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NOTES

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSCQ	Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASCO	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (second edition)
CAC	Computer Assisted Coding
n.e.c.	Not elsewhere classified
r	Revised
RSE	Relative Standard Error
SE	Standard Error
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
TEW	Transition from Education to Work
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
. .	not applicable

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

CLASSIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

Due to changes in the methodology used in the collection of data on educational qualifications, comparisons should not be made between data for 1997 and 1998 and those for earlier years. See paragraphs 10–27 of the Explanatory Notes.

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MAIN FEATURES

ATTENDANCE

In May 1998 there were 2,143,100 students aged 15–64 years — 17.4% of the population in this age range. Some 1,955,400 persons were studying for a recognised educational qualification, 84,500 students were in courses not leading to a recognised educational qualification, and 103,200 were studying, but not for a qualification.

There were approximately equal numbers of male and female school students, 333,000 and 335,600 respectively. However, females outnumbered males in tertiary courses (760,500 compared with 714,000).

Some 35% (751,300) of students were attending a Higher education institution, while 31% (668,600) were at a school, 24% (507,300) were at Technical and Further Education institutions (TAFE) and 10% (215,900) were at other educational institutions.

Almost 57% of students were employed in May 1998. A further 37% were not in the labour force and the remaining 6% were unemployed.

244,600 persons aged 25–64 currently without a post-school qualification were enrolled at a tertiary institution in May 1998, including 43,300 aged 45 or more.

2,729,600 persons had attended an educational institution during 1997 — of whom 89% had been enrolled in recognised educational courses.

UNMET EDUCATIONAL DEMAND

176,200 persons had gained a place in an educational institution in 1998 but had deferred their study to a later date, while 83,500 had been unable to gain a place.

LEAVING EDUCATION

948,500 persons were studying in 1997 but had ceased study before May 1998. During 1997, 615,900 (65%) of these persons had been attending courses leading to recognised educational qualifications, 115,300 (12%) had been in secondary school courses and 217,200 (23%) were in courses leading to non-recognised qualifications.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

5,172,800 persons, or 42% of people aged 15–64, had recognised post-school qualifications, 1,380,400 had Skilled vocational qualifications, 1,292,900 had Bachelor degrees and 1,052,100 had Basic vocational qualifications.

Labour force participation rates for persons with recognised post-school qualifications remained higher than for those without qualifications (85.7% compared to 69.0%). The unemployment rate for persons with qualifications was less than half the rate for those without qualifications (5.0% and 10.5% respectively).

Just over 47% of married persons had recognised post-school qualifications as did 36% of single parents. Over 8% of single parents without post-school qualifications were attending tertiary education in May 1998 compared to 4% of married persons.

APPRENTICES

The number of apprentices in May 1998 was 124,500. The 1998 estimates show small falls in the numbers in Wholesale and retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants, a large increase in Construction and smaller increases in Cultural, recreational, personal and other services and Manufacturing.

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1. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : WHETHER ATTENDING AND TYPE OF STUDY IN MAY 1998
(*000)

<i>School or tertiary attendance in May 1998</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Aged 15-19</i>	<i>Aged 20-24</i>	<i>Aged 25-64</i>	<i>Emp-loyed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Total</i>
STUDY LEADING TO A RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION(a)									
Attending a school	330.8	333.2	658.5	* 3.6	* 2.0	195.6	42.6	425.8	664.0
Attending a tertiary institution	638.0	653.4	320.5	401.5	569.4	891.0	74.8	325.6	1,291.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>968.8</i>	<i>986.6</i>	<i>978.9</i>	<i>405.1</i>	<i>571.4</i>	<i>1,086.6</i>	<i>117.4</i>	<i>751.4</i>	<i>1,955.4</i>
STUDY LEADING TO A NON-RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION									
Attending a school	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.4
Attending a tertiary institution	37.6	46.6	12.4	14.4	57.3	58.7	5.1	20.4	84.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>37.6</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>14.5</i>	<i>57.6</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>84.5</i>
STUDY NOT LEADING TO ANY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION									
Attending a school	* 2.2	* 2.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 3.6	* 2.9	* 0.0	* 1.4	* 4.2
Attending a tertiary institution	38.5	60.4	5.1	11.1	82.8	62.6	10.1	26.2	98.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>40.7</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>86.4</i>	<i>65.5</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>103.2</i>
ALL PERSONS									
Attending a school	333.0	335.6	658.8	* 3.9	5.9	198.9	42.6	427.2	668.6
Attending a tertiary institution	714.0	760.5	338.0	427.1	709.5	1,012.3	90.0	372.2	1,474.5
<i>Total attending an educational institution</i>	<i>1,047.1</i>	<i>1,096.0</i>	<i>996.7</i>	<i>431.0</i>	<i>715.3</i>	<i>1,211.2</i>	<i>132.6</i>	<i>799.3</i>	<i>2,143.1</i>
Not attending	5,134.3	5,063.5	300.0	912.0	8,985.8	7,213.3	603.0	2,381.5	10,197.8
Total	6,181.3	6,159.6	1,296.8	1,343.0	9,701.1	8,424.5	735.6	3,180.8	12,340.9

(a) For a definition of the term 'recognised educational qualification' see the Glossary.

2. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : WHETHER ATTENDED AND TYPE OF STUDY IN 1997
(*000)

<i>School or tertiary attendance in 1997</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Aged 15-19(a)</i>	<i>Aged 20-24(a)</i>	<i>Aged 25-64(a)</i>	<i>Emp-loyed(a)</i>	<i>Unemp-loyed(a)</i>	<i>Not in labour force(a)</i>	<i>Total</i>
STUDY LEADING TO A RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION(b)									
Attended a school	463.1	457.4	912.0	5.5	* 3.0	337.0	84.5	498.9	920.5
Attended a tertiary institution	771.3	732.8	202.3	527.8	774.1	1,139.4	99.0	265.7	1,504.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,234.3</i>	<i>1,190.2</i>	<i>1,114.3</i>	<i>533.2</i>	<i>777.0</i>	<i>1,476.4</i>	<i>183.5</i>	<i>764.6</i>	<i>2,424.6</i>
STUDY LEADING TO A NON-RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION									
Attended a school	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3
Attended a tertiary institution	43.4	44.4	7.0	16.4	64.3	66.8	6.7	14.2	87.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>43.7</i>	<i>44.4</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>16.4</i>	<i>64.6</i>	<i>67.1</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>14.2</i>	<i>88.1</i>
STUDY NOT LEADING TO ANY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION									
Attended a school	* 4.1	5.5	* 0.6	* 0.5	8.5	5.5	* 0.8	* 3.4	9.7
Attended a tertiary institution	84.1	123.2	5.2	20.1	182.1	148.1	20.5	38.7	207.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>88.2</i>	<i>128.8</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>190.6</i>	<i>153.6</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>217.0</i>
ALL PERSONS									
Attended a school	467.5	463.0	912.6	6.0	11.8	342.8	85.3	502.3	930.5
Attended a tertiary institution	898.8	900.4	214.5	564.2	1,020.5	1,354.3	126.2	318.6	1,799.2
<i>Total attended in 1997</i>	<i>1,366.2</i>	<i>1,363.4</i>	<i>1,127.1</i>	<i>570.3</i>	<i>1,032.3</i>	<i>1,697.1</i>	<i>211.6</i>	<i>821.0</i>	<i>2,729.6</i>
Did not attend in 1997	4,815.1	4,796.2	169.7	772.8	8,668.8	6,727.4	524.0	2,359.9	9,611.3
Total	6,181.3	6,159.6	1,296.8	1,343.0	9,701.1	8,424.5	735.6	3,180.8	12,340.9

(a) As at May 1998. (b) For a definition of the term 'recognised educational qualification' see the Glossary.

3. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : WHETHER ATTENDING AND LEVEL OF COURSE IN MAY 1998
(*000)

<i>Whether attending an educational institution in May 1998 and level of course</i>	<i>Type of educational institution attending in May 1998</i>				<i>Total attended</i>	<i>All persons</i>
	<i>School</i>	<i>Higher education</i>	<i>TAFE</i>	<i>Other</i>		
Attending recognised study(a) in May 1998	664.0	728.7	425.9	136.8	1,955.4	1,955.4
Higher degree	*0.0	90.1	*0.4	4.8	95.4	95.4
Postgraduate diploma	*0.0	56.3	5.7	10.9	73.0	73.0
Bachelor degree	*0.0	527.6	7.4	18.4	553.4	553.4
Undergraduate diploma	*0.0	27.9	88.0	29.4	145.3	145.3
Associate diploma	*0.1	12.0	63.2	14.6	90.0	90.0
Skilled vocational	*0.0	*3.8	124.3	12.0	140.1	140.1
Basic vocational	*0.2	10.7	126.7	43.3	181.0	181.0
Secondary school	663.7	*0.2	10.2	*3.3	677.4	677.4
Attending non-recognised study in May 1998	4.6	22.6	81.4	79.2	187.7	187.7
Level not stated/uncodeable	*0.4	13.2	38.2	32.7	84.5	84.5
Study not resulting in a qualification	*4.2	9.3	43.1	46.5	103.2	103.2
Did not attend in May 1998	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	10,197.8
Total	668.6	751.3	507.3	215.9	2,143.1	12,340.9

(a) For a definition of the term 'recognised study' see the Glossary.

4. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : WHETHER ATTENDED AND LEVEL OF COURSE DURING 1997
(*000)

<i>Whether attended an educational institution during 1997 and level of course</i>	<i>Type of educational institution attended during 1997</i>				<i>Total attended</i>	<i>All persons</i>
	<i>School</i>	<i>Higher education</i>	<i>TAFE</i>	<i>Other</i>		
Attended recognised study(a) during 1997	920.5	740.8	554.6	208.7	2,424.6	2,424.6
Higher degree	*0.0	88.9	*0.6	5.4	94.9	94.9
Postgraduate diploma	*0.0	62.5	9.2	12.9	84.5	84.5
Bachelor degree	*0.7	519.2	6.3	22.6	548.7	548.7
Undergraduate diploma	*0.6	31.8	93.9	28.5	154.7	154.7
Associate diploma	*0.9	14.7	82.8	14.7	113.1	113.1
Skilled vocational	*0.5	*4.2	160.5	21.3	186.6	186.6
Basic vocational	6.9	18.3	190.7	93.9	309.7	309.7
Secondary school	910.9	*1.3	10.6	9.5	932.4	932.4
Attended non-recognised study in 1997	10.0	30.2	148.4	116.5	305.1	305.1
Level not stated/uncodeable	*0.3	13.3	37.0	37.5	88.1	88.1
Study not resulting in a qualification	9.7	17.0	111.4	78.9	217.0	217.0
Did not attend in 1997	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	9,611.3
Total	930.5	771.0	703.0	325.1	2,729.6	12,340.9

(a) For a definition of the term 'recognised study' see the Glossary.

5. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : WHETHER APPLIED TO ENROL IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN 1998
(’000)

<i>Whether applied to enrol in an educational institution in 1998</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemp-loyed</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Born in Australia</i>	<i>Born outside Australia</i>	<i>Total(a)</i>
AGED 15—19 YEARS								
Applied to enrol for 1998	522.0	510.8	427.2	74.8	530.7	868.4	144.3	1,032.7
All persons studying in May 1998	504.3	492.5	406.2	63.4	527.1	835.7	141.0	996.7
Gained placement but deferred study	12.4	11.5	13.3	7.8	* 2.7	21.6	* 2.3	23.9
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	11.7	10.9	13.0	6.9	* 2.7	20.3	* 2.3	22.6
Higher education	* 2.7	4.7	5.8	* 0.9	* 0.8	6.3	* 1.1	7.4
TAFE	6.7	* 4.3	4.9	4.9	* 1.2	10.6	* 0.4	10.9
Study not for a recognised qualification	* 0.7	* 0.6	* 0.3	* 1.0	* 0.0	* 1.3	* 0.0	* 1.3
Unable to gain placement	5.3	6.8	7.6	* 3.6	* 0.9	11.1	* 1.0	12.1
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	5.1	6.3	7.1	* 3.4	* 0.9	10.3	* 1.0	11.4
Higher education	* 1.0	* 1.5	* 1.5	* 0.3	* 0.7	* 2.0	* 0.5	* 2.5
TAFE	* 3.2	* 3.8	* 4.0	* 2.8	* 0.2	6.5	* 0.5	7.0
Study not for a recognised qualification	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 0.5	* 0.2	* 0.0	* 0.7	* 0.0	* 0.7
Did not apply to enrol for a course of study in 1998	142.5	121.5	164.6	67.7	31.7	242.2	21.8	264.0
Total	664.5	632.3	591.8	142.5	562.5	1,110.6	166.1	1,296.8
AGED 20—24 YEARS								
Applied to enrol for 1998	241.6	234.7	310.7	38.6	127.0	360.1	115.2	476.3
All persons studying in May 1998	219.8	211.2	281.1	26.9	123.1	322.8	107.3	431.0
Gained placement but deferred study	15.1	14.4	21.3	* 4.4	* 3.8	24.8	4.7	29.5
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	12.4	11.4	15.9	* 4.4	* 3.4	20.9	* 2.9	23.8
Higher education	* 3.8	* 4.1	5.8	* 1.1	* 1.0	6.1	* 1.8	7.9
TAFE	8.6	5.3	9.8	* 2.6	* 1.5	13.0	* 0.9	13.9
Study not for a recognised qualification	* 2.7	* 3.0	5.4	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 3.9	* 1.8	5.7
Unable to gain placement	6.7	9.0	8.3	7.3	* 0.2	12.5	* 3.2	15.8
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	6.5	8.2	8.3	6.4	* 0.0	12.1	* 2.5	14.7
Higher education	* 2.6	* 3.4	4.6	* 1.4	* 0.0	4.5	* 1.5	6.0
TAFE	* 3.5	* 3.7	* 3.7	* 3.6	* 0.0	6.6	* 0.6	7.3
Study not for a recognised qualification	* 0.3	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.9	* 0.2	* 0.4	* 0.7	* 1.1
Did not apply to enrol for a course of study in 1998	437.2	429.5	667.7	94.3	104.7	754.6	112.1	866.7
Total	678.9	664.2	978.4	132.8	231.8	1,114.7	227.3	1,343.0
AGED 25—64 YEARS								
Applied to enrol for 1998	404.2	489.6	654.7	63.9	175.2	622.3	271.6	893.8
All persons studying in May 1998	323.0	392.3	523.9	42.3	149.2	491.2	224.1	715.3
Gained placement but deferred study	54.4	68.4	91.5	13.8	17.5	92.5	30.4	122.8
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	43.6	50.7	71.8	9.7	12.9	69.8	24.5	94.3
Higher education	12.8	15.4	21.7	* 2.2	* 4.2	19.6	8.5	28.1
TAFE	19.9	21.5	31.5	* 3.9	5.9	32.0	9.3	41.3
Study not for a recognised qualification	10.9	17.7	19.7	* 4.2	4.6	22.7	5.8	28.5
Unable to gain placement	26.7	28.9	39.3	7.8	8.6	38.6	17.0	55.6
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	21.0	23.6	33.4	5.7	5.5	29.3	15.3	44.6
Higher education	7.2	7.1	13.7	* 0.4	* 0.2	11.0	* 3.3	14.3
TAFE	9.6	11.3	13.4	* 4.1	* 3.4	11.7	9.2	20.9
Study not for a recognised qualification	5.7	5.4	5.9	* 2.0	* 3.1	9.3	* 1.8	11.1
Did not apply to enrol for a course of study in 1998	4,433.8	4,373.5	6,199.6	396.3	2,211.4	6,226.7	2,580.3	8,807.3
Total	4,838.0	4,863.1	6,854.3	460.2	2,386.6	6,848.9	2,851.9	9,701.1
ALL PERSONS								
Applied to enrol for 1998	1,167.8	1,235.1	1,392.6	177.3	833.0	1,850.8	531.1	2,402.8
All persons studying in May 1998	1,047.1	1,096.0	1,211.2	132.6	799.3	1,649.7	472.4	2,143.1
Gained placement but deferred study	81.9	94.3	126.1	26.1	24.0	138.8	37.4	176.2
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	67.7	73.0	100.7	21.0	19.0	110.9	29.7	140.7
Higher education	19.2	24.2	33.3	* 4.2	6.0	32.0	11.5	43.5
TAFE	35.1	31.0	46.2	11.4	8.6	55.6	10.6	66.2
Study not for a recognised qualification	14.3	21.3	25.5	5.1	5.0	27.9	7.6	35.5
Unable to gain placement	38.8	44.7	55.2	18.6	9.6	62.2	21.3	83.5
Study for a recognised qualification(b)(c)	32.6	38.0	48.8	15.5	6.3	51.8	18.9	70.6
Higher education	10.8	12.1	19.9	* 2.1	* 0.9	17.5	5.3	22.9
TAFE	16.4	18.8	21.0	10.5	* 3.7	24.8	10.4	35.2
Study not for a recognised qualification	6.2	6.7	6.4	* 3.2	* 3.3	10.4	* 2.5	12.9
Did not apply to enrol for a course of study in 1998	5,013.6	4,924.5	7,032.0	558.3	2,347.9	7,223.5	2,714.2	9,938.1
Total	6,181.3	6,159.6	8,424.5	735.6	3,180.8	9,074.3	3,245.3	12,340.9

(a) Includes a small number of persons who were not asked their country of birth. (b) For a definition of the term 'recognised educational qualification' see the Glossary.
(c) Includes other educational institutions not separately listed.

6. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : TYPE OF ATTENDANCE(a) IN 1997 AND IN MAY 1998

Type of attendance In 1997 In May 1998		Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
		Full-time	Part-time	Total						
—'000—										
—per cent—										
AGED 15—19 YEARS										
Full-time	Full-time	* 4.2	298.8	303.0	55.1	358.1	509.7	867.7	15.4	41.3
	Part-time	24.2	4.7	28.9	* 2.2	31.1	* 1.3	32.5	* 7.2	95.9
	Not attending	45.1	37.4	82.5	38.1	120.6	21.5	142.1	31.6	84.9
	Total	73.5	340.9	414.3	95.4	509.8	532.5	1,042.3	18.7	48.9
Part-time	Full-time	* 0.0	* 2.2	* 2.2	* 0.4	* 2.6	* 0.2	* 2.8	* 15.4	* 92.3
	Part-time	44.1	* 3.7	47.7	* 1.3	49.0	* 1.2	50.2	* 2.6	97.6
	Not attending	10.6	* 3.2	13.8	* 3.6	17.4	* 1.5	18.9	* 20.5	91.9
	Total	54.7	9.1	63.8	5.2	69.0	* 3.0	72.0	7.6	95.9
Did not attend	Full-time	* 1.5	* 4.0	5.5	* 1.2	6.7	7.4	14.1	* 18.2	47.6
	Part-time	6.9	* 2.5	9.4	* 1.4	10.8	* 0.7	11.6	* 12.9	93.7
	Not attending	75.8	23.0	98.8	39.2	138.0	18.8	156.8	28.4	88.0
	Total	84.3	29.4	113.7	41.8	155.5	27.0	182.5	26.9	85.2
Total	Full-time	5.7	305.0	310.7	56.7	367.4	517.3	884.7	15.4	41.5
	Part-time	75.2	10.9	86.0	4.9	90.9	* 3.3	94.2	5.4	96.5
	Not attending	131.6	63.6	195.1	80.8	275.9	41.9	317.8	29.3	86.8
	Total	212.4	379.4	591.8	142.5	734.3	562.5	1,296.8	19.4	56.6
AGED 20—24 YEARS										
Full-time	Full-time	6.6	97.2	103.8	11.9	115.7	97.1	212.8	10.3	54.4
	Part-time	10.3	6.8	17.1	* 2.9	20.0	* 1.5	21.6	* 14.7	92.9
	Not attending	63.2	19.9	83.1	14.3	97.4	* 4.3	101.7	14.7	95.8
	Total	80.0	123.9	204.0	29.2	233.1	102.9	336.0	12.5	69.4
Part-time	Full-time	* 0.3	* 3.1	* 3.4	* 1.1	* 4.5	* 1.4	5.9	* 24.4	* 76.2
	Part-time	77.4	12.4	89.8	* 3.2	93.0	* 2.0	95.0	* 3.4	97.9
	Not attending	77.1	9.3	86.4	5.9	92.3	* 4.1	96.4	6.4	95.7
	Total	154.8	24.7	179.5	10.2	189.7	7.5	197.2	5.4	96.2
Did not attend	Full-time	* 1.2	11.5	12.7	* 3.2	15.9	13.6	29.5	* 20.2	53.9
	Part-time	29.5	6.6	36.1	* 2.6	38.7	* 1.7	40.4	* 6.7	95.8
	Not attending	459.2	86.8	546.1	87.7	633.8	106.1	739.9	13.8	85.7
	Total	489.9	105.0	594.9	93.5	688.4	121.4	809.8	13.6	85.0
Total	Full-time	8.1	111.8	119.8	16.2	136.0	112.1	248.1	11.9	54.8
	Part-time	117.2	25.8	143.0	8.7	151.7	5.2	156.9	5.8	96.7
	Not attending	599.5	116.0	715.6	107.9	823.5	114.5	937.9	13.1	87.8
	Total	724.7	253.6	978.4	132.8	1,111.2	231.8	1,343.0	12.0	82.7
AGED 25—64 YEARS										
Full-time	Full-time	8.3	24.9	33.2	* 4.1	37.4	45.2	82.6	* 11.1	45.2
	Part-time	8.4	* 3.2	11.6	* 2.8	14.5	* 3.5	17.9	* 19.7	80.6
	Not attending	40.7	19.2	59.9	11.1	71.0	13.9	84.9	15.7	83.6
	Total	57.3	47.4	104.7	18.1	122.8	62.6	185.5	14.7	66.2
Part-time	Full-time	* 1.8	5.1	6.9	* 0.7	7.6	* 4.1	11.7	* 9.0	65.1
	Part-time	184.2	42.3	226.5	11.2	237.7	21.2	258.9	4.7	91.8
	Not attending	228.0	48.7	276.7	13.5	290.2	30.8	321.0	4.7	90.4
	Total	414.0	96.1	510.1	25.4	535.5	56.1	591.6	4.7	90.5
Did not attend	Full-time	4.8	8.1	12.8	* 4.3	17.2	21.1	38.2	* 25.3	44.9
	Part-time	101.0	35.0	136.0	7.6	143.6	18.5	162.1	5.3	88.6
	Not attending	4,716.4	1,374.3	6,090.7	404.8	6,495.5	2,228.3	8,723.8	6.2	74.5
	Total	4,822.1	1,417.4	6,239.5	416.7	6,656.2	2,267.9	8,924.1	6.3	74.6
Total	Full-time	14.9	38.0	53.0	9.2	62.1	70.4	132.5	14.8	46.9
	Part-time	293.5	80.6	374.1	21.6	395.7	43.2	438.9	5.5	90.2
	Not attending	4,985.0	1,442.2	6,427.2	429.5	6,856.7	2,273.1	9,129.7	6.3	75.1
	Total	5,293.5	1,560.8	6,854.3	460.2	7,314.5	2,386.6	9,701.1	6.3	75.4
ALL PERSONS										
Full-time	Full-time	19.0	420.9	439.9	71.2	511.1	652.0	1,163.1	13.9	43.9
	Part-time	42.9	14.7	57.6	8.0	65.6	6.3	72.0	12.2	91.2
	Not attending	148.9	76.5	225.5	63.5	289.0	39.7	328.7	22.0	87.9
	Total	210.8	512.2	723.0	142.7	865.8	698.1	1,563.8	16.5	55.4
Part-time	Full-time	* 2.2	10.3	12.5	* 2.2	14.7	5.7	20.4	* 14.8	72.1
	Part-time	305.6	58.4	364.0	15.7	379.6	24.4	404.0	4.1	94.0
	Not attending	315.7	61.2	376.9	23.0	399.9	36.5	436.4	5.7	91.6
	Total	623.5	129.9	753.4	40.8	794.2	66.5	860.8	5.1	92.3
Did not attend	Full-time	7.5	23.5	31.0	8.8	39.8	42.1	81.8	22.1	48.6
	Part-time	137.4	44.2	181.6	11.6	193.1	20.9	214.1	6.0	90.2
	Not attending	5,251.5	1,484.1	6,735.5	531.7	7,267.2	2,353.2	9,620.4	7.3	75.5
	Total	5,396.3	1,551.8	6,948.1	552.0	7,500.1	2,416.2	9,916.3	7.4	75.6
Total	Full-time	28.7	454.8	483.4	82.1	565.6	699.7	1,265.3	14.5	44.7
	Part-time	485.9	117.3	603.2	35.2	638.4	51.7	690.1	5.5	92.5
	Not attending	5,716.1	1,621.8	7,337.9	618.2	7,956.1	2,429.4	10,385.5	7.8	76.6
	Total	6,230.6	2,193.9	8,424.5	735.6	9,160.1	3,180.8	12,340.9	8.0	74.2

(a) Attendance in this table refers to those students undertaking recognised study. For a definition of the term 'recognised study' see the Glossary.

7. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : STATUS OF 1997 STUDENTS(a) IN MAY 1998
(*000)

	Age			Total
	15-19	20-24	25-64	
Attended an educational institution in 1997	1,114.3	533.2	777.0	2,424.6
Attended full-time in 1997	1,042.3	336.0	185.5	1,563.8
Attending full-time education in May 1998	867.7	212.8	82.6	1,163.1
Leavers	174.6	123.2	102.9	400.7
Employed	111.4	100.2	71.5	283.1
Full-time workers	69.3	73.5	49.1	191.8
Part-time workers	42.1	26.7	22.4	91.3
Unemployed	40.3	17.2	14.0	71.5
Not in labour force	22.9	5.8	17.4	46.1
Attended part-time in 1997	72.0	197.2	591.6	860.8
Attending an educational institution in May 1998	53.0	100.8	270.5	424.4
Full-time	* 2.8	5.9	11.7	20.4
Part-time	50.2	95.0	258.9	404.0
Not attending an educational institution in May 1998	18.9	96.4	321.0	436.4
Did not attend an educational institution in 1997	182.5	809.8	8,924.1	9,916.3
Total	1,296.8	1,343.0	9,701.1	12,340.9

(a) Students referred to in this table are those undertaking recognised study. For a definition of the term 'recognised study' see the Glossary.

8. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED IN 1997 AND NOT IN MAY 1998
(*000)

	Attended full-time in 1997		Attended part-time in 1997		Total attended in 1997		Total
	In labour force	Not in labour force	In labour force	Not in labour force	In labour force	Not in labour force	
<i>Level of course in 1997 —</i>							
Attended recognised study(a) during 1997	276.5	32.7	387.1	34.9	663.6	67.7	731.2
Higher degree	6.4	* 0.8	26.4	* 1.6	32.9	* 2.5	35.4
Postgraduate diploma	10.4	* 0.3	25.7	* 0.4	36.1	* 0.7	36.8
Bachelor degree	67.7	* 3.9	50.4	* 4.4	118.1	8.3	126.4
Undergraduate diploma	23.3	* 2.2	35.4	* 3.4	58.7	5.6	64.3
Associate diploma	12.0	* 2.5	32.2	* 2.0	44.2	4.5	48.8
Skilled vocational	15.1	* 1.4	65.8	* 3.4	80.9	4.8	85.7
Basic vocational	54.7	5.6	142.3	15.9	197.0	21.5	218.5
Secondary school	86.9	15.9	8.7	* 3.9	95.5	19.8	115.3
Attended non-recognised study during 1997	17.8	* 4.1	167.5	27.8	185.4	31.9	217.2
Level not stated/uncodeable	9.8	* 1.1	36.3	* 3.6	46.1	4.7	50.8
Study not resulting in a qualification	8.0	* 2.9	131.3	24.2	139.3	27.1	166.4
<i>Educational attainment —</i>							
With recognised post-school qualifications(a)	164.4	14.9	403.7	34.7	568.0	49.6	617.6
Higher degree	7.0	* 0.6	24.7	* 1.5	31.7	* 2.2	33.8
Postgraduate diploma	10.3	* 0.6	25.9	* 2.4	36.2	* 3.0	39.2
Bachelor degree	63.0	* 4.1	91.5	7.0	154.6	11.1	165.7
Undergraduate diploma	20.1	* 1.1	43.7	4.8	63.8	5.8	69.6
Associate diploma	9.6	* 2.5	35.8	* 3.7	45.5	6.2	51.7
Skilled vocational qualification	14.5	* 2.0	92.4	* 4.3	106.9	6.4	113.2
Basic vocational qualification	39.9	* 3.9	89.6	11.0	129.5	14.8	144.3
Without recognised post-school qualifications	130.0	22.0	150.9	28.0	280.9	49.9	330.8
Completed highest level of school	69.3	7.9	68.5	9.7	137.8	17.6	155.4
Did not complete highest level of school	60.7	14.1	82.4	18.0	143.1	32.1	175.2
Total	294.4	36.8	554.6	62.7	848.9	99.5	948.5

(a) For a definition of the terms 'recognised study' and 'recognised qualification' see the Glossary.

9. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MAY 1998
(*000)

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
With post-school qualifications(a)	2,838.4	2,334.4	5,172.8
Higher degree	142.5	83.6	226.0
Postgraduate diploma	91.2	158.4	249.6
Bachelor degree	635.0	657.9	1,292.9
Undergraduate diploma	230.0	372.1	602.0
Associate diploma	184.3	185.5	369.8
Skilled vocational qualification	1,193.2	187.2	1,380.4
Basic vocational qualification	362.2	689.9	1,052.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	3,010.7	3,491.3	6,502.0
Completed highest level of school	1,111.5	1,164.7	2,276.2
Attending tertiary in May 1998	313.2	318.4	631.6
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	798.3	846.3	1,644.6
Did not complete highest level of school	1,894.3	2,319.0	4,213.3
Attending tertiary in May 1998	121.0	119.8	240.8
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	1,773.4	2,199.2	3,972.6
Still at school	332.2	333.8	666.1
Total	6,181.3	6,159.6	12,340.9

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes for details. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons whose study was not intended to result in a recognised educational qualification.

10. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : AGE AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MAY 1998
(*000)

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Age</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>15—19</i>	<i>20—24</i>	<i>25—34</i>	<i>35—44</i>	<i>45—54</i>	<i>55—64</i>	
With post-school qualifications(a)	60.8	522.5	1,467.5	1,440.4	1,109.5	572.0	5,172.8
Higher degree	* 0.0	* 3.6	44.1	83.0	69.5	25.8	226.0
Postgraduate diploma	* 0.0	11.3	63.9	76.7	67.9	29.8	249.6
Bachelor degree	* 0.3	143.3	439.9	362.9	241.7	104.9	1,292.9
Undergraduate diploma	6.6	51.0	140.9	171.3	156.6	75.6	602.0
Associate diploma	* 4.0	54.1	110.8	93.5	74.1	33.3	369.8
Skilled vocational qualification	10.0	118.0	391.6	377.0	281.7	202.0	1,380.4
Basic vocational qualification	40.0	141.2	276.3	276.0	218.0	100.6	1,052.1
Without post-school qualifications(b)	577.1	816.9	1,371.9	1,399.2	1,324.1	1,012.8	6,502.0
Completed highest level of school	320.7	543.8	517.5	384.9	311.7	197.5	2,276.2
Attending tertiary in May 1998	234.5	272.1	80.7	29.5	12.5	* 2.3	631.6
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	86.3	271.7	436.9	355.4	299.3	195.1	1,644.6
Did not complete highest level of school	256.2	272.9	851.9	1,012.8	1,008.6	810.8	4,213.3
Attending tertiary in May 1998	84.2	37.0	49.0	42.1	22.9	5.6	240.8
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	172.1	235.9	802.9	970.7	985.7	805.2	3,972.6
Still at school	658.8	* 3.6	* 2.3	* 0.6	* 0.6	* 0.2	666.1
Total	1,296.8	1,343.0	2,841.7	2,840.2	2,434.2	1,585.0	12,340.9

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes for details. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons whose study was not intended to result in a recognised educational qualification.

11. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MAY 1998

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Employed</i>			<i>Unem- ployed</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Unem- ployment rate</i>	<i>Parti- cipation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total</i>						
				—'000—				—per cent—	
With post-school qualifications(a)	3,391.0	819.3	4,210.3	221.8	4,432.1	740.7	5,172.8	5.0	85.7
Higher degree	177.1	23.7	200.8	5.4	206.2	19.8	226.0	2.6	91.2
Postgraduate diploma	160.9	51.2	212.0	* 3.9	215.9	33.7	249.6	* 1.8	86.5
Bachelor degree	885.8	219.0	1,104.8	39.9	1,144.7	148.2	1,292.9	3.5	88.5
Undergraduate diploma	344.7	137.9	482.6	22.0	504.6	97.4	602.0	4.4	83.8
Associate diploma	248.2	57.3	305.5	15.7	321.2	48.6	369.8	4.9	86.9
Skilled vocational qualification	1,041.6	108.7	1,150.3	68.2	1,218.6	161.8	1,380.4	5.6	88.3
Basic vocational qualification	532.7	221.5	754.2	66.7	820.9	231.2	1,052.1	8.1	78.0
Without post-school qualifications(b)	2,837.9	1,179.8	4,017.7	471.2	4,488.9	2,013.1	6,502.0	10.5	69.0
Completed highest level of school	1,074.2	492.4	1,566.6	147.3	1,714.0	562.2	2,276.2	8.6	75.3
Attending tertiary in May 1998	143.6	232.7	376.3	37.9	414.2	217.4	631.6	9.2	65.6
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	930.6	259.7	1,190.4	109.4	1,299.8	344.9	1,644.6	8.4	79.0
Did not complete highest level of school	1,760.8	686.1	2,446.9	323.2	2,770.1	1,443.3	4,213.3	11.7	65.7
Attending tertiary in May 1998	118.8	45.8	164.5	18.3	182.8	57.9	240.8	10.0	75.9
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(c)	1,642.0	640.3	2,282.3	304.9	2,587.2	1,385.3	3,972.6	11.8	65.1
Still at school	* 1.7	194.8	196.6	42.6	239.1	426.9	666.1	17.8	35.9
Total	6,230.6	2,193.9	8,424.5	735.6	9,160.1	3,180.8	12,340.9	8.0	74.2

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes for details. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons whose study was not intended to result in a recognised educational qualification.

12. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MAY 1998
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<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Relationship in household</i>								
	<i>Member of a family</i>					<i>Other relative of family head(a)</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Non family member</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
	<i>Husband or wife</i>		<i>Lone parent</i>						
	<i>With dependants</i>	<i>Without dependants</i>	<i>With dependants</i>	<i>Without dependants</i>					
With post-school qualifications(c)	2,036.1	1,344.0	209.9	42.7	569.7	4,202.4	813.4	5,172.8	
Higher degree	104.1	60.3	6.3	* 0.6	9.3	180.7	38.1	226.0	
Postgraduate diploma	107.1	59.5	12.7	* 2.4	14.6	196.3	42.4	249.6	
Bachelor degree	504.7	302.6	39.1	6.4	147.8	1,000.5	250.7	1,292.9	
Undergraduate diploma	255.9	157.0	27.8	5.4	53.6	499.6	84.2	602.0	
Associate diploma	134.0	96.5	15.7	4.9	49.8	300.9	59.9	369.8	
Skilled vocational qualification	542.2	401.2	33.2	12.7	151.9	1,141.2	199.2	1,380.4	
Basic vocational qualification	388.1	267.0	75.3	10.3	142.6	883.3	138.9	1,052.1	
Without post-school qualifications(d)	1,994.1	1,761.0	350.0	98.7	1,190.1	5,394.0	896.6	6,502.0	
Completed highest level of school	588.5	466.8	75.6	14.1	679.3	1,824.4	370.0	2,276.2	
Attending tertiary in May 1998	41.5	46.1	11.2	* 0.8	382.1	481.7	113.6	631.6	
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(e)	547.0	420.7	64.3	13.4	297.2	1,342.7	256.3	1,644.6	
Did not complete highest level of school	1,402.3	1,290.9	273.3	84.4	508.3	3,559.2	524.9	4,213.3	
Attending tertiary in May 1998	45.7	26.2	22.2	* 2.3	105.6	201.9	29.9	240.8	
Not attending tertiary in May 1998(e)	1,356.6	1,264.8	251.1	82.2	402.7	3,357.3	495.0	3,972.6	
Still at school	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 2.7	* 0.0	614.1	618.5	9.6	666.1	
Total	4,030.8	3,106.1	562.6	141.4	2,373.9	10,214.9	1,719.6	12,340.9	

(a) Comprises dependent students, non-dependent children and other family persons. (b) Includes persons whose relationship in household could not be determined. (c) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes for details. (d) Includes persons who never attended school. (e) Includes persons whose study was not intended to result in a recognised educational qualification.

13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1998

	Educational attainment(a)						Total(b)
	Higher degree, Postgraduate diploma or Bachelor degree	Under- graduate diploma or Associate diploma	Skilled vocational qualifi- cation	Basic vocational qualifi- cation	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school	
— '000 —							
<i>Area of usual residence—</i>							
Capital City	38.8	21.3	37.4	38.1	93.2	172.2	425.6
Balance of State/Territory	10.4	16.3	30.9	28.6	54.1	151.0	309.9
<i>Age —</i>							
15—19	* 0.0	* 1.3	* 2.6	8.6	26.2	62.0	142.5
20—24	7.8	6.7	7.8	15.4	49.8	44.7	132.8
25—34	14.2	10.6	17.3	17.1	31.8	77.6	169.1
35—44	14.6	9.4	19.9	15.4	18.5	65.9	143.9
45—54	8.4	6.3	10.1	7.9	15.6	50.1	98.3
55—64	* 4.3	* 3.4	10.6	* 2.2	5.5	23.0	49.0
<i>Marital status —</i>							
Married	24.8	16.8	33.5	27.2	40.8	130.2	273.6
Not-married	24.4	20.8	34.7	39.4	106.6	193.0	461.9
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>							
Born in Australia	26.0	23.3	45.9	50.9	98.2	254.1	537.8
Born outside Australia	23.2	14.3	22.3	15.8	49.2	69.1	197.7
Arrived before 1961	* 1.1	* 0.3	* 3.9	* 1.6	* 3.1	8.4	18.4
Arrived 1961—1970	* 3.0	* 2.3	5.4	* 2.4	* 3.7	13.1	29.9
Arrived 1971—1980	* 1.7	* 4.4	4.8	* 2.0	8.2	10.4	31.8
Arrived 1981—1990	6.6	4.8	6.0	6.5	20.4	20.9	67.6
Arrived 1991—1998	10.9	* 2.6	* 2.2	* 3.1	13.8	16.4	50.1
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment —</i>							
1 and under 4 weeks	8.9	7.6	10.8	9.6	24.1	45.2	118.9
4 and under 8 weeks	5.2	* 3.4	6.2	6.1	13.7	28.3	69.6
8 and under 13 weeks	5.1	* 3.7	6.3	7.8	14.6	25.3	65.6
13 and under 26 weeks	11.7	8.2	9.8	11.9	36.4	53.2	144.5
26 and under 52 weeks	6.3	5.7	10.8	8.8	22.5	49.2	106.8
52 and under 104 weeks	* 3.7	* 3.0	10.8	9.7	17.5	49.2	97.1
104 weeks and over	8.4	5.9	13.6	12.8	18.6	72.7	133.0
Persons	49.2	37.6	68.2	66.7	147.3	323.2	735.6
Males	26.5	14.7	56.1	30.2	83.5	199.3	431.4
Females	22.7	23.0	12.1	36.5	63.8	123.9	304.1
— per cent —							
<i>Unemployment rate</i>	3.1	4.6	5.6	8.1	8.6	11.7	8.0
<i>Unemployment/Population ratio</i>	2.8	3.9	4.9	6.3	6.5	7.7	6.0

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons still at school.

14. EMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1998
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	<i>Educational attainment(a)</i>						
	<i>Higher degree</i>	<i>Post-graduate diploma</i>	<i>Bachelor degree</i>	<i>Under-graduate diploma</i>	<i>Associate diploma</i>	<i>Skilled vocational qualification</i>	<i>Basic vocational qualification</i>
<i>Area of usual residence—</i>							
Capital City	159.7	144.7	805.2	328.9	196.9	687.9	447.7
Balance of State/Territory	41.1	67.4	299.6	153.7	108.6	462.5	306.6
<i>Age —</i>							
15—19	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.3	5.3	* 3.2	6.6	26.3
20—24	* 2.9	10.4	127.3	44.0	47.1	103.1	108.0
25—34	37.2	55.7	384.1	109.1	94.2	349.8	204.5
35—44	76.1	65.1	316.2	141.4	81.0	330.3	207.4
45—54	64.5	60.5	209.1	137.3	60.9	239.4	161.3
55—64	20.0	20.3	67.8	45.6	19.1	121.2	46.7
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>							
Born in Australia	115.6	162.4	795.2	342.3	231.8	886.2	595.7
Born outside Australia	85.2	49.6	309.6	140.3	73.8	264.1	158.5
Arrived before 1961	6.7	7.5	28.9	14.1	9.0	40.2	18.8
Arrived 1961—1970	10.3	10.6	43.7	26.7	12.9	69.7	41.5
Arrived 1971—1980	16.4	10.8	65.3	32.3	16.2	57.7	35.9
Arrived 1981—1990	25.2	12.4	107.0	39.8	23.7	65.8	45.6
Arrived 1991—1998	26.6	8.3	64.6	27.4	11.8	30.7	16.7
<i>Status of worker —</i>							
Wage and salary earners	180.7	189.1	993.9	424.5	267.4	904.6	659.0
Other	20.1	22.9	110.9	58.1	38.1	245.7	95.2
<i>Full-time/part-time status —</i>							
Full-time workers	177.1	160.9	885.8	344.7	248.2	1,041.6	532.7
Part-time workers	23.7	51.2	219.0	137.9	57.3	108.7	221.5
<i>Occupation in current job —</i>							
Managers and administrators	27.7	19.3	104.1	39.8	22.6	73.5	54.2
Professionals	141.1	135.0	665.2	206.1	62.4	42.6	49.7
Associate professionals	15.2	21.0	102.7	63.5	62.9	121.6	96.7
Tradespersons and related workers	* 2.0	* 3.8	22.6	18.7	30.9	595.4	70.9
Advanced clerical and service workers	* 2.0	5.0	23.3	24.6	18.9	12.4	79.1
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	9.2	21.3	111.9	83.4	70.9	80.8	222.2
Intermediate production and transport workers	* 1.2	* 1.5	17.1	12.3	8.2	103.7	50.9
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	* 2.3	* 3.1	36.2	20.1	18.3	48.3	74.4
Labourers and related workers	* 0.0	* 2.1	21.5	14.1	10.3	71.9	56.2
<i>Industry of current job —</i>							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	* 0.1	* 4.4	18.3	16.8	9.6	38.5	39.1
Mining	* 1.6	* 0.2	11.6	* 2.3	* 2.0	21.0	7.0
Manufacturing	10.6	8.1	86.6	41.7	38.1	240.5	81.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	* 1.8	* 1.5	10.0	* 0.9	5.6	18.1	8.0
Construction	* 2.8	* 2.6	21.2	14.8	16.1	240.7	43.7
Wholesale trade	6.5	5.6	46.6	27.4	20.7	69.3	55.2
Retail trade	* 3.4	9.7	58.0	30.5	21.4	176.0	93.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	* 2.2	* 4.2	20.9	18.4	15.6	43.4	38.0
Transport and storage	* 2.2	* 1.6	22.8	20.6	12.2	64.5	43.6
Communication services	* 2.1	* 0.9	13.2	4.5	7.6	16.5	10.3
Finance and insurance	10.3	10.1	60.1	17.8	13.5	9.0	31.1
Property and business services	38.4	31.5	219.4	53.6	42.3	66.2	92.7
Government administration and defence	16.1	14.0	65.6	21.6	18.7	22.3	37.7
Education	55.0	75.2	201.5	71.4	22.6	14.9	37.0
Health and community services	40.1	31.2	184.3	112.9	34.5	34.3	97.8
Cultural and recreational services	* 1.5	5.7	35.4	11.9	10.4	17.0	16.3
Personal and other services	6.1	5.6	29.4	15.5	14.6	58.3	21.7
Persons	200.8	212.0	1,104.8	482.6	305.5	1,150.3	754.2
Males	130.3	85.8	576.1	202.8	164.4	1,027.3	295.5
Females	70.5	126.2	528.6	279.8	141.1	123.0	458.7

14. EMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1998 —continued
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	Educational attainment(a)				Total(c)
	Total with post-school qualifications	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school	Total without post-school qualifications(b)	
<i>Area of usual residence—</i>					
Capital City	2,770.9	1,084.1	1,370.3	2,456.9	5,342.7
Balance of State/Territory	1,439.4	482.5	1,076.5	1,560.8	3,081.8
<i>Age —</i>					
15—19	41.8	204.0	151.5	355.6	591.8
20—24	442.7	372.1	163.6	535.7	978.4
25—34	1,234.5	391.5	521.5	913.4	2,149.3
35—44	1,217.6	282.9	671.7	955.4	2,173.2
45—54	933.0	230.9	651.6	884.6	1,818.1
55—64	340.7	85.2	287.1	372.9	713.6
<i>Birthplace and period of arrival —</i>					
Born in Australia	3,129.2	1,148.8	1,934.4	3,086.1	6,395.0
Born outside Australia	1,081.1	417.8	512.4	931.6	2,029.5
Arrived before 1961	125.2	30.4	100.3	130.6	255.9
Arrived 1961—1970	215.5	70.2	153.9	224.8	440.3
Arrived 1971—1980	234.7	100.7	112.8	214.0	448.7
Arrived 1981—1990	319.6	142.4	102.9	245.3	577.2
Arrived 1991—1998	186.1	74.3	42.6	116.9	307.4
<i>Status of worker —</i>					
Wage and salary earners	3,619.3	1,399.7	2,041.0	3,443.7	7,251.0
Other	591.0	166.9	405.9	574.0	1,173.5
<i>Full-time/part-time status —</i>					
Full-time workers	3,391.0	1,074.2	1,760.8	2,837.9	6,230.6
Part-time workers	819.3	492.4	686.1	1,179.8	2,193.9
<i>Occupation in current job —</i>					
Managers and administrators	341.1	85.0	164.1	249.4	590.8
Professionals	1,302.2	118.3	67.1	185.4	1,489.2
Associate professionals	483.7	182.8	204.5	387.8	873.7
Tradespersons and related workers	744.2	134.8	278.4	413.4	1,159.4
Advanced clerical and service workers	165.3	85.2	127.8	213.0	378.8
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	599.8	395.4	452.1	848.2	1,461.7
Intermediate production and transport workers	195.0	137.1	397.9	535.9	745.9
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	202.7	248.5	300.6	549.3	871.9
Labourers and related workers	176.2	179.5	454.5	635.4	853.0
<i>Industry of current job —</i>					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	126.8	55.1	188.8	244.2	375.4
Mining	45.6	8.0	28.1	36.1	81.9
Manufacturing	507.3	183.1	388.4	572.7	1,085.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	46.0	6.0	14.0	20.0	66.0
Construction	341.8	80.0	191.6	272.0	614.0
Wholesale trade	231.2	114.5	176.7	291.6	527.8
Retail trade	392.2	314.1	385.5	700.3	1,229.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	142.5	116.1	140.4	256.9	415.0
Transport and storage	167.5	69.0	159.5	228.5	397.1
Communication services	55.2	35.7	49.2	84.9	140.6
Finance and insurance	151.9	93.9	70.3	164.2	316.7
Property and business services	544.1	154.8	198.4	353.6	904.5
Government administration and defence	195.9	58.0	78.8	136.8	332.8
Education	477.7	58.9	68.9	127.8	607.7
Health and community services	535.0	94.6	168.6	263.5	803.2
Cultural and recreational services	98.2	55.8	42.4	98.2	201.6
Personal and other services	151.3	68.9	97.2	166.4	325.1
Persons	4,210.3	1,566.6	2,446.9	4,017.7	8,424.5
Males	2,482.3	842.2	1,337.8	2,182.0	4,746.6
Females	1,728.0	724.4	1,109.1	1,835.6	3,678.0

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school. (c) Includes persons still at school.

15. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL(a) : TYPE OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED

Type of post-school educational course attending in May 1998	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
	—'000—						—per cent—		
LAST ATTENDED A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL									
Attending recognised study in May 1998(b)	16.0	29.2	45.1	4.8	50.0	34.2	84.2	9.7	59.4
Bachelor degree or higher	* 0.2	17.5	17.7	* 0.9	18.6	17.4	36.0	* 4.9	51.7
Undergraduate diploma	* 0.0	* 2.9	* 2.9	* 0.7	* 3.6	* 2.9	6.6	* 19.0	* 55.0
Associate diploma	* 0.5	* 2.6	* 3.1	* 0.3	* 3.4	* 2.1	5.5	* 9.8	* 61.6
Skilled vocational course	11.5	* 1.9	13.3	* 0.1	13.4	* 2.5	15.9	* 0.5	84.5
Basic vocational course	* 3.5	* 3.7	7.1	* 2.4	9.5	6.6	16.1	* 25.0	59.2
Attending non-recognised study in May 1998	* 1.0	* 1.3	* 2.3	* 0.3	* 2.6	* 3.4	6.0	* 12.5	* 43.9
Not attending in May 1998	26.0	23.4	49.4	28.9	78.3	15.1	93.4	36.9	83.8
Total	43.0	53.8	96.8	34.0	130.9	52.7	183.6	26.0	71.3
LAST ATTENDED A NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL									
Attending recognised study in May 1998(b)	7.3	25.7	32.9	5.6	38.5	19.6	58.2	14.6	66.2
Bachelor degree or higher	* 1.4	19.5	20.9	* 4.4	25.3	13.4	38.6	* 17.3	65.4
Undergraduate diploma	* 0.2	* 1.5	* 1.7	* 0.3	* 2.0	4.7	6.7	* 14.9	* 29.8
Associate diploma	* 0.6	* 0.5	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 1.1	* 0.4	* 1.5	* 0.0	* 72.5
Skilled vocational course	* 3.2	* 0.6	* 3.8	* 0.0	* 3.8	* 0.4	* 4.2	* 0.0	* 91.0
Basic vocational course	* 1.8	* 3.7	5.4	* 0.7	6.1	* 0.5	6.6	* 10.8	92.7
Attending non-recognised study in May 1998	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 0.9	* 0.4	* 1.3	* 0.7	* 2.0	* 33.1	* 65.3
Not attending in May 1998	4.6	5.2	9.9	* 2.7	12.5	* 1.5	14.0	* 21.3	89.5
Total	12.2	31.4	43.7	8.7	52.4	21.8	74.2	16.7	70.6
TOTAL ATTENDED SCHOOL IN 1997									
Attending recognised study in May 1998(b)	23.2	54.8	78.0	10.5	88.5	53.9	142.4	11.8	62.2
Bachelor degree or higher	* 1.6	37.0	38.6	5.3	43.9	30.8	74.7	12.0	58.8
Undergraduate diploma	* 0.2	* 4.4	4.6	* 1.0	5.6	7.6	13.2	* 17.6	42.3
Associate diploma	* 1.1	* 3.0	* 4.2	* 0.3	* 4.5	* 2.5	7.0	* 7.4	* 63.9
Skilled vocational course	14.7	* 2.4	17.2	* 0.1	17.2	* 2.8	20.1	* 0.4	85.8
Basic vocational course	5.2	7.3	12.6	* 3.0	15.6	7.0	22.6	* 19.5	68.9
Attending non-recognised study in May 1998	* 1.4	* 1.8	* 3.2	* 0.8	* 4.0	* 4.1	8.1	* 19.3	* 49.3
Not attending in May 1998	30.6	28.6	59.3	31.5	90.8	16.6	107.4	34.7	84.6
Total	55.2	85.3	140.5	42.8	183.3	74.5	257.8	23.3	71.1

(a) Comprises persons who attended school in 1997 and were not attending school in May 1998. (b) Includes a small number of persons attending secondary school courses.

16. PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL(a) : HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED

Whether attending an educational institution and type of institution attending in May 1998	Employed			Unem- ployed	Labour force	Not in labour force	Total	Unem- ployment rate	Partici- pation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total						
				—'000—				—per	cent—
LAST ATTENDED YEAR 12									
Attending in May 1998	10.2	50.5	60.7	6.8	67.5	45.5	113.0	10.1	59.7
Higher education	* 1.4	36.1	37.5	5.3	42.8	33.0	75.8	12.5	56.5
TAFE	6.8	11.6	18.4	* 1.4	19.7	10.6	30.3	* 6.9	65.0
Other(b)	* 2.1	* 2.7	4.8	* 0.1	4.9	* 2.0	6.9	* 1.8	71.3
Not attending in May 1998	16.7	16.8	33.4	10.2	43.6	5.4	48.9	23.3	89.0
Total	26.9	67.2	94.1	17.0	111.0	50.9	161.9	15.3	68.6
LAST ATTENDED YEAR 11									
Attending in May 1998	* 4.4	* 2.2	6.6	* 1.7	8.3	* 4.0	12.3	* 19.9	67.5
Higher education	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.0	* 0.4	* 0.5	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 41.1
TAFE	* 3.3	* 1.8	5.1	* 1.3	6.4	* 2.7	9.0	* 20.7	70.6
Other(b)	* 0.8	* 0.5	* 1.2	* 0.3	* 1.6	* 0.8	* 2.4	* 21.0	* 65.1
Not attending in May 1998	* 4.1	* 3.9	7.9	4.7	12.7	* 1.3	14.0	37.4	90.6
Total	8.5	6.1	14.6	6.4	21.0	5.3	26.3	30.5	79.8
LAST ATTENDED YEAR 10									
Attending in May 1998	8.0	* 3.9	11.9	* 2.8	14.7	5.6	20.3	* 18.8	72.6
Higher education	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.2	* 1.1	* 0.0	* 78.8
TAFE	8.0	* 2.8	10.8	* 2.8	13.6	4.7	18.3	* 20.4	74.4
Other(b)	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.0	* 0.3	* 0.6	* 0.9	* 0.0	* 29.9
Not attending in May 1998	8.1	6.8	14.8	10.9	25.8	5.7	31.5	42.4	81.9
Total	16.0	10.7	26.8	13.7	40.5	11.2	51.7	33.8	78.3
LAST ATTENDED OTHER YEAR									
Attending in May 1998	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 2.0	* 0.0	* 2.0	* 2.9	4.9	* 0.0	* 40.8
Higher education	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0	* 0.0
TAFE	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 0.0	* 1.2	* 2.2	* 3.4	* 0.0	* 35.9
Other(b)	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.0	* 0.8	* 0.7	* 1.4	* 0.0	* 52.4
Not attending in May 1998	* 1.8	* 1.2	* 3.1	5.7	8.8	* 4.2	13.0	65.0	67.7
Total	* 3.8	* 1.2	5.1	5.7	10.8	7.1	17.8	53.0	60.4
TOTAL ATTENDED SCHOOL IN 1997									
Attending in May 1998	24.6	56.6	81.2	11.2	92.5	57.9	150.4	12.1	61.5
Higher education	* 1.7	37.0	38.7	5.3	44.0	33.7	77.7	12.1	56.7
TAFE	19.3	16.2	35.5	5.5	40.9	20.1	61.1	13.3	67.0
Other(b)	* 3.6	* 3.5	7.1	* 0.4	7.5	* 4.1	11.6	* 5.6	64.4
Not attending in May 1998	30.6	28.6	59.3	31.5	90.8	16.6	107.4	34.7	84.6
Total	55.2	85.3	140.5	42.8	183.3	74.5	257.8	23.3	71.1

(a) Comprises persons who attended school in 1997 and were not attending school in May 1998. (b) Includes Business colleges, industry skills centres and other educational institutions.

17. PERSONS AGED 19 OR 22 : LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, MAY 1998

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>Employed</i>			<i>Unem- ployed</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Unemp- loyment rate</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total</i>						
	—'000—				—per cent—				
AGED 19 YEARS IN MAY 1998									
With post-school qualifications(a)(b)	18.2	10.4	28.5	5.7	34.2	* 3.6	37.9	16.6	90.4
Associate diploma	* 1.0	* 1.3	* 2.3	* 0.8	* 3.1	* 0.0	* 3.1	* 25.8	* 100.0
Skilled vocational qualification	* 2.4	* 1.2	* 3.6	* 1.3	4.8	* 0.1	4.9	* 26.1	98.8
Basic vocational qualification	12.1	5.8	17.9	* 3.1	21.0	* 2.8	23.9	* 14.8	88.1
Without post-school qualifications(c)	71.4	72.6	144.0	20.6	164.6	49.9	214.5	12.5	76.7
Completed highest level of school	34.7	64.9	99.6	7.6	107.2	41.6	148.8	7.1	72.0
Attending a tertiary institution in May	16.7	54.0	70.7	* 4.0	74.7	37.0	111.7	* 5.4	66.9
Not attending a tertiary institution in May	18.0	10.8	28.9	* 3.6	32.5	4.7	37.2	* 11.1	87.4
Did not complete highest level of school	36.6	7.8	44.4	13.0	57.4	8.2	65.7	22.7	87.4
Attending a tertiary institution in May	12.6	* 1.5	14.1	* 0.9	15.0	* 2.0	17.0	* 6.1	88.0
Not attending a tertiary institution in May	24.0	6.3	30.3	12.1	42.4	6.2	48.6	28.5	87.2
<i>Total(d)</i>	<i>89.5</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>172.8</i>	<i>27.6</i>	<i>200.4</i>	<i>56.4</i>	<i>256.8</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>78.0</i>
AGED 22 YEARS IN MAY 1998									
With post-school qualifications(a)(b)	77.8	21.0	98.7	8.1	106.9	7.3	114.1	7.6	93.6
Bachelor degree	21.9	10.5	32.4	* 1.3	33.6	* 1.1	34.8	* 3.8	96.7
Associate diploma	10.1	* 2.4	12.5	* 0.8	13.3	* 0.5	13.8	* 6.4	96.7
Skilled vocational qualification	18.3	* 0.6	18.9	* 1.7	20.6	* 1.1	21.7	* 8.3	95.1
Basic vocational qualification	18.8	5.4	24.2	* 3.7	28.0	* 3.4	31.4	* 13.4	89.2
Without post-school qualifications(c)	67.2	32.2	99.4	20.3	119.7	31.7	151.4	17.0	79.0
Completed highest level of school	46.0	22.8	68.8	12.1	80.8	19.9	100.7	14.9	80.3
Attending a tertiary institution in May	10.6	16.5	27.1	* 3.5	30.7	15.1	45.8	* 11.6	67.0
Not attending a tertiary institution in May	35.4	6.3	41.6	8.5	50.2	4.8	55.0	17.0	91.3
Did not complete highest level of school	21.2	9.4	30.6	8.2	38.8	11.6	50.4	21.1	77.0
Attending a tertiary institution in May	* 1.8	* 0.0	* 1.8	* 0.8	* 2.5	* 1.6	* 4.1	* 29.9	* 61.1
Not attending a tertiary institution in May	19.5	9.4	28.9	7.4	36.3	10.0	46.3	20.5	78.4
<i>Total(d)</i>	<i>145.0</i>	<i>53.1</i>	<i>198.1</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>226.5</i>	<i>39.3</i>	<i>265.9</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>85.2</i>

(a) As defined under the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). See the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons with other levels of post-school qualifications not separately shown. (c) Includes persons who never attended school. (d) Includes persons still at school.

18. APPRENTICES(a) : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1993 TO MAY 1998
(*000)

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<i>Sex—</i>						
Males	96.9	99.9	103.4	111.4	108.8	107.7
Females	14.3	14.1	11.2	14.9	12.3	16.9
<i>Age—</i>						
15–19	65.6	66.8	68.2	67.8	65.3	71.4
15–17	17.1	26.2	19.1	20.6	17.8	23.2
18	21.0	18.8	24.6	24.9	24.6	21.7
19	27.5	21.8	24.6	22.3	22.9	26.4
20–24	42.5	41.2	40.7	54.5	49.7	47.8
25–64	*3.0	5.9	5.6	*4.0	6.0	5.3
<i>Birthplace—</i>						
Born in Australia	104.6	110.0	108.9	120.2	113.6	115.2
Born outside Australia	6.6	*3.9	5.7	6.1	7.5	9.3
<i>Whether attended an educational institution and type of institution attended in previous year—</i>						
Attended	98.2	96.7	99.1	113.1	105.5	110.7
School	18.6	27.8	20.2	20.9	17.3	21.5
Tertiary	79.6	68.9	78.8	92.1	88.2	89.3
Did not attend	13.0	17.2	15.5	13.2	15.6	13.7
<i>Age at time of leaving full-time education—</i>						
Attending full-time in May	6.4	*1.6	*3.0	*5.2	*4.5	4.8
Not attending full-time in May	104.8	112.3	111.6	117.1	110.4	114.4
<i>Left at age—</i>						
15–19	99.7	103.6	101.8	112.5	106.9	108.7
15	13.5	20.3	15.5	13.0	16.3	26.7
16	30.6	27.8	26.5	34.2	31.6	35.4
17–19	55.5	55.5	59.8	r 65.4	r 59.0	46.5
Other(b)	5.1	8.7	9.7	*4.6	*3.5	5.7
Not asked(c)	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*4.0	6.0	5.3
<i>Type of school last attended—</i>						
Government	86.3	79.8	80.0	90.3	94.4	89.5
Non-government	21.5	28.3	29.0	32.0	20.7	29.7
Not asked(d)	*3.3	5.9	5.6	*4.0	6.0	5.3
<i>Industry (ASIC)(e)—</i>						
Manufacturing	26.1	24.3	..	..	..	..
Construction	23.4	26.2	..	..	..	..
Wholesale and retail trade	23.4	25.7	..	..	..	..
Recreation, personal and other services	18.1	19.6	..	..	..	..
Other(f)	20.1	18.1	..	..	..	..
<i>Industry (ANZSIC)(e)—</i>						
Manufacturing	..	..	35.2	30.5	25.2	27.1
Construction	..	..	26.3	27.5	23.2	30.7
Wholesale and retail trade	..	..	r 25.9	28.3	35.3	31.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	..	..	*5.7	8.8	13.7	10.0
Cultural, recreational, personal and other services	..	..	8.0	10.6	7.8	10.7
Other(g)	..	..	13.5	20.6	15.9	14.9
<i>Field of trade(h)—</i>						
Metal fitting and machining; other metal	15.4	21.1	17.2	18.5	19.1	15.4
Electrical and electronics	12.1	14.2	13.5	18.5	17.3	16.7
Building	25.8	22.8	21.1	23.8	18.4	24.8
Vehicle	18.2	15.2	17.7	21.9	18.9	17.7
Food	15.2	13.7	12.7	14.0	9.8	9.0
Hairdressing	7.1	7.6	6.1	7.8	*4.8	7.2
Other(i)	17.4	19.3	26.3	21.9	32.8	33.7
<i>When commenced—</i>						
In last twelve months	30.4	39.4	38.7	36.9	33.0	44.5
Prior to the last twelve months	80.8	74.4	75.9	89.4	88.1	80.0
All apprentices	111.2	113.9	114.6	126.3	121.1	124.5

(a) Prior to May 1998 estimates of apprentices were restricted to 15–34 year olds. (b) Comprises persons who left school at age 10–14 or 20–34. (c) Persons aged 25–64 who were not full-time students in previous year were not asked the age at which they left full-time education. (d) Comprises persons aged 25–64 and persons who had never attended school. (e) See paragraph 28 of the Explanatory Notes. (f) Comprises Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; Mining; Electricity, gas and water; Transport and storage; Communication; Finance, property and business services; Community services; and Public administration and defence. (g) Comprises Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Mining; Electricity, gas and water supply; Transport and storage; Communication services; Finance and insurance; Property and business services; Government administration and defence; Education; Health and community services. (h) Field of trade is based on the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). See paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes for changes to ASCO introduced into the May 1997 survey. (i) Comprises Printing; Skilled Agricultural and Horticultural; and Other undefined fields of trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The Monthly Population Survey (which is described in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)) comprises the monthly Labour Force Survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the May 1998 Labour Force Survey conducted throughout Australia.

2 Of the respondents to the Labour Force Survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked whether they were attending, or had attended in the previous year, an educational institution, and if so, the type of educational institution and the type of course attended. If respondents were not attending an educational institution full-time in May 1998 they were asked the year they finished full-time study. Persons who had left full-time study during the previous year were asked the time of the year they had left. Persons who were not studying were asked whether they had applied to enrol for study in 1998.

3 All persons were asked about their highest and most recent educational qualifications.

SCOPE

4 The scope of this supplementary survey was restricted to persons aged 15–64 and excluded the following persons:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- overseas residents in Australia;
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants);
- persons permanently unable to work;
- some patients in hospitals and sanitariums; and
- inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

5 The survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all States and Territories, but excluded some 175,000 persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia. The exclusion of these persons will have only 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 over 20% of the population.

COVERAGE

6 In the population survey, 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. See *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) for more details.

DEFINITIONS

7 Detailed definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

DEFINITIONS *continued*

8 Definitions of level and main field of study of recognised educational qualifications appearing in this publication are based upon those given in the *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)* (Cat. no. 1262.0).

9 Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week).

CHANGES IN QUALIFICATION CLASSIFICATIONS

10 The ABSCQ was developed to be used as a standard for the classification of data on recognised post-school educational qualifications in all relevant ABS collections.

11 The ABSCQ classifies educational qualifications according to two main elements: level of attainment and field of study —

- The Level of Attainment Classification comprises seven categories based on the minimum entry requirements, duration and theoretical orientation of the course leading to award of the qualification;
- The Field of Study Classification has a hierarchical structure comprising nine broad fields, 46 narrow fields and 187 detailed fields. In household surveys, data are only available for broad and narrow fields.

12 The classification was first used in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Data on educational qualifications were collected by asking questions about full name of qualification, field of study, name of institution attended and year qualification completed. Using Computer Assisted Coding (CAC), they were then matched with entries in an index to determine the appropriate level of attainment and field of study codes.

13 The ABSCQ was introduced into household surveys in May 1993. At that time, CAC was not available for the collection and processing of household survey data and a prompt card methodology was adopted. It was expected that this approach would remain in use for a number of years, yielding a reasonable time series from regular surveys.

14 In the Transition from Education to Work (TEW) Surveys of 1993 to 1996, using this prompt card methodology, respondents were asked to select their Level of Attainment from a card supplied by the interviewer. This card also directed respondents, for each Level, to a further card showing Fields of Study relevant to that Level. To maintain the distinction between recognised (ABSCQ) qualifications and other educational attainment, respondents in the generalised 'certificate' Level category were asked the duration of the course of study leading to the award of the qualification. Those with less than one semester's study were deemed not to have a recognised post-school educational qualification, consistent with the definition of qualification applied in the ABSCQ.

CHANGES IN QUALIFICATION
CLASSIFICATIONS *continued*

15 The introduction of telephone interviewing in household surveys in late 1996 necessitated a change in the method of collection and processing of survey data, including data on qualifications for the May 1997 TEW Survey. Conduct of the interview by telephone meant respondents could no longer be shown prompt card listings. The option of converting prompt cards to a series of questions was impractical and would have imposed a heavy burden on both interviewers and respondents. As a result CAC was introduced to the TEW Survey in May 1997.

16 The methodological changes outlined above mean that data from the surveys of TEW from May 1992 onward have the following breaks in series.

May 1992 to May 1993

17 The introduction of the ABSCQ in May 1993 caused a major break in educational qualifications and level of course data. The new classification uses seven levels of attainment compared to the previous three plus 'Other' category.

18 The ABSCQ also makes a distinction between recognised (or formal) qualifications and others. The first break in series occurred because of this distinction. Qualifications earned as a result of less than one semester's study, and courses whose length was of less than one semester, were excluded from estimates of recognised qualifications/study under the ABSCQ. Prior to 1993 they were included as valid qualifications.

19 A broad concordance was available for Level data collected between 1992 and 1993, however nothing similar could be constructed for Field of Study.

May 1993 to May 1994

20 The second break in series occurred in May 1994 because qualifications of nurses were treated separately, resulting in some movement in Level data. Also, a new screening question for attendance data was introduced. This question 'Was this course of study being done to obtain an educational qualification?' separated out those persons who were studying but not intending to gain a qualification at the completion of their study.

May 1996 to May 1997

21 The third series break occurs with the publication of May 1997 ABSCQ data collected under CAC. While the actual classification used did not change, the switch from the use of prompt cards to CAC in the May 1997 survey has caused a break in series.

22 Using prompt cards (in the May 1993–1996 surveys) allowed respondents, or others reporting on their behalf (in the order of half of all responses), to select their own Level and Field of Study. Experience to date suggests that people were more likely to select Skilled vocational and less likely to select Basic vocational Levels, and to underestimate duration of course information. This had the effect of overenumerating Associate diplomas at the expense of Undergraduate diplomas and underenumerating Basic vocational qualifications. In the latter case, respondents' understatement of duration of course in the 1993 to 1996 surveys had put many into the less than one semester category and thus out of scope of the ABSCQ.

May 1996 to May 1997
continued

23 As outlined above, the use of CAC allows Level of Attainment and Field of Study information to be determined in a more objective manner by reference to a comprehensive index of qualifications.

24 The main impact on the data, as evidenced in changes between the 1996 and 1997 data, has been:

- significant changes in the relative distributions of Undergraduate diplomas and Associate diplomas; and
- significant changes in the estimates of the number of people with Skilled vocational and Basic vocational qualifications.

Comparison with 1996
Census

25 Data on highest post-school qualification gained were also collected in the Census of Population and Housing in August 1996, using the same coding methodology as that used in the May 1997 TEW. Comparison of the Census data with the May 1997 TEW reveals a number of significant differences between the two collections. However, there are many factors which can lead to differences in results from the Census and household surveys. These factors include: the timing of the collection; interview versus self-enumeration methodology; level of non-response; inadequately described responses; survey sampling error; differing scope; different population benchmarks; underenumeration in Census; and tendencies toward overstatement of qualifications in self-enumerated collections.

Caution

26 Because of the factors mentioned above, the ABS cautions users of qualifications data against attempting to make comparisons between data from the 1996 and 1997 TEW surveys or between 1997 TEW and the Census of Population and Housing. Results from the Survey of Education and Training, conducted from March to May 1997, are broadly consistent with data on educational qualifications presented in the 1997 and 1998 TEW publications. Data from that survey were published in early November 1998.

27 For further information on questionnaire changes please refer to the contact officer at the front of this publication.

CHANGES IN INDUSTRY
CLASSIFICATION

28 From August 1995, industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0). Like the previous Australian Standard Industrial Classification, ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities, in a structure consisting of four levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class).

CHANGES IN OCCUPATION
CLASSIFICATIONS

29 From August 1996, occupation data are classified according to ASCO – *Australian Standard Classification of Occupation, Second Edition* (Cat. no. 1220.1). Like the First Edition of this classification, *Australian Standard Classification of Occupation (ASCO) – Statistical Classification (First Edition), 1986* (Cat. no. 1222.0), the Second Edition is a skills-based classification of occupation. However, a new hierarchical level, the Sub-Major Group, has been added to the previous Major Group, Minor Group, Unit Group and Occupation levels. Survey data are coded to the Unit Group level, as was the practice under ASCO First Edition.

SURVEY SAMPLE SIZE	<p>30 Until May 1993, this survey was run on a full sample of the approximately 30,000 dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. The May 1994 supplementary survey was reduced to a three-quarters sample and the May 1995 survey to a five-eighths sample. In May 1996 and 1997 the sample was again three-quarters of the Labour Force Survey. In May 1998 the sample increased to seven-eighths. As a result the standard errors for this supplementary survey may differ from those used in surveys of the same topic run in other years.</p>
ESTIMATION PROCEDURE	<p>31 The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.</p> <p>32 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling error. For more information refer to the Technical Notes.</p>
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	<p>33 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 <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i>.</p>
RESULTS OF THE SURVEY	<p>34 Due to differences in the method of estimation used in this supplementary survey and that used in the Labour Force Survey, there are some small variations between estimates in this publication and those in the corresponding issue of <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0).</p> <p>35 The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.</p> <p>36 Results of similar surveys, conducted annually from February 1964 to February 1974, in May 1975 and 1976, in August 1977 and 1978 and annually since May 1979 have been given in previous issues of this publication. Information on apprentices was collected for the first time in May 1983.</p> <p>37 This survey will be conducted again in May 1999.</p>
UNPUBLISHED DATA	<p>38 As well as the statistics included in this publication, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Leo Stinson on Canberra 02 6252 7793 or facsimile 02 6252 8013 or e-mail leo.stinson@abs.gov.au.</p>

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

39 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

A Directory of Education and Training Statistics (Cat. no. 1136.0) — issued irregularly, latest issue October 1997

Education and Training Experience (Cat. no. 6278.0) — issued irregularly, latest issue released 1998

Education and Training in Australia (Cat. no. 4224.0) — issued irregularly, next issue expected to be released December 1998

Labour Force, Australia (Cat. no. 6203.0) — issued monthly

Participation in Education, Australia (Cat. no. 6272.0) — issued annually, latest issue September 1997

Schools, Australia (Cat. no. 4221.0) — issued annually, latest issue 1997

40 Current publications and products 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 and also on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

TECHNICAL NOTES

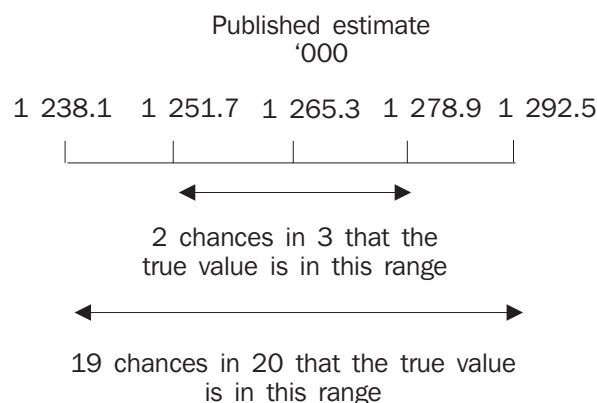
ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

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 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 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 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.

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

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERRORS

An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 6 shows the estimated number of persons aged 15–64 who were attending an educational institution full-time in May 1998 was 1,265,300. Since this estimate is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 in the SE table, the SE for Australia will be between 12,600 and 16,300 and can be approximated by interpolation as 13,600 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 1,251,700 to 1,278,900 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 1,238,100 to 1,292,500. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



As can be seen from the SE table on the following page, the smaller the estimate the higher the RSE. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high SEs (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of 25% or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages with larger RSEs have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution.

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:

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

Considering the example above, of the 1,265,300 persons aged 15–64 who were attending an educational institution full-time in May 1998, 699,700 or 55.3% were not in the labour force. The SE of 699,700 is approximately 10,800 so the RSE is 1.5%. The RSE for 1,265,300 is 1.1%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is 1.0% giving a SE for the proportion (55.3%) of 0.6 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of persons aged 15–64 who were not in the labour force and were attending an educational institution full-time in May 1998 is between 54.7% and 55.9% and 19 chances in 20 the proportion is within the range 54.1% to 56.5%.

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:

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

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

The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the SE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents, and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS FOR MAY 1998 SURVEY ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.	Proportion of estimate
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
100	..	..	..	130	..	90	130	90	..	..
200	..	..	230	190	210	140	180	120	200	100.0
300	340	310	280	240	260	170	210	150	260	86.7
500	450	410	360	310	340	220	270	190	340	68.0
700	530	480	430	360	400	260	310	220	420	60.0
1 000	630	580	520	430	470	310	370	260	510	51.0
1 500	770	710	630	520	570	370	440	310	630	42.0
2 000	890	820	720	600	650	420	500	350	740	37.0
2 500	990	920	800	660	720	470	560	390	830	33.2
3 000	1 080	1 000	880	720	780	500	600	420	920	30.7
3 500	1 170	1 080	940	770	840	540	650	450	990	28.3
4 000	1 240	1 150	1 000	820	890	570	690	470	1 060	26.5
5 000	1 400	1 300	1 100	900	1 000	600	750	500	1 200	24.0
7 000	1 600	1 500	1 300	1 050	1 150	700	900	600	1 400	20.0
10 000	1 900	1 750	1 500	1 250	1 350	800	1 050	700	1 700	17.0
15 000	2 250	2 100	1 800	1 450	1 600	950	1 250	800	2 050	13.7
20 000	2 600	2 400	2 050	1 650	1 800	1 000	1 450	900	2 350	11.8
30 000	3 050	2 850	2 450	1 950	2 100	1 150	1 750	1 050	2 850	9.5
40 000	3 450	3 250	2 750	2 200	2 350	1 250	2 000	1 200	3 250	8.1
50 000	3 800	3 550	3 050	2 400	2 600	1 350	2 200	1 300	3 600	7.2
100 000	5 050	4 700	4 050	3 100	3 400	1 650	3 100	1 650	4 900	4.9
150 000	5 950	5 550	4 750	3 650	4 000	1 800	3 750	1 900	5 850	3.9
200 000	6 650	6 200	5 300	4 050	4 450	1 950	4 300	2 100	6 600	3.3
300 000	7 750	7 200	6 150	4 650	5 200	2 100	..	2 400	7 850	2.6
500 000	9 400	8 700	7 450	5 550	6 250	2 350	..	..	9 650	1.9
1 000 000	12 050	11 100	9 550	7 050	7 950	..	..	..	12 600	1.3
2 000 000	15 300	14 050	12 150	8 800	10 050	..	..	..	16 300	0.8
5 000 000	20 600	18 800	16 400	..	..	..	..	..	22 500	0.5
10 000 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 300	0.3
25% cutoff	6 000	5 200	4 000	2 800	3 200	1 500	2 000	1 100	4 500	..

GLOSSARY

Apprentices	An apprentice is a person who has entered into a legal contract (called an indenture 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 answering 'yes' to a question 'whether an apprentice or not'.
Associate diploma	<p>The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a prerequisite certificate course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skill necessary to give support to professionals, and for positions in advanced trade, technical or associate professional occupations.</p> <p>Advanced Certificates, Technicians Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as an associate diploma.</p>
Attending/attended an educational institution	Refers to persons enrolled for a course of study in the survey month (or persons who attended any time during the previous calendar year) at an educational institution (as defined).
ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)	The classification of recognised educational qualifications intended for use across all relevant ABS data collections. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.
Bachelor degree	The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses are designed to provide students with a systematic and coherent introduction to a broad body of knowledge. The emphasis is on the underlying principles and concepts of that body of knowledge. Examples are Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Science in Maths or Statistics, etc.
Basic vocational qualification	Often requires Year 10 completion, however many courses have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the practical skills and background knowledge necessary for employment at the operative level in many different fields. Examples are a Pre-apprenticeship in Plumbing, Certificate in Shorthand and Keyboarding or Earthmoving Plant Operation and Pre-vocational Certificate in Automotive Mechanics.
Business college	Includes private business colleges or establishments that offer training or educational courses in Secretarial Studies, Business Management, Marketing, etc.
Educational attainment	<p>Measures the highest post-school educational qualification attained by the respondent, with qualifications classified according to the ABSCQ. For the purposes of the ABSCQ, level of (educational) attainment is the recognition by an accredited authority, that a person possesses knowledge and practical ability of a certain quality and quantity. The seven categories for level of attainment are: higher degree, postgraduate diploma, bachelor degree, undergraduate diploma, associate diploma, skilled vocational qualifications and basic vocational qualifications.</p> <p>Note: Persons who report attaining a qualification which is not recognised are not considered to have attained a post-school qualification.</p>

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 aged 15–64 who, during the reference week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and self-employed persons); or ▪ worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or ▪ were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or ▪ were employers, self-employed persons; or ▪ unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.
Field of trade	Refers to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (Second Edition) Unit Group in which apprentices are employed e.g. 24,800 apprentices were reported in the building trade.
Full-time attendance	Is the perception by the respondent that they consider themselves to be attending full-time.
Higher degree	Comprises primarily a Master degree or Doctorate. The usual minimum entry requirement for the former being completion of an honours degree, and the latter, completion of a Masters degree or a first class honours degree. Study is a minimum of two years full-time for Masters degrees and two to four years for Doctorates. This level of qualification is designed to recognise significant contributions to original research or the application of knowledge within a given field of study.
Higher education institutions	Includes all Australian institutions 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.
Highest level of secondary school available	The highest level of secondary school available to the respondent, as determined by the respondent, at the time he or she left school (i.e. Year 12 or equivalent).
Industry skills centre	Consists of vocation-oriented training centres for specific industries which provide accredited courses, e.g. automotive skills centres and retail skills centres.
Leavers (from full-time education)	Persons who were full-time students at any time in the previous calendar year, but were not full-time students at the time of the survey.
Level of course	Is the ABSCQ level which describes the broad qualification category that a respondent's study will lead to.

Main field of study	Respondents with a recognised post-school educational qualification (as defined in the ABSCQ) indicated the main field of study for their highest and/or most recent qualification.
Not in the labour force	Persons who were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' as defined.
Other educational institution	Includes institutions or establishments that offer educational courses that lead to qualifications such as hairdressing, etc., and instances where insufficient information was available to determine the type of educational institution.
Participation rate	In this survey, refers to labour force participation rate which is an estimate of the labour force in any group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15–64 in the same group. For a more detailed explanation see <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0).
Part-time attendance	Is the perception by the respondent that they consider themselves to be attending part-time.
Postgraduate diploma	The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a bachelor degree or an undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent. Courses usually build on undergraduate studies, and are designed to broaden or develop professional knowledge and skills in a related or new area of study. Examples are a Graduate Diploma in Chemistry or Clinical Pathology, a Diploma of Education in Special Education and a Graduate Certificate in Business.
Recognised (post-school) educational qualification/ recognised study	A level of educational attainment or course attendance, undertaken since leaving school and recognised as one of the seven levels of qualification under the ABSCQ. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.
Relationship in household	For an explanation of this term and its associated categories see <i>Labour Force, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 6203.0).
Skilled vocational qualification	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a specific vocation or a recognised trade or craft, that requires a high degree of skill in a range of related activities. Examples are a Trade Certificate in Vehicle Building or Carpentry, an Apprenticeship in Electrical Fitting and a Certificate in Landscape Design.
TAFE	A Technical and Further Education institution.
Tertiary institution	Any educational institution offering post-school courses.
Type of study	Refers to three different levels of study identified as a result of the implementation of the ABSCQ to classify type of course attending. These are: study leading to recognised educational qualifications (by persons satisfying the criteria of the ABSCQ); study leading to a non-recognised educational qualification; and study that would not result in a qualification.

Undergraduate diploma The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for practice in a professional or associate professional occupation. Examples are a Diploma of Applied Science in Nursing or Air Traffic Service, Diploma of Applied Arts in Graphic Design and Diploma of Teaching.

Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing.

Unemployed Persons aged 15–64 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 would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting less than four weeks to the end of the reference week). Detailed definitions of labour force classifications appearing in this publication are given in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0); 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; or
- were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Unemployment rate An estimate of unemployed persons in any group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

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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POPULATIONS

- 1 Persons aged 15–64 including boarding school pupils (BSP) but excluding institutionalised persons or persons permanently unable to work (PUW)
- 2 Persons aged 15–64 who attended an educational institution in 1997
- 3 Persons aged 15–64 who attended school in 1997
- 4 Persons aged 15–64 who attended a tertiary institution in 1997
- 5 Leavers from full-time education (aged 15–64) at May 1998
- 6 Persons aged 15–64 attending an educational institution in May 1998
- 7 Persons aged 15–64 attending a tertiary institution in May 1998
- 8 Persons aged 15–64 who have a recognised post-school qualification
- 9 Persons aged 15–24 who attended school in 1997 but were not attending school in May 1998
- 10 Employed persons aged 15–34 who were apprentices in May 1998
- 11 Persons aged 15–64 whose course of study in 1997 was not for the attainment of a recognised educational qualification
- 12 Persons aged 15–64 whose course of study in May 1998 was not for the attainment of a recognised educational qualification
- 13 Persons aged 15–64 who were attending an educational institution in 1997 but who were not attending an educational institution in May 1998
- 14 Employed persons aged 15–64
- 15 Unemployed persons aged 15–64

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory	All
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	Capital city Balance of State	All
3 DISSEMINATION REGION	Standard labour force dissemination regions	All
4 SEX	Males Females	All
5 MARITAL STATUS	Married Not married	All
6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	Member of a family 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 Relationship in household not determined	All
6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	Member of a family Husband or wife With children under 15 Without children under 15 Lone parent With children under 15 With dependent students but without children under 15 Without dependants Dependent student Non-dependent child Other family person Non-family member Lone person Not living alone Relationship in household not determined	All

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
7 BIRTHPLACE	Born in Australia Born outside Australia Born in main English-speaking countries(a) Born in other countries Not asked (boarding school pupils) Total(b)	All
	(a) Comprises United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, United States of America and New Zealand. (b) Includes persons born at sea.	
	<i>Note:</i> More detailed groupings by country are available.	
8 PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1961 Arrived 1961–1970 Arrived 1971–1980 Arrived 1981–1990 Arrived 1991–1998 Not asked (boarding school pupils)	All
9 AGE	15–19 years 20–24 years 25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–59 years 60–64 years	1–8,11–13
	<i>Note:</i> Individual age units or groups are available.	
10 LABOUR FORCE STATUS	Labour force Employed Full-time workers Part-time workers Unemployed Looking for full-time work Looking for part-time work Not in labour force Unemployment rate Participation rate	1–9,11–13
11 OCCUPATION (ASCO)	Managers and administrators Professionals Associate-professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers	14
	<i>Note:</i> More detailed (ASCO) occupation groupings at 4-digit level are also available.	

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
12 OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB	<p>Last full-time job less than 2 years ago</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers and administrators Professionals Associate-professionals Tradespersons and related workers Advanced clerical and service workers Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers Intermediate production and transport workers Elementary clerical, sales and service workers Labourers and related workers <p>Last full-time job 2 years or more ago</p> <p>Had never had a full-time job</p> <p><i>Note:</i> More detailed (ASCO) occupation groupings at 4-digit level are also available.</p>	15
13 INDUSTRY (ANZSIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, forestry and fishing Mining Manufacturing Electricity, gas and water supply Construction Wholesale trade Retail trade Accommodation, cafes and restaurants Transport and storage Communication services Finance and insurance Property and business services Government administration and defence Education Health and community services Cultural and recreational services Personal and other services <p><i>Note:</i> More detailed (ANZSIC) industry groupings are available.</p>	14
14 INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB	<p>Last full-time job less than 2 years ago</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture, forestry and fishing Mining Manufacturing Electricity, gas and water supply Construction Wholesale trade Retail trade Accommodation, cafes and restaurants Transport and storage Communication services Finance and insurance Property and business services Government administration and defence Education Health and community services Cultural and recreational services Personal and other services <p>Last full-time job 2 years or more ago</p> <p>Had never had a full-time job</p>	15

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
15 DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT	Under 2 weeks 2 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 and under 65 weeks 65 and under 78 weeks 78 and under 91 weeks 91 and under 104 weeks 104 weeks and over	15
16 WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN 1997	Attended in 1997 School Full-time Part-time Tertiary Full-time Part-time Higher Education Full-time Part-time TAFE Full-time Part-time Business College Full-time Part-time Industry Skills Centre Full-time Part-time Other Full-time Part-time Total Full-time Part-time Did not attend in 1997	1
17 WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR A RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION, TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ATTENDED AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN 1997	Categories are the same as for Variable 16 (above)	1

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
18 WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND LEVEL OF COURSE IN 1997	Attended recognised study in 1997 Higher degree Postgraduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational course Basic vocational course Secondary school course Attended non-recognised study in 1997 Level not stated/uncodeable Study not for qualification Did not attend in 1997	1,6–8,12
19 STATUS OF COURSE OF STUDY UNDERTAKEN IN 1997	Completed qualification studied for in 1997 Identified as highest qualification obtained Identified as not highest qualification obtained Had not completed qualification by May 1998(a) Attending a tertiary institution in May 1998 Not attending in May 1998 (a) May include some persons at school in May 1998.	4,6,8
20 WHETHER ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN 1997, WHETHER ATTENDING FULL-TIME EDUCATION IN MAY 1998 AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS	Attended an educational institution in 1997 Attended full-time in 1997 Attending full-time education in May 1998 Leavers Employed Full-time workers Part-time workers Unemployed Not in the labour force Attended part-time in 1997 Attending an educational institution in May 1998 Full-time Part-time or attendance unknown Not attending an educational institution in May 1998 Did not attend an educational institution in 1997	1,6–8,12

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
21 WHETHER ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, TYPE OF INSTITUTION ATTENDING AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN MAY 1998	<p>Attending in May 1998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time Tertiary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time Higher Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time TAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time Business College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time Industry Skills Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time Part-time <p>Not attending in May 1998</p>	1
22 WHETHER ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR A RECOGNISED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION, TYPE OF INSTITUTION ATTENDING AND TYPE OF ATTENDANCE IN MAY 1998	Categories are the same as for Variable 21 (above).	1
23 WHETHER ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND LEVEL OF COURSE IN MAY 1998	<p>Attending recognised study in May 1998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher degree Postgraduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational course Basic vocational course Secondary school course <p>Attending non-recognised study in 1998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level not stated/uncodeable Study not for qualification <p>Not attending in May 1998</p>	1-4, 8,11
24 TYPE OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN MAY 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Non-government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Other Not asked (boarding school pupils) 	1-2

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
25 WHEN COMMENCED APPRENTICESHIP	In last twelve months Prior to last twelve months	10
26 INDUSTRY SECTOR	Public Private	10
27 FIELD OF TRADE	Mechanical engineering Fabrication engineering Electrical and electronics Construction Printing Automotive Food Skilled agricultural and horticultural Hairdressing Other	10
28 WHETHER APPLIED TO ENROL IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN 1998 FOR A RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION AND TYPE OF INSTITUTION — Unmet demand	Applied to enrol in a course of study in 1998 Studying in May 1998 Gained placement but deferred study Study would lead to an educational qualification At higher education At TAFE At other educational institution Study would not lead to an educational qualification At higher education At TAFE At other educational institution Unable to gain placement on application Study would lead to an educational qualification At higher education At TAFE At other educational institution Study would not lead to an educational qualification At higher education At TAFE At other educational institution Did not apply to enrol in a course of study in 1998	1
29 WHETHER APPLIED TO ENROL IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN 1998 FOR ANY STUDY AND TYPE OF INSTITUTION — Unmet demand	Categories are the same as for Variable 28 (above).	

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
30 AGE AT TIME OF LEAVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION	Attending full-time in May 1998 Not attending full-time in May 1998 Left at age 14 or less 15–19 15 16 17 18 19 20–24 20 21 22 23 24 Never attended an educational institution full-time	Age = 15–24
31 YEAR LAST ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL-TIME	Not attending full-time in May 1998 Year last attended full-time Before 1988 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 or later Never attended an educational institution full-time Attending full-time in May 1998	Age = 15–24
32 TIME OF LEAVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION	January–May 1997 June 1997 July 1997 August–October 1997 November 1997 December 1997 January–May 1998	5
33 MAIN REASON LEFT FULL-TIME TERTIARY EDUCATION	Completed course of study Changed to part-time study(a) Employment or financial reasons Family responsibilities/illness/injury/personal reasons Deferred course/lost interest/failed course Course unavailable Other reasons (a) May include some persons who have returned to school part-time	5

34	TYPE OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED	Government Non-government Catholic Other Not asked (still at school)	Age = 15–24
35	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	With post-school qualifications Higher degree Postgraduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational course Basic vocational course Without post-school qualifications Completed highest level of secondary school Attending a tertiary institution in May 1998 Not attending a tertiary institution in May 1998 Did not complete the highest level of secondary school Attending a tertiary institution in May 1998 Not attending a tertiary institution in May 1998 Never attended school Still at school	1–7,9–13
36	MAIN FIELD OF STUDY	Business and administration Management Management support services Sales and marketing Financial services Not stated Health Medicine Nursing Health science Dental studies Veterinary studies Other health Not stated Education School teacher training Post-school teacher training Other education Not stated Society and culture Behavioural studies Welfare Librarianship Language and area studies Religion and philosophy Economics Law Visual and performing arts Other society and culture Not stated	8

Variable	Characteristics	Populations
36 MAIN FIELD OF STUDY <i>continued</i>	Natural and physical sciences Life science Physical science Mathematics and statistics Computer science Other natural and physical sciences n.e.c. Not stated Engineering Surveying and cartography Civil engineering Electrical and electronic engineering Mechanical engineering Metallurgical and mining engineering Printing Automotive engineering Textiles, clothing and footwear Other engineering Not stated Architecture and building Building design and construction Other architecture and building Not stated Agriculture and related fields Agriculture Horticulture Other agriculture and related fields Not stated Miscellaneous fields Hairdressing and beauty therapy Food and hospitality services Transport Other miscellaneous fields Not stated/uncodeable/inadequately described	8
37 YEAR COMPLETED HIGHEST POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION	Before 1980 1981–1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998	
38 NUMBER OF POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED	At least one post-school qualification completed One post-school qualification completed Two post-school qualifications completed More than one post-school qualification completed	8

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Populations</i>
39 HIGHEST YEAR OF SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLETED	Year 12 Year 11 Year 10 Other/don't know	Age = 15–24
40 WHETHER ATTENDED ANY TRAINING COURSES IN 1997	Attended training course/s in 1997 Did not attend any training courses in 1997 Not asked(a) (a) Persons 15–20 still at school	All
41 MOST RECENT POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION	With post-school qualifications Higher degree Postgraduate diploma Bachelor degree Undergraduate diploma Associate diploma Skilled vocational course Basic vocational course Without post-school qualifications	1–7,9–13
42 MAIN FIELD OF STUDY OF MOST RECENT QUALIFICATION	Categories are the same as for Variable 36 (Main field of study)	
43 BROAD LEVEL FIELD OF STUDY — PREVIOUS YEARS STUDY	Business administration Health Education Society and culture Natural and physical sciences Engineering Architecture and building Agriculture and related fields Miscellaneous fields Not stated/uncodeable/out of scope Not studying 1997	
44 BROAD LEVEL FIELD OF STUDY — CURRENT YEARS STUDY	Categories are the same as for Variable 43 (above).	

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