



PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents information about persons who are not in the labour force: that is, neither employed nor unemployed. The data measure the potential supply of labour not reflected in employment and unemployment statistics.

Many people not in the labour force could be considered to have some attachment to the labour force. They would like to work, but for a variety of reasons are not actively looking for work or are not currently available to start a job. There is an expectation that many of these people will move into the labour force in the short term, or could do so if labour market conditions changed.

The conceptual framework which follows separates persons not in the labour force into more detailed categories, depending on the strength of their attachment to the labour force.

Statistics in this publication were obtained from the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey, conducted throughout Australia in September 2002 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey.

This survey provides information about persons aged 15–69 years who were not in the labour force. The survey collected details about whether they wanted to work, about reasons why they were not actively looking for work, about their availability for work, and about their main activity while not in the labour force.

ROUNDING

As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASCO	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
ILO	International Labour Organisation
LFS	Labour Force Survey
RSE	relative standard error
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE	standard error

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CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

The civilian population can be split into two mutually exclusive groups: the labour force (employed and unemployed persons) and persons not in the labour force.

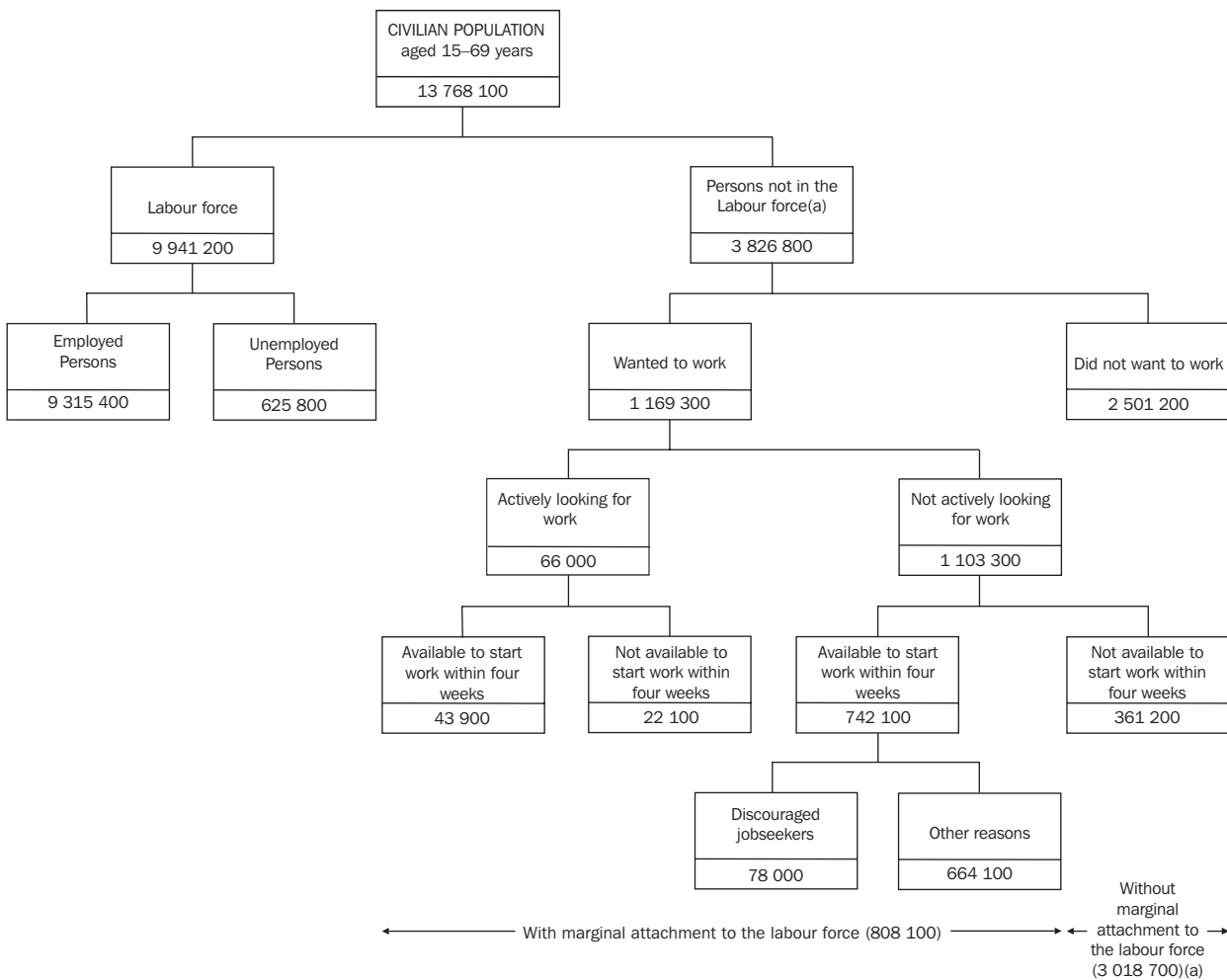
Persons not in the labour force can be split into those who are marginally attached to the labour force, and those who are not. Persons who are marginally attached may satisfy some, but not all, of the criteria required to be classified as unemployed.

Persons not in the labour force are considered to be marginally attached to the labour force if they:

- want to work and are actively looking for work but are not available to start work in the reference week
- want to work and are not actively looking for work but are available to start work within four weeks.

Persons not in the labour force are not marginally attached if they:

- do not want to work
- want to work but are not actively looking and are not available to start work within four weeks.



(a) Includes 156,300 persons who were permanently unable to work.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

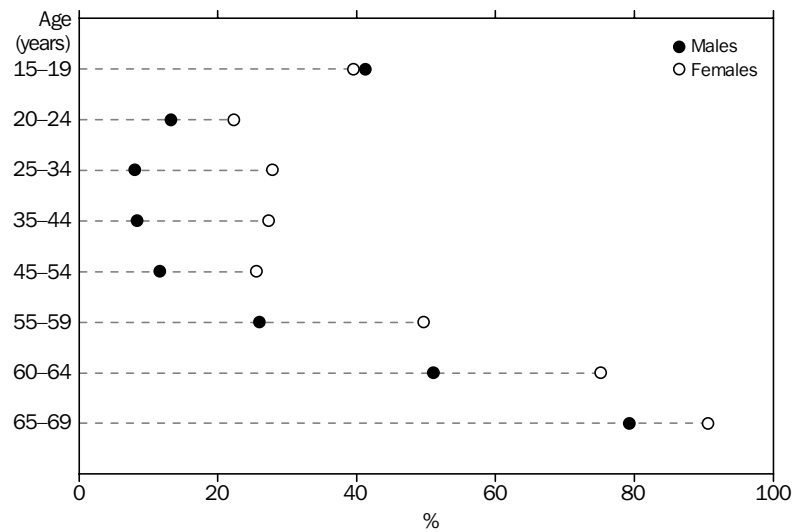
OVERVIEW

In September 2002, there were 3,826,800 persons aged 15–69 years who were not in the labour force. This represented 28% of the civilian population in this age group. Of those not in the labour force, almost two-thirds (64%) were female.

Between September 2001 and September 2002, the number of males who were not in the labour force rose by 56,800 (4%) and the number of females who were not in the labour force rose by 4,800 (0.2%). The net rise of 61,600 persons represents an increase of just over 1.6%. The number of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force decreased by 1% between September 2001 and September 2002, and follows on from a 1% decrease in the corresponding previous twelve month period.

The proportion of persons who were not in the labour force varied according to age. In the 15–19 years age group, where there are high levels of participation in education, the proportion was 40% for both males and females. In all other age groups, there were more females than males not in the labour force. The proportion of females who were not in the labour force remained steady at around 27% for those aged 25 to 54 years, before increasing sharply to 50% for those aged 55–59 years. For males, the proportion progressively increased after the 35–44 years range.

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, PROPORTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION



MARGINAL ATTACHMENT

Of the 808,100 persons who had marginal attachment to the labour force in September 2002, 92% were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks. The remainder were actively looking for work but were not available to start work in the reference week.

Some 22% of females and 19% of males not in the labour force had a marginal attachment to the labour force. The proportion with marginal attachment decreased by one percentage point for both males and females from September 2001.

Over two-thirds (69%) of females with marginal attachment to the labour force would have preferred part-time work, while 17% preferred full-time work. Males in this group were more evenly distributed, with 45% preferring part-time work and 37% preferring full-time work. The remainder had no preference, or were undecided.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Main reason for not actively looking for work

The reasons for not actively looking for work most commonly reported by males were 'attending an educational institution' (27%) and 'own ill health or physical disability' (17%). The most commonly reported reasons for females were 'childcare' (30%) and 'attending an educational institution' (14%).

Discouraged jobseekers

At September 2002 there were 78,000 discouraged jobseekers. Sixty seven per cent of these said that they intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months. Females made up more than two-thirds of all discouraged jobseekers (69%). Of male discouraged jobseekers who previously had a job, 6% had not had a job for 10 years or more, compared with 29% for females.

Ninety six per cent of discouraged jobseekers were aged under 65 years of age. Females made up 69% of all discouraged jobseekers under 65 years of age, with half (50%) of these in the 35–54 age group. Of male discouraged jobseekers under 65, 41% were aged 55–64 years.

For all discouraged jobseekers, the main reasons reported for not actively looking for work were 'considered too young or too old by employers' (37%), 'no jobs in locality or line of work' (23%) and 'lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience' (22%). For female discouraged jobseekers, 26% gave the reason 'lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience' compared to 14% of males. Thirty two per cent of males gave the reason 'no jobs in locality or line or work' compared to 19% of females.

PERSONS WITHOUT MARGINAL ATTACHMENT

Of the 3,018,700 persons who were without marginal attachment to the labour force in September 2002, the majority (83%) were persons who did not want to work, while a further 5% were permanently unable to work. Of those persons who did not want to work, 34% said their main activity was 'home duties or childcare', 28% said 'retired or voluntarily inactive', and 19% said 'attending an educational institution'.

There were 361,200 persons who wanted to work but were neither actively looking for work nor available to start work within four weeks. Forty three per cent reported that their main activity was 'home duties or childcare', while 27% said 'attending and educational institution'. Twenty four per cent of persons who wanted to work but were neither actively looking for work nor available to start work within four weeks, reported that they had a job less than 12 months ago. Of these 361,200 persons, almost two-thirds (64%) were females.

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CIVILIAN POPULATION, Labour force status

	Sep 1997	Sep 1998	Sep 1999	Sep 2000	Sep 2001(a)	Sep 2002(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(b)	6 433.9	6 525.1	6 594.5	6 711.1	6 791.8	6 901.1
Persons in the labour force	5 194.7	5 295.7	5 329.0	5 424.7	5 461.5	5 514.0
Employed	4 730.3	4 854.0	4 926.7	5 054.9	5 067.7	5 160.6
Unemployed	464.4	441.7	402.3	369.8	393.8	353.4
Persons not in the labour force	1 239.2	1 229.4	1 265.5	1 286.4	1 330.3	1 387.1
With marginal attachment to the labour force	259.5	282.3	267.0	255.1	259.7	263.0
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	24.4	27.8	27.8	28.6	31.3	30.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	14.6	12.6	18.3	21.6	21.5	20.9
Were not available to start work within four weeks	9.8	15.2	9.5	7.1	9.8	9.2
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	235.1	254.5	239.1	226.4	228.4	232.9
Discouraged jobseekers	39.7	36.7	36.9	32.4	28.3	24.4
Other	195.4	217.8	202.2	194.0	200.1	208.5
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(c)	979.7	947.2	998.6	1 031.4	1 070.6	1 124.2
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	101.1	95.6	107.6	118.8	111.2	129.6
Did not want to work	819.7	789.0	838.5	837.9	843.5	894.0
FEMALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(b)	6 451.1	6 499.9	6 610.7	6 687.8	6 763.9	6 866.9
Persons in the labour force	3 996.2	4 090.6	4 163.8	4 289.6	4 329.0	4 427.2
Employed	3 674.7	3 772.2	3 855.4	4 027.9	4 055.3	4 154.8
Unemployed	321.5	318.4	308.4	261.7	273.6	272.4
Persons not in the labour force	2 454.9	2 409.3	2 446.9	2 398.2	2 434.9	2 439.7
With marginal attachment to the labour force	630.9	640.4	616.2	568.8	556.8	545.2
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	28.9	31.0	37.4	28.2	34.1	36.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	21.1	20.6	27.2	20.4	23.6	23.0
Were not available to start work within four weeks	7.8	10.3	10.2	7.8	10.5	13.0
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	602.0	609.4	578.8	540.6	522.7	509.2
Discouraged jobseekers	78.7	74.3	68.9	74.1	53.3	53.6
Other	523.4	535.1	509.9	466.6	469.4	455.6
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(c)	1 824.0	1 769.0	1 830.7	1 829.4	1 878.1	1 894.6
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	197.6	191.5	202.2	216.6	202.5	231.6
Did not want to work	1 595.6	1 548.7	1 595.2	1 570.6	1 615.5	1 607.2

(a) Comparability of 2001 and 2002 estimates with previous years, for persons not in the labour force who wanted to work (in particular discouraged jobseekers), may have been affected by minor changes to the questionnaire. See paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

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(c) Includes persons who were permanently unable to work.

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(b)	12 885.1	13 025.1	13 205.1	13 398.8	13 555.7	13 768.1
Persons in the labour force	9 190.9	9 386.3	9 492.7	9 714.2	9 790.4	9 941.2
Employed	8 405.0	8 626.2	8 782.0	9 082.8	9 123.0	9 315.4
Unemployed	785.9	760.1	710.7	631.4	667.5	625.8
Persons not in the labour force	3 694.2	3 638.8	3 712.4	3 684.6	3 765.2	3 826.8
With marginal attachment to the labour force	890.5	922.6	883.2	823.9	816.5	808.1
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	53.3	58.7	65.2	56.8	65.4	66.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	35.7	33.2	45.5	42.0	45.1	43.9
Were not available to start work within four weeks	17.6	25.5	19.7	14.8	20.3	22.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	837.2	863.9	818.0	767.1	751.1	742.1
Discouraged jobseekers	118.4	110.9	105.8	106.5	81.7	78.0
Other	718.7	753.0	712.2	660.6	669.5	664.1
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(c)	2 803.7	2 716.1	2 829.2	2 860.7	2 948.7	3 018.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	298.7	287.1	309.8	335.5	313.7	361.2
Did not want to work	2 415.4	2 337.6	2 433.7	2 408.5	2 458.9	2 501.2

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PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, Main activity

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)							Total
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
MALES								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*3.1	*4.2	7.5	25.5	45.1	113.2	205.0	403.6
Home duties or childcare	*1.3	13.7	28.0	15.3	12.5	14.2	11.2	96.2
Attending an educational institution	339.7	45.0	11.0	*4.5	**0.3	—	**0.2	400.7
Own disability or handicap	11.2	16.5	22.3	33.6	22.7	15.8	5.9	128.0
Own illness or injury	7.7	18.5	35.4	49.9	43.2	42.6	11.7	209.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.6	*3.8	6.0	7.8	*2.9	*5.3	*4.6	31.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	5.9	6.5	*4.5	6.2	9.2	9.7	15.1	57.2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*1.1	*1.5	*1.0	*1.8	*3.6	5.7	8.0	22.6
Other	6.6	6.1	*5.6	9.7	*3.1	*4.4	*3.2	38.7
Total	377.3	115.9	121.2	154.2	142.5	210.9	265.0	1 387.1
FEMALES								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*1.7	*2.3	*3.8	28.0	61.6	122.3	158.1	377.7
Home duties or childcare	82.9	334.6	332.2	214.3	120.4	127.1	111.0	1 322.5
Attending an educational institution	304.3	30.2	20.6	10.6	*3.4	*1.3	*1.0	371.3
Own disability or handicap	*4.7	10.8	7.0	16.4	10.5	*4.6	*4.1	58.1
Own illness or injury	*5.4	10.2	17.8	37.0	24.9	16.1	6.9	118.4
Looking after ill or disabled person	—	*4.3	9.6	19.3	20.9	12.3	7.8	74.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	6.0	6.2	*2.7	6.2	11.9	11.2	13.6	57.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*1.3	*1.3	*4.1	*5.6	8.7	11.4	11.1	43.4
Other	*5.5	*3.2	*1.8	*2.6	*1.5	*1.5	**0.3	16.5
Total	411.8	403.0	399.6	340.0	263.9	307.6	313.9	2 439.7
PERSONS								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*4.8	6.5	11.3	53.4	106.7	235.5	363.1	781.3
Home duties or childcare	84.2	348.3	360.2	229.6	132.9	141.3	122.2	1 418.7
Attending an educational institution	644.0	75.2	31.6	15.2	*3.6	*1.3	*1.2	772.1
Own disability or handicap	15.9	27.4	29.3	50.0	33.2	20.4	10.0	186.1
Own illness or injury	13.1	28.7	53.2	86.9	68.1	58.7	18.7	327.5
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.6	8.1	15.5	27.1	23.8	17.6	12.4	105.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	11.9	12.7	7.2	12.4	21.0	20.9	28.8	114.9
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*2.4	*2.8	*5.0	7.3	12.3	17.1	19.1	65.9
Other	12.1	9.3	7.4	12.3	*4.6	5.9	*3.6	55.2
Total	789.1	518.9	520.8	494.2	406.4	518.6	578.9	3 826.8

* estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution

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PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE

	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING, BUT WERE AVAILABLE			Total with marginal attachment (a)	Total not in the labour force	Proportion not in the labour force (b)
	Discouraged jobseekers	Other	Total			
	'000	'000	'000			
MALES						
State or territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	*7.0	65.9	72.9	81.3	482.0	20.6
Victoria	7.1	48.7	55.9	64.3	355.6	20.4
Queensland	*4.6	43.7	48.3	54.4	252.5	19.6
South Australia	*2.2	18.5	20.7	22.9	113.7	21.8
Western Australia	*2.1	21.2	23.3	26.8	119.8	17.5
Tasmania	*1.0	6.1	7.1	7.7	38.8	24.3
Northern Territory(c)	**0.3	*1.2	*1.4	1.8	8.0	14.2
Australian Capital Territory	**0.1	3.1	3.3	3.7	16.7	14.8
Age group (years)						
15-19	*4.1	65.8	69.9	77.0	283.5	41.3
20-24	*1.6	16.5	18.0	24.2	93.8	13.3
25-34	*2.0	31.5	33.4	39.3	115.9	8.0
35-44	*2.6	28.5	31.1	34.1	121.2	8.4
45-54	*3.6	31.4	34.9	40.1	154.2	11.6
55-59	*3.0	13.4	16.4	17.8	142.5	26.0
60-64	6.5	15.9	22.4	23.7	210.9	51.1
65-69	*1.1	*5.6	6.6	6.6	265.0	79.3
Relationship in household						
Family member						
Husband, wife or partner	18.6	162.6	181.2	201.4	1 076.2	19.4
Lone parent	11.5	72.1	83.7	91.7	650.8	16.1
Dependent student	*1.1	8.9	9.9	10.7	34.3	26.5
Non-dependent child	*1.4	53.8	55.3	61.0	258.7	51.6
Other family person	*4.3	21.6	25.9	29.9	99.5	12.9
Non-family member						
Relationship not determined	**0.3	6.2	6.4	8.1	32.9	26.5
Country of birth						
Born in Australia	*4.9	35.2	40.1	48.4	234.8	21.4
Born overseas	**0.9	10.8	11.6	13.2	76.1	30.9
Country of birth						
Born in Australia	15.3	156.2	171.6	190.9	908.9	18.1
Born overseas	9.1	52.3	61.4	72.0	478.2	25.3
Born in main English-speaking countries	*3.0	15.7	18.6	22.0	140.7	19.6
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	6.1	36.7	42.7	50.0	337.5	28.9
Total	24.4	208.5	232.9	263.0	1 387.1	20.1

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(b) Proportion of the civilian population not in the labour force.

(c) Refers to mainly urban areas only. For more information, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING, BUT WERE AVAILABLE			Total with marginal attachment(a)	Total not in the labour force	Proportion not in the labour force(b)
	Discouraged jobseekers	Other	Total			
	'000	'000	'000			
FEMALES						
State or territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	15.7	155.9	171.5	183.8	853.0	37.0
Victoria	10.6	112.5	123.1	132.7	607.1	34.9
Queensland	13.1	85.6	98.6	106.0	445.7	34.5
South Australia	5.3	34.9	40.3	43.5	192.9	37.0
Western Australia	5.9	44.5	50.4	52.0	230.9	34.3
Tasmania	1.9	15.7	17.6	18.4	67.5	41.0
Northern Territory(c)	**0.4	2.0	2.4	2.8	14.1	26.6
Australian Capital Territory	*0.7	4.4	5.1	6.0	28.7	24.8
Age group (years)						
15-19	*1.8	64.8	66.7	73.8	258.8	39.5
20-24	*1.0	44.6	45.6	53.1	153.0	22.3
25-34	7.0	128.9	135.9	145.0	403.0	27.9
35-44	13.0	129.3	142.4	148.5	399.6	27.3
45-54	12.8	59.8	72.6	75.9	340.0	25.6
55-59	7.6	16.0	23.6	25.5	263.9	49.7
60-64	8.3	10.2	18.5	19.4	307.6	75.1
65-69	*2.1	*1.9	*3.9	*3.9	313.9	90.6
Relationship in household						
Family member	43.4	415.0	458.3	488.3	2 074.9	36.1
Husband, wife or partner	30.3	251.9	282.2	291.8	1 466.7	36.4
Lone parent	10.4	95.8	106.2	115.4	279.6	43.4
Dependent student	*1.5	51.6	53.1	60.8	225.1	43.9
Non-dependent child	**0.5	10.8	11.3	13.6	50.6	11.5
Other family person	**0.7	*4.9	*5.6	6.7	52.9	41.8
Non-family member	7.7	25.6	33.3	39.1	270.4	31.5
Relationship not determined	*2.5	15.0	17.5	17.8	94.4	37.1
Country of birth						
Born in Australia	26.9	333.9	360.8	387.7	1 633.2	32.5
Born overseas	26.6	121.7	148.4	157.5	806.5	43.6
Born in main English-speaking countries	9.9	41.2	51.0	54.5	240.5	36.7
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	16.8	80.6	97.3	103.1	566.1	47.4
Total	53.6	455.6	509.2	545.2	2 439.7	35.5

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	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING, BUT WERE AVAILABLE			Total with marginal attachment(a)	Total not in the labour force	Proportion not in the labour force(b) %
	Discouraged jobseekers	Other	Total			
	'000	'000	'000			
PERSONS						
State or territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	22.6	221.8	244.5	265.1	1 335.0	28.8
Victoria	17.7	161.3	179.0	197.0	962.7	27.6
Queensland	17.6	129.2	146.9	160.3	698.2	27.1
South Australia	7.5	53.5	61.0	66.4	306.6	29.4
Western Australia	8.0	65.7	73.7	78.9	350.7	25.8
Tasmania	2.9	21.8	24.7	26.1	106.2	32.8
Northern Territory(c)	*0.7	3.2	3.9	4.6	22.1	20.2
Australian Capital Territory	*0.8	7.6	8.4	9.7	45.4	19.9
Age group (years)						
15-19	6.0	130.6	136.6	150.8	542.3	40.4
20-24	*2.5	61.1	63.6	77.3	246.8	17.7
25-34	8.9	160.4	169.3	184.3	518.9	18.0
35-44	15.7	157.9	173.5	182.6	520.8	17.9
45-54	16.3	91.2	107.5	116.0	494.2	18.6
55-59	10.6	29.4	40.0	43.3	406.4	37.6
60-64	14.8	26.1	40.9	43.2	518.6	63.1
65-69	*3.1	7.5	10.6	10.6	578.9	85.1
Relationship in household						
Family member						
Husband, wife or partner	41.9	324.0	365.9	383.5	2 117.5	26.3
Lone parent	11.5	104.6	116.1	126.1	313.9	40.6
Dependent student	*2.9	105.4	108.3	121.9	483.8	47.7
Non-dependent child	*4.7	32.5	37.2	43.5	150.1	12.4
Other family person	**0.9	11.1	12.0	14.8	85.8	34.3
Non-family member						
Relationship not determined	*3.4	25.7	29.1	31.0	170.6	34.1
Country of birth						
Born in Australia						
Born overseas	35.7	174.0	209.7	229.5	1 284.7	34.4
Born in main English-speaking countries	12.8	56.8	69.6	76.4	381.2	27.7
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	22.9	117.2	140.1	153.1	903.6	38.2
Total	78.0	664.1	742.1	808.1	3 826.8	27.8

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PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT, Time and activity since last job

	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING, BUT WERE AVAILABLE			Total with marginal attachment(a)	Total not in the labour force
	Discouraged jobseekers	Other	Total		
	'000	'000	'000		
MALES					
Time since last job					
Had a job	19.8	151.9	171.7	195.1	1 073.2
Under twelve months	*3.3	65.0	68.3	82.1	213.7
1 and under 3 years	7.7	40.1	47.7	54.2	227.7
3 and under 5 years	*4.4	19.4	23.8	25.7	150.7
5 and under 10 years	*3.1	15.6	18.8	19.8	257.9
10 and under 20 years	*1.2	10.0	11.2	11.2	162.2
20 years or more	—	*1.8	*1.8	*2.2	61.1
Never had a job	*4.6	56.6	61.3	67.8	313.9
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	6.7	19.9	26.5	27.7	403.6
Home duties or childcare	6.9	28.9	35.8	38.3	96.2
Attending an educational institution	*3.6	88.5	92.2	105.0	400.7
Own disability or handicap	**0.4	14.2	14.6	15.9	128.0
Own illness or injury	**0.3	21.2	21.4	26.9	209.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.3	*5.0	*5.3	6.0	31.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*1.4	13.5	14.9	16.9	57.2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*2.1	*2.1	*4.2	*4.5	22.6
Other	*2.8	15.2	18.0	21.7	38.7
Total	24.4	208.5	232.9	263.0	1 387.1
FEMALES					
Time since last job					
Had a job	48.6	379.2	427.8	457.3	2 044.4
Under twelve months	7.6	92.4	99.9	113.4	322.9
1 and under 3 years	9.6	86.5	96.1	104.5	347.0
3 and under 5 years	5.9	55.9	61.8	67.2	220.1
5 and under 10 years	11.4	76.2	87.6	89.4	388.7
10 and under 20 years	10.3	50.0	60.3	60.7	355.5
20 years or more	*3.9	18.3	22.1	22.1	410.1
Never had a job	*5.0	76.4	81.3	87.9	395.3
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.7	9.1	16.7	17.3	377.7
Home duties or childcare	36.4	314.3	350.7	366.9	1 322.5
Attending an educational institution	*4.1	83.5	87.6	101.5	371.3
Own disability or handicap	—	*3.1	*3.1	*3.5	58.1
Own illness or injury	**0.7	16.2	16.9	18.4	118.4
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.7	10.3	11.1	11.1	74.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	**0.8	12.6	13.3	14.1	57.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*3.1	*3.6	6.6	8.0	43.4
Other	**0.1	*3.0	*3.1	*4.3	16.5
Total	53.6	455.6	509.2	545.2	2 439.7
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(a) Includes persons who wanted to work and were actively looking for work.					

	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING, BUT WERE AVAILABLE			Total with marginal attachment(a)	Total not in the labour force
	Discouraged jobseekers	Other	Total		
	'000	'000	'000		
PERSONS					
Time since last job					
Had a job	68.4	531.1	599.5	652.4	3 117.6
Under twelve months	10.9	157.4	168.3	195.5	536.6
1 and under 3 years	17.3	126.6	143.8	158.8	574.7
3 and under 5 years	10.3	75.3	85.6	92.8	370.8
5 and under 10 years	14.6	91.8	106.4	109.1	646.6
10 and under 20 years	11.5	59.9	71.4	71.9	517.7
20 years or more	*3.9	20.1	23.9	24.3	471.2
Never had a job	9.6	133.0	142.6	155.7	709.2
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	14.3	28.9	43.2	45.1	781.3
Home duties or childcare	43.4	343.2	386.6	405.2	1 418.7
Attending an educational institution	7.8	172.0	179.8	206.5	772.1
Own disability or handicap	**0.4	17.3	17.7	19.4	186.1
Own illness or injury	*1.0	37.4	38.3	45.4	327.5
Looking after ill or disabled person	*1.0	15.3	16.3	17.1	105.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*2.1	26.1	28.3	31.0	114.9
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*5.2	5.7	10.8	12.6	65.9
Other	*2.9	18.2	21.1	26.0	55.2
Total	78.0	664.1	742.1	808.1	3 826.8

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PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT, Main reason not actively looking for work

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)					SEX		
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-69	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	27.9	14.9	9.1	8.5	*5.5	30.0	36.0	66.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	17.9	11.0	*5.4	5.6	*3.9	20.9	23.0	43.9
Were not available to start work within four weeks	10.0	*3.9	*3.7	*2.9	*1.7	9.2	13.0	22.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	200.2	169.3	173.5	107.5	91.5	232.9	509.2	742.1
Discouraged jobseekers	8.5	8.9	15.7	16.3	28.5	24.4	53.6	78.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	**0.4	**0.4	*1.2	*5.0	22.1	9.8	19.3	29.1
Lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*4.0	*2.8	*4.6	*4.2	*1.7	*3.4	13.9	17.3
Difficulties because of language or ethnic background	*1.5	*1.2	*3.1	*3.3	*1.0	*2.7	7.4	10.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	*1.9	*3.9	6.0	*2.8	*3.2	7.7	10.1	17.9
No jobs at all	**0.8	**0.6	**0.8	*1.0	**0.5	**0.7	*2.9	*3.6
Other reasons	191.7	160.4	157.9	91.2	63.0	208.5	455.6	664.1
Personal reasons	132.8	36.7	45.7	40.6	38.1	138.8	155.2	294.0
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	7.1	12.7	21.4	23.5	21.4	45.4	40.6	86.0
Attending an educational institution	118.2	15.9	10.7	*3.9	*0.8	71.5	78.1	149.5
Other personal reasons	7.5	8.1	13.6	13.2	15.9	21.9	36.5	58.4
Family reasons	27.8	101.8	83.5	27.4	9.0	20.6	229.0	249.5
Ill health of other than self	*1.3	*3.0	*3.3	8.3	*3.6	5.7	14.0	19.7
Childcare	22.5	84.4	58.3	8.7	**0.4	9.8	164.5	174.3
Other family considerations	*3.9	14.4	21.9	10.4	*5.0	*5.1	50.5	55.5
No jobs in suitable hours	*0.9	**0.8	*3.8	*1.1	**0.7	**0.3	7.0	7.4
Other reasons	14.1	6.5	10.3	6.0	6.1	18.7	24.3	43.0
Had a job to go to(a)	12.0	13.2	10.2	12.8	7.0	24.6	30.5	55.2
Did not know	*4.1	*1.4	*4.3	*3.2	*2.1	*5.6	9.5	15.1
Total	228.1	184.3	182.6	116.0	97.1	263.0	545.2	808.1

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(a) Includes persons who had a job, but up until the reference week had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

	INTENTION TO ENTER THE LABOUR FORCE			FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME PREFERENCE			Total(a)(b)
	Intended to enter	Might enter	Did not intend to enter	Total	Full- time	Part- time	
Sex							
Males	180.6	31.8	36.1	263.0	98.4	119.5	263.0
Females	299.8	98.2	120.0	545.2	94.9	377.3	545.2
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	66.0	—	—	66.0	25.2	36.2	66.0
Were available to start work within four weeks	43.9	—	—	43.9	15.3	25.8	43.9
Were not available to start work within four weeks	22.1	—	—	22.1	9.9	10.4	22.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	414.3	130.0	156.0	742.1	168.0	460.6	742.1
Discouraged jobseekers	37.2	15.2	20.4	78.0	14.9	39.3	78.0
Considered too young or too old by employers	7.8	*5.5	13.6	29.1	*3.2	10.8	29.1
Lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	11.0	*1.8	*3.5	17.3	*4.0	10.7	17.3
Difficulties because of language or ethnic background	*4.7	*2.9	*1.0	10.1	*2.0	*4.3	10.1
No jobs in locality or line of work	11.8	*3.7	*2.0	17.9	*5.4	10.6	17.9
No jobs at all	*1.7	*1.3	**0.3	*3.6	**0.4	*2.9	*3.6
Other reasons	377.2	114.8	135.6	664.1	153.1	421.3	664.1
Personal reasons	170.8	53.2	52.8	294.0	70.6	174.1	294.0
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	33.0	21.4	24.2	86.0	22.8	40.1	86.0
Attending an educational institution	111.5	19.5	11.6	149.5	37.3	103.5	149.5
Other personal reasons	26.3	12.2	17.0	58.4	10.5	30.5	58.4
Family reasons	111.0	52.3	69.4	249.5	39.8	181.1	249.5
Ill health of other than self	8.3	*3.3	6.2	19.7	*4.1	10.7	19.7
Childcare	76.7	38.6	48.1	174.3	26.2	130.7	174.3
Other family considerations	26.0	10.4	15.0	55.5	9.5	39.7	55.5
No jobs in suitable hours	*4.4	*1.6	*1.4	7.4	*1.1	6.1	7.4
Other reasons	32.3	*3.6	6.1	43.0	14.4	24.5	43.0
Had a job to go to(c)	50.9	*2.3	*2.0	55.2	25.4	26.6	55.2
Did not know	7.8	*1.9	*3.9	15.1	*1.7	8.9	15.1
Total	480.4	130.0	156.0	808.1	193.2	496.8	808.1

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(a) Includes those persons who did not know whether they intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months.

(b) Includes persons who had 'no preference' for full-time or part-time work or were 'undecided'.

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

	<i>Wanted to work but not looking and not available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES				
State or territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	46.5	304.8	400.7	482.0
Victoria	31.4	229.2	291.3	355.6
Queensland	23.1	164.8	198.1	252.5
South Australia	10.4	77.2	90.8	113.7
Western Australia	11.5	80.7	93.0	119.8
Tasmania	4.5	22.2	31.0	38.8
Northern Territory(b)	**0.4	4.9	6.1	8.0
Australian Capital Territory	1.8	10.2	13.0	16.7
Age group (years)				
15-19	32.3	171.7	206.5	283.5
20-24	15.2	51.5	69.6	93.8
25-34	18.0	50.6	76.6	115.9
35-44	22.7	50.7	87.1	121.2
45-54	18.8	75.2	114.1	154.2
55-59	13.3	88.0	124.7	142.5
60-64	6.7	155.5	187.2	210.9
65-69	*2.7	250.7	258.3	265.0
Relationship in household				
Family member				
Husband, wife or partner	49.2	462.6	559.1	650.8
Lone parent	*4.5	16.6	23.7	34.3
Dependent student	33.1	164.0	197.6	258.7
Non-dependent child	12.7	37.9	69.6	99.5
Other family person	*2.8	18.5	24.8	32.9
Non-family member				
Relationship not determined	21.5	144.8	186.4	234.8
Country of birth				
Born in Australia	84.4	564.6	718.0	908.9
Born overseas				
Born in main English-speaking countries	45.2	329.4	406.2	478.2
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	14.6	98.6	118.7	140.7
Time since last job				
Had a job				
Under twelve months	94.8	697.6	878.1	1 073.2
1 and under 3 years	29.0	100.4	131.5	213.7
3 and under 5 years	29.5	132.1	173.5	227.7
5 and under 10 years	10.4	102.3	125.1	150.7
10 and under 20 years	16.2	195.8	238.1	257.9
20 years or more	6.9	125.2	151.0	162.2
Never had a job	*2.7	41.9	58.9	61.1
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	34.8	196.3	246.1	313.9
Home duties or childcare	10.5	356.6	375.9	403.6
Attending an educational institution	13.5	41.6	58.0	96.2
Own disability or handicap	49.9	245.6	295.7	400.7
Own illness or injury	10.4	59.5	112.1	128.0
Looking after ill or disabled person	31.9	106.5	182.2	209.1
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	6.4	17.3	25.0	31.0
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*2.3	37.3	40.3	57.2
Other	*1.0	16.9	18.0	22.6
	*3.8	12.6	16.9	38.7
Total	129.6	894.0	1 124.2	1 387.1

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	<i>Wanted to work but not looking and not available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES				
State or territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	78.1	565.1	669.2	853.0
Victoria	61.4	398.3	474.4	607.1
Queensland	37.9	295.0	339.7	445.7
South Australia	19.9	125.1	149.4	192.9
Western Australia	22.6	155.9	178.9	230.9
Tasmania	6.9	39.5	49.0	67.5
Northern Territory(b)	1.6	9.1	11.3	14.1
Australian Capital Territory	3.3	19.2	22.6	28.7
Age group (years)				
15-19	24.7	159.3	184.9	258.8
20-24	21.8	77.0	99.9	153.0
25-34	75.5	178.1	258.0	403.0
35-44	59.8	185.7	251.1	399.6
45-54	35.2	213.5	264.1	340.0
55-59	7.9	216.8	238.4	263.9
60-64	*4.8	273.4	288.2	307.6
65-69	*1.9	303.5	309.9	313.9
Relationship in household				
Family member	205.7	1 341.2	1 586.6	2 074.9
Husband, wife or partner	139.4	1 007.5	1 175.0	1 466.7
Lone parent	35.5	124.4	164.1	279.6
Dependent student	22.0	141.7	164.3	225.1
Non-dependent child	*4.9	27.7	37.0	50.6
Other family person	*4.0	39.9	46.2	52.9
Non-family member	15.5	202.5	231.3	270.4
Relationship not determined	10.4	63.6	76.6	94.4
Country of birth				
Born in Australia	153.1	1 052.9	1 245.5	1 633.2
Born overseas	78.5	554.4	649.0	806.5
Born in main English-speaking countries	19.9	162.3	186.0	240.5
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	58.6	392.0	463.0	566.1
Time since last job				
Had a job	196.0	1 346.1	1 587.1	2 044.4
Under twelve months	58.0	150.2	209.5	322.9
1 and under 3 years	47.2	192.3	242.4	347.0
3 and under 5 years	26.0	122.7	152.9	220.1
5 and under 10 years	34.5	256.6	299.4	388.7
10 and under 20 years	23.0	262.1	294.8	355.5
20 years or more	7.3	362.2	388.0	410.1
Never had a job	35.6	261.2	307.5	395.3
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*5.5	347.6	360.3	377.7
Home duties or childcare	141.1	804.7	955.6	1 322.5
Attending an educational institution	47.9	221.9	269.8	371.3
Own disability or handicap	7.2	25.6	54.6	58.1
Own illness or injury	15.5	68.8	100.0	118.4
Looking after ill or disabled person	6.9	55.2	63.0	74.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*2.0	41.3	43.7	57.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*3.2	32.1	35.3	43.4
Other	*2.3	9.9	12.2	16.5
Total	231.6	1 607.2	1 894.6	2 439.7

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(a) Includes persons who were permanently unable to work.

	<i>Wanted to work but not looking and not available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS				
State or territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	124.7	869.9	1 069.9	1 335.0
Victoria	92.7	627.5	765.7	962.7
Queensland	61.0	459.8	537.8	698.2
South Australia	30.3	202.3	240.2	306.6
Western Australia	34.0	236.6	271.9	350.7
Tasmania	11.4	61.6	80.1	106.2
Northern Territory(b)	2.0	14.0	17.5	22.1
Australian Capital Territory	5.0	29.5	35.7	45.4
Age group (years)				
15-19	57.1	331.0	391.5	542.3
20-24	37.0	128.4	169.5	246.8
25-34	93.5	228.8	334.6	518.9
35-44	82.5	236.4	338.2	520.8
45-54	54.0	288.7	378.2	494.2
55-59	21.2	304.7	363.1	406.4
60-64	11.5	428.9	475.4	518.6
65-69	*4.6	554.2	568.3	578.9
Relationship in household				
Family member				
Husband, wife or partner	308.0	2 040.9	2 461.4	3 151.2
Lone parent	188.6	1 470.2	1 734.1	2 117.5
Dependent student	40.0	141.1	187.8	313.9
Non-dependent child	55.0	305.7	361.9	483.8
Other family person	17.6	65.6	106.6	150.1
Non-family member				
Relationship not determined	6.9	58.4	71.0	85.8
	36.9	347.3	417.7	505.1
	16.3	113.0	139.6	170.6
Country of birth				
Born in Australia	237.5	1 617.5	1 963.5	2 542.1
Born overseas	123.7	883.8	1 055.2	1 284.7
Born in main English-speaking countries	34.5	260.9	304.8	381.2
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	89.2	622.8	750.5	903.6
Time since last job				
Had a job				
Under twelve months	290.8	2 043.7	2 465.2	3 117.6
1 and under 3 years	87.0	250.6	341.1	536.6
3 and under 5 years	76.7	324.4	415.9	574.7
5 and under 10 years	36.4	225.0	278.0	370.8
10 and under 20 years	50.7	452.4	537.5	646.6
20 years or more	29.9	387.2	445.8	517.7
Never had a job	10.0	404.1	446.9	471.2
	70.5	457.5	553.5	709.2
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	16.0	704.2	736.3	781.3
Home duties or childcare	154.7	846.3	1 013.6	1 418.7
Attending an educational institution	97.8	467.5	565.6	772.1
Own disability or handicap	17.6	85.2	166.8	186.1
Own illness or injury	47.4	175.3	282.1	327.5
Looking after ill or disabled person	13.3	72.5	88.0	105.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*4.2	78.6	84.0	114.9
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*4.2	49.0	53.4	65.9
Other	6.1	22.5	29.1	55.2
Total	361.2	2 501.2	3 018.7	3 826.8

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(a) Includes persons who were permanently unable to work.

	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000
Age group (years)			
15-24	5.7	*2.8	8.5
25-34	*2.0	7.0	8.9
35-44	*2.6	13.0	15.7
45-54	*3.6	12.8	16.3
55-59	*3.0	7.6	10.6
60-64	6.5	8.3	14.8
65-69	*1.1	*2.1	*3.1
Whether looked for work in the last twelve months			
Had looked for work	10.9	14.9	25.8
Less than 13 weeks ago	6.1	11.4	17.5
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	*1.2	*1.6	*2.8
26 to 52 weeks ago	*3.6	*1.9	*5.5
Had not looked for work	13.5	38.6	52.1
Intention to enter the labour force in the next twelve months			
Intended to enter(a)	15.5	36.9	52.4
Did not intend to enter(b)	8.9	16.7	25.6
Time since last job			
Had a job	19.8	48.6	68.4
Under twelve months	*3.3	7.6	10.9
1 and under 3 years	7.7	9.6	17.3
3 and under 5 years	*4.4	5.9	10.3
5 and under 10 years	*3.1	11.4	14.6
10 and under 20 years	*1.2	10.3	11.5
20 years or more	—	*3.9	*3.9
Never had a job	*4.6	*5.0	9.6
Total	24.4	53.6	78.0

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes 'might enter the labour force'.

(b) Includes 'did not know'.

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE FOR CHILDCARE REASONS

	AVAILABLE FOR WORK		Not available for work for childcare reasons	Total
	Childcare was the main reason for not looking '000	Childcare was a reason for not looking(a) '000		
.....				
FEMALES				
Age group (years)				
15-24	22.5	24.6	6.1	30.7
25-34	81.0	91.7	45.1	136.8
35-44	53.9	64.3	24.4	88.7
45-54	7.0	8.5	*2.0	10.5
55-69	**0.2	**0.2	**0.8	*1.0
Age of youngest child				
0-2	85.5	94.0	54.3	148.4
3-5	45.7	51.2	12.6	63.8
6-11	32.1	42.3	10.1	52.4
12 years and over	*1.2	*1.8	*1.3	*3.2
Relationship in household				
Family member	161.4	185.7	77.5	263.2
Husband, wife or partner	109.3	123.0	65.3	188.3
Lone parent	52.2	62.7	12.2	74.9
Relationship not determined	*3.1	*3.6	**0.8	*4.4
Country of birth				
Born in Australia	121.0	137.6	51.9	189.5
Born overseas	43.5	51.7	26.5	78.2
Born in main English-speaking countries	15.8	18.4	*5.2	23.6
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	27.7	33.3	21.3	54.7
Total	164.5	189.3	78.3	267.7
.....				
PERSONS				
Age group (years)				
15-24	22.5	24.6	6.1	30.8
25-34	84.4	95.6	46.1	141.6
35-44	58.3	69.9	27.1	97.0
45-54	8.7	10.2	*2.0	12.3
55-69	**0.4	**0.4	*1.1	*1.5
Age of youngest child				
0-2	87.8	96.6	55.5	152.1
3-5	48.2	54.1	13.0	67.2
6-11	37.2	47.9	11.4	59.3
12 years and over	*1.2	*2.1	*2.4	*4.6
Relationship in household				
Family member	171.2	197.1	81.6	278.7
Husband, wife or partner	115.6	129.7	66.6	196.3
Lone parent	55.6	67.5	15.0	82.4
Relationship not determined	*3.1	*3.6	**0.8	*4.4
Country of birth				
Born in Australia	126.9	144.6	54.1	198.7
Born overseas	47.4	56.1	28.3	84.4
Born in main English-speaking countries	18.6	21.2	6.1	27.3
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	28.7	34.9	22.2	57.1
Total(b)	174.3	200.7	82.4	283.1

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(a) Includes persons who were available for work but not looking, and childcare was not the main reason for not looking.

(b) Includes males.

	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS		Total(a)
	Employee	Own account worker/Employer	Full-time	Part-time	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	
MALES					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	482.4	60.5	424.3	109.1	542.9
Retrenched, dismissed	165.6	*5.1	140.3	27.9	170.7
Job was temporary or seasonal	69.9	*2.7	31.7	39.0	72.6
Own ill health or injury	240.0	42.3	239.1	38.9	282.3
Business closed down for economic reasons	6.9	10.4	13.1	*3.4	17.3
Job leaver(b)	390.2	78.0	380.4	83.1	469.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	28.7	*1.6	19.9	10.1	30.3
Retired, did not want to work any longer	168.4	33.0	184.8	16.0	202.0
Own disability or handicap	54.0	10.2	51.8	9.9	64.2
Returned to studies	60.6	*4.2	36.0	27.8	64.8
To look after family, house or someone else	25.3	6.4	27.3	*4.5	32.2
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	21.8	*3.6	18.1	6.6	25.4
Business closed down for other reasons	7.9	15.8	22.1	*1.6	23.7
Other	22.8	*3.2	19.5	6.5	26.0
Occupation in last job(c)					
Managers and administrators	48.0	20.1	64.0	*3.6	68.2
Professionals	87.2	10.3	81.3	15.6	97.9
Associate professionals	78.1	28.6	97.8	8.5	106.7
Tradespersons and related workers	165.7	41.5	184.7	18.9	207.2
Advanced clerical and service workers	6.1	**0.2	*4.8	*1.5	6.3
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	87.3	*4.4	70.8	20.2	91.8
Intermediate production and transport workers	164.9	19.0	149.0	32.0	184.4
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	68.9	6.3	44.8	29.9	75.2
Labourers and related workers	166.3	8.1	107.4	61.8	174.4
Whether looked for work in the last twelve months					
Had looked for work	112.4	12.7	75.9	46.3	125.1
Less than 13 weeks ago	80.8	8.4	54.2	33.1	89.2
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	9.2	*3.1	7.4	*4.7	12.2
26 to 52 weeks ago	22.4	*1.2	14.3	8.6	23.6
Had not looked for work	760.2	125.9	728.8	145.9	887.1
<i>Total</i>	872.6	138.5	804.6	192.2	1 012.1

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part-time status in their last job varied and those who did not know.

(b) Includes 'pregnancy or to have children' or 'to get married'.

(c) Excludes persons whose occupation was inadequately described.

	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS		Total(a)
	Employee	Own account worker/Employer	Full-time	Part-time	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	
FEMALES					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	456.0	33.6	242.4	240.6	491.5
Retrenched, dismissed	157.4	*5.4	83.5	77.2	163.6
Job was temporary or seasonal	107.4	*2.9	35.6	73.1	111.0
Own ill health or injury	182.6	14.3	110.9	83.7	197.1
Business closed down for economic reasons	8.6	11.0	12.6	6.6	19.8
Job leaver	1 043.1	96.0	638.8	490.5	1 142.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	69.1	*2.1	24.8	45.5	71.2
Retired, did not want to work any longer	210.0	26.1	146.3	89.1	237.2
Own disability or handicap	29.1	*1.8	18.9	11.5	30.8
Returned to studies	69.1	*2.6	18.5	53.2	71.7
Pregnancy or to have children	376.5	14.1	247.0	139.0	391.1
To get married	13.7	*2.0	12.3	*2.9	15.7
To look after family, house or someone else	109.1	9.1	59.7	56.9	118.5
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	116.8	6.6	67.3	55.4	123.8
Business closed down for other reasons	12.0	24.5	21.1	15.4	37.0
Other	37.7	7.3	22.9	21.8	45.7
Occupation in last job(b)					
Managers and administrators	16.7	12.8	26.3	*2.2	29.5
Professionals	170.8	11.1	109.6	70.0	182.2
Associate professionals	107.0	35.5	108.9	32.3	143.2
Tradespersons and related workers	62.5	14.4	45.6	29.9	76.9
Advanced clerical and service workers	99.7	13.0	73.5	38.8	112.7
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	438.2	15.8	234.2	219.7	456.7
Intermediate production and transport workers	69.7	*3.9	50.7	20.9	74.0
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	271.5	11.0	109.4	168.7	283.2
Labourers and related workers	263.0	12.0	122.9	148.5	275.8
Whether looked for work in the last twelve months					
Had looked for work	180.6	8.1	81.4	105.9	189.0
Less than 13 weeks ago	121.0	6.1	56.3	70.1	127.2
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	22.2	**0.6	8.4	14.2	23.1
26 to 52 weeks ago	37.4	*1.4	16.7	21.6	38.8
Had not looked for work	1 318.5	121.5	799.8	625.2	1 445.2
Total	1 499.1	129.6	881.2	731.1	1 634.3

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(b) Excludes persons whose occupation was inadequately described.

	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS		Total(a)
	Employee	Own account worker/Employer	Full-time	Part-time	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	
PERSONS					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	938.3	94.1	666.7	349.7	1 034.5
Retrenched, dismissed	323.0	10.6	223.8	105.1	334.3
Job was temporary or seasonal	177.3	*5.6	67.3	112.0	183.6
Own ill health or injury	422.6	56.6	350.0	122.6	479.4
Business closed down for economic reasons	15.5	21.4	25.7	10.0	37.1
Job leaver	1 433.3	174.0	1 019.1	573.6	1 612.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	97.8	*3.7	44.7	55.6	101.5
Retired, did not want to work any longer	378.4	59.1	331.1	105.1	439.2
Own disability or handicap	83.1	12.0	70.7	21.4	95.1
Returned to studies	129.7	6.8	54.5	81.0	136.5
Pregnancy or to have children	377.2	14.1	247.7	139.0	391.8
To get married	13.7	*2.0	12.3	*2.9	15.7
To look after family, house or someone else	134.4	15.5	87.1	61.4	150.7
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	138.6	10.2	85.5	62.0	149.2
Business closed down for other reasons	19.9	40.3	43.2	17.0	60.7
Other	60.5	10.5	42.4	28.3	71.7
Occupation in last job(b)					
Managers and administrators	64.7	32.9	90.4	5.9	97.7
Professionals	258.0	21.4	190.9	85.6	280.1
Associate professionals	185.1	64.1	206.8	40.9	249.9
Tradespersons and related workers	228.2	55.9	230.3	48.8	284.1
Advanced clerical and service workers	105.8	13.3	78.2	40.4	119.1
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	525.5	20.3	305.0	240.0	548.5
Intermediate production and transport workers	234.6	22.9	199.8	53.0	258.4
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	340.4	17.3	154.2	198.6	358.4
Labourers and related workers	429.3	20.2	230.3	210.3	450.2
Whether looked for work in the last twelve months					
Had looked for work	293.0	20.8	157.3	152.2	314.1
Less than 13 weeks ago	201.8	14.6	110.4	103.2	216.4
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	31.4	*3.7	15.8	18.8	35.3
26 to 52 weeks ago	59.8	*2.6	31.1	30.1	62.4
Had not looked for work	2 078.7	247.4	1 528.5	771.1	2 332.3
Total	2 371.7	268.1	1 685.8	923.3	2 646.4

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Population 1:									
Persons not in the labour force	482.0	355.6	252.5	113.7	119.8	38.8	8.0	16.7	1 387.1
Population 2:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	127.8	95.7	77.5	33.4	38.3	12.3	2.3	5.4	392.6
Population 3:									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	81.3	64.3	54.4	22.9	26.8	7.7	1.8	3.7	263.0
Population 4:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	72.9	55.9	48.3	20.7	23.3	7.1	*1.4	3.3	232.9
Population 5:									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	*7.0	7.1	*4.6	*2.2	*2.1	*1.0	**0.3	**0.1	24.4
Population 6:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	46.5	31.4	23.1	10.4	11.5	4.5	**0.4	1.8	129.6
Population 7:									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons	*4.7	*1.8	*4.0	*1.6	*2.2	*0.8	**0.4	—	15.5
Population 8:									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	367.6	263.4	204.8	95.6	93.2	31.5	5.4	11.7	1 073.2
Population 9:									
Persons not in the labour force without marginal attachment to the labour force	400.7	291.3	198.1	90.8	93.0	31.0	6.1	13.0	1 124.2
Population 10:									
Persons not in the labour force whose last job was less than 20 years ago	348.7	243.3	196.6	91.0	87.2	29.2	4.8	11.4	1 012.1

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES									
Population 1:									
Persons not in the labour force	853.0	607.1	445.7	192.9	230.9	67.5	14.1	28.7	2 439.7
Population 2:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	261.9	194.0	143.9	63.4	74.6	25.3	4.4	9.3	776.8
Population 3:									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	183.8	132.7	106.0	43.5	52.0	18.4	2.8	6.0	545.2
Population 4:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	171.5	123.1	98.6	40.3	50.4	17.6	2.4	5.1	509.2
Population 5:									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	15.7	10.6	13.1	5.3	5.9	1.9	**0.4	*0.7	53.6
Population 6:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	78.1	61.4	37.9	19.9	22.6	6.9	1.6	3.3	231.6
Population 7:									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons	99.4	67.2	45.6	18.1	25.2	8.0	2.2	1.9	267.7
Population 8:									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	691.8	505.7	393.2	161.3	200.8	56.2	10.8	24.6	2 044.4
Population 9:									
Persons not in the labour force without marginal attachment to the labour force	669.2	474.4	339.7	149.4	178.9	49.0	11.3	22.6	1 894.6
Population 10:									
Persons not in the labour force whose last job was less than 20 years ago	541.4	403.8	323.0	129.0	164.0	43.3	9.5	20.4	1 634.3

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS									
Population 1:									
Persons not in the labour force	1 335.0	962.7	698.2	306.6	350.7	106.2	22.1	45.4	3 826.8
Population 2:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	389.7	289.7	221.4	96.7	112.9	37.6	6.6	14.8	1 169.4
Population 3:									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	265.1	197.0	160.3	66.4	78.9	26.1	4.6	9.7	808.1
Population 4:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	244.5	179.0	146.9	61.0	73.7	24.7	3.9	8.4	742.1
Population 5:									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	22.6	17.7	17.6	7.5	8.0	2.9	*0.7	*0.8	78.0
Population 6:									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	124.7	92.7	61.0	30.3	34.0	11.4	2.0	5.0	361.2
Population 7:									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons	104.1	69.0	49.6	19.7	27.4	8.8	2.6	1.9	283.1
Population 8:									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	1 059.4	769.2	598.1	256.9	294.0	87.7	16.1	36.3	3 117.6
Population 9:									
Persons not in the labour force without marginal attachment to the labour force	1 069.9	765.7	537.8	240.2	271.9	80.1	17.5	35.7	3 018.7
Population 10:									
Persons not in the labour force whose last job was less than 20 years ago	890.1	647.1	519.6	219.9	251.2	72.4	14.3	31.7	2 646.4

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey that was conducted throughout Australia in September 2002 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

3 From April 2001 the LFS has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional questions and some minor definitional changes. These changes also affect the supplementary surveys. For further details, see *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) and *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

CONCEPTS SOURCES AND METHODS

4 The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling these estimates, are presented in *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0) which is also available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> (About Statistics — Concepts and Classifications).

SCOPE

5 The scope of the LFS is restricted to persons aged 15 and over and excludes the following persons:

- members of the permanent defence forces
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants).

6 Students at boarding schools, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for persons with handicaps), and inmates of prisons are excluded from all supplementary surveys.

7 This supplementary survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded approximately 80,000 persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia who would otherwise have been within the scope of the survey. The exclusion of these persons will have only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual states and territories, except the Northern Territory where such persons account for over 20% of the population.

8 Persons aged 70 years and over were also excluded from this survey.

COVERAGE

9 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in September 2002. In the LFS, 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* (cat. no. 6203.0).

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

10 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For more information see the Technical Note.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES *continued*

- non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing 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 processing procedures.

SEASONAL FACTORS

11 The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month, and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

CLASSIFICATIONS USED

12 Occupation data are classified according to the ASCO — *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition, 1997* (cat. no. 1220.0).

13 Country of birth data are classified according to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 1998* (cat. no. 1269.0).

REVISION TO HISTORICAL DATA

14 Historical estimates of the civilian population for reference periods 1996 to 1999 were revised in the 2000 publication to exclude institutionalised persons, sparsely settled and remote parts of Australia.

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

15 Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The last such revision was made in February 1999 to take account of the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates from supplementary surveys conducted from and including February 1999 are therefore based on revised population benchmarks.

16 Supplementary surveys are not always conducted on the full LFS sample. Since August 1994 the sample for supplementary surveys has been restricted to no more than seven-eighths of the LFS sample. Since it was introduced, this survey has been conducted on various proportional samples. Therefore, sampling errors associated with previous surveys may vary from the sampling error for this survey.

17 Persons Not in the Labour Force Surveys conducted up to and including September 1987 included all persons aged 15 years and over. From September 1988, the survey excluded all persons aged 70 years and over.

18 Comparability of 2002 and 2001 estimates with previous years, for persons who wanted to work, including discouraged jobseekers, may have been affected by the following:

- As part of the LFS redesigned questionnaire, implemented in April 2001, persons aged 65 and over can specify that they are permanently not intending to work, and as a result were not asked for details about wanting to work and looking for work in the 2001 and 2002 Persons Not in the Labour Force surveys. It is likely that, if they had answered these questions, some of these persons may have been classified as persons who wanted work, and also as discouraged jobseekers.
- A further change in the redesigned LFS questionnaire is that it more accurately identifies 'future starters'; that is, persons waiting to start, within four weeks of the end of the reference week, a new job that they have already obtained (and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then). Under International Labour Organisation (ILO) guidelines these persons do not have to be actively looking for work to be classified as unemployed, and therefore are not asked questions related to job search activities. If they had been asked why they were not looking for work, it is possible that some may have given reasons other than 'had a job to go to', and as a result could have been classified as wanting to work, and also as discouraged jobseekers.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES *continued*

- Persons who are permanently unable to work have been classified as a separate group within Persons Not in the Labour Force Surveys for many years. In the 2001 survey, the number of people in this group was considerably higher than in previous years, which may have impacted on some of the survey populations in that survey.

COMPARABILITY WITH MONTHLY LFS STATISTICS

19 Due to differences in the scope and sample size of this supplementary survey and that of the LFS, the estimation procedure may lead to some small variations between labour force estimates from this survey and those from the LFS.

20 The difference between the estimates appearing in this publication and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0) is chiefly the result of excluding persons aged 70 years and over from the sample of this supplementary survey. Over one-quarter (30%) of the civilian population aged 15 years and over who were not in the labour force were excluded from answering questions from this supplementary survey because they were aged 70 years and over.

21 Core LFS series from April 1986 to March 2001 have been revised on the basis of the redesigned LFS questionnaire. Supplementary survey data have not been revised.

22 Further information on persons not in the labour force is available in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6203.0). Note that such information refers to all persons aged 15 years and over.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

23 The Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey was first conducted in May 1975 and again in May 1977. From 1979 to 1987 the survey was collected twice a year (March and September). Since then it has been conducted annually. Results of previous surveys were published in:

- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia*, cat. no. 6220.0
- standard data service *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia*, cat. no. 6220.0.40.001 for 1994 and 1995 (available in hardcopy only).

NEXT SURVEY

24 The ABS will conduct this survey again in September 2003.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

25 Australian Bureau of Statistics publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

26 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *Job Search Experience, Australia*, cat. no. 6222.0
- *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods*, cat. no. 6102.0
- *Underemployed Workers, Australia*, cat. no. 6265.0

27 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

The ABS has a range of data available on request from the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data relates. Where alternative output categories are available for the same data item, these are shown and the data item name is followed by a bracketed numeral (e.g. Country of birth(2)).

To obtain data available on request, or for more information about our customised data service, contact Sue Barker on Canberra 02 6252 6112, or by facsimile on 02 6252 5172, or by email to <sue.barker@abs.gov.au>.

<i>Population 1</i>	Persons not in the labour force.
<i>Population 2</i>	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work.
<i>Population 3</i>	Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force.
<i>Population 4</i>	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks.
<i>Population 5</i>	Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers.
<i>Population 6</i>	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks.
<i>Population 7</i>	Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons.
<i>Population 8</i>	Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job.
<i>Population 9</i>	Persons not in the labour force without marginal attachment to the labour force.
<i>Population 10</i>	Persons not in the labour force whose last job was less than 20 years ago.

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
1 State or territory of usual residence	All	5 Marital status	All
New South Wales		Married	
Victoria		Not married	
Queensland		6 Relationship in household	All
South Australia		Family member	
Western Australia		Husband, wife or partner	
Tasmania		With dependants	
Northern Territory		Without dependants	
Australian Capital Territory		Lone Parent	
2 Area of usual residence	All	With dependants	
State capital city		Without dependants	
Balance of state/territory		Dependent student	
3 Region of usual residence	All	Non-dependent child	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Other family person	
4 Sex	All	Non-family member	
Males		Lone person	
Females		Not living alone	
		Relationship not determined	

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

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<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
7A	Country of birth and period of arrival All	9	Persons not in the Labour Force Summary Variable 1,8,10
	Born in Australia		With marginal attachment to the labour force
	Born overseas		Wanted to work and were actively looking for work
	Arrived before 1971		Were available to start work within four weeks
	Arrived 1971–1980		Were not available to start work within four weeks
	Arrived 1981–1990		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks
	Arrived 1991–2000		Discouraged job seekers
	Arrived 2001 to survey date		Other
7B	Country of birth (1) All		Without marginal attachment to the labour force
	Born in Australia		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks
	Born overseas		Did not want to work
	Born in main English-speaking countries		Permanently unable to work
	Born in other than main English-speaking countries		
7C	Country of birth (2) All	10	Whether wanted to work 1,8,10
	Born in Australia		Wanted to work
	Born overseas		Might want to work
	Oceania and Antarctica		Did not want to work
	North-West Europe		Did not know
	Southern and Eastern Europe		
	North Africa and the Middle East	11	Whether looked for work in the last 12 months All
	South-East Asia		Had looked for work
	North-East Asia		Less than 5 weeks ago
	Southern and Central Asia		5 and less than 8 weeks ago
	Americas		8 and less than 13 weeks ago
	Sub-Saharan Africa		13–52 weeks ago
8	Age group (years) All		13 and less than 26 weeks ago
	15–19		ago
	20–24		26 and less than 39 weeks ago
	25–34		ago
	35–44		39–52 weeks ago
	45–54		Had not looked for work
	55–59		
	60–64		
	65–69		

Note: Age collected in single years

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

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<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
12		14	
Main activity when not in the labour force	All	Reason for ceasing last job <i>cont.</i>	
Retired or voluntarily inactive		Had a job <i>cont.</i>	
Home duties or childcare		Job leaver	
Attending an educational institution		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
Own disability or handicap		Retired, did not want to work any longer	
Own illness or injury		Own disability or handicap	
Looking after ill or disabled person		Returned to studies	
Travel, holiday or leisure activity		Pregnancy or to have children	
Working in unpaid voluntary job		To get married	
Other		To look after family, house or someone else	
13		To have holiday, moved house or spouse transferred	
Time since last job	All	Business closed down for other reasons	
Had a job		Other	
Under 12 months		Never had a job	
1 and under 4 weeks		15	
4 and under 8 weeks		Occupation in last job	All
8 and under 13 weeks		Last job less than 20 years ago	
13 and under 26 weeks		Managers and administrators	
26 and under 39 weeks		Professionals	
39 and under 52 weeks		Associate professionals	
1 and under 3 years		Tradespersons and related workers	
3 and under 10 years		Advanced clerical and service workers	
3 and under 5 years		Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	
5 and under 10 years		Intermediate production and transport workers	
10 years or more		Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	
10 and under 20 years		Labourers and related workers	
20 years or more		Last job 20 or more years ago	
Never had a job		Never had a job	
14			
Reason for ceasing last job	All		
Had a job			
Job loser			
Retrenched, dismissed			
Job was temporary or seasonal			
Own ill health or injury			
Business closed down for economic reasons			

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

continued

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
16	Status in employment in last job	20	Main reason for not actively looking for work
	All		3,4
	Last job less than 20 years ago		Wanted to work and were actively looking for work
	Employer		Were available to start work within four weeks
	Own account worker		Were not available to start work within four weeks
	Employee		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks
	Contributing family worker		Discouraged job seekers
	Unpaid voluntary worker		Considered too young or too old by employers
	Last job 20 or more years ago		Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience
	Never had a job		Difficulties because of language or ethnic background
17	Full-time or part-time status in last job		No jobs in locality or line of work
	All		No jobs at all
	Last job less than 20 years ago		Other reasons
	Full-time		Personal reasons
	Part-time		Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy
	Varied/did not know		Attending an educational institution
	Last job 20 or more years ago		Had no need to work
	Never had a job		Welfare payments or pension may be affected
18A	Intention to enter the labour force		Moved house or holidays
	All		
	Intended to enter the labour force		
	Might enter the labour force		
	Did not intend to enter the labour force		
	Did not know		
	Permanently unable to work		
	Not applicable (full-time student)		
18B	Intention to enter the labour force in the next 12 months		
	All		
	Intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months		
	Might enter the labour force in the next 12 months		
	Did not intend to enter the labour force in the next 12 months		
	Did not know		
	Permanently unable to work		
19	Type of work preferred		
	2-7		
	Full-time work preferred		
	Part-time work preferred		
	No preference for full-time or part-time work		
	Undecided		

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

continued

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
20	Main reason for not actively looking for work <i>cont.</i>	21	All reasons for not actively looking for work <i>cont.</i>
	Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks <i>cont.</i>		Other reasons
	Other reasons <i>cont.</i>		Personal reasons
	Family reasons		Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy
	Ill health of other than self		Attending an educational institution
	Childcare		Had no need to work
	No childcare in locality		Welfare payments or pension may be affected
	No childcare available at all		Moved house or holidays
	Cost or too expensive		Family reasons
	Booked out or no places available		Ill health other than self
	Children too young or too old		Childcare
	Prefers to look after children		Other family considerations
	Quality of childcare unsuitable		No jobs in suitable hours
	Other childcare reasons		Other reasons
	Other family considerations		Had a job to go to
	No jobs in suitable hours		Did not know
	Other reasons	22	Whether available for work-childcare reasons
	Had a job to go to		Available for work but not looking for childcare reasons
	Did not know		Childcare was the main reason for not looking
21	All reasons for not actively looking for work		Childcare was not the main reason for not looking
	Discouraged job seekers		Not available for work for childcare reasons
	Considered too young or too old by employers		Not applicable
	Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience		
	Difficulties because of language or ethnic background		
	No jobs in locality or line of work		
	No jobs at all		

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

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<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
23 Reason not available to start work within four weeks Personal reasons Own ill health, physical disability Pregnancy Studying or returning to studies Moved house or holidays Family reasons Ill health of other than self Unable to find suitable childcare Children too young or preferred to look after children On a job-related training program Other reasons	6	25 Age of youngest child 0–2 years 3–4 years 5 years 6–9 years 10–11 years 12 years and over	7
24 Marginal attachment summary variable Wanted to work and were actively looking for work Were available to start work within four weeks Were not available to start work within four weeks Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks Discouraged jobseekers Other	3	26 Number of children Aged 0–2 years Aged 3–4 years Aged 5 years Aged 6–9 years Aged 10–11 years	7

APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS LIST

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary and special labour force surveys. Data are available in publication form, by subscription or on request. Additional data from these surveys is available on request and can be obtained by contacting the ABS.

	<i>cat. no.</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Latest issue</i>
Career Experience, Australia	6254.0	Irregular	November 1998
Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia	6243.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1993
Child Care, Australia	4402.0	Irregular	June 1999
Education and Work, Australia	6227.0	Annual	May 2002
Employee Earnings, Benefits, and Trade Union Membership, Australia	6310.0	Annual	August 2001
Employment Benefits, Australia	6334.0.40.001	Discontinued	Final issue 1994
Forms of Employment, Australia	6359.0	Irregular	November 2001
Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia(a)	6222.0	Annual	Final issue 2001
Labour Force Experience, Australia	6206.0	Biennial	February 2001
Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia	6235.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1994
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia(b)	6224.0	Discontinued	Final issue 2000
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia	6250.0	Irregular	November 1999
Labour Mobility, Australia	6209.0	Biennial	February 2002
Locations of Work, Australia	6275.0	Irregular	June 2000
Multiple Jobholding, Australia(c)	6216.0	Irregular	August 1997
Participation in Education, Australia	6272.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1999
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia	6220.0	Annual	September 2002
Persons Who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia	6264.0.40.001	Discontinued	Final issue 1995
Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia	6267.0.40.001	Discontinued	Final issue 1994
Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia	6238.0	Irregular	November 1997
Retrenchment and Redundancy, Australia	6266.0	Irregular	July 2001
Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia(a)	6245.0	Discontinued	Final issue 2000
Superannuation, Australia	6319.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1995
Trade Union Members, Australia	6325.0	Discontinued	Final issue 1996
Underemployed Workers, Australia	6265.0	Annual	September 2001
Working Arrangements, Australia	6342.0	Irregular	November 2000
Work-Related Injuries, Australia	6324.0	Irregular	September 2000

(a) These products have been replaced by a new publication, *Job Search Experience, Australia*. The 2002 data for this survey is due for release in April 2003 and will continue to use ABS cat. no. 6222.0.

(b) Latest data available on request June 2002.

(c) Latest data available on request July 2001.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY

INTRODUCTION

1 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 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 (SE), 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 (67%) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

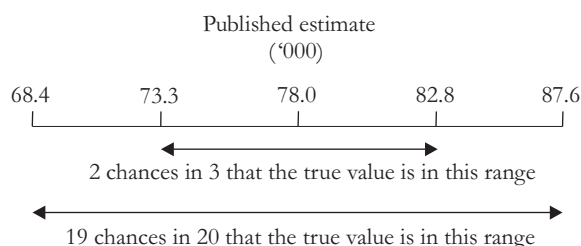
2 Due to space limitations, it is impractical to print the SE of each estimate in the publication. Instead, a table of SEs is provided to enable readers to determine the SE for an estimate from the size of that estimate (see table T1). The SE table is derived from a mathematical model, referred to as the 'SE model', which is created using data from a number of past Labour Force Surveys. It should be noted that the SE model only gives an approximate value for the SE for any particular estimate, since there is some minor variation between SEs for different estimates of the same size.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 4 shows that the estimated number of persons in Australia who were discouraged jobseekers was 78,000. Since this estimate is between 50,000 and 100,000, table T1 shows the SE for Australia will be between 4,050 and 5,300, and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & SE \text{ of estimate} \\
 &= \text{lower SE} + \left(\left(\frac{\text{size of estimate} - \text{lower estimate}}{\text{upper estimate} - \text{lower estimate}} \right) \times (\text{upper SE} - \text{lower SE}) \right) \\
 &= 4,050 + \left(\left(\frac{78,000 - 50,000}{100,000 - 50,000} \right) \times (5,300 - 4,050) \right) \\
 &= 4,800 \text{ (rounded to the nearest 100)}
 \end{aligned}$$

4 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 73,300 to 82,800, and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 68,400 to 87,600. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



**CALCULATION
OF STANDARD
ERRORS**
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5 In general, the size of the SE increases as the size of the estimate increases. Conversely, the RSE decreases as the size of the estimate increases. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high RSEs so that their value for most practical purposes is unreliable. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of 25% or less are considered reliable for most purposes. Estimates with RSEs greater than 25% but less than or equal to 50% are preceded by an asterisk (e.g.*3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs of greater than 50%, preceded by a double asterisk (e.g.**0.3), are considered too unreliable for general use and should only be used to aggregate with other estimates to provide derived estimates with RSEs of 25% or less.

**PROPORTIONS
AND
PERCENTAGES**

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. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y.

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

7 Considering the example above, of the 78,000 persons who were discouraged jobseekers, 24,400 or 31.3% were males. The SE of 24,400 may be calculated by interpolation as 3,000. To convert this to an RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or 3,000/24,400 = 12.3%. The SE for 78,000 was calculated previously as 4,800, which converted to a RSE is 4,800/78,000 = 6.2%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is

$$RSE = \sqrt{(12.3)^2 - (6.2)^2} = 10.6\%$$

8 Therefore, the SE for the proportion of males who were discouraged jobseekers is 3.3 percentage points (= (31.3/100)x10.6). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males who were discouraged jobseekers is between 28.0% and 34.6% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 24.7% to 37.9%.

DIFFERENCES

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 SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate 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.

11 SEs contained in table T1 are applicable to all estimates from this survey.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

DIFFERENCES

T1 STANDARD ERROR OF ESTIMATES

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	Aust.									
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	SE	RSE
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	..	110	200	170	180	110	130	140	90	90.0
200	170	190	280	230	250	150	170	170	150	75.0
300	240	250	340	270	300	180	200	200	210	70.0
500	350	360	440	340	380	220	250	230	300	60.0
700	450	440	510	390	440	260	280	260	380	54.3
1,000	570	550	600	450	520	300	330	290	490	49.0
1,500	740	700	720	530	620	350	380	330	630	42.0
2,000	880	830	820	600	700	390	430	370	760	38.0
2,500	1 000	950	900	650	750	450	450	400	900	36.0
3,000	1 100	1 050	1 000	700	850	450	500	450	1 000	33.3
3,500	1 250	1 100	1 050	750	900	500	550	450	1 050	30.0
4,000	1 300	1 200	1 100	800	950	500	550	500	1 150	28.8
5,000	1 500	1 350	1 250	900	1 050	550	600	500	1 300	26.0
7,000	1 800	1 550	1 450	1 000	1 200	650	700	600	1 600	22.9
10,000	2 100	1 850	1 700	1 150	1 350	750	800	700	1 900	19.0
15,000	2 550	2 200	2 000	1 350	1 600	850	900	800	2 350	15.7
20,000	2 900	2 500	2 250	1 550	1 800	950	1 050	900	2 700	13.5
30,000	3 400	2 900	2 700	1 800	2 100	1 150	1 200	1 050	3 250	10.8
40,000	3 800	3 250	3 050	2 050	2 350	1 250	1 300	1 200	3 700	9.3
50,000	4 100	3 500	3 350	2 250	2 550	1 400	1 450	1 300	4 050	8.1
100,000	5 100	4 400	4 450	2 950	3 300	1 800	1 850	1 750	5 300	5.3
150,000	5 750	5 100	5 250	3 450	3 800	2 100	2 100	2 150	6 150	4.1
200,000	6 350	5 700	5 900	3 900	4 200	2 300	..	2 450	6 800	3.4
300,000	7 400	6 750	6 950	4 550	4 800	2 650	..	2 950	7 950	2.7
500,000	9 200	8 500	8 500	5 550	5 700	3 200	9 650	1.9
1,000,000	12 850	11 900	11 100	7 300	7 100	12 650	1.3
2,000,000	18 850	17 300	14 500	9 550	8 800	16 700	0.8
5,000,000	33 850	29 750	20 450	25 600	0.5
10,000,000	44 850	0.4

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GLOSSARY

Actively looking for work	Persons who were taking active steps to find work. Active steps comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ registering with Centrelink as a jobseeker■ contacting an employment agency■ contacting prospective employers■ answering a newspaper advertisement for a job■ checking Centrelink touch screens■ checking factory noticeboards■ advertising or tendering for work■ contacting friends or relatives.
Available to start work within four weeks	Persons who were available to start work within four weeks or, for persons with children aged 12 years or under, could start work within four weeks if suitable childcare was available.
Did not want to work	Persons who were not classified as employed or unemployed who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ answered 'no' when asked if they would like a job■ were aged 65 years or over and said that they were 'permanently not intending to work'.
Discouraged jobseekers	Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within the next four weeks but whose main reason for not actively looking for work was that they believed they would not find a job for any of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ considered to be too young/too old by employers■ lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience■ difficulties because of language or ethnic background■ no jobs in their locality or line of work■ no jobs available at all.
Employed	Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers)■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers)■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week■ away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week■ away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement■ on strike or locked out■ on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job■ were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Family	Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering; and who are usually resident in the same household. The basis of a family is formed by identifying the presence of a couple relationship, lone parent-child relationship or other blood relationship. Some households will, therefore, contain more than one family.
Family reasons for not actively looking for work	Includes ill health of a family member, child care and other family considerations.
Full-time work	Work involving 35 or more hours a week.
Had a job to go to	Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. Also includes persons who had a job but had not yet started that job.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Job	Any employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.
Job leavers	Persons who voluntarily ceased their last job.
Job losers	Persons who involuntarily ceased their last job.
Labour Force	The civilian population can be split into two mutually exclusive groups: the labour force (employed and unemployed persons) and persons not in the labour force.
Main English-speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand.
Marginal attachment to the labour force	<p>Persons who were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were actively looking for work but did not meet the availability criteria to be classified as unemployed ■ were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks¹. <p>The criteria for determining those in the labour force are based on activity (i.e. working or looking for work) and availability to start work during the reference week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work and reasons for not actively looking for work, are more subjective. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondent's own interpretation of the concepts used. An individual respondent's interpretation may be affected by their work aspirations, as well as family, economic and other commitments.</p>
Occupation of last job	All occurrences of occupation in this publication refer to Major Group as defined by ASCO — <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition</i> (cat. no. 1220.0).
Part-time work	Work involving less than 35 hours a week.
Permanently not intending to work	Persons who said that they were permanently not intending to work.
Personal reasons for not actively looking for work	Includes own ill health or physical disability, pregnancy, attending an educational institution, had no need to work, to give others a chance, welfare payments or pension may be affected, moved house or on holidays.
Persons in the labour force	Persons who were classified as being in the labour force, that is, either employed or unemployed.
Persons not in the labour force	Persons who were not classified as employed or unemployed.
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons	<p>Persons who wanted to work and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were not actively looking for work due to childcare reasons, but were available to start work within four weeks ■ were not actively looking for work and reported that they were not available to start work within four weeks for childcare reasons.
Relationship in household	The relationship of persons who live in the same household.
Time since last job	The elapsed time since ceasing last job.
Unemployed	<p>Persons who were not employed during the reference week, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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"> ■ were available for work in the reference week ■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Wanted to work	Persons who were not classified as employed or unemployed and who answered 'yes' or 'maybe' when asked if they would like a job.

¹ See 'Available to start work within four weeks' in Glossary.

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