

CHAPTER 4

UNEMPLOYMENT

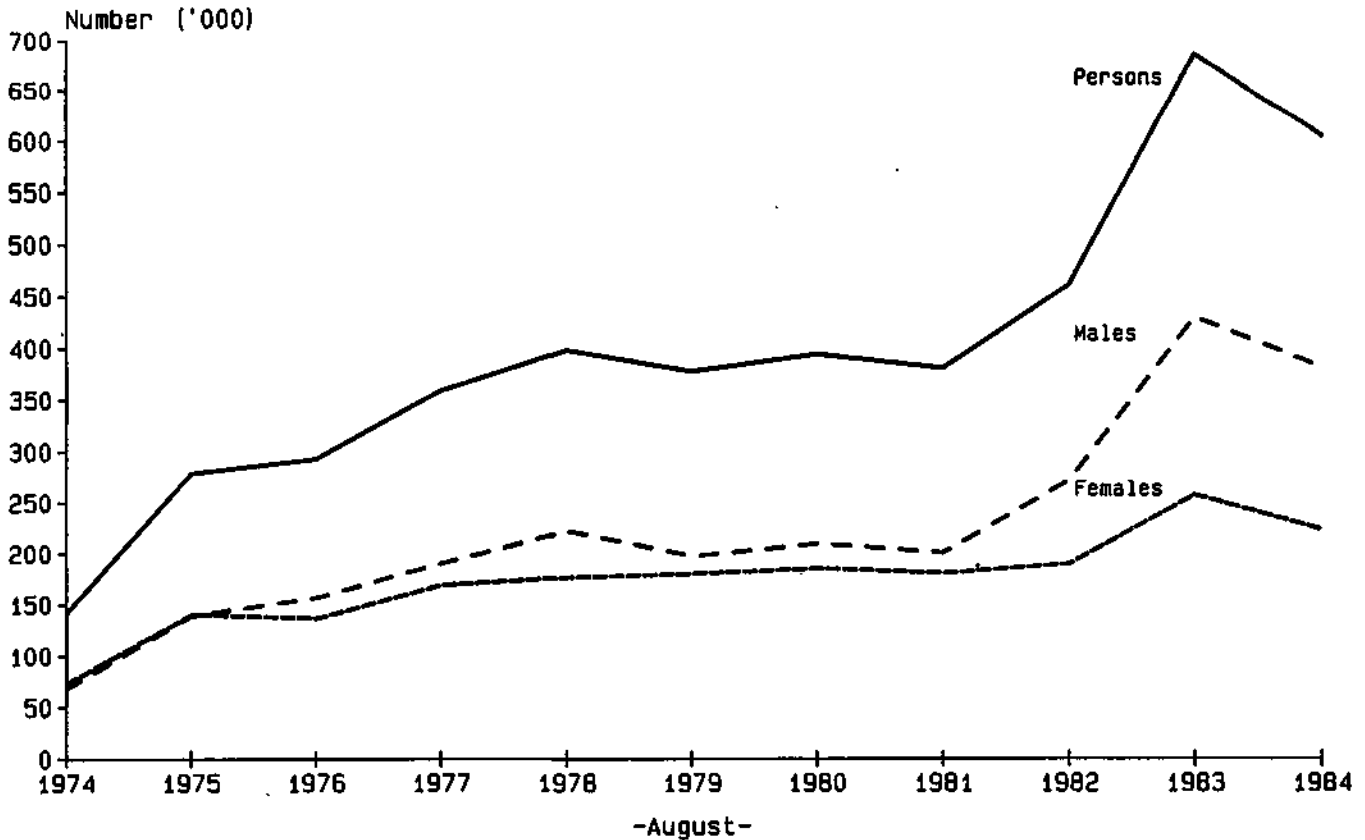
The unemployment statistics presented in this chapter have been derived from ABS sources, primarily the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries.

Broadly a person is considered to be unemployed if he or she satisfies three criteria — not employed, available for work, and taking active steps to find work. The employed and the unemployed together make up the labour force.

Measures of unemployment provide an indicator of the underutilization of labour. The two most important measures are the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate. The unemployment rate is defined as the number of unemployed expressed as a percentage of the size of the labour force. The most important characteristics of the unemployed presented include their demographic composition, the duration of unemployment, their educational qualifications and the difficulties experienced in finding work. The unemployment characteristics of families, i.e. unemployment rates of different family members and number of families with some unemployment are also shown. The 1982 Income and Housing Survey provides information on the economic circumstances of persons experiencing unemployment.

Some summary statistics on job vacancies are also included in this chapter.

CHART 4.a. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AUGUST 1974 TO AUGUST 1984



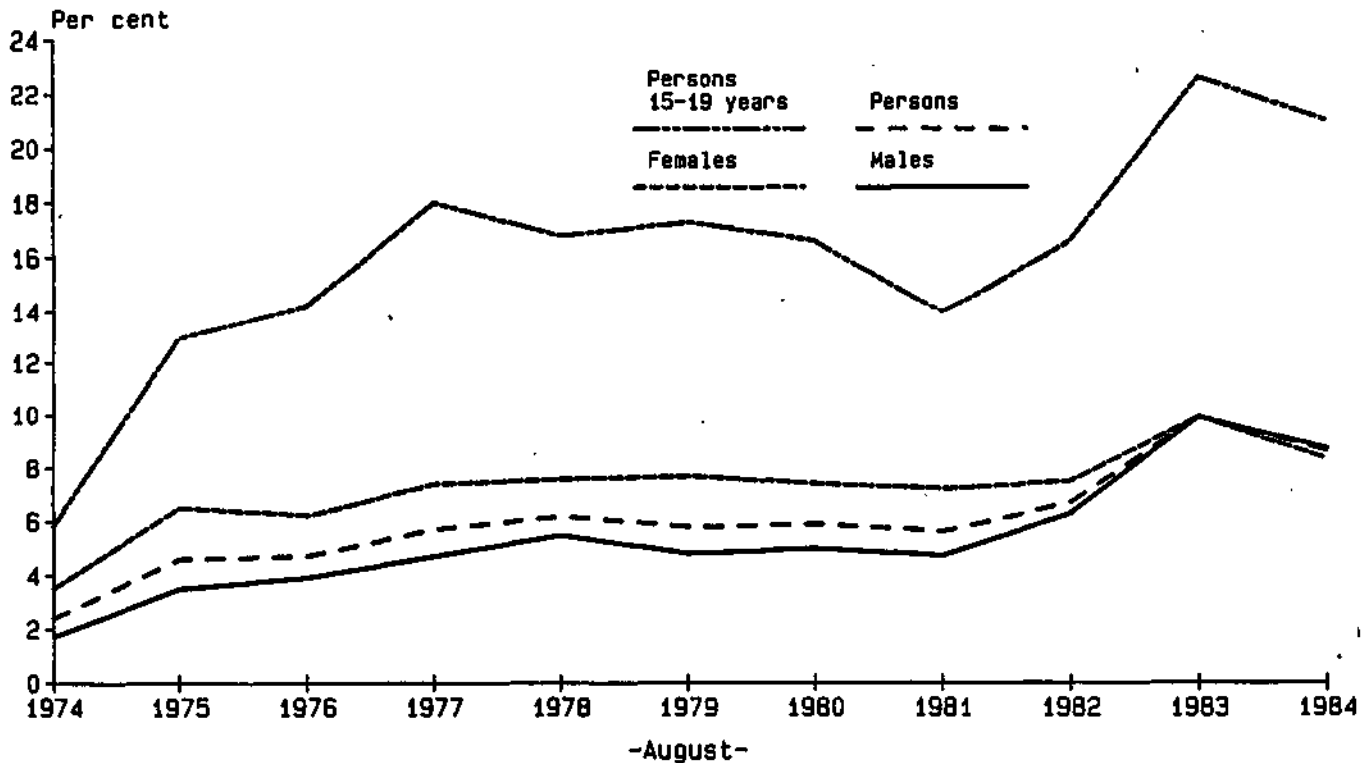
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, AUGUST 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982 AND 1984

Looking for	August					
	1974	1976	1978	1980	1982	1984
NUMBER ('000)						
Males—						
Full-time work	60.0	142.7	207.9	193.9	250.4	359.0
Part-time work	7.9	13.9	14.3	15.7	21.3	22.5
Total	67.9	156.6	222.2	209.6	271.7	381.5
Females—						
Full-time work	45.8	94.1	126.5	140.7	137.2	165.1
Part-time work	27.2	42.0	49.6	44.2	52.5	57.9
Total	73.1	136.1	176.1	184.9	189.7	223.1
Persons—						
Full-time work	105.8	236.8	334.4	334.6	387.6	524.2
Part-time work	35.1	55.9	63.9	59.9	73.8	80.5
Total	140.9	292.7	398.3	394.5	461.4	604.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)						
Males—						
Full-time work	1.6	3.7	5.4	4.9	6.2	8.7
Part-time work	5.5	7.5	6.4	7.0	8.1	8.4
Total	1.7	3.9	5.5	5.0	6.3	8.7
Females—						
Full-time work	3.1	6.4	8.3	8.7	8.4	9.6
Part-time work	4.4	5.7	6.2	5.1	5.8	6.0
Total	3.5	6.2	7.6	7.4	7.5	8.3
Persons—						
Full-time work	2.0	4.5	6.2	6.0	6.8	9.0
Part-time work	4.6	6.1	6.2	5.5	6.3	6.6
Total	2.4	4.7	6.2	5.9	6.7	8.6

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

CHART 4.b. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUGUST 1974 TO AUGUST 1984



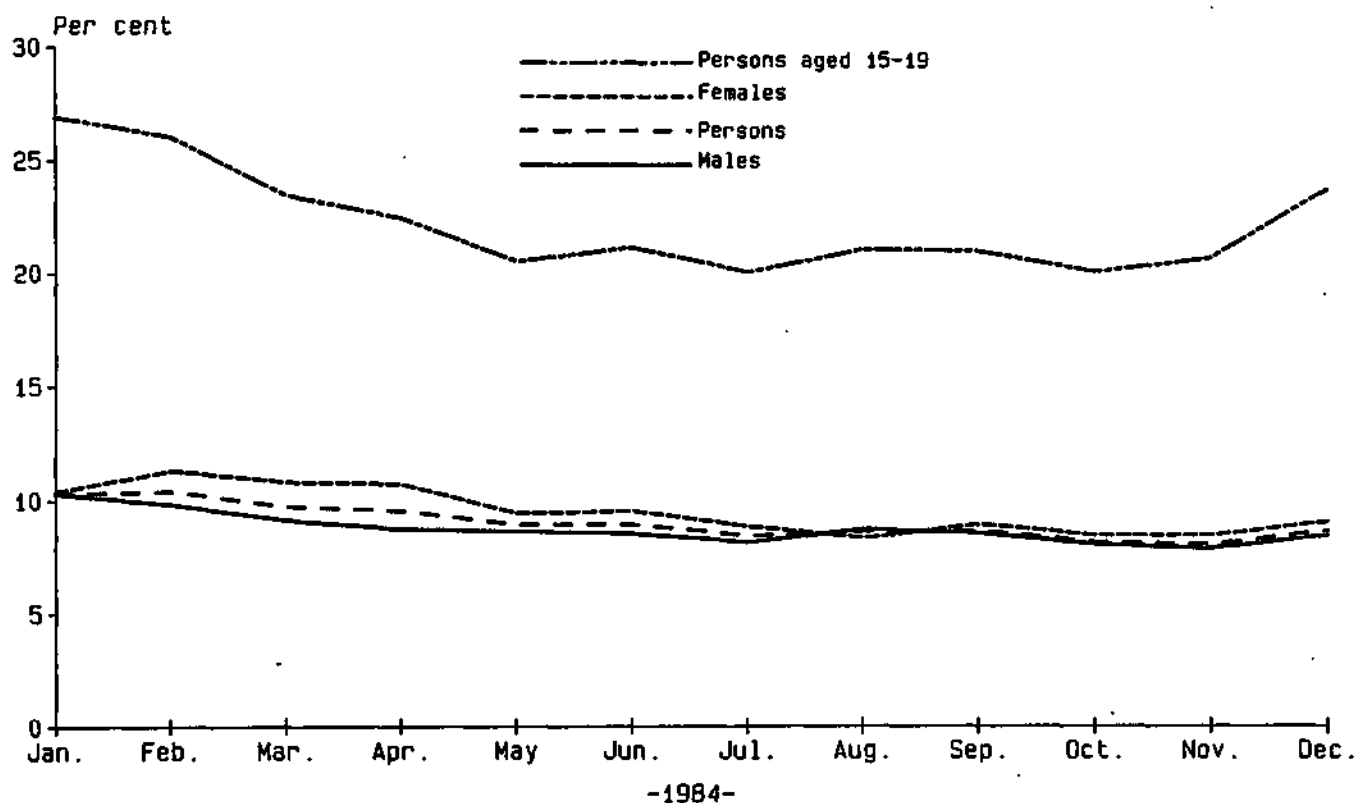
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AGE, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUGUST 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982 AND 1984
(Per cent)

Age group (years)	August					
	1974	1976	1978	1980	1982	1984
MALES						
15-19	5.0	12.7	16.4	14.7	16.3	22.1
20-24	2.9	6.5	8.8	8.5	11.2	14.3
25-34	1.3	2.8	3.9	3.9	5.5	7.6
35-44	1.3	2.3	3.3	2.5	3.6	5.0
45-54	1.2	2.3	3.3	2.8	3.6	5.7
55 and over	0.8	1.9	3.3	2.9	3.3	5.7
Total	1.7	3.9	5.5	5.0	6.3	8.7
FEMALES						
15-19	6.7	15.8	17.2	18.8	17.0	19.7
20-24	3.6	6.3	9.6	9.1	8.8	10.3
25-34	3.5	5.1	6.4	5.7	6.9	7.0
35-44	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.6
45-54	1.9	3.2	4.0	3.4	3.6	4.6
55 and over	0.9	*	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.6
Total	3.5	6.2	7.6	7.4	7.5	8.3

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**CHART 4.c. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : UNEMPLOYMENT RATES,
JANUARY 1984 TO DECEMBER 1984**



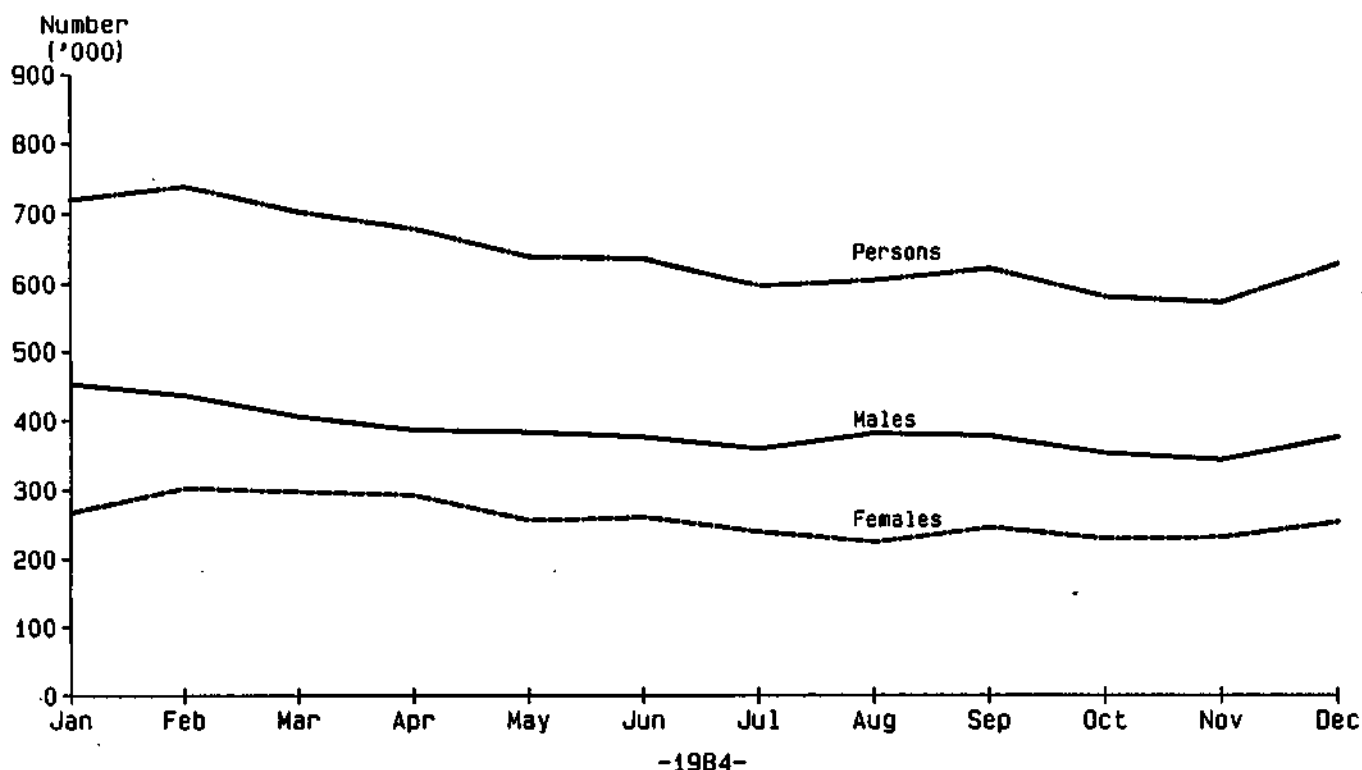
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, AUGUST 1984

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
Total	261.9	159.0	420.9	8.1	7.9	8.0
Looking for full-time work	243.9	116.2	360.1	8.1	9.2	8.4
Looking for part-time work	17.9	42.8	60.8	8.5	5.7	6.3
Aged 15-19 years	72.5	59.5	132.0	21.5	19.0	20.3
Aged 20 years and over	189.3	99.6	288.9	6.6	5.8	6.3
20-24	67.3	36.3	103.7	13.7	9.3	11.8
25-34	61.0	32.2	93.3	6.7	6.3	6.6
35-44	26.9	20.0	46.9	4.0	4.7	4.3
45-54	20.6	9.3	29.9	4.5	3.6	4.2
55 and over	13.5	*	15.2	4.0	*	3.3
Aged 15-64 years	261.8	158.9	420.7	8.3	8.0	8.1
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Total	119.7	64.1	183.7	10.2	9.7	10.0
Looking for full-time work	115.1	48.9	164.0	10.3	11.0	10.5
Looking for part-time work	4.6	15.1	19.7	8.1	7.1	7.3
Aged 15-19 years	13.0	10.0	22.9	25.9	25.3	25.6
Aged 20 years and over	106.7	54.1	160.8	9.5	8.8	9.2
20-24	17.7	12.7	30.4	17.4	14.5	16.1
25-34	30.8	16.5	47.2	10.6	9.1	10.0
35-44	24.2	14.3	38.5	7.2	7.6	7.4
45-54	19.1	7.9	27.1	7.8	6.7	7.5
55 and over	14.9	*	17.6	9.5	*	8.8
Aged 15-64 years	118.8	64.1	182.8	10.2	9.8	10.0

Source: The Labour Force, Australia, August 1984 (6203.0).

CHART 4.d. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : JANUARY 1984 TO DECEMBER 1984



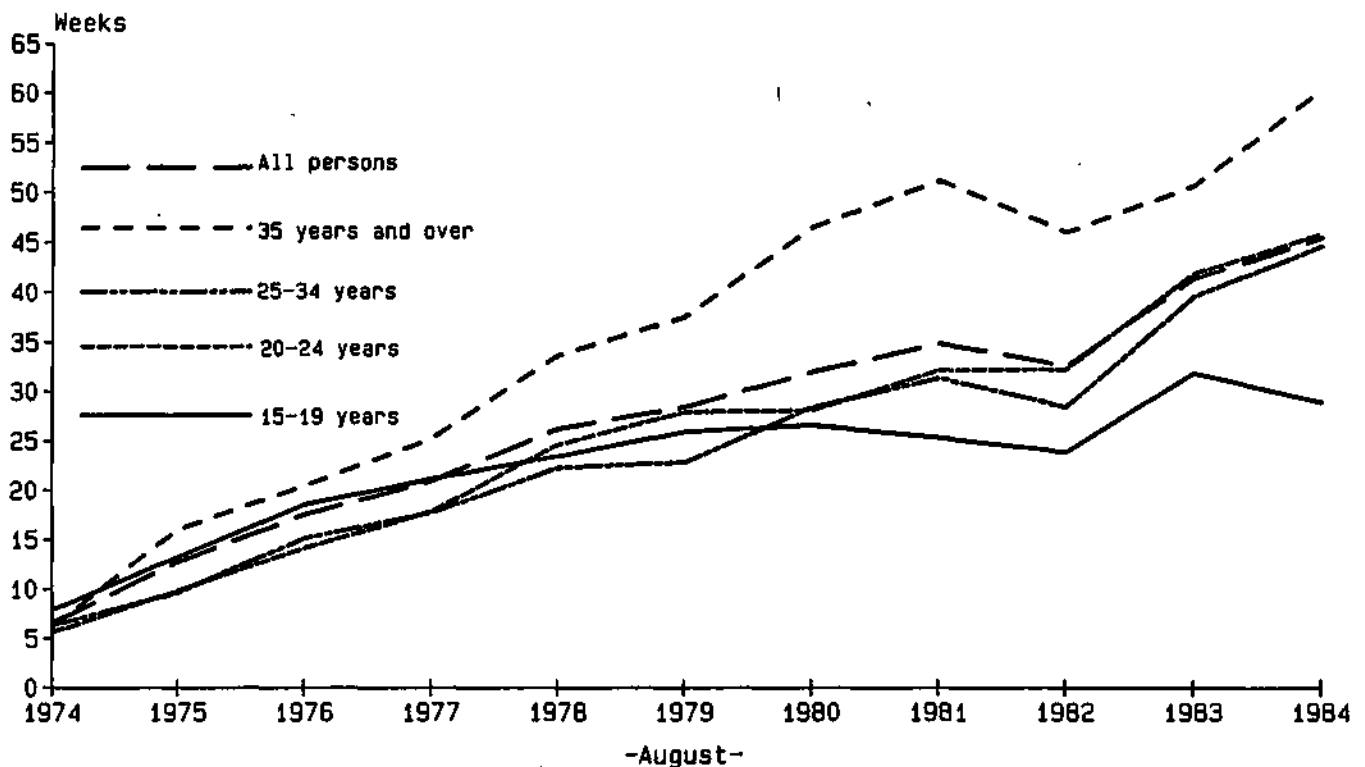
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUGUST 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982 AND 1984
(^{'000})

Duration of unemployment(weeks)	August					
	1974	1976	1978	1980	1982	1984
Under 2	32.4	29.0	39.5	32.0	38.6	34.2
2 and under 4	45.4	45.7	45.3	43.9	58.2	56.9
4 and under 8	26.7	51.3	55.6	55.7	72.4	64.1
8 and under 13	18.6	48.9	47.4	43.1	52.3	58.9
13 and under 26	11.6	45.0	70.0	62.2	61.2	80.5
26 and under 39	*	36.1	63.6	65.5	73.3	95.1
39 and under 52	*	11.9	15.2	13.7	17.8	26.3
Under 1 year	139.0	267.8	336.7	316.2	373.6	416.0
52 and under 65	*	11.6	23.0	23.0	25.7	46.9
65 and over	*	13.3	38.6	55.3	62.0	141.7
Total	140.9	292.7	298.3	394.5	461.4	604.6
— weeks —						
Average (mean) duration	6.5	17.5	26.2	32.0	32.6	45.5
Median duration	3.7	10.1	13.0	15.0	13.0	26.0

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

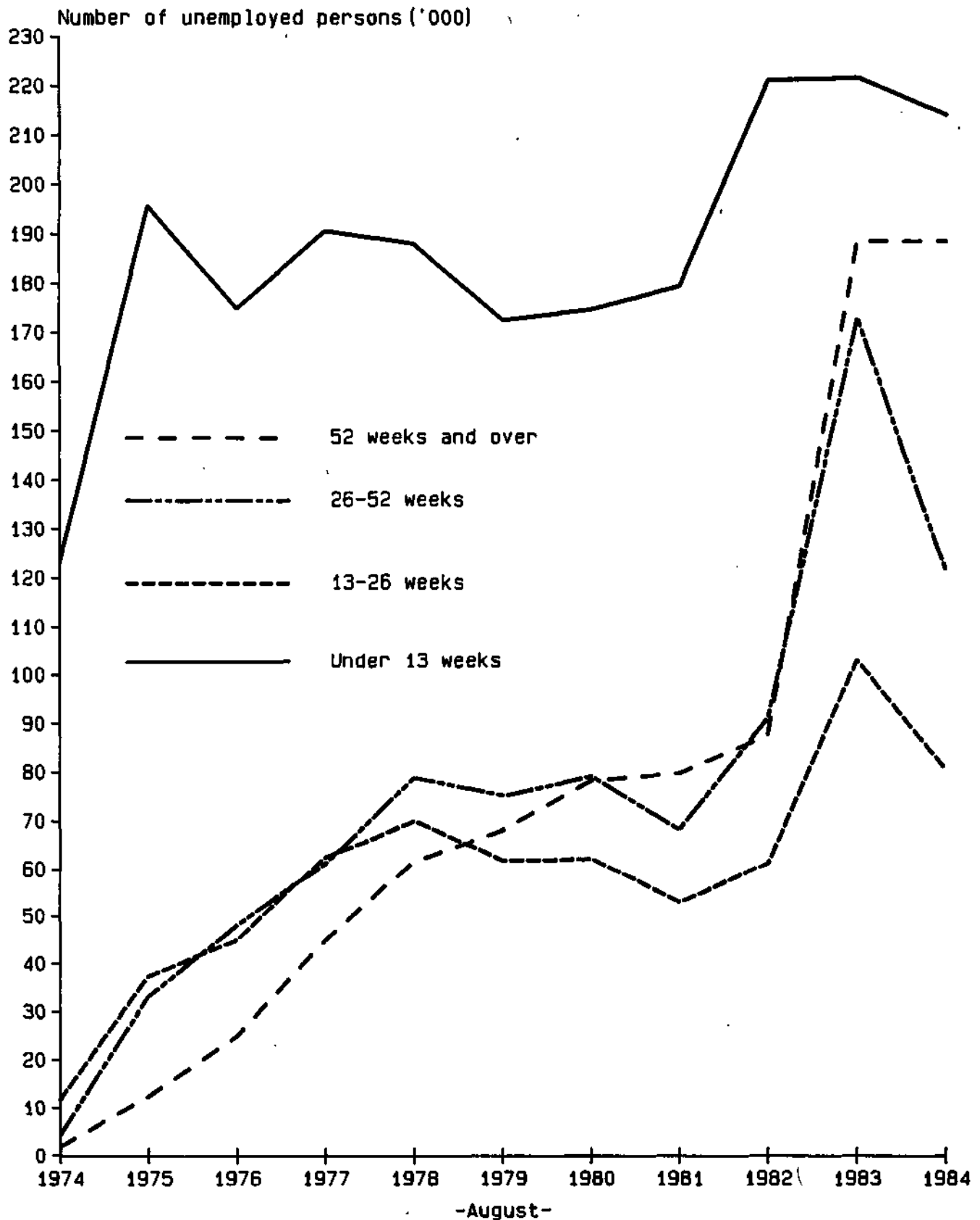
CHART 4.e. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
AND AGE, AUGUST 1974 TO AUGUST 1984



NOTE: Estimates for average duration of unemployment represent current spells of unemployment, not completed spells.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**CHART 4.f. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
AUGUST 1974 TO AUGUST 1984**



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

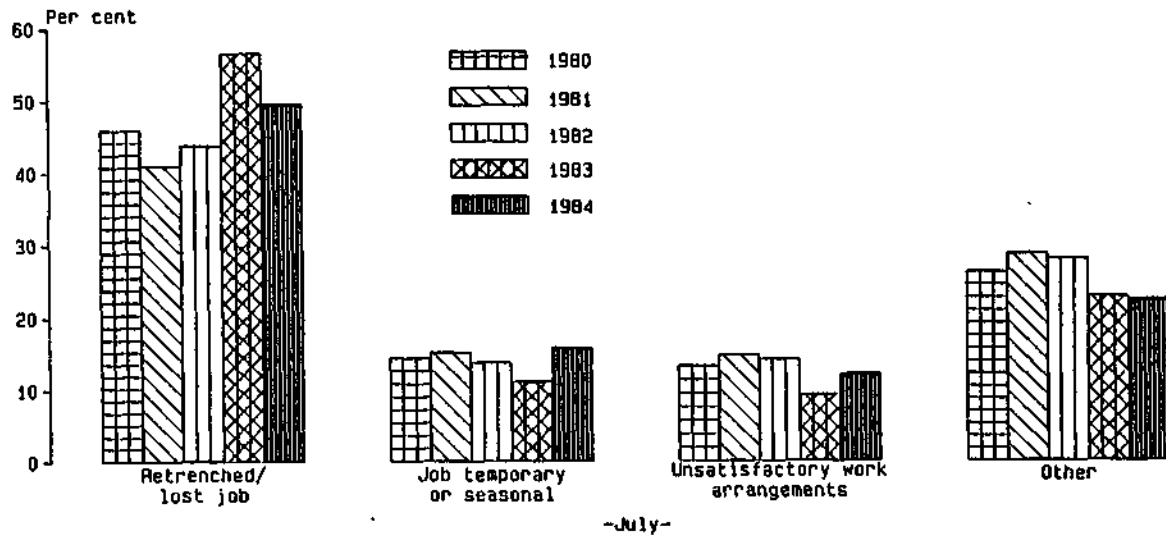
TABLE 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, AUGUST 1984

	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Had worked full time for two weeks or more in the last two years	248.0	91.8	339.8	5.8	3.6	5.0
Industry division or subdivision—						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	19.3	*	21.6	6.0	*	5.1
Agriculture and services to agriculture	14.8	*	17.2	5.0	*	4.4
Manufacturing	66.1	15.7	81.8	7.2	5.1	6.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	11.4	3.7	15.1	7.9	6.6	7.5
Metal products	17.0	*	18.5	9.4	*	8.9
Other manufacturing	37.7	10.6	48.3	6.4	4.7	5.9
Construction	40.0	*	41.5	9.5	*	8.9
Wholesale and retail trade	48.9	26.8	75.7	6.4	4.6	5.6
Wholesale trade	15.7	5.6	21.3	5.4	5.1	5.3
Retail trade	33.3	21.2	54.4	6.9	4.5	5.8
Transport and storage	13.4	*	15.2	4.3	*	4.1
Finance, property and business services	11.0	6.4	17.4	3.3	2.1	2.7
Community services	9.5	15.7	25.1	2.3	2.1	2.2
Recreation, personal and other services	19.1	14.3	33.4	8.9	6.0	7.4
Other industries	20.7	7.1	27.9	3.7	4.2	3.8
Occupation group—						
Professional, technical, etc.	9.6	9.9	19.5	1.7	2.1	1.9
Administrative, executive, and managerial	6.0	*	8.1	1.6	*	1.8
Clerical	8.4	26.2	34.5	2.5	3.0	2.9
Sales	15.5	16.3	31.8	5.5	5.0	5.2
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters, etc.	24.7	*	26.8	6.6	*	5.7
Miners, quarryworkers, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transport and communication	17.8	*	19.6	5.9	*	5.7
Tradespersons, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	144.0	14.6	158.6	8.3	6.4	8.1
Service, sport and recreation	20.0	18.8	38.8	7.5	4.4	5.6
Other(a)	131.8	126.9	258.7	..	..	..
Looking for first job	84.3	80.9	165.2	..	..	..
Other	47.5	46.0	93.5	..	..	..
Stood down	*	4.4	6.1	..	..	..
Total	381.5	223.1	604.6	8.7	8.3	8.6

(a) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia, August 1984 (6203.0).

CHART 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY: REASON LEFT LAST JOB 1980 TO 1984



Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who Were Stood Down). Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

TABLE 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB DURING THE TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY: REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, JULY 1979 TO JULY 1984 (Per cent)

Reason for leaving last job	July 1979	July 1980	July 1981	July 1982	July 1983	July 1984		
						Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/lost job	48.2	45.9	41.0	43.8	56.5	55.1	36.3	49.5
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	12.7	13.4	14.9	14.3	9.4	10.7	15.8	12.2
Own ill health or injury	5.5	7.0	7.2	5.5	5.7	5.3	*	4.6
Job was temporary or seasonal	12.9	14.5	15.3	13.9	11.2	15.4	17.0	15.9
Returned to studies	1.9	2.4	*	3.2	1.6	1.6	*	1.8
To marry/have children/look after family	3.3	3.2	2.3	3.1	2.3	*	7.1	2.8
Moved house/spouse transferred	4.6	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.8	3.2	4.5	4.5
Travel/take a holiday	3.1	2.9	4.5	3.1	2.5	*	3.2	1.7
Other	7.8	6.2	7.6	7.5	5.9	6.7	7.8	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who were Stood Down). Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

TABLE 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1984

Active steps taken to find work	Looking for full-time work				Looking for part-time work			
	Males Females		Persons		Males Females		Persons	
	—'000—		'000	Per cent	—'000—		'000	per cent
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	3.7	3.4	7.1	1.4	*	*	*	*
Contacted prospective employers	285.8	126.6	412.4	80.3	4.7	16.0	20.8	28.1
Took other active steps(b)	25.7	10.3	35.9	7.0	*	*	3.4	4.6
Total registered with the CES	315.2	140.3	455.5	88.7	6.0	18.8	24.8	33.5
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	21.1	32.0	53.1	10.3	8.9	34.4	43.3	58.5
Took other active steps(b)	*	*	4.9	1.0	*	4.0	6.0	8.0
Total not registered with the CES	23.6	34.4	57.9	11.3	10.8	38.4	49.2	66.5
Total	338.8	174.6	513.4	100.0	16.8	57.2	74.0	100.0

(a) The number of unemployed persons shown in this table differs from the number of unemployed persons shown elsewhere in that the latter includes persons who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down. (b) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

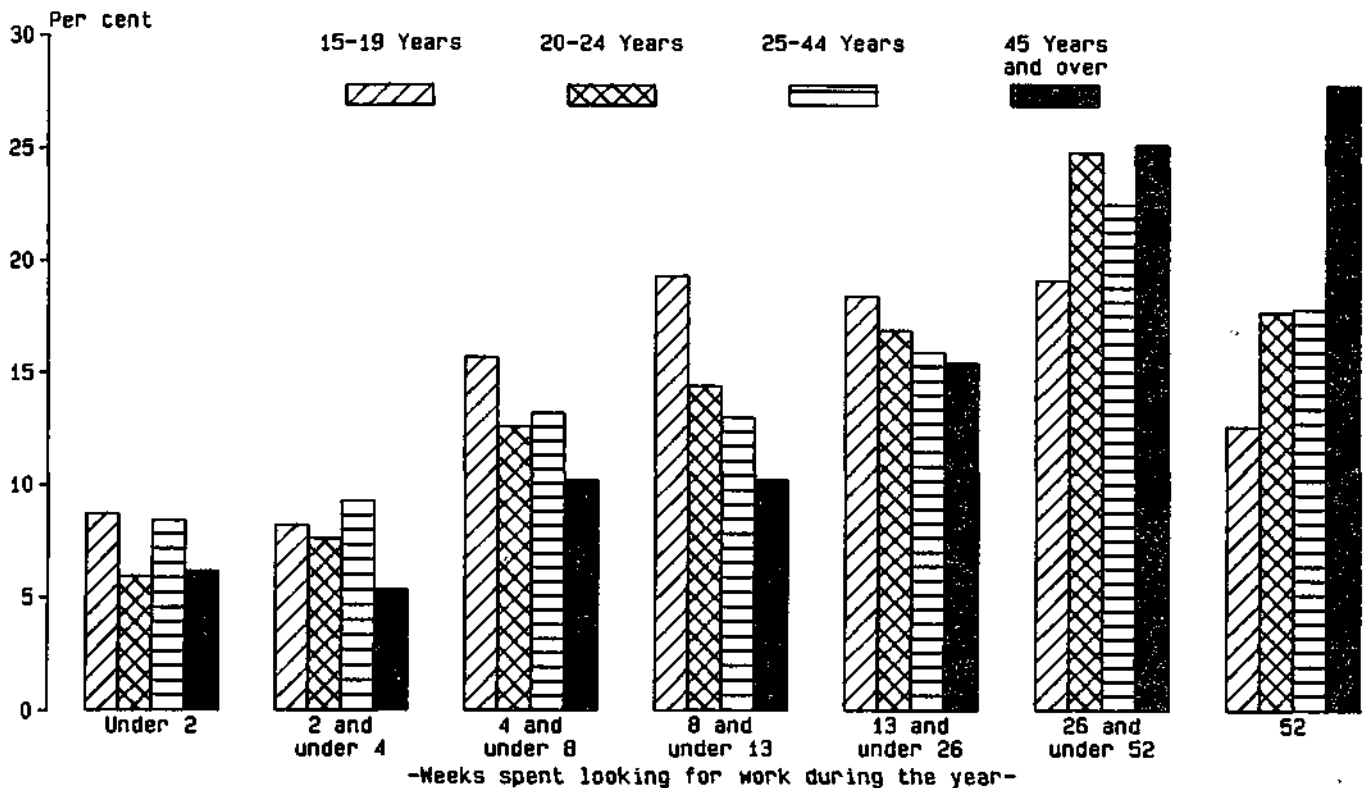
Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who were Stood Down). Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

**TABLE 4.8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR
(* 000)**

	Weeks spent looking for work during the year							
Number of spells of looking for work	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52	Total
MALES								
One	43.3	51.9	92.7	91.6	103.5	128.1	176.2	687.5
Two	..	6.5	9.8	16.9	28.5	56.1	..	117.7
Three or more	..	*	8.9	15.8	17.7	31.2	..	74.5
Total	43.3	59.2	111.4	124.4	149.7	215.4	176.2	879.7
FEMALES								
One	76.2	55.7	71.3	84.7	73.1	85.4	99.8	546.2
Two	..	9.4	12.0	9.6	18.0	30.8	..	79.8
Three or more	..	*	14.4	10.0	12.2	18.7	..	58.2
Total	76.2	68.0	97.8	104.4	103.2	134.9	99.8	684.2
PERSONS								
One	119.5	107.6	164.1	176.4	176.6	213.5	276.1	1,233.6
Two	..	15.8	21.8	26.5	46.5	86.9	..	197.6
Three or more	..	*	23.3	25.9	29.9	49.9	..	132.7
Total	119.5	127.2	209.2	228.7	252.9	350.3	276.1	1,563.9

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1984 (6206 0)

**CHART 4.h. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984 : WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK
DURING THE YEAR AND AGE**



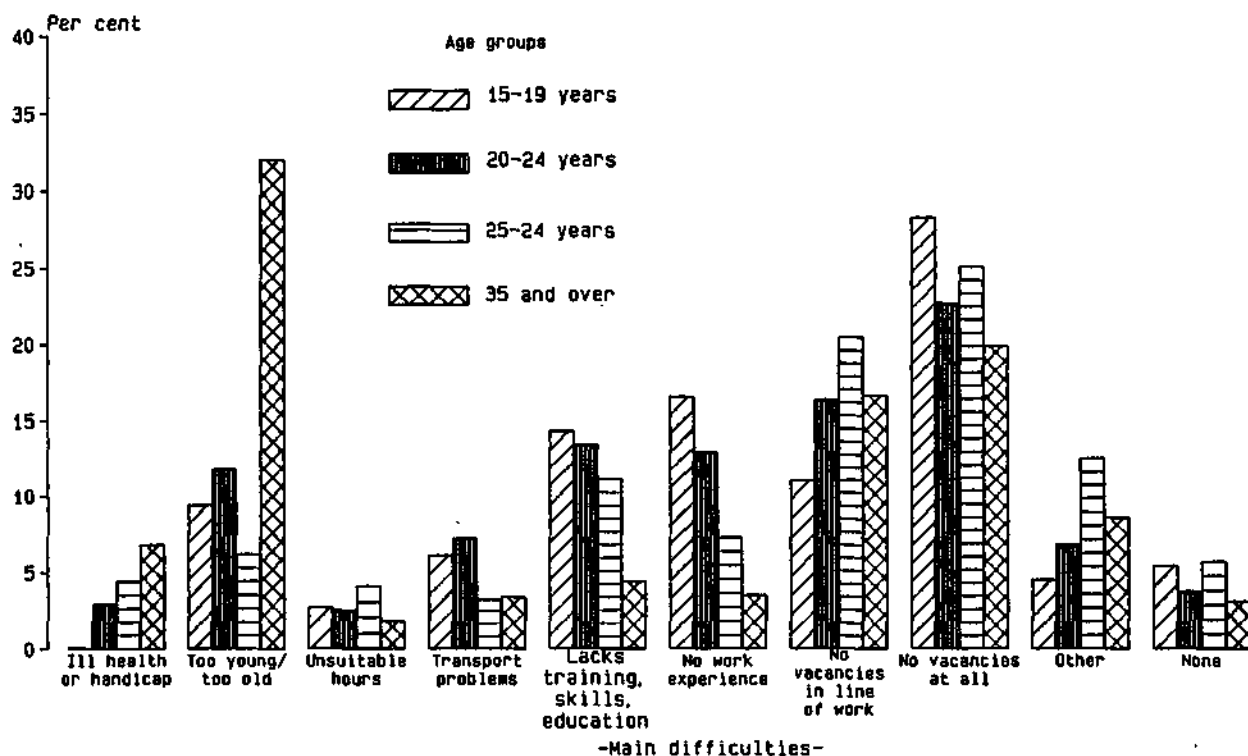
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**TABLE 4.9. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK**

	Age group (years)						
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
— '000 —							
Weeks spent looking for work—							
1 and under 2	36.0	19.7	34.2	17.7	6.8	5.1	119.5
2 and under 4	29.8	22.2	30.4	17.3	4.8	*	107.6
4 and under 8	56.4	34.3	40.4	18.7	10.1	*	164.1
8 and under 13	69.5	37.0	35.6	20.1	9.3	4.8	176.4
13 and under 26	51.6	36.5	38.8	25.9	14.3	9.4	176.6
26 and under 52	47.4	48.8	55.3	31.4	19.4	11.1	213.5
52	52.6	59.7	65.8	44.0	33.0	21.0	276.1
Total	343.3	258.3	300.4	175.1	97.7	58.7	1,233.6
— weeks —							
Average(mean) duration	18.6	23.6	22.4	24.1	29.1	29.4	22.7
Median duration	10.0	16.1	15.0	18.1	26.1	28.0	15.0
TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
— '000 —							
Weeks spent looking for work—							
2 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.8
4 and under 13	12.6	10.2	13.0	8.2	*	*	48.4
13 and under 26	9.4	13.4	13.7	7.8	*	*	46.5
26 and over	22.5	23.8	18.9	11.0	8.1	*	86.9
Total	47.6	50.1	49.5	30.9	13.7	5.8	197.6
— weeks —							
Average(mean) duration	24.2	24.5	20.9	19.4	26.3	20.0	22.7
Median duration	24.0	25.0	20.1	16.1	31.0	25.0	22.1
THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
— '000 —							
Weeks spent looking for work—							
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 and under 13	7.4	9.6	16.2	8.8	5.7	*	49.1
13 and under 26	7.0	7.1	8.2	*	*	*	29.9
26 and over	9.4	11.0	12.7	9.2	6.3	*	49.9
Total	25.0	28.2	38.5	21.9	15.1	*	132.7
— weeks —							
Average(mean) duration	21.1	20.4	19.4	21.0	20.5	*	20.3
Median duration	21.1	18.1	14.0	18.1	18.1	*	18.0
TOTAL							
— '000 —							
Weeks spent looking for work—							
1 and under 2	36.0	19.7	34.2	17.7	6.8	5.1	119.5
2 and under 4	34.1	25.5	35.7	21.5	6.3	*	127.2
4 and under 8	65.4	42.7	54.1	27.0	14.4	5.6	209.2
8 and under 13	80.5	48.5	51.1	28.8	13.8	6.1	228.7
13 and under 26	68.1	57.0	60.7	37.3	18.4	11.5	252.9
26 and under 52	79.3	83.7	86.9	51.6	33.8	15.2	350.3
52	52.6	59.7	65.8	44.0	33.0	21.0	276.1
Total	416.0	336.6	388.4	227.9	126.5	68.6	1,563.9
— weeks —							
Average(mean) duration	19.4	23.4	21.9	23.1	27.8	28.0	22.5
Median duration	12.0	18.1	16.0	18.0	26.1	26.1	16.1

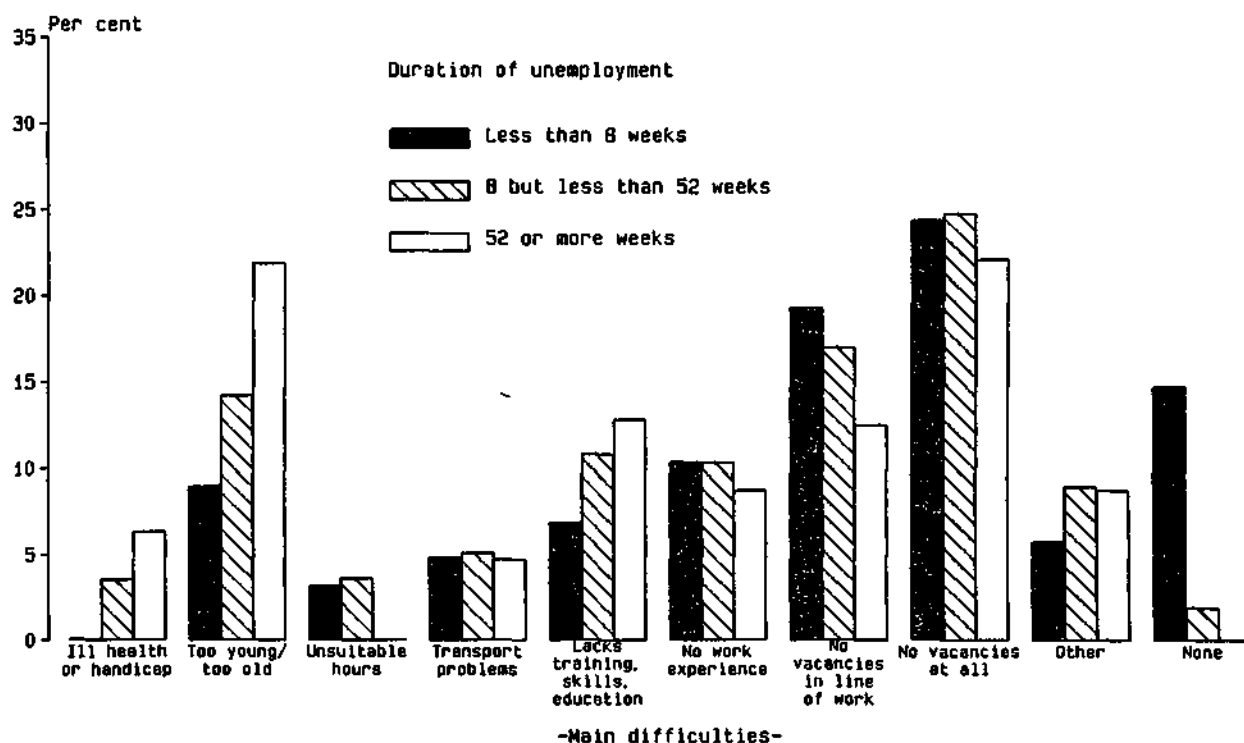
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**CHART 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
BY AGE, JULY 1984**



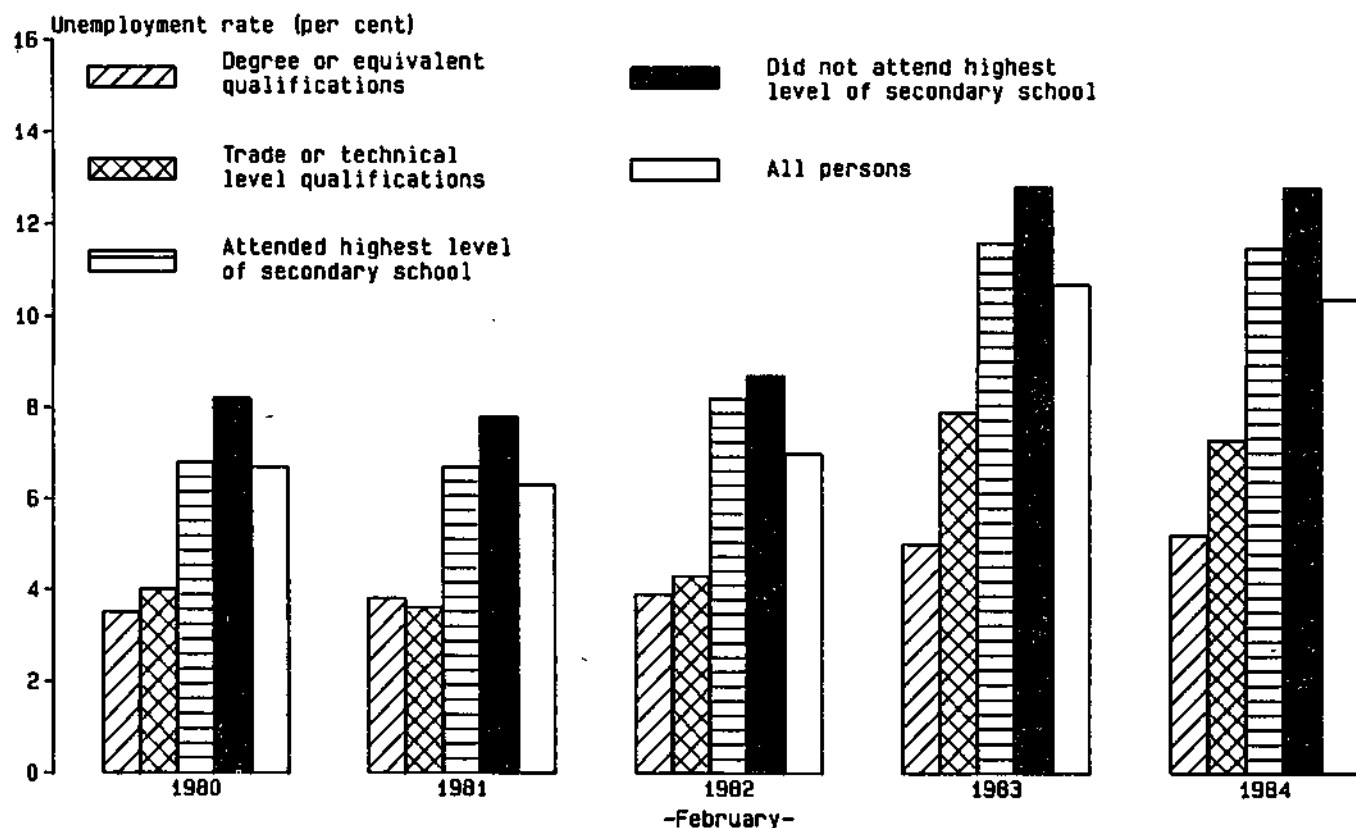
Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who Were Stood Down), Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.j. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984**



Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who Were Stood Down), Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

CHART 4.k. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1984



Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1984 (6235.0).

TABLE 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1984

February)	With post-school qualifications			Without post-school qualifications			Total
	Degree or equivalent	Trade technical level	Total(a)	Attended highest secondary level	Did not attend highest level of secondary school	Total(b)	
UNEMPLOYED ('000)							
1979	12.3	86.8	103.7	60.3	276.9	338.1	460.1
1980	15.4	77.9	96.9	52.0	273.2	327.1	442.8
1981	19.6	72.8	96.7	53.2	251.9	306.4	422.4
1982	21.2	92.4	116.1	68.7	277.9	347.7	484.4
1983	29.5	175.4	212.0	102.4	404.5	509.7	746.7
1984	33.1	167.8	207.1	102.0	394.7	499.6	737.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE(per cent)							
1979	2.8	4.7	4.4	8.0	8.4	8.3	7.1
1980	3.5	4.0	4.0	6.8	8.2	8.0	6.7
1981	3.8	3.6	3.7	6.7	7.8	7.5	6.3
1982	3.9	4.3	4.2	8.2	8.7	8.6	7.0
1983	5.0	7.9	7.4	11.6	12.8	12.6	10.7
1984	5.2	7.3	6.9	11.5	12.8	12.6	10.4

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1984 (6235.0).

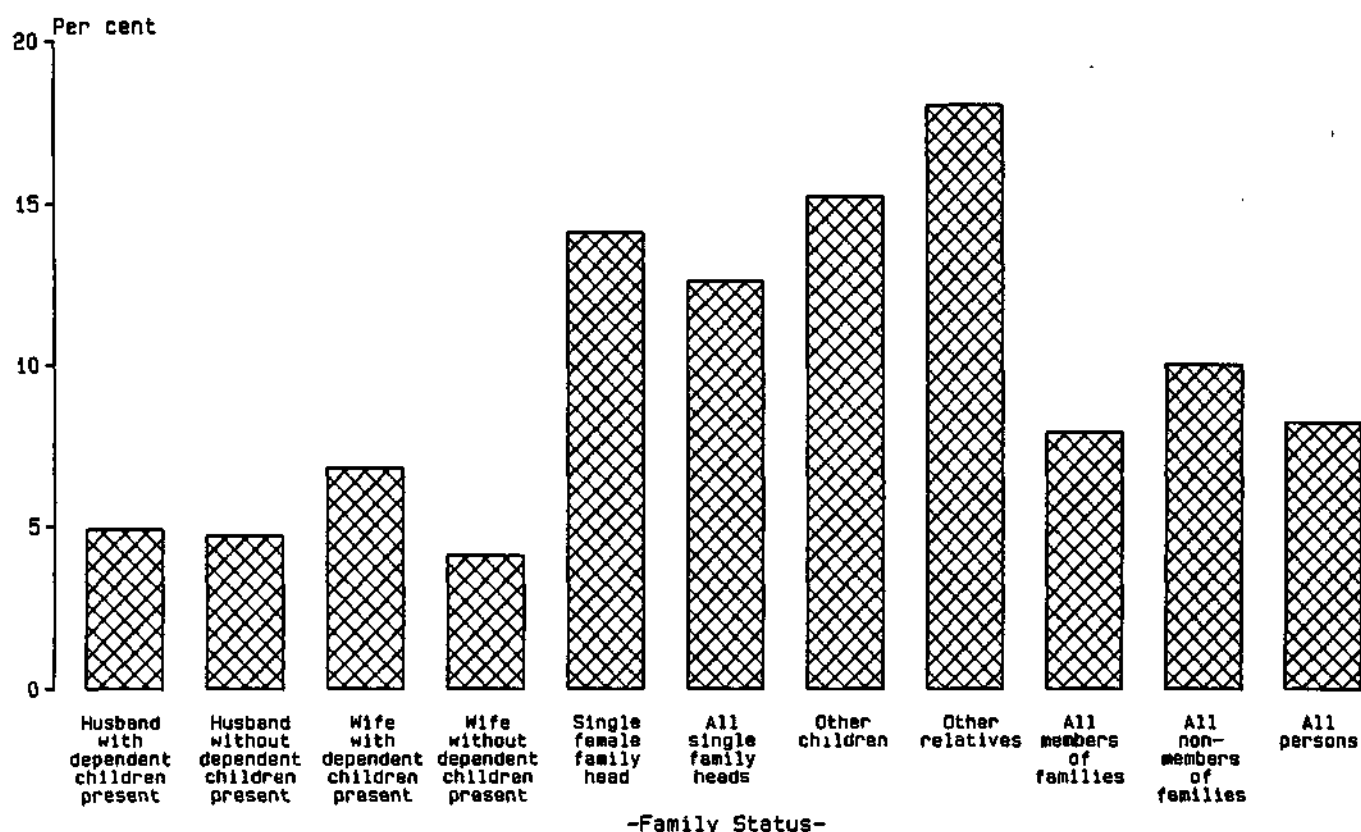
TABLE 4.11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, JULY 1984
(' 000)

Educational attainment	Age group(years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
With post-school qualifications(a)	6.1	18.9	28.3	17.1	12.5	10.3	93.2
Degree	*	*	5.9	3.5	*	*	12.8
Trade; technical or other certificate	4.2	15.0	21.9	14.4	11.3	9.1	75.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	57.3	61.7	59.0	31.3	25.2	15.0	249.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	11.1	14.4	10.7	5.6	*	*	45.5
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age (years)—							
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17	22.0	22.0	17.7	4.7	3.6	*	70.1
14 or 15	23.1	23.6	27.3	15.4	13.8	7.9	111.0
13 or under	*	3.3	5.2	6.1	3.1	*	18.4
Total	46.2	47.3	48.1	25.4	21.6	13.1	201.7
Still at school	12.7	*	*	*	*	*	12.8
Total	76.1	80.7	87.3	48.5	37.8	25.3	355.6
FEMALES							
With post-school qualifications(a)	11.0	16.9	19.9	10.4	3.2	*	61.9
Degree	*	*	3.8	*	*	*	7.3
Trade; technical or other certificate	9.5	14.0	15.3	8.1	3.0	*	49.9
Without post-school qualifications(b)	47.7	33.7	35.9	23.9	11.9	3.7	156.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	9.0	9.7	8.1	3.2	3.1	*	33.9
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age (years)—							
18 or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 or 17	18.9	11.1	10.2	3.6	*	*	45.8
14 or 15	19.2	11.4	15.6	14.2	5.6	*	68.1
13 or under	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	5.9
Total	38.7	24.0	27.8	20.4	8.6	*	122.2
Still at school	13.1	*	*	*	*	*	13.1
Total	71.8	50.6	55.8	34.3	15.1	4.3	231.8
PERSONS							
With post-school qualifications(a)	17.1	35.8	48.2	27.5	15.7	10.8	155.0
Degree	*	3.8	9.7	3.7	*	*	20.1
Trade; technical or other certificate	13.7	29.0	37.2	22.5	13.7	9.7	125.8
Without post-school qualifications(b)	105.0	95.4	94.9	55.3	37.2	18.7	406.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	20.2	24.1	18.8	8.8	5.8	*	79.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age (years)—							
18 or over		4.0	*	*	*	*	4.6
16 or 17	41.0	33.1	28.0	8.3	3.1	*	115.9
14 or 15	42.2	34.9	42.9	29.6	19.5	10.0	179.1
13 or under	*	*	3.9	7.8	7.4	3.3	24.3
Total	84.8	71.3	75.9	45.8	30.2	15.9	323.9
Still at school	25.8	*	*	*	*	*	25.9
Total	147.8	131.3	143.1	82.8	52.9	29.5	587.4

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding Persons Who were Stood Down), Australia, July 1984 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : FAMILY STATUS,
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JULY 1984**



Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1984 (6224.0).

**TABLE 4.12. ALL FAMILIES WITH ONE OR MORE MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED: TYPE OF FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS(a),
JULY 1984
(' 000 families)**

	None employed			One employed			Two or more employed			Total		
	One un-employed	Two or more un-employed	Total employed	One un-employed	Two or more un-employed	Total employed	One un-employed	Two or more un-employed	Total employed	One un-employed	Two or more un-employed	Total
Married couple families												
With dependent children present	91.8	24.0	115.8	109.9	10.0	119.9	86.0	7.5	93.5	287.6	41.5	329.2
Without dependent children present	62.2	15.3	77.5	69.6	6.8	76.4	54.3	5.4	59.7	186.1	27.5	213.6
	29.6	8.7	38.3	40.3	*	43.5	31.7	*	33.8	101.5	14.0	115.5
Other families												
With dependent children present	37.2	4.8	41.9	20.4	*	23.0	9.4	*	10.8	66.9	8.8	75.7
Without dependent children present	24.1	*	26.5	7.8	*	8.7	*	*	*	35.0	*	38.7
	13.1	*	15.5	12.6	*	14.2	6.2	*	7.3	31.9	5.2	37.1
All families												
With dependent children present	128.9	28.8	157.7	130.3	12.5	142.8	95.4	9.0	104.4	354.6	50.3	404.9
Without dependent children present	86.2	17.7	104.0	77.4	7.7	85.1	57.5	5.7	63.2	221.1	31.2	252.3
	42.7	11.1	53.8	52.9	4.8	57.7	37.9	*	41.1	133.5	19.1	152.6

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1984 (6224.0).

TABLE 4.13. FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1984

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration	Median duration
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	—'000 persons—										—weeks—
Member of a family	24.2	37.7	46.8	39.2	65.7	94.1	155.7	463.5	47.7	26.1
Husband or wife	12.4	17.6	21.6	16.2	31.5	35.6	82.6	217.6	51.0	27.4
With dependent children present	8.8	12.3	14.8	11.7	21.3	23.8	54.4	147.1	48.9	26.1
Without dependent children present	*	5.3	6.8	4.5	10.2	11.8	28.3	70.5	55.3	30.1
Not-married family head	*	5.3	6.5	6.2	9.0	28.7	43.1	26.0		
With dependent children present	*	5.5	6.4	5.5	20.7	37.5	19.0			
Full-time student aged 15-20 years	8.0	5.5	6.8	9.5	*	32.9	19.9	10.1		
Other child(a) of family head	5.9	11.8	15.4	15.0	25.5	39.2	56.3	169.2	49.5	28.1
Other relative	4.9	5.5	4.6	15.1	49.1	26.1				
Not a member of a family	*	8.5	7.9	9.1	13.6	19.9	32.0	95.3	47.9	26.1
Living alone	*	5.1	5.9	4.5	11.7	28.6	59.1	28.1		
Not living alone	*	6.1	5.2	6.5	10.3	15.4	20.4	66.7	43.0	26.1
Total	28.5	46.3	54.7	48.3	79.3	114.0	187.8	558.8	47.7	26.1

(a) Aged 15 and over

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1984 (6224.0).

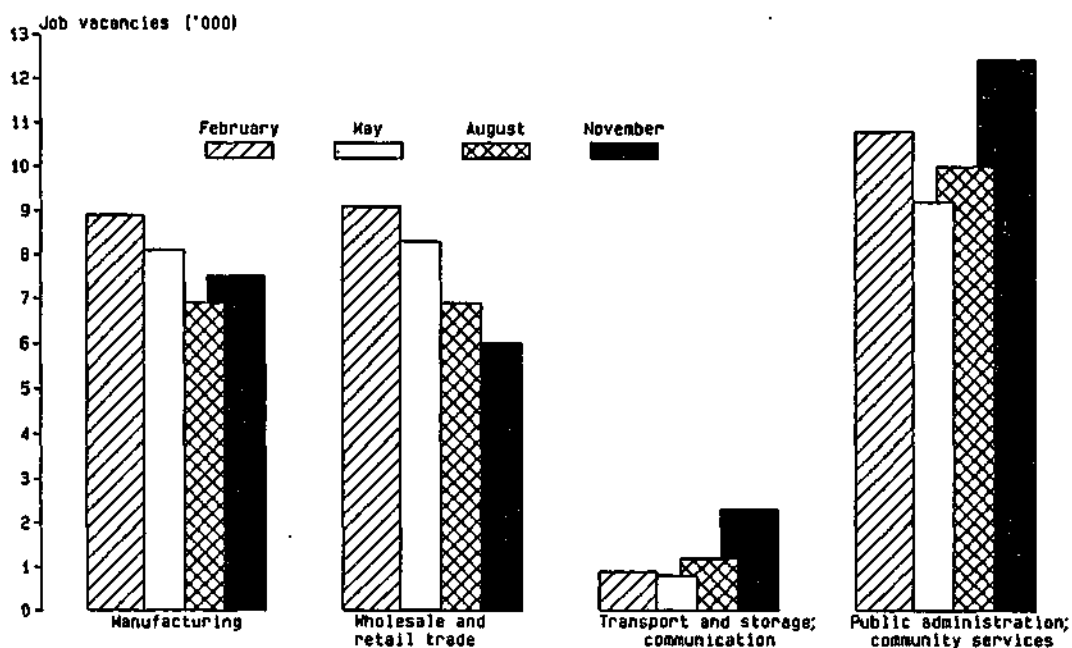
TABLE 4.14. PERSONS UNEMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING 1981-82: MARITAL STATUS, AGE, DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND MEAN ANNUAL INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1981-82

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)						Total	All persons(a)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 to 52		
NUMBER ('000)								
Married males	36.9	43.2	47.1	41.7	32.8	55.9	257.4	3,523.7
Not-married males(b) aged (years)—								
15-19	7.8	6.8	7.5	19.2	6.9	23.7	71.9	250.8
20-24	17.8	18.3	22.8	24.1	7.7	28.3	119.1	488.8
25 and over	12.3	12.7	13.8	18.4	16.5	34.8	108.4	857.0
Married females	24.7	26.2	23.5	26.9	20.8	36.2	158.2	3,350.9
Not-married females(b) aged (years)—								
15-19	8.1	9.0	12.2	19.4	12.3	20.1	81.0	219.9
20-24	13.0	12.3	14.3	14.8	8.6	19.2	82.2	341.6
25 and over	7.3	8.9	7.5	12.4	7.4	19.7	63.2	1,140.9
Total	127.8	137.3	148.7	176.8	113.0	237.9	941.4	10,173.7
MEAN ANNUAL INCOME(\$)								
Married males	13,500	12,600	12,200	10,000	8,100	6,300	10,300	..
Not-married males(b) aged (years)—								
15-19	5,400	7,200	4,300	5,700	4,200	2,600	4,500	..
20-24	9,100	8,700	7,000	6,500	5,100	3,100	6,400	..
25 and over	13,400	10,900	9,800	8,700	6,000	3,300	7,500	..
Married females	4,800	6,100	4,500	4,700	3,000	1,300	3,900	..
Not-married females(b) aged (years)—								
15-19	5,900	4,500	5,200	3,900	4,000	2,600	4,000	..
20-24	8,500	6,800	7,200	5,800	4,900	3,500	6,000	..
25 and over	8,700	8,600	8,900	7,100	5,200	4,100	6,500	..
Total	9,400	9,100	8,300	6,900	5,500	3,600	6,800	..

(a) Includes all persons who received no income during period 1981-82, but excludes certain persons as explained in paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes to publication 6502.0. (b) Includes separated, divorced, widowed and never married.

Source: Income and Housing Survey—Income of Individuals, Australia, 1981-82 (6502.0).

CHART 4.m. JOB VACANCIES : SELECTED INDUSTRIES.
FEBRUARY 1984 TO NOVEMBER 1984



Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

TABLE 4.15. JOB VACANCIES AND JOB VACANCY RATES(a): STATES AND TERRITORIES

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
JOB VACANCIES ('000)									
1974 March	62.7	51.6	20.6	12.2	10.1	2.4	1.5	4.0	165.2
1975 March	19.3	14.9	7.1	4.1	4.4	1.2	1.5	2.8	55.2
1976 March	15.3	18.2	5.9	4.7	3.4	1.5	0.8	1.1	50.8
1977 March	14.5	18.0	5.3	3.3	4.0	1.6	0.7	2.2	49.6
1978 March	13.2	11.5	3.5	1.8	3.0	1.0	0.4	1.8	36.3
1979 May	14.0	10.6	3.5	2.2	2.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	34.3
1980 May	13.0	8.1	3.0	1.4	2.2	0.8	0.5	0.8	29.8
1981 May	18.5	8.3	3.1	1.0	3.2	0.5	0.7	0.5	35.7
1982 May	9.0	7.6	3.9	1.2	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.8	25.3
1983 February	5.8	5.8	1.9	0.7	*	0.4	0.4	0.6	16.9
May	6.9	5.3	1.7	1.0	*	0.3	0.3	0.6	17.5
August	5.9	5.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.9	16.7
November(b)	7.8	4.5	2.0	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.9	19.1
November(c)	11.2	6.5	4.1	2.1	3.5	0.8	0.5	1.3	30.1
1984 February	19.6	10.1	4.5	3.4	3.7	1.2	0.5	1.3	44.3
May	14.7	8.9	4.0	2.5	2.0	0.6	0.6	1.5	34.8
August	17.5	7.8	4.0	2.7	2.9	0.8	0.6	1.2	37.6
November	14.9	11.2	4.3	2.2	4.2	0.8	0.8	1.5	39.8
JOB VACANCY RATES (per cent)									
1974 March	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.1	3.0	2.0	6.7	5.6	3.6
1975 March	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.1	5.2	3.8	1.3
1976 March	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	3.1	1.4	1.2
1977 March	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.7	1.2
1978 March	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.3	0.8
1979 May	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.0	0.8
1980 May	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.1	0.7
1981 May	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.4	2.3	0.7	0.8
1982 May	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6
1983 February	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.4
May	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.8	0.5
August	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.4
November(b)	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.5
November(c)	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	*	0.7	*	1.3	0.6
1984 February	1.0	0.8	*	0.8	*	0.9	*	1.2	0.9
May	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	*	*	1.1	1.4	0.7
August	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.2	0.8
November	*	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.7	1.3	0.8

(a) Job vacancy rate is calculated by expressing the number of job vacancies as a percentage of the number of employees plus vacancies. (b) Result from payroll tax based survey. (c) Result of sample from ABS register

Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).