



PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents information about persons who are not in the labour force: that is, neither employed nor unemployed. The data measure the potential supply of labour not reflected in employment and unemployment statistics.

Many people not in the labour force can be considered strongly attached to the labour force. They would like to work, but for a variety of reasons are not actively looking for work or are not currently available to start a job. There is an expectation that many of these people will move into the labour force in the short term, or could do so if labour market conditions changed.

The conceptual framework which follows separates persons not in the labour force into more detailed categories, depending on the strength of their attachment to the labour force.

Statistics in this publication were obtained from the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey, conducted throughout Australia in September 2000 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics monthly Labour Force Survey.

This survey provides information about persons aged 15–69 years who were not in the labour force. The survey collected details about whether they wanted to work, about reasons why they were not actively looking for work, about their availability for work, and about their main activity while not in the labour force.

ROUNDING

As estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



ABBREVIATIONS

- ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
- ASCO Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
- LFS Labour Force Survey
- RSE Relative standard error
- SE Standard error

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CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE

The civilian population can be split into two mutually exclusive groups: the labour force (employed and unemployed persons) and persons not in the labour force.

Marginal attachment to the labour force is determined by firstly establishing whether a person not in the labour force has a desire to work, and then by whether they have been actively seeking work or are available to start work within a short period of time.

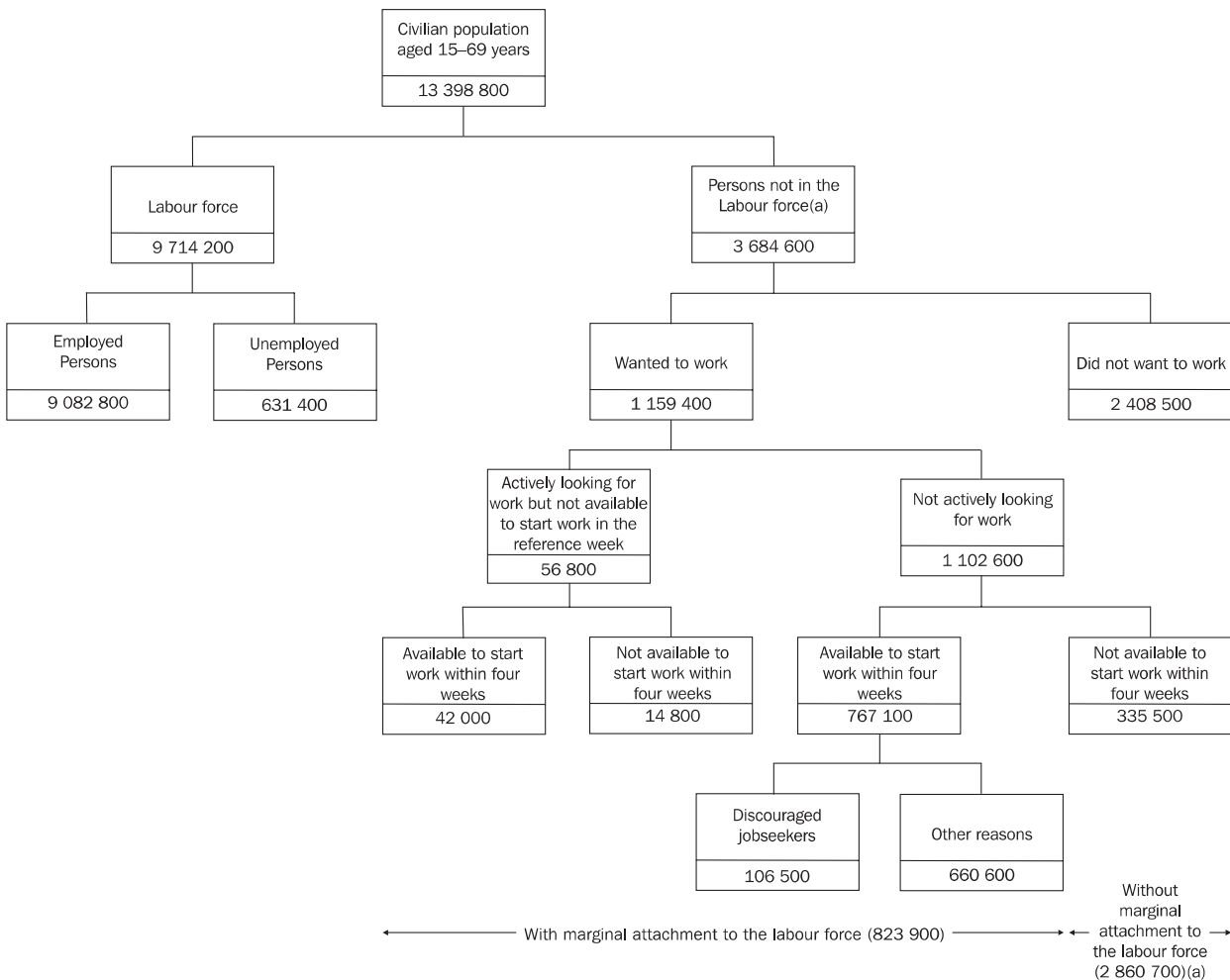
Persons who are marginally attached may satisfy some, but not all, of the criteria required to be classified as unemployed.

Persons not in the labour force are considered to be marginally attached to the labour force if they:

- want to work and are actively looking for work but not available to start work in the reference week; or
- want to work and are not actively looking for work but are available to start work within four weeks.

Persons not in the labour force are not marginally attached if they:

- do not want to work; or
- want to work but are not actively looking for work and are not available to start work within four weeks.



(a) Includes 116,700 persons who were permanently unable to work

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

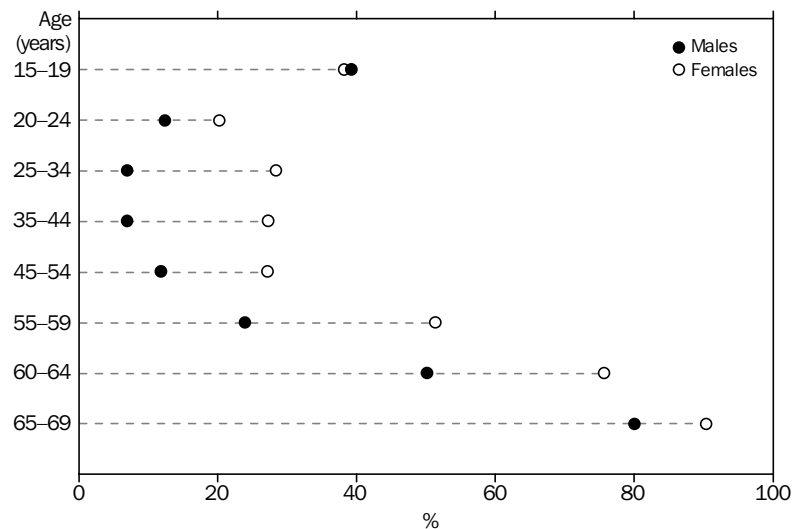
OVERVIEW

In September 2000, there were 3,684,600 persons aged 15–69 years who were not in the labour force. This represented 27% of the civilian population in this age group. Of those not in the labour force, two-thirds were female.

Between September 1999 and September 2000, the number of males not in the labour force rose by 20,900, while the number of females not in the labour force fell by 48,700. The net fall of 27,800 persons represents a drop of just under 1%, and follows a 2% increase between September 1998 and 1999. The number of persons with marginal attachment to the labour force decreased by 7% between September 1999 and September 2000, and follows on from a 4% decrease in the corresponding previous twelve month period.

The proportion of persons not in the labour force varied according to age. In the 15–19 years age group, where there are high levels of educational participation, the proportion was just under 40% for both males and females. In all other age groups, there were more females than males not in the labour force. The proportion of females not in the labour force remained steady at around 28% for those aged 25 to 54 years, before increasing sharply. For males, the proportion progressively increased after the 35–44 years old range.

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, PROPORTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION



MARGINAL ATTACHMENT

Of the 823,900 persons who had a marginal attachment to the labour force in September 2000, 93% were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks. The remainder were actively looking for work but not available to start work in the reference week.

Some 24% of females and 20% of males not in the labour force had a marginal attachment to the labour force. The proportion with marginal attachment decreased for both males and females (by 1 percentage point) since September 1999.

Two-thirds (68%) of females marginally attached to the labour force would have preferred part-time work, while 15% preferred full-time work. Males in this group were more evenly distributed, with 41% preferring part-time work and 39% preferring full-time work. The remainder had no preference, or were undecided.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Main reason for not actively looking for work

The main reasons for not actively looking for work most commonly reported by males were 'attending an educational institution' (27%) and 'own ill health or physical disability' (20%). The most commonly reported reasons for females were 'childcare' (29%) and 'attending an educational institution' (13%).

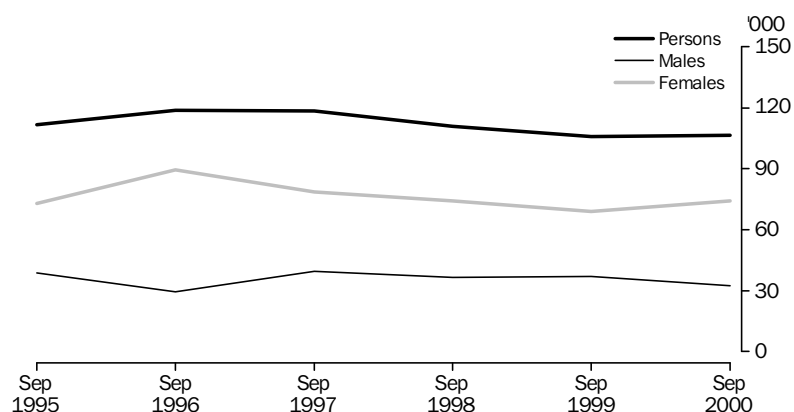
Discouraged jobseekers

At September 2000 there were 106,500 discouraged jobseekers, of whom an estimated 58% said that they intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months.

Females made up 70% of all discouraged jobseekers, 41% of whom were aged 35–54 years. Of those females who previously had a job (68,300), 42% had not had a job during the last 10 years.

The proportion of female discouraged job seekers rose from 65% in 1999 to 70% in 2000, while the male equivalent decreased by 5 percentage points over the same period. Male discouraged jobseekers tended to be older, with 53% aged 55–69 years. The ratio of discouraged jobseekers to the number of persons unemployed was 9% for males, almost unchanged from 1999, and 28% for females, an increase of 6 percentage points from 1999.

DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS



The main reasons for not actively looking for work reported by discouraged jobseekers were 'considered too young or too old by employers' (45%), and 'lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience' (23%).

PERSONS WITHOUT MARGINAL ATTACHMENT

Of the 2,860,700 persons who were without marginal attachment to the labour force in September 2000, the majority (84%) were persons who did not want to work, while a further 4% were permanently unable to work. Of those persons who did not want to work, 39% said their main activity was 'home duties or childcare', 26% said 'retired or voluntarily inactive', and 18% said 'attending an educational institution'.

There were 335,500 persons (12% of those without marginal attachment) who wanted to work but were neither actively looking for work nor available to start work within four weeks. Forty one per cent reported that their main activity was 'home duties or childcare', while 27% reported that they had a job less than 12 months ago. Of these 335,500 persons, almost two-thirds were females.

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CIVILIAN POPULATION, Labour Force Status

	Sep 1995	Sep 1996	Sep 1997	Sep 1998	Sep 1999	Sep 2000
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(a)	6 327.7	6 401.9	6 433.9	6 525.1	6 594.5	6 711.1
Persons in the labour force	5 161.1	5 199.4	5 194.7	5 295.7	5 329.0	5 424.7
Employed	4 699.5	4 736.6	4 730.3	4 854.0	4 926.7	5 054.9
Unemployed	461.6	462.8	464.4	441.7	402.3	369.8
Persons not in the labour force	1 166.6	1 202.5	1 239.2	1 229.4	1 265.5	1 286.4
With marginal attachment to the labour force	261.8	262.0	259.5	282.3	267.0	255.1
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	30.9	28.6	24.4	27.8	27.8	28.6
Were available to start work within four weeks	13.7	15.8	14.6	12.6	18.3	21.6
Were not available to start work within four weeks	17.3	12.8	9.8	15.2	9.5	7.1
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	230.9	233.3	235.1	254.5	239.1	226.4
Discouraged jobseekers	39.0	29.5	39.7	36.7	36.9	32.4
Other	191.9	203.9	195.4	217.8	202.2	194.0
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(b)	904.8	940.5	979.7	947.2	998.6	1 031.4
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	95.0	92.4	101.1	95.6	107.6	118.8
Did not want to work	768.6	784.2	819.7	789.0	838.5	837.9
FEMALES						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(a)	6 296.1	6 382.0	6 451.1	6 499.9	6 610.7	6 687.8
Persons in the labour force	3 896.3	3 969.1	3 996.2	4 090.6	4 163.8	4 289.6
Employed	3 596.7	3 635.6	3 674.7	3 772.2	3 855.4	4 027.9
Unemployed	299.6	333.5	321.5	318.4	308.4	261.7
Persons not in the labour force	2 399.8	2 412.9	2 454.9	2 409.3	2 446.9	2 398.2
With marginal attachment to the labour force	601.0	617.6	630.9	640.4	616.2	568.8
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	32.9	29.4	28.9	31.0	37.4	28.2
Were available to start work within four weeks	19.1	18.9	21.1	20.6	27.2	20.4
Were not available to start work within four weeks	13.7	10.5	7.8	10.3	10.2	7.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	568.1	588.2	602.0	609.4	578.8	540.6
Discouraged jobseekers	72.9	89.4	78.7	74.3	68.9	74.1
Other	495.2	498.8	523.4	535.1	509.9	466.6
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(b)	1 798.8	1 795.3	1 824.0	1 769.0	1 830.7	1 829.4
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	205.7	216.0	197.6	191.5	202.2	216.6
Did not want to work	1 573.5	1 544.5	1 595.6	1 548.7	1 595.2	1 570.6
PERSONS						
Civilian population aged 15 to 69 years(a)	12 623.7	12 783.9	12 885.1	13 025.1	13 205.1	13 398.8
Persons in the labour force	9 057.4	9 168.5	9 190.9	9 386.3	9 492.7	9 714.2
Employed	8 296.2	8 372.2	8 405.0	8 626.2	8 782.0	9 082.8
Unemployed	761.2	796.3	785.9	760.1	710.7	631.4
Persons not in the labour force	3 566.3	3 615.4	3 694.2	3 638.8	3 712.4	3 684.6
With marginal attachment to the labour force	862.8	879.6	890.5	922.6	883.2	823.9
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	63.8	58.0	53.3	58.7	65.2	56.8
Were available to start work within four weeks	32.8	34.7	35.7	33.2	45.5	42.0
Were not available to start work within four weeks	31.0	23.3	17.6	25.5	19.7	14.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	799.0	821.5	837.2	863.9	818.0	767.1
Discouraged jobseekers	111.9	118.9	118.4	110.9	105.8	106.5
Other	687.1	702.6	718.7	753.0	712.2	660.6
Without marginal attachment to the labour force(b)	2 703.5	2 735.8	2 803.7	2 716.1	2 829.2	2 860.7
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	300.7	308.4	298.7	287.1	309.8	335.5
Did not want to work	2 342.1	2 328.7	2 415.4	2 337.6	2 433.7	2 408.5

(a) Civilian population estimates for 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 have been revised. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes persons who were permanently unable to work.

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, Main Activity

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)							
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*2.4	*2.2	*4.1	25.9	48.2	111.0	199.6	393.4
Home duties or childcare	*2.1	11.1	17.7	19.2	7.7	8.1	13.0	78.9
Attending an educational institution	319.3	32.8	13.2	*5.3	*2.1	*1.3	**0.4	374.5
Own disability or handicap	6.1	11.8	20.3	30.5	17.7	21.8	7.2	115.4
Own illness or injury	7.5	20.7	30.2	51.4	24.9	36.5	14.6	185.9
Looking after ill or disabled person	*1.1	*2.8	*3.8	5.7	*2.5	*3.6	*2.5	22.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	8.1	7.8	*4.0	7.7	6.2	10.4	14.1	58.2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*4.3	*2.0	*0.9	*3.5	*3.3	*5.6	7.0	26.7
Other	*3.6	7.1	8.0	*4.5	*2.4	*3.3	*2.5	31.4
Total	354.5	98.3	102.2	153.8	115.1	201.7	261.0	1 286.4
FEMALES								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*1.2	*1.1	*2.9	23.1	43.9	104.7	124.3	301.2
Home duties or childcare	74.6	360.2	330.8	245.6	130.7	151.5	139.3	1 432.5
Attending an educational institution	294.0	25.0	19.7	8.8	*3.0	—	**0.7	351.3
Own disability or handicap	*4.6	*5.3	12.0	16.1	11.3	8.6	*4.1	62.1
Own illness or injury	*4.5	7.2	17.5	23.4	15.9	9.5	*5.1	83.3
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.2	*1.9	8.5	17.5	13.4	12.8	10.9	65.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*5.6	*4.3	*2.3	5.9	10.3	11.0	10.1	49.5
Working in unpaid voluntary job	—	*1.1	*5.1	7.9	*5.2	11.4	11.2	41.8
Other	*1.5	*2.7	*2.8	*1.9	*1.0	**0.9	**0.4	11.3
Total	386.1	408.9	401.7	350.3	234.7	310.4	306.1	2 398.2
PERSONS								
Retired or voluntarily inactive	*3.5	*3.3	7.1	49.0	92.1	215.7	323.9	694.6
Home duties or childcare	76.7	371.2	348.5	264.7	138.4	159.6	152.3	1 511.4
Attending an educational institution	613.3	57.8	32.9	14.2	*5.2	*1.3	*1.1	725.8
Own disability or handicap	10.8	17.1	32.3	46.6	29.0	30.4	11.4	177.5
Own illness or injury	12.0	27.9	47.7	74.9	40.9	46.1	19.7	269.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	*1.3	*4.8	12.3	23.2	16.0	16.4	13.4	87.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	13.7	12.1	6.3	13.6	16.4	21.4	24.2	107.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*4.3	*3.2	6.0	11.4	8.5	17.0	18.2	68.5
Other	*5.1	9.8	10.9	6.4	*3.4	*4.2	*2.9	42.7
Total	740.6	507.2	503.9	504.1	349.8	512.0	567.1	3 684.6
<p>* estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution</p> <p>** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use</p> <p>— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)</p>								

PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE

WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY
LOOKING AND AVAILABLE

	<i>Discouraged jobseekers</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total with marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>	<i>Proportion not in the labour force(b)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%

MALES

State or Territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	11.6	57.0	68.5	78.8	453.6	19.8
Victoria	9.5	50.4	59.9	67.1	317.6	18.8
Queensland	*4.9	38.3	43.2	47.6	221.6	17.7
South Australia	*1.4	17.7	19.2	20.8	110.9	21.2
Western Australia	*3.1	18.1	21.1	25.3	119.4	17.6
Tasmania	*1.0	7.7	8.7	9.1	38.5	23.8
Northern Territory(c)	**0.7	*1.6	*2.2	*2.2	8.6	14.9
Australian Capital Territory	**0.3	*3.3	*3.6	*4.1	16.4	14.7
Age group (years)						
15-19	5.7	66.0	71.7	78.7	269.8	39.3
20-24	*1.8	14.6	16.5	24.9	84.7	12.4
25-34	*2.8	19.6	22.5	28.6	98.3	6.9
35-44	*1.2	25.2	26.4	29.9	102.2	7.0
45-54	*3.7	30.9	34.5	36.8	153.8	11.9
55-59	*4.5	11.2	15.7	16.5	115.1	23.9
60-64	5.7	12.9	18.7	19.3	201.7	50.2
65-69	6.9	13.6	20.4	20.4	261.0	80.1
Relationship in household						
Family member	21.4	152.0	173.4	193.8	1 008.7	18.9
Husband or wife	13.5	60.8	74.3	81.8	616.9	15.9
Lone parent	*1.6	11.1	12.7	12.7	34.3	29.1
Dependent student	*3.0	59.4	62.4	70.7	245.8	52.2
Non-dependent child	*2.9	15.0	17.9	21.7	76.2	10.3
Other family person	**0.4	5.7	6.1	6.9	35.6	27.2
Non-family member	8.0	33.1	41.0	48.0	208.0	18.9
Family status not determined	*3.0	9.0	12.0	13.2	69.7	22.3
Birthplace						
Born in Australia	19.2	143.8	163.0	182.4	850.9	17.4
Born outside Australia	13.2	50.2	63.5	72.7	435.5	24.0
Born in main English-speaking countries	*2.4	19.9	22.3	24.8	131.3	18.5
Born in other countries	10.8	30.3	41.1	47.9	304.2	27.5
Total	32.4	194.0	226.4	255.1	1 286.4	19.2

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FEMALES

State or Territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	27.0	157.1	184.1	192.8	832.7	36.7
Victoria	18.6	106.8	125.4	130.5	604.4	35.6
Queensland	14.0	89.9	103.9	112.3	430.8	34.6
South Australia	*5.1	41.4	46.5	48.8	198.7	38.0
Western Australia	6.3	46.6	53.0	55.1	222.4	33.8
Tasmania	*2.4	16.9	19.2	20.2	67.2	41.0
Northern Territory(c)	**0.2	*2.2	*2.4	*2.4	13.1	25.4
Australian Capital Territory	**0.5	5.7	6.1	6.8	29.0	25.5
Age group (years)						
15-19	*1.4	64.1	65.5	71.6	250.9	38.2
20-24	*1.8	46.7	48.5	55.0	135.2	20.3
25-34	7.5	137.3	144.8	152.4	408.9	28.4
35-44	16.1	126.2	142.2	146.1	401.7	27.3
45-54	14.3	64.8	79.1	82.4	350.3	27.2
55-59	13.2	16.2	29.5	29.8	234.7	51.4
60-64	12.0	8.4	20.4	20.8	310.4	75.7
65-69	7.9	*2.8	10.7	10.7	306.1	90.4
Relationship in household						
Family member	62.3	422.1	484.4	507.4	2 039.0	36.9
Husband or wife	45.1	270.2	315.3	324.4	1 478.0	38.1
Lone parent	14.2	81.1	95.3	100.1	241.7	40.2
Dependent student	**0.6	56.7	57.3	64.6	228.5	45.0
Non-dependent child	**0.8	10.0	10.7	12.0	50.1	11.7
Other family person	*1.7	*4.1	5.7	6.4	40.8	35.7
Non-family member	9.1	27.0	36.0	39.5	268.0	29.6
Family status not determined	*2.7	17.4	20.2	22.0	91.2	31.1
Birthplace						
Born in Australia	47.6	344.3	391.9	413.5	1 635.0	33.3
Born outside Australia	26.5	122.3	148.7	155.3	763.2	43.0
Born in main English-speaking countries	9.2	43.3	52.6	54.9	232.5	34.9
Born in other countries	17.2	78.9	96.2	100.5	530.6	47.9
Total	74.1	466.6	540.6	568.8	2 398.2	35.9

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PERSONS

State or Territory of usual residence						
New South Wales	38.6	214.1	252.7	271.6	1 286.2	28.2
Victoria	28.0	157.3	185.3	197.6	921.9	27.2
Queensland	18.9	128.2	147.1	159.9	652.3	26.1
South Australia	6.5	59.1	65.6	69.5	309.6	29.6
Western Australia	9.4	64.7	74.1	80.4	341.9	25.6
Tasmania	*3.4	24.5	27.9	29.3	105.7	32.5
Northern Territory(c)	**0.9	*3.7	*4.6	*4.6	21.7	19.9
Australian Capital Territory	**0.8	8.9	9.7	10.9	45.3	20.1
Age group (years)						
15-19	7.1	130.1	137.2	150.3	520.7	38.8
20-24	*3.6	61.4	65.0	79.9	219.9	16.3
25-34	10.4	156.9	167.3	181.0	507.2	17.7
35-44	17.3	151.4	168.6	176.0	503.9	17.2
45-54	18.0	95.6	113.6	119.1	504.1	19.5
55-59	17.8	27.4	45.2	46.2	349.8	37.3
60-64	17.7	21.4	39.1	40.1	512.0	63.1
65-69	14.7	16.3	31.1	31.1	567.1	85.4
Relationship in household						
Family member	83.7	574.1	657.8	701.2	3 047.7	28.0
Husband or wife	58.6	331.0	389.5	406.2	2 094.8	27.0
Lone parent	15.7	92.3	108.0	112.8	275.9	38.4
Dependent student	*3.7	116.1	119.7	135.3	474.3	48.5
Non-dependent child	*3.7	25.0	28.6	33.7	126.2	10.8
Other family person	*2.0	9.8	11.9	13.4	76.4	31.2
Non-family member	17.0	60.0	77.1	87.5	476.0	23.7
Family status not determined	5.8	26.4	32.2	35.2	160.9	26.6
Birthplace						
Born in Australia	66.8	488.1	554.9	595.9	2 485.9	25.3
Born outside Australia	39.7	172.5	212.2	228.0	1 198.7	33.4
Born in main English-speaking countries	11.7	63.2	74.9	79.7	363.9	26.5
Born in other countries	28.0	109.2	137.3	148.3	834.8	37.7
Total	106.5	660.6	767.1	823.9	3 684.6	27.5

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(b) Proportion of the civilian population not in the labour force.

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	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING AND AVAILABLE			<i>Total with marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	<i>Discouraged jobseekers</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>		
	'000	'000	'000		
MALES					
Time since last job					
Had a job	25.8	143.4	169.3	191.3	1 010.0
Under twelve months	*4.8	56.0	60.9	74.7	209.7
1 and under 3 years	7.2	33.6	40.7	46.9	213.7
3 and under 5 years	*3.4	15.3	18.7	20.1	143.7
5 and under 10 years	6.2	25.4	31.6	31.7	237.5
10 and under 20 years	*2.7	9.9	12.6	13.1	157.3
20 years or more	*1.6	*3.3	*4.8	*4.8	48.1
Never had a job	6.6	50.6	57.2	63.8	276.4
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	12.3	21.3	33.6	34.3	393.4
Home duties or childcare	*3.9	20.6	24.5	28.1	78.9
Attending an educational institution	*5.4	81.0	86.4	101.6	374.5
Own disability or handicap	**0.5	10.9	11.5	12.0	115.4
Own illness or injury	**0.4	27.2	27.6	30.5	185.9
Looking after ill or disabled person	—	*5.4	*5.4	5.9	22.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*1.6	15.4	17.1	19.0	58.2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*3.5	*3.0	6.5	7.2	26.7
Other	*4.7	9.1	13.9	16.3	31.4
Total	32.4	194.0	226.4	255.1	1 286.4
FEMALES					
Time since last job					
Had a job	68.3	400.1	468.4	491.6	2 032.8
Under twelve months	10.1	97.2	107.4	119.9	323.3
1 and under 3 years	10.3	101.6	111.9	117.3	336.1
3 and under 5 years	6.0	55.1	61.2	63.2	220.0
5 and under 10 years	12.8	72.3	85.1	87.3	377.7
10 and under 20 years	17.2	53.6	70.8	71.9	371.1
20 years or more	11.8	20.3	32.1	32.1	404.6
Never had a job	5.8	66.5	72.2	77.3	365.4
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.0	6.6	13.6	13.6	301.2
Home duties or childcare	56.6	327.4	384.0	398.3	1 432.5
Attending an educational institution	*3.1	85.8	88.9	99.3	351.3
Own disability or handicap	**0.3	5.8	6.2	6.8	62.1
Own illness or injury	—	12.0	12.0	13.0	83.3
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.3	7.3	7.6	7.8	65.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*2.8	11.3	14.1	15.5	49.5
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*2.6	7.1	9.6	9.6	41.8
Other	*1.3	*3.4	*4.7	*5.0	11.3
Total	74.1	466.6	540.6	568.8	2 398.2

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	WANTED TO WORK, NOT ACTIVELY LOOKING AND AVAILABLE			<i>Total with marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	<i>Discouraged jobseekers</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>		
	'000	'000	'000		
PERSONS					
Time since last job					
Had a job	94.1	543.6	637.7	682.9	3 042.8
Under twelve months	15.0	153.2	168.2	194.6	533.0
1 and under 3 years	17.5	135.2	152.6	164.1	549.8
3 and under 5 years	9.4	70.4	79.9	83.3	363.7
5 and under 10 years	19.0	97.7	116.7	119.0	615.2
10 and under 20 years	19.9	63.5	83.4	84.9	528.4
20 years or more	13.4	23.5	36.9	36.9	452.7
Never had a job	12.4	117.0	129.4	141.0	641.9
Main activity					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	19.3	27.9	47.2	47.9	694.6
Home duties or childcare	60.5	348.0	408.6	426.5	1 511.4
Attending an educational institution	8.5	166.7	175.3	200.9	725.8
Own disability or handicap	**0.9	16.8	17.7	18.8	177.5
Own illness or injury	**0.4	39.2	39.6	43.5	269.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	**0.3	12.7	13.0	13.7	87.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*4.4	26.7	31.1	34.5	107.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	6.1	10.1	16.1	16.8	68.5
Other	6.1	12.5	18.6	21.3	42.7
Total	106.5	660.6	767.1	823.9	3 684.6

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PERSONS WITH MARGINAL ATTACHMENT, Main Reason Not Actively Looking for Work

	AGE GROUP (YEARS)					SEX		
	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-69	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	28.1	13.7	7.4	*5.5	*2.1	28.6	28.2	56.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	202.2	167.3	168.6	113.6	115.3	226.4	540.6	767.1
Discouraged jobseeker	10.7	10.4	17.3	18.0	50.2	32.4	74.1	106.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	*1.1	**0.4	*2.3	5.8	37.9	16.6	31.0	47.6
Lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*2.8	*4.7	5.7	6.3	*5.2	*4.6	20.1	24.7
Difficulties because of language or ethnic background	*1.0	*2.2	*3.3	**0.8	*0.9	*3.1	*5.1	8.2
No jobs in locality or line of work	5.7	*2.8	*4.9	*4.5	*5.1	7.9	15.1	23.0
No jobs at all	**0.1	**0.3	*1.0	**0.6	*1.1	**0.2	*2.8	*3.1
Other reasons	191.5	156.9	151.4	95.6	65.1	194.0	466.6	660.6
Personal reasons	136.8	31.9	40.5	51.9	44.8	140.1	165.7	305.8
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	8.5	11.0	19.9	28.6	26.2	50.5	43.7	94.1
Attending an educational institution	121.9	8.1	9.8	*2.0	*1.8	69.0	74.7	143.7
Other personal reasons	6.3	12.8	10.8	21.3	16.8	20.6	47.4	68.0
Family reasons	27.8	102.9	90.2	27.3	8.4	17.2	239.3	256.5
Ill health of other than self	**0.3	*4.8	5.7	6.8	*3.9	6.2	15.3	21.5
Childcare	23.0	80.2	63.1	5.9	**0.7	6.8	166.2	173.0
Other family considerations	*4.4	17.9	21.4	14.5	*3.8	*4.3	57.8	62.1
No jobs in suitable hours	*2.0	*2.1	*2.9	**0.3	—	*1.2	6.0	7.2
Other reasons	10.2	5.9	9.7	8.6	5.9	16.8	23.4	40.2
Had a job to go to(a)	11.0	12.3	6.7	*5.6	*4.3	15.6	24.4	39.9
Did not know	*3.8	*1.9	*1.4	*2.1	*1.7	*3.1	7.8	10.9
Total	230.3	181.0	176.0	119.1	117.4	255.1	568.8	823.9

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(a) Includes persons who had a job, but up until the reference week had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

	INTENTION			FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME PREFERENCE		Total(a)
	<i>Intended to enter</i>	<i>Might enter</i>	<i>Did not intend to enter</i>	<i>Full- time</i>	<i>Part- time</i>	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
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Sex						
Males	164.3	49.5	26.7	98.9	105.6	255.1
Females	363.3	131.1	47.4	87.1	388.3	568.8
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	56.8	—	—	23.7	28.5	56.8
Were available to start work within four weeks	42.0	—	—	15.6	22.2	42.0
Were not available to start work within four weeks	14.8	—	—	8.1	6.4	14.8
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	470.7	180.6	74.2	162.4	465.3	767.1
Discouraged jobseeker	47.6	24.2	30.0	20.0	43.5	106.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	12.3	10.6	22.6	6.7	14.5	47.6
Lacked the necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	14.1	*5.4	*3.5	*3.3	13.6	24.7
Difficulties because of language or ethnic background	5.7	*2.0	**0.2	*3.1	*1.9	8.2
No jobs in locality or line of work	14.9	5.8	*2.3	6.5	12.6	23.0
No jobs at all	**0.6	**0.5	*1.5	**0.4	**0.7	*3.1
Other reasons	423.1	156.4	44.1	142.5	421.9	660.6
Personal reasons	181.7	65.8	31.1	72.9	178.7	305.8
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	39.4	28.4	20.4	19.7	42.7	94.1
Attending an educational institution	105.0	20.3	—	41.7	93.7	143.7
Other personal reasons	37.3	17.1	10.7	11.6	42.3	68.0
Family reasons	165.8	76.9	6.7	37.1	190.2	256.5
Ill health of other than self	10.1	8.2	*1.4	*3.3	13.7	21.5
Childcare	117.2	50.8	*3.4	25.3	129.3	173.0
Other family considerations	38.5	17.9	*2.0	8.5	47.2	62.1
No jobs in suitable hours	*4.9	*2.4	—	—	7.2	7.2
Other reasons	27.4	6.9	*5.0	14.3	17.8	40.2
Had a job to go to(b)	35.8	*2.5	**0.3	15.8	22.1	39.9
Did not know	7.5	*1.8	*1.0	*2.3	5.9	10.9
Total	527.6	180.6	74.2	186.1	493.9	823.9

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(a) Includes those persons who did not know whether they intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months and persons who had 'no preference' for full-time or part-time work.

(b) Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work.

PERSONS WITHOUT MARGINAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LABOUR FORCE

	<i>Wanted to work but neither looking nor available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES				
State or Territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	39.3	295.0	374.8	453.6
Victoria	32.6	201.1	250.5	317.6
Queensland	19.0	151.0	173.9	221.6
South Australia	13.2	72.6	90.1	110.9
Western Australia	10.3	81.4	94.1	119.4
Tasmania	*3.0	22.1	29.3	38.5
Northern Territory(b)	**0.6	4.6	6.4	8.6
Australian Capital Territory	**0.9	10.2	12.3	16.4
Age group (years)				
15-19	29.3	161.0	191.1	269.8
20-24	11.9	46.1	59.8	84.7
25-34	20.4	43.0	69.7	98.3
35-44	18.7	42.1	72.3	102.2
45-54	18.7	75.3	117.0	153.8
55-59	8.7	81.8	98.6	115.1
60-64	8.6	157.5	182.4	201.7
65-69	*2.7	231.0	240.5	261.0
Relationship in household				
Family member	88.9	671.7	814.9	1 008.7
Husband or wife	42.5	454.4	535.1	616.9
Lone parent	*3.6	15.6	21.6	34.3
Dependent student	26.9	148.1	175.1	245.8
Non-dependent child	11.8	32.2	54.5	76.2
Other family person	*4.2	21.4	28.6	35.6
Non-family member	22.8	119.9	160.0	208.0
Family status not determined	7.1	46.3	56.5	69.7
Birthplace				
Born in Australia	79.0	537.3	668.5	850.9
Born outside Australia	39.8	300.6	362.9	435.5
Born in main English-speaking countries	9.8	91.3	106.5	131.3
Born in other countries	30.0	209.3	256.3	304.2
Time since last job				
Had a job	89.8	664.4	818.7	1 010.0
Under twelve months	28.5	102.9	135.0	209.7
1 and under 3 years	31.9	125.6	166.9	213.7
3 and under 5 years	10.0	102.6	123.5	143.7
5 and under 10 years	10.7	178.8	205.8	237.5
10 and under 20 years	6.8	122.7	144.2	157.3
20 years or more	*2.0	31.8	43.3	48.1
Never had a job	29.1	173.5	212.7	276.4
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.8	344.5	359.1	393.4
Home duties or childcare	6.7	41.1	50.8	78.9
Attending an educational institution	49.3	223.4	272.9	374.5
Own disability or handicap	10.8	58.2	103.4	115.4
Own illness or injury	32.3	96.2	155.4	185.9
Looking after ill or disabled person	*4.9	11.1	16.1	22.0
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*2.4	35.0	39.2	58.2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*1.3	17.8	19.5	26.7
Other	*3.2	10.6	15.1	31.4
Total	118.8	837.9	1 031.4	1 286.4

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	<i>Wanted to work but neither looking nor available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES				
State or Territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	73.2	548.8	639.9	832.7
Victoria	57.3	400.5	473.8	604.4
Queensland	36.7	279.3	318.5	430.8
South Australia	19.8	128.5	150.0	198.7
Western Australia	20.7	145.8	167.4	222.4
Tasmania	*4.2	40.4	47.0	67.2
Northern Territory(b)	*1.3	8.9	10.7	13.1
Australian Capital Territory	*3.4	18.4	22.1	29.0
Age group (years)				
15-19	30.0	148.5	179.3	250.9
20-24	21.1	58.5	80.1	135.2
25-34	64.1	189.0	256.5	408.9
35-44	56.3	192.4	255.5	401.7
45-54	27.7	229.2	267.9	350.3
55-59	9.4	188.6	205.0	234.7
60-64	*3.6	278.5	289.5	310.4
65-69	*4.4	285.9	295.5	306.1
Relationship in household				
Family member	194.2	1 306.0	1 531.6	2 039.0
Husband or wife	129.1	1 006.5	1 153.6	1 478.0
Lone parent	31.2	105.4	141.6	241.7
Dependent student	27.3	136.5	163.9	228.5
Non-dependent child	*4.4	27.1	38.1	50.1
Other family person	*2.2	30.6	34.4	40.8
Non-family member	16.7	203.6	228.5	268.0
Family status not determined	5.8	61.0	69.2	91.2
Birthplace				
Born in Australia	147.1	1 046.1	1 221.5	1 635.0
Born outside Australia	69.5	524.5	607.8	763.2
Born in main English-speaking countries	21.6	151.7	177.7	232.5
Born in other countries	47.9	372.9	430.2	530.6
Time since last job				
Had a job	179.6	1 329.9	1 541.2	2 032.8
Under twelve months	63.5	138.7	203.4	323.3
1 and under 3 years	39.5	176.8	218.8	336.1
3 and under 5 years	17.7	137.5	156.8	220.0
5 and under 10 years	32.4	251.5	290.4	377.7
10 and under 20 years	16.7	274.3	299.2	371.1
20 years or more	9.8	351.1	372.5	404.6
Never had a job	37.0	240.7	288.1	365.4
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	7.0	276.3	287.6	301.2
Home duties or childcare	132.3	892.9	1 034.2	1 432.5
Attending an educational institution	48.7	203.1	252.0	351.3
Own disability or handicap	*4.6	30.1	55.3	62.1
Own illness or injury	15.6	48.7	70.3	83.3
Looking after ill or disabled person	*5.3	50.9	57.5	65.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	**0.8	33.2	34.0	49.5
Working in unpaid voluntary job	**0.7	30.7	32.2	41.8
Other	*1.6	*4.7	6.3	11.3
Total	216.6	1 570.6	1 829.4	2 398.2

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	<i>Wanted to work but neither looking nor available</i>	<i>Did not want to work</i>	<i>Total without marginal attachment(a)</i>	<i>Total not in the labour force</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS				
State or Territory of usual residence				
New South Wales	112.5	843.8	1 014.6	1 286.2
Victoria	89.9	601.6	724.3	921.9
Queensland	55.7	430.2	492.4	652.3
South Australia	33.0	201.2	240.1	309.6
Western Australia	31.0	227.1	261.5	341.9
Tasmania	7.3	62.5	76.3	105.7
Northern Territory(b)	*1.8	13.5	17.0	21.7
Australian Capital Territory	*4.3	28.6	34.4	45.3
Age group (years)				
15-19	59.3	309.6	370.4	520.7
20-24	33.0	104.5	139.9	219.9
25-34	84.5	232.0	326.1	507.2
35-44	75.0	234.6	327.9	503.9
45-54	46.4	304.5	384.9	504.1
55-59	18.1	270.4	303.6	349.8
60-64	12.2	436.0	471.9	512.0
65-69	7.1	516.9	536.0	567.1
Relationship in household				
Family member	283.1	1 977.7	2 346.5	3 047.7
Husband or wife	171.5	1 460.9	1 688.7	2 094.8
Lone parent	34.7	120.9	163.2	275.9
Dependent student	54.2	284.6	339.0	474.3
Non-dependent child	16.2	59.3	92.6	126.2
Other family person	6.5	52.0	63.0	76.4
Non-family member	39.6	323.5	388.5	476.0
Family status not determined	12.8	107.2	125.7	160.9
Birthplace				
Born in Australia	226.1	1 583.3	1 890.0	2 485.9
Born outside Australia	109.4	825.2	970.7	1 198.7
Born in main English-speaking countries	31.4	243.0	284.2	363.9
Born in other countries	77.9	582.2	686.5	834.8
Time since last job				
Had a job	269.4	1 994.3	2 359.9	3 042.8
Under twelve months	92.0	241.5	338.4	533.0
1 and under 3 years	71.4	302.4	385.6	549.8
3 and under 5 years	27.7	240.1	280.3	363.7
5 and under 10 years	43.1	430.3	496.2	615.2
10 and under 20 years	23.5	397.0	443.5	528.4
20 years or more	11.8	382.9	415.8	452.7
Never had a job	66.1	414.2	500.8	641.9
Main activity				
Retired or voluntarily inactive	14.7	620.9	646.7	694.6
Home duties or childcare	139.1	934.0	1 084.9	1 511.4
Attending an educational institution	98.1	426.5	524.9	725.8
Own disability or handicap	15.4	88.2	158.6	177.5
Own illness or injury	47.9	144.9	225.7	269.1
Looking after ill or disabled person	10.2	62.0	73.6	87.3
Travel, holiday or leisure activity	*3.2	68.2	73.3	107.8
Working in unpaid voluntary job	*2.0	48.4	51.7	68.5
Other	*4.8	15.4	21.4	42.7
Total	335.5	2 408.5	2 860.7	3 684.6

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(a) Includes persons who were permanently unable to work.

(b) Refers to mainly urban areas only. For more information see paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

DISCOURAGED JOBSEEKERS

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	'000	'000	'000
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Age group (years)			
15-24	7.6	*3.1	10.7
25-34	*2.8	7.5	10.4
35-44	*1.2	16.1	17.3
45-54	*3.7	14.3	18.0
55-69	17.1	33.1	50.2
Whether looked for work in the last twelve months			
Had looked for work	13.4	19.1	32.5
Less than 13 weeks ago	11.2	13.5	24.7
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	*1.0	*2.6	*3.6
26 to 52 weeks ago	*1.2	*3.0	*4.2
Had not looked for work	19.0	55.0	74.0
Whether intended to enter the labour force in the next twelve months			
Intended to enter(a)	21.8	40.1	61.8
Did not intend to enter(b)	10.7	34.0	44.7
Time since last job			
Had a job	25.8	68.3	94.1
Under twelve months	*4.8	10.1	15.0
1 and under 3 years	7.2	10.3	17.5
3 and under 5 years	*3.4	6.0	9.4
5 and under 10 years	6.2	12.8	19.0
10 and under 20 years	*2.7	17.2	19.9
20 years or more	*1.6	11.8	13.4
Never had a job	6.6	5.8	12.4
Total	32.4	74.1	106.5

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(a) Includes 'might enter the labour force'.

(b) Includes 'did not know'.

PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, for Childcare Reasons

AVAILABLE FOR WORK

	<i>Childcare was the main reason for not looking</i>	<i>Childcare was a reason for not looking</i>	<i>Not available for work for childcare reasons</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000
.....				
FEMALES				
Age group (years)				
15-24	23.0	24.9	7.4	32.3
25-34	78.1	92.6	36.1	128.7
35-44	60.3	68.9	20.1	89.0
45-54	*4.1	*4.5	**0.9	*5.4
55-69	**0.7	**0.7	—	**0.7
Age of youngest child				
0-2	90.3	99.9	47.2	147.2
3-5	45.5	55.4	10.8	66.2
6-11	30.3	36.2	6.5	42.7
12 years and over	—	—	—	—
Relationship in household				
Family member	160.7	184.7	63.7	248.4
Husband or wife	116.1	131.4	55.1	186.5
Lone parent	44.6	53.3	8.6	61.9
Family status not determined	*5.5	6.9	**0.8	7.7
Birthplace				
Born in Australia	119.3	138.6	45.0	183.6
Born outside Australia	46.9	53.1	19.5	72.6
Born in main English-speaking countries	17.4	19.1	6.3	25.4
Born in other countries	29.5	34.0	13.2	47.2
Total	166.2	191.7	64.5	256.2

PERSONS

Age group (years)				
15-24	23.0	24.9	7.4	32.3
25-34	80.2	95.4	36.4	131.8
35-44	63.1	72.8	21.3	94.1
45-54	5.9	6.4	*1.3	7.8
55-69	**0.7	**0.7	—	**0.7
Age of youngest child				
0-2	92.4	102.4	48.8	151.1
3-5	47.1	57.5	10.8	68.3
6-11	33.3	40.3	6.9	47.2
12 years and over	—	—	—	—
Relationship in household				
Family member	167.5	193.3	65.3	258.7
Husband or wife	118.6	134.7	56.6	191.3
Lone parent	48.9	58.6	8.8	67.4
Family status not determined	*5.5	6.9	**0.8	7.7
Birthplace				
Born in Australia	123.9	144.6	46.1	190.7
Born outside Australia	49.1	55.6	20.4	76.0
Born in main English-speaking countries	18.6	20.2	6.3	26.5
Born in other countries	30.5	35.4	14.1	49.5
Total	173.0	200.3	66.4	266.7

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	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS . . .		
	Employee	Own account worker/Employer	Full-time	Part-time	Total(a)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	439.0	49.6	395.6	85.5	488.6
Retrenched	177.7	*2.2	146.4	31.3	179.8
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	37.8	*2.3	15.0	24.0	40.1
Own ill health or injury	216.7	37.8	223.2	27.7	254.6
Business closed down for economic reasons	6.8	7.3	11.0	*2.5	14.1
Job leaver	406.4	64.5	367.8	99.3	473.3
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	28.4	**0.7	18.7	10.4	29.3
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	26.1	**0.8	10.9	16.8	27.7
Retired, did not want to work any longer	164.7	26.8	173.5	16.2	191.5
Own disability or handicap	61.8	11.0	63.5	7.9	73.2
Returned to studies	54.0	*1.9	24.9	30.6	55.9
Pregnancy or to have children	**0.6	—	**0.6	—	**0.6
To get married	**0.2	—	**0.2	—	**0.2
To look after family, house or someone else	25.0	*3.1	23.4	*3.2	28.1
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	22.9	*2.5	17.4	7.9	25.3
Business closed down for other reasons	6.8	14.7	19.4	*1.8	21.6
Other	15.8	*3.0	15.2	*4.5	19.9
Occupation in main job					
Managers and Administrators	33.6	18.4	50.0	*2.3	52.4
Professionals	79.4	11.9	71.9	19.2	91.3
Associate Professionals	80.6	21.8	93.7	7.1	102.4
Tradespersons and Related Workers	159.0	27.0	166.0	18.4	186.5
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	5.8	**0.5	*5.3	*1.0	6.3
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	77.7	*2.0	61.5	17.5	79.7
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	170.3	16.5	157.2	26.7	186.8
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	64.5	*5.2	37.9	31.5	70.2
Labourers and Related Workers	174.5	10.8	120.0	61.1	186.2
Whether looked for work in the past twelve months					
Had looked for work	101.8	12.1	66.7	45.7	114.7
Less than 13 weeks ago	76.8	7.8	48.6	34.7	85.1
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	11.0	*1.3	8.1	*4.3	12.4
26 to 52 weeks ago	13.9	*2.9	10.0	6.6	17.2
Had not looked for work	743.6	102.0	696.7	139.1	847.2
Total	845.4	114.2	763.4	184.8	961.9

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	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS . . .		
	Employee	Own account worker/Employer	Full-time	Part-time	Total(a)
.....					
FEMALES					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	440.1	26.8	233.2	227.5	469.1
Retrenched	177.5	*3.8	88.9	90.7	181.8
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	82.4	**0.5	27.4	54.3	84.0
Own ill health or injury	171.0	7.6	102.6	73.2	179.0
Business closed down for economic reasons	9.2	15.0	14.3	9.3	24.2
Job leaver	1 070.8	84.8	663.5	475.3	1 159.1
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	57.5	*2.8	20.8	38.8	60.3
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	16.9	**0.3	*4.8	12.1	17.3
Retired, did not want to work any longer	221.8	27.5	145.3	100.1	250.5
Own disability or handicap	37.8	*2.6	28.1	11.1	40.4
Returned to studies	51.8	*1.9	19.5	33.8	53.7
Pregnancy or to have children	388.4	8.1	263.2	128.0	397.3
To get married	19.9	**0.4	17.6	*2.8	20.7
To look after family, house or someone else	107.9	7.7	53.7	60.7	115.5
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	122.5	*5.3	69.6	57.6	128.6
Business closed down for other reasons	8.6	25.4	24.1	8.3	34.1
Other	37.6	*2.7	16.8	22.1	40.8
Occupation in main job					
Managers and Administrators	13.9	13.3	22.3	*4.0	27.2
Professionals	160.9	6.6	95.5	69.5	167.6
Associate Professionals	86.5	32.7	92.0	27.1	119.5
Tradespersons and Related Workers	54.6	9.6	41.8	21.8	64.3
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	109.3	7.9	78.5	36.8	118.2
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	428.2	16.2	244.1	194.3	446.3
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	97.1	*4.3	75.0	25.8	102.2
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	273.3	10.1	109.0	172.1	284.3
Labourers and Related Workers	287.0	11.0	138.5	151.5	298.6
Whether looked for work in the past twelve months					
Had looked for work	176.0	7.1	75.7	105.0	183.5
Less than 13 weeks ago	127.1	*4.7	53.7	75.6	131.7
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	16.7	*1.4	7.2	10.9	18.1
26 to 52 weeks ago	32.2	*1.0	14.7	18.5	33.7
Had not looked for work	1 334.9	104.6	821.1	597.8	1 444.7
Total	1 510.9	111.6	896.7	702.8	1 628.1

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	STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS . . .		
	Employee '000	Own account worker/Employer '000	Full- time '000	Part- time '000	Total(a) '000
PERSONS					
Reason for ceasing last job					
Job loser	879.1	76.5	628.8	313.0	957.7
Retrenched	355.2	6.0	235.3	122.0	361.7
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	120.2	*2.8	42.5	78.2	124.1
Own ill health or injury	387.8	45.4	325.8	100.9	433.6
Business closed down for economic reasons	15.9	22.3	25.3	11.9	38.3
Job leaver	1 477.2	149.3	1 031.3	574.6	1 632.4
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	85.8	*3.6	39.5	49.2	89.5
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	43.0	*1.1	15.7	28.9	44.9
Retired, did not want to work any longer	386.5	54.3	318.8	116.3	442.0
Own disability or handicap	99.6	13.6	91.6	18.9	113.6
Returned to studies	105.8	*3.8	44.4	64.4	109.5
Pregnancy or to have children	389.1	8.1	263.9	128.0	397.9
To get married	20.1	**0.4	17.8	*2.8	20.9
To look after family, house or someone else	132.9	10.8	77.2	63.9	143.7
To have holidays, moved house or spouse transferred	145.4	7.8	87.0	65.6	153.9
Business closed down for other reasons	15.5	40.2	43.4	10.1	55.7
Other	53.4	5.7	32.0	26.6	60.7
Occupation in main job					
Managers and Administrators	47.5	31.7	72.2	6.2	79.7
Professionals	240.3	18.5	167.4	88.7	259.0
Associate Professionals	167.1	54.5	185.7	34.3	221.8
Tradespersons and Related Workers	213.6	36.6	207.8	40.2	250.8
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	115.1	8.4	83.8	37.8	124.4
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	506.0	18.2	305.6	211.8	526.0
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	267.4	20.8	232.2	52.5	289.0
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	337.8	15.3	147.0	203.5	354.6
Labourers and Related Workers	461.5	21.8	258.5	212.6	484.8
Whether looked for work in the past twelve months					
Had looked for work	277.8	19.2	142.3	150.7	298.2
Less than 13 weeks ago	203.9	12.5	102.3	110.3	216.8
13 and less than 26 weeks ago	27.8	*2.7	15.3	15.2	30.5
26 to 52 weeks ago	46.1	*4.0	24.8	25.2	50.8
Had not looked for work	2 078.5	206.6	1 517.8	736.9	2 291.9
Total	2 356.3	225.8	1 660.1	887.6	2 590.1

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POPULATIONS, By State or Territory of Usual Residence

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES									
Population 1									
Persons not in the labour force	453.6	317.6	221.6	110.9	119.4	38.5	8.6	16.4	1 286.4
Population 2									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	118.2	99.6	66.6	33.9	35.6	12.1	2.8	5.0	373.9
Population 3									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	78.8	67.1	47.6	20.8	25.3	9.1	2.2	4.1	255.1
Population 4									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	68.5	59.9	43.2	19.2	21.1	8.7	2.2	3.6	226.4
Population 5									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	11.6	9.5	*4.9	*1.4	*3.1	*1.0	*0.7	**0.3	32.4
Population 6									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks	39.3	32.6	19.0	13.2	10.3	3.0	*0.6	*0.9	118.8
Population 7									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work	*2.2	*2.7	*2.7	*1.3	**0.9	**0.4	**0.3	—	10.5
Population 8									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	347.0	247.5	184.0	89.2	94.8	29.8	6.2	11.6	1 010.0

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
FEMALES									
Population 1									
Persons not in the labour force	832.7	604.4	430.8	198.7	222.4	67.2	13.1	29.0	2 398.2
Population 2									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	266.0	187.9	149.0	68.6	75.8	24.4	3.6	10.2	785.5
Population 3									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	192.8	130.5	112.3	48.8	55.1	20.2	2.4	6.8	568.8
Population 4									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	184.1	125.4	103.9	46.5	53.0	19.2	2.4	6.1	540.6
Population 5									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	27.0	18.6	14.0	5.1	6.3	2.4	**0.2	*0.5	74.1
Population 6									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks	73.2	57.3	36.7	19.8	20.7	4.2	*1.3	3.4	216.6
Population 7									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work	89.9	62.0	47.6	22.5	23.5	7.3	1.7	1.5	256.2
Population 8									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	688.1	502.3	382.0	173.9	193.5	58.0	9.6	25.3	2 032.8

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PERSONS									
Population 1									
Persons not in the labour force	1 286.2	921.9	652.3	309.6	341.9	105.7	21.7	45.3	3 684.6
Population 2									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work	384.1	287.5	215.6	102.6	111.4	36.6	6.5	15.2	1 159.4
Population 3									
Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force	271.6	197.6	159.9	69.5	80.4	29.3	4.6	10.9	823.9
Population 4									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	252.7	185.3	147.1	65.6	74.1	27.9	4.6	9.7	767.1
Population 5									
Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers	38.6	28.0	18.9	6.5	9.4	3.4	*0.9	*0.8	106.5
Population 6									
Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks	112.5	89.9	55.7	33.0	31.0	7.3	1.8	4.3	335.5
Population 7									
Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work	92.1	64.7	50.3	23.9	24.5	7.7	2.0	1.5	266.7
Population 8									
Persons not in the labour force who previously had a job	1 035.1	749.8	566.1	263.0	288.3	87.8	15.8	36.9	3 042.8

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey that was conducted throughout Australia in September 2000 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

SCOPE

3 In addition to those already excluded from the LFS, there were approximately 80,000 persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia who were out of scope of this survey. The exclusion of these persons has only minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual States and Territories, except the Northern Territory. Please contact the person listed on the front cover of this publication if you require more information.

4 Students at boarding schools, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for persons with handicaps), and inmates of prisons are excluded from all supplementary surveys.

5 Persons aged 70 years and over were also excluded from this survey.

COVERAGE

6 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in September 2000. In the LFS, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling and hence has only one chance of selection in the survey. See *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

7 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.

- sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For more information see the Technical Notes.
- non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing 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 processing procedures.

SEASONAL FACTORS

8 The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month and due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATIONS

9 From August 1996, occupation data are classified according to the second edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations. For more detailed information see ASCO — *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition* (Cat. no. 1220.0).

REVISION TO HISTORICAL DATA

10 Historical estimates of the Civilian population for reference periods 1995 to 1999 have been revised in this publication to exclude institutionalised persons, sparsely settled and remote parts of Australia.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

11 Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The last such revision was made in February 1999 to take account of the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates from supplementary surveys conducted from and including February 1999 are therefore based on revised population benchmarks.

12 Supplementary surveys are not always conducted on the full LFS sample. Since August 1994 the sample for supplementary surveys has been restricted to no more than seven-eighths of the LFS sample. Since it was introduced, this survey has been conducted on various proportional samples and therefore sampling error associated with previous surveys may vary from sampling error for this survey.

13 Persons Not in the Labour Force Surveys conducted up to and including September 1987 included all persons aged 15 years and over. From September 1988, the survey excluded all persons aged 70 years and over.

COMPARABILITY WITH MONTHLY LFS STATISTICS

14 Due to differences in the scope and sample size of this supplementary survey and that of the LFS, the estimation procedure may lead to some small variations between labour force estimates from this survey and those from the LFS.

15 The difference between the estimates appearing in this publication and *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) is chiefly the result of excluding persons aged 70 years and over from the sample of this supplementary survey. Over one-quarter (30%) of the civilian population aged 15 years and over who were not in the labour force were excluded from answering questions from this supplementary survey because they were aged 70 years and over.

16 Further information on persons not in the labour force is available in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Note that such information refers to all persons aged 15 years and over.

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

17 The Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey was first conducted in May 1975 and again in May 1977. The survey was collected twice a year (March and September) from 1979 to 1987. Since then it has been conducted annually. Results of previous surveys have been published in:

- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0)
- standard data service *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0.40.001) for 1994 and 1995 (available in hardcopy only).

NEXT SURVEY

18 The ABS plans to conduct this survey again in September 2001.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

19 Australian Bureau of Statistics publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia* (Cat. no. 6222.0);
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6245.0); and
- *Underemployed Workers, Australia* (Cat. no. 6265.0).

21 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays

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and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or from the ABS Information Service on the World Wide Web: <URL: <http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

UNPUBLISHED DATA

The ABS has a range of unpublished data available from the Persons Not in the Labour Force Survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items are available on request.

The population(s) for a particular data item refers to those persons in the survey to whom the data item relates. Where alternative output categories are available for the same data item, these are shown and the data item name is followed by a bracketed numeral (e.g. Birthplace (2)).

To obtain unpublished data or more information about a customised data service contact Annette Milnes on 02 6252 7240, or by facsimile on 02 6252 7784.

Population 1	Persons not in the labour force
Population 2	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work
Population 3	Persons not in the labour force with marginal attachment to the labour force
Population 4	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks
Population 4A	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work due to childcare reasons, and were available to start work within four weeks
Population 5	Persons not in the labour force who were discouraged jobseekers
Population 6	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and not available to start work within four weeks
Population 6A	Persons not in the labour force who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work nor available to start work within four weeks due to childcare reasons
Population 7	Persons not in the labour force for childcare reasons who wanted to work but were not actively looking for work
Population 8	Persons not in the labour force who had previously had a job

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
1 State or Territory of usual residence	All	7B Birthplace (1)	All
New South Wales		Born in Australia	
Victoria		Born outside Australia	
Queensland		Born in main English-speaking countries	
South Australia		Born in other countries	
Western Australia			
Tasmania		7C Birthplace (2)	All
Northern Territory		Born in Australia	
Australian Capital Territory		Born outside Australia	
2 Area of usual residence	All	The Middle East and North Africa	
State Capital City		Africa (excluding North Africa)	
Balance of State/Territory		Northern America	
3 Region of usual residence	All	South America, Central America and the Caribbean	
Standard Labour Force Dissemination Regions		North-East Asia	
4 Sex	All	South-East Asia	
Males		Southern Asia	
Females		Europe and the Former USSR	
5 Marital status	All	Former Yugoslav Republics	
Married		Germany	
Not married		Greece	
6A Relationship in household (1)	All	Italy	
Family member		Netherlands	
Husband or wife		Poland	
With dependants		UK and Ireland	
Without dependants		Oceania and Antarctica	
Lone parent		New Zealand	
With dependants		8 Age group (years)	All
Without dependants		15–19	
Dependent student		20–24	
Non-dependent child		25–34	
Other family person		35–44	
Non-family member		45–54	
Lone person		55–59	
Not living alone		60–64	
Not determined		65–69	
6B Relationship in household (2)	All	9 Persons not in the Labour Force Summary Variable	1, 8
Family member		With marginal attachment to the labour force	
Husband or wife		Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	
With children under 15		Were available to start work within four weeks	
Without children under 15		Were not available to start work within four weeks	
Lone parent		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	
With children under 15		Discouraged jobseekers	
With dependent students but without children under 15		Other	
Without dependants		Without marginal attachment to the labour force	
Dependent student		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks	
Non-dependent child		Did not want to work	
Other family person		Permanently unable to work	
Non-family member		10 Whether wanted to work	1, 8
Lone person		Wanted to work	
Not living alone		Might want to work	
Family status not determined		Did not want to work	
7A Birthplace and period of arrival	All	Did not know	
Born in Australia			
Born outside Australia			
Arrived before 1971			
Arrived 1971–1980			
Arrived 1981–1990			
Arrived 1991 to survey date			

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
11 Whether looked for work in the last 12 months	All	15 Occupation in last job	All
Had looked for work		Last job less than 20 years ago	
Less than 5 weeks ago		Managers and administrators	
5 and less than 8 weeks ago		Professionals	
8 and less than 13 weeks ago		Associate professionals	
13–52 weeks ago		Tradespersons and related workers	
13 and less than 26 weeks ago		Advanced clerical and service workers	
26 and less than 39 weeks ago		Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	
39–52 weeks ago		Intermediate production and transport workers	
Had not looked for work		Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	
12 Main activity when not in the labour force	All	Labourers and related workers	
Home duties or childcare		Last job 20 or more years ago	
Attending an educational institution		Had never had a job	
Retired or voluntarily inactive		16 Status in employment in last job	All
Own disability or handicap		Last job less than 20 years ago	
Own illness or injury		Employer	
Looking after ill or disabled person		Own account worker	
Travel, holiday or leisure activity		Employee	
Worked in unpaid voluntary job		Contributing family worker	
Other		Unpaid voluntary worker	
13 Time since last job	All	Last job 20 or more years ago	
Had a job		Had never had a job	
Under 12 months		17 Full-time or part-time status in last job	All
1 and under 4 weeks		Last job less than 20 years ago	
4 and under 8 weeks		Full-time	
8 and under 13 weeks		Part-time	
13 and under 26 weeks		Varied/did not know	
26 and under 39 weeks		Last job 20 or more years ago	
39 and under 52 weeks		Had never had a job	
1 and under 3 years		18A Intention to enter the labour force	All
3 and under 10 years		Intended to enter the labour force	
3 and under 5 years		Might enter the labour force	
5 and under 10 years		Did not intend to enter the labour force	
10 years or more		Did not know	
10 and under 20 years		Permanently unable to work	
20 years or more		Not applicable (full-time student)	
Never had a job		18B Intention to enter the labour force in the next 12 months	All
14 Reason for ceasing last job	All	Intended to enter the labour force in the next 12 months	
Had a job		Might enter the labour force in the next 12 months	
Job loser		Did not intend to enter the labour force in the next 12 months	
Retrenched		Did not know	
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies		Permanently unable to work	
Own ill health or injury		19 Main source of income	All
Business closed down for economic reasons		Government pension or cash benefit	
Job leaver		Profit or loss from own business or share in a partnership	
Unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours		Interest/Rents/Dividends	
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies		Superannuation or annuity	
Retired, did not want to work any longer		Worker's compensation, accident or sickness insurance	
Own disability or handicap		Other income	
Returned to studies		Nil or someone else's income	
Pregnancy or to have children			
To get married			
To look after family, house or some one else			
To have holiday, moved house or spouse transferred			
Business closed down for other reasons			
Other			
Had never had a job			

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>	<i>Data Items</i>	<i>Populations</i>
20 Type of work preferred	2:7	22 All reasons for not actively looking for work	4, 4A
Full-time work preferred		<i>continued</i>	
Part-time work preferred		Other reasons	
No preference for full-time or part-time work		Personal reasons	
Undecided		Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	
21 Main reason for not actively looking for work	3, 4, 4A	Attending an educational institution	
Wanted to work and were actively looking for work		Had no need to work	
Were available to start work within four weeks		Give others a chance	
Were not available to start work within four weeks		Welfare payments or pension may be affected	
Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks		Moved house or holidays	
Discouraged jobseekers		Family reasons	
Considered too young or too old by employers		Ill health of other than self	
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience		Childcare	
Difficulties with language or ethnic background		Other family considerations	
No jobs in locality or line of work		No jobs in suitable hours	
No jobs at all		Other reasons	
Other reasons		Had a job to go to	
Personal reasons		Did not know	
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy		23 Reason not available to start work within four weeks	6, 6A
Attending an educational institution		Personal reasons	
Had no need to work		Own ill health or physical disability	
Give others a chance		Pregnancy	
Welfare payments or pension may be affected		Studying or returning to studies	
Moved house or holidays		Moved house or holidays	
Family reasons		Family reasons	
Ill health of other than self		Ill health of other than self	
Childcare		Unable to find suitable childcare	
No childcare in locality		Children too young, preferred to look after children	
No childcare available at all		On a job-related training program	
Cost or too expensive		Other reasons	
Booked out or no places available		24 Marginal attachment summary variable	3
Children too young or too old		Wanted to work and were actively looking for work	
Prefers to look after children		Were available to start work within four weeks	
Quality of childcare unsuitable		Were not available to start work within four weeks	
Other childcare reasons		Wanted to work but were not actively looking for work and were available to start work within four weeks	
Other family considerations		Discouraged jobseekers	
No jobs in suitable hours		Other	
Other reasons		25 Age of youngest child	4A, 6A, 7
Had a job to go to		0-2 years	
Did not know		3-4 years	
22 All reasons for not actively looking for work	4, 4A	5 years	
Discouraged jobseekers		6-9 years	
Considered too young or too old by employers		10-11 years	
Lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience		12 years and over	
Difficulties with language or ethnic background		26 Number of children	4A, 6A, 7
No jobs in locality or line of work		Aged 0-2 years	
No jobs at all		Aged 3-4 years	
		Aged 5 years	
		Aged 6-9 years	
		Aged 10-11 years	

APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

Supplementary and special supplementary surveys collect data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary and special labour force surveys. Data are available in publication form, by subscription or on request. It may be possible to order unpublished data from these surveys by contacting the ABS.

- *Career Experience*. Irregular. Latest issue November 1998 (Cat. no. 6254.0)
- *Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications*. Final issue 1993 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6243.0)
- *Child Care*. Irregular. Latest issue June 1999 (Cat. no. 4402.0)
- *Education and Training Experience*. Irregular. Latest issue 1997 (Cat. no. 6278.0)
- *Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership*. Annual. Latest issue August 1999 (Cat. no. 6310.0)
- *Employment Benefits*. Final issue August 1994 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6334.0.40.001)
- *Forms of Employment*. Irregular. Latest issue August 1998 (Cat. no. 6359.0)
- *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons*. Annual. Latest issue July 2000 (Cat. no. 6222.0)
- *Labour Force Experience*. Two-yearly. Latest issue February 1999 (Cat. no. 6206.0)
- *Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment*. Final issue February 1994 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6235.0)
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families*. Annual. Latest issue June 2000 (Cat. no. 6224.0)
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants*. Irregular. Latest issue November 1999 (Cat. no. 6250.0)
- *Labour Mobility*. Two-yearly. Latest issue February 2000 (Cat. no. 6209.0)
- *Multiple Jobholding*. Irregular. Latest issue August 1997 (Cat. no. 6216.0)
- *Participation in Education*. Final issue September 1999 (Cat. no. 6272.0)
- *Persons Employed at Home*. Irregular. Latest issue September 1995 (Cat. no. 6275.0)
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force*. Annual. Latest issue September 2000 (Cat. no. 6220.0)
- *Persons Who had Re-entered the Labour Force*. Final issue July 1995 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6264.0.40.001)
- *Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force*. Final issue September 1994 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6267.0.40.001)
- *Retirement and Retirement Intentions*. Irregular. Latest issue November 1997 (Cat. no. 6238.0)
- *Retrenchment and Redundancy*. Irregular. Latest issue July 1997 (Cat. no. 6266.0)
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience*. Two-yearly. Latest issue July 1998 (Cat. no. 6245.0)
- *Superannuation*. Irregular. Latest issue November 1995 (Cat. no. 6319.0)
- *Trade Union Members*. Two-yearly. August 1996 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6325.0)
- *Transition from Education to Work*. Annual. Latest issue May 2000 (Cat. no. 6227.0)
- *Underemployed Workers*. Annual. Latest issue September 1999 (Cat. no. 6265.0)
- *Working Arrangements*. Irregular. Latest issue August 1997 (Cat. no. 6342.0)

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY

INTRODUCTION

1 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 those estimates 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 (SE), 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 (67%) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

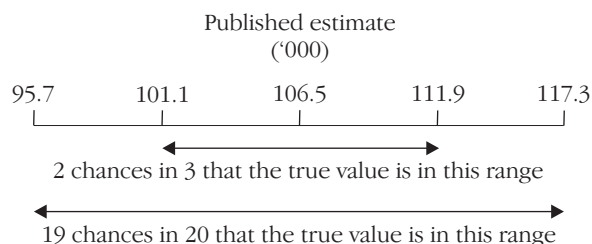
2 Due to space limitations, it is impractical to print the SE of each estimate in the publication. Instead, a table of SEs is provided to enable readers to determine the SE for an estimate from the size of that estimate (see table T1). The SE table is derived from a mathematical model, referred to as the "SE model", which is created using data from a number of past Labour Force Surveys. It should be noted that the SE model only gives an approximate value for the SE for any particular estimate, since there is some minor variation between SEs for different estimates of the same size.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 3 shows that the estimated number of persons in Australia who were discouraged jobseekers was 106,500. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 150,000, table T1 shows the SE for Australia will be between 5,300 and 6,150, and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &SE\ of\ estimate\ (est.) \\
 &= lower\ SE + \left(\left(\frac{size\ of\ est. - lower\ est.}{upper\ est. - lower\ est.} \right) \times (upper\ SE - lower\ SE) \right) \\
 &= 5,300 + \left(\left(\frac{(106,500 - 100,000)}{(150,000 - 100,000)} \right) \times (6,150 - 5,300) \right) \\
 &= 5,400\ (rounded\ to\ the\ nearest\ 100)
 \end{aligned}$$

4 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 101,100 to 111,900, and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 95,700 to 117,300. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

5 In general, the size of the SE increases as the size of the estimate increases. Conversely, the RSE decreases as the size of the estimate increases. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high RSEs so that their value for most practical purposes is unreliable. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of 25% or less are considered reliable for most purposes. Estimates with RSEs greater than 25% but less than or equal to 50% are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs of greater than 50%, preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. **0.3), are considered too unreliable for general use and should only be used to aggregate with other estimates to provide derived estimates with RSEs of 25% or less.

PROPORTIONS AND PERCENTAGES

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. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y

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

7 Considering the example above, of the 106,500 persons who were discouraged jobseekers, 32,400 or 30.4% were males. The SE of 32,400 may be calculated by interpolation as 3,400. To convert this to a RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or $3,400/32,400 = 10.5\%$. The SE for 106,500 was calculated previously as 5,400, which converted to a RSE is $5,400/106,500 = 5.1\%$. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is

$$RSE = \sqrt{(10.5)^2 - (5.1)^2} = 9.2\%$$

8 Therefore, the SE for the proportion of males who were discouraged jobseekers is 2.8 percentage points ($= (30.4/100) \times 9.2$). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of males who were discouraged jobseekers is between 27.6% and 33.2% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 24.8% to 36.0%.

DIFFERENCES

9 Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

10 While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

11 SEs contained in table T1 are applicable to all estimates from this survey.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

AUSTRALIA

Size of estimate (persons)	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	SE	RSE
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	..	110	200	170	180	110	130	140	90	90.0
200	170	190	280	230	250	150	170	170	150	75.0
300	240	250	340	270	300	180	200	200	210	70.0
500	350	360	440	340	380	220	240	230	300	60.0
700	450	440	510	390	440	260	280	260	380	54.3
1,000	570	550	600	450	520	300	320	290	490	49.0
1,500	740	700	720	530	620	350	380	330	630	42.0
2,000	880	830	820	600	700	390	420	370	760	38.0
2,500	1 000	950	900	650	750	450	450	400	900	36.0
3,000	1 100	1 050	1 000	700	850	450	500	450	1 000	33.3
3,500	1 250	1 100	1 050	750	900	500	550	450	1 050	30.0
4,000	1 300	1 200	1 100	800	950	500	550	500	1 150	28.8
5,000	1 500	1 350	1 250	900	1 050	550	600	500	1 300	26.0
7,000	1 800	1 550	1 450	1 000	1 200	650	700	600	1 600	22.9
10,000	2 100	1 850	1 700	1 150	1 350	750	800	700	1 900	19.0
15,000	2 550	2 200	2 000	1 350	1 600	850	900	800	2 350	15.7
20,000	2 900	2 500	2 250	1 550	1 800	950	1 000	900	2 700	13.5
30,000	3 400	2 900	2 700	1 800	2 100	1 150	1 200	1 050	3 250	10.8
40,000	3 800	3 250	3 050	2 050	2 350	1 250	1 300	1 200	3 700	9.3
50,000	4 100	3 500	3 350	2 250	2 550	1 400	1 400	1 300	4 050	8.1
100,000	5 100	4 400	4 450	2 950	3 300	1 800	1 800	1 750	5 300	5.3
150,000	5 750	5 100	5 250	3 450	3 800	2 100	2 100	2 150	6 150	4.1
200,000	6 350	5 700	5 900	3 900	4 200	2 300	..	2 450	6 800	3.4
300,000	7 400	6 750	6 950	4 550	4 800	2 650	..	2 950	7 950	2.7
500,000	9 200	8 500	8 500	5 550	5 700	3 200	..	..	9 650	1.9
1,000,000	12 850	11 900	11 100	7 300	7 100	..	..	..	12 650	1.3
2,000,000	18 850	17 300	14 500	9 550	8 800	..	..	..	16 700	0.8
5,000,000	33 850	29 750	20 450	..	..	..	..	..	25 600	0.5
10,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44 850	0.4

.. not applicable

GLOSSARY

Actively looking for work	Those persons who were taking active steps to find work. Active steps comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ registering with Centrelink as a jobseeker;■ contacting an employment agency;■ contacting prospective employers;■ answering a newspaper advertisement for a job;■ checking Centrelink touch screens;■ checking factory noticeboards;■ advertising or tendering for work; and■ contacting friends or relatives.
Available to start work within four weeks	Those persons who were available to start work within four weeks or, for persons with children aged 12 years or under, could start work within four weeks if suitable child care was available.
Discouraged jobseekers	Persons with marginal attachment to the labour force who wanted to work and were available to start work within the next four weeks but whose main reason for not actively looking for work was that they believed they would not find a job for any of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ considered to be too young or too old by employers; or■ lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience; or■ difficulties with language or ethnic background; or■ no jobs in their locality or line of work; or■ no jobs available at all.
Employed	Persons aged 15–69 years who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or■ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or■ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or■ were employers, own account workers or contributing family workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Family reasons for not actively looking for work	Includes ill health of a family member, child care and other family considerations.
Full-time work	Work involving 35 or more hours a week.
Had a job to go to	Includes persons who had a job but, up to the end of the reference week, had been away from work without pay for four weeks or longer and had not been actively looking for work. Also includes persons who had a job but had not yet started that job.
Job	Any employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.
Job leavers	Persons who voluntarily ceased their last job.
Job losers	Persons who involuntarily ceased their last job.
Main English-speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand.
Marginal attachment to the labour force	Persons who were not in the labour force in the reference week, wanted to work and:

GLOSSARY *continued*

Marginal attachment to the labour force <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were actively looking for work but did not meet the availability criteria to be classified as unemployed; or ■ were not actively looking for work but were available to start work within four weeks or could start work within four weeks if child care was available. <p>The criteria determining those in the labour force are based on activity (i.e. working or looking for work) and availability to start work during the reference week. The criteria associated with marginal attachment to the labour force, in particular the concepts of wanting to work and reasons for not actively looking for work, are more subjective. Hence, the measurement against these criteria is affected by the respondent's own interpretation of the concepts used. An individual respondent's interpretation may be affected by their work aspirations, as well as family, economic and other commitments.</p>
Occupation of last job	All occurrences of occupation in this publication refer to Major Group as defined by ASCO — <i>Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition</i> (Cat. no. 1220.0).
Part-time work	Work involving less than 35 hours a week.
Personal reasons for not actively looking for work	Includes own ill health or physical disability, pregnancy, attending an educational institution, had no need to work, to give others a chance, welfare payments or pension may be affected, moved house or on holidays.
Persons in institutions	Includes persons in general and other hospitals, convalescent homes, homes for the aged, retirement homes, homes for the handicapped, orphanages, boarding schools and prisons.
Persons in the labour force	Persons aged 15–69 years who met the criteria to be classified as being in the labour force, that is, either employed or unemployed.
Persons not in the labour force	Persons aged 15–69 years who do not meet the criteria to be classified as employed or unemployed.
Persons not in the labour force for child care reasons who wanted to work	Persons who wanted to work and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were not actively looking for work due to child care reasons, but were available to start work within four weeks; or ■ were not actively looking for work and were not available to start work within four weeks for child care reasons.
Relationship in household	Two or more related persons (relationship includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption) usually resident in the same household at the time of the survey. A family comprises a married couple or a family head as defined in <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0), together with any persons having any of the following relationships to them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present; or ■ other relatives if not accompanied by a spouse, sons or daughters, or parents of their own; or ■ any children under 15 years of age who do not have a parent present.
Time since last job	The elapsed time since ceasing their last job.
Unemployed	Persons aged 15–69 years who were not employed during the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or

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Unemployed *continued*

- were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then; or
- were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Wanted to work

Persons who did not meet the criteria to be classified as employed or unemployed and who answered 'yes' or 'maybe' when asked if they would like a job.

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