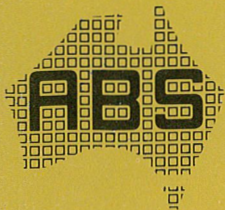


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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Michael Salloom on 52 6507 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In November 1975 a survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about persons aged 15 to 64 years who were not in the labour force: in particular, their intentions regarding entering or re-entering the labour force, whether they had ever held a regular job and, if so, how long ago and for what reason they had left it, their educational qualifications, and whether they would like a job if suitable child care arrangements were available for children for whom they were responsible. A preliminary statement containing a summary of the survey results was published on 4 June 1976 (Reference No. 6.54). This bulletin provides estimates in greater detail.

The population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), the information being obtained in February, May, August and November from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. Interviews are carried out during a period of four weeks, so that in each of the months to which the survey relates, there are four survey weeks, chosen so as to fall within the limits of the calendar month or with minimum encroachment into the adjacent months.

3. The survey normally covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia, but because of special circumstances in November 1975 the sample size was reduced to one half of one per cent.

Scope

4. The survey estimates generally relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except persons in institutions, members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. Persons in institutions are those who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of goals, reformatories, etc., and for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling. The estimates in Tables 2 to 20 relate only to persons aged 15 to 64 years.

Definitions

5. Definitions of *employed*, *unemployed* and *not in the labour force* used in this statement conform to those used in the quarterly population survey. Reference should be made to the November 1975 issue of the quarterly bulletin *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20).

6. A *regular job* was defined as one which had lasted for two months or more and in which the person had worked at least an average of five hours a week.

7. Persons included in the survey who were not looking for work were asked to give reasons why they were not doing so. Reasons were ranked in the order of priority shown in Table 2. Where more than one reason was given, only the higher or highest-ranked has been included in the estimates in Tables 2, 3, 9 and 14. Tables 12 and 20 include estimates on the highest-ranked reason and the second highest-ranked reason (if any).

8. *Full-time work* was defined as work normally occupying 35 hours or more per week.

9. *Post-school qualifications* comprise degrees and post-graduate diplomas from Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education, tertiary qualifications other than degrees and post-graduate diplomas, technician level, trade level and other qualifications.

10. *Discouraged workers* were defined as persons who wanted a job but were not looking for work because of any of the following reasons: considered too young or too old by employers; language or racial difficulties; lacked necessary training, skills or experience; or no jobs in locality or line of work.

11. A *family* was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey including the head of the family and any person or persons having any of the following relationships to the head:

- (i) spouse
- (ii) son or daughter of any age, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own
- (iii) brother or sister 15 years of age and over, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own
- (iv) grandchild, if unmarried and not accompanied by either of his or her parents, nor by children of his or her own
- (v) ancestor, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of his or her own; or
- (vi) any child under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the child was related to some person in a second family in the household.

12. The following points should be noted in

relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph :

- (i) family status was determined at the time of the survey. Thus if members of the family were absent (e.g. children at boarding school) the family status of the head and other family members could have been affected
- (ii) the term 'relationship' includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption
- (iii) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships
- (iv) widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons are considered to be not married
- (v) for married couple families where the husband was a member of the armed forces or in an institution (and hence out of scope of the survey) the wife was automatically classified as the head of the household.

A family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if they are husband and wife.

Reliability of the estimates

13. Since the estimates in this statement are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaires and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample, and not the whole population, was enumerated.

14. Because of the reduction in the size of the sample in November 1975, the standard errors are larger than usual. Further details concerning standard errors and the effect of the reduction in sample size for the November survey can be found in the Technical Note, page 15.

Symbols and other usages

n.e.c. Not elsewhere classified

- * Estimates not published because they are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 15, paragraph 5.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

TABLE 1. – CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, NOVEMBER 1975

Employment status	Number ('000)			Per cent of population		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Employed	3,769.3	2,029.8	5,799.1	77.8	41.1	59.3
Unemployed	149.6	129.5	279.1	3.1	2.6	2.9
Not in the labour force	924.4	2,782.6	3,707.1	19.1	56.3	37.9
Aged 65 years and over	406.5	652.8	1,059.3	8.4	13.2	10.8
Aged 15 to 64 years	517.9	2,129.8	2,647.7	10.7	43.1	27.1
Attending an educational institution	291.2	251.0	542.2	6.0	5.1	5.5
Permanently unable to work	40.1	14.2	54.3	0.8	0.3	0.6
Inmate of an institution	32.7	15.4	48.1	0.7	0.3	0.5
Keeping house, retired or voluntarily inactive	153.9	1,849.2	2,003.1	3.2	37.4	20.5
Had not looked for work in the four weeks before interview week	146.2	1,818.3	1,964.5	3.0	36.8	20.1
Other (b)	7.7	30.9	38.6	0.2	0.6	0.4
Total	4,843.3	4,942.0	9,785.3	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) For a note on persons excluded see page 2, paragraph 4. (b) Comprises persons who were looking for work in the survey week but had not taken active steps to find a job, and others who had been looking for work in the three weeks before the survey week. These persons are not classified as unemployed.

TABLE 2. – PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b) AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Reason for not looking for work (b)	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Total		
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	Males	Females	Persons
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	37.3	24.4	376.7	15.3	90.0	363.6	453.6
Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home	72.8	60.3	1,091.5	43.2	50.5	1,217.3	1,267.9
Family considerations (c)	58.9	27.4	95.2	9.3	*	189.9	190.9
Ill health other than own	5.6	*	4.2	*	*	13.1	14.1
Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	51.7	22.9	87.4	7.8	*	169.7	169.7
Discouraged (d)	18.6	6.7	7.0	*	*	31.8	33.8
Considered too young or too old by employers						7.7	7.7
Language or racial difficulties; lacked necessary schooling, training skills or experience	4.6	*	*	*	*	4.1	4.4
No jobs in locality or line of work	14.0	*	*	*	*	20.0	21.7
Other reasons (e)	10.4	*	4.4	*	*	15.8	18.3
Total							
Males	24.5	6.8	108.8	6.1	146.2	..	..
Females	173.5	114.5	1,466.0	64.4	..	1,818.3	..
Persons	198.0	121.3	1,574.8	70.4	..	..	1,964.5

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 7. (c) Includes 7,100 females whose husbands disapproved of their taking a job. (d) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (e) Includes persons who stated they were not looking for work because there were no jobs available in suitable hours.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 3. -- PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b), NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

<i>Reason for not looking for work (b)</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust. (c)</i>
MALES							
Own ill health or physical disability	34.6	17.0	20.9	6.6	8.2	2.2	90.0
Did not want to or need to work	16.7	12.9	8.1	4.9	4.6	*	50.5
Total (d)	52.3	32.3	29.9	11.8	13.5	3.8	146.2
FEMALES							
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	139.8	96.6	55.4	29.7	25.7	9.7	363.6
Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home	422.6	309.4	205.2	118.2	99.2	40.3	1,217.3
Family considerations (e)	78.1	52.4	26.4	12.5	13.4	5.2	189.9
Ill health other than own	4.9	4.2	*	*	*	*	13.1
Child care arrangements/ children too young	70.9	46.1	23.0	11.2	12.2	4.8	169.7
Discouraged (f)	13.7	10.5	3.2	*	*	*	31.8
Other reasons (g)	*	5.5	4.4	*	*	*	15.8
Total	656.9	474.4	294.7	162.6	141.4	56.1	1,818.3

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 7. (c) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes other reasons such as 'family considerations', 'discouraged' and 'other'. (e) See footnote (c) to Table 2. (f) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (g) See footnote (e) to Table 2.

* Figures subject to sampling variability too high for most reasonable uses. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 4. -- PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : TIME SINCE LAST REGULAR JOB (IF ANY) (b) AND REASON FOR LEAVING IT, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

<i>Reason for leaving last regular job (b)</i>	<i>Time since last regular job (b)</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>Under 1 year</i>	<i>1 year and under 3 years</i>	<i>3 years and under 5 years</i>	<i>5 years and under 10 years</i>	<i>10 years and under 20 years</i>	<i>20 years and over</i>	
MALES							
Own ill health or injury	19.6	21.3	15.8	13.7	5.1	*	77.5
Dismissed, laid off, slack work	8.7	*	*	*	*	*	12.7
Did not need to work any longer (including retired)	11.7	15.3	6.0	*	*	*	37.0
Other reasons (c)	5.4	*	*	*	*	*	11.0
Total	45.3	41.1	23.9	17.9	6.5	*	(d)146.2
FEMALES							
Family considerations	93.6	159.1	116.5	198.3	188.2	317.9	1,073.7
Marriage	6.4	21.1	22.3	63.6	103.7	266.5	483.6
Pregnancy	56.1	103.9	72.2	104.9	66.1	35.3	438.4
Other	31.2	34.2	22.0	29.8	18.3	16.2	151.7
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	15.1	18.0	10.9	11.1	8.1	*	66.6
Own ill health or injury	24.2	34.9	26.1	25.5	17.8	5.7	134.1
Dismissed, laid off, slack work	45.0	40.1	19.9	19.4	18.2	11.3	153.8
Did not need to work any longer (including retired)	25.8	44.8	27.1	30.4	29.9	14.1	172.1
Other reasons	11.2	7.9	*	*	*	*	33.0
Total	214.9	304.7	203.9	288.3	265.7	355.8	(d)1,818.3
PERSONS							
Family considerations	94.4	160.1	117.1	198.6	188.5	318.6	1,077.3
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	16.9	18.7	11.2	11.4	8.1	*	69.6
Own ill health or injury	43.8	56.1	41.9	39.1	22.9	7.8	211.6
Dismissed, laid off, slack work	53.7	42.4	20.9	20.0	18.2	11.3	166.5
Did not need to work any longer (including retired)	37.5	60.1	33.1	33.0	31.0	14.4	209.1
Other reasons	14.0	8.5	*	*	*	*	37.3
Total	260.3	345.8	227.8	306.2	272.3	359.1	(d)1,964.5

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) For definition see page 2, paragraph 6. (c) Includes 6,700 males who left because of family considerations or unsatisfactory work arrangements. (d) Includes 8,000 males and 185,000 females who had never had a regular job.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 5. — PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS, NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE OR RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : OCCUPATION IN LAST REGULAR JOB (IF ANY) (b) AND AGE, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Occupation in last regular job (b)	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Professional and technical	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.9	9.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.0	10.3
Clerical workers	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.4	9.2
Sales workers	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.0	9.1
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc.	*	*	*	*	5.9	*	8.3	16.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	5.0	*	4.7	11.6
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c.	*	*	5.6	4.6	13.0	10.7	24.6	61.8
Service, sport and recreation	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4	10.0
Never had a regular job	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.0
Total	5.5	6.0	10.5	8.2	28.1	23.7	64.1	146.2
FEMALES								
Professional and technical	*	13.3	54.2	30.0	26.4	10.3	12.4	147.5
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	4.1	4.4	*	17.2
Clerical workers	6.3	47.6	184.7	80.2	83.4	34.6	30.1	466.7
Sales workers	6.1	23.2	61.4	44.5	55.2	28.0	29.5	247.7
Farmers, etc.	*	*	7.0	4.5	9.0	*	4.4	30.3
Transport and communication	*	4.8	15.2	11.1	7.1	4.6	*	45.1
Tradeswomen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c.	6.7	26.6	80.7	64.3	81.3	35.7	39.7	335.0
Service, sport and recreation	4.5	25.3	73.5	58.1	78.1	45.5	58.9	343.9
Never had a regular job	9.1	9.2	18.7	24.3	40.5	33.6	49.8	185.0
Total	35.3	152.5	498.5	318.7	385.0	198.3	230.1	1,818.3
PERSONS								
Professional and technical	*	13.9	54.5	30.6	27.7	11.4	18.3	157.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	5.7	7.1	9.8	27.5
Clerical workers	6.5	47.9	185.7	80.2	85.3	35.7	34.5	475.9
Sales workers	6.2	24.0	62.2	45.0	56.9	29.0	33.5	256.8
Farmers, fishermen, timbergetters etc.	*	*	8.0	5.2	11.8	4.9	12.7	46.6
Transport and communication	*	5.4	15.4	12.1	9.6	7.0	6.4	56.7
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers n.e.c.	8.3	28.3	86.3	68.9	94.3	46.5	64.2	396.8
Service, sport and recreation	4.6	25.6	73.8	58.3	80.4	46.8	64.3	353.9
Never had a regular job	12.3	10.3	19.8	24.9	41.5	33.8	50.5	193.0
Total	40.7	158.5	509.0	326.9	413.1	222.0	294.1	1,964.5

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) For definition see page 2, paragraph 6.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 6. — PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE OR RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Would like a job or not	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Total
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	
MALES					
Yes	6.2	*	*	*	8.2
Maybe	*	*	*	*	*
No	*	*	9.6	*	12.3
Did not know	*	*	*	*	*
Not asked (b)	15.9	5.0	97.8	5.1	123.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>24.5</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>108.8</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>146.2</i>
FEMALES					
Yes	104.9	53.4	174.5	17.5	350.3
Maybe	*	6.7	7.5	*	17.4
No	25.6	18.7	517.2	12.9	574.3
Did not know	*	*	17.4	4.8	25.8
Not asked (b)	40.6	33.2	749.5	27.2	850.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>173.5</i>	<i>114.5</i>	<i>1,466.0</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>1,818.3</i>
PERSONS					
Yes	111.1	53.9	175.7	17.8	358.5
Maybe	*	7.1	7.7	*	19.0
No	27.2	19.4	526.8	13.2	586.7
Did not know	*	*	17.4	5.0	26.0
Not asked (b)	56.6	38.2	847.2	32.4	974.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>198.0</i>	<i>121.3</i>	<i>1,574.8</i>	<i>70.4</i>	<i>1,964.5</i>

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Persons whose only reason for not looking for work was "own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy" or "did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home" were not asked if they would like a job. However if any other reason was given they were asked if they would like a job.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 7. — PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : BIRTHPLACE, WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) AND WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

	Born overseas			Total
	Born in Australia	United Kingdom and Ireland	Other countries	
Would like a job or not —				
Yes	272.3	34.2	52.1	358.5
Maybe	16.0	*	*	19.0
No	458.9	49.3	78.5	586.7
Did not know	17.6	*	4.7	26.0
Not asked (b)	777.2	72.7	124.5	974.4
Intention to look for work in the next twelve months —				
Intended to look	140.3	22.0	35.7	198.0
Might look	94.0	8.6	18.7	121.3
Would not look	1,259.1	124.5	191.2	1,574.8
Did not know	48.6	6.4	15.4	70.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,542.1</i>	<i>161.4</i>	<i>261.0</i>	<i>1,964.5</i>

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 6.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 8. — PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) : WHETHER INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS AND FAMILY STATUS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Family status	Intention to look for work in the next twelve months				Total
	Intended to look	Might look	Would not look	Did not know	
MALES					
Member of a family (b)	17.7	5.4	86.6	5.2	114.9
Married	10.4	4.6	75.9	4.3	95.2
With dependent children (c) present	4.3	*	17.2	*	25.9
Without dependent children (c) present	6.1	*	58.8	*	69.3
Non-dependent child (d)	5.6	*	5.8	*	12.8
Not a member of a family (e) and not married family heads without dependent children (c) present	6.8	*	22.2	*	31.3
Total	24.5	6.8	108.8	6.1	146.2
FEMALES					
Member of a family (f)	165.0	108.9	1,347.9	60.3	1,682.1
Married	145.2	96.4	1,269.8	52.9	1,564.3
Not married (g) —					
With dependent children (c) present	11.8	9.5	45.1	*	70.1
Non-dependent child (d)	5.2	*	12.9	*	21.6
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	19.2	*	23.5
Not a member of a family (e) and not married family heads without dependent children (c) present	8.5	5.6	118.1	4.1	136.3
Total	173.5	114.5	1,466.0	64.4	1,818.3

(a) Excludes the 38,600 persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons not married with dependent children; dependent children; and other relatives, but excludes not married family members without dependent children present. (c) Comprises all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who were full-time students. (d) Of any age. (e) Persons not related to any other member of the household in which they were living. (f) Includes dependent children but excludes not married family members without dependent children present. (g) Includes widowed, divorced and permanently separated.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 9. — FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) AND WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) : BIRTHPLACE AND REASON FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Reason for not looking for work (c)	Born in Australia	Born overseas		Total
		United Kingdom and Ireland	Other countries	
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy (d)	20.7	*	4.1	27.0
Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home (d)	84.9	8.9	9.5	103.3
Family considerations	142.0	17.6	30.3	189.9
Ill health other than own	10.5	*	*	13.1
Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	126.3	15.4	28.0	169.7
Husband disapproved	5.2	*	*	7.1
Discouraged (e)	20.3	5.1	6.4	31.8
Considered too young or too old by employers	4.7	*	*	7.7
No jobs in locality or line of work	13.9	*	*	20.0
Other reasons (f)	13.3	*	*	15.8
Total	281.2	34.8	51.7	367.7

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. See also footnote (b) to Table 6. (c) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 7. (d) Persons in this category gave other reasons as well. (e) Includes persons who had language or racial difficulties or lacked the necessary training, skills or experience. For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (f) See footnote (e) to Table 2.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 10. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) AND WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) : AGE, MARITAL STATUS (c) AND WHETHER PREFERRED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK (d), NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Age group (years)	Married	Not married (c)	Total
PREFERRED FULL-TIME WORK (d)			
15 – 19	*	} 4.5	{ 4.2
20 – 24	7.1		
25 – 34	18.5	*	20.7
35 – 44	6.5	*	7.6
45 – 54	} 5.4	*	{ 4.0
55 – 64			
Total	38.9	8.1	46.9
PREFERRED PART-TIME WORK			
15 – 19	5.2	*	7.1
20 – 24	39.0	*	40.3
25 – 34	133.1	5.1	138.1
35 – 44	63.3	} 5.3	{ 65.4
45 – 54	36.7		
55 – 59	8.8	} 4.9	{ 10.8
60 – 64	4.9		
Total	291.0	18.3	309.3
TOTAL (e)			
15 – 19	6.7	4.9	11.5
20 – 24	47.6	*	50.5
25 – 34	155.7	7.3	163.0
35 – 44	72.9	} 6.6	{ 76.1
45 – 54	42.4		
55 – 59	10.2	} 4.9	{ 12.2
60 – 64	5.7		
Total	341.1	26.6	367.7

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. See also footnote (b) to Table 6. (c) Includes never married, widowed and divorced. (d) For definition see page 2, paragraph 8. (e) Includes those persons who had no preference for either full or part-time work.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 11. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) WHO WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) : FAMILY STATUS AND WHETHER PREFERRED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Family status	Full-time work preferred	Part-time work preferred	No preference	Total
Member of a family (c)	45.6	302.9	11.5	359.9
Married	37.3	282.0	11.3	330.6
Not married (d) with dependent children (e) present	5.1	18.7	*	23.9
Not a member of a family (f) and not married family heads without dependent children (e) present	*	6.4	*	7.8
Total	46.9	309.3	11.5	367.7

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated they might like a job. See footnote (b) to Table 6. (c) Includes dependent children; non-dependent children; and other relatives but excludes family members who were not married without dependent children present. (d) Includes widowed, divorced and permanently separated. (e) Comprises all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who were full-time students. (f) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 12. — FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) AND WOULD LIKE A JOB (b)(c) : HIGHEST-RANKED REASON AND SECOND REASON (IF ANY) FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (d), NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Highest-ranked reason for not looking for work (d)	Second reason for not looking for work (d)										
	Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home	Family Considerations			Discouraged (e)			Other	Total	No second reason given	Total
		Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	Husband disapproved	Total	No jobs in locality or line of work	Total	Total				
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	4.1	10.7	*	15.8	*	6.2	*	27.0	(c)..	27.0	
Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home	..	77.8	7.4	88.3	6.5	11.1	4.0	103.3	(c)..	103.3	
Family considerations	..	5.9	10.8	16.6	13.3	19.2	16.2	52.1	137.8	189.9	
Ill health other than own	..	5.9	*	6.1	*	*	*	8.8	4.4	13.1	
Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	10.5	10.5	11.4	15.4	15.3	41.2	128.5	169.7	
Husband disapproved	*	*	*	*	4.9	7.1	
Discouraged (e)	4.2	5.9	6.7	12.6	19.1	31.5	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	4.0	*	4.7	*	7.7	
No jobs in locality or line of work	5.5	5.5	14.5	20.0	
Other reasons (f)	*	*	15.5	15.8	
Total	4.1	94.3	19.9	120.8	26.2	42.4	28.0	195.3	172.4	367.7	

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated that they might like a job. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 6. (d) See page 2, paragraph 7. (e) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (f) See footnote (e) to Table 2.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 13. — DISCOURAGED WORKERS (a)(b) : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, NOVEMBER 1975

	Number ('000)		Per cent	
	Females	Persons	Females	Persons
Total	31.8	33.8	100.0	100.0
New South Wales	13.7	14.1	42.5	41.7
Victoria	10.5	11.4	33.0	33.7
Queensland	3.2	3.2	10.1	9.5
South Australia	*	2.5	*	7.4
Other States and Territories	2.5	2.6	7.9	7.8
Intention to look for work in next twelve months —				
Intended to look	16.8	18.7	52.9	55.3
Might look	6.5	6.5	20.5	19.2
Would not look	7.0	7.0	22.0	20.7
Did not know	*	*	*	*
Educational attainment —				
With post-school qualifications (c)	4.6	4.9	14.5	14.5
Without post-school qualifications	27.2	28.9	85.5	85.5
Left school when aged 16 years or more	6.3	6.3	20.0	18.7
Left school when aged 14 to 15 years	16.4	17.9	51.6	52.9
Left school when aged 13 years or less	4.4	4.7	13.9	13.8
Never had a regular job (d)	*	*	*	*
Had a regular job (d)	29.8	31.8	93.9	93.9
Reason for leaving last regular job —				
Family considerations	13.3	13.3	41.8	39.3
Marriage	6.8	6.8	21.4	20.2
Other	6.5	6.5	20.3	19.1
Dismissed, laid off, slack work	9.3	10.7	29.1	31.5
Other reasons (e)	7.3	7.8	23.0	23.2
Time since last regular job —				
Under 1 year	6.7	7.5	21.2	22.3
1 year and under 3 years	6.0	7.1	18.9	21.1
3 years and under 10 years	6.4	6.4	20.1	18.8
10 years and under 20 years	4.2	4.2	13.3	12.5
20 years or more	6.5	6.5	20.5	19.3

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (c) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 9. (d) For definition see page 2, paragraph 6. (e) Includes own ill health or injury; unsatisfactory work arrangements; and did not need to work any longer.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most reasonable uses. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 14. - DISCOURAGED WORKERS (a)(b) : AGE AND REASON, NOVEMBER 1975
(^{'000})

Reason for believing no work available (c)	Age group (years)				Total (d)
	20-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*	*	*	4.0	7.7
Language or racial difficulties; lacked necessary schooling, training, skills or experience	*	*	*	*	4.4
No jobs in locality or line of work	5.1	5.8	7.9	*	21.7
Total	6.6	6.3	13.5	6.4	33.8

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (c) Highest-ranked reason only. See page 2, paragraph 7. (d) Includes persons aged 15 to 19 years.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 15. - PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE,
RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a), WHO WERE INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT
TWELVE MONTHS (b) : AGE, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER PREFERRED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK (c)
NOVEMBER 1975
(^{'000})

Whether preferred to work full-time or part-time	Age group (years)							Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
MALES								
Full-time work preferred	*	4.1	4.4	*	5.8	*	*	21.3
Part-time work preferred	*	*	*	*	6.8			7.7
Total (d)	*	4.1	5.1	*	9.1	*	4.6	31.3
MARRIED WOMEN								
Full-time work preferred	*	8.3	14.2	7.0	7.9	*	*	42.0
Part-time work preferred	4.3	22.1	76.5	49.0	38.8	7.4	*	201.2
Total (d)	7.1	30.7	93.1	59.6	48.8	8.9	*	252.1
OTHER FEMALES								
Full-time work preferred	5.9	5.1		*	*	*	*	13.5
Part-time work preferred	*	*	4.0	*	4.9	6.3		21.5
Total (d)	8.1	4.3	6.2	4.9	5.8	*	*	35.9
ALL FEMALES								
Full-time work preferred	8.7	11.4	16.2	8.3	8.8	*	*	55.6
Part-time work preferred	6.0	23.1	80.5	52.6	43.7	10.5	6.3	222.7
Total (d)	15.3	35.0	99.3	64.5	54.6	12.1	7.4	288.0
PERSONS								
Full-time work preferred	11.2	15.6	20.7	10.9	14.6	*	*	76.9
Part-time work preferred	6.4	23.1	80.9	52.6	46.1	12.1	9.1	230.3
Total (d)	18.2	39.1	104.4	67.4	63.7	14.5	12.0	319.3

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated that they might look for work in the next twelve months. (c) For definition see page 2, paragraph 8. (d) Includes persons who did not state a preference.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 16. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) WHO WERE INTENDING TO LOOK FOR WORK IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS (b) : EDUCATIONAL STATUS (c) AND OCCUPATION IN LAST REGULAR JOB, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Occupation in last regular job (d)	Without post-school qualifications						total	Total (f)
	With post-school qualifications (e)	Completed final year secondary	Did not complete final year secondary; left school at age (years)					
			16 or over	14 or 15	13 or under			
Professional, technical, administrative and executive	23.3	*	*	*	*	7.9	31.2	
Clerical	18.1	7.2	18.1	26.7	*	52.9	71.0	
Sales	*	*	6.7	25.6	*	36.5	39.8	
Farmers, etc.	*	*	*	4.7	*	6.1	7.0	
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	*	7.4	10.0	
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	*	*	*	37.7	10.2	54.4	58.0	
Service, sport and recreation	9.5	*	8.4	31.2	10.1	51.9	61.4	
Never had a regular job	*	*	*	4.8	*	9.1	9.9	
Total	61.7	16.4	44.0	137.4	27.3	226.2	288.0	

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) Includes persons who stated that they might look for work in the next twelve months. (c) For definition see page 2, paragraph 9. (d) For definition see page 2, paragraph 6. (e) Includes 7,100 females with a tertiary degree, 9,500 with non-degree tertiary qualification, 17,900 with technician qualifications and 27,300 with other post-school qualifications. (f) Includes those who never went to school.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 17. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 14 YEARS AND UNDER : AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD AND WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB IF SUITABLE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AVAILABLE (b), NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

	Age group of youngest child (years)				Total
	0-2	3-5	6-11	12-14	
Would like a job if suitable child care arrangements were available (b)	147.6	83.2	43.4	11.8	285.9
Would not like a job if suitable child care arrangements were available (b)	217.5	92.1	69.5	32.5	411.7
Only interested in working during school hours	4.3	8.5	11.5	*	28.1
Undecided	8.4	5.1	5.5	*	21.1
Total	377.8	188.9	129.9	50.2	746.8

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. Persons responsible for children aged 14 years and under who stated their only reasons for not looking for work were 'own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy' or 'did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home' were not asked if they would like a job if suitable child care arrangements were available. (b) For all children for whom they were responsible.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 18. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 14 YEARS AND UNDER : WHETHER WOULD LIKE A JOB IF SUITABLE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AVAILABLE AND MARITAL STATUS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

<i>Marital status</i>	<i>Whether would like a job if suitable child care arrangements available</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Only interested in working during school hours</i>	<i>Undecided</i>	
Married	264.8	386.0	25.5	20.0	696.3
Not married (b)	21.1	25.7	*	*	50.5
Total	285.9	411.7	28.1	21.1	746.8

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. Persons responsible for children aged 14 years and under who stated their only reason for not looking for work were 'own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy' or 'did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home' were not asked if they would like a job if suitable child care arrangements were available. (b) Includes widowed, divorced and permanently separated.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 19. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 14 YEARS AND UNDER, WHO WOULD LIKE A JOB IF SUITABLE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AVAILABLE (b) : AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD AND TYPE OF CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

<i>Type of child care arrangements (b)</i>	<i>Age group of youngest child (years)</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>0-2</i>	<i>3-5</i>	<i>6-11</i>	<i>12-14</i>	
After school care centre	*	6.9	14.0	*	26.4
Care in own home or relative's home	76.0	36.8	21.6	6.3	140.5
Care in another person's home	11.7	6.0	*	*	20.9
Arrangements at work	12.7	5.2	*	*	20.6
Preschool, kindergarten or child care centre	43.0	26.2	*	*	69.2
Total (c)	147.6	83.2	43.4	11.8	285.9

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) For all children for whom they were responsible. See footnote (a) to Table 18. (c) Includes those who gave any other type of child care arrangement and those who did not know which type they wanted.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 20. – FEMALES AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 14 YEARS AND UNDER WHO WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) IF SUITABLE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AVAILABLE : HIGHEST-RANKED REASON AND SECOND REASON (IF ANY) FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (b), NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Highest-ranked reason for not looking for work (c)	Second reason for not looking for work (c)								
	Family considerations			Discouraged (d)					
	Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	Husband dis-approved	Total	No jobs in locality or line of work	Total	Other	Total	No second reason given	Total
Own ill health, physical disability or pregnancy	10.2	*	11.6	*	*	*	15.4	..	15.4
Did not want to or need to work, believed should stay at home	72.0	4.5	77.2	*	*	*	81.0	..	81.0
Family considerations (e)	5.9	10.3	16.1	11.9	16.7	14.3	47.1	128.5	175.5
Ill health other than own	5.9	*	5.9	*	*	*	6.2	*	7.4
Lack of child care arrangements/ children too young	..	10.3	10.3	11.2	15.1	14.0	39.4	124.6	164.0
Discouraged (d)	..	..	..	*	*	*	4.5	4.7	9.3
No jobs in locality or line of work	..	..	..	..	..	*	*	4.4	6.8
Other reasons (f)	..	..	..	..	..	*	*	4.7	4.7
Total	88.1	15.6	104.9	15.8	21.0	22.0	148.0	138.0	285.9

(a) Excludes persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) See footnote (a) to Table 18. (c) See page 2, paragraph 7. (d) For definition, see page 2, paragraph 10. (e) See footnote (e) to Table 3. (f) See footnote (e) to Table 2.

* Less than 4,000. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TABLE 21. – CHILDREN WHO WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64 YEARS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, WHO WERE KEEPING HOUSE, RETIRED OR VOLUNTARILY INACTIVE (a) AND WOULD LIKE A JOB (b) IF SUITABLE CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AVAILABLE : TYPE OF CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND OTHER AREAS, NOVEMBER 1975 ('000)

Type of child care arrangements (c)	State							
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust. (d)
STATE CAPITAL CITIES								
After school care centre	17.2	12.9	3.6	*	5.3	*	..	41.3
Care in own home or relative's home	62.8	60.7	29.6	17.9	14.4	4.4	..	189.8
Care in other person's home	9.0	7.9	4.4	*	2.5	*	..	25.6
Arrangements at work	11.3	11.3	*	2.5	*	*	..	29.1
Preschool, kindergarten or child care centre	41.2	23.8	12.9	6.6	10.8	*	..	96.2
Did not know	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	..	7.8
Total (e)	147.8	118.9	54.6	31.8	34.2	6.0	..	393.4
OTHER AREAS								
After school care centre	11.4	*	5.4	*	*	*	*	22.2
Care in own home or relative's home	56.5	17.9	23.1	7.5	8.0	6.1	2.3	121.8
Care in other person's home	8.6	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	19.0
Arrangements at work	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.6
Preschool, kindergarten or child care centre	23.8	13.6	13.5	*	3.1	1.7	7.1	65.5
Did not know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.4
Total (e)	108.5	42.6	46.2	11.9	13.6	10.8	11.0	246.8
TOTAL								
After school care centre	28.6	15.2	9.0	3.3	5.6	*	*	63.5
Care in own home or relative's home	119.3	78.6	52.7	25.5	22.4	10.5	2.3	311.6
Care in other person's home	17.5	12.3	6.3	2.7	3.7	*	*	44.7
Arrangements at work	15.9	15.2	5.1	2.6	*	*	*	41.7
Preschool, kindergarten or child care centre	65.0	37.3	26.5	8.6	13.9	2.7	7.1	161.7
Other arrangements	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.7
Did not know	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.2
Total	256.3	161.5	100.8	43.8	47.8	16.8	11.0	640.1

(a) Excludes children who were the responsibility of persons described in footnote (b) to Table 1. (b) See footnote (a) to Table 18. (c) The type of arrangement wanted was not obtained for each child separately; only one arrangement was obtained for all the children for whom the person was responsible. (d) Includes the Northern Territory. (e) Includes other arrangements.

* Estimate subject to sampling variability too high for most reasonable uses. See page 15, paragraph 5.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the quarterly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on a sample they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaires and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample, and not the whole population, was enumerated. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from a comparable complete enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Because of the reduction in the sample size for November 1975 (see page 2, paragraph 3), the standard errors are higher than usual (approximately 15 per cent higher than for a full sample). Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. A table of *standard errors* for general application is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of quarterly labour force surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate. An example of the use of the table is as follows: if the estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 100,000 the

standard error is 3.6 per cent of the estimate i.e. 3,600; there are then about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 96,400 to 103,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 92,800 and 107,200.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerator can be obtained from the table below.

5. As the standard errors in the table below show *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this bulletin, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the table below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

STANDARD ERRORS OF NOVEMBER 1975 ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Australia	
									No.	Per cent of estimate
1,500						300	350	400		
2,000					450	300	400	500		
2,500				550	500	350	450	500		
3,000			700	600	550	350	500	550		
4,000	1,050	1,050	800	700	600	350	550	650	950	23.1
5,000	1,150	1,150	850	800	650	400	600	700	1,000	20.4
10,000	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,200	850	450	800	900	1,350	13.6
20,000	2,000	2,000	1,350	1,700	1,100	500	1,050	1,200	1,800	9.1
50,000	2,900	2,900	1,850	2,000	1,550	600	1,500	1,750	2,650	5.3
100,000	3,800	3,800	2,350	3,000	1,950	700		2,300	3,600	3.6
200,000	5,000	5,000	3,000	4,000	2,550				4,800	2.4
500,000	7,200	7,200	4,050	5,000	3,500				7,000	1.4
1,000,000	9,600	9,600	5,200						9,000	0.9
2,000,000	12,800	12,800							12,000	0.6

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see paragraph 5 above.

