

CHAPTER 2

THE LABOUR FORCE

The concept of the labour force is fundamental to the measurement of employment and unemployment.

The labour force is defined broadly as those persons who, during a particular week, are either employed or unemployed. The labour force represents the total supply of labour available to the labour market during a given week.

The participation rate, which represents the proportion of the working age population (defined to be those aged 15 and over) who are in the labour force is an important labour force measure. Analysis of the participation rates provides a basis for monitoring changes in the size and composition of labour supply, particularly in terms of age, sex and marital status. Other characteristics such as birthplace, educational attainment and family characteristics also have to be taken into account in an analysis of the labour force.

The need to reflect the dynamic structure of the labour market and the changes required to respond to evolving socio-economic conditions and policy concerns have resulted in significant modifications to the original Labour Force Survey framework that was developed in the 1960s. An ever-increasing demand to obtain information concerning underemployment and information on persons wanting to work but not defined as unemployed has led to improvements to the conceptual basis of the Australian labour force framework. The conceptual framework is set out schematically on the next page.

This chapter presents some summary statistics on the civilian labour force. The principal source for statistics on the civilian labour force is the ABS population survey, which consists of the Monthly Labour Force Survey and associated supplementary surveys. The Labour Force Survey collects information on the labour force status of individuals (i.e. whether they are employed, unemployed or not in the labour force) together with a range of demographic and other characteristics. It provides the basis for an analysis of underemployment and underutilisation of labour, a topic addressed in Chapter 3. The supplementary surveys cover a range of topics. For example the Survey of Labour Force Experience examines the movements into and out of the labour force over twelve months.

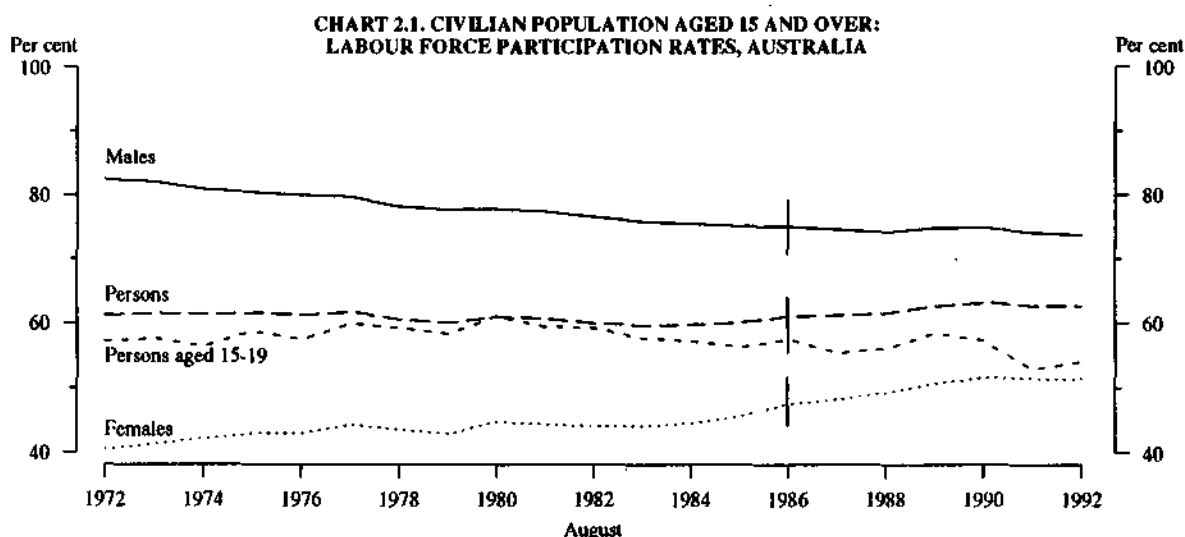
Members of the permanent Defence Forces are excluded from the Labour Force Survey and therefore from discussion in the remainder of this publication. Their numbers totalled 54,600 males and 8,200 females at the end of June 1992.

Labour force

In August 1992, of the 8,585,700 persons in the labour force, 4,997,800 were males and 3,587,800 were females.

The labour force participation rate for persons increased by 2.6 percentage points over the decade August 1982 to August 1992 to 62.6 per cent. This increase was attributable to an increase of 7.6 percentage points in the female participation rate. The labour force participation rate for males has decreased by 2.8 percentage points to 73.8 per cent.

There were large increases in the labour force participation rate for females in both the 35 to 44 age group (13.6 percentage points) and the 45 to 54 age groups (15.1 percentage points), to 71.6 and 64.6 per cent respectively. The participation rate for females aged 25 to 34 increased by 11.3 percentage points over the decade, while the participation rates for both males and females in the 15 to 19 and the 65 and over age groups fell.



Indicates break in series. Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203 0)

THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR FORCE FRAMEWORK

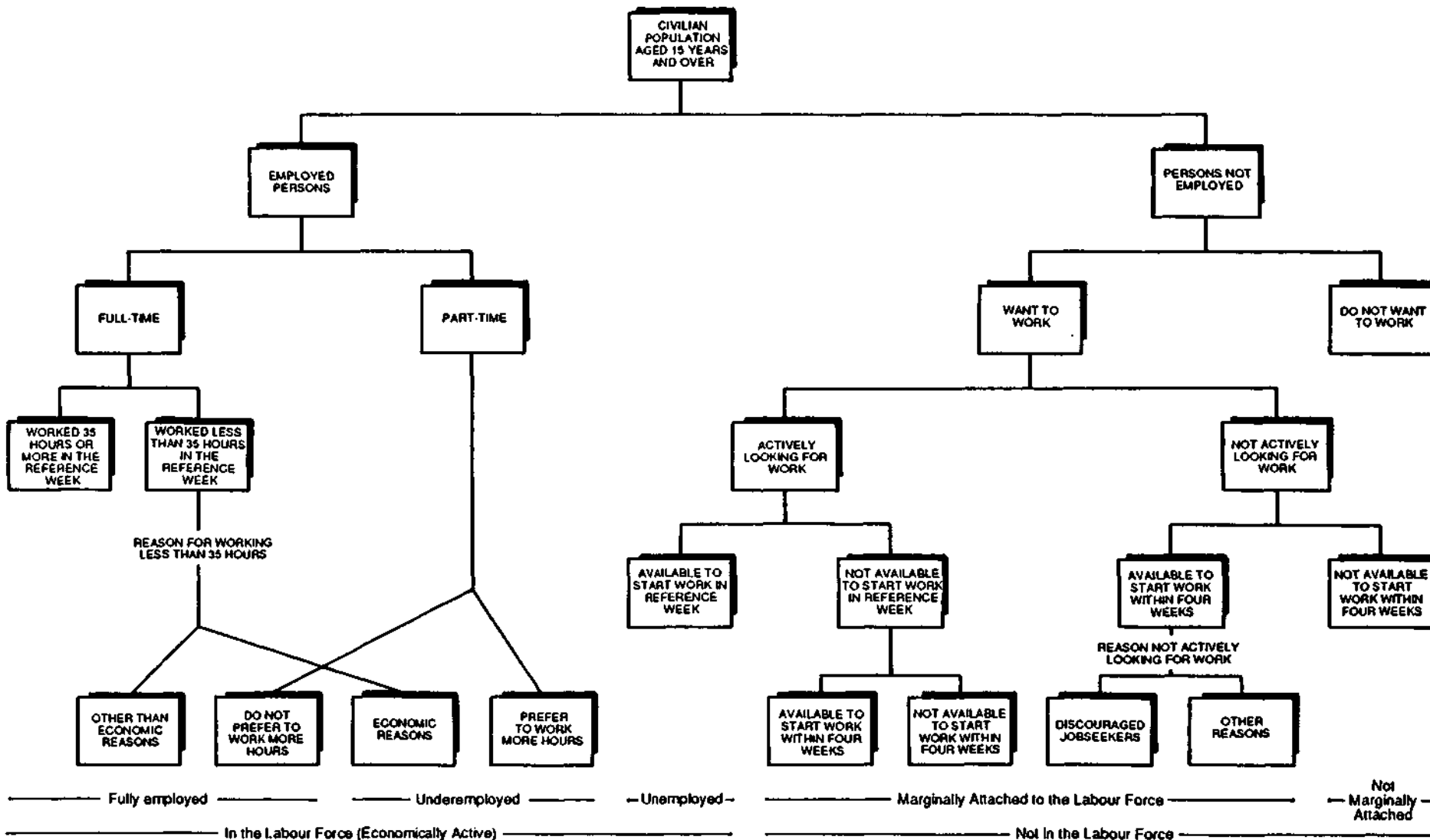


TABLE 21. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER : LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1972 TO AUGUST 1992

August	Employed		Unemployed			Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Un-employ-ment rate —per cent—	Partici-pation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total						
MALES											
1972	3,632.3	3,757.7	67.7	7.0	74.8	3,832.5	813.8	4,646.2	2.0	82.5	
1973	3,697.5	3,839.6	38.3	13.0	51.3	3,891.0	847.9	4,738.8	1.3	82.1	
1974	3,710.9	3,847.1	60.0	7.9	67.9	3,914.9	920.5	4,835.4	1.7	81.0	
1975	3,668.4	3,820.6	122.5	16.3	138.8	3,959.4	956.6	4,916.0	3.5	80.5	
1976	3,665.6	3,836.3	142.7	13.9	156.6	3,992.9	1,000.1	4,993.0	3.9	80.0	
1977	3,682.6	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8	
1978	3,642.5	3,850.9	207.9	14.3	222.2	4,073.1	1,137.7	5,210.8	5.5	78.2	
1979	3,715.9	3,921.2	184.0	13.5	197.5	4,118.7	1,177.6	5,296.3	4.8	77.8	
1980	3,773.8	3,982.8	193.9	15.7	209.6	4,192.4	1,193.2	5,385.6	5.0	77.5	
1981	3,783.5	4,057.9	187.8	12.7	200.5	4,258.4	1,236.6	5,494.9	4.7	77.5	
1982	3,782.5	4,024.3	250.4	20.2	271.7	4,296.0	1,314.6	5,610.6	6.3	76.6	
1983	3,663.4	3,903.6	409.5	22.6	429.7	4,333.3	1,379.2	5,712.5	9.9	75.9	
1984	3,772.5	4,018.0	358.6	22.6	381.2	4,399.2	1,418.8	5,818.0	8.7	75.6	
1985	3,826.7	4,111.1	325.4	23.7	349.1	4,460.2	1,509.4	5,929.8	7.8	75.2	
1986(a)	3,922.3	4,202.6	320.9	28.3	349.3	4,511.9	1,565.4	6,061.2	7.7	75.1	
1987	3,960.0	4,277.1	317.2	29.8	347.1	4,624.2	1,653.4	6,189.6	7.5	74.7	
1988	4,076.4	4,382.1	279.9	25.8	305.7	4,687.8	1,633.9	6,321.7	6.5	74.2	
1989	4,217.5	4,571.9	230.7	30.0	260.7	4,826.6	1,619.7	6,452.3	5.4	74.9	
1990	4,218.5	4,583.8	305.1	32.8	338.0	4,931.8	1,641.1	6,562.8	6.9	75.0	
1991	4,035.4	4,443.7	465.4	37.2	502.6	4,946.3	1,728.3	6,674.6	10.2	74.1	
1992	3,966.5	4,433.4	521.0	43.4	564.4	4,997.8	1,771.9	6,769.7	11.3	73.8	
FEMALES											
1972	1,356.1	1,852.1	43.4	25.9	69.3	1,921.4	2,811.6	4,733.0	3.6	40.6	
1973	1,395.4	1,943.3	28.8	25.6	54.5	1,997.8	2,826.8	4,824.6	2.7	41.4	
1974	1,416.9	2,008.1	45.8	27.2	73.1	2,081.2	2,851.8	4,933.0	3.5	42.2	
1975	1,378.5	2,020.8	93.0	46.6	139.7	2,160.3	2,859.6	5,019.9	6.5	43.0	
1976	1,371.3	2,061.5	94.1	42.0	136.1	2,197.6	2,909.8	5,107.4	6.2	43.0	
1977	1,411.9	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4	44.5	
1978	1,402.9	2,154.4	126.5	49.6	176.1	2,297.8	2,902.1	5,359.7	7.6	43.2	
1979	1,397.2	2,157.4	131.8	48.1	179.9	2,330.5	3,029.1	5,454.4	7.7	42.9	
1980	1,477.3	2,298.5	140.7	44.2	184.9	2,483.4	3,071.7	5,555.1	7.4	44.7	
1981	1,501.5	2,335.8	135.9	44.2	180.1	2,515.9	3,154.6	5,670.5	7.2	44.4	
1982	1,503.4	2,355.0	137.2	52.5	189.7	2,544.7	3,242.8	5,787.5	7.5	44.0	
1983	1,486.9	2,337.4	197.9	59.3	257.1	2,594.6	3,299.1	5,893.7	9.9	44.0	
1984	1,546.3	2,448.1	165.0	57.9	222.8	2,671.0	3,319.9	5,990.9	8.3	44.6	
1985	1,607.3	2,564.5	162.7	60.9	223.6	2,788.1	3,313.6	6,101.6	8.0	45.7	
1986(a)	1,686.5	2,716.0	170.9	77.5	248.4	2,968.4	3,266.3	6,230.6	8.4	47.6	
1987	1,711.1	2,815.2	177.8	77.1	255.0	3,070.2	3,291.4	6,361.6	8.3	48.3	
1988	1,798.1	2,971.3	165.5	67.4	233.0	3,204.2	3,288.6	6,492.9	7.3	49.4	
1989	1,891.5	3,155.7	139.4	69.3	208.7	3,364.4	3,258.7	6,623.1	6.2	50.8	
1990	1,941.3	3,241.2	173.2	76.3	249.5	3,490.7	3,242.7	6,733.4	7.1	51.8	
1991	1,907.6	3,225.5	221.6	81.8	303.4	3,528.9	3,317.0	6,845.9	8.6	51.5	
1992	1,839.5	3,243.8	244.0	97.9	342.0	3,587.8	3,364.6	6,952.4	9.5	51.6	
PERSONS											
1972	4,988.4	5,609.9	111.1	32.9	144.0	5,753.9	3,623.3	9,379.2	2.5	61.3	
1973	5,092.9	5,783.0	67.2	38.6	105.8	5,888.7	3,674.7	9,563.4	1.8	61.6	
1974	5,127.8	5,855.2	105.8	35.1	140.9	5,996.1	3,772.3	9,768.4	2.4	61.4	
1975	5,046.8	5,841.3	215.5	62.9	278.4	6,119.7	3,816.2	9,935.9	4.6	61.6	
1976	5,036.9	5,897.8	236.8	55.9	292.7	6,190.5	3,909.8	10,100.4	4.7	61.3	
1977	5,049.6	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8	
1978	5,045.3	6,005.4	334.4	63.9	398.3	6,403.7	4,166.8	10,570.5	6.2	60.6	
1979	5,113.1	6,078.5	315.8	61.7	377.5	6,456.0	4,294.6	10,750.7	5.9	60.1	
1980	5,251.1	6,281.4	334.6	59.9	394.5	6,675.9	4,264.9	10,940.7	5.9	60.1	
1981	5,337.1	6,393.7	323.7	56.9	380.6	6,774.3	4,391.2	11,165.5	5.6	60.7	
1982	5,285.9	6,379.3	387.6	73.8	461.4	6,840.7	4,557.4	11,398.1	6.7	60.0	
1983	5,150.3	6,241.1	607.4	79.5	80.5	6,927.9	4,678.3	11,606.2	9.9	59.7	
1984	5,318.8	6,466.1	523.5	80.5	604.0	7,070.1	4,738.7	11,808.8	8.5	59.9	
1985	5,464.0	6,675.6	488.0	84.7	572.7	7,248.3	4,783.1	12,031.4	7.9	60.2	
1986(a)	5,608.8	6,918.6	491.8	105.8	597.6	7,516.2	4,775.7	12,291.9	8.0	60.2	
1987	5,671.1	7,092.3	495.1	107.0	602.0	7,964.4	4,856.8	12,551.2	7.8	61.3	
1988	5,874.6	7,353.4	445.4	93.3	538.7	7,892.1	4,922.5	12,814.5	6.8	61.6	
1989	6,108.9	7,727.6	370.1	99.3	469.4	8,197.0	4,878.5	13,075.4	5.7	62.7	
1990	6,159.8	7,825.0	478.3	109.1	587.4	8,412.5	4,883.7	13,296.2	7.0	63.3	
1991	5,943.0	7,669.2	687.0	119.1	806.0	8,475.2	5,045.3	13,520.5	9.5	62.7	
1992	5,806.0	7,679.3	765.1	141.3	906.4	8,585.7	5,136.5	13,722.2	10.6	62.6	

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

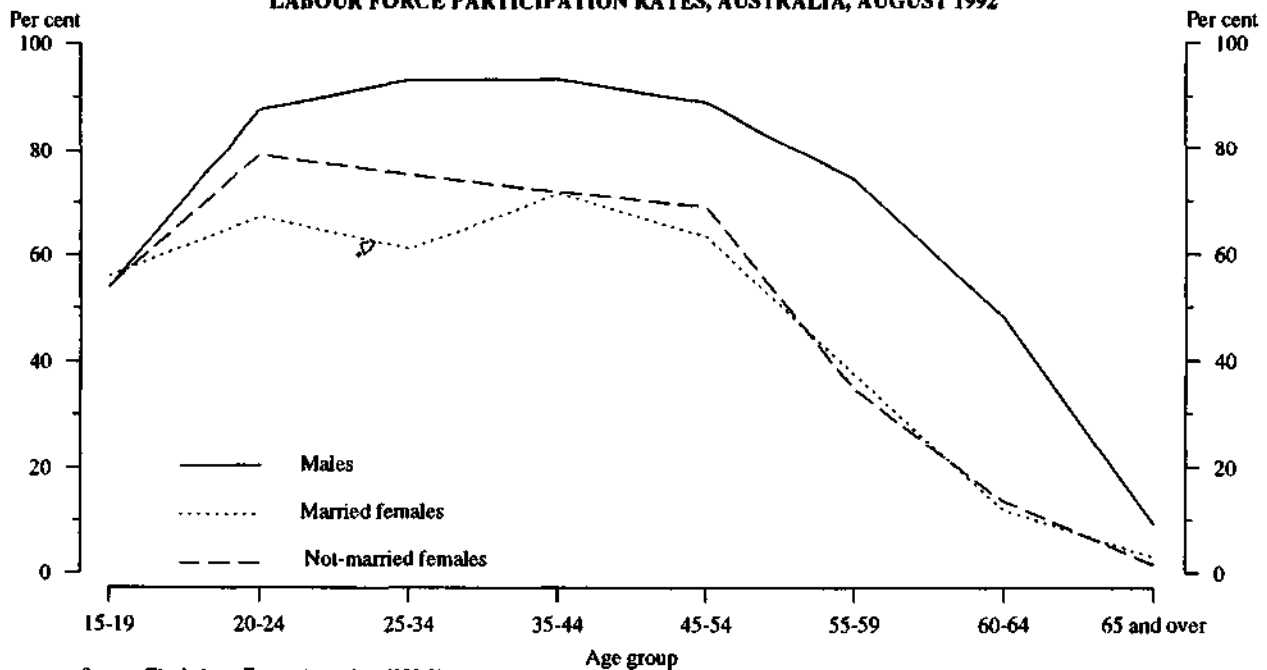
TABLE 2.2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES BY AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1982 TO AUGUST 1992
(per cent)

August	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1982	62.4	89.3	94.9	95.1	90.0	79.1	47.7	9.2	76.6
1983	58.2	89.6	95.4	95.0	90.4	78.2	42.8	8.6	75.9
1984	59.0	89.4	95.1	94.7	90.0	76.7	43.4	9.0	75.6
1985	57.7	89.7	94.5	94.8	90.0	76.4	42.6	8.9	75.2
1986(a)	58.5	89.1	94.8	94.4	90.0	75.7	45.1	8.4	75.1
1987	57.4	89.4	94.6	94.4	89.5	74.5	44.7	8.5	74.7
1988	56.4	90.1	93.7	94.2	87.3	73.6	47.2	8.4	74.2
1989	59.6	89.2	94.8	93.3	88.7	74.9	49.8	8.5	74.9
1990	58.1	88.7	94.2	94.3	89.6	76.0	50.6	8.5	75.0
1991	53.5	87.1	94.3	93.8	89.8	71.9	49.6	9.1	74.1
1992	54.0	87.6	93.2	93.3	89.0	74.1	48.1	9.3	73.8
FEMALES									
1982	56.1	70.0	53.6	58.0	49.5	26.0	9.1	2.5	44.0
1983	57.0	70.8	52.8	58.0	48.5	28.3	12.1	2.1	44.0
1984	55.6	71.8	54.9	58.7	50.1	27.6	11.5	2.5	44.6
1985	56.0	73.6	57.6	61.4	50.2	27.1	11.2	2.0	45.7
1986(a)	56.6	74.6	60.1	64.7	54.4	28.7	12.7	1.9	47.6
1987	53.6	75.6	61.9	65.8	55.3	30.4	13.2	2.6	48.3
1988	56.0	75.8	62.0	68.2	57.0	31.4	14.5	2.5	49.4
1989	57.1	77.4	65.0	69.8	59.3	32.1	13.6	2.2	50.8
1990	56.8	78.8	65.1	72.1	61.0	33.8	16.3	2.3	51.8
1991	52.6	76.7	65.5	71.9	62.7	35.7	14.6	2.4	51.5
1992	54.2	75.6	64.9	71.6	64.6	36.8	12.5	2.2	51.6
PERSONS									
1982	59.3	79.6	74.3	76.9	70.2	52.5	27.9	5.3	60.0
1983	57.6	80.2	74.1	76.8	69.9	53.4	26.9	4.8	59.7
1984	57.3	80.6	74.9	77.0	70.5	52.5	27.0	5.2	59.9
1985	56.9	81.7	76.0	78.4	70.6	52.1	26.5	4.9	60.2
1986(a)	57.6	81.9	77.4	79.7	72.7	52.6	28.6	4.7	61.1
1987	55.6	82.6	78.2	80.3	72.8	52.8	28.6	5.1	61.3
1988	56.2	83.0	77.9	81.3	72.5	52.8	30.6	5.0	61.6
1989	58.4	83.4	79.9	81.7	74.4	53.8	31.6	4.9	62.7
1990	57.4	83.8	79.7	83.3	75.7	55.2	33.4	4.9	63.3
1991	53.0	81.9	80.0	82.9	76.6	54.0	32.1	5.3	62.7
1992	54.1	81.6	79.1	82.5	77.1	55.7	30.3	5.2	62.6

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

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

**CHART 2.3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER:
LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1992**



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

TABLE 2.3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER
STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1992

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate —per cent—	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work —'000—	Total					
MALES										
New South Wales	1,337.3	1,482.9	175.7	13.9	189.6	1,672.5	621.2	2,293.7	11.3	72.9
Victoria	997.5	1,125.3	137.8	12.6	150.4	1,275.6	449.5	1,725.2	11.8	73.9
Queensland	693.9	777.4	80.8	7.5	88.3	865.7	304.9	1,170.7	10.2	74.0
South Australia	326.8	363.5	51.9	3.1	55.0	418.5	158.0	576.5	13.1	72.6
Western Australia	400.5	446.7	52.4	3.8	56.2	502.8	154.0	656.9	11.2	76.6
Tasmania	98.7	110.8	15.7	* 1.0	16.7	127.5	48.9	176.4	13.1	72.3
Northern Territory	36.5	42.9	2.5	* 0.1	2.6	45.5	12.8	58.3	5.7	78.0
Australian Capital Territory	75.3	83.9	4.4	* 1.2	5.7	89.6	22.5	112.1	6.3	79.9
Australia	3,966.5	4,433.4	521.0	43.4	564.4	4,997.8	1,771.9	6,769.7	11.3	73.8
FEMALES										
New South Wales	635.0	1,088.6	82.4	31.3	113.7	1,202.4	1,167.1	2,369.4	9.5	50.7
Victoria	474.9	826.9	66.3	23.4	89.7	916.6	873.4	1,789.9	9.8	51.2
Queensland	319.2	567.4	39.4	16.3	55.7	623.1	569.9	1,193.0	8.9	52.2
South Australia	140.5	271.2	21.1	8.3	29.3	300.5	291.8	592.4	9.8	50.7
Western Australia	167.8	311.4	24.9	11.9	36.9	348.3	307.6	655.9	10.6	53.1
Tasmania	40.9	80.4	5.3	2.8	8.1	88.5	93.6	182.0	9.1	48.6
Northern Territory	20.8	32.7	* 1.3	* 0.3	* 1.6	34.3	21.1	55.3	* 4.6	61.9
Australian Capital Territory	40.5	67.2	3.4	3.6	7.0	74.3	40.2	114.5	9.5	64.9
Australia	1,839.5	3,245.8	244.0	97.9	342.0	3,587.8	3,364.6	6,952.4	9.5	51.6
PERSONS										
New South Wales	1,972.2	2,571.5	258.1	45.3	303.3	2,874.8	1,788.3	4,663.1	10.6	61.7
Victoria	1,472.4	1,952.2	204.1	36.0	240.0	2,192.2	1,322.9	3,515.1	10.9	62.4
Queensland	1,013.1	1,344.8	120.2	23.8	144.0	1,488.8	874.9	2,363.6	9.7	63.0
South Australia	467.3	634.8	72.9	11.4	84.3	719.1	449.8	1,168.9	11.7	61.5
Western Australia	568.2	758.1	77.3	15.8	93.0	851.1	461.6	1,312.7	10.9	64.8
Tasmania	139.7	191.2	20.9	3.9	24.8	216.0	142.4	358.4	11.5	60.3
Northern Territory	57.3	75.6	3.8	* 0.4	4.2	79.8	33.9	113.7	5.2	70.2
Australian Capital Territory	115.8	151.2	7.8	4.9	12.7	163.9	62.7	226.6	7.8	72.3
Australia	5,806.0	7,679.3	765.1	141.3	906.4	8,585.7	5,136.5	13,722.2	10.6	62.6

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

TABLE 2.4. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY BIRTHPLACE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1992

	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate —per cent—	Participation rate(a)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work —'000—	Total			
Born in Australia	4,307.6	5,774.1	526.4	634.6	6,408.7	9.9	65.0
Born outside Australia	1,498.4	1,905.2	238.6	271.8	2,177.0	12.5	60.2
Main English Speaking Countries	648.7	841.6	79.5	91.2	932.8	9.8	64.4
Other Countries	849.7	1,063.6	159.1	180.6	1,244.2	14.5	57.4
Oceania	157.3	199.2	24.6	29.0	228.2	12.7	73.3
New Zealand	126.2	160.1	18.8	21.4	181.5	11.8	75.1
Europe and the Former USSR	927.8	1,187.8	125.8	142.6	1,330.4	10.7	58.3
Germany	47.5	61.1	4.7	5.7	66.8	8.6	59.6
Greece	53.5	69.4	5.7	6.5	75.9	8.6	55.1
Italy	95.5	119.4	13.3	15.0	134.4	11.1	48.8
Netherlands	44.3	57.4	3.7	4.6	62.0	7.4	60.8
UK and Ireland	473.6	615.0	56.3	64.9	679.9	9.5	61.5
Former Yugoslav Republics	79.9	95.2	18.8	20.0	115.2	17.3	64.8
The Middle East and North Africa	53.3	63.9	15.7	18.4	82.3	22.4	50.6
Lebanon	18.9	23.8	6.4	7.9	31.7	24.9	49.5
Southeast Asia	135.9	166.7	41.2	44.8	211.5	21.2	60.2
Malaysia	30.8	39.1	4.1	5.8	44.9	12.9	65.6
Philippines	25.0	30.9	6.2	7.0	37.8	18.5	60.9
Viet Nam	42.1	47.9	23.8	24.2	72.1	33.6	57.5
Northeast Asia	74.3	96.3	10.8	13.6	109.9	12.4	54.0
China	37.1	46.5	7.9	9.2	55.8	16.6	61.6
The Americas	52.3	68.4	8.5	9.8	78.2	12.5	73.1
Other	97.5	122.9	12.0	13.6	136.5	9.9	68.9
India	32.9	39.5	3.6	3.8	43.3	8.8	68.3

(a) Calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions. Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

Characteristics of Migrants who arrived in Australia after 1970

An estimated 39 per cent of persons who migrated to Australia in the period 1971-1990 (and were aged 18 and over on arrival) last resided in Europe. A further 33 per cent of migrants who arrived in this period last resided in Asia.

In September 1990, persons whose country of last residence was in Asia had the highest unemployment rate of 12.8 per cent, followed by those whose country of last residence was in Europe or America (9.2% and 8.2% respectively). Persons who last resided in Oceania had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.1 per cent.

Persons whose country of last residence was New Zealand had the highest participation rate (81.7%), with males recording 92.4 per cent and females 69.7 per cent, while those who last resided in Asia recorded the lowest participation rate at 64.9 per cent (81.0% for males and 50.4% for females).

TABLE 2.5. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1970 AGED 18 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND COUNTRY OF LAST RESIDENCE, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1990 ('000)

Labour force status	Europe					Oceania				Total
	Africa	America	Asia	United Kingdom and Ireland	Other countries in Europe	Total	New Zealand	Other countries in Oceania	Total	
MALES										
— '000 —										
Labour force	24.9	30.4	148.2	116.7	78.2	194.9	82.4	11.0	93.3	491.7
Employed	23.1	27.7	128.0	109.8	66.2	176.0	77.8	9.9	87.7	442.6
Full-time	22.1	25.9	119.3	106.0	63.5	169.5	74.7	9.6	84.4	421.2
Part-time	* 1.0	* 1.8	8.6	3.8	* 2.7	6.5	* 3.1	* 0.3	* 3.4	21.4
Unemployed	* 1.8	* 2.6	20.3	6.9	12.0	18.8	4.5	* 1.1	5.6	49.2
Not in the labour force	3.5	3.5	34.8	18.9	11.7	30.6	6.7	* 1.0	7.8	80.2
Total	28.4	33.8	183.1	135.5	89.9	225.5	89.1	12.0	101.1	571.9
— per cent —										
Unemployment rate	* 7.3	* 8.6	13.7	5.9	15.3	9.7	5.5	* 9.7	6.0	10.0
Participation rate	87.7	89.8	81.0	86.1	86.9	86.4	92.4	91.4	92.3	86.0
FEMALES										
— '000 —										
Labour force	16.5	22.7	102.9	81.8	48.3	130.1	55.7	9.4	65.2	337.3
Employed	15.0	21.0	91.1	76.9	42.2	119.1	50.8	8.7	59.5	305.8
Full-time	10.5	14.6	71.2	47.1	27.5	74.6	36.2	7.2	43.4	214.3
Part-time	4.6	6.3	20.0	29.8	14.7	44.5	14.6	* 1.5	16.1	91.5
Unemployed	* 1.5	* 1.7	11.7	4.9	6.1	11.0	5.0	* 0.7	5.7	31.6
Not in the labour force	12.8	15.3	101.3	49.6	41.4	91.0	24.2	5.1	29.3	249.6
Total	29.3	38.0	204.1	131.4	89.7	221.1	80.0	14.5	94.5	587.0
— per cent —										
Unemployment rate	* 8.9	* 7.6	11.4	6.0	12.6	8.4	8.9	* 7.5	8.7	9.4
Participation rate	56.4	59.7	50.4	62.2	53.8	58.8	69.7	64.9	69.0	57.5
PERSONS										
— '000 —										
Labour force	41.4	53.1	251.1	198.5	126.5	325.0	138.1	20.4	158.5	829.1
Employed	38.1	48.7	219.1	186.7	108.4	295.1	128.6	18.6	147.2	748.3
Full-time	32.5	40.6	190.5	153.1	91.0	244.1	111.0	16.8	127.7	635.5
Part-time	5.6	8.1	28.6	33.6	17.4	51.1	17.7	* 1.8	19.5	112.9
Unemployed	* 3.3	4.3	32.0	11.8	18.0	29.8	9.5	* 1.8	11.2	80.7
Not in the labour force	16.3	18.8	136.1	68.5	53.1	121.6	31.0	6.1	37.1	329.8
Total	57.7	71.8	387.2	267.0	179.6	446.6	169.1	26.5	195.6	1,158.9
— per cent —										
Unemployment rate	* 8.0	8.2	12.8	5.9	14.3	9.2	6.9	* 8.7	7.1	9.7
Participation rate	71.8	73.9	64.9	74.4	70.4	72.8	81.7	76.9	81.0	71.5

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia (6250.0).

Labour Force Experience

An estimated 9,294,200 persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1992. The proportion of persons participating in the labour force has remained steady at 77 per cent for the year ending March 1990 to the year ending March 1992.

The participation rate of males has remained steady at 86 per cent for all years between 1987 and 1992. The participation rate of females has increased from 63 per cent in 1987 to 67 per cent in 1992. However, there has been little change since 1990.

The participation rate of persons aged 15 to 19 has decreased from 74 per cent in the year ending February 1987 to 69 per cent in the year ending March 1992, while the participation rate of persons in all age groups of 25 years and over has increased over the same period.

Of the 12,154,700 persons aged between 15 and 69 in March 1992—

- 8,545,200 persons (70%) worked at some time during the preceding year.
- 1,971,800 persons (16%) looked for work at some time during the preceding year.
- 5,230,600 persons (43%) were not in the labour force at some time during the preceding year. Of these, 2,860,500 persons were not in the labour force all 52 weeks.

TABLE 2.6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTH PERIOD AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1987 TO MARCH 1992(a)
(per cent)

Survey conducted in—	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69(b)	
MALES									
February—									
1987	74.7	96.7	98.0	96.6	92.1	83.6	52.8	19.5	86.3
1988	70.1	95.6	97.3	96.4	90.8	81.2	54.5	16.3	85.5
1989	73.9	96.1	97.2	96.7	92.1	79.8	57.7	17.0	85.8
March—									
1990	75.4	95.8	97.5	96.5	92.4	80.3	57.7	19.2	86.2
1991	72.3	96.3	97.7	96.7	92.6	81.1	58.7	20.8	86.3
1992	69.3	95.3	97.1	96.5	92.5	78.8	58.6	22.5	85.8
FEMALES									
February—									
1987	73.4	85.2	72.1	72.6	61.8	37.1	17.5	6.9	63.1
1988	68.5	86.4	73.1	73.8	61.8	35.1	15.9	6.6	63.0
1989	73.9	86.4	74.6	76.4	64.7	39.4	19.0	5.9	65.2
March—									
1990	73.4	86.5	78.0	80.5	66.8	38.5	18.7	5.8	67.1
1991	72.3	86.4	77.4	78.6	69.6	42.5	19.6	6.9	67.3
1992	69.4	85.8	76.6	79.1	69.9	42.5	19.1	7.2	67.0
PERSONS									
February—									
1987	74.1	91.0	85.0	84.7	77.3	60.5	34.9	12.8	74.7
1988	69.3	91.0	85.2	85.2	76.6	58.3	35.0	11.1	74.3
1989	73.9	91.3	85.9	86.6	78.7	59.9	38.1	11.2	75.6
March—									
1990	74.4	91.1	87.8	88.5	79.9	59.7	38.1	12.2	76.7
1991	72.3	91.4	87.5	87.7	81.4	62.1	38.7	13.6	76.9
1992	69.4	90.6	86.8	87.8	81.5	61.0	39.5	14.3	76.5

(a) Prior to March 1990, the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proportions from 1987 to 1989 have been calculated with persons aged 70 years and over excluded.

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0).

TABLE 2.7. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992
AND MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA
(*000)

	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	448.5	1,336.1	1,784.6	417.5	658.4	1,075.9	866.0	1,994.5	2,860.5
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year	3,271.6	2,407.6	5,679.2	1,972.1	1,642.8	3,614.9	5,243.8	4,050.4	9,294.2
Time in the labour force during the preceding year (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	10.5	44.6	55.1	42.8	49.6	92.4	53.3	94.2	147.5
4 and under 13	22.6	106.6	129.2	107.6	114.0	221.6	130.2	220.6	350.8
13 and under 26	36.4	116.6	153.0	103.4	104.0	207.4	139.8	220.6	360.4
26 and under 39	54.7	144.3	199.1	74.1	78.1	152.2	128.9	222.4	351.3
39 and under 49	154.2	257.9	412.1	128.7	132.4	261.1	282.9	390.3	673.2
49 and under 52	144.9	154.4	299.3	91.8	95.9	187.7	236.7	250.3	487.0
52	2,848.2	1,583.3	4,431.5	1,423.8	1,068.7	2,492.5	4,272.0	2,652.0	6,924.0
Worked at some time during the preceding year	3,119.2	2,253.7	5,372.9	1,745.1	1,427.3	3,172.4	4,864.3	3,680.9	8,545.2
Time worked during the preceding year (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	16.1	35.6	51.7	42.1	40.1	82.2	58.2	75.7	133.9
4 and under 13	51.9	100.1	152.0	122.9	94.8	217.7	174.7	194.9	369.6
13 and under 26	83.4	121.6	205.0	123.9	97.0	220.9	207.3	218.6	425.9
26 and under 39	127.6	154.6	282.2	135.7	104.9	240.6	263.3	259.5	522.7
39 and under 49	242.7	277.2	519.9	176.4	167.6	344.0	419.1	444.8	863.9
49 and under 52	145.2	147.4	292.7	85.8	88.4	174.2	231.0	235.9	466.9
52	2,452.3	1,417.2	3,869.5	1,058.3	834.4	1,892.8	3,510.6	2,251.6	5,762.2
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	2,787.0	1,090.6	3,877.5	1,293.1	833.4	2,126.5	4,080.1	1,923.9	6,004.0
More full-time than part-time	145.6	111.9	257.5	109.3	81.8	191.1	254.9	193.7	448.6
More part-time than full-time	44.8	101.1	146.0	49.0	62.5	111.4	93.8	163.6	257.4
All were part-time	141.8	950.1	1,091.9	293.7	449.6	743.4	435.5	1,399.7	1,835.2
Number of jobs held during the preceding year—									
One	2,850.9	2,058.9	4,909.8	1,489.4	1,205.6	2,695.0	4,340.3	3,264.5	7,604.7
Two	208.2	153.2	361.4	185.3	162.6	347.9	393.5	315.8	709.3
Three	42.3	28.1	70.4	44.1	42.2	86.3	86.4	70.3	156.7
Four or more	17.8	13.5	31.3	26.4	16.9	43.3	44.2	30.4	74.5
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	506.1	360.2	866.3	616.1	489.4	1,105.5	1,122.1	849.7	1,971.8
Number of spells of looking for work during the preceding year—									
One	411.3	296.8	708.1	495.4	399.4	894.8	906.7	696.2	1,602.9
Two	37.7	27.3	65.0	51.5	38.2	89.7	89.3	65.5	154.7
Three	18.3	14.8	33.1	24.8	20.1	44.9	43.1	35.0	78.0
Four or more	38.8	21.3	60.1	44.3	31.7	76.0	83.1	53.0	136.1
Total	3,720.1	3,743.7	7,463.8	2,389.6	2,301.2	4,690.8	6,109.7	6,044.9	12,154.7

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0).

Transition from Education to Work

In May 1992, 2,563,700 persons were identified as having attended an educational institution in the previous year (1991) — 1,482,500 attended full-time and 1,081,200 attended part-time.

Of those who attended full-time in 1991, 384,200 had left full-time education by May 1992. Of this group 65 per cent (249,500) were employed in May 1992, while 26 per cent (100,000) were unemployed and 9.0 per cent (34,700) were not in the labour force.

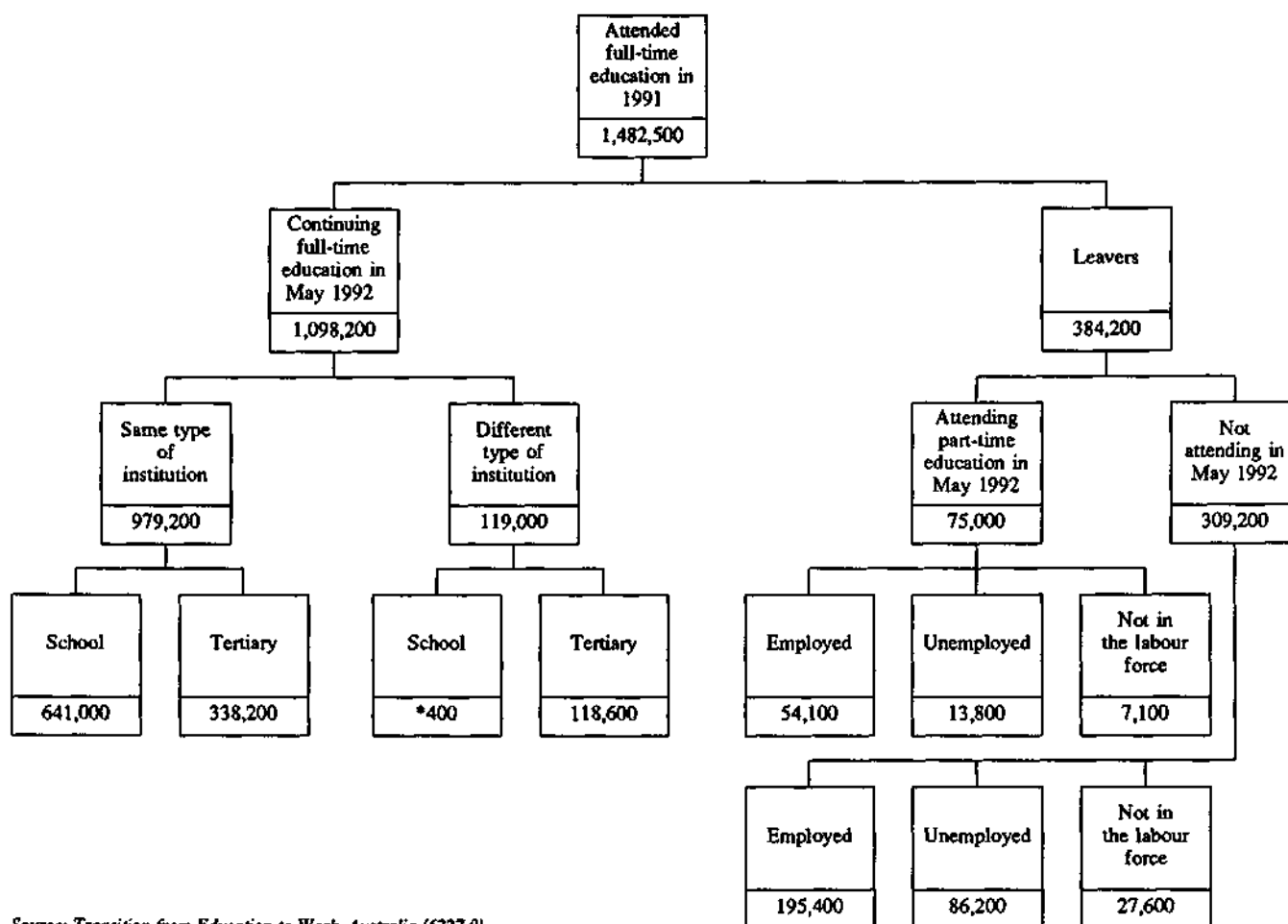
Of those who attended an educational institution part-time in 1991, 56 per cent (609,600) were not attending an educational institution at all in May 1992, 41 per cent (438,800) continued part-time study and 3.0 per cent (32,800) were attending full-time in May 1992.

TABLE 2.8. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 64 : AGE, WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN PREVIOUS YEAR, WHETHER ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1987 TO MAY 1992 ('000)

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
AGED 15 TO 24						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	1,369.7	1,423.7	1,483.0	1,510.2	1,539.3	1,628.9
Attended full-time in previous year	1,161.9	1,261.9	1,196.5	1,219.6	1,239.2	1,327.7
Attending full-time education in May	837.4	870.8	907.2	928.3	990.1	1,032.5
Leavers	287.6	291.0	289.3	291.4	249.2	295.1
Employed	216.0	232.0	234.0	230.5	166.5	193.3
Full-time workers	182.0	196.1	199.9	186.2	118.5	134.0
Part-time workers	34.0	35.9	34.1	44.2	48.0	59.1
Unemployed	53.9	42.6	38.3	44.7	64.3	79.3
Not in labour force	17.6	16.4	17.0	16.2	18.4	22.5
Attended part-time in previous year	244.7	261.7	286.5	290.5	300.1	301.3
Attending an educational institution in May	133.6	144.6	147.6	152.4	163.4	158.0
Full-time	12.3	12.5	12.3	15.6	17.8	19.1
Part-time	1121.3	132.3	135.3	136.8	145.6	138.8
Not attending an educational institution in May	111.1	117.1	138.9	138.1	136.7	143.3
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	1,301.4	1,271.6	1,233.8	1,214.2	1,191.9	1,110.1
Total	2,671.0	2,695.2	2,716.8	2,724.4	2,731.2	2,739.0
AGED 25 TO 64						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	653.1	703.2	725.3	767.1	850.1	934.8
Attended full-time in previous year	76.0	92.5	91.8	113.8	126.3	154.8
Attending full-time education in May	34.3	42.5	45.5	45.6	58.9	65.7
Leavers	41.6	50.0	46.3	68.2	67.4	89.2
Employed	31.6	36.5	35.2	50.9	43.3	56.3
Full-time workers	25.6	26.9	29.8	43.1	31.0	38.2
Part-time workers	6.1	9.6	5.3	7.8	12.3	18.1
Unemployed	5.1	7.0	4.7	7.6	15.2	20.7
Not in labour force	4.9	6.5	6.4	9.7	8.8	12.2
Attended part-time in previous year	577.1	610.7	633.5	653.2	723.7	779.9
Attending an educational institution in May	246.3	253.3	273.8	260.3	299.8	313.7
Full-time	9.3	7.9	12.7	12.0	11.8	13.7
Part-time	237.0	245.4	261.1	248.3	288.0	300.0
Not attending an educational institution in May	330.8	357.4	359.7	393.0	423.9	466.3
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	7,328.3	7,464.7	7,651.1	7,773.5	7,858.7	7,912.1
Total	7,981.3	8,167.9	8,376.3	8,540.6	8,708.7	8,846.8
ALL PERSONS						
Attended an educational institution in previous year	2,022.7	2,126.8	2,208.2	2,277.2	2,389.4	2,563.7
Attended full-time in previous year	1,200.9	1,254.4	1,288.2	1,333.4	1,365.5	1,482.5
Attending full-time education in May	871.7	913.3	952.6	973.8	1,049.0	1,098.2
Leavers	329.2	341.1	335.6	359.6	316.5	384.2
Employed	247.7	268.5	269.2	281.4	209.8	249.5
Full-time workers	207.6	223.0	229.7	229.3	149.5	172.2
Part-time workers	40.1	45.5	39.5	52.0	60.3	77.3
Unemployed	59.1	49.7	43.0	52.3	79.5	100.0
Not in labour force	22.4	22.9	23.4	26.0	27.2	34.7
Attended part-time in previous year	821.8	872.4	920.0	943.8	1,023.8	1,081.2
Attending an educational institution in May	379.9	398.0	421.4	412.7	463.2	471.7
Full-time	21.6	20.3	25.0	27.6	29.6	32.8
Part-time	358.3	377.7	396.4	385.1	433.6	438.8
Not attending an educational institution in May	442.0	474.5	498.6	531.1	560.6	609.6
Did not attend an educational institution in previous year	8,629.7	8,736.3	8,884.9	8,987.7	9,050.6	9,022.2
Total	10,652.4	10,863.1	11,093.1	11,265.0	11,439.9	11,585.9

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

CHART 2.4. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 WHO ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME IN 1991:
SELECTED EDUCATIONAL AND LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1992



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

TABLE 2.9. LEAVERS AGED 15 TO 64 : TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED FULL TIME
IN PREVIOUS YEAR AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1987 TO MAY 1992

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	— '000 —					
Attended school full-time in previous year	194.5	194.6	198.1	172.9	138.8	149.9
Labour force	181.4	183.2	184.7	162.8	125.6	136.9
Employed	141.1	148.6	158.2	136.2	87.6	86.1
Unemployed	40.3	34.7	26.4	26.7	38.1	50.8
Not in labour force	13.2	11.3	13.5	10.1	13.2	13.0
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	22.2	18.9	14.3	16.4	30.3	37.1
Participation rate	93.2	94.2	93.2	94.2	90.5	91.3
	— '000 —					
Attended tertiary full-time in previous year	134.7	146.5	137.5	186.7	177.7	234.3
Labour force	125.4	134.9	127.5	170.8	163.7	212.7
Employed	106.6	119.9	110.9	145.2	122.2	163.4
Unemployed	18.8	15.0	16.6	25.6	41.4	49.3
Not in the labour force	9.3	11.6	9.9	15.9	14.0	21.6
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	15.0	11.1	13.0	15.0	25.3	23.2
Participation rate	93.1	92.1	92.8	91.5	92.1	90.8
	— '000 —					
All leavers	329.2	341.1	335.6	359.6	316.5	384.2
Labour force	306.8	318.1	312.2	333.7	289.3	349.5
Employed	247.7	268.5	269.2	281.4	209.8	249.5
Unemployed	59.1	49.6	43.0	52.3	79.5	100.0
Not in the labour force	22.4	22.9	23.4	26.0	27.2	34.7
	— per cent —					
Unemployment rate	19.3	15.6	13.8	15.7	27.5	28.6
Participation rate	93.2	93.3	93.0	92.8	91.4	91.0

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

TABLE 2.10. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL IN 1991 BUT WERE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL IN MAY 1992
 TYPE OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED, LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER ATTENDING A TERTIARY INSTITUTION
 TYPE OF TERTIARY INSTITUTION ATTENDING AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE; AUSTRALIA, MAY 1992

Whether attending in May 1992	Type of institution attending in May 1992	Type of attendance in May 1992	Government school	Non-government school	Total(a)	Government school	Non-government school	Total(a)
EMPLOYED								
Attending	Higher Education(b)		14.8	12.8	28.4	15.9	38.3	21.9
		Full-time	13.0	11.7	25.3	13.9	34.8	19.5
	TAFE		23.7	7.6	31.6	25.4	22.6	24.3
		Full-time	9.0	3.8	12.9	9.6	11.3	9.9
		Part-time	14.8	3.8	18.6	15.8	11.3	14.4
	Total attending tertiary(c)		40.7	22.2	63.9	43.6	66.2	49.2
		Full-time	23.4	16.9	41.1	25.1	50.4	31.7
		Part-time	17.3	5.3	22.8	18.5	15.8	17.5
Not attending			52.7	11.3	66.0	56.4	33.8	50.8
Total			93.4	33.6	129.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
UNEMPLOYED								
Attending	Higher Education(b)		* 1.8	* 1.8	3.6	* 3.3	* 21.4	5.6
		Full-time	* 1.4	* 1.5	* 2.9	* 2.5	* 18.3	* 4.5
	TAFE		9.3	* 1.5	11.1	17.2	* 18.4	17.3
		Full-time	5.6	* 0.8	6.8	10.4	* 10.2	10.6
		Part-time	3.6	* 0.7	4.3	6.7	* 8.3	6.8
	Total attending tertiary(c)		13.1	3.5	16.9	24.2	41.7	26.3
		Full-time	8.6	* 2.4	11.2	15.8	* 28.5	17.5
		Part-time	4.5	* 1.1	5.6	8.4	* 13.2	8.8
Not attending			41.1	4.8	47.2	75.8	58.3	73.7
Total			54.2	8.3	64.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE								
Attending	Higher Education(b)		26.0	15.7	43.6	47.0	66.3	53.4
		Full-time	26.0	15.4	43.3	47.0	65.2	53.1
	TAFE		16.0	5.2	21.6	29.0	21.8	26.5
		Full-time	15.0	4.9	20.3	27.1	20.7	24.9
		Part-time	* 1.1	* 0.3	* 1.3	* 1.9	* 1.2	* 1.6
	Total attending tertiary(c)		46.0	22.1	70.5	83.2	93.7	86.3
		Full-time	44.0	21.6	67.9	79.5	91.4	83.2
		Part-time	* 2.1	* 0.5	* 2.6	* 3.7	* 2.3	* 3.2
Not attending			9.3	* 1.5	11.2	16.8	* 6.3	13.7
Total			55.3	23.6	81.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
ALL PERSONS								
Attending	Higher Education(b)		42.6	30.3	75.6	21.0	46.2	27.4
		Full-time	40.4	28.6	71.5	19.9	43.7	25.9
	TAFE		49.1	14.3	64.3	24.2	21.8	23.3
		Full-time	29.6	9.5	40.0	14.6	14.5	14.5
		Part-time	19.5	4.7	24.3	9.6	7.2	8.8
	Total attending tertiary(c)		99.8	47.8	151.2	49.2	73.0	54.9
		Full-time	76.0	40.9	120.2	37.5	62.4	43.6
		Part-time	23.9	6.9	31.0	11.8	10.6	11.2
Not attending			103.0	17.7	124.4	50.8	27.0	45.1
Total			202.8	65.5	275.6	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes a small number of persons who were not asked the type of school they last attended. (b) Includes persons attending part-time. (c) Includes persons attending other tertiary institutions.

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

Educational Attainment

In February 1992 there were an estimated 8,557,200 persons aged 15 to 69 in the labour force, of whom 4,174,800 (49%) had post-school qualifications, 4,196,000 (49%) were without post-school qualifications and 186,400 (2.2%) were still at school. Persons in the labour force with a post-school qualification comprised 1,772,100 (42%) with a certificate or diploma, 1,359,400 (33%) with a trade qualification, 1,010,000 (24%) with a degree and the remaining 33,300 with other post-school qualifications.

TABLE 2.11 PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1992

Educational attainment	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full time	Part time	Total						
	-'000-				-per cent-				
MALES									
With post-school qualifications	2,190.3	148.1	2,338.4	199.8	2,538.2	330.5	2,868.8	7.9	88.5
Degree	538.5	38.8	577.3	32.2	609.5	47.9	657.4	5.3	92.7
Trade qualification	1,085.9	62.3	1,148.2	108.7	1,256.9	192.9	1,449.8	8.6	86.7
Certificate or diploma	548.5	45.4	593.9	56.5	650.4	85.5	735.9	8.7	88.4
Other	17.4	*1.7	19.0	*2.5	21.5	4.2	25.7	*11.5	83.6
Without post-school qualifications(a)	1,793.7	198.8	1,992.5	364.1	2,356.6	588.5	2,945.1	15.4	80.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	507.9	99.5	607.3	102.9	710.2	150.1	860.3	14.5	82.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,274.4	96.9	1,371.3	257.3	1,628.5	427.8	2,056.4	15.8	79.2
Left at age-									
18 and over	26.6	*3.1	29.7	7.7	37.4	6.8	44.2	20.6	84.6
16 or 17	513.4	36.1	549.4	91.9	641.4	66.1	707.4	14.3	90.7
14 or 15	637.2	49.5	686.8	136.3	823.0	262.2	1,085.3	16.6	75.8
13 and under	97.2	8.2	105.4	21.3	126.7	92.7	219.4	16.8	57.7
Never attended school	5.4	*1.4	6.8	*1.7	8.5	8.0	16.5	*20.3	51.7
Still at school	*0.8	63.2	64.0	23.7	87.7	212.1	299.8	27.0	29.3
Total	3,984.9	410.1	4,395.0	587.6	4,982.5	1,131.1	6,113.6	11.8	81.5
FEMALES									
With post-school qualifications	970.2	521.6	1,491.8	144.8	1,636.6	571.2	2,207.8	8.8	74.1
Degree	275.0	98.2	373.2	27.3	400.5	81.6	482.1	6.8	83.1
Trade qualification	54.9	37.8	92.6	9.9	102.5	67.9	170.5	9.7	60.2
Certificate or diploma	635.1	381.2	1,016.3	105.5	1,121.8	415.1	1,536.9	9.4	73.0
Other	5.3	4.4	9.7	*2.1	11.8	6.5	18.3	*18.1	64.4
Without post-school qualifications(a)	917.8	689.1	1,606.9	232.5	1,839.4	1,700.7	3,540.1	12.6	52.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	295.8	199.4	495.2	78.6	573.7	274.7	848.4	13.7	67.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	614.7	485.9	1,100.6	151.8	1,252.4	1,402.5	2,654.9	12.1	47.2
Left at age-									
18 and over	12.2	5.7	17.9	*2.2	20.1	18.8	38.9	*11.1	51.7
16 or 17	263.6	188.2	451.8	62.6	514.4	347.6	862.0	12.2	59.7
14 or 15	306.7	268.4	575.1	75.7	650.8	849.9	1,500.7	11.6	43.4
13 and under	32.3	23.6	55.8	11.3	67.1	186.2	253.3	16.8	26.5
Never attended school	*3.4	*1.4	4.8	*0.7	5.5	19.3	24.7	*12.9	22.1
Still at school	*0.8	76.6	77.4	21.3	98.7	195.0	293.7	21.5	33.6
Total	1,888.8	1,287.3	3,176.1	398.5	3,574.7	2,466.9	6,041.6	11.1	59.2
ALL PERSONS									
With post-school qualifications	3,160.5	669.6	3,830.2	344.6	4,174.8	901.8	5,076.5	8.3	82.2
Degree	813.5	137.0	950.5	59.4	1,010.0	129.5	1,139.5	5.9	88.6
Trade qualification	1,140.8	100.0	1,240.8	118.6	1,359.4	260.8	1,620.2	8.7	83.9
Certificate or diploma	1,183.6	426.6	1,610.2	161.9	1,772.1	500.7	2,272.8	9.1	78.0
Other	22.6	6.0	28.7	4.6	33.3	10.8	44.0	13.9	75.6
Without post-school qualifications(a)	2,711.5	887.9	3,599.5	596.6	4,196.0	2,289.2	6,485.2	14.2	64.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	803.7	298.8	1,102.5	181.4	1,283.9	424.8	1,708.7	14.1	75.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,889.1	582.8	2,471.9	409.1	2,881.0	1,830.4	4,711.3	14.2	61.1
Left at age-									
18 and over	38.8	8.8	47.6	9.9	57.5	25.6	83.1	17.3	69.2
16 or 17	777.0	224.3	1,001.3	154.5	1,155.8	413.6	1,569.4	13.4	73.6
14 or 15	943.9	318.0	1,261.9	212.0	1,473.9	1,112.1	2,586.0	14.4	57.0
13 and under	129.5	31.7	161.2	32.6	193.8	279.0	472.8	16.8	41.0
Never attended school	8.8	*2.8	11.6	*2.4	14.0	27.3	41.3	*17.4	33.9
Still at school	*1.6	139.8	141.5	44.9	186.4	407.1	593.4	24.1	31.4
Total	5,873.7	1,697.4	7,571.1	986.1	8,557.2	3,598.0	12,155.2	11.5	70.4

(a) Includes persons for whom secondary qualifications could not be determined.

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

Families

In June 1992, 80 per cent of *married-couple families* had at least one partner in the labour force, 55 per cent of *one-parent families* had the parent in the labour force while 43 per cent of family heads of *other families* were in the labour force.

Of the 76 per cent of *married-couple families* where at least one partner was employed, 30 per cent had both partners employed full time. Of those *married-couple families* with both partners employed, 59 per cent had dependents present. About 29 per cent of *married-couple families* had only one partner employed. In 87 per cent of these families the employed person was the husband.

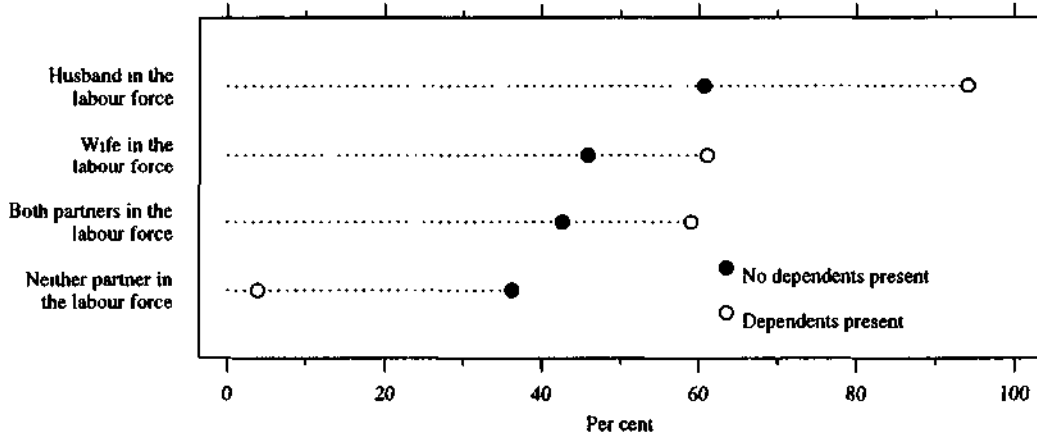
Eight per cent of *married-couple families* had at least one partner unemployed. Of these families 44 per cent had one partner employed, and of these 77 per cent were employed full time.

In 46 per cent of *one-parent families*, the parent was employed. Eighty-eight per cent of *one-parent families* had a female parent while 12 per cent had a male parent. Sixty-eight per cent of male parents of *one-parent families* were employed, compared with 43 per cent of female parents of *one-parent families*. The percentage of *one-parent families* with the parent employed was greater where the parent was a male irrespective of the age of youngest dependent.

Of the 9 per cent of parents of *one-parent families* who were unemployed, 90 per cent were females.

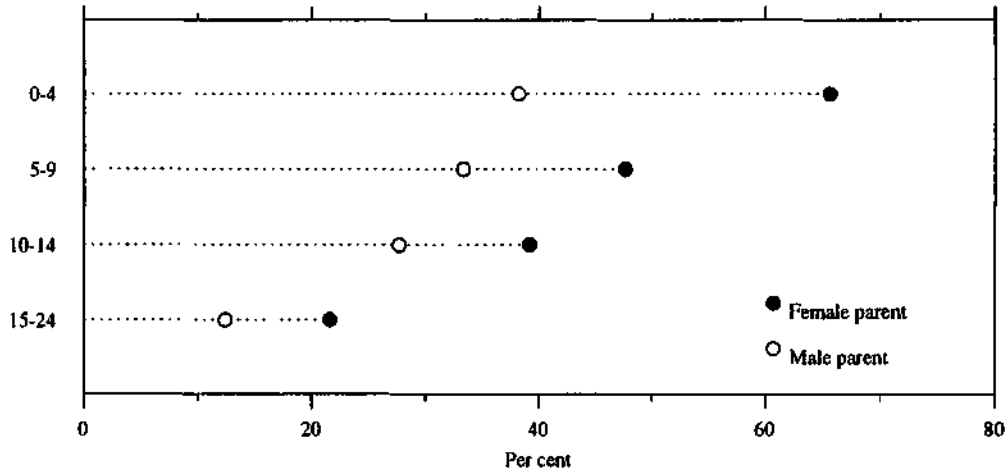
For *other families*, 38 per cent of family heads were employed and only 5 per cent were unemployed.

CHART 2.5. PERCENTAGE OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES (WITH OR WITHOUT DEPENDENTS PRESENT) BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992



Source: *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224 0)*

CHART 2.6. PERCENTAGE OF ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH THE PARENT NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992



Source: *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224 0)*

TABLE 2.12. FAMILY STATUS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER(a)
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992

	<u>Employed</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Labour force</u>	<u>Not in labour force</u>	<u>Civilian population aged 15 and over</u>	<u>Unemployment rate — per cent —</u>	<u>Participation rate</u>
	<u>Full-time workers</u>	<u>Part-time workers</u>		<u>Looking for full-time work</u>	<u>Total — '000 —</u>					
MALES										
Member of a family	3,302.2	381.1	3,683.3	401.7	434.7	4,117.9	1,291.2	5,409.1	10.6	76.1
Husband	2,678.4	184.6	2,863.0	229.5	234.9	3,097.9	866.0	3,963.9	7.6	78.2
With dependents present	1,693.8	84.2	1,778.0	149.4	151.6	1,929.5	119.7	2,049.2	7.9	94.2
Without dependents present	984.7	100.4	1,085.0	80.1	83.3	1,168.4	746.4	1,914.8	7.1	61.0
Sole parent	29.4	3.9	33.3	* 3.3	3.8	37.1	12.1	49.2	10.3	75.5
Other family head	42.1	4.6	46.7	5.3	5.9	52.6	30.3	82.9	11.2	63.4
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	5.9	117.6	123.5	7.8	29.5	153.0	287.8	440.8	19.3	34.7
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	496.4	65.1	561.5	141.9	146.5	708.0	63.6	771.6	20.7	91.8
Other relative of married couple or family head	49.9	5.3	55.3	13.9	14.0	69.3	31.3	100.6	20.2	68.9
Not a member of a family	540.6	68.8	609.4	87.2	94.0	703.4	271.8	975.2	13.4	72.1
Living alone	255.2	34.0	289.2	36.4	39.9	329.1	193.2	522.3	12.1	63.0
Not living alone	285.4	34.8	320.2	50.8	54.1	374.3	78.6	452.9	14.5	82.6
Total	3,842.8	449.9	4,292.7	488.9	528.7	4,821.4	1,563.0	6,384.3	11.0	75.5
FEMALES										
Member of a family	1,433.8	1,246.0	2,679.8	200.3	285.2	2,964.9	2,483.0	5,447.9	9.6	54.4
Wife	985.7	934.9	1,920.6	92.1	135.2	2,055.8	1,783.1	3,838.9	6.6	53.6
With dependents present	464.5	649.0	1,113.5	52.2	86.9	1,200.4	763.2	1,963.6	7.2	61.1
Without dependents present	521.2	285.9	807.1	39.9	48.3	855.4	1,019.9	1,875.3	5.6	45.6
Sole parent	84.3	71.6	155.9	22.8	33.7	189.6	174.7	364.3	17.8	52.0
Other family head	45.5	17.4	63.0	6.4	8.3	71.2	134.9	206.1	11.6	34.6
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	* 1.8	151.6	153.3	4.8	31.4	184.7	262.7	447.3	17.0	41.3
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	290.7	65.3	356.0	68.1	70.2	426.2	42.2	468.4	16.5	91.0
Other relative of married couple or family head	25.7	5.2	31.0	6.1	6.4	37.3	85.4	122.8	17.0	30.4
Not a member of a family	336.1	95.2	431.3	46.0	53.1	484.4	552.6	1,037.0	11.0	46.7
Living alone	160.3	38.7	199.0	15.4	18.3	217.4	482.1	699.5	8.4	31.1
Not living alone	175.8	56.5	232.3	30.6	34.7	267.0	70.5	337.5	13.0	79.1
Total	1,769.9	1,341.2	3,111.1	246.4	338.2	3,449.3	3,035.6	6,484.9	9.8	53.2
PERSONS										
Member of a family	4,736.0	1,627.1	6,363.1	602.0	719.8	7,082.9	3,774.1	10,857.0	10.2	65.2
Husband or wife	3,664.2	1,119.4	4,783.6	321.7	370.1	5,153.7	2,649.1	7,802.9	7.2	66.0
With dependents present	2,158.2	733.2	2,891.5	201.7	238.5	3,129.9	882.8	4,012.8	7.6	78.0
Without dependents present	1,505.9	386.2	1,892.1	120.0	131.6	2,023.8	1,766.3	3,790.1	6.5	53.4
Sole parent	113.7	75.5	189.2	26.1	37.5	226.7	186.8	413.5	16.6	54.8
Other family head	87.6	22.0	109.7	11.7	14.2	123.9	165.2	289.1	11.5	42.8
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	7.7	269.1	276.8	12.6	60.9	337.7	550.5	888.2	18.0	38.0
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	787.2	130.4	917.5	209.9	216.7	1,134.3	105.8	1,240.0	19.1	91.5
Other relative of married couple or family head	75.6	10.6	86.2	20.0	20.4	106.6	116.7	223.4	19.1	47.7
Not a member of a family	876.8	163.9	1,040.7	133.2	147.1	1,187.8	824.4	2,012.2	12.4	59.0
Living alone	415.6	72.7	488.3	51.8	58.2	546.5	675.3	1,221.8	10.7	44.7
Not living alone	461.2	91.2	552.5	81.4	88.9	641.3	149.1	790.4	13.9	81.1
Total	5,612.7	1,791.0	7,403.8	735.3	866.9	8,270.7	4,598.5	12,869.2	10.5	64.3

(a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (c) Aged 15 and over.

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

TABLE 2.13. FAMILY STATUS OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS(a)
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992

	Full-time workers	Part-time workers			Total	Total workers	Average weekly hours worked			
		Weekly hours worked					Total workers	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total hours
		0(b)	1-14	15-34 — '000 —						
MALES										
Member of a family	3,302.2	21.1	186.6	173.4	381.1	3,683.3	41.5	14.1	38.7	
Husband	2,678.4	13.1	62.1	109.4	184.6	2,863.0	42.2	16.5	40.6	
With dependents present	1,693.8	6.0	24.4	53.8	84.2	1,778.0	42.7	17.2	41.5	
Without dependents present	984.7	7.1	37.7	55.6	100.4	1,085.0	41.4	15.9	39.0	
Sole parent	29.4	* 0.1	* 1.6	* 2.2	3.9	33.3	41.5	14.5	38.3	
Other family head	42.1	* 0.1	* 1.9	* 2.6	4.6	46.7	39.6	17.3	37.4	
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	5.9	4.8	95.6	17.2	117.6	123.5	25.1	8.3	9.1	
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	496.4	* 2.8	24.3	38.0	65.1	561.5	38.5	17.0	36.0	
Other relative of married couple or family head	49.9	* 0.1	* 1.2	4.0	5.3	55.3	38.1	20.9	36.4	
Not a member of a family	540.6	* 2.5	25.5	40.7	68.8	609.4	40.3	16.8	37.6	
Living alone	255.2	* 1.4	11.7	20.9	34.0	289.2	41.7	17.0	38.8	
Not living alone	285.4	* 1.1	13.9	19.8	34.8	320.2	39.1	16.6	36.6	
Total	3,842.8	23.6	212.1	214.1	449.9	4,292.7	41.4	14.5	38.5	
FEMALES										
Member of a family	1,433.8	61.5	535.9	648.6	1,246.0	2,679.8	37.2	15.0	26.9	
Wife	985.7	50.2	349.7	535.0	934.9	1,920.6	37.7	15.8	27.1	
With dependents present	464.5	33.9	250.0	365.2	649.0	1,113.5	37.8	15.5	24.8	
Without dependents present	521.2	16.4	99.7	169.8	285.9	807.1	37.7	16.6	30.2	
Sole parent	84.3	* 3.2	31.2	37.2	71.6	155.9	36.8	15.2	26.9	
Other family head	45.5	* 0.9	6.5	10.0	17.4	63.0	36.2	16.0	30.6	
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	* 1.8	6.7	125.4	19.5	151.6	153.3	32.1	8.2	8.5	
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	290.7	* 0.4	21.6	43.3	65.3	356.0	35.9	18.2	32.7	
Other relative of married couple or family head	25.7	* 0.1	* 1.5	3.6	5.2	31.0	35.9	17.8	32.9	
Not a member of a family	336.1	7.8	38.1	49.3	95.2	431.3	37.2	15.5	32.4	
Living alone	160.3	* 3.1	15.2	20.4	38.7	199.0	37.4	15.6	33.2	
Not living alone	175.8	4.7	23.0	28.8	56.5	232.3	36.9	15.4	31.7	
Total	1,769.9	69.2	574.1	697.9	1,341.2	3,111.1	37.2	15.1	27.7	
PERSONS										
Member of a family	4,736.0	82.6	722.5	822.0	1,627.1	6,363.1	40.2	14.8	33.7	
Husband or wife	3,664.2	63.3	411.8	644.4	1,119.4	4,783.6	41.0	16.0	35.2	
With dependents present	2,158.2	39.9	274.4	419.0	733.2	2,891.5	41.7	15.7	35.1	
Without dependents present	1,505.9	23.4	137.4	225.4	386.2	1,892.1	40.1	16.4	35.2	
Sole parent	113.7	* 3.3	32.8	39.4	75.5	189.2	38.0	15.2	28.9	
Other family head	87.6	* 1.0	8.4	12.6	22.0	109.7	37.8	16.3	33.5	
Full-time student aged 15-24(c)	7.7	11.5	221.0	36.6	269.1	276.8	26.7	8.3	8.8	
Other child(d) of married couple or family head	787.2	* 3.2	45.9	81.3	130.4	917.5	37.5	17.6	34.7	
Other relative of married couple or family head	75.6	* 0.3	* 2.6	7.7	10.6	86.2	37.3	19.3	35.1	
Not a member of a family	876.8	10.3	63.7	90.0	163.9	1,040.7	39.1	16.0	35.5	
Living alone	415.6	4.5	26.9	41.4	72.7	488.3	40.0	16.2	36.5	
Not living alone	461.2	5.8	36.8	48.6	91.2	552.5	38.2	15.9	34.6	
Total	5,612.7	92.9	786.2	912.0	1,791.0	7,403.8	40.0	14.9	34.0	

(a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Persons who had a job in which they usually worked part time, i.e. less than 35 hours per week, but were not at work during the reference week. (c) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (d) Aged 15 and over.

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

TABLE 2.14. ALL FAMILIES: TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS PRESENT, AND NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED(a), AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1991 AND JUNE 1992
(*000 families)

Number of dependents present	None employed		One employed		Two or more employed		Total	
	June 1991	June 1992	June 1991	June 1992	June 1991	June 1992	June 1991	June 1992
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES								
None	647.9	665.3	361.5	367.8	874.0	857.1	1,883.5	1,890.2
One or more	136.6	173.4	669.7	647.1	1,159.3	1,171.8	1,965.6	1,992.3
One	46.4	57.1	198.1	186.6	383.6	401.8	628.2	645.4
Two	49.2	65.4	287.3	266.2	524.1	505.0	860.6	836.6
Three	24.1	30.8	133.6	135.4	193.1	200.3	350.8	366.6
Four or more	16.9	20.0	50.7	58.9	58.5	64.7	126.1	143.6
Total	784.6	838.7	1,031.3	1,014.9	2,033.3	2,028.9	3,849.2	3,882.5
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A MALE PARENT								
One	7.3	10.3	15.9	16.8	4.8	6.0	27.9	33.0
Two	4.5	* 3.2	9.6	5.6	* 2.0	* 1.3	16.2	10.1
Three or more	* 1.7	* 1.5	* 2.2	* 3.1	* 0.3	* 0.8	4.2	5.4
Total	13.5	14.9	27.7	25.5	7.1	8.1	48.3	48.5
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A FEMALE PARENT								
One	90.5	91.2	70.7	72.2	20.5	20.9	181.8	184.2
Two	48.3	58.2	42.0	43.6	11.6	14.6	101.9	116.3
Three	22.3	25.1	11.7	14.9	* 3.0	* 3.0	37.0	43.1
Four or more	9.0	13.9	4.5	5.2	* 0.9	* 0.9	14.4	20.0
Total	170.1	188.3	129.0	135.9	36.1	39.4	335.2	363.6
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: TOTAL								
One	97.8	101.4	86.6	89.0	25.3	26.8	209.7	217.2
Two	52.8	61.3	51.6	49.2	13.6	15.9	118.1	126.4
Three	23.7	26.6	13.6	17.8	* 3.3	3.6	40.6	48.0
Four or more	9.3	13.9	4.9	5.4	* 0.9	* 1.2	15.1	20.5
Total	183.6	203.2	156.7	161.4	43.2	47.5	383.5	412.1
OTHER FAMILIES								
None	57.2	74.5	107.5	101.1	91.1	101.5	255.7	277.1
One or more	5.3	7.1	5.8	5.0	* 2.5	* 2.9	13.6	15.1
Total	62.5	81.6	113.3	106.2	93.6	104.4	269.4	292.2
ALL FAMILIES								
None	705.1	739.8	469.0	469.0	965.1	958.6	2,139.3	2,167.3
One or more	325.5	383.7	832.3	813.4	1,204.9	1,222.3	2,362.7	2,419.4
One	149.1	165.0	289.5	280.1	411.3	431.4	849.8	876.4
Two	102.5	127.4	339.7	315.7	537.8	521.0	980.1	964.1
Three	47.8	57.5	147.2	153.4	196.4	204.0	391.4	414.8
Four or more	26.2	33.9	55.9	64.3	59.4	65.9	141.4	164.1
Total	1,030.6	1,123.5	1,301.3	1,282.4	2,170.1	2,180.8	4,502.0	4,586.8

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

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

TABLE 2.15. ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PARENT AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT PRESENT AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992
(*000 families)

Age of youngest dependent —	Parent employed			Parent unemployed	Parent in the labour force	Parent not in the labour force	Total
	Full time	Part time	Total				
0-4	15.9	20.2	36.2	11.6	47.8	87.0	134.7
5-9	23.6	22.6	46.2	9.6	55.8	48.1	104.0
10-14	35.0	19.6	54.6	7.3	61.8	36.6	98.5
15-24	38.4	13.0	51.4	8.9	60.3	14.6	74.9
Total	112.9	75.4	188.3	37.4	225.7	186.3	412.1

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

TABLE 2.16: MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDENT PRESENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992
(*000 families)

	Wife employed			Wife unemployed	Wife in the labour force	Wife not in the labour force	Total
	Full time	Part time	Total				
HUSBAND EMPLOYED FULL TIME							
Families with dependents present	417.3	598.7	1,015.9	56.1	1,072.1	574.7	1,646.8
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	102.5	225.0	327.5	23.9	351.4	330.5	681.8
5-9	106.8	160.3	267.1	18.1	285.2	114.9	400.0
10-14	119.4	131.8	251.2	9.4	260.6	79.0	339.6
15-24	88.6	81.6	170.2	4.8	175.0	50.4	225.4
Families without dependents present	463.9	225.2	689.2	24.9	714.1	252.3	966.4
Total	881.2	823.9	1,705.1	81.0	1,786.2	827.0	2,613.2
HUSBAND EMPLOYED: TOTAL							
Families with dependents present	435.5	626.3	1,061.8	61.0	1,122.9	605.8	1,728.7
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	109.4	236.1	345.5	25.9	371.4	347.8	719.2
5-9	110.5	167.1	277.5	19.8	297.4	119.6	417.0
10-14	123.4	137.6	261.0	10.2	271.2	83.9	355.1
15-24	92.2	85.5	177.7	5.1	182.9	54.6	237.4
Families without dependents present	485.1	255.0	740.0	27.0	767.0	298.4	1,065.4
Total	920.5	881.3	1,801.9	88.0	1,889.9	904.2	2,794.1
HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED							
Families with dependents present	14.5	17.3	31.9	23.4	55.3	91.7	147.0
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	4.1	8.5	12.6	10.1	22.7	59.3	81.9
5-9	4.1	3.7	7.7	7.1	14.8	14.9	29.7
10-14	4.2	3.6	7.9	4.2	12.1	12.2	24.2
15-24	* 2.1	* 1.6	3.7	* 2.1	5.7	5.4	11.1
Families without dependents present	15.3	8.4	23.7	17.8	41.5	40.4	81.9
Total	29.9	25.7	55.5	41.2	96.8	132.1	228.9
HUSBAND IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
Families with dependents present	450.0	643.7	1,093.7	84.4	1,178.2	697.5	1,875.7
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	113.6	244.6	358.1	36.0	394.1	407.0	801.1
5-9	114.5	170.8	285.3	26.9	312.2	134.5	446.7
10-14	127.6	141.3	268.9	14.4	283.3	96.1	379.3
15-24	94.3	87.1	181.4	7.2	188.6	60.0	248.6
Families without dependents present	500.4	263.3	763.7	44.8	808.5	338.8	1,147.3
Total	950.4	907.0	1,857.4	129.2	1,986.7	1,036.3	3,023.0
HUSBAND NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
Families with dependents present	20.7	14.4	35.1	3.9	39.0	77.6	116.6
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	6.2	* 3.1	9.3	* 1.5	10.8	24.0	34.8
5-9	* 2.4	4.0	6.4	* 1.1	7.5	14.6	22.1
10-14	4.9	* 2.3	7.2	* 1.0	8.2	18.1	26.3
15-24	7.1	5.1	12.2	* 0.2	12.4	21.0	33.4
Families without dependents present	28.9	25.4	54.4	3.9	58.2	684.7	742.9
Total	49.7	39.8	89.5	7.8	97.3	762.3	859.5
TOTAL							
Families with dependents present	470.8	658.1	1,128.8	88.3	1,217.2	775.1	1,992.3
Age of youngest dependent —							
0-4	119.8	247.6	367.4	37.5	404.9	431.0	835.9
5-9	117.0	174.7	291.7	28.0	319.7	149.1	468.8
10-14	132.6	143.6	276.1	15.4	291.5	114.1	405.6
15-24	101.4	92.2	193.6	7.5	201.0	80.9	281.9
Families without dependents present	529.3	288.8	818.1	48.7	866.7	1,023.5	1,890.2
Total	1,000.1	946.8	1,946.9	137.0	2,083.9	1,798.6	3,882.5

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (6224 0)

Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force

In the following tables, persons who had re-entered the labour force are those who

- (i) were in the labour force at May 1990;
- (ii) had a period not in the labour force of at least twelve months' duration that finished within the last twelve months and;
- (iii) had worked continuously for at least twelve months at some earlier time.

An estimated 2 per cent of persons in the labour force at May 1990 had re-entered the labour force within the last twelve months.

Females accounted for 85 per cent of re-entrants.

Of the total number of persons who had re-entered the labour force, 89,800 females (65% of all re-entrants) were working at May 1990 and a further 27,400 females (20% of all re-entrants) were looking for work.

**TABLE 2.17. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE : AGE, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL
SELECTED DETAILS OF PREVIOUS JOB AND WHETHER WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK
AUSTRALIA, MAY 1990
(*000)**

	Females			Persons			
	Total males	Working	Looking for work	Total	Working	Looking for work	Total
<i>Age—</i>							
15-24	* 3.1	6.2	* 3.4	9.7	8.7	4.0	12.7
25-34	5.9	38.3	11.7	50.0	41.7	14.2	55.9
35-44	4.0	31.7	8.7	40.4	34.9	9.5	44.4
45-54	* 2.7	9.3	* 2.5	11.9	11.4	* 3.1	14.6
55 and over	4.5	4.2	* 1.1	5.3	7.6	* 2.2	9.8
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival—</i>							
Born in Australia	14.9	70.1	19.3	89.4	80.6	23.8	104.3
Born outside Australia	5.2	19.7	8.1	27.8	23.8	9.2	33.0
Arrived before 1971	* 3.3	7.3	* 3.0	10.3	10.2	* 3.4	13.6
Arrived 1971-1980	* 0.8	6.7	* 2.1	8.8	7.0	* 2.6	9.6
Arrived 1981-1990	* 1.1	5.7	* 3.0	8.7	6.6	* 3.2	9.8
Main English speaking countries(a)	* 2.6	10.9	* 3.4	14.3	13.3	3.5	16.9
Other countries	* 2.6	8.8	4.7	13.5	10.5	5.7	16.2
<i>Full-time or part-time worker in previous job—</i>							
Previous job less than 20 years ago	20.2	84.8	25.8	110.6	99.4	31.4	130.7
Full-time	18.1	66.3	21.8	88.1	79.0	27.2	106.2
Part-time	* 1.8	16.7	3.9	20.6	18.3	4.1	22.4
Varied/did not know	* 0.3	* 1.8	* 0.1	* 1.9	* 2.1	* 0.1	* 2.1
Previous job 20 or more years ago	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
<i>Time in previous job—</i>							
Previous job less than 20 years ago	20.2	84.8	25.8	110.6	99.4	31.4	130.7
1-2 years	6.9	34.9	11.9	46.8	39.3	14.3	53.7
3-9 years	6.9	43.4	11.1	54.4	48.6	12.7	61.3
3-4 years	* 3.2	23.3	5.6	28.9	25.4	6.7	32.1
5-9 years	3.7	20.1	5.5	25.6	23.2	6.1	29.3
10 years or more	6.4	6.5	* 2.9	9.3	11.5	4.3	15.7
10-19 years	* 2.7	6.0	* 2.2	8.2	8.2	* 2.7	10.9
20 years or more	3.7	* 0.5	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 3.2	* 1.6	4.8
Previous job 20 or more years ago	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
<i>Time since previous job—</i>							
1-2 years	8.6	23.7	6.4	30.2	30.2	8.6	38.8
3-9 years	9.8	41.2	12.5	53.7	48.2	15.4	63.5
3-4 years	5.5	17.7	7.0	24.7	21.5	8.7	30.2
5-9 years	4.4	23.5	5.5	29.0	26.6	6.7	33.4
10 years or more	* 1.7	24.8	8.5	33.3	26.0	9.1	35.0
10-19 years	* 1.7	19.9	6.8	26.7	21.0	7.4	28.4
20 years or more	* 0.0	5.0	* 1.7	6.6	5.0	* 1.7	6.6
Total	20.2	89.8	27.4	117.2	104.3	33.0	137.4

(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand.

Source: Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6264.0).

TABLE 2.18. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE : JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER RELATED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1990
(*000)

	Total males	Females		Persons			Total
		Working	Looking for work	Total	Working	Looking for work	
<i>Main reason for wanting to work again—</i>							
Completed studies	* 2.4	* 2.2	* 0.0	* 2.2	4.2	* 0.4	4.6
Financial reasons	10.2	48.2	20.9	69.2	55.3	24.1	79.4
Returned after own illness or injury	* 3.0	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 2.5	* 1.4	3.9
Children gone to school/no longer needed to look after children	* 0.0	6.3	* 2.3	8.7	6.3	* 2.3	8.7
Boredom/needed another interest	* 1.2	13.6	3.5	17.1	14.3	4.0	18.3
To help in family business/bought business	* 0.1	11.0	* 0.2	11.3	11.2	* 0.2	11.4
Other	* 3.2	7.5	* 0.4	7.9	10.5	* 0.6	11.1
<i>Time spent not in the labour force since previous job—</i>							
Under 12 months	* 1.3	5.1	* 1.1	6.2	6.4	* 1.1	7.5
1-2 years	10.4	30.0	8.9	38.9	37.0	12.3	49.3
3-9 years	7.9	33.8	11.2	44.9	39.8	13.0	52.8
3-4 years	5.8	15.9	6.1	21.9	20.0	7.8	27.7
5-9 years	* 2.1	17.9	5.1	23.0	19.8	5.3	25.1
10 years or more	* 0.6	20.9	6.3	27.2	21.1	6.6	27.8
10-19 years	* 0.6	16.8	5.0	21.8	17.1	5.3	22.4
20 years or more	* 0.0	4.0	* 1.3	5.4	4.0	* 1.3	5.4
<i>Active steps taken to find work during the last twelve months—</i>							
Had looked for work	15.1	48.2	27.4	75.6	57.7	33.0	90.7
Registered with CES	7.3	10.7	10.6	21.2	15.0	13.5	28.5
Took no other active steps	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4
Contacted prospective employers	6.1	9.6	9.1	18.7	13.1	11.8	24.9
Took other active steps	* 1.0	* 0.8	* 1.4	* 2.2	* 1.6	* 1.7	* 3.3
Not registered with CES	7.8	37.5	16.9	54.4	42.7	19.5	62.2
Took only inactive steps	* 0.5	* 1.8	* 2.1	3.9	* 2.0	* 2.4	4.4
Contacted prospective employers	5.8	29.4	13.0	42.3	33.5	14.6	48.1
Took other active steps	* 1.5	6.3	* 1.8	8.1	7.2	* 2.5	9.7
Had not looked for work	5.1	41.6	* 0.0	41.6	46.7	* 0.0	46.7
<i>Main difficulty in finding work during the last twelve months—</i>							
Had looked for work	15.1	48.2	27.4	75.6	57.7	33.0	90.7
Own ill health or disability	* 3.0	* 0.2	* 1.3	* 1.5	* 1.7	* 2.8	4.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	* 1.6	* 1.1	* 1.9	* 3.0	* 2.3	* 2.3	4.6
Unsuitable hours	* 0.0	* 1.6	* 3.1	4.7	* 1.6	* 3.1	4.7
No vacancies in line of work	* 1.4	* 2.3	* 2.2	4.5	* 3.3	* 2.7	5.9
Other difficulties(a)	* 1.8	4.8	10.2	15.0	5.2	11.6	16.8
No difficulties at all	7.2	38.2	8.6	46.8	43.6	10.5	54.1
Had not looked for work	5.1	41.6	* 0.0	41.6	46.7	* 0.0	46.7
Total	20.2	89.8	27.4	117.2	104.3	33.0	137.4

(a) Includes too far to travel/transport problems; language difficulties; difficulties with ethnic background; lacked necessary skills/education; insufficient work experience; and no vacancies at all.

Source: *Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6264.0)*.

Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force

These statistics relate to persons not in the labour force at April 1991 who left the labour force within the previous twelve months. They provide information on their reasons for leaving the labour force, their past labour force experience, whether or not they intended to return to the labour force and their current activities.

In April 1991 there were an estimated 4,844,400 persons who were not in the labour force (36% of the civilian population age 15 and over). Of these persons 565,800 had left the labour force within the previous twelve months. These people account for 6 per cent of the 9,172,600 persons who were in the labour force at some stage during the year ending April 1991. This is similar to the proportion recorded in 1988.

The majority of persons who have left the labour force in the twelve months to April 1991 were female (370,900 or 66%) of whom more than half were in the age group 25 to 44 years.

Of those that had left the labour force in the last twelve months, 341,500 (60%) stated that their last labour force activity was working. Of these 61 per cent were job leavers. The most common reasons people gave for leaving their jobs were 'pregnancy/to have children' (26%), 'retired/did not want to work any longer' (21%) and 'returned to study' (19%). For the people that were job losers, the most common reasons for having lost their jobs were 'job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies' (45%) and 'retrenched' (31%).

Among the 565,800 persons who left the labour force in the 12 months to April 1991, there were 224,300 persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work.

The majority of persons who had left the labour force intended to return to the labour force (390,000 or 69%), with 53 per cent of these intending to return in under one year.

Of those who intended to return to the labour force, 61 per cent would prefer to return to part-time work. Of those whose main activity since leaving the labour force was 'attending an educational institution' 87 per cent intended to return to the labour force while of those whose main activity was 'home duties/childcare' 64 per cent intended to return.

There were 106,900 persons who did not intend to return to the labour force. Of the 69,700 females who did not intend to return to the labour force, 83 per cent said that 'home duties/childcare' was their main activity since leaving the labour force.

TABLE 2.19. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, DURATION OF CONTINUOUS PERIOD IN THE LABOUR FORCE BEFORE LEAVING AND LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991 ('000)

	November 1985		April 1988		April 1991		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
All persons aged 15 and over	5,926.6	6,112.9	6,237.4	6,428.5	6,640.9	6,810.3	13,451.2
In the labour force	4,496.0	2,894.0	4,743.9	3,252.4	5,008.6	3,598.1	8,606.8
Not in the labour force	1,430.5	3,218.9	1,493.5	3,176.1	1,632.2	3,212.2	4,844.4
Left the labour force within the last twelve months	(a)137.9	(a)323.4	(a)165.5	(a)364.1	194.9	370.9	565.8
Continuous period of less than twelve months in the labour force before leaving	59.9	170.3	83.0	171.6	111.1	210.1	321.2
Last labour force activity—							
Worked	n.a	n.a	47.7	94.4	53.0	102.7	155.7
Looked for work	n.a	n.a	35.3	77.2	58.2	107.4	165.5
Continuous period of at least twelve months in the labour force before leaving	78.0	153.0	80.1	190.8	83.7	160.8	244.6
Last labour force activity—							
Worked	70.4	136.5	56.4	136.7	61.7	124.0	185.7
Looked for work	7.6	16.5	23.7	54.1	22.0	36.7	58.8

(a) Includes persons whose duration of continuous period in the labour force could not be determined.

Source: *Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia (6267.0)*.

TABLE 2.20. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991
(*000)

	November 1985		April 1988		April 1991		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
<i>Age group—</i>							
15-24	47.6	83.9	66.8	102.3	88.7	113.1	201.8
25-44	31.0	177.3	38.3	194.5	40.2	192.5	232.7
45-59	21.9	46.2	29.9	56.0	30.7	50.3	81.0
60 and over	37.4	16.0	30.6	11.4	35.3	14.9	50.2
<i>Birthplace—</i>							
Born in Australia	99.7	246.3	122.2	275.9	144.2	291.4	435.6
Born outside Australia	38.2	77.0	43.4	88.2	50.7	79.4	130.2
<i>Main source of income—</i>							
Investments/saving	26.2	18.9	26.1	15.5	28.8	16.9	45.7
Superannuation	10.4	*3.2	13.3	*3.3	15.7	*4.3	20.0
TEAS/AUSTUDY	10.7	6.7	17.7	15.7	26.3	25.1	51.4
Unemployment/sickness benefit	20.1	13.8	22.6	16.0	25.5	24.4	49.8
Invalid/age/supporting parent's/widow's pension	17.4	37.9	15.9	36.0	16.9	44.6	61.5
Dependent on someone else's income	32.7	229.4	44.1	246.7	63.7	242.8	306.5
Other(a)	20.5	13.5	14.7	8.4	18.0	12.7	30.8
Not asked	..	..	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
<i>Housing arrangements—</i>							
Owned own home	n.a.	n.a.	43.7	65.6	50.8	79.4	130.1
Paying off home	n.a.	n.a.	18.5	121.7	17.1	99.4	116.5
Renting	n.a.	n.a.	41.0	97.5	50.1	113.5	163.6
Lived rent free	n.a.	n.a.	38.6	44.3	30.9	34.3	65.2
Other	n.a.	n.a.	12.3	12.4	7.1	7.5	14.6
Not asked	n.a.	n.a.	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
Still at school	n.a.	n.a.	..	..	38.9	36.9	75.7
<i>Time since left the labour force (weeks)—</i>							
1 and under 4	16.1	38.8	38.7	92.3	51.7	92.8	144.6
4 and under 8	15.3	41.6	27.2	51.8	28.8	53.4	82.2
8 and under 13	18.0	43.2	38.4	58.4	39.6	63.0	102.6
13 and under 26	29.2	69.8	36.5	92.3	47.1	90.9	138.0
26 and under 39	26.3	59.9	13.5	45.3	18.5	44.9	63.5
39 and under 52	33.0	70.1	11.3	24.1	9.0	25.9	35.0
<i>Intention to return to the labour force—</i>							
Intended to return	76.4	166.8	103.0	227.9	139.4	251.5	390.9
Under 1 year	53.0	108.2	61.7	114.9	82.2	123.6	205.8
Under 3 months	43.4	70.2	32.4	59.2	37.1	58.8	95.9
3 and under 6 months	6.1	26.5	7.2	20.3	10.0	23.4	33.5
6 and under 12 months	*3.5	11.5	22.1	35.4	35.2	41.3	76.5
1 and under 3 years	6.0	23.6	9.0	27.8	8.1	30.4	38.4
3 and under 5 years	*1.2	5.1	*1.6	7.6	*0.8	7.0	7.8
5 years and over	*0.2	*4.2	*0.7	*2.1	*1.3	5.0	6.4
Did not know	16.0	25.6	30.0	75.4	46.9	85.6	132.5
Did not intend to return	43.5	99.2	37.3	70.6	37.2	69.7	106.9
Undecided	18.0	57.3	14.0	43.1	18.3	49.7	68.0
Not asked	..	..	11.3	22.5	..	..	..
Total	137.9	323.4	165.5	364.1	194.9	370.9	565.8

(a) Includes life assurance, other retirement schemes, war disability/repatriation/service/war widow's pension.

Source: Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia (6267.0).

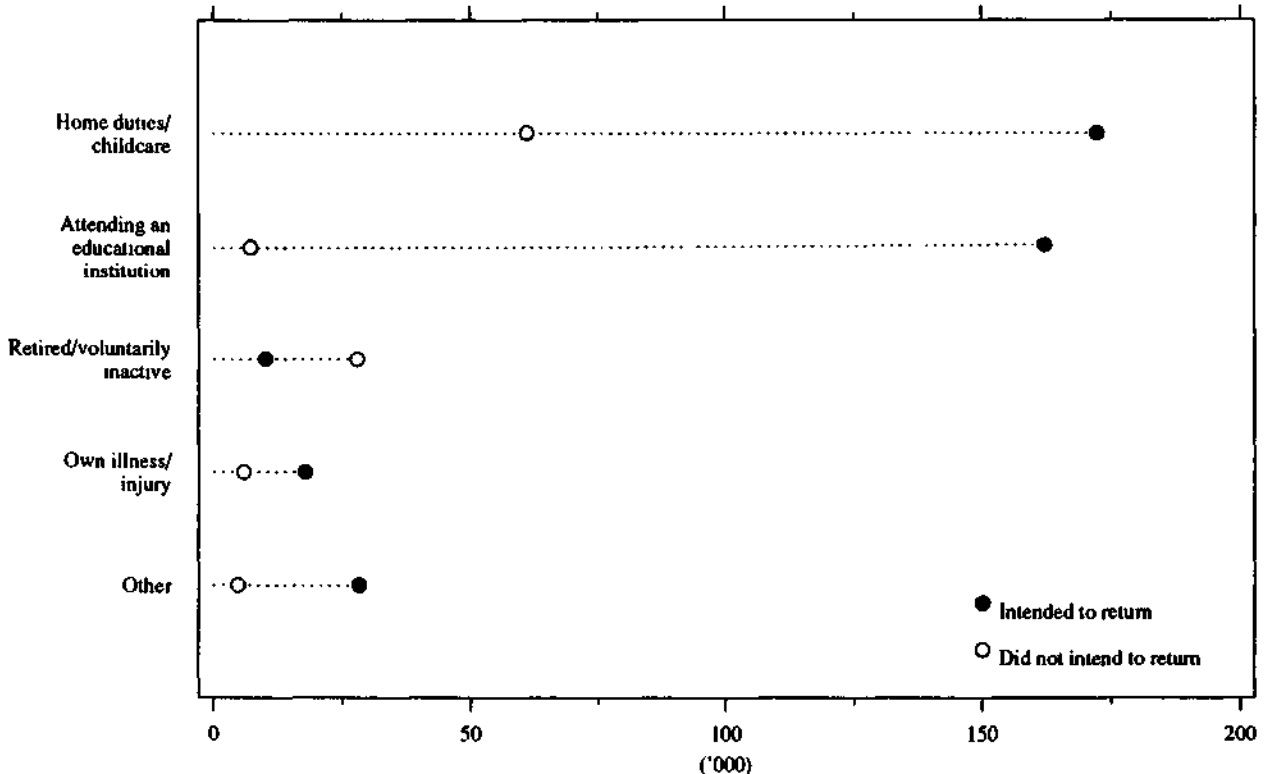
TABLE 2.21. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING: REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991
(*000)

Reason for ceasing last job	Whether intended to return to the labour force							
	Intended to return		Did not intend to return			Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Undecided	Males	Females	Persons
Job loser(a)	33.3	40.8	11.9	22.9	22.9	52.1	79.8	131.9
Retrenched	11.3	13.9	* 2.6	6.0	7.0	15.5	25.2	40.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	14.9	21.4	* 3.0	11.6	9.1	20.7	39.3	60.0
Own ill health or injury	6.1	* 4.1	6.1	* 4.4	5.8	14.5	12.1	26.6
Job leaver	35.6	90.3	21.2	35.9	26.6	62.6	147.0	209.6
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	4.5	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 1.2	4.9	4.6	9.5
Retired/ did not want to work any longer	* 2.1	* 2.2	18.2	15.3	5.4	23.0	20.2	43.2
Returned to studies	17.5	18.4	* 1.3	* 0.9	* 2.6	19.4	21.3	40.7
Pregnancy/ to have children	* 0.0	39.3	* 0.0	7.5	7.4	* 0.0	54.2	54.2
To look after family, house or someone else	* 0.9	* 3.6	* 0.0	* 4.0	* 1.8	* 1.1	9.1	10.2
To have holiday/ to move house spouse transferred	* 2.6	7.6	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 2.7	* 3.1	10.3	13.4
Other	8.1	15.5	* 1.7	7.5	5.5	11.1	27.3	38.4
Total	68.9	131.1	33.1	58.8	49.5	114.7	226.8	341.5

(a) Includes business closed down for economic reasons.

Source: *Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia (6267.0)*.

CHART 2.7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: INTENTION TO RETURN BY MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEAVING THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991



Source: *Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia (6267.0)*.

Retirement and Retirement Intentions

In October 1992 there were an estimated 5,235,400 persons aged 45 and over usually resident in Australia. Of these persons 2,800,100 (53%) had retired from full-time work. Some 1,740,400 (33%) intended to retire from full-time work, while 234,600 (4%) did not intend to retire. A further 455,000 (9%) had never worked full-time and did not intend to work full-time.

Most females who had retired from full-time work (60%) did so before reaching the age of 45. The next most common retirement age groups for females were 50-54 years (11%), 55-59 years (10%) and 60-64 years (9%). For males, the most common age for retirement was 60-64 years (33%) followed by 65-69 years (23%).

In October 1992, 58 per cent of retired males and 31 per cent of retired females belonged to a retirement scheme at retirement, compared with 53 per cent and 25 per cent respectively in November 1989.

Overall, the level of retirement scheme membership increased to 47 per cent in October 1992, from 42 per cent in November 1989. This increase was due to a rise in the number of persons with superannuation cover, from 38 per cent in November 1989 to 43 per cent in October 1992.

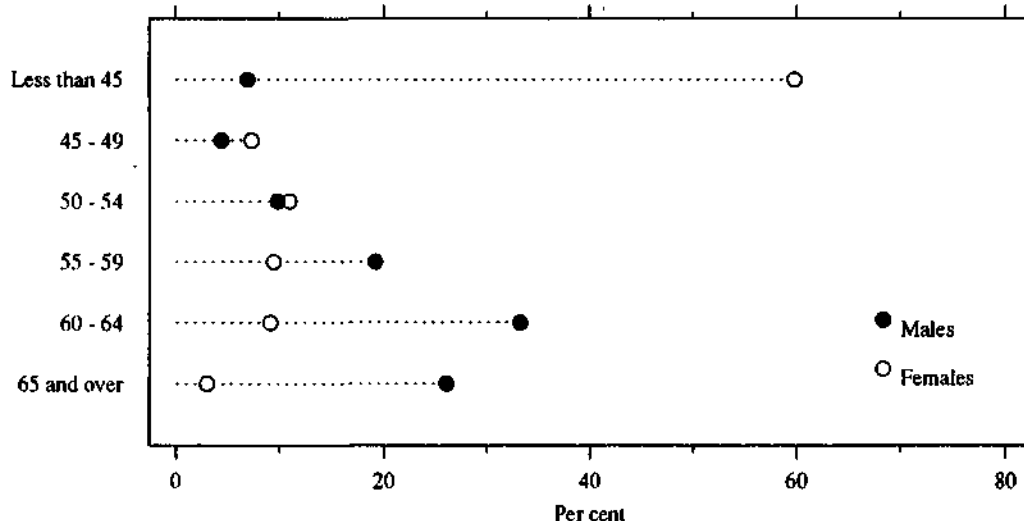
The most common main source of income at retirement for those who had retired from full-time work was a Government pension which was reported by 38 per cent of retirees. Some 16 per cent relied on someone else's income, 12 per cent on superannuation, life assurance or other retirement schemes and 11 per cent reported investments, interest or stocks etc. as their main source of income at retirement.

For males aged 45 and over who had not yet retired, 44 per cent intended to retire between the ages of 65 and 69. A further 18 per cent intended to retire between the ages of 60 and 64 and 12 per cent between 55 and 59. Some 22 per cent reported that they did not know at what age they intended to retire.

For females, 33 per cent intended to retire between 60 and 64, 20 per cent between 55 and 59, and 30 per cent reported that they did not know at what age they intended to retire.

For persons who had not yet retired from full-time work, the proportion who were members of a retirement scheme had increased from 78 per cent to 83 per cent for males and 61 per cent to 74 per cent for females over the three year period to October 1992. The proportion who expected superannuation to be their main source of income at retirement had also increased, from 32 per cent to 38 per cent for males and 18 per cent to 22 per cent for females over the same period.

CHART 2.8. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK: AGE AT RETIREMENT BY SEX, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992



Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.22. PERSONS WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK AT AGE 45 OR MORE: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1986 TO OCTOBER 1992

	November 1986			November 1989			October 1992		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	— per cent —								
<i>Retirement scheme membership —</i>									
Belonged to a retirement scheme	50.5	21.2	39.0	52.8	24.7	41.8	57.5	31.0	47.0
Had superannuation cover	45.6	18.8	35.0	48.3	22.1	38.1	52.6	28.7	43.3
In last full-time job	44.7	17.8	34.1	47.4	21.4	37.2	51.1	27.2	41.7
In some previous job	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.6
Had life assurance or other schemes	4.9	2.5	4.0	4.5	2.6	3.8	4.8	2.3	3.8
Did not belong to a retirement scheme	49.5	78.8	61.0	47.2	75.3	58.2	42.5	69.1	52.9
<i>Main source of income at retirement —</i>									
Superannuation	14.5	3.2	10.1	15.8	3.5	11.0	15.9	4.4	11.4
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	0.6	*0.2	0.4	*0.4	*0.3	0.4	0.8	*0.1	0.5
Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension	39.7	31.9	36.6	35.3	30.0	33.3	30.5	28.5	29.7
War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension	13.3	4.5	9.8	12.0	4.1	8.9	10.2	4.1	7.8
Sickness, special and other benefits	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.2	3.0	6.7
Rent, farm, business, property(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.2	2.4	2.9
Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc.	13.5	6.9	10.9	14.2	7.4	11.5	13.7	7.8	11.4
Savings, sale of assets	8.5	6.4	7.6	9.2	6.5	8.1	8.1	5.8	7.2
Part-time work	3.3	4.6	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.2	3.6	6.3	4.7
Someone else's income	2.5	40.0	17.3	2.6	41.0	17.6	2.6	36.1	15.8
Other (including accumulated leave and compensation)	4.2	2.2	3.4	6.5	2.6	5.0	2.1	1.3	1.8
<i>Age at retirement —</i>									
45-49	4.1	20.5	10.6	3.9	19.4	10.0	4.8	18.4	10.1
50-54	8.2	26.2	15.3	9.2	27.9	16.5	10.6	27.2	17.0
55-59	18.1	22.7	20.0	19.6	23.7	21.2	20.6	23.6	21.8
60-64	36.0	22.3	30.6	37.6	21.6	31.3	35.9	23.0	30.8
65-69	29.5	6.5	20.4	26.4	6.3	18.5	25.0	6.5	17.7
70 and over	4.1	1.7	3.1	3.3	1.2	2.4	3.1	1.4	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —								
Total	887.6	579.8	1,467.4	980.3	629.7	1,610.0	1,042.8	674.0	1,716.8

(a) Included in 'Other' category prior to October 1992.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.23. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK: AGE AT RETIREMENT, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1986 TO OCTOBER 1992 ('000)

Age at retirement	November 1986			November 1989			October 1992		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Less than 45	49.0	878.6	927.6	59.7	972.2	1,031.9	78.4	1,004.8	1,083.2
45-49	36.7	118.9	155.6	38.4	122.2	160.6	50.4	124.0	174.4
50-54	73.0	152.1	225.1	90.6	175.7	266.3	110.2	183.4	293.5
55-59	160.9	131.8	292.8	192.2	149.0	341.2	215.3	159.1	374.5
60-64	319.1	129.3	448.4	368.5	136.0	504.4	374.1	154.8	528.9
65-69	261.9	37.7	299.6	258.7	39.5	298.2	260.5	43.6	304.0
70 and over	36.0	9.9	45.9	31.9	7.4	39.2	32.4	9.1	41.5
Total	936.6	1,458.4	2,395.0	1,040.0	1,602.0	2,641.9	1,121.3	1,678.8	2,800.1

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.24. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER HAD RETIRED OR INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK(a), AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992

	<i>Whether had retired or intended to retire from full-time work</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>per cent</i>		
	<i>Had retired</i>	<i>Intended to retire</i>	<i>Did not intend to retire</i>	<i>Had never worked full-time and did not intend to work full-time(b)</i>		<i>Had retired</i>	<i>Intended to retire</i>	<i>Total</i>
	— '000 —					— per cent —		
<i>Age at October 1992 —</i>								
45-49	269.5	755.7	68.9	36.6	1,130.6	9.6	43.4	22.6
50-54	265.8	496.6	60.4	41.2	864.2	9.5	28.5	16.8
55-59	339.2	306.0	46.2	43.9	735.3	12.1	17.6	14.2
60-64	462.0	152.9	28.9	58.4	702.2	16.5	8.8	13.5
65-69	544.6	22.4	18.0	71.8	656.8	19.5	1.3	12.5
70 and over	918.9	6.8	12.1	208.4	1,146.2	32.8	0.4	20.4
<i>Marital status —</i>								
Married	1,948.8	1,393.8	179.9	263.6	3,786.2	69.6	80.1	73.6
Not-married	851.2	346.6	54.7	196.7	1,449.2	30.4	19.9	26.4
<i>Family status —</i>								
Member of a family	2,100.0	1,483.3	189.0	326.6	4,099.0	75.0	85.2	78.9
Husband or wife	1,880.7	1,346.7	172.9	254.9	3,655.2	67.2	77.4	71.1
With dependants present	229.2	577.8	60.9	26.4	894.2	8.2	33.2	17.8
Without dependants present	1,651.5	768.9	112.0	228.6	2,761.0	59.0	44.2	53.3
Sole parent	19.5	45.4	4.9	5.7	75.5	0.7	2.6	1.4
Other family head	120.1	51.5	5.9	30.3	207.8	4.3	3.0	3.8
Other relative or child of married couple or family head	63.7	13.0	* 2.2	33.4	112.3	2.3	0.7	1.7
Not a member of a family	594.8	193.5	34.7	116.6	939.7	21.2	11.1	17.4
Living alone	542.0	155.2	28.3	107.8	833.4	19.4	8.9	15.4
Not living alone	52.8	38.3	6.4	8.8	106.3	1.9	2.2	2.0
Family status not determined	105.3	63.6	10.8	17.0	196.7	3.8	3.7	3.7
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>								
Born in Australia	1,978.9	1,121.6	156.4	282.8	3,539.8	70.7	64.4	68.3
Born outside Australia	821.1	618.8	78.1	177.5	1,695.6	29.3	35.6	31.7
Arrived before 1961	460.8	199.4	30.9	79.4	770.6	16.5	11.5	14.5
Arrived 1961-1970	218.7	209.5	26.9	31.9	487.1	7.8	12.0	9.4
Arrived 1971-1980	78.3	124.1	10.5	27.6	240.4	2.8	7.1	4.5
Arrived 1981-1990	57.1	77.1	8.9	31.9	175.0	2.0	4.4	3.0
Arrived 1991 to survey date	6.2	8.7	* 1.0	6.6	22.5	0.2	0.5	0.3
<i>Area —</i>								
Metropolitan	1,759.0	1,103.2	117.8	258.4	3,238.4	62.8	63.4	63.0
Non-metropolitan	1,041.1	637.3	116.7	201.9	1,997.0	37.2	36.6	37.0
Total	2,800.1	1,740.4	234.6	460.3	5,235.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males	1,121.3	1,224.4	183.2	25.0	2,553.8	40.0	70.3	51.7
Females	1,678.8	516.0	51.3	435.3	2,681.5	60.0	29.7	48.3

(a) Excludes persons who were institutionalised or permanently unable to work who were not in the scope of the survey. (b) Includes a small number of persons whose retirement status could not be determined.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0)

TABLE 2.25. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK(a): AGE INTENDED TO RETIRE, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992

<i>Age intended to retire</i>	<i>Persons</i>			<i>per cent</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	— '000 —			— per cent —		
45-49 years	* 0.5	4.2	4.7	* 0.0	0.8	0.3
50-54 years	9.1	27.3	36.4	0.7	5.3	2.1
55-59 years	150.9	105.3	256.2	12.3	20.4	14.7
60-64 years	225.1	169.9	395.0	18.4	32.9	22.7
65-69 years	542.8	49.1	591.9	44.3	9.5	34.0
70 years and over	26.3	* 3.8	30.1	2.2	* 0.7	1.7
Did not know	269.7	156.5	426.2	22.0	30.3	24.5
Total	1,224.4	516.0	1,740.4	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who were institutionalised or permanently unable to work who were not in the scope of the survey.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.26. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK: EXPECTED MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME AT RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT SCHEME MEMBERSHIP, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992 ('000)

Expected main source of income at retirement	Retirement scheme membership						Total
	Belonged to a retirement scheme				Did not belong to a retirement scheme		
	Had superannuation cover			Had life assurance or other scheme	Total	Total	
	In job at October 1992	In some previous job	Total				
MALES							
Superannuation	432.8	19.5	452.3	6.9	459.2	* 3.7	462.9
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	8.9	* 1.3	10.2	* 2.4	12.6	* 0.7	13.3
Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension	166.5	20.2	186.8	14.5	201.2	109.6	310.8
War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension	5.1	* 1.5	6.6	* 0.2	6.8	* 1.5	8.2
Sickness, special and other benefits	4.8	* 0.5	5.3	* 0.0	5.3	5.5	10.8
Rent, farm, business, property	24.8	* 1.3	26.1	* 2.7	28.8	11.5	40.3
Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc	97.3	9.1	106.4	8.2	114.6	17.1	131.7
Savings, sale of assets	31.2	* 1.4	32.6	* 3.5	36.1	20.3	56.5
Part-time work	41.5	* 1.8	43.3	* 2.6	46.0	7.2	53.2
Someone else's income	6.5	* 0.9	7.4	* 0.6	8.0	* 3.3	11.3
Accumulated leave, compensation	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 0.1	* 1.4
Other	* 2.7	* 0.0	* 2.7	* 0.3	* 3.0	* 0.5	* 3.5
Did not know	81.5	6.5	88.0	6.3	94.2	26.2	120.4
Total	904.9	64.1	969.0	48.2	1,017.2	207.1	1,224.4
FEMALES							
Superannuation	105.0	4.1	109.1	* 2.0	111.0	* 0.3	111.3
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 1.0	* 1.6	* 2.6	* 0.6	* 3.2
Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension	75.5	9.6	85.0	* 2.5	87.5	58.2	145.7
War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension	* 0.7	* 0.0	* 0.7	* 0.0	* 0.7	* 0.6	* 1.3
Sickness, special and other benefits	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 2.6	* 3.1
Rent, farm, business, property	7.8	* 0.9	8.8	* 0.2	9.0	4.9	13.9
Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc	28.4	* 1.4	29.8	* 2.3	32.1	5.6	37.7
Savings, sale of assets	11.7	* 0.7	12.4	* 0.1	12.5	10.0	22.5
Part-time work	13.8	* 0.6	14.4	* 0.5	14.9	* 3.7	18.6
Someone else's income	64.1	5.9	70.0	* 2.1	72.1	29.0	101.1
Accumulated leave, compensation	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
Other	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5	* 0.0	* 0.5
Did not know	35.4	* 2.1	37.4	* 2.0	39.5	17.6	57.1
Total	344.2	25.5	369.8	13.3	383.1	133.0	516.0
PERSONS							
Superannuation	537.8	23.6	561.4	8.9	570.2	4.0	574.2
Life assurance, other retirement schemes	9.9	* 1.3	11.2	4.0	15.2	* 1.3	16.5
Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension	242.0	29.8	271.8	17.0	288.8	167.7	456.5
War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension	5.8	* 1.5	7.4	* 0.2	7.5	* 2.0	9.6
Sickness, special and other benefits	5.1	* 0.8	5.9	* 0.0	5.9	8.1	14.0
Rent, farm, business, property	32.7	* 2.2	34.9	* 2.9	37.8	16.4	54.2
Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc	125.7	10.5	136.2	10.5	146.7	22.7	169.4
Savings, sale of assets	42.9	* 2.2	45.0	* 3.6	48.7	30.3	79.0
Part-time work	55.3	* 2.4	57.8	* 3.1	60.8	10.9	71.7
Someone else's income	70.6	6.8	77.4	* 2.7	80.2	32.3	112.4
Accumulated leave, compensation	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 0.1	* 1.4
Other	* 3.2	* 0.0	* 3.2	* 0.3	* 3.5	* 0.5	4.0
Did not know	116.8	8.6	125.4	8.3	133.7	43.8	177.5
Total	1,249.2	89.6	1,338.8	61.5	1,400.3	340.1	1,740.4

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).