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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OVERVIEW

In July 1995, the Australian labour force was estimated at 9,003,100 persons. In original terms, there were 709,600 unemployed persons, 12% fewer than in July 1994. The unemployment rate was 7.9%, which is 1.2 percentage points lower than in July 1994. Some 82% of unemployed persons were looking for full-time work, of whom two-thirds were males. Females represented 62% of unemployed persons looking for part-time work.

COMPARISON WITH MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEY UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

A survey of unemployed persons was conducted in July 1995 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey. The survey focussed on the job search experience of unemployed persons, their difficulties in finding work and steps taken to find work.

Persons who had been stood down, classed as unemployed in monthly unemployment estimates, were excluded from the supplementary questions as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Therefore the following results differ from published monthly labour force estimates.

DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

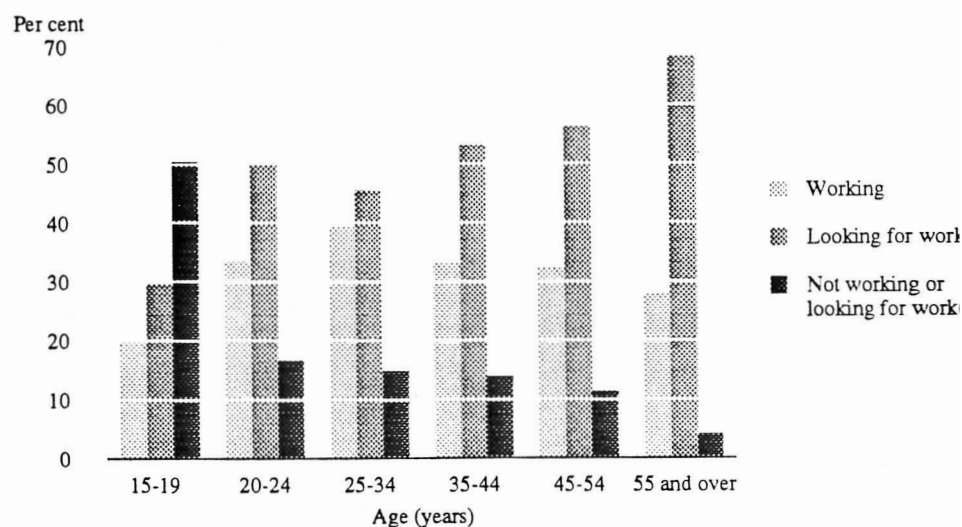
The average duration of current period of unemployment fell to 60 weeks in July 1995 from 62 weeks in July 1994, after increasing from 44 weeks in June 1991 (Table 2).

In July 1995 unemployed males who were looking for full-time work had an average duration of unemployment of 69 weeks while for females the average duration was 58 weeks. Unemployed persons seeking part-time work had a lower average duration of unemployment with males recording 33 weeks and females 36 weeks (Table 3).

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY TWELVE MONTHS AGE

In the July 1995 survey, unemployed persons were asked about their labour force activity twelve months ago. Of persons currently unemployed, 48% were looking for work twelve months ago (this proportion should not be regarded as a measure of long-term unemployment because persons who were unemployed at July 1995 and looking for work at July 1994 may have moved in and out of unemployment during the intervening twelve month period). This proportion ranged from 30% for persons aged 15 to 19 years, to 68% for persons aged 55 and over.

DIAGRAM 1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY TWELVE MONTHS AGO BY AGE, JULY 1995



(a) Includes persons with labour force activity not determined.
Source: Table 4.

Of males who were unemployed at the time of the survey, 34% had been working twelve months ago, compared with 28% of unemployed females.

Some 21% of persons who were unemployed at the time of the survey were neither working nor looking for work twelve months ago. Of those 15 to 19 year olds who were unemployed at the time of the survey, 50% were neither working nor looking for work twelve months ago, reflecting participation in education prior to seeking work. For other age groups, the proportion of unemployed persons who were neither working nor looking for work twelve months ago ranged from 17% for those aged 20 to 24 years, down to 4% for those aged 55 years and over (Table 4 and Diagram 1).

DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK

Survey respondents were asked to report all the difficulties they encountered in finding work, and then to nominate which of those difficulties was their main difficulty (Table 10). Some 39% of all respondents reported Too many applicants for available jobs as a difficulty they had experienced in finding work. The other difficulties most frequently reported were:

- No vacancies in line of work (33%);
- Considered too young or too old by employers (33%);
- Insufficient work experience (32%); and
- Lacked necessary skills or education (32%).

Main difficulty in finding work

The most common *main* difficulties reported by unemployed persons were:

- Considered too young or too old by employers (15%);
- Insufficient work experience (12%); and
- Too many applicants for available jobs (12%) (Table 2).

However, the main difficulty in finding work varied according to sex and age.

Males by age

For unemployed males, the most frequently reported main difficulty in finding work was Considered too young or too old by employers (Table 9).

While 17% of all unemployed males reported this as their main difficulty in finding work, it was reported far more frequently by unemployed males aged 45 to 54 years (39%) and 55 years and over (66%).

For younger unemployed males, the most frequently reported main difficulties in finding work generally reflected a lack of work experience and training. The main difficulties in finding work reported by unemployed males aged 15 to 19 years were:

- Insufficient work experience (nearly 20%);
- No vacancies at all (17%); and
- Lacked necessary skills or education (13%).

Unemployed males aged 20 to 24 years reported similar difficulties: Insufficient work experience (19%); Lacked necessary skills or education (15%); and Too many applicants for available jobs (14%).

For unemployed males aged 25 to 34 years, the main difficulties in finding work were related to a perceived lack of job opportunities in their chosen field or too much competition for jobs. This age group most frequently reported No vacancies in line of work (17%) and Too many applicants for available jobs (15%). Some 12% of unemployed males in this age group also reported that they Lacked necessary skills or education.

Unemployed males aged 35 to 44 years most frequently reported No vacancies at all (14%) as their main difficulty in finding work. The next most common main difficulties in finding work reported by this age group were Considered too young or too old by employers (14%) and No vacancies in line of work (14%).

Females by age

For unemployed females, the most frequently reported main difficulty in finding work was Insufficient work experience (16%) (Table 9).

As for unemployed males, the main difficulties in finding work most frequently reported by younger unemployed females generally related to lack of work experience, skills and training. For unemployed females aged 15 to 19 years, the most frequently reported main difficulties were Insufficient work experience (21%), Too many applicants for available jobs (17%) and Lacked necessary skills or education (16%). For unemployed females aged 20 to 24 years, the most frequently reported main difficulties were Insufficient work experience (22%), Lacked necessary skills or education (12%) and Considered too young or too old by employers (9.7%).

Some 17% of unemployed females aged 25 to 34 years reported Insufficient work experience as their main difficulty in finding work (just 8.6% of unemployed males in the same age group reported this as their main difficulty in finding work). However, for unemployed females in this age group, the following main difficulties were similar to those reported by males in the same age group:

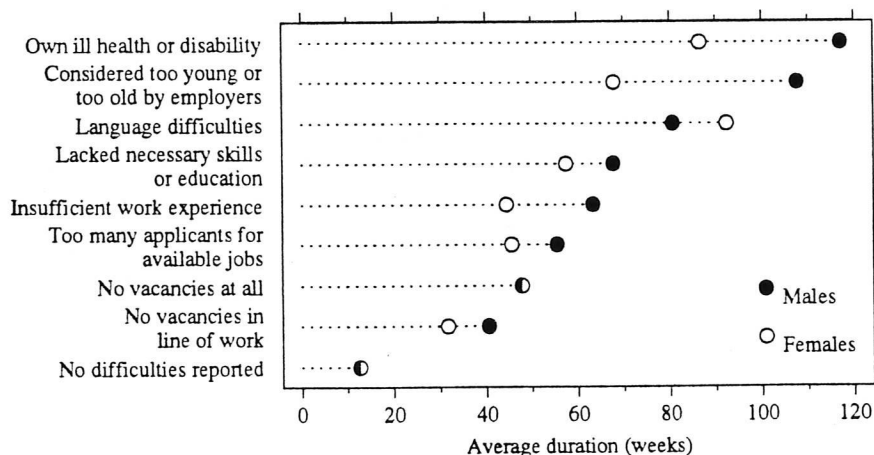
- No vacancies in line of work (11%);
- Lacked necessary skills or education (10%); and
- Too many applicants for available jobs (9.5%).

For unemployed females aged 35 to 44 years, the most frequently reported main difficulty in finding work was Considered too young or too old by employers (14%), followed by Too many applicants for available jobs (12%) and No vacancies at all (11%). For unemployed females aged 45 years and over, Considered too young or too old by employers was by far the most common difficulty reported (by 37% of 45 to 54 year olds and 46% of females aged 55 years and over).

AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployed males who reported Own ill health or disability as their main difficulty in finding work had the longest average duration of unemployment (117 weeks), followed by Considered too young or too old by employers (108 weeks) and Language difficulties (81 weeks).

DIAGRAM 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK BY AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1995



Source: Table 6.

Unemployed males who reported No difficulties at all were unemployed for an average of 13 weeks.

For unemployed females, the longest average duration of unemployment was experienced by those who reported that their main difficulty in finding work was Language difficulties (92 weeks), while those who reported Own ill health or disability or Considered too young or too old by employers also experienced longer average durations of unemployment (87 weeks and 68 weeks respectively) (Table 6 and Diagram 2).

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In July 1995, 29% of unemployed persons had post-school qualifications. These persons had an average duration of unemployment of 53 weeks. Persons without post-school qualifications had a higher average duration of unemployment of 66 weeks.

For persons who had not completed the highest level of secondary school the average duration was 72 weeks, compared to 51 weeks for those who had completed the highest level. Unemployed persons with a Basic or Skilled vocational qualification recorded average durations of 57 weeks and 59 weeks respectively. Those unemployed persons with a Bachelor degree or higher qualification had a lower average duration of 44 weeks (Table 14).

Persons with and without post-school qualifications generally reported similar difficulties in finding work. The exceptions were that No vacancies in line of work which was more commonly reported by persons with post-school qualifications (15% compared to 9%) and Lacked necessary skills or education which was more commonly reported by those without post-school qualifications (13% compared to 7%) (Table 7).

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK

In July 1995, 79% of unemployed persons reported that they were registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES). This was slightly lower than the 81% recorded in July 1994 and 83% in July 1993 (the highest level recorded since the survey was first conducted in May 1976) (Table 2).

Some 92% of unemployed males seeking full-time work were registered with the CES. This proportion varied only slightly according to age and was in the range of 90% to 94% for all age groups (Table 5).

In comparison, some 77% of unemployed females seeking full-time work were registered with the CES. This proportion showed more variation between age groups:

- For unemployed females aged 15 to 19 seeking full-time work, 88% were registered with the CES;
- For females 20 to 24 years, 82% were registered with the CES;
- For females 25 to 34 years, 74% were registered with the CES;
- For females 35 to 44 years, 63% were registered with the CES; and
- For females aged 45 and over, 77% were registered with the CES.

Some 87% of unemployed persons who were looking for full-time work were registered with the CES, compared with 37% of unemployed persons looking for part-time work. Some 90% of unemployed 15 to 19 year olds seeking full-time work were registered with the CES. However, of all unemployed 15 to 19 year olds, a smaller proportion, 67%, were registered. This reflects the greater proportion in this age group seeking part-time work - 36% of unemployed 15 to 19 year olds were seeking part-time work, compared with 9% to 14% in other age groups (Table 3 and Table 5).

The proportion of unemployed persons who were registered with the CES who had also contacted prospective employers was 94%, unchanged from July 1994 (Table 2).

THE LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED

The most frequently reported main difficulties in finding work by long-term unemployed persons were Considered too young or too old by employers (23%) and Lacked necessary skills or education (13%) (Table 6).

The majority (86%) of long-term unemployed persons in July 1995 had not received any offers of employment in the previous twelve months, slightly less than in July 1994 when 89% had not received any offers of employment (Table 12).

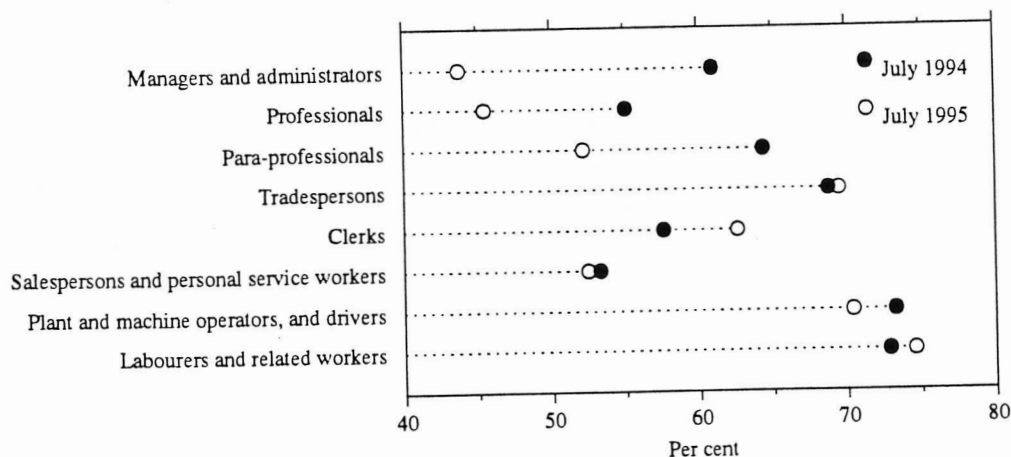
REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB

In July 1995, some 305,300 unemployed persons (45% of the total) had been employees in their last full-time job and had ceased that job in the last two years.

Of these persons:

- 197,700 (65%) left their last job involuntarily, including 139,000 who had been retrenched;
- Of those aged 15 to 24 years, 55% left their last job involuntarily;
- Of those aged 25 to 44 years, 66% left their last job involuntarily;
- Of those aged 45 years and over, 77% left their last job involuntarily;
- Half of those who previously worked in the Accommodation, cafes and restaurants industry left their last job involuntarily (the lowest proportion across all industries);
- 86% of those who worked in the Agriculture, forestry and fishing industry left their last job involuntarily;
- Of those whose last occupation was Managers and administrators or Professionals, less than half had left their last job involuntarily (the lowest proportions across all occupations); and
- Some 75% of former Labourers and related workers had left their last job involuntarily (Table 17).

DIAGRAM 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: PROPORTION OF PERSONS WHO LEFT THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB INVOLUNTARILY IN EACH OCCUPATION



Source: Table 17.

TABLE 1. ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK,
JUNE 1986 TO JULY 1995

	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994(a)	July 1995(a)
—'000—								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	291.7	275.9	288.7	421.6	529.0	510.2	419.1	377.8
Females	163.0	152.5	166.4	214.9	257.5	251.4	233.6	195.5
Persons	454.8	428.4	455.1	636.4	786.6	761.7	652.7	573.2
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	25.8	18.6	30.0	31.3	36.5	35.7	39.0	40.4
Females	69.5	56.5	64.4	72.4	78.3	77.4	89.1	72.0
Persons	95.3	75.2	94.5	103.6	115.0	113.1	128.1	112.4
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	3.7	5.5	8.4	8.8	10.6	11.4	9.7	14.2
Females	10.0	9.8	11.4	15.2	14.2	14.3	13.4	9.7
Persons	13.7	15.3	19.8	24.1	24.8	25.7	23.1	23.9
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	321.2	300.0	327.1	461.7	576.1	557.3	467.8	432.4
Females	242.5	218.8	242.2	302.5	350.0	343.2	336.1	277.2
Persons	563.8	518.9	569.4	764.1	926.4	900.5	803.9	709.6
<i>Total, in the labour force</i>								
Males	4,579.2	4,723.8	4,975.4	4,949.2	5,053.8	5,041.8	5,053.5	5,136.6
Females	2,992.3	3,178.1	3,526.9	3,531.6	3,614.1	3,603.9	3,735.3	3,866.5
Persons	7,571.5	7,901.8	8,502.3	8,480.8	8,667.9	8,645.7	8,788.9	9,003.1
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE								
— per cent —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	6.4	5.8	5.8	8.5	10.5	10.1	8.3	7.4
Females	5.4	4.8	4.7	6.1	7.1	7.0	6.3	5.1
Persons	6.0	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	8.8	7.4	6.4
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Females	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.9
Persons	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Females	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Persons	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	7.0	6.4	6.6	9.3	11.4	11.1	9.3	8.4
Females	8.1	6.9	6.9	8.6	9.7	9.5	9.0	7.1
Persons	7.4	6.6	6.7	9.0	10.7	10.4	9.1	7.9

(a) The 1994 and 1995 surveys were weighted using population estimates based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing therefore results may not be comparable with previous years. See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes for details.

**TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS,
JUNE 1986 TO JULY 1995**

	June 1986	July 1988	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994(b)	July 1995(b)	
	— per cent —							—('000)—	
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and :									
Took no other active steps	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.0	7.1
Contacted prospective employers	70.4	71.7	69.7	74.5	77.9	78.3	75.9	74.0	506.3
Took other active steps	6.9	6.1	4.7	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.6	24.3
<i>Total</i>	78.8	79.2	75.8	78.5	82.4	82.7	80.5	78.6	537.8
Not registered with the CES and :									
Contacted prospective employers	19.3	19.0	22.2	19.5	15.5	15.8	18.2	20.2	138.1
Took other active steps	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.6	1.2	8.1
<i>Total</i>	21.2	20.8	24.2	21.5	17.6	17.3	19.5	21.4	146.1
<i>Main difficulty in finding work —</i>									
Considered too young or too old by employers	16.3	16.5	15.3	11.7	13.8	16.9	17.3	15.4	105.4
Insufficient work experience	10.1	10.9	9.3	7.9	8.0	9.5	11.7	12.3	84.1
Too many applicants for available jobs(c)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	11.6	79.2
Lacked necessary skills or education	10.0	12.0	13.4	8.9	9.5	10.0	11.3	11.0	74.9
No vacancies at all	19.0	16.1	16.7	33.4	31.9	24.8	17.1	10.9	74.4
No vacancies in line of work	16.0	12.0	14.5	18.4	17.1	16.4	14.1	10.6	72.5
Too far to travel or transport problems	5.7	6.9	5.2	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.6	7.2	49.3
Own ill health or disability	5.8	6.6	6.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.4	5.0	34.3
Language difficulties	2.1	3.2	4.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.9	4.2	28.4
Unsuitable hours	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	17.8
Difficulties with childcare or other family responsibilities(d)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.0	7.1
Other difficulties(e)	5.0	6.1	5.5	5.1	2.6	3.2	4.3	2.4	16.4
No difficulties reported	6.1	6.2	5.6	2.7	3.2	3.9	6.3	5.9	40.2
<i>Whether would move interstate —</i>									
Would move interstate	26.0	24.9	24.7	28.9	31.5	28.5	24.2	25.6	175.1
Would not move interstate	63.0	63.3	65.1	58.3	55.0	57.4	61.2	61.6	421.2
Moving interstate would depend :									
On job conditions	4.0	5.1	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.4	6.2	41.2
On other conditions	4.9	4.3	4.2	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.9	4.0	27.2
<i>Total</i>	8.9	9.5	8.3	10.2	10.4	11.4	11.4	10.0	68.5
Undecided	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.2	2.8	19.0
<i>Whether would move intrastate —</i>									
Would move intrastate	37.2	37.4	38.4	42.6	44.9	41.7	37.5	36.8	251.5
Would not move intrastate	49.8	48.5	49.5	43.3	39.9	42.6	47.0	48.5	331.6
Moving intrastate would depend :									
On job conditions	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.4	37.1
On other conditions	7.4	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.1	7.6	6.8	46.4
<i>Total</i>	11.2	12.1	10.5	12.2	12.9	13.2	13.1	12.2	83.6
Undecided	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	17.1
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	69.8	68.9	77.0	75.3	63.2	62.0	63.5	65.4	447.4
1 and under 4 weeks	12.7	15.8	18.1	11.4	8.9	10.7	12.3	11.9	81.7
4 and under 8 weeks	11.7	12.4	14.9	11.0	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.2	69.7
8 and under 13 weeks	9.3	9.4	10.7	11.0	7.3	7.5	6.9	8.7	59.7
13 and under 26 weeks	19.8	13.2	15.4	22.5	15.1	13.7	15.4	14.7	100.5
26 and under 52 weeks	16.3	18.1	17.9	19.4	23.4	20.8	19.0	19.8	135.6
1 year and over	30.2	31.2	23.0	24.8	36.8	38.0	36.5	34.6	236.5
1 and under 2 years	12.3	13.2	9.9	13.9	20.6	17.3	15.4	14.5	99.0
2 years and over	17.9	18.0	13.1	10.9	16.2	20.8	21.2	20.1	137.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	683.9
	— weeks —								
<i>Average duration</i>	52.2	53.1	46.7	43.7	54.7	59.4	62.2	60.0	
<i>Median duration</i>	21.9	23.7	15.6	21.6	29.5	28.9	26.7	25.8	

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) The 1994 and 1995 surveys were weighted using population estimates based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing results, therefore, may not be comparable with the previous years. See paragraph 3 in the Explanatory Notes for details.(c) Collected separately for the first time in 1995. (d) Collected separately for the first time in 1992. (e) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1995

	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>			<i>Looking for part-time work</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
— '000 —									
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and —									
Took no other active steps	*4.0	*1.2	5.2	*0.5	*1.4	*1.9	*4.5	*2.6	7.1
Contacted prospective employers	330.9	140.6	471.5	14.8	20.0	34.8	345.7	160.7	506.3
Took other active steps	12.3	6.1	18.4	*2.1	*3.9	6.0	14.4	10.0	24.3
<i>Total</i>	347.3	147.9	495.1	17.3	25.3	42.6	364.6	173.2	537.8
Not registered with the CES and —									
Contacted prospective employers	29.0	42.2	71.2	21.6	45.3	66.9	50.6	87.5	138.1
Took other active steps	*0.1	*3.1	*3.2	*1.9	*2.9	4.8	*2.0	6.1	8.1
<i>Total</i>	29.1	45.4	74.4	23.5	48.2	71.7	52.6	93.6	146.1
<i>Age (years) —</i>									
15-19	49.4	35.5	84.9	23.3	25.3	48.6	72.7	60.8	133.5
20-24	66.3	42.8	109.1	5.6	8.8	14.4	71.9	51.6	123.5
25-34	99.3	45.9	145.2	*4.2	15.7	19.9	103.5	61.6	165.1
35-44	71.9	40.5	112.4	*3.0	13.5	16.6	74.9	54.1	129.0
45-54	55.5	24.0	79.5	*0.9	7.5	8.4	56.4	31.5	87.9
55 and over	34.1	*4.5	38.6	*3.7	*2.7	6.4	37.8	7.3	45.0
<i>Relationship in household —</i>									
Family member	276.7	146.9	423.6	34.1	62.1	96.2	310.7	209.0	519.8
Husband or wife	162.8	68.8	231.6	7.0	28.7	35.7	169.9	97.5	267.3
With dependants	109.7	36.9	146.6	*3.0	22.3	25.3	112.7	59.2	171.9
Without dependants	53.1	31.9	85.0	*4.0	6.4	10.4	57.1	38.3	95.4
Lone parent	8.3	28.5	36.7	*0.3	11.2	11.5	8.5	39.7	48.2
Other family person(b)	105.5	49.6	155.2	26.8	22.2	49.0	132.3	71.9	204.2
Non-family member	78.9	37.2	116.1	*4.6	7.7	12.3	83.5	44.9	128.4
Lone person	39.1	13.8	52.9	*1.3	*3.2	*4.5	40.4	17.0	57.4
Not living alone	39.7	23.5	63.2	*3.3	*4.5	7.8	43.0	28.0	71.0
Not determined	20.8	9.1	29.9	*2.1	*3.7	5.8	22.9	12.8	35.7
<i>Birthplace —</i>									
Born in Australia	251.8	137.8	389.6	28.5	57.3	85.7	280.3	195.0	475.3
Born outside Australia	124.5	55.5	180.0	12.3	16.3	28.6	136.8	71.7	208.6
Born in main English speaking countries	36.4	17.3	53.7	*3.7	*4.1	7.9	40.2	21.4	61.6
Born in other countries	88.1	38.2	126.3	8.6	12.1	20.7	96.7	50.3	147.0
<i>Educational attainment —</i>									
With post-school qualifications	116.9	57.9	174.8	8.6	16.6	25.2	125.5	74.5	200.0
Bachelor degree or higher	23.8	15.3	39.0	*3.4	*4.1	7.5	27.2	19.4	46.6
Undergraduate diploma	*3.5	5.3	8.8	*0.8	*1.6	*2.4	*4.3	6.9	11.2
Associate diploma	17.1	9.1	26.2	*1.1	*2.0	*3.0	18.2	11.0	29.2
Skilled vocational qualification	60.6	9.6	70.2	*2.1	*2.9	5.0	62.7	12.5	75.1
Basic vocational qualification	12.0	18.6	30.6	*1.2	6.1	7.3	13.1	24.7	37.8
Without post-school qualifications(c)	258.5	133.9	392.4	15.8	39.0	54.9	274.4	172.9	447.3
Completed highest level of secondary school	63.2	40.9	104.2	10.9	16.4	27.2	74.1	57.3	131.4
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	194.4	92.9	287.3	5.0	22.3	27.3	199.4	115.2	314.6
Left aged 15 and under	102.7	48.0	150.6	*2.9	12.1	15.0	105.6	60.0	165.6
Left aged 16 and over	91.7	45.0	136.7	*2.1	10.2	12.3	93.8	55.2	149.0
Still at school	*0.9	*1.5	*2.4	16.4	17.9	34.3	17.3	19.4	36.7
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>									
Under 1 year	227.9	128.8	356.7	33.1	57.6	90.7	261.0	186.5	447.4
1 and under 4 weeks	33.0	23.5	56.5	10.1	15.1	25.2	43.1	38.6	81.7
4 and under 8 weeks	33.6	20.5	54.1	6.3	9.3	15.6	39.9	29.8	69.7
8 and under 13 weeks	32.3	16.2	48.5	*3.2	8.0	11.2	35.5	24.2	59.7
13 and under 26 weeks	56.1	29.2	85.3	5.4	9.8	15.2	61.5	39.0	100.5
26 and under 39 weeks	57.4	31.6	88.9	6.2	14.4	20.6	63.5	46.0	109.5
39 and under 52 weeks	15.5	7.8	23.4	*1.9	*0.9	*2.8	17.4	8.7	26.1
1 year and over	148.4	64.4	212.8	7.7	15.9	23.7	156.2	80.3	236.5
1 and under 2 years	56.7	29.8	86.4	*4.7	7.9	12.6	61.3	37.7	99.0
2 years and over	91.8	34.6	126.4	*3.1	8.0	11.1	94.9	42.6	137.5
Total	376.4	193.2	569.6	40.8	73.5	114.3	417.2	266.8	683.9
— weeks —									
<i>Average duration</i>	68.9	57.7	65.1	32.8	35.5	34.5	65.4	51.6	60.0
<i>Median duration</i>	29.2	25.5	27.7	12.4	14.6	13.2	27.9	25.1	25.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises dependent student, non-dependent child and other family person.

(c) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY TWELVE MONTHS AGO AND AGE, JULY 1995

Labour force activity at July 1994	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
	— per cent —						
Working	19.2	35.8	44.4	38.4	30.9	29.8	34.3
Looking for work	32.2	53.3	48.7	53.8	61.6	68.2	51.0
Not working or looking for work(b)	48.6	10.9	6.9	7.8	*7.5	*2.0	14.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	72.7	71.9	103.5	74.9	56.4	37.8	417.2
FEMALES							
	— per cent —						
Working	20.9	30.1	31.1	25.6	35.0	*17.0	27.6
Looking for work	26.5	45.5	40.4	52.1	46.6	67.9	42.1
Not working or looking for work(b)	52.5	24.4	28.4	22.3	18.3	*15.1	30.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	60.8	51.6	61.6	54.1	31.5	7.3	266.8
PERSONS							
	— per cent —						
Working	20.0	33.4	39.4	33.0	32.4	27.7	31.7
Looking for work	29.6	50.0	45.6	53.1	56.2	68.2	47.6
Not working or looking for work(b)	50.4	16.6	14.9	13.9	11.4	*4.1	20.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	— '000 —						
Total	133.5	123.5	165.1	129.0	87.9	45.0	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons whose labour force activity was not determined.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AGE, JULY 1995

Active steps taken to find work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*1.1	*0.2	*1.0	*0.6	*0.8	*0.3	*4.0
Contacted prospective employers	40.5	60.1	88.0	64.3	47.8	30.3	330.9
Took other active steps	*3.1	*2.0	*3.9	*1.1	*1.5	*0.7	12.3
Total	44.7	62.4	93.0	65.9	50.1	31.3	347.3
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	*4.6	*3.9	6.3	6.0	5.4	*2.8	29.0
Took other active steps	*0.1	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.1
Total	*4.7	*3.9	6.3	6.0	5.4	*2.8	29.1
Total	49.4	66.3	99.3	71.9	55.5	34.1	376.4
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	90.5	94.1	93.6	91.7	90.2	91.8	92.3
Not registered with the CES	*9.5	*5.9	6.4	8.3	9.8	*8.2	7.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*0.3	*0.0	*0.4	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*1.2
Contacted prospective employers	29.1	34.5	31.4	24.4	18.2	*2.9	140.6
Took other active steps	*1.8	*0.6	*2.3	*0.4	*0.9	*0.0	6.1
Total	31.2	35.2	34.1	25.3	19.1	*2.9	147.9
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	*4.2	7.4	11.4	13.6	*4.2	*1.3	42.2
Took other active steps	*0.0	*0.2	*0.4	*1.6	*0.6	*0.4	*3.1
Total	*4.2	7.6	11.8	15.2	4.9	*1.6	45.4
Total	35.5	42.8	45.9	40.5	24.0	*4.5	193.2
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	88.1	82.2	74.3	62.5	79.7	*64.5	76.5
Not registered with the CES	*11.9	17.8	25.7	37.5	20.3	*35.5	23.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	*100.0	100.0
PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*1.4	*0.2	*1.4	*1.1	*0.8	*0.3	5.2
Contacted prospective employers	69.6	94.6	119.5	88.7	66.0	33.2	471.5
Took other active steps	5.0	*2.7	6.2	*1.5	*2.4	*0.7	18.4
Total	75.9	97.5	127.0	91.2	69.2	34.2	495.1
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	8.8	11.4	17.7	19.6	9.7	*4.0	71.2
Took other active steps	*0.1	*0.2	*0.4	*1.6	*0.6	*0.4	*3.2
Total	8.9	11.6	18.1	21.2	10.3	*4.4	74.4
Total	84.9	109.1	145.2	112.4	79.5	38.6	569.6
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	89.5	89.4	87.5	81.2	87.1	88.6	86.9
Not registered with the CES	10.5	10.6	12.5	18.8	12.9	*11.4	13.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND AGE, JULY 1995—continued

Active steps taken to find work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*1.2	*0.6	*1.0	*0.6	*0.8	*0.3	*4.5
Contacted prospective employers	45.6	62.5	91.1	66.2	48.3	32.0	345.7
Took other active steps	*4.3	*2.6	*3.9	*1.4	*1.5	*0.7	14.4
Total	51.0	65.7	96.1	68.2	50.6	33.0	364.6
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	20.5	5.8	7.4	6.7	5.8	*4.3	50.6
Took other active steps	*1.1	*0.4	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.5	*2.0
Total	21.6	6.2	7.4	6.7	5.8	*4.7	52.6
Total	72.7	71.9	103.5	74.9	56.4	37.8	417.2
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	70.2	91.4	92.8	91.0	89.7	87.4	87.4
Not registered with the CES	29.8	8.6	7.2	9.0	10.3	*12.6	12.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*0.5	*0.4	*0.4	*1.2	*0.0	*0.1	*2.6
Contacted prospective employers	35.1	37.0	36.5	28.6	20.1	*3.3	160.7
Took other active steps	*2.5	*1.4	*2.7	*1.8	*1.4	*0.0	10.0
Total	38.1	38.8	39.6	31.7	21.5	*3.4	173.2
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	22.1	12.6	21.3	19.7	8.9	*2.9	87.5
Took other active steps	*0.5	*0.2	*0.6	*2.7	*1.1	*1.0	6.1
Total	22.7	12.8	21.9	22.4	9.9	*3.9	93.6
Total	60.8	51.6	61.6	54.1	31.5	7.3	266.8
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	62.7	75.2	64.4	58.6	68.4	*46.7	64.9
Not registered with the CES	37.3	24.8	35.6	41.4	31.6	*53.3	35.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED							
— '000 —							
Registered with the CES and —							
Took no other active steps	*1.7	*1.0	*1.4	*1.8	*0.8	*0.4	7.1
Contacted prospective employers	80.6	99.5	127.7	94.8	68.4	35.3	506.3
Took other active steps	6.8	*4.1	6.6	*3.2	*2.9	*0.7	24.3
Total	89.2	104.5	135.7	99.8	72.1	36.4	537.8
Not registered with the CES and —							
Contacted prospective employers	42.6	18.4	28.8	26.5	14.7	7.2	138.1
Took other active steps	*1.7	*0.6	*0.6	*2.7	*1.1	*1.4	8.1
Total	44.3	19.0	29.4	29.1	15.8	8.6	146.1
Total	133.5	123.5	165.1	129.0	87.9	45.0	683.9
— per cent —							
Registered with the CES	66.8	84.6	82.2	77.4	82.1	80.9	78.6
Not registered with the CES	33.2	15.4	17.8	22.6	17.9	19.1	21.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1995

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
— '000 —										
MALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*2.4	*2.3	6.3	7.5	10.5	11.2	29.0	69.1	107.7	59.5
Insufficient work experience	*3.2	*4.7	*2.6	5.5	12.3	*4.8	9.1	42.2	63.4	26.6
Too many applicants for available jobs	*4.0	5.9	*3.0	6.2	9.9	10.3	9.0	48.4	55.5	30.7
Lacked necessary skills or education	*3.9	*3.2	*4.3	5.5	9.1	9.1	10.4	45.5	67.8	35.0
No vacancies at all	6.4	*4.3	5.8	9.7	9.7	5.2	9.3	50.4	48.5	19.6
No vacancies in line of work	5.1	8.6	5.2	11.9	9.7	5.2	5.6	51.4	40.6	17.8
Too far to travel, transport problems	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6	7.1	7.3	*4.5	*4.6	32.6	46.8	25.0
Own ill health or disability	*1.2	*2.5	*1.1	*1.9	*3.5	*2.9	10.0	23.1	117.2	53.2
Language difficulties	*0.4	*1.2	*1.7	*2.4	*2.5	5.2	*4.4	17.6	80.7	49.3
Unsuitable hours	*0.7	*0.3	*0.3	*0.7	*0.9	*1.4	*0.2	*4.5	*31.3	*20.2
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*1.2	*20.0	3.4
Other difficulties(b)	*0.9	*1.4	*0.7	*1.4	*3.0	*0.4	*3.1	11.0	70.9	27.1
No difficulties reported	11.4	*2.6	*1.0	*1.6	*2.0	*1.3	*0.1	20.2	12.5	2.0
Total	43.1	39.9	35.5	61.5	80.9	61.3	94.9	417.2	65.4	27.9
FEMALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	5.2	*2.2	*2.0	6.5	6.2	5.2	8.9	36.3	67.9	25.8
Insufficient work experience	*4.0	*4.7	*4.8	*2.9	12.9	7.6	5.0	41.8	44.5	25.9
Too many applicants for available jobs	*1.4	*2.8	*4.1	6.3	7.2	*4.1	*4.8	30.8	45.6	25.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	*2.8	*3.8	*3.1	*4.2	5.6	4.8	5.2	29.4	57.5	23.8
No vacancies at all	*3.2	*0.9	*2.2	4.8	6.6	*4.0	*2.2	24.0	47.9	24.9
No vacancies in line of work	4.9	*3.4	*2.2	*4.3	*3.5	*1.0	*1.9	21.2	31.7	10.6
Too far to travel, transport problems	*2.6	*1.9	*1.6	*3.0	*2.7	*1.7	*3.2	16.7	62.4	21.3
Own ill health or disability	*1.6	*0.7	*1.2	*1.1	*0.4	*2.6	*3.6	11.2	86.6	46.1
Language difficulties	*0.1	*0.9	*0.3	*0.5	*1.7	*3.4	*4.0	10.8	92.4	69.1
Unsuitable hours	*2.9	*0.9	*1.4	*1.5	*4.0	*1.6	*0.9	13.2	28.5	*18.5
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.2	*0.9	*0.5	*0.4	*0.8	*0.4	*1.6	5.9	*88.5	16.7
Other difficulties(b)	*1.0	*0.5	*0.0	*1.3	*1.4	*0.4	*0.9	5.4	*65.8	25.0
No difficulties reported	7.7	6.3	*0.9	*2.2	*1.8	*0.7	*0.3	20.0	12.6	3.5
Total	38.6	29.8	24.2	39.0	54.7	37.7	42.6	266.8	51.6	25.1
PERSONS										
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.6	*4.5	8.3	14.0	16.7	16.4	38.0	105.4	94.0	51.4
Insufficient work experience	7.2	9.4	7.3	8.4	25.2	12.4	14.1	84.1	54.0	26.2
Too many applicants for available jobs	5.5	8.7	7.1	12.6	17.2	14.4	13.8	79.2	51.7	27.3
Lacked necessary skills or education	6.6	7.0	7.3	9.7	14.7	13.9	15.7	74.9	63.8	30.0
No vacancies at all	9.6	5.2	8.0	14.5	16.3	9.2	11.5	74.4	48.3	22.6
No vacancies in line of work	10.1	12.0	7.4	16.2	13.2	6.2	7.5	72.5	38.0	16.5
Too far to travel, transport problems	5.6	*4.5	5.2	10.1	10.0	6.2	7.8	49.3	52.1	24.0
Own ill health or disability	*2.8	*3.2	*2.3	*2.9	*3.9	5.5	13.6	34.3	107.2	51.9
Language difficulties	*0.5	*2.1	*1.9	*2.8	*4.2	8.5	8.4	28.4	85.2	54.3
Unsuitable hours	*3.7	*1.2	*1.7	*2.3	4.9	*2.9	*1.1	17.8	29.2	*19.0
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.4	*1.4	*0.5	*0.4	*1.3	*0.4	*1.6	7.1	*76.6	13.1
Other difficulties(b)	*1.9	*1.9	*0.7	*2.7	*4.4	*0.9	*4.0	16.4	69.2	26.3
No difficulties reported	19.2	8.9	*2.0	*3.9	*3.8	*2.1	*0.5	40.2	12.5	3.1
Total	81.7	69.7	59.7	100.5	135.7	99.0	137.5	683.9	60.0	25.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1995 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment								Total(b)	Total(c)
	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications					
	Bachelor degree or higher	Under-graduate or associate diploma	Skilled vocational qualification	Basic vocational qualification	Total	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school			
							Left aged 15 and under	Left aged 16 and over		
MALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*3.8	4.9	12.2	*1.8	22.7	7.7	25.0	11.3	44.6	69.1
Insufficient work experience	*4.1	*3.3	*3.6	*1.5	12.5	11.0	5.7	9.7	26.4	42.2
Too many applicants for available jobs	*4.8	*2.2	6.7	*1.8	15.4	10.3	10.3	10.6	31.2	48.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	*1.9	*1.2	*3.5	*2.0	8.6	10.1	12.6	13.5	36.1	45.5
No vacancies at all	*1.0	*1.3	8.6	*1.2	12.1	7.1	15.1	12.2	34.7	50.4
No vacancies in line of work	5.4	*3.2	12.4	*0.2	21.2	8.7	9.6	10.5	28.8	51.4
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.0	*0.9	4.9	*2.5	8.3	*3.8	10.7	9.6	24.0	32.6
Own ill health or disability	*1.5	*0.9	*3.9	*0.2	6.5	*2.1	9.0	5.3	16.5	23.1
Language difficulties	*1.9	*1.5	*2.0	*0.3	5.7	*4.2	*4.1	*3.5	11.9	17.6
Unsuitable hours	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.5	*0.5	*1.9	*0.2	*1.5	*3.6	*4.5
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.2	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.2	*0.3	*0.5	*0.3	*1.0	*1.2
Other difficulties(d)	*1.1	*1.0	*2.0	*1.0	5.1	*2.3	*0.7	*2.9	5.8	11.0
No difficulties reported	*1.4	*2.2	*2.9	*0.1	6.6	*4.6	*2.3	*2.8	9.7	20.2
Total	27.2	22.5	62.7	13.1	125.5	74.1	105.6	93.8	274.4	417.2
FEMALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*1.2	*1.5	*2.8	*3.1	8.5	6.0	12.5	6.2	24.6	36.3
Insufficient work experience	*3.9	*1.9	*0.8	5.1	11.6	11.4	8.7	8.2	28.3	41.8
Too many applicants for available jobs	*1.1	*1.6	*1.0	*3.9	7.6	8.8	5.5	*4.4	18.6	30.8
Lacked necessary skills or education	*0.8	*1.2	*0.0	*3.3	5.4	6.3	7.2	9.7	23.2	29.4
No vacancies at all	*1.2	*1.4	*1.6	*1.1	5.3	6.2	5.0	*4.1	15.3	24.0
No vacancies in line of work	*3.1	*3.6	*1.6	*0.9	9.2	*4.4	*3.8	*3.2	11.3	21.2
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.3	*1.3	*1.2	*2.7	5.5	*2.1	*3.1	4.8	10.0	16.7
Own ill health or disability	*0.5	*0.5	*0.0	*1.0	*2.0	*0.4	*4.6	*4.3	9.3	11.2
Language difficulties	*1.6	*1.2	*0.3	*0.0	*3.1	*2.1	*3.2	*1.9	7.7	10.8
Unsuitable hours	*1.4	*1.7	*0.6	*1.1	4.9	*3.1	*1.6	*2.3	7.0	13.2
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.4	*0.4	*0.4	*1.1	*2.3	*0.5	*1.9	*1.1	*3.5	5.9
Other difficulties(d)	*1.6	*0.4	*0.2	*0.1	*2.4	*1.3	*1.4	*0.3	*2.9	5.4
No difficulties reported	*2.1	*1.1	*2.1	*1.4	6.7	4.9	*1.5	*4.7	11.1	20.0
Total	19.4	17.9	12.5	24.7	74.5	57.3	60.0	55.2	172.9	266.8
PERSONS										
Considered too young or too old by employers	5.0	6.3	15.0	4.9	31.2	13.7	37.5	17.5	69.2	105.4
Insufficient work experience	8.0	5.2	*4.4	6.5	24.2	22.4	14.4	17.9	54.8	84.1
Too many applicants for available jobs	5.9	*3.8	7.7	5.6	23.0	19.1	15.7	15.0	49.8	79.2
Lacked necessary skills or education	*2.7	*2.5	*3.5	5.3	14.0	16.3	19.9	23.1	59.3	74.9
No vacancies at all	*2.2	*2.7	10.2	*2.3	17.4	13.3	20.0	16.4	50.0	74.4
No vacancies in line of work	8.6	6.8	13.9	*1.1	30.4	13.0	13.4	13.7	40.1	72.5
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.3	*2.2	6.1	5.2	13.8	5.9	13.7	14.5	34.0	49.3
Own ill health or disability	*2.1	*1.4	*3.9	*1.2	8.5	*2.5	13.6	9.6	25.7	34.3
Language difficulties	*3.5	*2.7	*2.3	*0.3	8.9	6.4	7.3	5.5	19.6	28.4
Unsuitable hours	*1.4	*1.7	*0.6	*1.6	5.4	5.0	*1.8	*3.8	10.6	17.8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.6	*0.4	*0.4	*1.1	*2.5	*0.8	*2.4	*1.4	*4.6	7.1
Other difficulties(d)	*2.7	*1.5	*2.2	*1.1	7.5	*3.6	*2.0	*3.2	8.8	16.4
No difficulties reported	*3.5	*3.3	5.0	*1.5	13.3	9.5	*3.8	7.5	20.8	40.2
Total	46.6	40.4	75.1	37.9	200.0	131.4	165.6	149.0	447.3	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1995

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
— '000 —									
Considered too young or too old by employers	44.2	25.4	69.6	24.9	10.9	35.8	69.1	36.3	105.4
Insufficient work experience	28.6	30.3	58.9	13.6	11.6	25.2	42.2	41.8	84.1
Too many applicants for available jobs	31.5	23.5	55.0	16.9	7.3	24.2	48.4	30.8	79.2
Lacked necessary skills or education	36.0	25.0	61.0	9.4	*4.4	13.9	45.5	29.4	74.9
No vacancies at all	37.6	18.8	56.4	12.7	5.2	17.9	50.4	24.0	74.4
No vacancies in line of work	34.1	15.2	49.3	17.3	6.0	23.3	51.4	21.2	72.5
Too far to travel, transport problems	25.0	13.3	38.4	7.6	*3.4	11.0	32.6	16.7	49.3
Own ill health or disability	15.9	7.6	23.5	7.1	*3.6	10.7	23.1	11.2	34.3
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	17.6	10.8	28.4	17.6	10.8	28.4
Unsuitable hours	*3.5	11.2	14.7	*1.0	*2.1	*3.0	*4.5	13.2	17.8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.0	*4.1	5.1	*0.2	*1.8	*2.0	*1.2	5.9	7.1
Other difficulties(b)	7.1	*4.5	11.6	*3.9	*0.9	4.8	11.0	5.4	16.4
No difficulties reported	15.7	16.1	31.8	*4.5	*3.9	8.4	20.2	20.0	40.2
Total	280.3	195.0	475.3	136.8	71.7	208.6	417.2	266.8	683.9
— per cent —									
Considered too young or too old by employers	15.8	13.0	14.6	18.2	15.2	17.2	16.6	13.6	15.4
Insufficient work experience	10.2	15.5	12.4	10.0	16.1	12.1	10.1	15.7	12.3
Too many applicants for available jobs	11.2	12.1	11.6	12.3	10.1	11.6	11.6	11.5	11.6
Lacked necessary skills or education	12.8	12.8	12.8	6.9	*6.2	6.7	10.9	11.0	11.0
No vacancies at all	13.4	9.6	11.9	9.3	7.2	8.6	12.1	9.0	10.9
No vacancies in line of work	12.2	7.8	10.4	12.6	8.3	11.2	12.3	7.9	10.6
Too far to travel, transport problems	8.9	6.8	8.1	5.5	*4.7	5.3	7.8	6.3	7.2
Own ill health or disability	5.7	3.9	5.0	5.2	*5.0	5.1	5.5	4.2	5.0
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	12.9	15.0	13.6	4.2	4.0	4.2
Unsuitable hours	*1.3	5.7	3.1	*0.7	*2.9	*1.5	*1.1	5.0	2.6
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.4	*2.1	1.1	*0.1	*2.5	*0.9	*0.3	2.2	1.0
Other difficulties(b)	2.5	*2.3	2.4	*2.9	*1.3	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.4
No difficulties reported	5.6	8.3	6.7	*3.3	*5.4	4.0	4.8	7.5	5.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1995

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
— per cent —							
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.3	*4.2	*3.8	13.5	38.9	65.7	16.6
Insufficient work experience	19.7	19.3	8.6	*4.1	*3.2	*1.0	10.1
Too many applicants for available jobs	11.2	13.8	14.7	12.9	*6.0	*5.2	11.6
Lacked necessary skills or education	12.5	15.3	12.3	13.0	*3.7	*2.2	10.9
No vacancies at all	17.3	8.8	10.5	14.2	13.8	*5.7	12.1
No vacancies in line of work	7.2	11.7	16.8	13.5	13.3	*7.0	12.3
Too far to travel, transport problems	10.2	11.7	10.1	6.9	*0.8	*1.9	7.8
Own ill health or disability	*0.9	*1.8	7.0	9.2	*7.5	*7.2	5.5
Language difficulties	*0.1	*3.1	7.3	*4.0	*7.2	*1.9	4.2
Unsuitable hours	*2.6	*2.2	*0.7	*0.2	*0.4	*0.0	*1.1
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.0	*0.4	*0.5	*0.4	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3
Other difficulties(b)	*2.6	*1.4	*3.2	*4.0	*1.9	*1.7	2.6
No difficulties reported	8.3	*6.3	*4.5	*4.2	*3.0	*0.6	4.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
— '000 —							
Total	72.7	71.9	103.5	74.9	56.4	37.8	417.2
FEMALES							
— per cent —							
Considered too young or too old by employers	*7.2	9.7	*6.5	14.4	37.4	*45.9	13.6
Insufficient work experience	21.1	22.3	16.7	9.7	*4.8	*6.6	15.7
Too many applicants for available jobs	17.3	9.4	9.5	11.5	*9.2	*5.5	11.5
Lacked necessary skills or education	16.4	12.1	10.1	9.6	*4.4	*6.5	11.0
No vacancies at all	10.8	*7.6	*6.5	11.4	*8.9	*6.5	9.0
No vacancies in line of work	*2.4	*8.6	10.7	*8.3	*7.7	*23.7	7.9
Too far to travel, transport problems	*7.7	*7.7	*6.3	*4.9	*4.9	*0.0	6.3
Own ill health or disability	*1.9	*4.5	*3.2	*4.3	*9.7	*5.3	4.2
Language difficulties	*0.5	*3.9	*5.7	*5.3	*6.6	*0.0	4.0
Unsuitable hours	*4.1	*3.7	7.9	*7.4	*0.0	*0.0	5.0
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.8	*0.9	*3.8	*3.8	*1.6	*0.0	2.2
Other difficulties(b)	*2.1	*3.1	*1.9	*2.7	*0.0	*0.0	2.0
No difficulties reported	*7.6	*6.5	11.3	*6.7	*4.7	*0.0	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
— '000 —							
Total	60.8	51.6	61.6	54.1	31.5	7.3	266.8
PERSONS							
— per cent —							
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.3	6.5	4.8	13.9	38.4	62.5	15.4
Insufficient work experience	20.3	20.6	11.6	6.4	*3.8	*1.9	12.3
Too many applicants for available jobs	14.0	12.0	12.8	12.3	7.2	*5.2	11.6
Lacked necessary skills or education	14.3	13.9	11.5	11.5	*3.9	*2.9	11.0
No vacancies at all	14.4	8.3	9.0	13.0	12.1	*5.9	10.9
No vacancies in line of work	5.0	10.4	14.6	11.3	11.3	*9.7	10.6
Too far to travel, transport problems	9.1	10.0	8.7	6.1	*2.3	*1.6	7.2
Own ill health or disability	*1.4	*2.9	5.6	7.2	8.3	*6.9	5.0
Language difficulties	*0.3	*3.4	6.7	4.5	7.0	*1.6	4.2
Unsuitable hours	*3.3	*2.8	3.4	*3.2	*0.2	*0.0	2.6
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.4	*0.6	*1.7	*1.8	*0.8	*0.0	1.0
Other difficulties(b)	*2.3	*2.1	*2.7	*3.5	*1.2	*1.5	2.4
No difficulties reported	8.0	6.3	7.0	5.2	*3.6	*0.5	5.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
— '000 —							
Total	133.5	123.5	165.1	129.0	87.9	45.0	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK AND AGE, JULY 1995

All difficulties in finding work	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
	— per cent —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	31.1	45.2	40.3	39.3	38.1	38.7	38.9
No vacancies in line of work	24.8	37.2	44.1	40.7	41.5	41.1	38.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	24.4	19.1	15.1	31.1	65.7	87.0	33.6
Insufficient work experience	41.8	43.5	31.6	21.6	13.3	*7.5	29.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	35.5	41.9	32.4	31.1	21.8	16.5	31.5
No vacancies at all	34.8	26.9	27.1	35.9	35.7	33.1	31.7
Too far to travel, transport problems	27.9	25.7	25.1	19.8	15.7	*11.2	22.2
Own ill health or disability	*1.8	*4.0	11.7	14.4	18.1	18.0	10.6
Unsuitable hours	9.6	7.0	5.0	*1.5	*1.7	*1.0	4.7
Language difficulties	*1.0	*6.0	12.9	10.3	11.8	*9.3	8.7
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.0	*0.5	*2.7	*1.0	*0.7	*1.0	*1.1
Other difficulties(b)	*5.4	*4.4	7.2	8.7	*7.7	*5.5	6.6
	— '000 —						
Total	72.7	71.9	103.5	74.9	56.4	37.8	417.2
FEMALES							
	— per cent —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	41.7	44.3	27.3	40.0	44.4	*41.8	38.9
No vacancies in line of work	18.7	28.5	29.1	27.0	21.2	*40.3	25.6
Considered too young or too old by employers	30.6	30.1	17.8	28.4	54.1	*66.3	30.9
Insufficient work experience	49.0	45.0	37.7	29.7	22.8	*18.5	37.8
Lacked necessary skills or education	40.4	38.1	28.2	29.3	28.4	*40.1	33.5
No vacancies at all	29.1	25.0	19.8	31.0	23.4	*25.7	25.8
Too far to travel, transport problems	28.0	26.1	20.8	24.7	17.8	*16.5	23.8
Own ill health or disability	*3.7	*6.9	8.4	9.2	*13.0	*17.9	8.0
Unsuitable hours	14.0	12.6	17.4	24.8	*4.7	*1.2	15.2
Language difficulties	*1.3	*5.5	*7.5	9.5	*9.6	*5.4	6.3
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.4	*5.8	12.8	*7.6	*2.9	*1.1	6.5
Other difficulties(b)	*4.4	*8.9	*5.5	*3.8	*1.3	*4.2	5.0
	— '000 —						
Total	60.8	51.6	61.6	54.1	31.5	7.3	266.8
PERSONS							
	— per cent —						
Too many applicants for available jobs	35.9	44.8	35.4	39.6	40.4	39.2	38.9
No vacancies in line of work	22.0	33.6	38.5	34.9	34.2	41.0	33.3
Considered too young or too old by employers	27.2	23.7	16.1	29.9	61.6	83.6	32.5
Insufficient work experience	45.1	44.2	33.8	25.0	16.7	*9.3	32.4
Lacked necessary skills or education	37.7	40.4	30.8	30.3	24.2	20.4	32.3
No vacancies at all	32.2	26.1	24.4	33.8	31.3	31.9	29.4
Too far to travel, transport problems	27.9	25.9	23.5	21.9	16.4	12.1	22.8
Own ill health or disability	*2.7	5.2	10.5	12.2	16.3	18.0	9.6
Unsuitable hours	11.6	9.3	9.6	11.2	*2.8	*1.1	8.8
Language difficulties	*1.1	5.8	10.9	10.0	11.0	*8.6	7.8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.1	*2.7	6.5	3.8	*1.5	*1.0	3.2
Other difficulties(b)	4.9	6.3	6.6	6.6	*5.4	*5.3	6.0
	— '000 —						
Total	133.5	123.5	165.1	129.0	87.9	45.0	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND AGE, JULY 1995
(^{'000})

Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	62.1	59.2	89.2	64.4	51.3	34.0	360.2
Two or more	10.5	12.7	14.3	10.5	5.1	*3.8	57.0
Total	72.7	71.9	103.5	74.9	56.4	37.8	417.2
FEMALES							
One	55.0	43.3	55.1	49.0	29.5	6.3	238.1
Two or more	5.9	8.2	6.5	5.1	*2.0	*1.0	28.7
Total	60.8	51.6	61.6	54.1	31.5	7.3	266.8
PERSONS							
One	117.1	102.5	144.2	113.4	80.8	40.3	598.2
Two	13.5	16.1	13.6	10.1	*4.8	*3.6	61.7
Three or more	*2.9	4.9	7.2	5.6	*2.3	*1.1	24.0
Total	133.5	123.5	165.1	129.0	87.9	45.0	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1995

	Duration of current period of unemployment									
Number of offers of employment in the previous twelve months	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks — '000 —	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over	Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
MALES										
None	36.9	34.7	30.1	52.3	70.2	54.5	82.7	361.4	66.7	28.2
One or more	6.2	5.2	5.4	9.2	10.7	6.9	12.1	55.7	56.7	25.8
Total	43.1	39.9	35.5	61.5	80.9	61.3	94.9	417.2	65.4	27.9
FEMALES										
None	34.1	23.6	19.9	31.9	47.8	33.4	32.8	223.6	49.5	25.1
One or more	*4.5	6.2	*4.4	7.1	6.9	*4.2	9.8	43.2	62.3	21.5
Total	38.6	29.8	24.2	39.0	54.7	37.7	42.6	266.8	51.6	25.1
PERSONS										
None	71.0	58.3	50.0	84.2	118.0	87.9	115.5	585.0	60.1	25.9
One	8.3	7.2	6.7	8.8	10.7	7.1	12.2	61.1	53.1	22.8
Two or more	*2.4	*4.2	*3.1	7.5	6.9	*4.0	9.7	37.8	68.9	25.8
Total	81.7	69.7	59.7	100.5	135.7	99.0	137.5	683.9	60.0	25.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK
IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1995
(^{'000})

Relationship in household	Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months						52 weeks	Total
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 39 weeks	39 and under 52 weeks		
MALES								
Family member	26.9	22.9	25.5	48.7	50.0	18.1	118.6	310.7
Husband	11.1	11.2	12.1	26.4	23.5	9.1	76.5	169.9
With dependants	7.5	7.6	7.1	15.8	17.6	6.0	51.1	112.7
Without dependants	*3.6	*3.5	5.0	10.6	5.9	*3.1	25.4	57.1
Lone parent	*1.3	*0.4	*0.4	*1.2	*1.2	*1.2	*2.9	8.5
With dependants	*1.3	*0.4	*0.4	*1.0	*0.9	*1.1	*1.6	6.5
Without dependants	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.2	*0.4	*0.1	*1.3	*2.0
Dependent student	7.0	*2.8	*2.3	*3.8	*4.5	*0.6	*3.8	24.9
Non-dependent child	6.4	7.7	9.6	14.0	17.2	6.7	29.8	91.3
Other family person	*1.1	*0.8	*1.1	*3.3	*3.7	*0.6	5.5	16.1
Non-family member	4.9	5.2	7.7	13.0	17.5	6.0	29.1	83.5
Lone person	*1.4	*1.6	*2.8	5.4	8.2	*3.9	16.9	40.4
Not living alone	*3.5	*3.6	4.9	7.6	9.3	*2.1	12.2	43.0
Not determined	*1.7	*2.6	*1.3	*3.1	*4.4	*1.3	8.5	22.9
Total	33.6	30.7	34.5	64.8	71.9	25.4	156.2	417.2
FEMALES								
Family member	26.0	20.6	20.8	32.3	36.5	10.2	62.7	209.0
Wife	11.9	10.6	8.8	15.7	14.0	*3.5	32.8	97.5
With dependants	7.3	5.7	5.8	10.1	7.9	*2.0	20.4	59.2
Without dependants	*4.6	5.0	*3.1	5.6	6.2	*1.5	12.4	38.3
Lone parent	5.1	*3.0	*2.4	7.0	5.0	*3.4	13.8	39.7
With dependants	*4.4	*2.3	*2.4	6.1	*4.2	*2.4	10.3	32.0
Without dependants	*0.8	*0.7	*0.0	*0.9	*0.8	*1.0	*3.6	7.7
Dependent student	5.9	*2.8	*3.4	*3.0	6.1	*0.5	*2.7	24.3
Non-dependent child	*2.5	*3.7	5.8	5.3	9.0	*2.4	11.5	40.0
Other family person	*0.5	*0.5	*0.5	*1.3	*2.4	*0.4	*1.9	7.5
Non-family member	5.0	*3.9	*4.3	6.5	8.3	*2.4	14.4	44.9
Lone person	*1.2	*1.0	*2.0	*2.2	*3.2	*0.8	6.5	17.0
Not living alone	*3.8	*2.9	*2.3	*4.3	5.1	*1.6	8.0	28.0
Not determined	*1.1	*1.0	*1.3	*2.6	*3.6	*0.0	*3.2	12.8
Total	32.1	25.5	26.5	41.4	48.3	12.6	80.3	266.8
PERSONS								
Family member	52.9	43.5	46.3	81.0	86.5	28.3	181.3	519.8
Husband or wife	23.1	21.8	21.0	42.1	37.5	12.6	109.3	267.3
With dependants	14.9	13.3	12.8	25.9	25.5	8.0	71.6	171.9
Without dependants	8.2	8.5	8.1	16.2	12.0	*4.6	37.7	95.4
Lone parent	6.4	*3.4	*2.7	8.1	6.2	*4.6	16.8	48.2
With dependants	5.6	*2.7	*2.7	7.1	5.0	*3.5	11.9	38.5
Without dependants	*0.8	*0.7	*0.0	*1.1	*1.2	*1.1	4.9	9.7
Dependent student	12.9	5.6	5.7	6.8	10.7	*1.1	6.5	49.2
Non-dependent child	8.9	11.3	15.3	19.3	26.1	9.1	41.3	131.3
Other family person	*1.6	*1.3	*1.6	*4.6	6.1	*1.0	7.4	23.6
Non-family member	10.0	9.2	12.0	19.5	25.8	8.4	43.6	128.4
Lone person	*2.7	*2.7	4.8	7.6	11.4	*4.8	23.4	57.4
Not living alone	7.3	6.5	7.2	11.9	14.3	*3.7	20.1	71.0
Not determined	*2.8	*3.6	*2.6	5.7	7.9	*1.3	11.7	35.7
Total	65.7	56.2	61.0	106.2	120.2	38.1	236.5	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1995

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment							Total	Average duration (weeks)	Median duration (weeks)
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
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MALES										
With post-school qualifications	16.4	13.4	11.0	16.9	24.1	18.7	25.0	125.5	58.2	25.8
Bachelor degree or higher	*3.2	*3.1	*3.0	*2.9	7.0	*3.7	*4.3	27.2	50.6	24.7
Undergraduate diploma	*0.3	*0.0	*0.2	*1.5	*0.9	*0.6	*0.9	*4.3	*62.6	*28.4
Associate diploma	*2.8	*2.0	*1.5	*3.1	*2.8	*3.9	*2.2	18.2	42.6	22.4
Skilled vocational qualification	8.3	7.5	5.6	9.4	10.0	8.2	13.7	62.7	60.8	25.2
Basic vocational qualification	*1.9	*0.7	*0.7	*0.0	*3.5	*2.5	*4.0	13.1	81.7	*37.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	23.1	24.8	23.0	41.2	53.0	40.5	68.8	274.4	71.2	29.7
Completed highest level of secondary school	9.2	7.9	5.2	11.3	16.1	10.6	13.7	74.1	57.5	25.7
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	13.9	16.8	17.6	29.9	36.9	29.8	54.4	199.4	76.1	32.5
Left aged 15 and under	6.7	9.9	6.5	14.5	16.1	16.5	35.4	105.6	87.2	47.5
Left aged 16 and over	7.3	6.9	11.1	15.4	20.8	13.4	19.0	93.8	63.6	28.8
Still at school	*3.6	*1.8	*1.6	*3.4	*3.8	*2.2	*1.0	17.3	24.9	*12.9
Total	43.1	39.9	35.5	61.5	80.9	61.3	94.9	417.2	65.4	27.9
FEMALES										
With post-school qualifications	13.6	9.5	5.8	9.2	16.8	10.2	9.5	74.5	44.3	21.9
Bachelor degree or higher	*3.2	*2.1	*1.1	*2.7	6.6	*2.3	*1.5	19.4	35.2	23.0
Undergraduate diploma	*1.8	*1.4	*0.3	*1.3	*1.5	*0.2	*0.2	6.9	*19.1	*7.6
Associate diploma	*1.2	*1.2	*1.0	*0.4	*1.5	*3.4	*2.2	11.0	67.1	*48.3
Skilled vocational qualification	*1.9	*2.5	*0.7	*1.8	*0.9	*2.3	*2.3	12.5	52.0	*17.9
Basic vocational qualification	5.5	*2.3	*2.6	*2.9	6.3	*2.0	*3.2	24.7	44.3	21.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	20.3	17.9	15.8	27.6	32.3	26.3	32.7	172.9	58.4	25.4
Completed highest level of secondary school	8.4	5.7	6.6	9.0	15.2	4.8	7.7	57.3	43.1	22.2
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	11.9	12.2	9.2	18.6	17.2	21.5	24.6	115.2	65.6	25.9
Left aged 15 and under	5.0	4.9	5.9	9.3	8.1	11.3	15.6	60.0	75.8	29.8
Left aged 16 and over	6.9	7.3	*3.3	9.3	9.1	10.2	9.0	55.2	54.6	25.2
Still at school	*4.8	*2.5	*2.7	*2.2	5.6	*1.1	*0.5	19.4	19.2	11.6
Total	38.6	29.8	24.2	39.0	54.7	37.7	42.6	266.8	51.6	25.1
PERSONS										
With post-school qualifications	30.0	22.8	16.7	26.1	40.9	29.0	34.5	200.0	53.0	25.4
Bachelor degree or higher	6.4	5.2	*4.1	5.6	13.6	5.9	5.8	46.6	44.2	24.2
Undergraduate diploma	*2.1	*1.4	*0.5	*2.9	*2.3	*0.8	*1.1	11.2	35.9	*13.0
Associate diploma	*4.0	*3.2	*2.5	*3.5	*4.3	7.3	*4.4	29.2	51.9	26.9
Skilled vocational qualification	10.2	10.0	6.3	11.3	10.9	10.5	16.0	75.1	59.4	24.7
Basic vocational qualification	7.3	*3.0	*3.3	*2.9	9.8	*4.4	7.2	37.9	57.3	26.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	43.4	42.7	38.8	68.8	85.4	66.8	101.5	447.3	66.2	27.5
Completed highest level of secondary school	17.5	13.6	11.8	20.3	31.3	15.5	21.4	131.4	51.2	25.2
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	25.9	29.0	26.8	48.5	54.1	51.3	79.0	314.6	72.3	29.9
Left aged 15 and under	11.7	14.9	12.4	23.8	24.2	27.7	51.0	165.6	83.1	38.7
Left aged 16 and over	14.2	14.2	14.4	24.7	29.9	23.6	28.1	149.0	60.2	26.3
Still at school	8.4	*4.3	*4.3	5.7	9.4	*3.3	*1.4	36.7	21.9	12.8
Total	81.7	69.7	59.7	100.5	135.7	99.0	137.5	683.9	60.0	25.8

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN FIELD OF STUDY AND WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME, JULY 1995 ('000)

Main field of study	Had never worked full time			Had worked full time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
With post-school qualifications	9.5	8.6	18.1	116.0	65.9	181.9	125.5	74.5	200.0
Business and administration	*2.7	*2.4	5.1	10.0	23.3	33.2	12.6	25.7	38.3
Health	*0.6	*0.3	*0.9	*4.3	7.6	11.9	4.9	7.9	12.8
Education	*0.0	*0.7	*0.7	*2.9	8.3	11.2	*2.9	9.0	11.9
Society and culture	*0.7	*2.4	*3.0	10.0	10.3	20.4	10.7	12.7	23.4
Natural and physical sciences	*1.1	*0.7	*1.8	5.2	*4.6	9.9	6.3	5.3	11.6
Engineering	*3.4	*0.3	*3.6	47.1	*3.4	50.6	50.5	*3.7	54.2
Architecture and building	*0.5	*0.0	*0.5	20.9	*0.9	21.8	21.4	*0.9	22.3
Agriculture and related fields	*0.1	*0.0	*0.1	*3.9	*0.2	*4.1	*4.0	*0.2	*4.2
Miscellaneous fields(b)	*0.5	*1.9	*2.3	11.6	7.3	18.9	12.1	9.1	21.2
Without post-school qualifications(c)	44.0	43.4	87.3	230.4	129.5	359.9	274.4	172.9	447.3
Still at school	16.8	18.6	35.4	*0.5	*0.7	*1.2	17.3	19.4	36.7
Total	70.2	70.6	140.9	346.9	196.1	543.1	417.2	266.8	683.9

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes 'Other non-codable' fields of study. (c) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: AGE AND DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1995 ('000)

Age (years)	Duration of last full-time job					1 and under 5 years	5 years and over	Total
	Under 1 year							
	2 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	Total			
MALES								
15-19	*2.3	*2.4	9.6	*4.0	18.2	*3.1	*0.0	21.3
20-24	*2.5	*1.8	10.3	10.7	25.3	13.5	*3.5	42.3
25-34	*3.1	5.1	14.2	17.0	39.4	17.5	9.1	66.0
35-44	*2.5	*2.1	9.1	6.5	20.1	7.8	10.4	38.4
45-54	*1.3	*0.9	4.9	*2.3	9.4	5.6	10.7	25.8
55 and over	*1.2	*1.0	*1.3	*1.3	4.8	*3.3	7.4	15.5
Total	12.9	13.3	49.4	41.9	117.4	50.8	41.1	209.3
FEMALES								
15-19	*1.3	*1.5	6.8	*1.6	11.1	*4.3	*0.0	15.4
20-24	*1.0	*1.4	8.4	5.8	16.7	*4.3	*0.4	21.3
25-34	*1.8	*1.1	*4.7	7.2	14.8	9.7	*4.4	29.0
35-44	*2.1	*2.2	*3.2	*1.8	9.3	*4.6	*2.6	16.5
45-54	*0.0	*0.5	*3.0	*1.2	*4.7	*2.1	*3.8	10.7
55 and over	*0.0	*0.5	*0.2	*0.7	*1.4	*0.2	*1.5	*3.2
Total	6.3	7.2	26.3	18.4	58.1	25.2	12.7	96.0
PERSONS								
15-19	*3.5	*3.9	16.3	5.6	29.3	7.4	*0.0	36.7
20-24	*3.6	*3.2	18.7	16.6	42.0	17.8	*3.8	63.6
25-34	5.0	6.2	18.9	24.2	54.3	27.1	13.6	95.0
35-44	*4.6	*4.3	12.2	8.3	29.4	12.5	13.0	54.9
45-54	*1.3	*1.4	7.9	*3.5	14.2	7.7	14.6	36.5
55 and over	*1.2	*1.5	*1.5	*2.1	6.3	*3.5	8.9	18.6
Total	19.1	20.5	75.6	60.2	175.5	76.0	53.8	305.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1995
(^{'000})

	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Job loser			Job leaver			
	Retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total job loser(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)	Total job leaver	
MALES							
Age (years)—							
15-19	9.7	*3.5	14.0	*2.6	*4.6	7.3	21.3
20-24	19.6	*4.8	26.4	8.5	7.4	15.9	42.3
25-34	34.9	10.9	49.7	6.6	9.7	16.3	66.0
35-44	20.1	5.3	27.2	4.9	6.3	11.2	38.4
45-54	16.3	*2.5	20.4	*1.8	*3.6	5.4	25.8
55 and over	9.5	*1.8	13.2	*0.9	*1.3	*2.2	15.5
Birthplace —							
Born in Australia	71.9	19.1	99.7	19.0	20.0	38.9	138.6
Born outside Australia	38.2	9.7	51.3	6.3	13.1	19.3	70.7
Born in main English speaking countries	13.9	*2.7	17.9	*3.8	*4.4	8.3	26.2
Born in other countries	24.3	7.0	33.4	*2.4	8.6	11.1	44.5
Duration of last full-time job —							
Under 1 year	55.2	25.9	87.5	15.7	14.2	29.9	117.4
2 and under 4 weeks	*2.9	6.1	9.3	*1.8	*1.8	*3.6	12.9
4 and under 8 weeks	*3.9	6.2	11.0	*1.4	*0.9	*2.3	13.3
8 and under 26 weeks	26.4	8.2	37.6	5.9	5.9	11.8	49.4
26 and under 52 weeks	22.0	5.4	29.6	6.6	5.7	12.2	41.9
1 and under 2 years	13.8	*1.3	17.6	*3.0	*3.3	6.2	23.9
2 and under 5 years	14.7	*0.4	17.3	*4.4	5.2	9.6	26.9
5 years and over	26.5	*1.2	28.6	*2.2	10.4	12.6	41.1
Industry of last full-time job —							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	*3.2	6.0	9.8	*0.9	*0.4	*1.3	11.1
Manufacturing	32.7	*2.0	40.4	7.4	*3.3	10.7	51.2
Construction	20.4	*4.3	26.9	*2.9	5.8	8.7	35.6
Wholesale trade	*3.3	*0.9	*4.2	*1.0	*0.7	*1.6	5.8
Retail trade	16.6	*0.9	18.5	*3.8	6.0	9.8	28.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	6.0	*1.7	7.7	*3.3	*2.2	5.5	13.2
Transport and storage	4.9	*1.9	7.7	*1.1	*1.8	*2.9	10.6
Communication services	*1.9	*0.6	*2.5	*0.3	*0.5	*0.8	*3.3
Property and business services	8.0	*2.0	10.0	*1.2	*3.2	*4.4	14.4
Government administration and defence	*1.9	*2.6	5.3	*2.7	*3.0	5.6	10.9
Education	*0.6	*1.6	*2.4	*0.3	*0.9	*1.2	*3.6
Health and community services	*2.3	*1.4	*4.0	*0.1	*1.6	*1.7	5.7
Cultural and recreational services	*1.6	*2.0	*4.0	*0.0	*0.4	*0.4	*4.4
Personal and other services	*2.5	*0.5	*3.0	*0.0	*1.4	*1.4	*4.4
Other(d)	*4.2	*0.3	*4.4	*0.4	*1.9	*2.3	6.8
Occupation of last full-time job —							
Managers and administrators	*3.2	*0.0	*3.2	*1.0	*1.7	*2.7	5.8
Professionals	*3.5	*3.0	6.5	*1.0	5.8	6.8	13.3
Para-professionals	*2.8	*1.3	*4.0	*0.9	*3.5	*4.4	8.4
Tradespersons	30.4	*3.4	37.2	6.8	6.8	13.5	50.7
Clerks	5.9	*2.4	8.8	*1.3	*1.7	*3.0	11.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	10.7	*1.1	12.6	*4.0	*3.4	7.4	20.0
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	14.2	*3.4	21.0	*3.9	*3.5	7.4	28.4
Labourers and related workers	39.6	14.2	57.7	6.4	6.7	13.2	70.8
Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job —							
Australian currency (\$) —	107.6	26.9	146.6	24.6	26.0	50.6	197.2
Under 160	*1.7	*1.8	*3.5	*0.8	*2.6	*3.4	7.0
160 and under 320	14.8	6.2	23.3	*4.6	*3.8	8.3	31.6
320 and under 480	48.2	7.8	64.2	11.6	9.6	21.1	85.4
480 and under 640	22.7	*4.7	28.9	*3.7	5.3	8.9	37.8
640 and under 800	9.8	*1.5	11.6	*1.9	*2.0	*3.9	15.6
800 and over	10.3	*4.8	15.1	*2.0	*2.8	*4.8	19.9
Other(e)	*2.5	*1.9	*4.4	*0.7	7.1	7.7	12.1
Total	110.1	28.8	151.0	25.2	33.0	58.3	209.3

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(^{'000})

	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Job loser			Job leaver			
	Retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total job loser(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)	Total job leaver	
FEMALES							
Age (years)—							
15-19	*4.1	*1.8	6.6	*3.6	5.3	8.8	15.4
20-24	5.1	*2.9	8.5	*4.5	8.3	12.8	21.3
25-34	8.0	*3.7	13.1	5.3	10.6	15.8	29.0
35-44	5.9	*2.3	9.5	*2.3	*4.7	7.0	16.5
45-54	*4.4	*1.8	7.0	*1.4	*2.3	*3.7	10.7
55 and over	*1.4	*0.7	*2.1	*0.0	*1.1	*1.1	*3.2
Birthplace —							
Born in Australia	21.2	10.6	34.5	13.4	21.9	35.3	69.8
Born outside Australia	7.7	*2.6	12.2	*3.6	10.4	14.0	26.2
Born in main English speaking countries	*3.8	*0.9	5.3	*1.6	5.0	6.6	11.9
Born in other countries	*3.9	*1.7	7.0	*2.0	5.4	7.4	14.3
Duration of last full-time job —							
Under 1 year	14.8	11.4	28.3	11.3	18.4	29.7	58.1
2 and under 4 weeks	*2.0	*1.5	*3.9	*0.5	*1.8	*2.4	6.3
4 and under 8 weeks	*1.7	*1.8	*3.9	*1.3	*1.9	*3.2	7.2
8 and under 26 weeks	6.3	5.8	12.4	5.5	8.4	13.9	26.3
26 and under 52 weeks	4.9	*2.4	8.2	*4.0	6.2	10.2	18.4
1 and under 2 years	*4.3	*0.9	6.4	*2.6	*3.2	5.8	12.2
2 and under 5 years	*4.2	*0.2	5.0	*2.3	5.7	8.0	13.0
5 years and over	5.6	*0.6	7.0	*0.8	5.0	5.7	12.7
Industry of last full-time job —							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	*0.0	*2.1	*2.1	*0.3	*0.4	*0.7	*2.8
Manufacturing	6.5	*1.4	9.2	*3.4	*2.3	5.8	14.9
Construction	*0.9	*0.0	*0.9	*0.4	*0.2	*0.6	*1.5
Wholesale trade	*0.5	*0.5	*1.8	*0.5	*0.1	*0.6	*2.4
Retail trade	5.3	*1.2	7.7	*3.5	6.0	9.5	17.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	*4.0	*0.9	5.0	*2.3	*4.8	7.1	12.1
Transport and storage	*1.4	*0.7	*2.1	*0.4	*0.5	*0.9	*3.0
Communication services	*0.4	*0.0	*0.4	*0.0	*1.2	*1.2	*1.7
Property and business services	*2.6	*0.0	*2.6	*1.9	*4.7	6.6	9.2
Government administration and defence	*1.4	*2.6	*4.1	*0.5	*1.6	*2.1	6.2
Education	*1.3	*2.2	*3.4	*0.3	*3.3	*3.6	7.0
Health and community services	*1.6	*0.7	*3.0	*0.9	*3.9	4.9	7.9
Cultural and recreational services	*0.4	*0.1	*0.5	*0.4	*1.1	*1.6	*2.1
Personal and other services	*1.2	*0.8	*2.0	*2.0	*1.2	*3.1	5.2
Other(d)	*1.4	*0.0	*1.8	*0.2	*1.0	*1.2	*3.0
Occupation of last full-time job —							
Managers and administrators	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.9	*0.5	*1.4	*1.4
Professionals	*1.4	*1.0	*2.6	*0.3	*3.9	*4.1	6.7
Para-professionals	*1.0	*0.6	*1.9	*0.0	*1.0	*1.0	*2.9
Tradespersons	*1.2	*1.0	*2.2	*2.5	*1.2	*3.8	6.0
Clerks	8.5	*4.0	13.3	*3.4	6.8	10.2	23.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	9.4	*2.2	13.2	6.4	9.6	16.1	29.3
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	*1.7	*0.2	*2.4	*1.1	*1.4	*2.5	5.0
Labourers and related workers	5.7	*4.1	11.1	*2.3	7.9	10.2	21.2
Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job —							
Australian currency (\$)	28.5	12.7	45.8	17.0	29.2	46.2	92.1
Under 160	*2.3	*0.4	*3.3	*1.9	*2.4	*4.4	7.7
160 and under 320	10.3	5.2	17.2	5.0	9.3	14.3	31.5
320 and under 480	10.2	4.9	17.3	7.9	13.0	20.9	38.2
480 and under 640	*4.2	*1.7	5.9	*1.1	*2.1	*3.3	9.1
640 and under 800	*1.4	*0.5	*1.9	*0.7	*0.8	*1.5	*3.4
800 and over	*0.2	*0.1	*0.3	*0.4	*1.5	*2.0	*2.2
Other(e)	*0.4	*0.5	*0.9	*0.0	*3.1	*3.1	*3.9
Total	28.9	13.2	46.7	17.0	32.3	49.3	96.0

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JULY 1995
(^{'000})

	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						Total
	Job loser			Job leaver			
	Retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total job loser(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)	Total job leaver	
PERSONS							
Age (years)—							
15-19	13.8	5.3	20.6	6.2	9.9	16.1	36.7
20-24	24.7	7.7	34.9	12.9	15.7	28.7	63.6
25-34	43.0	14.7	62.8	11.9	20.2	32.1	95.0
35-44	26.0	7.6	36.7	7.1	11.1	18.2	54.9
45-54	20.7	*4.3	27.4	*3.2	5.9	9.1	36.5
55 and over	10.9	*2.5	15.3	*0.9	*2.4	*3.3	18.6
Birthplace —							
Born in Australia	93.2	29.6	134.1	32.4	41.9	74.2	208.4
Born outside Australia	45.9	12.3	63.6	9.9	23.5	33.3	96.9
Born in main English speaking countries	17.7	*3.7	23.2	5.5	9.4	14.9	38.1
Born in other countries	28.2	8.6	40.3	*4.4	14.1	18.5	58.8
Duration of last full-time job —							
Under 1 year	70.0	37.3	115.8	27.1	32.6	59.7	175.5
2 and under 4 weeks	4.8	7.6	13.2	*2.3	*3.6	6.0	19.1
4 and under 8 weeks	5.6	8.0	14.9	*2.7	*2.8	5.6	20.5
8 and under 26 weeks	32.7	14.0	49.9	11.4	14.3	25.7	75.6
26 and under 52 weeks	26.9	7.8	37.8	10.6	11.9	22.5	60.2
1 and under 2 years	18.1	*2.2	24.1	5.6	6.5	12.0	36.1
2 and under 5 years	18.9	*0.6	22.3	6.7	10.9	17.6	39.9
5 years and over	32.1	*1.8	35.5	*2.9	15.3	18.3	53.8
Industry of last full-time job —							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	*3.2	8.1	11.9	*1.2	*0.8	*2.0	13.9
Manufacturing	39.2	*3.4	49.6	10.8	5.6	16.5	66.1
Construction	21.3	*4.3	27.8	*3.3	6.0	9.3	37.1
Wholesale trade	*3.8	*1.4	6.0	*1.5	*0.8	*2.3	8.2
Retail trade	21.9	*2.0	26.1	7.3	12.0	19.3	45.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	10.0	*2.7	12.7	5.6	7.0	12.6	25.3
Transport and storage	6.3	*2.6	9.9	*1.4	*2.3	*3.8	13.6
Communication services	*2.3	*0.6	*2.9	*0.3	*1.7	*2.0	5.0
Property and business services	10.6	*2.0	12.6	*3.0	7.9	11.0	23.6
Government administration and defence	*3.3	5.2	9.5	*3.1	*4.5	7.7	17.1
Education	*1.8	*3.7	5.8	*0.6	*4.1	*4.8	10.6
Health and community services	*3.9	*2.1	7.0	*1.0	5.6	6.6	13.6
Cultural and recreational services	*2.0	*2.1	*4.6	*0.4	*1.5	*1.9	6.5
Personal and other services	*3.8	*1.3	5.1	*2.0	*2.5	*4.5	9.6
Other(d)	5.6	*0.3	6.3	*0.6	*2.9	*3.5	9.8
Occupation of last full-time job —							
Managers and administrators	*3.2	*0.0	*3.2	*1.9	*2.2	*4.1	7.3
Professionals	4.9	*4.0	9.1	*1.2	9.7	10.9	20.0
Para-professionals	*3.8	*1.9	5.9	*0.9	*4.5	5.4	11.3
Tradespersons	31.6	*4.4	39.4	9.3	8.0	17.3	56.7
Clerks	14.4	6.4	22.1	*4.7	8.5	13.2	35.3
Salespersons and personal service workers	20.1	*3.2	25.9	10.4	13.0	23.4	49.3
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	15.9	*3.7	23.5	5.0	4.9	9.9	33.4
Labourers and related workers	45.3	18.3	68.7	8.7	14.6	23.4	92.1
Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job —							
Australian currency (\$)	136.1	39.6	192.4	41.6	55.2	96.8	289.2
Under 160	*4.0	*2.2	6.9	*2.8	5.0	7.8	14.7
160 and under 320	25.1	11.4	40.4	9.5	13.1	22.6	63.1
320 and under 480	58.4	12.7	81.5	19.5	22.6	42.0	123.6
480 and under 640	26.9	6.4	34.7	*4.8	7.4	12.2	46.9
640 and under 800	11.2	*2.0	13.5	*2.6	*2.8	5.4	18.9
800 and over	10.5	4.9	15.3	*2.4	*4.3	6.7	22.1
Other(e)	*2.9	*2.4	5.3	*0.7	10.1	10.8	16.1
Total	139.0	41.9	197.7	42.3	65.3	107.6	305.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who left their last job because of 'Own ill health or disability'. (c) Includes 'Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies' and 'Other reasons'. (d) Includes Mining, Electricity, gas and water supply, and Finance and insurance. (e) Includes 'Not determined', Non-Australian currency' and 'Payment in kind'.

TABLE 18. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, JULY 1995
(^{'000})

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
MALES									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	124.1	115.1	82.8	40.3	31.7	12.1	4.3	6.7	417.2
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	60.1	51.6	47.0	20.9	18.0	5.7	2.8	3.2	209.3
FEMALES									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	76.8	70.6	53.8	24.3	27.7	6.5	2.7	4.4	266.8
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	27.7	21.5	20.8	7.1	13.5	2.4	*1.5	1.4	96.0
PERSONS									
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	200.9	185.7	136.6	64.7	59.4	18.6	7.0	11.1	683.9
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	87.8	73.1	67.8	28.1	31.6	8.1	4.3	4.6	305.3

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

The monthly population survey (which is described in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly Labour Force Survey and supplementary topics. This Standard Data Service contains results of a supplementary survey run in association with the July 1995 Labour Force Survey conducted throughout Australia.

2 Respondents to the Labour Force Survey who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions about their job search experience, including their difficulties in finding work, steps taken to find work and whether they had had offers of employment, as well as their educational attainment and the characteristics of their last job, if any.

SCOPE

3 The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the Labour Force Survey (described in full in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to unemployed persons excluding those who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown). Students at boarding school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc were also excluded.

4 The number of unemployed persons published in *Labour Force, Australia, July 1995* (6203.0) differs from that published for this survey because persons who were stood down were excluded, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Persons who were stood down comprised 2.9% of all unemployed persons in July 1995.

COVERAGE

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

DEFINITIONS

6 See the Glossary for definitions of data items specific to this survey. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this Standard Data Service are given in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7 Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in these tables relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

8 Estimates of unemployed persons are also published in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). However, more detailed information is contained in this Standard Data Service.

9 The estimates in this Standard Data Service refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

10 The commentary on the main findings of this survey and a set of core tables were published in the November 1995 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

HISTORICAL SURVEYS	<p>11 Results of similar surveys on the job search experience of unemployed persons have been published in:</p> <p><i>Persons Looking for Work, May 1976, November 1976</i> (6.60)</p> <p><i>Persons Looking for Work, May 1977, July 1978, July 1979, July 1980, June 1981</i> (6222.0)</p> <p><i>Characteristics of Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1982, July 1983</i> (6222.0)</p> <p><i>Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1984, July 1985, June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991, July 1992, July 1993, July 1994</i> (6222.0).</p>
NEXT SURVEY	<p>12 It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in July 1996.</p>
UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS	<p>13 As well as the statistics included in these articles and related data services, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact named in the Inquiries box on the Contents page.</p>
COMPARABILITY OF SERIES	<p>14 It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the whole of the previous twelve months 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 labour force status and duration of current period of unemployment depend on a detailed set of questions. The items <i>labour force activity twelve months ago</i>, <i>time spent looking for work</i> and <i>number of spells of looking for work during the previous twelve months</i> are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms <i>working</i>, <i>looking for work</i> and <i>not working or looking for work</i> are used for these items rather than the more precisely defined terms <i>employed</i>, <i>unemployed</i>, and <i>not in the labour force</i>.</p>
DISCONTINUITIES IN THE SERIES	<p>15 The educational attainment data item in this survey has been classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The major differences between data collected according to the ABSCQ and the previous classification used is that the level of attainment and field of study in the ABSCQ are two distinct elements. Persons who receive a qualification from a course of study of less than one semester full-time duration are excluded from the new classification. The ABSCQ was used for the first time in the July 1993 issue of <i>Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons</i>. For a more detailed explanation of the ABSCQ, see <i>Information Paper, Australia Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications — ABSCQ</i> (1263).</p>
BENCHMARK REVISION	<p>16 From February 1994, the monthly Labour Force Survey and its supplementary surveys are based on population estimates from the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Results of supplementary surveys conducted before February 1994 were not revised, and are based on population estimates from the 1986 Census of Population and Housing. This change in base population estimates should be considered when comparing the results of surveys conducted before February 1994 with the results of those conducted after February 1994.</p>
SAMPLE SIZE	<p>17 In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on all dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since July 1994 this has been reduced to seven-eighths of the Labour Force Survey sample. As a result the standard errors for surveys conducted from July 1994 on differ from those applicable to previous surveys.</p>

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE	18 The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.
RELIABILITY OF STATISTICS	19 Estimates in the Standard Data Service are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For further information refer to the Technical Notes, page 28.
RELATED PUBLICATIONS	<p>20 Other related supplements to the Labour Force Survey which may be of interest include:</p> <p><i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (6203.0) — issued monthly</p> <p><i>Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia</i> (6245.0) — issued two yearly</p> <p><i>Australia's Long-Term Unemployed — A Statistical Profile</i> (6255.0) — issued irregularly</p> <p><i>Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia</i> (6224.0.40.001) — issued annually</p> <p><i>Labour Force Experience, Australia</i> (6206.0.40.001) — issued annually</p> <p><i>Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia</i> (6220.0.40.001) — issued annually</p> <p><i>Underemployed Workers, Australia</i> (6265.0.40.001) — issued annually</p> <p>21 Current publications and data services produced by the ABS are listed in the <i>Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia</i> (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a <i>Release Advice</i> (1105.0) which lists products to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.</p>
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	<p>* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes section.</p> <p>.. not applicable</p> <p>n.a. not available</p> <p>22 Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.</p>

TECHNICAL NOTES

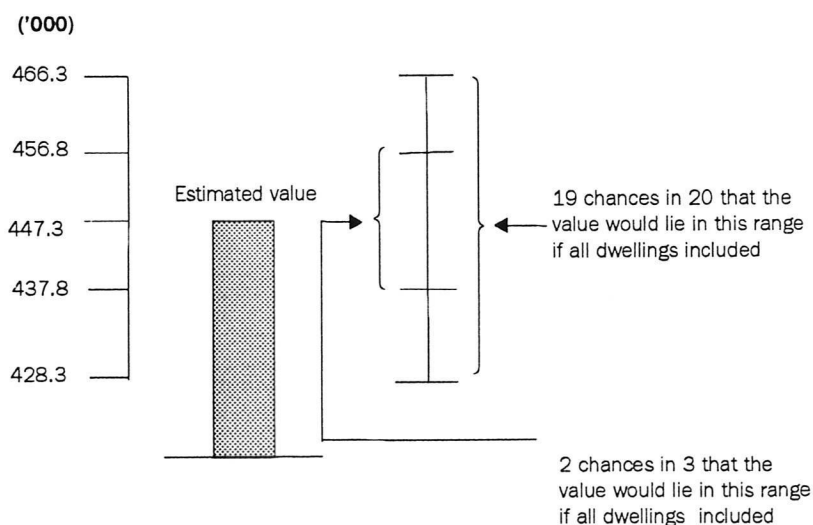
INTRODUCTION

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

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

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR

3 An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows: Table 3 shows that the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who did not have a post-school qualification was 447,300. Since this estimate is between 400,000 and 500,000, the table on the following page shows the standard error for Australia will be between 9,100 and 9,900 and can be approximated by interpolation as 9,500 (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 437,800 to 456,800 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 428,300 to 466,300. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



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

AVERAGES AND MEDIANS

5 The relative standard errors of estimates of *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median and then multiplying the relevant number so obtained by the following factors:

Average duration of unemployment: 1.3

Median duration of unemployment: 2.0

6 An example of the calculation of standard errors by the use of those factors is as follows: Table 3 shows the estimated median duration of unemployment for unemployed males in Australia was 28 weeks and the number of males was estimated as 417,200. From the table on the following page it can be calculated that this estimate (417,200) has a standard error of about 9,200 and therefore a relative standard error of about 2.2%. The *relative standard error* of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.2) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.2 \times 2.0 = 4.4\%$. The *standard error* of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.4% of 28, i.e. about 1. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 27 to 29 weeks and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 26 to 30 weeks.

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

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

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

8 Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, the 447,300 persons without post-school qualifications represent 65.4% of the 683,900 unemployed persons. The standard error of 774,200 is approximately 11,000 so the relative standard error is 1.6%. The relative standard error for 447,300 is 2.1%. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.1)^2 + (1.6)^2}$ or 1.4%, giving a standard error for the proportion (65.4%) of 0.9 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons without post-school qualifications is between 64.5% and 66.3% and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 63.6% to 67.2%.

SAMPLING

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

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

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

NON-SAMPLING ERROR

11 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	<i>Australia</i>	
Size of estimate	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	Relative standard error %
100	—	—	—	140	—	100	120	80	—	—
200	—	—	220	200	220	140	170	110	210	104.5
300	—	320	280	240	270	180	200	130	260	88.3
400	420	370	320	280	310	210	230	150	310	78.2
500	480	410	360	310	350	230	250	170	360	71.0
600	520	460	390	340	380	250	270	180	390	65.6
700	570	490	420	370	410	270	290	200	430	61.3
800	610	530	450	400	440	290	310	210	460	57.8
900	640	560	480	420	460	310	330	220	490	54.8
1 000	680	590	510	440	490	320	340	230	520	52.3
1 100	710	620	530	460	510	340	360	240	550	50.1
1 200	740	650	550	480	530	350	370	250	580	48.2
1 300	770	680	580	500	550	370	390	260	600	46.4
1 400	800	700	600	520	570	380	400	270	630	44.9
1 500	830	730	620	540	590	390	410	270	650	43.5
1 600	860	750	640	550	610	400	420	280	680	42.2
1 700	880	770	660	570	630	410	440	290	700	41.1
1 800	910	800	670	580	640	420	450	300	720	40.0
1 900	930	820	690	600	660	430	460	300	740	39.0
2 000	950	840	710	610	670	440	470	310	760	38.1
2 100	980	860	730	630	690	450	480	320	780	37.2
2 200	1 000	880	740	640	710	460	490	320	800	36.4
2 300	1 000	900	760	650	720	470	500	330	820	35.7
2 400	1 050	920	770	670	730	480	510	340	840	34.9
2 500	1 050	940	790	680	750	490	520	340	860	34.3
3 000	1 150	1 000	860	740	810	530	570	370	940	31.4
3 500	1 250	1 100	920	790	870	560	610	390	1 000	29.2
4 000	1 350	1 150	980	840	920	590	640	420	1 100	27.4
4 500	1 400	1 250	1 050	890	970	620	680	440	1 150	25.9
5 000	1 500	1 300	1 100	930	1 000	650	710	460	1 250	24.6
6 000	1 600	1 400	1 200	1 000	1 100	700	780	490	1 350	22.5
8 000	1 850	1 600	1 350	1 150	1 250	780	890	550	1 550	19.5
10 000	2 050	1 800	1 500	1 250	1 400	840	980	610	1 750	17.4
20 000	2 750	2 450	2 000	1 700	1 850	1 050	1 350	790	2 450	12.2
30 000	3 300	2 900	2 400	2 000	2 200	1 200	1 650	930	2 950	9.8
40 000	3 700	3 300	2 700	2 250	2 450	1 350	1 850	1 050	3 350	8.4
50 000	4 100	3 600	3 000	2 450	2 700	1 400	2 100	1 100	3 750	7.5
100 000	5 400	4 800	3 950	3 200	3 550	1 700	2 900	1 450	5 100	5.1
200 000	7 100	6 300	5 200	4 150	4 650	2 050	4 000	1 850	6 800	3.4
300 000	8 300	7 300	6 000	4 800	5 400	2 200	—	2 100	8 100	2.7
400 000	9 200	8 200	6 700	5 300	6 000	2 350	—	—	9 100	2.3
500 000	10 000	8 900	7 300	5 700	6 500	2 450	—	—	9 900	2.0
1 000 000	12 900	11 300	9 400	7 200	8 300	—	—	—	13 000	1.3
2 000 000	16 400	14 300	11 900	9 000	10 500	—	—	—	16 800	0.8
5 000 000	22 100	19 200	16 000	—	—	—	—	—	23 200	0.5
10 000 000	27 300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29 100	0.3
20 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36 200	0.2

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work	Steps taken during the current period of unemployment. They comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
All difficulties in finding work	All difficulties experienced during the current period of unemployment.
All unemployed persons	Those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, and; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or b) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Average duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.
Ceased last full-time job	Left or lost last full-time job.
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service.
Duration of current period of unemployment	The period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference week.
Educational attainment	Measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). The seven categories for level of attainment are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Higher degree</i> Comprises primarily Doctorates and Master's degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a Master's degree or a first class honours degree for a Doctorate and completion of an honours degree for a Master's degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a Doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a Master's degree. This level of qualification is designed to recognise significant contributions to original research or the application of knowledge within a given field of study.

<i>Postgraduate diploma</i>	Includes Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a Bachelor degree or an Undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent. Courses usually build on undergraduate studies, and are designed to broaden or develop professional knowledge and skills in a related or new area of studies.
<i>Bachelor degree</i>	The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses are designed to provide students with a systematic and coherent introduction to a broad body of knowledge. The emphasis is on the underlying principles and concepts of that body of knowledge.
<i>Undergraduate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing. Courses are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for practice in a professional or associate professional occupation.
<i>Associate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a prerequisite certificate course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time or its equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skill necessary to give support to professionals, and for positions in advanced trade, technical or associate professional occupations. Advanced Certificates, Technician's Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diplomas.
<i>Skilled Vocational Qualification</i>	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a specific vocation, recognised trade or craft that requires a high degree of skill in a range of related activities.
<i>Basic Vocational Qualification</i>	Often requires Year 10 completion, however many courses have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the practical skills and background knowledge necessary for employment at the operative level in many different fields.
Highest level of secondary school available	The highest level of secondary school available to the respondent, as determined by the respondent, at the time he or she left school (i.e. Year 12 or equivalent).
Interstate	Between States/Territories.
Intrastate	Within the State/Territory.
Job	Any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.

Labour force activity twelve months ago	Whether a person was working, looking for work, or not working or looking for work at July 1994 (twelve months ago). The terms <i>labour force activity</i> , <i>working</i> , <i>looking for work</i> and <i>not working or looking for work</i> are used instead of the more precisely defined terms <i>labour force status</i> , <i>employed</i> , <i>unemployed</i> and <i>not in the labour force</i> . See the Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.
Looking for part-time work	Actively looking for part-time work only.
Main difficulty in finding work	The main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.
Main English speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand.
Main field of study	For those persons whose highest qualification is a degree, vocational qualification, certificate or diploma, it is the main field of study for that qualification
Median duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal size groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median, and the other, persons whose duration is below it.
Number of offers of employment	The number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.
Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	The number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.
Persons with post-school qualifications	Persons who have obtained a vocational qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification, since leaving school. Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Higher degree; Postgraduate diploma; Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma; Associate diploma; Skilled Vocational Qualification; Basic Vocational Qualification.
Persons who were stood down	Persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
Still at school	Current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged fifteen to twenty years.
Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months	The total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.
Usual gross weekly pay	The amount of usual total weekly pay (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made).

SPECIAL DATA SERVICES

DATA ITEMS AND HOW TO ORDER SPECIAL TABLES FROM THIS SURVEY

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Refer to the glossaries in this product and in *Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down)

POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years (excluding those who were stood down)

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
New South Wales		Family member	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With children under 15	
South Australia		Without children under 15	
Western Australia		Lone parent	
Tasmania		With children under 15	
Northern Territory		With dependent students but without children under 15	
Australian Capital Territory		Without dependants	
		Dependent student	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Non-dependent child	
Capital City		Other family person	
Balance of State/Territory		Non-family member	
		Lone person	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Not living alone	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Not determined	
4 SEX	ALL	7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL
Males		Born in Australia	
Females		Born outside Australia	
		Arrived before 1961	
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL	Arrived 1961-1970	
Married		Arrived 1971-1980	
Not-married		Arrived 1981-1990	
		Arrived 1991 to survey date	
6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	ALL	7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL
Family member		Born in Australia	
Husband or wife		Born outside Australia	
With dependants		Born in main English speaking countries	
Without dependants		Born in other countries	
Lone parent			
With dependants			
Without dependants			
Dependent student			
Non-dependent child			
Other family person			
Non-family member			
Lone person			
Not living alone			
Not determined			

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
7C BIRTHPLACE (2)	ALL	12 LABOUR FORCE STATUS TWELVE MONTHS AGO	ALL
Born in Australia		Working	
Born outside Australia		Looking for work	
Oceania		Not in the Labour Force	
New Zealand		Not determined	
Europe and the former USSR			
Germany			
Greece			
Italy			
Netherlands			
UK and Ireland			
Former Yugoslav Republics			
The Middle East and North Africa			
Lebanon			
Southeast Asia			
Malaysia			
Philippines			
Viet Nam			
Northeast Asia			
China			
The Americas			
Other(a)			
India			
(a) Includes Southern Asia and Africa (excluding North Africa).			
8 AGE	ALL	13 WHETHER STUDYING FULL-TIME TWELVE MONTHS AGO	ALL
15-19		Aged 15-24 years studying full-time 12 months ago	
20-24		Aged 15-24 years not studying full-time 12 months ago	
25-34			
35-44			
45-54			
55 and over			
9 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK	ALL	14A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
Looking for full-time work		Wrote, phoned or applied in person to an employer for work	
Looking for part-time work		Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job	
		Checked factory or CES noticeboards	
		Been registered with the CES	
		Checked or registered with any other employment agency	
		Advertised or tendered for work	
		Contacted relatives or friends	
10 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT	ALL	14B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
Under 1 year		Registered with the CES and —	
1 and under 4 weeks		Took no other active steps	
4 and under 8 weeks		Contacted prospective employers	
8 and under 13 weeks		Took other active steps	
13 and under 26 weeks		Not registered with the CES and —	
26 and under 39 weeks		Contacted prospective employers	
39 and under 52 weeks		Took other active steps	
1 year and over			
1 and under 2 years			
2 years and over			
11 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE 12 MONTHS AGO	ALL	15 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
New South Wales		Would move interstate	
Victoria		Would not move interstate	
Queensland		Moving interstate would depend —	
South Australia		On job conditions	
Western Australia		On other conditions	
Tasmania		Undecided	
Northern Territory			
Australian Capital Territory			
Overseas			
		16 WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
		Would move intrastate	
		Would not move intrastate	
		Moving intrastate would depend —	
		On job conditions	
		On other conditions	
		Undecided	
		17 NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL
		None	
		One or more	
		One	
		Two or more	

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
18 ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK	ALL	22A EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (1)	ALL
Too many applicants for available jobs		With post-school qualifications	
No vacancies in line of work		Higher degree	
Considered too young or too old by employers		Post graduate diploma	
Insufficient work experience		Bachelor degree	
Lacked necessary skills or education		Undergraduate diploma	
No vacancies at all		Associate diploma	
Too far to travel or transport problems		Skilled vocational qualification	
Own ill health or disability		Basic vocational qualification	
Unsuitable hours		Without post-school qualifications	
Language difficulties		Completed highest level of secondary school	
Other family responsibilities		Did not complete highest level of secondary school	
Difficulties with child care		Left aged 13 years or less	
Difficulties with ethnic background		Left aged 14 years	
Other difficulties		Left aged 15 years	
No difficulties at all		Left aged 16 years	
		Left aged 17 years	
		Left aged 18 years or older	
		Never attended school	
		Still at school	
19 MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK	ALL	22B EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2)	ALL
Considered too young or too old by employers		With post-school qualifications	
Insufficient work experience		Higher degree	
Too many applicants for available jobs		Post graduate diploma	
Lacked necessary skills or education		Bachelor degree	
No vacancies at all		Undergraduate diploma	
No vacancies in line of work		Associate diploma	
Too far to travel or transport problems		Skilled vocational qualification	
Own ill health or disability		Basic vocational qualification	
Language difficulties		Without post-school qualifications	
Unsuitable hours		Still at school	
Difficulties with child care			
Other family responsibilities			
Difficulties with ethnic background			
Other difficulties			
No difficulties at all			
20 NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS	ALL	23 MAIN FIELD OF STUDY	ALL
One		With post-school qualifications	
Two		Business and administration	
Three or more		Health	
		Education	
		Society and culture	
		Natural and physical sciences	
		Engineering	
		Architecture and building	
		Agriculture and related fields	
		Miscellaneous fields	
		Other	
		Without post-school qualifications	
		Still at school	
21 TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (Weeks)	ALL	24 WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME	1
1 and under 2		Had worked full time	
2 and under 4		Had never worked full time	
4 and under 8			
8 and under 13			
13 and under 26			
26 and under 39			
39 and under 52			
52 weeks			

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
25A INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	27 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB (\$)	2
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Under 80	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing		80 and under 160	
Mining		160 and under 240	
Manufacturing		240 and under 320	
Electricity, gas and water supply		320 and under 400	
Construction		400 and under 480	
Wholesale trade		480 and under 560	
Retail trade		560 and under 640	
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants		640 and under 720	
Transport and storage		720 and under 800	
Communication services		800 and under 880	
Finance and insurance		880 and under 960	
Property and business services		960 and under 1040	
Government administration and defence		1040 and under 1120	
Education		1120 and under 1200	
Health and community services		1200 and under 1280	
Cultural and recreation services		1280 and under 1360	
Personal and other services		1360 and over	
Had not worked full time in the last 2 years		Not stated, don't know	
Had never worked		Non-Australian currency	
		Payment in kind	
25B INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	28A DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
Agriculture, forestry and fishing		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Mining		Less than 1 year	
Manufacturing		2 and under 4 weeks	
Electricity, gas and water supply		4 and under 8 weeks	
Construction		8 and under 26 weeks	
Wholesale trade		26 and under 52 weeks	
Retail trade		1 and under 2 years	
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants		2 and under 5 years	
Transport and storage		5 years and over	
Communication services		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
Finance and insurance		Has never worked	
Property and business services			
Government administration and defence			
Education			
Health and community services			
Cultural and recreation services			
Personal and other services			
26A OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1		
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		28B DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
Managers and administrators		Less than 1 year	
Professionals		2 and under 4 weeks	
Para-professionals		4 and under 8 weeks	
Tradespersons		8 and under 26 weeks	
Clerks		26 and under 52 weeks	
Salespersons and personal service workers		1 and under 2 years	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		2 and under 5 years	
Labourers and related workers		5 years and over	
Had not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Had never worked		29A REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
26B OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)	
Managers and administrators		Job loser	
Professionals		Retrenched	
Para-professionals		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
Trades persons		Own ill health or disability	
Clerks		Job leaver	
Salespersons and personal service workers		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
Plant and machine operators, and drivers		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
Labourers and related workers		Other	
		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
		Has never worked	
		(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.	

DATA ITEM	POPULATION	DATA ITEM	POPULATION
29B REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	30 STATUS OF WORKER IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	1
Job loser		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Retrenched		Employee	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies		Employer	
Own ill health or disability		Own account worker	
Job leaver		Contributing family worker	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements		Unpaid voluntary worker	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies		Other	
Other		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
		Has never worked	

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