

CHAPTER 5

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

Persons not in the labour force represent that group of the population who during a particular week are not employed or unemployed. Interest in this group centres primarily around their potential to participate in the labour force. In addition to analysing persons not in the labour force by their demographic and family characteristics, attention is also focussed on their degree of attachment to the labour force. Aspects such as whether they want a job and whether they are discouraged jobseekers (i.e. whether they are out of the labour force because of economic circumstances) are given emphasis. Modifications introduced in the September 1983 survey have provided information on a new concept, 'marginal attachment to the labour force', and improvements in the measurement of discouraged jobseekers. These changes have caused a break in the series.

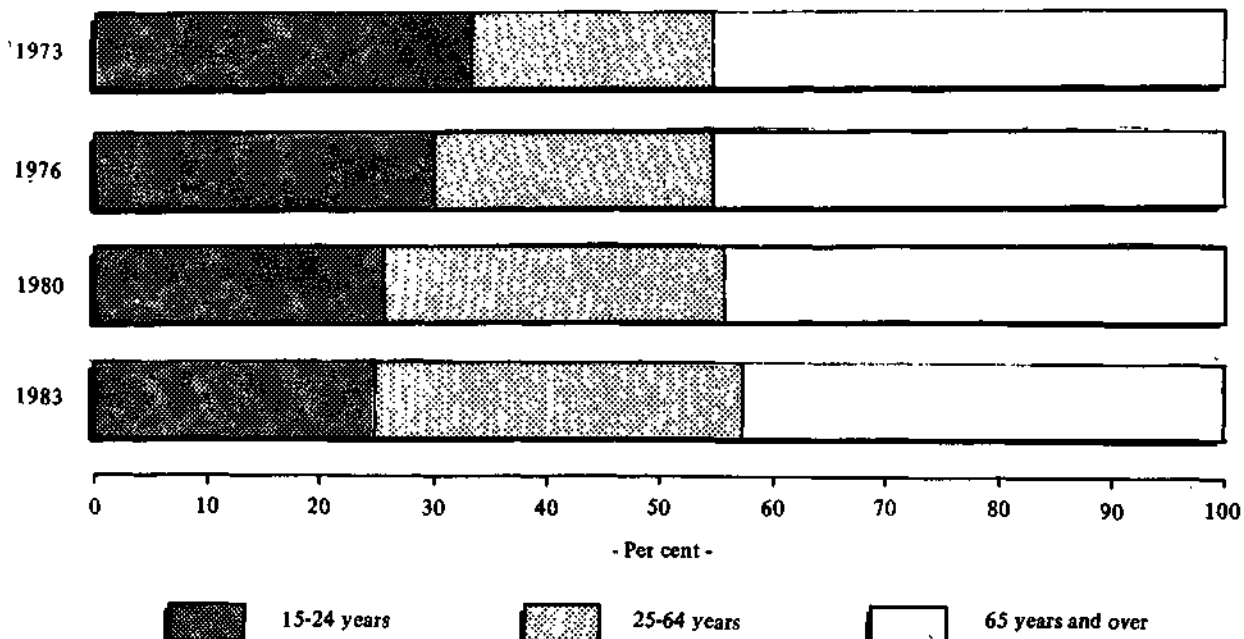
The sources for the statistics in this chapter are the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries. In particular a survey of persons not in the labour force is conducted twice a year to examine the labour force attachments of persons not in the labour force.

TABLE 5.1. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: SUMMARY, MARCH 1980 TO MARCH 1983
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	March 1980	September 1980	March 1981	September 1981	March 1982	September 1982	March 1983
Civilian population aged 15 and over	10,790.2	10,881.0	10,999.8	11,109.6	11,225.5	11,349.3	11,479.9
Employed	6,243.2	6,325.3	6,389.9	6,466.1	6,461.1	6,414.2	6,300.8
Unemployed	412.4	405.5	409.8	391.1	459.7	505.9	731.6
Not in the labour force	4,134.6	4,150.2	4,200.1	4,252.5	4,304.7	4,429.3	4,447.5
Aged 65 and over	1,303.4	1,315.7	1,337.4	1,365.6	1,391.1	1,409.4	1,429.7
Aged 15 to 64	2,831.2	2,834.5	2,862.7	2,886.9	2,913.6	3,019.9	3,017.7
Unable to work or in institutions	82.5	79.5	76.2	86.4	96.0	96.7	91.6
Had a job but away without pay	n.a.	50.6	n.a.	n.a.	21.8	28.1	16.8
Took active steps but unable to start	21.3	24.9	31.5	49.7	33.8	53.9	28.6
Persons who do not want a job	2,151.3	2,057.9	2,147.1	2,131.7	2,076.7	2,191.5	2,173.9
Would not like a job now	2,120.9	2,034.1	2,116.4	2,112.8	2,050.9	2,170.5	2,149.7
Does not know whether would like a job	30.4	23.8	30.7	18.9	25.8	21.0	24.1
Persons who want a job	576.1	621.7	607.9	619.0	659.5	649.8	707.0
Have taken steps (non-active) to find a job	52.3	48.0	46.0	43.3	46.5	44.7	53.2
Have taken no steps to find a job	523.8	573.6	561.9	575.7	613.2	605.1	653.8
Yes, would like a job now	458.9	482.5	461.8	483.6	497.0	517.6	558.5
Maybe, would like a job now	64.9	91.1	100.1	92.1	116.1	87.5	95.3
Discouraged	76.0	73.7	69.8	73.3	77.4	84.5	113.2
Have other reasons for not actively looking for work	500.1	548.0	538.1	545.7	582.1	565.3	593.8

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

CHART 5.a. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE : AGE, AUGUST 1973 TO AUGUST 1983



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

TABLE 5.2. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE, AUGUST 1973 TO AUGUST 1983
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August	Age group (years)									Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70 and over	
MALES										
1973	229.9	51.5	22.7	20.9	40.7	35.9	63.5	134.9	247.8	847.9
1974	245.8	57.2	30.8	21.9	45.3	37.8	75.6	148.6	257.5	920.5
1975	242.2	56.9	33.5	25.6	48.4	37.9	87.4	156.9	267.7	956.6
1976	247.1	52.9	33.0	25.4	47.3	42.1	101.1	174.3	277.0	1,000.1
1977	240.4	51.2	34.3	24.3	53.8	45.5	106.3	180.4	288.8	1,024.9
1978	256.2	62.3	46.3	37.1	66.1	62.6	113.8	189.8	303.4	1,137.7
1979	254.6	60.2	49.1	37.9	68.5	64.8	130.0	198.3	314.2	1,177.6
1980	243.6	59.5	53.5	36.4	66.2	61.0	141.6	203.7	327.6	1,193.2
1981	248.0	56.3	56.9	44.5	67.1	69.7	143.5	208.1	342.4	1,236.6
1982	243.6	70.4	63.4	48.2	77.0	78.0	160.5	218.3	355.3	1,314.6
1983	271.0	69.0	57.2	52.1	74.5	82.0	183.2	216.3	373.8	1,379.2
MARRIED FEMALES										
1973	24.2	180.2	499.3	347.7	359.6	173.8	156.3	114.1	115.3	1,970.5
1974	28.9	168.4	501.0	338.4	367.1	172.2	161.4	116.5	110.1	1,964.1
1975	22.9	160.0	506.6	332.8	365.3	170.1	170.0	122.9	114.5	1,965.2
1976	22.1	153.5	519.2	332.4	342.9	178.4	175.6	126.1	125.7	1,975.9
1977	18.8	140.2	507.6	327.6	344.1	185.2	177.6	130.2	122.1	1,953.5
1978	19.4	137.2	500.4	306.0	337.6	191.8	177.2	137.9	132.5	1,939.9
1979	15.4	125.0	512.6	312.3	336.7	210.6	179.8	140.8	142.3	1,975.5
1980	16.5	122.1	488.2	311.6	323.1	199.0	178.1	144.7	149.4	1,932.6
1981	15.6	123.4	495.4	327.4	317.7	203.1	195.5	149.1	152.2	1,979.5
1982	18.3	126.7	485.9	341.2	316.2	210.7	201.4	152.8	160.6	2,013.9
1983	14.2	122.0	504.6	358.7	320.1	213.2	212.8	161.8	173.9	2,081.3
ALL FEMALES										
1973	259.5	214.4	515.9	366.5	401.6	215.8	230.5	203.7	418.9	2,826.8
1974	268.4	208.1	519.9	357.1	410.8	212.7	241.1	207.5	426.3	2,851.8
1975	255.1	201.1	529.8	350.7	408.7	216.9	247.6	217.1	432.6	2,859.6
1976	276.0	194.9	549.1	352.9	389.9	222.6	252.8	223.3	448.4	2,909.8
1977	264.5	184.4	541.7	351.2	390.3	229.3	252.1	232.2	458.6	2,904.3
1978	270.8	197.8	553.9	350.2	394.7	247.2	263.7	251.6	499.3	3,029.7
1979	288.0	188.6	574.9	358.5	395.9	269.5	264.3	263.6	513.8	3,117.0
1980	260.1	181.1	558.9	357.2	386.3	263.2	268.2	267.0	529.7	3,071.7
1981	272.6	188.7	571.9	378.3	375.7	260.5	284.3	271.8	550.8	3,154.6
1982	276.8	197.0	570.6	402.3	372.8	275.3	301.2	275.8	571.0	3,242.8
1983	270.2	193.4	588.8	421.2	381.4	267.7	303.3	280.8	592.3	3,299.1
PERSONS										
1973	489.3	265.9	538.6	387.4	442.4	251.7	294.0	338.6	666.8	3,674.7
1974	514.2	265.3	550.7	379.1	456.0	250.4	316.8	356.1	683.8	3,772.3
1975	497.3	258.0	563.3	376.3	457.1	254.8	335.0	374.0	700.3	3,816.2
1976	523.1	247.8	582.0	378.2	437.2	264.7	353.9	397.6	725.4	3,909.8
1977	504.9	235.5	576.0	375.5	444.1	274.8	358.4	412.7	747.4	3,929.2
1978	527.0	260.1	600.2	387.4	460.8	309.7	377.5	441.4	802.6	4,166.8
1979	542.5	248.8	624.1	396.3	464.5	334.2	394.3	462.0	828.0	4,294.6
1980	503.7	240.7	612.4	393.6	452.5	324.2	409.8	470.8	857.3	4,264.9
1981	520.7	244.9	628.8	422.8	442.8	330.2	427.9	479.9	893.2	4,391.2
1982	520.4	267.4	634.0	450.5	449.7	353.3	461.7	494.1	926.3	4,557.4
1983	541.2	262.4	646.1	473.3	455.9	349.7	486.5	497.1	966.2	4,678.3

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 5.3. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1983

	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	— '000—			— per cent—		
Member of a family	1,026.7	2,561.8	3,588.4	22.1	54.7	38.4
Husband or wife	680.4	1,949.5	2,629.9	19.8	57.6	38.6
With dependent children present	87.8	989.0	1,076.8	4.7	53.8	29.0
Without dependent children present	592.6	960.5	1,553.1	38.2	62.0	51.1
Not-married family head	28.7	275.2	303.9	30.4	65.0	58.7
With dependent children present	7.4	158.3	165.7	20.2	61.2	56.1
Without dependent children present	21.3	117.0	138.2	36.9	71.0	62.1
Full-time student aged 15-20	228.6	209.7	438.4	75.7	71.4	73.6
Other child(b) of family head	56.5	45.8	102.3	7.7	9.9	8.5
Other relative	32.5	81.5	113.9	37.0	70.2	55.9
Not a member of a family	168.1	423.0	591.0	24.0	54.2	39.9
Living alone	120.0	369.1	489.1	33.1	71.2	55.6
Not living alone	48.1	53.8	101.9	14.2	20.6	17.0
Total	1,194.7	2,984.8	4,179.5	22.3	54.6	38.7

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

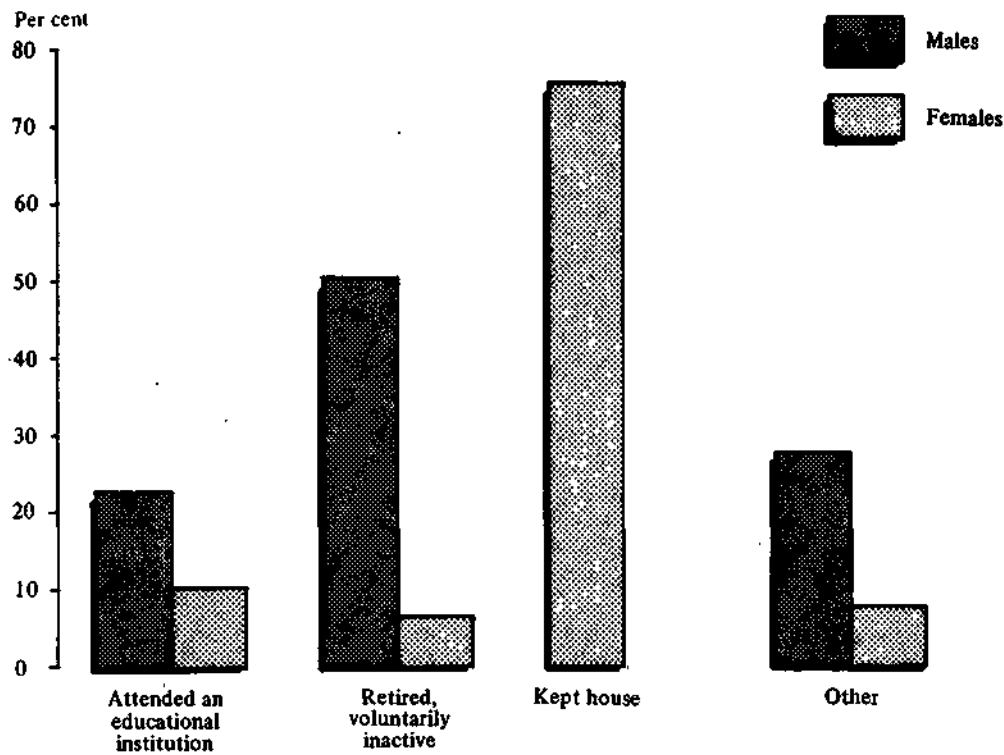
Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, July 1983 (6224.0).

TABLE 5.4. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF TWELVE MONTH PERIOD(a): MAJOR ACTIVITY, 1980 TO 1983

Major activity when out of the labour force	Year ended February			
	1980	1981	1982	1983
	NUMBER ('000)			
Kept house	2,593.2	2,591.1	2,658.9	2,869.5
Attended an educational institution	805.0	751.8	765.3	759.6
Ill or injured	219.9	169.6	166.0	230.7
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	1,333.5	1,141.1	1,291.6	1,110.9
Permanently unable to work	61.3	69.4	69.5	69.0
On strike	85.3	7.0	21.3	..
Other	68.5	62.4	60.3	166.2
Not asked(b)	..	..	613.5	..
Unpaid leave	..	..	..	252.4
Total	5,166.6	4,792.4	5,646.4	5,458.4
	PROPORTION OF TOTAL (per cent)			
Kept house	50.2	54.1	47.1	52.6
Attended an educational institution	15.6	15.7	13.6	13.9
Ill or injured	4.3	3.5	2.9	4.2
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	25.8	23.8	22.9	20.4
Permanently unable to work	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.3
On strike	1.7	0.1	0.4	..
Other	1.3	1.3	1.1	3.0
Not asked(b)	..	..	10.9	..
Unpaid leave	..	..	..	4.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, (6206.0).

CHART 5.b. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE : MAJOR ACTIVITY, FEBRUARY 1983

Source: *Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1983 (6206.0)*

TABLE 5.5. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): ATTENDANCE AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAY 1981 TO MAY 1983
(^{' 000})

Institution currently attending	May 1981		May 1982		May 1983	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
School	174.2	169.0	174.0	168.9	195.1	186.7
University	41.2	38.8	49.3	36.1	44.6	38.7
CAE	24.4	35.2	19.2	26.4	18.5	29.1
TAFE	13.3	41.1	15.0	51.5	18.8	48.2
Other	*	23.1	6.0	24.6	5.0	25.5
Total	257.1	307.2	263.5	307.5	282.0	328.2
Persons not currently attending	352.9	1,947.7	372.7	1,981.7	413.8	2,000.0
Persons not in the labour force	610.0	2,254.9	636.2	2,289.2	695.9	2,328.2

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

Source: *Transition from Education to Work, Australia, May 1983 (6227.0)*.

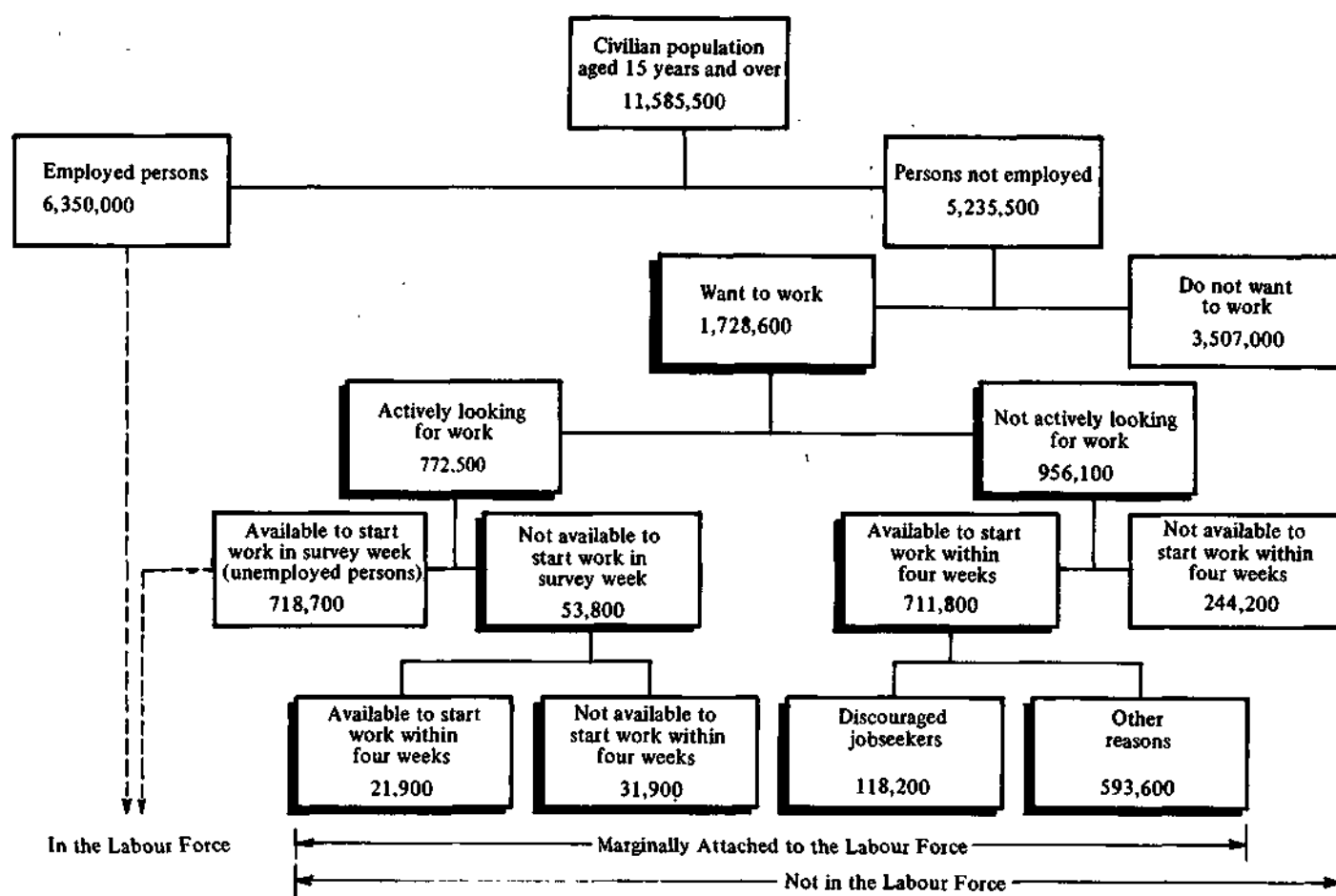
TABLE 5.6. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE(a): EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY AGE, FEBRUARY 1983

Educational attainment	Age group (years)						Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	'000	per cent
— '000—								
MALES								
With post-school qualifications	*	9.9	12.9	11.2	16.6	223.0	275.0	23.2
Degree or equivalent	*	*	5.2	*	*	29.2	42.4	3.6
Trade, technical level	*	4.8	7.0	8.9	14.4	190.3	246.4	19.1
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.2	0.5
Without post-school qualifications(b)	47.4	31.6	24.7	33.5	44.4	566.4	748.0	63.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	28.0	20.2	4.6	*	5.0	48.3	109.3	9.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	19.4	11.4	19.2	29.1	37.8	508.5	625.5	52.7
Left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.6	0.5
16 or 17	9.6	4.5	6.0	5.0	*	46.3	75.2	6.3
14 or 15	9.0	6.4	10.7	19.1	23.7	324.2	393.1	33.1
13 or under	*	*	*	4.8	10.0	134.6	151.6	12.8
Still at school	164.4	*	..	..	..	..	164.7	13.9
Total	213.2	41.8	37.6	44.7	61.0	789.4	1,187.7	100.0
FEMALES								
With post-school qualifications	*	37.9	165.9	108.4	63.0	183.1	561.7	18.3
Degree or equivalent	*	4.6	24.9	14.7	*	15.3	63.5	2.1
Trade, technical level	*	31.9	136.5	87.1	54.3	158.9	471.9	15.4
Other	*	*	4.5	6.6	4.7	8.9	26.4	0.9
Without post-school qualifications	70.4	145.2	386.8	316.5	315.8	1,117.2	2,351.9	76.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	31.1	35.7	60.6	32.1	24.2	97.2	280.8	9.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	39.1	109.6	324.8	282.7	285.8	1,001.2	2,043.2	66.4
Left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.4	0.5
16 or 17	18.1	45.9	113.1	55.0	41.0	96.5	369.6	12.0
14 or 15	20.1	58.7	188.3	189.0	192.1	704.0	1,352.2	44.0
13 or under	*	*	18.7	36.9	50.9	196.5	306.0	10.0
Never attended school	*	*	*	*	5.9	18.7	27.9	0.9
Still at school	159.8	*	..	..	..	..	160.4	5.2
Total	233.6	183.7	552.7	424.8	378.8	1,300.0	3,073.9	100.0
PERSONS								
With post-school qualifications	4.9	47.8	178.8	119.5	79.5	406.2	836.7	19.6
Degree or equivalent	*	8.7	30.1	16.8	5.8	44.5	105.8	2.5
Trade, technical level	*	36.7	143.5	95.9	68.7	349.2	698.2	16.4
Other	*	*	5.2	6.8	5.0	12.5	32.6	0.7
Without post-school qualifications	117.8	176.8	411.5	350.0	360.3	1,683.6	3,099.9	72.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	59.1	55.8	65.2	35.4	29.1	145.6	390.1	9.2
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	58.5	121.0	344.1	311.8	323.6	1,509.8	2,668.7	62.6
Left at age—								
18 or over	*	*	5.7	*	*	7.8	21.0	0.5
16 or 17	27.7	50.3	119.1	60.0	44.8	142.8	444.8	10.4
14 or 15	29.2	65.1	199.0	208.1	215.8	1,028.1	1,745.3	41.0
13 or under	*	*	20.3	41.7	60.8	331.0	457.5	10.7
Never attended school	*	*	5.0	..	7.6	28.3	41.1	1.0
Still at school	324.2	*	..	..	..	..	325.1	7.6
Total	446.8	225.5	590.3	469.5	439.8	2,089.8	4,261.6	100.0

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1983 (6235.0).

CHART 5.c. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS marginally ATTACHED TO THE LABOUR FORCE TO PERSONS IN OR NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, SEPTEMBER 1983



Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1983 (6220.0)*

TABLE 5.7. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK BUT WERE NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: REASON NOT AVAILABLE TO START AND INTENTION TO LOOK FOR WORK(a), SEPTEMBER 1983
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Reason not available to start within four weeks	Intention to look for work(a)					Total		
	Intending to look	Might look	Would not look	Does not know	Not asked(b)	Males	Females	Persons
Personal reasons	58.4	20.1	47.0	4.9	6.1	58.5	78.0	136.5
Own ill health, etc.	17.5	10.7	25.9	3.4	5.7	24.4	38.8	63.2
Studying	35.9	7.7	15.2	*	*	31.8	28.7	60.5
At school	32.4	7.5	13.7	*	*	29.0	26.4	55.3
Other educational institution	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.2
Moved house/holidays	5.1	*	5.8	*	*	*	10.4	12.8
Family reasons	18.0	10.6	49.7	3.3	9.0	*	87.6	90.5
Ill health of other than self	*	*	6.9	*	*	*	9.2	11.6
No suitable child care	3.6	*	7.9	*	*	*	14.1	14.3
Children too young, etc.	12.6	6.9	34.8	*	8.0	*	64.3	64.6
Other reasons	*	3.4	9.7	*	*	3.4	13.9	17.3
Total—								
Males	30.1	11.5	17.9	*	*	64.8	..	..
Females	49.3	22.6	88.4	6.0	13.1	..	179.4	..
Persons	79.4	34.0	106.4	8.5	16.0	..	..	244.2

(a) In the next twelve months. (b) Comprises persons who had a job to go to, persons who took active steps to find work and persons who had a job, but up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

Source: *Persons Not in The Labour Force, Australia, September 1983 (6220.0)*.

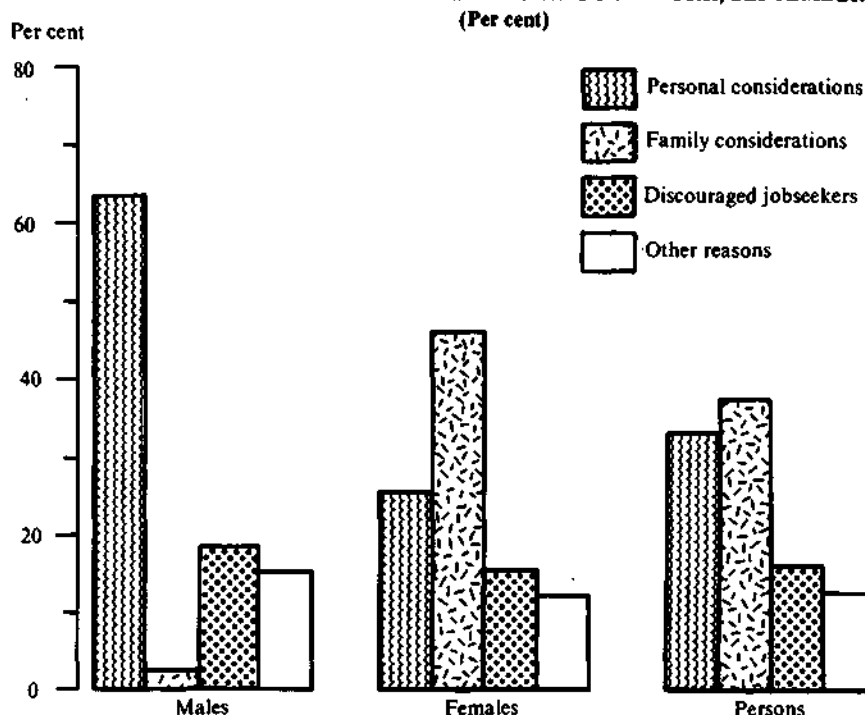
TABLE 5.8. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1983
(^{' 000})

	<i>Discouraged jobseekers</i>			<i>All persons who wanted to work and are available to start work within four weeks</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Total	26.4	91.8	118.2	142.0	591.7	733.7
Marital status—						
Married	17.8	69.7	87.5	63.3	459.6	522.8
Not married	8.5	22.2	30.7	78.7	132.1	210.8
Age group (years)—						
15-19	3.0	3.6	6.6	47.1	57.5	104.5
20-24	*	4.7	6.3	10.6	59.4	70.0
25-34	*	20.5	22.5	14.4	204.2	218.6
35-44	*	25.4	26.7	10.7	146.6	157.3
45-54	3.3	19.3	22.6	11.9	70.0	81.9
55-64	7.3	13.1	20.3	28.2	42.5	70.8
65 and over	7.9	5.2	13.1	19.1	11.4	30.6
Type of work preferred—						
Prefers to work full-time	12.8	20.6	33.5	69.0	94.5	163.6
Prefers to work part-time	11.6	66.0	77.6	65.5	472.7	538.2
No preference	*	5.2	7.1	7.5	24.5	31.9
Whether looked for work in the last 12 months—						
Had not looked for work	16.7	59.5	76.2	96.4	454.0	550.4
Had looked for work	9.6	32.3	42.0	45.5	137.8	183.3
Less than 5 weeks ago	3.1	8.0	11.1	19.5	44.9	64.4
5 and less than 8 weeks ago	3.0	8.4	11.4	11.0	33.7	44.6
8 and less than 13 weeks ago	*	5.8	6.7	5.6	22.2	27.9
13 and less than 52 weeks ago	*	10.1	12.7	9.4	37.0	46.4
Work experience—						
Has never had a job(a)	*	8.2	10.3	36.7	61.8	98.5
Has had a job(a)	24.2	83.7	107.9	105.3	529.9	635.2
Worked in the last year	7.7	11.9	19.6	46.5	103.7	150.2
Within the last 6 months	4.5	6.0	10.4	27.4	56.5	83.9
6 to 12 months ago	3.3	5.9	9.2	19.1	47.2	66.3
Worked 1 to 3 years ago	7.0	19.6	26.6	26.2	126.2	152.3
Worked 3 to 10 years ago	8.2	31.1	39.3	28.6	198.4	227.0
Worked more than 10 years ago	*	21.0	22.4	4.0	101.6	105.7
Reason for leaving last job(a)—						
Dismissed, retrenched	8.7	15.8	24.5	23.8	57.7	81.5
Seasonal/temporary, went back to school	*	10.7	12.6	16.9	62.5	79.4
Retired, did not need to work any longer	6.9	4.7	11.6	22.2	22.0	44.2
Own ill health or injury	*	6.0	8.4	22.0	32.8	54.8
Family considerations	*	27.1	27.2	*	248.0	249.3
Left to get married	*	9.0	9.0	*	48.9	48.9
Left to have children	*	12.2	12.2	*	159.8	159.8
Other family considerations	*	5.8	6.0	*	39.3	40.6
Travel, moved house, spouse transferred	*	11.0	12.0	4.1	53.3	57.4
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	*	6.1	8.7	7.5	32.1	39.7
Other reasons	*	*	*	5.2	12.8	18.0
Not asked(b)	*	*	*	*	8.7	10.9
Never had a job(a)	*	8.2	10.3	36.7	61.8	98.5

(a) Paid employment, full-time or part-time, for two weeks or more in any job or business. (b) Persons who want a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1983* (6220.0).

**CHART 5.d. PERSONS AGED 15-64 NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS:
MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1983**



Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1983 (6220.0)*

TABLE 5.9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WANTED TO WORK AND WERE AVAILABLE TO START WORK WITHIN FOUR WEEKS: MAIN REASON FOR NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1983

Main reason for not actively looking for work	Males	Females	Persons	
	— '000 —		'000	per cent
Had a job to go to	3.3	8.0	11.4	1.5
Personal reasons	90.7	153.1	243.8	33.2
Own ill health, disability, pregnancy	25.9	36.1	61.9	8.4
Attending an educational institution	39.9	43.0	82.9	11.3
Has no need to work	10.8	39.7	50.5	6.9
Give others a chance	*	9.7	11.2	1.5
Welfare payments/pension may be affected	7.7	14.4	22.1	3.0
Moved house/holidays	4.9	10.2	15.2	2.1
Family reasons	3.4	273.8	277.2	37.8
Ill health of other than self	*	12.6	13.4	1.8
Unable to find suitable childcare, etc.	*	220.3	222.4	30.3
Other family considerations	*	40.9	41.4	5.6
Discouraged jobseekers	26.4	91.8	118.2	16.1
Considered too young or too old by employers	11.1	17.9	29.0	4.0
Difficulties with language or ethnic background	*	*	*	*
Lacks schooling, training, skills or experience	*	7.2	8.4	1.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	7.4	30.8	38.2	5.2
No jobs at all	6.2	33.5	39.7	5.4
No jobs in suitable hours	*	14.3	15.1	2.1
Other reasons	7.0	20.2	27.2	3.7
Don't know	*	7.4	8.1	1.1
Took active steps to find work	7.4	14.4	21.9	3.0
Not asked (a)	*	8.7	10.9	1.5
Total	142.0	591.7	733.7	100.0

(a) Persons who had a job but, up to the end of survey week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

Source: *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1983 (6220.0)*