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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

The monthly Population Survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the February 1986 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

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

### Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it excluded students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of jails, reformatories etc.

### Definitions

4. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference period. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category for each of the weeks in the year on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the rigidly defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

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

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

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

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

9. Persons *out of the labour force* are those who, *during any week*, neither worked nor looked for work as defined in paragraphs 6 and 7.

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

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

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

12. Further definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

13. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication are as at survey week.

### Results of the survey

14. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1986. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

15. Additional tables available but not included in this publication are listed on page 19. A preliminary publication (6205.0) containing a summary of the results of the survey was released on 23 June 1986.

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

17. It is proposed that this survey will next be conducted in February 1987.

### Discontinuities in the series

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

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

#### Reliability of the estimates

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

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. More information about this topic will be found in the Technical note;
- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

#### Related publications

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

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage)

*Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0)—issued twice yearly

*Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985* (6222.0)—issued annually

*Labour Mobility, Australia, During the Year ending February 1986* (Preliminary) (6208.0)—issued annually

*Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, May 1985* (6264.0)—issued irregularly

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

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23. A wide range of economic, social and demographic statistics are available on AUSSTATS, ABS' on-line service through CSIRONET.

24. For further information phone the AUSSTATS Help Desk on (062) 52 6017.

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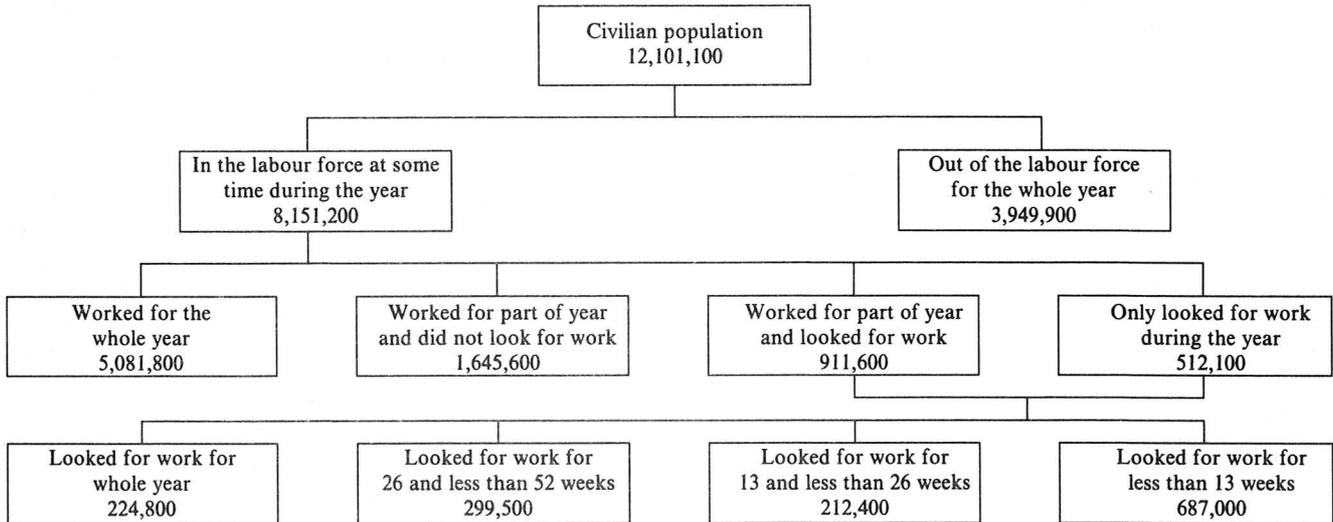
- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 20 above.
- .. not applicable

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

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

8,151,200 civilians aged 15 and over had been in the labour force at some time during the twelve months ending February 1986. Of these, 5,081,800 (62.3 per cent) had worked for the whole period and 2,557,200 (31.4 per cent) had worked for part of that period. 1,423,700 had looked for work at some time during the year, including 224,800 persons who looked for work for the whole twelve months.

**DIAGRAM 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986**  
(Source of data : Tables 2 and 8)

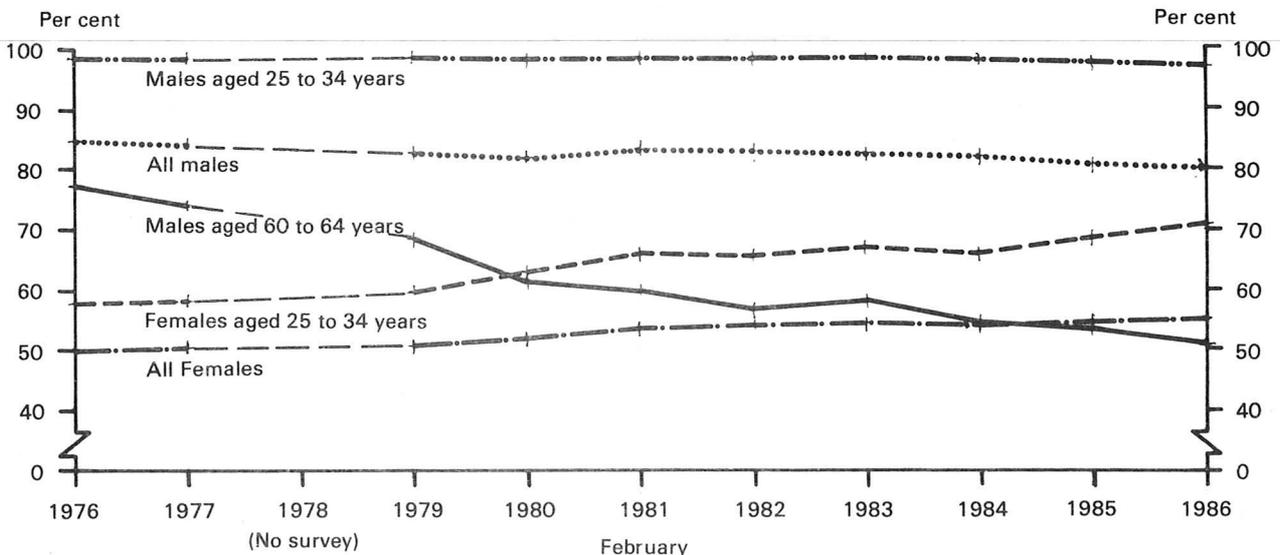


**Proportion of persons who participated in the labour force, February 1976 to February 1986**

Male labour force participation has shown a gradual decline from the 1976 survey figure of 84.8 per cent to that of 80.0 per cent measured in the 1986 survey. This trend is most evident in the older age groupings; participation in the 60 to 64 year group fell from 77.2 per cent in 1976 to 50.7 per cent in 1986, and the 65 years and over grouping recorded a fall from 23.9 per cent in 1976 to 10.7 in 1986. The younger age groups, aged 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 years, however, recorded rises in their levels of participation from 1976 to 1981 and 1982 respectively. Since the early eighties, these age groups too, have recorded a gradual decline in participation levels.

The female level of participation reached its highest figure in 1986, with 55.1 per cent in the labour force at some time. This is a rise from the 1976 figure of 49.9 per cent. Females aged 25 to 34 years old had the largest increase, from 57.4 per cent in 1976 to 70.9 per cent in 1986. Other age groups that showed marked increases were the 15 to 19 years and the 35 to 44 years groupings, with increases of about 10 per cent in the ten year period. However, like their male equivalents, the older females recorded an overall drop in participation with the 60 to 64 year age group in 1976 having 20.9 per cent participation compared to the 15.8 per cent recorded in February 1986.

**DIAGRAM 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION: PROPORTION IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME, FEBRUARY 1976 TO FEBRUARY 1986**  
(Source of data: Table 3)



### Male labour force participation profile

The civilian population aged 15 years and over contained 5,957,700 males. 80.0 percent of these were in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1986. Those in the labour force can be considered in three major groupings, those who worked at some time during the year, those who looked for work at some time, and those who were out of the labour force at some time.

4,520,000 males worked during the fifty-two weeks ending February 1986, of whom 3,352,800 (74.2 per cent) worked for the whole year. The majority of those who worked for the whole year (95.5 per cent), worked only on a full-time basis, and a further 2.0 percent worked mainly on a full-time basis. Most worked for the whole year in only one job (88.0 per cent). Of those males who worked less than 52 weeks during the year, 30.6 per cent worked less than twenty-six weeks, 47.2 per cent worked between twenty-six and forty-nine weeks, and 22.1 per cent worked between forty-nine and fifty-two weeks.

757,100 males looked for work at some time during the year, 511,500 (67.6 per cent) of whom had also held a job and 145,900 (19.3 per cent) had been without a job for twelve months. These males, on average, spent 23.2 weeks looking for work during the year, however this varied with age and marital status. Married males spent, on average, 25.4 weeks during the year looking for work, and the average weeks spent looking for work increased with age both for married and not-married males. Educational attainment also affected males ability to find work. 10.4 per cent of males with post-school qualifications in the labour force spent some time during the year ending February 1986 looking for work. This was a lower proportion than those without post-school qualifications in the labour force, of whom 19.7 per cent looked for work at some time.

Of the 2,097,800 males who reported being out of the labour force at some time during the year, about half (47.8 per cent) were retired or voluntarily inactive. 74.0 per cent of these males were aged 60 years or over, and 76.4 per cent were out of the labour force for the full fifty-two weeks. Attendance at an educational institution had the second largest proportion accounting for 22.5 per cent of males out of the labour force at some time. These males were mainly aged 15 to 19 years (81.5 per cent), and 42.2 per cent were out of the labour force for the full year ending February 1986.

### Female labour force participation profile

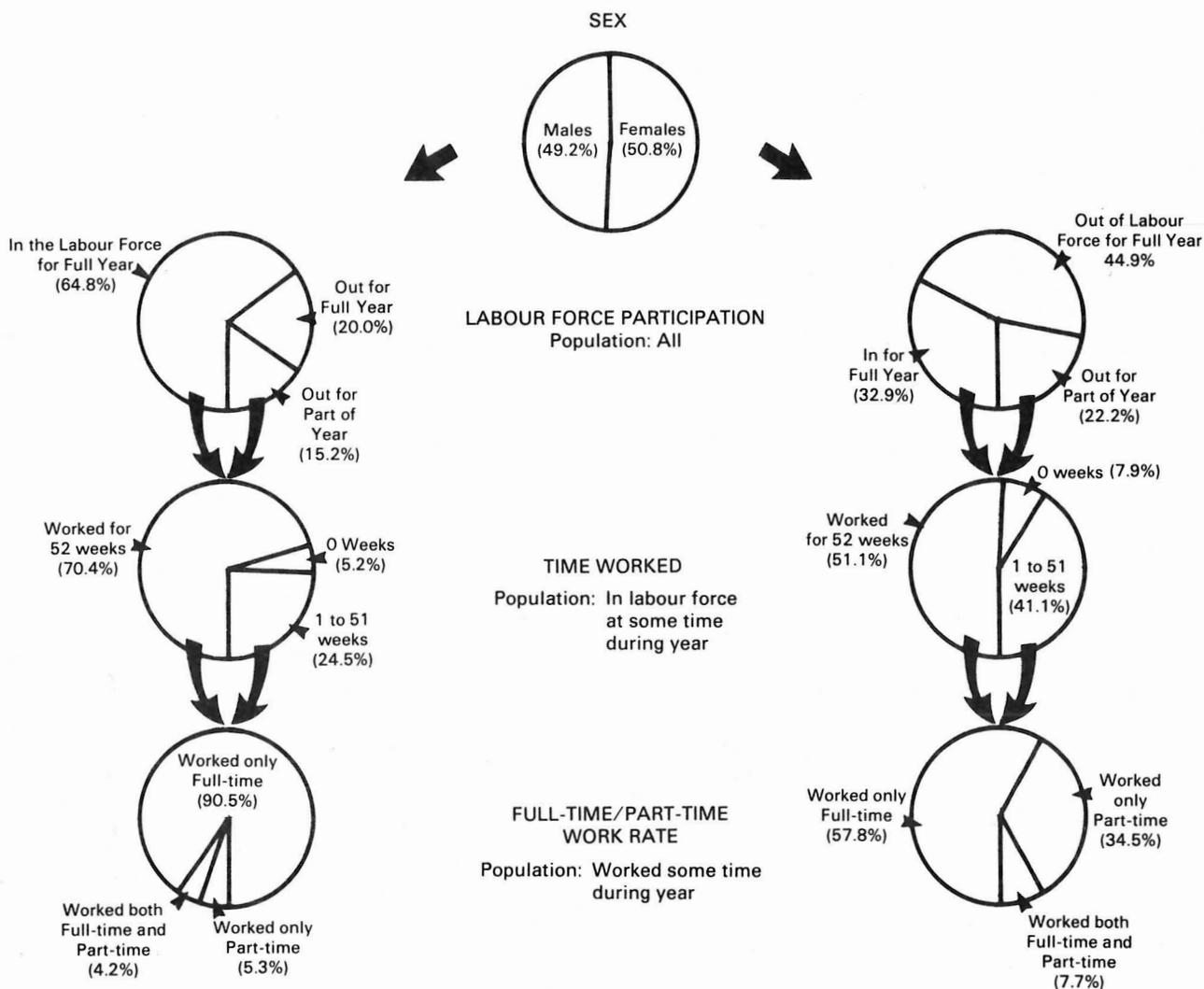
Females represented 50.8 per cent of the civilian population aged 15 years and over as at February 1986. Only 55.1 per cent of these females had been in the labour force at some time during the past twelve months, compared to 80.0 per cent of the equivalent male population. Married females, in particular, had a low level of participation, with only 54.0 per cent in the labour force at some time.

Of the 3,385,600 females who had been in the labour force at some time during the year, 92.1 per cent had worked. 55.4 per cent of these had worked for the full year. Married women were a high proportion of those workers who had worked for the full year (60.1 per cent). While married women, in general, worked for a longer period than not-married women, more worked on a part-time basis. 41.7 per cent of all married women who worked had only done so on a part-time basis. This is a larger proportion than not-married women who had only 24.0 per cent working solely on a part-time basis. The presence of young children influenced females ability to work with 91.7 per cent of married females in the labour force with children aged 0 to 14 years working at some time during the year. This compares with 96.2 per cent of all married females in the labour force without children aged 0 to 14 years. Not-married females with young children also had a lower proportion working than not-married females without children aged 0 to 14 years old.

666,600 females had looked for work during the year ending February 1986, with 60.0 per cent also having a job at some time during that time. This was a lower proportion than males. However, females had a lower average time spent looking for work, 18.3 weeks compared with the males average time of 23.2 weeks. Married females had the lowest average time spent looking for work with 17.0 weeks. The major proportion of married women looking for work were aged 25 to 34 years (36.9 per cent) and 35 to 44 years (31.8 per cent). This compares with not-married females who had 48.6 per cent of those looking for work during the year aged 15 to 19 years, and a further 24.6 per cent aged 20 to 24 years. Again the presence of young children influenced females' ability to look for work. 16.6 per cent of married women in the labour force with children aged 0 to 14 years looked for work at some time compared with 10.0 per cent of married women in the labour force without children aged 0 to 14 years.

Females not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1986, numbered 4,121,900. 66.9 per cent of these women were out of the labour force for the full period, with four out of five of these reporting home duties as their main activity. Of the women who were out of the labour force for only part of the year, 19.4 per cent's main activity was attending an educational institution.

**DIAGRAM 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, FEBRUARY 1986**  
 (Source of data: Table 1)



**TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1976 TO FEBRUARY 1986**  
(Per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—									
	1976	1977	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole of the period</i>	32.8	32.9	33.6	33.3	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.3	32.5	32.6
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	67.2	67.1	66.4	66.7	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7	67.5	67.4
Time in the labour force—										
52 weeks	51.5	52.3	50.6	51.3	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4	50.0	48.6
1 and under 52 weeks	15.6	14.7	15.8	15.4	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3	17.5	18.8
Worked at some time during the period	65.6	65.4	63.7	64.1	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5	63.0	63.1
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—										
All were full-time	55.2	54.1	51.7	52.0	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5	49.0	48.7
More full-time than part-time	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4
More part-time than full-time	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
All were part-time	8.5	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.9
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—										
One	54.4	54.1	53.3	54.0	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9	53.3	52.5
Two	8.4	8.1	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4	7.0	7.8
Three	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.7
Four or more	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2
Looked for work at some time during the period	8.4	8.2	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6	12.4	11.8
Number of spells of looking for work—										
One	6.5	6.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.2	9.7
Two	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
Three	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Four or more	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 18, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

**TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR**  
**ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 AND MARITAL STATUS**  
( ' 000)

	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole year</i>	726.4	1,695.3	2,421.7	465.8	1,062.4	1,528.2	1,192.1	2,757.8	3,949.9
<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	2,977.3	1,987.4	4,964.7	1,788.2	1,398.2	3,186.4	4,765.5	3,385.6	8,151.2
Time in the labour force during the year(weeks)—									
1 and under 4	7.5	73.9	81.4	46.4	47.0	93.3	53.9	120.8	174.7
4 and under 13	18.8	127.2	146.0	133.9	125.9	259.9	152.7	253.1	405.8
13 and under 26	25.8	132.1	158.0	63.0	88.3	151.3	88.8	220.4	309.3
26 and under 39	49.3	142.5	191.8	72.8	85.1	157.9	122.1	227.6	349.7
39 and under 49	140.5	225.8	366.3	104.9	109.3	214.2	245.4	335.2	580.5
49 and under 52	158.9	141.8	300.6	83.9	65.3	149.1	242.7	207.1	449.8
52	2,576.5	1,144.2	3,720.7	1,283.4	877.3	2,160.7	3,859.9	2,021.5	5,881.4
Worked at some time during the year	2,894.2	1,861.6	4,755.9	1,625.7	1,257.4	2,883.2	4,520.0	3,119.1	7,639.0
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—									
All were full-time	2,714.8	948.4	3,663.3	1,373.6	853.5	2,227.1	4,088.4	1,801.9	5,890.3
More full-time than part-time	85.1	79.0	164.1	65.2	57.1	122.2	150.3	136.0	286.3
More part-time than full-time	11.4	58.8	70.2	30.1	44.9	74.9	41.5	103.7	145.2
All were part-time	82.9	775.5	858.3	156.9	302.0	458.9	239.8	1,077.5	1,317.3
Time worked during the year (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	9.7	46.1	55.8	46.9	43.4	90.3	56.5	89.5	146.1
4 and under 13	33.2	109.8	143.0	127.9	103.7	231.6	161.1	213.5	374.6
13 and under 26	51.4	137.2	188.6	88.6	101.3	189.9	139.9	238.5	378.5
26 and under 39	91.1	147.4	238.5	112.6	116.8	229.5	203.7	264.3	468.0
39 and under 49	195.7	238.0	433.6	151.9	134.8	286.7	347.6	372.8	720.3
49 and under 52	166.2	144.1	310.3	92.2	67.3	159.5	258.3	211.4	469.8
52	2,347.1	1,038.9	3,386.0	1,005.7	690.1	1,695.8	3,352.8	1,729.1	5,081.8
Looked for work at some time during the year	286.5	275.3	561.8	470.6	391.4	862.0	757.1	666.6	1,423.7
Number of spells of looking for work—									
One	239.2	230.8	470.0	386.2	322.3	708.5	625.4	553.1	1,178.5
Two	24.0	22.3	46.4	46.4	39.4	85.8	70.5	61.7	132.1
Three	8.3	6.2	14.6	15.8	12.5	28.4	24.2	18.8	42.9
Four or more	14.9	15.9	30.8	22.1	17.2	39.3	37.1	33.1	70.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,703.6</b>	<b>3,682.8</b>	<b>7,386.4</b>	<b>2,254.0</b>	<b>2,460.6</b>	<b>4,714.7</b>	<b>5,957.7</b>	<b>6,143.4</b>	<b>12,101.1</b>

**TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION : PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD(a) AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1976 TO FEBRUARY 1986**  
(Per cent)

Survey conducted in February—	Age group at the time of the survey								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MALES</b>									
1976	65.4	95.0	98.6	98.6	96.6	91.6	77.2	23.9	84.8
1977	65.0	95.1	98.5	98.1	96.5	90.0	74.1	22.5	84.2
1979	67.2	95.2	98.6	97.4	94.5	88.1	68.4	17.0	82.7
1980	67.3	95.1	98.3	97.8	93.6	86.1	61.3	17.5	82.1
1981	78.4	97.2	98.4	97.3	93.3	85.6	59.8	15.7	83.2
1982	76.8	98.0	98.2	97.5	93.2	87.9	56.7	13.6	82.8
1983	75.8	97.6	98.4	97.1	94.0	84.1	59.4	12.9	82.4
1984	73.8	96.3	98.1	97.7	94.3	83.5	54.6	13.3	81.8
1985	72.3	95.9	97.6	96.9	92.7	82.1	53.4	12.3	80.8
1986	73.8	96.6	97.2	96.6	92.2	82.3	50.7	10.7	80.0
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
1976	70.5	68.2	53.7	59.4	51.7	33.9	17.3	4.4	49.1
1977	70.8	69.0	54.2	59.6	54.7	32.9	14.4	4.1	49.4
1979	70.1	69.8	56.6	62.3	50.1	35.2	15.8	4.0	49.5
1980	72.0	70.2	59.1	65.0	53.5	33.9	14.7	4.2	50.9
1981	68.1	70.3	61.6	64.9	52.6	33.1	16.8	4.9	51.3
1982	68.8	70.1	61.1	66.8	57.3	31.9	12.4	3.9	51.8
1983	73.4	69.6	63.2	67.0	53.7	34.2	15.8	4.4	52.2
1984	67.9	70.1	61.2	65.9	53.9	32.4	15.1	3.9	51.2
1985	69.7	70.5	63.8	68.2	56.8	30.9	13.9	3.3	52.5
1986	71.6	72.7	66.6	71.6	56.9	33.5	14.6	3.8	54.0
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
1976	61.6	76.3	57.4	61.0	53.6	36.1	20.9	5.1	49.9
1977	61.6	77.6	58.0	61.0	55.7	36.0	17.9	4.9	50.3
1979	65.8	79.2	59.7	62.8	52.0	36.4	16.4	3.5	50.5
1980	64.3	80.6	62.8	66.3	54.3	35.0	16.6	3.3	51.8
1981	73.5	81.8	65.9	65.8	54.0	34.0	17.7	3.8	53.6
1982	73.7	81.8	65.5	67.9	58.1	34.7	14.8	3.6	54.1
1983	72.4	81.7	66.8	67.7	54.7	36.0	16.7	3.8	54.3
1984	71.1	82.2	65.9	66.7	55.9	34.7	15.9	3.1	53.9
1985	72.0	82.4	68.4	69.3	57.9	33.6	15.6	2.8	54.5
1986	72.6	84.1	70.9	71.6	58.3	36.1	15.8	3.0	55.1
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1976	63.5	85.7	78.4	80.1	75.5	63.3	48.0	13.1	67.2
1977	63.3	86.4	78.5	79.9	76.4	62.6	45.0	12.4	67.1
1979	66.5	87.2	79.2	80.5	73.7	62.1	41.3	9.3	66.4
1980	65.8	87.9	80.5	82.4	74.4	60.4	38.1	9.4	66.7
1981	76.0	89.6	82.1	81.9	74.1	59.7	38.1	9.0	68.2
1982	75.3	89.9	81.7	83.0	76.0	61.4	35.2	7.9	68.3
1983	74.1	89.7	82.5	82.7	74.9	59.9	37.2	7.8	68.2
1984	72.5	89.2	82.0	82.0	75.7	59.3	34.4	7.7	67.7
1985	72.1	89.2	83.0	83.3	75.6	58.0	34.0	6.9	67.5
1986	73.2	90.3	84.0	84.3	75.6	59.4	32.8	6.2	67.4

(a) Persons who participated in the labour force at some time during the reference period as a proportion of the civilian population in each group.

**TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION : WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING  
THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(Per cent)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>WORKED AT SOME TIME(a)</b>									
15-19	*	56.7	59.7	61.4	61.3	61.4	61.6	61.1	61.4
20-24	94.0	67.8	76.1	90.2	84.8	87.9	90.8	78.4	84.6
25-34	95.7	61.6	77.6	89.7	77.7	84.6	93.7	65.6	79.7
35-44	95.4	67.2	81.5	86.6	64.8	75.8	94.0	66.8	80.6
45-54	91.4	54.2	73.5	76.7	59.1	67.3	89.0	55.1	72.4
55-59	80.9	31.8	57.6	62.5	41.0	50.0	77.8	33.9	56.1
60-64	49.5	14.4	33.4	44.2	17.2	25.9	48.7	15.3	31.6
65 and over	11.8	3.8	8.4	6.2	2.5	3.4	10.4	3.0	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>63.1</b>
<b>LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(b)</b>									
15-19	*	35.6	37.2	29.2	30.2	29.7	29.3	30.4	29.8
20-24	23.4	16.5	18.7	25.8	23.6	24.8	25.3	20.9	23.1
25-34	11.2	10.6	10.9	18.6	18.3	18.5	13.7	12.5	13.1
35-44	8.2	9.5	8.9	15.0	14.6	14.8	9.3	10.4	9.9
45-54	7.5	5.0	6.3	11.4	9.2	10.2	8.1	5.8	7.0
55-59	7.5	2.2	5.0	10.9	*	7.0	8.0	2.6	5.4
60 and over	1.5	*	0.9	*	*	0.7	1.5	*	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(c)</b>									
15-19	*	71.6	74.7	73.7	72.7	73.2	73.8	72.6	73.2
20-24	98.7	72.7	80.9	96.1	91.0	93.9	96.6	84.1	90.3
25-34	98.3	66.6	81.5	95.0	83.7	90.2	97.2	70.9	84.0
35-44	97.6	71.6	84.7	91.7	71.9	81.9	96.6	71.6	84.3
45-54	93.9	56.9	76.2	83.1	64.0	72.8	92.2	58.3	75.6
55-59	84.8	33.5	60.5	69.8	44.3	55.0	82.3	36.1	59.4
60-64	51.2	14.6	34.3	48.3	18.5	28.1	50.7	15.8	32.8
65 and over	12.0	3.8	8.5	6.5	2.6	3.5	10.7	3.0	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>67.4</b>
<b>OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(d)</b>									
15-19	*	51.2	45.5	63.6	67.8	65.6	63.3	67.3	65.3
20-24	14.2	58.5	44.4	26.9	32.3	29.2	24.7	42.1	33.4
25-34	14.1	66.0	41.6	21.5	41.8	30.2	16.6	59.9	38.2
35-44	13.8	58.9	36.1	22.4	49.0	35.6	15.2	57.2	36.0
45-54	17.9	62.5	39.2	26.4	52.9	40.6	19.2	60.7	39.5
55-59	26.5	77.3	50.6	41.2	68.0	56.7	29.0	75.1	51.8
60-64	60.4	90.8	74.4	66.1	90.4	82.5	61.3	90.6	76.3
65 and over	93.1	97.6	95.0	95.6	98.4	97.7	93.7	98.0	96.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>51.4</b>

(a) Persons who worked at some time as a proportion of the civilian population in each group. (b) Persons who looked for work at some time as a proportion of the civilian population in each group. (c) Persons in the labour force at some time as a proportion of the civilian population in each group. (d) Persons out of the labour force at some time as a proportion of the civilian population in each group.

**TABLE 5. CIVILIAN POPULATION : FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986  
( ' 000)**

<i>Family status</i>	<i>Worked at some time</i>		<i>Looked for work at some time</i>		<i>In the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Out of the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Total Persons</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Member of a family	3,795.5	2,601.1	600.2	542.3	3,997.6	2,834.0	1,738.3	3,394.1	10,010.8
Husband or wife	2,824.7	1,791.5	275.8	258.6	2,906.1	1,910.7	1,102.7	2,453.0	7,171.8
With children aged 0-14 present	1,594.9	943.3	169.8	170.6	1,643.3	1,029.1	245.2	1,159.0	3,338.3
Without children aged 0-14 present	1,229.8	848.2	106.0	88.0	1,262.8	881.6	857.5	1,293.9	3,833.5
Not-married family head	69.0	179.2	13.4	56.7	73.4	211.3	48.4	350.4	577.5
With children aged 0-14 present	24.7	99.7	7.2	42.4	27.8	123.5	10.3	175.9	265.2
Without children aged 0-14 present	44.2	79.5	6.2	14.3	45.6	87.9	38.1	174.5	312.3
Child of family head	841.0	598.7	287.2	216.5	948.5	675.0	533.8	472.0	2,012.9
Other relative of family head	60.7	31.7	23.7	10.6	69.7	37.0	53.4	118.8	248.6
Not a member of a family	570.8	391.9	114.7	86.6	601.5	411.4	280.7	590.3	1,668.4
Living alone	264.6	168.4	42.4	25.0	279.0	176.0	189.1	496.1	1,053.3
Not living alone	306.2	223.5	72.4	61.6	322.5	235.4	91.6	94.2	615.1
Not family coded	153.7	126.0	42.2	37.7	166.3	140.3	78.7	137.5	421.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>	<b>757.1</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>4,765.5</b>	<b>3,385.6</b>	<b>2,097.8</b>	<b>4,121.9</b>	<b>12,101.1</b>

**TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986  
( ' 000)**

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Worked at some time</i>		<i>Looked for work at some time</i>		<i>In the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Out of the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Total Persons</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
With post-school qualifications	2,095.9	1,243.4	222.6	201.8	2,143.0	1,312.3	640.5	960.4	4,213.4
Degree	473.3	273.7	37.6	33.1	484.7	281.5	109.9	156.3	864.8
Trade; technical or other certificate	1,574.1	917.8	173.1	155.3	1,606.9	972.2	516.0	750.3	3,201.3
Other	48.5	51.9	12.0	13.5	51.5	58.7	14.6	53.8	147.3
Without post-school qualifications	2,348.4	1,788.0	495.9	424.9	2,519.8	1,960.5	1,223.9	2,933.6	7,389.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	552.4	418.5	117.9	101.8	594.7	456.6	255.1	415.5	1,374.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,790.2	1,365.0	376.9	321.1	1,918.6	1,498.1	957.6	2,491.1	5,966.9
Left school at age—									
16 years and over	642.9	549.1	139.4	138.0	679.3	598.0	197.2	585.0	1,724.5
15 years and under	1,147.3	815.9	237.5	183.1	1,239.3	900.1	760.4	1,906.1	4,242.4
Never attended school	5.8	4.6	*	*	6.4	5.8	11.3	27.0	48.2
Still at school	75.7	87.7	38.5	39.9	102.7	112.9	233.3	228.0	497.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>	<b>757.1</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>4,765.5</b>	<b>3,385.6</b>	<b>2,097.8</b>	<b>4,121.9</b>	<b>12,101.1</b>

TABLE 7. CIVILIAN POPULATION : TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 1986 AND AGE  
( ' 000)

Time in the labour force during the year (weeks)	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Nil	*	*	14.9	22.9	40.6	48.0	141.2	457.3	726.4
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.5
4 and under 13	*	*	6.4		6.2		5.7		18.8
13 and under 26	*	*	6.8	*	*	4.7	7.7		25.8
26 and under 39	*	*	10.0	7.7	8.7	6.0	8.8	6.9	49.3
39 and under 49	*	4.5	35.5	40.3	30.7	10.5	9.3	9.7	140.5
49 and under 52	*	7.2	48.3	52.1	31.7	11.0	6.5	*	158.9
52	*	98.8	733.4	810.6	548.3	232.2	114.6	35.9	2,576.5
<b>Total</b>	*	<b>115.1</b>	<b>853.8</b>	<b>940.4</b>	<b>666.8</b>	<b>315.8</b>	<b>289.2</b>	<b>519.8</b>	<b>3,703.6</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Nil	177.7	22.5	36.5	38.5	62.1	67.3	169.6	618.1	1,192.1
1 and under 4	38.0	4.9	4.8		*	*	*	*	53.9
4 and under 13	101.1	20.9	10.9	5.0	4.9	*	7.1		152.7
13 and under 26	37.4	16.0	12.6	4.6	*	5.9	5.4	*	88.8
26 and under 39	32.0	19.5	21.5	12.9	10.6	7.1	10.4	8.1	122.1
39 and under 49	26.8	40.2	57.5	50.5	36.0	12.7	10.8	10.8	245.4
49 and under 52	16.2	38.5	70.1	59.3	34.0	12.9	9.2	*	242.7
52	248.3	495.9	1,070.7	956.2	642.2	269.8	133.1	43.5	3,859.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>677.6</b>	<b>658.4</b>	<b>1,283.6</b>	<b>1,128.1</b>	<b>794.3</b>	<b>379.9</b>	<b>344.0</b>	<b>691.8</b>	<b>5,957.7</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Nil	6.2	67.5	320.4	260.9	264.6	189.4	210.8	375.5	1,695.3
1 and under 4	*	4.5	33.1	24.1	8.4	*	*	*	73.9
4 and under 13	*	13.3	51.8	38.8	15.3	*	*	*	127.2
13 and under 26	*	14.6	55.2	40.7	14.1	4.5	*	*	132.1
26 and under 39	*	14.9	53.3	43.6	19.0	7.5	*	*	142.5
39 and under 49	*	19.0	73.0	80.2	40.1	6.9	5.4		225.8
49 and under 52	*	10.6	46.8	51.8	22.5	5.9	*	*	141.8
52	10.6	102.6	326.5	377.5	230.1	64.6	22.8	9.4	1,144.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>247.0</b>	<b>960.3</b>	<b>917.6</b>	<b>614.1</b>	<b>285.0</b>	<b>246.7</b>	<b>390.1</b>	<b>3,682.8</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Nil	178.1	104.4	372.7	312.5	317.8	238.3	304.0	929.9	2,757.8
1 and under 4	27.9	9.5	40.0	26.8	10.9	*	*	*	120.8
4 and under 13	87.8	29.1	62.3	43.2	19.1	5.4	4.5	*	253.1
13 and under 26	50.7	28.6	66.2	46.8	17.4	6.3	4.5		220.4
26 and under 39	41.4	29.5	69.3	51.4	21.1	9.7	5.2		227.6
39 and under 49	33.8	46.2	96.0	91.3	47.7	10.0	6.3	*	335.2
49 and under 52	18.1	28.6	61.7	58.3	28.2	7.1	5.1		207.1
52	213.1	378.8	513.5	471.1	299.7	92.7	33.8	18.7	2,021.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>650.9</b>	<b>654.7</b>	<b>1,281.7</b>	<b>1,101.3</b>	<b>761.9</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>361.1</b>	<b>959.1</b>	<b>6,143.4</b>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Nil	6.2	69.0	335.3	283.9	305.1	237.4	352.0	832.8	2,421.7
1 and under 4	*	4.6	34.9	24.6	9.1	*	4.5		81.4
4 and under 13	*	13.7	55.1	42.0	19.2	6.3	4.7	*	146.0
13 and under 26	*	15.9	62.1	43.7	16.4	9.2	6.1	*	158.0
26 and under 39	*	16.1	63.3	51.3	27.7	13.5	11.5	7.6	191.8
39 and under 49	*	23.5	108.5	120.5	70.9	17.4	13.2	11.2	366.3
49 and under 52	*	17.8	95.1	103.9	54.2	16.9	8.7	*	300.6
52	13.4	201.4	1,059.9	1,188.1	778.4	296.8	137.3	45.4	3,720.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>362.1</b>	<b>1,814.1</b>	<b>1,858.0</b>	<b>1,280.9</b>	<b>600.8</b>	<b>536.0</b>	<b>910.0</b>	<b>7,386.4</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Nil	355.8	126.8	409.2	351.0	379.9	305.7	473.5	1,548.0	3,949.9
1 and under 4	65.9	14.4	43.8	27.8	12.1	4.6	6.1		174.7
4 and under 13	188.9	50.1	73.2	48.2	24.0	8.2	8.4	4.9	405.8
13 and under 26	88.1	44.6	78.8	51.4	20.7	12.1	8.7	5.0	309.3
26 and under 39	73.4	49.0	90.8	64.3	31.8	16.8	14.3	9.3	349.7
39 and under 49	60.6	86.4	153.5	141.8	83.8	22.7	17.2	14.7	580.5
49 and under 52	34.3	67.1	131.8	117.6	62.2	20.0	12.5	*	449.8
52	461.5	874.7	1,584.3	1,427.4	941.9	362.5	166.9	62.2	5,881.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,328.4</b>	<b>1,313.1</b>	<b>2,565.3</b>	<b>2,229.4</b>	<b>1,556.2</b>	<b>752.6</b>	<b>705.1</b>	<b>1,650.8</b>	<b>12,101.1</b>

**TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)**

Time spent looking for work during the year	Did not work	Time worked during the year (weeks)						Total	Total
		1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52		
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	18.0	20.5	40.0	120.4	144.8	2,347.1	2,690.8	2,690.8
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	8.8	21.3	..	34.3	37.1
4 and under 8	*	*	*	*	29.5	..	..	34.5	35.5
8 and under 13	*	*	*	*	31.2	..	..	36.4	38.6
13 and under 26	*	*	*	34.1	5.8	..	..	41.9	44.3
26 and under 52	6.5	21.0	26.8	8.5	..	..	..	56.3	62.8
52	68.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68.3
Total	83.1	24.9	30.9	51.1	75.3	21.3	..	203.4	286.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>195.7</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>2,347.1</b>	<b>2,894.2</b>	<b>2,977.3</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	117.0	53.4	79.3	191.4	214.5	3,352.8	4,008.4	4,008.4
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	22.0	10.4	5.5	10.5	21.4	43.8	..	91.7	113.7
4 and under 8	19.2	11.7	5.1	7.6	63.2	..	..	87.6	106.8
8 and under 13	26.7	9.6	*	8.8	59.7	..	..	81.0	107.7
13 and under 26	12.7	7.4	6.4	74.2	11.9	..	..	99.8	112.5
26 and under 52	19.1	61.5	66.6	23.3	..	..	..	151.4	170.4
52	145.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	145.9
Total	245.6	100.6	86.5	124.4	156.2	43.8	..	511.5	757.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>245.6</b>	<b>217.6</b>	<b>139.9</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>347.6</b>	<b>258.3</b>	<b>3,352.8</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>	<b>4,765.5</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	121.3	103.5	114.2	200.6	133.6	1,038.9	1,712.2	1,712.2
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	38.3	7.6	6.8	6.3	9.6	10.5	..	40.8	79.1
4 and under 8	16.7	5.5	*	*	16.6	..	..	30.4	47.1
8 and under 13	13.3	*	*	*	9.5	..	..	21.1	34.4
13 and under 26	11.6	*	*	15.1	*	..	..	23.3	35.0
26 and under 52	12.5	13.7	16.6	*	..	..	..	33.9	46.4
52	33.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33.3
Total	125.8	34.7	33.7	33.2	37.4	10.5	..	149.5	275.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>137.2</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>238.0</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>1,038.9</b>	<b>1,861.6</b>	<b>1,987.4</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>									
Did not look for work	..	208.0	154.3	165.6	275.8	186.3	1,729.1	2,719.0	2,719.0
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	60.2	18.6	13.2	13.8	19.4	25.2	..	90.1	150.3
4 and under 8	36.9	14.6	7.2	11.5	41.1	..	..	74.4	111.3
8 and under 13	37.1	13.5	7.7	8.8	30.0	..	..	60.0	97.1
13 and under 26	26.3	10.0	7.6	49.7	6.4	..	..	73.7	99.9
26 and under 52	27.1	38.3	48.6	15.0	..	..	..	101.9	129.0
52	78.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78.9
Total	266.6	95.0	84.3	98.7	96.9	25.2	..	400.1	666.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>303.0</b>	<b>238.5</b>	<b>264.3</b>	<b>372.8</b>	<b>211.4</b>	<b>1,729.1</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>	<b>3,385.6</b>
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	139.3	124.0	154.3	321.0	278.4	3,386.0	4,403.0	4,403.0
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	41.0	8.9	7.7	8.2	18.4	31.9	..	75.2	116.2
4 and under 8	17.7	6.8	4.9	7.1	46.1	..	..	64.9	82.6
8 and under 13	15.5	5.0	*	7.4	40.7	..	..	57.5	73.0
13 and under 26	14.1	*	*	49.3	7.4	..	..	65.2	79.2
26 and under 52	19.0	34.6	43.4	12.2	..	..	..	90.2	109.2
52	101.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.6
Total	208.9	59.5	64.6	84.2	112.6	31.9	..	352.9	561.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>208.9</b>	<b>198.8</b>	<b>188.6</b>	<b>238.5</b>	<b>433.6</b>	<b>310.3</b>	<b>3,386.0</b>	<b>4,755.9</b>	<b>4,964.7</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>									
Did not look for work	..	325.0	207.7	244.9	467.2	400.8	5,081.8	6,727.4	6,727.4
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	82.3	29.0	18.7	24.3	40.9	69.0	..	181.8	264.0
4 and under 8	56.1	26.3	12.3	19.1	104.3	..	..	162.0	218.1
8 and under 13	63.8	23.2	10.6	17.6	89.7	..	..	141.1	204.9
13 and under 26	39.0	17.3	14.0	123.9	18.3	..	..	173.5	212.4
26 and under 52	46.2	99.8	115.2	38.3	..	..	..	253.3	299.5
52	224.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	224.8
Total	512.1	195.6	170.8	223.1	253.1	69.0	..	911.6	1,423.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>512.1</b>	<b>520.7</b>	<b>378.5</b>	<b>468.0</b>	<b>720.3</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>5,081.8</b>	<b>7,639.0</b>	<b>8,151.2</b>

**TABLE 9. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 :  
PROPORTION WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(a), AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(Per cent)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	*	49.7	49.8	39.6	41.6	40.6	39.7	41.9	40.7
20-24	23.7	22.6	23.1	26.8	25.9	26.4	26.3	24.9	25.6
25-34	11.4	15.9	13.4	19.6	21.8	20.5	14.1	17.6	15.6
35-44	8.4	13.3	10.5	16.4	20.3	18.1	9.7	14.5	11.7
45-54	7.9	8.8	8.2	13.7	14.4	14.1	8.7	10.0	9.2
55-59	8.8	6.6	8.2	15.6	*	12.6	9.8	7.3	9.1
60 and over	5.7	*	4.9	*	*	8.3	6.4	*	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>

(a) Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 1986 as a proportion of persons who were in the labour force at some time for each group.

**TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
( ' 000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Age group						Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
<b>MALES</b>									
One	305.9	434.6	955.6	909.0	644.4	505.4	2,493.8	1,261.0	3,754.8
Two	80.9	108.0	178.9	114.9	51.2	24.3	306.9	251.3	558.2
Three	16.7	30.8	40.3	21.7	7.6	*	58.6	61.4	120.0
Four or more	13.6	24.6	27.8	14.4	6.5	6.5	34.9	52.1	87.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>417.2</b>	<b>598.0</b>	<b>1,202.5</b>	<b>1,060.0</b>	<b>707.2</b>	<b>535.1</b>	<b>2,894.2</b>	<b>1,625.7</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
One	292.0	378.2	696.2	639.2	388.8	203.5	1,631.4	966.5	2,597.9
Two	74.2	95.1	106.4	77.7	24.4	5.6	179.1	204.2	383.3
Three	19.9	23.4	24.0	11.0	4.6	*	32.4	51.6	83.9
Four or more	11.8	16.5	14.8	7.9	*	*	18.8	35.1	53.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>397.9</b>	<b>513.2</b>	<b>841.3</b>	<b>735.8</b>	<b>420.1</b>	<b>210.8</b>	<b>1,861.6</b>	<b>1,257.4</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
One	597.9	812.8	1,651.7	1,548.3	1,033.2	708.9	4,125.2	2,227.5	6,352.7
Two	155.1	203.0	285.3	192.6	75.6	29.9	486.0	453.5	941.5
Three	36.6	54.2	64.2	32.7	12.2	*	91.0	112.9	203.9
Four or more	25.4	41.1	42.6	22.3	6.2	*	53.7	87.2	140.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>815.0</b>	<b>1,111.2</b>	<b>2,043.8</b>	<b>1,795.9</b>	<b>1,127.3</b>	<b>745.9</b>	<b>4,755.9</b>	<b>2,883.2</b>	<b>7,639.0</b>

**TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR  
( ' 000)**

Number of jobs held during the year	Time worked during the year (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MALES</b>								
One	51.6	125.6	95.7	131.3	221.2	177.9	2,951.4	3,754.8
Two	*	25.9	29.5	44.8	79.7	54.7	319.4	558.2
Three	*	5.2	7.3	14.9	27.4	17.0	47.5	120.0
Four or more	4.6	4.6	7.4	12.6	19.2	8.8	34.4	87.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>139.9</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>347.6</b>	<b>258.3</b>	<b>3,352.8</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
One	83.6	182.2	181.8	193.0	272.5	165.3	1,519.6	2,597.9
Two	*	23.0	38.1	46.4	69.6	33.7	168.5	383.3
Three	*	4.9	11.1	12.4	19.0	8.2	27.5	83.9
Four or more	4.5	4.5	7.5	12.5	11.7	*	13.4	53.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>238.5</b>	<b>264.3</b>	<b>372.8</b>	<b>211.4</b>	<b>1,729.1</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
One	135.2	307.8	277.5	324.3	493.7	343.2	4,471.0	6,352.7
Two	8.3	48.9	67.6	91.2	149.3	88.4	487.8	941.5
Three	*	10.1	18.4	27.4	46.5	25.2	75.1	203.9
Four or more	*	7.8	15.0	25.1	30.8	13.0	47.9	140.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>374.6</b>	<b>378.5</b>	<b>468.0</b>	<b>720.3</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>5,081.8</b>	<b>7,639.0</b>

**TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR,  
MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR  
(<sup>'000</sup>)**

Time worked during year (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons		
	Married	Not-married	Total	Married	Not-married	Total	Married	Not-married	Total
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	4.8	29.4	34.2	15.5	19.9	35.3	20.3	49.2	69.5
4 and under 13	23.4	78.4	101.9	30.8	43.9	74.7	54.3	122.3	176.5
13 and under 26	40.7	61.6	102.3	49.3	48.7	98.1	90.0	110.4	200.4
26 and under 39	69.9	83.0	152.9	46.2	57.8	104.0	116.1	140.8	256.9
39 and under 49	161.3	108.7	270.1	69.8	68.3	138.2	231.2	177.0	408.2
49 and under 52	150.8	75.2	226.0	55.5	38.4	93.8	206.2	113.6	319.8
52	2,263.9	937.3	3,201.2	681.3	576.6	1,257.8	2,945.2	1,513.8	4,459.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,714.8</b>	<b>1,373.6</b>	<b>4,088.4</b>	<b>948.4</b>	<b>853.5</b>	<b>1,801.9</b>	<b>3,663.3</b>	<b>2,227.1</b>	<b>5,890.3</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY FULL-TIME</b>									
1 and under 13	*	6.5	7.6	*	6.5	9.8	*	13.0	17.3
13 and under 26	*	6.6	10.9	9.6	7.6	17.2	13.9	14.2	28.1
26 and under 39	8.9	7.7	16.6	10.3	10.0	20.3	19.2	17.7	36.9
39 and under 49	17.5	14.8	32.3	16.0	11.1	27.1	33.5	25.8	59.3
49 and under 52	8.7	7.4	16.1	5.6	*	9.5	14.3	11.3	25.6
52	44.6	22.2	66.9	34.2	18.0	52.2	78.8	40.3	119.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>150.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>136.0</b>	<b>164.1</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>286.3</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS MOSTLY PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 13	*	*	4.7	*	4.9	7.4	*	8.6	12.0
13 and under 26	*	*	4.8	7.2	5.8	13.0	8.4	9.3	17.8
26 and under 39	*	6.3	7.9	7.8	5.9	13.8	9.5	12.2	21.7
39 and under 49	*	5.1	7.5	8.8	9.2	18.0	11.1	14.3	25.5
49 and under 52	*	*	*	9.3	5.4	14.6	10.4	7.6	18.0
52	*	9.2	13.3	23.3	13.6	36.9	27.4	22.9	50.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>145.2</b>
<b>TIME WORKED WAS ALL PART-TIME</b>									
1 and under 4	4.9	17.1	22.0	30.5	22.6	53.1	35.4	39.7	75.1
4 and under 13	7.7	39.7	47.4	73.4	49.4	122.8	81.1	89.1	170.2
13 and under 26	5.2	16.8	22.0	71.1	39.2	110.3	76.3	56.0	132.3
26 and under 39	10.6	15.7	26.3	83.1	43.1	126.2	93.7	58.7	152.5
39 and under 49	14.4	23.3	37.7	143.4	46.2	189.6	157.8	69.5	227.3
49 and under 52	5.6	7.3	12.9	73.8	19.7	93.5	79.4	27.1	106.4
52	34.5	37.0	71.4	300.2	81.9	382.1	334.7	118.9	453.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>156.9</b>	<b>239.8</b>	<b>775.5</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>1,077.5</b>	<b>858.3</b>	<b>458.9</b>	<b>1,317.3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
1 and under 4	9.7	46.9	56.5	46.1	43.4	89.5	55.8	90.3	146.1
4 and under 13	33.2	127.9	161.1	109.8	103.7	213.5	143.0	231.6	374.6
13 and under 26	51.4	88.6	139.9	137.2	101.3	238.5	188.6	189.9	378.5
26 and under 39	91.1	112.6	203.7	147.4	116.8	264.3	238.5	229.5	468.0
39 and under 49	195.7	151.9	347.6	238.0	134.8	372.8	433.6	286.7	720.3
49 and under 52	166.2	92.2	258.3	144.1	67.3	211.4	310.3	159.5	469.8
52	2,347.1	1,005.7	3,352.8	1,038.9	690.1	1,729.1	3,386.0	1,695.8	5,081.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,894.2</b>	<b>1,625.7</b>	<b>4,520.0</b>	<b>1,861.6</b>	<b>1,257.4</b>	<b>3,119.1</b>	<b>4,755.9</b>	<b>2,883.2</b>	<b>7,639.0</b>

**TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
( ' 000)**

Age group	Married			Not-married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	*	7.8	9.1	197.0	190.2	387.2	198.4	198.0	396.3
20-24	26.9	40.7	67.6	140.0	96.2	236.2	166.9	136.8	303.7
25-34	96.0	101.5	197.5	80.0	58.8	138.8	176.0	160.3	336.2
35-44	77.2	87.5	164.7	28.2	26.8	55.0	105.4	114.3	219.7
45-54	49.4	30.8	80.2	14.6	13.6	28.2	64.0	44.4	108.4
55-59	23.6	6.3	29.9	7.0	*	10.6	30.6	9.9	40.5
60 and over	12.0	*	12.8	*	*	6.1	15.9	*	18.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>275.3</b>	<b>561.8</b>	<b>470.6</b>	<b>391.4</b>	<b>862.0</b>	<b>757.1</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>

**TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
AGE AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Age group	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							52	Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52				
— ' 000 —										
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>										
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	5.1	5.0	*	6.0	4.9	26.9	22.4	
25-34	*	10.5	14.2	12.2	16.0	22.7	16.7	96.0	22.8	
35-44	*	6.5	10.0	11.1	14.1	13.9	17.9	77.2	24.1	
45-54	4.9		*	6.5	8.4	13.2	13.5	49.4	29.5	
55 and over	*	*	7.1		*	6.6	14.9	35.6	31.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>25.4</b>	
<b>ALL MALES</b>										
15-19	16.4	24.0	36.6	33.6	24.8	38.3	24.8	198.4	18.7	
20-24	9.8	15.8	23.4	26.3	27.4	43.0	21.2	166.9	21.2	
25-34	8.3	16.9	24.6	22.4	28.0	42.2	33.5	176.0	23.6	
35-44	*	7.6	13.8	13.9	18.5	22.4	24.9	105.4	25.3	
45-54	5.8		4.6	7.3	9.4	16.3	20.6	64.0	31.1	
55 and over	4.7		8.1		*	8.3	20.8	46.4	33.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>757.1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>										
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.8	23.8	
20-24	*	7.2	8.3	7.1	5.9	6.3	*	40.7	14.2	
25-34	15.0	15.6	17.2	14.2	13.0	14.9	11.6	101.5	16.0	
35-44	14.4	13.1	15.3	9.7	10.3	14.9	9.7	87.5	16.6	
45-54	7.0		5.6	*	*	7.2	5.6	30.8	21.5	
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.1	24.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>275.3</b>	<b>17.0</b>	
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>										
15-19	16.2	22.5	34.2	35.5	32.3	39.0	18.2	198.0	17.6	
20-24	7.3	15.3	20.9	21.8	24.1	29.6	17.9	136.8	20.0	
25-34	21.3	21.6	28.8	22.5	23.2	25.9	16.9	160.3	16.4	
35-44	15.9	16.3	18.8	12.7	14.5	21.4	14.5	114.3	17.9	
45-54	4.6	5.1	6.9	*	4.5	10.6	8.8	44.4	22.9	
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.9	20.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>18.3</b>	
<b>MARRIED PERSONS</b>										
15-19	*	*	*	*	4.5		*	9.1	25.6	
20-24	5.5	8.3	13.4	12.1	8.4	12.4	7.5	67.6	17.5	
25-34	18.7	26.1	31.4	26.4	29.0	37.5	28.3	197.5	19.3	
35-44	18.2	19.6	25.3	20.8	24.5	28.8	27.6	164.7	20.1	
45-54	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.7	11.5	20.4	19.1	80.2	26.4	
55 and over	6.2		7.8		*	7.9	17.1	42.7	30.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>561.8</b>	<b>21.3</b>	
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>										
15-19	32.6	46.6	70.7	69.1	57.1	77.2	43.0	396.3	18.2	
20-24	17.1	31.2	44.3	48.1	51.4	72.5	39.1	303.7	20.7	
25-34	29.7	38.5	53.5	44.8	51.2	68.1	50.4	336.2	20.1	
35-44	20.2	23.9	32.6	26.6	33.1	43.8	39.5	219.7	21.5	
45-54	6.8	8.8	11.4	11.1	13.9	26.9	29.4	108.4	27.7	
55 and over	8.7		5.5	5.2	5.7	10.9	23.5	59.3	30.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>204.9</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>299.5</b>	<b>224.8</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	

**TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 :  
FAMILY STATUS AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Family status	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							52	Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52			
	— '000—									(weeks)
Member of a family	93.4	126.3	176.7	170.4	166.1	229.9	179.6	1,142.5	20.6	
Husband or wife	47.8	62.2	76.6	70.9	75.5	102.5	98.9	534.5	21.4	
With children aged 0-14 present	31.9	42.0	50.3	44.9	49.4	62.1	59.8	340.4	20.7	
Without children aged 0-14 present	15.9	20.2	26.3	26.0	26.2	40.4	39.1	194.1	22.6	
Not-married family head	7.3	7.0	9.7	8.3	10.9	15.7	11.1	70.0	21.1	
With children aged 0-14 present	6.4	5.4	7.6	5.4	7.0	10.7	7.2	49.6	19.7	
Without children aged 0-14 present	*	*	5.1	*	*	5.0	*	20.4	24.6	
Child of family head	35.4	55.1	86.8	87.4	75.2	102.1	61.8	503.7	19.3	
Other relative of family head	5.0		7.3		4.6	9.6	7.8	34.3	25.0	
Not a member of a family	10.8	18.7	27.6	25.0	35.6	50.8	32.8	201.3	22.6	
Living alone	*	6.2	7.6	6.6	11.7	17.9	14.0	67.3	24.7	
Not living alone	7.4	12.5	20.0	18.4	23.9	32.9	18.8	134.0	21.6	
Not family coded	6.5	8.4	13.7	9.5	10.7	18.7	12.4	79.9	21.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>204.9</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>299.5</b>	<b>224.8</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	

**TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 :  
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR**

Educational attainment	Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)							52	Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52			
	— '000—									(weeks)
With post-school qualifications(a)	36.0	48.8	68.7	66.7	72.6	85.1	46.5	424.5	18.6	
Degree	5.8	11.8	13.4	12.9	11.0	10.0	5.6	70.6	14.8	
Trade; technical or other certificate	28.1	35.8	53.7	48.2	58.1	67.7	36.9	328.4	19.0	
Without post-school qualifications(b)	59.3	92.7	133.0	123.9	133.0	205.6	173.3	920.8	22.7	
Attended highest level of secondary school available	17.8	28.7	42.0	37.6	30.7	36.6	26.3	219.8	17.5	
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	41.5	63.8	90.7	85.9	101.6	168.7	145.7	698.0	24.3	
Left school at age—										
16 years and over	16.3	22.5	42.0	40.0	43.4	71.4	41.7	277.4	22.1	
15 years and under	25.2	41.3	48.7	45.9	58.2	97.2	104.0	420.6	25.8	
Still at school	15.4	11.9	16.4	14.3	6.8	8.8	5.0	78.4	12.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>	<b>204.9</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>299.5</b>	<b>224.8</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	

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

**TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986 : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK ('000)**

Educational attainment	Number of spells of looking for work					Total
	One	Two	Three	Four or more	52	
With post-school qualifications(a)	341.6	43.1	15.3	24.5	424.5	
Degree	58.1	6.6	5.9	70.6		
Trade; technical or other certificate	263.7	32.9	12.8	19.0	328.4	
Without post-school qualifications(b)	770.4	83.3	24.4	42.6	920.8	
Attended highest level of secondary school available	187.5	18.4	5.2	8.6	219.8	
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	579.9	64.9	19.2	33.9	698.0	
Left school at age—						
16 years and over	226.2	31.4	7.4	12.4	277.4	
15 years and under	353.7	33.5	11.8	21.5	420.6	
Still at school	66.5	5.8	6.2	78.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,178.5</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>	

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

**TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE**

Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks)	Age group						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
<b>ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	—' 000 —						
1 and under 2	32.6	17.1	29.7	20.2	6.8	*	110.7
2 and under 4	41.6	28.3	35.8	21.1	7.6	*	138.4
4 and under 8	60.5	36.7	45.7	25.6	7.9	4.9	181.3
8 and under 13	60.3	38.3	33.9	21.6	8.0	*	166.4
13 and under 26	40.2	34.0	36.5	21.0	11.9	*	147.4
26 and under 52	54.2	49.0	48.8	28.4	21.5	7.6	209.5
52	43.0	39.1	50.4	39.4	29.4	23.5	224.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>332.4</b>	<b>242.6</b>	<b>280.9</b>	<b>177.3</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>1,178.5</b>
	—weeks—						
Average time looked for work	17.7	20.7	20.1	21.8	29.2	31.3	21.0
Median time looked for work	10	13	12	13	32	39	13
<b>TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	—' 000 —						
2 and under 4	5.8		*	*	*	*	11.0
4 and under 13	10.3	8.6	7.7	*	*	*	33.3
13 and under 26	10.2	9.6	8.0	4.6	*	*	34.5
26 and under 52	14.9	15.1	12.2	6.7	*	*	53.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>132.1</b>
	—weeks—						
Average time looked for work	21.5	21.7	22.0	21.6	22.2	*	21.7
Median time looked for work	21	22	22	21	20	*	22
<b>THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK</b>							
	—' 000 —						
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 and under 13	8.7	8.8	11.0	8.0	5.3	*	41.9
13 and under 26	6.7	7.8	6.7	7.5	*	*	30.5
26 and under 52	8.1	8.5	7.1	8.7	*	*	36.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>113.1</b>
	—weeks—						
Average time looked for work	19.3	19.1	18.0	19.3	15.1	*	18.8
Median time looked for work	16	18	15	16	11	*	16
<b>TOTAL</b>							
	—' 000 —						
1 and under 2	32.6	17.1	29.7	20.2	6.8	*	110.7
2 and under 4	46.6	31.2	38.5	23.9	8.8	*	153.4
4 and under 8	70.7	44.3	53.5	32.6	11.4	5.5	218.1
8 and under 13	69.1	48.1	44.8	26.6	11.1	5.2	204.9
13 and under 26	57.1	51.4	51.2	33.1	13.9	5.7	212.4
26 and under 52	77.2	72.5	68.1	43.8	26.9	10.9	299.5
52	43.0	39.1	50.4	39.4	29.4	23.5	224.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>396.3</b>	<b>303.7</b>	<b>336.2</b>	<b>219.7</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>1,423.7</b>
	—weeks—						
Average time looked for work	18.2	20.7	20.1	21.5	27.7	30.3	20.9
Median time looked for work	11	14	13	14	27	33	14

TABLE 19. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
AGE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE  
( ' 000)

Age group	Time out of the labour force (weeks)						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
<b>MARRIED MALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	16.3
25-34	48.3	35.5	8.9	6.0	5.1	*	14.9	120.4
35-44	52.1	38.9	7.4	4.5	*	*	22.9	129.8
45-54	31.7	28.8	8.6	*	4.7		40.6	118.4
55-59	11.0	10.1	*	6.9	*	*	48.0	83.6
60-64	6.5	8.6	8.0	5.4	6.3		141.2	174.7
65 and over	*	8.8	6.6	4.5	}		457.3	483.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>158.9</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>726.4</b>	<b>1,127.2</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>								
15-19	16.2	24.4	28.6	35.4	109.0	38.0	177.7	429.2
20-24	38.5	37.9	16.3	17.3	25.1	4.9	22.5	162.5
25-34	70.1	56.9	19.1	13.2	13.3	4.8		36.5
35-44	59.3	48.7	11.9	6.8	5.6	}		38.5
45-54	34.0	34.0	9.9	5.9	5.1	*		62.1
55-59	12.9	12.2	4.8	8.5	*	*		67.3
60-64	9.2	9.6	9.7	6.6	4.5	*		169.6
65 and over	*	9.7	8.1	4.9	5.1		618.1	648.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>242.7</b>	<b>233.5</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>1,192.1</b>	<b>2,097.8</b>
<b>MARRIED FEMALES</b>								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.2	11.1
20-24	10.6	17.5	12.7	15.5	16.1	4.5	67.5	144.4
25-34	46.8	67.8	45.8	61.0	58.8	33.1	320.4	633.8
35-44	51.8	77.0	34.5	46.1	45.7	24.1	260.9	540.1
45-54	22.5	37.0	16.9	17.4	17.2	8.4	264.6	384.0
55-59	5.9	6.7	6.2	5.3	4.6	*	189.4	220.4
60-64	5.3		5.3		*	*	210.8	224.0
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	375.5	380.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>141.8</b>	<b>210.9</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>1,695.3</b>	<b>2,538.6</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>								
15-19	18.1	31.7	34.4	52.8	94.8	27.9	178.1	437.8
20-24	28.6	42.8	27.2	28.8	34.7	9.5	104.4	275.9
25-34	61.7	88.8	61.8	72.8	70.3	40.0	372.7	768.2
35-44	58.3	86.1	41.5	54.2	50.9	26.8	312.5	630.2
45-54	28.2	44.3	18.6	21.1	21.3	10.9	317.8	462.2
55-59	7.1	9.1	8.7	7.0	6.5	*	238.3	280.0
60-64	5.1		5.9		4.5	*	304.0	327.3
65 and over	}		}		}		929.9	940.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>207.1</b>	<b>310.7</b>	<b>198.1</b>	<b>242.7</b>	<b>284.8</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>2,757.8</b>	<b>4,121.9</b>
<b>ALL PERSONS</b>								
15-19	34.3	56.0	62.9	88.2	203.8	65.9	355.8	867.0
20-24	67.1	80.7	43.5	46.1	59.7	14.4	126.8	438.4
25-34	131.8	145.8	80.9	86.0	83.6	43.8	409.2	981.1
35-44	117.6	134.8	53.4	61.0	56.5	27.8	351.0	802.1
45-54	62.2	78.3	28.5	27.0	26.4	12.1	379.9	614.3
55-59	20.0	21.4	13.5	15.6	9.3	4.6	305.7	390.1
60-64	12.5	14.8	13.8	10.9	9.0	6.1		473.5
65 and over	*	12.4	9.9	6.6	4.9	}		1,548.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>449.8</b>	<b>544.2</b>	<b>306.5</b>	<b>341.4</b>	<b>453.3</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>3,949.9</b>	<b>6,219.7</b>

**TABLE 20. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE**  
( ' 000)

Main activity when out of the labour force	Time out of the labour force (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	
<b>MALES</b>								
Housewife/home duties	*	7.1	5.0		*	*	47.7	65.3
Attended an educational institution	4.7	18.4	30.7	43.1	133.3	42.8	199.1	472.1
Own ill health/injury	19.0	29.3	16.9	8.0	5.8	*	118.0	200.8
Retired, voluntarily inactive	63.2	79.0	34.1	33.9	20.7	5.5	765.7	1,002.3
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	33.0	34.3
Unpaid leave	128.1	81.3	12.8	*	*	*	*	226.7
Other	24.1	18.1	11.4	8.5	5.6	*	27.8	96.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>242.7</b>	<b>233.5</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>1,192.1</b>	<b>2,097.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>								
Housewife/home duties	41.1	141.5	115.8	158.6	158.8	79.8	2,223.3	2,918.9
Attended an educational institution	6.2	20.5	38.1	56.0	110.5	33.3	190.1	454.8
Own ill health/injury	16.0	17.3	10.2	7.0	5.5	*	53.7	109.6
Retired, voluntarily inactive	44.6	49.2	18.4	13.6	6.7	*	234.8	371.1
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.1	15.5
Unpaid leave	88.8	74.4	9.9	*	*	*	*	178.4
Other	10.3	7.9	5.6	*	5.9		40.4	73.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>207.1</b>	<b>310.7</b>	<b>198.1</b>	<b>242.7</b>	<b>284.8</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>2,757.8</b>	<b>4,121.9</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>								
Housewife/home duties	44.6	148.6	118.0	161.4	160.0	80.7	2,270.9	2,984.2
Attended an educational institution	10.9	39.0	68.8	99.2	243.8	76.1	389.2	926.9
Own ill health/injury	35.0	46.5	27.1	15.0	9.0	6.0	171.8	310.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive	107.9	128.2	52.6	47.5	27.4	9.3	1,000.5	1,373.4
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	48.1	49.8
Unpaid leave	217.0	155.6	22.7	5.9	*	*	*	405.1
Other	34.4	25.9	17.0	12.0	10.0	*	68.1	169.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>449.8</b>	<b>544.2</b>	<b>306.5</b>	<b>341.4</b>	<b>453.3</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>3,949.9</b>	<b>6,219.7</b>

**TABLE 21. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1986:  
MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE**  
( ' 000)

Main activity when out of the labour force	Age group								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
<b>MALES</b>									
Housewife/home duties	*	*	8.8	7.9	4.7	5.0	9.4	27.2	65.3
Attended an educational institution	384.9	60.0	19.8	*	*	*	*	*	472.1
Own ill health/injury	5.7	14.4	29.4	37.9	45.1	28.5	21.8	18.1	200.8
Retired, voluntarily inactive	19.2	35.0	58.8	47.5	46.1	53.9	160.6	581.3	1,002.3
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	4.8	6.7	6.4	4.8	7.1	34.3
Unpaid leave	11.7	33.3	65.1	54.8	37.1	12.3	8.4	*	226.7
Other	7.2	16.9	27.8	15.3	10.5	*	5.1	9.6	96.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>429.2</b>	<b>162.5</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>171.9</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>210.9</b>	<b>648.3</b>	<b>2,097.8</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>									
Housewife/home duties	23.1	150.8	627.7	510.5	380.6	240.5	277.2	708.4	2,918.9
Attended an educational institution	369.1	51.1	16.7	9.9	5.3	*	*	*	454.8
Own ill health/injury	6.9	10.0	17.5	17.4	19.2	7.5	5.5	25.6	109.6
Retired, voluntarily inactive	19.9	30.6	40.0	28.4	17.0	17.3	33.4	184.7	371.1
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.1	15.5
Unpaid leave	10.7	23.5	54.5	49.9	30.8	5.5	*	*	178.4
Other	7.1	8.8	9.9	12.1	9.9	6.9	7.1	11.8	73.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>437.8</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>768.2</b>	<b>630.2</b>	<b>462.2</b>	<b>280.0</b>	<b>327.3</b>	<b>940.4</b>	<b>4,121.9</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>									
Housewife/home duties	23.7	152.4	636.5	518.4	385.3	245.6	286.7	735.6	2,984.2
Attended an educational institution	754.0	111.1	36.5	13.7	5.5	*	*	*	926.9
Own ill health/injury	12.6	24.4	46.9	55.3	64.3	36.0	27.3	43.7	310.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive	39.1	65.6	98.8	75.8	63.1	71.1	194.0	766.0	1,373.4
Permanently unable to work	*	*	5.2	6.9	7.7	7.0	5.6	14.2	49.8
Unpaid leave	22.4	56.8	119.6	104.7	67.9	17.9	10.1	5.7	405.1
Other	14.3	25.7	37.7	27.3	20.4	10.8	12.2	21.4	169.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>867.0</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>981.1</b>	<b>802.1</b>	<b>614.3</b>	<b>390.1</b>	<b>538.2</b>	<b>1,588.6</b>	<b>6,219.7</b>

## ADDITIONAL TABLES

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

### Civilian population

- Time in the labour force during the year—
- A1 Labour force status at February 1986 and age
- A2 Marital status
- A3 Birthplace and year of arrival (if born overseas)
- Time worked during the year—
- A4 Age
- A5 Family status
- A6 Birthplace and year of arrival (if born overseas)
- Time out of the labour force—
- A7 Age and family status
- A8 Educational attainment and age

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

- Time worked during the year—
- A9 Full-time/part-time status during the year
- A10 Number of jobs held and time in the labour force during the year
- A11 Industry at the end of the year
- A12 Occupation at the end of the year

### Persons who had a job at February 1986

- Time worked during the year—
- A13 Occupation of current job
- A14 Industry of current job

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

- Time spent looking for work during the year—
- A15 Age and labour force status at February 1986
- A16 Age and number of spells of looking for work
- Number of spells of looking for work—
- A17 Age and marital status

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

- Main activity when out of the labour force—
- A18 Age
- A19 Family status
- A20 Birthplace and year of arrival (if born overseas)

### Persons who worked in their current job for one year or longer who did not work for the whole year ending February 1986—

- A21 Occupation, full-time/part-time status and time out of the labour force

## TECHNICAL NOTE

**Estimation procedure**

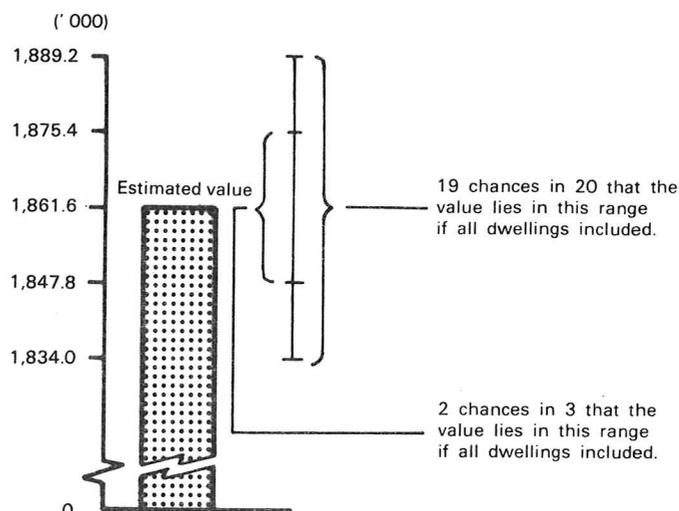
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution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

**Reliability of the estimates**

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

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

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending February 1986 was 1,861,600. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 11,200 and 14,200, and can be approximated as 13,800 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 1,847,800 to 1,875,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 1,834,000 and 1,889,200. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,682,800) is shown in Table 2 as 50.5 per cent. The standard error for 3,682,800 is approximately 16,900 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 1,861,600 is 0.8 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is  $\sqrt{(0.8)^2 - (0.5)^2}$  or 0.6 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (50.5 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 50.2 per cent and 50.8 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 49.9 per cent to 51.1 per cent.

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

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

While this formula is strictly applicable only to differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error* and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

#### STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Relative standard error (per cent)	
1,500						350				
1,800						380		410		
2,000						400	490	420		
2,500				580	620	440	540	460		
3,000				630	670	470	580	490		
3,500			860	680	720	500	610	520		
4,000			920	720	760	530	650	550		
4,500			970	760	800	560	680	570	1,050	23.9
5,000	1,200	1,250	1,000	790	840	580	710	590	1,150	22.7
6,000	1,350	1,350	1,100	860	900	630	760	630	1,250	20.7
7,000	1,450	1,450	1,200	910	970	670	810	670	1,350	19.2
10,000	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,150	1,100	770	920	750	1,600	16.0
20,000	2,300	2,250	1,900	1,400	1,500	990	1,200	940	2,250	11.1
50,000	3,350	3,300	2,700	1,950	2,100	1,350	1,650	1,200	3,400	6.8
100,000	4,450	4,300	3,550	2,500	2,700	1,650	2,100	1,450	4,550	4.6
200,000	5,900	5,500	4,550	3,150	3,400	2,050		1,700	6,100	3.0
300,000	6,800	6,300	5,200	3,600	3,850				7,100	2.4
500,000	8,300	7,500	6,100	4,200	4,500				8,700	1.7
1,000,000	10,600	9,300	7,600						11,200	1.1
2,000,000	13,400	11,400							14,200	0.7
5,000,000	18,000	14,600							19,100	0.4
10,000,000									23,500	0.2
12,000,000									24,700	0.2
15,000,000									26,300	0.2





