



JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AUSTRALIA

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION This publication presents information about the job search experience of unemployed persons, in terms of the steps they have taken to find work and the difficulties they have encountered in finding work. Demographic information is provided about these persons along with information about their previous employment.

JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS SURVEY The statistics in this publication are compiled from data collected in the Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey that was conducted throughout Australia in July 2000 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS).

Data from the survey relate to persons who were unemployed in July 2000, except for those unemployed persons who were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been stood down. All tables in this publication, with the exception of table 1, exclude this group of unemployed persons.

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



ABBREVIATIONS

- ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
- CES Commonwealth Employment Service
- DSS Department of Social Security
- LFS Labour Force Survey
- RSE Relative standard error
- SE standard error

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

In July 2000, there were 544,300 unemployed persons excluding those who were stood down, an 8% decrease since July 1999. Three in four (76%) unemployed persons were looking for full-time work. This is similar to the level recorded 12 months earlier (77%). Most males (84%) were seeking full-time work, as were the majority of females (65%).

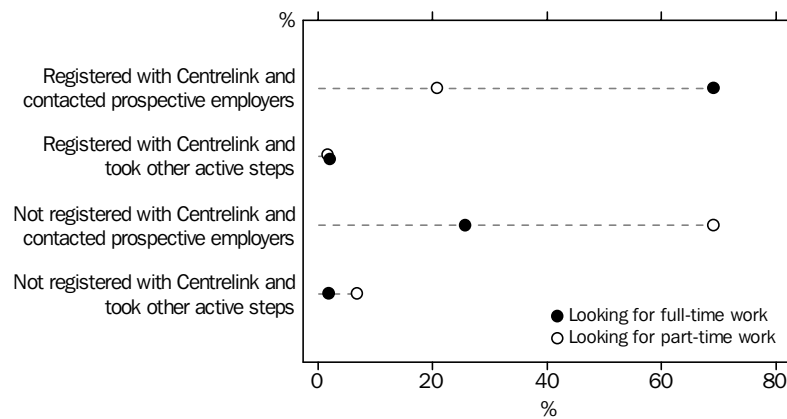
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In July 2000, 61% of unemployed persons were registered as a job seeker with Centrelink. This is a decrease of 4 percentage points since July 1999.

The majority (94%) of unemployed persons had contacted prospective employers in their endeavours to find work. Of this group, 62% were registered with Centrelink.

Unemployed persons looking for full-time work were more likely to be registered with Centrelink than those looking for part-time work. Of those looking for full-time work, almost three in four (72%) were registered with Centrelink. Of those looking for part-time work, the most common active step taken was contacting prospective employers without having registered with Centrelink (69%).

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK



The most commonly reported main difficulties in finding work for unemployed persons were:

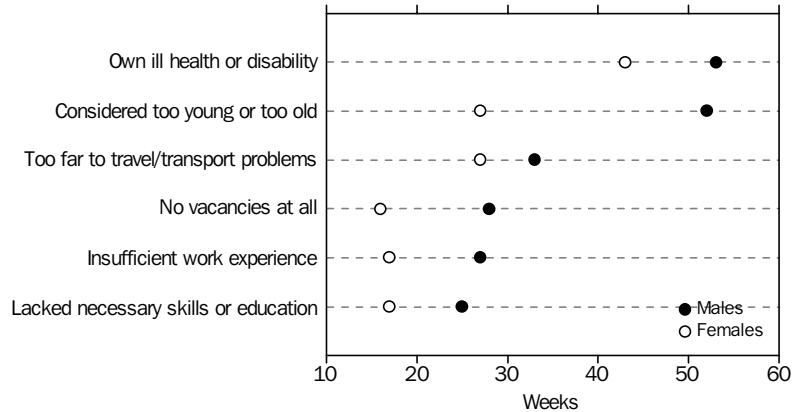
- considered too young or too old by employers (13%);
- too many applicants for available jobs (13%);
- lacked necessary skills/education (12%);
- insufficient work experience (10%); and
- no vacancies at all (8%).

Unemployed persons whose main difficulty in finding work was 'own ill health or disability' had the highest median duration of unemployment (52 weeks).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

JOB SEARCH EXPERIENCE *continued*

MEDIAN DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, Main Difficulty Finding Work



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In July 2000, 61% of unemployed persons did not have post-school qualifications. Of this group, 69% had not completed the highest level of secondary school available.

Almost one-third (30%) of unemployed persons had post-school qualifications. More than half (57%) of this group had a skilled or basic vocational qualification as their highest qualification, another 26% had a bachelor degree or higher and a further 17% had an undergraduate or associate diploma.

YOUNG UNEMPLOYED

Over a third (36%) of unemployed persons were aged between 15 and 24 years. There has been a steady decrease in the number of young unemployed persons over the last four years from a high of 268,800 in July 1997 to 197,600 in July 2000. However, as a proportion of all unemployed persons, they remain at a similar level (about 36% to 37%).

More than half (51%) of unemployed persons aged 15–19 years and 81% of those aged 20–24 years were seeking full-time work. More young males (69%) were looking for full-time work than young females (59%).

The main difficulty in gaining employment that young unemployed persons reported was 'insufficient work experience' (17% of unemployed persons aged 15–19 years and 14% of those aged 20–24 years). Other difficulties experienced were 'too many applicants for available jobs' (15% each); and 'lacked the necessary skills/education' (9% and 17%).

THE LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED

In July 2000, 157,500 persons were considered long-term unemployed, that is, they had been unemployed for twelve months or longer. This represented 29% of all unemployed persons. Of those long-term unemployed persons, the majority (86%) were seeking full-time work and most (88%) reported they had not received any offers of employment during their current period of unemployment.

Being 'too young or too old' was an obstacle to finding work for almost one quarter (23%) of long-term unemployed persons. A 'lack of the necessary skills or education' sought by employers (13%) and their 'own ill health or disability' (12%) were other commonly reported difficulties.

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WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK(a)

| | July 1993 | July 1994 | July 1995 | July 1996 | July 1997 | July 1998 | July 1999 | July 2000 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000) | | | | | | | | |
| Looking for full-time work | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 510.2 | 419.1 | 377.8 | 368.3 | 391.8 | 379.2 | 299.0 | 272.7 |
| Females | 251.4 | 233.6 | 195.5 | 206.2 | 205.1 | 196.5 | 158.8 | 144.0 |
| Persons | 761.7 | 652.7 | 573.2 | 574.5 | 596.9 | 575.7 | 457.8 | 416.7 |
| Looking for part-time work | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 35.7 | 39.0 | 40.4 | 43.1 | 42.1 | 41.4 | 49.5 | 49.3 |
| Females | 77.4 | 89.1 | 72.0 | 86.9 | 80.8 | 83.4 | 87.3 | 79.3 |
| Persons | 113.1 | 128.1 | 112.4 | 130.0 | 122.9 | 124.8 | 136.8 | 128.5 |
| Persons who were stood down | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 11.4 | 9.7 | 14.2 | 10.7 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 10.9 | 15.3 |
| Females | 14.3 | 13.4 | 9.7 | 16.4 | 17.4 | 15.2 | 18.5 | 16.0 |
| Persons | 25.7 | 23.1 | 23.9 | 27.1 | 31.1 | 27.3 | 29.4 | 31.3 |
| Total, all unemployed persons | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 557.3 | 467.8 | 432.4 | 422.1 | 447.6 | 432.7 | 359.4 | 337.3 |
| Females | 343.2 | 336.1 | 277.2 | 309.5 | 303.3 | 295.1 | 264.6 | 239.2 |
| Persons | 900.5 | 803.9 | 709.6 | 731.6 | 750.9 | 727.8 | 624.0 | 576.5 |
| PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE ('000) | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 4 985.5 | 5 053.5 | 5 136.6 | 5 194.7 | 5 241.8 | 5 306.1 | 5 351.8 | 5 470.8 |
| Females | 3 587.6 | 3 735.3 | 3 866.5 | 3 916.8 | 3 961.2 | 4 058.5 | 4 096.6 | 4 260.3 |
| Persons | 8 573.1 | 8 788.9 | 9 003.1 | 9 111.5 | 9 203.0 | 9 364.6 | 9 448.4 | 9 731.1 |
| PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE (%) | | | | | | | | |
| Looking for full-time work | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 10.2 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 5.0 |
| Females | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| Persons | 8.9 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| Looking for part-time work | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Females | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Persons | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Persons who were stood down | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Females | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Persons | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Total, all unemployed persons | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 11.2 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Females | 9.6 | 9.0 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 5.6 |
| Persons | 10.5 | 9.1 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 5.9 |

(a) Includes persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia. These persons are excluded from all other tables in this publication.

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a)

July 1993 July 1994 July 1995 July 1996 July 1997 July 1998 July 1999 July 2000

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS (%)

Active steps taken to find work

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Registered with Centrelink/CES(b) | 82.7 | 80.5 | 78.6 | 78.0 | 76.6 | 72.8 | 64.6 | 60.8 |
| Took no other active steps | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | *0.4 | *0.6 | *0.4 | 1.2 |
| Contacted prospective employers | 78.3 | 75.9 | 74.0 | 74.5 | 74.1 | 70.1 | 62.8 | 57.6 |
| Took other active steps | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Not registered with Centrelink/CES(b) | 17.3 | 19.5 | 21.4 | 22.0 | 23.4 | 27.2 | 35.4 | 39.2 |
| Contacted prospective employers | 15.8 | 18.2 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 21.9 | 25.7 | 32.2 | 36.0 |
| Took other active steps | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 |

Main difficulty in finding work

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Too many applicants for available jobs(c) | na | na | 11.6 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 13.7 | 12.1 | 13.1 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 10.0 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 11.8 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 16.9 | 17.3 | 15.4 | 13.5 | 14.5 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 13.4 |
| Insufficient work experience | 9.5 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.1 | 10.0 |
| No vacancies at all | 24.8 | 17.1 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 10.0 | 8.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 16.4 | 14.1 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 7.3 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 4.5 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.7 |
| Own ill health or disability | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Language difficulties | 2.5 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Unsuitable hours | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| Other difficulties(d) | 3.2 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| No difficulties at all | 3.9 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 9.8 |

Whether would move interstate

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Would move interstate | 28.5 | 24.2 | 25.6 | 25.5 | 26.0 | 24.7 | 22.7 | 21.5 |
| May move interstate | 11.4 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.4 |
| Depending on job conditions | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| Depending on other conditions | 6.1 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.7 |
| Would not move interstate(e) | 57.4 | 61.2 | 61.6 | 62.9 | 61.3 | 62.8 | 65.3 | 65.9 |
| Undecided | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 4.3 |

Whether would move intrastate

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Would move intrastate | 41.7 | 37.5 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 39.4 | 37.3 | 34.7 | 31.3 |
| May move intrastate | 13.2 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 13.4 | 12.9 |
| Depending on job conditions | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Depending on other conditions | 8.1 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 8.7 | 8.1 |
| Would not move intrastate(e) | 42.6 | 47.0 | 48.5 | 49.1 | 47.4 | 48.4 | 49.4 | 53.4 |
| Undecided | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000)

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 871.3 | 774.2 | 683.9 | 701.7 | 717.5 | 696.4 | 591.0 | 544.3 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

* estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution

na not available

- (a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.
- (b) Changes to employment service arrangements occurred during the reference period of the July 1998 survey. See paragraphs 11 to 15 of the Explanatory Notes.
- (c) Collected separately for the first time in July 1995.
- (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.
- (e) From July 1999, persons still at school were not asked whether they were prepared to move interstate or intrastate to find work.

DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, Unemployed Persons(a)

| <i>Duration of current period of unemployment</i> | | <i>July 1993</i> | <i>July 1994</i> | <i>July 1995</i> | <i>July 1996</i> | <i>July 1997</i> | <i>July 1998</i> | <i>July 1999</i> | <i>July 2000</i> |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Under 1 year | % | 62.0 | 63.5 | 65.4 | 70.3 | 66.8 | 65.2 | 68.3 | 71.1 |
| 1 and under 4 weeks | % | 10.7 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 14.9 | 12.0 | 13.2 | 18.2 | 19.2 |
| 4 and under 8 weeks | % | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 12.1 |
| 8 and under 13 weeks | % | 7.5 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 10.0 | 9.4 |
| 13 and under 26 weeks | % | 13.7 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 15.5 | 13.3 | 11.2 | 12.7 |
| 26 and under 52 weeks | % | 20.8 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 20.4 | 20.9 | 19.3 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| 1 year and over | % | 38.0 | 36.5 | 34.6 | 29.7 | 33.2 | 34.8 | 31.7 | 28.9 |
| 1 and less than 2 years | % | 17.3 | 15.4 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 12.5 | 10.9 |
| 2 years or more | % | 20.8 | 21.2 | 20.1 | 15.6 | 17.8 | 19.6 | 19.1 | 18.1 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | '000 | 871.3 | 774.2 | 683.9 | 701.7 | 717.5 | 696.4 | 591.0 | 544.3 |
| Average duration of unemployment | weeks | 60.0 | 62.0 | 60.0 | 53.0 | 56.0 | 60.0 | 56.0 | 53.0 |
| Median duration of unemployment | weeks | 29.0 | 27.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 23.0 | 20.0 |

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)

| | LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK | | LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK | | TOTAL | | |
|---|--|----------------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 30.9 | 25.6 | 28.3 | 25.7 | 59.2 | 51.3 | 110.5 |
| 20-24 | 45.0 | 25.7 | 6.3 | 10.0 | 51.3 | 35.7 | 87.1 |
| 25-34 | 69.5 | 35.1 | 5.8 | 17.1 | 75.3 | 52.2 | 127.5 |
| 35-44 | 61.5 | 34.3 | *2.2 | 15.0 | 63.7 | 49.2 | 113.0 |
| 45-54 | 45.0 | 20.2 | *3.6 | 7.5 | 48.6 | 27.6 | 76.2 |
| 55 and over | 18.2 | *4.3 | *4.7 | *2.8 | 23.0 | 7.1 | 30.1 |
| Relationship in household | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 182.4 | 103.8 | 39.7 | 72.0 | 222.0 | 175.8 | 397.9 |
| Husband or wife | 101.3 | 48.7 | 8.2 | 27.6 | 109.5 | 76.3 | 185.8 |
| With dependants | 67.5 | 26.3 | *4.4 | 23.0 | 71.9 | 49.3 | 121.2 |
| Without dependants | 33.8 | 22.4 | *3.8 | *4.5 | 37.6 | 26.9 | 64.6 |
| Lone parent | 5.3 | 21.2 | **0.8 | 15.0 | 6.1 | 36.2 | 42.3 |
| Other family person(b) | 75.7 | 33.9 | 30.7 | 29.5 | 106.5 | 63.4 | 169.8 |
| Non-family member | 69.2 | 32.0 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 78.1 | 37.3 | 115.4 |
| Lone person | 38.8 | 16.8 | 5.6 | *3.0 | 44.4 | 19.8 | 64.2 |
| Not living alone | 30.4 | 15.1 | *3.4 | *2.3 | 33.7 | 17.4 | 51.2 |
| Not determined | 18.7 | 9.4 | *2.2 | **0.8 | 20.9 | 10.2 | 31.1 |
| Birthplace | | | | | | | |
| Born in Australia | 198.6 | 103.6 | 39.0 | 56.9 | 237.7 | 160.5 | 398.2 |
| Born outside Australia | 71.6 | 41.5 | 11.8 | 21.2 | 83.4 | 62.7 | 146.1 |
| Born in main English-speaking countries | 25.7 | 13.3 | *3.3 | 5.4 | 29.0 | 18.8 | 47.8 |
| Born in other countries | 45.9 | 28.1 | 8.5 | 15.8 | 54.4 | 43.9 | 98.4 |
| Educational attainment | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications | 94.9 | 43.0 | 10.1 | 16.6 | 105.0 | 59.6 | 164.5 |
| Bachelor degree or higher | 25.1 | 10.9 | *3.3 | *3.6 | 28.4 | 14.5 | 42.9 |
| Undergraduate or associate diploma | 14.2 | 7.8 | *1.2 | *4.1 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 27.3 |
| Skilled or basic vocational qualification | 55.5 | 24.3 | 5.7 | 8.9 | 61.2 | 33.2 | 94.4 |
| Without post-school qualifications(c) | 172.8 | 98.9 | 20.6 | 41.6 | 193.5 | 140.6 | 334.0 |
| Completed highest level of secondary school | 39.8 | 31.5 | 15.1 | 17.8 | 54.9 | 49.3 | 104.1 |
| Did not complete highest level of secondary school | 132.6 | 67.5 | 5.6 | 23.8 | 138.1 | 91.3 | 229.4 |
| Left aged 15 and under | 62.2 | 30.1 | *0.8 | 12.4 | 63.1 | 42.5 | 105.6 |
| Left aged 16 and over | 70.3 | 37.3 | *4.8 | 11.5 | 75.1 | 48.8 | 123.9 |
| Still at school | *2.5 | *3.2 | 20.1 | 19.9 | 22.6 | 23.1 | 45.8 |
| Active steps taken to find work | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | 209.5 | 90.5 | 15.2 | 15.7 | 224.7 | 106.2 | 331.0 |
| Took no other active steps | *2.2 | *2.3 | *0.9 | *1.1 | *3.0 | *3.4 | 6.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | 201.8 | 85.1 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 215.1 | 98.5 | 313.6 |
| Took other active steps | 5.6 | *3.1 | *1.0 | *1.2 | 6.6 | *4.3 | 10.9 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | 60.7 | 54.7 | 35.6 | 62.4 | 96.3 | 117.0 | 213.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | 55.7 | 51.2 | 31.0 | 58.2 | 86.7 | 109.3 | 196.0 |
| Took other active steps | *5.0 | *3.5 | *4.7 | *4.2 | 9.7 | 7.7 | 17.4 |
| Total | 270.2 | 145.1 | 50.9 | 78.1 | 321.1 | 223.3 | 544.3 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Comprises dependent student, non-dependent child and other family person.

(c) Includes persons who never attended school.

WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)

| <i>Duration of current period of unemployment</i> | | LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK | | LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK | | TOTAL | | |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> |
| Under 1 year | '000 | 176.9 | 103.7 | 41.6 | 64.6 | 218.5 | 168.4 | 386.9 |
| 1 and under 4 weeks | '000 | 42.0 | 26.5 | 15.6 | 20.5 | 57.6 | 47.0 | 104.6 |
| 4 and under 8 weeks | '000 | 30.5 | 18.0 | 5.8 | 11.5 | 36.3 | 29.6 | 65.9 |
| 8 and under 13 weeks | '000 | 19.7 | 16.5 | *5.0 | 9.9 | 24.7 | 26.4 | 51.0 |
| 13 and under 26 weeks | '000 | 35.9 | 17.5 | 5.8 | 10.1 | 41.7 | 27.6 | 69.3 |
| 26 and under 39 weeks | '000 | 37.4 | 20.8 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 46.7 | 31.0 | 77.7 |
| 39 and under 52 weeks | '000 | 11.3 | *4.5 | **0.2 | *2.4 | 11.5 | 6.8 | 18.4 |
| 1 year and over | '000 | 93.3 | 41.4 | 9.3 | 13.5 | 102.6 | 54.9 | 157.5 |
| 1 and under 2 years | '000 | 32.8 | 16.7 | *3.8 | 5.8 | 36.6 | 22.5 | 59.1 |
| 2 years and over | '000 | 60.5 | 24.7 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 66.0 | 32.4 | 98.3 |
| Total | '000 | 270.2 | 145.1 | 50.9 | 78.1 | 321.1 | 223.3 | 544.3 |
| Average duration of unemployment | weeks | 65.0 | 53.0 | 30.0 | 37.0 | 58.0 | 45.0 | 53.0 |
| Median duration of unemployment | weeks | 27.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 16.0 | 20.0 |

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(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)—Looking for full-time work

| | | AGE GROUPS (YEARS) | | | | | | Total |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | Total |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 19.9 | 36.2 | 52.7 | 50.4 | 36.8 | 13.5 | 209.5 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | **0.4 | — | — | *1.8 | — | — | *2.2 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 19.1 | 34.4 | 52.3 | 46.5 | 36.4 | 13.2 | 201.8 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.4 | *1.8 | **0.5 | *2.1 | **0.4 | **0.3 | 5.6 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 11.0 | 8.9 | 16.8 | 11.1 | 8.2 | *4.7 | 60.7 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 10.6 | 8.4 | 14.5 | 10.0 | 7.9 | *4.3 | 55.7 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.4 | **0.5 | *2.3 | *1.1 | **0.3 | **0.5 | *5.0 |
| Total | '000 | 30.9 | 45.0 | 69.5 | 61.5 | 45.0 | 18.2 | 270.2 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 64.3 | 80.3 | 75.9 | 82.0 | 81.8 | 74.1 | 77.5 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 35.7 | 19.7 | 24.1 | 18.0 | 18.2 | *25.9 | 22.5 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 16.8 | 18.2 | 21.2 | 18.1 | 12.8 | *3.4 | 90.5 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | *1.4 | — | **0.2 | **0.7 | — | — | *2.3 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 14.7 | 17.7 | 20.1 | 16.8 | 12.4 | *3.4 | 85.1 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.7 | **0.5 | *0.8 | **0.6 | **0.4 | — | *3.1 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 13.9 | 16.2 | 7.4 | *1.0 | 54.7 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 11.4 | 15.3 | 7.4 | *1.0 | 51.2 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | — | **0.1 | *2.5 | *0.9 | — | — | *3.5 |
| Total | '000 | 25.6 | 25.7 | 35.1 | 34.3 | 20.2 | *4.3 | 145.1 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 65.6 | 71.0 | 60.4 | 52.9 | 63.3 | *77.5 | 62.3 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 34.4 | 29.0 | 39.6 | 47.1 | 36.7 | *22.5 | 37.7 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | *100.0 | 100.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 36.7 | 54.4 | 73.9 | 68.5 | 49.6 | 16.9 | 300.0 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | *1.8 | — | **0.2 | *2.4 | — | — | *4.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 33.8 | 52.0 | 72.4 | 63.3 | 48.8 | 16.5 | 286.9 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | *1.1 | *2.4 | *1.3 | *2.7 | *0.8 | **0.3 | 8.7 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 19.9 | 16.3 | 30.6 | 27.2 | 15.6 | 5.7 | 115.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 19.5 | 15.8 | 25.9 | 25.3 | 15.3 | 5.2 | 106.9 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.4 | **0.6 | *4.8 | *2.0 | **0.3 | **0.5 | 8.5 |
| Total | '000 | 56.6 | 70.7 | 104.6 | 95.8 | 65.2 | 22.6 | 415.4 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 64.9 | 76.9 | 70.7 | 71.6 | 76.1 | 74.7 | 72.2 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 35.1 | 23.1 | 29.3 | 28.4 | 23.9 | 25.3 | 27.8 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)

| | | AGE GROUPS (YEARS) | | | | | | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 23.5 | 39.2 | 55.0 | 51.8 | 39.2 | 16.0 | 224.7 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | **0.4 | — | **0.5 | *1.8 | **0.3 | — | *3.0 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 21.7 | 37.4 | 54.0 | 47.9 | 38.4 | 15.6 | 215.1 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | *1.4 | *1.8 | **0.5 | *2.1 | **0.4 | **0.3 | 6.6 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 35.7 | 12.1 | 20.3 | 11.9 | 9.4 | 7.0 | 96.3 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 33.0 | 11.7 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 8.6 | 5.9 | 86.7 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | *2.7 | **0.5 | *3.6 | *1.1 | **0.8 | *1.1 | 9.7 |
| Total | '000 | 59.2 | 51.3 | 75.3 | 63.7 | 48.6 | 23.0 | 321.1 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 39.7 | 76.4 | 73.1 | 81.3 | 80.7 | 69.5 | 70.0 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 60.3 | 23.6 | 26.9 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 30.5 | 30.0 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 18.0 | 20.9 | 25.6 | 23.0 | 14.4 | *4.4 | 106.2 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | *1.4 | **0.3 | **0.2 | *0.9 | — | **0.6 | *3.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 15.8 | 20.1 | 23.8 | 21.1 | 14.0 | *3.7 | 98.5 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.7 | **0.5 | *1.6 | *1.0 | **0.4 | **0.1 | *4.3 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 33.4 | 14.8 | 26.6 | 26.3 | 13.2 | *2.8 | 117.0 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 32.7 | 14.3 | 22.2 | 24.2 | 13.2 | *2.8 | 109.3 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | **0.6 | **0.6 | *4.4 | *2.1 | — | — | 7.7 |
| Total | '000 | 51.3 | 35.7 | 52.2 | 49.2 | 27.6 | 7.1 | 223.3 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 35.0 | 58.6 | 49.0 | 46.6 | 52.1 | *61.2 | 47.6 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 65.0 | 41.4 | 51.0 | 53.4 | 47.9 | *38.8 | 52.4 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Registered with Centrelink | '000 | 41.5 | 60.2 | 80.6 | 74.8 | 53.6 | 20.3 | 331.0 |
| Took no other active steps | '000 | *1.8 | **0.3 | **0.7 | *2.7 | **0.3 | **0.6 | 6.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 37.5 | 57.5 | 77.8 | 69.0 | 52.5 | 19.3 | 313.6 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | *2.1 | *2.4 | *2.0 | *3.1 | *0.8 | **0.4 | 10.9 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | '000 | 69.1 | 26.9 | 46.9 | 38.2 | 22.6 | 9.8 | 213.4 |
| Contacted prospective employers | '000 | 65.7 | 25.9 | 38.9 | 35.0 | 21.8 | 8.6 | 196.0 |
| Took other active steps | '000 | *3.3 | *1.0 | 8.0 | *3.2 | **0.8 | *1.1 | 17.4 |
| Total | '000 | 110.5 | 87.1 | 127.5 | 113.0 | 76.2 | 30.1 | 544.3 |
| Registered with Centrelink | % | 37.5 | 69.1 | 63.2 | 66.2 | 70.4 | 67.6 | 60.8 |
| Not registered with Centrelink | % | 62.5 | 30.9 | 36.8 | 33.8 | 29.6 | 32.4 | 39.2 |
| Total | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)—Previous 12 months

| <i>Number of spells of looking for work in the previous 12 months</i> | AGE GROUP (YEARS) | | | | | | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | |
| MALES | | | | | | | |
| One | 50.8 | 42.1 | 62.5 | 53.8 | 43.7 | 20.5 | 273.4 |
| Two | *4.7 | *5.1 | 6.8 | 8.4 | *3.0 | *1.1 | 29.1 |
| Three or more | *3.7 | *4.1 | 6.0 | *1.6 | *1.9 | *1.3 | 18.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 59.2 | 51.3 | 75.3 | 63.7 | 48.6 | 23.0 | 321.1 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | |
| One | 46.8 | 31.8 | 48.2 | 43.7 | 24.0 | 7.1 | 201.7 |
| Two | *3.1 | *2.2 | *2.7 | *3.3 | *3.1 | — | 14.5 |
| Three or more | *1.5 | *1.7 | *1.2 | *2.2 | **0.5 | — | 7.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 51.3 | 35.7 | 52.2 | 49.2 | 27.6 | 7.1 | 223.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | |
| One | 97.6 | 73.9 | 110.7 | 97.5 | 67.7 | 27.7 | 475.1 |
| Two | 7.8 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 11.7 | 6.1 | *1.1 | 43.6 |
| Three or more | *5.1 | 5.8 | 7.3 | *3.8 | *2.4 | *1.3 | 25.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 110.5 | 87.1 | 127.5 | 113.0 | 76.2 | 30.1 | 544.3 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN CURRENT PERIOD, Unemployed Persons(a)

DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT . .

| Number of offers | 1 and under 4 weeks | 4 and under 8 weeks | 8 and under 13 weeks | 13 and under 26 weeks | 26 and under 52 weeks | 1 and under 2 years | 2 years and over | Total | Average duration | Median duration |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | weeks | weeks |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| None | 45.3 | 31.1 | 20.0 | 32.8 | 51.8 | 30.4 | 59.8 | 271.3 | 61 | 25 |
| One | 7.5 | *4.3 | *2.9 | 6.8 | *4.1 | *3.2 | *4.3 | 33.1 | 43 | 15 |
| Two or more | *4.8 | *0.9 | *1.7 | *2.1 | *2.3 | *3.0 | *1.9 | 16.7 | 51 | 16 |
| <i>Total</i> | 57.6 | 36.3 | 24.7 | 41.7 | 58.2 | 36.6 | 66.0 | 321.1 | 58 | 25 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| None | 39.8 | 26.1 | 24.3 | 22.6 | 32.3 | 19.3 | 29.5 | 193.8 | 47 | 16 |
| One | 5.5 | *2.7 | *1.8 | *3.8 | *4.4 | *2.6 | *2.9 | 23.6 | 42 | 16 |
| Two or more | *1.7 | **0.8 | **0.3 | *1.2 | *1.1 | **0.6 | — | 5.9 | *20 | *19 |
| <i>Total</i> | 47.0 | 29.6 | 26.4 | 27.6 | 37.8 | 22.5 | 32.4 | 223.3 | 45 | 16 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| None | 85.1 | 57.2 | 44.3 | 55.3 | 84.1 | 49.7 | 89.3 | 465.0 | 55 | 22 |
| One | 13.0 | 7.0 | *4.7 | 10.6 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 56.7 | 43 | 15 |
| Two or more | 6.6 | *1.7 | *2.1 | *3.3 | *3.4 | *3.6 | *1.9 | 22.6 | 42 | 16 |
| <i>Total</i> | 104.6 | 65.9 | 51.0 | 69.3 | 96.0 | 59.1 | 98.3 | 544.3 | 53 | 20 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF
UNEMPLOYMENT

| | 1 and under 8 weeks | 8 and under 26 weeks | 26 and under 52 weeks | 1 and under 2 years | 2 years and over | Total | Average duration | Median duration |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | weeks | weeks |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 10.0 | 12.9 | 9.0 | *2.1 | 5.5 | 39.4 | 42 | 18 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 11.3 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 40.5 | 56 | 25 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 6.9 | 6.9 | 9.7 | 5.3 | 19.4 | 48.3 | 99 | 52 |
| Insufficient work experience | 8.2 | *4.1 | 6.5 | *3.0 | 6.0 | 27.8 | 53 | 27 |
| No vacancies at all | 6.8 | *4.9 | 7.4 | *4.1 | 6.1 | 29.2 | 68 | 28 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 11.5 | 7.2 | *3.5 | *2.9 | *3.9 | 29.0 | 40 | 10 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 5.4 | *4.8 | *3.6 | 5.8 | *4.1 | 23.8 | 51 | 33 |
| Own ill health or disability | *3.1 | *4.6 | *2.7 | *4.7 | 8.6 | 23.6 | 94 | 53 |
| Language difficulties | **0.7 | *1.8 | *1.4 | *1.1 | *0.9 | 5.8 | *52 | *27 |
| Unsuitable hours | *3.9 | *1.9 | *1.1 | — | — | 6.9 | *10 | *3 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | **0.4 | **0.4 | **0.2 | — | *2.1 | *3.2 | *132 | **105 |
| Other difficulties(b) | 5.6 | *1.7 | *3.0 | **0.8 | *2.2 | 13.2 | 64 | *16 |
| No difficulties at all | 20.2 | 6.8 | *2.1 | *1.3 | — | 30.4 | 10 | 3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 93.9 | 66.4 | 58.2 | 36.6 | 66.0 | 321.1 | 58 | 25 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 8.7 | 10.1 | 6.7 | *2.6 | *3.7 | 31.9 | 35 | 19 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 7.9 | 5.4 | *2.8 | *5.1 | *2.4 | 23.6 | 61 | 17 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 5.7 | *4.2 | *4.1 | *3.4 | 7.3 | 24.7 | 77 | 27 |
| Insufficient work experience | 8.8 | 6.2 | 5.8 | *2.2 | *3.8 | 26.8 | 36 | 17 |
| No vacancies at all | *3.9 | 5.7 | *3.5 | *1.3 | *1.6 | 16.0 | 31 | *16 |
| No vacancies in line of work | *4.4 | *3.4 | *1.5 | **0.4 | *0.9 | 10.6 | *25 | *11 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | *2.7 | *3.2 | *2.7 | *1.1 | *2.9 | 12.6 | 62 | *27 |
| Own ill health or disability | *3.2 | *1.1 | *1.8 | *1.9 | *3.5 | 11.5 | *71 | *43 |
| Language difficulties | *1.6 | **0.4 | *1.6 | *0.8 | *3.4 | 7.9 | *110 | *52 |
| Unsuitable hours | 5.6 | *5.1 | *2.8 | *1.0 | **0.4 | 15.0 | 18 | *11 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *4.5 | *1.6 | *1.0 | *0.9 | *0.8 | 8.7 | *47 | *5 |
| Other difficulties(b) | *3.5 | *2.4 | *2.6 | *1.5 | *0.8 | 10.8 | *59 | *18 |
| No difficulties at all | 16.1 | 5.2 | *0.9 | **0.2 | **0.7 | 23.2 | 12 | 2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 76.5 | 54.0 | 37.8 | 22.5 | 32.4 | 223.3 | 45 | 16 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 18.7 | 23.0 | 15.7 | *4.8 | 9.2 | 71.3 | 39 | 18 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 19.2 | 13.9 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 64.1 | 58 | 24 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 12.6 | 11.1 | 13.8 | 8.8 | 26.7 | 73.0 | 91 | 47 |
| Insufficient work experience | 17.0 | 10.3 | 12.3 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 54.6 | 44 | 25 |
| No vacancies at all | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.9 | 5.4 | 7.8 | 45.3 | 55 | 25 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 15.9 | 10.6 | *5.0 | *3.3 | *4.8 | 39.6 | 36 | 11 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 8.1 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 36.4 | 55 | 29 |
| Own ill health or disability | 6.2 | 5.7 | *4.5 | 6.6 | 12.0 | 35.1 | 87 | 52 |
| Language difficulties | *2.3 | *2.2 | *3.0 | *1.9 | *4.3 | 13.7 | 83 | *42 |
| Unsuitable hours | 9.6 | 7.0 | *3.9 | *1.0 | **0.4 | 21.9 | 16 | 8 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *4.9 | *2.0 | *1.2 | *0.9 | *2.9 | 11.8 | 69 | *12 |
| Other difficulties(b) | 9.1 | *4.0 | 5.6 | *2.3 | *3.1 | 24.0 | 61 | 17 |
| No difficulties at all | 36.3 | 12.0 | *3.0 | *1.5 | **0.7 | 53.5 | 11 | 3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 170.5 | 120.3 | 96.0 | 59.1 | 98.3 | 544.3 | 53 | 20 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

WITHOUT POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS

| | <i>With post-school qualifications</i> | <i>Completed highest level of secondary school</i> | <i>Did not complete highest level of secondary school</i> | <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>Total(c)</i> |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 11.3 | 10.2 | 13.8 | 24.1 | 39.4 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 8.9 | 6.5 | 24.5 | 31.0 | 40.5 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 17.4 | 7.4 | 21.3 | 28.6 | 48.3 |
| Insufficient work experience | 8.7 | 5.9 | 10.1 | 16.0 | 27.8 |
| No vacancies at all | 9.3 | *3.0 | 14.7 | 17.7 | 29.2 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 15.8 | *4.2 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 29.0 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 5.9 | *2.2 | 15.1 | 17.3 | 23.8 |
| Own ill health or disability | 9.6 | *2.6 | 10.8 | 13.5 | 23.6 |
| Language difficulties | *1.2 | **0.5 | *4.2 | *4.6 | 5.8 |
| Unsuitable hours | *2.3 | *2.5 | **0.3 | *2.8 | 6.9 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *0.8 | **0.8 | *1.5 | *2.3 | *3.2 |
| Other difficulties(d) | *4.8 | *3.5 | *4.1 | 8.1 | 13.2 |
| No difficulties at all | 9.0 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 14.8 | 30.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | 105.0 | 54.9 | 138.1 | 193.5 | 321.1 |
| FEMALES | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 8.5 | 7.5 | 11.9 | 19.4 | 31.9 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 6.3 | *5.0 | 12.3 | 17.3 | 23.6 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 6.6 | *4.1 | 12.0 | 16.1 | 24.7 |
| Insufficient work experience | 5.3 | 5.8 | 12.8 | 18.7 | 26.8 |
| No vacancies at all | *3.6 | *2.8 | 7.0 | 9.8 | 16.0 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 5.2 | *2.3 | *3.2 | 5.5 | 10.6 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | *3.7 | *2.7 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 12.6 |
| Own ill health or disability | *4.7 | *1.2 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 11.5 |
| Language difficulties | *1.2 | *2.8 | *3.9 | 6.6 | 7.9 |
| Unsuitable hours | *3.1 | *4.6 | *4.1 | 8.7 | 15.0 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *3.3 | *1.5 | *3.8 | 5.4 | 8.7 |
| Other difficulties(d) | *3.7 | *3.2 | *3.6 | 6.8 | 10.8 |
| No difficulties at all | *4.4 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 23.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 59.6 | 49.3 | 91.3 | 140.6 | 223.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 19.8 | 17.7 | 25.8 | 43.5 | 71.3 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 15.2 | 11.6 | 36.8 | 48.3 | 64.1 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 24.0 | 11.5 | 33.3 | 44.7 | 73.0 |
| Insufficient work experience | 14.0 | 11.8 | 22.9 | 34.7 | 54.6 |
| No vacancies at all | 12.9 | 5.8 | 21.7 | 27.5 | 45.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 21.0 | 6.5 | 11.5 | 18.0 | 39.6 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 9.5 | *4.9 | 20.7 | 25.6 | 36.4 |
| Own ill health or disability | 14.3 | *3.8 | 16.4 | 20.2 | 35.1 |
| Language difficulties | *2.4 | *3.2 | 8.0 | 11.2 | 13.7 |
| Unsuitable hours | 5.4 | 7.1 | *4.4 | 11.5 | 21.9 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *4.1 | *2.3 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 11.8 |
| Other difficulties(d) | 8.5 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 14.9 | 24.0 |
| No difficulties at all | 13.4 | 11.2 | 14.8 | 26.0 | 53.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 164.5 | 104.1 | 229.4 | 334.0 | 544.3 |

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes persons who never attended school.

(c) Includes persons still at school.

(d) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)—Birthplace

| | BORN IN AUSTRALIA | | BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA | | TOTAL | | |
|--|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| | NUMBER ('000) | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 28.7 | 24.5 | 10.7 | 7.4 | 39.4 | 31.9 | 71.3 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 32.5 | 18.6 | 8.1 | *5.0 | 40.5 | 23.6 | 64.1 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 29.7 | 18.2 | 18.6 | 6.5 | 48.3 | 24.7 | 73.0 |
| Insufficient work experience | 22.8 | 19.7 | *5.1 | 7.1 | 27.8 | 26.8 | 54.6 |
| No vacancies at all | 23.2 | 13.1 | 6.0 | *2.9 | 29.2 | 16.0 | 45.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 23.2 | 7.5 | 5.8 | *3.2 | 29.0 | 10.6 | 39.6 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 20.4 | 10.3 | *3.4 | *2.3 | 23.8 | 12.6 | 36.4 |
| Own ill health or disability | 16.7 | 8.1 | 6.9 | *3.4 | 23.6 | 11.5 | 35.1 |
| Language difficulties | **0.3 | — | 5.5 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 7.9 | 13.7 |
| Unsuitable hours | *4.6 | 10.4 | *2.3 | *4.6 | 6.9 | 15.0 | 21.9 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *1.5 | 7.1 | **0.6 | *4.7 | *3.2 | 8.7 | 11.8 |
| Other difficulties(b) | 8.5 | *4.2 | 5.7 | *3.5 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 24.0 |
| No difficulties at all | 25.5 | 18.8 | *4.8 | *4.3 | 30.4 | 23.2 | 53.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 237.7 | 160.5 | 83.4 | 62.7 | 321.1 | 223.3 | 544.3 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | 12.1 | 15.3 | 12.8 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 14.3 | 13.1 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | 13.7 | 11.6 | 9.7 | *7.9 | 12.6 | 10.6 | 11.8 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | 12.5 | 11.3 | 22.3 | 10.4 | 15.0 | 11.1 | 13.4 |
| Insufficient work experience | 9.6 | 12.3 | *6.1 | 11.3 | 8.7 | 12.0 | 10.0 |
| No vacancies at all | 9.8 | 8.2 | 7.2 | *4.6 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 8.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | 9.8 | 4.7 | 7.0 | *5.0 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 7.3 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | 8.6 | 6.4 | *4.0 | *3.7 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| Own ill health or disability | 7.0 | 5.0 | 8.3 | *5.4 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 |
| Language difficulties | **0.1 | — | 6.6 | 12.5 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| Unsuitable hours | *2.0 | 6.5 | *2.7 | *7.3 | 2.1 | 6.7 | 4.0 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | *0.6 | 4.4 | **0.7 | *7.5 | *1.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 |
| Other difficulties(b) | 3.6 | *2.6 | 6.8 | *5.6 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.4 |
| No difficulties at all | 10.7 | 11.7 | *5.8 | *6.9 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 9.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, Unemployed Persons(a)—Age

| | | AGE GROUP (YEARS) | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|--|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | Total | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 13.2 | 16.5 | 14.6 | 11.4 | *8.3 | *3.5 | 12.3 | |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | 11.6 | 17.6 | 14.8 | 15.1 | *5.9 | *4.3 | 12.6 | |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | *7.7 | *3.3 | *1.7 | 12.8 | 36.4 | 64.8 | 15.0 | |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 16.0 | 12.4 | 10.2 | *4.9 | *1.7 | **1.3 | 8.7 | |
| No vacancies at all | % | 10.6 | 11.1 | 8.8 | 8.8 | *8.8 | **3.2 | 9.1 | |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | *2.8 | *5.7 | 10.7 | 13.9 | 11.7 | *8.0 | 9.0 | |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | *6.6 | 13.6 | 7.7 | *6.9 | *4.9 | **1.3 | 7.4 | |
| Own ill health or disability | % | *2.7 | *4.3 | 9.1 | *8.0 | 13.8 | *4.9 | 7.3 | |
| Language difficulties | % | **1.1 | — | **0.6 | *4.2 | *1.9 | *4.9 | *1.8 | |
| Unsuitable hours | % | *6.5 | *2.2 | *1.6 | **1.2 | — | — | *2.1 | |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | % | **0.2 | **0.8 | **0.9 | *2.3 | **1.1 | — | *1.0 | |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | *3.3 | *2.5 | 7.3 | *4.5 | *3.4 | — | *4.1 | |
| No difficulties at all | % | 17.7 | *9.8 | 12.1 | *6.1 | *2.0 | *3.7 | 9.5 | |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 59.2 | 51.3 | 75.3 | 63.7 | 48.6 | 23.0 | 321.1 | |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 17.8 | *13.8 | 12.9 | 14.0 | *12.6 | **9.7 | 14.3 | |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | *6.1 | 15.7 | *6.5 | 12.5 | *17.9 | **5.1 | 10.6 | |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | *7.4 | *3.1 | *6.1 | 12.7 | 26.0 | *44.6 | 11.1 | |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 18.9 | 16.6 | 11.6 | *6.1 | *6.4 | **4.9 | 12.0 | |
| No vacancies at all | % | *6.3 | *10.1 | *6.8 | *9.3 | **1.3 | **10.2 | 7.2 | |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | *2.8 | *2.7 | *5.5 | *7.9 | *5.3 | — | *4.8 | |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | *4.7 | *5.1 | *7.7 | *4.5 | *4.9 | **11.2 | 5.7 | |
| Own ill health or disability | % | *4.0 | *4.5 | *4.8 | *5.2 | *7.8 | **8.8 | *5.1 | |
| Language difficulties | % | — | *6.1 | *3.8 | *6.2 | **2.4 | — | *3.5 | |
| Unsuitable hours | % | *9.7 | *3.3 | 11.4 | *4.8 | **1.8 | — | 6.7 | |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | % | **0.5 | *4.8 | *7.1 | *5.8 | — | **1.5 | *3.9 | |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | *2.6 | *6.8 | *6.4 | *4.6 | *4.2 | **3.9 | *4.8 | |
| No difficulties at all | % | 19.3 | *7.4 | *9.3 | *6.5 | *9.3 | — | 10.4 | |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 51.3 | 35.7 | 52.2 | 49.2 | 27.6 | 7.1 | 223.3 | |

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(b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

| | | AGE GROUP (YEARS) | | | | | | Total |
|--|------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 15.3 | 15.4 | 13.9 | 12.6 | 9.8 | *5.0 | 13.1 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | 9.0 | 16.9 | 11.4 | 14.0 | 10.3 | *4.5 | 11.8 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | 7.5 | *3.3 | *3.5 | 12.8 | 32.6 | 60.0 | 13.4 |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 17.3 | 14.1 | 10.8 | 5.4 | *3.4 | **2.2 | 10.0 |
| No vacancies at all | % | 8.6 | 10.7 | 8.0 | 9.0 | *6.1 | *4.9 | 8.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | *2.8 | *4.5 | 8.5 | 11.3 | 9.4 | *6.1 | 7.3 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | 5.7 | 10.1 | 7.7 | 5.9 | *4.9 | *3.6 | 6.7 |
| Own ill health or disability | % | *3.3 | *4.4 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 11.6 | *5.8 | 6.4 |
| Language difficulties | % | **0.6 | *2.5 | *1.9 | 5.0 | *2.1 | *3.8 | *2.5 |
| Unsuitable hours | % | 8.0 | *2.7 | 5.6 | *2.8 | **0.7 | — | *4.0 |
| Difficulties with child care and other family responsibilities | % | **0.3 | *2.4 | *3.4 | *3.8 | **0.7 | **0.4 | *2.2 |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | *3.0 | *4.3 | 6.9 | *4.5 | *3.7 | **0.9 | *4.4 |
| No difficulties at all | % | 18.5 | 8.8 | 11.0 | 6.3 | *4.7 | *2.9 | 9.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 110.5 | 87.1 | 127.5 | 113.0 | 76.2 | 30.1 | 544.3 |

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- (a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.
- (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

| | | AGE GROUPS (YEARS) | | | | | | Total |
|---|------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 31.5 | 45.5 | 42.3 | 41.1 | 39.4 | *19.9 | 38.6 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | 30.3 | 47.0 | 36.6 | 40.6 | 28.0 | *21.4 | 35.5 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | 22.7 | 15.2 | 12.4 | 32.6 | 65.1 | 79.9 | 31.6 |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 41.6 | 42.7 | 31.1 | 23.6 | 16.6 | *11.9 | 29.8 |
| No vacancies at all | % | 24.2 | 30.4 | 25.7 | 29.2 | 28.8 | *19.7 | 26.9 |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | 9.2 | 25.9 | 32.7 | 32.6 | 34.5 | 23.6 | 26.9 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | 19.6 | 27.5 | 15.8 | 22.3 | 17.2 | *7.1 | 19.2 |
| Own ill health or disability | % | *4.8 | *7.1 | 14.5 | 19.9 | 25.8 | *21.2 | 14.8 |
| Language difficulties | % | *1.6 | — | *4.6 | 11.0 | *7.6 | *9.9 | 5.4 |
| Unsuitable hours | % | 15.2 | *9.0 | *5.5 | *4.1 | **1.5 | *4.0 | 6.9 |
| Difficulties with childcare and other family responsibilities | % | **1.2 | *3.0 | *2.1 | *4.8 | *2.3 | **0.5 | 2.6 |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | *6.2 | *9.6 | 13.1 | 11.9 | *8.4 | *1.3 | 9.5 |
| No difficulties at all | % | 17.7 | *9.8 | 12.1 | *6.1 | *2.0 | *3.7 | 9.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 59.2 | 51.3 | 75.3 | 63.7 | 48.6 | 23.0 | 321.1 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 34.1 | 35.8 | 36.9 | 40.9 | 41.5 | *40.8 | 37.7 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | 26.3 | 41.4 | 29.5 | 31.7 | 39.8 | *33.2 | 32.6 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | 20.5 | 25.2 | 18.0 | 28.6 | 55.1 | 79.2 | 28.6 |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 30.5 | 44.7 | 35.7 | 27.9 | 18.9 | *12.6 | 31.4 |
| No vacancies at all | % | 14.9 | 21.8 | 19.3 | 25.6 | 16.5 | *36.6 | 20.3 |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | 13.3 | *14.1 | 27.9 | 23.4 | 22.4 | *24.2 | 20.6 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | 19.1 | 19.0 | 25.4 | 18.1 | *16.3 | **11.2 | 19.7 |
| Own ill health or disability | % | *5.1 | *9.0 | *9.8 | 10.9 | *13.5 | **8.8 | 9.3 |
| Language difficulties | % | **1.3 | *6.4 | *6.7 | *8.3 | *5.4 | — | 5.4 |
| Unsuitable hours | % | 14.1 | 16.9 | 28.2 | 12.9 | *10.1 | — | 16.6 |
| Difficulties with childcare and other family responsibilities | % | **0.5 | *9.4 | 19.3 | 11.4 | **0.7 | **3.9 | 8.9 |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | *4.3 | *6.1 | 10.6 | *6.5 | *7.2 | **5.4 | 6.9 |
| No difficulties at all | % | 19.3 | *7.4 | *9.3 | *6.5 | *9.3 | — | 10.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 51.3 | 35.7 | 52.2 | 49.2 | 27.6 | 7.1 | 223.3 |

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| | | AGE GROUPS (YEARS) | | | | | | |
|---|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over | Total |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Too many applicants for available jobs | % | 32.7 | 41.5 | 40.1 | 41.0 | 40.2 | 24.9 | 38.2 |
| Lacked necessary skills or education | % | 28.4 | 44.7 | 33.7 | 36.7 | 32.2 | 24.2 | 34.3 |
| Considered too young or too old by employers | % | 21.7 | 19.3 | 14.7 | 30.8 | 61.5 | 79.7 | 30.3 |
| Insufficient work experience | % | 36.4 | 43.5 | 32.9 | 25.5 | 17.5 | *12.1 | 30.5 |
| No vacancies at all | % | 19.9 | 26.8 | 23.1 | 27.6 | 24.3 | 23.7 | 24.2 |
| No vacancies in line of work | % | 11.1 | 21.1 | 30.8 | 28.6 | 30.1 | 23.7 | 24.3 |
| Too far to travel/transport problems | % | 19.3 | 24.1 | 19.7 | 20.4 | 16.9 | *8.0 | 19.4 |
| Own ill health or disability | % | 4.9 | 7.9 | 12.6 | 16.0 | 21.4 | 18.2 | 12.5 |
| Language difficulties | % | *1.5 | *2.6 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 6.8 | *7.5 | 5.4 |
| Unsuitable hours | % | 14.7 | 12.2 | 14.8 | 7.9 | *4.6 | *3.1 | 10.9 |
| Difficulties with childcare and other family responsibilities | % | *0.9 | *5.7 | 9.2 | 7.7 | *1.7 | **1.3 | 5.1 |
| Other difficulties(b) | % | 5.3 | 8.2 | 12.1 | 9.5 | 8.0 | **2.2 | 8.4 |
| No difficulties at all | % | 18.5 | 8.8 | 11.0 | 6.3 | *4.7 | *2.9 | 9.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | % | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | '000 | 110.5 | 87.1 | 127.5 | 113.0 | 76.2 | 30.1 | 544.3 |

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TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN PREVIOUS
12 MONTHS

| | 1 and under 4 weeks | 4 and under 8 weeks | 8 and under 13 weeks | 13 and under 26 weeks | 26 and under 39 weeks | 39 and under 52 weeks | 52 weeks and over | Total |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 35.2 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 32.0 | 38.8 | 12.0 | 64.4 | 222.0 |
| Husband or wife | 12.5 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 13.8 | 15.5 | 5.7 | 41.3 | 109.5 |
| With dependants | 7.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 9.6 | 10.3 | *3.0 | 29.0 | 71.9 |
| Without dependants | *4.6 | *3.9 | *4.8 | *4.2 | *5.1 | *2.7 | 12.3 | 37.6 |
| Lone parent | *1.0 | **0.4 | **0.3 | **0.5 | *0.8 | *1.0 | *2.2 | 6.1 |
| Dependent student | 10.0 | *3.8 | *3.4 | *3.3 | 5.9 | **0.6 | *3.0 | 30.0 |
| Non-dependent child | 9.9 | 6.3 | *3.7 | 11.9 | 14.1 | *3.9 | 15.5 | 65.4 |
| Other family person | *1.8 | **0.2 | **0.7 | *2.5 | *2.6 | *0.8 | *2.4 | 11.1 |
| Non-family member | 9.0 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 5.7 | 31.8 | 78.1 |
| Lone person | *4.1 | *3.7 | *3.0 | *2.4 | 5.7 | *3.8 | 21.7 | 44.4 |
| Not living alone | *5.0 | *3.1 | *4.3 | 5.8 | *3.7 | *1.9 | 10.0 | 33.7 |
| Not determined | *1.9 | *2.3 | *2.5 | *3.3 | *3.8 | **0.6 | 6.4 | 20.9 |
| Total | 46.1 | 29.7 | 29.0 | 43.4 | 52.0 | 18.3 | 102.6 | 321.1 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 33.2 | 23.1 | 21.3 | 25.7 | 26.6 | 7.0 | 38.9 | 175.8 |
| Husband or wife | 13.1 | 9.7 | 7.8 | 10.5 | 11.8 | *2.9 | 20.5 | 76.3 |
| With dependants | 8.9 | 7.3 | *4.4 | 7.7 | 8.1 | *2.6 | 10.4 | 49.3 |
| Without dependants | *4.3 | *2.4 | *3.4 | *2.8 | *3.8 | **0.3 | 10.1 | 26.9 |
| Lone parent | 7.9 | *3.9 | *3.7 | *4.9 | *3.7 | *2.3 | 9.8 | 36.2 |
| Dependent student | 6.8 | *4.8 | 5.6 | *4.0 | 5.5 | *1.0 | *1.4 | 29.0 |
| Non-dependent child | *3.7 | *4.0 | *2.8 | *4.8 | *5.0 | *0.9 | 6.3 | 27.4 |
| Other family person | *1.7 | **0.6 | *1.4 | *1.5 | **0.6 | — | *1.0 | 6.9 |
| Non-family member | 6.4 | *3.0 | *3.9 | *2.8 | 6.7 | *2.5 | 12.0 | 37.3 |
| Lone person | *4.4 | **0.5 | *1.7 | *1.5 | *4.0 | *1.3 | 6.4 | 19.8 |
| Not living alone | *2.0 | *2.5 | *2.2 | *1.3 | *2.6 | *1.2 | 5.6 | 17.4 |
| Not determined | *1.6 | **0.3 | *1.0 | *2.2 | *1.1 | — | *4.0 | 10.2 |
| Total | 41.2 | 26.4 | 26.2 | 30.7 | 34.4 | 9.5 | 54.9 | 223.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 68.4 | 43.6 | 40.5 | 57.6 | 65.5 | 19.0 | 103.3 | 397.9 |
| Husband or wife | 25.6 | 19.6 | 18.8 | 24.3 | 27.3 | 8.5 | 61.8 | 185.8 |
| With dependants | 16.8 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 17.3 | 18.4 | 5.6 | 39.4 | 121.2 |
| Without dependants | 8.8 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 8.9 | *2.9 | 22.3 | 64.6 |
| Lone parent | 8.8 | *4.3 | *4.0 | 5.4 | *4.5 | *3.3 | 12.0 | 42.3 |
| Dependent student | 16.8 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 11.4 | *1.6 | *4.4 | 59.0 |
| Non-dependent child | 13.6 | 10.3 | 6.5 | 16.7 | 19.1 | *4.8 | 21.7 | 92.8 |
| Other family person | *3.6 | *0.9 | *2.1 | *4.0 | *3.2 | *0.8 | *3.4 | 18.0 |
| Non-family member | 15.4 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 16.0 | 8.2 | 43.8 | 115.4 |
| Lone person | 8.4 | *4.2 | *4.8 | *3.9 | 9.7 | *5.1 | 28.1 | 64.2 |
| Not living alone | 7.0 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.3 | *3.1 | 15.6 | 51.2 |
| Not determined | *3.6 | *2.6 | *3.5 | 5.5 | *4.9 | **0.6 | 10.4 | 31.1 |
| Total | 87.3 | 56.1 | 55.2 | 74.1 | 86.4 | 27.7 | 157.5 | 544.3 |

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF
UNEMPLOYMENT

| | 1 and under 8 weeks | 8 and under 26 weeks | 26 and under 52 weeks | 1 and under 2 years | 2 years and over | Total | Average duration weeks | Median duration weeks |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications | 30.3 | 23.6 | 18.1 | 12.5 | 20.5 | 105.0 | 57 | 23 |
| Bachelor degree or higher | 7.8 | 9.1 | 5.3 | *3.1 | *3.1 | 28.4 | 37 | 15 |
| Undergraduate or associate diploma | 5.6 | *3.3 | *2.7 | *1.6 | *2.3 | 15.4 | 45 | *19 |
| Skilled or basic vocational qualification | 16.9 | 11.2 | 10.1 | 7.9 | 15.1 | 61.2 | 68 | 26 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 54.0 | 38.0 | 34.6 | 21.8 | 45.1 | 193.5 | 63 | 26 |
| Completed highest level of secondary school | 21.0 | 11.7 | 11.7 | *2.3 | 8.1 | 54.9 | 40 | 15 |
| Did not complete highest level of secondary school | 32.9 | 26.2 | 22.9 | 19.5 | 36.6 | 138.1 | 72 | 29 |
| Left aged 15 years and under | 12.7 | 13.4 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 16.2 | 63.1 | 72 | 29 |
| Left aged 16 years and over | 20.2 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 8.8 | 20.4 | 75.1 | 71 | 29 |
| Still at school | 9.7 | *4.8 | 5.5 | *2.3 | **0.4 | 22.6 | 18 | 8 |
| Total | 93.9 | 66.4 | 58.2 | 36.6 | 66.0 | 321.1 | 58 | 25 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications | 24.0 | 13.2 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 59.6 | 40 | 11 |
| Bachelor degree or higher | 5.6 | *4.0 | *1.8 | *2.0 | *1.1 | 14.5 | 34 | *11 |
| Undergraduate or associate diploma | *4.9 | *2.7 | *1.0 | *1.4 | *2.0 | 11.9 | *37 | *11 |
| Skilled or basic vocational qualification | 13.6 | 6.6 | 5.7 | *2.4 | *4.9 | 33.2 | 44 | 12 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 42.1 | 33.3 | 25.0 | 16.0 | 24.1 | 140.6 | 54 | 19 |
| Completed highest level of secondary school | 16.2 | 13.0 | 10.8 | 5.4 | *3.9 | 49.3 | 28 | 16 |
| Did not complete highest level of secondary school | 26.0 | 20.4 | 14.2 | 10.6 | 20.2 | 91.3 | 67 | 22 |
| Left aged 15 years and under | 10.5 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 9.4 | 42.5 | 68 | 27 |
| Left aged 16 years and over | 15.5 | 11.7 | 6.1 | *4.8 | 10.8 | 48.8 | 65 | 18 |
| Still at school | 10.4 | 7.5 | *4.3 | **0.7 | **0.3 | 23.1 | 15 | 7 |
| Total | 76.5 | 54.0 | 37.8 | 22.5 | 32.4 | 223.3 | 45 | 16 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| With post-school qualifications | 54.3 | 36.8 | 26.7 | 18.3 | 28.5 | 164.5 | 51 | 19 |
| Bachelor degree or higher | 13.4 | 13.1 | 7.1 | *5.1 | *4.2 | 42.9 | 36 | 14 |
| Undergraduate or associate diploma | 10.4 | 5.9 | *3.7 | *2.9 | *4.3 | 27.3 | 41 | 16 |
| Skilled or basic vocational qualification | 30.4 | 17.8 | 15.9 | 10.3 | 20.0 | 94.4 | 59 | 23 |
| Without post-school qualifications(b) | 96.1 | 71.3 | 59.6 | 37.9 | 69.2 | 334.0 | 59 | 25 |
| Completed highest level of secondary school | 37.2 | 24.7 | 22.5 | 7.7 | 12.0 | 104.1 | 35 | 15 |
| Did not complete highest level of secondary school | 58.9 | 46.6 | 37.1 | 30.1 | 56.7 | 229.4 | 70 | 27 |
| Left aged 15 years and under | 23.2 | 22.1 | 18.1 | 16.6 | 25.5 | 105.6 | 70 | 29 |
| Left aged 16 years and over | 35.7 | 24.5 | 18.9 | 13.5 | 31.2 | 123.9 | 69 | 25 |
| Still at school | 20.1 | 12.3 | 9.8 | *3.0 | **0.7 | 45.8 | 17 | 7 |
| Total | 170.5 | 120.3 | 96.0 | 59.1 | 98.3 | 544.3 | 53 | 20 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes persons who never attended school.

DURATION OF LAST
FULL-TIME JOB . .

| Age group (years) | 1 and 5 under 5 years and over | | Total | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| | Under 1 year | 5 years | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | |
| MALES | | | | |
| 15-19 | 11.6 | *0.9 | — | 12.5 |
| 20-24 | 16.6 | 9.1 | **0.8 | 26.6 |
| 25-34 | 24.8 | 13.2 | *3.2 | 41.2 |
| 35-44 | 14.3 | 8.1 | *4.2 | 26.5 |
| 45 and over | 10.6 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 23.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 78.0 | 37.3 | 14.5 | 129.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | |
| 15-19 | 8.4 | *2.7 | — | 11.1 |
| 20-24 | 9.4 | 4.1 | **0.3 | 13.9 |
| 25-34 | 8.3 | *5.0 | *2.1 | 15.4 |
| 35-44 | 5.9 | *3.4 | *3.4 | 12.7 |
| 45 and over | *4.2 | *2.8 | 3.9 | 10.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | 36.2 | 18.0 | 9.7 | 64.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | |
| 15-19 | 20.0 | *3.6 | — | 23.6 |
| 20-24 | 26.1 | 13.2 | *1.1 | 40.4 |
| 25-34 | 33.1 | 18.2 | 5.3 | 56.6 |
| 35-44 | 20.2 | 11.5 | 7.6 | 39.3 |
| 45 and over | 14.8 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 34.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 114.2 | 55.4 | 24.3 | 193.8 |

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(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE, Populations

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT(a) | ACT | Aust. |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Population 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons(b) | 95.6 | 71.1 | 74.5 | 30.0 | 31.9 | 11.0 | *2.8 | *4.2 | 321.1 |
| Population 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years(b) | 34.1 | 30.0 | 32.8 | 12.7 | 13.8 | *3.9 | *1.5 | *1.0 | 129.8 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| Population 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons(b) | 58.2 | 63.0 | 49.7 | 20.7 | 21.2 | 6.3 | *1.6 | *2.4 | 223.3 |
| Population 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years(b) | 15.8 | 19.2 | 13.8 | 7.1 | 5.2 | *1.6 | **0.4 | **0.8 | 64.0 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Population 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons(b) | 153.8 | 134.1 | 124.1 | 50.7 | 53.1 | 17.3 | *4.4 | 6.6 | 544.3 |
| Population 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployed persons who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years(b) | 49.9 | 49.2 | 46.6 | 19.8 | 19.1 | 5.5 | *1.9 | *1.7 | 193.8 |

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Refers to mainly urban areas only.

(b) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The statistics in this publication are compiled from data collected in the *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey* that was conducted throughout Australia in July 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 persons 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 a minor impact on any aggregate estimates produced for individual States and Territories, except the Northern Territory. Further details can be obtained by contacting the person listed on the front cover of this publication.

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 The number of unemployed persons in this publication (from table 2 onwards) differs from that published in *Labour Force, Australia, July 2000* (Cat. no. 6203.0) because persons who were stood down were excluded from this survey, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience.

COVERAGE

6 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in July 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.

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 further information on sampling error, 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.

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

9 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES *continued*

10 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. The reduction in sample size means that the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

NOTES ON ESTIMATES

11 The Government made significant changes to the manner in which it provided employment services to the community between September 1997 and May 1998. As a result, the nature of job search activity undertaken by jobseekers changed.

12 Prior to the change in employment service arrangements, the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) provided jobseekers with access to labour market assistance and offices of the then Department of Social Security (DSS) provided jobseekers with access to income support.

13 Centrelink progressively replaced the CES and DSS shopfronts from September 1997. A competitive employment services market, the Job Network, was launched on 1 May 1998. The Job Network consists of private, community and government organisations on contract to the government to provide employment services to the community. As from that date, jobseekers register with Centrelink for job search assistance and can choose to go to any of the Job Network employment agencies. The agency then attempts to match jobseekers with jobs that are registered with them by employers.

14 During the transition to the new employment services market, Centrelink performed a similar role to the CES. Jobseekers registered at either a CES or Centrelink office, depending on which was operating in their area, for income support and/or job search assistance.

15 Due to the changes in the nature of employment services, caution should be used in comparing results for periods prior to the introduction of the changes with results from surveys conducted after the changes occurred.

LAST JOB DETAILS

16 Details of the last full-time job of unemployed persons (industry, occupation, duration and reasons for ceasing) are not available from the July 2000 survey. This information was not collected due to the conduct of a statistical impact study on the proposed new LFS questionnaire. For further information see *Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Questionnaire Redesign, 2000* (Cat no. 6294.0).

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

17 Results of similar surveys on job search experience conducted in July 1984, July 1985, June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991, and annually from July 1992 were published in previous issues of *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia* (Cat. no. 6222.0).

NEXT SURVEY

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

19 ABS 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:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6245.0)

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Labour Mobility, Australia* (Cat. no. 6209.0)
- *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6206.0)
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0)
- *Retrenchment and Redundancy, Australia* (Cat. no. 6266.0)
- *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 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

The ABS has a range of unpublished data available from the Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons 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 the persons in the survey to whom the data 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 for more information about the customised data service contact Jon Havelock on Canberra 02 6252 7747, or by facsimile on 02 6252 7784.

- Population 1** Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down).
- Population 2** Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years.

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

| Data Items | Populations | Data Items | Populations |
|------------|--|------------|---|
| 1 | State of usual residence New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory | 7B | Birthplace (1) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Born in main English-speaking countries Born in other countries |
| 2 | Areas of usual residence Capital city Balance of State/Territory | 7C | Birthplace (2) Born in Australia Born outside Australia The Middle East and North Africa Africa (excluding North Africa) North America South America, Central America and the Caribbean North-East Asia South-East Asia Southern Asia Europe and the former USSR Oceania and the Antarctica |
| 3 | Region of usual residence Standard labour force dissemination regions | 8 | Age group (years) 15–19 20–24 25–34 35–44 45–54 55 and over |
| 4 | Sex Male Female | 9 | Educational attainment With post-school qualifications Higher degree Postgraduate degree Bachelor degree Undergraduate or associate diploma Skilled or basic vocational qualification Nursing level unknown Without post-school qualifications Completed highest level of secondary school Didn't complete highest level of secondary college Left school aged under 15 years Left school aged 15 years Left school aged 16 years Left school aged 17 years Left school aged 18 years or more Never attended school Still at school |
| 5 | Marital status Married Not married | 10 | Educational Attainment and whether qualification obtained overseas or in Australia Born in Australia Born outside Australia With post-school qualifications Educational qualification obtained overseas Educational qualification obtained in Australia Without post-school qualifications Still at school |
| 6A | Relationship in household (1) Family member Husband or wife With dependants Without dependants Lone parent With dependants Without dependants Dependent student Non-dependent child Other family person Non-family member Lone person Not living alone Not determined | | |
| 6B | Relationship in household (2) Family member Husband or wife With children under 15 Without children under 15 Lone parent With children under 15 With dependent student(s) but without children under 15 Without dependants Dependent student Non-dependent child Other family person Non-family member Lone person Not living alone Not determined | | |
| 7A | Birthplace and period of arrival Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1971 Arrived 1971–80 Arrived 1981–90 Arrived 1991 to survey date | | |

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

| Data Items | Populations | Data Items | Populations |
|------------|--|------------|---|
| 11 | Whether looking for full-time or part-time work | 15A | Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job |
| | Looking for full-time work Looking for part-time work | | Would move intrastate May move intrastate Depending on job conditions Depending on other reason |
| 12 | Duration of current period of unemployment | 15B | Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job |
| | Under 1 year 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 8 weeks 8 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 1 year and over 1 and under 2 years 2 years and over | | Has applied for a job intrastate Would move intrastate May move intrastate Depending on job conditions Depending on personal/family reasons Depending on specific state Depending on other reason Has not applied for a job intrastate Would move intrastate May move intrastate Depending on job conditions Depending on personal/family reasons Depending on specific state Depending on other reason Would not move intrastate Undecided |
| 13A | All active steps taken to find work | 16 | Number of offers of employment in the current period of unemployment |
| | Contacted prospective employers Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job Checked Centrelink touchscreens Checked factory noticeboards Registered with Centrelink Contacted an employment agency Contacted friends or relatives | | None One or more One Two Three or more |
| 13B | Active steps taken to find work | 17 | All difficulties in finding work |
| | Registered with Centrelink Took no other active steps Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps Not registered with Centrelink Contacted prospective employers Took other active steps | | Too many applicants for available job Lacked necessary skills or education Considered too young or too old by employers Insufficient work experience No vacancies at all No vacancies in line of work Too far to travel/transport problems Own ill health or disability Language difficulties Unsuitable hours Difficulties with child care Other family responsibilities Difficulties because of ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties at all |
| 14A | Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job | | |
| | Would move interstate May move interstate Depending on job conditions Depending on other reason Would not move interstate Undecided | | |
| 14B | Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job | | |
| | Has applied for a job interstate Would move interstate May move interstate Depending on job conditions Depending on personal/family reasons Depending on specific state Depending on other reason Has not applied for a job interstate Would move interstate May move interstate Depending on job conditions Depending on personal/family reasons Depending on specific state Depending on other reason Would not move interstate Undecided | | |

APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST *continued*

| <i>Data Items</i> | <i>Populations</i> | <i>Data Items</i> | <i>Populations</i> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| 18 | Main difficulty in finding work Too many applicants for available jobs Lacked necessary skills or education Considered too young or too old by employers Insufficient work experience No vacancies at all No vacancies in line of work Too far to travel/transport problems Own ill health or disability Language difficulties Unsuitable hours Difficulties with child care Other family responsibilities Difficulties because of ethnic background Other difficulties No difficulties at all | ALL | 27 Status in employment in last full-time job Last full-time job less than 2 years ago Employee Employer Own account worker Contributing family worker Unpaid voluntary worker Last full-time job more than 2 years ago Has never worked |
| 19 | Number of spells of looking for work in the previous 12 months One Two Three or more | ALL | |
| 20 | Time spent looking for work in the previous 12 months (weeks) 1 and under 2 2 and under 4 4 and under 8 8 and under 13 13 and under 26 26 and under 39 39 and under 52 52 | ALL | |
| 21 | Whether had worked full-time Had never worked full-time Had worked full-time | 1 | |
| 24 | Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job Australian currency (\$) Under 80 80 and under 160 160 and under 240 240 and under 320 320 and under 400 400 and under 480 480 and under 560 560 and under 640 640 and under 720 720 and under 800 800 and under 880 880 and under 960 960 and under 1,040 1,040 and under 1,120 1,120 and under 1,200 1,200 and under 1,280 1,280 and under 1,360 1,360 and over Don't know, not stated Non-Australian currency Payment in kind | 2 | |

APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary surveys to the monthly labour force survey. 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*. Annual. Final issue September 1999 (Discontinued) (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 1999 (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*. Final issue Nov. 1995 (Discontinued) (Cat. no. 6319.0)
- *Trade Union Members*. Final issue 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.

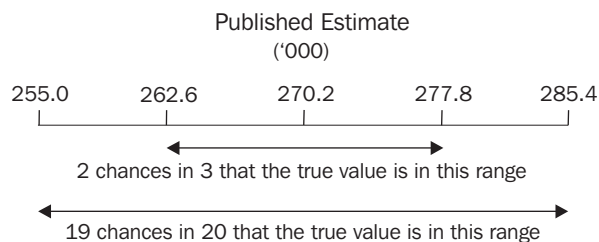
2 Due to space limitations, it is impractical to print the SE of each estimate in the publication. Instead, a table of SEs is provided to enable readers to determine the SE for an estimate from the size of that estimate (see table T1). The SE table is derived from a mathematical model, referred to as 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 ERROR

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 4 shows the estimated number of unemployed males in Australia who were looking for full-time work was 270,200. Since this estimate is between 200,000 and 300,000, table T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 6,800 and 7,950 and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &SE\ of\ estimate\ (est.) \\
 &= lower\ SE + \left(\left(\frac{size\ of\ est. - lower\ est.}{upper\ est. - lower\ est.} \right) \times (upper\ SE - lower\ SE) \right) \\
 &= 6,800 + \left(\left(\frac{270,200 - 200,000}{300,000 - 200,000} \right) \times (7,950 - 6,800) \right) \\
 &= 7,600\ (rounded\ to\ the\ nearest\ 100)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 within the range 262,600 to 277,800 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 255,000 to 285,400. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



CALCULATION OF STANDARD
ERROR *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 less than 25%.

AVERAGES AND MEDIANS

6 The RSEs of estimates of average duration of unemployment and median duration of unemployment are obtained by first finding the RSE of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median (see table T1) and then multiplying the resulting number by the following factors:

- average duration of unemployment: 1.3
- median duration of unemployment: 2.0

7 The following is an example of the calculation of SEs where the use of a factor is required. Table 5 shows that the estimated median duration of unemployment for unemployed males in Australia was 25 weeks and shows that the number of males was estimated as 321,100. The SE of 321,100 can be calculated from table T1 (by interpolation) as 8,100. To convert this to a RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate or $8,100/321,100 = 2.5\%$. The RSE of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.5%) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.5 \times 2.0 = 5.0\%$. The SE of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 5.0% of 25, i.e. about 1 week. Therefore, there are two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 24–26 weeks, and about 19 chances in 20 that it would have been within the range 23–27 weeks.

8 Estimates of averages and medians produced from population estimates smaller than the values provided in table T2 have RSEs larger than 25% and should be used with caution. Table T2 also indicates the size of population estimates that would produce averages and medians with RSEs greater than 50%, which are considered too unreliable for general use.

9 An example of an estimate with a RSE between 25% and 50% is in table 16. The median duration of current period of unemployment for unemployed females with a bachelor degree or higher, is 11 weeks and the number of persons contributing to the estimate is 14,500. Table T2 shows the level at which estimates of median duration have a RSE of 25% is 16,300. Therefore, the estimate of median duration has a high RSE and is shown in table 16 preceded with an asterisk (ie *11).

PROPORTIONS AND
PERCENTAGES

10 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.

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

PROPORTIONS AND
PERCENTAGES *continued*

11 Considering the example from the previous page, of the 270,200 unemployed males who were looking for full-time work, 93,300 or 34.5% had been unemployed for 1 year or more. The SE of 93,300 may be calculated by interpolation as 5,100. To convert this to a RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or $5,100/93,300 = 5.5\%$. The SE for 270,200 was calculated previously as 7,600, which converted to a RSE is $7,600/270,200 = 2.8\%$. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is

$$RSE = \sqrt{(5.5)^2 - (2.8)^2} = 4.7\%$$

12 Therefore, the SE for the proportion of unemployed males looking for full-time work who had been unemployed for one year or more is 1.6 percentage points ($= (34.5/100) \times 4.7$). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons looking for full-time work who have been unemployed for one year or more is between 32.9% and 36.1% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 31.3% to 37.7%.

DIFFERENCES

13 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:

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

14 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.

TECHNICAL NOTE DATA QUALITY *continued*

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | SE | RSE |
| Size of estimate (persons) | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | % |
| 100 | 100 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 90 | 90.0 |
| 200 | 180 | 190 | — | — | — | 160 | 160 | 180 | 150 | 75.0 |
| 300 | 240 | 250 | — | 290 | 290 | 190 | 190 | 200 | 210 | 70.0 |
| 500 | 350 | 350 | 430 | 350 | 360 | 230 | 230 | 240 | 300 | 60.0 |
| 700 | 450 | 440 | 500 | 410 | 420 | 270 | 260 | 260 | 380 | 54.3 |
| 1 000 | 570 | 550 | 590 | 470 | 500 | 310 | 300 | 300 | 490 | 49.0 |
| 1 500 | 750 | 690 | 710 | 560 | 600 | 370 | 350 | 340 | 630 | 42.0 |
| 2 000 | 890 | 820 | 810 | 630 | 670 | 410 | 400 | 380 | 760 | 38.0 |
| 2 500 | 1 000 | 900 | 900 | 700 | 750 | 450 | 450 | 400 | 900 | 36.0 |
| 3 000 | 1 150 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 750 | 800 | 500 | 450 | 450 | 1 000 | 33.3 |
| 3 500 | 1 250 | 1 100 | 1 050 | 800 | 850 | 500 | 500 | 450 | 1 050 | 30.0 |
| 4 000 | 1 350 | 1 200 | 1 100 | 850 | 900 | 550 | 500 | 500 | 1 150 | 28.8 |
| 5 000 | 1 500 | 1 300 | 1 250 | 900 | 1 000 | 600 | 550 | 550 | 1 300 | 26.0 |
| 7 000 | 1 800 | 1 550 | 1 400 | 1 050 | 1 150 | 700 | 650 | 600 | 1 600 | 22.9 |
| 10 000 | 2 150 | 1 850 | 1 650 | 1 200 | 1 300 | 800 | 750 | 700 | 1 900 | 19.0 |
| 15 000 | 2 550 | 2 200 | 2 000 | 1 450 | 1 550 | 900 | 850 | 800 | 2 350 | 15.7 |
| 20 000 | 2 900 | 2 450 | 2 250 | 1 600 | 1 750 | 1 000 | 950 | 900 | 2 700 | 13.5 |
| 30 000 | 3 450 | 2 900 | 2 650 | 1 900 | 2 050 | 1 200 | 1 100 | 1 100 | 3 250 | 10.8 |
| 40 000 | 3 800 | 3 200 | 3 000 | 2 150 | 2 250 | 1 350 | 1 200 | 1 250 | 3 700 | 9.3 |
| 50 000 | 4 150 | 3 450 | 3 300 | 2 350 | 2 450 | 1 450 | 1 300 | 1 350 | 4 050 | 8.1 |
| 100 000 | 5 150 | 4 300 | 4 400 | 3 100 | 3 150 | 1 850 | 1 700 | 1 850 | 5 300 | 5.3 |
| 150 000 | 5 800 | 5 050 | 5 200 | 3 650 | 3 650 | 2 200 | 1 950 | 2 200 | 6 150 | 4.1 |
| 200 000 | 6 400 | 5 650 | 5 850 | 4 050 | 4 050 | 2 400 | 2 150 | 2 500 | 6 800 | 3.4 |
| 300 000 | 7 450 | 6 700 | 6 850 | 4 800 | 4 650 | 2 800 | — | 3 000 | 7 950 | 2.7 |
| 500 000 | 9 250 | 8 400 | 8 400 | 5 850 | 5 500 | 3 350 | — | — | 9 650 | 1.9 |
| 1 000 000 | 12 950 | 11 800 | 11 000 | 7 650 | 6 850 | — | — | — | 12 650 | 1.3 |
| 2 000 000 | 19 050 | 17 150 | 14 350 | 10 000 | 8 500 | — | — | — | 16 700 | 0.8 |
| 5 000 000 | 34 150 | 29 450 | 20 250 | — | — | — | — | — | 25 600 | 0.5 |
| 10 000 000 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 44 850 | 0.4 |

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

T2 LEVELS AT WHICH ESTIMATES HAVE RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS OF 25% AND 50% (a)

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | |
| 25% RSE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average duration of unemployment | 11 800 | 10 800 | 8 300 | 4 600 | 5 600 | 2 000 | 1 500 | 2 100 | 12 000 | |
| Median duration of unemployment | 18 900 | 14 300 | 12 200 | 6 700 | 8 000 | 3 200 | 3 300 | 2 900 | 16 300 | |
| All other estimates | 7 300 | 5 600 | 4 800 | 3 000 | 3 400 | 1 400 | 1 400 | 1 300 | 5 600 | |
| 50% RSE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average duration of unemployment | 2 800 | 2 800 | 2 400 | 1 400 | 1 700 | 600 | 500 | 700 | 2 500 | |
| Median duration of unemployment | 5 000 | 3 900 | 3 500 | 2 100 | 2 400 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 3 700 | |
| All other estimates | 1 500 | 1 200 | 1 400 | 1 000 | 1 000 | 500 | 400 | 500 | 900 | |

(a) Refers to the number of persons contributing to the estimates.

GLOSSARY

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| Active steps taken to find work | Steps taken during the 12 months up to the time of the survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work;■ answering a newspaper advertisement for a job;■ checking Centrelink touchscreens;■ checking factory noticeboards;■ registering with Centrelink for job search assistance;■ contacting an employment agency;■ advertising or tendering for work; and■ contacting friends or relatives. |
| All difficulties in finding work | All difficulties in finding work experienced during the current period of unemployment. |
| Average duration (of current period of unemployment) | The duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. |
| Centrelink | Centrelink is a statutory authority responsible for delivering a range of Commonwealth Government services, including the registration of persons for job search assistance and income support. |
| CES | Prior to April 1998, the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) provided a job placement service for jobseekers and managed labour market programs. It also provided the contact point for eligible jobseekers to register for income support. |
| Duration of current period of unemployment | The period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus, this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full-time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference period. |
| Educational attainment | Measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ) (Cat. no. 1262.0). |
| Former full-time employees | Unemployed persons, excluding persons who were stood down, who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years. |
| Interstate | Between States and Territories. |
| Intrastate | Within the State or Territory. |
| Job leavers | Persons who have ceased their last job voluntarily, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ of unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours; or■ the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they left that job to return to studies; or■ they retired, started a new business, got a better job, left for family or other reasons; or■ they changed locality but not employer/business for employment, personal or other reasons. |
| Job losers | Persons who ceased their last job involuntarily, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ they were retrenched or their business closed down because of financial difficulties; or■ their job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they did not leave that job to return to studies; or■ they left their job because of their own ill health or injury. |
| Job Network | Job Network is a national network of private, community and government organisations on contract to the government to provide employment placement services to the community. Jobseekers, who are registered with Centrelink for |

GLOSSARY *continued*

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| Job Network <i>continued</i> | job search assistance are able to contact any Job Network provider in their area to receive this service. |
| Looking for part-time work | Actively looking for part-time work (less than 35 hours per week) only. |
| Main difficulty in finding work | The main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment. |
| Main English-speaking countries | Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand. |
| Median duration of current period of unemployment | The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal size groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median, and the other, persons whose duration is below it. |
| Number of offers of employment | The number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment. |
| Persons who were stood down | Persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. |
| Unemployed persons | <p>Those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), 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:</p> <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 up to the end of the reference week); or■ 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. <p>In this publication, unemployed persons excludes those people who were stood down without pay for less than four weeks, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience.</p> |
| Usual gross weekly pay | The amount of usual weekly pay before taxation and other deductions have been made |

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