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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ABSCQ Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications

ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification

ASCED Australian Standard Classification of Education

ASCO Australian Standard Classification of Occupations

CSV comma separated value

CURF confidentialised unit record file

GST goods and services tax

LFS Labour Force Survey

RADL Remote Access Data Laboratory

RSE relative standard error

SACC Standard Australian Classification of Countries

SE standard error

SEW Survey of Education and Work

TAFE Technical and Further Education

### INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

This paper provides information about the release of microdata from the 2007 Survey of Education and Work (SEW). The data are available as a Confidentialised Unit Record File (CURF) released with the approval of the Australian Statistician. The CURF can be accessed on CD-ROM, and/or via the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL).

The RADL is an on-line database query system, under which microdata are held on a server at the ABS, to which users can submit programs to interrogate and analyse the data, and access the results. Further information about the RADL facility and information about obtaining access to the file is available on the ABS website <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au">http://www.abs.gov.au</a> (see Services we Provide/CURFs).

More detailed information to assist in using the CURF, and in interpreting the data, is also provided in the documentation on or accompanying the CURF.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The SEW was conducted throughout Australia in May 2007 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

Information collected included socio-demographic characteristics (such as age, sex and birthplace), employment characteristics (such as labour force status, occupation and industry), educational qualifications obtained (such as level and field of qualification), whether attended an educational institution and type of attendance in 2006, and whether attending an educational institution and type of attendance in May 2007.

Estimates from the survey, as well as more information on the survey sample, conceptual framework, definitions and methodology, explanatory notes and glossary, were published in *Education and Work, Australia 2007* (cat.no.6227.0). This publication is on the CURF as an Acrobat file 62270 2007.PDF.

### SURVEY METHODOLOGY

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

The scope of this survey was persons aged 15–64 years, excluding the following persons:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from the census and estimated resident population figures
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia
- persons permanently unable to work.

Patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for persons with disabilities), boarding school pupils and inmates of prisons are excluded from all supplementary surveys.

Boarding school pupils were excluded from the scope of the SEW since 2005, but were included in earlier collections. The 2004 survey had yielded an estimated 24,100 boarding school pupils aged 15 years and over. Such persons were assumed to be 'not in the labour force' and to be enrolled for secondary school study - 'Year 12 or below'. They were also assumed to be usually resident in the same location (i.e. state and territory and area of state or territory) as their school. The only information collected directly on these persons was age, sex and martial status. All other characteristics were unknown.

The survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded persons living in very remote parts of Australia who would otherwise have been within scope of the survey. The exclusion of these persons will only have a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual states and territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory where such persons account for around 23% of the population.

Information was collected via face-to-face or telephone interviews. Trained interviewers asked members of each household, or a responsible adult answering on behalf of other household members, detailed questions about their educational attainment and recent participation in education.

In the LFS, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling and hence has only one chance of selection in the survey. See *Labour Force, Australia* (cat no. 6202.0) for more details.

WEIGHTING, ESTIMATION
AND BENCHMARKING

As the survey was conducted on a sample of households in Australia, it is important to consider the method of sample selection when deriving estimates from the CURF. This is particularly important as a person's chance of selection in the survey varies depending on the state or territory or, in some cases, area of state or territory in which they are selected.

Weighting is the process of adjusting results from the sample survey to infer results for the total in-scope population. To do this, a weight is allocated to each sample unit i.e. each person. The weight effectively indicates how many population units are represented by the sample unit.

### SURVEY METHODOLOGY continued

WEIGHTING, ESTIMATION
AND BENCHMARKING
continued

The first step in calculating weights for each sample unit is to assign an initial weight which is equal to the inverse of the probability of being selected in the survey. For example, if the probability of a person being selected in the survey was one in 600, then the selected person would have an initial weight of 600 (that is, they represent 600 persons in the population). The initial weights are then calibrated to align with an independent estimates of the population of interest, referred to as 'benchmarks'. Weights are calibrated against population benchmarks to ensure that the survey estimates conform to independently estimated distribution of the population, rather than to the distribution within the sample itself.

Where estimates are derived from the CURF, it is essential that they are calculated by adding the weights of persons in each category and not just by counting the number in each category. If each person's 'weight' were to be ignored, then no account would be taken of a person's chance of selection or of different response rates across population groups, and the resulting estimates could be seriously biased.

Replicate weights have been included on the CURF which can be used to calculate sampling error. For more information, refer to the 'Standard Error' section in 'Using the CURF data' chapter.

The survey was benchmarked to the estimated civilian population aged 15 to 64 years and over living in private dwellings in each state and territory in non very remote areas. The process of weighting ensures that the survey estimates conform to person benchmarks by state, part of state, age and sex. These benchmarks are produced from estimates of the resident population derived independently of the survey.

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

For further information see the Explanatory Notes in the publication *Education and Work, Australia 2007* (cat. no. 6227.0). This publication is available from the ABS website and is also included on the CURF CD-ROM as an Acrobat file 62270\_2007.PDF.

CLASSIFICATION OF EDUCATION

The Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) (cat. no. 1272.0) was introduced into ABS collections in 2001. It replaced a number of education classifications used prior to 2001, including the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ) (cat. no. 1262.0). ASCED comprises of two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Estimates derived from the CURF are subject to both sampling and non-sampling error.

Sampling error

Sampling error arises because the estimates are based on a sample of units and so will differ from estimates that would have been produced if all units in the population 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 because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three (67%) that the sample estimates will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all persons have been surveyed and about 19 chances in 20 (95%) that the difference will be less than two SEs.

### SURVEY METHODOLOGY continued

Sampling error continued

Another measure of the sampling error is the relative standard error (RSE) which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate. Generally, only estimates (number, percentages, means and medians) with RSEs less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. The formula for calculating the RSE of an estimate (y) is:

 $RSE(y) = SE(y)/y \times 100\%$ 

Non-sampling error

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 of the population. 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.

### USING THE CURF DATA

ABOUT THE MICRODATA

The data are released under the provisions of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. This Act allows for the release of data in the form of unit records where the information is not likely to enable the identification of a particular person or organisation. Accordingly, there are no names or addresses of survey respondents on the CURF and other steps have been taken to protect the confidentiality of respondents, such as not including all data items that were collected and suppressing the detail of some other data items.

The SEW 2007 CURF contains 45,741 confidentialised respondent records. Subject to the limitations of sample size and the data classifications used, it is possible to manipulate the data, produce tabulations and undertake statistical analyses to individual specifications. The location of a full list of all data items on the CURF is provided in the Appendix.

FILE STRUCTURE

The CD-ROM of the CURF is available in SAS, SPSS and STATA formats. If your analysis software is other than SAS or SPSS you may require the services of a computer programmer to use the ASCII file version of the data. Full details of the files on the CURF are given in File Content (page 6).

Five types of files relating to SEW 2007 data are provided on the CURF:

- Data and metadata an ASCII data file holding 45,741 records. Each record holds person level data of a respondent to the survey. It also contains metadata files that document the data file and every data item on that file. The metadata are provided in plain text file, for reading;
- SAS user files including a SAS version of the dataset, and the SAS programs that generated the SAS-formatted version;
- SPSS user files including an SPSS version of the dataset;
- STATA user files including a STATA version of the data set; and
- Information files including several in Adobe Acrobat format.

DATA RECONCILIATION

Steps to confidentialise the data set made available on the CURF are taken in such a way as to optimise the content of the file while maintaining the confidentiality of respondents. As a result, it may not be possible to exactly reconcile all statistics produced from the CURF with published statistics.

WEIGHTS AND ESTIMATION

The CURF contains records which can be adjusted (weighted) to infer results for the total in-scope population in Australia. The CURF contains one person weight, FINPRSWT. The application of weights ensures that person estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age, sex, state/territory and section of state. If weights were to be ignored, no account would be taken of a person's chance of selection in the survey or of different response rates across population groups, with the result that population counts produced would be biased.

STANDARD ERRORS

Standard errors for each estimate produced from this CURF can be calculated using the replicate weights provided on the file.

Each record of the CURF contains 30 sets of replicate weights, REPW0101 to REPW0130. Using these weights, it is possible to calculate standard errors for estimates produced from this file, using what is known as the 30 group Jack-knife standard error estimator.

STANDARD ERRORS continued

To obtain the standard error of a weighted estimate, y, calculate the same estimate using each of the 30 replicate weights. The variability between these replicate estimates (denoting y(g) for group number g) is used to measure the standard error of the original weighted estimate y, using the formula:

$$SE(y) = \sqrt{(29/30) \sum_{g=1}^{30} (y_{(g)} - y)^2}$$

where

g =the replicate groups no.

 $y_{(g)}$  = the weighted estimate, having applied the weights for replicate group

y = the weighted estimate from the full sample

The 30 group Jack-knife method can be applied not just to estimates of population total, but also where the estimate y is a function of estimates of population total, such as a proportion, difference or ratio. For more information on the 30 group Jack-knife method of SE estimation, see *Research Paper: Weighting and Standard Error Estimation for ABS Household Surveys (Methodology Advisory Committee), July 1999* (cat. no. 1352.0.55.029), which is on the ABS web site.

Use of the 30 group Jack-knife method for complex estimates, such as regression parameters from a statistical model, is not straightforward and may not be appropriate. The method as described does not apply to investigations where survey weights are not used, such as unweighted statistical modelling.

SEASONSAL FACTORS

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

### FILE CONTENT

FILE CONTENT

The 2007 SEW CURF is distributed on a single CD-ROM or via the RADL. The CURF is available in SAS, SPSS and Stata formats.

The CURF contains the files listed below:

- SEW07B. sas7bcat this file contains the CURF data in SAS for Windows format.
- FORMATS. sas7bcat the format file which provides labels for associated codes in the SAS version of the CURF file.
- SEW07B.SAV this file contains the CURF data in SPSS for Windows format.
- SEW07B.DTA -This file contains the CURF data in STATA/SE 8.0 for Windows format.

BASIC CURF FILES (ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CD-ROM USERS)

The file SEW07B.CSV contains the confidentialised survey data in a comma separated file (CSV) format.

The SAS program SEW07B.SAS can be used to translate data from the CSV format to SAS. It also creates the formats library and attributes the formats to relevant variables. This file is for use with other analysis packages and describes the CSV file data. Relevant changes will need to be made to reflect the load statement for your analysis package.

BASIC CURF TEST FILES
(ONLY AVAILABLE FOR
RADL CURF USERS)

The test files mirror the actual data files, but have random data and random identifiers. The test files can be used to troubleshoot SAS, SPSS or STATA code or to solve any syntax problems prior to submitting RADL jobs. The test files can also test code without the restrictions imposed by RADL. Data from the test files will not match data from the actual SEW CURF files:

- SEW07B.sas7bdat this file contains the data for the CURF file in SAS for Windows format.
- FORMATS. sas7bcat the format file which provides labels for associated codes in the SAS version of the CURF test files.
- SEW07B.SAV this file contains the data for the CURF file in SPSS for Windows format.
- SEW07B.DTA this file contains the data for the CURF file in STATA format.

INFORMATION FILES

- 6227030002\_DATA\_ITEM\_LISING\_SEW07B.XLS this file contains the data items
  included on the CURF, including details of categories and code values for each data
  item.
- FREQUENCIES\_SEW07B.txt contains data item code values and category labels
  which are provided with both unweighted and weighted frequencies of each code
  value. The file is in plain text format.
- 6227030002\_May 2007.pdf is an Adobe Acrobat file that contains the Technical Manual for the 2007 SEW CURF.
- 62270\_2007.pdf the complete publication *Education and Work, Australia 2007* (cat. no. 6227.0) in Adobe Acrobat format.
- 12720\_2001.pdf Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0), available on the ABS website.
- RESPONSIBLE ACCESS TO CURFS.pdf is an Adobe Acrobat file explaining the CURF users' roles and obligations when using confidentialised data.
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CURF USERS.pdf this file directs users to the ABS website for more and up to date information on what is available from the ABS.

### FILE CONTENT continued

INFORMATION FILES continued

- ABS CONDITIONS OF SALE.pdf this is an Adobe Acrobat file describing the ABS conditions of sale and copyright obligations.
- README.txt this file describes what is on the CD-ROM and is in plain text format.

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   Undertaking
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<www.abs.gov.au>.

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universtities participating in the ABS/Universities Australia CURF agreement for research

and teaching purposes.

FURTHER INFORMATION For further information about accessing the CURF, clients should contact the Microdata

Access Strategies Section of the ABS at microdata.access@abs.gov.au or on (02) 6252

7714.

## APPENDIX DATA ITEM LIST

DATA ITEM LIST

For data items and structure see the Excel spreadsheet titled '6227030002\_DATA\_ITEM\_LISTING\_
SEW07B' associated with this technical manual.

### GLOSSARY

Apprentice

An apprentice is a person aged 15–54 years who has entered into a legal contract (called a training agreement or contract of training) with an employer, to serve a period of training for the purpose of attaining tradesperson status in a recognised trade. In this survey, apprentices are identified either by their occupation description or by their answers to a question specifically pertaining to the Australian Apprenticeship Scheme.

Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) The ASCED is a national standard classification which includes all sectors of the Australian education system: that is, schools, vocational education and training, and higher education. From 2001, ASCED replaced a number of classifications used in administrative and statistical systems, including the ABSCQ. The ASCED comprises two classifications: Level of Education and Field of Education. See *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)*, 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0).

Certificate not further defined

Survey responses are coded to Certificate not further defined (n.f.d.) when there is not enough information to code them to Certificate I, II, III or IV in the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)*, 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0), Level of Education classification.

Country of birth

Country of birth has been classified according to the *Standard Australian Classification* of *Countries (SACC)*, 1998 (cat. no. 1269.0).

Educational institution

Any institution whose primary role is education. Included are schools, higher education establishments, colleges of technical and further education, public and private colleges, etc. Excluded are institutions whose primary role is not education, for example, hospitals.

**Employed** 

Persons who, during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers); or
- worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers); or
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:
  - away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; or
  - away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week; or
  - away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement; or
  - on strike or locked out; or
  - on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job; or
- were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Employed full-time

Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 or more during the reference week.

Employed part-time

Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.

Enrolled

Refers to persons enrolled for a course of study in the particular reference period (e.g. survey month, or previous calendar year) at an educational institution (as defined).

Field of education

Field of Education is defined as the subject matter of an educational activity. It is categorised according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)*, 2001 (cat. no. 1272.0) Field of Education classification.

Field of trade

Refers to the occupation of an apprentice and is classified to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), First Edition, 2006* (cat. no. 1220.0) Unit Group.

### **GLOSSARY** continued

Higher education institution An Australian institutio

An Australian institution providing higher education courses, e.g. Universities; Colleges of Advanced Education; Institutes of Advanced Education; Institutes of Higher Education; Institutes of Tertiary Education; Agricultural Colleges and some Institutes of Technology.

Industry

From 2006, Industry has been classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC)*, 2006 (cat. no.1292.0).

Industry sector

Classification of a respondent's employer as a public or private enterprise. The public sector includes all local government authorities and government departments, Australian defence forces, agencies and authorities created by, or reporting to, the state, territory or Commonwealth Parliaments. All other employment is classified to the private sector.

Leavers

Persons who were enrolled in a course of study leading to a qualification in the previous year, but were not enrolled in a course of study leading to a qualification at the time of the survey.

Level of education

Level of education is a function of the quality and quantity of learning involved in an educational activity. It is categorised according to the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)*, 2001 (cat. no.1272.0), Level of Education classification.

Level of highest educational attainment

Level of highest educational attainment identifies the highest achievement a person has attained in any area of study. It is not a measurement of the relative importance of different fields of study but a ranking of qualifications and other educational attainments regardless of the particular area of study or the type of institution in which the study was undertaken.

Level not determined

Level (of highest educational attainment) not determined is used when respondents have given their highest level of school completed and have said they have a non-school qualification but have not supplied a level for the non-school qualification. Their highest level of school completed may well be their highest level of attainment but because the level of their highest non-school qualification is not available, it cannot be determined whether their Year 12, 11 or 10 is their highest level of attainment. Level not determined also includes inadequately described responses or where no responses were given.

Non-school qualification

Non-school qualifications are awarded for educational attainments other than those of pre-primary, primary or secondary education. They include qualifications at the Postgraduate Degree level, Master Degree level, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate level, Bachelor Degree level, Advanced Diploma and Diploma level, and Certificates I, II, III and IV levels. Non-school qualifications may be attained concurrently with school qualifications.

Not in the labour force

Persons who were not in the categories 'employed' or ' unemployed' as defined.

Occupation

From 2006, occupation is classified according to the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), First Edition, 2006* (cat. no. 1220.0).

Other educational institution

Includes institutions or establishments that offer educational courses such as industry skills centres, professional or industry associations, equipment/product manufacturer or supplier, and instances where insufficient information was available to determine the type of educational institution.

Qualification

Formal certification, issued by a relevant approved body, in recognition that a person has achieved learning outcomes or competencies relevant to identified individual, professional, industry or community needs. Statements of attainment awarded for partial completion of a course of study at a particular level are excluded.

Reference week

The week preceding the week in which the interview was conducted.

School

For the purposes of this collection is an educational institution whose major activity is the provision of formal classes of primary or secondary education, or the provision of primary or secondary distance education.

### **GLOSSARY** continued

### Starters

Persons who were enrolled in a course of study leading to a qualification at the time of the survey, but were not enrolled in a course of study leading to a qualification at any time in the previous calendar year.

### Study leading to a qualification

The reported level of education of any study being undertaken that will lead to formal certification, issued by a relevant approved body, in recognition that a person has achieved learning outcomes or competencies relevant to identified individual, professional, industry or community needs. In this survey, if the respondent was still attending school their level of study was recorded as their current year of schooling. If the respondent had left school and was enrolled in study leading to a qualification they were asked the level of the qualification.

TAFE

A Technical and Further Education institution. In Victoria this may also be interpreted as Training and Further Education.

Unemployed

Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:

- 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 were available for work in the reference week; or
- were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.

Unmet educational demand

Persons who applied to enrol for a course of study in an educational institution and who were unable to gain placement. Excludes persons who were studying at the time of the survey.

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