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COMPARABILITY WITH PREVIOUS YEARS' DATA

ROUNDING

ABBREVIATIONS

This publication presents information about the working arrangements of employees, such as shift work, overtime, rostered days off and start and finish times.

Statistics in this publication were obtained from the Working Arrangements Survey conducted throughout Australia in November 2003 as a supplement to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS).

Data from the survey relate to employed persons aged 15 years and over who worked in their main job for an employer (and either received remuneration in wages or salary, received a retainer fee from their employer while working on a commission basis, or were paid in tips or piece-rates) or operated their own incorporated enterprise with or without employees. Persons aged 15-19 years who were attending school were excluded from the survey.

The survey collected details about the working arrangements of employees, formal and informal child care, absences from work and trade union membership. This information is cross-classified by a range of employment characteristics such as whether full-time or part-time employee in main job, leave entitlements, occupation and industry, as well as personal characteristics such as sex, age and whether has children under 12 years of age.

Since the release of estimates from the 2000 survey, it has been identified that 'with leave entitlements' was calculated incorrectly. See paragraph 23 of the Explanatory Notes for more details.

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

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASCO Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
CAI computer assisted interviewing
LFS Labour Force Survey
RDO rostered day off
RSE relative standard error
SACC Standard Australian Classification of Countries
SE standard error

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

## OVERVIEW

DAYS OF THE WEEK USUALLY WORKS IN MAIN JOB

WHETHER ABLE TO WORK EXTRA HOURS IN ORDER TO TAKE TIME OFF

## OVERTIME

Of the 7,941,600 employees aged 15 years and over in November 2003

- 34\% did not have fixed work start and finish times
- $70 \%$ could choose when holidays are taken
- $41 \%$ were able to work extra hours in order to take time off, up from $38 \%$ in November 2000.

Other findings include:

- $37 \%$ regularly worked overtime, up from 33\% in November 2000
- $20 \%$ were entitled to a Rostered Day Off (RDO)
- $14 \%$ did shift work in the last 4 weeks.

The proportion of employees who worked Monday to Friday only was 58\% (64\% for males and $52 \%$ for females). Female employees were more likely than males to work some weekdays only ( $19 \%$ compared to $5 \%$ ). Male employees were more likely to work weekdays and weekends than females ( $17 \%$ compared to $12 \%$ ).

The proportion of employees able to work extra hours in order to take time off increased from 38\% in November 2000 to $41 \%$ in November 2003. Occupation groups with the lowest proportion of employees who can work extra hours to get time off were Labourers and related workers (27\%), Elementary clerical, sales and service workers (30\%) and Intermediate production and transport workers (32\%).

In November 2003, there were 1,623,300 (20\%) employees who were entitled to an RDO. Of these, $845,000(52 \%)$ employees were entitled to an RDO every month, 322,300 (20\%) were entitled to an RDO every fortnight, and 177,100 (11\%) were entitled to an RDO every week.

The proportion of employees who work overtime on a regular basis in their main job increased from 33\% in November 2000 to 37\% (2,958,300 employees) in November 2003. A higher proportion of full-time employees (46\%) worked overtime on a regular basis compared to part-time employees (13\%), with male employees more likely to work overtime than female employees (44\% compared to 29\%). Occupation groups that had the highest proportions of employees working overtime were Managers and administrators (63\%) and Professionals (51\%), while those with the lowest were Labourers and related workers (22\%) and Elementary clerical, sales and service workers (17\%).

For the most recent period of overtime for employees who worked overtime on a regular basis:

- 1,132,700 (38\%) employees were paid for the overtime
- 628,500 (21\%) employees had overtime included in their salary package
- 985,900 (33\%) employees were not paid for the overtime
- The occupation groups with the highest proportion of employees paid for overtime were Labourers and related workers (84\%) and Intermediate production and transport workers (83\%)
- The occupation groups with the highest proportions of employees not paid for the most recent period of overtime were Professionals (53\%) and Advanced clerical and service workers (47\%).


## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS continued

SHIFT WORK

## ABSENCES

EMPLOYEES WITH
CHILDREN

In November 2003, 1,121,600 employees (14\%) had worked shift work in the last four weeks. Of these, ( $46 \%$ ) worked a 'rotating' shift. Male employees were more likely to have worked shift work than female employees, in both full-time work ( $15 \%$ compared to $12 \%$ ) and part-time work ( $17 \%$ compared to $14 \%$ ).

Industries with the highest proportions of shift workers were Mining (44\%), Health and community services (32\%) and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (31\%). The occupation group with the highest proportion of shift workers was Intermediate production and transport workers (24\%).

One in five employees had an absence of three hours or more in the two weeks before the survey. Of those employees who had an absence in the two weeks before the survey, 1,198,200 (75\%) were paid for their most recent absence. The most common reasons for absences were 'Holiday/travel or other recreational purpose' (38\%) and 'Own ill health, physical disability' (32\%). Of those who had an absence in the two weeks before the survey, $36 \%$ used holiday leave and $34 \%$ used sick leave to cover their most recent absence.

Of employees who had an absence in the two weeks before the survey:

- 132,500 employees (8\%) had a part day absence
- 712,400 employees (44\%) had an absence of one full day
- 250,900 employees (16\%) had an absence of two full days
- 505,200 employees (32\%) had an absence of three days or more.

Of the 7,941,600 employees at November 2003, 1,956,000 (25\%) had children under the age of 12 years. Of those employees with children aged under 12 years, 647,600 (33\%) used formal child care in the last two weeks.

Other findings on employees with children aged under 12 years include:

- $44 \%$ were able to work extra hours to take time off, compared to $40 \%$ of employees without children aged under 12 years
- $39 \%$ regularly worked overtime, compared to $37 \%$ of employees without children aged under 12 years
- $55 \%$ worked Monday to Friday only, compared to $60 \%$ of employees without children aged under 12 years
- $16 \%$ worked some weekdays only compared to $9 \%$ of employees without children aged under 12 years
- $65 \%$ of females worked part-time, compared to $37 \%$ of females without children aged under 12 years
- $7 \%$ of males worked part-time, compared to $15 \%$ of males without children aged under 12 years.


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- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes overtime is not worked.
(b) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

NOVEMBER 2000

Males Females Males Females

NOVEMBER 2003

Males Females Persons

## PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | \% | 41.3 | 34.8 | 36.6 | 30.2 | 37.5 | 30.3 | 32.1 |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | '000 | 173.4 | 455.2 | 207.6 | 465.9 | 204.5 | 482.6 | 687.1 |
| Variable daily | '000 | 75.2 | 238.9 | 97.8 | 253.0 | 112.9 | 283.6 | 396.4 |
| Not variable daily | '000 | 98.1 | 216.3 | 109.8 | 212.9 | 91.6 | 199.0 | 290.7 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | '000 | 246.7 | 852.9 | 359.3 | 1076.0 | 340.3 | 1112.4 | 1452.7 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | '000 | 53.6 | 268.3 | 90.8 | 362.7 | 81.3 | 377.2 | 458.5 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | '000 | 193.1 | 584.6 | 268.5 | 713.3 | 259.0 | 735.2 | 994.2 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | \% | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 24.5 | 57.1 | 27.9 | 70.6 | 32.7 | 77.0 | 109.6 |
| Every week | '000 | 6.2 | 20.0 | 8.3 | 24.2 | 9.0 | 22.4 | 31.4 |
| Every fortnight | '000 | *2.9 | 8.4 | *4.5 | 9.2 | *3.8 | 8.6 | 12.4 |
| Every month | '000 | 9.1 | 11.6 | 7.7 | 16.1 | 11.2 | 20.0 | 31.2 |
| Other | '000 | 6.3 | 17.1 | 7.4 | 21.1 | 8.7 | 25.9 | 34.6 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 395.6 | 1251.0 | 539.0 | 1471.3 | 512.1 | 1518.0 | 2030.1 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | \% | 9.7 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 10.6 | 14.1 | 13.2 |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | '000 | 40.6 | 157.0 | 68.8 | 185.9 | 57.7 | 224.4 | 282.0 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(a) | '000 | 379.5 | 1151.1 | 498.1 | 1356.0 | 487.1 | 1370.7 | 1857.7 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | \% | 19.3 | 15.8 | 17.4 | 16.1 | 17.2 | 14.3 | 15.0 |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 81.1 | 206.2 | 98.6 | 248.1 | 93.5 | 228.1 | 321.6 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 338.6 | 1097.0 | 467.8 | 1287.7 | 448.2 | 1356.8 | 1805.0 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(b) | '000 | *0.3 | *5.0 | *0.4 | 6.0 | *3.0 | 10.2 | 13.2 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | \% | 61.3 | 68.7 | 62.1 | 67.0 | 64.8 | 67.4 | 66.7 |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | '000 | 257.7 | 898.1 | 352.0 | 1033.5 | 352.8 | 1074.5 | 1427.4 |
| Sometimes can choose | '000 | 35.6 | 128.8 | 62.5 | 182.0 | 62.1 | 201.4 | 263.6 |
| Cannot choose | '000 | 126.8 | 281.3 | 152.4 | 326.4 | 129.8 | 319.0 | 448.8 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | \% | 22.4 | 31.8 | 24.7 | 31.7 | 27.1 | 35.8 | 33.6 |
| Able to work extra hours | '000 | 93.9 | 415.9 | 139.8 | 488.5 | 147.4 | 571.7 | 719.2 |
| Unable to work extra hours | '000 | 326.1 | 892.2 | 427.0 | 1053.3 | 397.3 | 1023.3 | 1420.6 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | \% | 24.8 | 21.0 | 24.7 | 18.7 | 22.7 | 21.2 | 21.6 |
| Works Monday to Friday | '000 | 104.1 | 275.2 | 140.1 | 287.9 | 123.9 | 338.1 | 462.0 |
| Nine-day fortnight | '000 | *1.1 | *2.8 | *1.0 | *4.0 | **0.6 | *3.2 | *3.8 |
| Days vary from week to week | '000 | 120.6 | 301.9 | 158.0 | 381.4 | 144.5 | 325.6 | 470.1 |
| Days vary from month to month | '000 | *4.4 | 11.7 | 8.0 | 19.1 | 7.4 | 17.4 | 24.8 |
| Other | '000 | 189.9 | 716.5 | 259.8 | 849.4 | 268.3 | 910.8 | 1179.1 |
| Usually works weekdays only | '000 | 87.8 | 480.2 | 120.6 | 555.3 | 145.8 | 617.5 | 763.3 |
| Usually works weekends only | '000 | 24.9 | 40.7 | 30.0 | 57.1 | 23.9 | 62.2 | 86.1 |
| Usually works some weekdays and some weekends | '000 | 77.2 | 195.6 | 109.2 | 237.0 | 98.6 | 231.0 | 329.6 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | \% | 12.9 | 16.0 | 14.0 | 16.4 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 16.9 |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 54.0 | 209.1 | 79.3 | 253.5 | 82.5 | 278.1 | 360.6 |
| Paid leave only | '000 | 12.9 | 95.7 | 15.8 | 110.4 | 24.9 | 138.0 | 162.9 |
| Unpaid leave only | '000 | 39.6 | 108.5 | 62.9 | 136.7 | 56.0 | 133.4 | 189.5 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | '000 | *0.1 | *1.4 | - | *1.0 | - | *3.1 | *3.1 |
| Did not know | '000 | *1.4 | *3.5 | **0.5 | 5.4 | *1.5 | *3.6 | 5.1 |
| Did not have an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 366.1 | 1099.0 | 487.6 | 1288.3 | 462.3 | 1316.9 | 1779.2 |
| Total | '000 | 420.1 | 1308.1 | 566.9 | 1541.8 | 544.8 | 1595.0 | 2139.8 |

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- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes overtime is not worked.
(b) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

|  |  | AUGUST 1997 |  | NOVEMBER 2000 |  | NOVEMBER 2003 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | \% | 40.2 | 33.1 | 37.7 | 28.9 | 37.3 | 29.6 | 33.8 |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | '000 | 1508.8 | 1004.2 | 1583.4 | 1015.7 | 1605.1 | 1078.8 | 2683.9 |
| Variable daily | '000 | 951.1 | 609.0 | 1059.3 | 649.5 | 1078.3 | 694.8 | 1773.0 |
| Not variable daily | '000 | 557.7 | 395.2 | 524.1 | 366.2 | 526.9 | 384.0 | 910.9 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | '000 | 2245.0 | 2025.6 | 2614.7 | 2501.8 | 2694.3 | 2563.4 | 5257.7 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | '000 | 435.8 | 503.0 | 566.1 | 701.2 | 602.0 | 707.7 | 1309.8 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | '000 | 1809.2 | 1522.6 | 2048.6 | 1800.5 | 2092.3 | 1855.6 | 3947.9 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | \% | 28.2 | 16.9 | 24.2 | 15.8 | 24.5 | 15.6 | 20.4 |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 1059.1 | 513.5 | 1015.9 | 557.2 | 1054.1 | 569.2 | 1623.3 |
| Every week | '000 | 87.7 | 69.1 | 82.7 | 67.8 | 99.2 | 77.9 | 177.1 |
| Every fortnight | '000 | 225.3 | 81.0 | 197.3 | 78.8 | 230.1 | 92.2 | 322.3 |
| Every month | '000 | 613.2 | 292.8 | 562.7 | 294.3 | 558.2 | 286.8 | 845.0 |
| Other | '000 | 132.9 | 70.6 | 173.2 | 116.3 | 166.5 | 112.4 | 278.9 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 2694.7 | 2516.3 | 3182.2 | 2960.2 | 3245.4 | 3073.0 | 6318.4 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | \% | 40.3 | 25.3 | 39.3 | 25.4 | 44.2 | 29.0 | 37.3 |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | '000 | 1513.5 | 767.9 | 1648.8 | 895.0 | 1900.7 | 1057.6 | 2958.3 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(a) | '000 | 2240.4 | 2261.9 | 2549.3 | 2622.5 | 2398.8 | 2584.6 | 4983.3 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | \% | 15.4 | 13.3 | 14.6 | 13.1 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 14.1 |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 578.7 | 403.2 | 615.0 | 461.1 | 647.0 | 474.7 | 1121.6 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 3160.3 | 2603.4 | 3562.2 | 3033.8 | 3626.4 | 3132.8 | 6759.2 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(b) | '000 | 14.8 | 23.2 | 20.9 | 22.6 | 26.1 | 34.7 | 60.8 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | \% | 72.0 | 70.2 | 71.1 | 68.6 | 71.8 | 68.1 | 70.1 |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | '000 | 2703.4 | 2125.8 | 2983.2 | 2413.0 | 3086.7 | 2478.7 | 5565.4 |
| Sometimes can choose | '000 | 453.8 | 310.3 | 617.2 | 457.2 | 617.9 | 508.9 | 1126.9 |
| Cannot choose | '000 | 596.7 | 593.7 | 597.6 | 647.2 | 594.8 | 654.6 | 1249.3 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | \% | 37.9 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 41.8 | 40.7 | 41.3 |
| Able to work extra hours | '000 | 1422.1 | 1164.4 | 1612.8 | 1348.2 | 1795.1 | 1483.3 | 3278.4 |
| Unable to work extra hours | '000 | 2331.7 | 1865.3 | 2585.2 | 2169.3 | 2504.4 | 2158.9 | 4663.3 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | \% | 65.6 | 53.4 | 64.4 | 51.6 | 63.9 | 51.8 | 58.3 |
| Works Monday to Friday | '000 | 2463.5 | 1618.4 | 2704.8 | 1814.5 | 2745.2 | 1887.2 | 4632.4 |
| Nine-day fortnight | '000 | 57.6 | 16.1 | 40.2 | 18.3 | 39.0 | 18.5 | 57.6 |
| Days vary from week to week | '000 | 453.2 | 456.7 | 511.6 | 546.7 | 502.1 | 517.6 | 1019.7 |
| Days vary from month to month | '000 | 31.4 | 20.1 | 44.7 | 33.6 | 46.0 | 30.9 | 76.9 |
| Other | '000 | 748.1 | 918.5 | 896.8 | 1104.4 | 967.2 | 1187.9 | 2155.1 |
| Usually works weekdays only | '000 | 129.5 | 517.6 | 166.5 | 604.7 | 194.1 | 676.8 | 870.9 |
| Usually works weekends only | '000 | 25.1 | 41.5 | 30.0 | 57.3 | 24.1 | 63.0 | 87.0 |
| Usually works some weekdays and some weekends | '000 | 593.5 | 359.4 | 700.3 | 442.4 | 749.0 | 448.2 | 1197.1 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | \% | 17.9 | 19.2 | 18.0 | 19.5 | 19.6 | 20.8 | 20.2 |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 673.4 | 582.4 | 754.9 | 685.1 | 842.0 | 758.9 | 1601.0 |
| Paid leave only | '000 | 527.1 | 419.8 | 573.1 | 477.8 | 658.0 | 540.2 | 1198.2 |
| Unpaid leave only | '000 | 133.7 | 151.0 | 170.0 | 191.6 | 172.9 | 201.9 | 374.8 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | '000 | *2.6 | *4.9 | *4.3 | *3.4 | *2.3 | 8.4 | 10.7 |
| Did not know | '000 | 10.0 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 12.4 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 17.2 |
| Did not have an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 3080.4 | 2447.4 | 3443.2 | 2832.3 | 3457.4 | 2883.3 | 6340.7 |
| Total | '000 | 3753.8 | 3029.8 | 4198.1 | 3517.4 | 4299.4 | 3642.2 | 7941.6 |

[^0](b) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Leave entitlements(a)—By selected working arrangements


[^1](b) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
(c) Includes overtime is not worked.
(d) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Leave entitlements(a)—By selected working arrangements


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- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
(b) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
(c) Includes overtime is not worked.
(d) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Leave entitlements(a)—By selected working arrangements continued


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|  |  | TRADE UNION MEMBER |  | NOT A TRADE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | \% | 24.6 | 24.2 | 42.8 | 31.2 | 37.3 | 29.1 | 34.4 |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | '000 | 248.3 | 123.6 | 1106.4 | 461.6 | 1400.6 | 596.2 | 1996.9 |
| Variable daily | '000 | 140.3 | 72.8 | 797.9 | 331.7 | 965.4 | 411.2 | 1376.6 |
| Not variable daily | '000 | 108.0 | 50.8 | 308.5 | 129.9 | 435.3 | 185.0 | 620.3 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | '000 | 760.8 | 387.2 | 1478.0 | 1017.0 | 2354.1 | 1450.9 | 3805.0 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | '000 | 133.6 | 70.5 | 369.6 | 250.7 | 520.7 | 330.5 | 851.3 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | '000 | 627.1 | 316.8 | 1108.4 | 766.3 | 1833.3 | 1120.4 | 2953.7 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | \% | 51.8 | 37.3 | 18.0 | 19.5 | 27.2 | 24.0 | 26.1 |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 522.5 | 190.7 | 464.0 | 288.8 | 1021.4 | 492.2 | 1513.6 |
| Every week | '000 | 25.2 | 10.4 | 60.6 | 43.5 | 90.3 | 55.4 | 145.7 |
| Every fortnight | '000 | 146.3 | 32.9 | 76.9 | 49.0 | 226.3 | 83.6 | 309.8 |
| Every month | '000 | 291.4 | 120.2 | 234.0 | 138.8 | 547.0 | 266.7 | 813.7 |
| Other | '000 | 59.6 | 27.2 | 92.4 | 57.6 | 157.8 | 86.5 | 244.3 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 486.6 | 320.2 | 2120.5 | 1189.8 | 2733.3 | 1554.9 | 4288.2 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | \% | 47.8 | 45.4 | 50.3 | 39.7 | 49.1 | 40.7 | 46.1 |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | '000 | 482.4 | 231.9 | 1299.4 | 587.5 | 1843.0 | 833.3 | 2676.3 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(b) | '000 | 526.6 | 278.9 | 1285.1 | 891.1 | 1911.7 | 1213.9 | 3125.6 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | \% | 27.0 | 22.2 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 14.7 | 12.0 | 13.8 |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 272.0 | 113.6 | 264.2 | 127.5 | 553.5 | 246.6 | 800.1 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 727.0 | 388.3 | 2307.9 | 1335.8 | 3178.2 | 1776.0 | 4954.2 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(c) | '000 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 12.3 | 15.2 | 23.1 | 24.5 | 47.6 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | \% | 67.1 | 56.7 | 75.5 | 72.7 | 72.8 | 68.6 | 71.3 |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | '000 | 676.9 | 289.6 | 1950.1 | 1074.3 | 2733.9 | 1404.2 | 4138.0 |
| Sometimes can choose | '000 | 167.3 | 78.3 | 359.4 | 219.8 | 555.8 | 307.5 | 863.3 |
| Cannot choose | '000 | 164.8 | 142.9 | 275.0 | 184.5 | 465.0 | 335.5 | 800.5 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | \% | 36.8 | 33.6 | 46.7 | 48.5 | 43.9 | 44.5 | 44.1 |
| Able to work extra hours | '000 | 371.5 | 171.5 | 1207.4 | 717.2 | 1647.6 | 911.6 | 2559.2 |
| Unable to work extra hours | '000 | 637.5 | 339.3 | 1377.0 | 761.4 | 2107.1 | 1135.6 | 3242.7 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | \% | 64.7 | 71.1 | 71.4 | 77.1 | 69.8 | 75.7 | 71.9 |
| Works Monday to Friday | '000 | 653.1 | 363.4 | 1845.5 | 1140.6 | 2621.2 | 1549.1 | 4170.4 |
| Nine-day fortnight | '000 | 24.5 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 7.9 | 38.4 | 15.4 | 53.8 |
| Days vary from week to week | '000 | 162.3 | 75.6 | 183.3 | 110.7 | 357.6 | 192.0 | 549.6 |
| Days vary from month to month | '000 | 15.7 | 6.4 | 22.0 | 7.1 | 38.6 | 13.6 | 52.2 |
| Other | '000 | 153.5 | 58.1 | 519.9 | 212.3 | 698.8 | 277.1 | 976.0 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | \% | 22.6 | 26.5 | 19.3 | 22.4 | 20.2 | 23.5 | 21.4 |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 227.7 | 135.3 | 498.8 | 330.5 | 759.5 | 480.8 | 1240.4 |
| Paid leave only | '000 | 202.4 | 120.5 | 402.1 | 269.0 | 633.0 | 402.2 | 1035.3 |
| Unpaid leave only | '000 | 23.2 | 12.2 | 89.3 | 55.3 | 116.9 | 68.4 | 185.3 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | '000 | **0.4 | *1.9 | *1.9 | *3.0 | *2.3 | 5.3 | 7.7 |
| Did not know | '000 | *1.7 | *0.7 | 5.5 | *3.3 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 12.1 |
| Did not have an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 781.3 | 375.5 | 2085.6 | 1148.1 | 2995.2 | 1566.3 | 4561.5 |
| Total | '000 | 1009.1 | 510.8 | 2584.4 | 1478.6 | 3754.7 | 2047.2 | 5801.9 |

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** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
(a) Includes 256,400 persons (173,800 males and 82,600 females) who did not know their trade union membership status.
(b) Includes overtime is not worked.
(c) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

|  |  | TRADE UNION MEMBER |  | NOT A TRADE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| PART-TIME EMPLOYEES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | \% | 27.4 | 20.1 | 39.2 | 33.0 | 37.5 | 30.3 | 32.1 |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | '000 | 20.7 | 63.2 | 179.2 | 414.7 | 204.5 | 482.6 | 687.1 |
| Variable daily | '000 | 6.8 | 23.6 | 104.1 | 258.8 | 112.9 | 283.6 | 396.4 |
| Not variable daily | '000 | 13.9 | 39.6 | 75.1 | 155.9 | 91.6 | 199.0 | 290.7 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | '000 | 54.9 | 252.1 | 277.4 | 840.1 | 340.3 | 1112.4 | 1452.7 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | '000 | 9.5 | 77.2 | 70.5 | 294.0 | 81.3 | 377.2 | 458.5 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | '000 | 45.4 | 174.9 | 206.9 | 546.1 | 259.0 | 735.2 | 994.2 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | \% | 12.1 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 9.1 | 23.5 | 20.7 | 52.3 | 32.7 | 77.0 | 109.6 |
| Every week | '000 | *1.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 16.4 | 9.0 | 22.4 | 31.4 |
| Every fortnight | '000 | *2.5 | *3.3 | *1.4 | 5.2 | *3.8 | 8.6 | 12.4 |
| Every month | '000 | *3.9 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 20.0 | 31.2 |
| Other | '000 | *1.2 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 19.9 | 8.7 | 25.9 | 34.6 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 66.4 | 291.8 | 435.8 | 1202.5 | 512.1 | 1518.0 | 2030.1 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | \% | 20.9 | 22.2 | 8.9 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 14.1 | 13.2 |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | '000 | 15.8 | 70.0 | 40.8 | 150.7 | 57.7 | 224.4 | 282.0 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(b) | '000 | 59.8 | 245.3 | 415.8 | 1104.1 | 487.1 | 1370.7 | 1857.7 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | \% | 30.5 | 25.6 | 15.1 | 11.5 | 17.2 | 14.3 | 15.0 |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 23.1 | 80.6 | 68.9 | 144.5 | 93.5 | 228.1 | 321.6 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 51.8 | 229.2 | 385.3 | 1105.7 | 448.2 | 1356.8 | 1805.0 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(c) | '000 | **0.7 | 5.5 | *2.4 | 4.7 | *3.0 | 10.2 | 13.2 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | \% | 62.5 | 63.4 | 65.2 | 68.3 | 64.8 | 67.4 | 66.7 |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | '000 | 47.2 | 199.8 | 297.7 | 857.6 | 352.8 | 1074.5 | 1427.4 |
| Sometimes can choose | '000 | 9.8 | 50.8 | 50.5 | 146.5 | 62.1 | 201.4 | 263.6 |
| Cannot choose | '000 | 18.5 | 64.7 | 108.3 | 250.8 | 129.8 | 319.0 | 448.8 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | \% | 27.1 | 35.0 | 26.9 | 36.2 | 27.1 | 35.8 | 33.6 |
| Able to work extra hours | '000 | 20.5 | 110.4 | 122.8 | 454.3 | 147.4 | 571.7 | 719.2 |
| Unable to work extra hours | '000 | 55.1 | 204.9 | 333.8 | 800.6 | 397.3 | 1023.3 | 1420.6 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | \% | 33.1 | 23.8 | 21.1 | 20.5 | 22.8 | 21.2 | 21.6 |
| Works Monday to Friday | '000 | 25.0 | 75.1 | 96.2 | 257.0 | 123.9 | 338.1 | 462.0 |
| Nine-day fortnight | '000 | - | *1.9 | **0.6 | *1.3 | **0.6 | *3.2 | *3.8 |
| Days vary from week to week | '000 | 19.4 | 71.5 | 123.5 | 249.2 | 144.5 | 325.6 | 470.1 |
| Days vary from month to month | '000 | *1.3 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 11.2 | 7.4 | 17.4 | 24.8 |
| Other | '000 | 29.8 | 160.9 | 230.2 | 736.1 | 268.3 | 910.8 | 1179.1 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | \% | 15.3 | 21.8 | 15.3 | 16.2 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 16.9 |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 11.6 | 68.6 | 70.0 | 203.7 | 82.5 | 278.1 | 360.6 |
| Paid leave only | '000 | 4.9 | 47.0 | 19.9 | 87.6 | 24.9 | 138.0 | 162.9 |
| Unpaid leave only | '000 | 5.9 | 19.0 | 50.0 | 112.0 | 56.0 | 133.4 | 189.5 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | '000 | - | *1.4 | - | *1.7 | - | *3.1 | *3.1 |
| Did not know | '000 | *0.8 | *1.2 | **0.1 | *2.4 | *1.5 | *3.6 | 5.1 |
| Did not have an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 64.0 | 246.7 | 386.6 | 1051.1 | 462.3 | 1316.9 | 1779.2 |
| Total | '000 | 75.6 | 315.3 | 456.6 | 1254.8 | 544.7 | 1595.0 | 2139.8 |

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- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
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(b) Includes overtime is not worked.
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|  |  | TRADE UNION MEMBER |  | NOT A TRADE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | \% | 24.8 | 22.6 | 42.3 | 32.1 | 37.3 | 29.6 | 33.8 |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | '000 | 269.0 | 186.8 | 1285.5 | 876.3 | 1605.1 | 1078.8 | 2683.9 |
| Variable daily | '000 | 147.2 | 96.5 | 901.9 | 590.5 | 1078.3 | 694.8 | 1773.0 |
| Not variable daily | '000 | 121.8 | 90.4 | 383.6 | 285.8 | 526.9 | 384.0 | 910.9 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | '000 | 815.7 | 639.3 | 1755.5 | 1857.2 | 2694.3 | 2563.4 | 5257.7 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | '000 | 143.1 | 147.7 | 440.1 | 544.8 | 602.0 | 707.7 | 1309.8 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | '000 | 672.5 | 491.6 | 1315.3 | 1312.4 | 2092.3 | 1855.6 | 3947.9 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | \% | 49.0 | 25.9 | 15.9 | 12.5 | 24.5 | 15.6 | 20.4 |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 531.6 | 214.1 | 484.7 | 341.1 | 1054.1 | 569.2 | 1623.3 |
| Every week | '000 | 26.8 | 16.1 | 66.8 | 59.9 | 99.2 | 77.9 | 177.1 |
| Every fortnight | '000 | 148.8 | 36.2 | 78.3 | 54.2 | 230.1 | 92.2 | 322.3 |
| Every month | '000 | 295.3 | 128.9 | 239.9 | 149.6 | 558.2 | 286.8 | 845.0 |
| Other | '000 | 60.8 | 33.0 | 99.7 | 77.4 | 166.5 | 112.4 | 278.9 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | '000 | 553.0 | 612.0 | 2556.3 | 2392.3 | 3245.4 | 3073.0 | 6318.4 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | \% | 45.9 | 36.5 | 44.1 | 27.0 | 44.2 | 29.0 | 37.3 |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | '000 | 498.2 | 302.0 | 1340.1 | 738.2 | 1900.7 | 1057.6 | 2958.3 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(b) | '000 | 586.4 | 524.2 | 1700.9 | 1995.2 | 2398.8 | 2584.6 | 4983.3 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | \% | 27.2 | 23.5 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 14.1 |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 295.0 | 194.3 | 333.1 | 272.0 | 647.0 | 474.7 | 1121.6 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | '000 | 778.8 | 617.4 | 2693.3 | 2441.5 | 3626.4 | 3132.8 | 6759.2 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(c) | '000 | 10.8 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 19.9 | 26.1 | 34.7 | 60.8 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | \% | 66.8 | 59.2 | 73.9 | 70.7 | 71.8 | 68.1 | 70.1 |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | '000 | 724.1 | 489.5 | 2247.8 | 1931.9 | 3086.7 | 2478.7 | 5565.4 |
| Sometimes can choose | '000 | 177.2 | 129.0 | 409.9 | 366.3 | 617.9 | 508.9 | 1126.9 |
| Cannot choose | '000 | 183.4 | 207.6 | 383.3 | 435.3 | 594.8 | 654.6 | 1249.3 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | \% | 36.1 | 34.1 | 43.7 | 42.9 | 41.8 | 40.7 | 41.3 |
| Able to work extra hours | '000 | 392.0 | 281.9 | 1330.2 | 1171.4 | 1795.1 | 1483.3 | 3278.4 |
| Unable to work extra hours | '000 | 692.6 | 544.2 | 1710.8 | 1562.0 | 2504.4 | 2158.9 | 4663.3 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | \% | 62.5 | 53.1 | 63.8 | 51.1 | 63.8 | 51.8 | 58.3 |
| Works Monday to Friday | '000 | 678.1 | 438.4 | 1941.6 | 1397.6 | 2745.2 | 1887.2 | 4632.4 |
| Nine-day fortnight | '000 | 24.5 | 9.2 | 14.2 | 9.2 | 39.0 | 18.5 | 57.6 |
| Days vary from week to week | '000 | 181.7 | 147.1 | 306.9 | 359.9 | 502.1 | 517.6 | 1019.7 |
| Days vary from month to month | '000 | 17.0 | 12.5 | 28.2 | 18.3 | 46.0 | 30.9 | 76.9 |
| Other | '000 | 183.3 | 218.9 | 750.1 | 948.4 | 967.2 | 1187.9 | 2155.1 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | \% | 22.1 | 24.7 | 18.7 | 19.5 | 19.6 | 20.8 | 20.2 |
| Had an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 239.3 | 203.9 | 568.9 | 534.2 | 842.0 | 758.9 | 1601.0 |
| Paid leave only | '000 | 207.3 | 167.5 | 422.0 | 356.6 | 658.0 | 540.2 | 1198.2 |
| Unpaid leave only | '000 | 29.0 | 31.1 | 139.3 | 167.3 | 172.9 | 201.9 | 374.8 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | '000 | **0.4 | *3.4 | *1.9 | 4.6 | *2.3 | 8.4 | 10.7 |
| Did not know | '000 | *2.6 | *1.9 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 17.2 |
| Did not have an absence in the last two weeks | '000 | 845.3 | 622.2 | 2472.1 | 2199.2 | 3457.4 | 2883.3 | 6340.7 |
| Total | '000 | 1084.7 | 826.1 | 3041.0 | 2733.4 | 4299.5 | 3642.2 | 7941.6 |

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|  | HAS CHILDREN AGED UNDER 12 YEARS |  | DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN AGED UNDER 12 YEARS |  | TOTAL |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | 449.9 | 264.3 | 1155.3 | 814.5 | 1605.1 | 1078.8 | 2683.9 |
| Variable daily | 321.1 | 188.5 | 757.2 | 506.3 | 1078.3 | 694.8 | 1773.0 |
| Not variable daily | 128.8 | 75.8 | 398.1 | 308.2 | 526.9 | 384.0 | 910.9 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | 670.3 | 571.5 | 2024.0 | 1991.8 | 2694.3 | 2563.4 | 5257.7 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | 163.9 | 213.3 | 438.2 | 494.4 | 602.0 | 707.7 | 1309.8 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | 506.5 | 358.2 | 1585.8 | 1497.4 | 2092.3 | 1855.6 | 3947.9 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | 278.5 | 83.4 | 775.5 | 485.8 | 1054.1 | 569.2 | 1623.3 |
| Every week | 25.5 | 12.4 | 73.7 | 65.5 | 99.2 | 77.9 | 177.1 |
| Every fortnight | 66.2 | 13.6 | 163.9 | 78.5 | 230.1 | 92.2 | 322.3 |
| Every month | 139.4 | 38.5 | 418.8 | 248.2 | 558.2 | 286.8 | 845.0 |
| Other | 47.4 | 18.8 | 119.1 | 93.6 | 166.5 | 112.4 | 278.9 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | 841.7 | 752.4 | 2403.7 | 2320.5 | 3245.4 | 3073.0 | 6318.4 |
| Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime is worked on a regular basis | 563.1 | 202.0 | 1337.6 | 855.6 | 1900.7 | 1057.6 | 2958.3 |
| Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(a) | 557.1 | 633.8 | 1841.7 | 1950.7 | 2398.8 | 2584.6 | 4983.3 |
| Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Worked shift work in the last four weeks | 173.0 | 108.2 | 473.9 | 366.5 | 647.0 | 474.7 | 1121.6 |
| Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks | 947.2 | 727.6 | 2679.2 | 2405.2 | 3626.4 | 3132.8 | 6759.2 |
| Away from work for the last four weeks(b) | - | - | 26.1 | 34.7 | 26.1 | 34.7 | 60.8 |
| Whether able to choose when holidays are taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can choose when holidays are taken | 808.9 | 567.5 | 2277.8 | 1911.2 | 3086.7 | 2478.7 | 5565.4 |
| Sometimes can choose | 173.1 | 111.0 | 444.9 | 397.9 | 617.9 | 508.9 | 1126.9 |
| Cannot choose | 138.3 | 157.3 | 456.5 | 497.2 | 594.8 | 654.6 | 1249.3 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | 495.1 | 364.0 | 1300.0 | 1119.3 | 1795.1 | 1483.3 | 3278.4 |
| Unable to work extra hours | 625.1 | 471.8 | 1879.2 | 1687.1 | 2504.4 | 2158.9 | 4663.3 |
| Days of the week usually works in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Monday to Friday | 753.2 | 314.6 | 1992.0 | 1572.6 | 2745.2 | 1887.2 | 4632.4 |
| Nine-day fortnight | 8.8 | *2.3 | 30.2 | 16.2 | 39.0 | 18.5 | 57.6 |
| Days vary from week to week | 119.4 | 117.4 | 382.7 | 400.3 | 502.1 | 517.6 | 1019.7 |
| Days vary from month to month | 10.8 | 9.6 | 35.2 | 21.4 | 46.0 | 30.9 | 76.9 |
| Other | 228.0 | 392.0 | 739.2 | 795.9 | 967.2 | 1187.9 | 2155.1 |
| Usually works weekdays only | 32.5 | 284.7 | 161.6 | 392.1 | 194.1 | 676.8 | 870.9 |
| Usually works weekends only | *2.3 | 12.0 | 21.8 | 50.9 | 24.1 | 63.0 | 87.0 |
| Usually works some weekdays and some weekends | 193.1 | 95.4 | 555.8 | 352.8 | 749.0 | 448.2 | 1197.1 |
| Full-time or part-time employees in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time employees | 1046.8 | 290.1 | 2707.9 | 1757.1 | 3754.7 | 2047.2 | 5801.9 |
| Part-time employees | 73.4 | 545.8 | 471.3 | 1049.2 | 544.7 | 1595.0 | 2139.8 |
| Leave entitlements in main job(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With leave entitlements | 947.7 | 537.4 | 2426.3 | 2050.5 | 3374.0 | 2587.8 | 5961.9 |
| Without leave entitlements(d) | 172.5 | 298.5 | 752.9 | 755.9 | 925.4 | 1054.3 | 1979.7 |
| Whether works in a job-share arrangement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Job-shares | *2.7 | 70.8 | 16.9 | 94.5 | 19.6 | 165.3 | 184.9 |
| Does not job-share | 70.8 | 476.3 | 446.7 | 968.4 | 517.5 | 1444.7 | 1962.2 |
| Did not know | *1.5 | 12.8 | 9.9 | 19.3 | 11.4 | 32.1 | 43.5 |
| Does not usually work part-time(e) | 1045.1 | 275.9 | 2705.8 | 1724.2 | 3750.9 | 2000.1 | 5751.0 |
| Total | 1120.2 | 835.8 | 3179.2 | 2806.3 | 4299.5 | 3642.2 | 7941.6 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes overtime is not worked.
(b) In the November 2000 publication, persons who were away from work for the last four weeks were included in 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks'. See paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.
(c) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
(d) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
(e) In the November 2000 publication, persons who did not usually work part-time were included in 'Does not job-share'. See paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Whether start and finish times are fixed—By employee characteristics


[^2]|  | START AND FINISH TIMES ARE NOT FIXED |  |  | START AND FINISH TIMES ARE FIXED |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Variable daily | Not variable daily | Total | Times were negotiated with employer | Times were not negotiated with employer | Total | Total | Start <br> and <br> finish <br> times <br> not <br> fixed |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 56.6 | 24.5 | 81.2 | 23.6 | 56.3 | 79.9 | 161.1 | 50.4 |
| Mining | 11.3 | 7.0 | 18.4 | 9.1 | 59.1 | 68.2 | 86.5 | 21.2 |
| Manufacturing | 193.2 | 76.6 | 269.8 | 133.7 | 584.5 | 718.1 | 987.9 | 27.3 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 14.2 | 5.7 | 20.0 | 13.7 | 35.4 | 49.2 | 69.1 | 28.9 |
| Construction | 138.9 | 74.6 | 213.5 | 62.3 | 239.0 | 301.3 | 514.8 | 41.5 |
| Wholesale trade | 121.2 | 41.2 | 162.4 | 70.1 | 172.0 | 242.1 | 404.6 | 40.2 |
| Retail trade | 132.7 | 141.3 | 273.9 | 249.8 | 563.2 | 813.0 | 1087.0 | 25.2 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 59.0 | 94.4 | 153.4 | 74.1 | 173.6 | 247.6 | 401.1 | 38.3 |
| Transport and storage | 66.4 | 84.2 | 150.5 | 52.7 | 170.0 | 222.7 | 373.2 | 40.3 |
| Communication services | 36.9 | 19.3 | 56.2 | 23.7 | 75.5 | 99.1 | 155.3 | 36.2 |
| Finance and insurance | 110.3 | 22.2 | 132.4 | 52.3 | 140.7 | 192.9 | 325.4 | 40.7 |
| Property and business services | 319.5 | 85.2 | 404.7 | 145.4 | 385.3 | 530.7 | 935.5 | 43.3 |
| Government administration and defence | 189.9 | 29.5 | 219.4 | 56.9 | 165.4 | 222.3 | 441.7 | 49.7 |
| Education | 108.0 | 58.4 | 166.4 | 82.5 | 420.8 | 503.3 | 669.7 | 24.8 |
| Health and community services | 115.8 | 91.2 | 207.1 | 176.3 | 506.4 | 682.7 | 889.7 | 23.3 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 40.5 | 27.7 | 68.3 | 32.6 | 75.6 | 108.1 | 176.4 | 38.7 |
| Personal and other services | 58.6 | 27.8 | 86.3 | 51.1 | 125.4 | 176.4 | 262.8 | 32.9 |
| Occupation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers and administrators | 281.3 | 45.4 | 326.7 | 70.6 | 102.1 | 172.7 | 499.4 | 65.4 |
| Professionals | 511.5 | 142.0 | 653.5 | 220.5 | 746.9 | 967.4 | 1620.8 | 40.3 |
| Associate professionals | 308.0 | 101.2 | 409.2 | 179.3 | 352.9 | 532.1 | 941.3 | 43.5 |
| Tradespersons and related workers | 130.7 | 100.0 | 230.7 | 135.2 | 563.5 | 698.8 | 929.4 | 24.8 |
| Advanced clerical and service workers | 104.2 | 22.4 | 126.6 | 64.4 | 122.2 | 186.6 | 313.2 | 40.4 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers | 249.8 | 172.8 | 422.6 | 305.3 | 787.9 | 1093.3 | 1515.9 | 27.9 |
| Intermediate production and transport workers | 62.1 | 114.4 | 176.6 | 85.0 | 386.7 | 471.7 | 648.3 | 27.2 |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 51.0 | 117.3 | 168.3 | 164.5 | 422.6 | 587.0 | 755.4 | 22.3 |
| Labourers and related workers | 74.5 | 95.3 | 169.8 | 85.0 | 463.1 | 548.1 | 717.9 | 23.7 |
| Leave entitlements in main job(a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With leave entitlements | 1289.2 | 579.5 | 1868.7 | 975.2 | 3118.0 | 4093.1 | 5961.9 | 31.3 |
| Without leave entitlements(b) | 483.8 | 331.4 | 815.2 | 334.6 | 830.0 | 1164.5 | 1979.7 | 41.2 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 387.5 | 138.0 | 525.5 | 231.6 | 830.3 | 1061.9 | 1587.4 | 33.1 |
| Private(c) | 1385.5 | 773.0 | 2158.5 | 1078.1 | 3117.6 | 4195.8 | 6354.2 | 34.0 |
| Total | 1773.0 | 910.9 | 2683.9 | 1309.8 | 3947.9 | 5257.7 | 7941.6 | 33.8 |

[^3]EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off—By employee characteristics


[^4](a) Excludes persons attending school.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off—By job characteristics

|  | ABLE TO WORK EXTRA HOURS |  | UNABLE TO WORK EXTRA HOURS |  | TOTAL |  |  | Able to work extra hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 66.2 | 17.8 | 57.8 | 19.2 | 124.0 | 37.1 | 161.1 | 52.2 |
| Mining | 23.7 | 6.4 | 50.6 | 5.8 | 74.3 | 12.3 | 86.5 | 34.8 |
| Manufacturing | 298.2 | 118.4 | 430.3 | 141.1 | 728.5 | 259.4 | 987.9 | 42.2 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 23.4 | 7.6 | 30.3 | 7.9 | 53.6 | 15.5 | 69.1 | 44.7 |
| Construction | 204.0 | 39.8 | 251.1 | 20.0 | 455.0 | 59.8 | 514.8 | 47.4 |
| Wholesale trade | 120.6 | 60.0 | 152.9 | 71.1 | 273.5 | 131.1 | 404.6 | 44.6 |
| Retail trade | 203.9 | 195.6 | 327.0 | 360.4 | 530.9 | 556.1 | 1087.0 | 36.8 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 52.6 | 61.8 | 123.9 | 162.8 | 176.4 | 224.6 | 401.1 | 28.5 |
| Transport and storage | 84.7 | 30.7 | 195.5 | 62.3 | 280.2 | 93.0 | 373.2 | 30.9 |
| Communication services | 39.4 | 21.1 | 63.7 | 31.1 | 103.1 | 52.2 | 155.3 | 39.0 |
| Finance and insurance | 75.3 | 83.3 | 76.8 | 90.0 | 152.1 | 173.2 | 325.4 | 48.7 |
| Property and business services | 240.3 | 212.8 | 254.4 | 227.9 | 494.7 | 440.7 | 935.5 | 48.4 |
| Government administration and defence | 148.6 | 140.0 | 83.7 | 69.3 | 232.4 | 209.3 | 441.7 | 65.3 |
| Education | 57.4 | 118.1 | 154.4 | 339.8 | 211.8 | 457.9 | 669.7 | 26.2 |
| Health and community services | 68.9 | 264.2 | 112.7 | 443.9 | 181.6 | 708.2 | 889.7 | 37.4 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 35.0 | 44.1 | 51.9 | 45.3 | 86.9 | 89.5 | 176.4 | 44.9 |
| Personal and other services | 52.8 | 61.5 | 87.5 | 60.9 | 140.3 | 122.5 | 262.8 | 43.5 |
| Occupation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers and administrators | 193.3 | 70.5 | 185.0 | 50.7 | 378.3 | 121.1 | 499.4 | 52.8 |
| Professionals | 371.8 | 324.4 | 392.3 | 532.4 | 764.0 | 856.8 | 1620.8 | 42.9 |
| Associate professionals | 270.8 | 194.7 | 288.1 | 187.7 | 558.9 | 382.4 | 941.3 | 49.5 |
| Tradespersons and related workers | 369.0 | 36.8 | 473.9 | 49.8 | 842.8 | 86.6 | 929.4 | 43.7 |
| Advanced clerical and service workers | 16.9 | 164.0 | 22.2 | 110.1 | 39.1 | 274.1 | 313.2 | 57.8 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers | 185.5 | 454.6 | 246.2 | 629.5 | 431.7 | 1084.1 | 1515.9 | 42.2 |
| Intermediate production and transport workers | 175.4 | 28.7 | 388.4 | 55.8 | 563.8 | 84.5 | 648.3 | 31.5 |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 77.5 | 149.6 | 186.9 | 341.5 | 264.3 | 491.0 | 755.4 | 30.1 |
| Labourers and related workers | 134.9 | 60.0 | 321.4 | 201.5 | 456.4 | 261.5 | 717.9 | 27.2 |
| Leave entitlements in main job(a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With leave entitlements | 1493.2 | 1180.0 | 1880.9 | 1407.8 | 3374.0 | 2587.8 | 5961.9 | 44.8 |
| Without leave entitlements(b) | 301.9 | 303.3 | 623.5 | 751.0 | 925.4 | 1054.3 | 1979.7 | 30.6 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 310.8 | 377.7 | 390.9 | 507.9 | 701.7 | 885.7 | 1587.4 | 43.4 |
| Private(c) | 1484.2 | 1105.6 | 2113.5 | 1651.0 | 3597.7 | 2756.5 | 6354.2 | 40.8 |
| Total | 1795.1 | 1483.3 | 2504.4 | 2158.9 | 4299.5 | 3642.2 | 7941.6 | 41.3 |

[^5]|  | OVERTIME IS WORKED ON A REGULAR BASIS |  |  |  |  |  | Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(a) | Overtimeis workedon aTegularTotalbasis |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Paid overtime | Overtime included in salary package | Overtime taken as time off in lieu | Unpaid overtime | Other arrangements | Total |  |  |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | 840.6 | 442.8 | 76.8 | 514.0 | 26.5 | 1900.7 | 2398.8 | 4299.5 | 44.2 |
| Females | 292.1 | 185.7 | 97.9 | 471.9 | 10.0 | 1057.6 | 2584.6 | 3642.2 | 29.0 |
| Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19(b) | 64.1 | *1.5 | *2.9 | 9.1 | - | 77.7 | 326.3 | 403.9 | 19.2 |
| 20-24 | 178.0 | 29.1 | 15.6 | 72.0 | *2.2 | 296.9 | 720.3 | 1017.1 | 29.2 |
| 25-34 | 345.4 | 177.5 | 64.9 | 273.1 | 7.4 | 868.4 | 1141.9 | 2010.4 | 43.2 |
| 35-44 | 272.2 | 180.4 | 42.1 | 259.5 | 7.9 | 762.1 | 1151.0 | 1913.1 | 39.8 |
| 45-54 | 198.3 | 177.2 | 37.8 | 264.3 | 12.7 | 690.2 | 1054.7 | 1745.0 | 39.6 |
| 55-69 | 74.6 | 62.2 | 11.4 | 107.2 | 5.7 | 261.0 | 566.6 | 827.7 | 31.5 |
| 70 and over | **0.1 | **0.6 | - | *0.7 | **0.5 | *2.0 | 22.5 | 24.5 | *8.1 |
| Relationship in household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family member | 905.0 | 522.7 | 137.0 | 787.7 | 29.7 | 2382.0 | 4159.2 | 6541.3 | 36.4 |
| Husband, wife or partner | 676.3 | 469.3 | 116.7 | 674.9 | 26.1 | 1963.2 | 2909.3 | 4872.5 | 40.3 |
| With dependants | 364.2 | 264.4 | 52.5 | 355.1 | 16.5 | 1052.7 | 1542.3 | 2595.0 | 40.6 |
| Without dependants | 312.1 | 204.9 | 64.2 | 319.8 | 9.6 | 910.5 | 1367.0 | 2277.5 | 40.0 |
| Lone parent | 39.1 | 18.3 | 7.2 | 47.5 | *1.4 | 113.5 | 261.4 | 374.9 | 30.3 |
| With dependants | 28.1 | 15.4 | 5.7 | 36.7 | *1.2 | 87.2 | 204.3 | 291.5 | 29.9 |
| Without dependants | 10.9 | *2.9 | *1.5 | 10.8 | **0.2 | 26.2 | 57.1 | 83.3 | 31.5 |
| Dependent student | 13.4 | **0.4 | **0.2 | *3.9 | **0.3 | 18.1 | 161.5 | 179.6 | 10.1 |
| Non-dependent child | 149.0 | 29.0 | 10.0 | 55.0 | *2.0 | 245.0 | 714.0 | 959.0 | 25.5 |
| Other family person | 27.2 | 5.8 | *2.8 | 6.5 | - | 42.2 | 113.1 | 155.3 | 27.2 |
| Non-family member | 198.4 | 89.0 | 33.7 | 176.7 | *4.4 | 502.3 | 686.0 | 1188.3 | 42.3 |
| Lone person | 114.0 | 59.7 | 21.2 | 117.0 | *3.5 | 315.4 | 405.1 | 720.5 | 43.8 |
| Not living alone | 84.4 | 29.3 | 12.6 | 59.7 | *0.9 | 186.9 | 280.9 | 467.7 | 40.0 |
| Relationship not determined | 29.4 | 16.8 | *4.0 | 21.5 | *2.4 | 74.0 | 138.1 | 212.1 | 34.9 |
| Full-time or part-time employees in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time employees | 1005.8 | 611.2 | 159.3 | 865.7 | 34.3 | 2676.3 | 3125.6 | 5801.9 | 46.1 |
| Part-time employees | 126.9 | 17.3 | 15.4 | 120.2 | *2.2 | 282.0 | 1857.7 | 2139.8 | 13.2 |
| Trade union membership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade union member | 405.6 | 93.8 | 41.1 | 256.8 | *2.9 | 800.2 | 1110.6 | 1910.8 | 41.9 |
| Not a trade union member | 688.0 | 517.6 | 129.4 | 710.5 | 32.7 | 2078.3 | 3696.1 | 5774.4 | 36.0 |
| Total (c) | 1132.7 | 628.5 | 174.7 | 985.9 | 36.5 | 2958.3 | 4983.3 | 7941.6 | 37.3 |

[^6](a) Includes overtime is not worked.
(b) Excludes persons attending school.
(c) Includes 256,400 persons (173, 800 males and 82,600 females) who did not know their trade union membership status.

|  | OVERTIME IS WORKED ON A REGULAR BASIS |  |  |  |  |  | Overtime is not worked on a regular basis(a) | Overtimeis workedon aregularTotalbasis |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Paid overtime | Overtime included in salary package | Overtime taken as time off in lieu | Unpaid overtime | Other arrangements | Total |  |  |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 22.0 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 11.6 | **0.5 | 49.6 | 111.5 | 161.1 | 30.8 |
| Mining | 19.1 | 11.7 | *1.5 | 6.4 | - | 38.7 | 47.8 | 86.5 | 44.8 |
| Manufacturing | 257.5 | 74.1 | 12.2 | 78.0 | *4.1 | 425.9 | 562.0 | 987.9 | 43.1 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 17.9 | *4.5 | *1.0 | 4.9 | **0.3 | 28.7 | 40.4 | 69.1 | 41.5 |
| Construction | 140.6 | 35.9 | 5.9 | 38.4 | 6.8 | 227.6 | 287.2 | 514.8 | 44.2 |
| Wholesale trade | 64.1 | 51.2 | 5.2 | 52.7 | *2.6 | 175.8 | 228.8 | 404.6 | 43.5 |
| Retail trade | 130.4 | 63.6 | 11.2 | 87.2 | *2.6 | 295.0 | 791.9 | 1087.0 | 27.1 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 39.1 | 24.0 | *3.8 | 24.9 | *0.9 | 92.8 | 308.3 | 401.1 | 23.1 |
| Transport and storage | 90.0 | 28.4 | *3.0 | 38.4 | *1.2 | 161.1 | 212.1 | 373.2 | 43.2 |
| Communication services | 27.5 | 11.3 | *3.6 | 13.6 | - | 55.9 | 99.4 | 155.3 | 36.0 |
| Finance and insurance | 22.9 | 45.4 | 8.0 | 55.5 | **0.6 | 132.2 | 193.1 | 325.4 | 40.6 |
| Property and business services | 79.1 | 109.6 | 18.2 | 150.8 | 8.2 | 365.9 | 569.6 | 935.5 | 39.1 |
| Government administration and defence | 33.1 | 27.3 | 34.4 | 49.8 | *1.1 | 145.8 | 295.9 | 441.7 | 33.0 |
| Education | 17.6 | 73.5 | 19.2 | 237.7 | *2.8 | 350.8 | 318.9 | 669.7 | 52.4 |
| Health and community services | 110.0 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 86.9 | *1.9 | 255.4 | 634.3 | 889.7 | 28.7 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 17.0 | 13.1 | 5.1 | 18.5 | *1.2 | 54.9 | 121.5 | 176.4 | 31.1 |
| Personal and other services | 44.9 | 16.7 | 8.5 | 30.5 | *1.5 | 102.1 | 160.7 | 262.8 | 38.8 |
| Occupation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers and administrators | 26.2 | 142.4 | 16.1 | 125.7 | 5.5 | 315.9 | 183.5 | 499.4 | 63.3 |
| Professionals | 108.3 | 219.6 | 55.0 | 439.0 | 10.3 | 832.2 | 788.7 | 1620.8 | 51.3 |
| Associate professionals | 103.2 | 125.3 | 32.8 | 162.6 | 7.9 | 431.9 | 509.4 | 941.3 | 45.9 |
| Tradespersons and related workers | 290.9 | 33.4 | 9.3 | 39.7 | *4.3 | 377.6 | 551.8 | 929.4 | 40.6 |
| Advanced clerical and service workers | 18.6 | 14.6 | 8.4 | 37.8 | *0.7 | 80.1 | 233.1 | 313.2 | 25.6 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers | 151.2 | 60.2 | 39.1 | 120.6 | *2.1 | 373.1 | 1142.8 | 1515.9 | 24.6 |
| Intermediate production and transport workers | 218.2 | 17.7 | *3.8 | 20.6 | *2.6 | 262.9 | 385.4 | 648.3 | 40.5 |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 87.0 | 10.5 | 5.2 | 26.0 | *1.5 | 130.3 | 625.0 | 755.4 | 17.3 |
| Labourers and related workers | 129.2 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 13.9 | *1.5 | 154.4 | 563.5 | 717.9 | 21.5 |
| Leave entitlements in main job(b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With leave entitlements | 950.7 | 599.0 | 167.6 | 873.9 | 18.6 | 2609.8 | 3352.1 | 5961.9 | 43.8 |
| Without leave entitlements(c) | 182.0 | 29.5 | 7.1 | 112.0 | 17.9 | 348.5 | 1631.2 | 1979.7 | 17.6 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 174.6 | 96.6 | 77.1 | 285.2 | *4.3 | 637.8 | 949.6 | 1587.4 | 40.2 |
| Private(d) | 958.2 | 531.9 | 97.6 | 700.7 | 32.2 | 2320.5 | 4033.8 | 6354.2 | 36.5 |
| Total | 1132.7 | 628.5 | 174.7 | 985.9 | 36.5 | 2958.3 | 4983.3 | 7941.6 | 37.3 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes overtime is not worked.
(b) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
(c) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
(d) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

|  | WORKED SHIFT WORK IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS |  |  |  |  | Worked <br> but did not work shift work in last four weeks |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rotating | Regular morning/ afternoon | Regular evening, night or graveyard shift | Other(a) | Total |  | Total(b) | Worked <br> shift work in the last four weeks |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | 312.7 | 82.6 | 129.0 | 122.7 | 647.0 | 3626.4 | 4299.5 | 15.0 |
| Females | 199.0 | 61.1 | 100.1 | 114.5 | 474.7 | 3132.8 | 3642.2 | 13.0 |
| Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19(c) | 16.8 | 8.6 | 12.6 | 18.0 | 56.1 | 347.2 | 403.9 | 13.9 |
| 20-24 | 65.2 | 18.6 | 45.3 | 32.7 | 161.8 | 849.8 | 1017.1 | 15.9 |
| 25-34 | 159.9 | 36.1 | 57.4 | 59.8 | 313.3 | 1680.2 | 2010.4 | 15.6 |
| 35-44 | 134.6 | 41.8 | 52.2 | 53.6 | 282.1 | 1615.4 | 1913.1 | 14.7 |
| 45-54 | 91.5 | 26.4 | 45.1 | 50.6 | 213.6 | 1519.4 | 1745.0 | 12.2 |
| 55-69 | 43.7 | 12.2 | 16.5 | 22.0 | 94.5 | 723.3 | 827.7 | 11.4 |
| 70 and over | - | - | - | **0.3 | **0.3 | 23.8 | 24.5 | 1.3 |
| Relationship in household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family member | 399.0 | 115.9 | 175.0 | 185.7 | 875.6 | 5613.9 | 6541.3 | 13.4 |
| Husband, wife or partner | 305.1 | 82.0 | 120.7 | 125.7 | 633.5 | 4194.7 | 4872.5 | 13.0 |
| With dependants | 158.1 | 48.6 | 74.6 | 65.2 | 346.5 | 2223.7 | 2595.0 | 13.4 |
| Without dependants | 147.0 | 33.4 | 46.1 | 60.5 | 287.0 | 1971.0 | 2277.5 | 12.6 |
| Lone parent | 22.9 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 14.4 | 53.9 | 317.8 | 374.9 | 14.4 |
| With dependants | 14.9 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 11.0 | 38.0 | 251.3 | 291.5 | 13.0 |
| Without dependants | 8.0 | *2.3 | *2.3 | *3.4 | 15.9 | 66.5 | 83.3 | 19.1 |
| Dependent student | 8.7 | *1.7 | 10.1 | 7.3 | 27.8 | 151.1 | 179.6 | 15.5 |
| Non-dependent child | 52.8 | 20.1 | 28.7 | 34.5 | 136.0 | 819.9 | 959.0 | 14.2 |
| Other family person | 9.5 | *3.6 | 7.4 | *3.8 | 24.3 | 130.5 | 155.3 | 15.6 |
| Non-family member | 93.1 | 23.2 | 48.2 | 46.4 | 210.9 | 970.9 | 1188.3 | 17.7 |
| Lone person | 61.5 | 12.1 | 28.7 | 28.0 | 130.3 | 585.3 | 720.5 | 18.1 |
| Not living alone | 31.6 | 11.0 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 80.6 | 385.6 | 467.7 | 17.2 |
| Relationship not determined | 19.6 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 35.2 | 174.3 | 212.1 | 16.6 |
| Full-time or part-time employees in main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time employees | 411.6 | 100.6 | 134.9 | 153.0 | 800.1 | 4954.2 | 5801.9 | 13.8 |
| Part-time employees | 100.1 | 43.0 | 94.3 | 84.1 | 321.6 | 1805.0 | 2139.8 | 15.0 |
| Trade union membership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade union member | 267.2 | 55.6 | 86.5 | 80.0 | 489.3 | 1396.3 | 1910.8 | 25.6 |
| Not a trade union member | 230.9 | 83.9 | 137.8 | 152.3 | 605.0 | 5134.8 | 5774.4 | 10.5 |
| Total (d) | 511.7 | 143.7 | 229.1 | 237.1 | 1121.6 | 6759.2 | 7941.6 | 14.1 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) Includes split-shift, on call, irregular and other.
(b) Includes 'Away from work for the last four weeks'.
(c) Excludes persons attending school.
(d) Includes 256,400 persons $(173,800)$ males and 82,600 females) who did not know their trade union membership status.

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks-By job
characteristics

|  | WORKED SHIFT WORK IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS |  |  |  |  | Worked but did not work shift work in last four weeks | Total (b) | Worked <br> shift work in the last four weeks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rotating | Regular morning/ afternoon | Regular evening, night or graveyard shift | Other(a) | Total |  |  |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | \% |
| Industry |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | *2.8 | *2.1 | *1.2 | *3.2 | 9.2 | 151.3 | 161.1 | 5.7 |
| Mining | 27.5 | *2.6 | *3.3 | 4.9 | 38.4 | 47.1 | 86.5 | 44.3 |
| Manufacturing | 63.1 | 40.1 | 38.5 | 14.2 | 155.9 | 827.5 | 987.9 | 15.8 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 5.4 | **0.2 | **0.2 | *1.7 | 7.5 | 60.7 | 69.1 | 10.8 |
| Construction | *3.1 | *0.8 | *2.9 | 5.1 | 11.9 | 500.6 | 514.8 | 2.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 8.3 | 4.7 | *4.1 | *2.6 | 19.7 | 382.3 | 404.6 | 4.9 |
| Retail trade | 41.2 | 16.8 | 35.7 | 31.1 | 124.9 | 957.9 | 1087.0 | 11.5 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 38.5 | 12.7 | 37.2 | 37.2 | 125.6 | 275.1 | 401.1 | 31.3 |
| Transport and storage | 56.0 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 23.2 | 100.8 | 270.4 | 373.2 | 27.0 |
| Communication services | 11.8 | 4.9 | 6.0 | *3.0 | 25.7 | 128.7 | 155.3 | 16.5 |
| Finance and insurance | 6.4 | *2.9 | *0.9 | *2.4 | 12.6 | 308.6 | 325.4 | 3.9 |
| Property and business services | 28.3 | 9.2 | 18.1 | 14.5 | 70.1 | 863.2 | 935.5 | 7.5 |
| Government administration and defence | 11.9 | *1.7 | *4.5 | *4.3 | 22.3 | 411.2 | 441.7 | 5.1 |
| Education | *2.3 | **0.5 | *1.8 | 5.9 | 10.4 | 649.3 | 669.7 | 1.5 |
| Health and community services | 141.6 | 28.6 | 53.5 | 63.9 | 287.6 | 591.8 | 889.7 | 32.3 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 15.9 | *3.4 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 34.4 | 140.2 | 176.4 | 19.5 |
| Personal and other services | 47.7 | *2.2 | *2.9 | 12.0 | 64.8 | 193.4 | 262.8 | 24.7 |
| Occupation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Managers and administrators | 5.6 | *1.2 | *1.0 | *3.8 | 11.6 | 485.8 | 499.4 | 2.3 |
| Professionals | 96.3 | 13.0 | 31.3 | 47.3 | 187.9 | 1413.6 | 1620.8 | 11.6 |
| Associate professionals | 81.0 | 11.1 | 22.1 | 37.5 | 151.7 | 780.4 | 941.3 | 16.1 |
| Tradespersons and related workers | 64.0 | 16.5 | 21.3 | 22.3 | 124.1 | 799.4 | 929.4 | 13.4 |
| Advanced clerical and service workers | *3.7 | **0.5 | *1.4 | *1.1 | 6.8 | 304.1 | 313.2 | 2.2 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers | 95.9 | 28.0 | 52.6 | 45.5 | 222.0 | 1279.7 | 1515.9 | 14.6 |
| Intermediate production and transport workers | 69.3 | 24.4 | 37.3 | 26.0 | 157.1 | 487.4 | 648.3 | 24.2 |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 54.4 | 15.8 | 29.2 | 31.2 | 130.6 | 622.0 | 755.4 | 17.3 |
| Labourers and related workers | 41.3 | 33.1 | 33.0 | 22.5 | 129.9 | 586.9 | 717.9 | 18.1 |
| Leave entitlements in main job(c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With leave entitlements | 444.3 | 110.0 | 150.5 | 161.8 | 866.6 | 5036.8 | 5961.9 | 14.5 |
| Without leave entitlements(d) | 67.4 | 33.7 | 78.6 | 75.3 | 255.1 | 1722.4 | 1979.7 | 12.9 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 168.9 | 16.6 | 37.1 | 51.3 | 274.0 | 1284.8 | 1587.4 | 17.3 |
| Private(e) | 342.8 | 127.1 | 192.0 | 185.8 | 847.7 | 5474.4 | 6354.2 | 13.3 |
| Total | 511.7 | 143.7 | 229.1 | 237.1 | 1121.6 | 6759.2 | 7941.6 | 14.1 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
(a) Includes split-shift, on call, irregular and other.
(b) Includes 'Away from work for the last four weeks'.
(c) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
(d) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
(e) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

|  | USED FORMAL CHILD CARE |  |  | DID NOT USE |  |  | TOTAL |  | Persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females |  |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | 124.2 | 43.4 | 167.6 | 296.0 | 45.8 | 341.8 | 420.2 | 89.2 | 509.4 |
| Variable daily | 91.3 | 31.8 | 123.1 | 211.3 | 32.2 | 243.5 | 302.5 | 64.0 | 366.6 |
| Not variable daily | 33.0 | 11.5 | 44.5 | 84.7 | 13.6 | 98.3 | 117.7 | 25.2 | 142.8 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | 179.7 | 87.0 | 266.7 | 446.8 | 113.9 | 560.7 | 626.5 | 200.8 | 827.4 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | 46.4 | 27.1 | 73.5 | 108.4 | 30.2 | 138.6 | 154.9 | 57.2 | 212.1 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | 133.3 | 59.9 | 193.2 | 338.4 | 83.7 | 422.1 | 471.7 | 143.6 | 615.3 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | 86.1 | 26.5 | 112.6 | 186.8 | 35.2 | 222.0 | 272.9 | 61.7 | 334.6 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | 217.8 | 103.9 | 321.7 | 556.0 | 124.5 | 680.6 | 773.9 | 228.4 | 1002.2 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | 149.6 | 63.3 | 213.0 | 324.8 | 71.6 | 396.4 | 474.4 | 135.0 | 609.4 |
| Unable to work extra hours | 154.3 | 67.0 | 221.3 | 418.0 | 88.1 | 506.1 | 572.4 | 155.1 | 727.4 |
| Whether prefers to work more hours |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prefers more hours | 15.1 | 5.2 | 20.3 | 44.5 | 10.5 | 55.0 | 59.6 | 15.7 | 75.3 |
| Prefers less hours | 120.0 | 53.7 | 173.7 | 282.0 | 62.2 | 344.3 | 402.0 | 115.9 | 518.0 |
| Prefers no change in hours | 168.8 | 71.4 | 240.3 | 416.3 | 87.0 | 503.3 | 585.1 | 158.5 | 743.6 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 62.3 | 40.7 | 103.0 | 118.2 | 42.7 | 160.9 | 180.5 | 83.4 | 264.0 |
| Private(a) | 241.6 | 89.6 | 331.3 | 624.6 | 117.0 | 741.6 | 866.2 | 206.6 | 1072.8 |
| Total | 304.0 | 130.3 | 434.3 | 742.8 | 159.7 | 902.5 | 1046.8 | 290.1 | 1336.8 |

## PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | *4.4 | 64.4 | 68.9 | 25.2 | 110.7 | 135.9 | 29.6 | 175.1 | 204.7 |
| Variable daily | *3.8 | 45.2 | 49.0 | 14.7 | 79.3 | 94.0 | 18.5 | 124.4 | 143.0 |
| Not variable daily | **0.7 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 10.5 | 31.4 | 41.9 | 11.1 | 50.7 | 61.8 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | 10.4 | 134.1 | 144.4 | 33.4 | 236.6 | 270.1 | 43.8 | 370.7 | 414.5 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | *1.5 | 56.7 | 58.2 | 7.5 | 99.4 | 106.8 | 9.0 | 156.1 | 165.0 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | 8.9 | 77.4 | 86.2 | 26.0 | 137.3 | 163.2 | 34.8 | 214.6 | 249.4 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | *2.6 | 6.7 | 9.3 | *3.1 | 15.0 | 18.1 | 5.7 | 21.7 | 27.4 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | 12.2 | 191.8 | 204.0 | 55.5 | 332.3 | 387.9 | 67.8 | 524.1 | 591.9 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | 5.0 | 92.2 | 97.1 | 15.7 | 136.9 | 152.6 | 20.7 | 229.1 | 249.7 |
| Unable to work extra hours | 9.8 | 106.3 | 116.1 | 43.0 | 210.4 | 253.4 | 52.8 | 316.7 | 369.5 |
| Whether prefers to work more hours |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prefers more hours | 5.2 | 39.9 | 45.1 | 29.0 | 81.3 | 110.3 | 34.2 | 121.2 | 155.4 |
| Prefers less hours | *1.1 | 22.9 | 23.9 | 5.5 | 35.8 | 41.2 | 6.6 | 58.6 | 65.2 |
| Prefers no change in hours | 8.5 | 135.8 | 144.3 | 24.2 | 230.2 | 254.4 | 32.7 | 366.0 | 398.7 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | *2.3 | 50.8 | 53.1 | 11.7 | 78.1 | 89.8 | 14.0 | 128.9 | 142.9 |
| Private(a) | 12.5 | 147.7 | 160.2 | 47.0 | 269.2 | 316.1 | 59.4 | 416.9 | 476.3 |
| Total | 14.8 | 198.5 | 213.3 | 58.6 | 347.3 | 405.9 | 73.4 | 545.8 | 619.2 |

[^7]|  | USED FORMAL CHILD CARE |  |  | DID NOT USE <br> FORMAL CHILD CARE |  |  | TOTAL |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whether start and finish times are fixed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start and finish times are not fixed | 128.7 | 107.8 | 236.5 | 321.2 | 156.5 | 477.7 | 449.9 | 264.3 | 714.2 |
| Variable daily | 95.1 | 77.0 | 172.1 | 226.0 | 111.5 | 337.5 | 321.1 | 188.5 | 509.6 |
| Not variable daily | 33.6 | 30.8 | 64.4 | 95.2 | 45.0 | 140.2 | 128.8 | 75.8 | 204.6 |
| Start and finish times are fixed | 190.1 | 221.0 | 411.1 | 480.3 | 350.5 | 830.8 | 670.3 | 571.5 | 1241.9 |
| Times were negotiated with employer | 47.9 | 83.8 | 131.7 | 115.9 | 129.5 | 245.5 | 163.9 | 213.3 | 377.2 |
| Times were not negotiated with employer | 142.1 | 137.3 | 279.4 | 364.4 | 221.0 | 585.3 | 506.5 | 358.2 | 864.7 |
| Whether entitled to a rostered day off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Entitled to a rostered day off | 88.7 | 33.2 | 121.9 | 189.9 | 50.2 | 240.0 | 278.5 | 83.4 | 361.9 |
| Not entitled to a rostered day off | 230.1 | 295.6 | 525.7 | 611.6 | 456.8 | 1068.4 | 841.7 | 752.4 | 1594.1 |
| Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able to work extra hours | 154.6 | 155.5 | 310.1 | 340.4 | 208.6 | 549.0 | 495.1 | 364.0 | 859.1 |
| Unable to work extra hours | 164.1 | 173.4 | 337.5 | 461.0 | 298.4 | 759.5 | 625.1 | 471.8 | 1096.9 |
| Whether prefers to work more hours |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prefers more hours | 20.4 | 45.0 | 65.4 | 73.5 | 91.8 | 165.2 | 93.8 | 136.8 | 230.6 |
| Prefers less hours | 121.1 | 76.6 | 197.6 | 287.5 | 98.0 | 385.5 | 408.6 | 174.6 | 583.1 |
| Prefers no change in hours | 177.3 | 207.2 | 384.5 | 440.5 | 317.2 | 757.7 | 617.8 | 524.4 | 1142.3 |
| Sector of main job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 64.7 | 91.5 | 156.1 | 129.9 | 120.9 | 250.7 | 194.5 | 212.4 | 406.9 |
| Private(a) | 254.1 | 237.3 | 491.4 | 671.6 | 386.1 | 1057.7 | 925.7 | 623.5 | 1549.1 |
| Total | 318.8 | 328.8 | 647.6 | 801.4 | 507.0 | 1308.4 | 1120.2 | 835.8 | 1956.0 |

[^8]EMPLOYEES WHO HAD AN ABSENCE FROM THEIR MAIN JOB IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS,
Reason and leave details

|  | AUGUST 1997 |  | NOVEMBER 2000 |  | NOVEMBER 2003 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | 000 |
| Main reason for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal reason | 588.5 | 509.5 | 613.0 | 584.3 | 694.7 | 651.5 | 1346.2 |
| Holiday/travel or other recreational purpose | 157.7 | 117.6 | 270.7 | 221.5 | 333.7 | 276.3 | 610.0 |
| Attending a medical/dental appointment | 14.9 | 11.4 | 15.6 | 18.4 | 19.1 | 22.5 | 41.6 |
| Own ill-health/physical disability | 343.3 | 328.2 | 242.1 | 261.5 | 250.0 | 259.8 | 509.8 |
| Attending a funeral/death in family | 20.8 | 15.7 | 18.6 | 14.2 | 19.9 | 15.2 | 35.1 |
| Attending an educational institution/study/exams | 10.7 | 8.7 | 22.3 | 26.5 | 26.9 | 33.6 | 60.5 |
| Other personal reason(a) | 41.1 | 27.9 | 43.6 | 42.2 | 45.2 | 44.1 | 89.3 |
| Family reason | 37.3 | 51.5 | 36.0 | 56.2 | 57.9 | 57.5 | 115.4 |
| Caring for ill/disabled children | 8.0 | 25.3 | 9.5 | 21.2 | 12.9 | 22.4 | 35.3 |
| Caring for other ill/aged/disabled family member | 13.3 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 13.9 | 16.6 | 13.9 | 30.6 |
| Other family reason | 16.0 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 21.1 | 28.3 | 21.2 | 49.5 |
| Work-related reason | 32.2 | 9.4 | 83.2 | 29.1 | 66.0 | 36.7 | 102.7 |
| Other reason | 12.9 | 9.8 | 21.9 | 14.4 | 20.4 | 10.4 | 30.8 |
| No particular reason | *2.5 | *2.3 | *0.8 | *1.0 | *3.1 | *2.8 | 5.9 |
| Type of leave taken for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sick leave | 360.7 | 330.7 | 259.9 | 277.2 | 264.1 | 276.8 | 540.9 |
| Holiday leave | 155.7 | 112.8 | 262.4 | 195.4 | 331.9 | 249.7 | 581.6 |
| Study or examination leave | 13.6 | 8.2 | 18.8 | 33.4 | 26.8 | 36.4 | 63.2 |
| Bereavement leave | 15.0 | 14.8 | 10.6 | 9.8 | 14.1 | 11.3 | 25.3 |
| Maternity/paternity leave | 8.0 | 19.7 | *3.5 | 15.2 | *4.4 | 15.6 | 20.1 |
| Parental/carers leave(b) | na | na | 6.8 | 13.7 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 29.1 |
| Long service leave | 8.9 | 6.1 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 8.7 | 14.5 |
| More than one type of leave | *4.5 | *3.3 | 5.7 | *3.5 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 14.9 |
| Unapproved leave | 27.2 | 19.0 | 21.9 | 22.4 | 21.8 | 28.4 | 50.2 |
| Other(c) | 79.8 | 67.9 | 155.8 | 106.7 | 151.0 | 110.2 | 261.1 |
| Whether paid or unpaid leave for most recent absence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paid leave only | 527.1 | 419.8 | 573.1 | 477.8 | 658.0 | 540.2 | 1198.2 |
| Unpaid leave only | 133.7 | 151.0 | 170.0 | 191.6 | 172.9 | 201.9 | 374.8 |
| Both paid and unpaid leave | *2.6 | *4.9 | *4.3 | *3.4 | *2.3 | 8.4 | 10.7 |
| Did not know | 10.0 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 12.4 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 17.2 |
| Number of days absent in the last two weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One or more (whole) days off | 607.9 | 545.4 | 681.8 | 624.0 | 770.3 | 698.2 | 1468.5 |
| 1 day | 263.7 | 250.2 | 310.1 | 303.0 | 382.6 | 329.8 | 712.4 |
| 2 days | 109.5 | 100.7 | 114.5 | 111.1 | 130.3 | 120.6 | 250.9 |
| 3-5 days | 144.1 | 121.7 | 138.0 | 119.3 | 155.2 | 136.4 | 291.6 |
| 6-9 days | 41.6 | 29.0 | 48.4 | 32.3 | 42.6 | 40.7 | 83.3 |
| 10 days or more | 49.1 | 43.8 | 70.6 | 58.3 | 59.5 | 70.7 | 130.3 |
| Part day absences only | 65.5 | 37.0 | 73.1 | 61.1 | 71.8 | 60.7 | 132.5 |
| Total | 673.4 | 582.4 | 754.9 | 685.1 | 842.0 | 758.9 | 1601.0 |

* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
na not available
(a) In 1997 pregnancy was included with 'Own health/physical disability'. In 2000 (11,500 females) and 2003 (12,000 females), pregnancy was included in 'Other personal reason'.
(b) Data not collected in 1997.
(c) In 2003, 101,800 persons gave a work-related reason (no work to do, machine or plant breakdown, on strike).

EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, Whether has children aged under 12 years-By absence from work


* estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
(a) In 1997 pregnancy was included with 'Own health/physical disability'. In 2000 (11,500 females) and 2003 (12,000 females), pregnancy was included in 'Other personal reason'



## MALES

## Population 1

| Employees in main job | 1455.4 | 1100.8 | 794.5 | 307.3 | 434.4 | 91.2 | 36.7 | 79.0 | 4299.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 2

Employees who usually work less than 35 hours a

| week in their main job | 167.2 | 153.0 | 102.3 | 43.0 | 57.0 | 10.0 | $* 3.4$ | 12.6 | 548.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 3

Employees entitled to a rostered day off in their main job

| 393.4 | 280.0 | 188.0 | 76.7 | 72.8 | 24.4 | 7.0 | 11.8 | 1054.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 4

Employees who work overtime on a regular basis in their main job

| 656.0 | 481.0 | 358.7 | 134.0 | 177.9 | 40.1 | 17.1 | 35.8 | 1900.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 5

Employees who worked shift work in their main job in the last four weeks

| 224.2 | 162.5 | 115.9 | 48.3 | 64.9 | 14.9 | 6.8 | 9.3 | 647.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 6

Employees in main job with children aged under 12 years

| 395.2 | 280.3 | 203.8 | 73.5 | 112.0 | 26.7 | 10.1 | 18.7 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | 120.2

## Population 7

Employees who had an absence from their main $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { job of at least three hours in the last two weeks } & 258.9 & 283.9 & 141.6 & 51.2 & 69.7 & 15.3 & 4.6 & 16.8 & 842.0\end{array}$
FEMALES

## Population 1

| Employees in main job | 1216.6 | 929.3 | 685.5 | 269.2 | 355.7 | 79.6 | 32.6 | 73.7 | 3642.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Population 2

Employees who usually work less than 35 hours a week in their main job

| 1216.6 | 929.3 | 685.5 | 269.2 | 355.7 | 79.6 | 32.6 | 73.7 | 3642.2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 516.5 | 423.6 | 318.5 | 134.8 | 172.7 | 39.5 | 10.2 | 26.3 | 1642.1 |  |
| 221.9 | 128.8 | 105.9 | 36.7 | 48.2 | 13.4 | $* 4.5$ | 9.9 | 569.2 |  |
| 356.3 | 266.2 | 192.6 | 84.9 | 98.4 | 24.0 | 10.2 | 25.0 | 1057.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145.3 | 128.9 | 92.8 | 36.1 | 47.7 | 13.7 | $* 3.6$ | 6.5 | 474.7 |  |
| 281.5 | 210.0 | 165.9 | 58.6 | 73.3 | 18.7 | 9.9 | 17.9 | 835.8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Population 3

Employees entitled to a rostered day off in their main job

| 1216.6 | 929.3 | 685.5 | 269.2 | 355.7 | 79.6 | 32.6 | 73.7 | 3642.2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 516.5 | 423.6 | 318.5 | 134.8 | 172.7 | 39.5 | 10.2 | 26.3 | 1642.1 |  |
| 221.9 | 128.8 | 105.9 | 36.7 | 48.2 | 13.4 | $* 4.5$ | 9.9 | 569.2 |  |
| 356.3 | 266.2 | 192.6 | 84.9 | 98.4 | 24.0 | 10.2 | 25.0 | 1057.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145.3 | 128.9 | 92.8 | 36.1 | 47.7 | 13.7 | $* 3.6$ | 6.5 | 474.7 |  |
| 281.5 | 210.0 | 165.9 | 58.6 | 73.3 | 18.7 | 9.9 | 17.9 | 835.8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Population 4

Employees who work overtime on a regular basis in their main job

| 1216.6 | 929.3 | 685.5 | 269.2 | 355.7 | 79.6 | 32.6 | 73.7 | 3642.2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 516.5 | 423.6 | 318.5 | 134.8 | 172.7 | 39.5 | 10.2 | 26.3 | 1642.1 |  |
| 221.9 | 128.8 | 105.9 | 36.7 | 48.2 | 13.4 | $* 4.5$ | 9.9 | 569.2 |  |
| 356.3 | 266.2 | 192.6 | 84.9 | 98.4 | 24.0 | 10.2 | 25.0 | 1057.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145.3 | 128.9 | 92.8 | 36.1 | 47.7 | 13.7 | $* 3.6$ | 6.5 | 474.7 |  |
| 281.5 | 210.0 | 165.9 | 58.6 | 73.3 | 18.7 | 9.9 | 17.9 | 835.8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Population 5

Employees who worked shift work in their main job in the last four weeks

| 1216.6 | 929.3 | 685.5 | 269.2 | 355.7 | 79.6 | 32.6 | 73.7 | 3642.2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 516.5 | 423.6 | 318.5 | 134.8 | 172.7 | 39.5 | 10.2 | 26.3 | 1642.1 |  |
| 221.9 | 128.8 | 105.9 | 36.7 | 48.2 | 13.4 | $* 4.5$ | 9.9 | 569.2 |  |
| 356.3 | 266.2 | 192.6 | 84.9 | 98.4 | 24.0 | 10.2 | 25.0 | 1057.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145.3 | 128.9 | 92.8 | 36.1 | 47.7 | 13.7 | $* 3.6$ | 6.5 | 474.7 |  |
| 281.5 | 210.0 | 165.9 | 58.6 | 73.3 | 18.7 | 9.9 | 17.9 | 835.8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Population 6

Employees in main job with children aged under 12 years

Employees who had an absence from their main $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\text { job of at least three hours in the last two weeks } & 242.4 & 234.0 & 127.2 & 48.1 & 68.3 & 14.7 & 7.1 & 17.0 & 758.9\end{array}$

[^9](a) Refers to mainly urban areas only. For further information see paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

|  | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T(\mathrm{a})$ | ACT | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
|  | PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees in main job | 2672.0 | 2030.1 | 1480.1 | 576.4 | 790.1 | 170.8 | 69.3 | 152.7 | 7941.6 |
| Population 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees who usually work less than 35 hours a week in their main job | 683.8 | 576.6 | 420.8 | 177.8 | 229.6 | 49.5 | 13.6 | 38.9 | 2190.6 |
| Population 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees entitled to a rostered day off in their main job | 615.3 | 408.9 | 293.9 | 113.4 | 120.9 | 37.8 | 11.4 | 21.6 | 1623.3 |
| Population 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees who work overtime on a regular basis in their main job | 1012.3 | 747.3 | 551.3 | 218.9 | 276.3 | 64.1 | 27.3 | 60.8 | 2958.3 |
| Population 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees who worked shift work in their main job in the last four weeks | 369.5 | 291.4 | 208.7 | 84.4 | 112.6 | 28.6 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 1121.6 |
| Population 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees in main job with children aged under 12 years | 676.7 | 490.4 | 369.8 | 132.1 | 185.3 | 45.4 | 20.0 | 36.5 | 1956.0 |
| Population 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees who had an absence from their main job of at least three hours in the last two weeks | 501.4 | 517.9 | 268.7 | 99.3 | 138.0 | 30.0 | 11.7 | 33.9 | 1601.0 |

(a) Refers to mainly urban areas only. For further information see paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

INTRODUCTION

CAI IMPLEMENTATION

CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

1 The statistics in this publication were compiled from data collected in the Working Arrangements Survey conducted throughout Australia in November 2003 as a supplement to the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who were in scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 The publication Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0) contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics, and information about telephone interviewing which are relevant to both the monthly LFS and supplementary surveys.

3 From April 2001 the LFS has been conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional questions and some minor definitional changes. These changes also affect the supplementary surveys. For further details, see Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire (cat. no. 6295.0) and Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey (cat. no. 6232.0).

4 The ABS has begun the progressive implementation of computer assisted interviewing (CAI) into the LFS. Under CAI, interviewers record responses directly onto an electronic questionnaire in a laptop computer.

5 In the November survey, the CAI method was used on a random $10 \%$ sub-sample of survey interviews. The remaining $90 \%$ of interviews were conducted using the traditional 'pen and paper' method. The change of interviewing method is not expected to affect the published estimates in any meaningful way.

6 The conceptual framework used in Australia's Labour Force Survey aligns closely with the standards and guidelines set out in Resolutions of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of Australia's labour force statistics, and the sources and methods used in compiling these estimates, are presented in Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 6102.0) which is also available on the ABS web site [http://www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au) (About Statistics Statistical Concepts and Classifications).

7 The scope of the LFS was restricted to persons aged 15 years and over and excluded the following persons:

- members of the permanent defence forces
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from the census and estimated populations
- overseas residents in Australia
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants).

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

9 The survey was conducted in both urban and rural areas in all states and territories, but excluded approximately 120,000 persons living in very remote parts of Australia who would otherwise have been within the scope of the survey. The exclusion of these persons will have only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates produced for individual states and territories, except the Northern Territory where such persons account for around $20 \%$ of the population.

10 In addition to those already excluded from the LFS, employees who worked solely for payment in kind in their main job and persons aged 15-19 years who were attending school are also excluded from this survey.
coverage

SAMPLE SIZE

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

CLASSIFICATIONS USED

NOTES ON ESTIMATES

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES

11 The estimates in this publication relate to persons covered by the survey in November 2003. In the LFS, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection in the survey. See Labour Force Australia (cat. no. 6202.0) for more details.

12 The initial sample for the November LFS consisted of 40,084 private dwelling households and special dwelling units. Of the 33,002 private dwelling households and special dwelling units that remained in the survey after sample loss (e.g. households selected in the survey which had no residents in scope for the LFS, vacant or derelict dwellings and dwellings under construction), approximately 30,861 or $93.5 \%$ were fully responding to the Working Arrangements survey. The number of completed interviews obtained from these private dwelling households and special dwelling units (after taking into account scope, coverage and subsampling exclusions) was 25,457.

13 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- Sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For further information on sampling error refer to the Technical Note.
- Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error through careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient processing procedures.

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

15 Occupation data are classified according to ASCO - Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition (cat. no. 1220.0).

16 Industry data are classified according to Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993 (cat. no. 1292.0).

17 Country of birth data are classified according to the Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 1998 (cat. no. 1269.0).

18 In November 2003 there were 46,400 persons for whom sector of main job could not be determined. These persons were included in the private sector for the purpose of this publication.

19 Those persons who were away from work for four weeks or more were not asked if they worked shift work in the last four weeks. In the 2000 publication, this resulted in an additional 43,500 persons being included in the 'Did not work shift work in the last four weeks' category. In 2003 this group has been shown separately in the category 'Away from work for the last four weeks'.

20 Those persons who usually work 35 hours or more are not asked if they work in a job-share arrangement. In the 2000 publication some $5,698,600$ persons who usually work 35 hours or more were included in the 'Does not job-share' category. In 2003 this group has been shown separately in the category 'Does not usually work part-time'.

21 Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The estimates for this survey are based on the revision made in February 1999 to take account of the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES continued

COMPARABILITY WITH LFS STATISTICS

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

NEXT SURVEY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

22 Supplementary surveys are not always conducted on the full LFS sample. Since August 1994 the sample for supplementary surveys has been restricted to no more than seven-eighths of the LFS sample. As a result of the reduction in sample size, standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

23 Since the release of the 2000 survey results, it has been identified that 'with leave entitlements' was calculated incorrectly in 2000. Those who had only paid sick leave or paid holiday leave, but not both types of leave, were incorrectly classified as being without leave entitlements. The number of employees excluded in 2000 was 199,000. The total number with leave entitlements in 2000 should have been 5,722,100 (74.2\%) of employees compared to $71.6 \%$ as published.
24 A change was made in the method used to determine whether an employee works full-time or part-time in their main job. Previously, 'full-time or part-time employees in main job' was derived from a self-perception question in which all employees were asked 'Is your job full-time or part-time?'. Following the redesign in 2001 of the LFS questionnaire, actual hours worked in main job in the reference week is now collected. For the November 2003 survey, data on hours worked in main job are used to derive full-time or part-time status of employees in main job.

25 This approach is consistent with the method used in the LFS to derive full-time or part-time status in all jobs. For further details see Glossary entries 'Full-time employees in main job' and 'Full-time workers'.

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

27 Results of similar surveys, conducted in August 1993, August 1995, August 1997 and November 2000 were published in Working Arrangements, Australia (cat. no. 6342.0), and in the standard data service Working Arrangements, Australia (cat. no. 6342.0.40.001).

28 The ABS plans to conduct this survey again in November 2006.
29 ABS surveys draw extensively on information provided by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

30 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- Australian Labour Market Statistics, cat. no. 6105.0.
- Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia cat. no. 6310.0.
- Career Experience, Australia, cat. no. 6254.0.
- Labour Force, Australia, cat. no. 6202.0.
- Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods, cat. no. 6102.0.

31 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or from the ABS web site [http://www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au). The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

## APPENDIX 1 POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS LIST

DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Population 1

Population 2

Population 3

Population 4

Population 5

Population 6

Population 7

The ABS has a range of data available from the Working Arrangements Survey. This section lists the data items and populations which relate to the survey. More detailed breakdowns of some data items may also be available on request.

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

For more information about ABS data available on request, contact Nick Thompson on Canberra (02) 62527206 , or by facsimile on (02) 62527784 , or by email to [nick.thompson@abs.gov.au](mailto:nick.thompson@abs.gov.au).

Employees in main job.
Employees who usually work less than 35 hours a week in their main job.
Employees entitled to a rostered day off in their main job.

Employees who work overtime on a regular basis in their main job.

Employees who worked shift work in their main job in the last four weeks
Employees in main job with children under 12 years.
Employees who had an absence from their main job of at least three hours in the last two weeks.

| Data | items | Populations |  | items | Populations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | State or territory of usual residence | All | 6 | Relationship in household | All |
|  | New South Wales |  |  | Family member |  |
|  | Victoria |  |  | Husband, wife or partner |  |
|  | Queensland |  |  | With dependants |  |
|  | South Australia |  |  | Without dependants |  |
|  | Western Australia |  |  | Lone parent |  |
|  | Tasmania |  |  | With dependants |  |
|  | Northern Territory |  |  | Without dependants |  |
|  | Australian Capital Territory |  |  | Dependent student |  |
| 2 | Area of usual residence State capital city | All |  | Non-dependent child |  |
|  | Balance of state/territory |  |  | Other family person |  |
| 3 | Region of usual residence <br> Standard labour force dissemination regions | All |  | Non-family member Lone person Not living alone |  |
| 4 | Sex | All |  | Relationship not determined |  |
|  | Males |  | 7A | Country of birth and period of arrival | All |
|  | Females |  |  | Born in Australia |  |
| 5 | Marital status | All |  | Born overseas |  |
|  | Married |  |  | Arrived before 1971 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Arrived 1971-1980 |  |
|  | Not married |  |  | Arrived 1981-1990 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Arrived 1991-2000 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Arrived 2001 to survey date |  |


|  | items | Populations |  | items | Populations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7B | Country of birth (1) | All | 12 | Industry | All |
|  | Born in Australia |  |  | Agriculture, forestry and fishing |  |
|  | Born overseas |  |  | Mining |  |
|  | Born in main English-speaking |  |  | Manufacturing |  |
|  | countries |  |  | Electricity, gas and water supply |  |
|  | Born in other than main |  |  | Construction |  |
|  | English-speaking countries |  |  | Wholesale trade |  |
| 7 C | Country of birth (2) | All |  | Retail trade |  |
|  | Born in Australia |  |  | Accommodation, cafes and restaurants |  |
|  | Born overseas |  |  | Transport and storage |  |
|  | Oceania and Antarctica |  |  | Communication services |  |
|  | North-West Europe |  |  | Finance and insurance |  |
|  | Southern and Eastern Europe |  |  | Property and business services |  |
|  | North Africa and the Middle East |  |  | Government administration and defence |  |
|  | South-East Asia |  |  | Education |  |
|  | North-East Asia |  |  | Health and community services |  |
|  | Southern and Central Asia |  |  | Cultural and recreational services |  |
|  | Americas |  |  | Personal and other services |  |
|  | Sub-Saharan Africa |  | 13 | Sector of main job | All |
| 8 | Age group (years) | All |  | Public |  |
|  | 15-19 |  |  | Private |  |
|  | 20-24 |  |  | Could not be determined |  |
|  | 25-34 |  | 14 | Leave entitlements in main job | All |
|  | 35-44 |  |  | With leave entitlements |  |
|  | 45-54 |  |  | Without leave entitlements |  |
|  | 55-59 |  | 15 |  |  |
|  | 60-64 |  | 15 | Hours actually worked in all jobs Collected in single hours | All |
|  | 65 and over |  |  |  |  |
|  | Note: Age collected in single years. |  | 16 | Hours actually worked in main job | All |
|  | Excludes 15-19 year olds attending |  |  | Collected in single hours |  |
|  | school. |  | 17 | Hours usually worked in all jobs | All |
| 9 | Full-time or part-time employees in main |  |  | Collected in single hours |  |
|  | job | All | 18 | Whether normally works the same number |  |
|  | Full-time employees |  |  | of hours each week in main job |  |
|  | Part-time employees |  |  | (excluding overtime) | All |
| 10 | Full-time or part-time status | All |  | Works same hours |  |
|  | Full-time workers |  |  | Does not normally work same hours |  |
|  | Part-time workers |  | 19 | Whether prefers to work more hours | All |
| 11 | Occupation | All |  | Prefers more hours |  |
|  | Managers and administrators |  |  | Prefers less hours |  |
|  | Professionals |  |  | Prefers no change in hours |  |
|  | Associate professionals |  |  | Note: Only asked of those who worked |  |
|  | Tradespersons and related workers |  |  | part-time. |  |
|  | Advanced clerical and service workers |  | 20 | Trade union membership | All |
|  | Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers |  |  | Trade union member |  |
|  |  |  |  | Not a trade union member |  |
|  | Intermediate production and transport workers |  |  | Did not know |  |
|  | Elementary clerical, sales and service workers |  | 21 | Type of standard benefit Holiday leave | All |
|  | Labourers and related workers |  |  | Sick leave |  |

## Data items

22 Provision of paid holiday leave
Entitled to paid holiday leave
Not entitled to paid holiday leave
Did not know
23 Provision of paid sick leave
Entitled to paid sick leave
Not entitled to paid sick leave
Did not know
24 Provision of paid maternity/paternity leave
Entitled to paid maternity/paternity leave
Not entitled to paid maternity/paternity leave
Did not know
25 Whether start and finish times are fixed
Start and finish times are not fixed
Variable daily
Not variable daily
Start and finish times are fixed Times were negotiated with employer Times were not negotiated with employer

26 Whether able to work extra hours in order to take time off
Able to work extra hours
Unable to work extra hours
27 Whether entitled to a rostered day off
Entitled to a rostered day off
Every week
Every fortnight
Every three weeks
Every month
On an irregular basis
Flex
Other
Not entitled to a rostered day off
28 Whether can choose when a rostered day off is to be taken
Entitled to a rostered day off Has some choice in when a rostered
day off is to be taken
Can choose
Sometimes can choose
Has no choice when a rostered day off is to be taken
Not entitled to a rostered day off
29 Whether overtime is worked on a regular basis

All
All

All

Data items
30 Hours Populations

Overtime is worked on a regular basis
Overtime is not worked on a regular basis

30 Hours of overtime usually worked per week 4 1-4
5-9
10-14
15-19
20-24
25 and over
Note: Available in single hours.
31 Main reason for working overtime in main job
Required to get the job done
Expected part of the job
Doesn't want to let work colleagues down Peer pressure
To enhance promotional prospects/career development
Needs the money
Enjoys work
Other
32 Whether overtime was paid and method of payment
Paid overtime
Normal time
Time and a half
Double time
Rate varied
Set overtime allowance
Other
Did not know
Overtime included in salary package
Overtime taken as time off in lieu
Unpaid overtime
Other arrangements
33 Whether worked shift work in the last four weeks
Worked shift work in the last four weeks
Worked but did not work shift work in the last four weeks
Away from work for the last four weeks
34 Type of shift work in most recent shift
Rotating
Regular morning
Regular afternoon
Regular evening, night or graveyard shift Irregular
Split shift
On call
Other
35 Number of hours worked in most recent shift

Collected in single hours

| Data items |  | Populations | Data items |  | Populations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 36 | Whether able to choose when holidays are |  | 42 | Age of youngest child |  |
|  | taken | All |  | Under 2 years |  |
|  | Can choose when holidays are taken |  |  | 2 and under 3 years |  |
|  | Sometimes can choose |  |  | 3 and under 6 years |  |
|  | Cannot choose |  |  | 6 and under 12 years |  |
| 37 | Main reason for working part-time hours in main job | 2 |  | Note: Age of youngest child collected in single years. |  |
|  | Work-related reasons |  | 43 | Number of children | 6 |
|  | Not enough work available |  |  | 0-2 years |  |
|  | Standard work |  |  | 3-4 years |  |
|  | arrangements/requirement of the job |  |  | 5 years |  |
|  | No other jobs available |  |  | 6-9 years |  |
|  | Hours worked in other job(s) |  |  | 10-11 years |  |
|  | Personal reasons |  | 44 | Whether used formal child care in the last |  |
|  | Attending an educational institution |  |  | two weeks | 6 |
|  | Own ill health/physical disability |  |  | Used formal child care |  |
|  | Welfare payments/pensions may be |  |  | Used formal child care only |  |
|  | affected |  |  | Used formal and informal child care |  |
|  | Pregnancy |  |  | Did not use formal child care |  |
|  | Family reasons |  | 45 |  |  |
|  | Caring for ill/disabled children |  | 45 | in the last two weeks | 6 |
|  | Caring for other ill/aged/disabled family member |  |  | Used formal child care |  |
|  | Unable to find suitable child care |  |  | Did not use formal child care |  |
|  | Unable to find suitable child care |  |  | No need |  |
|  | Child care too expensive |  |  | Prefer friends/family to look after |  |
|  | Children too young/too old for |  |  | children |  |
|  | child care |  |  | Prefer self to look after children |  |
|  | Prefer to look after children |  |  | Cost/too expensive |  |
|  | Other family/child care reason |  |  | Children too young/too old |  |
|  | Other |  |  | Not available at all |  |
|  | Own choice |  |  | Booked out/no places available |  |
|  | Other reasons |  |  | On leave-spent time with children |  |
|  | Did not know |  |  | Other |  |
|  | Did not know |  |  | Did not know |  |
| 38 | Whether works in a job-share arrangement Job-shares | 2 | 46 | Type of child care used in the last two |  |
|  | Does not job-share |  |  | weeks | 6 |
|  | Did not know |  |  | Used formal child care |  |
|  | Note: Only asked of those who worked |  |  | Before and/or after school care |  |
|  | part-time. |  |  | Long day care centre |  |
|  |  |  |  | Family day care centre |  |
| 39 | Days of the week usually works in main job | All |  | Occasional care centre |  |
|  | Works Monday to Friday |  |  | Vacation care |  |
|  | Nine-day fortnight |  |  | Preschool or kindergarten |  |
|  | Days vary from week to week |  |  | Other formal care |  |
|  | Days vary from month to month |  |  |  |  |
|  | Other |  |  | Used informal child care |  |
|  | Usually works weekdays only |  |  | Partner/Spouse/Child's parent/Guardian |  |
|  | Usually works weekends only |  |  | Child's grandparents |  |
|  | Works some weekdays and some weekends |  |  | Brother/Sister (step) of child |  |
|  |  |  |  | Other relatives |  |
| 40 | Number of days usually worked per week/month | All |  | Neighbours/friends <br> Nanny/person privately employed for |  |
|  | Days per week |  |  | child care |  |
|  | Days per month |  |  | Other |  |
| 41 | Whether had children aged under 12 years | All |  | Did not use child care |  |
|  | Has children aged under 12 years |  |  | Note: Multiple response category. Persons |  |
|  | Does not have children aged under 12 years |  |  | may appear in more than one category. |  |



## APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS LIST

The Monthly Population Survey program collects data on particular aspects of the labour force. The following is an historical list of supplementary and special labour force surveys. Data are available in publication form, by subscription or on request. Additional data from these surveys is available on request and can be obtained by contacting the ABS.

|  | cat. no. | Frequency | Latest issue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Career Experience, Australia | 6254.0 | Irregular | November 2002 |
| Career Paths of Persons with Trade Qualifications, Australia | 6243.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 1993 |
| Child Care, Australia | 4402.0 | Irregular | June 2002 |
| Education and Work, Australia | 6227.0 | Annual | May 2003 |
| Employee Earnings, Benefits, and Trade Union Membership, Australia | 6310.0 | Annual | August 2003 |
| Forms of Employment, Australia | 6359.0 | Irregular | November 2001 |
| Job Search Experience, Australia | 6222.0 | Annual | July 2003 |
| Labour Force Experience, Australia | 6206.0 | Biennial | February 2003 |
| Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment, Australia | 6235.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 1994 |
| Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia (a) | 6224.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 2000 |
| Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Migrants, Australia | 6250.0 | Irregular | November 1999 |
| Labour Mobility, Australia | 6209.0 | Biennial | February 2002 |
| Locations of Work, Australia | 6275.0 | Irregular | June 2000 |
| Multiple Jobholding, Australia(b) | 6216.0 | Irregular | August 1997 |
| Participation in Education, Australia | 6272.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 1999 |
| Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia | 6220.0 | Annual | September 2003 |
| Persons Who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia | 6264.0.40.001 | Discontinued | Final issue 1995 |
| Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force, Australia | 6267.0.40.001 | Discontinued | Final issue 1994 |
| Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia | 6238.0 | Irregular | November 1997 |
| Retrenchment and Redundancy, Australia | 6266.0 | Irregular | July 2001 |
| Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia | 6245.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 2000 |
| Superannuation, Australia | 6319.0 | Discontinued | Final issue 1995 |
| Underemployed Workers, Australia | 6265.0 | Annual | September 2003 |
| Working Arrangements, Australia | 6342.0 | Triennial | November 2003 |
| Work-Related Injuries, Australia | 6324.0 | Irregular | September 2000 |

[^10]CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR

1 Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from those estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three ( $67 \%$ ) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (95\%) that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

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

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SEs in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 shows that the estimated number of part-time employees in their main job in Australia was $2,139,800$. Since this estimate is between $2,000,000$ and $5,000,000$, table T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 15,250 and 23,400 and can be approximated by interpolation using the following general formula:

## SE of estimate

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\text { lower } S E+\left(\left(\frac{\text { size of estimate }- \text { lower estimate }}{\text { upper estimate }- \text { lower estimate }}\right) \times(\text { upper } S E-\text { lower } S E)\right) \\
& =15,250+\left(\left(\frac{2,139,800-2,000,000}{5,000,000-2,000,000}\right) \times(23,400-15,250)\right) \\
& =15,600 \text { (rounded to the nearest } 100)
\end{aligned}
$$

4 Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 2,124,200 to 2,155,400 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range $2,108,600$ to $2,171,000$. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.

## Published estimate

('000)


2 chances in 3 that the true value is in this range

19 chances in 20 that the true value is in this range
5 In general, the size of the SE increases as the size of the estimate increases. Conversely, the RSE decreases as the size of the estimate increases. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high RSEs that their value for most practical purposes is unreliable. In the tables in this publication, only estimates with RSEs of $25 \%$ or less are considered reliable for most purposes. Estimates with RSEs greater than $25 \%$ but less than or equal to $50 \%$ are preceded by an aterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution. Estimates with RSEs of greater than $50 \%$,

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preceded by a double asterisk (e.g. **0.3), are considered too unreliable for general use and should only be used to aggregate with other estimates to provide derived estimates with RSEs of less than $25 \%$.

6 Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below. This formula is only valid when x is a subset of y .
$\operatorname{RSE}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)=\sqrt{[\operatorname{RSE}(x)]^{2}-[\operatorname{RSE}(y)]^{2}}$

7 Considering the example from the previous page, of the 2,139,800 part-time employees, 544,800 or $25.5 \%$ were male. The SE of 544,800 may be calculated by interpolation as 9000 . To convert this to an RSE we express the SE as a percentage of the estimate, or $9,000 / 544,800=1.7 \%$. The SE for $2,139,800$ was calculated previously as 15,600 which converted to an RSE is $15,600 / 2,139,800=0.7 \%$. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is
$R S E=\sqrt{(1.7)^{2}-(0.7)^{2}}=1.5 \%$

8 Therefore, the SE for the proportion of part-time employees who were male is 0.4 percentage points $(=(25.5 / 100) \times 1.5)$. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of part-time employees who were male is between $25.1 \%$ and $25.9 \%$ and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range $24.7 \%$ to $26.3 \%$.

9 Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates ( $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y}$ ) may be calculated by the following formula:
$S E(x-y)=\sqrt{[S E(x)]^{2}+[S E(y)]^{2}}$

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

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## T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

| Size of estimate (persons) | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | AUST. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SE no. | RSE $\%$ |
| 100 | 90 | 100 | 180 | 160 | 160 | 110 | 110 | 130 | 80 | 80.0 |
| 200 | 160 | 170 | 260 | 220 | 220 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 140 | 70.0 |
| 300 | 220 | 230 | 310 | 260 | 260 | 170 | 170 | 180 | 190 | 63.3 |
| 500 | 330 | 320 | 390 | 320 | 340 | 210 | 210 | 220 | 270 | 54.0 |
| 700 | 420 | 400 | 460 | 370 | 390 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 350 | 50.0 |
| 1,000 | 530 | 500 | 540 | 420 | 460 | 280 | 280 | 270 | 440 | 44.0 |
| 1,500 | 690 | 630 | 650 | 500 | 550 | 330 | 330 | 310 | 580 | 38.7 |
| 2,000 | 820 | 750 | 740 | 570 | 620 | 370 | 370 | 350 | 700 | 35.0 |
| 2,500 | 950 | 850 | 800 | 600 | 700 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 800 | 32.0 |
| 3,000 | 1050 | 950 | 900 | 650 | 750 | 450 | 450 | 400 | 900 | 30.0 |
| 3,500 | 1150 | 1000 | 950 | 700 | 800 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 1000 | 28.6 |
| 4,000 | 1250 | 1100 | 1000 | 750 | 850 | 500 | 500 | 450 | 1050 | 26.3 |
| 5,000 | 1400 | 1200 | 1100 | 850 | 900 | 550 | 500 | 500 | 1200 | 24.0 |
| 7,000 | 1650 | 1400 | 1300 | 950 | 1050 | 600 | 600 | 550 | 1450 | 20.7 |
| 10,000 | 1950 | 1700 | 1500 | 1100 | 1200 | 700 | 700 | 650 | 1750 | 17.5 |
| 15,000 | 2350 | 2000 | 1800 | 1300 | 1450 | 800 | 800 | 750 | 2150 | 14.3 |
| 20,000 | 2700 | 2250 | 2050 | 1450 | 1600 | 900 | 900 | 850 | 2450 | 12.3 |
| 30,000 | 3150 | 2650 | 2450 | 1700 | 1850 | 1050 | 1000 | 1000 | 2950 | 9.8 |
| 40,000 | 3500 | 2900 | 2750 | 1900 | 2100 | 1200 | 1150 | 1100 | 3350 | 8.4 |
| 50,000 | 3800 | 3150 | 3000 | 2100 | 2250 | 1300 | 1200 | 1250 | 3700 | 7.4 |
| 100,000 | 4750 | 4000 | 4000 | 2750 | 2900 | 1700 | 1550 | 1650 | 4850 | 4.9 |
| 150,000 | 5350 | 4600 | 4750 | 3250 | 3350 | 1950 | 1800 | 2000 | 5600 | 3.7 |
| 200,000 | 5900 | 5150 | 5300 | 3650 | 3750 | 2150 | 2000 | 2300 | 6250 | 3.1 |
| 300,000 | 6900 | 6100 | 6250 | 4300 | 4300 | 2500 | . | 2750 | 7250 | 2.4 |
| 500,000 | 8550 | 7700 | 7650 | 5250 | 5050 | 3050 | . | . . | 8800 | 1.8 |
| 1,000,000 | 11950 | 10800 | 10050 | 6850 | 6350 | . | . |  | 11550 | 1.2 |
| 2,000,000 | 17600 | 15650 | 13100 | 9000 | 7800 | . |  |  | 15250 | 0.8 |
| 5,000,000 | 31550 | 26900 | 18450 | . | . |  |  |  | 23400 | 0.5 |
| 10,000,000 |  | . . | . . | $\ldots$ | . |  | $\ldots$ |  | 40950 | 0.4 |

Absence from work An absence from the workplace during normal working hours of at least three hours.
Absences due to the following have been excluded:

- rostered day off
- time off on flex leave/time off in lieu
- workers compensation
- self-employed (no leave).

Bereavement leave
Days of the week usually works in main job

A short period of leave granted upon the death of a close family relative.
Persons who, when asked 'on which days of the week do you usually work in your job' did not give one of the following responses:

- Monday to Friday
- Nine day fortnight
- Days vary from week to week
- Days vary from month to month.
were allocated to the 'other' category. Persons who specified that they did not work on Saturday and Sunday were classed as 'works weekdays only'. Persons who specified that they had worked on Saturday and/or Sunday only were classed as 'works weekends only'. All other people were classed as 'works some weekdays and some weekends'.
Dependent student A child who is 15-24 years of age, who is attending full-time education, and who has no partner or child of his or her own usually resident in the same household.

Employee A person who works for a public or private employer and receives remuneration in wages, salary, a retainer fee by their employer while working on a commission basis, tips or piece-rates, or a person who operates his or her own incorporated enterprise with or without hiring employees. In this publication, employee relates to employee in his/her main job and excludes payment in kind.

## Examination leave Refer to Study leave.

Flex leave Time off that must be made up in another work period or that is granted for time that has already been made up by working extra hours. See also Time off in lieu.

Formal child care Includes any arrangements made for the care of children under 12 years of age by one or more of the following:

- a child care centre
- a long day care centre
- an occasional care centre
- a preschool/kindergarten
- before and/or after school care (attendance at school is not classed as formal child care)
- family day care
- vacation care
- the workplace.

Full-time employees in main
job

Persons who were employees in their main job and:

- (for single job holders) usually work 35 hours or more a week, or usually work less than 35 hours but worked 35 hours or more in the reference week
- (for multiple job holders) actually worked 35 hours or more in main job in the reference week, or were away from their main job but usually work 35 hours or more in all jobs.

Full-time workers Employed persons who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and those who, although usually working less than 35 hours a week, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week. In this publication full-time workers relates to full-time workers who were employees in their main job.

Holiday leave
Provision by employers of paid holiday, vacation or recreation leave, which normally accrues during a set period and can be taken at an approved time. This is collected by responses to the question 'Does your employer provide you with paid holiday leave?'.

| Hours worked | The number of hours actually worked during the reference week. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Industry | Classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993 (cat. no. 1292.0). In this publication, industry relates to the main job. |
| Informal child care | Includes any of the following arrangements made for the care of children under 12 years of age: <br> - took child to work <br> - child looked after by self, spouse, family member or other relative <br> - child looked after by neighbours, friends or nanny <br> - child was not looked after by anyone or no child care used. |
| Irregular shifts | Describes shifts that do not follow a set pattern. |
| Job-share arrangement | A formal arrangement where two or more people share one full-time job. Each person sharing the job works less than 35 hours. |
| Leave entitlements | The entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave (or both) in their main job. |
| Main English-speaking countries | The United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, Canada, the United States of America and New Zealand. |
| Main job | The job in which a person usually works the most hours. |
| Maternity/paternity leave | Provision by employers of paid maternity/paternity leave. This is collected by responses to the question 'Does your employer provide you with paid maternity/paternity leave?'. |
| Occupation | Classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, Second Edition (cat. no. 1220.0). In this publication, occupation relates to the main job and is shown at the ASCO Major Group level. |
| Overtime | Work undertaken which is outside, or in addition to, ordinary working hours of the respondent in their main job, whether paid or unpaid. |
| Overtime worked on a regular basis | This is collected by responses to the question 'In your job with your employer, do you work overtime, either paid or unpaid, on a regular basis?'. |
| Part-time employees in main job | Persons who were employees in their main job and: <br> - (for single job holders) usually work less than 35 hours a week, and did so in the reference week <br> - (for multiple job holders) actually worked less than 35 hours in their main job in the reference week, or were away from their main job but usually work less than 35 hours a week in all jobs. |
| Part-time workers | Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week. In this publication part-time workers relates to part-time workers who were employees in their main job. |
| Parental leave | Leave taken by either parent to care for children. |
| Reference week | The week preceding the week in which the interview was conducted. |
| Regular shifts | Shifts worked to a set pattern of times. Regular shift times are presented as follows: <br> - morning shifts-between 6.00 am and 12.00 pm <br> - afternoon shifts-between 12.00 pm and 5.00 pm <br> - evening, night or graveyard shift-between 5.00 pm and 6.00 am . <br> If an employee started a shift in one time period, but finished in another, the shift was recorded according to which time period the respondent worked the majority of their hours. |

## Rostered Day Off

## Sector of main job

Shifts

Shift work

Start and finish times are fixed

Start and finish times are not
fixed

## Study leave

Time off in lieu

Trade union

Trade union member
Unapproved leave
Whether able to work extra
hours in order to take time off

With leave entitlements in
main job
Without leave entitlements in
main job

Scheme where employees accumulate time off by working extra hours on a number of other work days. The allocation of work time is rostered over a prescribed period. This is collected by responses to the question 'Does your job with your employer entitle you to a rostered day off?'.

Used to classify a respondent's employer as a public or private enterprise. The public sector includes all government units, such as government departments, non-market nonprofit institutions that are controlled and mainly financed by government, and corporations and quasi-corporations that are controlled by government.

Split shift - Occurs when the workday period is broken by an extended unpaid 'free' period, thereby constituting an extended working day consisting of two (or more) shifts. Rotating shift - A shift arrangement, in which the shift worked changes periodically from one time period to another, for example from mornings or afternoons to evenings or nights.

On call - A shift arrangement, for being available, when not at work, to be contacted to resume work. An allowance may be paid to the employee for being on call.

A system of working whereby the daily hours of operation at the place of employment are split into at least two set work periods (shifts), for different groups of workers. This is collected by responses to the question 'Did you do any shift work at any time during the last 4 weeks?'.

Provision by employers of paid sick leave. This is collected by responses to the question 'Does your employer provide you with paid sick leave?'.

Persons who said the times they start and finish work are set. These persons were asked 'did you have any say in setting these fixed times?'. Persons who said yes were classed as 'times were negotiated with employer'; persons who said no were classed as 'times were not negotiated with employer'.

Persons who said the times they start and finish work are not set. These persons were asked 'excluding overtime can you choose when you start or finish work on a day to day basis?'. Persons who answered yes, were classed as 'start and finish times are variable daily'; persons who answered no, were classed as 'start and finish times are not variable daily'.

Leave to attend classes, examinations, or to study for a qualification from an educational institution.

Time off that must be made up in another work period or that has already been made up by working extra hours.

An organisation consisting predominantly of employees, the principal activities of which include the negotiation of rates of pay and conditions of employment for its members.

Employees with membership in a trade union in conjunction with their main job.
Unofficial or informal leave that has not been granted by the employer.
This is collected by responses to the question 'Can you work extra hours in order to take time off?'. Persons who answered yes were classed as 'able to work extra hours'. Persons who answer no were classed as 'unable to work extra hours'.

Employees who were entitled to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave (or both) in their main job.

Employees who were entitled to neither paid holiday leave nor paid sick leave in their main job.

Workers' compensation leave

Leave taken due to illness or injury sustained while at work or on a journey to or from work, or an aggravation of a pre-existing condition where employment was a contributory factor, and which is covered by workers' compensation.

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    (a) Includes overtime is not worked.

[^1]:    * estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution
    ** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
    - nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
    (a) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.

[^2]:    * estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with
    (a) Excludes persons attending school.

[^3]:    (a) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
    (b) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
    (c) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

[^4]:    * estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be
    used with caution
    (b) Includes 256,400 persons (173,800 males and 82,600 females) who did not know their trade union membership status.

[^5]:    (a) Refers to the entitlement of employees to either paid holiday leave or paid sick leave, or both, in their main job.
    (b) Includes 39,600 persons who did not know whether they were entitled to paid holiday leave and paid sick leave.
    (c) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

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    ** estimate has a relative standard error greater than $50 \%$ and is considered too unreliable for general use
    (a) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

[^8]:    (a) Includes 46,400 persons for whom Sector of main job could not be determined.

[^9]:    * estimate has a relative standard error of $25 \%$ to $50 \%$ and should be used with caution

[^10]:    (a) Latest data available June 2003, from the ABS web site
    (b) Latest data available on request July 2001.
    cat. no. 6291.0.55.001 annual, or on request.

