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## 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. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the February 1985 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary were asked additional questions. This subset of respondents was asked the length of time they worked, looked for work or were not in the labour force, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

### 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 excluded students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of jails, reformatories etc.

4. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1985. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

### Definitions

5. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year 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 labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category for each of the weeks in the year 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.

6. Persons in the *labour force* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having either worked or looked for work as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8.

7. Persons who *worked* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as worked.

8. Persons who *looked for work* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having been out of work and looking for a job. *Time spent looking for work during the year* is the total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.

9. The *number of spells of looking for work* during the year is the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

10. Persons *out of the labour force* are those who, during any week, neither worked nor looked for work as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8.

11. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* is defined as:

- (a) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
- (b) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.

12. *Locality*. In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.

13. Persons are classified as *married* if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The *not-married* category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household.

14. *Family status* characteristics are explained in detail in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). It should be noted that they were not obtained for all persons included in the survey. Family information was not collected for the following persons (identified in tables as 'not family coded'):

- (a) all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions);
- (b) persons enumerated as visitors to, rather than usual residents of, private dwellings; and
- (c) where it was not possible to obtain family information relating to *all* the usual residents of a household, e.g. where one member of the family was a member of the permanent defence forces and therefore outside the scope of the survey.

### Results of the survey

15. Additional tables available but not included in this publication are listed on page 23. A preliminary publication (6205.0) containing a summary of the results of the survey was released on 24 May 1985.

16. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in February 1969, have been given in previous issues of this publication.

### Discontinuities in the series

17. The estimates for surveys held from February 1983 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous surveys. The reference period for the February 1980 and prior surveys was the previous calendar year (e.g. 1 January to 31 December 1979). The reference period for the February 1981 and 1982 surveys was from the beginning of the previous February to the end of the week prior to interview. As interviews were conducted over the second and third week of February, the reference period could have extended to 54 weeks. From the February 1983 survey onwards the reference period has been the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. Due to the change in the reference period timing, some estimates, particularly those for groups who entered the labour force during the earlier months of the year (e.g. 15 to 19 year olds), will also be affected from the February 1981 survey onwards.

18. In the February 1981 survey, persons who answered that they had been in their current job for a year or longer but who also reported having actually worked for less than the whole period were not counted as out of the labour force for the remainder of the period. In all other years these persons were counted as out of the labour force for that time. In consequence, the February 1981 estimate of persons out of the labour force during all or part of the period was 512,300 persons (249,100 males and 263,200 females) less than the figures which would have been obtained with the procedures used in other years.

### Reliability of the estimates

19. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures 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*. More information about this topic will be found in the Technical note.

- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies 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.

### Related publications

20. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly

*Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia*, (6220.0)—issued for each March and September

*Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding those who were Stood Down), Australia, July 1984* (6222.0)

*Labour Mobility, Australia, During the Year ending February 1985* (6209.0)

21. 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 to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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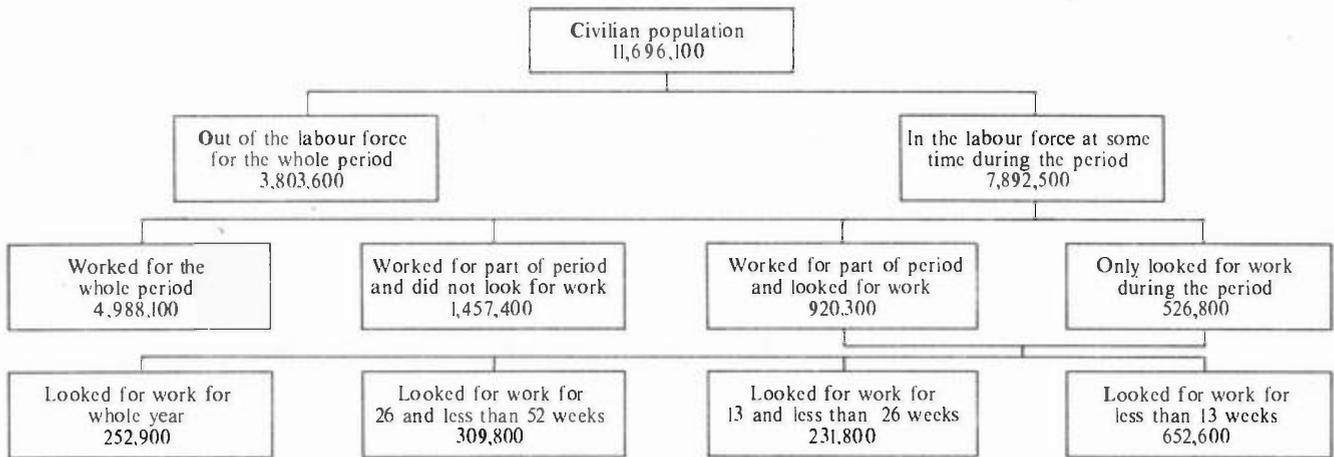
- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 19 above.
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22. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Of the 11,696,100 civilians aged fifteen years and over at February 1985, 7,892,500 had been in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1985; 4,988,100 of these (63.2 per cent) had worked for the whole period and 526,800 (6.7 per cent) had not worked at all (i.e. they had looked for work at some time during the period but had not found it). 2,377,700 (30.1 per cent) had only worked for part of the year and 1,447,000 (18.3 per cent) had looked for work at some time during the year (of whom 920,300, 63.6 per cent, had also worked at some time during the year).

DIAGRAM 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985

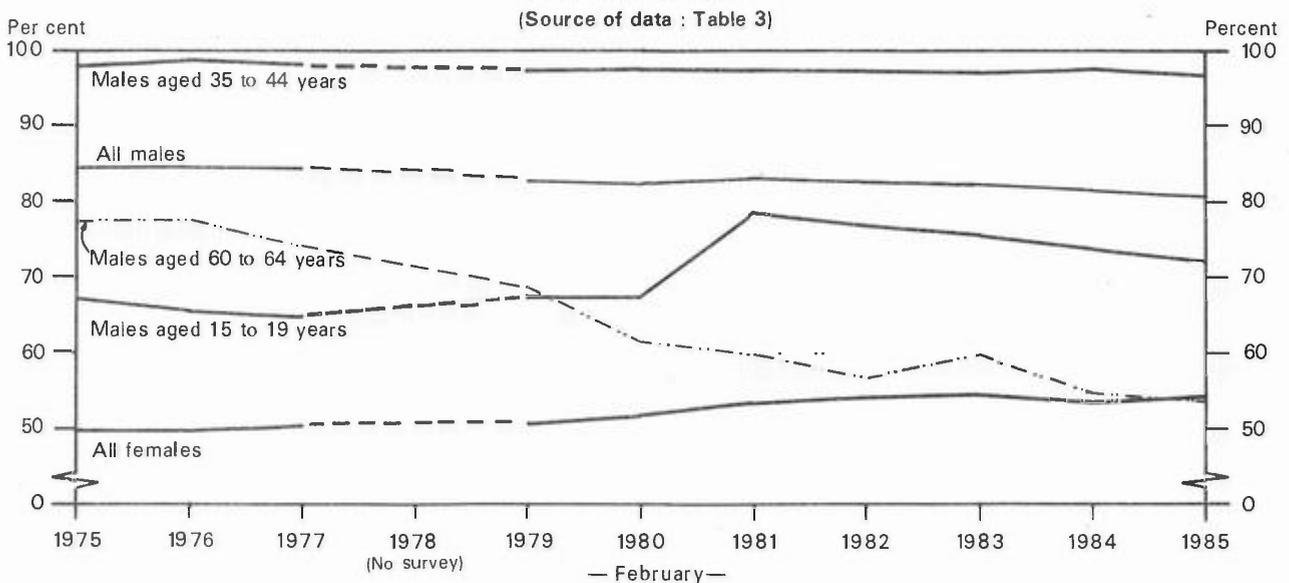


### Participation in the labour force at some time during the year

For males, labour force participation has shown a general decline from the 1975 survey figure of 84.8 per cent to measure 80.8 per cent in the 1985 survey. While this trend is most evident in the older age groupings (for those aged 60-64 years the participation rate fell from 77.3 per cent in the February 1975 survey to 53.4 per cent in 1985) it is apparent in all age groups other than 15 to 24 year olds.

For females a different pattern emerges. Labour force participation has increased from 49.7 per cent to 54.5 per cent since the February 1975 survey and, although participation of the older age groupings (those aged 55 and over) has declined in this period, all other age groups have shown substantial increases.

DIAGRAM 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION: PROPORTION IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOMETIME, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1985



However, the nature of participation has changed significantly. In the 1975 survey 67.1 per cent of the civilian population had worked at some time during the year and 7.1 per cent had looked for work at some time during the year but in the 1984 survey these proportions had changed to 62.5 per cent and 13.6 per cent respectively. In the 1985 survey, the proportion who had worked at some time had risen to 63.0 per cent whilst the proportion who had looked for work at some time had dropped to 12.4 per cent.

Of those who had worked at some time during the year—

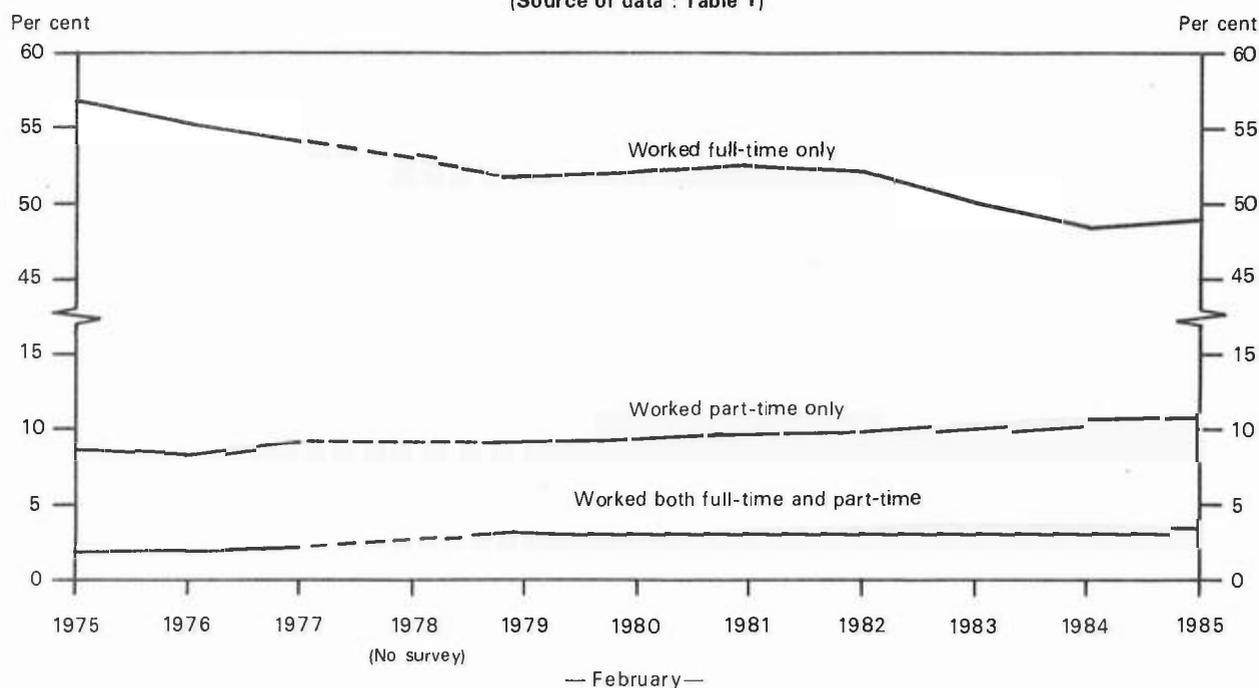
- 6.7 per cent had worked for less than 13 weeks
- 4.5 per cent had worked for 13 and under 26 weeks
- 6.6 per cent had worked for 26 and under 39 weeks
- 82.3 per cent had worked for 39 weeks or more.

### Full-time and part-time employment

Of the civilian population aged fifteen years and over, less than half (49.0 per cent) had worked only on a full-time basis during the year ending February 1985. One in ten persons (10.7 per cent) had worked only on a part-time basis while 3.4 per cent had a combination of full-time and part-time work during the year. Over the period 1975 to 1985 there has been a decline in the proportion of persons working only full-time and an increase in persons working part-time: 81.2 per cent of all persons working only part-time during the year ending February 1985 were females, three in four being married.

**DIAGRAM 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION: PROPORTION WORKING FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1985**

(Source of data : Table 1)



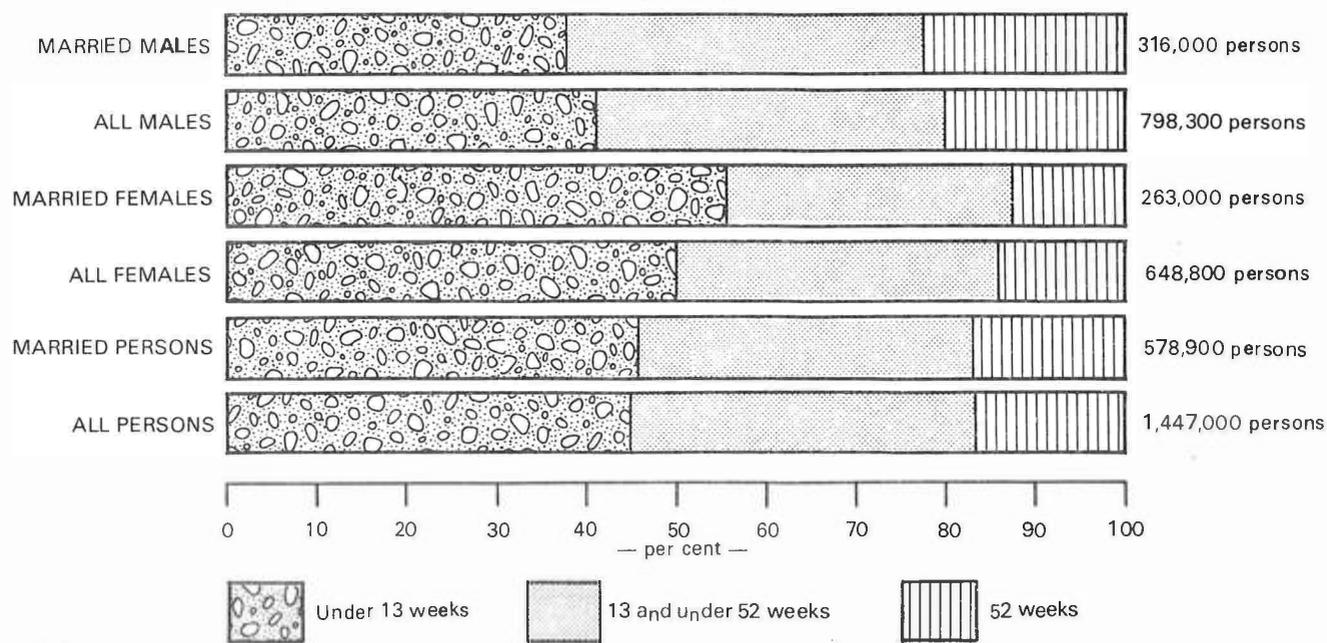
### Number of jobs held

Of persons who worked at some time during the year 84.7 per cent had held only one job, 11.2 per cent had held two jobs, 2.4 per cent had held three jobs and 1.8 per cent had held four or more jobs. 95.3 per cent of those who had worked for less than four weeks and 89.6 per cent of those who had worked for the whole year had had only one job compared with 67.9 per cent of those who had worked for 39 and under 49 weeks and 69.0 per cent who had worked for 26 and under 39 weeks.

### Persons who looked for work

Of the 1,447,000 persons who had looked for work during the year, 252,900 (17.5 per cent) had been without work for the whole period. However, this proportion was higher (17.8 per cent) for married persons and especially for married males — 22.4 per cent. The corresponding proportion for married females was 12.2 per cent.

**DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOMETIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK**  
(Source of data : Table 14)



The average time spent looking for work during the year ending February 1985 was 22.1 weeks, ranging from 15.4 weeks for persons with degrees or other tertiary qualifications to 27.5 weeks for persons who had left school aged 15 years or under and had not gained any qualifications since. This gap has widened since February 1984 when persons with degrees or other tertiary qualifications were looking for work for an average 16.7 weeks and persons who had left school aged 15 years or under without gaining any qualifications since had looked for work for an average 26.6 weeks. Members of families spent an average 21.8 weeks looking for work compared with 24.0 weeks for persons who were not members of families. The average for family heads who were not married but who had children aged 0-14 present was 24.7 weeks while husbands and wives with children aged 0-14 present looked for work on average for 21.1 weeks.

### Persons out of the labour force

There were 5,851,900 persons who were out of the labour force at some time during the year and 3,803,600 (65.0 per cent) had been out of the labour force for the whole period.

Of persons who had been out of the labour force for the whole year—

- 45.2 per cent were married females
- 59.3 per cent had kept house as their major activity and a further 23.9 per cent were retired.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1985  
(per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—									
	1975	1976	1977	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Civilian population at the time of the survey	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Out of the labour force for the whole of the period	31.9	32.8	32.9	33.6	33.3	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.3	32.5
In the labour force at some time during the period	68.1	67.2	67.1	66.4	66.7	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7	67.5
For 52 weeks	50.8	51.5	52.3	50.6	51.3	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4	50.0
For 1 and under 52 weeks	17.3	15.6	14.7	15.8	15.4	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3	17.5
Worked at some time during the period	67.1	65.6	65.4	63.7	64.1	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5	63.0
Of weeks worked—										
All were full-time	56.6	55.2	54.1	51.7	52.0	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5	49.0
More full-time than part-time	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3
More part-time than full-time	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
All were part-time	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.7
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—										
One	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.3	54.0	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9	53.3
Two	9.0	8.4	8.1	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4	7.0
Three	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5
Four or more	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1
Looked for work at some time during the period	7.1	8.4	8.2	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6	12.4
One spell of looking for work	5.7	6.5	6.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.2
Two spells	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2
Three spells	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
Four or more spells	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
Out of the labour force at some time during the period	49.2	48.5	47.7	49.4	48.7	49.0	49.2	48.5	49.6	50.0

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 17, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1985: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR  
ENDING FEBRUARY 1985  
( ' 000)

	Married males	All males	Married females	All females	Persons
Civilian population	3,637.0	5,772.4	3,614.9	5,923.7	11,696.1
Out of the labour force for the whole year	667.5	1,111.0	1,718.9	2,692.6	3,803.6
In the labour force at some time during the year	2,969.5	4,661.4	1,896.1	3,231.1	7,892.5
For 1 and under 4 weeks	6.3	41.2	71.1	114.9	156.2
4 and under 13 weeks	20.2	134.8	121.3	237.5	372.3
13 and under 26 weeks	28.3	85.9	116.2	177.5	263.4
26 and under 39 weeks	55.4	117.4	161.1	227.8	345.3
39 and under 49 weeks	123.7	218.3	201.9	298.9	517.2
49 and under 52 weeks	150.1	225.0	104.6	169.0	393.9
52 weeks	2,585.6	3,838.7	1,119.9	2,005.5	5,844.2
Worked at some time during the year	2,882.0	4,410.8	1,773.0	2,955.0	7,365.8
Of weeks worked—					
All were full-time	2,700.4	3,996.9	898.4	1,733.1	5,730.0
More full-time than part-time	76.4	138.2	67.7	125.4	263.6
More part-time than full-time	13.1	41.6	47.0	83.7	125.3
All were part-time	92.1	234.1	759.8	1,012.8	1,246.9
Time worked—					
1 and under 4 weeks	9.7	53.5	46.6	91.4	144.9
4 and under 13 weeks	34.9	144.5	105.1	198.5	343.1
13 and under 26 weeks	55.6	139.3	118.3	195.8	335.0
26 and under 39 weeks	105.2	224.2	165.4	259.9	484.1
39 and under 49 weeks	186.4	337.7	208.6	327.6	665.3
49 and under 52 weeks	155.8	233.7	105.2	171.6	405.4
52 weeks	2,334.3	3,277.9	1,023.8	1,710.2	4,988.1
Looked for work at some time during the year	316.0	798.3	263.0	648.8	1,447.0
One spell of looking for work	254.4	659.6	215.2	536.0	1,195.6
Two spells	30.9	74.8	24.9	60.9	135.8
Three spells	8.7	23.5	7.4	21.7	45.1
Four or more spells	21.9	40.3	15.5	30.2	70.5
Out of the labour force at some time during the year	1,051.5	1,933.7	2,495.1	3,918.2	5,851.9

**TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION, LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE: PARTICIPATION AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIODS BY AGE, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1985**  
(Per cent)

Survey conducted in February—	Age group (years) at the time of the survey							Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64 65 and over		
<b>MALES</b>									
1975	67.1	<b>95.5</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>77.3</b>	26.2	<b>84.8</b>
1976	65.4	95.0	98.6	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96.6</b>	91.6	77.2	23.9	84.8
1977	65.0	95.1	98.5	<b>98.1</b>	96.5	<b>90.0</b>	74.1	22.5	84.2
1979	67.2	95.2	98.6	97.4	94.5	88.1	68.4	17.0	82.7
1980	67.3	95.1	<b>98.3</b>	97.8	93.6	<b>86.1</b>	61.3	17.5	82.1
1981	78.4	<b>97.2</b>	98.4	<b>97.3</b>	<b>93.3</b>	85.6	59.8	15.7	<b>83.2</b>
1982	76.8	<b>98.0</b>	98.2	97.5	93.2	<b>87.9</b>	56.7	13.6	82.8
1983	75.8	<b>97.6</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>97.1</b>	94.0	84.1	<b>59.4</b>	12.9	82.4
1984	73.8	96.3	98.1	<b>97.7</b>	<b>94.3</b>	83.5	54.6	13.3	81.8
1985	72.3	<b>95.9</b>	97.6	<b>96.9</b>	<b>92.7</b>	82.1	53.4	12.3	80.8
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
1975	78.9	68.8	54.5	58.8	50.0	32.4	15.9	4.2	<b>49.0</b>
1976	70.5	68.2	53.7	59.4	51.7	<b>33.9</b>	17.3	4.4	<b>49.1</b>
1977	70.8	69.0	54.2	59.6	54.7	<b>32.9</b>	14.4	4.1	<b>49.4</b>
1979	70.1	69.8	56.6	62.3	50.1	35.2	15.8	4.0	<b>49.5</b>
1980	72.0	70.2	<b>59.1</b>	65.0	<b>53.5</b>	33.9	14.7	4.2	<b>50.9</b>
1981	68.1	70.3	61.6	64.9	52.6	33.1	16.8	4.9	51.3
1982	68.8	70.1	61.1	66.8	57.3	31.9	12.4	3.9	51.8
1983	73.4	<b>69.6</b>	63.2	67.0	<b>53.7</b>	34.2	15.8	4.4	52.2
1984	67.9	70.1	61.2	65.9	53.9	32.4	15.1	3.9	51.2
1985	<b>69.7</b>	70.5	63.8	68.2	56.8	<b>30.9</b>	13.9	3.3	<b>52.5</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
1975	66.2	76.7	<b>58.0</b>	60.0	51.9	36.1	19.9	4.6	<b>49.7</b>
1976	61.6	76.3	57.4	61.0	53.6	36.1	20.9	5.1	<b>49.9</b>
1977	61.6	77.6	58.0	61.0	55.7	36.0	17.9	4.9	<b>50.3</b>
1979	65.8	79.2	59.7	62.8	52.0	36.4	16.4	3.5	<b>50.5</b>
1980	<b>64.3</b>	80.6	62.8	66.3	54.3	35.0	16.6	3.3	51.8
1981	73.5	81.8	<b>65.9</b>	65.8	54.0	34.0	17.7	3.8	<b>53.6</b>
1982	73.7	81.8	65.5	<b>67.9</b>	58.1	34.7	14.8	3.6	<b>54.1</b>
1983	72.4	81.7	66.8	67.7	54.7	36.0	16.7	3.8	54.3
1984	71.1	82.2	65.9	66.7	<b>55.9</b>	34.7	15.9	3.1	<b>53.9</b>
1985	72.0	82.4	68.4	69.3	57.9	33.6	15.6	2.8	<b>54.5</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1975	66.7	86.2	78.5	<b>79.4</b>	74.3	63.0	47.7	13.6	67.1
1976	63.5	85.7	78.4	80.1	75.5	63.3	48.0	13.1	67.2
1977	63.3	86.4	78.5	79.9	76.4	62.6	45.0	12.4	67.1
1979	66.5	87.2	<b>79.2</b>	80.5	73.7	62.1	41.3	9.3	66.4
1980	65.8	87.9	80.5	82.4	74.4	60.4	38.1	9.4	66.7
1981	76.0	89.6	82.1	<b>81.9</b>	74.1	59.7	38.1	9.0	<b>68.2</b>
1982	75.3	<b>89.9</b>	81.7	83.0	76.0	61.4	35.2	7.9	68.3
1983	74.1	89.7	82.5	82.7	74.9	<b>59.9</b>	37.2	7.8	68.2
1984	72.5	89.2	82.0	82.0	75.7	59.3	34.4	7.7	67.7
1985	72.1	<b>89.2</b>	83.0	<b>83.3</b>	75.6	58.0	34.0	6.9	<b>67.5</b>

**TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1985, LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE: PARTICIPATION AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)**

Age group (years)	Married			Not married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>WORKED AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	82.6	56.3	61.2	60.1	58.8	59.4	60.3	58.7	59.5
20-24	93.5	65.2	74.6	88.1	83.9	86.3	89.2	76.2	82.7
25-34	95.8	58.7	76.2	89.4	77.0	84.1	93.7	63.2	78.4
35-44	96.0	63.8	80.2	86.2	65.8	75.7	94.4	64.2	79.5
45-54	91.6	54.3	73.8	77.7	57.2	66.4	89.5	54.8	72.5
55-59	80.4	30.0	56.4	63.9	38.9	49.6	77.4	32.2	55.0
60-64	51.0	13.6	33.7	45.4	18.1	27.3	50.0	15.1	32.1
65 and over	12.7	3.3	8.7	10.2	2.3	4.2	12.1	2.7	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>63.0</b>
<b>LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	*	29.9	32.3	29.5	31.4	30.4	29.6	31.4	30.5
20-24	21.2	14.1	16.5	27.9	25.4	26.8	26.5	20.8	23.6
25-34	13.5	11.1	12.2	22.1	15.6	19.3	16.3	12.2	14.2
35-44	8.6	8.6	8.6	16.9	16.8	16.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
45-54	8.1	5.0	6.6	15.4	10.9	12.9	9.2	6.1	7.7
55-59	7.7	1.5	4.7	9.6	4.5	6.7	8.0	2.2	5.1
60 and over	1.9	*	1.1	2.6	*	0.8	2.1	*	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	100.0	69.7	75.4	72.1	72.1	72.1	72.3	72.0	72.1
20-24	98.5	70.5	79.9	95.2	90.7	93.3	95.9	82.4	89.2
25-34	98.7	63.8	80.2	95.3	82.8	89.9	97.6	68.4	83.0
35-44	97.7	68.2	83.2	92.0	75.1	83.4	96.9	69.3	83.3
45-54	94.1	56.8	76.3	84.2	63.0	72.5	92.7	57.9	75.6
55-59	84.9	30.9	59.2	69.7	42.1	53.9	82.1	33.6	58.0
60-64	53.9	13.9	35.4	51.3	19.0	29.9	53.4	15.6	34.0
65 and over	12.9	3.3	8.8	10.6	2.4	4.4	12.3	2.8	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>67.5</b>
Proportion who looked for work at some time(b)—									
15-19	*	42.9	42.8	41.0	43.6	42.2	41.0	43.6	42.3
20-24	21.5	20.0	20.6	29.3	28.0	28.7	27.7	25.2	26.5
25-34	13.6	17.4	15.2	23.2	18.8	21.5	16.7	17.8	17.1
35-44	8.7	12.6	10.3	18.4	22.4	20.2	10.2	14.3	11.9
45-54	8.6	8.8	8.7	18.2	17.2	17.8	9.9	10.5	10.1
55 and over	8.1	3.7	7.2	12.8	7.4	10.5	8.9	5.1	7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	*	70.3	64.9	61.9	64.1	63.0	61.7	64.4	63.0
20-24	15.7	57.6	43.6	24.3	32.6	27.8	22.5	42.8	32.7
25-34	13.6	66.4	41.5	21.3	37.7	28.4	16.1	59.4	37.8
35-44	12.8	58.6	35.3	20.6	45.6	33.4	14.0	56.5	35.0
45-54	15.9	62.1	38.0	25.9	52.6	40.6	17.4	60.3	38.4
55-59	25.4	80.7	51.7	39.1	67.2	55.1	27.9	77.3	52.5
60-64	59.9	91.9	74.7	62.5	86.4	78.4	60.4	90.1	75.7
65 and over	92.4	97.9	94.7	92.9	98.6	97.2	92.5	98.3	95.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>50.0</b>

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population in the same age group. (b) Persons who looked for work during the year as a proportion of persons in the same age group who were in the labour force at some time.

TABLE 5. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1985: FAMILY STATUS, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985  
(<sup>' 000</sup>)

	<i>Worked at some time</i>		<i>Looked for work at some time</i>		<i>In the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Out of the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Total Persons</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
<i>Family status—</i>									
Member of a family	3,701.4	2,455.1	624.3	527.8	3,906.1	2,690.3	1,591.9	3,239.8	9,679.7
Husband or wife	2,810.4	1,709.6	303.0	245.4	2,893.8	1,823.4	1,023.3	2,396.4	7,023.5
With children aged 0-14 present	1,636.8	912.2	194.8	167.5	1,685.8	1,000.9	240.4	1,173.1	3,416.7
Without children aged 0-14 present	1,173.6	797.4	108.2	77.9	1,208.1	822.4	782.9	1,223.3	3,606.7
Not-married family head	66.7	169.6	13.3	52.6	71.2	199.3	39.5	324.6	541.9
With children aged 0-14 present	21.3	96.3	5.8	37.4	23.9	119.3	8.6	170.7	260.6
Without children aged 0-14 present	45.5	73.3	7.4	15.2	47.3	80.0	30.9	153.9	281.4
Child of family head	769.9	536.4	288.1	217.0	881.0	624.3	479.5	419.1	1,891.4
Other relative of family head	54.4	39.5	19.9	12.8	60.0	43.3	49.5	99.8	222.8
Not a member of a family	559.2	389.4	132.3	86.4	591.2	414.4	269.6	535.1	1,601.6
Living alone	271.6	165.4	52.3	26.2	287.4	174.6	169.9	442.5	991.9
Not living alone	287.6	224.0	80.0	60.2	303.7	239.7	99.6	92.6	609.6
Not family coded	150.2	110.5	41.7	34.6	164.1	126.5	72.2	143.3	414.9
<i>Educational attainment—</i>									
With post-school qualifications	1,999.1	1,156.7	235.1	190.7	2,045.3	1,217.3	564.7	877.3	3,975.5
Degree	455.2	252.5	34.3	30.1	461.4	260.9	113.6	132.5	816.4
Trade, technical or other certificate	1,492.4	854.5	191.0	146.4	1,530.5	901.0	437.8	697.8	3,022.8
Other	51.5	49.7	9.8	14.2	53.4	55.5	13.3	46.9	136.3
Without post-school qualifications	2,351.8	1,729.4	536.4	416.1	2,537.5	1,915.9	1,148.9	2,825.1	7,251.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	554.4	386.2	130.4	91.4	598.1	423.3	223.9	400.5	1,328.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,791.1	1,341.6	405.1	324.7	1,932.4	1,491.0	911.2	2,394.4	5,871.4
Left school at age—									
16 years or over	624.0	514.8	150.6	142.1	671.3	571.9	179.2	565.3	1,665.5
15 years or under	1,167.1	826.8	254.5	182.6	1,261.1	919.1	732.0	1,829.1	4,206.0
Never attended school	6.3	*	*	*	7.1	*	13.9	30.2	51.2
Still at school	59.9	68.9	26.7	42.0	78.5	97.9	220.1	215.8	469.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>	<b>798.3</b>	<b>648.8</b>	<b>4,661.4</b>	<b>3,231.1</b>	<b>1,933.7</b>	<b>3,918.2</b>	<b>11,696.1</b>

**TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1985: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985 AND AGE (' 000)**

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Nil	*	*	11.4	20.7	39.1	46.3	127.4	420.6	667.5
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.3
4 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20.2
13 and under 26	*	*	5.8	*	*	*	7.2	*	28.3
26 and under 39	*	*	10.4	10.2	9.4	6.4	9.2	6.9	55.4
39 and under 49	*	5.7	34.7	30.2	24.5	9.4	11.1	7.6	123.7
49 and under 52	*	9.2	48.2	49.0	24.4	9.6	6.4	*	150.1
52	*	113.6	734.1	798.5	559.6	228.7	110.8	36.7	2,585.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>849.5</b>	<b>915.3</b>	<b>665.6</b>	<b>306.6</b>	<b>276.4</b>	<b>482.7</b>	<b>3,637.0</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Nil	178.0	26.8	30.8	34.0	57.0	67.2	156.2	561.0	1,111.0
1 and under 4	28.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	41.2
4 and under 13	85.8	18.9	10.1	*	4.8	*	*	*	134.8
13 and under 26	34.7	13.4	12.1	4.6	*	*	8.1	5.1	85.9
26 and under 39	27.4	18.9	21.5	11.7	11.3	7.1	11.3	8.1	117.4
39 and under 49	26.8	33.4	58.5	37.5	28.3	11.0	13.3	9.6	218.3
49 and under 52	16.0	33.4	66.8	58.7	28.3	11.6	7.4	*	225.0
52	246.2	509.4	1,055.9	931.9	644.0	270.6	132.9	47.8	3,838.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>643.0</b>	<b>657.5</b>	<b>1,258.5</b>	<b>1,083.2</b>	<b>779.4</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>335.4</b>	<b>639.7</b>	<b>5,772.4</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Nil	8.1	79.5	345.5	281.0	263.4	192.8	205.6	342.9	1,718.9
1 and under 4	*	6.3	33.9	18.1	7.9	*	*	*	71.1
4 and under 13	*	13.7	50.8	34.6	12.7	5.1	*	*	121.3
13 and under 26	*	13.8	46.1	30.6	17.4	*	*	*	116.2
26 and under 39	*	15.4	67.5	45.5	21.2	6.7	*	*	161.1
39 and under 49	*	18.8	59.7	66.0	38.6	11.1	*	*	201.9
49 and under 52	*	7.9	29.7	42.1	17.0	*	*	*	104.6
52	7.9	114.5	320.0	365.7	230.9	54.0	19.4	7.5	1,119.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>270.0</b>	<b>953.3</b>	<b>883.5</b>	<b>609.2</b>	<b>279.0</b>	<b>238.8</b>	<b>354.6</b>	<b>3,614.9</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Nil	175.8	115.9	398.9	324.7	315.3	245.9	300.1	816.1	2,692.6
1 and under 4	29.5	12.6	37.1	21.2	9.8	*	*	*	114.9
4 and under 13	79.9	30.0	60.4	40.9	16.5	5.9	*	*	237.5
13 and under 26	38.2	23.2	53.8	34.4	18.6	4.6	*	*	177.5
26 and under 39	31.2	30.4	76.0	51.4	25.1	9.0	*	*	227.8
39 and under 49	31.5	45.4	79.2	75.9	45.1	12.8	5.8	*	298.9
49 and under 52	17.5	25.2	44.8	49.5	21.8	5.2	*	*	169.0
52	223.3	377.1	513.2	461.2	297.4	84.0	35.2	14.1	2,005.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>627.0</b>	<b>659.6</b>	<b>1,263.3</b>	<b>1,059.1</b>	<b>749.4</b>	<b>370.5</b>	<b>355.5</b>	<b>839.3</b>	<b>5,923.7</b>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Nil	8.1	81.5	357.0	301.6	302.5	239.2	333.0	763.5	2,386.4
1 and under 4	*	6.3	35.0	19.0	9.0	*	*	*	77.4
4 and under 13	*	15.0	54.6	36.8	17.0	8.2	*	*	141.5
13 and under 26	*	14.2	51.9	34.3	20.6	6.7	9.6	5.0	144.5
26 and under 39	*	17.9	78.0	55.7	30.6	13.1	10.6	8.3	216.5
39 and under 49	*	24.5	94.4	96.1	63.1	20.5	14.6	8.8	325.6
49 and under 52	*	17.1	77.9	91.1	41.4	12.9	10.0	*	254.7
52	11.5	228.1	1,054.0	1,164.2	790.5	282.6	130.3	44.2	3,705.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>404.8</b>	<b>1,802.8</b>	<b>1,798.8</b>	<b>1,274.7</b>	<b>585.6</b>	<b>515.3</b>	<b>837.3</b>	<b>7,251.9</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Nil	353.7	142.7	429.7	358.7	372.3	313.1	456.3	1,377.1	3,803.6
1 and under 4	57.5	15.9	39.9	22.5	11.4	*	*	*	156.2
4 and under 13	165.7	48.9	70.5	44.5	21.2	9.8	7.1	4.6	372.3
13 and under 26	73.0	36.5	65.9	39.0	22.7	8.3	11.9	6.1	263.4
26 and under 39	58.7	49.2	97.5	63.1	36.4	16.1	13.7	10.5	345.3
39 and under 49	58.3	78.9	137.7	113.3	73.4	23.7	19.1	12.9	517.2
49 and under 52	33.5	58.6	111.6	108.1	50.1	16.7	11.6	*	393.9
52	469.5	886.5	1,569.1	1,393.0	941.4	354.6	168.2	61.9	5,844.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,269.9</b>	<b>1,317.2</b>	<b>2,521.9</b>	<b>2,142.3</b>	<b>1,528.9</b>	<b>746.0</b>	<b>690.9</b>	<b>1,479.0</b>	<b>11,696.1</b>

TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)

	Time worked during the year (weeks)							Total who worked	Total
	Did not work	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52		
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	18.0	21.9	43.6	102.7	133.0	2,334.3	2,653.5	2,653.5
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	11.1	22.8	..	38.3	40.4
4 and under 8	*	*	*	*	32.5	..	..	37.8	41.4
8 and under 13	*	*	*	*	32.9	..	..	37.0	38.2
13 and under 26	*	*	*	*	40.6	..	..	50.8	54.6
26 and under 52	6.0	23.3	29.2	12.0	..	..	..	64.5	70.6
52	70.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8
Total	87.6	26.7	33.6	61.6	83.7	22.8	..	228.4	316.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>186.4</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>2,334.3</b>	<b>2,882.0</b>	<b>2,969.5</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	94.0	51.0	80.8	165.3	194.2	3,277.9	3,863.2	3,863.2
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	16.4	13.0	*	8.3	19.3	39.6	..	83.4	99.7
4 and under 8	18.6	12.2	5.6	7.6	71.6	..	..	97.1	115.7
8 and under 13	23.3	7.7	*	10.8	67.4	..	..	89.3	112.5
13 and under 26	13.9	7.7	5.2	89.6	14.1	..	..	116.5	130.4
26 and under 52	17.9	63.3	70.9	27.1	..	..	..	161.3	179.2
52	160.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	160.6
Total	250.6	104.0	88.3	143.4	172.4	39.6	..	547.6	798.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>198.1</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>224.2</b>	<b>337.7</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>3,277.9</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>	<b>4,661.4</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	117.0	90.7	125.4	178.8	97.4	1,023.8	1,633.1	1,633.1
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	34.6	6.4	5.3	7.9	7.4	7.8	..	34.9	69.5
4 and under 8	16.1	4.5	*	6.7	10.8	..	..	24.6	40.8
8 and under 13	15.2	*	*	5.5	9.4	..	..	21.7	36.8
13 and under 26	12.1	5.2	*	16.2	*	..	..	27.2	39.3
26 and under 52	13.0	15.4	12.4	*	..	..	..	31.5	44.5
52	32.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32.1
Total	123.1	34.6	27.6	40.1	29.8	7.8	..	139.9	263.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>151.7</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>208.6</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>1,023.8</b>	<b>1,773.0</b>	<b>1,896.1</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	192.4	122.3	163.5	244.5	149.5	1,710.2	2,582.4	2,582.4
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	54.7	17.6	8.2	11.7	16.3	22.1	..	76.0	130.7
4 and under 8	33.1	13.7	6.9	11.2	30.0	..	..	61.7	94.8
8 and under 13	40.4	13.3	6.2	10.0	29.2	..	..	58.6	99.0
13 and under 26	24.4	9.2	9.4	50.7	7.6	..	..	76.9	101.3
26 and under 52	31.2	43.8	42.7	12.9	..	..	..	99.4	130.6
52	92.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92.3
Total	276.1	97.6	73.5	96.4	83.1	22.1	..	372.7	648.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>276.1</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>259.9</b>	<b>327.6</b>	<b>171.6</b>	<b>1,710.2</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>	<b>3,231.1</b>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	135.1	112.7	168.9	281.5	230.4	3,358.1	4,286.6	4,286.6
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	36.7	7.4	5.7	11.1	18.5	30.6	..	73.2	109.9
4 and under 8	19.8	5.3	*	9.4	43.3	..	..	62.4	82.1
8 and under 13	16.4	*	*	8.7	42.3	..	..	58.6	75.0
13 and under 26	15.9	6.3	5.5	56.7	9.5	..	..	78.0	93.9
26 and under 52	19.0	38.7	41.6	15.8	..	..	..	96.1	115.0
52	102.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102.9
Total	210.6	61.3	61.2	101.7	113.5	30.6	..	368.3	578.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>196.4</b>	<b>173.9</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>395.1</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>3,358.1</b>	<b>4,654.9</b>	<b>4,865.6</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	286.5	173.3	244.3	409.8	343.6	4,988.1	6,445.5	6,445.5
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	71.1	30.6	11.4	20.0	35.6	61.7	..	159.4	230.5
4 and under 8	51.7	25.9	12.5	18.8	101.7	..	..	158.8	210.5
8 and under 13	63.6	21.0	9.6	20.8	96.6	..	..	147.9	211.6
13 and under 26	38.3	17.0	14.5	140.3	21.7	..	..	193.5	231.8
26 and under 52	49.1	107.1	113.6	40.0	..	..	..	260.7	309.8
52	252.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	252.9
Total	526.8	201.6	161.8	239.8	255.5	61.7	..	920.3	1,447.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>526.8</b>	<b>488.0</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>484.1</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>405.4</b>	<b>4,988.1</b>	<b>7,365.8</b>	<b>7,892.5</b>

**TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
( ' 000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Age group (years)						Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
<b>MALES</b>									
One	302.5	441.1	947.2	882.6	639.4	513.1	2,501.0	1,224.9	3,725.9
Two	61.8	94.2	160.7	108.4	44.9	17.0	281.5	205.5	487.0
Three	14.3	26.9	39.5	18.4	7.3	*	56.7	52.5	109.2
Four or more	8.8	24.5	32.4	13.5	6.4	*	42.8	45.9	88.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>387.5</b>	<b>586.6</b>	<b>1,179.8</b>	<b>1,022.9</b>	<b>698.0</b>	<b>535.9</b>	<b>2,882.0</b>	<b>1,528.8</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
One	289.5	381.5	666.6	606.3	380.4	186.0	1,574.1	936.2	2,510.3
Two	59.1	88.6	96.8	57.6	26.2	7.3	154.6	181.0	335.6
Three	12.1	21.3	19.1	8.5	*	*	25.5	38.5	64.0
Four or more	7.4	11.5	15.3	7.2	*	*	18.7	26.4	45.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>368.0</b>	<b>502.9</b>	<b>797.8</b>	<b>679.5</b>	<b>410.9</b>	<b>195.9</b>	<b>1,773.0</b>	<b>1,182.0</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
One	592.0	822.6	1,613.8	1,488.9	1,019.8	699.1	4,075.1	2,161.1	6,236.2
Two	120.9	182.9	257.5	166.0	71.0	24.2	436.1	386.5	822.6
Three	26.4	48.2	58.7	26.9	9.6	*	82.2	91.0	173.2
Four or more	16.2	35.9	47.7	20.6	8.4	5.0	61.5	72.3	133.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>755.5</b>	<b>1,089.6</b>	<b>1,977.7</b>	<b>1,702.4</b>	<b>1,108.8</b>	<b>731.8</b>	<b>4,654.9</b>	<b>2,710.9</b>	<b>7,365.8</b>

**TABLE 9. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Time worked during the year (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
One	50.3	121.2	103.1	145.5	209.0	167.5	2,929.3	3,725.9
Two	*	16.4	23.5	47.6	77.7	46.4	272.8	487.0
Three	*	*	7.5	16.0	27.9	10.1	43.8	109.2
Four or more	*	*	5.2	15.0	23.1	9.8	31.9	88.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>144.5</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>224.2</b>	<b>337.7</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>3,277.9</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
One	87.8	169.3	151.0	188.6	243.0	132.5	1,538.1	2,510.3
Two	*	22.4	32.6	50.4	58.5	28.4	140.0	335.6
Three	*	*	6.7	8.6	16.3	7.0	21.1	64.0
Four or more	*	*	5.4	12.3	9.9	*	11.0	45.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>259.9</b>	<b>327.6</b>	<b>171.6</b>	<b>1,710.2</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
One	138.1	290.5	254.1	334.1	452.0	300.0	4,467.4	6,236.2
Two	5.8	38.8	56.2	98.0	136.2	74.7	412.8	822.6
Three	*	8.4	14.2	24.6	44.2	17.0	64.9	173.2
Four or more	*	5.4	10.6	27.3	32.9	13.6	42.9	133.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>343.1</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>484.1</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>405.4</b>	<b>4,988.1</b>	<b>7,365.8</b>

**TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR,  
MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)**

Time worked during the year (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL FULL-TIME</b>							
1 and under 4	6.9	32.6	39.5	18.7	24.8	43.6	83.1
4 and under 13	22.5	68.6	91.1	31.7	39.7	71.4	162.5
13 and under 26	44.2	56.1	100.3	38.9	37.0	75.9	176.3
26 and under 39	80.3	85.5	165.8	62.4	50.9	113.3	279.1
39 and under 49	151.8	112.3	264.0	70.6	61.1	131.8	395.8
49 and under 52	142.1	63.6	205.7	38.0	38.5	76.6	282.2
52	2,252.6	877.9	3,130.5	638.0	582.5	1,220.5	4,351.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,700.4</i>	<i>1,296.5</i>	<i>3,996.9</i>	<i>898.4</i>	<i>834.6</i>	<i>1,733.1</i>	<i>5,730.0</i>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY FULL-TIME</b>							
1 and under 13	*	7.8	10.1	5.8	5.5	11.3	21.4
13 and under 26	*	7.1	10.3	7.5	6.5	14.0	24.2
26 and under 39	9.3	10.0	19.3	9.0	12.3	21.3	40.6
39 and under 49	16.8	13.6	30.4	13.6	11.3	24.9	55.3
49 and under 52	8.1	4.7	12.8	*	5.9	9.7	22.5
52	36.8	18.5	55.4	27.9	16.3	44.2	99.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>76.4</i>	<i>61.8</i>	<i>138.2</i>	<i>67.7</i>	<i>57.7</i>	<i>125.4</i>	<i>263.6</i>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY PART-TIME</b>							
1 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	5.8	7.8
13 and under 26	*	*	*	6.1	6.0	12.2	15.5
26 and under 39	*	5.5	7.5	7.9	4.9	12.8	20.2
39 and under 49	*	6.2	10.0	7.3	6.7	14.1	24.1
49 and under 52	*	*	*	5.0	*	9.1	12.1
52	5.5	10.1	15.6	18.0	11.8	29.8	45.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>41.6</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>125.3</i>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME</b>							
1 and under 4	*	9.1	11.8	27.2	19.2	46.4	58.2
4 and under 13	10.3	33.2	43.6	65.4	46.0	111.5	155.0
13 and under 26	7.1	18.2	25.3	65.8	27.9	93.7	119.0
26 and under 39	13.6	18.0	31.6	86.2	26.3	112.5	144.1
39 and under 49	14.0	19.1	33.2	117.0	39.9	156.8	190.0
49 and under 52	5.0	7.3	12.3	58.3	17.9	76.3	88.5
52	39.4	37.0	76.4	339.8	75.9	415.7	492.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>92.1</i>	<i>142.0</i>	<i>234.1</i>	<i>759.8</i>	<i>253.1</i>	<i>1,012.8</i>	<i>1,246.9</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>							
1 and under 4	9.7	43.8	53.5	46.6	44.8	91.4	144.9
4 and under 13	34.9	109.6	144.5	105.1	93.5	198.5	343.1
13 and under 26	55.6	83.7	139.3	118.3	77.4	195.8	335.0
26 and under 39	105.2	119.0	224.2	165.4	94.5	259.9	484.1
39 and under 49	186.4	151.2	337.7	208.6	119.0	327.6	665.3
49 and under 52	155.8	78.0	233.7	105.2	66.4	171.6	405.4
52	2,334.3	943.6	3,277.9	1,023.8	686.4	1,710.2	4,988.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,882.0</i>	<i>1,528.8</i>	<i>4,410.8</i>	<i>1,773.0</i>	<i>1,182.0</i>	<i>2,955.0</i>	<i>7,365.8</i>

**TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
INDUSTRY AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
(\* 000)**

Industry(a)	Time worked during the year(weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
Working(a)	35.0	84.1	73.2	144.4	274.6	211.2	3,277.9	4,100.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	8.5	5.3	9.8	15.9	11.0	254.9	308.0
Mining	*	*	*	*	6.7	4.8	73.4	90.6
Manufacturing	9.3	14.3	14.7	27.4	50.1	36.3	710.0	862.1
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	*	113.7	123.2
Construction	*	9.6	7.3	23.0	60.9	47.1	262.4	412.8
Wholesale and retail trade	8.3	21.4	19.3	32.7	48.8	30.6	570.4	731.4
Transport and storage	*	*	5.2	7.1	21.9	19.8	252.9	311.3
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	91.2	100.3
Finance, property and business services	*	6.5	6.5	10.0	23.3	22.4	274.7	347.2
Public administration and defence	*	*	*	5.8	5.8	6.3	181.4	206.6
Community services	*	6.3	*	9.9	21.8	14.2	358.2	417.3
Recreation, personal and other services	*	7.8	7.9	9.7	14.6	13.7	134.7	189.7
Looking for work(a)	5.0	22.9	36.1	42.7	39.2	11.6	...	157.6
Out of the labour force(a)	13.5	37.6	29.9	37.1	23.9	11.0	...	153.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>144.5</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>224.2</b>	<b>337.7</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>3,277.9</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Working(a)(b)	51.5	101.8	116.8	167.3	265.2	153.5	1,710.2	2,566.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	5.0	5.3	6.1	*	89.4	114.4
Manufacturing	6.1	13.2	13.3	21.6	33.7	16.0	208.4	312.4
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.2	12.5
Construction	*	*	*	*	6.9	7.2	42.2	63.5
Wholesale and retail trade	15.9	27.5	32.8	35.2	56.8	36.4	362.2	566.8
Transport and storage	*	*	*	*	6.8	*	38.5	57.0
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	29.6	39.2
Finance, property and business services	*	14.0	10.8	16.4	28.5	15.4	208.5	297.6
Public administration and defence	*	4.8	*	6.4	7.3	6.1	84.9	115.0
Community services	12.8	20.2	26.5	51.2	79.7	38.8	504.0	733.3
Recreation, personal and other services	7.1	14.2	18.6	20.0	36.0	24.5	125.5	246.0
Looking for work(a)	*	14.0	19.7	22.0	16.9	*	...	80.2
Out of the labour force(a)	35.9	82.7	59.3	70.5	45.5	14.4	...	308.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>259.9</b>	<b>327.6</b>	<b>171.6</b>	<b>1,710.2</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Working(a)	86.5	185.9	190.0	311.7	539.8	364.7	4,988.1	6,666.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	*	12.2	10.3	15.1	22.0	14.1	344.2	422.3
Mining	*	*	*	*	7.6	5.3	79.2	99.4
Manufacturing	15.4	27.5	28.0	49.1	83.8	52.2	918.4	1,174.5
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	*	124.9	135.7
Construction	*	10.6	8.9	26.6	67.8	54.3	304.6	476.3
Wholesale and retail trade	24.2	49.0	52.2	67.9	105.5	67.0	932.5	1,298.3
Transport and storage	*	4.5	7.7	11.1	28.8	23.6	291.4	368.2
Communication	*	*	*	*	5.5	*	120.9	139.5
Finance, property and business services	7.7	20.5	17.4	26.5	51.7	37.8	483.2	644.7
Public administration and defence	*	7.0	6.6	12.2	13.0	12.5	266.3	321.5
Community services	16.2	26.5	30.0	61.1	101.5	52.9	862.3	1,150.5
Recreation, personal and other services	8.5	22.0	26.4	29.7	50.7	38.2	260.2	435.7
Looking for work(a)	9.0	36.9	55.8	64.8	56.0	15.2	...	237.8
Out of the labour force(a)	49.4	120.3	89.3	107.6	69.4	25.4	...	461.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>343.1</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>484.1</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>405.4</b>	<b>4,988.1</b>	<b>7,365.8</b>

(a) At the end of the year. (b) Includes mining.

**TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
OCCUPATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
( '000)**

Occupation (a)	Time worked during the year (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
Working(a)	35.0	84.1	73.2	144.4	274.6	211.2	3,277.9	4,100.3
Professional, technical, etc.	*	6.9	4.9	9.0	27.5	29.2	484.0	565.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	5.8	12.5	10.2	352.7	384.6
Clerical	*	5.9	5.1	8.7	10.3	6.5	289.1	328.4
Sales	*	9.8	6.9	16.4	21.8	15.5	202.5	276.3
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	9.8	7.6	13.1	20.6	12.2	288.8	355.1
Transport and communication	*	4.8	4.6	9.1	27.5	21.9	226.8	295.5
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	18.8	37.1	33.8	72.4	137.3	102.9	1,260.5	1,662.7
Service, sport and recreation	*	9.1	8.0	10.0	17.2	12.8	173.5	231.9
Looking for work(a)	5.0	22.9	36.1	42.7	39.2	11.6	..	157.6
Out of the labour force(a)	13.5	37.6	29.9	37.1	23.9	11.0	..	153.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>144.5</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>224.2</b>	<b>337.7</b>	<b>233.7</b>	<b>3,277.9</b>	<b>4,410.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Working(a)	51.5	101.8	116.8	167.3	265.2	153.5	1,710.2	2,566.3
Professional, technical, etc.	8.6	13.8	14.7	30.5	48.4	24.3	341.9	482.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	5.4	*	56.5	71.2
Clerical	12.8	32.2	33.8	52.9	83.9	50.2	616.7	882.5
Sales	7.5	19.2	21.2	21.4	36.5	23.2	188.2	317.3
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	*	4.8	4.8	6.3	*	84.5	109.4
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	5.9	*	26.3	42.4
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	7.6	10.7	11.7	18.2	25.3	12.1	148.5	234.0
Service, sport and recreation	11.4	19.3	26.5	34.6	53.5	34.3	247.7	427.4
Looking for work(a)	*	14.0	19.7	22.0	16.9	*	..	80.2
Out of the labour force(a)	35.9	82.7	59.3	70.5	45.5	14.4	..	308.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>259.9</b>	<b>327.6</b>	<b>171.6</b>	<b>1,710.2</b>	<b>2,955.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Working(a)	86.5	185.9	190.0	311.7	539.8	364.7	4,988.1	6,666.6
Professional, technical, etc.	13.0	20.6	19.6	39.5	75.9	53.5	825.9	1,047.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	8.1	17.9	13.7	409.2	455.8
Clerical	15.8	38.1	39.0	61.6	94.1	56.7	905.7	1,210.9
Sales	10.9	29.1	28.1	37.8	58.3	38.7	390.7	593.6
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	5.3	13.4	12.4	17.9	27.0	15.2	373.3	464.5
Transport and communication	*	6.3	7.2	11.7	33.4	25.0	253.1	337.9
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	26.4	47.8	45.5	90.5	162.6	114.9	1,409.0	1,896.7
Service, sport and recreation	12.8	28.4	34.5	44.6	70.7	47.1	421.2	659.3
Looking for work(a)	9.0	36.9	55.8	64.8	56.0	15.2	..	237.8
Out of the labour force(a)	49.4	120.3	89.3	107.6	69.4	25.4	..	461.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>343.1</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>484.1</b>	<b>665.3</b>	<b>405.4</b>	<b>4,988.1</b>	<b>7,365.8</b>

(a) At the end of the year. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

**TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
MARITAL STATUS AND AGE  
( ' 000)**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	
Married—							
Males	*	28.6	114.3	78.3	53.9	38.3	316.0
Females	8.0	38.1	105.7	75.8	30.5	4.9	263.0
Persons	10.6	66.7	219.9	154.0	84.4	43.2	578.9
Not married—							
Males	187.9	145.8	90.5	28.4	17.5	12.1	482.3
Females	188.6	98.8	48.3	29.5	15.2	5.4	385.8
Persons	376.6	244.6	138.8	58.0	32.7	17.5	868.1

**TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

<i>Age group (years)</i>	<i>Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)</i>							<i>Total</i>	<i>Average time looked for work (weeks)</i>
	<i>1 and under 2</i>	<i>2 and under 4</i>	<i>4 and under 8</i>	<i>8 and under 13</i>	<i>13 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and under 52</i>	<i>52</i>		
	—'000—								
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	*	*	*	5.3	6.0	28.6	22.5
25-34	*	14.1	16.5	13.5	22.0	26.7	18.5	114.3	22.6
35-44	*	5.2	12.2	11.0	13.7	17.6	14.3	78.3	23.1
45-54	*	*	7.1	6.7	10.1	12.1	13.7	53.9	26.5
55 and over	*	*	*	*	4.8	7.9	17.5	38.3	34.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>41.4</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>54.6</i>	<i>70.6</i>	<i>70.8</i>	<i>316.0</i>	<i>24.9</i>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
15-19	11.4	18.2	33.3	35.7	29.0	37.0	25.9	190.5	20.1
20-24	10.0	16.1	24.1	22.7	28.3	40.7	32.5	174.4	23.3
25-34	5.0	19.0	29.7	26.9	39.4	48.2	36.6	204.8	23.4
35-44	5.5	6.1	15.9	14.2	17.7	24.8	22.5	106.7	24.4
45-54	*	*	9.0	8.8	10.5	17.7	20.3	71.4	28.4
55 and over	*	*	*	*	5.5	10.9	22.7	50.4	35.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>34.3</i>	<i>65.4</i>	<i>115.7</i>	<i>112.5</i>	<i>130.4</i>	<i>179.2</i>	<i>160.6</i>	<i>798.3</i>	<i>23.9</i>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.0	19.5
20-24	*	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.5	5.3	*	38.1	15.6
25-34	15.4	15.4	17.1	15.6	13.2	19.1	9.8	105.7	16.1
35-44	8.9	9.9	11.1	11.6	12.1	11.1	10.9	75.8	18.0
45-54	*	*	*	*	6.2	5.8	6.0	30.5	22.5
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.9	21.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>33.5</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>40.8</i>	<i>36.8</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>44.5</i>	<i>32.1</i>	<i>263.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
15-19	15.4	18.0	32.0	33.9	33.0	40.7	23.5	196.6	19.6
20-24	8.7	19.6	17.6	20.6	22.6	29.2	18.5	136.9	19.9
25-34	18.1	17.5	24.2	23.6	20.9	31.5	18.1	154.0	18.2
35-44	10.8	12.5	14.3	15.1	15.8	17.2	19.6	105.3	20.6
45-54	*	*	5.2	4.9	8.0	9.5	9.9	45.8	24.3
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.3	26.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>58.4</i>	<i>72.3</i>	<i>94.8</i>	<i>99.0</i>	<i>101.3</i>	<i>130.6</i>	<i>92.3</i>	<i>648.8</i>	<i>19.9</i>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10.6	22.6
20-24	7.1	10.1	9.8	10.2	9.1	10.6	9.8	66.7	18.5
25-34	18.3	29.5	33.7	29.1	35.3	45.8	28.3	219.9	19.5
35-44	13.2	15.1	23.3	22.6	25.8	28.7	25.2	154.0	20.6
45-54	4.5	6.3	10.7	9.0	16.3	17.9	19.8	84.4	25.1
55 and over	*	*	*	*	5.4	9.1	18.1	43.2	33.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>45.6</i>	<i>64.3</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>93.9</i>	<i>115.0</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>578.9</i>	<i>21.6</i>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
15-19	26.8	36.2	65.3	69.7	62.0	77.6	49.5	387.1	19.9
20-24	18.7	35.8	41.7	43.3	50.9	69.9	51.0	311.3	21.8
25-34	23.1	36.5	53.9	50.5	60.3	79.7	54.8	358.8	21.2
35-44	16.3	18.6	30.1	29.3	33.5	41.9	42.2	212.0	22.5
45-54	5.6	7.7	14.3	13.7	18.5	27.2	30.2	117.2	26.8
55 and over	*	*	5.2	5.1	6.5	13.4	25.3	60.7	33.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>92.7</i>	<i>137.8</i>	<i>210.5</i>	<i>211.6</i>	<i>231.8</i>	<i>309.8</i>	<i>252.9</i>	<i>1,447.0</i>	<i>22.1</i>

**TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: FAMILY STATUS, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52		
	—'000—								
Family status—									
Member of a family	78.6	113.0	172.2	164.6	187.8	237.2	198.8	1,152.1	21.8
Husband or wife	42.5	61.3	77.1	69.4	90.5	110.3	97.4	548.4	21.7
With children aged 0-14 present	31.2	41.7	50.3	47.2	57.4	74.1	60.5	362.3	21.1
Without children aged 0-14 present	11.3	19.6	26.9	22.2	33.1	36.2	36.9	186.1	22.8
Not-married family head	*	*	9.9	9.4	8.1	17.0	13.1	65.8	24.1
With children aged 0-14 present	*	*	6.2	6.9	5.1	11.6	9.1	43.2	24.7
Without children aged 0-14 present	*	*	*	*	*	5.4	*	22.6	22.7
Child of family head	30.2	46.3	82.0	79.9	82.6	101.3	82.7	505.1	21.5
Other relative of family head	*	*	*	5.8	6.6	8.6	5.5	32.7	23.9
Not a member of a family	8.8	17.4	28.0	32.8	35.2	57.3	39.1	218.7	24.0
Living alone	*	5.6	10.1	11.5	11.2	20.1	17.2	78.5	25.5
Not living alone	5.9	11.8	17.9	21.3	24.0	37.3	21.9	140.2	23.1
Not family coded	5.4	7.4	10.3	14.1	8.8	15.2	15.0	76.2	22.5
Educational attainment—									
With post-school qualifications(a)	32.4	48.2	73.4	66.9	72.6	81.7	50.7	425.9	18.9
Degree	5.1	7.4	16.9	10.1	10.0	9.8	5.0	64.4	15.4
Trade; technical or other certificate	25.7	38.8	52.8	54.2	57.9	66.0	42.0	337.4	19.3
Without post-school qualifications(b)	47.6	79.7	124.4	132.3	153.0	218.1	197.3	952.5	24.2
Attended highest level of secondary school available	14.2	27.3	36.0	41.4	37.0	38.4	27.4	221.8	18.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	33.4	52.4	88.4	90.9	116.1	179.5	169.1	729.8	25.9
Left school at age—									
16 years or over	13.0	25.0	37.9	41.7	51.6	70.2	53.3	292.6	23.5
15 years or under	20.4	27.4	50.5	49.2	64.5	109.3	115.8	437.1	27.5
Still at school	12.6	9.8	12.7	12.4	6.2	10.0	4.9	68.7	13.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>211.6</b>	<b>231.8</b>	<b>309.8</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>1,447.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>

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

**TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK ('000)**

Educational attainment	Number of spells of looking for work			Total
	One	Two	Three or more	
With post-school qualifications(a)	343.0	42.2	40.6	425.9
Degree	57.8	*	*	64.4
Trade; technical or other certificate	267.0	36.4	34.0	337.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	790.9	90.1	71.5	952.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	190.5	17.5	13.8	221.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	599.7	72.4	57.7	729.8
Left school at age—				
16 years or over	246.2	27.1	19.4	292.6
15 years or under	353.5	45.3	38.3	437.1
Still at school	61.7	*	*	68.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,195.6</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>1,447.0</b>

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

**TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)**

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

**TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
( ' 000)**

<i>Number of spells of looking for work</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Married</i>	<i>Not married</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>			
<b>MALES</b>									
One	165.4	143.1	161.7	86.8	59.0	43.5	254.4	405.2	659.6
Two	15.9	18.1	22.2	9.1	6.3	*	30.9	43.9	74.8
Three or more	9.2	13.2	20.9	10.8	6.0	*	30.6	33.2	63.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>190.5</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>316.0</b>	<b>482.3</b>	<b>798.3</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
One	165.1	112.0	127.1	86.2	36.9	8.7	215.2	320.8	536.0
Two	19.4	17.6	12.1	7.5	*	*	24.9	36.1	60.9
Three or more	12.2	7.2	14.8	11.5	5.5	*	22.9	29.0	51.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>385.8</b>	<b>648.8</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
One	330.5	255.1	288.9	173.0	95.9	52.2	469.6	726.0	1,195.6
Two	35.2	35.7	34.2	16.6	9.7	*	55.8	80.0	135.8
Three or more	21.4	20.4	35.7	22.4	11.6	*	53.5	62.1	115.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>387.1</b>	<b>311.3</b>	<b>358.8</b>	<b>212.0</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>578.9</b>	<b>868.1</b>	<b>1,447.0</b>

**TABLE 19. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK**

	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks)—</i>	—'000—						
1 and under 2	26.8	18.7	23.1	16.3	5.6	*	92.7
2 and under 4	32.8	31.0	32.1	16.2	6.6	*	120.7
4 and under 8	57.6	35.6	44.9	22.8	11.7	*	176.6
8 and under 13	61.7	35.8	36.5	20.7	8.9	*	167.0
13 and under 26	48.0	35.3	44.0	23.5	13.7	5.4	169.9
26 and under 52	54.3	47.6	53.5	31.4	19.1	9.9	215.9
52	49.5	51.0	54.8	42.2	30.2	25.3	252.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>330.5</b>	<b>255.1</b>	<b>288.9</b>	<b>173.0</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>1,195.6</b>
— weeks —							
Average (mean) duration	19.3	22.0	21.4	23.6	28.1	36.1	22.5
Median duration	11.9	15.4	15.3	18.8	27.7	50.4	16.1
<b>TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks)—</i>	—'000—						
2 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.2
4 and under 13	9.0	6.9	8.8	6.6	*	*	34.9
13 and under 26	8.8	10.2	7.5	*	*	*	32.9
26 and under 52	15.3	15.3	14.4	4.8	*	*	55.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>135.8</b>
— weeks —							
Average (mean) duration	24.0	22.1	21.4	18.2	22.8	*	21.9
Median duration	22.6	22.7	21.3	13.8	21.9	*	21.2
<b>THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks)—</i>	—'000—						
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.8
4 and under 13	6.8	6.7	14.2	9.4	5.1	*	43.7
13 and under 26	5.3	5.5	8.8	6.3	*	*	29.0
26 and under 52	8.0	7.0	11.8	5.8	*	*	38.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>115.7</b>
— weeks —							
Average (mean) duration	21.1	19.7	19.0	17.6	19.4	*	19.2
Median duration	19.3	18.3	17.1	14.9	16.2	*	17.2
<b>TOTAL</b>							
<i>Time spent looking for work (weeks)—</i>	—'000—						
1 and under 2	26.8	18.7	23.1	16.3	5.6	*	92.7
2 and under 4	36.2	35.8	36.5	18.6	7.7	*	137.8
4 and under 8	65.3	41.7	53.9	30.1	14.3	5.2	210.5
8 and under 13	69.7	43.3	50.5	29.3	13.7	5.1	211.6
13 and under 26	62.0	50.9	60.3	33.5	18.5	6.5	231.8
26 and under 52	77.6	69.9	79.7	41.9	27.2	13.4	309.8
52	49.5	51.0	54.8	42.2	30.2	25.3	252.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>387.1</b>	<b>311.3</b>	<b>358.8</b>	<b>212.0</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>1,447.0</b>
— weeks —							
Average (mean) duration	19.9	21.8	21.2	22.5	26.8	33.7	22.1
Median duration	12.7	17.1	16.3	17.5	25.2	43.9	17.0

**TABLE 20. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
AGE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE  
( ' 000)**

Age group (years)	Time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	9.2	5.4	*	*	*	*	*	21.2
25-34	48.2	34.5	9.1	6.6	4.5	*	11.4	115.4
35-44	49.0	28.7	9.5	5.6	*	*	20.7	116.8
45-54	24.4	23.1	9.2	4.5	4.6	*	39.1	105.9
55-59	9.6	8.6	5.7	*	*	*	46.3	77.9
60-64	6.4	10.1	7.5	9.2	*	*	127.4	165.6
65 and over	*	7.0	5.1	6.4	*	*	420.6	446.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>150.1</i>	<i>118.1</i>	<i>49.0</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>667.5</i>	<i>1,051.5</i>
<b>ALL MALES</b>								
15-19	16.0	24.2	22.9	34.3	93.3	28.0	178.0	396.7
20-24	33.4	33.0	14.7	16.0	20.9	*	26.8	148.1
25-34	66.8	56.5	18.6	15.8	11.3	*	30.8	202.7
35-44	58.7	35.5	11.3	6.6	*	*	34.0	151.4
45-54	28.3	26.6	11.3	5.7	5.0	*	57.0	135.5
55-59	11.6	10.1	6.2	4.9	4.5	*	67.2	104.9
60-64	7.4	12.1	9.3	10.3	4.6	*	156.2	202.5
65 and over	*	9.0	6.2	7.4	*	*	561.0	591.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>225.0</i>	<i>206.9</i>	<i>100.6</i>	<i>101.0</i>	<i>148.0</i>	<i>41.2</i>	<i>1,111.0</i>	<i>1,933.7</i>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1	18.7
20-24	7.9	17.4	14.0	13.8	16.6	6.3	79.5	155.5
25-34	29.7	55.4	54.2	59.1	55.5	33.9	345.5	633.3
35-44	42.1	61.4	36.9	40.1	38.2	18.1	281.0	517.8
45-54	17.0	36.7	18.5	19.0	15.7	7.9	263.4	378.3
55-59	*	10.4	5.5	5.6	5.1	*	192.8	225.0
60-64	*	*	*	*	*	*	205.6	219.4
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	342.9	347.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>104.6</i>	<i>188.0</i>	<i>133.1</i>	<i>143.2</i>	<i>136.2</i>	<i>71.1</i>	<i>1,718.9</i>	<i>2,495.1</i>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>								
15-19	17.5	29.2	25.4	40.3	85.9	29.5	175.8	403.7
20-24	25.2	40.3	28.4	26.3	33.9	12.6	115.9	282.5
25-34	44.8	72.5	62.5	68.5	66.0	37.1	398.9	750.1
35-44	49.5	70.8	41.4	45.7	44.8	21.2	324.7	597.9
45-54	21.8	41.7	23.3	20.7	19.5	9.8	315.3	452.0
55-59	5.2	11.9	6.9	7.5	5.9	*	245.9	286.4
60-64	*	5.3	*	*	*	*	300.1	320.3
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	816.1	825.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>169.0</i>	<i>274.6</i>	<i>191.7</i>	<i>215.3</i>	<i>260.1</i>	<i>114.9</i>	<i>2,692.6</i>	<i>3,918.2</i>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>								
15-19	33.5	53.5	48.3	74.7	179.2	57.5	353.7	800.5
20-24	58.6	73.2	43.1	42.3	54.8	15.9	142.7	430.7
25-34	111.6	128.9	81.1	84.3	77.3	39.9	429.7	952.8
35-44	108.1	106.3	52.7	52.3	48.7	22.5	358.7	749.3
45-54	50.1	68.3	34.6	26.4	24.5	11.4	372.3	587.5
55-59	16.7	22.0	13.2	12.4	10.4	*	313.1	391.4
60-64	11.6	17.3	11.3	14.6	8.3	*	456.3	522.8
65 and over	*	12.0	7.9	9.3	4.8	*	1,377.1	1,417.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>393.9</i>	<i>481.5</i>	<i>292.3</i>	<i>316.3</i>	<i>408.1</i>	<i>156.2</i>	<i>3,803.6</i>	<i>5,851.9</i>

**TABLE 21. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
MAJOR ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE**  
( ' 000)

Major activity when out of the labour force	Time out of the labour force (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	
<b>MALES</b>								
Kept house	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	35.8	53.6
Attended an educational institution	5.3	18.9	26.2	45.3	115.8	32.5	199.2	443.2
Ill or injured	11.1	25.9	16.7	12.2	9.8	*	96.9	174.3
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	61.6	71.1	34.2	31.8	15.4	4.9	717.9	937.0
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	41.8	42.6
Unpaid leave	122.5	65.6	11.9	*	*	*	*	205.5
Other activity	21.5	19.4	7.8	5.2	*	*	19.3	77.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>206.9</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>1,111.0</b>	<b>1,933.7</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Kept house	28.7	123.6	123.7	142.6	148.6	74.2	2,219.8	2,861.2
Attended an educational institution	5.2	21.1	29.8	49.6	98.4	35.1	181.4	420.5
Ill or injured	14.0	15.4	8.0	6.1	*	*	40.3	88.1
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	33.5	43.0	13.6	8.8	6.2	*	190.1	296.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	16.2	16.7
Unpaid leave	80.4	61.4	11.3	*	*	*	*	160.9
Other activity	7.0	10.0	5.3	*	*	*	44.0	74.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>274.6</b>	<b>191.7</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>260.1</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>2,692.6</b>	<b>3,918.2</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Kept house	31.6	129.5	127.2	144.9	151.3	74.7	2,255.5	2,914.7
Attended an educational institution	10.6	40.0	56.0	94.9	214.2	67.6	380.6	863.7
Ill or injured	25.0	41.3	24.8	18.3	13.1	*	137.2	262.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	95.1	114.1	47.7	40.6	21.6	6.3	908.0	1,233.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	58.0	59.3
Unpaid leave	202.9	127.1	23.2	8.6	*	*	*	366.4
Other activity	28.5	29.5	13.1	8.8	5.1	*	63.2	151.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>393.9</b>	<b>481.5</b>	<b>292.3</b>	<b>316.3</b>	<b>408.1</b>	<b>156.2</b>	<b>3,803.6</b>	<b>5,851.9</b>

**TABLE 22. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:  
MAJOR ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE**  
( ' 000)

Major activity when out of the labour force	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MALES</b>									
Kept house	*	*	7.8	4.9	4.5	*	6.4	23.5	53.6
Attended an educational institution	355.3	57.4	22.3	4.5	*	*	*	*	443.2
Ill or injured	5.4	16.3	29.8	27.2	36.4	25.7	18.1	15.4	174.3
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	20.0	28.4	53.4	38.8	41.8	57.7	158.0	538.9	937.0
Permanently unable to work	*	*	4.6	7.8	10.4	5.2	7.7	5.9	42.6
Unpaid leave	10.1	31.7	61.6	52.9	29.1	10.3	7.7	*	205.5
Other activity	4.8	10.8	23.3	15.2	11.3	*	*	5.2	77.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>396.7</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>202.7</b>	<b>151.4</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>202.5</b>	<b>591.9</b>	<b>1,933.7</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Kept house	27.5	167.2	638.3	492.8	376.7	243.8	269.2	645.5	2,861.2
Attended an educational institution	337.1	50.4	15.8	11.1	*	*	*	*	420.5
Ill or injured	5.6	7.9	14.3	16.9	15.8	5.2	*	18.5	88.1
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	15.4	23.4	26.0	18.4	19.3	22.1	35.9	135.9	296.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.7	16.7
Unpaid leave	11.9	24.8	44.0	44.7	27.4	5.6	*	*	160.9
Other activity	6.2	7.8	10.4	10.5	8.0	8.0	7.4	16.1	74.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>403.7</b>	<b>282.5</b>	<b>750.1</b>	<b>597.9</b>	<b>452.0</b>	<b>286.4</b>	<b>320.3</b>	<b>825.2</b>	<b>3,918.2</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
Kept house	28.3	170.1	646.1	497.8	381.2	246.5	275.6	669.1	2,914.7
Attended an educational institution	692.4	107.8	38.1	15.7	5.8	*	*	*	863.7
Ill or injured	11.0	24.2	44.1	44.1	52.2	30.9	22.0	33.9	262.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	35.4	51.7	79.4	57.2	61.2	79.8	194.0	674.8	1,233.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	5.9	11.1	11.4	5.8	9.5	13.6	59.3
Unpaid leave	22.1	56.5	105.6	97.6	56.5	15.9	9.3	*	366.4
Other activity	11.0	18.6	33.7	25.7	19.3	11.2	11.2	21.3	151.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>800.5</b>	<b>430.7</b>	<b>952.8</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>587.5</b>	<b>391.4</b>	<b>522.8</b>	<b>1,417.1</b>	<b>5,851.9</b>

**TABLE 23. PERSONS WHO WORKED IN THEIR CURRENT JOB FOR ONE YEAR OR LONGER WHO DID NOT WORK FOR THE WHOLE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: OCCUPATION, FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE ('000)**

<i>Occupation and full-time/part-time status</i>	<i>Time out of the labour force (weeks)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>1 and under 4</i>	<i>4 and under 13</i>	<i>13 and under 26</i>	<i>26 and over</i>	
<b>MALES</b>					
Professional, technical, etc.	18.6	11.2	*	*	33.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	4.9	*	*	*	10.2
Clerical	*	*	*	*	8.1
Sales	9.6	6.1	*	*	19.0
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	7.9	8.7	*	6.0	25.6
Transport and communication	16.7	13.6	*	*	33.5
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(a)	74.4	52.1	7.4	6.4	140.4
Service, sport and recreation	9.3	5.9	*	*	18.8
Working full-time(b)	132.4	80.0	12.6	8.3	233.3
Working part-time(b)	11.8	21.0	4.9	7.6	45.3
Not asked—not working(b)	*	*	*	*	10.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.6</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>288.7</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>					
Professional, technical, etc.	15.1	29.3	12.1	11.3	67.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	7.0
Clerical	33.9	41.2	10.2	14.2	99.6
Sales	17.9	17.7	*	4.7	43.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	*	*	5.3	12.6
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	7.6
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(a)	9.8	12.6	*	4.9	30.1
Service, sport and recreation	26.9	31.8	8.5	6.2	73.4
Working full-time(b)	45.3	36.0	9.8	8.4	99.4
Working part-time(b)	64.0	95.9	23.2	28.5	211.6
Not asked—not working(b)	*	10.5	7.1	11.1	30.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>341.6</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>					
Professional, technical, etc.	33.7	40.4	13.3	13.5	100.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	7.1	7.6	*	*	17.2
Clerical	37.2	43.8	11.4	15.3	107.7
Sales	27.5	23.8	5.2	6.0	62.5
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	10.8	11.1	5.1	11.3	38.2
Transport and communication	19.1	17.5	*	*	41.1
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(a)	84.2	64.7	10.3	11.3	170.5
Service, sport and recreation	36.2	37.7	10.2	8.0	92.2
Working full-time(b)	177.7	115.9	22.4	16.6	332.7
Working part-time(b)	75.8	116.9	28.1	36.2	257.0
Not asked—not working(b)	*	13.8	9.6	15.0	40.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>255.8</b>	<b>246.6</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>630.3</b>

(a) Includes miners and quarry workers. (b) At the end of the year.

## ADDITIONAL TABLES

The following is a list of additional tables of results from this survey which are available to users on request. These tables show a selection of estimates on an Australia-wide basis. Tables disaggregated by State/ Territory and other tables may also be available. All tables are dissected by sex.

### **Civilian population**

Time in the labour force during the year, labour force status at February 1985, age and marital status.

Time in the labour force during the year, family status and age.

Time worked during the year, family status and age.

Time out of the labour force, family status and age.

Time out of the labour force, family status, birthplace and period of arrival (if born overseas).

### **Persons who worked at some time during the year**

Time worked during the year, time in the labour force during the year and number of jobs held during the year.

Number of jobs held during the year, full-time/ part-time status during the year, family status and age.

Number of jobs held during the year, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and marital status.

Number of jobs held during the year, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and age.

Number of jobs held during the year, educational attainment, occupation at February 1985 (if any) and age.

Time spent looking for work, educational attainment, occupation at February 1985 (if any) and age.

Time out of the labour force, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and occupation at February 1985 (if any).

Time out of the labour force, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and industry at February 1985 (if any).

### **Persons who looked for work at some time during the year**

Time spent looking for work, labour force status at February 1985, family status and age.

Time spent looking for work, number of spells of looking for work, family status and age.

Time spent looking for work, educational attainment and age.

Time spent looking for work, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and age.

Time spent looking for work, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and marital status.

Number of spells of looking for work, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and age.

### **Persons out of the labour force at some time during the year**

Time out of the labour force, family status and educational attainment.

Time out of the labour force, major activity when out of the labour force, family status and age.

Major activity when out of the labour force, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and family status.

Major activity when out of the labour force, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and age.

Major activity when out of the labour force, birthplace, period of arrival (if born overseas) and marital status.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

### Estimation procedure

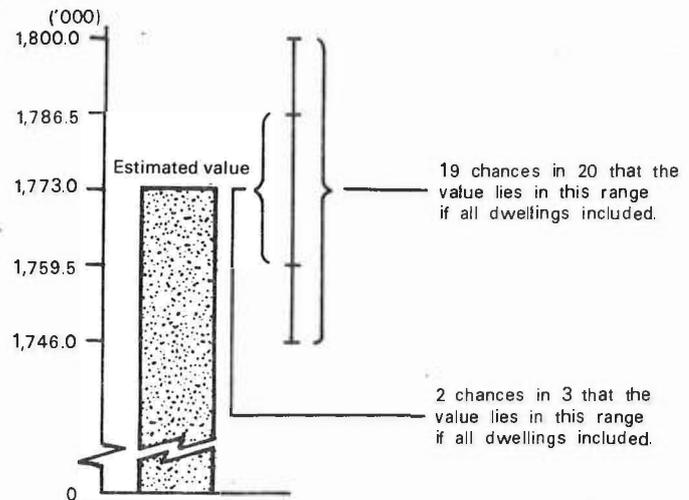
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution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

### Reliability of the estimates

2. 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 the figures 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 figure 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.

3. 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 figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending February 1985 was 1,773,000. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 11,200 and 14,200, and can be approximated as 13,500 (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 1,759,500 to 1,786,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 1,746,000 and 1,800,000. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. 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 this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. 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. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,614,900) is shown in Table 2 as 49.0 per cent. The standard error for 3,614,900 is approximately 16,800 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 1,773,000 is 0.8 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(0.8)^2 + (0.5)^2}$  or 0.6 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (49.0 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 48.7 per cent and 49.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 48.4 per cent to 49.6 per cent.

8. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore 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 is strictly applicable only to differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

9. 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. 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 only a sample.

#### STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	N. T.	A. C. T.	Australia	
									Relative standard error (per cent)	
1,500						350				
1,800						380		410		
2,000						400	490	420		
2,500				580	620	440	540	460		
3,000				630	670	470	580	490		
3,500			860	680	720	500	610	520		
4,000			920	720	760	530	650	550		
4,500			970	760	800	560	680	570	1,050	23.9
5,000	1,200	1,250	1,000	790	840	580	710	590	1,150	22.7
6,000	1,350	1,350	1,100	860	900	630	760	630	1,250	20.7
7,000	1,450	1,450	1,200	910	970	670	810	670	1,350	19.2
10,000	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,150	1,100	770	920	750	1,600	16.0
20,000	2,300	2,250	1,900	1,400	1,500	990	1,200	940	2,250	11.1
50,000	3,350	3,300	2,700	1,950	2,100	1,350	1,650	1,200	3,400	6.8
100,000	4,450	4,300	3,550	2,500	2,700	1,650	2,100	1,450	4,550	4.6
200,000	5,900	5,500	4,550	3,150	3,400	2,050		1,700	6,100	3.0
300,000	6,800	6,300	5,200	3,600	3,850				7,100	2.4
500,000	8,300	7,500	6,100	4,200	4,500				8,700	1.7
1,000,000	10,600	9,300	7,600						11,200	1.1
2,000,000	13,400	11,400							14,200	0.7
5,000,000	18,000	14,600							19,100	0.4
10,000,000									23,500	0.2
12,000,000									24,700	0.2

—Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published, see paragraph 5 above.





