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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In association with the February 1984 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, persons aged fifteen years and over were asked about their labour force experience during the year up to the end of the week prior to interview in February 1984. Information sought included the length of time they worked, looked for work or were out of the labour force, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 6 February, 1984, specially trained interviewers asked the questions of a sub-sample of 52,000 of the 72,000 respondents in the February labour force survey.

3. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was issued on 28 June 1984 (6205.0).

4. Similar surveys were conducted in a number of earlier years, the first relating to 1968. Results were published in *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0). However, see paragraph 19 regarding the change in February 1981 to the reference period for the survey.

Scope

5. This supplementary survey to the labour force survey included all civilians aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas residents in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia;
- (d) students boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria, inmates of jails, reformatories, etc.

6. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in February 1984. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

Definitions

7. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference period. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category for each of the weeks in the year on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used in this survey rather than the rigidly defined terms *employed* and *unemployed* used in the monthly labour force survey.

8. Persons in the *labour force* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having either worked or looked for work as defined in paragraphs 9 and 10.

9. Persons who *worked* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as worked.

10. Persons who *looked for work* are those persons who, *for those weeks*, reported having been out of work and looking for a job. *Weeks spent looking for work during the year* is the total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period.

11. The *number of spells of looking for work* during the year is the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job.

12. Persons *out of the labour force* are those who, during any week, neither worked nor looked for work as defined in paragraphs 9 and 10.

13. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* is defined as:

- (a) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
- (b) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.

14. *Locality*. In capital cities and major towns each suburb is considered to be a different locality.

15. Persons are classified as *married* if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The *not-married* category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced, as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. For effects on estimates of marital status, see paragraph 21.

16. *Family status* characteristics are explained in detail in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). It should be noted that they were not obtained for all persons included in the survey. Family information was not collected for the following persons:

- (a) all persons enumerated in non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, hospitals and other institutions);
- (b) persons enumerated as visitors to, rather than usual residents of, private dwellings; and
- (c) where it was not possible to obtain family information relating to *all* the usual residents of a household, e.g. where one member of the family was a member of the permanent defence forces and therefore outside the scope of the survey.

Population benchmarks

17. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census, the population benchmarks used in this survey are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

18. The change from 1976 Population Census based benchmarks to 1981 Population Census based benchmarks has had little effect on the movement in the estimates between the February 1983 and February 1984 surveys.

Discontinuities in the series

19. The estimates for February 1983 and February 1984 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous surveys. The reference period for the February 1980 and prior surveys was the previous calendar year (e.g. 1 January to 31 December 1979). The reference period for the February 1981 and 1982 surveys was from the beginning of the previous February to the end of the week prior to interview. As interviews were conducted over the second and third week of February, the reference period could have extended to 54 weeks. For the February 1983 and February 1984 surveys the reference period was the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. Due to the change in the reference period timing, some estimates, particularly those for groups who entered the labour force during the earlier months of the year (e.g. 15 to 19 year olds), were affected from February 1981 survey onwards.

20. In the February 1981 survey, persons who answered they had been in their current job for a year or longer but who also reported having actually worked for less than the whole period were not counted as out of the labour force for the remainder of the period. In all other years these persons were counted as out of the labour force for that time. In consequence, the February 1981 estimate of persons out of the labour force during all or part of the period was 512,300 persons (249,100 males and 263,200 females) less than the figures which would have been obtained with the procedures used in other years.

21. Paragraph 15 outlines the definition of marital status now used in this survey. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published for this survey in previous years, which classified as married all respondents who reported that they were married or separated.

Reliability of the estimates

22. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. More information about this topic will be found in the Technical note.
- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

Related publications

23. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, (6220.0)—issued March and September

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons (Excluding those who were Stood Down), Australia, July 1984, Preliminary (6221.0)

Labour Mobility, Australia, During the Year ending February 1984 (6209.0)

24. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 22 above.
- .. not applicable
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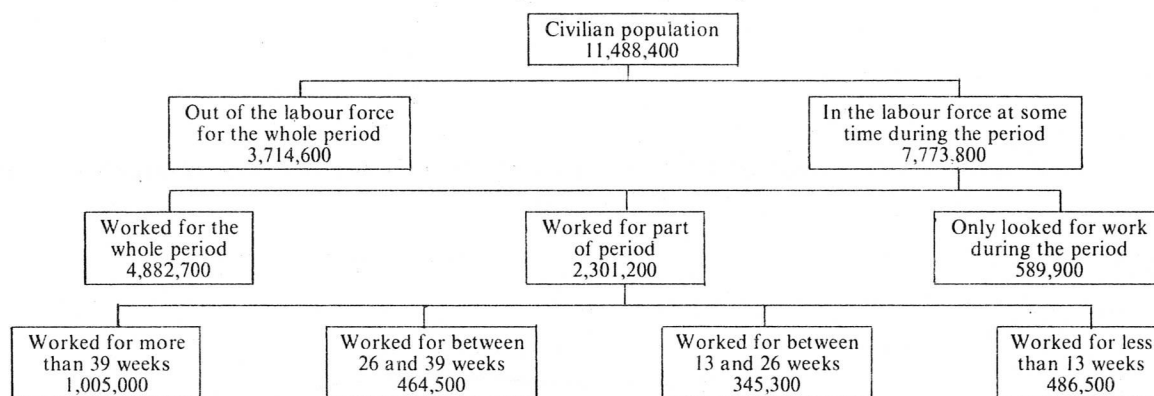
25. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Summary of Labour Force Experience of the Population

Of the 11,488,400 civilians aged fifteen years and over at February 1984, 7,773,800 had been in the labour force at some time during the year ending February 1984; 4,882,700 of these (62.8 per cent) had worked for the whole period and 589,900 (7.6 per cent) had not worked at all (i.e. they had looked for work at some time during the period but had not found it). 2,301,200 (29.6 per cent) had only worked for part of the year. 63.9 per cent of those who had worked for part of the year had worked for more than six months; 43.7 per cent had worked for more than nine months.

DIAGRAM 1. LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984
(Source of Data: Table 2)

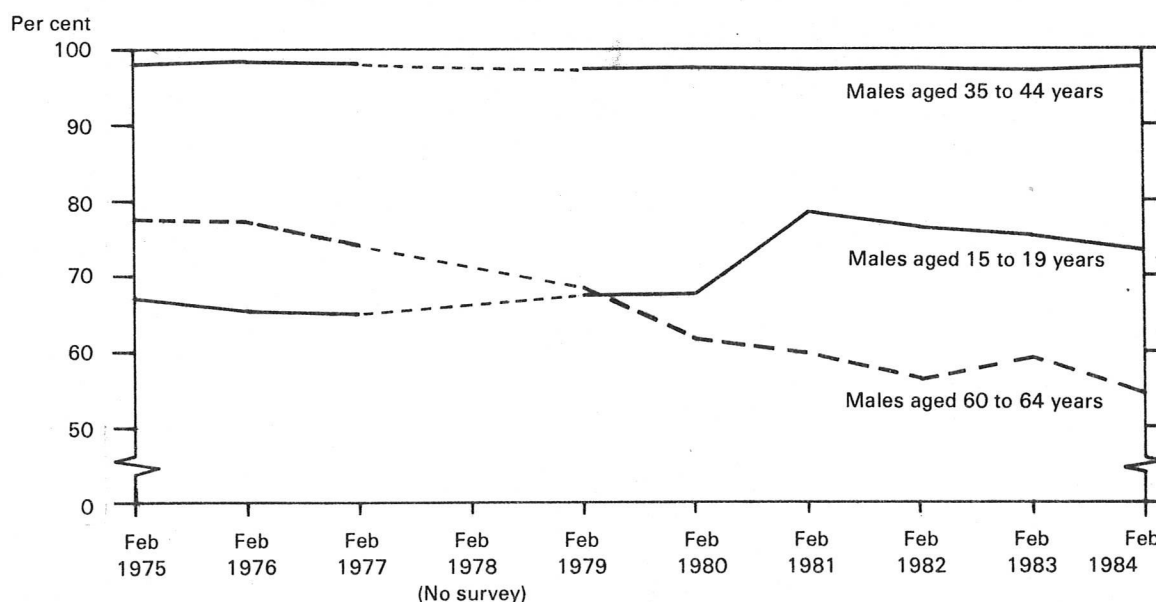


Participation in the labour force at some time during the year

For males, labour force participation has changed little since the February 1975 survey although males aged 15 to 19 years and males aged 60 to 64 years have shown different trends. Since the February 1975 survey the participation of 15-19 year old males in the labour force at some time during the year increased from 67.1 per cent to 78.4 per cent in 1981 but has declined since, to 73.8 per cent in 1984. Participation of 60 to 64 year old males has shown a decrease in this period from 77.3 per cent in the February 1975 survey to 54.6 per cent in the February 1984 survey. Other age groups have shown little change in this period.

While participation for all females has risen from 49.7 per cent to 53.9 per cent since the February 1975 survey, differences between age groups are not as pronounced as they are for males. Participation has risen for most age groups, the major exception being females aged 60 to 64 years for whom participation has fallen from 19.9 per cent to 15.9 per cent.

DIAGRAM 2. PROPORTION OF MALES IN THE LABOUR FORCE SOME TIME, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1984
(Source of Data: Table 6)

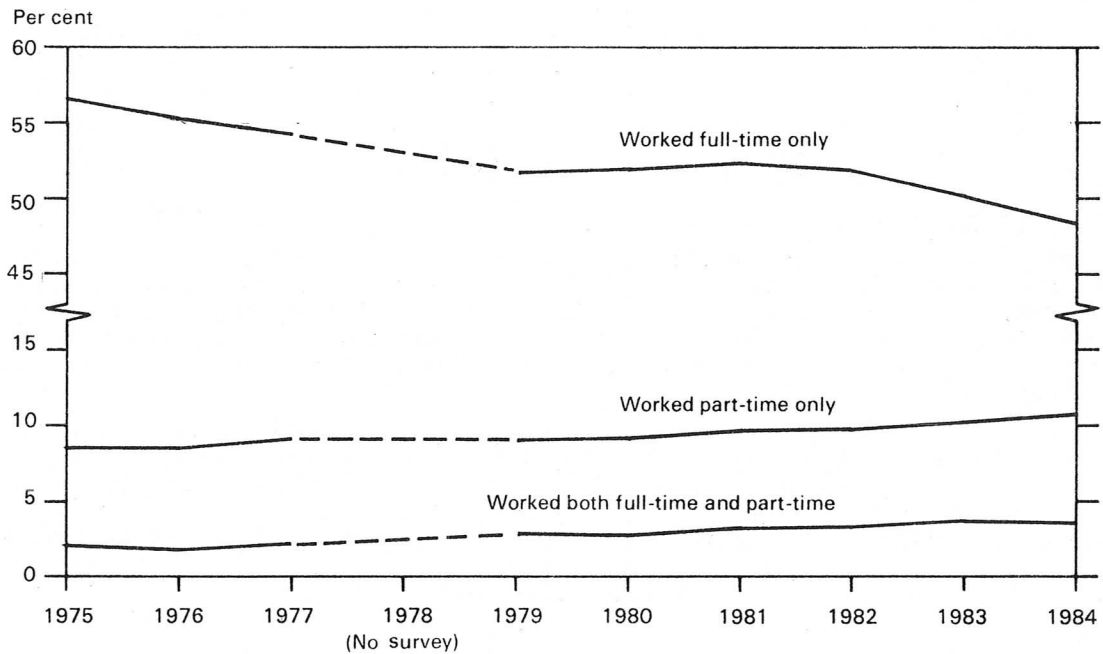


However, the nature of participation has changed significantly. In the 1975 survey 67.1 per cent of the civilian population had worked at some time during the year and 7.1 per cent had looked for work at some time during the year but in the 1984 survey these proportions had changed to 62.5 per cent and 13.6 per cent respectively.

Full-time and part-time employment

Of the civilian population aged fifteen years and over, less than half (48.5 per cent) had worked only on a full-time basis during the year ending February 1984. One in ten persons (10.6 per cent) had worked only on a part-time basis while about one in twenty nine persons (3.5 per cent) had a combination of full-time and part-time work during the year. Over the period 1975 to 1984 there has been a decline in the proportion of persons working only full-time and an increase in persons working part-time: 80.5 per cent of all persons working only part-time during the year ending February 1984 were females, three in four being married.

DIAGRAM 3. PROPORTION OF PERSONS WORKING FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1984
(Source of Data: Table 1)

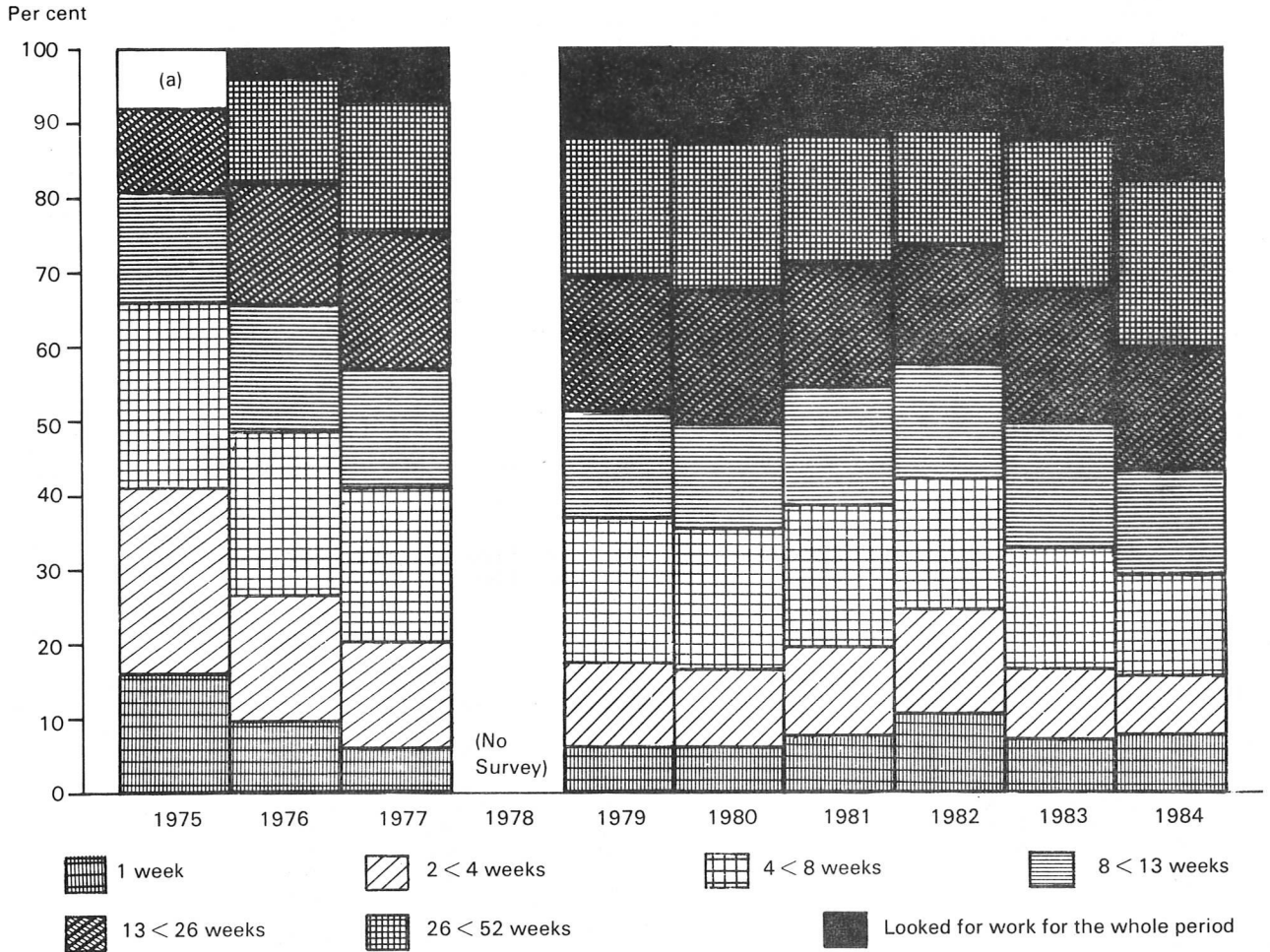


The changing nature of unemployment experience

The increase in the number of persons who looked for work at sometime during the reference period (from 682,100 in the February 1975 survey to 1,563,900 in the February 1984 survey) has been accompanied by a change in the time spent looking for work. For the February 1975 survey 41.1 per cent who looked for work did so for less than four weeks compared with 15.8 per cent in the February 1984 survey. Conversely fewer people looked for work for the whole of the reference period in the February 1976 survey (3.8 per cent) than in the February 1984 survey (17.7 per cent).

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD: WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK

(Source of Data: Table 14 and previous issues)



The average time spent looking for work during the year ending February 1984 was 22.5 weeks, ranging from 16.7 weeks for persons with degrees or other tertiary qualifications to 26.6 weeks for persons who had left school aged 15 years or under and had not gained any qualifications since. Members of families spent an average 22.2 weeks looking for work compared with 24.0 weeks for persons who were not members of families. The average for family heads who were not married but who had children aged 0-14 years present was 22.0 weeks while husbands and wives with children aged 0-14 present looked for work an average for 22.2 weeks.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, SUMMARY OF SURVEYS,
FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1984
(per cent)

	Survey conducted in February(a)—								
	1975	1976	1977	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Civilian population at the time of the survey	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>	68.1	67.2	67.1	66.4	66.7	68.2	68.3	68.2	67.7
For 52 weeks	50.8	51.5	52.3	50.6	51.3	51.0	50.8	51.5	50.4
For 1 and under 52 weeks	17.3	15.6	14.7	15.8	15.4	17.3	17.5	16.7	17.3
Worked at some time during the period	67.1	65.6	65.4	63.7	64.1	65.4	65.4	64.1	62.5
Of weeks worked—									
All were full time	56.6	55.2	54.1	51.7	52.0	52.4	52.1	50.1	48.5
More full time than part time	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3
All were part time	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.6
More part time than full time	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—									
One	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.3	54.0	54.7	54.2	54.6	53.9
Two	9.0	8.4	8.1	7.3	7.1	8.0	8.2	6.8	6.4
Three	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3
Four or more	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9
Looked for work at some time during the period(c)	7.1	8.4	8.2	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.7	13.1	13.6
One spell of looking for work	5.7	6.5	6.5	8.8	8.3	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.7
Two spells	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.7
Three spells	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4
Four or more spells	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole of the period</i>	31.9	32.8	32.9	33.6	33.3	31.8	31.6	31.8	32.3

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 19, regarding comparability of the reference period surveyed. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (c) See Explanatory notes concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1984: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 1984
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	Married males	All males	Married females	All females	Persons
Civilian population	3,552.5	5,673.7	3,552.0	5,814.7	11,488.4
<i>In the labour force at some time during the year</i>	2,936.8	4,639.7	1,817.9	3,134.1	7,773.8
For 1 and under 4 weeks	8.4	48.8	64.2	108.7	157.5
4 and under 13 weeks	19.4	135.3	119.6	239.5	374.8
13 and under 26 weeks	27.0	81.9	115.9	182.7	264.6
26 and under 39 weeks	48.3	115.9	146.1	218.2	334.1
39 and under 49 weeks	116.4	204.0	210.2	294.4	498.4
49 and under 52 weeks	131.7	195.3	102.6	161.2	356.5
52 weeks	2,585.7	3,858.6	1,059.3	1,929.4	5,788.0
Worked at some time during the year	2,843.5	4,352.6	1,689.2	2,831.3	7,183.9
Of weeks worked—					
All were full time	2,655.0	3,921.5	845.3	1,648.6	5,570.0
More full time than part time	86.4	148.7	65.2	116.8	265.6
All were part time	84.3	237.3	726.6	979.1	1,216.3
More part time than full time	17.7	45.1	52.1	86.9	132.0
Number of weeks worked—					
1 and under 4 weeks	12.7	63.5	39.4	74.0	137.5
4 and under 13 weeks	38.4	145.2	109.5	203.7	349.0
13 and under 26 weeks	67.9	155.2	117.7	190.0	345.3
26 and under 39 weeks	104.7	213.0	148.9	251.5	464.5
39 and under 49 weeks	180.2	321.4	216.4	320.3	641.6
49 and under 52 weeks	134.8	202.8	101.3	160.6	363.4
52 weeks	2,304.8	3,251.4	956.0	1,631.2	4,882.7
Looked for work at some time during the year	357.3	879.7	276.7	684.2	1,563.9
One spell of looking for work	272.8	687.5	219.7	546.2	1,233.6
Two spells	50.9	117.7	27.7	79.8	197.6
Three spells	11.9	26.1	9.4	20.7	46.9
Four or more spells	21.7	48.4	19.9	37.5	85.9
<i>Out of the labour force for the whole year</i>	615.7	1,034.0	1,734.0	2,680.6	3,714.6

**TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIODS
BY AGE, FEBRUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1984
(Per cent)**

Survey conducted in February—	Age group (years) at the time of the survey								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1975	67.1	95.5	98.4	98.0	96.0	90.7	77.3	26.2	84.8
1976	65.4	95.0	98.6	98.6	96.6	91.6	77.2	23.9	84.8
1977	65.0	95.1	98.5	98.1	96.5	90.0	74.1	22.5	84.2
1979	67.2	95.2	98.6	97.4	94.5	88.1	68.4	17.0	82.7
1980	67.3	95.1	98.3	97.8	93.6	86.1	61.3	17.5	82.1
1981	78.4	97.2	98.4	97.3	93.3	85.6	59.8	15.7	83.2
1982	76.8	98.0	98.2	97.5	93.2	87.9	56.7	13.6	82.8
1983	75.8	97.6	98.4	97.1	94.0	84.1	59.4	12.9	82.4
1984	73.8	96.3	98.1	97.7	94.3	83.5	54.6	13.3	81.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
1975	78.9	68.8	54.5	58.8	50.0	32.4	15.9	4.2	49.0
1976	70.5	68.2	53.7	59.4	51.7	33.9	17.3	4.4	49.1
1977	70.8	69.0	54.2	59.6	54.7	32.9	14.4	4.1	49.4
1979	70.1	69.8	56.6	62.3	50.1	35.2	15.8	4.0	49.5
1980	72.0	70.2	59.1	65.0	53.5	33.9	14.7	4.2	50.9
1981	68.1	70.3	61.6	64.9	52.6	33.1	16.8	4.9	51.3
1982	68.8	70.1	61.1	66.8	57.3	31.9	12.4	3.9	51.8
1983	73.4	69.6	63.2	67.0	53.7	34.2	15.8	4.4	52.2
1984	67.9	70.1	61.2	65.9	53.9	32.4	15.1	3.9	51.2
ALL FEMALES									
1975	66.2	76.7	58.0	60.0	51.9	36.1	19.9	4.6	49.7
1976	61.6	76.3	57.4	61.0	53.6	36.1	20.9	5.1	49.9
1977	61.6	77.6	58.0	61.0	55.7	36.0	17.9	4.9	50.3
1979	65.8	79.2	59.7	62.8	52.0	36.4	16.4	3.5	50.5
1980	64.3	80.6	62.8	66.3	54.3	35.0	16.6	3.3	51.8
1981	73.5	81.8	65.9	65.8	54.0	34.0	17.7	3.8	53.6
1982	73.7	81.8	65.5	67.9	58.1	34.7	14.8	3.6	54.1
1983	72.4	81.7	66.8	67.7	54.7	36.0	16.7	3.8	54.3
1984	71.1	82.2	65.9	66.7	55.9	34.7	15.9	3.1	53.9
PERSONS									
1975	66.7	86.2	78.5	79.4	74.3	63.0	47.7	13.6	67.1
1976	63.5	85.7	78.4	80.1	75.5	63.3	48.0	13.1	67.2
1977	63.3	86.4	78.5	79.9	76.4	62.6	45.0	12.4	67.1
1979	66.5	87.2	79.2	80.5	73.7	62.1	41.3	9.3	66.4
1980	65.8	87.9	80.5	82.4	74.4	60.4	38.1	9.4	66.7
1981	76.0	89.6	82.1	81.9	74.1	59.7	38.1	9.0	68.2
1982	75.3	89.9	81.7	83.0	76.0	61.4	35.2	7.9	68.3
1983	74.1	89.7	82.5	82.7	74.9	59.9	37.2	7.8	68.2
1984	72.5	89.2	82.0	82.0	75.7	59.3	34.4	7.7	67.7

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1984 : LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION DURING THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 1984, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(Per cent)

Age group (years)	Married			Not married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
WORKED AT SOME TIME(a)									
15-19	*	58.5	57.4	59.9	56.0	58.0	59.8	56.1	58.0
20-24	93.3	64.9	74.4	86.5	82.1	84.6	87.9	75.3	81.6
25-34	95.8	55.9	74.7	88.5	72.9	81.8	93.4	60.0	76.7
35-44	96.0	60.8	78.3	87.3	63.8	74.9	94.6	61.3	77.7
45-54	92.4	51.4	73.0	80.9	57.9	68.6	90.6	52.6	72.2
55-59	82.4	31.1	58.4	67.3	38.7	49.9	80.1	33.0	56.7
60-64	52.9	15.0	35.1	45.1	16.8	26.1	51.6	15.6	32.9
65 and over	14.0	3.9	9.8	9.9	2.5	4.5	12.9	3.1	7.5
Total	80.0	47.6	63.8	71.1	50.5	60.5	76.7	48.7	62.5
LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME(a)									
15-19	*	30.5	35.6	32.4	33.6	33.0	32.6	33.4	33.0
20-24	25.7	16.4	19.5	30.8	24.4	28.0	29.8	21.2	25.5
25-34	14.9	11.2	12.9	23.7	20.4	22.3	17.8	13.4	15.6
35-44	10.0	10.0	10.0	19.3	14.3	16.7	11.4	10.7	11.1
45-54	9.6	4.5	7.2	13.6	11.5	12.5	10.3	5.9	8.1
55-59	9.0	2.4	5.9	14.1	*	8.6	9.8	3.0	6.4
60 and over	2.2	*	1.2	*	*	0.7	2.0	*	1.0
Total	10.0	7.8	8.9	24.6	18.0	21.2	15.5	11.8	13.6
IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(a)									
15-19	*	67.9	71.8	73.7	71.3	72.5	73.8	71.1	72.5
20-24	99.1	70.1	79.8	95.6	90.0	93.2	96.3	82.2	89.2
25-34	98.9	61.2	78.9	96.5	81.1	90.0	98.1	65.9	82.0
35-44	98.2	65.9	82.0	94.5	70.9	82.1	97.7	66.7	82.0
45-54	95.6	53.9	75.8	87.1	64.5	75.0	94.3	55.9	75.7
55-59	85.0	32.4	60.4	75.1	42.0	55.0	83.5	34.7	59.3
60-64	55.6	15.1	36.6	49.3	17.5	27.9	54.6	15.9	34.4
65 and over	14.4	3.9	10.0	10.1	2.5	4.6	13.3	3.1	7.7
Total	82.7	51.2	66.9	80.3	58.2	68.9	81.8	53.9	67.7
Proportion who looked for work at some time(b)—									
15-19	*	44.9	49.6	44.0	47.1	45.5	44.2	47.0	45.6
20-24	26.0	23.3	24.4	32.2	27.1	30.1	31.0	25.8	28.6
25-34	15.1	18.2	16.4	24.6	25.2	24.8	18.1	20.3	19.0
35-44	10.2	15.1	12.2	20.4	20.2	20.3	11.7	16.0	13.5
45-54	10.1	8.4	9.5	15.6	17.9	16.7	10.9	10.5	10.8
55 and over	9.2	4.8	8.2	13.4	9.0	11.4	9.9	6.2	8.9
Total	12.2	15.2	13.3	30.7	31.0	30.8	19.0	21.8	20.1
OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME(a)									
15-19	*	65.6	59.0	59.9	65.0	62.3	59.6	65.0	62.3
20-24	14.7	58.2	43.6	22.9	30.5	26.2	21.3	41.4	31.4
25-34	12.2	69.0	42.3	19.8	41.3	28.9	14.7	62.4	38.5
35-44	11.2	60.7	36.1	19.1	50.1	35.5	12.4	58.9	36.0
45-54	13.3	63.5	37.1	23.8	51.8	38.8	15.0	61.2	37.4
55-59	25.1	79.6	50.6	37.3	69.9	57.2	27.0	77.2	51.9
60-64	58.2	91.7	73.9	63.1	87.0	79.2	59.0	90.2	75.2
65 and over	91.9	97.6	94.3	93.3	98.4	97.0	92.2	98.1	95.5
Total	27.2	70.2	48.7	40.0	61.5	51.1	32.0	66.8	49.6

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population in the same age group. (b) Persons who looked for work during the year as a proportion of persons in the same age group who were in the labour force at some time.

TABLE 5. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1984 : FAMILY STATUS, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984 ('000)

	<i>Worked at some time</i>		<i>Looked for work at some time</i>		<i>In the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Out of the labour force at some time</i>		<i>Total Persons</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
<i>Family status—</i>									
Member of a family	3,679.6	2,353.4	698.5	562.5	3,912.8	2,615.7	1,492.2	3,265.6	9,580.5
Husband or wife	2,779.4	1,627.8	347.8	266.5	2,869.5	1,752.1	941.3	2,413.0	6,903.3
With children aged 0-14 present	1,614.2	862.2	221.3	180.0	1,673.0	959.0	201.5	1,217.5	3,397.6
Without children aged 0-14 present	1,165.2	765.7	126.5	86.6	1,196.5	793.1	739.8	1,195.5	3,505.7
Not-married family head	65.0	170.6	13.3	64.8	71.7	207.8	39.0	338.8	553.0
With children aged 0-14 present	22.7	102.9	6.6	47.9	27.2	130.9	9.8	191.2	284.4
Without children aged 0-14 present	42.3	67.7	6.6	16.9	44.5	76.9	29.2	147.6	268.6
Child of family head	784.1	522.1	315.9	219.1	912.3	617.4	461.9	420.5	1,904.8
Other relative of family head	51.1	33.0	21.5	12.0	59.3	38.5	49.9	93.2	219.5
Not a member of a family	532.3	365.3	142.7	89.1	571.9	391.2	247.8	493.6	1,509.8
Living alone	250.3	156.6	48.0	25.4	265.9	165.9	166.8	407.7	918.8
Not living alone	282.0	208.7	94.7	63.6	305.9	225.2	81.0	85.9	591.0
Not family coded	140.6	112.6	38.5	32.7	155.1	127.2	75.2	126.1	398.1
<i>Educational attainment—</i>									
With post-school qualifications	2,003.5	1,091.0	281.7	212.0	2,057.2	1,167.0	522.7	909.7	3,937.1
Degree or equivalent	445.8	213.4	43.7	37.0	456.0	224.7	100.3	132.3	763.5
Trade, technical level	1,524.3	840.8	231.8	167.0	1,566.5	902.4	415.3	739.5	3,074.0
Other	33.4	36.8	6.2	8.1	34.7	39.9	7.1	37.8	99.6
Without post-school qualifications	2,280.0	1,674.3	561.1	437.9	2,488.9	1,876.9	1,069.1	2,765.1	7,084.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	494.0	386.8	126.7	102.4	541.8	423.0	205.7	396.1	1,275.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	1,776.8	1,282.7	431.4	334.2	1,936.6	1,448.1	854.6	2,342.7	5,760.6
Left school at age—									
16 years or over	589.8	467.5	165.0	134.5	651.2	528.6	159.7	519.1	1,572.8
15 years or under	1,187.0	815.2	266.3	199.8	1,285.4	919.5	694.9	1,823.6	4,187.8
Never attended school	9.2	4.8	*	*	10.5	5.9	8.7	26.3	49.1
Still at school	69.1	66.0	36.9	34.3	93.7	90.1	223.3	210.5	466.5
Total	4,352.6	2,831.3	879.7	684.2	4,639.7	3,134.1	1,815.2	3,885.3	11,488.4

TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION, FEBRUARY 1984 : WEEKS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (' 000)

Weeks in the labour force during the year	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MARRIED MALES									
Nil weeks	*	*	9.1	15.3	29.6	47.0	116.9	396.5	615.7
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.4
4 and under 13	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5	4.5	19.4
13 and under 26	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.7	5.4	27.0
26 and under 39	*	*	9.1	7.8	8.5	6.5	8.4	7.2	48.3
39 and under 49	*	4.5	28.1	32.4	22.4	10.9	11.5	6.5	116.4
49 and under 52	*	9.1	50.2	33.2	23.4	9.1	*	*	131.7
52 weeks	*	112.1	739.3	764.0	584.4	235.1	110.1	37.6	2,585.7
Total	*	131.4	842.5	860.7	674.2	314.0	263.3	463.2	3,552.5
ALL MALES									
Nil weeks	167.0	24.3	23.4	23.8	45.9	61.3	144.1	544.2	1,034.0
1 and under 4	33.1	5.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	48.8
4 and under 13	84.4	23.8	7.4	*	*	*	5.6	4.7	135.3
13 and under 26	31.2	15.1	7.2	6.5	*	*	7.6	6.6	81.9
26 and under 39	28.0	15.0	22.0	12.4	12.2	7.7	10.1	8.5	115.9
39 and under 49	24.3	27.8	50.6	39.7	26.7	13.4	13.5	8.1	204.0
49 and under 52	11.9	28.7	70.0	39.4	26.5	10.4	4.7	*	195.3
52 weeks	257.6	517.4	1,063.5	889.8	680.4	271.1	130.0	48.7	3,858.6
Total	637.6	657.1	1,246.8	1,016.2	800.2	371.4	317.0	627.4	5,673.7
MARRIED FEMALES									
Nil weeks	7.7	77.9	369.0	296.4	280.7	186.4	197.8	318.1	1,734.0
1 and under 4	*	6.3	28.5	19.2	6.0	*	*	*	64.2
4 and under 13	*	14.1	48.8	32.7	16.3	*	*	*	119.6
13 and under 26	*	10.5	50.5	33.5	11.9	4.5	*	*	115.9
26 and under 39	*	15.4	59.0	45.2	16.4	5.2	*	*	146.1
39 and under 49	*	16.9	66.4	69.1	38.1	12.6	*	*	210.2
49 and under 52	*	10.5	32.9	31.6	17.0	4.7	*	*	102.6
52 weeks	8.3	108.7	294.8	341.4	222.5	56.4	19.4	7.9	1,059.3
Total	24.0	260.2	950.0	869.1	608.9	275.6	233.0	331.2	3,552.0
ALL FEMALES									
Nil weeks	179.5	118.0	425.3	347.2	332.2	238.1	289.1	751.2	2,680.6
1 and under 4	26.1	11.5	35.2	22.2	8.2	4.5	*	*	108.7
4 and under 13	83.1	31.2	59.8	37.0	19.5	*	*	*	239.5
13 and under 26	36.7	20.9	60.1	37.2	15.7	5.3	*	*	182.7
26 and under 39	32.3	27.7	72.8	53.4	20.2	7.3	*	*	218.2
39 and under 49	26.8	37.8	81.0	80.0	44.9	15.9	5.7	*	294.4
49 and under 52	19.5	27.4	44.1	38.2	20.7	6.3	*	*	161.2
52 weeks	217.7	388.6	469.9	428.7	292.4	83.2	33.8	15.1	1,929.4
Total	621.7	663.0	1,248.3	1,043.8	753.9	364.9	343.6	775.6	5,814.7
MARRIED PERSONS									
Nil weeks	7.7	79.1	378.1	311.7	310.4	233.5	314.7	714.6	2,349.7
1 and under 4	*	6.9	30.0	19.8	7.6	*	*	*	72.6
4 and under 13	*	16.0	51.0	35.5	17.9	4.7	6.9	5.2	139.0
13 and under 26	*	12.0	53.6	38.0	14.6	7.6	10.7	5.9	142.9
26 and under 39	*	15.9	68.1	53.0	24.9	11.8	10.7	8.3	194.4
39 and under 49	*	21.4	94.5	101.6	60.5	23.5	14.8	8.1	326.6
49 and under 52	*	19.6	83.1	64.8	40.4	13.8	7.2	*	234.3
52 weeks	11.2	220.8	1,034.1	1,105.4	806.9	291.5	129.6	45.5	3,645.0
Total	27.3	391.6	1,792.4	1,729.8	1,283.1	589.6	496.3	794.3	7,104.5
ALL PERSONS									
Nil weeks	346.5	142.3	448.7	371.0	378.2	299.5	433.1	1,295.4	3,714.6
1 and under 4	59.2	16.5	37.8	22.9	10.4	5.4	*	*	157.5
4 and under 13	167.5	55.0	67.2	41.0	22.3	6.6	8.9	6.2	374.8
13 and under 26	68.0	36.0	67.3	43.7	19.2	9.4	11.8	9.2	264.6
26 and under 39	60.3	42.7	94.8	65.8	32.4	15.0	13.4	9.7	334.1
39 and under 49	51.1	65.5	131.7	119.7	71.6	29.3	19.1	10.5	498.4
49 and under 52	31.4	56.2	114.1	77.6	47.2	16.7	8.3	5.0	356.5
52 weeks	475.3	906.0	1,533.4	1,318.5	972.8	354.3	163.8	63.8	5,788.0
Total	1,259.3	1,320.1	2,495.0	2,060.0	1,554.1	736.3	660.6	1,403.0	11,488.4

**TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE YEAR
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	Weeks worked during the year							Total who worked	Total
	Did not work	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52		
MARRIED MALES									
Did not look for work	..	18.9	18.7	35.0	89.4	112.6	2,304.8	2,579.5	2,579.5
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	*	*	*	*	9.4	22.2	..	36.0	38.9
4 and under 8	*	*	*	*	37.5	..	..	41.0	42.2
8 and under 13	*	*	*	4.5	37.0	..	..	44.3	46.7
13 and under 26	*	*	*	49.4	6.8	..	..	60.9	64.1
26 and under 52	10.6	26.6	42.5	12.7	..	..	..	81.8	92.4
52	73.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73.0
Total	93.3	32.2	49.2	69.6	90.8	22.2	..	264.0	357.3
Total	93.3	51.1	67.9	104.7	180.2	134.8	2,304.8	2,843.5	2,936.8
ALL MALES									
Did not look for work	..	94.3	38.6	65.4	148.2	162.1	3,251.4	3,760.0	3,760.0
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	17.9	13.4	7.1	4.8	18.7	40.7	..	84.7	102.6
4 and under 8	20.2	10.0	4.7	5.4	71.1	..	..	91.2	111.4
8 and under 13	27.2	11.5	5.8	10.3	69.6	..	..	97.2	124.4
13 and under 26	16.9	9.1	9.4	100.6	13.8	..	..	132.9	149.7
26 and under 52	28.8	70.5	89.7	26.5	..	..	..	186.6	215.4
52	176.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	176.2
Total	287.1	114.5	116.6	147.6	173.2	40.7	..	592.5	879.7
Total	287.1	208.7	155.2	213.0	321.4	202.8	3,251.4	4,352.6	4,639.7
MARRIED FEMALES									
Did not look for work	..	111.2	87.2	113.6	181.6	91.7	956.0	1,541.2	1,541.2
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	34.6	8.6	4.6	7.8	9.2	9.6	..	39.7	74.3
4 and under 8	15.1	5.6	*	5.0	13.3	..	..	26.5	41.6
8 and under 13	11.4	*	4.7	5.3	9.7	..	..	24.0	35.4
13 and under 26	12.3	*	*	13.8	*	..	..	23.3	35.6
26 and under 52	17.1	15.1	15.9	*	..	..	..	34.3	51.4
52	38.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.4
Total	128.7	37.8	30.5	35.3	34.8	9.6	..	147.9	276.7
Total	128.7	149.0	117.7	148.9	216.4	101.3	956.0	1,689.2	1,817.9
ALL FEMALES									
Did not look for work	..	177.1	116.6	154.5	232.7	137.7	1,631.2	2,449.9	2,449.9
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	59.3	22.1	8.2	15.1	16.5	22.8	..	84.8	144.1
4 and under 8	35.1	12.8	5.5	9.2	35.3	..	..	62.7	97.8
8 and under 13	42.5	15.8	7.6	10.0	28.4	..	..	61.8	104.4
13 and under 26	28.3	11.0	6.4	50.1	7.4	..	..	74.9	103.2
26 and under 52	37.7	38.9	45.8	12.5	..	..	..	97.2	134.9
52	99.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.8
Total	302.8	100.6	73.4	97.0	87.6	22.8	..	381.4	684.2
Total	302.8	277.7	190.0	251.5	320.3	160.6	1,631.2	2,831.3	3,134.1
MARRIED PERSONS									
Did not look for work	..	130.1	105.8	148.6	271.0	204.3	3,260.8	4,120.7	4,120.7
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	37.5	9.8	6.2	9.3	18.6	31.7	..	75.7	113.2
4 and under 8	16.3	6.2	*	6.5	50.9	..	..	67.5	83.8
8 and under 13	13.8	5.8	6.0	9.8	46.7	..	..	68.3	82.1
13 and under 26	15.5	6.4	5.1	63.2	9.5	..	..	84.2	99.7
26 and under 52	27.7	41.7	58.4	16.0	..	..	..	116.2	143.8
52	111.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111.4
Total	222.1	70.0	79.7	104.9	125.6	31.7	..	412.0	634.0
Total	222.1	200.1	185.6	253.5	396.7	236.1	3,260.8	4,532.7	4,754.8
ALL PERSONS									
Did not look for work	..	271.4	155.2	219.9	380.9	299.9	4,882.7	6,209.9	6,209.9
Looked for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 4	77.2	35.5	15.3	19.9	35.2	63.5	..	169.5	246.7
4 and under 8	55.3	22.7	10.2	14.6	106.4	..	..	153.9	209.2
8 and under 13	69.7	27.3	13.4	20.3	98.0	..	..	159.0	228.7
13 and under 26	45.2	20.1	15.7	150.7	21.2	..	..	207.8	252.9
26 and under 52	66.5	109.4	135.4	39.0	..	..	..	283.9	350.3
52	276.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	276.1
Total	589.9	215.1	190.0	244.6	260.8	63.5	..	974.0	1,563.9
Total	589.9	486.5	345.3	464.5	641.6	363.4	4,882.7	7,183.9	7,773.8

**TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
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Number of jobs held during the year	Age group (years)						Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	302.2	449.7	950.5	842.5	662.1	517.8	2,487.4	1,237.4	3,724.7
Two	56.4	87.1	156.7	90.4	49.9	19.5	272.0	187.9	460.0
Three	13.5	18.7	34.7	17.4	8.5	*	49.0	45.5	94.5
Four or more	9.3	22.0	23.0	11.4	4.5	*	35.1	38.3	73.4
Total	381.5	577.4	1,164.9	961.6	725.0	542.1	2,843.5	1,509.1	4,352.6
FEMALES									
One	282.1	397.4	645.5	578.9	373.7	191.9	1,523.4	946.2	2,469.6
Two	47.7	80.6	76.3	46.0	18.4	5.1	130.2	143.8	274.1
Three	13.4	13.3	16.3	8.8	*	*	22.9	33.0	55.9
Four or more	5.3	8.3	10.4	6.1	*	*	12.7	19.1	31.7
Total	348.6	499.5	748.5	639.8	396.9	198.1	1,689.2	1,142.1	2,831.3
PERSONS									
One	584.4	847.1	1,596.0	1,421.4	1,035.8	709.7	4,010.8	2,183.6	6,194.4
Two	104.2	167.6	232.9	136.4	68.3	24.6	402.3	331.8	734.0
Three	26.9	32.0	51.0	26.1	11.9	*	71.9	78.5	150.4
Four or more	14.6	30.2	33.4	17.4	5.9	*	47.7	57.4	105.1
Total	730.0	1,077.0	1,913.4	1,601.4	1,122.0	740.2	4,532.7	2,651.2	7,183.9

**TABLE 9. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE YEAR
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Number of jobs held during the year	Weeks worked during the year							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	
MALES								
One	58.9	120.3	107.8	139.3	203.5	147.0	2,947.9	3,724.7
Two	*	18.4	33.1	46.1	76.6	39.5	243.1	460.0
Three	*	*	8.3	15.8	22.1	12.4	31.3	94.5
Four or more	*	*	6.0	11.8	19.1	*	29.1	73.4
Total	63.5	145.2	155.2	213.0	321.4	202.8	3,251.4	4,352.6
FEMALES								
One	71.3	179.8	155.2	192.7	250.1	131.3	1,489.2	2,469.6
Two	*	17.2	24.1	39.6	48.0	20.6	121.9	274.1
Three	*	*	7.3	12.2	13.7	5.2	14.0	55.9
Four or more	*	*	*	7.0	8.5	*	6.1	31.7
Total	74.0	203.7	190.0	251.5	320.3	160.6	1,631.2	2,831.3
PERSONS								
One	130.2	300.1	263.1	331.9	453.6	278.3	4,437.1	6,194.4
Two	5.7	35.6	57.2	85.7	124.6	60.1	365.1	734.0
Three	*	7.0	15.6	28.0	35.8	17.6	45.3	150.4
Four or more	*	6.2	9.4	18.9	27.6	7.4	35.2	105.1
Total	137.5	349.0	345.3	464.5	641.6	363.4	4,882.7	7,183.9

TABLE 10. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
WEEKS WORKED DURING THE YEAR,
MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR
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Weeks worked during the year	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
WEEKS WORKED WERE ALL FULL TIME							
1 and under 4	9.8	32.3	42.1	15.7	17.1	32.7	74.9
4 and under 13	28.5	62.3	90.8	30.4	44.5	74.9	165.7
13 and under 26	51.4	58.8	110.2	36.8	36.4	73.2	183.3
26 and under 39	84.3	75.8	160.1	49.5	54.9	104.3	264.4
39 and under 49	140.0	101.1	241.1	70.3	49.2	119.5	360.6
49 and under 52	121.6	54.5	176.0	40.5	27.8	68.3	244.4
52	2,219.4	881.7	3,101.1	602.1	573.4	1,175.6	4,276.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,655.0</i>	<i>1,266.5</i>	<i>3,921.5</i>	<i>845.3</i>	<i>803.3</i>	<i>1,648.6</i>	<i>5,570.0</i>
WEEKS WORKED WERE MOSTLY FULL TIME							
1 and under 13	*	9.8	10.9	5.2	5.5	10.6	21.6
13 and under 26	6.9	6.3	13.2	6.4	5.7	12.1	25.3
26 and under 39	7.4	9.0	16.5	10.6	9.8	20.4	36.9
39 and under 49	24.3	15.4	39.7	10.1	11.9	22.1	61.8
49 and under 52	6.5	5.0	11.5	4.9	*	7.9	19.4
52	40.1	16.7	56.9	28.1	15.6	43.7	100.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>86.4</i>	<i>62.3</i>	<i>148.7</i>	<i>65.2</i>	<i>51.6</i>	<i>116.8</i>	<i>265.6</i>
WEEKS WORKED WERE ALL PART TIME							
1 and under 4	*	16.5	19.2	23.8	16.7	40.4	59.7
4 and under 13	8.2	33.3	41.5	69.2	41.7	110.9	152.4
13 and under 26	8.3	17.9	26.2	67.9	26.9	94.9	121.1
26 and under 39	9.2	18.2	27.4	79.3	33.0	112.2	139.6
39 and under 49	13.2	19.2	32.4	125.9	34.9	160.8	193.2
49 and under 52	5.4	7.1	12.5	50.1	24.5	74.6	87.1
52	37.3	40.7	78.0	310.4	74.8	385.2	463.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>84.3</i>	<i>152.9</i>	<i>237.3</i>	<i>726.6</i>	<i>252.5</i>	<i>979.1</i>	<i>1,216.3</i>
WEEKS WORKED WERE MOSTLY PART TIME							
1 and under 13	*	*	*	4.8	*	8.1	12.2
13 and under 26	*	*	5.6	6.5	*	9.9	15.5
26 and under 39	*	5.4	9.1	9.5	5.0	14.5	23.6
39 and under 49	*	5.5	8.2	10.1	7.7	17.9	26.0
49 and under 52	*	*	*	5.8	*	9.7	12.5
52	8.0	7.4	15.4	15.4	11.4	26.8	42.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.7</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>45.1</i>	<i>52.1</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>86.9</i>	<i>132.0</i>
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	12.7	50.8	63.5	39.4	34.6	74.0	137.5
4 and under 13	38.4	106.8	145.2	109.5	94.2	203.7	349.0
13 and under 26	67.9	87.3	155.2	117.7	72.4	190.0	345.3
26 and under 39	104.7	108.3	213.0	148.9	102.6	251.5	464.5
39 and under 49	180.2	141.1	321.4	216.4	103.8	320.3	641.6
49 and under 52	134.8	68.1	202.8	101.3	59.3	160.6	363.4
52	2,304.8	946.6	3,251.4	956.0	675.2	1,631.2	4,882.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,843.5</i>	<i>1,509.1</i>	<i>4,352.6</i>	<i>1,689.2</i>	<i>1,142.1</i>	<i>2,831.3</i>	<i>7,183.9</i>

**TABLE 11. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
INDUSTRY AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE YEAR
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Industry division(a)	Weeks worked during the year					52	Total
	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
MALES							
Working(a)	116.3	79.1	133.7	255.4	183.4	3,251.4	4,019.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	10.3	*	10.3	18.0	6.7	255.7	304.8
Mining	*	*	*	4.9	7.9	69.2	87.8
Manufacturing	26.9	16.9	26.7	50.4	35.7	695.9	852.4
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	122.3	130.1
Construction	11.3	14.8	25.9	53.8	32.7	240.8	379.3
Wholesale and retail trade	24.5	17.2	26.4	49.6	31.2	562.1	711.2
Transport and storage	5.4	*	5.7	20.0	18.6	255.1	308.1
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	92.7	98.5
Finance, property and business services	10.3	*	10.4	16.3	18.5	267.1	326.0
Public administration and defence	5.3	4.8	4.9	7.0	5.9	193.9	221.8
Community services	8.4	*	6.6	19.0	12.4	363.6	414.0
Recreation, personal and other services	8.6	7.4	12.2	14.2	10.1	132.9	185.4
Looking for work(a)	32.7	47.2	47.9	38.3	9.3	..	175.3
Out of the labour force(a)	59.7	28.9	31.5	27.7	10.1	..	157.9
Total	208.7	155.2	213.0	321.4	202.8	3,251.4	4,352.6
FEMALES							
Working(a)(b)	144.6	109.1	162.0	254.7	138.3	1,631.2	2,439.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	7.4	5.2	6.8	7.7	*	79.1	107.9
Manufacturing	14.6	12.9	15.8	26.3	16.1	211.0	296.7
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	14.8	16.3
Construction	*	*	*	6.7	*	31.4	46.7
Wholesale and retail trade	39.7	33.7	47.8	60.1	38.3	340.2	559.8
Transport and storage	*	*	*	*	*	44.3	57.9
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	30.4	36.5
Finance, property and business services	16.0	8.3	18.3	26.7	14.5	208.8	292.5
Public administration and defence	6.8	5.7	5.7	7.1	6.0	77.4	108.6
Community services	32.2	21.6	42.0	81.5	33.3	461.5	672.1
Recreation, personal and other services	21.5	16.7	18.5	33.5	19.0	126.4	235.5
Looking for work(a)	16.1	18.6	21.9	16.1	*	..	76.5
Out of the labour force(a)	117.0	62.4	67.6	49.4	18.4	..	314.9
Total	277.7	190.0	251.5	320.3	160.6	1,631.2	2,831.3
PERSONS							
Working(a)	261.0	188.2	295.7	510.1	321.7	4,882.7	6,459.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	17.7	9.0	17.1	25.7	8.4	334.8	412.8
Mining	*	*	*	5.8	8.3	75.1	97.0
Manufacturing	41.5	29.8	42.5	76.7	51.8	906.9	1,149.1
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	137.1	146.4
Construction	12.7	16.6	28.0	60.5	36.0	272.2	426.0
Wholesale and retail trade	64.2	50.9	74.2	109.7	69.5	902.4	1,271.0
Transport and storage	7.9	4.9	8.3	23.1	22.4	299.5	366.0
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	123.1	135.0
Finance, property and business services	26.3	11.7	28.7	42.9	33.0	475.9	618.5
Public administration and defence	12.1	10.5	10.5	14.1	11.9	271.3	330.4
Community services	40.6	25.6	48.6	100.5	45.7	825.1	1,086.1
Recreation, personal and other services	30.1	24.0	30.8	47.7	29.0	259.3	420.9
Looking for work(a)	48.8	65.8	69.8	54.4	13.1	..	251.8
Out of the labour force(a)	176.7	91.3	99.1	77.2	28.5	..	472.8
Total	486.5	345.3	464.5	641.6	363.4	4,882.7	7,183.9

(a) At the end of the year. (b) Includes mining.

**TABLE 12. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
OCCUPATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND WEEKS WORKED DURING THE YEAR
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Occupation group(a)	Weeks worked during the year						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
MALES								
Working(a)	37.6	78.7	79.1	133.7	255.4	183.4	3,251.4	4,019.4
Professional, technical, etc.	*	7.6	4.9	10.4	22.3	22.8	491.2	562.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	5.8	12.9	10.1	340.9	372.0
Clerical	*	8.7	5.9	8.2	10.7	5.4	284.5	325.9
Sales	*	8.3	9.9	10.4	25.3	14.7	196.7	268.0
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	10.8	8.4	13.2	22.3	9.4	288.9	356.0
Transport and communication	*	*	*	6.8	20.8	20.1	222.4	277.7
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	21.5	32.7	40.7	66.1	123.1	92.0	1,241.5	1,617.5
Service, sport and recreation	*	6.1	5.9	12.8	17.9	8.9	185.4	239.6
Looking for work(a)	4.9	27.8	47.2	47.9	38.3	9.3	..	175.3
Out of the labour force(a)	21.0	38.7	28.9	31.5	27.7	10.1	..	157.9
Total	63.5	145.2	155.2	213.0	321.4	202.8	3,251.4	4,352.6
FEMALES								
Working(a)	41.2	103.5	109.1	162.0	254.7	138.3	1,631.2	2,439.9
Professional, technical, etc.	7.0	14.5	13.1	27.9	50.8	21.5	302.7	437.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	*	*	47.1	58.6
Clerical	10.9	28.8	34.8	50.5	77.6	43.3	616.1	862.1
Sales	5.9	20.6	19.0	30.1	36.4	21.6	186.7	320.2
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	6.7	6.1	7.6	6.7	*	77.6	110.6
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	35.4	47.0
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	*	7.4	11.9	11.7	26.9	16.3	133.5	211.6
Service, sport and recreation	9.5	22.1	22.0	28.0	48.7	29.7	232.2	392.3
Looking for work(a)	*	13.1	18.6	21.9	16.1	*	..	76.5
Out of the labour force(a)	29.8	87.2	62.4	67.6	49.4	18.4	..	314.9
Total	74.0	203.7	190.0	251.5	320.3	160.6	1,631.2	2,831.3
PERSONS								
Working(a)	78.8	182.2	188.2	295.7	510.1	321.7	4,882.7	6,459.3
Professional, technical, etc.	10.5	22.1	18.0	38.3	73.2	44.3	793.9	1,000.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	8.9	17.2	12.0	388.0	430.6
Clerical	13.4	37.5	40.7	58.7	88.3	48.7	900.6	1,187.9
Sales	8.5	28.9	29.0	40.5	61.7	36.3	383.3	588.3
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	6.4	17.5	14.5	20.8	29.0	12.0	366.5	466.6
Transport and communication	*	4.5	4.9	10.0	24.2	21.5	257.8	324.7
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	25.3	40.1	52.6	77.7	150.0	108.3	1,375.1	1,829.1
Service, sport and recreation	12.2	28.2	27.9	40.7	66.7	38.6	417.5	631.9
Looking for work(a)	7.9	40.9	65.8	69.8	54.4	13.1	..	251.8
Out of the labour force(a)	50.8	125.9	91.3	99.1	77.2	28.5	..	472.8
Total	137.5	349.0	345.3	464.5	641.6	363.4	4,882.7	7,183.9

(a) At the end of the year. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

TABLE 13. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
MARITAL STATUS AND AGE
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	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
Married—							
Males	*	33.8	125.6	86.3	64.9	44.3	357.3
Females	7.3	42.6	105.9	86.5	27.7	6.6	276.7
Persons	9.7	76.4	231.5	172.9	92.6	50.9	634.0
Not married—							
Males	205.7	162.1	95.9	30.0	17.1	11.5	522.3
Females	200.6	98.1	61.0	25.0	16.7	6.1	407.5
Persons	406.2	260.3	156.9	55.0	33.8	17.7	929.9

TABLE 14. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
AGE AND WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

Age group (years)	Weeks spent looking for work during the year							Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52		
— ' 000 —									
MARRIED MALES									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	*	5.1	6.3	10.6	5.6	33.8	25.2
25-34	6.5	11.9	18.2	19.1	20.2	29.6	20.2	125.6	22.1
35-44	*	6.0	9.2	12.8	18.1	21.0	15.9	86.3	24.2
45-54	*	*	8.2	5.9	9.9	19.5	17.7	64.9	29.8
55 and over	*	*	*	*	9.6	10.9	12.2	44.3	28.2
Total	14.5	24.5	42.2	46.7	64.1	92.4	73.0	357.3	25.2
ALL MALES									
15-19	17.9	15.3	32.6	37.1	35.6	40.6	28.9	208.1	20.4
20-24	7.2	14.5	23.5	29.6	31.6	51.3	38.3	195.9	24.7
25-34	10.2	16.0	30.6	30.3	36.8	54.6	43.1	221.5	24.2
35-44	*	7.7	11.9	15.3	22.3	31.0	24.2	116.3	25.7
45-54	*	*	9.1	7.5	12.1	24.4	24.4	82.0	30.7
55 and over	*	*	*	4.6	11.3	13.6	17.3	55.8	29.5
Total	43.3	59.2	111.4	124.4	149.7	215.4	176.2	879.7	24.6
MARRIED FEMALES									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.3	21.7
20-24	5.2	4.6	8.9	5.8	5.7	8.3	*	42.6	17.1
25-34	19.0	13.6	14.0	13.2	13.4	20.3	12.5	105.9	17.4
35-44	11.4	11.9	12.5	11.8	11.0	13.7	14.2	86.5	18.8
45-54	*	*	*	*	*	6.3	5.0	27.7	22.0
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.6	19.7
Total	41.2	33.1	41.6	35.4	35.6	51.4	38.4	276.7	18.4
ALL FEMALES									
15-19	18.1	18.7	32.8	43.4	32.4	38.7	23.7	207.9	18.4
20-24	12.6	11.0	19.1	18.9	25.3	32.4	21.4	140.7	21.6
25-34	23.9	19.7	23.5	20.8	23.9	32.3	22.7	166.9	18.8
35-44	13.7	13.8	15.1	13.6	14.9	20.6	19.7	111.6	20.4
45-54	5.4	*	5.3	6.3	6.3	9.4	8.6	44.4	22.3
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.8	21.8
Total	76.2	68.0	97.8	104.4	103.2	134.9	99.8	684.2	19.8
MARRIED PERSONS									
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9.7	27.7
20-24	6.4	6.3	12.1	10.9	12.1	18.8	9.7	76.4	20.7
25-34	25.5	25.5	32.2	32.2	33.6	49.9	32.6	231.5	20.0
35-44	14.8	17.9	21.7	24.5	29.1	34.7	30.1	172.9	21.5
45-54	4.6	4.5	12.4	8.9	13.7	25.9	22.7	92.6	27.4
55 and over	*	*	4.5	4.5	9.9	11.3	14.0	50.9	27.1
Total	55.7	57.6	83.8	82.1	99.7	143.8	111.4	634.0	22.3
ALL PERSONS									
15-19	36.0	34.1	65.4	80.5	68.1	79.3	52.6	416.0	19.4
20-24	19.7	25.5	42.7	48.5	57.0	83.7	59.7	336.6	23.4
25-34	34.2	35.7	54.1	51.1	60.7	86.9	65.8	388.4	21.9
35-44	17.7	21.5	27.0	28.8	37.3	51.6	44.0	227.9	23.1
45-54	6.8	6.3	14.4	13.8	18.4	33.8	33.0	126.5	27.8
55 and over	5.1	*	5.6	6.1	11.5	15.2	21.0	68.6	28.0
Total	119.5	127.2	209.2	228.7	252.9	350.3	276.1	1,563.9	22.5

TABLE 15. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984: FAMILY STATUS, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR

	Weeks spent looking for work during the year						52	Total	Average time looked for work (weeks)
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52			
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Family status—									
Member of a family	101.0	107.7	170.2	189.4	199.9	270.8	221.9	1,261.0	22.2
Husband or wife	54.0	56.8	79.7	80.3	94.7	140.0	108.9	614.3	22.3
With children aged 0-14 present	37.8	40.7	48.6	56.4	54.6	89.4	73.8	401.2	22.2
Without children aged 0-14 present	16.2	16.1	31.1	24.0	40.1	50.6	35.1	213.1	22.5
Not-married family head	8.0	7.3	9.2	9.9	11.7	17.1	14.9	78.1	22.8
With children aged 0-14 present	5.7	6.3	6.7	6.5	7.5	12.1	9.7	54.5	22.0
Without children aged 0-14 present	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	5.2	23.6	24.5
Child of family head	37.7	42.4	76.5	95.5	86.9	106.3	89.8	535.0	21.6
Other relative of family head	*	*	4.8	*	6.6	7.4	8.4	33.5	26.2
Not a member of a family	12.5	15.4	28.1	32.4	39.6	62.6	41.3	231.8	24.0
Living alone	*	5.2	6.9	9.2	12.3	20.2	15.8	73.5	25.5
Not living alone	8.5	10.2	21.2	23.2	27.3	42.4	25.5	158.3	23.3
Not family coded	5.9	*	10.9	6.9	13.5	17.0	12.9	71.2	23.5
Educational attainment—									
With post-school qualifications(a)	44.0	44.7	72.7	77.5	91.2	103.7	59.9	493.7	19.7
Degree of equivalent	7.9	7.4	16.0	15.6	12.6	14.9	6.3	80.7	16.7
Trade, technical level	35.3	35.9	55.4	59.8	75.7	85.7	51.0	398.7	20.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	61.5	71.5	123.1	138.3	154.8	238.6	211.2	999.0	24.6
Attended highest level of secondary school available	17.1	23.1	36.7	41.0	37.4	43.0	30.6	229.1	19.4
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	44.4	48.3	86.1	97.3	116.2	194.3	179.0	765.6	26.1
Left school at age—									
16 years or over	16.7	15.4	37.0	42.5	46.5	79.2	62.1	299.5	25.3
15 years or under	27.7	32.9	49.1	54.8	69.7	115.1	116.9	466.1	26.6
Still at school	14.1	11.0	13.3	12.9	6.9	8.0	4.9	71.2	12.3
Total	119.5	127.2	209.2	228.7	252.9	350.3	276.1	1,563.9	22.5

(a) Includes persons with qualifications not listed. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 16. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK ('000)

Educational attainment	Number of spells of looking for work			Total
	One	Two	Three or more	
With post-school qualifications(a)	379.1	67.2	47.4	493.7
Degree or equivalent	63.0	10.7	7.0	80.7
Trade, technical level	306.0	53.5	39.2	398.7
Without post-school qualifications(b)	794.1	125.5	79.3	999.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	188.4	23.7	17.0	229.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school available	602.2	101.2	62.2	765.6
Left school at age—				
16 years or over	238.3	38.5	22.7	299.5
15 years or under	363.9	62.7	39.5	466.1
Still at school	60.4	4.9	6.0	71.2
Total	1,233.6	197.6	132.7	1,563.9

(a) Includes persons with qualifications not listed. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

**TABLE 17. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK DURING THE YEAR
(' 000)**

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

**TABLE 18. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
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Number of spells of looking for work	Age group (years)						55 and over	Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54					
MALES										
One	169.2	149.4	170.6	86.9	63.2	48.1	272.8	414.7	687.5	
Two	24.4	29.7	30.6	18.8	9.7	4.5	50.9	66.8	117.7	
Three or more	14.4	16.8	20.3	10.6	9.1	*	33.7	40.8	74.5	
Total	208.1	195.9	221.5	116.3	82.0	55.8	357.3	522.3	879.7	
FEMALES										
One	174.1	108.9	129.8	88.2	34.4	10.6	219.7	326.4	546.2	
Two	23.2	20.3	18.9	12.1	*	*	27.7	52.2	79.8	
Three or more	10.6	11.4	18.2	11.2	5.9	*	29.3	29.0	58.2	
Total	207.9	140.7	166.9	111.6	44.4	12.8	276.7	407.5	684.2	
PERSONS										
One	343.3	258.3	300.4	175.1	97.7	58.7	492.5	741.1	1,233.6	
Two	47.6	50.1	49.5	30.9	13.7	5.8	78.6	119.0	197.6	
Three or more	25.0	28.2	38.5	21.9	15.1	*	62.9	69.8	132.7	
Total	416.0	336.6	388.4	227.9	126.5	68.6	634.0	929.9	1,563.9	

TABLE 19. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
WEEKS SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK

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

TABLE 20. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
AGE AND WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE
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Age group (years)	Weeks out of the labour force						52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52		
MARRIED MALES								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	9.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	19.3
25-34	50.2	27.5	8.2	*	*	*	9.1	103.2
35-44	33.2	31.8	6.9	5.7	*	*	15.3	96.7
45-54	23.4	22.1	7.2	*	*	*	29.6	89.8
55-59	9.1	10.1	5.5	5.0	*	*	47.0	78.9
60-64	*	11.1	6.4	8.7	5.1	*	116.9	153.1
65 and over	*	6.5	5.2	6.6	5.3	*	396.5	425.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>113.3</i>	<i>40.1</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>615.7</i>	<i>966.8</i>
ALL MALES								
15-19	11.9	22.6	22.4	34.0	88.9	33.1	167.0	380.0
20-24	28.7	26.3	13.4	15.4	26.6	5.0	24.3	139.7
25-34	70.0	48.9	17.9	12.7	7.7	*	23.4	183.3
35-44	39.4	38.6	9.8	9.7	4.5	*	23.8	126.4
45-54	26.5	26.5	10.7	5.1	*	*	45.9	119.8
55-59	10.4	12.3	6.4	6.6	*	*	61.3	100.3
60-64	4.7	13.0	7.9	9.9	6.2	*	144.1	187.0
65 and over	*	7.8	6.2	8.4	5.5	*	544.2	578.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>195.3</i>	<i>196.0</i>	<i>94.6</i>	<i>101.7</i>	<i>144.8</i>	<i>48.8</i>	<i>1,034.0</i>	<i>1,815.2</i>
MARRIED FEMALES								
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.7	15.8
20-24	10.5	15.4	13.5	12.4	15.6	6.3	77.9	151.5
25-34	32.9	59.0	53.2	57.4	55.1	28.5	369.0	655.2
35-44	31.6	65.2	38.2	41.0	36.1	19.2	296.4	527.7
45-54	17.0	35.3	13.4	16.1	17.8	6.0	280.7	386.4
55-59	4.7	12.3	*	6.3	*	*	186.4	219.3
60-64	*	*	*	*	*	*	197.8	213.6
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	318.1	323.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>102.6</i>	<i>193.8</i>	<i>125.5</i>	<i>138.7</i>	<i>133.9</i>	<i>64.2</i>	<i>1,734.0</i>	<i>2,492.7</i>
ALL FEMALES								
15-19	19.5	25.5	24.1	42.3	87.0	26.1	179.5	404.0
20-24	27.4	34.4	26.7	22.1	34.2	11.5	118.0	274.4
25-34	44.1	72.2	63.4	72.0	66.1	35.2	425.3	778.4
35-44	38.2	75.4	44.8	46.5	40.7	22.2	347.2	615.1
45-54	20.7	40.6	17.6	20.5	21.6	8.2	332.2	461.5
55-59	6.3	15.2	5.4	7.4	4.7	4.5	238.1	281.7
60-64	*	5.7	*	*	*	*	289.1	309.8
65 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	751.2	760.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>161.2</i>	<i>271.1</i>	<i>185.7</i>	<i>217.2</i>	<i>260.8</i>	<i>108.7</i>	<i>2,680.6</i>	<i>3,885.3</i>
ALL PERSONS								
15-19	31.4	48.1	46.5	76.3	176.0	59.2	346.5	784.0
20-24	56.2	60.8	40.2	37.5	60.8	16.5	142.3	414.1
25-34	114.1	121.1	81.3	84.8	73.8	37.8	448.7	961.6
35-44	77.6	114.0	54.6	56.3	45.2	22.9	371.0	741.5
45-54	47.2	67.1	28.3	25.6	24.5	10.4	378.2	581.3
55-59	16.7	27.5	11.8	14.0	7.1	5.4	299.5	382.0
60-64	8.3	18.6	10.1	14.1	10.4	*	433.1	496.8
65 and over	5.0	9.8	7.5	10.5	7.6	*	1,295.4	1,339.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>356.5</i>	<i>467.1</i>	<i>280.3</i>	<i>318.9</i>	<i>405.5</i>	<i>157.5</i>	<i>3,714.6</i>	<i>5,700.5</i>

**TABLE 21. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
MAJOR ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE**
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Major activity when out of the labour force	Weeks out of the labour force							52	Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52			
MALES									
Attended an educational institution	*	14.7	27.4	42.3	113.5	37.7	189.1	427.2	
Ill or injured	11.3	25.3	14.5	12.9	7.4	*	78.4	152.0	
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	43.6	57.6	27.6	32.0	16.4	6.2	669.4	852.9	
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	46.8	48.0	
Unpaid leave	108.0	69.2	11.7	*	*	*	*	192.9	
Other activity	26.9	24.9	10.4	8.5	5.6	*	20.0	96.9	
Total(a)	195.3	196.0	94.6	101.7	144.8	48.8	1,034.0	1,815.2	
FEMALES									
Kept house	35.2	132.2	125.8	148.0	145.4	72.7	2,249.3	2,908.6	
Attended an educational institution	6.1	17.1	28.5	47.3	101.4	29.6	181.9	411.8	
Ill or injured	10.8	20.6	9.3	6.0	*	*	33.7	84.3	
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	23.5	27.3	7.8	7.4	*	*	160.5	232.3	
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	17.5	17.5	
Unpaid leave	77.8	64.8	9.5	*	*	*	*	159.4	
Other activity	7.8	9.0	4.9	*	4.7	*	37.5	71.4	
Total	161.2	271.1	185.7	217.2	260.8	108.7	2,680.6	3,885.3	
PERSONS									
Kept house	38.1	136.1	128.5	150.8	147.1	73.9	2,279.4	2,953.9	
Attended an educational institution	8.6	31.8	55.9	89.5	214.9	67.3	371.0	839.0	
Ill or injured	22.1	45.9	23.8	18.9	10.0	*	112.1	236.3	
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	67.1	85.0	35.4	39.4	20.7	7.8	829.9	1,085.2	
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	64.3	65.5	
Unpaid leave	185.8	134.0	21.2	7.5	*	*	*	352.3	
Other activity	34.7	33.9	15.3	12.7	10.3	*	57.5	168.3	
Total	356.5	467.1	280.3	318.9	405.5	157.5	3,714.6	5,700.5	

(a) Includes males who kept house.

**TABLE 22. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1984:
MAJOR ACTIVITY WHEN OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE**
(' 000)

Major activity when out of the labour force	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
Attended an educational institution	339.0	62.2	19.7	*	*	*	*	*	427.2
Ill or injured	5.0	12.2	25.0	24.2	32.3	22.0	16.9	14.4	152.0
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	13.6	21.6	40.3	27.1	31.7	49.0	147.5	522.1	852.9
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	10.6	9.2	8.0	10.8	48.0
Unpaid leave	12.5	24.0	60.7	47.2	29.0	10.3	5.7	*	192.9
Other activity	8.0	17.1	27.6	15.3	11.3	5.0	*	8.4	96.9
Total(a)	380.0	139.7	183.3	126.4	119.8	100.3	187.0	578.7	1,815.2
FEMALES									
Kept house	26.6	168.2	677.0	521.7	399.0	244.6	268.5	603.0	2,908.6
Attended an educational institution	339.5	44.5	15.4	8.4	*	*	*	*	411.8
Ill or injured	7.8	7.9	13.7	17.2	12.8	6.2	*	16.0	84.3
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	12.3	18.8	15.5	11.3	11.8	16.9	27.6	118.1	232.3
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.4	17.5
Unpaid leave	10.0	23.2	44.2	44.8	24.9	8.1	*	*	159.4
Other activity	7.5	9.9	11.5	9.4	8.9	4.6	6.3	13.3	71.4
Total	404.0	274.4	778.4	615.1	461.5	281.7	309.8	760.5	3,885.3
PERSONS									
Kept house	27.4	169.3	683.9	527.6	402.6	249.1	273.1	620.7	2,953.9
Attended an educational institution	678.5	106.8	35.1	11.1	*	*	*	*	839.0
Ill or injured	12.8	20.2	38.7	41.3	45.2	28.2	19.6	30.3	236.3
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	25.8	40.4	55.9	38.4	43.5	66.0	175.1	640.2	1,085.2
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	6.3	12.0	10.3	9.0	19.1	65.5
Unpaid leave	22.4	47.2	104.9	92.0	53.9	18.4	9.0	4.5	352.3
Other activity	15.5	27.0	39.1	24.8	20.3	9.6	10.4	21.7	168.3
Total	784.0	414.1	961.6	741.5	581.3	382.0	496.8	1,339.2	5,700.5

(a) Includes males who kept house.

TABLE 23. PERSONS WHO WORKED IN THEIR CURRENT JOB FOR ONE YEAR OR LONGER WHO DID NOT WORK FOR THE WHOLE YEAR : OCCUPATION, FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS AND WEEKS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE (' 000)

Occupation group and full-time/part-time status	Weeks out of the labour force				Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and over	
MALES					
Professional, technical, etc.	15.2	11.2	*	*	31.5
Administrative, executive and managerial	6.2	5.0	*	*	11.9
Clerical	*	*	*	*	6.7
Sales	8.4	7.4	*	*	17.7
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	7.2	9.4	*	4.7	24.0
Transport and communication	15.5	11.1	*	*	28.2
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	67.2	42.9	8.4	*	122.6
Service, sport and recreation	5.0	5.3	*	*	12.1
Working full-time(a)	116.1	69.1	11.8	6.9	203.9
Working part-time(a)	10.5	22.0	*	8.2	43.8
Not asked—not working(a)	*	*	*	*	7.0
Total	127.3	94.2	16.6	16.6	254.7
FEMALES					
Professional, technical, etc.	15.3	32.0	12.4	9.7	69.4
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	6.1
Clerical	31.2	39.9	13.4	15.4	99.8
Sales	18.6	16.4	4.8	4.9	44.7
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	*	*	*	8.4	16.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	5.5
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	13.4	15.4	*	*	33.6
Service, sport and recreation	22.3	30.4	5.1	9.4	67.1
Working full-time(a)	44.8	29.5	8.4	10.5	93.2
Working part-time(a)	59.6	102.8	21.5	28.1	212.0
Not asked—not working(a)	*	10.9	11.6	12.9	37.3
Total	106.3	143.2	41.5	51.5	342.6
PERSONS					
Professional, technical, etc.	30.5	43.3	14.5	12.6	100.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	8.0	7.9	*	*	18.0
Clerical	33.8	41.6	14.0	17.1	106.5
Sales	27.0	23.8	5.4	6.2	62.4
Farmers, fisherpersons and timbergetters, etc.	9.5	13.5	*	13.1	40.3
Transport and communication	16.9	13.3	*	*	33.6
Trades and production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	80.5	58.2	11.6	5.8	156.2
Service, sport and recreation	27.3	35.6	6.0	10.3	79.2
Working full-time(a)	160.9	98.5	20.2	17.4	297.1
Working part-time(a)	70.1	124.8	24.6	36.3	255.8
Not asked—not working(a)	*	14.0	13.3	14.4	44.3
Total	233.6	237.3	58.1	68.1	597.2

(a) At the end of the year. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

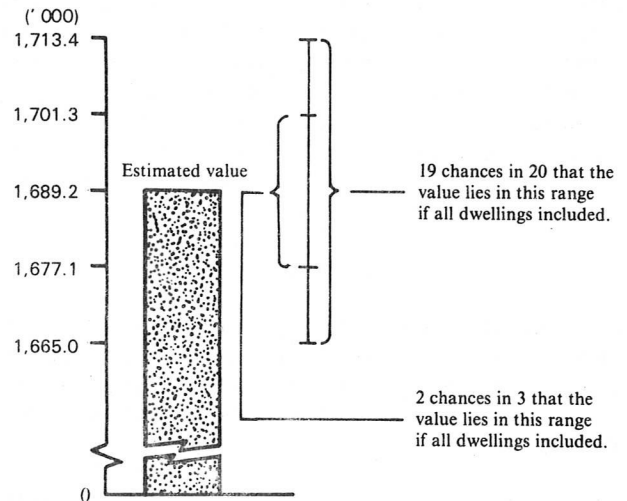
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 2 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending February 1984 was 1,689,200. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 the standard error for Australia will be between 10,000 and 13,000, and can be approximated as 12,100 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 1,677,100 to 1,701,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 1,665,000 and 1,713,400. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

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

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,552,000) is shown in Table 2 as 47.6 per cent. The standard error for 3,552,000 is approximately 15,100 so the relative standard error is 0.4 per cent. The relative standard error for 1,689,200 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 - (0.4)^2}$ or 0.6 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (47.6 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 47.3 per cent and 47.9 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 47.0 per cent to 48.2 per cent.

