## CHAPTER 2

## THE LABOUR FORCE

The concept of the labour force is fundamental to the measurement of employment and unemployment.
The labour force is defined as those persons who, during a particular week, are either employed or unemployed. The labour force represents the total supply of labour available to the labour market during a given week.
The participation rate, which represents the proportion of the working age population (defined to be those aged 15 and over) who are in the labour force is an important labour force measure. Analysis of participation rates provides a basis for monitoring changes in the size and composition of labour supply, particularly in terms of age, sex and marital status. Other characteristics such as birthplace, educational attainment and family characteristics also have to be taken into account in an analysis of the labour force.

The need to reflect the dynamic structure of the labour market and the changes required to respond to evolving socio-economic conditions and policy concerns have resulted in changes to the original Labour Force Survey framework that was developed in the 1960s. An increasing demand for information concerning underemployment and information on persons wanting to work but not defined as unemployed has led to improvements to the conceptual basis of the Australian labour force framework. A diagram of the conceptual framework is set out on the next page.
This chapter presents some summary statistics on the civilian labour force. The principal source for statistics on the civilian labour force is the ABS population survey, which consists of the Monthly Labour Force Survey and associated supplementary surveys. The Labour Force Survey collects information on the labour force status of individuals (i.e. whether they are employed. unemployed or not in the labour force) together with a range of demographic and other characteristics. It provides the basis for an analysis of underemployment and underutilisation of labour, a topic addressed in Chapter 3. The supplementary surveys cover a range of topics. For example the Survey of Labour Force Experience examines the movements into and out of the labour force over twelve months.
Members of the permanent Defence Forces are excluded from the Labour Force Survey and therefore from discussion in the remainder of this publication. Their numbers totalled 55,800 males and 7,700 females at the end of June 1993.

## Labour force

In August 1993, of the $8,537,000$ persons in the labour force, 4,947,200 were males and 3,589,800 were females.
The labour force participation rate for persons increased by 2.2 percentage points over the decade August 1983 to August 1993 to 62 per cent. This increase was attributable to an increase of 7.3 percentage points in the female participation ratc. The labour force participation rate for males has decreased by 3.0 percentage points to 73 per cent.
Between August 1983 and August 1993 there was a large increase in the labour force participation rate for females in the 45 to 54 age group ( 17 percentage points) to 65 per cent. The participation rate increased by 13 percentage points for females aged 25 to 34 , and by 12 percentage points for females aged 35 to 44 . Participation rates for males and females in the 15 to 19 age group fell, while for males and females in the 65 and over age group, participation rates were relatively steady.


CHART 2.2. THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR FORCE FRAMEWORK


## TABLE 2.1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER : LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1973 TO AUGUST 1993

| August | Unemployed |  |  |  |  | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Un-  <br> employ- Partici- <br> ment pation <br> rate rate <br> -per cent-  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employed |  | Looking for full-time work | Looking for part-time work | Total 000 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Full-time workers | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1973 | 3,697.5 | 3,839.6 | 38.3 | 13.0 | 51.3 | 3.891 .0 | 847.9 | 4.738 .8 | 1.3 | 82.1 |
| 1974 | 3,710.9 | 3,847.1 | 60.0 | 7.9 | 67.9 | 3,914.9 | 920.5 | 4,835.4 | 1.7 | 81.0 |
| 1975 | 3,668.4 | 3.820 .6 | 122.5 | 16.3 | 138.8 | 3,959.4 | 956.6 | 4,916.0 | 3.5 | 80.5 |
| 1976 | 3,665.6 | 3.836 .3 | 142.7 | 13.9 | 156.6 | 3,992.9 | 1.000 .1 | 4,993.0 | 3.9 | 80.0 |
| 1977 | 3,682.6 | 3.866.8 | 168.5 | 21.6 | 190.1 | 4,056.9 | 1,024.9 | 5,081.8 | 4.7 | 79.8 |
| 1978 | 3.642 .5 | 3,850.9 | 207.9 | 14.3 | 222.2 | 4.073.1 | 1,137.7 | 5.210 .8 | 5.5 | 78.2 |
| 1979 | 3.715 .9 | 3.921 .2 | 184.0 | 13.5 | 197.5 | 4.118.7 | 1,177.6 | 5,296.3 | 4.8 | 77.8 |
| 1980 | 3,773.8 | 3,982.8 | 193.9 | 15.7 | 209.6 | 4,192.4 | 1,193.2 | 5.385 .6 | 5.0 | 77.9 |
| 1981 | 3.835 .6 | 4.057 .9 | 187.8 | 12.7 | 200.5 | 4,258.4 | 1.236 .6 | 5.494.9 | 4.7 | 77.5 |
| 1982 | 3,782.5 | 4.024 .3 | 250.4 | 21.3 | 271.7 | 4,296.0 | 1,314.6 | 5.610 .6 | 6.3 | 76.6 |
| 1983 | 3,663.4 | 3,903.6 | 409.5 | 20.2 | 429.7 | 4,333.3 | 1,379.2 | 5,712.5 | 9.9 | 75.9 |
| 1984 | 3,772.5 | 4,018.0 | 358.6 | 22.6 | 381.2 | 4,399.2 | 1,418.8 | 5.818 .0 | 8.7 | 75.6 |
| 1985 | 3,856.7 | 4,111.1 | 325.4 | 23.7 | 349.1 | 4.460 .2 | 1,469.5 | 5.929 .8 | 7.8 | 75.2 |
| 1986(a) | 3,922.3 | 4.202 .6 | 320.9 | 28.3 | 349.3 | 4.551 .9 | 1,509.4 | 6,061.2 | 7.7 | 75.1 |
| 1987 | 3,960.0 | 4,277.1 | 317.2 | 29.8 | 347.1 | 4.624 .2 | 1.565.4 | 6,189.6 | 7.5 | 74.7 |
| 1988 | 4,076.4 | 4,382.1 | 279.9 | 25.8 | 305.7 | 4,687.8 | 1,633.9 | 6,321.7 | 6.5 | 74.2 |
| 1989 г | 4,202.5 | 4,556.4 | 229.9 | 29.9 | 259.7 | 4,816.1 | 1.616 .0 | 6,432.1 | 5.4 | 74.9 |
| 1990 r | 4,197.0 | 4.562.0 | 303.3 | 32.7 | 336.0 | 4,898.1 | 1.638 .7 | 6,536.7 | 6.9 | 74.9 |
| 1991 r | 3,998.1 | 4.405 .0 | 459.9 | 37.2 | 497.0 | 4,902.0 | 1.724.0 | 6,626.0 | 10.1 | 74.0 |
| 1992 r | 3,919.1 | 4,385.1 | 514.9 | 43.5 | 558.4 | 4,943.5 | 1.765 .0 | 6,708.5 | 11.3 | 73.7 |
| 1993 | 3.933.4 | 4.382.7 | 518.5 | 46.0 | 564.5 | 4,947.2 | 1.840 .5 | 6,787.6 | 11.4 | 72.9 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1973 | $1,395.4$ | 1.943.3 | 28.8 | 25.6 | 54.5 | 1.997 .8 | 2.826 .8 | 4.824 .6 | 2.7 | 41.4 |
| 1974 | 1,416.9 | 2,008.1 | 45.8 | 27.2 | 73.1 | 2.081 .2 | 2,851.8 | 4.933 .0 | 3.5 | 42.2 |
| 1975 | 1,378.5 | 2,020.8 | 93.0 | 46.6 | 139.7 | 2,160.3 | 2,859.6 | 5,019.9 | 6.5 | 43.0 |
| 1976 | 1,371.3 | 2.061 .5 | 94.1 | 42.0 | 136.1 | 2,197.6 | 2,909.8 | 5.107 .4 | 6.2 | 43.0 |
| 1977 | 1,411.9 | 2.128 .6 | 114.8 | 54.4 | 169.2 | 2,297.8 | 2,904.3 | 5.202.1 | 7.4 | 44.2 |
| 1978 | 1.402.9 | 2.154 .4 | 126.5 | 49.6 | 176.1 | 2,330.5 | 3,029.1 | 5,359.7 | 7.6 | 43.5 |
| 1979 | 1,397.2 | 2.157 .4 | 131.8 | 48.1 | 179.9 | 2,337.4 | 3,117.0 | 5,454.4 | 7.7 | 42.9 |
| 1980 | 1,477.3 | 2,298.5 | 140.7 | 44.2 | 184.9 | 2.483 .4 | $3,071.7$ | 5,555.1 | 7.4 | 44.7 |
| 1981 | 1,501.5 | 2,335.8 | 135.9 | 44.2 | 180.1 | 2,515.9 | 3,154.6 | 5,670.5 | 7.2 | 44.4 |
| 1982 | 1,503.4 | 2.355 .0 | 137.2 | 52.5 | 189.7 | 2,544.7 | 3.242.8 | 5.787 .5 | 7.5 | 44.0 |
| 1983 | 1,486.9 | 2.337.4 | 197.9 | 59.3 | 257.1 | 2,594.6 | 3.299.1 | 5,893.7 | 9.9 | 44.0 |
| 1984 | 1,546.3 | 2,448.1 | 165.0 | 57.9 | 222.8 | 2,671.0 | 3,319.9 | 5,990.9 | 8.3 | 44.6 |
| 1985 | 1,607.3 | 2,564.5 | 162.7 | 60.9 | 223.6 | 2,788.1 | 3,313.6 | 6.101.6 | 8.0 | 45.7 |
| 1986(a) | 1,686.5 | 2.716 .0 | 170.9 | 77.5 | 248.4 | 2,964.4 | 3,266.3 | 6,230.6 | 8.4 | 47.6 |
| 1987 | 1,711.1 | 2.815 .2 | 177.8 | 77.1 | 255.0 | $3,070.2$ | 3,291.4 | 6,361.6 | 8.3 | 48.3 |
| 1988 | 1,798.1 | 2,971.3 | 165.5 | 67.4 | 233.0 | 3,204.2 | 3,288.6 | 6.492.9 | 7.3 | 49.4 |
| $1989 \text { г }$ | 1,894.4 | 3.159 .0 | 139.2 | 69.5 | 208.6 | 3,367.6 | 3,255.1 | 6.622 .7 | 6.2 | 50.8 |
| 1990 r | 1.944 .6 | 3,246.0 | 172.4 | 76.1 | 248.6 | 3,494.6 | 3,238.8 | 6,733.4 | 7.1 | 51.9 |
| 1991 r | 1.907 .6 | 3,224.4 | 220.0 | 81.7 | 301.7 | 3,526.1 | 3,307.3 | 6,833.3 | 8.6 | 51.6 |
| 1992 r | 1,833.1 | 3,232.5 | 242.7 | 97.1 | 339.9 | 3.572 .4 | 3,349.2 | 6,921.6 | 9.5 | 51.6 |
| 1993 | 1,867.2 | 3,238.3 | 255.9 | 95.6 | 351.6 | 3.589 .8 | 3.413 .8 | 7.003 .7 | 9.8 | 51.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1973 | 5,092.9 | 5.783 .0 | 67.2 | 38.6 | 105.8 | 5.888 .7 | 3.674 .7 | 9.563.4 | 1.8 | 61.6 |
| 1974 | 5.127 .8 | 5.855 .2 | 105.8 | 35.1 | 140.9 | 5.996 .1 | 3,772.3 | 9.768 .4 | 2.4 | 61.4 |
| 1975 | 5.046 .8 | 5,841.3 | 215.5 | 62.9 | 278.4 | 6,119.7 | 3,816.2 | 9.935 .9 | 4.6 | 61.6 |
| 1976 | 5.036 .9 | 5,897.8 | 236.8 | 55.9 | 292.7 | 6.190 .5 | 3,909.8 | 10,100.4 | 4.7 | 61.3 |
| 1977 | 5.049 .6 | 5,995.4 | 283.3 | 76.0 | 359.3 | 6.354 .7 | 3,929.2 | 10,283.9 | 5.7 | 61.8 |
| 1978 | 5.045 .3 | 6,005.4 | 334.4 | 63.9 | 398.3 | 6,403.7 | 4,166.8 | 10,570.5 | 6.2 | 60.6 |
| 1979 | 5.113 .1 | 6,078.5 | 315.8 | 61.7 | 377.5 | 6,456.0 | 4,294.6 | 10.750 .7 | 5.9 | 60.1 |
| 1980 | 5.251 .1 | 6,281.4 | 334.6 | 59.9 | 394.5 | 6.675 .9 | 4.264 .9 | 10.940 .7 | 5.9 | 61.0 |
| 1981 | 5.337 .1 | 6.393 .7 | 323.7 | 56.9 | 380.6 | 6.774 .3 | 4.391 .2 | 11,165.5 | 5.6 | 60.7 |
| 1982 | 5.285 .9 | 6,379.3 | 387.6 | 73.8 | 461.4 | 6,840.7 | 4,557.4 | 11.398.1 | 6.7 | 60.0 |
| 1983 | $5,150.3$ $5,318.8$ | 6,241.1 | 607.4 | 79.5 | 686.8 | 6,927.9 | 4.678 .3 | 11,606.2 | 9.9 | 59.7 |
| 1984 | $5,318.8$ $5,464.0$ | 6.466 .1 $\mathbf{6 . 6 7 5 . 6}$ | 523.5 488.0 | 80.5 | 604.0 | 7.070 .1 | 4.738 .7 | 11.808 .8 | 8.5 | 59.9 |
| 1985 ${ }^{1986(a)}$ | $5,464.0$ $5,608.8$ | 6.675 .6 6.918 .6 | 488.0 491.8 | 84.7 105.8 | 572.7 597.6 | 7.248 .3 7516.2 | 4.783 .1 | 12.031 .4 | 7.9 | 60.2 |
| 1987 | $5,608.8$ $5,671.1$ | 6.918 .6 7.092 .3 | 491.8 | 105.8 107.0 | 597.6 602.0 | 7.516 .2 7.694 .4 | 4.775 .7 4.856 .8 | 12.291 .9 12.551 .2 | 8.0 7.8 | 61.1 61.3 |
| 1988 | 5,874.6 | 7.353.4 | 445.4 | 93.3 | 538.7 | 7.892.1 | 4.856 .8 4.922 .5 | $12,551.2$ $12,814.5$ | 7.8 6.8 | 61.3 61.6 |
| 1989 r | 6,096.8 | 7.715 .4 | 369.0 | 99.3 | 468.3 | 8,183.7 | 4.871 .1 | 13,054.8 | 5.7 | 62.7 |
| 1990 r | 6.141 .6 $5,905.8$ | 7.808.1 | 475.7 679.8 | 108.8 | 584.6 | $8,392.6$ | 4.877 .5 | 13,270.1 | 7.0 | 63.2 |
| 1991 r | $5,905.8$ $5,752.2$ | $7,629.3$ 7.617 .6 | 679.8 | 118.9 | 798.7 | 8.428 .1 | 5.031 .2 | 13,459.3 | 9.5 | 62.6 |
| 1993 | $5,752.2$ $5,800.5$ | 7.617 .6 7.621 .0 | 757.6 774.4 | 140.7 141.6 | 898.3 916.0 | 8.515 .9 8.5370 | 5.114 .2 | 13.630 .0 | 10.5 | 62.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 916.0 | 8.537 .0 | 5,254.3 | 13,791.3 | 10.7 | 61.9 |

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on e revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 2.2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES BY AGE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1983 TO AUGUST 1993 (per cent)

|  | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August | 15.19 | $20-24$ | 25.34 | 35.44 | 45-54 | 55.59 | 60.64 | 65 and over | Total |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 | 58.2 | 89.6 | 95.4 | 95.0 | 90.4 | 78.2 | 42.8 | 8.6 | 75.9 |
| 1984 | 59.0 | 89.4 | 95.1 | 94.7 | 90.0 | 76.7 | 43.4 | 9.0 | 75.6 |
| 1985 | 57.7 | 89.7 | 94.5 | 94.8 | 90.0 | 76.4 | 42.6 | 8.9 | 75.2 |
| 1986(a) | 58.5 | 89.1 | 94.8 | 94.4 | 90.0 | 75.7 | 45.1 | 8.4 | 75.1 |
| 1987 | 57.4 | 89.4 | 94.6 | 94.4 | 89.5 | 74.5 | 44.7 | 8.5 | 74.7 |
| 1988 | 56.4 | 90.1 | 93.7 | 94.2 | 87.3 | 73.6 | 47.2 | 8.4 | 74.2 |
| 1989 r | 59.5 | 89.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 88.7 | 74.9 | 49.7 | 8.5 | 74.9 |
| 1990 r | 58.0 | 88.6 | 94.2 | 94.3 | 89.6 | 76.0 | 50.5 | 8.5 | 74.9 |
| 1991 r | 53.3 | 87.0 | 94.3 | 93.8 | 89.8 | 71.8 | 49.6 | 9.2 | 74.0 |
| 1992 r | 54.0 | 87.5 | 93.1 | 93.3 | 89.0 | 74.0 | 48.1 | 9.3 | 73.7 |
| 1993 | 52.7 | 85.8 | 93.5 | 93.2 | 88.3 | 70.1 | 46.6 | 8.3 | 72.9 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 | 57.0 | 70.8 | 52.8 | 58.0 | 48.5 | 28.3 | 12.1 | 2.1 | 44.0 |
| 1984 | 55.6 | 71.8 | 54.9 | 58.7 | 50.1 | 27.6 | 11.5 | 2.5 | 44.6 |
| 1985 | 56.0 | 73.6 | 57.6 | 61.4 | 50.2 | 27.1 | 11.2 | 2.0 | 45.7 |
| 1986(a) | 56.6 | 74.6 | 60.1 | 64.7 | 54.4 | 28.7 | 12.7 | 1.9 | 47.6 |
| 1987 | 53.6 | 75.6 | 61.9 | 65.8 | 55.3 | 30.4 | 13.2 | 2.6 | 48.3 |
| 1988 | 56.0 | 75.8 | 62.0 | 68.2 | 57.0 | 31.4 | 14.5 | 2.5 | 49.4 |
| 1989 r | 57.1 | 77.5 | 65.0 | 69.8 | 59.3 | 32.1 | 13.6 | 2.2 | 50.8 |
| 1990 r | 56.7 | 78.9 | 65.1 | 72.1 | 61.0 | 33.8 | 16.3 | 2.3 | 51.9 |
| 1991 r | 52.5 | 76.8 | 65.7 | 71.9 | 62.6 | 35.6 | 14.7 | 2.4 | 51.6 |
| 1992 r | 54.1 | 75.6 | 65.0 | 71.6 | 64.5 | 36.7 | 12.4 | 2.2 | 51.6 |
| 1993 | 50.1 | 75.3 | 65.5 | 70.2 | 65.4 | 36.5 | 14.6 | 2.4 | 51.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1983 | 57.6 | 80.2 | 74.1 | 76.8 | 69.9 | 53.4 | 26.9 | 4.8 | 59.7 |
| 1984 | 57.3 | 80.6 | 74.9 | 77.0 | 70.5 | 52.5 | 27.0 | 5.2 | 59.9 |
| 1985 | 56.9 | 81.7 | 76.0 | 78.4 | 70.6 | 52.1 | 26.5 | 4.9 | 60.2 |
| 1986(a) | 57.6 | 81.9 | 77.4 | 79.7 | 72.7 | 52.6 | 28.6 | 4.7 | 61.1 |
| 1987 | 55.6 | 82.6 | 78.2 | 80.3 | 72.8 | 52.8 | 28.6 | 5.1 | 61.3 |
| 1988 | 56.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 81.3 | 72.5 | 52.8 | 30.6 | 5.0 | 61.6 |
| 1989 r | 58.3 | 83.4 | 79.9 | 81.6 | 74.3 | 53.8 | 31.5 | 4.9 | 62.7 |
| 1990 r | 57.4 | 83.8 | 79.6 | 83.2 | 75.6 | 55.1 | 33.3 | 4.9 | 63.2 |
| 1991 r | 52.9 | 81.9 | 79.9 | 82.8 | 76.5 | 53.9 | 32.0 | 5.3 | 62.6 |
| 1992 r | 54.1 | 81.6 | 79.0 | 82.4 | 77.0 | 55.6 | 30.2 | 5.3 | 62.5 |
| 1993 | 51.5 | 80.6 | 79.4 | 81.7 | 77.1 | 53.5 | 30.6 | 5.0 | 61.9 |

(a) Estimates from August 1986 are based on a revised definition introduced in April 1986. See the Technical Notes for further information.

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).


TABLE 2.3. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, AUGUST 1993

| State or Territory | Unemployed |  |  |  |  | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 and over | Unemp- Particiloyment pation rate rate$\qquad$ per cent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full-time workers | Total | for fulltime work | for parttime work $\qquad$ $-000=$ | Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New South Wales | 1,315.7 | 1.453.0 | 173.0 | 16.3 | 189.4 | 1,642.3 | 667.9 | 2.310 .2 | 11.5 | 71.1 |
| Victoria | 986.6 | 1,096.6 | 151.5 | 11.8 | 163.3 | 1,259.9 | 459.0 | 1,718.9 | 13.0 | 73.3 |
| Queensland | 705.9 | 789.6 | 85.3 | 9.1 | 94.5 | 884.1 | 310.2 | 1,194.3 | 10.7 | 74.0 |
| South Australia | 316.9 | 360.4 | 41.3 | 2.7 | 44.0 | 404.4 | 164.9 | 569.3 | 10.9 | 71.0 |
| Westem Australia | 404.1 | 451.3 | 41.3 | 3.0 | 44.3 | 495.6 | 149.2 | 644.7 | 8.9 | 76.9 |
| Tasmania | 97.2 | 107.9 | 17.4 | * 1.2 | 18.6 | 126.5 | 52.6 | 179.1 | 14.7 | 70.6 |
| Northem Territory | 36.9 | 43.2 | 2.9 | - 0.7 | 3.7 | 46.9 | 14.7 | 61.6 | 7.8 | 76.1 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 70.0 | 80.7 | 5.6 | * 1.2 | 6.8 | 87.5 | 22.0 | 109.6 | 7.8 | 79.9 |
| Australia | 3,933.4 | 4.382 .7 | 518.5 | 46.0 | 564.5 | 4,9472 | 1,840.5 | 6.787 .6 | 11.4 | 72.9 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New South Wales | 654.3 | 1.091 .8 | 78.8 | 30.5 | 109.3 | 1,201.1 | 1,191.5 | 2,392.6 | 9.1 | 50.2 |
| Victoria | 473.8 | 815.9 | 75.8 | 27.0 | 102.8 | 918.7 | 873.2 | 1,791.9 | 11.2 | 51.3 |
| Queensland | 319.6 | 564.2 | 47.9 | 17.1 | 65.0 | 629.2 | 590.7 | 1,219.9 | 10.3 | 51.6 |
| South Australia | 145.5 | 269.9 | 18.2 | 7.8 | 26.0 | 295.9 | 294.8 | 590.7 | 8.8 | 50.1 |
| Western Australia | 164.2 | 310.5 | 22.4 | 8.6 | 31.0 | 341.5 | 309.0 | 650.4 | 9.1 | 52.5 |
| Tasmania | 42.4 | 80.9 | 7.4 | 2.6 | 10.1 | 91.0 | 94.4 | 185.4 | 11.1 | 49.1 |
| Northem Territory | 23.6 | 34.8 | 2.2 | * 0.7 | 2.9 | 37.6 | 20.2 | 57.8 | 7.6 | 65.1 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 43.7 | 70.4 | 3.1 | * 1.3 | 4.4 | 74.8 | 40.0 | 114.8 | 5.9 | 65.2 |
| Australia | 1,867.2 | 3,238.3 | 255.9 | 95.6 | 351.6 | 3,589.8 | $3,413.8$ | 7,003.7 | 9.8 | 51.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New South Wales | 1,970.1 | 2,544.8 | 251.8 | 46.9 | 298.7 | 2,843.5 | 1,859.4 | 4,702.9 | 10.5 | 60.5 |
| Victoria | 1,460.3 | 1,912.5 | 227.3 | 38.8 | 266.1 | 2,178.6 | 1,332.2 | 3,510.8 | 12.2 | 62.1 |
| Queensland | 1.025 .5 | 1,353.7 | 133.3 | 26.2 | 159.5 | 1,513.2 | 901.0 | 2,414.2 | 10.5 | 62.7 |
| South Australia | 462.5 | 630.3 | 59.6 | 10.5 | 70.0 | 700.3 | 459.7 | 1,160.0 | 10.0 | 60.4 |
| Westem Australia | 568.3 | 761.8 | 63.7 | 11.6 | 75.3 | 837.0 | 458.1 | 1,295.2 | 9.0 | 64.6 |
| Tasmania | 139.6 | 188.8 | 24.9 | 3.8 | 28.7 | 217.5 | 147.0 | 364.4 | 13.2 | 59.7 |
| Northem Territory | 60.5 | 78.0 | 5.2 | * 1.4 | 6.5 | 84.5 | 34.9 | 119.4 | 7.7 | 70.8 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 113.7 | 151.1 | 8.8 | 2.5 | 11.3 | 162.3 | 62.0 | 224.4 | 6.9 | 72.3 |
| Australia | 5,800.5 | 7,621.0 | 774.4 | 141.6 | 916.0 | 8,537.0 | 5,254.3 | 13,791.3 | 10.7 | 61.9 |

Source: The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

TABLE 2.4. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE BY BIRTHPLACE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1993

|  | Employed |  | Unemployed |  | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full-time workers | Total | Looking for full-time work $-.000=$ | Total |  |  |  |
| Bom in Australia | 4,345.2 | 5,778.9 | 535.9 | 637.1 | 6.416 .0 | 9.9 | 64.5 |
| Bom outside Australia | 1,455.3 | 1,842.1 | 238.5 | 278.9 | 2,121.0 | 13.2 | 58.6 |
| Main English Speaking Countries | 646.4 | 830.5 | 71.3 | 84.3 | 914.7 | 9.2 | 64.5 |
| Other Countries | 808.9 | 1,011.6 | 167.2 | 194.6 | 1,206.3 | 16.1 | 54.7 |
| Oceania | 160.6 | 198.5 | 19.8 | 24.6 | 223.0 | 11.0 | 73.9 |
| New Zealand | 133.5 | 161.3 | 14.6 | 17.0 | 178.2 | 9.5 | 75.5 |
| Europe and the Former USSR | 876.1 | 1,112.8 | 120.0 | 137.8 | 1,250.7 | 11.0 | 55.9 |
| Germany | 42.8 | 53.6 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 61.0 | 12.0 | 51.5 |
| Greece | 38.9 | 51.5 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 60.9 | 15.4 | 48.6 |
| Italy | 95.2 | 114.7 | 8.2 | 10.4 | 125.1 | 8.3 | 46.0 |
| Netherlands | 35.0 | 44.9 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 50.4 | 10.9 | 52.9 |
| UK and Ireland | 459.7 | 598.1 | 52.7 | 61.2 | 659.3 | 9.3 | 61.5 |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 78.2 | 93.4 | 13.5 | 15.3 | 108.6 | 14.1 | 56.8 |
| The Middle East and North Africa | 60.8 | 76.1 | 25.3 | 27.5 | 103.7 | 26.6 | 55.7 |
| Lebanon | 17.3 | 23.4 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 37.6 | 37.9 | 53.2 |
| Southeast Asia | 134.5 | 166.6 | 40.9 | 48.1 | 214.6 | 22.4 | 59.2 |
| Malaysia | 28.4 | 38.4 | * 2.9 | 5.2 | 43.6 | 11.9 | 58.1 |
| Philippines | 24.3 | 32.5 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 37.1 | 12.3 | 61.9 |
| Viet Nam | 47.1 | 52.8 | 24.3 | 25.0 | 77.8 | 32.1 | 61.8 |
| Northeast Asia | 66.8 | 83.7 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 96.4 | 13.1 | 49.7 |
| China | 34.9 | 43.7 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 51.8 | 15.7 | 60.6 |
| The Americas | 51.4 | 69.2 | 8.0 | 10.7 | 79.9 | 13.4 | 67.4 |
| Other | 105.1 | 135.2 | 13.5 | 17.6 | 152.8 | 11.5 | 68.8 |
| India | 34.0 | 40.8 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 45.8 | 11.0 | 65.5 |

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## Characteristics of Migrants Who Arrived in Australia after 1970

In September 1993, the unemployment rate for migrants (who arrived in Australia after 1970 and were aged 18 and over) was 14 per cent, an increase of 3.9 percentage points since September 1990. The unemployment rate varied according to migration category. The rate for principal applicants was 15 per cent in September 1993 (an increase of 5.2 percentage points since the last survey), and 13 per cent for partners of principal applicants (an increase of 3.4 percentage points). The unemployment rate for sponsored migrants who were principal applicants was 17 per cent but for those sponsored by an employer, the rate was 2.7 per cent. Migrants in the New Zealand migration category had an unemployment rate of 9.1 per cent.

Migrants whose country of last residence was the Middle East and North Africa recorded the highest unemployment rate of 31 per cent, followed by those whose country of last residence was Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia with rates of 19 per cent and 16 per cent respectively.

The labour force participation rate for migrants was 70 per cent at September 1993, a slight decrease from the estimate of 72 per cent for September 1990. The rates for male and female migrants were 85 per cent and 56 per cent respectively. The participation rate for those migrants who were sponsored was 69 per cent but 94 per cent for those sponsored by an employer.

Those migrants whose country of last residence was in Oceania had the highest participation rate (80\%) followed by those born in Africa (77\%). Migrants whose country of last residence was the Middle East and North Africa recorded the lowest participation rate ( $54 \%$ ).

TABLE 2.5. MIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA AFTER 1970 AGED 18 AND OVER: COUNTRY OF LAST RESIDENCE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1993

| Country of last residence | Emploved |  |  | Unemployed .000 | Labour force | Not in labour force | Total | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Unemploy- } \\ \text { ment } \\ \text { rate } \\ \text {-per } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Participation rate cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full-time | Part-time | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania | 79.2 | 5.8 | 85.0 | 7.9 | 93.0 | 9.9 | 102.8 | 8.5 | 90.4 |
| New Zealand | 68.0 | 5.2 | 73.2 | 7.1 | 80.3 | 8.1 | 88.4 | 8.8 | 90.8 |
| Other countries | 11.2 | * 0.6 | 11.8 | - 0.9 | 12.7 | * 1.8 | 14.4 | * 6.9 | 87.7 |
| Europe \& the former USSR | 165.7 | 10.2 | 175.9 | 25.4 | 201.4 | 33.7 | 235.1 | 12.6 | 85.6 |
| United Kingdom/Ireland | 106.6 | 5.5 | 112.1 | 9.4 | 121.5 | 19.7 | 141.2 | 7.7 | 86.0 |
| Other countries | 59.1 | 4.7 | 63.8 | 16.0 | 79.9 | 14.0 | 93.9 | 20.1 | 85.1 |
| The Middle East and North Africa | 19.7 | * 2.5 | 22.2 | 8.4 | 30.6 | 8.0 | 38.6 | 27.4 | 79.3 |
| Southeast Asia | 50.6 | 4.4 | 55.0 | 12.9 | 67.9 | 17.5 | 85.4 | 19.0 | 79.5 |
| Northeast Asia | 27.5 | 4.5 | 31.9 | 5.0 | 37.0 | 8.4 | 45.3 | 13.6 | 81.6 |
| Southern Asia | 20.0 | * 0.9 | 21.0 | * 2.9 | 23.9 | * 2.2 | 26.1 | * 12.3 | 91.7 |
| The Americas | 22.8 | * 1.8 | 24.5 | 4.2 | 28.8 | 5.2 | 34.0 | 14.7 | 84.6 |
| Africa | 19.7 | * 1.7 | 21.5 | * 1.4 | 22.8 | * 2.5 | 25.3 | * 6.0 | 90.3 |
| Total | 405.2 | 31.9 | 437.1 | 68.2 | 505.3 | 87.3 | 592.6 | 13.5 | 85.3 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania | 37.5 | 21.4 | 58.9 | 8.1 | 67.0 | 31.3 | 98.2 | 12.0 | 68.2 |
| New Zealand | 29.6 | 19.8 | 49.4 | 6.7 | 56.1 | 25.5 | 81.6 | 11.9 | 68.8 |
| Other countries | 7.9 | * 1.6 | 9.5 | * 1.4 | 10.9 | 5.8 | 16.6 | * 12.6 | 65.3 |
| Europe \& the former USSR | 81.9 | 48.1 | 130.0 | 15.3 | 145.3 | 107.8 | 253.0 | 10.5 | 57.4 |
| United Kingdom/lreland | 50.7 | 32.3 | 83.0 | 6.3 | 89.3 | 58.6 | 147.9 | 7.0 | 60.4 |
| Other countries | 31.2 | 15.7 | 47.0 | 9.0 | 56.0 | 49.2 | 105.2 | 16.1 | 53.2 |
| The Middle East and North Africa | * 3.5 | * 3.1 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 11.2 | 27.4 | 38.6 | 40.9 | 29.0 |
| Southeast Asia | 43.7 | 13.2 | 56.9 | 13.2 | 70.1 | 58.5 | 128.6 | 18.8 | 54.5 |
| Northeast Asia | 16.4 | 6.5 | 22.9 | 5.3 | 28.2 | 33.0 | 61.2 | 18.7 | 46.0 |
| Southem Asia | 10.0 | * 3.8 | 13.8 | * 2.3 | 16.1 | 10.8 | 26.9 | * 14.4 | 59.8 |
| The Americas | 15.8 | 8.3 | 24.1 | * 2.3 | 26.4 | 17.5 | 43.8 | * 8.7 | 60.2 |
| Africa | 11.1 | * 3.8 | 14.9 | +1.2 | 16.1 | 9.0 | 25.1 | * 7.2 | 64.1 |
| Total | 220.0 | 108.1 | 328.1 | 52.1 | 380.2 | 295.3 | 675.5 | 13.7 | 56.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania | 116.7 | 27.2 | 144.0 | 16.0 | 159.9 | 41.1 | 201.1 | 10.0 | 79.5 |
| New Zealand | 97.6 | 25.1 | 122.7 | 13.8 | 136.4 | 33.6 | 170.0 | 10.1 | 80.2 |
| Other countries | 19.1 | * 2.2 | 21.3 | * 2.2 | 23.5 | 7.5 | 31.1 | * 9.5 | 75.7 |
| Europe \& the former USSR | 247.6 | 58.3 | 305.9 | 40.7 | 346.6 | 141.5 | 488.1 | 11.7 | 71.0 |
| United Kingdom/lreland | 157.3 | 37.9 | 195.1 | 15.7 | 210.8 | 78.3 | 289.1 | 7.4 | 72.9 |
| Other countries | 90.3 | 20.4 | 110.8 | 25.0 | 135.8 | 63.2 | 199.0 | 18.4 | 68.2 |
| The Middle East and North Africa | 23.2 | 5.6 | 28.9 | 13.0 | 41.8 | 35.4 | 77.2 | 31.0 | 54.2 |
| Southeast Asia | 94.3 | 17.6 | 111.9 | 26.1 | 138.0 | 76.0 | 214.0 | 18.9 | 64.5 |
| Northeast Asia | 43.9 | 11.0 | 54.8 | 10.3 | 65.1 | 41.4 | 106.5 | 15.8 | 61.2 |
| Southern Asia | 30.0 | 4.7 | 34.7 | 5.2 | 40.0 | 13.0 | 53.0 | 13.1 | 75.4 |
| The Americas | 38.6 | 10.1 | 48.6 | 6.5 | 55.2 | 22.7 | 77.9 | 11.9 | 70.9 |
| Africa | 30.9 | 5.5 | 36.4 | * 2.5 | 38.9 | 11.5 | 50.4 | * 6.5 | 77.2 |
| Total | 625.2 | 140.0 | 765.2 | 120.4 | 885.5 | 382.6 | 1,268.1 | 13.6 | 69.8 |

Source: Labour Force and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia (6250.0).

## Labour Force Experience

An estimated $9,395.000$ persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1993. The proportion of persons who participated in the labour force remained steady at 77 per cent for the year ending March 1990 to the year ending March 1992, then fell slightly to 76 per cent in 1993.

The participation rate of males was slightly lower in 1993 than in previous years, at 85 per cent. This proportion had remained steady at 86 per cent for all years between 1988 and 1992. The participation rate of females has increased from 63 per cent in 1988 to 67 per cent in 1993. However, there has been little change since 1990.

The participation rate of persons aged 15 to 19 decreased from 69 per cent in the year ending February 1988 to 68 per cent in the year ending March 1993. The participation rate of persons aged 45 to 54 years increased by 6 percentage points to 83 per cent over the same period.

Of the $12,321,200$ persons aged between 15 and 69 in March 1993

- 8.574 .000 persons ( $70 \%$ ) worked at some time during the preceding year.
- 2,110,100 persons ( $17 \%$ ) looked for work at some time during the preceding year.
- $5,341,000$ persons ( $43 \%$ ) were not in the labour force at some time during the preceding year. Of these, $2,926,200$ persons were not in the labour force all 52 weeks.

TABLE 2.6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: PROPORTION WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTH PERIOD AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1988 TO MARCH 1993(a) (per cent)

| Survey conducted in- | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55.59 | 60.64 | 65-69(b) |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 70.1 | 95.6 | 97.3 | 96.4 | 90.8 | 81.2 | 54.5 | 16.3 | 85.5 |
| 1989 | 73.9 | 96.1 | 97.2 | 96.7 | 92.1 | 79.8 | 57.7 | 17.0 | 85.8 |
| March- ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 75.4 | 95.8 | 97.5 | 96.5 | 92.4 | 80.3 | 57.7 | 19.2 | 86.2 |
| 1991 | 72.3 | 96.3 | 97.7 | 96.7 | 92.6 | 81.1 | 58.7 | 20.8 | 86.3 |
| 1992 | 69.3 | 95.3 | 97.1 | 96.5 | 92.5 | 78.8 | 58.6 | 22.5 | 85.8 |
| 1993 | 68.6 | 94.3 | 96.6 | 96.5 | 93.0 | 78.4 | 58.3 | 18.6 | 85.4 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 68.5 | 86.4 | 73.1 | 73.8 | 61.8 | 35.1 | 15.9 | 6.6 | 63.0 |
| 1989 | 73.9 | 86.4 | 74.6 | 76.4 | 64.7 | 39.4 | 19.0 | 5.9 | 65.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 73.4 | 86.5 | 78.0 | 80.5 | 66.8 | 38.5 | 18.7 | 5.8 | 67.1 |
| 1991 | 72.3 | 86.4 | 77.4 | 78.6 | 69.6 | 42.5 | 19.6 | 6.9 | 67.3 |
| 1992 | 69.4 | 85.8 | 76.6 | 79.1 | 69.9 | 42.5 | 19.1 | 7.2 | 67.0 |
| 1993 | 67.9 | 85.7 | 75.6 | 78.6 | 71.8 | 44.5 | 19.8 | 6.2 | 67.0 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 | 69.3 | 91.0 | 85.2 | 85.2 | 76.6 | 58.3 | 35.0 | 11.1 | 74.3 |
| 1989 | 73.9 | 91.3 | 85.9 | 86.6 | 78.7 | 59.9 | 38.1 | 11.2 | 75.6 |
| March- 38.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1990 | 74.4 | 91.1 | 87.8 | 88.5 | 79.9 | 59.7 | 38.1 | 12.2 | 76.7 |
| 1991 | 72.3 | 91.4 | 87.5 | 87.7 | 81.4 | 62.1 | 38.7 | 13.6 | 76.9 |
| 1992 | 69.4 | 90.6 | 86.8 | 87.8 | 81.5 | 61.0 | 39.5 | 14.3 | 76.5 |
| 1993 | 68.3 | 90.0 | 86.1 | 87.5 | 82.6 | 62.0 | 38.7 | 12.2 | 76.3 |

[^1]TABLE 2.7. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1993 AND MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA ('000)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0).

## Transition from Education to Work

In May 1993, 2,190,000 persons were identified as having attended an educational institution in the previous year (1992) - 1,429,400 attended full-time and 760,700 attended part-time.

Of those who attended full-time in 1992, 354,200 had left full-time education by May 1993. Of this group 66 per cent $(232,700)$ were employed in May 1993, while 24 per cent $(85,000)$ were unemployed and 10 per cent $(36,500)$ were not in the labour force.

Of those who attended an educational institution part-time in 1992,46 per cent $(353,700)$ were not attending an educational institution at all in May 1993, 50 per cent $(378,800)$ continued part-ime study and 3.7 per cent $(28,100)$ were attending full-time in May 1993.

TABLE 2.8. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 64 : AGE, WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and type of attendance in previous year, whether attending full.time education and LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1988 TO MAY 1993
('000)

|  | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AGED 15 T0 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attended an educational institution in previous year | 1,423.7 | 1,483.0 | 1,510.2 | 1,539.3 | 1,628.9 | 1,558.4 |
| Attended full-time in previous year | 1,261.9 | 1,196.5 | 1,219.6 | 1,239.2 | 1,327.7 | 1,288.4 |
| Attending full-time education in May | 870.8 | 907.2 | 928.3 | 990.1 | 1,032.5 | 1,007.2 |
| Leavers | 291.0 | 289.3 | 291.4 | 249.2 | 295.1 | 281.2 |
| Employed | 232.0 | 234.0 | 230.5 | 166.5 | 193.3 | 186.0 |
| Full-time workers | 196.1 | 199.9 | 186.2 | 118.5 | 134.0 | 129.0 |
| Par-time workers | 35.9 | 34.1 | 44.2 | 48.0 | 59.1 | 57.0 |
| Unemployed | 42.6 | 38.3 | 44.7 | 64.3 | 79.3 | 70.0 |
| Not in labour force | 16.4 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 18.4 | 22.5 | 25.2 |
| Attended part-time in previous year | 261.7 | 286.5 | 290.5 | 300.1 | 301.3 | 270.0 |
| Auending an educational institution in May | 144.6 | 147.6 | 152.4 | 163.4 | 158.0 | 153.1 |
| Full-time | 12.5 | 12.3 | 15.6 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 14.9 |
| Partime | 132.3 | 135.3 | 136.8 | 145.6 | 138.8 | 138.2 |
| Not autending an educational institution in May | 117.1 | 138.9 | 138.1 | 136.7 | 143.3 | 116.9 |
| Did not attend an educational institution in previous year | 1,271.6 | 1,233.8 | 1,214.2 | 1,191.9 | 1.110 .1 | 1,170.4 |
| Total | 2,695.2 | 2,716.8 | 2,724.4 | 2,731.2 | 2,739.0 | 2,728.8 |
| AGED 25 TO 64 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attended an educational institution in previous year | 703.2 | 725.3 | 767.1 | 850.1 | 934.8 | 631.7 |
| Attended full-time in previous year | 92.5 | 91.8 | 113.8 | 126.3 | 154.8 | 141.0 |
| Attending full-time education in May | 42.5 | 45.5 | 45.6 | 58.9 | 65.7 | 68.0 |
| Leavers | 50.0 | 46.3 | 68.2 | 67.4 | 89.2 | 73.0 |
| Employed | 36.5 | 35.2 | 50.9 | 43.3 | 56.3 | 46.8 |
| Full-time workers | 26.9 | 29.8 | 43.1 | 31.0 | 38.2 | 31.0 |
| Part-time workers | 9.6 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 12.3 | 18.1 | 15.8 |
| Unemployed | 7.0 | 4.7 | 7.6 | 15.2 | 20.7 | 15.0 |
| Nor in labour force | 6.5 | 6.4 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 12.2 | 11.3 |
| Auended part-ime in previous year | 610.7 | 633.5 | 653.2 | 723.7 | 779.9 | 490.7 |
| Attending an educational institution in May | 253.3 | 273.8 | 260.3 | 299.8 | 313.7 | 253.9 |
| Full-time | 7.9 | 12.7 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 13.3 |
| Part-time | 245.4 | 261.1 | 248.3 | 288.0 | 300.0 | 240.6 |
| Not auending an educational institution in May | 357.4 | 359.7 | 393.0 | 423.9 | 466.3 | 236.8 |
| Did not autend an educational instiution in previous year | 7.464.7 | 7,651.1 | 7,773.5 | 7,858.7 | 7.912.1 | 8,355.8 |
| Total | 8,167.9 | 8,376.3 | 8,540.6 | 8,708.7 | 8,846.8 | 8,987.5 |
| ALL PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attended an educational institution in previous year | 2,126.8 | 2,208.2 | 2,277.2 | 2,389.4 | 2,563.7 | 2,190.0 |
| Attended full-time in previous year | 1,254.4 | 1,288.2 | 1,333.4 | 1,365.5 | 1,482.5 | 1,429.4 |
| Attending full-time education in May | 913.3 | 952.6 | 973.8 | 1,049.0 | 1,098.2 | 1,075.2 |
| Leavers | 341.1 | 335.6 | 359.6 | 316.5 | 384.2 | 354.2 |
| Employed | 268.5 | 269.2 | 281.4 | 209.8 | 249.5 | 232.7 |
| Full-time workers | 223.0 | 229.7 | 229.3 | 149.5 | 172.2 | 160.0 |
| Par-time workers | 45.5 | 39.5 | 52.0 | 60.3 | 77.3 | 72.7 |
| Unemployed | 49.7 | 43.0 | 52.3 | 79.5 | 100.0 | 85.0 |
| Not in labour force | 22.9 | 23.4 | 26.0 | 27.2 | 34.7 | 36.5 |
| Auended part-time in previous year | 872.4 | 920.0 | 943.8 | 1,023.8 | 1,081.2 | 760.7 |
| Auending an educational institution in May | 398.0 | 421.4 | 412.7 | 463.2 | 471.7 | 406.9 |
| Full-time | 20.3 | 25.0 | 27.6 | 29.6 | 32.8 | 28.1 |
| Part-lime | 377.7 | 396.4 | 385.1 | 433.6 | 438.8 | 378.8 |
| Not auending an educational institution in May | 474.5 | 498.6 | 531.1 | 560.6 | 609.6 | 353.7 |
| Did not autend an educational institution in previous year | 8,736.3 | 8,884.9 | 8,987.7 | 9.050 .6 | 9,022.2 | 9,526.2 |
| Total | 10,863.1 | 11,093.1 | 11,265.0 | 11,439.9 | 11,585.9 | 11,716.2 |

(a) There is a break in series between 1992 and 1993 owing to the introduction of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCO) in the May 1993 survey.

CHART 2.4. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 WHO ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME IN 1992 : SELECTED EDUCATIONAL AND LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1993


Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia (6227.0).

TABLE 2.9. LEAVERS AGED 15 TO 64 : TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED FULL-TIME IN PREVIOUS YEAR AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1988 TO MAY 1993

|  | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - ${ }^{\circ} 000$ - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attended school full-time in previous year | 194.6 | 198.1 | 172.9 | 138.8 | 149.9 | 155.9 |
| Labour force | 183.2 | 184.7 | 162.8 | 125.6 | 136.9 | 141.3 |
| Employed | 148.6 | 158.2 | 136.2 | 87.6 | 86.1 | 95.2 |
| Unemployed | 34.7 | 26.4 | 26.7 | 38.1 | 50.8 | 46.1 |
| Not in labour force | 11.3 | 13.5 | 10.1 | 13.2 | 13.0 | 14.6 |
|  | - per cent - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment rate | 18.9 | 14.3 | 16.4 | 30.3 | 37.1 | 32.6 |
| Paricipation rate | 94.2 | 93.2 | 94.2 | 90.5 | 91.3 | 90.6 |
|  | - '000 - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attended tertiary full-time in previous year | 146.5 | 137.5 | 186.7 | 177.7 | 234.3 | 198.3 |
| Labour force | 134.9 | 127.5 | 170.8 | 163.7 | 212.7 | 176.5 |
| Employed | 119.9 | 110.9 | 145.2 | 122.2 | 163.4 | 137.5 |
| Unemployed | 15.0 | 16.6 | 25.6 | 41.4 | 49.3 | 38.9 |
| Not in the labour force | 11.6 | 9.9 | 15.9 | 14.0 | 21.6 | 21.8 |
|  | - per cent - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment rate | 11.1 | 13.0 | 15.0 | 25.3 | 23.2 | 22.1 |
| Participation rate | 92.1 | 92.8 | 91.5 | 92.1 | 90.8 | 89.0 |
|  | - '000 - |  |  |  |  |  |
| All leavers | 341.1 | 335.6 | 359.6 | 316.5 | 384.2 | 354.2 |
| Labour force | 318.1 | 312.2 | 333.7 | 289.3 | 349.5 | 317.8 |
| Employed | 268.5 | 269.2 | 281.4 | 209.8 | 249.5 | 232.7 |
| Unemployed | 49.6 | 43.0 | 52.3 | 79.5 | 100.0 | 85.0 |
| Not in the labour force | 22.9 | 23.4 | 26.0 | 27.2 | 34.7 | 36.5 |
|  | - per cent - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployment rate <br> Participation rate | 15.6 | 13.8 | 15.7 | 27.5 | 28.6 | 26.8 |
| Participation rate | 93.3 | 93.0 | 92.8 | 91.4 | 91.0 | 89.7 |

(a) There is a break in series between 1992 and 1993 owing to the introduction of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ) in the May 1993 survey.

Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia (6227.0).

TABLE 2.10. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL IN 1992 BUT WERE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL IN MAY 1993: TYPE OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED, LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER ATTENDING A TERTIARY INSTITUTION, TYPE OF TERTIARY INSTITUTION ATTENDING AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE, AUSTRALLA, MAY 1993

| Whether attending in May 1993 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Type of } \\ \text { institution } & \text { Type of } \\ \text { attending } & \text { attendance } \\ \text { in May } 1993 & \text { in May } 1993 \end{array}$ | Government school | Nongovernment school $-200$ | Total(a) | Government school | Nongovernment school <br> per cent- | Toral(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EMPLOYED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Higher Education(b) | 10.3 | 8.4 | 18.6 | 10.0 | 28.6 | 14.1 |
|  | Full-time | 9.1 | 7.9 | 17.1 | 8.8 | 27.2 | 12.9 |
|  | TAFE | 27.9 | 8.8 | 36.6 | 27.0 | 29.9 | 27.7 |
|  | Full-time | 10.0 | - 3.7 | 13.6 | 9.6 | - 12.6 | 10.3 |
|  | Part-time | 17.9 | 5.1 | 23.0 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.4 |
|  | Total attending tertiary(c) | 43.1 | 18.7 | 61.8 | 41.8 | 63.9 | 46.7 |
|  | Full-time | 21.0 | 12.6 | 33.6 | 20.4 | 43.2 | 25.4 |
|  | Part-time | 22.1 | 6.1 | 28.2 | 21.4 | 20.7 | 21.3 |
| Not attending |  | 60.1 | 10.6 | 70.7 | 58.2 | 36.1 | 53.3 |
| Total |  | 103.2 | 29.2 | 132.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| UNEMPLOYED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Higher Education(b) | -1.9 | - 3.0 | 4.9 | - 3.9 | * 29.2 | 8.2 |
|  | Full-time | -1.9 | - 3.0 | 4.9 | - 3.9 | - 29.2 | 8.2 |
|  | TAFE | 6.6 | - 2.3 | 9.0 | 13.3 | * 23.2 | 15.0 |
|  | Full-time | 4.6 | + 1.7 | 6.3 | 9.2 | * 16.6 | 10.5 |
|  | Part-time | - 2.0 | - 0.7 | - 2.7 | - 4.1 | - 6.6 | - 4.5 |
|  | Total attending tertiary(c) | 10.1 | 5.8 | 15.8 | 20.3 | 56.8 | 26.5 |
|  | Full-time | 7.7 | 4.8 | 12.5 | 15.6 | 47.8 | 21.0 |
|  | Part-time | - 2.3 | - 0.9 | - 3.3 | - 4.7 | - 9.0 | - 5.5 |
| Not attending |  | 39.5 | 4.4 | 43.9 | 79.7 | 43.2 | 73.5 |
| Total |  | 49.6 | 10.1 | 59.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Higher Education(b) | 20.0 | 16.9 | 36.9 | 38.2 | 62.8 | 46.5 |
|  | Full-time | 19.8 | 16.6 | 36.4 | 37.9 | 61.5 | 45.9 |
|  | TAFE | 15.9 | 6.1 | 22.0 | 30.4 | 22.7 | 27.7 |
|  | Full-time | 15.6 | 6.1 | 21.7 | 29.8 | 22.7 | 27.4 |
|  | Part-time | - 0.3 | - 0.0 | - 0.3 | - 0.5 | * 0.0 | - 0.4 |
|  | Total attending tertiary(c) | 39.4 | 24.5 | 63.9 | 75.3 | 91.1 | 80.7 |
|  | Full-time | 38.5 | 24.2 | 62.7 | 73.6 | 89.9 | 79.2 |
|  | Part-time | + 0.9 | - 0.3 | -1.2 | -1.7 | * 1.2 | -1.5 |
| Not attending |  | 12.9 | - 2.4 | 15.3 | 24.7 | * 8.9 | 19.3 |
| Toral |  | 52.3 | 26.9 | 79.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| ALL PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Higher Education(b) | 32.1 | 28.2 | 60.4 | 15.7 | 42.6 | 22.2 |
|  | Full-time | 30.8 | 27.5 | 58.3 | 15.0 | 41.4 | 21.5 |
|  | TAFE | 50.4 | 17.2 | 67.6 | 24.6 | 25.9 | 24.9 |
|  | Full-time | 30.1 | 11.5 | 41.6 | 14.7 | 17.3 | 15.3 |
|  | Part-time | 20.3 | 5.7 | 26.0 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 9.6 |
|  | Total attending tertiary(c) | 92.5 | 49.0 | 141.5 | 45.1 | 73.9 | 52.2 |
|  | Full-time | 67.2 | 41.7 | 108.9 | 32.8 | 62.8 | 40.1 |
|  | Part-time | 25.3 | 7.3 | 32.6 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 12.0 |
| Not attending |  | 112.5 | 17.3 | 129.8 | 54.9 | 26.1 | 47.8 |
| Total |  | 205.0 | 66.3 | 271.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^2]Source: Transition from Education to Work, Australia (6227.0).

## Educational Attainment

In February 1993 there were an estimated $8,574,700$ persons aged 15 to 69 in the labour force, of whom $4,333,000$ ( $51 \%$ ) had post-school qualifications, $4,063,500(47 \%)$ were without post-school qualifications and $178,100(2.1 \%)$ were still at school. Persons in the labour force with a post-school qualification comprised $1,814,800$ (42\%) with a certificate or diploma, 1,404,800 ( $32 \%$ ) with a trade qualification, $1,057,700$ ( $24 \%$ ) with a degree and the remaining 55,700 with other post-school qualifications.

TABLE 2.11 PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1993

| Educational attainment | Employed |  |  | Unem. ployed$-000$ | Labour force | Not in labour force | Total | Unemployment rate | Participation rate cent- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full time | Part time | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With post-school qualifications | 2,266.3 | 143.4 | 2,409.7 | 231.2 | 2,641.0 | 358.5 | 2,999.5 | 8.8 | 88.0 |
| Degree | 560.4 | 39.7 | 600.1 | 33.5 | 633.6 | 52.8 | 686.4 | 5.3 | 92.3 |
| Trade qualification | 1,117.8 | 57.0 | 1,174.8 | 123.3 | 1,298.1 | 207.1 | 1,505.2 | 9.5 | 86.2 |
| Certificate or diploma | 560.2 | 44.1 | 604.3 | 69.1 | 673.4 | 94.7 | 768.1 | 10.3 | 87.7 |
| Ouher | 27.9 | *2.6 | 30.5 | 5.3 | 35.8 | 4.0 | 39.8 | 14.8 | 90.0 |
| Without post-school qualifications | 1,695.6 | 197.7 | 1,893.3 | 377.9 | 2,271.2 | 619.6 | 2,890.8 | 16.6 | 78.6 |
| Autended highest level of secondary school available | 517.1 | 98.3 | 615.4 | 115.4 | 730.9 | 148.6 | 879.5 | 15.8 | 83.1 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school available | 1,172.6 | 99.4 | 1,271.9 | 260.5 | 1,532.4 | 458.7 | 1,991.1 | 17.0 | 77.0 |
| Left at age- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 and over | 25.0 | *2.7 | 27.7 | 8.3 | 36.0 | 9.7 | 45.7 | 23.0 | 78.8 |
| 16 or 17 | 456.5 | 33.5 | 490.1 | 102.6 | 592.7 | 73.0 | 665.7 | 17.3 | 89.0 |
| 14 or 15 | 602.1 | 54.1 | 656.2 | 126.9 | 783.2 | 285.6 | 1,068.7 | 16.2 | 73.3 |
| 13 and under | 88.9 | 9.0 | 97.9 | 22.6 | 120.5 | 90.4 | 211.0 | 18.7 | 57.1 |
| Never attended school | 5.9 | * 0.0 | 5.9 | *2.0 | 7.9 | 12.3 | 20.2 | *24.9 | 39.1 |
| Still at school | *0.6 | 50.8 | 51.4 | 22.0 | 73.4 | 221.5 | 294.9 | 30.0 | 24.9 |
| Total | 3.962 .5 | 391.9 | 4,354.4 | 631.1 | 4,985.5 | 1.199.7 | 6,185.2 | 12.7 | 80.6 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With post-school qualifications | 995.7 | 533.5 | 1,529.2 | 162.9 | 1,692.1 | 630.5 | 2,322.6 | 9.6 | 72.9 |
| Degree | 286.9 | 105.3 | 392.3 | 31.8 | 424.1 | 97.8 | 521.8 | 7.5 | 81.3 |
| Trade qualification | 58.7 | 36.2 | 94.9 | 11.8 | 106.7 | 64.7 | 171.4 | 11.1 | 62.2 |
| Cerlificate or diploma | 641.2 | 383.6 | 1,024.8 | 116.6 | 1,141.4 | 460.0 | 1,601.5 | 10.2 | 71.3 |
| Other | 8.9 | 8.4 | 17.3 | *2.6 | 19.9 | 8.0 | 27.9 | *13.3 | 71.2 |
| Without post-school qualifications | 879.1 | 689.7 | 1,568.7 | 223.6 | 1,792.3 | 1.713.1 | 3,505.4 | 12.5 | 51.1 |
| Atuended highest level of secondary school available | 322.0 | 213.3 | 535.4 | 82.1 | 617.4 | 316.5 | 933.9 | 13.3 | 66.1 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school available | 556.1 | 475.7 | 1,031.8 | 139.8 | 1,171.6 | 1,377.4 | 2,549.0 | 11.9 | 46.0 |
| Left at age- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 and over | 9.9 | 5.1 | 15.0 | *3.2 | 18.1 | 15.0 | 33.1 | *17.5 | 54.8 |
| 16 or 17 | 255.9 | 184.8 | 440.6 | 58.4 | 499.0 | 332.6 | 831.6 | 11.7 | 60.0 |
| 14 or 15 | 263.5 | 264.0 | 527.6 | 68.5 | 596.1 | 847.1 | 1,443.1 | 11.5 | 41.3 |
| 13 and under | 26.9 | 21.8 | 48.7 | 9.7 | 58.3 | 182.8 | 241.1 | 16.6 | 24.2 |
| Never attended school | *0.9 | *0.7 | * 1.6 | *1.8 | *3.3 | 19.2 | 22.5 | *52.9 | *14.8 |
| Suill at school | *0.1 | 81.8 | 81.9 | 22.9 | 104.8 | 187.7 | 292.4 | 21.8 | 35.8 |
| Total | 1,874.8 | 1,305.0 | 3,179.8 | 409.3 | 3,589.1 | 2,531.3 | 6,120.4 | 11.4 | 58.6 |
| ALL PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With post-school qualifications | 3,262.0 | 676.9 | 3,938.9 | 394.1 | 4,333.0 | 989.1 | 5,322.1 | 9.1 | 81.4 |
| Degree | 847.3 | 145.0 | 992.3 | 65.3 | 1,057.7 | 150.6 | 1,208.3 | 6.2 | 87.5 |
| Trade qualification | 1,176.4 | 93.2 | 1,269.7 | 135.1 | 1,404.8 | 271.8 | 1,676.6 | 9.6 | 83.8 |
| Cerificate or diploma | 1,201.4 | 427.7 | 1,629.1 | 185.7 | 1,814.8 | 554.7 | 2,369.5 | 10.2 | 76.6 |
| Other | 36.8 | 11.0 | 47.8 | 7.9 | 55.7 | 12.0 | 67.7 | 14.2 | 82.3 |
| Without post-school qualifications | 2,574.7 | 887.4 | 3.4620 | 601.5 | 4,063.5 | 2,332.7 | 6,396.2 | 14.8 | 63.5 |
| Auended highest level of secondary school available | 839.1 | 311.7 | 1,150.8 | 197.5 | 1,348.3 | 465.1 | 1,813.4 | 14.6 | 74.4 |
| Did not attend highest level of secondary school available | 1.728 .7 | 575.0 | 2,303.8 | 400.2 | 2,704.0 | 1,836.1 | 4,540.0 | 14.8 | 59.6 |
| Left at age- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 and over | 34.9 | 7.8 | 42.7 | 11.4 | 54.1 | 24.7 | 78.8 | 21.1 | 68.7 |
| 16 or 17 | 712.4 | 218.3 | 930.7 | 161.1 | 1,091.8 | 405.5 | 1,497.3 | 14.8 | 72.9 |
| 14 or 15 | 865.7 | 318.1 | 1,183.8 | 195.4 | 1,379.2 | 1,132.6 | 2,511.9 | 14.2 | 54.9 |
| 13 and under | 115.8 | 30.8 | 146.6 | 32.3 | 178.9 | 273.2 | 452.1 | 18.0 | 39.6 |
| Never attended school | 6.8 | *0.7 | 7.5 | *3.7 | 11.2 | 31.5 | 42.7 | *33.2 | 26.3 |
| Still at school | *0.6 | 132.6 | 133.2 | 44.9 | 178.1 | 409.2 | 587.4 | 25.2 | 30.3 |
| Total | 5,837.3 | 1,696.9 | 7,534.2 | 1,040.5 | 8,574.7 | 3,731.0 | 12,305.6 | 12.1 | 69.7 |

[^3]
## Families

In June 1993, 79 per cent of married-couple families had at least one partner in the labour force, 55 per cent of one-parent families had the parent in the labour force while 46 per cent of family heads of other families were in the labour force.

Of the 75 per cent of married-couple families where at least one partner was employed, 32 per cent had both partners employed full time. Of those married-couple families with both partners employed, 58 per cent had dependants present. About 28 per cent of married-couple families had only one partner employed. In 87 per cent of these families the employed person was the husband.
Eight per cent of married-couple families had at least one partner unemployed. Of these families 41 per cent had one partner employed, and of these 77 per cent were employed full time.
In 45 per cent of one-parent families, the parent was employed. Eighty-nine per cent of one-parent families had a female parent while 11 per cent had a male parent. Sixty-five per cent of male parents of one-parent families were employed, compared with 43 per cent of female parents of one-parent families. A greater proportion of male parents of one-parent families were employed than female parents of one-parent families, regardless of the age of the youngest dependant.
For other families, 40 per cent of family heads were employed and 6 per cent were unemployed.


TABLE 2.12. FAMILY STATUS AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER(a) AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1993


[^4]Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, (6224.0).

TABLE 2.13. FAMILY STATUS OF EMPLOYED PERSONS: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS(a)
AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1993

|  | Full-time workers | Part-fime workers |  |  |  | Total workers | Average weekly hours worked |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weekly hours worked |  |  | Total |  | Full-time workers | Part-time workers -hours- | Total |
|  |  | O(b) | 1-14 | $\begin{array}{r} 15-34 \\ -000 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Member of a family | 3,261.7 | 14.6 | 167.4 | 169.8 | 351.8 | 3,613.5 | 43.4 | 14.8 | 40.6 |
| Husband | 2,631.7 | 8.0 | 54.7 | 102.0 | 164.7 | 2,796.3 | 44.2 | 17.2 | 42.6 |
| With dependants present | 1,654.5 | - 3.0 | 23.3 | 45.9 | 72.2 | 1,726.8 | 44.7 | 17.4 | 43.6 |
| Without dependants present | 977.1 | 4.9 | 31.3 | 56.1 | 92.4 | 1,069.6 | 43.3 | 17.0 | 41.1 |
| Sole parent | 27.5 | * 0.0 | * 1.5 | * 1.9 | * 3.4 | 30.9 | 43.2 | 18.2 | 40.5 |
| Other family head | 43.3 | * 0.0 | * 1.4 | - 1.5 | - 2.9 | 46.2 | 43.8 | 18.5 | 42.2 |
| Full-time student aged 15-24(c) | 5.6 | 4.9 | 79.8 | 18.5 | 103.2 | 108.8 | 28.9 | 8.7 | 9.7 |
| Other child(d) of married couple or family head | 509.8 | * 1.4 | 27.0 | 42.2 | 70.7 | 580.5 | 39.9 | 17.6 | 37.2 |
| Other relative of married couple or family head | 43.7 | * 0.3 | * 3.0 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 50.7 | 38.5 | 15.6 | 35.3 |
| Not a member of a family | 568.2 | 3.9 | 26.0 | 41.3 | 71.2 | 639.5 | 42.9 | 16.9 | 40.0 |
| Living alone <br> Not living alone | $\begin{aligned} & 276.3 \\ & 292.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * 1.9 \\ & * 2.0 \end{aligned}$ | 10.0 16.1 | 17.0 24.4 | 28.8 42.4 | 305.1 334.4 | 43.4 | 16.5 17.1 | 40.9 39.2 |
| Total | 3,829.9 | 18.5 | 193.4 | 211.2 | 423.0 | 4,253.0 | 43.3 | 15.1 | 40.5 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Member of a family | 1,475.7 | 50.1 | 494.5 | 660.3 | 1,205.0 | 2,680.7 | 39.0 | 15.7 | 28.5 |
| Wife | 1,035.1 | 39.3 | 314.8 | 537.0 | 891.1 | 1,926.2 | 39.4 | 16.6 | 28.8 |
| With dependants present | 471.5 | 27.7 | 222.8 | 366.1 | 616.5 | 1,088.0 | 39.5 | 16.3 | 26.3 |
| Without dependants present | 563.6 | 11.6 | 92.0 | 170.9 | 274.5 | 838.1 | 39.4 | 17.2 | 32.1 |
| Sole parent | 83.9 | * 1.9 | 32.5 | 38.2 | 72.5 | 156.4 | 39.2 | 15.5 | 28.2 |
| Other family head | 52.7 | * 0.8 | 5.9 | 10.9 | 17.6 | 70.4 | 39.4 | 17.4 | 33.9 |
| Full-time student aged 15-24(c) | * 2.7 | 5.1 | 118.8 | 22.1 | 146.0 | 148.7 | 40.7 | 8.9 | 9.5 |
| Other child(d) of married couple or family head | 278.0 | * 2.7 | 19.5 | 48.6 | 70.8 | 348.7 | 37.3 | 19.2 | 33.6 |
| Other relative of married couple or family head | 23.3 | * 0.3 | * 3.0 | 3.6 | 7.0 | 30.3 | 37.1 | 16.5 | 32.4 |
| Not a member of a family | 347.0 | 4.1 | 37.5 | 54.6 | 96.3 | 443.3 | 38.6 | 17.1 | 33.9 |
| Living alone Not living alone | $\begin{aligned} & 161.6 \\ & 185.4 \end{aligned}$ | $* 1.3$ $* 2.9$ | 14.4 23.1 | 24.3 30.3 | 40.0 56.2 | 201.6 241.7 | 38.7 38.5 | 17.9 16.5 | 34.5 33.4 |
| Total | 1,822.7 | 54.3 | 532.0 | 714.9 | 1,301.2 | 3,123.9 | 38.9 | 15.8 | 29.3 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Member of a family | 4,737.4 | 64.7 | 661.9 | 830.1 | $1,556.8$ | 6,294.2 | 42.0 | 15.5 | 35.5 |
| Husband or wife | 3,666.8 | 47.3 | 369.4 | 639.0 | 1,055.7 | 4,722.5 | 42.8 | 16.7 | 37.0 |
| With dependants present | 2,126.0 | 30.7 | 246.1 | 411.9 | 688.8 | 2,814.8 | 43.5 | 16.4 | 36.9 |
| Without dependants present | 1,540.7 | 16.6 | 123.3 | 227.0 | 366.9 | 1,907.7 | 41.9 | 17.1 | 37.1 |
| Sole parent | 111.5 | * 1.9 | 34.0 | 40.1 | 75.9 | 187.4 | 40.2 | 15.6 | 30.2 |
| Other family head | 96.0 | * 0.8 | 7.4 | 12.4 | 20.5 | 116.6 | 41.4 | 17.6 | 37.2 |
| Full-time student aged 15-24(c) | 8.3 | 10.0 | 198.6 | 40.6 | 249.2 | 257.5 | 32.7 | 8.8 | 9.6 |
| Other child(d) of married couple or family head | 787.8 | 4.1 | 46.5 | 90.8 | 141.4 | 929.2 | 39.0 | 18.4 | 35.8 |
| Other relative of married couple or family head | 67.0 | * 0.6 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 14.0 | 81.0 | 38.0 | 16.1 | 34.2 |
| Not a member of a family | 915.2 | 8.0 | 63.5 | 96.0 | 167.5 | 1,082.7 | 41.3 | 17.0 | 37.5 |
| Living alone Not living alone | $\begin{aligned} & 437.8 \\ & 477.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.2 \\ 4.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24.4 \\ 39.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41.3 \\ & 54.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68.9 \\ & 98.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 506.7 \\ & 576.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41.6 \\ & 40.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.3 \\ & 16.8 \end{aligned}$ | 38.3 36.8 |
| Total | 5,652.6 | 72.8 | 725.4 | 926.1 | 1,724.3 | 7,376.9 | 41.9 | 15.7 | 35.8 |

(a) Civilians who were residents of houscholds where family cratus was decermined. (b) Persons who had a job in which they usually worked part time, ie leas than 35 hours per week, but were not at work during the reference week. (c) Excludes persons aged 20-24 autending school. Also excludes full-tine students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents ar other family heads. (d) Aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Fanilies, Australia, (6224.0).

TABLE 2.14. ALL FAMILIES: TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDANTS PRESENT, AND NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED(a), AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1992 AND JUNE 1993
('000 families)

| Number of dependants present | None employed |  | One employed |  | Two or more employed |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June 1992 | Junc 1993 | June 1992 | June 1993 | June 1992 | June 1993 | June 1992 | June 1993 |
| MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 665.3 | 695.4 | 367.8 | 361.6 | 857.1 | 881.3 | 1,890.2 | 1,938.3 |
| One or more | 173.4 | 186.4 | 647.1 | 655.6 | 1,171.8 | 1,148.4 | 1,992.3 | 1,990.5 |
| One | 57.1 | 64.5 | 186.6 | 196.5 | 401.8 | 420.7 | 645.4 | 681.6 |
| Two | 65.4 | 66.2 | 266.2 | 272.2 | 505.0 | 476.0 | 836.6 | 814.4 |
| Three | 30.8 | 39.3 | 135.4 | 137.5 | 200.3 | 193.8 | 366.6 | 370.7 |
| Four or more | 20.0 | 16.4 | 58.9 | 49.5 | 64.7 | 57.9 | 143.6 | 123.8 |
| Total | 838.7 | 881.8 | 1.014 .9 | 1,0172 | $2,028.9$ | 2.029 .7 | 3,882.5 | 3,928.8 |
| ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A MALE PARENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 10.3 | 7.8 | 16.8 | 16.9 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 33.0 | 28.2 |
| Two | * 3.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 8.3 | * 1.3 | * 2.3 | 10.1 | 15.3 |
| Three or more | * 1.5 | * 1.7 | * 3.1 | * 2.5 | * 0.8 | * 0.2 | 5.4 | 4.3 |
| Total | 14.9 | 14.1 | 25.5 | 27.7 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 485 | 47.8 |
| ONE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH A FEMALE PARENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 91.2 | 90.5 | 72.2 | 78.9 | 20.9 | 19.2 | 184.2 | 188.6 |
| Two | 58.2 | 64.8 | 43.6 | 50.2 | 14.6 | 9.1 | 116.3 | 124.1 |
| Three | 25.1 | 28.4 | 14.9 | 11.2 | * 3.0 | * 2.1 | 43.1 | 41.7 |
| Four or more | 13.9 | 10.9 | 5.2 | * 2.8 | * 0.9 | * 0.3 | 20.0 | 14.0 |
| Total | 188.3 | 194.6 | 135.9 | 143.0 | 39.4 | 30.7 | 363.6 | 368.4 |
| ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 101.4 | 98.4 | 89.0 | 95.7 | 26.8 | 22.7 | 217.2 | 216.8 |
| Two | 61.3 | 69.4 | 49.2 | 58.5 | 15.9 | 11.4 | 126.4 | 139.4 |
| Three | 26.6 | 29.4 | 17.8 | 13.3 | 3.6 | *2.3 | 48.0 | 45.0 |
| Four or more | 13.9 | 11.6 | 5.4 | * 3.1 | * 1.2 | * 0.3 | 20.5 | 15.0 |
| Total | 2032 | 208.8 | 161.4 | 170.7 | 47.5 | 36.7 | 412.1 | 4162 |
| OTHER FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 74.5 | 72.4 | 101.1 | 103.4 | 101.5 | 104.7 | 277.1 | 280.5 |
| Onc or more | 7.1 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | * 2.9 | * 2.1 | 15.1 | 12.6 |
| Total | 81.6 | 78.2 | 106.2 | 108.1 | 104.4 | 106.8 | 2922 | 293.1 |
| ALL FAMILIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 739.8 | 767.8 | 469.0 | 465.0 | 958.6 | 986.0 | 2,167.3 | 2,218.8 |
| One or more | 383.7 | 401.1 | 813.4 | 831.0 | 1,222.3 | 1.187.2 | 2.419 .4 | 2.419 .3 |
| One | 165.0 | 168.1 | 280.1 | 296.9 | 431.4 | 445.2 | 876.4 | 910.2 |
| Two | 127.4 | 136.3 | 315.7 | 330.7 | 521.0 | 487.7 | 964.1 | 954.7 |
| Three | 57.5 | 68.7 | 153.4 | 150.8 | 204.0 | 196.1 | 414.8 | 415.7 |
| Four or more | 33.9 | 28.0 | 64.3 | 52.6 | 65.9 | 58.1 | 164.1 | 138.7 |
| Total | 1,123.5 | 1,168.8 | 1,282.4 | 1,296.1 | 2,180.8 | 2,173.2 | 4,586.8 | 4,638.1 |

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

Source: Labow Force Starns and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, (6224.0).

TABLE 2.15. ONE-PARENT FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF PARENT AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDANT PRESENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1993
('000 families)

|  | Parent emploved |  |  | Parent unemployed | Parent in the labowr force | Parent not in the labour force | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full time | Part time | Total |  |  |  |  |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tom |
| 0-4 | 14.2 | 19.7 | 33.8 | 12.6 | 46.4 | 86.3 | 132.7 |
| 5-9 | 24.9 | 27.4 | 52.3 | 10.2 | 62.5 | 47.5 | 110.0 |
| 10-14 | 39.0 | 18.0 | 57.0 | 11.0 | 68.0 | 34.8 | 102.7 |
| 15-24 | 34.3 | 11.1 | 45.4 | 5.7 | 51.1 | 19.6 | 70.7 |
| Total | 112.4 | 76.2 | 188.5 | 39.4 | 228.0 | 188.2 | 416.2 |

[^5]TABLE 2.16. MARRIED.COUPLE FAMILIES: LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AND AGE OF YOUNGEST DEPENDANT PRESENT, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 1993 ('000 families)

|  | Wife employed |  |  | Wife unemployed | Wife in the labour force | $\begin{gathered} \text { Wife not } \\ \text { in the } \\ \text { labour } \\ \text { force } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Full time | Part time | Total |  |  |  |  |
| HUSBAND EMPLOYED FULL TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 435.1 | 571.3 | 1,006.4 | 51.9 | 1,058.3 | 584.2 | 1,642.5 |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 111.0 | 214.1 | 325.2 | 23.3 | 348.5 | 337.9 | 686.4 |
| 5-9 | 102.2 | 149.2 | 251.4 | 13.9 | 265.3 | 114.7 | 379.9 |
| 10-14 | 122.5 | 126.1 | 248.6 | 10.5 | 259.2 | 75.5 | 334.6 |
| 15-24 | 99.4 | 81.8 | 181.2 | 4.1 | 185.4 | 56.2 | 241.5 |
| Families without dependants present | 502.0 | 216.1 | 718.1 | 23.6 | 741.7 | 234.4 | 976.2 |
| Total | 937.1 | 787.3 | 1,724.5 | 755 | 1,800.0 | 818.7 | 2,618.7 |
| HUSBAND EMPLOYED: TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 448.7 | 595.5 | 1,044.2 | 56.7 | 1,100.9 | 613.3 | 1,714.2 |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 114.6 | 221.8 | 336.4 | 24.9 | 361.3 | 355.6 | 716.9 |
| 5-9 | 105.2 | 156.9 | 262.2 | 15.5 | 277.7 | 119.8 | 397.5 |
| 10-14 | 125.9 | 131.7 | 257.6 | 11.7 | 269.2 | 79.1 | 348.4 |
| 15-24 | 103.0 | 85.0 | 188.1 | 4.6 | 192.7 | 58.9 | 251.5 |
| Families without dependants present | 524.6 | 243.3 | 767.9 | 26.1 | 794.0 | 274.2 | 1,068.2 |
| Total | 9733 | 838.8 | 1,812.1 | 82.8 | 1,894.9 | 887.5 | 2.782 .4 |
| HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 12.4 | 15.3 | 27.7 | 26.3 | 54.0 | 96.8 | 150.8 |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 23.2 | 60.0 | 83.2 |
| 5.9 | * 2.8 | * 2.4 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 11.0 | 17.6 | 28.6 |
| 10-14 | - 2.3 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 25.8 |
| 15-24 | - 1.8 | -2.1 | 3.9 | * 1.9 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 13.1 |
| Families without dependants present | 17.2 | 8.0 | 25.2 | 16.1 | 41.3 | 42.4 | 83.7 |
| Total | 29.6 | 23.3 | 52.9 | 42.4 | 953 | 139.2 | 234.5 |
| HUSBAND IN THE LABOUR FORCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 461.1 | 610.8 | 1,071.9 | 83.0 | 1,154.9 | 710.1 | 1.865 .0 |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.4 | 120.0 | 228.6 | 348.5 | 36.0 | 384.5 | 415.6 | 800.1 |
| 5-9 | 108.1 | 159.4 | 267.4 | 21.3 | 288.7 | 137.4 | 426.1 |
| 10-14 | 128.2 | 135.8 | 264.0 | 19.3 | 283.2 | 90.9 | 374.2 |
| 15-24 | 104.9 | 87.1 | 192.0 | 6.5 | 198.4 | 66.2 | 264.6 |
| Families without dependants present | 541.8 | 251.3 | 793.1 | 42.2 | 835.3 | 316.6 | 1,152.0 |
| Total | 1,002.9 | 862.2 | 1,865.0 | 1252 | 1,9902 | 1,026.7 | 3,016.9 |
| HUSBAND NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 16.5 | 16.8 | 33.3 | 5.9 | 39.2 | 86.3 | 125.5 |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 8.6 | * 2.7 | 11.3 | 28.8 | 40.1 |
| 5-9 | - 3.1 | 3.7 | 6.8 | * 1.4 | 8.2 | 15.6 | 23.8 |
| 10-14 | - 2.2 | 5.6 | 7.8 | - 0.4 | 8.3 | 19.5 | 27.7 |
| 15-24 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 10.1 | - 1.4 | 11.5 | 22.4 | 33.9 |
| Families without dependants present | 30.4 | 28.2 | 58.6 | 4.3 | 62.9 | 723.5 | 786.4 |
| Total | 47.0 | 45.0 | 91.9 | 102 | 102.1 | 809.8 | 911.9 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Families with dependants present | 477.6 | 627.6 | 1.105 .2 | 88.9 | 1,194.1 | 796.3 | $1,990.5$ |
| Age of youngest dependant - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 124.9 | 232.3 | 357.2 | 38.6 | 395.8 | 444.4 | 840.2 |
| 5-9 | 111.1 | 163.1 | 274.2 | 22.7 | 296.9 | 153.0 | 449.9 |
| 10-14 | 130.4 | 141.4 | 271.8 | 19.7 | 291.5 | 110.4 | 401.9 |
| 15-24 | 111.2 | 90.9 | 202.0 | 7.9 | 209.9 | 88.6 | 298.5 |
| Families without dependants present | 572.2 | 279.5 | 851.8 | 46.5 | 898.2 | 1,040.1 | 1,938.3 |
| Total | 1,049.8 | 907.1 | 1,957.0 | 135.4 | 2,092.3 | 1,836.5 | 3,928.8 |

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

## Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force

In the following tables, persons who had re-entered the labour force refers to persons who were working or looking for work in May 1993, had a period not in the labour force of at least twelve months' duration that finished within the last twelve months and had worked continuously for at least twelve months at some earlier time.

The number of persons who had re-entered the labour force and were working declined from 104,300 in May 1990 to 69.000 in May 1993. Over the same period, there was an increase in the number of persons who had re-entered the labour force and were looking for work, from 33,000 in May 1990 to 45,400 in May 1993.

In May 1993, 80 per cent of all re-entrants were female, including 57,200 females ( $50 \%$ of all re-entrants) who were working, and 34,400 females ( $30 \%$ of all re-entrants) who were looking for work.

For all re-entrants, "financial reasons" was the main reason for wanting to work again ( $62 \%$ ), followed by boredom/needed another interest ( $11 \%$ ).

Of the 69,000 persons who had re-entered the labour force and were working -

- 73 per cent were working part-time;
- 58 per cent reported "financial reasons" as the main reason for wanting to work again:
- 36 per cent were aged between 35 and 44 years, and 35 per cent were aged between 25 and 34 years; and
- 23 per cent worked in the Wholesale and retail trade industry, and 22 per cent worked in Community services.

TABLE 2.17. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE AND WERE WORKING : AGE, INDUSTRY, MAIN REASON FOR WANTING TO WORK AGAIN AND FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME WORKERS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1993
('000)

|  | Full-time workers |  | Part-time workers |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Females | Persons | Females | Persons | Females | Persons |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  | Person |
| 15-24 | * 2.5 | * 3.2 | * 2.5 | * 3.7 | 5.1 | 6.9 |
| 25-34 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 16.4 | 17.8 | 20.5 | 23.9 |
| 35-44 | * 3.8 | 5.7 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 22.7 | 24.9 |
| 45-54 | * 1.4 | * 2.9 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 8.8 |
| 55 and over | * 0.4 | * 0.9 | * 2.1 | * 3.7 | * 2.5 | 4.6 |
| Industry at May 1993 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | * 1.3 | * 2.2 | * 3.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 6.8 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | * 2.8 | 5.0 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 15.7 |
| Finance, property and business services | * 1.4 | * 1.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| Community services | * 3.5 | * 3.9 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 14.3 | 14.9 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | * 0.8 | * 1.2 | 8.5 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 10.9 |
| Other(a) | * 2.4 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 12.4 |
| Main reason for wanting to work again - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed studies | - 1.7 | * 2.7 | * 0.3 | * 1.3 | * 2.1 | 4.1 |
| Financial reasons | 7.0 | 10.2 | 27.6 | 29.9 | 34.6 | 40.1 |
| Boredom/needed another interest | * 0.7 | * 1.5 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Other(b) | * 2.8 | 4.3 | 11.7 | 13.3 | 14.5 | 17.6 |
| Total | 12.3 | 18.7 | 44.9 | 50.4 | 57.2 | 69.0 |

[^6] business' and 'unpaid leave finished'.

Source: Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6264.0).

TABLE 2.18. PERSONS WHO HAD RE-ENTERED THE LABOUR FORCE : JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER RELATED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1993


Time spent not in the labour force since

| previousjob- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ years | 12.9 | 22.0 | 14.1 | 36.1 | 27.9 | 21.1 | 49.0 |
| 3-9 years | 7.5 | 24.8 | 11.8 | 36.6 | 28.9 | 15.2 | 44.2 |
| 3-4 years | 5.1 | 12.0 | 5.3 | 17.3 | 14.7 | 7.7 | 22.4 |
| 5-9 years | * 2.4 | 12.8 | 6.5 | 19.3 | 14.2 | 7.6 | 21.8 |
| 10 years or more | * 2.4 | 10.4 | 8.5 | 18.9 | 12.2 | 9.1 | 21.3 |
| 10-19 years | * 2.0 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 12.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 14.7 |
| 20 years or more | * 0.3 | 4.3 | * 1.9 | 6.2 | 4.7 | * 1.9 | 6.6 |
| Time since previous job - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-2 years | 8.6 | 16.7 | 9.8 | 26.5 | 20.7 | 14.4 | 35.1 |
| 3-9 years | 12.0 | 27.6 | 13.9 | 41.5 | 33.6 | 19.9 | 53.5 |
| 3-4 years | 7.9 | 12.9 | 6.6 | 19.5 | 17.3 | 10.1 | 27.4 |
| 5-9 years | 4.1 | 14.7 | 7.3 | 22.0 | 16.3 | 9.8 | 26.1 |
| 10 years or more | * 2.2 | 12.9 | 10.8 | 23.7 | 14.8 | 11.1 | 25.8 |
| 10-19 years | * 2.0 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 16.6 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 18.5 |
| 20 years or more | * 0.2 | 4.4 | * 2.7 | 7.1 | 4.6 | * 2.7 | 7.3 |
| Active steps taken to find work during the last twelve months - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had looked for work | 17.8 | 26.8 | 34.4 | 61.3 | 33.7 | 45.4 | 79.1 |
| Registered with CES | 11.8 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 10.2 | 19.7 | 29.9 |
| Took no other active steps | * 0.2 | * 0.5 | * 0.0 | * 0.5 | * 0.8 | * 0.0 | * 0.8 |
| Contacted prospective employers | 11.6 | 5.2 | 10.7 | 15.9 | 9.2 | 18.3 | 27.5 |
| Took other active steps | * 0.0 | * 0.2 | * 1.4 | * 1.6 | * 0.2 | * 1.4 | * 1.6 |
| Not registered with CES | 6.0 | 20.9 | 22.4 | 43.3 | 23.5 | 25.7 | 49.2 |
| Took only inactive steps | * 0.3 | * 1.1 | * 2.9 | 4.0 | * 1.3 | * 3.0 | 4.3 |
| Contacted prospective employers | * 3.9 | 16.7 | 17.6 | 34.3 | 18.2 | 20.0 | 38.2 |
| Took other active steps | * 1.8 | * 3.1 | * 1.9 | 5.0 | 4.0 | * 2.7 | 6.8 |
| Had not looked for work | 5.0 | 30.3 | . | 30.3 | 35.3 | . | 35.3 |

Main difficulty in finding work during the last twelve months -

| Had looked for work | 17.8 | 26.8 | 34.4 | 61.3 | 33.7 | 45.4 | 79.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | * 2.4 | * 1.3 | * 2.4 | * 3.7 | * 1.9 | 4.2 | 6.1 |
| Lacked necessary skills/education | * 1.3 | * 1.1 | 4.3 | 5.4 | * 1.3 | 5.4 | 6.7 |
| No vacancies in line of work | * 3.3 | * 2.8 | 4.9 | 7.7 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 |
| No vacancies at all | * 3.6 | * 2.2 | 6.7 | 8.8 | * 2.7 | 9.7 | 12.4 |
| Other difficulties(a) | 4.4 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 17.8 | 8.7 | 13.5 | 22.1 |
| No difficulties at all | * 2.9 | 12.9 | 4.9 | 17.9 | 15.2 | 5.6 | 20.8 |
| Had not looked for work | 5.0 | 30.3 | . . | 30.3 | 35.3 | . . | 35.3 |
| Total | 22.8 | 57.2 | 34.4 | 91.6 | 69.0 | 45.4 | 114.4 |

(a) Includes 'own ill health or disability', 'unsuitable hours', 'transport problems', 'language difficulties', 'insufficient work experience', 'difficulties with ethnic background'. 'difficulties finding childcare'. 'other family responsibilities' and 'any other difficulties'.

[^7]
## Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force

These statistics relate to persons not in the labour force at April 1991 who left the labour force within the previous twelve months. They provide information on their reasons for leaving the labour force, their past labour force experience, whether or not they intended to return to the labour force and their current activities.

In April 1991 there were an estimated 4,844,400 persons who were not in the labour force ( $36 \%$ of the civilian population age 15 and over). Of these persons 565,800 had left the labour force within the previous twelve months. These people account for 6 per cent of the $9,172,600$ persons who were in the labour force at some stage during the year ending April 1991. This is similar to the proportion recorded in 1988.

The majority of persons who have left the labour force in the twelve months to April 1991 were female ( 370,900 or $66 \%$ ) of whom more than half were in the age group 25 to 44 years.

Of those that had left the labour force in the last twelve months, $341,500(60 \%)$ stated that their last labour force activity was working. Of these 61 per cent were job leavers. The most common reasons people gave for leaving their jobs were 'pregnancy/to have children' (26\%), 'retired/did not want to work any longer' ( $21 \%$ ) and 'returned to study' (19\%). For the people that were job losers, the most common reasons for having lost their jobs were 'job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies' (45\%) and 'retrenched' ( $31 \%$ ).

Among the 565,800 persons who left the labour force in the 12 months to April 1991, there were 224,300 persons whose last labour force activity was looking for work.

The majority of persons who had left the labour force intended to return to the labour force ( 390,000 or $69 \%$ ), with 53 per cent of these intending to return in under one year.

Of those who intended to return to the labour force, 61 per cent would prefer to return to part-time work. Of those whose main activity since leaving the labour force was 'attending an educational institution' 87 per cent intended to return to the labour force while of those whose main activity was 'home duties/childcare' 64 per cent intended to return.

There were 106.900 persons who did not intend to return to the labour force. Of the 69,700 females who did not intend to return to the labour force, 83 per cent said that 'home duties/childcare' was their main activity since leaving the labour force.

TABLE 2.19. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER: LABOUR FORCE STATUS, WHETHER LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS, DURATION OF CONTINUOUS PERIOD IN THE LABOUR FORCE BEFORE LEAVING AND LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991
('000)

|  | November 1985 |  | April 1988 |  | April 1991 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| All persons aged 15 and over | 5,926.6 | 6,112.9 | 6,237.4 | 6,428.5 | 6,640.9 | 6,810.3 | 13,451.2 |
| In the labour force | 4,496.0 | 2,894.0 | 4,743.9 | 3,252.4 | 5,008.6 | 3,598.1 | 8,606.8 |
| Not in the labour force | 1,430.5 | 3,218.9 | 1,493.5 | 3,176.1 | 1,632.2 | 3,212.2 | 4,844.4 |
| Left the labour force within the last twelve months | (a)137.9 | (a) 323.4 | (a) 165.5 | (a) 364.1 | 194.9 | 370.9 | 565.8 |
| Continuous period of less than twelve months in the labour |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| force before leaving | 59.9 | 170.3 | 83.0 | 171.6 | 111.1 | 210.1 | 321.2 |
| Last labour force activityWorked | n.a | n.a | 47.7 | 94.4 | 53.0 | 102.7 | 155.7 |
| Looked for work | n.a | n.a | 35.3 | 77.2 | 58.2 | 107.4 | 165.5 |
| Continuous period of at least twelve months in the labour |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| force before leaving | 78.0 | 153.0 | 80.1 | 190.8 | 83.7 | 160.8 | 244.6 |
| Last labour force activity- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked | 70.4 | 136.5 | 56.4 | 136.7 | 61.7 | 124.0 | 185.7 |
| Looked for work | 7.6 | 16.5 | 23.7 | 54.1 | 22.0 | 36.7 | 58.8 |

[^8]Source: Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force, Australia (6267.0).

TABLE 2.20. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1985, APRIL 1988 AND APRIL 1991 ('000)

|  | November 1985 |  | April 1988 |  | April 1991 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| Age group (years)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 47.6 | 83.9 | 66.8 | 102.3 | 88.7 | 113.1 | 201.8 |
| 25.44 | 31.0 | 177.3 | 38.3 | 194.5 | 40.2 | 192.5 | 232.7 |
| 45-59 | 21.9 | 46.2 | 29.9 | 56.0 | 30.7 | 50.3 | 81.0 |
| 60 and over | 37.4 | 16.0 | 30.6 | 11.4 | 35.3 | 14.9 | 50.2 |
| Birthplace- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bom in Australia | 99.7 | 246.3 | 122.2 | 275.9 | 144.2 | 291.4 | 435.6 |
| Bom outside Australia | 38.2 | 77.0 | 43.4 | 88.2 | 50.7 | 79.4 | 130.2 |
| Main source of income- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investments/saving | 26.2 | 18.9 | 26.1 | 15.5 | 28.8 | 16.9 | 45.7 |
| Superannuation | 10.4 | *3.2 | 13.3 | *3.3 | 15.7 | *4.3 | 20.0 |
| TEAS/AUSTUDY | 10.7 | 6.7 | 17.7 | 15.7 | 26.3 | 25.1 | 51.4 |
| Unemploymen//sickness benefit | 20.1 | 13.8 | 22.6 | 16.0 | 25.5 | 24.4 | 49.8 |
| Invalid/age/supporting parent's/widow's pension | 17.4 | 37.9 | 15.9 | 36.0 | 16.9 | 44.6 | 61.5 |
| Dependent on someone else's income | 32.7 | 229.4 | 44.1 | 246.7 | 63.7 | 242.8 | 306.5 |
| Other(a) | 20.5 | 13.5 | 14.7 | 8.4 | 18.0 | 12.7 | 30.8 |
| Not asked | . | . . | 11.3 | 22.5 | . | . | . |
| Housing arrangements- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Owned own home | n.a. | n.a. | 43.7 | 65.6 | 50.8 | 79.4 | 130.1 |
| Paying off home | n.a. | n.a. | 18.5 | 121.7 | 17.1 | 99.4 | 116.5 |
| Renting | n.a. | n.a. | 41.0 | 97.5 | 50.1 | 113.5 | 163.6 |
| Lived rent free | n.a | n.a | 38.6 | 44.3 | 30.9 | 34.3 | 65.2 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 12.3 | 12.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 14.6 |
| Not asked | n.a. | n.a. | 11.3 | 22.5 |  | . | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Still at school | n.a. | n.a. | . . | . . | 38.9 | 36.9 | 75.7 |
| Time since left the labour force (weeks)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 and under 4 | 16.1 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 92.3 | 51.7 | 92.8 | 144.6 |
| 4 and under 8 | 15.3 | 41.6 | 27.2 | 51.8 | 28.8 | 53.4 | 82.2 |
| 8 and under 13 | 18.0 | 43.2 | 38.4 | 58.4 | 39.6 | 63.0 | 102.6 |
| 13 and under 26 | 29.2 | 69.8 | 36.5 | 92.3 | 47.1 | 90.9 | 138.0 |
| 26 and under 39 | 26.3 | 59.9 | 13.5 | 45.3 | 18.5 | 44.9 | 63.5 |
| 39 and under 52 | 33.0 | 70.1 | 11.3 | 24.1 | 9.0 | 25.9 | 35.0 |
| Intention to return to the labour force- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intended to retum | 76.4 | 166.8 | 103.0 | 227.9 | 139.4 | 251.5 | 390.9 |
| Under 1 year | 53.0 | 108.2 | 61.7 | 114.9 | 82.2 | 123.6 | 205.8 |
| Under 3 months | 43.4 | 70.2 | 32.4 | 59.2 | 37.1 | 58.8 | 95.9 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 6.1 | 26.5 | 7.2 | 20.3 | 10.0 | 23.4 | 33.5 |
| 6 and under 12 months | *3.5 | 11.5 | 22.1 | 35.4 | 35.2 | 41.3 | 76.5 |
| 1 and under 3 years | 6.0 | 23.6 | 9.0 | 27.8 | 8.1 | 30.4 | 38.4 |
| 3 and under 5 years | * 1.2 | 5.1 | * 1.6 | 7.6 | *0.8 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| 5 years and over | * 0.2 | *4.2 | *0.7 | *2.1 | * 1.3 | 5.0 | 6.4 |
| Did not know | 16.0 | 25.6 | 30.0 | 75.4 | 46.9 | 85.6 | 132.5 |
| Did not intend to return | 43.5 | 99.2 | 37.3 | 70.6 | 37.2 | 69.7 | 106.9 |
| Undecided | 18.0 | 57.3 | 14.0 | 43.1 | 18.3 | 49.7 | 68.0 |
| Not asked |  |  | 11.3 | 22.5 | . . | . . | . . |
| Total | 137.9 | 323.4 | 165.5 | 364.1 | 194.9 | 370.9 | 565.8 |

[^9]Source: Persons Who Have Lefi The Labour Force, Australia (6267.0).

## TABLE 2.21. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE AND WHOSE LAST LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY WAS WORKING: REASON FOR CEASING LAST JOB AND WHETHER INTENDED TO RETURN TO THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991 ('000)

Whether intended to return to the labour force

|  | Intended to return |  | Did not intend to return |  | Undecided | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reason for ceasing last job | Males | Females | Males | Females |  | Males | Females | Persons |
| Job losera) | 33.3 | 40.8 | 11.9 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 52.1 | 79.8 | 131.9 |
| Retrenched | 11.3 | 13.9 | - 2.6 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 15.5 | 25.2 | 40.7 |
| Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies | 14.9 | 21.4 | - 3.0 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 20.7 | 39.3 | 60.0 |
| Own ill health or injury | 6.1 | * 4.1 | 6.1 | - 4.4 | 5.8 | 14.5 | 12.1 | 26.6 |
| Job leaver | 35.6 | 90.3 | 21.2 | 35.9 | 26.6 | 62.6 | 147.0 | 209.6 |
| Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies | 4.5 | * 3.6 | * 0.0 | * 0.3 | * 1.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 9.5 |
| Retired/did not want to work any longer | * 2.1 | * 2.2 | 18.2 | 15.3 | 5.4 | 23.0 | 20.2 | 43.2 |
| Returned to studies | 17.5 | 18.4 | * 1.3 | * 0.9 | * 2.6 | 19.4 | 21.3 | 40.7 |
| Pregnancy/ to have children | * 0.0 | 39.3 | * 0.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | * 0.0 | 54.2 | 54.2 |
| To look after family, house or someone else | * 0.9 | * 3.6 | * 0.0 | * 4.0 | * 1.8 | * 1.1 | 9.1 | 10.2 |
| To have holiday/ to move house spouse transferred | * 2.6 | 7.6 | * 0.0 | * 0.5 | * 2.7 | * 3.1 | 10.3 | 13.4 |
| Other | 8.1 | 15.5 | * 1.7 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 11.1 | 27.3 | 38.4 |
| Total | 68.9 | 131.1 | 33.1 | 58.8 | 49.5 | 114.7 | 226.8 | 341.5 |

(a) Includes business closed down for economic reasons.

Source: Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia (6267.0).

CHART 2.7. PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THE LABOUR FORCE: INTENTION TO RETURN BY MAIN ACTIVITY SINCE LEA VING THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1991


[^10]
## Retirement and Retirement Intentions

In October 1992 there were an estimated $5,235,400$ persons aged 45 and over usually resident in Australia. Of these persons $2,800,100(53 \%)$ had retired from full-time work. Some $1,740,400(33 \%)$ intended to retire from full-time work, while $234,600(4 \%)$ did not intend to retire. A further $455,000(9 \%)$ had never worked full-time and did not intend to work full-time.

Most females who had retired from full-time work (60\%) did so before reaching the age of 45. The next most common retirement age groups for females were $50-54$ years ( $11 \%$ ), $55-59$ years ( $10 \%$ ) and $60-64$ years ( $9 \%$ ). For males, the most common age for retirement was $60-64$ years ( $33 \%$ ) followed by $65-69$ years ( $23 \%$ ).

In October 1992, 58 per cent of retired males and 31 per cent of retired females belonged to a retirement scheme at retirement, compared with 53 per cent and 25 per cent respectively in November 1989.

Overall, the level of retirement scheme membership increased to 47 per cent in October 1992, from 42 per cent in November 1989. This increase was due to a rise in the number of persons with superannuation cover, from 38 per cent in November 1989 to 43 per cent in October 1992.

The most common main source of income at retirement for those who had retired from full-time work was a Govemment pension which was reported by 38 per cent of retirees. Some 16 per cent relied on someone else's income, 12 per cent on superannuation, life assurance or other retirement schemes and 11 per cent reported investments, interest or stocks etc. as their main source of income at retirement.

For males aged 45 and over who had not yet retired, 44 per cent intended to retire between the ages of 65 and 69 . A further 18 per cent intended to retire between the ages of 60 and 64 and 12 per cent between 55 and 59 . Some 22 per cent reported that they did not know at what age they intended to retire.

For females, 33 per cent intended to retire between 60 and 64,20 per cent between 55 and 59 , and 30 per cent reported that they did not know at what age they intended to retire.

For persons who had not yet retired from full-time work, the proportion who were members of a retirement scheme had increased from 78 per cent to 83 per cent for males and 61 per cent to 74 per cent for females over the three year period to October 1992. The proportion who expected superannuation to be their main source of income at retirement had also increased, from 32 per cent to 38 per cent for males and 18 per cent to 22 per cent for females over the same period.


[^11]TABLE 2.22. PERSONS WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK AT AGE 45 OR MORE: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1986 TO OCTOBER 1992

|  | November 1986 |  |  | November 1989 |  |  | October 1992 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| - per cent - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retirement scheme membership - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Belonged to a retirement scheme | 50.5 | 21.2 | 39.0 | 52.8 | 24.7 | 41.8 | 57.5 | 31.0 | 47.0 |
| Had superannuation cover | 45.6 | 18.8 | 35.0 | 48.3 | 22.1 | 38.1 | 52.6 | 28.7 | 43.3 |
| In last full-time job | 44.7 | 17.8 | 34.1 | 47.4 | 21.4 | 37.2 | 51.1 | 27.2 | 41.7 |
| In some previous job | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Had life assurance or other schemes | 4.9 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 3.8 |
| Did not belong to a retirement scheme | 49.5 | 78.8 | 61.0 | 47.2 | 75.3 | 58.2 | 42.5 | 69.1 | 52.9 |
| Main source of income at retirement - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Superannuation | 14.5 | 3.2 | 10.1 | 15.8 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 15.9 | 4.4 | 11.4 |
| Life assurance, other retirement schemes | 0.6 | *0.2 | 0.4 | *0.4 | *0.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 | *0.1 | 0.5 |
| Invalid, age, sole parent's. widow's pension | 39.7 | 31.9 | 36.6 | 35.3 | 30.0 | 33.3 | 30.5 | 28.5 | 29.7 |
| War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension | 13.3 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 12.0 | 4.1 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 4.1 | 7.8 |
| Sickness, special and other benefits |  | . . | . . | . | . . | . . | 9.2 | 3.0 | 6.7 |
| Rent, farm, business, property (a) |  | . | . | . | $\ldots$ | . | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc. | 13.5 | 6.9 | 10.9 | 14.2 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 13.7 | 7.8 | 11.4 |
| Savings, sale of assets | 8.5 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 7.2 |
| Part-time work | 3.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 4.7 |
| Someone else's income | 2.5 | 40.0 | 17.3 | 2.6 | 41.0 | 17.6 | 2.6 | 36.1 | 15.8 |
| Other (including accumulated leave and compensation) | 4.2 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 6.5 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Age at retirement - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45.49 | 4.1 | 20.5 | 10.6 | 3.9 | 19.4 | 10.0 | 4.8 | 18.4 | 10.1 |
| 50-54 | 8.2 | 26.2 | 15.3 | 9.2 | 27.9 | 16.5 | 10.6 | 27.2 | 17.0 |
| 55-59 | 18.1 | 22.7 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 23.7 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 23.6 | 21.8 |
| 60-64 | 36.0 | 22.3 | 30.6 | 37.6 | 21.6 | 31.3 | 35.9 | 23.0 | 30.8 |
| 65-69 | 29.5 | 6.5 | 20.4 | 26.4 | 6.3 | 18.5 | 25.0 | 6.5 | 17.7 |
| 70 and over | 4.1 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 2.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 887.6 | 579.8 | 1,467.4 | 980.3 | $\begin{array}{r} \quad .000- \\ 629.7 \end{array}$ | 1,610.0 | 1,042.8 | 674.0 | 1,716.8 |

(a) Included in 'Other' category prior to October 1992.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.23. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO HAD RETIRED FROM FULL-TIME WORK: AGE AT RETIREMENT, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1986 TO OCTOBER 1992
('000)

| Age at retirement | November 1986 |  |  | November 1989 |  |  | October 1992 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| Less than 45 | 49.0 | 878.6 | 927.6 | 59.7 | 972.2 | 1,031.9 | 78.4 | 1.004 .8 | 1,083.2 |
| 45-49 | 36.7 | 118.9 | 155.6 | 38.4 | 122.2 | 160.6 | 50.4 | 124.0 | 174.4 |
| 50-54 | 73.0 | 152.1 | 225.1 | 90.6 | 175.7 | 266.3 | 110.2 | 183.4 | 293.5 |
| 55-59 | 160.9 | 131.8 | 292.8 | 192.2 | 149.0 | 341.2 | 215.3 | 159.1 | 374.5 |
| 60-64 | 319.1 | 129.3 | 448.4 | 368.5 | 136.0 | 504.4 | 374.1 | 154.8 | 528.9 |
| 65-69 | 261.9 | 37.7 | 299.6 | 258.7 | 39.5 | 298.2 | 260.5 | 43.6 | 304.0 |
| 70 and over | 36.0 | 9.9 | 45.9 | 31.9 | 7.4 | 39.2 | 32.4 | 9.1 | 41.5 |
| Total | 936.6 | 1,458.4 | 2,395.0 | 1,040.0 | 1,602.0 | 2,641.9 | 1,121.3 | 1,678.8 | 2,800.1 |

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

TABLE 2.24. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND WHETHER HAD RETIRED OR INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK(a), AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992

(a) Excludes persons who were institutionalised or permanently unable to work who were not in the scope of the survey. (b) Includes a small number of persons whose retirement status could not be determined.

Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions. Australia (0238.0).

TABLE 2.25. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK(a): AGE INTENDED TO RETIRE, AUSTRALIA , OCTOBER 1992

| Age intended to retire | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - ${ }^{\circ} 000$ |  |  | - per cent- |  |
| 45-49 years | * 0.5 | 4.2 | 4.7 | * 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| 50-54 years | 9.1 | 27.3 | 36.4 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 2.1 |
| 55-59 years | 150.9 | 105.3 | 256.2 | 12.3 | 20.4 | 14.7 |
| 60-64 years | 225.1 | 169.9 | 395.0 | 18.4 | 32.9 | 22.7 |
| 65-69 years | 542.8 | 49.1 | 591.9 | 44.3 | 9.5 | 34.0 |
| 70 years and over | 26.3 | * 3.8 | 30.1 | 2.2 | * 0.7 | 1.7 |
| Did not know | 269.7 | 156.5 | 426.2 | 22.0 | 30.3 | 24.5 |
| Total | 1,224.4 | 516.0 | 1,740.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

[^12]TABLE 2.26. PERSONS AGED 45 AND OVER WHO INTENDED TO RETIRE FROM FULL-TIME WORK: EXPECTED MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME AT RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT SCHEME MEMBERSHIP, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER 1992 ('000)

| Expected main source of income at retirement | Retirement scheme membership |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Belonged to a retirement scheme |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Did not } \\ \text { belong } \\ \text { to a } \\ \text { retirement } \\ \text { scheme } \end{array}$ |  |
|  | Had superannuation cover |  |  | Had life assurance or other scheme |  |  |  |
|  | In job at October 1992 | In some previous job | Total |  | Total |  |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Superannuation | 432.8 | 19.5 | 452.3 | 6.9 | 459.2 | * 3.7 | 462.9 |
| Life assurance, other retirement schemes | 8.9 | * 1.3 | 10.2 | * 2.4 | 12.6 | * 0.7 | 13.3 |
| Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension | 166.5 | 20.2 | 186.8 | 14.5 | 201.2 | 109.6 | 310.8 |
| War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension | 5.1 | - 1.5 | 6.6 | - 0.2 | 6.8 | * 1.5 | 8.2 |
| Sickness, special and other benefits | 4.8 | * 0.5 | 5.3 | * 0.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 10.8 |
| Rent, farm, business, property | 24.8 | * 1.3 | 26.1 | * 2.7 | 28.8 | 11.5 | 40.3 |
| Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc | 97.3 | 9.1 | 106.4 | 8.2 | 114.6 | 17.1 | 131.7 |
| Savings, sale of assets | 31.2 | * 1.4 | 32.6 | - 3.5 | 36.1 | 20.3 | 56.5 |
| Part-time work | 41.5 | * 1.8 | 43.3 | * 2.6 | 46.0 | 7.2 | 53.2 |
| Someone else's income | 6.5 | * 0.9 | 7.4 | * 0.6 | 8.0 | - 3.3 | 11.3 |
| Accumulated leave, compensation | * 1.2 | * 0.0 | * 1.2 | * 0.0 | * 1.2 | * 0.1 | * 1.4 |
| Other | * 2.7 | * 0.0 | + 2.7 | * 0.3 | * 3.0 | -0.5 | * 3.5 |
| Did not know | 81.5 | 6.5 | 88.0 | 6.3 | 94.2 | 26.2 | 120.4 |
| Total | 904.9 | 64.1 | 969.0 | 48.2 | 1,017.2 | 207.1 | 1,224.4 |
| FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Superannuation | 105.0 | 4.1 | 109.1 | * 2.0 | 111.0 | * 0.3 | 111.3 |
| Life assurance, other retirement schemes | * 1.0 | * 0.0 | * 1.0 | * 1.6 | * 2.6 | * 0.6 | * 3.2 |
| Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension | 75.5 | 9.6 | 85.0 | * 2.5 | 87.5 | 58.2 | 145.7 |
| War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension | * 0.7 | * 0.0 | * 0.7 | * 0.0 | * 0.7 | * 0.6 | * 1.3 |
| Sickness, special and other benefits | * 0.3 | * 0.2 | * 0.5 | * 0.0 | * 0.5 | * 2.6 | * 3.1 |
| Rent, farm, business, property | 7.8 | * 0.9 | 8.8 | * 0.2 | 9.0 | 4.9 | 13.9 |
| Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc | 28.4 | * 1.4 | 29.8 | * 2.3 | 32.1 | 5.6 | 37.7 |
| Savings, sale of assets | 11.7 | * 0.7 | 12.4 | * 0.1 | 12.5 | 10.0 | 22.5 |
| Part-time work | 13.8 | * 0.6 | 14.4 | * 0.5 | 14.9 | * 3.7 | 18.6 |
| Someone else's income | 64.1 | 5.9 | 70.0 | * 2.1 | 72.1 | 29.0 | 101.1 |
| Accumulated leave, compensation | * 0.0 | * 0.0 | - 0.0 | * 0.0 | * 0.0 | * 0.0 | * 0.0 |
| Other | * 0.5 | * 0.0 | - 0.5 | * 0.0 | * 0.5 | * 0.0 | * 0.5 |
| Did not know | 35.4 | * 2.1 | 37.4 | * 2.0 | 39.5 | 17.6 | 57.1 |
| Total | 344.2 | 25.5 | 369.8 | 13.3 | 383.1 | 133.0 | 516.0 |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Superannuation | 537.8 | 23.6 | 561.4 | 8.9 | 570.2 | 4.0 | 574.2 |
| Life assurance, other retirement schemes | 9.9 | * 1.3 | 11.2 | 4.0 | 15.2 | * 1.3 | 16.5 |
| Invalid, age, sole parent's, widow's pension | 242.0 | 29.8 | 271.8 | 17.0 | 288.8 | 167.7 | 456.5 |
| War disability, repatriation, service, war widow's pension | 5.8 | * 1.5 | 7.4 | * 0.2 | 7.5 | * 2.0 | 9.6 |
| Sickness, special and other benefits | 5.1 | * 0.8 | 5.9 | * 0.0 | 5.9 | 8.1 | 14.0 |
| Rent, farm, business, property | 32.7 | * 2.2 | 34.9 | * 2.9 | 37.8 | 16.4 | 54.2 |
| Investments, interest, stocks, debentures, etc | 125.7 | 10.5 | 136.2 | 10.5 | 146.7 | 22.7 | 169.4 |
| Savings, sale of assets | 42.9 | * 2.2 | 45.0 | * 3.6 | 48.7 | 30.3 | 79.0 |
| Part-time work | 55.3 | * 2.4 | 57.8 | * 3.1 | 60.8 | 10.9 | 71.7 |
| Someone else's income | 70.6 | 6.8 | 77.4 | * 2.7 | 80.2 | 32.3 | 112.4 |
| Accumulated leave, compensation | * 1.2 | * 0.0 | * 1.2 | * 0.0 | * 1.2 | * 0.1 | * 1.4 |
| Other | * 3.2 | * 0.0 | * 3.2 | * 0.3 | * 3.5 | - 0.5 | 4.0 |
| Did not know | 116.8 | 8.6 | 125.4 | 8.3 | 133.7 | 43.8 | 177.5 |
| Total | 1,249.2 | 89.6 | 1,338.8 | 61.5 | 1,400.3 | 340.1 | 1,740.4 |

[^13]
[^0]:    (a) Calculated using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

[^1]:    (a) Prior to March 1990. the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proporions from 1988 to 1989 have been calculated with persons aged 70 years and over excluded.
    Source: Labour Force Experience, Australia (6206.0).

[^2]:    (a) Includes a small number of persons who were not asked the type of school they last attended. (b) Includes persons attending part time. (c) Includes persons attending other tertiary institutions.

[^3]:    Source: Labour Force Status and Educational Attoinment, Australia (6235.0).

[^4]:    (a) Civilians who were residents of households where family status was determined. (b) Excludes persons aged $20-24$ attending school. Also excludes full-time students aged 15-24 who are classified as husbands, wives, sole parents or other family heads. (c) Aged 15 and over.

[^5]:    Source: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Fanilies, Australia, (6224.0).

[^6]:    (a) Includes 'Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting', 'Mining', 'Electricity, gas and water',' Transport and storage', 'Communication' and 'Public administration and defence'. (b) Includes 'rerumed after own illness or injury'. 'children gone to school/no longer needed to look after children', 'to help in family business/bought

[^7]:    Source: Persons Who Had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia (6264.0).

[^8]:    (a) Includes persons whose duration of continuous period in the labour force could not be determined.

[^9]:    (a) Includes life assurance, other retirement schemes, war disability/repatriation/service/war widow's pension.

[^10]:    Source: Persons Who Have Left The Labour Force. Australia (6267.0).

[^11]:    Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

[^12]:    (a) Excludes persons who were institutionalised or permanently unable to work who were not in the scope of the survey.

[^13]:    Source: Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia (6238.0).

