ABSCQ to have attained post-school qualifications.

Family reasons: include ill health of other than self, unable to find suitable childcare, children too young or prefers to look after children, other family considerations.

Full-time employees in last job: employees for whom full-time was the response to the question 'was that job full-time or part-time?'

Industry: all occurrences of industry in this publication refer to Industry Division as defined by the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC). See paragraph 23 of the Explanatory Notes section for further detail.

Job leavers: persons who voluntarily ceased their last job.

Job losers: persons who involuntarily ceased their last job.

Looked for work: persons who were out of work and looking for a job.

Main English speaking countries: comprises UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand.

Main source of income: current main source of income in the reference week.

Occupation: all occurrences of occupation in this publication refer to Major Group as defined by the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO).

Part-time employees in last job: employees for whom part-time was the response to the question 'was that job full-time or part-time?'

Personal reasons: include own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy, studying or returning to studies, does not need to work, give others a chance, welfare payment or pension may be affected, moved house, holidays.

Persons in the labour force: persons who either worked or looked for work (as defined).

Persons not in the labour force: persons who do not meet the criteria that would enable them to be classified as being in the labour force. To be classified as being in the labour force, a person must be aged 15 or over and be either employed or unemployed. Persons not in the labour force, therefore, include all persons aged 15 and over who are not employed, who want to work but do not meet the criteria to be classified as unemployed; who do not want to work; or who, through incapacity or infirmity, cannot work.

Persons who have left the labour force: persons who worked or looked for work (as defined) at some time in the twelve months prior to the survey and were not in the labour force in the week prior to the interview (i.e. the reference week).

Relationship in household: see paragraph 22 in the Explanatory Notes section.

Still at school: current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.

Time since left the labour force: the total number of weeks since last worked or looked for work.

Type of work preferred: whether persons had a preference for full-time or part-time work.

Worked: persons who had either worked or been on paid leave.

SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

The ABS offers a range of unpublished data from this survey upon request. When ordering special tables from this survey, please ensure you identify the **population(s)** and the **data item(s)** which you require.

This section specifies the data items, categories and populations which relate to the survey and includes an order form for special tables.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

POPULATIONS

NOTE: 'Persons who have left the labour force' refers to persons aged 15 to 69 years who left the labour force during the year ending September 1994.

POPULATION 1: Persons who have left the labour force.

POPULATION 2: Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working.

POPULATION 3: Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was looking for work.

POPULATION 4: Persons who have left the labour force who intended to return to the labour force.

POPULATION 5: Persons who have left the labour force who did not intend to return to the labour force.

POPULATION 6: Persons who have left the labour force who intended return to the labour force and whose last labour force activity was working as a wage and salary earner.

POPULATION 7: Persons who have left the labour force whose last labour force activity was working and whose reason for leaving their job was 'pregnancy/to have children'.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	ALL
New South Wales		Family member	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With dependents	
South Australia		Without dependents	
Western Australia		Lone parent	
Tasmania		With dependents	
Northern Territory		Without dependents	
Australian Capital Territory		Dependent student	
		Non dependent child	
		Other family person	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Non family member	
Capital City		Lone person	
Balance of State/Territory		Not living alone	
		Not determined	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Family member	
		Husband or wife	
4 SEX	ALL	With children under 15	
Males		Without children under 15	
Females		Lone parent	
		With children under 15	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	Without children under 15	
Married		Without dependents	
Not married		Dependent student	
		Non dependent child	
		Other family person	
		Non family member	
		Lone person	
		Not living alone	
		Not determined	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL	9B TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK PRIOR TO LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE, WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS LOOKING FOR WORK	3
Born in Australia		Less than 1 year	
Born outside Australia		Less than 3 months	
Arrived before 1961		3 and under 6 months	
Arrived 1961-1970		6 and under 9 months	
Arrived 1971-1980		9 and under 12 months	
Arrived 1981-1990		1 and under 3 years	
Arrived 1991 to survey date		3 and under 5 years	
7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL	5 and under 10 years	
Born in Australia		10 and under 20 years	
Born outside Australia		20 years or more	
Born in main English speaking countries		10A TIME SPENT IN LAST JOB, WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING	2,6,7
Born in other countries		Less than 1 year	
7C BIRTHPLACE (2)	ALL	Less than 3 months	
Born in Australia		3 and under 6 months	
Born outside Australia		6 and under 9 months	
Oceania		9 and under 12 months	
New Zealand		1 and under 3 years	
Europe and the former USSR		3 and under 5 years	
Germany		5 and under 10 years	
Greece		10 and under 20 years	
Italy		20 years or more	
Netherlands		11 STATUS OF WORKER IN PREVIOUS JOB	2, 7
UK and Ireland		Employer	
Former Yugoslav Republic		Own account worker	
The Middle East and North Africa		Employee	
Lebanon		Contributing family worker	
Southeast Asia		Unpaid voluntary work	
Malaysia		12 WHETHER FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORKER IN LAST JOB	2, 6, 7
Philippines		Full-time	
Viet Nam		Part-time	
Northeast Asia		Varied/did not know	
China		13 OCCUPATION IN PREVIOUS JOB	2, 6, 7
The Americas		Managers and administrators	
Other		Professionals	
India		Para-professionals	
8 AGE (Single years collected)	ALL	Tradespersons	
15 - 19 years		Clerks	
20 - 24 years		Salespersons and personal service workers	
25 - 34 years		Plant and machine operators, and drivers	
35 - 44 years		Labourers and related workers	
45 - 54 years		14 INDUSTRY OF PREVIOUS JOB	2, 6, 7
55 - 59 years		Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	
60 - 64 years		Mining	
65 years and over		Manufacturing	
9A TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK PRIOR TO LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE, WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS LOOKING FOR WORK	3	Electricity, gas and water supply	
Less than 1 year		Construction	
Less than 3 months		Wholesale trade	
3 and under 6 months		Retail trade	
6 and under 9 months		Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	
9 and under 12 months		Transport and storage	
1 and under 3 years		Communication services	
3 and under 5 years		Finance and insurance	
5 and under 10 years		Property and business services	
10 and under 20 years		Government administration and defence	
20 years or more		Education	
		Health and community services	
		Cultural and recreational services	
		Personal and other services	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
15 REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB	2, 6	18B REASON CEASED LOOKING FOR WORK	3
Job loser		Did not want to work or not available within 4 weeks	
Retrenched		Had a job to go to	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies		Personal reasons	
Own ill health or injury		Own ill health or physical disability	
Business closed down for economic reasons		Pregnancy	
Job leaver		Studying or returning to studies	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements		Does not need to work	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies		Give others a chance	
Retired/didn't want to work any longer		Welfare payments or pensions may be affected	
Returned to studies		Moved house or on holiday	
To get married		Childcare	
Pregnancy/to have children		Ill health of other than self	
To look after family, house or someone else		Other family considerations	
To have holiday/to move house/spouse transferred		Employers think too old or young	
Business closed down for other reasons		Lacks necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	
Other		Difficulties with language or ethnic background	
		No jobs in locality or line of work	
		No jobs in suitable hours	
		No jobs at all	
16A MATERNITY LEAVE STATUS (1)	7	18C REASON NOT LOOKING FOR WORK	3
On unpaid maternity leave		Wanted to work and were available within four weeks	
Preceded by paid maternity leave		Had a job to go to	
Not preceded by paid maternity leave		Personal reasons	
Not on unpaid maternity leave		Own ill health or physical disability	
Had had unpaid maternity leave		Pregnancy	
Preceded by paid maternity leave		Studying or returning to studies	
Not preceded by paid maternity leave		Does not need to work	
Had not had unpaid maternity leave		Give others a chance	
Had had paid maternity leave		Welfare payments or pensions may be affected	
Had not had paid maternity leave		Moved house or on holiday	
		Family reasons	
16B MATERNITY LEAVE STATUS (2)	7	Ill health of other than self	
Had had paid maternity leave		Childcare	
Had not had paid maternity leave		Other family considerations	
		On a job related training program	
17 WHETHER LOOKED FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK BEFORE LEFT LABOUR FORCE	3	Became discouraged	
Full-time		Employers think too old or young	
Part-time		Lacks necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	
Both/no preference		Difficulties with language or ethnic background	
		No jobs in locality or line of work	
18A REASON UNAVAILABLE FOR WORK	3	No jobs at all	
Actively looking for work		No jobs in suitable hours	
Own illness or injury		Other reasons	
Personal reasons or family responsibilities		Don't know	
Had a job to go to		Did not want to work or not available within four weeks	
Other		Actively looking for work but not available in the reference week	
Not actively looking for work			
		19A MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE	1,2:7
		Home duties/childcare	
		Attending an educational institution	
		Retired/voluntarily inactive	
		Own illness/injury or own disability/handicap	
		Looking after ill/disabled person	
		Travel/moving house/holiday	
		Worked in unpaid voluntary job	
		Unpaid leave	
		Other	

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
19B MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE	1,2:7	25 WHETHER PREFERRED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS UPON RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE	4, 6
Home duties/childcare		Full-time	
Attending an educational institution		Part-time	
Retired/voluntarily inactive		No preference	
Own illness/injury or own disability/handicap			
Travel/moving house/holiday		26 WHETHER PREFERRED SAME OCCUPATION UPON RETURN	6
Other		Same occupation	
20 TIME SINCE LEFT LABOUR FORCE	1,2:7	Different occupation	
1 and under 4 weeks		No preference/did not know	
4 and under 8 weeks			
8 and under 13 weeks		27A EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	1,2:7
13 and under 26 weeks		With post-school qualifications	
26 and under 39 weeks		Higher Degree	
39 and under 52 weeks		Post-graduate diploma	
21 MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME	1,2:7	Bachelor degree	
Accumulated leave/compensation		Undergraduate diploma	
Superannuation		Associate diploma	
Life assurance, other retirement schemes		Skilled vocational qualification	
AUSTUDY/ABSTUDY		Basic vocational qualification	
Age, disability support, sole parent's or widow's pension		Without post-school qualifications	
Jobsearch/Newstart/Sickness allowance/Special benefit		Completed highest level of secondary school available	
War disability, Repat, Service or War Widows pension		Didn't complete highest level of secondary school available	
Rent, farm, business or property		Never attended school	
Investment, interest, stocks, debentures etc.		Still at school	
Savings or sale of assets		Not determined	
Someone else's income/pension or superannuation		27B EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	1,2:7
Other		With post-school qualifications	
22 INTENTION TO ENTER THE THE LABOUR FORCE	1,2:7	Without post-school qualifications	
Intended to/might enter the labour force		Completed highest level of secondary school available	
Intended to enter the labour force		Didn't complete highest level of secondary school available	
Might enter the labour force		Never attended school	
Did not intend to enter the labour force or did not know		Still at school	
Did not intend to enter the labour force		28 LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY	1,4,5
Did not know		Worked	
23 INTENTION TO ENTER THE THE LABOUR FORCE IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS	1,2:7	Looked for work	
Intended to/might enter the labour force in the next twelve months		29 SUMMARY VARIABLE	1A
Intended to enter the labour force		All persons aged 15 and over	
Might enter the labour force		In the labour force	
Did not intend to enter the labour force in the next twelve months, or did not know		Not in the labour force	
Did not intend to enter the labour force		Left the labour force within the last twelve months	
Did not know		Last labour force activity was working	
24 ANTICIPATED TIME UNTIL RE-ENTRY INTO THE LABOUR FORCE	4, 6	Worked less than one year in previous job	
In the next twelve months		Worked one year or more in previous job	
After more than twelve months		Last labour force activity was looking for work	
Don't know		Looked for less than one year before leaving	
Never		Looked for one year or more before leaving	
		Did not leave the labour force in the last twelve months	

SPECIAL DATA REQUESTS

PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1994

Please specify your special data request(s) on the order form provided on the following page.

The following points should be noted when requesting special tables:

1. Table requests will be available on computer printout, floppy disk or microfiche.
2. The current cost of special tables is as follows —

No. of data items (excluding populations)	Cost per table (\$)
2	120
3	150
4	225
5	330
6 or more	negotiable

NOTE (i) Prices quoted are subject to revisions.

3. Return the completed **SPECIAL DATA REQUEST ORDER FORM** to —

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4. The invoiced cost is payable in full within 28 days of supply.
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SUPPLEMENTARY AND SPECIAL SURVEYS

The supplementary and special surveys collect data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is a historical list of supplementary and special labour force surveys. Statistical tables published in these bulletins are available as a Publication or a Standard Data Service, available by subscription or on request. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Phone Inquiries box on the Contents page. It may be possible to order Unit Record Tapes on the following supplementary and special surveys by contacting the ABS (see below for contact numbers).

<i>Title of Survey</i>	<i>Catalogue No.</i>
Alternative Working Arrangements, Australia. Irregular. Latest issue September to November 1986	6341.0
Annual and Long Service Leave Taken, Australia, May 1988 to April 1989	6317.0
Career Experience, Australia. Three-yearly. First issue February 1993	6254.0
Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia, 1989	6243.0
Career Paths of Qualified Nurses, Australia, 1989	6277.0
Child Care, Australia. Irregular. Latest issue June 1993	4402.0
Employment Benefits, Australia. Two-yearly. Latest issue August 1994	6334.0.40.001
Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Persons with Earned Income, 1986, 1990	6546.0
Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia. Annually. Latest issue July 1994	6222.0
Labour Force Experience, Australia. Annually. Latest issue March 1994	6206.0
Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia. Annually. Final issue February 1994	6235.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia. Annually. Latest issue June 1994	6224.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia. Three-yearly. Latest issue September 1993	6250.0
Labour Mobility, Australia. Two-yearly. Latest issue February 1994	6209.0
Multiple Jobholding, Australia. Four-yearly. Latest issue August 1994	6216.0.40.001
Participation in Education, Australia. Annually. Latest issue September 1994	6272.0.40.001
Persons Employed at Home, Australia. Irregular. Latest issue March 1992	6275.0
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia. Annually. Latest issue September 1994	6220.0.40.001
Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia. Three-yearly. Latest issue May 1993	6264.0
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