

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). 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 unused capacity in the labour force. 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 1986 Income Distribution Survey contains data on persons with earned income and examines the relationship between levels of earned income and demographic and social characteristics of the recipients, e.g. age, sex, labour force attachment, educational qualifications, occupation, etc. See *1986 Income Distribution Survey, Persons with Earned Income* (6546.0).

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

SELECTED FEATURES

Unemployment

There were 538,700 unemployed persons in Australia in August 1988, of whom 305,700 were males and 233,000 were females. The average duration of unemployment was 26.2 weeks in August 1978, while in August 1988 it was almost double this figure at 51.3 weeks. Median duration of unemployment has also increased significantly from 13 weeks in August 1978 to 22 weeks in August 1988. The unemployment rate in Australia at August 1988 was 6.8 per cent compared with 6.2 per cent in August 1978, and 9.9 per cent in August 1983. Males looking for full-time work showed the largest increase in unemployment rate over the period August 1978 to August 1988, increasing from 5.4 per cent to 6.4 per cent. The unemployment rate for males aged 15-19 years in August 1988 was 15.1 per cent, the lowest since August 1981. For females aged 15-19 the unemployment rate in August 1988 was 15.9 per cent the lowest since August 1978.

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons

In July 1988, labour force numbered 7,877,000 persons, of whom 503,500 were unemployed (excluding those who were stood down). Persons looking for full-time work outnumbered those looking for part-time work by more than five to one.

For many years the most frequently reported difficulty in finding work was the belief that there were 'no vacancies at all'. Ten years ago, 38 per cent of unemployed persons reported this as the main difficulty. By July 1988 however that proportion had fallen to 16 per cent. In recent years, a downward trend is evident for persons reporting 'no vacancies in line of work' as the main difficulty—12 per cent in July 1988.

There were 156,700 persons (31 per cent of total unemployed) whose current period of unemployment (at July 1988) was one year or more. More than half of these people reported their main difficulty in finding work as being 'considered too young or too old by employers', 'no vacancies at all', or they 'lacked the necessary skills/education'.

Job Vacancies

The estimated number of job vacancies in Australia in November 1988 was 66,700 — an increase of 900 since August 1988, and an increase of 14,500 since November 1987.

Vacancies at the national level for November 1988 were the highest since this series commenced in 1983.

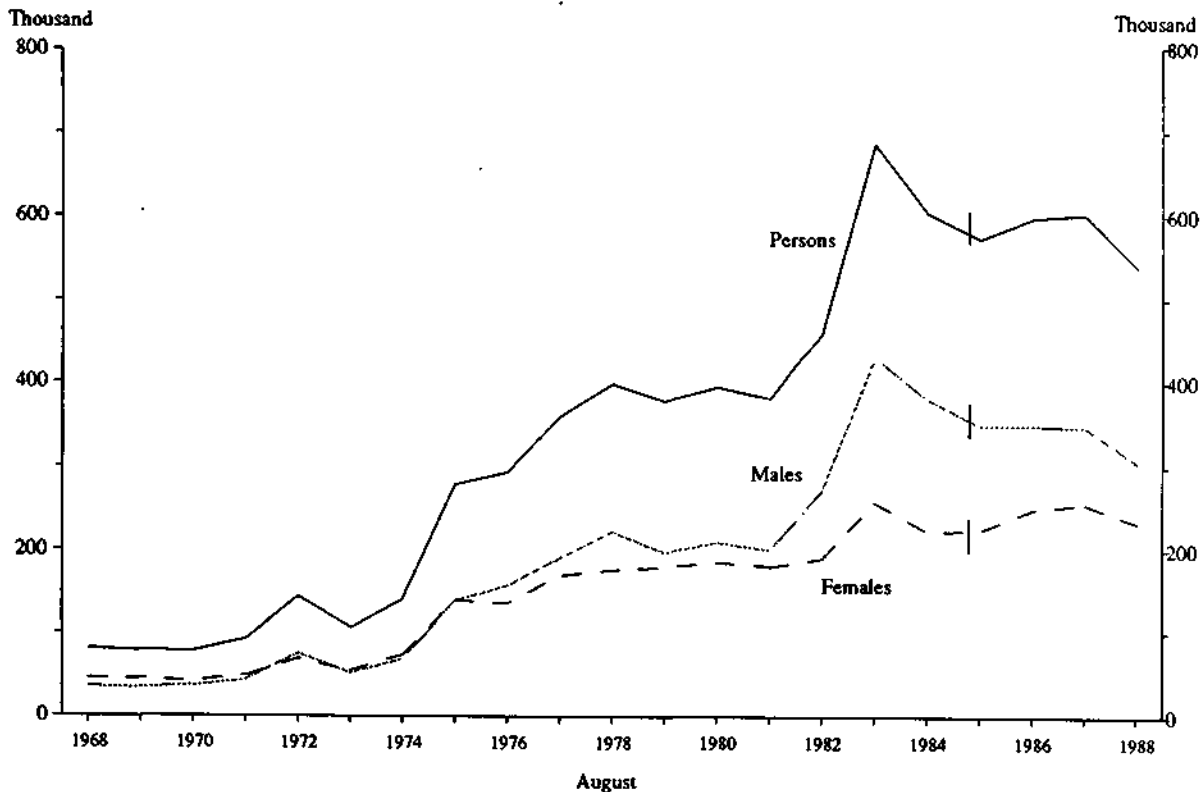
The greatest increases since November 1987 were recorded in Manufacturing (5,100) and Wholesale and retail trade (3,200).

TABLE 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1978 TO AUGUST 1988

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)									
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 r	358.6	22.6	381.2	165.0	57.9	222.8	523.5	80.5	604.0
1985 r	325.4	23.7	349.1	162.7	60.9	223.6	488.0	84.7	572.7
1986(a) r	320.9	28.3	349.3	170.9	77.5	248.4	491.8	105.8	597.6
1987 r	317.2	29.8	347.1	177.8	77.1	255.0	495.1	107.0	602.0
1988 r	279.9	25.8	305.7	165.5	67.4	233.0	445.4	93.3	538.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)									
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 r	8.7	8.4	8.7	9.6	6.0	8.3	9.0	6.6	8.5
1985 r	7.8	8.5	7.8	9.2	6.0	8.0	8.2	6.5	7.9
1986(a) r	7.6	9.2	7.7	9.2	7.0	8.4	8.1	7.5	8.0
1987 r	7.4	8.6	7.5	9.4	6.5	8.3	8.0	7.0	7.8
1988 r	6.4	7.8	6.5	8.4	5.4	7.3	7.0	5.9	6.8

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 22 of Appendix C for further information.

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

CHART 4.1. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

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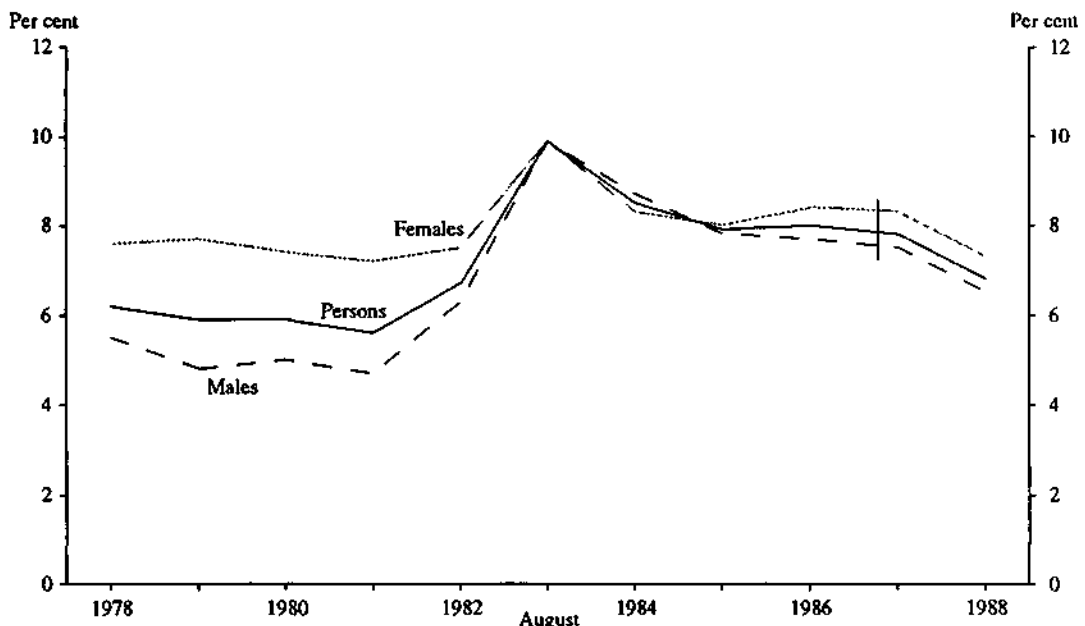
TABLE 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, BY AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1978 TO AUGUST 1988
(per cent)

	Age group (years)						
August	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
MALES							
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 r	22.1	14.2	7.6	5.0	5.7	5.8	8.7
1985 r	19.3	12.4	7.2	4.4	4.8	6.7	7.8
1986(a) r	18.7	12.3	6.8	4.6	5.5	5.5	7.7
1987 r	18.0	12.6	7.0	4.8	4.2	5.5	7.5
1988 r	15.1	10.8	5.6	3.8	4.5	6.3	6.5
FEMALES							
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	*2.0	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 r	19.7	10.3	7.1	5.6	4.6	2.6	8.3
1985 r	17.1	10.4	7.5	5.3	4.4	2.7	8.0
1986(a) r	19.5	9.9	7.6	6.0	4.5	3.1	8.4
1987 r	19.4	10.5	7.5	6.1	4.5	2.2	8.3
1988 r	15.9	10.9	6.6	4.8	3.9	2.7	7.3
PERSONS							
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 r	20.9	12.5	7.4	5.3	5.3	5.0	8.5
1985 r	18.2	11.5	7.3	4.7	4.7	5.7	7.9
1986(a) r	19.1	11.2	7.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	8.0
1987 r	18.7	11.6	7.2	5.3	4.3	4.6	7.8
1988 r	15.5	10.9	6.0	4.2	4.2	5.3	6.8

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CHART 4.2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUSTRALIA



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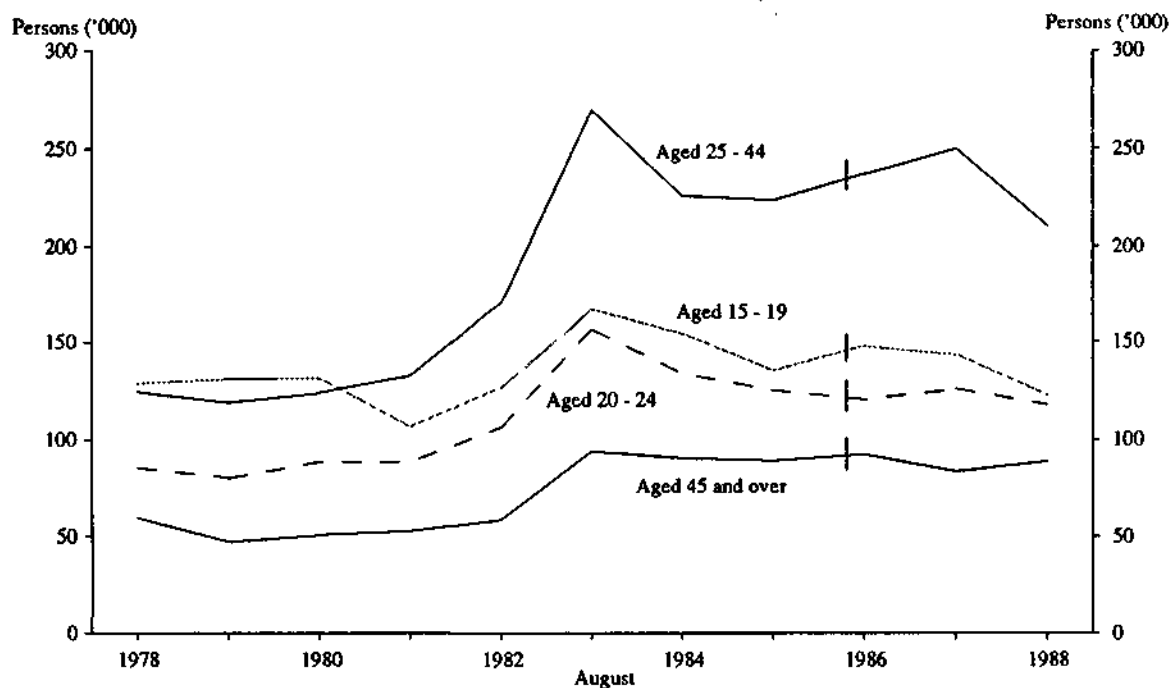
Source: *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

TABLE 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : BIRTHPLACE BY AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1988

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
Total	217.1	170.6	387.7	6.4	7.0	6.6
Looking for full-time work	198.5	120.7	319.2	6.3	8.3	6.9
Looking for part-time work	18.6	50.0	68.5	7.3	5.1	5.6
Aged 15-19	56.0	54.5	110.5	15.5	15.5	15.5
Aged 20 and over	161.1	116.2	277.3	5.3	5.6	5.4
20-24	51.4	43.5	94.9	10.5	10.8	10.7
25-34	50.1	36.7	86.8	5.2	5.8	5.4
35-44	26.1	24.1	50.2	3.3	4.1	3.7
45-54	17.6	9.6	27.2	3.7	3.0	3.4
55 and over	16.0	*2.1	18.1	4.8	*1.5	3.8
Aged 15-64	217.1	170.4	387.5	6.4	7.1	6.7
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
Total	305.7	233.0	538.7	7.0	8.1	7.4
Looking for full-time work	279.9	165.5	445.4	6.8	8.8	7.4
Looking for part-time work	25.8	67.4	93.3	9.4	6.6	7.3
Aged 15-19	4.7	7.0	11.7	11.7	20.3	15.6
Aged 20 and over	83.9	55.3	139.2	6.8	7.5	7.1
20-24	13.0	9.9	22.9	12.3	11.2	11.8
25-34	21.3	18.4	39.7	7.1	8.9	7.9
35-44	17.8	15.5	33.3	4.8	6.4	5.4
45-54	15.9	8.4	24.3	5.6	5.8	5.7
55 and over	16.0	*3.1	19.0	9.2	*5.6	8.3
Aged 15-64	88.2	62.4	150.5	7.0	8.1	7.4

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

CHART 4.3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY AGE, AUSTRALIA



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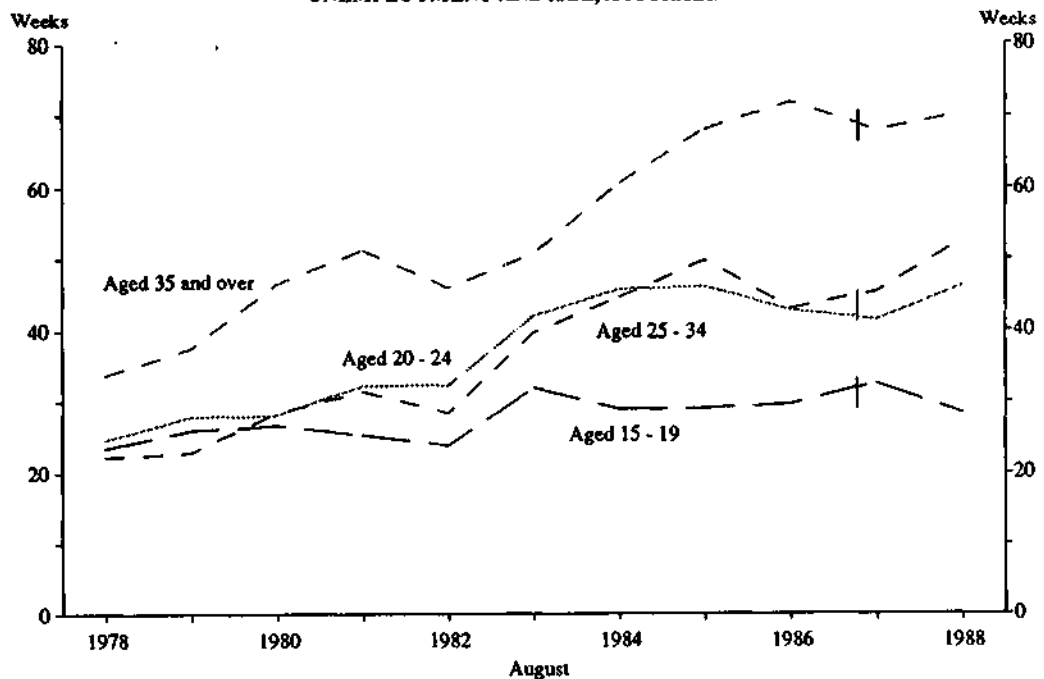
TABLE 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1978 TO AUGUST 1988

Duration of unemployment (weeks)	August										
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 r	1985 r	1986(a) r	1987 r	1988 r
	—'000—										
Under 2	39.5	33.4	32.0	33.9	38.7	32.4	34.2	38.8	47.3	41.7	41.3
2 and under 4	45.3	42.9	43.9	41.5	58.2	49.7	56.8	55.6	56.7	59.6	54.9
4 and under 8	55.6	52.0	55.7	58.4	72.4	73.9	64.0	57.6	67.3	67.9	60.6
8 and under 13	47.4	44.3	43.1	45.9	52.3	65.9	58.8	47.6	58.4	56.4	50.6
13 and under 26	70.0	61.7	62.2	52.8	61.2	103.1	80.5	78.2	85.3	84.2	75.7
26 and under 39	63.6	61.0	65.5	53.2	73.3	123.5	94.9	87.9	91.3	94.6	78.3
39 and under 52	15.2	14.1	13.7	15.0	17.8	49.6	26.2	29.7	27.6	25.5	24.4
52 and under 65	23.0	24.7	23.0	23.4	25.7	61.3	46.9	41.3	35.7	39.6	33.6
65 and under 104	19.0	19.8	19.5	15.8	18.6	43.3	49.2	30.7	32.1	36.7	29.7
104 and over	19.6	23.7	35.8	40.8	43.4	84.2	92.4	105.1	96.1	95.7	89.6
Total	398.3	377.5	394.5	380.6	461.4	686.8	604.0	572.7	597.6	602.0	538.7
	—weeks—										
Average duration—											
Mean	26.2	28.4	32.0	34.9	32.6	41.4	45.5	49.5	48.6	48.3	51.3
Median	13	14	15	13	13	26	26	26	21	23	22

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See paragraph 22 of Appendix C for further information.

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

CHART 4.4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, AUSTRALIA

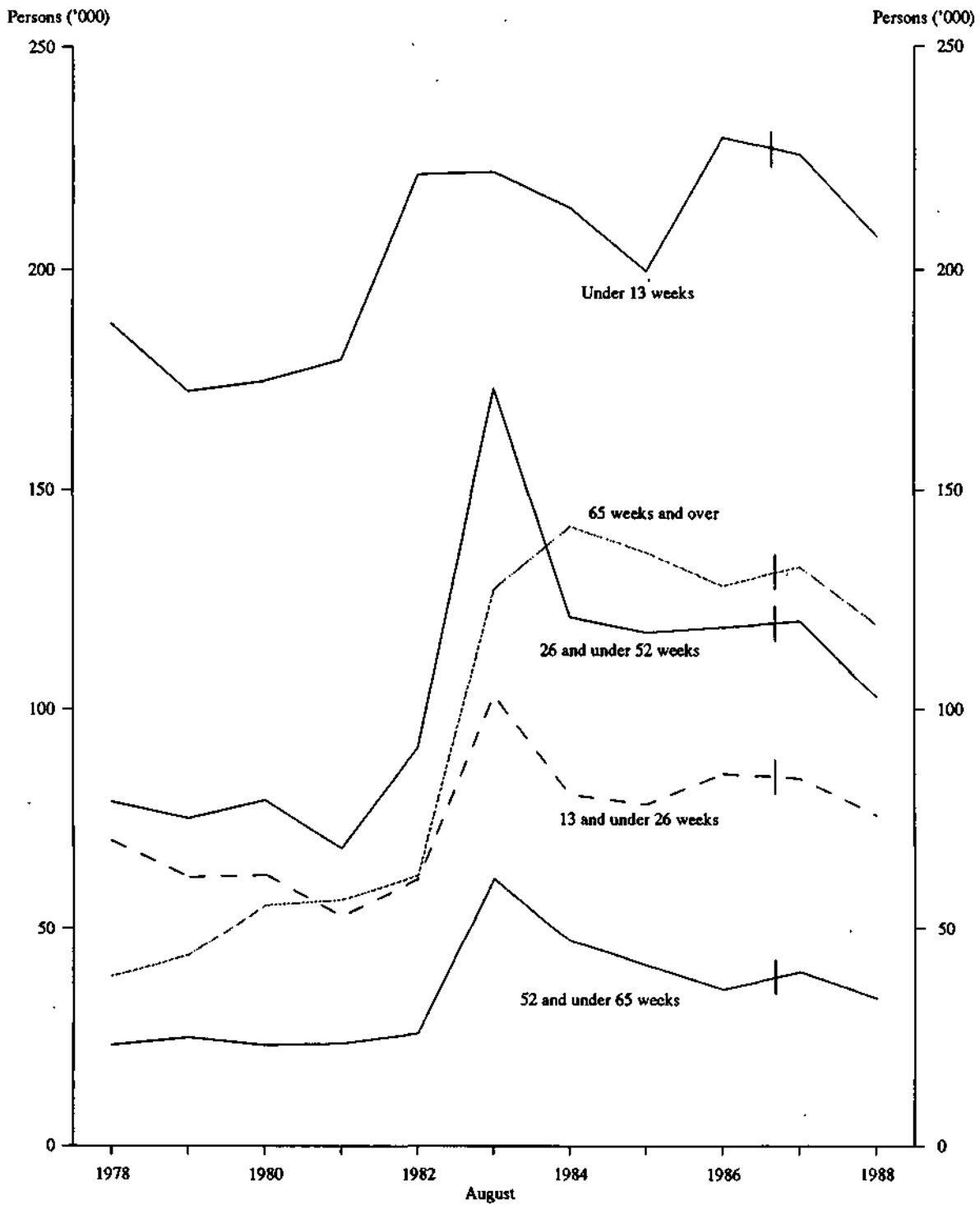


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Note: Estimates for average duration of unemployment refer to current periods of unemployment, not completed periods.

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

CHART 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUSTRALIA



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

TABLE 4.5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1988

	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	185.9	98.5	284.4	4.1	3.2	3.7
<i>Industry division or subdivision—</i>						
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	15.1	4.0	19.1	4.7	3.1	4.3
Agriculture and services to agriculture	12.5	4.0	16.5	4.2	3.3	3.9
Mining	4.7	*0.4	5.0	5.1	*4.3	5.0
Manufacturing	48.5	17.2	65.7	5.2	5.1	5.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	11.2	4.7	15.9	8.8	9.0	8.9
Metal products	6.4	*1.1	7.6	3.4	*4.7	3.5
Other manufacturing	30.9	11.3	42.2	5.0	4.4	4.8
Electricity, gas and water	*1.6	*0.4	*2.0	*1.5	*3.6	*1.7
Construction	23.3	*1.6	24.9	4.8	*2.4	4.5
Wholesale and retail trade	39.2	28.9	68.1	4.5	4.2	4.3
Wholesale trade	11.3	4.5	15.9	3.4	3.2	3.3
Retail trade	27.8	24.4	52.2	5.1	4.4	4.8
Transport and storage	9.9	*2.4	12.3	3.1	*3.1	3.1
Communication	*2.5	*0.2	*2.6	*2.4	*0.5	*1.9
Finance, property and business services	10.1	7.4	17.5	2.4	1.8	2.1
Public administration and defence	10.1	5.1	15.2	4.8	4.0	4.5
Community services	8.8	16.4	25.2	1.9	1.9	4.8
Recreation, personal and other services	12.3	14.6	26.9	5.2	4.6	6.8
<i>Occupation major group (a)—</i>						
Managers and administrators	9.7	3.4	13.1	1.5	1.7	1.6
Professionals	7.8	5.1	12.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Para-professionals	5.4	*2.7	8.2	2.1	*1.4	1.8
Tradespersons	40.0	3.8	43.8	3.6	3.5	3.6
Clerks	9.7	22.2	31.8	3.2	2.2	2.5
Salespersons and personal service workers	16.4	29.3	45.7	4.3	4.2	4.3
Plant and machine operators	24.1	5.3	29.4	4.8	5.0	4.8
Labourers and related workers	72.8	26.6	99.4	8.9	6.5	8.1
Other	117.2	128.5	245.7	..	..	..
Looking for first job	37.1	53.5	90.6	..	..	..
Looking for full-time work	26.2	29.7	55.9	..	..	..
Other	80.1	75.1	155.2	..	..	..
Stood down	*2.6	6.0	8.6	..	..	..
Total	305.7	233.0	538.7	6.5	7.3	6.8

(a) Classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, ASCO 1986.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

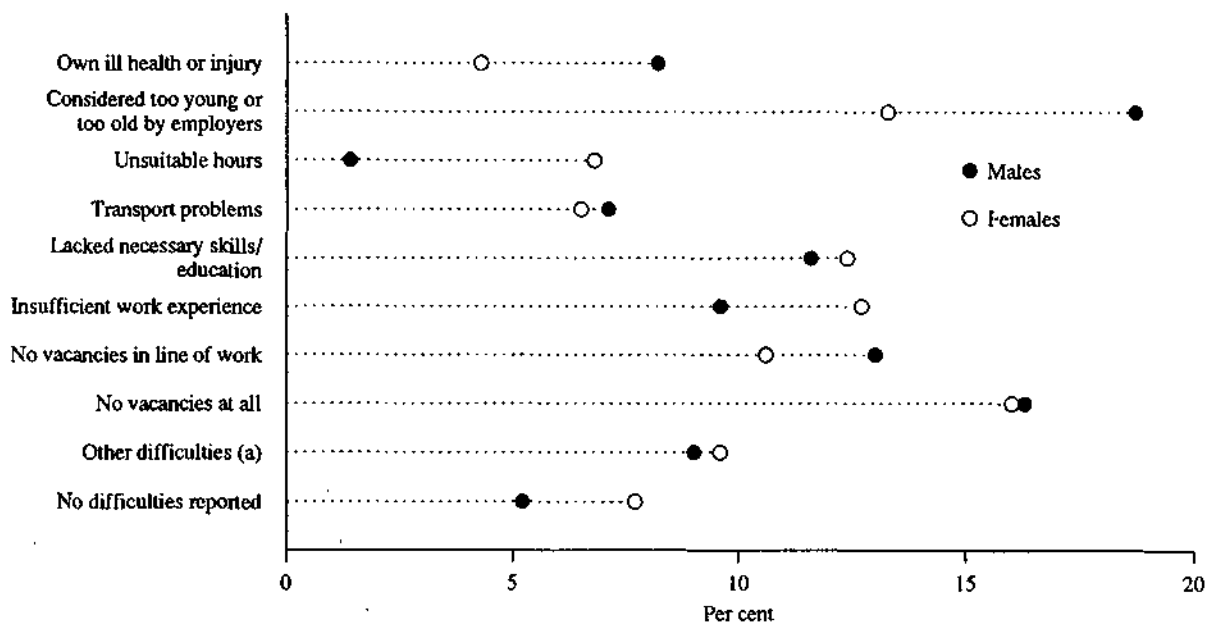
TABLE 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUSTRALIA, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1988

Main difficulty in finding work	July 1978	July 1980	July 1982	July 1984	June 1986	July 1988	
							(per cent)
Own ill health or injury	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.1	5.8	6.6	33.2
Considered too young or too old by employers	10.9	13.0	15.3	15.5	16.3	16.5	82.9
Unsuitable hours	2.4	2.8	4.0	2.8	4.0	3.6	18.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	5.4	6.1	4.7	4.9	5.7	6.9	34.5
Lacked necessary skills/education	6.4	8.0	7.3	10.5	10.0	12.0	60.3
Language difficulties	n.a.	1.7	2.4	2.8	2.1	3.2	16.0
Insufficient work experience	7.9	10.9	9.7	9.8	10.1	10.9	54.8
No vacancies in line of work	15.1	16.5	16.3	16.0	16.0	12.0	60.5
No vacancies at all	38.2	27.5	26.9	23.8	19.0	16.1	81.3
Other difficulties(a)	(b)6.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.0	6.1	30.5
No difficulties reported	3.6	4.4	4.0	4.4	6.1	6.2	31.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	503.5

(a) Include persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background. (b) This estimate includes the category language difficulties.

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1988 (6222.0).

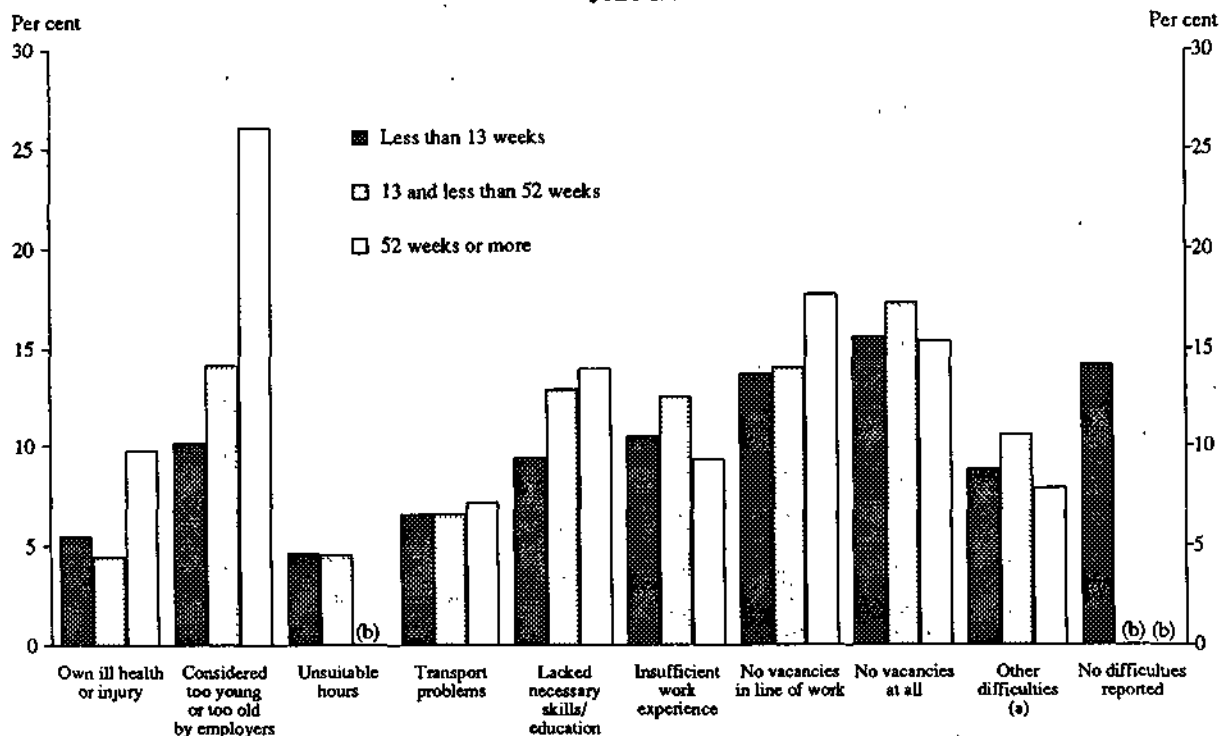
**CHART 4.6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, AUSTRALIA
JULY 1988**



(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background; and those with language difficulties.

Source: *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1988* (6222.0).

**CHART 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND
DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AUSTRALIA
JULY 1988**



(a) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background; and those with language difficulties. (b) Estimate subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

Source: *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1988* (6222.0).

TABLE 4.7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK,
AUSTRALIA, JULY 1978 TO JULY 1988

Active steps taken to find work	July 1978	July 1980	July 1982	July 1984	June 1986	July 1988	
	—per cent—						(‘000)
Registered with the CES and—							
Took no other active steps	7.1	5.5	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.4	7.2
Contacted prospective employers	65.1	67.0	66.9	73.8	70.4	71.7	361.0
Took other active steps	3.7	2.8	5.0	6.7	6.9	6.1	30.7
Total	75.9	75.3	72.7	81.8	78.8	79.2	398.8
Not registered with the CES and—							
Contacted prospective employers	21.3	22.7	24.8	16.4	19.3	19.0	95.5
Took other active steps	2.8	2.1	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	9.2
Total	24.1	24.7	27.3	18.2	21.2	20.8	104.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	503.5

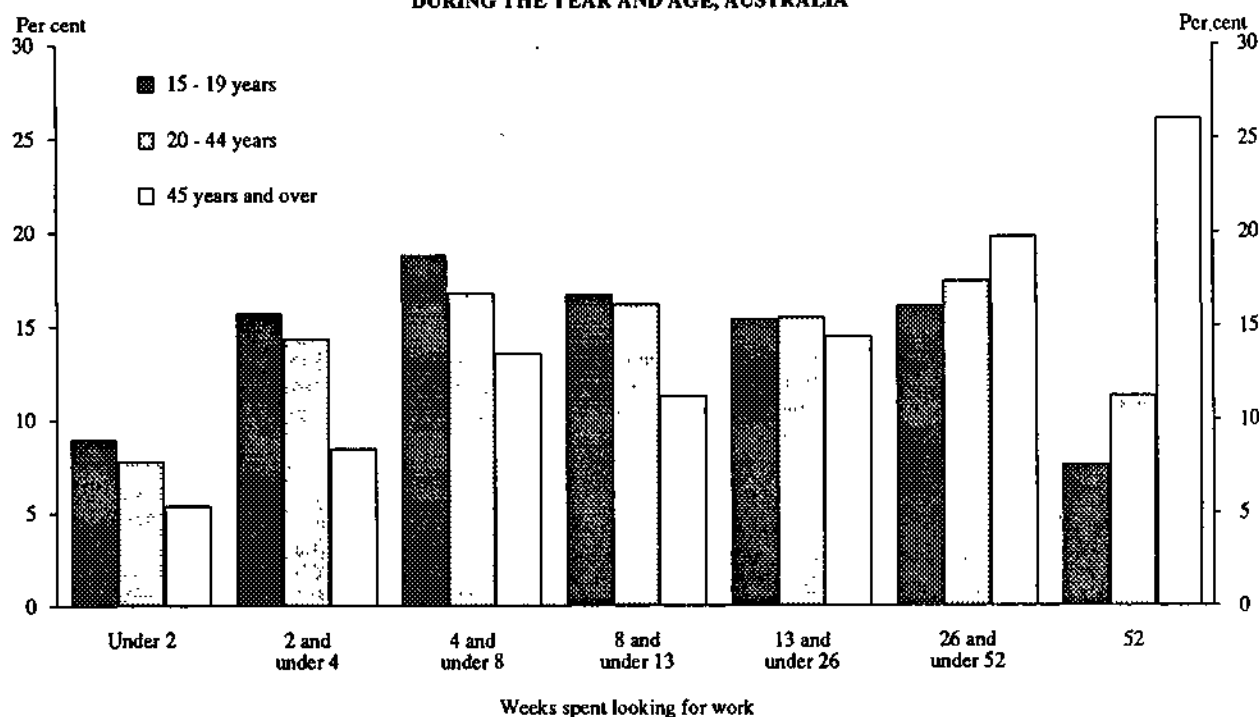
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TABLE 4.8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE
JOB, AUSTRALIA, JULY 1980 TO JULY 1988

	July 1980	July 1982	July 1984	June 1986	July 1988	
	—per cent—					(‘000)
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB						
Would move interstate	24.6	27.9	26.9	26.0	24.9	125.5
Would not move interstate	64.8	60.4	61.2	63.0	63.3	318.6
Moving interstate would depend—						
On job conditions	3.8	4.0	5.4	4.0	5.1	25.9
On other conditions	4.0	5.4	4.4	4.9	4.3	21.7
Total	7.9	9.4	9.8	8.9	9.5	47.6
Undecided	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	503.5
WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB						
Would move intrastate	38.6	41.1	40.5	37.2	37.4	188.1
Would not move intrastate	50.0	46.2	45.5	49.8	48.5	244.4
Moving intrastate would depend—						
On job conditions	4.5	3.3	5.7	3.8	4.6	23.1
On other conditions	4.5	7.8	6.6	7.4	7.5	37.8
Total	9.0	11.0	12.2	11.2	12.1	60.9
Undecided	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	10.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	503.5

Source: Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, July 1988 (6222.0).

CHART 4.8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1988: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR AND AGE, AUSTRALIA



Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia, During the Year Ending February 1988 (6206.0).

TABLE 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1988

February	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications			
	Degree	Trade, technical or other certificate(a)	Other	Total	Attended highest level of secondary school	Did not attend highest level of secondary school	Total(b)	Total(c)
UNEMPLOYED ('000)								
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	7.1	212.0	102.4	404.5	509.7	746.7
1984	33.1	167.8	6.2	207.1	102.0	394.7	499.6	737.8
1985	23.7	131.4	9.9	164.9	101.5	374.6	476.8	673.6
1986 r	27.9	128.4	12.9	169.2	97.8	345.0	444.9	650.1
1987 r	25.4	149.5	3.2	178.1	109.1	355.2	468.0	687.3
1988	27.2	151.4	3.3	182.0	97.5	308.4	411.3	633.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)								
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	10.5	7.4	11.6	12.8	12.6	10.7
1984	5.2	7.3	9.2	6.9	11.5	12.8	12.6	10.4
1985	3.4	5.8	9.9	5.4	10.8	12.0	11.7	9.3
1986 r	3.9	5.4	12.8	5.3	10.3	11.1	10.9	8.7
1987 r	3.6	5.6	11.4	5.2	11.0	11.6	11.4	9.0
1988	3.6	5.5	14.6	5.1	9.5	10.1	10.0	8.1

(a) Comprises the categories 'Trade qualifications or apprenticeship' and 'Certificate or Diploma', which were published separately for the first time in the 1987 publication (6235.0). (b) Includes persons who never attended school (c) Includes persons aged 15 to 20 still at school.

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

TABLE 4.10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1988

Educational attainment	Age group						Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
	—'000—						(per cent)	
MALES								
With post-school qualifications(a)	*3.0	15.3	27.7	18.6	13.4	14.2	92.3	26.4
Degree	*0.0	*2.5	5.3	*3.2	*1.1	*1.0	13.1	3.8
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*0.6	8.2	15.1	11.2	9.5	10.7	55.3	15.8
Certificate or diploma	*2.4	*4.0	6.6	*4.1	*2.9	*2.5	22.5	6.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	65.7	54.4	49.7	29.9	20.2	19.0	238.9	68.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	18.9	14.2	9.1	*4.8	*1.2	*1.7	50.0	14.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	46.8	40.0	40.1	24.6	18.2	16.6	186.1	53.2
Left at age—								
16 and over	23.3	24.1	14.1	9.0	*3.5	*2.6	76.6	21.9
14 or 15	22.6	15.5	23.6	12.5	10.9	9.8	95.0	27.2
13 and under	*0.9	*0.4	*2.4	*3.1	*3.8	*4.1	14.6	4.2
Still at school	18.6	*0.0	..	..	..	..	18.6	5.3
Total	87.3	69.7	77.3	48.5	33.6	33.2	349.7	100.0
FEMALES								
With post-school qualifications(a)	9.4	15.6	30.7	22.3	9.0	*2.7	89.7	31.6
Degree	*0.2	*2.1	7.9	*2.0	*1.6	*0.3	14.1	5.0
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*1.0	*1.2	*1.6	*1.4	*0.8	*0.6	6.6	2.3
Certificate or diploma	7.8	12.1	20.6	18.3	6.5	*1.8	67.0	23.6
Without post-school qualifications(b)	54.7	33.5	38.8	30.1	12.3	*3.0	172.4	60.7
Attended highest level of secondary school available	22.5	11.8	7.4	*3.9	*1.6	*0.2	47.5	16.7
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	31.8	21.5	30.9	25.7	10.1	*2.2	122.2	43.1
Left at age—								
16 and over	16.3	13.8	13.0	9.1	*1.2	*0.1	53.5	18.9
14 or 15	15.5	7.2	17.2	14.9	7.1	*2.0	63.9	22.5
13 and under	*0.0	*0.5	*0.7	*1.8	*1.8	*0.1	*4.8	*1.7
Still at school	21.3	*0.4	..	..	..	..	21.7	7.7
Total	85.4	49.5	69.4	52.4	21.3	5.8	283.8	100.0
PERSONS								
With post-school qualifications(a)	12.4	31.0	58.3	40.9	22.4	17.0	182.0	28.7
Degree	*0.2	*4.5	13.2	5.2	*2.7	*1.3	27.2	4.3
Trade qualification or apprenticeship	*1.6	9.4	16.7	12.6	10.3	11.3	61.9	9.8
Certificate or diploma	10.2	16.1	27.2	22.4	9.4	*4.3	89.5	14.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	120.4	87.8	88.5	60.0	32.5	22.0	411.3	64.9
Attended highest level of secondary school available	41.5	26.1	16.4	8.7	*2.9	*2.0	97.5	15.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	78.6	61.4	70.9	50.3	28.3	18.8	308.4	48.7
Left at age—								
16 and over	39.6	37.9	27.1	18.1	*4.7	*2.7	130.1	20.5
14 or 15	38.1	22.7	40.8	27.3	18.1	11.8	158.9	25.1
13 and under	*0.9	*0.8	*3.1	*4.8	5.5	*4.2	19.4	3.1
Still at school	39.9	*0.4	..	..	..	..	40.3	6.4
Total	172.8	119.2	146.8	100.9	54.9	39.0	633.6	100.0

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons who never attended school and those for whom secondary school qualifications could not be determined.

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

TABLE 4.11. ALL FAMILIES WITH ONE OR MORE MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED : TYPE OF FAMILY AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS(a), AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1988
(^{'000 families})

	None employed			One employed			Two or more employed			Total		
	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total	One unem- ployed	Two or more unem- ployed	Total
Married-couple families	81.6	18.4	100.0	114.0	9.4	123.4	80.5	7.5	87.9	276.1	35.2	311.4
With dependents present	55.5	12.1	67.5	75.4	5.9	81.4	49.7	5.1	54.8	180.6	23.1	203.7
Without dependents present	26.1	6.3	32.5	38.6	*3.5	42.1	30.8	*2.4	33.2	95.5	12.2	107.7
Other families	40.8	6.2	47.1	23.1	*1.8	24.9	8.2	*0.2	8.4	72.1	8.2	80.3
With dependents present	27.9	*2.6	30.4	6.4	*0.1	6.5	*3.4	*0.2	*3.5	37.6	*2.9	40.5
Without dependents present	13.0	*3.6	16.6	16.7	*1.7	18.4	4.8	*0.0	4.8	34.5	5.4	39.9
All families	122.5	24.6	147.1	137.1	11.2	148.3	88.7	7.6	96.3	348.3	43.5	391.7
With dependents present	83.3	14.6	98.0	81.8	6.1	87.9	53.1	5.2	58.3	218.2	25.9	244.2
Without dependents present	39.1	10.0	49.1	55.3	5.2	60.4	35.6	*2.4	38.0	130.0	17.6	147.6

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

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1988 (6224.0).

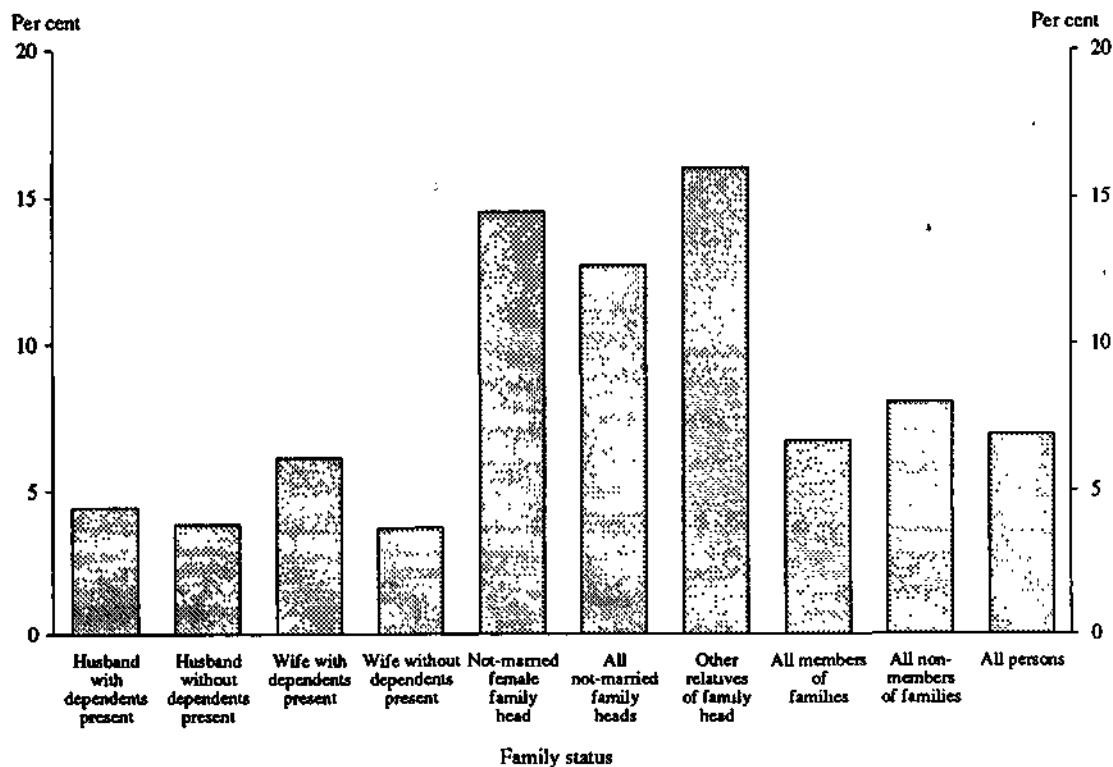
TABLE 4.12 FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a): UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION, JUNE 1987 AND JUNE 1988

	Males		Females		Persons	
	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)						
Member of a family	7.1	6.3	7.9	7.7	7.4	6.8
Husband or wife	4.7	4.3	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.7
With dependents present	5.0	4.5	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.1
Without dependents present	4.3	3.9	4.3	3.8	4.3	3.8
Other family head	9.5	7.9	12.1	14.6	11.3	12.8
With dependents present	*9.7	*8.2	12.8	16.4	12.2	14.8
Without dependents present	9.4	*7.6	9.9	10.5	9.7	9.3
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	19.0	19.1	18.1	17.1	18.5	18.0
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	13.9	11.5	12.5	10.8	13.4	11.2
Other relative of married couple or family head	14.7	14.1	15.3	19.6	14.9	16.1
Not a member of a family	9.2	7.9	8.6	8.5	9.0	8.1
Living alone	7.4	7.8	5.4	7.5	6.7	7.7
Not living alone	10.7	8.0	10.8	9.2	10.8	8.5
Total	7.4	6.5	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.0
PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (per cent)						
Member of a family	82.1	82.7	84.6	85.5	83.2	83.9
Husband or wife	40.7	42.7	40.6	40.4	40.6	41.7
With dependents present	27.3	28.6	27.6	28.5	27.4	28.5
Without dependents present	13.4	14.1	12.9	11.9	13.2	13.1
Other family head	2.1	2.0	9.5	12.4	5.2	6.7
With dependents present	*0.9	*0.9	7.4	9.7	3.6	4.9
Without dependents present	1.2	*1.1	2.1	2.7	1.5	1.8
Full-time student aged 15-24(b)	6.4	7.5	9.9	9.7	7.8	8.5
Other child(c) of married couple or family head	30.5	27.4	22.3	19.9	27.1	24.0
Other relative of married couple or family head	2.5	3.1	2.4	3.2	2.4	3.1
Not a member of a family	17.9	17.3	15.4	14.5	16.8	16.1
Living alone	6.6	8.1	3.9	5.3	5.5	6.9
Not living alone	11.3	9.2	11.5	9.2	11.4	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Civilians who were resident of private dwellings where family status was determined. See Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. (c) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1988 (6224.0)

CHART 4.9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: FAMILY STATUS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AUSTRALIA
JUNE 1988



Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1988 (6224.0).

TABLE 4.13. FAMILY STATUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT,
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1988

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration —weeks—	Median duration —weeks—
	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			
<i>Member of a family</i>	31.8	44.1	53.3	38.1	78.9	63.5	134.1	443.8	53.7	22
Husband or wife	16.6	22.6	25.8	18.2	34.1	30.0	73.0	220.4	55.0	22
With dependents present	11.6	16.2	17.1	12.6	23.1	20.5	49.8	150.9	52.1	22
Without dependents present	5.1	6.4	8.7	5.5	11.0	9.6	23.2	69.5	61.3	23
Other family head	*1.1	4.1	4.2	*2.0	6.5	5.3	11.9	35.2	84.4	25
With dependents present	*0.9	*3.5	*3.1	*1.9	4.9	*3.2	8.1	25.7	69.1	22
Full-time student aged 15-24(a)	6.7	6.8	6.9	4.2	11.1	5.6	*3.5	44.8	17.3	9
Other child(b) of married couple of family head	5.9	9.5	15.2	12.9	25.2	18.2	40.2	127.0	54.8	24
Other relative of married couple or family head	*1.4	*1.1	*1.3	*0.8	*2.0	4.3	5.5	16.4	62.5	27
<i>Not a member of a family</i>	6.8	8.4	8.9	6.2	14.6	13.0	27.1	84.9	58.6	23
Living alone	*2.0	*3.5	*3.7	*1.7	5.8	5.7	14.0	36.3	74.0	28
Not living alone	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.4	8.8	7.3	13.1	48.6	47.2	19
Total	38.6	52.5	62.3	44.2	93.5	76.5	161.2	528.7	54.5	22

(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 attending school. (b) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1988 (6224.0).

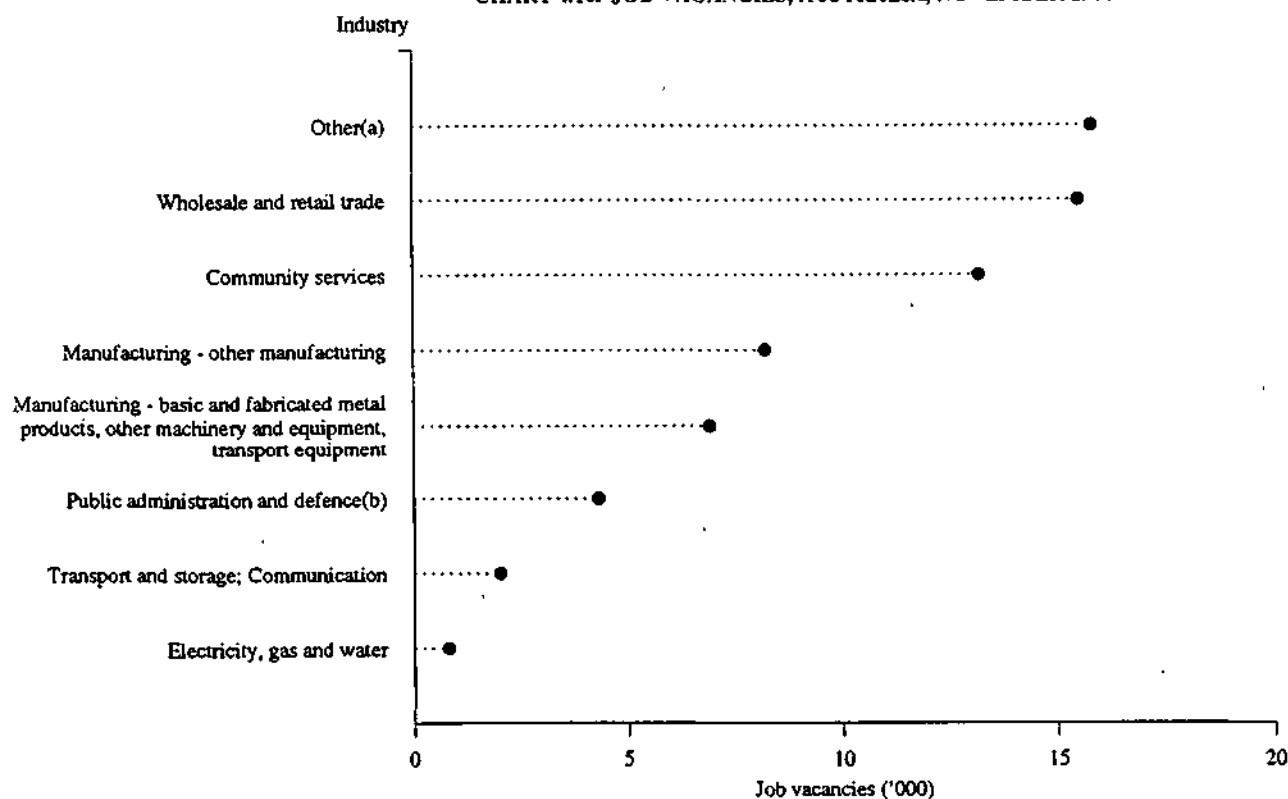
TABLE 4.14. JOB VACANCIES : INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(^{'000})

Industry	1987		1988			
	21 Aug.	20 Nov.	19 Feb.	20 May	19 Aug.	18 Nov.
Manufacturing—	14.3	10.0	14.9	16.1	13.3	15.1
Basic and fabricated metal products, other machinery and equipment, transport equipment	*7.8	4.4	6.4	5.0	6.5	6.9
Other manufacturing	6.5	5.6	8.5	*11.0	6.8	8.2
Non-manufacturing—						
Electricity, gas and water	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8
Wholesale and retail trade	*11.6	12.3	11.8	8.8	13.1	15.5
Transport and storage; Communication	*1.2	1.6	*2.8	1.4	1.8	2.0
Public administration and defence(a)	4.0	3.8	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.3
Community services	13.7	12.6	13.1	12.2	14.9	13.2
Other(b)	10.9	11.5	14.0	14.8	17.5	15.8
Total all industries	56.2	52.2	61.8	58.5	65.8	66.7

(a) Excludes permanent defence forces. (b) Includes Mining; Construction; Finance, property and business services, and Recreation, personal and other services.

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

CHART 4.10. JOB VACANCIES, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1988



(a) Includes Mining; Construction; Finance, property and business services; and Recreation, personal and other services. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces.

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).