

CHAPTER 4

UNEMPLOYMENT

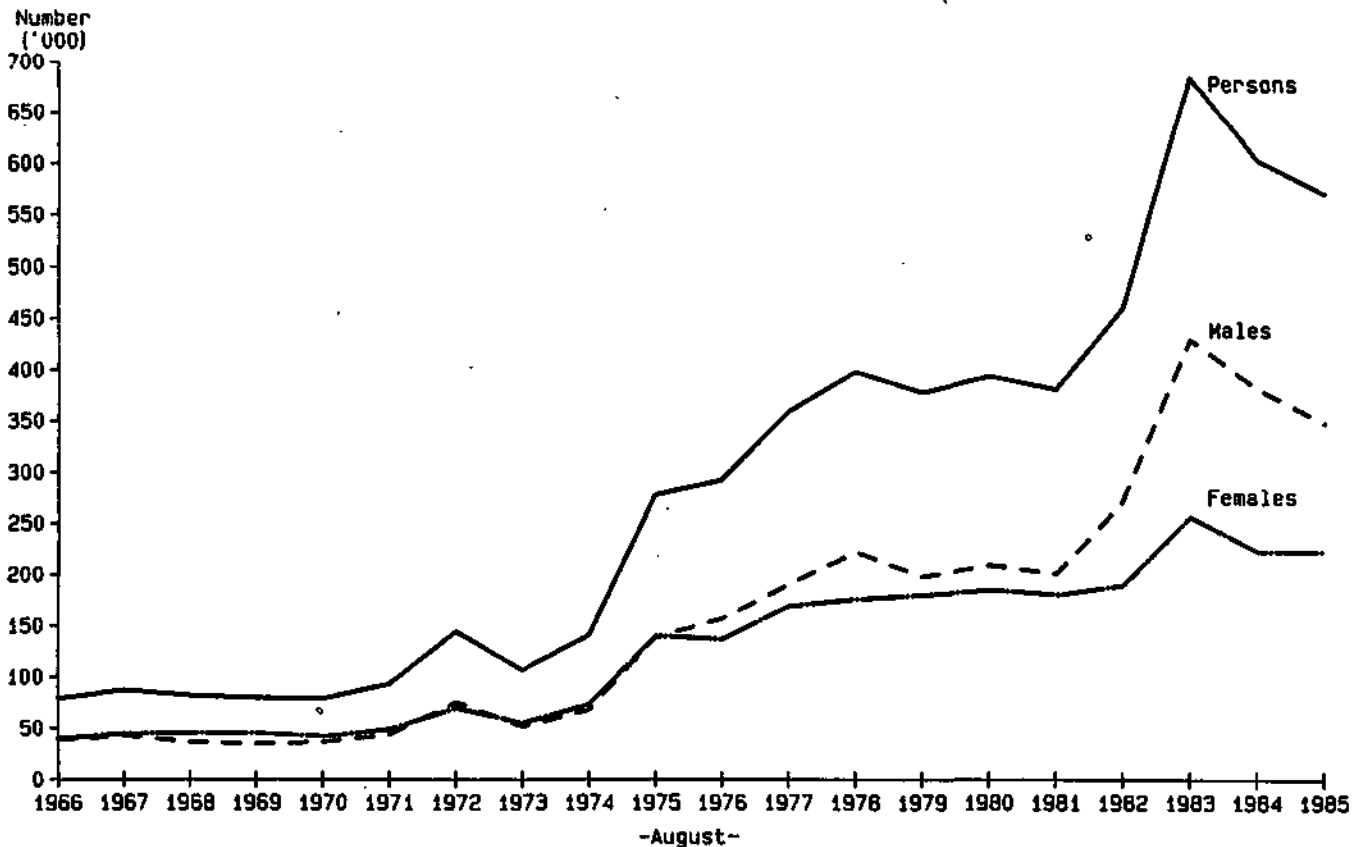
The unemployment statistics presented in this chapter have been derived from ABS sources, primarily the ABS monthly labour force survey and its supplementaries.

For a concise definition of unemployed as it relates to the labour force survey, see the latest issue of the monthly publication "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0). However, broadly speaking, 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 underutilisation of labour. The two most important measures are the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. Characteristics of the unemployed presented include their demographic composition, duration of unemployment, educational qualifications and 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 1966 TO AUGUST 1985



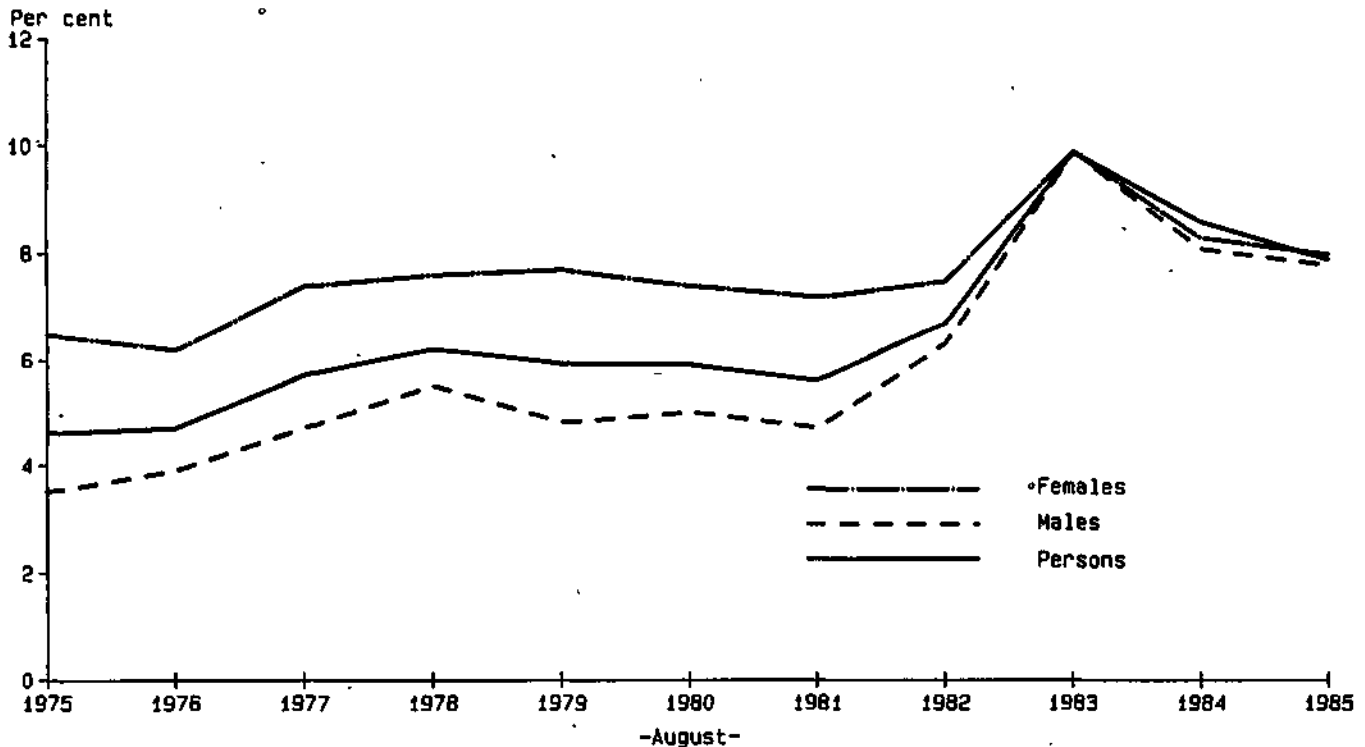
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985

| August | Males | | | Females | | | Persons | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Looking for full-time work | Looking for part-time work | Total | Looking for full-time work | Looking for part-time work | Total | Looking for full-time work | Looking for part-time work | Total |
| NUMBER ('000) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 122.5 | 16.3 | 138.8 | 93.0 | 46.6 | 139.7 | 215.5 | 62.9 | 278.4 |
| 1976 | 142.7 | 13.9 | 156.6 | 94.1 | 42.0 | 136.1 | 236.8 | 55.9 | 292.7 |
| 1977 | 168.5 | 21.6 | 190.1 | 114.8 | 54.4 | 169.2 | 283.3 | 76.0 | 359.3 |
| 1978 | 207.9 | 14.3 | 222.2 | 126.5 | 49.6 | 176.1 | 334.4 | 63.9 | 398.3 |
| 1979 | 184.0 | 13.5 | 197.5 | 131.8 | 48.1 | 179.9 | 315.8 | 61.7 | 377.5 |
| 1980 | 193.9 | 15.7 | 209.6 | 140.7 | 44.2 | 184.9 | 334.6 | 59.9 | 394.5 |
| 1981 | 187.8 | 12.7 | 200.4 | 135.9 | 44.2 | 180.1 | 323.7 | 56.9 | 380.6 |
| 1982 | 250.4 | 21.3 | 271.7 | 137.2 | 52.5 | 189.7 | 387.6 | 73.8 | 461.4 |
| 1983 | 409.5 | 20.2 | 429.7 | 197.9 | 59.3 | 257.1 | 607.4 | 79.5 | 686.8 |
| 1984 | 359.0 | 22.5 | 381.5 | 165.1 | 57.9 | 223.1 | 524.2 | 80.5 | 604.6 |
| 1985 | 324.5 | 23.7 | 348.1 | 162.4 | 60.7 | 223.0 | 486.8 | 84.3 | 571.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 4.6 |
| 1976 | 3.7 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 4.7 |
| 1977 | 4.4 | 10.5 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 5.7 |
| 1978 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 1979 | 4.7 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| 1980 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 8.7 | 5.1 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| 1981 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 8.3 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.6 |
| 1982 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.7 |
| 1983 | 10.1 | 7.7 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 9.9 |
| 1984 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 6.6 | 8.6 |
| 1985 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 9.2 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 6.5 | 7.9 |

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 4.b. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985



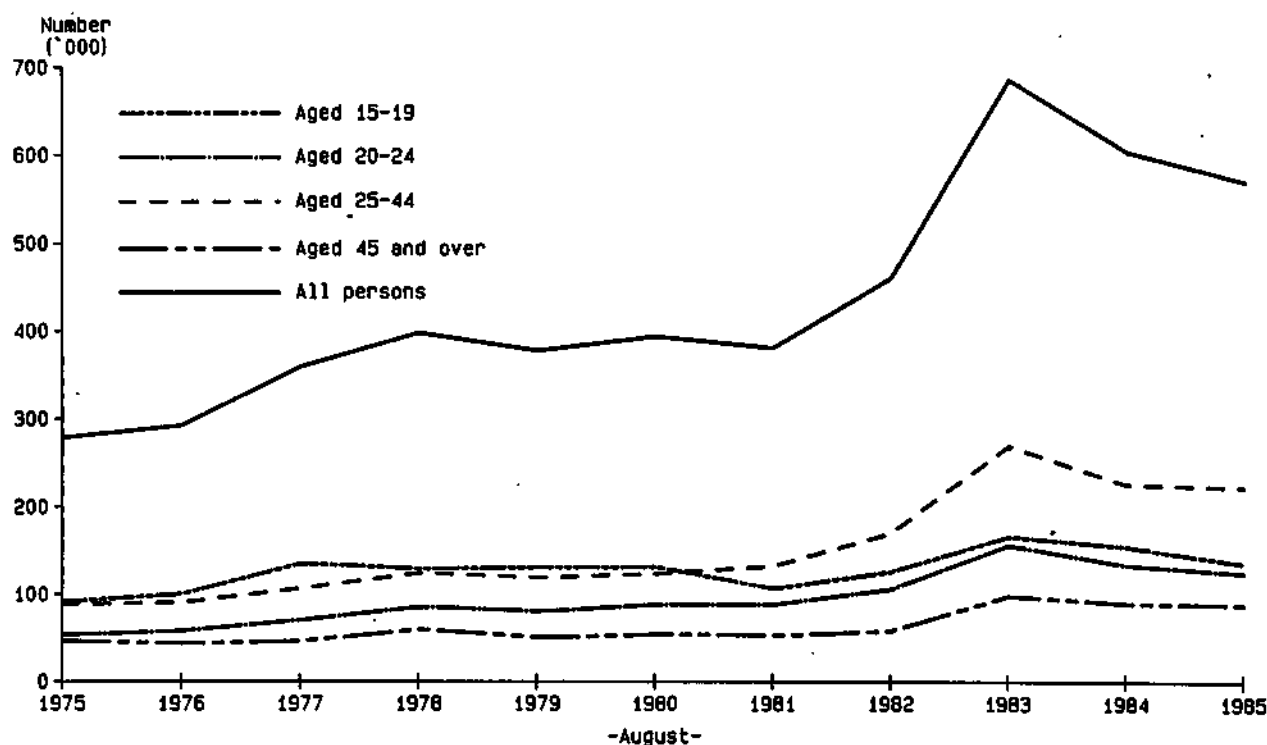
Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY AGE, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985
(Per cent)

| August | Age group (years) | | | | | | Total |
|---------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 10.8 | 5.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 1976 | 12.7 | 6.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 3.9 |
| 1977 | 15.8 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4.7 |
| 1978 | 16.4 | 8.8 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 5.5 |
| 1979 | 14.6 | 8.4 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 4.8 |
| 1980 | 14.7 | 8.5 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 5.0 |
| 1981 | 11.2 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| 1982 | 16.3 | 11.2 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 6.3 |
| 1983 | 23.0 | 17.3 | 9.1 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 9.9 |
| 1984 | 22.1 | 14.3 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 8.7 |
| 1985 | 19.3 | 12.5 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 6.7 | 7.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 15.1 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 3.6 | * | 6.5 |
| 1976 | 15.8 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | * | 6.2 |
| 1977 | 20.3 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 3.2 | * | 7.4 |
| 1978 | 17.2 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 7.6 |
| 1979 | 20.4 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | * | 7.7 |
| 1980 | 18.7 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 7.4 |
| 1981 | 17.0 | 8.7 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 7.2 |
| 1982 | 17.0 | 8.8 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 7.5 |
| 1983 | 22.2 | 11.5 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 9.9 |
| 1984 | 19.7 | 10.3 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 8.3 |
| 1985 | 17.1 | 10.5 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 8.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | |
| 1975 | 12.9 | 5.9 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 4.6 |
| 1976 | 14.2 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 4.7 |
| 1977 | 18.0 | 7.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 5.7 |
| 1978 | 16.8 | 9.1 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 6.2 |
| 1979 | 17.3 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 5.8 |
| 1980 | 16.6 | 8.7 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 5.9 |
| 1981 | 13.9 | 8.5 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 5.6 |
| 1982 | 16.6 | 10.2 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 6.7 |
| 1983 | 22.6 | 14.7 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 9.9 |
| 1984 | 21.0 | 12.5 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 8.6 |
| 1985 | 18.2 | 11.6 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 7.9 |

Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)

CHART 4.C. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE,
AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, AUGUST 1985

| | Number unemployed ('000) | | | Unemployment rate (per cent) | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| BORN IN AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| Total | 244.2 | 163.9 | 408.1 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.6 |
| Looking for full-time work | 225.3 | 119.1 | 344.4 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 7.9 |
| Looking for part-time work | 18.9 | 44.8 | 63.7 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 6.3 |
| Aged 15-19 | 64.5 | 53.6 | 118.2 | 19.2 | 16.8 | 18.0 |
| Aged 20 and over | 179.6 | 110.3 | 289.9 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 20-24 | 57.9 | 40.9 | 98.9 | 11.8 | 10.2 | 11.1 |
| 25-34 | 61.8 | 39.1 | 100.8 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 6.8 |
| 35-44 | 25.5 | 20.4 | 46.0 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| 45-54 | 17.3 | 8.1 | 25.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| 55 and over | 17.1 | * | 18.8 | 5.0 | * | 4.1 |
| Aged 15-64 | 243.3 | 163.8 | 407.1 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| Total | 104.0 | 59.1 | 163.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| Looking for full-time work | 99.2 | 43.3 | 142.4 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 9.0 |
| Looking for part-time work | 4.8 | 15.9 | 20.7 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| Aged 15-19 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 17.5 | 20.0 | 19.4 | 19.7 |
| Aged 20 and over | 94.5 | 51.1 | 145.6 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 20-24 | 16.2 | 9.7 | 25.8 | 15.4 | 11.6 | 13.7 |
| 25-34 | 24.3 | 15.9 | 40.2 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.7 |
| 35-44 | 20.8 | 14.5 | 35.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.3 |
| 45-54 | 17.2 | 8.4 | 25.6 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| 55 and over | 16.1 | * | 18.6 | 10.4 | * | 9.6 |
| Aged 15-64 | 103.3 | 58.9 | 162.2 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.8 |

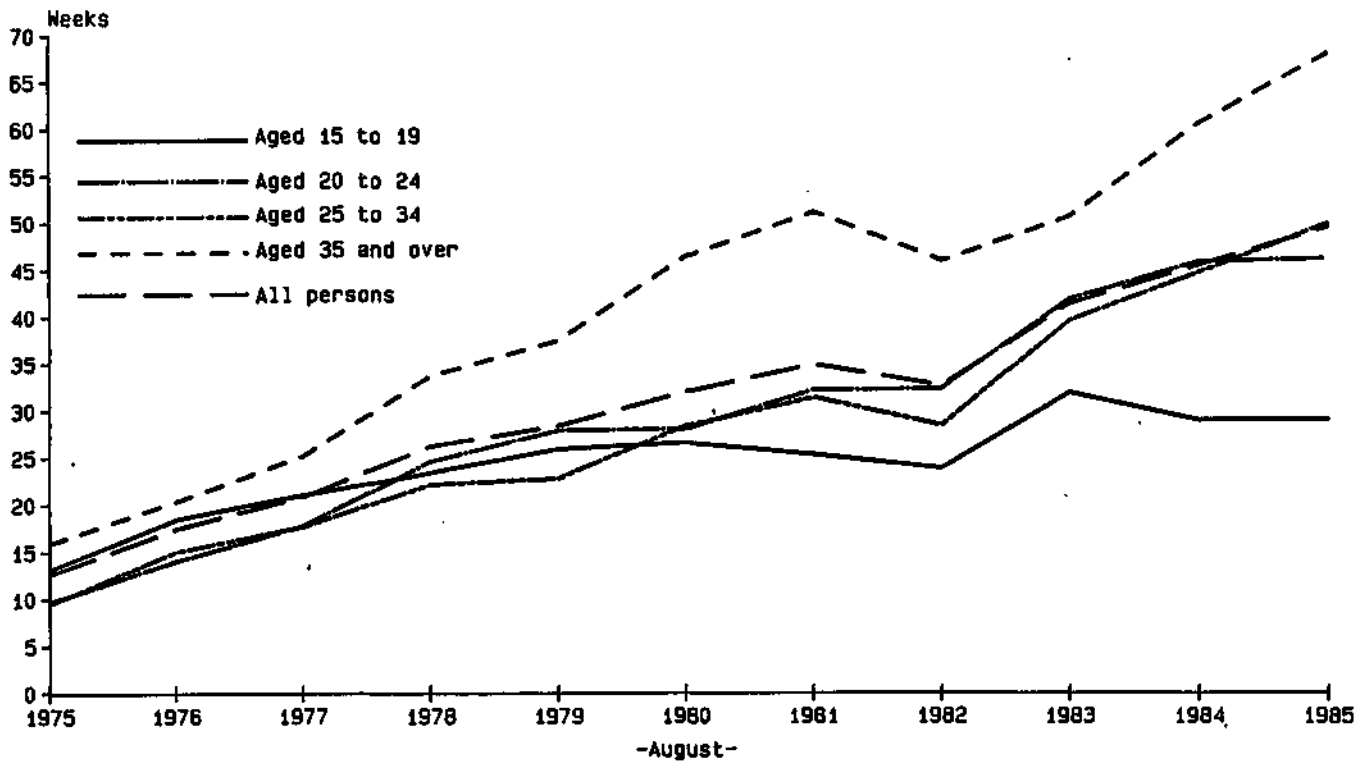
Source: The Labour Force, Australia, August 1985 (6203.0).

TABLE 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985

| Duration of unemployment(weeks) | August | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
| | —'000— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 2 | 25.6 | 29.0 | 17.9 | 39.5 | 33.4 | 32.0 | 33.9 | 38.6 | 32.4 | 34.2 | 38.7 |
| 2 and under 4 | 57.7 | 45.7 | 48.2 | 45.3 | 42.9 | 43.9 | 41.5 | 58.2 | 49.7 | 56.9 | 55.4 |
| 4 and under 8 | 65.6 | 51.3 | 65.7 | 55.6 | 52.0 | 55.7 | 58.4 | 72.4 | 73.9 | 64.1 | 57.3 |
| 8 and under 13 | 46.6 | 48.9 | 58.8 | 47.4 | 44.3 | 43.1 | 45.9 | 52.3 | 65.9 | 58.9 | 47.5 |
| 13 and under 26 | 37.4 | 45.0 | 62.5 | 70.0 | 61.7 | 62.2 | 52.8 | 61.2 | 103.1 | 80.5 | 78.0 |
| 26 and under 39 | 25.4 | 36.1 | 49.1 | 63.6 | 61.0 | 65.5 | 53.2 | 73.3 | 123.5 | 95.1 | 88.0 |
| 39 and under 52 | 7.6 | 11.9 | 12.2 | 15.2 | 14.1 | 13.7 | 15.0 | 17.8 | 49.6 | 26.3 | 29.7 |
| 52 and under 65 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 18.8 | 23.0 | 24.7 | 23.0 | 23.4 | 25.7 | 61.3 | 46.9 | 41.2 |
| 65 and under 104 | 5.4 | 13.3 | 26.2 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 19.5 | 15.8 | 18.6 | 43.3 | 49.2 | 30.6 |
| 104 and over | | | | 19.6 | 23.7 | 35.8 | 40.8 | 43.4 | 84.2 | 92.5 | 104.7 |
| Total | 278.4 | 292.7 | 359.3 | 398.3 | 377.5 | 394.5 | 380.6 | 461.4 | 686.8 | 684.6 | 571.2 |
| | —weeks— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average duration— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 12.7 | 17.5 | 20.9 | 26.2 | 28.4 | 32.0 | 34.9 | 32.6 | 41.4 | 45.5 | 49.5 |
| Median | 7 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 26 | 26 |

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

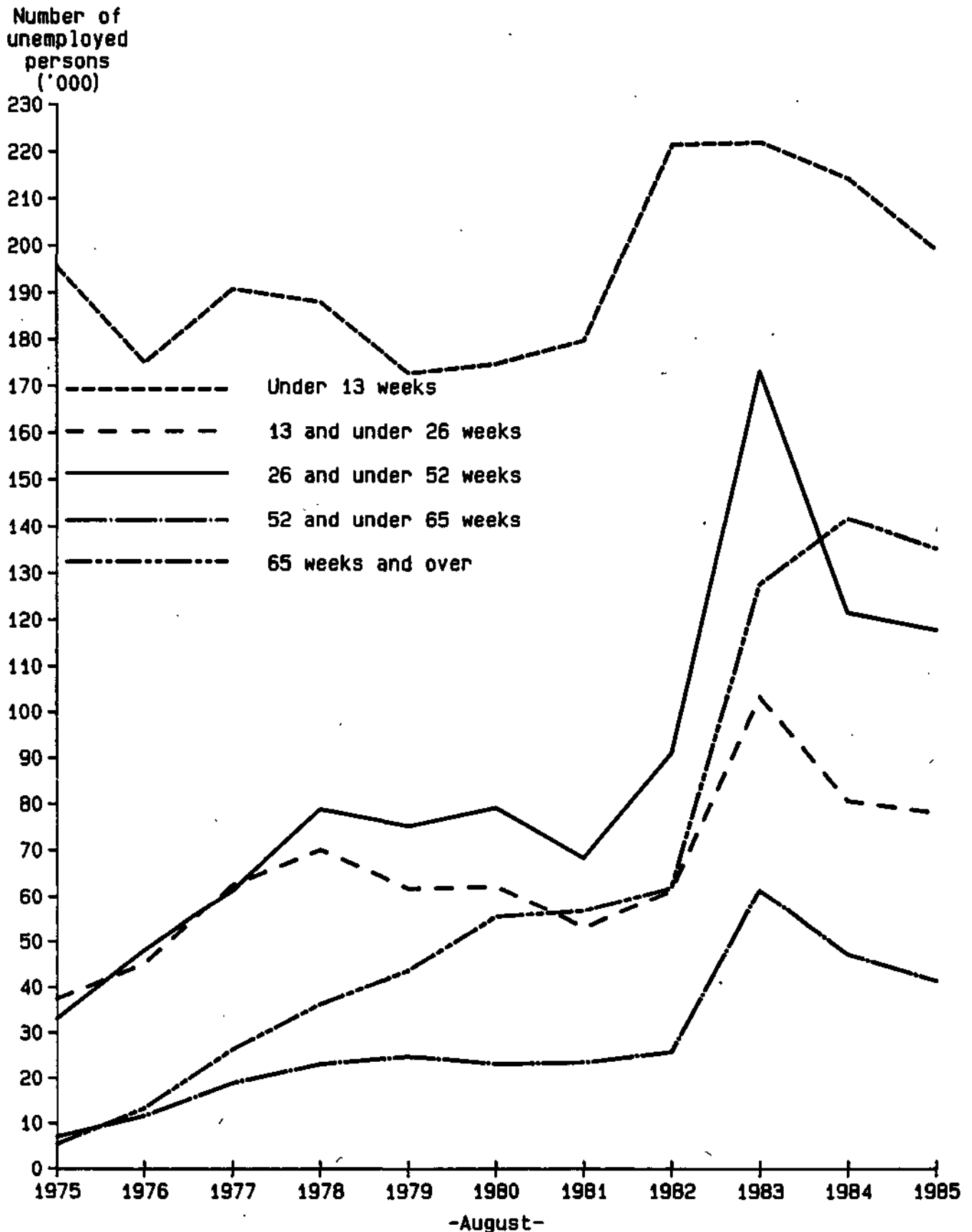
CHART 4.d. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985



NOTE: Estimates for average duration of unemployment refer to current periods of unemployment, not completed periods

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

**CHART 4.e. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT,
AUGUST 1975 TO AUGUST 1985**



Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, AUGUST 1985

| | 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 | 201.8 | 100.4 | 302.2 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| Industry division or subdivision— | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 16.2 | 4.9 | 21.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| Agriculture and services to agriculture | 13.1 | 4.1 | 17.2 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Mining | 3.7 | * | 4.2 | 3.9 | * | 3.9 |
| Manufacturing | 50.1 | 15.1 | 65.2 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| Food, beverages and tobacco | 8.3 | 3.7 | 12.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| Metal products | 10.6 | * | 11.5 | 6.2 | * | 5.8 |
| Other manufacturing | 31.2 | 10.5 | 41.7 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 5.3 |
| Electricity, gas and water | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Construction | 28.0 | * | 29.4 | 6.4 | * | 5.9 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 39.7 | 30.8 | 70.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Wholesale trade | 11.9 | 3.7 | 15.6 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| Retail trade | 27.8 | 27.1 | 54.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| Transport and storage | 13.6 | * | 15.7 | 4.1 | * | 4.0 |
| Communication | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Finance, property and business services | 9.2 | 7.2 | 16.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Public administration and defence | 9.9 | 5.2 | 15.1 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| Community services | 8.3 | 16.9 | 25.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 18.0 | 15.9 | 33.9 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Occupation group— | | | | | | |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 5.3 | 6.6 | 11.9 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Administrative, executive, and managerial | 6.8 | * | 9.7 | 1.8 | * | 2.1 |
| Clerical | 7.9 | 29.5 | 37.4 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Sales | 17.0 | 17.8 | 34.9 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Farmers, fisherpersons, timbergetters, etc. | 18.3 | 4.6 | 22.9 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| Miners, quarryworkers, etc. | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Transport and communication | 13.2 | * | 14.0 | 4.4 | * | 4.0 |
| Tradespersons, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. | 114.1 | 18.1 | 132.2 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 6.6 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 17.1 | 19.9 | 37.0 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| Other(a) | 142.7 | 116.7 | 259.4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Looking for first job | 45.8 | 41.1 | 86.9 | .. | .. | .. |
| Looking for full-time work | 34.3 | 25.9 | 60.2 | .. | .. | .. |
| Other | 96.9 | 75.6 | 172.5 | .. | .. | .. |
| Stood down | 3.6 | 5.9 | 9.6 | .. | .. | .. |
| Total | 348.1 | 223.0 | 571.2 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 |

(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 1985 (6203.0).

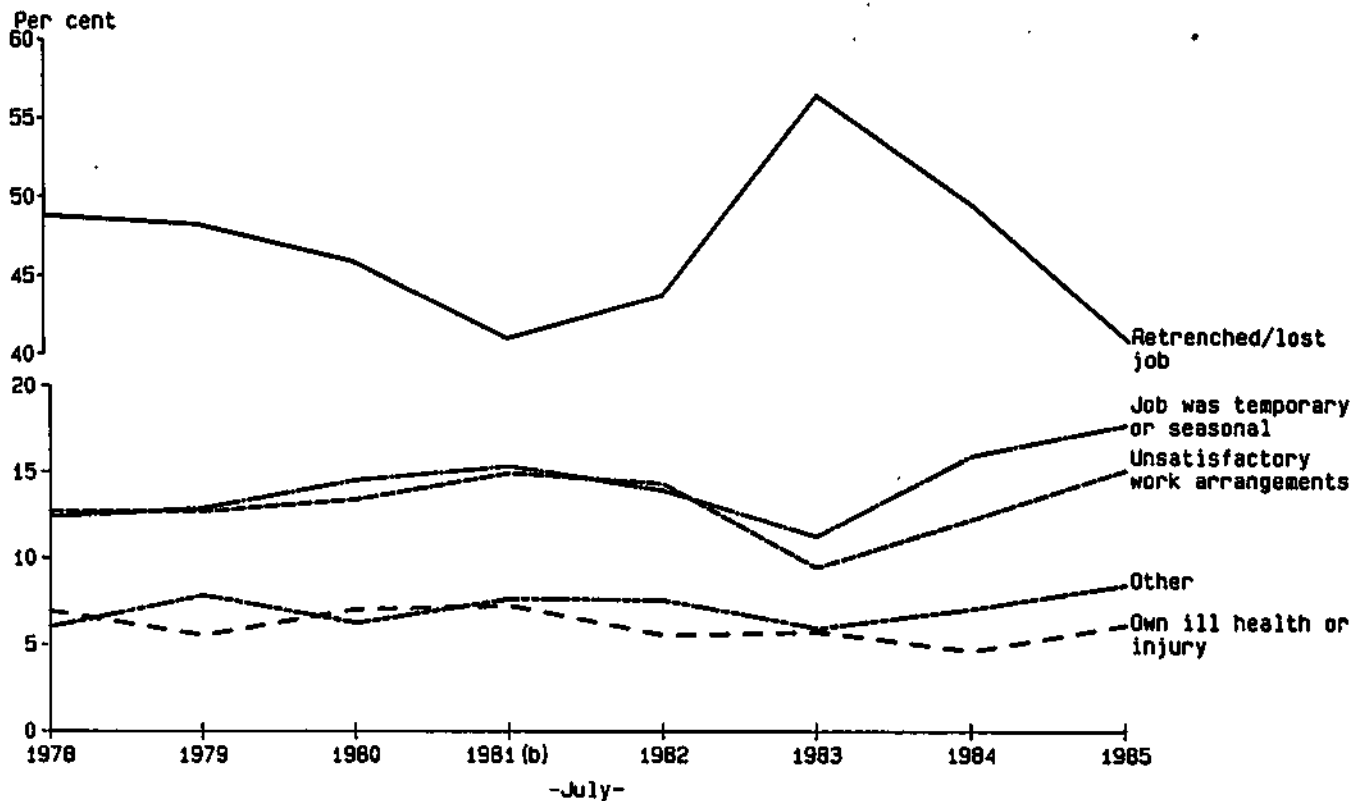
TABLE 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) : REASON FOR LEAVING LAST JOB, JULY 1980 TO JULY 1985

| | July 1980 | June 1981 | July 1982 | July 1983 | July 1984 | July 1985 | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Reason for leaving last full-time job | —per cent— | | | | | | ('000) |
| Retrenched/lost job | 45.9 | 41.0 | 43.8 | 56.5 | 49.5 | 40.9 | 110.2 |
| Unsatisfactory work arrangements | 13.4 | 14.9 | 14.3 | 9.4 | 12.2 | 15.1 | 40.7 |
| Own ill health or injury | 7.0 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 16.5 |
| Job was temporary or seasonal | 14.5 | 15.3 | 13.9 | 11.2 | 15.9 | 17.7 | 47.6 |
| To return to studies | 2.4 | * | 3.2 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 6.7 |
| To marry/have children/look after family | 3.2 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 7.2 |
| Moved house/spouse transferred | 4.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 11.3 |
| Travel/take a holiday | 2.9 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 6.6 |
| Other | 6.2 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 22.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 269.6 |

(a) Includes wage and salary earners in their last full-time job and who finished working in that job during the two years prior to the survey.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

CHART 4.f. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a): REASONS FOR LEAVING LAST JOB,
JULY 1978 TO JULY 1985



(a) Includes wage and salary earners in their last full-time job and who finished working in that job during the two years prior to the survey. (b) June figure.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

TABLE 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK(a),
JULY 1985

| Active steps taken to find work | Looking for full-time work | | | | Looking for part-time work | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|------------|-------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | | Males | Females | Persons | |
| | —'000— | | (Per cent) | | —'000— | | (Per cent) | |
| Registered with the CES and— | | | | | | | | |
| Took no other active steps | 5.8 | * | 7.6 | 1.6 | * | * | * | * |
| Contacted prospective employers | 268.1 | 110.2 | 378.2 | 79.9 | 5.9 | 15.2 | 21.1 | 25.7 |
| Took other active steps | 23.8 | 8.0 | 31.8 | 6.7 | * | * | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| Total | 297.6 | 119.9 | 417.6 | 88.3 | 8.4 | 19.2 | 27.6 | 33.7 |
| Not registered with the CES and— | | | | | | | | |
| Contacted prospective employers | 22.4 | 27.8 | 50.1 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 38.4 | 45.9 | 56.0 |
| Took other active steps | * | * | 5.4 | 1.1 | * | 6.4 | 8.4 | 10.3 |
| Total | 25.3 | 30.3 | 55.6 | 11.7 | 9.5 | 44.8 | 54.3 | 66.3 |
| Total | 323.0 | 150.2 | 473.2 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 64.0 | 81.9 | 100.0 |

(a) Steps taken during current period of unemployment.

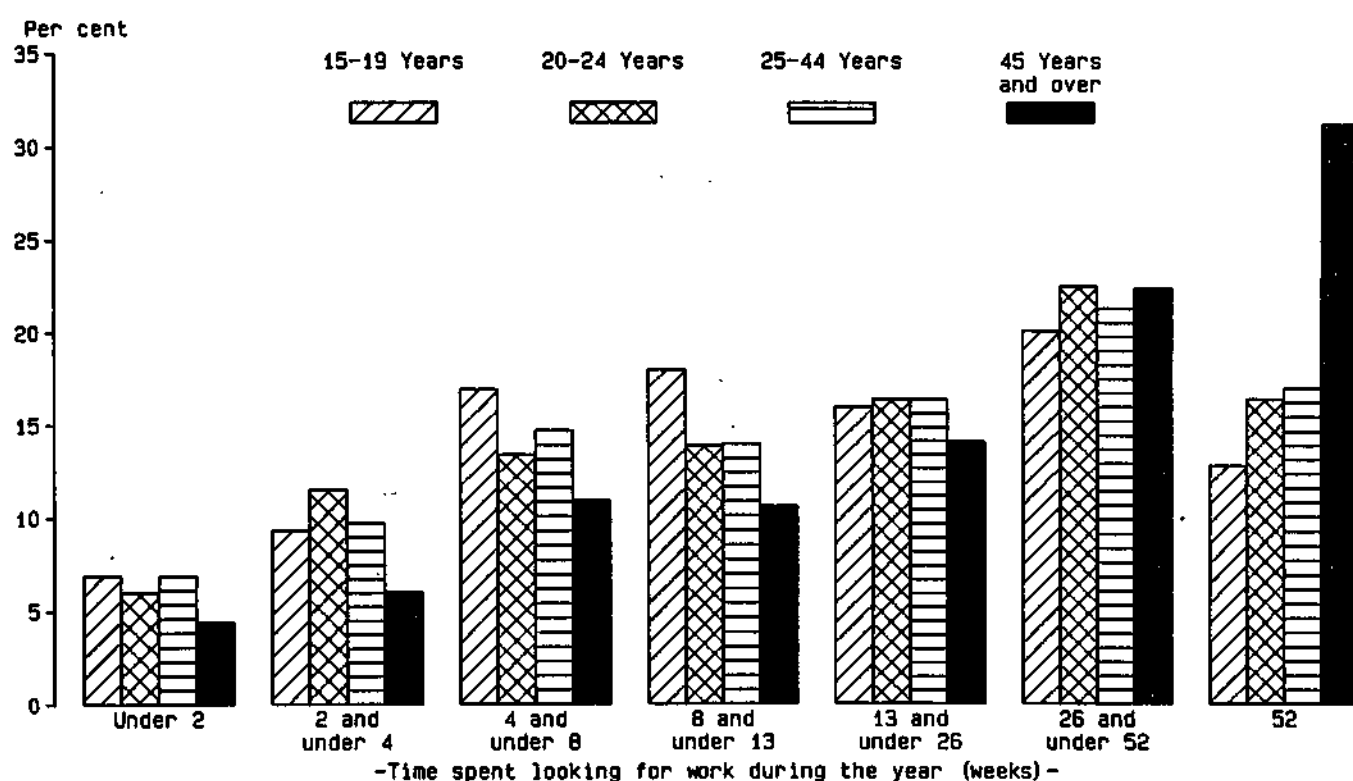
Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

**TABLE 4.8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR
(^{' 000})**

| Number of spells of looking for work | Time spent looking for work during the year (weeks) | | | | | | 52 | Total |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|---------|
| | 1 and under 2 | 2 and under 4 | 4 and under 8 | 8 and under 13 | 13 and under 26 | 26 and under 52 | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 34.3 | 57.9 | 101.1 | 87.7 | 96.3 | 121.7 | 160.6 | 659.6 |
| Two | .. | 5.1 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 17.0 | 35.4 | .. | 74.8 |
| Three or more | .. | * | 7.0 | 15.0 | 17.2 | 22.2 | .. | 63.8 |
| Total | 34.3 | 65.4 | 115.7 | 112.5 | 130.4 | 179.2 | 160.6 | 798.3 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| One | 58.4 | 62.8 | 75.4 | 79.3 | 73.6 | 94.2 | 92.3 | 536.0 |
| Two | .. | 7.2 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 15.9 | 20.4 | .. | 60.9 |
| Three or more | .. | * | 10.4 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 16.0 | .. | 51.9 |
| Total | 58.4 | 72.3 | 94.8 | 99.0 | 101.3 | 130.6 | 92.3 | 648.8 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| One | 92.7 | 120.7 | 176.6 | 167.0 | 169.9 | 215.9 | 252.9 | 1,195.6 |
| Two | .. | 12.2 | 16.5 | 18.4 | 32.9 | 55.8 | .. | 135.8 |
| Three or more | .. | 4.8 | 17.5 | 26.2 | 29.0 | 38.2 | .. | 115.7 |
| Total | 92.7 | 137.8 | 210.5 | 211.6 | 231.8 | 309.8 | 252.9 | 1,447.0 |

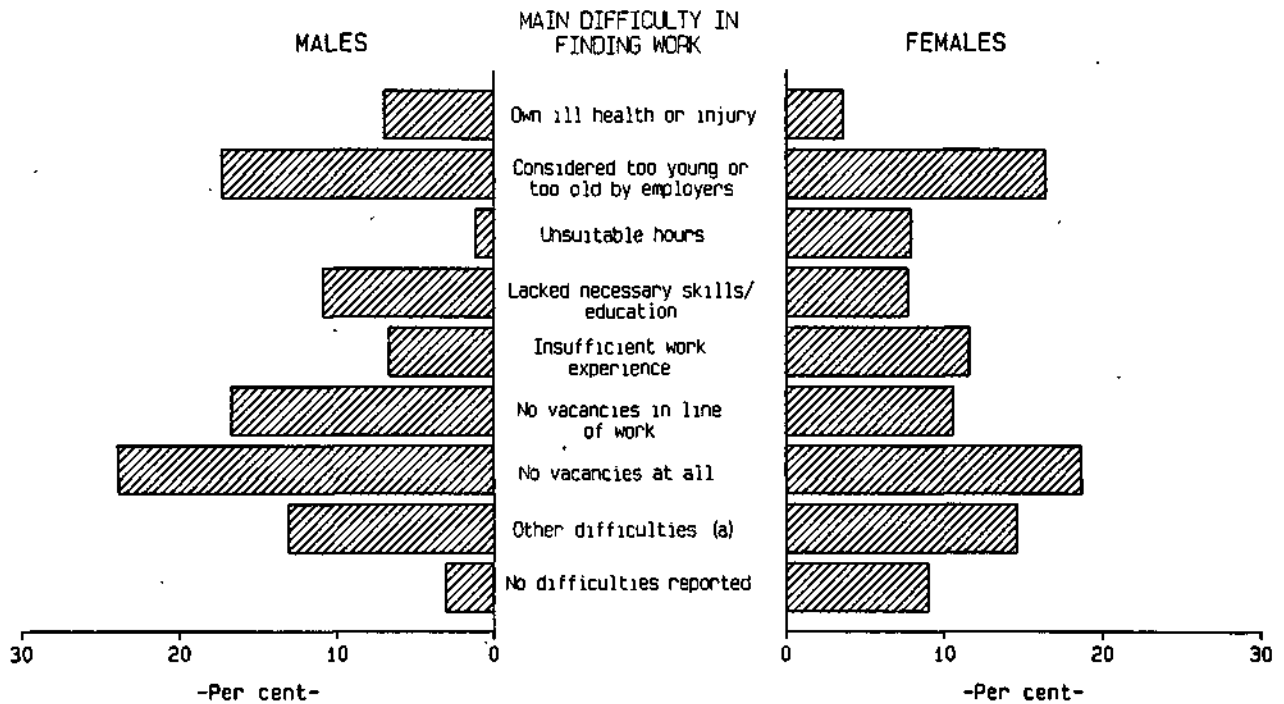
Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1985 (6206.0).

**CHART 4.g. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1985: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK
DURING THE YEAR AND AGE**



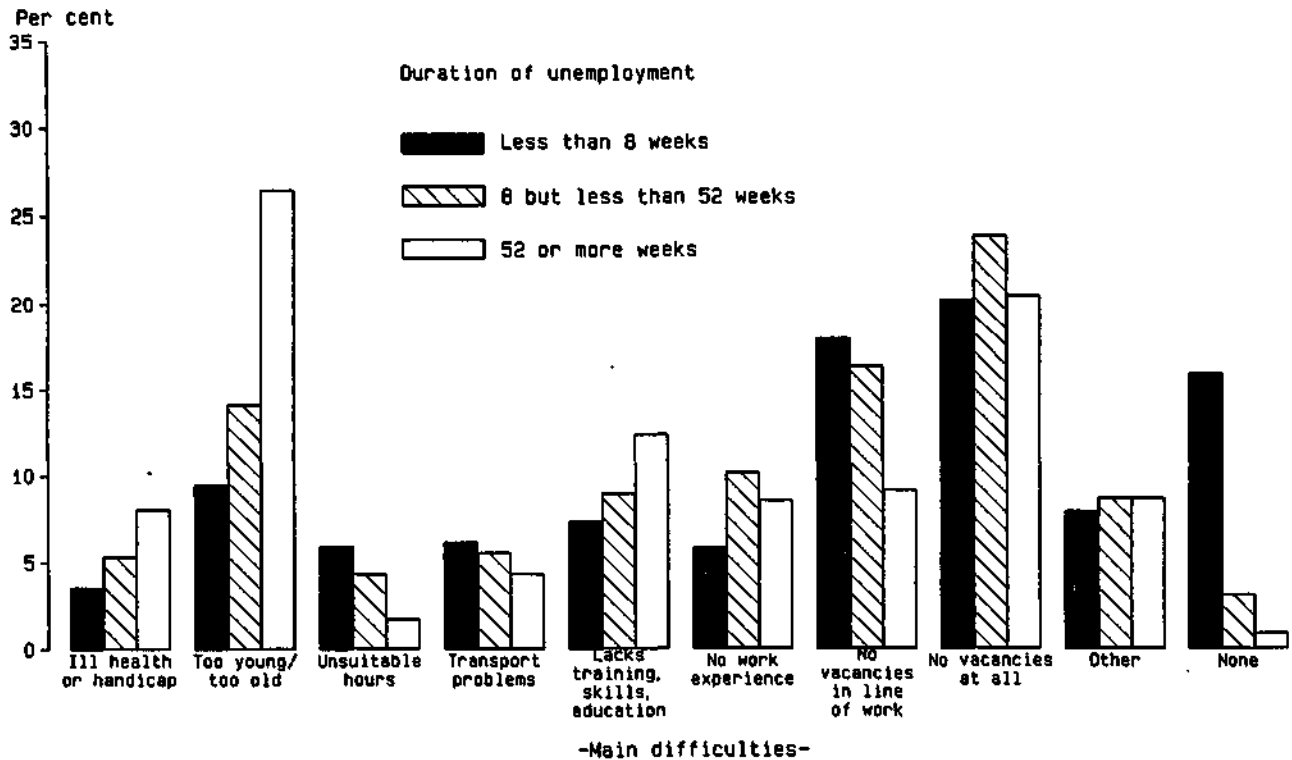
Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1985 (6206.0).

**CHART 4.h. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT,
JULY 1985**



Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

**CHART 4.i. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1985**



Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1985 (6222.0).

**TABLE 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES,
FEBRUARY 1979 TO FEBRUARY 1985**

| February | With post-school qualifications | | | Without post-school qualifications | | | Total(c) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|---|--|----------|----------|
| | Degree | Trade; technical or other certificate | 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 |
| 1985 | 23.7 | 131.4 | 164.9 | 101.5 | 374.6 | 476.8 | 673.6 |
| 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 |
| 1985 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 9.3 |

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1985 (6235.0).

TABLE 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1985
(^{'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) | 7.2 | 21.8 | 29.8 | 14.4 | 13.3 | 7.9 | 94.4 |
| Degree | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12.5 |
| Trade; technical or other certificate | 5.8 | 16.5 | 24.4 | 12.8 | 11.2 | 7.1 | 77.7 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 79.3 | 64.0 | 62.9 | 33.2 | 23.7 | 20.9 | 284.0 |
| Attended highest level of secondary school available | 20.4 | 17.9 | 10.9 | 6.1 | * | * | 60.3 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school | 58.9 | 46.1 | 52.0 | 26.7 | 21.3 | 18.0 | 222.9 |
| Left at age— | | | | | | | |
| 16 years or over | 27.3 | 23.6 | 18.2 | 5.7 | * | * | 79.3 |
| 15 years or under | 31.7 | 22.4 | 33.8 | 21.0 | 18.4 | 16.4 | 143.7 |
| Still at school(c) | 12.0 | * | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12.0 |
| Total | 98.6 | 85.9 | 92.7 | 47.6 | 37.0 | 28.8 | 390.4 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications(a) | 6.7 | 16.3 | 21.2 | 18.0 | 6.8 | * | 70.6 |
| Degree | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11.2 |
| Trade; technical or other certificate | 5.7 | 11.6 | 16.0 | 14.0 | 5.2 | * | 53.7 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 69.6 | 40.7 | 37.3 | 27.4 | 14.2 | * | 192.8 |
| Attended highest level of secondary school available | 19.4 | 8.9 | 7.6 | * | * | * | 41.2 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school | 50.2 | 31.8 | 29.7 | 24.3 | 12.3 | * | 151.7 |
| Left at age— | | | | | | | |
| 16 years or over | 26.2 | 17.8 | 12.3 | 6.2 | * | * | 65.9 |
| 15 years or under | 24.1 | 14.1 | 17.4 | 18.1 | 9.2 | * | 85.8 |
| Still at school(c) | 19.9 | * | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19.9 |
| Total | 96.2 | 57.0 | 58.6 | 45.4 | 21.0 | 5.1 | 283.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications(a) | 13.9 | 38.1 | 51.0 | 32.4 | 20.1 | 9.4 | 164.9 |
| Degree | * | 7.1 | 8.7 | * | * | * | 23.7 |
| Trade; technical or other certificate | 11.5 | 28.1 | 40.4 | 26.8 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 131.4 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 149.0 | 104.7 | 100.3 | 60.6 | 37.9 | 24.4 | 476.8 |
| Attended highest level of secondary school available | 39.8 | 26.8 | 18.6 | 9.1 | * | * | 101.5 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school | 109.2 | 77.9 | 81.7 | 51.0 | 33.5 | 21.3 | 374.6 |
| Left at age— | | | | | | | |
| 16 years or over | 53.4 | 41.4 | 30.5 | 11.9 | 5.9 | * | 145.2 |
| 15 years or under | 55.7 | 36.5 | 51.2 | 39.1 | 27.6 | 19.3 | 229.4 |
| Still at school(c) | 31.8 | * | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31.8 |
| Total | 194.8 | 142.8 | 151.3 | 93.0 | 58.0 | 33.8 | 673.6 |

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Aged 15 to 20 years only.

Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1985 (6235.0).

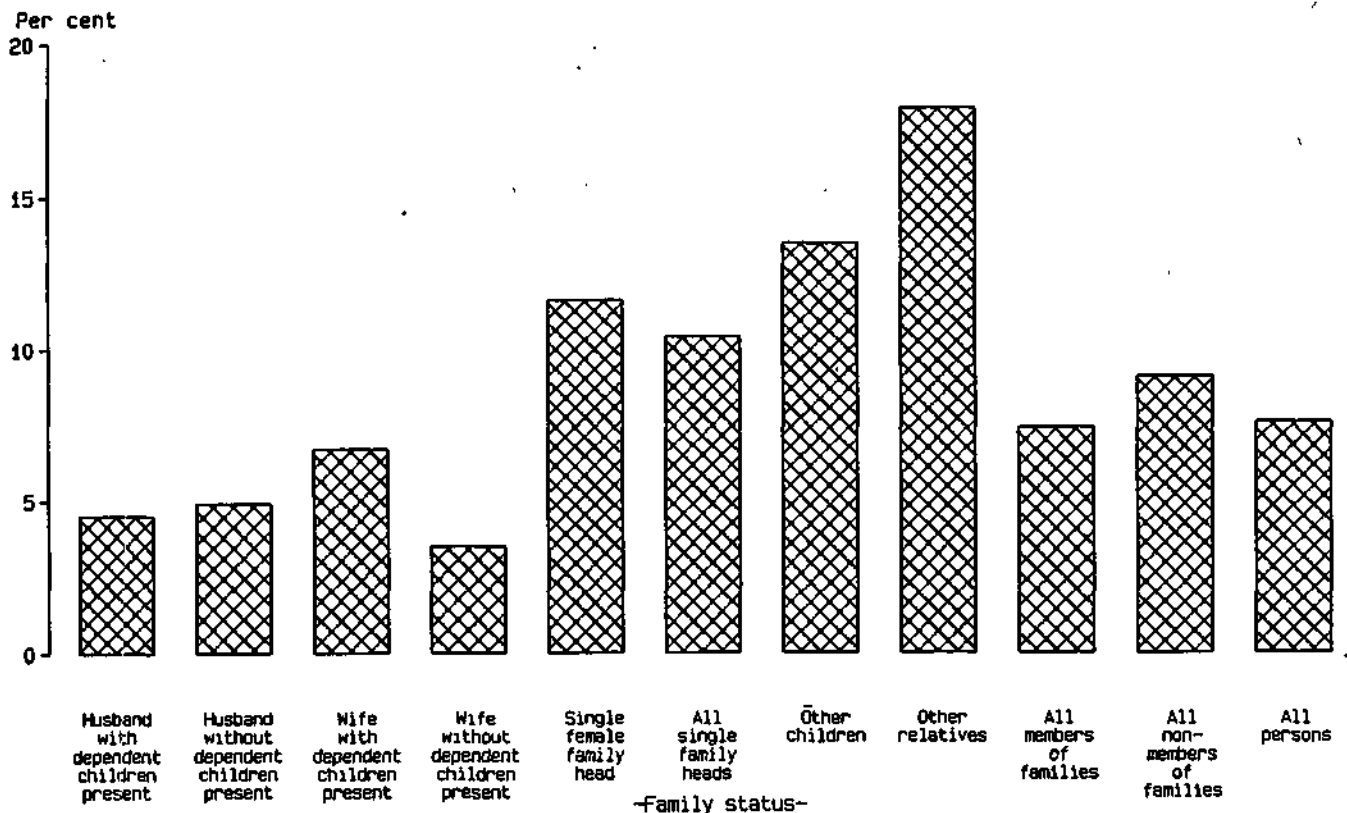
TABLE 4.11. ALL FAMILIES WITH ONE OR MORE MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED: TYPE OF FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS(a), JULY 1985
(' 000 families)

| | None employed | | | One employed | | | Two or more employed | | | Total | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | One un- employed | Two or more un- employed | Total | One un- employed | Two or more un- employed | Total | One un- employed | Two or more un- employed | Total | One un- employed | Two or more un- employed | Total |
| Married-couple families | 86.4 | 19.8 | 106.2 | 110.9 | 8.9 | 119.8 | 78.2 | 6.1 | 84.3 | 275.4 | 34.8 | 310.2 |
| With dependent children present | 55.3 | 11.7 | 67.0 | 71.8 | 5.7 | 77.5 | 48.8 | 3.7 | 52.5 | 175.8 | 21.2 | 197.0 |
| Without dependent children present | 31.1 | 8.1 | 39.1 | 39.1 | * | 42.3 | 29.4 | * | 31.8 | 99.5 | 13.7 | 113.2 |
| Other families | 36.6 | 5.7 | 42.4 | 24.3 | * | 26.5 | 5.9 | * | 6.5 | 66.8 | 8.6 | 75.4 |
| With dependent children present | 22.0 | * | 24.8 | 9.2 | * | 10.5 | * | * | * | 33.9 | 4.4 | 38.3 |
| Without dependent children present | 14.6 | * | 17.6 | 15.1 | * | 16.0 | * | * | 3.5 | 33.0 | 4.2 | 37.1 |
| All families | 123.0 | 25.6 | 148.6 | 135.2 | 11.1 | 146.3 | 84.1 | 6.7 | 90.7 | 342.2 | 43.4 | 385.6 |
| With dependent children present | 77.4 | 14.5 | 91.8 | 81.0 | 7.0 | 88.0 | 51.4 | 4.1 | 55.5 | 209.7 | 25.5 | 235.2 |
| Without dependent children present | 45.7 | 11.1 | 56.8 | 54.1 | 4.2 | 58.3 | 32.7 | * | 35.3 | 132.5 | 17.8 | 150.3 |

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

CHART 4.j. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JULY 1985



Source: Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

TABLE 4.12. FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1985

| | Duration of unemployment (weeks) | | | | | | | | Average | Median |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------|
| | 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 | Total | duration | duration |
| | —'000 persons— | | | | | | | | —weeks— | |
| Member of a family | 25.7 | 41.6 | 39.2 | 37.1 | 62.6 | 92.6 | 135.9 | 434.8 | 50.4 | 26 |
| Husband or wife | 12.4 | 19.6 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 30.7 | 36.8 | 75.6 | 211.7 | 57.0 | 26 |
| With dependent children present | 8.9 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 11.5 | 22.2 | 25.7 | 48.8 | 143.1 | 56.2 | 26 |
| Without dependent children present | 3.5 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 11.2 | 26.8 | 68.6 | 58.7 | 28 |
| Not-married family head | 3.8 | | 4.3 | | 4.1 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 24.4 | 45.3 | 25 |
| With dependent children present | * | | 4.7 | | 5.5 | | 4.9 | 16.9 | 41.9 | 20 |
| Full-time student aged 15-20 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 | * | 9.4 | * | 34.8 | 19.2 | 9 |
| Other child(a) of family head | 5.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 11.2 | 22.4 | 38.6 | 44.2 | 148.0 | 49.2 | 26 |
| Other relative | * | | 4.0 | | 5.4 | | 5.6 | 15.8 | 50.2 | 27 |
| Not a member of a family | 3.5 | 7.3 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 12.7 | 18.3 | 30.5 | 89.8 | 49.9 | 26 |
| Living alone | 3.8 | | 4.8 | | 4.1 | 4.8 | 13.4 | 30.8 | 61.2 | 39 |
| Not living alone | * | 4.8 | 7.8 | 5.0 | 8.6 | 13.5 | 17.1 | 59.0 | 44.1 | 26 |
| Total | 29.2 | 48.9 | 49.9 | 44.0 | 75.2 | 110.9 | 166.4 | 524.6 | 50.3 | 26 |

(a) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, July 1985 (6224.0).

**CHART 4.k. JOB VACANCIES BY INDUSTRY,
NOVEMBER 1983, NOVEMBER 1984 AND NOVEMBER 1985**

