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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION	<p>This publication presents information about the labour force experience of persons aged 15 years and over during the 12 months ending February 2011. It presents information about time spent in labour force activities, including episodes of working or looking for work, and time spent out of the labour force.</p> <p>The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Labour Force Experience Survey conducted throughout Australia in February 2011 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS).</p> <p>For this publication, labour force activity over a 12-month period was determined from a more limited set of questions than is used in the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). For this reason, the terms <i>worked</i> and <i>looked for work</i> are used, rather than the more precisely defined terms <i>employed</i> and <i>unemployed</i>, as used in the LFS. In this survey, the concepts <i>worked</i> and <i>looked for work</i> are used to determine whether a person was <i>in the labour force during the year</i>. Therefore, this concept is also based on a more limited set of questions than the Labour Force Survey.</p> <p>Labour force experience relates to a person's labour force activities over a 12-month period. Labour force activity consists of either working or looking for work.</p> <p>This survey measured the number of weeks in which persons were engaged in these labour force activities during the year, the number of spells of looking for work during the year and the main activity of persons when not in the labour force.</p>
IMPACT OF NATURAL DISASTERS	<p>No significant operational difficulties were experienced in conducting the LFS in February 2011. A small number of households from the sample were not able to be enumerated due to either flood or cyclone damage to the dwelling, or road closures preventing access to the dwelling. The small amount of sample loss did not have a statistically significant impact on the estimates. For further information on how the ABS responded to the Queensland floods refer to the article Impact of the Floods on the Labour Force Survey in the January 2011 issue of <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (cat. no. 6202.0).</p>
CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	<p>Tables presenting data for persons aged 15–69 years have been removed from this issue as the scope of this survey has applied to all persons aged 15 years and over since 2007.</p>
FUTURE ISSUES	<p>As part of a review of supplementary surveys to the monthly LFS, this issue of Labour Force Experience may be the last.</p>
ROUNDING	<p>As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.</p>

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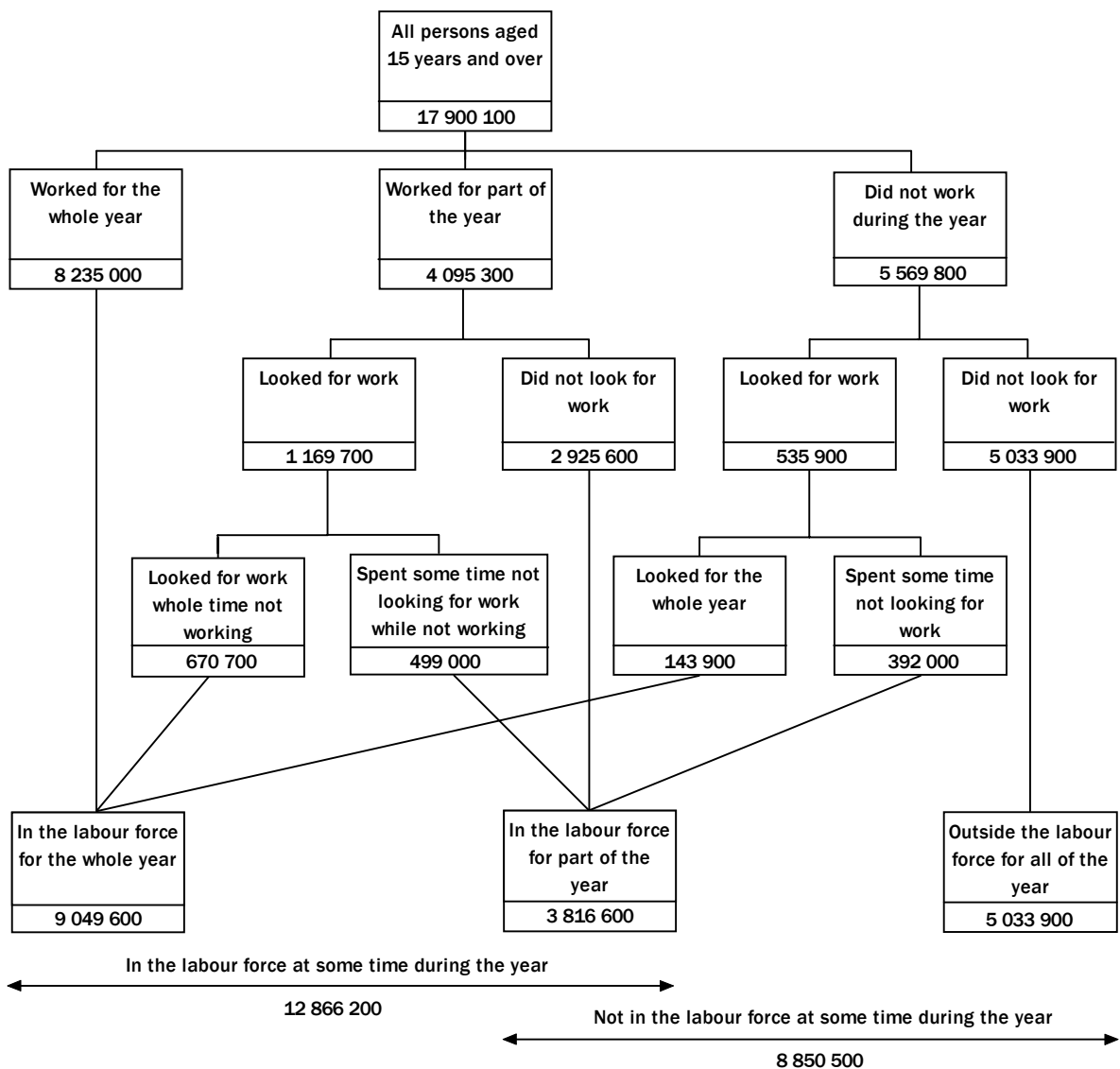
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The following diagram illustrates the conceptual framework for the Labour Force Experience Survey. Persons aged 15 years and over were classified according to their labour force activity over a 12-month period, that is, whether they were working or looking for work.

The framework differentiates between persons who worked for the whole year, part of the year or did not work during the year. Persons who worked part of the year or did not work during the year were asked whether they looked for work during the year. Persons who looked for work were also asked about the time they spent looking for work.

Note that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are not the same as the more precisely defined terms *employed* and *unemployed*, which are used in the monthly Labour Force Survey to describe current labour force status. See the Glossary for the definitions of these terms.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ALL PERSONS

In February 2011, there were 17.9 million persons aged 15 years and over. During the 12 months to February 2011, 75% of these persons did not change their labour force status.

Other characteristics of persons aged 15 years and over at February 2011 included:

- 12.3 million persons worked at some time during the year, of whom 8.2 million (67%) spent the whole year working;
- 1.7 million persons looked for work at some time during the year, of whom 143,900 (8%) spent the whole year looking for work; and
- 8.9 million persons were classified as 'Not in the labour force' at some time during the year, of whom 5.0 million (57%) remained 'Not in the labour force' for the whole of this 12 month period.

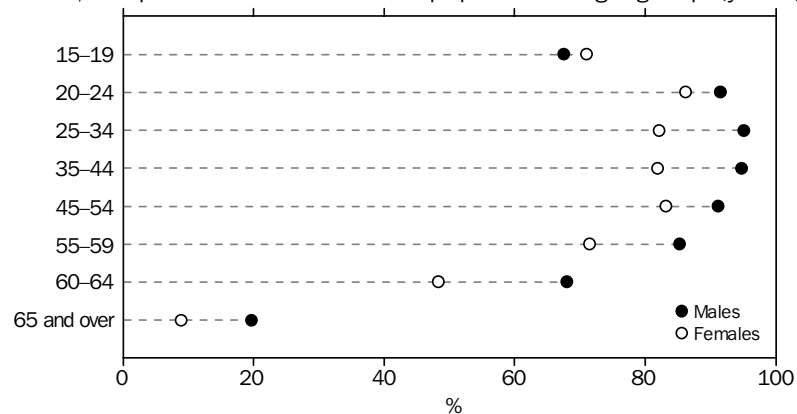
Participation in the labour force

There were 12.9 million persons aged 15 years and over who participated in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011 (78% of males and 66% of females). That is, 72% of Australians aged 15 years and over either worked or looked for work at some time during this period (the same as in 2009).

Of the persons who were in the labour force at some time during the 12 months ending February 2011, 70% spent the whole year in the labour force and 17% spent from 39 to under 52 weeks in the labour force.

The persons with the highest proportion of participation in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011 were those aged 20–34 years (89%), closely followed by 35–44 year olds (88%) and 45–54 year olds (87%).

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 2009, Proportion of the civilian population—Age group (years)—By sex



Participation for males was at a higher rate than females in all age groups except for those aged 15–19, where participation for females (71%) was at a slightly higher rate than for males (67%). Among males, the age group with the highest rate of participation was those aged 25–34 (95%), whilst for females it was those aged 20–24 (86%).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

Some 12.3 million persons aged 15 years and over worked at some time during the year ending February 2011. Of these, 6.6 million (54%) were males and 5.7 million (46%) were females. Approximately 70% of the males worked for the entire 52 weeks, compared to 63% of the females.

Of those persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011:

- 65% only worked full-time hours (77% of males and 50% of females);
- 26% only worked part-time hours (14% of males and 39% of females); and
- 10% worked a combination of full-time and part-time hours (9% of males and 11% of females).

Persons who worked only full-time during the year were more likely to work all year and less likely to change employers or businesses than those who only worked part-time.

The majority of persons (80%) who only worked full-time worked for the whole year, compared to 42% of persons who only worked part-time hours.

The majority of persons (79%) who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011 had only one employer or business during the 12 months. About 21% of persons who only worked part-time hours had two or more employers or businesses during the year, compared to 17% of persons who only worked full-time.

PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

There were 1.7 million persons aged 15 years and over who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 2011 (906,800 males and 798,800 females). Of these, 69% also worked during the year.

Of those persons who looked for work at some time during this 12 month period:

- 16% looked for work from 1 to under 4 weeks;
- 37% looked for work from 4 to under 13 weeks;
- 18% looked for work from 13 to under 26 weeks;
- 20% looked for work from 26 to under 52 weeks; and
- 8% looked for work the whole year.

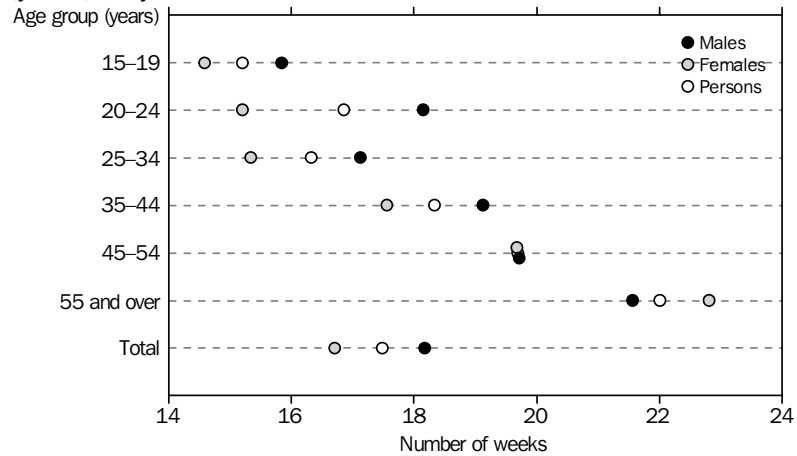
For the majority of these persons (75%), the time spent looking for work during this 12 month period was over a single period or spell, however some persons had a number of spells of looking for work.

- 11% had 2 spells looking for work; and
- 14% had 3 or more spells looking for work.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR *continued*

MEAN DURATION OF TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, By age group (years)—By sex



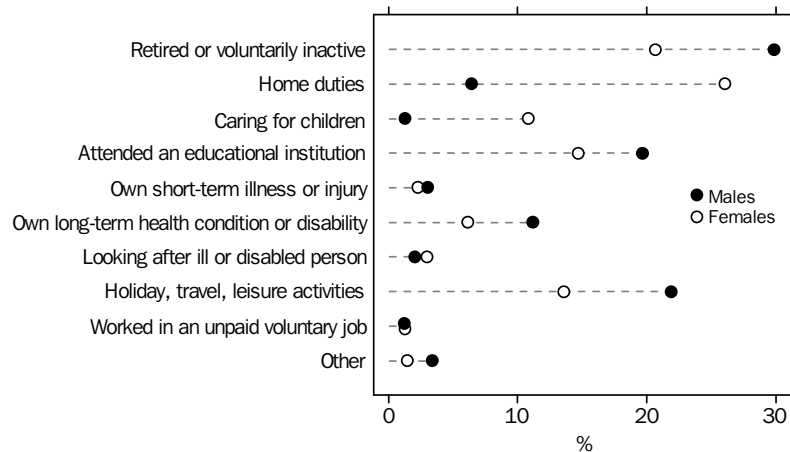
The mean duration of time spent looking for work was 17.5 weeks (up from 15.9 weeks in 2009). On average, females who looked for work spent less time doing so (16.7 weeks) than males (18.2 weeks). On average, those aged 55 years and over tended to spend the most time looking for work (22 weeks), while those aged 15–19 years spent the least time (15.2 weeks).

PERSONS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR

There were 8.9 million persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011. Of these:

- 58% were females;
- 57% remained outside the labour force for the whole of this 12 month period; and
- 24% were not in the labour force from 1 to under 13 weeks.

MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE—BY SEX



The main activities most commonly reported by persons while outside the labour force were:

- 'Retired or voluntarily inactive' (30% of males and 21% of females);
- 'Holiday, travel or leisure activities' (22% of males and 14% of females);
- 'Attended an educational institution' (20% of males and 15% of females); and
- 'Home duties' (6% of males and 26% of females).

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	2007		2009		2011	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
MALES						
In the labour force for the whole year	4 644.0	57.8	4 825.6	57.8	5 164.1	58.3
Worked for the whole year	4 239.0	52.7	4 384.6	52.5	4 658.8	52.6
Worked for part of the year(a)	347.7	4.3	380.2	4.6	424.8	4.8
Worked for none of the year(b)	57.3	0.7	60.8	0.7	80.5	0.9
In the labour force for part of the year	1 564.2	19.5	1 695.9	20.3	1 715.1	19.4
Worked for part of the year	1 448.1	18.0	1 544.0	18.5	1 558.0	17.6
Looked for work at some time	253.6	3.2	263.5	3.2	244.5	2.8
Did not look for work	1 194.5	14.9	1 280.4	15.3	1 313.6	14.8
Worked for none of the year	116.1	1.4	151.9	1.8	157.0	1.8
Not in the labour force all year	1 828.8	22.8	1 831.4	21.9	1 981.0	22.4
Total	8 037.0	100.0	8 352.9	100.0	8 860.1	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the year	6 208.1	77.2	6 521.5	78.1	6 879.1	77.6
Worked at some time during the year	6 034.8	75.1	6 308.8	75.5	6 641.7	75.0
Looked for work at some time during the year	774.7	9.6	856.4	10.3	906.8	10.2
Not in the labour force at some time during the year	3 393.0	42.2	3 527.3	42.2	3 696.1	41.7
FEMALES						
In the labour force for the whole year	3 410.4	41.5	3 681.3	43.2	3 885.5	43.0
Worked for the whole year	3 132.9	38.1	3 376.9	39.6	3 576.2	39.6
Worked for part of the year(a)	229.4	2.8	247.5	2.9	245.9	2.7
Worked for none of the year(b)	48.1	0.6	56.9	0.7	63.4	0.7
In the labour force for part of the year	1 926.5	23.4	2 016.1	23.7	2 101.5	23.2
Worked for part of the year	1 702.2	20.7	1 810.0	21.2	1 866.5	20.6
Looked for work at some time	261.4	3.2	283.4	3.3	254.5	2.8
Did not look for work	1 440.8	17.5	1 526.5	17.9	1 612.0	17.8
Worked for none of the year	224.3	2.7	206.2	2.4	235.0	2.6
Not in the labour force all year	2 888.6	35.1	2 825.8	33.2	3 052.9	33.8
Total	8 225.5	100.0	8 523.2	100.0	9 040.0	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the year	5 336.9	64.9	5 697.5	66.8	5 987.0	66.2
Worked at some time during the year	5 064.5	61.6	5 434.4	63.8	5 688.6	62.9
Looked for work at some time during the year	763.2	9.3	794.0	9.3	798.8	8.8
Not in the labour force at some time during the year	4 815.1	58.5	4 841.9	56.8	5 154.5	57.0
PERSONS						
In the labour force for the whole year	8 054.4	49.5	8 506.9	50.4	9 049.6	50.6
Worked for the whole year	7 371.9	45.3	7 761.5	46.0	8 235.0	46.0
Worked for part of the year(a)	577.1	3.5	627.7	3.7	670.7	3.7
Worked for none of the year(b)	105.4	0.6	117.7	0.7	143.9	0.8
In the labour force for part of the year	3 490.7	21.5	3 712.0	22.0	3 816.6	21.3
Worked for part of the year	3 150.3	19.4	3 353.9	19.9	3 424.6	19.1
Looked for work at some time	515.0	3.2	547.0	3.2	499.0	2.8
Did not look for work	2 635.3	16.2	2 807.0	16.6	2 925.6	16.3
Worked for none of the year	340.4	2.1	358.1	2.1	392.0	2.2
Not in the labour force all year	4 717.4	29.0	4 657.1	27.6	5 033.9	28.1
Total	16 262.4	100.0	16 876.1	100.0	17 900.1	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the year	11 545.0	71.0	12 219.0	72.4	12 866.2	71.9
Worked at some time during the year	11 099.3	68.3	11 743.2	69.6	12 330.3	68.9
Looked for work at some time during the year	1 537.9	9.5	1 650.5	9.8	1 705.6	9.5
Not in the labour force at some time during the year	8 208.1	50.5	8 369.2	49.6	8 850.5	49.4

(a) Worked for part of the year, looked for work the rest of the year.

(b) Looked for work for the whole of the year.

	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000
Time in the labour force during the year			
In the labour force during the year	6 879.1	5 987.0	12 866.2
1 to under 4 weeks	72.1	118.0	190.2
4 to under 13 weeks	197.8	278.6	476.5
13 to under 26 weeks	158.4	245.1	403.5
26 to under 39 weeks	231.2	324.4	555.6
39 to under 52 weeks	1 055.5	1 135.3	2 190.8
52 weeks	5 164.1	3 885.5	9 049.6
Not in the labour force all year	1 981.0	3 052.9	5 033.9
Time worked during the year			
Worked at some time during the year	6 641.7	5 688.6	12 330.3
1 to under 4 weeks	65.4	83.1	148.5
4 to under 13 weeks	188.8	233.9	422.7
13 to under 26 weeks	202.6	251.8	454.4
26 to under 39 weeks	332.2	364.2	696.4
39 to under 52 weeks	1 193.9	1 179.5	2 373.5
52 weeks	4 658.8	3 576.2	8 235.0
Worked for none of the year	2 218.5	3 351.3	5 569.8
Full-time or part-time status of time worked during the year			
Worked at some time during the year	6 641.7	5 688.6	12 330.3
All full-time	5 126.9	2 842.6	7 969.6
More full-time than part-time	369.1	284.4	653.5
Full-time same as part-time	26.4	44.7	71.1
More part-time than full-time	178.9	294.6	473.5
All part-time	940.3	2 222.3	3 162.6
Worked for none of the year	2 218.5	3 351.3	5 569.8
Number of employers/businesses during the year(a)			
One	5 284.1	4 502.9	9 787.0
Two	1 091.6	951.7	2 043.3
Three	190.7	171.1	361.8
Four or more	75.3	62.9	138.2
Time spent looking for work during the year			
Looked for work at some time during the year	906.8	798.8	1 705.6
1 to under 4 weeks	134.4	145.9	280.2
4 to under 13 weeks	339.9	299.4	639.3
13 to under 26 weeks	169.3	135.3	304.5
26 to under 39 weeks	100.1	96.4	196.5
39 to under 52 weeks	82.7	58.5	141.3
52 weeks	80.5	63.4	143.9
Did not look for work during the year	7 953.3	8 241.1	16 194.5
Number of spells of looking for work during the year			
None	7 953.3	8 241.1	16 194.5
One	673.2	609.4	1 282.6
Two	110.8	79.0	189.7
Three	65.7	64.9	130.7
Four or more	57.1	45.6	102.7
Total	8 860.1	9 040.0	17 900.1

(a) Excludes persons who had zero employers/businesses during the year.

ALL PERSONS, Personal characteristics—By labour force experience during the year ending February 2011—By sex

	<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	<i>Worked at some time during the year</i>	<i>Looked for work at some time during the year</i>	<i>Not in the labour force at some time during the year</i>	<i>Not in the labour force all year</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Age group (years)						
15–19	508.5	422.9	168.5	585.8	244.9	753.4
20–24	757.3	708.7	169.7	329.6	70.2	827.5
25–34	1 524.4	1 490.6	219.0	379.2	79.1	1 603.4
35–44	1 467.4	1 441.6	143.1	348.6	81.8	1 549.2
45–54	1 377.0	1 356.8	115.9	355.2	133.5	1 510.5
55–59	567.1	555.4	50.4	211.8	97.8	664.9
60–64	413.4	403.3	32.2	303.7	194.4	607.7
65 and over	264.1	262.2	7.9	1 182.2	1 079.2	1 343.3
Marital status						
Married	4 319.5	4 265.8	367.8	1 943.3	1 128.2	5 447.7
Not married	2 559.7	2 375.9	539.0	1 752.8	852.8	3 412.4
Relationship in household						
Family member	5 797.1	5 603.6	725.9	2 986.8	1 554.0	7 351.1
Husband, wife or partner	4 295.2	4 244.4	361.9	1 915.6	1 106.3	5 401.5
With dependants	2 260.7	2 233.7	192.7	469.3	106.2	2 366.9
Without dependants	2 034.4	2 010.7	169.3	1 446.2	1 000.1	3 034.6
Lone parent	126.6	121.6	19.5	69.6	44.4	171.0
With dependants	81.4	77.1	16.9	34.6	17.7	99.1
Without dependants	45.2	44.4	*2.7	35.0	26.7	71.9
Dependent student	366.7	303.6	105.7	525.0	242.3	609.0
Non-dependent child	851.2	785.1	212.1	369.6	99.8	951.1
Other family person	157.4	148.9	26.6	107.0	61.1	218.5
Non-family member	1 019.1	981.5	165.6	637.5	375.8	1 394.9
Lone person	599.8	576.3	91.3	440.2	303.3	903.1
Not living alone	419.3	405.3	74.2	197.3	72.5	491.7
Relationship not determined	63.0	56.6	15.3	71.8	51.2	114.2
Total	6 879.1	6 641.7	906.8	3 696.1	1 981.0	8 860.1

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

(a) The sum of the components will be greater than the total, as it is possible for persons to be included in more than one category over the year.

ALL PERSONS, Personal characteristics—By labour force experience during the year ending February 2011—By sex *continued*

	<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	<i>Worked at some time during the year</i>	<i>Looked for work at some time during the year</i>	<i>Not in the labour force at some time during the year</i>	<i>Not in the labour force all year</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES						
Age group (years)						
15–19	507.3	425.1	170.0	561.1	207.4	714.7
20–24	677.8	641.9	130.7	400.5	108.3	786.1
25–34	1 297.3	1 244.1	175.7	736.5	282.3	1 579.6
35–44	1 293.9	1 237.6	147.3	686.3	286.7	1 580.6
45–54	1 291.6	1 244.3	125.6	584.2	261.3	1 552.9
55–59	483.5	467.5	31.7	313.6	192.6	676.1
60–64	300.2	294.5	14.0	424.8	322.0	622.2
65 and over	135.3	133.5	*3.8	1 447.6	1 392.4	1 527.8
Marital status						
Married	3 605.1	3 487.5	337.1	2 844.4	1 688.6	5 293.8
Not married	2 381.9	2 201.1	461.8	2 310.0	1 364.3	3 746.2
Relationship in household						
Family member	5 166.7	4 901.5	688.5	4 182.5	2 309.1	7 475.8
Husband, wife or partner	3 582.4	3 467.0	332.8	2 813.1	1 663.1	5 245.5
With dependants	1 786.2	1 708.0	178.2	1 175.5	513.0	2 299.2
Without dependants	1 796.2	1 759.1	154.6	1 637.7	1 150.1	2 946.2
Lone parent	514.6	466.8	102.9	451.7	268.0	782.6
With dependants	416.7	372.6	94.4	305.3	144.1	560.8
Without dependants	97.9	94.2	8.6	146.5	123.9	221.8
Dependent student	421.2	362.3	113.5	504.6	195.1	616.4
Non-dependent child	520.8	486.4	115.8	250.9	67.3	588.1
Other family person	127.7	119.0	23.5	162.2	115.5	243.3
Non-family member	778.6	749.7	102.1	894.1	678.7	1 457.3
Lone person	511.9	491.4	58.3	733.5	612.8	1 124.7
Not living alone	266.6	258.3	43.8	160.6	65.9	332.6
Relationship not determined	41.7	37.4	8.3	77.8	65.1	106.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>5 987.0</i>	<i>5 688.6</i>	<i>798.8</i>	<i>5 154.5</i>	<i>3 052.9</i>	<i>9 040.0</i>

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	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS						
Age group (years)						
15–19	1 015.8	848.0	338.5	1 146.9	452.3	1 468.1
20–24	1 435.1	1 350.7	300.4	730.1	178.5	1 613.6
25–34	2 821.7	2 734.8	394.6	1 115.7	361.4	3 183.0
35–44	2 761.3	2 679.3	290.4	1 034.9	368.5	3 129.8
45–54	2 668.6	2 601.2	241.5	939.3	394.8	3 063.4
55–59	1 050.6	1 022.9	82.2	525.4	290.4	1 341.0
60–64	713.6	697.8	46.2	728.5	516.4	1 230.0
65 and over	399.5	395.7	11.7	2 629.8	2 471.7	2 871.1
Marital status						
Married	7 924.6	7 753.3	704.9	4 787.7	2 816.9	10 741.5
Not married	4 941.6	4 577.0	1 000.8	4 062.8	2 217.1	7 158.6
Relationship in household						
Family member	10 963.9	10 505.1	1 414.4	7 169.3	3 863.0	14 826.9
Husband, wife or partner	7 877.5	7 711.5	694.7	4 728.7	2 769.5	10 647.0
With dependants	4 047.0	3 941.7	370.9	1 644.8	619.2	4 666.2
Without dependants	3 830.6	3 769.8	323.8	3 083.9	2 150.2	5 980.8
Lone parent	641.2	588.4	122.5	521.3	312.4	953.6
With dependants	498.2	449.8	111.2	339.9	161.7	659.9
Without dependants	143.1	138.7	11.2	181.5	150.7	293.7
Dependent student	787.9	665.8	219.2	1 029.6	437.4	1 225.4
Non-dependent child	1 372.0	1 271.4	327.8	620.5	167.1	1 539.1
Other family person	285.2	267.9	50.1	269.2	176.6	461.8
Non-family member	1 797.6	1 731.2	267.7	1 531.6	1 054.5	2 852.2
Lone person	1 111.7	1 067.7	149.6	1 173.7	916.1	2 027.9
Not living alone	685.9	663.5	118.1	357.9	138.4	824.3
Relationship not determined	104.7	94.0	23.6	149.6	116.4	221.1
Total	12 866.2	12 330.3	1 705.6	8 850.5	5 033.9	17 900.1

(a) The sum of the components will be greater than the total, as it is possible for persons to be included in more than one category over the year.

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
MALES									
Time in the labour force during the year									
In the labour force during the year	508.5	757.3	1 524.4	1 467.4	1 377.0	567.1	413.4	264.1	6 879.1
1 to under 4 weeks	27.5	16.2	*5.9	*3.6	*3.1	*3.7	*2.2	9.8	72.1
4 to under 13 weeks	91.1	31.9	18.0	12.2	8.7	*4.5	12.4	19.2	197.8
13 to under 26 weeks	51.0	26.8	23.9	14.8	12.4	7.8	9.8	11.8	158.4
26 to under 39 weeks	54.5	36.2	38.7	27.1	22.9	16.1	16.9	18.6	231.2
39 to under 52 weeks	116.8	148.3	213.6	209.0	174.5	81.9	67.9	43.6	1 055.5
52 weeks	167.6	497.9	1 224.2	1 200.7	1 155.3	453.1	304.1	161.2	5 164.1
Not in the labour force all year	244.9	70.2	79.1	81.8	133.5	97.8	194.4	1 079.2	1 981.0
Total	753.4	827.5	1 603.4	1 549.2	1 510.5	664.9	607.7	1 343.3	8 860.1
FEMALES									
Time in the labour force during the year									
In the labour force during the year	507.3	677.8	1 297.3	1 293.9	1 291.6	483.5	300.2	135.3	5 987.0
1 to under 4 weeks	33.2	13.4	24.4	19.1	10.8	7.9	*5.8	*3.4	118.0
4 to under 13 weeks	79.8	38.4	50.3	42.0	31.8	11.3	14.1	10.9	278.6
13 to under 26 weeks	54.7	37.2	62.2	44.8	25.7	9.3	*6.8	*4.4	245.1
26 to under 39 weeks	48.6	41.0	86.9	68.0	38.4	16.0	17.7	7.8	324.4
39 to under 52 weeks	137.3	162.2	230.3	225.7	216.2	76.4	58.5	28.7	1 135.3
52 weeks	153.6	385.6	843.2	894.3	968.8	362.5	197.4	80.2	3 885.5
Not in the labour force all year	207.4	108.3	282.3	286.7	261.3	192.6	322.0	1 392.4	3 052.9
Total	714.7	786.1	1 579.6	1 580.6	1 552.9	676.1	622.2	1 527.8	9 040.0
PERSONS									
Time in the labour force during the year									
In the labour force during the year	1 015.8	1 435.1	2 821.7	2 761.3	2 668.6	1 050.6	713.6	399.5	12 866.2
1 to under 4 weeks	60.8	29.6	30.3	22.8	13.9	11.7	8.0	13.2	190.2
4 to under 13 weeks	170.9	70.3	68.2	54.2	40.5	15.8	26.5	30.0	476.5
13 to under 26 weeks	105.7	64.0	86.1	59.6	38.1	17.1	16.6	16.2	403.5
26 to under 39 weeks	103.1	77.2	125.7	95.1	61.3	32.1	34.6	26.4	555.6
39 to under 52 weeks	254.1	310.5	443.9	434.7	390.7	158.3	126.3	72.2	2 190.8
52 weeks	321.2	883.6	2 067.4	2 095.0	2 124.1	815.6	501.5	241.3	9 049.6
Not in the labour force all year	452.3	178.5	361.4	368.5	394.8	290.4	516.4	2 471.7	5 033.9
Total	1 468.1	1 613.6	3 183.0	3 129.8	3 063.4	1 341.0	1 230.0	2 871.1	17 900.1

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PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR, Selected characteristics—February 2007 to February 2011

	2007	2009	2011
	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR			
Sex			
Males	6 208.1	6 521.5	6 879.1
Females	5 336.9	5 697.5	5 987.0
Age groups (years)			
15–19	978.8	1 020.2	1 015.8
20–24	1 296.0	1 338.8	1 435.1
25–34	2 486.5	2 612.9	2 821.7
35–44	2 619.1	2 716.5	2 761.3
45–54	2 434.1	2 580.0	2 668.6
55–59	915.1	972.6	1 050.6
60–64	530.6	643.7	713.6
65 and over	285.0	334.2	399.5
State or territory of usual residence			
New South Wales	3 750.1	3 888.5	4 073.0
Victoria	2 898.5	3 016.7	3 258.0
Queensland	2 313.7	2 495.4	2 612.9
South Australia	848.0	905.5	929.4
Western Australia	1 180.8	1 304.5	1 362.6
Tasmania	255.0	270.5	274.9
Northern Territory	91.0	121.7	127.0
Australian Capital Territory	207.9	216.1	228.3
Total	11 545.0	12 219.0	12 866.2
PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR			
Sex			
Males	6 034.8	6 308.8	6 641.7
Females	5 064.5	5 434.4	5 688.6
Age groups (years)			
15–19	856.5	868.5	848.0
20–24	1 240.6	1 278.9	1 350.7
25–34	2 408.2	2 532.0	2 734.8
35–44	2 536.0	2 640.6	2 679.3
45–54	2 368.9	2 520.9	2 601.2
55–59	897.6	947.6	1 022.9
60–64	511.2	625.4	697.8
65 and over	280.4	329.3	395.7
State or territory of usual residence			
New South Wales	3 567.3	3 688.9	3 892.5
Victoria	2 785.8	2 895.5	3 110.5
Queensland	2 241.1	2 423.0	2 509.6
South Australia	814.1	868.8	886.5
Western Australia	1 154.0	1 276.3	1 324.8
Tasmania	244.7	261.3	261.5
Northern Territory	89.6	118.3	124.5
Australian Capital Territory	202.7	211.1	220.3
Total	11 099.3	11 743.2	12 330.3

PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR, Selected characteristics—February 2007 to February 2011 *continued*

	2007	2009	2011
	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR			
Sex			
Males	774.7	856.4	906.8
Females	763.2	794.0	798.8
Age groups (years)			
15–19	300.6	329.4	338.5
20–24	270.7	267.9	300.4
25–34	336.5	371.9	394.6
35–44	287.1	309.7	290.4
45–54	224.2	238.5	241.5
55–59	74.7	78.0	82.2
60–64	35.8	46.1	46.2
65 and over	8.3	8.9	11.7
State or territory of usual residence			
New South Wales	522.1	577.1	547.5
Victoria	386.2	413.6	414.8
Queensland	318.8	327.9	378.9
South Australia	116.2	122.8	126.9
Western Australia	129.8	146.7	162.1
Tasmania	34.0	27.4	38.8
Northern Territory	9.7	16.0	11.3
Australian Capital Territory	21.1	18.9	25.4
Total	1 537.9	1 650.5	1 705.6

PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR, Time worked and number of employers/businesses during the year—By full-time or part-time status—By sex

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS
OF TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR

	All full-time '000	More full-time than part-time '000	Full-time same as part-time '000	More part-time than full-time '000	All part-time '000	Total '000
MALES						
Time worked during the year						
1 to under 13 weeks	97.9	8.4	**0.1	*5.5	142.2	254.2
13 to under 26 weeks	84.7	11.5	**0.5	10.3	95.6	202.6
26 to under 39 weeks	154.9	28.1	*2.5	22.5	124.3	332.2
39 to under 52 weeks	669.0	171.4	*4.0	72.8	276.8	1 193.9
52 weeks	4 120.4	149.8	19.3	67.8	301.5	4 658.8
Number of employers/businesses during the year						
One	4 246.5	196.0	14.6	92.4	734.6	5 284.1
Two	746.1	122.9	7.5	60.9	154.1	1 091.6
Three	100.2	35.1	*3.9	18.1	33.4	190.7
Four or more	34.1	15.2	**0.4	7.5	18.1	75.3
Total	5 126.9	369.1	26.4	178.9	940.3	6 641.7
FEMALES						
Time worked during the year						
1 to under 13 weeks	90.7	7.2	*2.2	*2.7	214.2	317.0
13 to under 26 weeks	71.1	13.5	*1.8	11.1	154.2	251.8
26 to under 39 weeks	99.9	27.6	*3.0	24.3	209.4	364.2
39 to under 52 weeks	358.3	96.5	*2.6	90.1	632.0	1 179.5
52 weeks	2 222.7	139.6	35.0	166.5	1 012.5	3 576.2
Number of employers/businesses during the year						
One	2 378.7	154.7	30.2	184.1	1 755.2	4 502.9
Two	389.8	93.1	10.8	84.5	373.6	951.7
Three	53.3	27.1	*3.3	19.7	67.8	171.1
Four or more	20.9	9.5	**0.4	*6.3	25.7	62.9
Total	2 842.6	284.4	44.7	294.6	2 222.3	5 688.6
PERSONS						
Time worked during the year						
1 to under 13 weeks	188.6	15.7	*2.3	8.1	356.4	571.1
13 to under 26 weeks	155.8	25.0	*2.3	21.4	249.8	454.4
26 to under 39 weeks	254.7	55.6	*5.5	46.8	333.7	696.4
39 to under 52 weeks	1 027.3	267.9	*6.6	162.9	908.8	2 373.5
52 weeks	6 343.1	289.3	54.4	234.3	1 314.0	8 235.0
Number of employers/businesses during the year						
One	6 625.2	350.7	44.7	276.5	2 489.8	9 787.0
Two	1 135.9	216.0	18.4	145.4	527.7	2 043.3
Three	153.5	62.1	7.2	37.8	101.2	361.8
Four or more	55.0	24.7	**0.8	13.8	43.9	138.2
Total	7 969.6	653.5	71.1	473.5	3 162.6	12 330.3

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AGE GROUP (YEARS)

15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55 and over Total

MALES

		15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
Time spent looking for work during the year								
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	30.4	26.5	31.2	18.4	16.1	11.7	134.4
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	68.4	64.3	90.6	50.1	39.4	27.1	339.9
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	26.7	28.9	40.7	31.6	24.7	16.7	169.3
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	21.0	18.0	20.8	16.8	10.3	13.2	100.1
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	13.2	17.9	19.9	11.2	13.0	7.5	82.7
52 weeks	'000	8.7	14.2	15.7	15.1	12.4	14.4	80.5
Number of spells of looking for work during the year								
One	'000	129.0	133.5	168.3	96.9	80.1	65.3	673.2
Two	'000	15.0	14.6	24.9	24.5	19.3	12.4	110.8
Three	'000	14.6	10.7	11.0	11.9	10.5	7.0	65.7
Four or more	'000	9.9	10.9	14.7	9.9	*5.9	*5.8	57.1
Time worked during the year								
Worked at some time during the year	'000	82.9	121.1	185.2	117.3	95.8	66.9	669.3
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	7.3	*4.7	*4.7	*3.7	*2.7	**1.2	24.1
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	16.9	10.2	17.5	8.6	12.0	*6.6	71.8
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	19.6	19.1	23.9	15.4	7.1	9.4	94.6
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	22.6	26.7	43.4	31.4	22.6	18.7	165.3
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	16.5	60.4	95.8	58.4	51.4	31.0	313.5
Worked for none of the year	'000	85.5	48.6	33.7	25.8	20.1	23.7	237.5
Total	'000	168.5	169.7	219.0	143.1	115.9	90.6	906.8
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	wks	15.8	18.1	17.1	19.1	19.7	21.6	18.2
Median duration of time spent looking for work	wks	10	12	11	13	13	16	12

FEMALES

		15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
Time spent looking for work during the year								
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	32.5	23.6	33.8	30.6	17.9	7.5	145.9
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	77.0	53.2	68.1	45.4	42.7	13.1	299.4
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	23.1	23.3	31.0	25.6	23.6	8.5	135.3
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	17.3	15.6	20.8	21.9	14.1	*6.7	96.4
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	10.3	8.2	12.8	11.5	10.7	*5.0	58.5
52 weeks	'000	9.9	6.9	9.1	12.3	16.6	8.6	63.4
Number of spells of looking for work during the year								
One	'000	131.4	100.8	134.7	110.6	95.8	36.0	609.4
Two	'000	16.1	8.1	18.3	16.4	14.1	*5.9	79.0
Three	'000	12.3	15.5	13.4	11.7	*6.8	*5.2	64.9
Four or more	'000	10.2	*6.3	9.1	8.5	9.0	*2.4	45.6
Time worked during the year								
Worked at some time during the year	'000	87.8	94.9	122.5	91.1	78.3	26.0	500.4
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	*6.3	*3.3	7.9	*4.9	*4.2	**1.3	27.9
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	21.7	11.7	9.8	10.2	9.2	*5.9	68.5
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	15.9	12.9	19.0	19.5	11.1	*2.6	81.1
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	16.9	25.7	30.8	19.6	19.8	7.9	120.7
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	27.0	41.3	54.9	36.9	34.1	8.2	202.3
Worked for none of the year	'000	82.2	35.9	53.2	56.2	47.3	23.6	298.4
Total	'000	170.0	130.7	175.7	147.3	125.6	49.5	798.8
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	wks	14.6	15.2	15.3	17.6	19.7	22.8	16.7
Median duration of time spent looking for work	wks	8	10	10	12	13	17	10

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AGE GROUP (YEARS)

15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55 and over Total

PERSONS

Time spent looking for work during the year								
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	62.9	50.1	65.0	49.0	34.1	19.3	280.2
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	145.4	117.5	158.7	95.4	82.0	40.2	639.3
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	49.9	52.2	71.7	57.2	48.3	25.2	304.5
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	38.3	33.5	41.6	38.7	24.5	19.8	196.5
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	23.4	26.1	32.7	22.7	23.7	12.6	141.3
52 weeks	'000	18.6	21.1	24.8	27.4	29.0	23.0	143.9
Number of spells of looking for work during the year								
One	'000	260.4	234.3	303.1	207.5	176.0	101.3	1 282.6
Two	'000	31.1	22.7	43.3	40.9	33.4	18.3	189.7
Three	'000	26.9	26.2	24.5	23.6	17.3	12.2	130.7
Four or more	'000	20.1	17.2	23.8	18.4	14.9	8.2	102.7
Time worked during the year								
Worked at some time during the year	'000	170.7	216.0	307.7	208.4	174.1	92.8	1 169.8
1 to under 4 weeks	'000	13.5	7.9	12.6	8.6	6.9	*2.5	52.0
4 to under 13 weeks	'000	38.6	21.8	27.4	18.8	21.1	12.5	140.2
13 to under 26 weeks	'000	35.6	32.1	42.9	34.9	18.2	12.0	175.7
26 to under 39 weeks	'000	39.5	52.4	74.1	51.0	42.4	26.6	285.9
39 to under 52 weeks	'000	43.6	101.7	150.7	95.2	85.4	39.2	515.9
Worked for none of the year	'000	167.8	84.5	86.9	82.0	67.4	47.3	535.9
Total	'000	338.5	300.4	394.6	290.4	241.5	140.1	1 705.6
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	wks	15.2	16.9	16.3	18.3	19.7	22.0	17.5
Median duration of time spent looking for work	wks	9	10	10	13	13	16	12

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PERSONS WHO WERE NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR, Main activity when not in the labour force—By time not in the labour force—By sex

	TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR					Total
	1 to under 13 weeks '000	13 to under 26 weeks '000	26 to under 39 weeks '000	39 to under 52 weeks '000	52 weeks '000	
MALES						
Main activity when not in the labour force						
Retired or voluntarily inactive	71.7	22.8	21.4	44.5	943.4	1 103.8
Home duties	73.3	16.3	14.9	12.0	121.0	237.5
Caring for children	17.3	*4.0	*5.7	*3.5	16.2	46.6
Attended an educational institution	82.7	55.0	100.6	170.5	318.4	727.2
Own short-term illness or injury	63.0	17.6	12.3	*4.3	15.7	112.9
Own long-term health condition or disability	11.5	8.8	11.2	17.8	363.7	413.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	7.3	*1.8	*4.3	*5.5	55.7	74.6
Holiday, travel, leisure activities	617.0	48.6	25.4	23.1	96.3	810.4
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*5.9	*2.8	*2.3	*3.6	30.0	44.5
Other	67.3	13.8	14.1	9.7	20.7	125.5
Total	1 017.0	191.5	212.1	294.5	1 981.0	3 696.1
FEMALES						
Main activity when not in the labour force						
Retired or voluntarily inactive	40.9	9.9	10.6	22.8	982.7	1 066.8
Home duties	172.3	64.5	81.3	111.5	912.6	1 342.1
Caring for children	86.7	58.1	72.1	68.3	272.8	558.1
Attended an educational institution	111.7	58.6	102.8	177.0	307.4	757.4
Own short-term illness or injury	70.9	10.8	9.2	*3.9	21.5	116.4
Own long-term health condition or disability	11.7	*4.9	*5.8	12.6	281.7	316.7
Looking after ill or disabled person	17.8	*5.0	*5.4	8.4	117.0	153.6
Holiday, travel, leisure activities	535.9	34.3	20.3	16.5	94.5	701.5
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*6.6	*2.1	*1.8	*3.5	52.1	66.2
Other	38.6	10.2	7.7	8.4	10.7	75.6
Total	1 093.2	258.4	317.1	432.8	3 052.9	5 154.5
PERSONS						
Main activity when not in the labour force						
Retired or voluntarily inactive	112.6	32.8	32.0	67.2	1 926.1	2 170.6
Home duties	245.6	80.8	96.2	123.5	1 033.5	1 579.6
Caring for children	104.0	62.2	77.8	71.7	288.9	604.7
Attended an educational institution	194.4	113.6	203.3	347.5	625.8	1 484.7
Own short-term illness or injury	133.9	28.4	21.5	8.3	37.2	229.2
Own long-term health condition or disability	23.2	13.7	17.0	30.4	645.4	729.7
Looking after ill or disabled person	25.1	*6.8	9.7	13.9	172.6	228.2
Holiday, travel, leisure activities	1 152.9	82.9	45.6	39.5	190.9	1 511.9
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	12.5	*4.8	*4.1	7.1	82.1	110.7
Other	105.9	24.0	21.8	18.1	31.4	201.2
Total	2 110.2	449.9	529.2	727.3	5 033.9	8 850.5

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

POPULATIONS, State or territory of usual residence—By sex

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Population 1									
All Persons	2 868.2	2 219.7	1 763.9	658.2	931.8	198.7	78.9	140.8	8 860.1
Population 2									
Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	2 175.5	1 751.0	1 378.0	493.7	752.8	143.8	66.5	117.9	6 879.1
Population 3									
Persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011	2 096.8	1 684.9	1 334.2	474.0	735.0	137.4	65.7	113.8	6 641.7
Population 4									
Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 2011	287.0	217.2	205.7	67.7	89.8	19.9	5.6	14.0	906.8
Population 5									
Persons who were not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	1 191.1	914.4	751.7	297.9	365.2	90.7	27.5	57.6	3 696.1
FEMALES									
Population 1									
All Persons	2 956.9	2 276.9	1 796.1	678.5	902.9	205.2	77.9	145.6	9 040.0
Population 2									
Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	1 897.5	1 507.0	1 234.9	435.7	609.8	131.1	60.6	110.4	5 987.0
Population 3									
Persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011	1 795.7	1 425.6	1 175.4	412.6	589.8	124.2	58.8	106.6	5 688.6
Population 4									
Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 2011	260.6	197.6	173.2	59.2	72.4	18.9	5.7	11.4	798.8
Population 5									
Persons who were not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	1 712.4	1 306.8	1 002.1	398.6	503.3	124.5	35.6	71.1	5 154.5
PERSONS									
Population 1									
All Persons	5 825.1	4 496.7	3 560.1	1 336.7	1 834.6	403.9	156.8	286.4	17 900.1
Population 2									
Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	4 073.0	3 258.0	2 612.9	929.4	1 362.6	274.9	127.0	228.3	12 866.2
Population 3									
Persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011	3 892.5	3 110.5	2 509.6	886.5	1 324.8	261.5	124.5	220.3	12 330.3
Population 4									
Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 2011	547.5	414.8	378.9	126.9	162.1	38.8	11.3	25.4	1 705.6
Population 5									
Persons who were not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011	2 903.5	2 221.2	1 753.8	696.6	868.5	215.1	63.1	128.7	8 850.5

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Labour Force Experience Survey conducted throughout Australia in February 2011 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the monthly LFS, which also applies to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing which are relevant to both the monthly LFS and supplementary surveys.

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

3 The conceptual framework used in Australia's LFS 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. 6102.0.55.001).

SCOPE

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

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

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

6 This supplementary survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded persons living in Indigenous communities in very remote parts of Australia. Visitors to private dwellings are also excluded from this survey.

COVERAGE

7 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in February 2011. 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. 6202.0) for more details.

SAMPLE SIZE

8 Supplementary surveys are not 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.

9 The LFS sample size in February 2011 was approximately 33% larger than the sample size in February 2009. This is due to the re-instatement of sample that was reduced from the LFS and supplementary surveys from July 2008 to November 2009. Detailed information about the sample re-instatement is provided in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, Nov 2007 (Third edition)* (cat. no. 6269.0).

10 The initial sample for the February 2011 LFS consisted of 36,250 private dwelling households and special dwelling units. Of the 29,124 private dwelling households and special dwelling units that remained in the survey after sample loss (e.g. households selected in the survey which had no residents in scope for the LFS, vacant or derelict dwellings and dwellings under construction), approximately 27,792 or 95.4%, were fully responding to the Labour Force Experience Survey. The number of completed interviews obtained from these private dwellings and special dwelling units (after taking into account scope and coverage exclusions) was 47,377.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

- 11** 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.
 - 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

- 12** The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month (February) and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

CLASSIFICATIONS USED

- 13** Country of birth data are classified according to the *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition, 2008* (cat. no. 1269.0).

- 14** Occupation data are classified according to the ANZSCO—*Australian and New Zealand Standard Classifications of Occupations, First Edition, Revision 1* (cat. no. 1220.0).

- 15** Industry data are classified according to *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 (Revision 1.0)* (cat. no. 1292.0).

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

- 16** The Labour Force Survey estimates, and estimates from the supplementary surveys, are calculated in such a way as to sum to independent estimates of the civilian population aged 15 years and over (population benchmarks). These population benchmarks are based on Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data. Generally, revisions are made to population benchmarks after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing (Census); however, in the second half of 2010, revisions were applied to population benchmarks, including those used for the 2011 Labour Force Experience Survey, to take into account more up to date information about Net Overseas Migration (a component of the ERP). For more details on population benchmarks, see the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0), and for details about the revisions made, see the article in the September 2010 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

COMPARABILITY WITH MONTHLY LFS STATISTICS

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

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

- 18** Results of similar surveys, conducted in February 1969, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, annually from February 1979 to February 1989, annually from March 1990 to March 1994, and biennially in February from 1995, have been given in previous issues of the publication *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (cat. no. 6206.0) and the Standard Data Service *Labour Force Experience on Hardcopy, Australia* (cat. no. 6206.0.40.001).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 19** ABS 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*.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 ABS publications which may also be of interest include:

- *Career Experience, Australia* (cat. no. 6254.0);
- *Job Search Experience, Australia* (cat. no. 6222.0);
- *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0);
- *Labour Mobility, Australia* (cat. no. 6209.0);
- *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6102.0.55.001);
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6220.0); and
- *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

21 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the *Statistics* page on the ABS website. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the website which details products to be released in the week ahead.

ABBREVIATIONS

'000	thousand
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSCO	Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
cat. no.	Catalogue number
ERP	estimated resident population
LFS	Labour Force Survey
RSE	relative standard error
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE	standard error
wks	weeks

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

The ABS has a range of data available on request from the Labour Force Experience Survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items may also be 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)).

For more information about the ABS data available on request, contact Client Services Section in Canberra on (02) 6252 7400, or via email <information.consultancy@abs.gov.au>.

Population 1

All persons

Population 2

Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011

Population 3

Persons who worked at some time during the year ending February 2011

Population 4

Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending February 2011

Population 5

Persons who were not in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 2011

Data items

Populations

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

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
6 Relationship in household <i>cont.</i>	All
Relationship not determined	
7A Country of birth and period of arrival	All
Born in Australia	
Born overseas	
Arrived before 1971	
Arrived 1971–1980	
Arrived 1981–1990	
Arrived 1991–2000	
Arrived 2001 to survey date	
7B Country of birth (1)	All
Born in Australia	
Born overseas	
Born in main English-speaking countries	
Born in other than main English-speaking countries	
7C Country of birth (2)	All
Born in Australia	
Born overseas	
Oceania and Antarctica	
North-West Europe	
Southern and Eastern Europe	
North Africa and the Middle East	
South-East Asia	
North-East Asia	
Southern and Central Asia	
Americas	
Sub-Saharan Africa	
8 Age group (years)	All
15–19	
20–24	
25–34	
35–44	
45–54	
55–59	
60–64	
65 and over	
Note: Age collected in single years	
9 Labour force status at February 2011	All
In the labour force	
Working	
Looking for work	
Not in the labour force	
10 Status in employment at February 2011	All
Working at February 2011	
Employee	
Employer	
Own account worker	
Contributing family worker	
Not working at February 2011	
11 Full-time or part-time status at February 2011	All
Working at February 2011	
Full-time	
Part-time	
Not working at February 2011	

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
<p>12 Industry at February 2011</p> <p>Working at February 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, forestry and fishing Mining Manufacturing Electricity, gas, water and waste supply Construction Wholesale trade Retail trade Accommodation and food services Transport, postal and warehousing Information media and telecommunications Financial and insurance services Rental, hiring and real estate services Professional, scientific and technical services Administrative and support services Public administration and safety Education and training Health care and social assistance Arts and recreation services Other services <p>Not working at February 2011</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>13 Occupation at February 2011</p> <p>Working at February 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers Professionals Associated professionals Technicians and trades workers Advanced clerical and service workers Community and personal service workers Clerical and administrative workers Sales workers Machinery operators and drivers Labourers <p>Not working at February 2011</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>14 Time in the labour force during the year</p> <p>In the labour force during the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks <p>Not in the labour force all year</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>15 Time worked during the year</p> <p>Worked at some time during the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks <p>Worked for none of the year</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>16 Time not in the labour force during the year</p> <p>Not in the labour force at some time during the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks <p>In the labour force for whole year</p>	<p>All</p>

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
17 Number of employers/ businesses during the year None One Two Three Four or more	All
18 Full-time or part-time status of time worked during the year Worked at some time during the year All full-time More full-time than part-time Full-time same as part-time More part-time than full-time All part-time Worked for none of the year	All
19 Time spent looking for work during the year Looked for work at some time during the year 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks Did not look for work during the year	All
20 Number of spells of looking for work during the year None One Two Three Four or more	All
21 Main activity when not in the labour force Not in the labour force at some time during the year Retired or voluntarily inactive Home duties Caring for children Attended an educational institution Own short-term illness or injury Own long-term health condition or disability Looking after ill or disabled person Holiday, travel or leisure activities Worked in an unpaid voluntary job Other In the labour force for whole year	All
22 Whether in the labour force at some time during the year In the labour force at some time during the year For whole year For part of year Not in the labour force all year	All
23 Whether looked for work at some time during the year Looked for work at some time during the year For whole year For part of year Did not look for work during the year	All
24 Whether worked at some time during the year Worked at some time during the year For whole year For part of year Worked for none of the year	All

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
<p>25 Time worked part-time during the year Worked part-time at some time during the year 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks</p> <p>Did not work part-time during the year</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>26 Time worked full-time during the year Worked full-time at some time during the year 1 to under 4 weeks 4 to under 13 weeks 13 to under 26 weeks 26 to under 39 weeks 39 to under 52 weeks 52 weeks</p> <p>Did not work full-time during the year</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>27 Whether had an unpaid absence from work during the year Working at February 2011 With current employer for one year or more Had an unpaid absence from work Did not have an unpaid absence from work</p> <p> With current employer for less than one year Had an unpaid absence from work Did not have an unpaid absence from work</p> <p>Not working at February 2011</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>28 Time worked with current employer/business Working at February 2011 Under 12 months Under 3 months 3 to under 6 months 6 to under 9 months 9 to under 12 months</p> <p> 1 to under 2 years 2 to under 3 years 3 to under 5 years 5 to under 10 years 10 years and over 10 to under 20 years 20 years and over</p> <p>Not working at February 2011</p>	<p>All</p>

APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary surveys to the monthly Labour Force Survey. Data from these surveys are available on request and can be obtained by contacting the ABS.

	<i>cat. no.</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Latest issue</i>
Monthly Population Supplementary Surveys			
Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia(a)	6250.0	Irregular	November 2010
Child Care, Australia	4402.0	Irregular	June 2008 (Reissue)
Child Employment, Australia	6211.0	Irregular	June 2006
Education and Work, Australia	6227.0	Annual	May 2010
Employee Earnings, Benefits, and Trade Union Membership, Australia	6310.0	Annual	August 2010
Forms of Employment, Australia	6359.0	Annual	November 2010
Job Search Experience, Australia	6222.0	Annual	July 2010
Labour Force Experience, Australia	6206.0	Biennial	February 2011
Labour Mobility, Australia	6209.0	Biennial	February 2010
Locations of Work, Australia	6275.0	Irregular	November 2008
Multiple Jobholding, Australia(b)	6216.0	Irregular	August 1997
Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia	6220.0	Annual	September 2010
Underemployed Workers, Australia	6265.0	Annual	September 2010
Working Time Arrangements, Australia(c)	6342.0	Irregular	November 2009
Multi-Purpose Household Surveys			
Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation, Australia	6239.0	Biennial	2008–2009
Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia	6238.0	Biennial	2008–2009
Work-Related Injuries, Australia	6324.0	Irregular	2009–2010

(a) This product replaces the publication Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia (cat. no. 6250.0).

(b) Latest data available on request July 2001.

(c) This product replaces the publication Working Arrangements, Australia (cat. no. 6342.0).

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY

INTRODUCTION

1 Since 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.

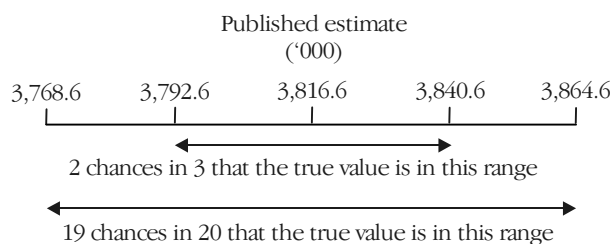
3 The LFS sample size in February 2011 was approximately one-third higher than the sample size in February 2009. This is due to re-instatement of sample that was reduced from the LFS and supplementary surveys from July 2008 to November 2009. Detailed information about the sample re-instatement is provided in *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, Nov 2007 (Third edition)* (cat. no. 6269.0).

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

4 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 shows that the estimated number of persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force for part of the year was 3,816,600. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000, table T1 shows that the SE for Australia will be between 17,050 and 28,450 and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & SE \text{ of estimate} \\
 &= \text{lower SE} + \left(\left(\frac{\text{size of estimate} - \text{lower estimate}}{\text{upper estimate} - \text{lower estimate}} \right) \times (\text{upper SE} - \text{lower SE}) \right) \\
 &= 17,050 + \left(\left(\frac{3,816,600 - 2,000,000}{5,000,000 - 2,000,000} \right) \times (28,450 - 17,050) \right) \\
 &= 24,000 \text{ (rounded to the nearest 100)}
 \end{aligned}$$

5 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 3,792,600 to 3,840,600, and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 3,768,600 to 3,864,600. This example is illustrated in the diagram below:



CALCULATION OF STANDARD
ERRORS *continued*

6 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 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 less than 25%. Table T2 presents the levels at which estimates have RSEs of 25% and 50%.

MEANS AND MEDIANS

7 The RSEs of estimates of mean and median duration of time spent looking for work are obtained by first finding the RSE of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see table T1) and then multiplying the resulting number by the following factors:

- mean duration of time spent looking for work (weeks): 0.93
- median duration of time spent looking for work (weeks): 1.04

8 The following is an example of the calculation of SEs where the use of a factor is required. Table 7 shows that the estimated number of males aged 15 years and over who looked for work at some time during the year was 906,800 with a median duration of time spent looking for work of 12 weeks. The SE of 906,800 can be calculated from table T1 (by interpolation) as 11,100. To convert this to an RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or $11,100/906,800 = 1.2\%$.

9 The RSE of the estimate of median duration of time spent looking for work for males aged 15 years and over is calculated by multiplying this number (1.2%) by the appropriate factor shown in paragraph 7 (in this case 1.04): $1.2 \times 1.04 = 1.2\%$. The approximate SE of this estimate of median duration of time spent looking for work for males aged 15 years and over is therefore 1.2% of 12 weeks, i.e. about 0.1 weeks. Therefore, there are two chances in three that the median duration of time spent looking for work for males aged 15 years and over that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 11.9 weeks to 12.1 weeks, and about 19 chances in 20 that it would have been within the range 11.8 weeks to 12.2 weeks.

10 Mean and median estimates produced from population estimates smaller than the values in T2 have RSEs larger than 25% and should be used with caution. Table T2 also indicates the size of population estimates that would produce means and medians with RSEs greater than 50%, which are considered too unreliable for general use.

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

11 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:

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

12 Considering the example above, of the 3,816,600 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force for part of the year, 499,000, or 13.1%, looked for work at some time during the year. The SE of 499,000, may be calculated by interpolation as 8,300. To convert this to an RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or $8,300/499,000 = 1.7\%$. The SE for 3,816,600 was calculated previously as 24,000, which converted to an RSE is $24,000/3,816,600 = 0.6\%$. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is:

$$RSE = \sqrt{(1.7)^2 - (0.6)^2} = 1.6\%$$

13 The SE for the proportion, 13.1%, of persons aged 15 years and over who looked for work at some time during the year is 0.2 percentage points, calculated as $(13.1/100) \times 1.6$. There are about two chances in three that the proportion of persons aged 15 years and over who looked for work at some time during the year is between 12.9% and 13.3%, and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 12.7% to 13.5%.

DIFFERENCES

14 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:

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

15 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.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

STANDARD ERRORS

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)										AUST.	
	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	SE	RSE	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	
100	290	290	220	180	220	110	80	100	110	110.0	
200	400	380	320	240	290	160	120	170	190	95.0	
300	470	440	390	280	340	190	150	210	260	86.7	
500	580	540	500	340	420	240	190	270	380	76.0	
700	660	620	580	390	480	270	230	300	480	68.6	
1,000	760	710	680	450	550	310	260	330	610	61.0	
1,500	900	830	810	530	640	360	310	360	780	52.0	
2,000	1 010	930	910	590	710	390	340	390	920	46.0	
2,500	1 100	1 000	1 000	650	800	400	350	400	1 050	42.0	
3,000	1 200	1 100	1 050	700	850	450	400	450	1 150	38.3	
3,500	1 250	1 150	1 100	700	900	450	400	450	1 250	35.7	
4,000	1 300	1 200	1 200	750	900	500	450	450	1 350	33.8	
5,000	1 450	1 300	1 250	800	1 000	500	450	500	1 500	30.0	
7,000	1 650	1 500	1 450	900	1 150	600	550	600	1 700	24.3	
10,000	1 850	1 700	1 600	1 050	1 300	700	700	700	2 000	20.0	
15,000	2 150	1 950	1 800	1 200	1 500	850	1 000	850	2 350	15.7	
20,000	2 400	2 200	1 950	1 350	1 650	1 000	1 250	1 000	2 550	12.8	
30,000	2 800	2 550	2 250	1 550	1 900	1 250	1 750	1 250	2 900	9.7	
40,000	3 100	2 800	2 500	1 800	2 100	1 500	2 250	1 500	3 150	7.9	
50,000	3 350	3 050	2 750	2 000	2 300	1 700	2 650	1 650	3 400	6.8	
100,000	4 250	4 000	3 750	3 000	3 400	2 400	4 650	2 250	4 300	4.3	
150,000	5 000	4 850	4 600	3 850	4 450	2 850	6 350	2 500	5 000	3.3	
200,000	5 750	5 650	5 400	4 550	5 350	3 200	7 950	2 650	5 600	2.8	
300,000	7 250	7 250	6 850	5 550	6 750	3 700	10 850	2 800	6 650	2.2	
500,000	10 150	10 050	9 250	7 000	8 600	4 250	..	2 800	8 350	1.7	
1,000,000	15 100	15 250	13 200	8 900	10 950	4 850	..	..	11 750	1.2
2,000,000	20 350	22 550	17 700	10 600	12 700	..	..	..	17 050	0.9
5,000,000	25 900	36 100	23 900	11 900	13 250	..	..	..	28 450	0.6
10,000,000	27 750	49 750	27 950	..	..	..	..	..	37 950	0.4
15,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42 850	0.3
20,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45 650	0.2

.. not applicable

T2 POPULATION LEVELS AT WHICH ESTIMATES HAVE RSES OF 25% AND 50%

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
25% RSE									
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	5 600	5 000	4 000	1 900	3 000	1 100	400	1 300	5 900
Median duration of time spent looking for work	6 300	5 500	5 100	2 500	3 800	1 400	700	1 500	7 200
All other estimates	6 300	5 400	5 100	2 600	3 500	1 400	1 100	1 400	6 800
50% RSE									
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	1 800	1 600	1 300	600	1 000	300	100	500	1 400
Median duration of time spent looking for work	2 000	1 800	1 700	800	1 200	400	200	600	1 800
All other estimates	2 000	1 800	1 700	800	1 200	500	300	600	1 600

GLOSSARY

Born in Australia	Includes persons born in Australia, Norfolk Island and Australian External Territories.
Employed	Persons aged 15 years 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); or ■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or ■ 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; or ■ were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Industry of main job	An industry is a group of businesses or organisations that undertake similar economic activities to produce goods and/or services. In this publication, industry of main job refers to ANZSIC Division as classified according to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 (Revision 1.0)</i> (cat. no. 1292.0).
In the labour force at some time during the year	Persons who had worked or looked for work for one week or more during the year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
In the labour force for the whole year	Persons who had either worked or looked for work every week for the whole year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
In the labour force for part of the year	Persons who had either worked or looked for work for one week or more during the year, but had some weeks when neither activity was undertaken. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Looked for work at some time during the year	Persons who looked for work for one week or more during the year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Main English-speaking countries	The list of main English-speaking countries provided here is not an attempt to classify countries on the basis of whether or not English is the predominant or official language of each country. It is a list of the main countries from which Australia receives, or has received, significant numbers of overseas settlers who are likely to speak English. These countries comprise the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and the United States of America.
Main job	The job in which most hours are usually worked.
Mean duration of time spent looking for work	Obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been looking for work by the number of persons in that group.
Median duration of time spent looking for work	The duration which divides persons who looked for work into two equal groups, one comprising of persons whose time spent looking for work during the year is above the median, and the other, persons whose time spent looking for work is below it.
Non-family member	Persons for whom there is no identified couple relationship, parent-child relationship, or other blood relationship with any of the other usual residents of the household. They may live within a family household, or they may form a non-family household either as a lone person or a group household.

GLOSSARY *continued*

Not in the labour force at some time during the year	Persons who had neither worked nor looked for work for one week or more during the year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Number of employers/businesses during the year	The number of employers/businesses for which persons worked during the year.
Number of spells of looking for work during the year	The number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons were not working but were looking for a job.
Occupation of main job	An occupation is a collection of jobs that are sufficiently similar in their title and tasks, skill level and skill specialisation which are grouped together for the purposes of classification. In this publication, occupation of main job refers to Major Group as defined by the ANZSCO — <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition, Revision 1</i> (cat. no. 1220.0).
Time in the labour force during the year	The total number of weeks persons reported having either worked or looked for work during the previous year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Time not in the labour force during the year	The total number of weeks persons reported having neither worked nor looked for work during the previous year. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed or actively looked for work, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Time spent looking for work during the year	The total number of weeks persons spent looking for work, while not working.
Time worked during the year	The total number of weeks persons 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 time worked.
Time worked full time during the year	The total number of weeks persons reported as having either worked or been on paid leave during the year, minus any weeks during the year where they reported working part time.
Time worked part time during the year	The response given by a respondent to the question 'For how many weeks did you work part time?'
Unemployed	Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and: <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 were available for work in the reference week; or ■ 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.
Worked	Activity in a job, business or farm, for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind; or any activity in a family business that contributed to the operation of that business although no payment was received. Includes being absent, but on paid leave, from such activity. Note that the specific criteria used to determine whether persons were employed, according to the LFS, were not applied.
Worked at some time during the year	Persons who reported having worked and/or been on paid leave for one week or more during the year.
Worked for part of the year	Persons who reported having worked and/or been on paid leave for part of the year.

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