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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In July 1979 a survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about unemployed persons who had recently been looking for work, including particulars of their last job, difficulties experienced in finding a job, educational attainment, family status, steps taken to find work, whether they had had offers of employment and whether they would move interstate or intrastate if offered a suitable job.

2. In addition to estimates of unemployed persons looking for work, this publication also includes estimates of the number of families with some unemployment, families in which the husband or head was unemployed and the family status of individuals looking for work.

3. Preliminary results of the survey were published on 10 October 1979 in *Persons Looking for Work, July 1979 (Preliminary)*, (6221.0). This publication contains final and more detailed information. Results of similar surveys conducted in May and November 1976, May 1977 and July 1978 were published in previous issues of this publication.

4. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, institutions, etc.) and covered about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on Monday, 9th July, 1979.

Scope

5. The survey included all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (i) members of the permanent defence forces
- (ii) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (iii) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia
- (iv) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia, and
- (v) boarding school students, patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

Definitions

6. For this survey *persons looking for work* were defined as all civilians aged 15 years and over within the scope of the survey who were not employed during the survey week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
- (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then.

7. Persons waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown are included in Tables 3 to 8 which relate to families but not in other tables, which relate to persons looking for work. In July 1979 there were an estimated 9,600 persons in this category. As such persons are classified as unemployed in the labour force survey, the number of persons looking for work shown in this publication does not agree with the number of unemployed published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Furthermore, for a small number of unemployed persons the additional information necessary for this survey could not be obtained. Although the estimation procedures take account of this, estimates for some characteristics will be affected.

8. *Persons with a post-school qualification* are those who had left school and answered "Yes" to the question: "Since leaving school have you obtained a certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?"

9. *Classification of post-school qualifications.* Respondents indicated which one of the following groups best described their highest qualification:

- (i) *Degree or equivalent:* a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (ii) *Trade, technical:* completion of an approved trade/technician apprenticeship or training course, other certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.
- (iii) *Other:* completion of other post-secondary education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

10. *State capital cities* refers to the 1976 Population Census State Metropolitan Statistical Divisions.

11. A *family* was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household at the time of the survey, comprising the head of the family and spouse (if any) and any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (i) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and not accompanied by children of their own
- (ii) brothers or sisters, if not married and not accompanied by parents or children of their own
- (iii) grandchildren, if not married and not accompanied by either of their parents, nor by children of their own
- (iv) ancestors, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of their own; or
- (v) any children under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the children were 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 schools) 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) the term 'not married' comprises never married, widowed, divorced and permanently separated persons
- (v) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife.

13. *Dependent children* comprise all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who are full-time students.

Comparability of series

14. Estimates for the July 1978 and 1979 surveys

are based on revised population estimates derived from the results of the 1976 Population Census (adjusted for underenumeration) and a revised population survey questionnaire. Care should be used in comparing the July 1978 and 1979 estimates with those obtained from earlier surveys.

Reliability of the estimates

15. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Note, page 25.

Related publications

16. Other ABS publications which are available free of charge from any ABS office and which may be of interest include:

- . *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). This publication contains an up-to-date list of population survey reports.
- . *Labour Mobility, Australia* (6209.0).
- . *Labour Force Experience* (6206.0).
- . *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (6220.0).
- . *The Labour Force: Educational Attainment, Australia* (6235.0).

17. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
- .. not applicable.
- n.a. not available

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

TABLE 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS, MAY 1976 TO JULY 1979

Family status	May 1976	November 1976	May 1977	July 1978	July 1979	
	- per cent -				Number ('000)	Per cent
MALES						
Member of a family	79.1	76.8	80.2	78.3	154.1	78.1
Husband	33.3	30.8	30.2	33.5	61.6	31.2
With dependent children present	21.1	21.5	20.0	22.7	37.8	19.2
Without dependent children present	12.2	9.3	10.2	10.8	23.8	12.1
Not married head of family	2.7	*	3.0	2.0	4.0	2.0
With dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*
Without dependent children present	*	*	2.4	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	4.5	7.2	4.8	3.6	8.8	4.5
Other child of family head	35.7	32.9	38.1	35.2	73.9	37.5
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	2.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	5.7	2.9
Not a member of a family (a)	20.9	23.2	19.8	21.7	43.2	21.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>197.3</i>	<i>100.0</i>
FEMALES						
Member of a family	86.1	85.1	86.8	84.8	148.7	84.7
Wife	39.8	34.2	38.5	38.5	61.3	34.9
With dependent children present	}	n.a.	{ 26.3	26.4	45.5	25.9
Without dependent children present			{ 12.3	12.1	15.8	9.0
Not married head of family	5.5	5.2	6.4	6.3	15.1	8.6
With dependent children present	4.3	4.1	5.2	4.4	12.3	7.0
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	1.9	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	5.5	9.7	8.0	5.5	13.9	7.9
Other child of family head	33.6	33.0	31.9	31.6	53.7	30.6
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	3.1	*	2.9	4.8	2.7
Not a member of a family (a)	13.8	14.9	13.2	15.2	26.9	15.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>175.6</i>	<i>100.0</i>
PERSONS						
Member of a family	82.3	80.4	83.2	81.1	302.8	81.2
Husband or wife	36.3	32.3	34.0	35.7	122.9	33.0
With dependent children present	}	n.a.	{ 22.9	24.3	83.3	22.3
Without dependent children present			{ 11.1	11.4	39.6	10.6
Not married head of family	4.0	3.3	4.5	3.9	19.1	5.1
With dependent children present	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.4	14.2	3.8
Without dependent children present	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.5	4.9	1.3
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	5.0	8.3	6.3	4.5	22.7	6.1
Other child of family head	34.7	33.0	35.3	33.6	127.6	34.2
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	2.3	3.6	3.1	3.5	10.5	2.8
Not a member of a family (a)	17.6	19.6	16.8	18.9	70.2	18.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>372.9</i>	<i>100.0</i>

(a) Persons living by themselves or not related to any other member of the household in which they were living.

TABLE 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Family status	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment weeks
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
- '000 -									
MALES									
Member of a family (a)	8.3	13.7	24.3	18.8	22.8	23.5	42.8	154.1	32.0
Husband	3.7	5.6	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.4	61.6	35.6
With dependent children present	*	3.6	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.1	12.3	37.8	34.9
Without dependent children present	—4.0—		—4.9—		4.1	*	8.1	23.8	36.7
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	*	—3.2—		—3.9—			*	8.8	17.2
Other child of family head	3.4	5.8	12.4	9.2	11.5	12.8	18.8	73.9	30.5
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	—3.3—			*	*	5.7	25.2
Not a member of a family (b)	*	3.4	6.3	4.2	8.7	5.7	12.0	43.2	35.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>17.1</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>31.5</i>	<i>29.2</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>197.3</i>	<i>32.7</i>
FEMALES									
Member of a family	11.6	14.4	20.9	13.2	27.8	29.5	31.4	148.7	29.6
Wife	6.1	8.1	9.8	6.9	10.8	7.3	12.2	61.3	26.6
Looking for full-time work	*	3.7	4.6	4.0	6.6	4.0	7.2	32.5	28.9
Looking for part-time work	3.7	4.4	5.3	*	4.2	3.2	5.0	28.8	23.9
Not married head of family	*	*	3.6	—3.2—		*	3.6	15.1	32.4
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	—4.2—		—3.4—		*	3.7	*	13.9	16.1
Other child of family head	*	3.3	5.0	3.8	11.1	15.1	14.0	53.7	35.4
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	*	*	*	*	—4.1—			4.8	34.9
Not a member of a family (b)	—3.1—		3.3	3.0	5.3	5.1	7.1	26.9	34.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>15.5</i>	<i>24.2</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>34.5</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>175.6</i>	<i>30.4</i>
PERSONS									
Member of a family	19.8	28.1	45.1	32.0	50.6	52.9	74.2	302.8	30.8
Husband or wife	9.8	13.7	18.4	14.0	19.3	15.1	32.6	122.9	31.1
With dependent children present	6.2	10.2	12.8	9.5	13.4	10.6	20.5	83.3	30.2
Without dependent children present	3.6	3.5	5.6	4.4	5.9	4.5	12.1	39.6	32.9
Not married head of family	*	*	4.3	—4.3—		*	5.4	19.1	35.3
With dependent children present	*	*	3.5	—3.1—		*	3.6	14.2	30.6
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	3.2	3.6	3.8	*	3.2	5.4	*	22.7	16.5
Other child of family head	4.8	9.0	17.4	12.9	22.7	27.9	32.8	127.6	32.5
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	*	*	*	—4.2—		—4.2—		10.5	29.6
Not a member of a family (b)	4.8	4.5	9.7	7.2	14.0	10.8	19.2	70.2	34.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>32.6</i>	<i>54.8</i>	<i>39.2</i>	<i>64.7</i>	<i>63.7</i>	<i>93.4</i>	<i>372.9</i>	<i>31.6</i>

(a) Includes 4,000 not married heads of families whose average duration of current period of unemployment was 46.1 weeks. (b) See note (a) to Table 1.

TABLE 3. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS
EMPLOYED BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND FAMILY SIZE, JULY 1979
(*000 families)

Number of family members employed	Number of members in family					Total
	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES						
None	16.7	14.3	10.7	4.1	3.8	49.6
1	18.7	14.7	19.4	11.8	6.1	70.6
2 or more	..	9.1	16.0	14.2	11.8	51.0
<i>Total</i>	<i>35.4</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>46.0</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>21.6</i>	<i>171.1</i>
OTHER AREAS						
None	9.2	9.8	6.0	*	4.3	31.8
1	7.3	11.6	11.7	7.5	4.7	42.9
2 or more	..	4.2	7.9	9.8	8.6	30.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>16.5</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>25.6</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>105.1</i>
TOTAL						
None	25.9	24.0	16.7	6.7	8.0	81.3
1	26.0	26.3	31.0	19.4	10.8	113.5
2 or more	..	13.2	23.9	24.0	20.4	81.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>51.9</i>	<i>63.6</i>	<i>71.6</i>	<i>50.1</i>	<i>39.2</i>	<i>276.3</i>

(a) Excludes 3,100 families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks; see paragraph 7, page 3.

TABLE 4. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : TYPE OF FAMILY BY NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(*000 families)

Type of family	No dependent children 15-20 years				Some dependent children 15-20 years				Total
	Number of dependent children under 15 years				Number of dependent children under 15 years				
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
Married couple families	49.8	19.9	37.6	107.2	12.9	10.0	7.4	30.3	137.5
One or both spouses unemployed	26.6	12.0	31.6	70.2	*	3.7	*	9.1	79.3
Husband unemployed, wife employed	5.3	*	*	8.1	*	*	*	*	8.8
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	9.8	6.2	10.3	26.4	*	*	*	*	28.2
Husband employed, wife unemployed	9.6	4.3	17.5	31.5	*	3.1	*	6.0	37.5
Other (b)	*	*	*	4.2	*	*	*	*	4.8
Neither spouse unemployed	23.2	7.9	6.0	37.1	10.0	6.4	4.8	21.2	58.2
Husband and wife both employed	10.2	3.6	*	15.7	6.2	3.9	*	12.5	28.2
Other (c)	13.0	4.2	4.2	21.4	3.8	*	*	8.7	30.0
Other families	16.3	5.6	5.7	27.6	3.9	*	*	6.0	33.6
Head unemployed (d)	4.1	*	3.8	10.7	*	*	*	*	12.7
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	12.2	*	*	16.9	*	*	*	3.9	20.8
<i>All families</i>	<i>66.0</i>	<i>25.5</i>	<i>43.3</i>	<i>134.8</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>36.3</i>	<i>171.1</i>
OTHER AREAS									
Married couple families	29.9	12.0	24.0	65.9	7.0	5.0	7.5	19.5	85.4
One or both spouses unemployed	12.7	7.1	17.8	37.5	*	*	*	4.9	42.4
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	*	*	3.9
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	5.1	*	6.9	14.8	*	*	*	4.3	16.7
Husband employed, wife unemployed	4.6	*	9.6	17.2	*	*	*	4.3	19.6
Other (b)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Neither spouse unemployed	17.3	4.9	6.2	28.4	6.2	3.5	4.9	14.6	43.0
Husband and wife both employed	5.1	*	*	9.2	*	*	*	6.9	16.1
Other (c)	12.2	*	4.4	19.2	3.7	*	*	7.7	26.9
Other families	6.7	4.6	4.2	15.5	*	*	*	4.2	19.7
Head unemployed	*	*	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	7.1
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	5.4	*	*	9.6	*	*	*	*	12.6
<i>All families</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>81.4</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>23.7</i>	<i>105.1</i>
TOTAL									
Married couple families	79.7	31.9	61.6	173.2	19.9	15.0	14.9	49.8	223.0
One or both spouses unemployed	39.3	19.1	49.3	107.7	3.7	5.2	5.2	14.0	121.7
Husband unemployed, wife employed	7.6	*	3.3	12.1	*	*	*	*	12.7
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	15.0	9.0	17.2	41.2		{ * }		{ 3.8 }	45.0
Husband employed, wife unemployed	14.3	7.3	27.1	48.7	3.0	{ 3.8 }	4.6	{ 8.5 }	57.1
Other (b)	*	*	*	5.8	*	*	*	*	6.9
Neither spouse unemployed	40.4	12.8	12.2	65.4	16.2	9.9	9.7	35.8	101.2
Husband and wife both employed	15.3	5.9	3.7	24.9	8.7	5.9	4.8	19.4	44.3
Other (c)	25.2	6.9	8.5	40.6	7.5	3.9	4.9	16.3	56.9
Other families	23.0	10.2	9.9	43.1	5.9	*	*	10.2	53.3
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	3.9	*	*	*	*	4.5
Female head unemployed	3.0	4.1	5.6	12.6	*	*	*	*	15.4
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	17.6	5.2	3.7	26.6	4.5	*	*	6.9	33.4
<i>All families</i>	<i>102.7</i>	<i>42.1</i>	<i>71.4</i>	<i>216.2</i>	<i>25.8</i>	<i>17.4</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>60.0</i>	<i>276.3</i>

(a) See note (a) to Table 3. (b) Comprises 5,500 families (3,700 in State capital cities) with both spouses unemployed and a small number of families with the husband not in the labour force and the wife unemployed. (c) Comprises families where both spouses were not in the labour force or where one spouse was employed and the other was not in the labour force. (d) Includes 9,900 families with an unemployed female head.

TABLE 5. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT (a) : TYPE OF FAMILY BY NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(*000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Number employed in family				Number employed in family				Number employed in family			
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total
ONE FAMILY MEMBER UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	28.2	54.0	42.8	125.0	16.3	34.3	26.6	77.2	44.5	88.3	69.5	202.2
With dependent children present	17.8	35.2	26.8	79.8	10.6	22.1	17.8	50.4	28.4	57.2	44.6	130.3
Without dependent children present	10.4	18.8	16.0	45.2	5.7	12.2	8.9	26.8	16.1	31.0	24.9	71.9
Other families with a male head	*	3.1	*	7.5	*	*	*	3.6	4.4	4.4	*	11.1
Without dependent children present	*	—3.9—		5.1	*	*	*	*	*	—4.5—		6.8
Other families with a female head	11.1	8.9	*	21.6	8.9	4.0	*	13.8	20.0	12.8	*	35.3
With dependent children present	7.6	3.8	*	12.4	7.2	*	*	10.3	14.8	6.3	*	22.8
Without dependent children present	3.6	5.1	*	9.1	*	*	*	3.4	5.2	6.5	*	12.6
<i>All families</i>	41.5	65.9	46.7	154.1	27.3	39.5	27.7	94.6	68.8	105.5	74.4	248.7
With dependent children present	26.3	39.9	28.5	94.7	18.9	25.2	18.5	62.6	45.2	65.1	46.9	157.3
Without dependent children present	15.2	26.0	18.2	59.4	8.4	14.3	9.2	32.0	23.6	40.3	27.4	91.4
TWO OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	4.9	4.2	3.5	12.5	*	*	*	8.2	7.8	7.0	5.9	20.8
With dependent children present	*	*	*	8.0	*	*	*	5.1	5.2	4.4	3.4	13.0
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	4.6	*	*	*	3.2	*	*	*	7.7
<i>All families</i>	8.0	4.7	4.3	17.0	4.4	3.3	*	10.6	12.5	8.0	7.1	27.6
With dependent children present	4.6	3.1	*	10.4	*	*	*	5.9	7.5	4.7	4.1	16.3
Without dependent children present	3.4	*	*	6.6	*	*	*	4.7	5.0	3.3	3.1	11.3
TOTAL												
Married couple families	33.1	58.1	46.3	137.5	19.2	37.2	29.1	85.5	52.3	95.3	75.4	223.0
With dependent children present	20.8	38.0	29.1	87.8	12.8	23.7	19.0	55.5	33.6	61.6	48.0	143.3
Without dependent children present	12.3	20.2	17.3	49.8	6.4	13.5	10.1	29.9	18.7	33.6	27.4	79.7
Other families with a male head	*	3.1	*	8.5	—4.0—		*	4.3	5.4	4.4	3.0	12.8
Without dependent children present	*	—4.1—		5.6	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	7.9
Other families with a female head	13.7	9.4	*	25.1	9.9	4.4	*	15.4	23.6	13.8	3.0	40.5
With dependent children present	9.0	4.1	*	14.4	7.8	*	*	10.9	16.9	6.6	*	25.4
Without dependent children present	4.7	5.3	*	10.7	*	*	*	4.5	6.8	7.2	*	15.1
<i>All families</i>	49.6	70.6	51.0	171.1	31.8	42.9	30.5	105.1	81.3	113.5	81.5	276.3
With dependent children present	31.0	43.0	31.1	105.1	21.8	26.9	19.9	68.5	52.7	69.9	51.0	173.6
Without dependent children present	18.6	27.6	19.9	66.0	10.0	16.0	10.6	36.6	28.6	43.6	30.5	102.7

(a) See note (a) to Table 3.

TABLE 6. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities			Other areas			Total		
	Number employed in family			Number employed in family			Number employed in family		
	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total
Married couple families with husband unemployed	28.6	12.1	40.7	15.2	7.3	22.5	43.8	19.4	63.2
With dependent children present	19.1	5.0	24.1	10.8	3.6	14.4	30.0	8.6	38.6
Without dependent children present	9.5	7.1	16.5	4.3	3.7	8.0	13.8	10.8	24.6
Other families with head unemployed	9.1	3.7	12.7	6.2	*	7.1	15.2	4.6	19.9
Female head unemployed	7.3	*	9.9	4.6	*	5.4	11.9	3.5	15.4
With dependent children present	6.2	*	7.5	4.6	*	4.9	10.8	*	12.4
All families	37.7	15.8	53.4	21.3	8.3	29.6	59.0	24.0	83.0
With dependent children present	26.3	6.5	32.8	16.3	4.0	20.3	42.5	10.5	53.1
Without dependent children present	11.4	9.2	20.7	5.1	4.2	9.3	16.5	13.5	29.9

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks; see paragraph 7.

TABLE 7. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED (a) : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND OR HEAD, JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Type of family	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband or head (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Married couple families with husband unemployed	4.4	6.5	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.3	63.2
With dependent children present	*	4.1	5.8	5.0	4.3	5.1	12.2	38.6
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	4.1	*	8.1	24.6
Other families with head unemployed	*	*	4.3	*	5.0	*	5.4	19.9
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5
Female head unemployed	*	*	3.6	*	4.2	*	3.6	15.4
With dependent children present	*	*	3.5	*	*	*	3.6	14.5
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4
All families	6.6	7.8	12.9	8.7	11.0	10.3	25.7	83.0
With dependent children present	3.5	5.3	9.3	6.3	6.1	6.7	15.8	53.1
Without dependent children present	3.1	*	3.5	*	5.0	3.6	9.9	29.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 6.

TABLE 8. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED : EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND (a), JULY 1979 ('000 families)

Employment status of wife	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband (weeks)							Total
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
Employed	3.9		3.0		3.7		*	12.7
Unemployed	*	*	*	*	3.0			5.5
Not in the labour force	*	4.3	4.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	16.5	45.0
Total	4.4	6.5	8.6	7.0	8.4	7.9	20.3	63.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 6.

TABLE 9. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1979

Main difficulty in finding work	Persons						
	Males	Females	Total	Place of residence		Birthplace	
				State capital cities	Other areas	Australia	Overseas
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	9.5	5.2	14.6	9.8	4.8	9.0	5.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	26.0	25.4	51.4	34.9	16.5	34.9	16.5
Unsuitable hours	*	12.4	13.5	9.8	3.6	9.6	3.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	10.7	10.1	20.8	16.3	4.5	15.2	5.6
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	19.4	10.4	29.8	20.2	9.6	24.4	5.4
Insufficient work experience	12.9	17.3	30.3	21.2	9.0	21.8	8.5
No vacancies in line of work	38.5	24.1	62.6	39.6	23.0	44.5	18.1
No vacancies at all	58.5	53.0	111.4	51.0	60.4	86.9	24.6
Other difficulties (a)	12.7	11.5	24.2	17.4	6.8	13.8	10.4
No difficulties reported	8.1	6.4	14.4	9.8	4.6	11.7	*
Total	197.3	175.6	372.9	230.1	142.9	271.8	101.2
PER CENT							
Own ill health or handicap	4.8	2.9	3.9	4.3	3.4	3.3	5.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	13.2	14.5	13.8	15.2	11.6	12.8	16.3
Unsuitable hours	*	7.1	3.6	4.3	2.5	3.5	3.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	5.4	5.7	5.6	7.1	3.2	5.6	5.5
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	9.9	5.9	8.0	8.8	6.7	9.0	5.3
Insufficient work experience	6.6	9.9	8.1	9.2	6.3	8.0	8.4
No vacancies in line of work	19.5	13.7	16.8	17.2	16.1	16.4	17.9
No vacancies at all	29.6	30.2	29.9	22.2	42.3	32.0	24.3
Other difficulties (a)	6.4	6.5	6.5	7.6	4.8	5.1	10.3
No difficulties reported	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.3	3.2	4.3	*
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes 6,900 persons whose main difficulty was language problems or discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 10. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK BY AGE AND PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, JULY 1979 ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Total						
	Age group (years)				Periods of unemployment in previous 12 months		Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	One	Two or more	
Own ill health or handicap	*	— 5.5 —		6.8	12.9	*	14.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	12.7	9.9	4.5	24.4	43.8	7.6	51.4
Unsuitable hours	*	*	4.1	5.0	12.4	*	13.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	9.8	5.1	3.2	*	15.5	5.3	20.8
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	13.9	7.2	6.8	*	21.4	8.4	29.8
Insufficient work experience	16.4	8.6	4.1	*	22.3	8.0	30.3
No vacancies in line of work	11.2	14.2	19.3	17.8	49.2	13.4	62.6
No vacancies at all	44.3	22.9	23.6	20.6	88.6	22.8	111.4
Other difficulties (a)	5.8	6.4	6.0	6.0	18.9	5.3	24.2
No difficulties reported	5.2	*	4.3	*	11.9	*	14.4
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	88.9	296.9	76.1	372.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 11. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Per cent of total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over			
	- '000 -							- % -	- weeks -
Own ill health or handicap		3.6		3.9		7.1	14.6	3.9	54.8
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	*	5.2	4.7	8.8	8.1	21.6	51.4	13.8	46.9
Unsuitable hours	3.5	3.2		4.6		*	13.5	3.6	26.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	*	5.1		4.0	3.6	5.5	20.8	5.6	35.3
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	3.2	4.7	3.1	5.2	6.2	7.5	29.8	8.0	30.6
Insufficient work experience	3.1	4.2	3.3	6.8	6.8	6.1	30.3	8.1	31.6
No vacancies in line of work	8.8	13.6	7.9	11.2	8.9	12.2	62.6	16.8	25.1
No vacancies at all	16.5	16.8	12.7	19.4	20.4	25.7	111.4	29.9	29.8
Other difficulties (a)	4.6	3.4	*	4.6	4.2	5.3	24.2	6.5	26.9
No difficulties reported	10.2	*	*	*	*	*	14.4	3.9	5.6
Total	57.2	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9	100.0	31.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 12. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JULY 1979
('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
Own ill health or handicap	5.3	4.5	*	2.5	*	*	14.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	17.2	13.5	7.8	6.4	4.8	*	51.4
Unsuitable hours	4.6	4.5	*	*	1.9	*	13.5
Too far to travel/transport problems	7.4	4.4	3.4	2.1	2.6	*	20.8
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	11.0	6.0	3.7	4.6	3.1	*	29.8
Insufficient work experience	10.2	8.0	3.3	3.4	3.8	*	30.3
No vacancies in line of work	17.8	17.4	10.2	5.2	7.5	2.2	62.6
No vacancies at all	36.8	22.9	21.8	11.9	11.6	3.9	111.4
Other difficulties (b)	10.8	4.9	2.9	*	3.4	*	24.2
No difficulties reported	5.4	*	2.4	*	2.1	*	14.4
Total	126.7	88.5	57.4	39.1	41.5	10.6	372.9

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) See note (a) to Table 9.

TABLE 13. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JULY 1979 ('000)

<i>All difficulties in finding work</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. (a)</i>
MALES							
Own ill health or handicap	7.0	5.5	*	3.1	*	*	19.9
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	22.6	14.4	8.8	7.2	6.1	1.4	61.5
Unsuitable hours	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.4
Too far to travel/transport problems	15.8	5.1	5.3	5.2	4.4	1.1	37.6
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	23.6	11.8	6.9	7.5	6.8	1.8	59.9
Insufficient work experience	18.2	9.7	4.8	7.6	5.1	1.2	47.6
No vacancies in line of work	29.6	20.7	13.1	8.9	10.2	2.2	88.4
No vacancies at all	37.1	18.8	17.6	12.6	13.1	3.0	105.2
Other difficulties (b)	10.7	5.8	2.9	2.3	2.8	*	25.9
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
FEMALES							
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.8
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	15.7	14.9	8.8	7.4	7.6	1.6	57.3
Unsuitable hours	8.1	7.8	*	2.0	2.5	*	23.3
Too far to travel/transport problems	11.0	8.5	5.9	3.5	4.6	*	34.9
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	15.7	9.3	6.8	5.4	5.6	1.0	45.1
Insufficient work experience	17.6	11.4	6.0	5.6	5.3	1.0	48.7
No vacancies in line of work	18.1	14.9	11.8	7.3	7.3	1.7	62.9
No vacancies at all	30.0	22.0	15.3	8.9	8.5	2.7	89.0
Other difficulties (b)	10.2	6.1	3.3	*	3.3	*	25.4
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.4
PERSONS							
Own ill health or handicap	10.4	7.9	2.9	4.2	2.3	*	28.7
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	38.3	29.3	17.5	14.6	13.7	3.1	118.8
Unsuitable hours	9.7	9.1	*	2.6	3.1	*	27.7
Too far to travel/transport problems	26.8	13.6	11.2	8.8	9.0	2.0	72.5
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	39.3	21.1	13.7	13.0	12.5	2.8	104.9
Insufficient work experience	35.8	21.1	10.7	13.3	10.4	2.2	96.3
No vacancies in line of work	47.8	35.6	24.9	16.1	17.5	4.0	151.3
No vacancies at all	67.1	40.8	32.8	21.4	21.6	5.8	194.2
Other difficulties (b)	20.9	12.0	6.2	3.9	6.1	*	51.4
No difficulties reported	5.4	*	*	*	2.1	*	14.4

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes 12,800 who reported language difficulties.

NOTE: Because some respondents reported more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates in this table do not agree with those in tables which show only the main difficulty.

TABLE 14. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1979

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>Persons</i>						
				<i>Place of residence</i>		<i>Birthplace</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State capital cities</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Overseas</i>
NUMBER ('000)							
Own ill health or handicap	19.9	8.8	28.7	20.0	8.7	20.0	8.7
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	61.5	57.3	118.8	77.7	41.2	83.7	35.1
Unsuitable hours	4.4	23.3	27.7	18.7	9.1	19.0	8.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	37.6	34.9	72.5	50.1	22.4	52.4	20.1
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	59.9	45.1	104.9	66.6	38.3	79.6	25.3
Insufficient work experience	47.6	48.7	96.3	64.9	31.4	71.0	25.3
No vacancies in line of work	88.4	62.9	151.3	92.8	58.5	110.7	40.6
No vacancies at all	105.2	89.0	194.2	103.0	91.3	147.7	46.6
Language difficulties	6.3	6.5	12.8	12.4	*	*	11.6
Other difficulties (a)	19.6	19.0	38.6	25.7	12.9	26.7	11.8

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Own ill health or handicap	10.1	5.0	7.7	8.7	6.1	7.4	8.6
Considered by employers to be too young or too old	31.2	32.6	31.9	33.8	28.8	30.8	34.7
Unsuitable hours	2.2	13.3	7.4	8.1	6.4	7.0	8.7
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.0	19.9	19.4	21.8	15.7	19.3	19.9
Lacked necessary education, training or skills	30.4	25.7	28.1	28.9	26.8	29.3	25.0
Insufficient work experience	24.1	27.8	25.8	28.2	22.0	26.1	25.0
No vacancies in line of work	44.8	35.8	40.6	40.3	40.9	40.7	40.1
No vacancies at all	53.3	50.7	52.1	44.8	63.9	54.3	46.0
Language difficulties	3.2	3.7	3.4	5.4	*	*	11.4
Other difficulties (a)	9.9	10.8	10.3	11.2	9.0	9.8	11.7

(a) Includes discrimination against migrants or racial groups. See NOTE to Table 13.

TABLE 15. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY AGE, JULY 1979
('000)

Educational Attainment	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	*	10.9	13.4	16.7	42.9
Degree or equivalent	*	*	3.0	*	6.3
Trade, technical level	*	8.9	10.2	14.3	35.1
Without post-school qualifications (b)	47.2	36.2	30.2	33.7	147.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.5	12.1	4.8	3.2	25.6
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –					
16 or 17 years	19.1	9.9	5.8	3.2	38.0
14 or 15 years	21.8	12.6	15.8	19.0	69.1
13 years or under	*	*	*	7.4	11.6
Total (c)	41.8	24.1	25.4	30.1	121.4
Still at school (d)	7.1	*	*	*	7.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>56.3</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>43.7</i>	<i>50.3</i>	<i>197.3</i>
FEMALES					
With post-school qualifications (a)	5.9	9.0	10.9	9.7	35.6
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	3.4
Trade, technical level	5.1	7.5	8.9	8.3	29.8
Without post-school qualifications (b)	49.4	26.3	23.9	28.8	128.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	6.5	6.0	3.1	4.1	19.8
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –					
16 or 17 years	17.5	9.2	8.2	4.9	39.8
14 or 15 years	24.4	10.4	10.3	13.4	58.5
13 years or under	*	*	*	5.2	8.0
Total (c)	42.8	20.3	20.8	23.9	107.9
Still at school (d)	11.6	*	*	*	11.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>66.9</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>38.6</i>	<i>175.6</i>
PERSONS					
With post-school qualifications (a)	7.8	19.9	24.3	26.4	78.5
Degree or equivalent	*	*	4.5	*	9.7
Trade, technical level	6.8	16.4	19.1	22.6	64.9
Without post-school qualifications (b)	96.6	62.5	54.2	62.5	275.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	12.0	18.1	8.0	7.3	45.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –					
16 or 17 years	36.6	19.1	14.0	8.1	77.8
14 or 15 years	46.2	23.0	26.1	32.4	127.6
13 years or under	*	*	5.0	12.6	19.6
Total (c)	84.6	44.4	46.2	54.0	229.2
Still at school (d)	18.7	*	*	*	18.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>123.2</i>	<i>82.4</i>	<i>78.5</i>	<i>88.9</i>	<i>372.9</i>

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school aged 18 years or over. (d) Although still at school, these persons were actively looking for work.

TABLE 16. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1979

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)							Total	Average duration of current period of unemployment
	Under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over		
With post-school qualifications (a)	6.3	8.7	11.1	8.4	17.3	10.9	15.8	78.5	27.3
Trade, technical level	4.4	7.2	9.0	7.0	15.4	8.7	13.2	64.9	27.2
Without post-school qualifications (b)	15.8	21.5	40.6	28.7	45.1	47.8	76.4	275.8	33.8
Attended highest level of secondary school available	*	4.6	6.7	6.5	10.0	5.5	9.7	45.3	27.3
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age —									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.2	22.2
16 or 17 years	4.8	5.5	11.9	8.5	12.0	15.7	19.4	77.8	32.8
14 or 15 years	6.5	8.8	18.7	11.3	19.5	22.8	39.8	127.6	35.5
13 years or under	—3.2—		—4.4—		—5.3—		6.8	19.6	46.4
Total	13.1	16.7	33.7	22.0	34.8	42.3	66.6	229.2	35.3
Still at school (c)	—5.0—		3.1	—4.4—		5.0	*	18.7	17.0
Total	24.6	32.6	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9	31.6

(a) Includes a small number of persons with a degree or equivalent or other post-school qualification. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

TABLE 17. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1979 ('000)

	Age group (years)						Place of residence		Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	
INTERSTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move interstate	32.9	26.8	17.5	6.3	6.8	3.2	53.9	39.7	93.5
Would not move interstate	78.1	44.4	53.5	28.3	22.4	14.9	152.1	89.5	241.7
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions (a)	8.5	9.1	6.1	—3.7—		*	18.0	10.8	28.7
Undecided	3.6	—3.5—		*	*	*	6.1	*	9.1
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	37.3	31.6	20.0	230.1	142.9	372.9
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job —									
Would move intrastate	54.9	41.0	25.9	10.1	8.7	5.2	84.0	61.8	145.8
Would not move intrastate	53.2	29.7	42.5	24.1	18.6	12.3	116.2	64.1	180.3
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions (a)	11.7	9.1	9.2	*	3.7	*	24.8	14.1	38.8
Undecided	3.3	—3.4—		*	*	*	5.1	*	8.0
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	37.3	31.6	20.0	230.1	142.9	372.9

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 18. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AGE AND
PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(*000)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)			Age group (years)		Place of residence		Total
	Under 8	8 and under 26	26 and over	15-24	25 and over	State capital cities	Other areas	
MALES								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and --								
Took no other active steps	3.9	3.1	6.3	7.3	5.9	8.8	4.5	13.2
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	34.3	43.1	70.1	77.2	70.4	86.3	61.2	147.5
Took other active steps (a)	3.0	*	*	3.1	4.3	5.3	*	7.4
Total registered with the CES	41.2	48.7	78.2	87.6	80.5	100.4	67.7	168.1
Not registered with the CES and --								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	16.3	5.3	5.5	14.4	12.7	20.6	6.5	27.1
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total not registered with the CES	17.6	5.8	5.8	15.7	13.5	21.4	7.8	29.2
Total	58.8	54.5	84.0	103.3	94.0	121.8	75.5	197.3
FEMALES								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and --								
Took no other active steps	3.5	*	3.1	5.9	3.3	5.0	4.2	9.2
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	16.7	29.4	52.0	71.2	26.8	57.9	40.1	98.0
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	3.0	*	4.4
Total registered with the CES	22.3	33.3	56.0	79.4	32.2	65.9	45.7	111.6
Not registered with the CES and --								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	27.6	14.8	15.6	20.9	37.1	38.1	20.0	58.1
Took other active steps (a)	3.3	*	*	*	4.0	4.3	*	5.9
Total not registered with the CES	30.9	16.0	17.1	22.9	41.2	42.4	21.7	64.0
Total	53.2	49.3	73.1	102.2	73.4	108.2	67.4	175.6
PERSONS								
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and --								
Took no other active steps	7.4	5.7	9.4	13.3	9.2	13.8	8.7	22.5
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	51.0	72.5	122.1	148.3	97.3	144.2	101.3	245.6
Took other active steps (a)	5.2	3.8	*	5.3	6.4	8.3	3.4	11.7
Total registered with the CES	63.6	81.9	134.3	166.9	112.8	166.3	113.4	279.7
Not registered with the CES and --								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	43.9	20.1	21.1	35.3	49.8	58.6	26.5	85.1
Took other active steps (a)	4.5	*	*	3.3	4.8	5.1	*	8.1
Total not registered with the CES	48.5	21.9	22.8	38.6	54.6	63.8	29.4	93.2
Total	112.0	103.8	157.1	205.5	167.4	230.1	142.9	372.9

(a) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

TABLE 19. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK
BY MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Main difficulty in finding work							Total
	Con- sidered to be too young/old	Lacked education/ training/ skills	In- sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficul- ties(b)	No difficul- ties reported	
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –								
Took no other active steps	*	*	*	4.0	5.8	4.6	*	22.5
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	39.5	21.7	22.6	39.6	74.7	42.8	4.6	245.6
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	*	11.7
<i>Total registered with the CES</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>83.6</i>	<i>49.9</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>279.7</i>
Not registered with the CES and –								
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	7.0	4.6	5.1	14.7	25.4	20.2	8.1	85.1
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
<i>Total not registered with the CES</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>93.2</i>
Total	51.4	29.8	30.3	62.6	111.4	73.0	14.4	372.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 18. (b) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, transport problems, language problems and discrimination against migrant or racial groups.

TABLE 20. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK BY
WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1979
(⁰⁰⁰)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and –						
Took no other active steps	12.2	8.0	20.3	*	*	*
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	145.1	89.5	234.6	*	8.5	11.0
Took other active steps (a)	6.8	3.7	10.5	*	*	*
<i>Total registered with the CES</i>	<i>164.2</i>	<i>101.2</i>	<i>265.4</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>14.4</i>
Not registered with the CES and –						
Applied to prospective employers in person or by post or telephone	19.4	26.4	45.9	7.7	31.6	39.3
Took other active steps (a)	*	*	3.5	*	4.4	4.5
<i>Total not registered with the CES</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>49.4</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>43.8</i>
Total	185.5	129.2	314.7	11.8	46.4	58.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 18.

TABLE 21. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK
BY DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(^{'000})

	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and over	
<i>Looking for full-time work –</i>							
State capital cities							
Males	16.6	18.3	13.5	19.0	15.8	30.4	113.6
Females	10.5	9.8	5.8	17.9	16.1	17.5	77.6
Persons	27.1	28.1	19.3	36.9	31.9	47.8	191.2
Other areas							
Males	7.4	10.4	8.6	11.1	12.2	22.3	71.9
Females	5.9	5.4	6.0	9.1	11.1	14.1	51.7
Persons	13.3	15.8	14.6	20.2	23.3	36.4	123.5
Total							
Males	24.0	28.7	22.1	30.1	28.0	52.7	185.5
Females	16.5	15.2	11.8	27.0	27.3	31.6	129.2
Persons	40.4	43.9	33.9	57.1	55.2	84.2	314.7
<i>Looking for part-time work –</i>							
State capital cities							
Males	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.2
Females	7.7	6.1	3.0	4.5	4.3	5.1	30.7
Persons	10.5	7.1	3.9	5.6	5.2	6.7	38.9
Other areas							
Males	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6
Females	4.9	*	*	*	3.0	*	15.7
Persons	6.3	3.8	*	*	3.3	*	19.3
Total							
Males	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	11.8
Females	12.6	9.0	4.4	6.2	7.3	7.0	46.4
Persons	16.8	10.9	5.2	7.6	8.5	9.2	58.2
Total	57.2	54.8	39.2	64.7	63.7	93.4	372.9

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING
CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(^{'000})

Number of offers of employment during current period of unemployment	Males			Females			Persons		
	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total	State capital cities	Other areas	Total
None	106.8	66.1	172.9	89.5	58.2	147.7	196.3	124.3	320.6
1	11.3	6.4	17.7	13.0	7.0	20.0	24.3	13.4	37.7
2 or more	3.7	3.0	6.7	5.7	*	7.9	9.5	5.2	14.7
Total	121.8	75.5	197.3	108.2	67.4	175.6	230.1	142.9	372.9

TABLE 23. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Educational attainment	Males		Females		Persons		
	Number of job offers		Number of job offers		Number of job offers		
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more
STATE CAPITAL CITIES							
With post-school qualifications (a)	23.8	4.5	19.6	4.0	43.4	5.6	3.0
Degree or equivalent	4.2	*	*	*	6.6	*	*
Trade, technical level	18.9	3.6	16.6	*	35.5	4.5	*
Without post-school qualifications (b)	79.7	10.1	64.0	14.0	143.7	18.0	6.1
Attended highest level of secondary school available	15.5	*	11.5	*	27.0	*	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –							
16 or 17 years	20.5	*	18.5	5.2	39.0	4.6	*
14 or 15 years	35.4	4.9	26.5	5.9	61.9	8.8	*
13 years or under	6.1	*	5.8	*	12.0	*	*
Total (c)	64.0	8.0	51.9	11.9	115.9	15.0	4.8
Still at school (d)	3.3	*	5.9	*	9.2	*	*
Total	106.8	15.0	89.5	18.7	196.3	24.3	9.5
OTHER AREAS							
With post-school qualifications (a)	12.2	*	10.0	*	22.2	3.6	*
Trade, technical level	10.2	*	8.1	*	18.4	3.4	*
Without post-school qualifications (b)	51.0	6.6	43.3	7.2	94.3	9.4	4.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	7.2	*	5.0	*	12.1	*	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –							
16 or 17 years	13.9	*	14.1	*	28.0	*	*
14 or 15 years	25.3	3.5	22.5	3.6	47.8	4.6	*
13 years or under	4.3	*	*	*	5.6	*	*
Total (c)	43.6	5.8	38.1	6.0	81.7	8.0	3.8
Still at school (d)	4.9	*	4.9	*	7.8	*	*
Total	66.1	9.4	58.2	9.2	124.3	13.4	5.2
TOTAL							
With post-school qualifications (a)	35.9	7.0	29.6	5.9	65.6	9.2	3.7
Degree or equivalent	5.7	*	3.0	*	8.7	*	*
Trade, technical level	29.2	6.0	24.7	5.1	53.9	7.9	3.2
Without post-school qualifications (b)	130.7	16.7	107.3	21.2	238.0	27.3	10.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	22.7	*	16.5	*	39.2	4.3	*
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age –							
16 or 17 years	34.4	3.6	32.6	7.2	67.0	7.3	3.4
14 or 15 years	60.7	8.4	49.0	9.5	109.7	13.4	4.5
13 years or under	10.4	*	7.2	*	17.6	*	*
Total (c)	107.6	13.8	90.0	17.9	197.6	23.1	8.6
Still at school (d)	6.3	*	10.8	*	17.1	*	*
Total	172.9	24.4	147.7	27.9	320.6	37.7	14.7

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school at 18 years or over who did not attend the highest level available. (d) Persons who, although still at school, were actively looking for work.

TABLE 24. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED (a)
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
('000)

When last worked (a)	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
During 1979	63.7	10.6	33.8	97.6	34.8	7.0	18.5	53.3	98.5	17.6	52.4	150.9
During 1978	28.6	6.6	21.5	50.2	18.3	5.4	12.8	31.1	47.0	12.0	34.3	81.3
Before 1978	16.8	25.3	32.4	49.2	10.8	13.5	20.2	31.0	27.6	38.9	52.6	80.2
Never worked	12.7	*	20.4	33.1	11.6	*	15.9	27.5	24.3	*	36.3	60.6
Total	121.8	44.2	108.2	230.1	75.5	26.4	67.4	142.9	197.3	70.6	175.6	372.9

(a) In a full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 25. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b) BY AGE, JULY 1979
('000)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	39.8	31.6	33.4	12.5	15.8	15.0	148.2
Two	12.8	10.8	7.2	3.1	*	*	36.2
Three or more	3.7	4.7	3.1	*	*	*	12.9
Total	56.3	47.1	43.7	16.4	16.9	17.0	197.3
FEMALES							
One	53.4	28.3	31.6	19.6	13.0	*	148.7
Two	10.9	5.6	*	*	*	*	21.7
Three or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
Total	66.9	35.3	34.8	20.9	14.6	3.0	175.6
PERSONS							
One	93.2	59.9	65.1	32.1	28.8	17.8	296.9
Two	23.7	16.4	9.2	4.4	*	*	57.9
Three or more	6.2	6.1	4.2	*	*	*	18.2
Total	123.2	82.4	78.5	37.3	31.6	20.0	372.9

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

TABLE 26. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b), JULY 1979
(^{'000})

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)								Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52	52	
MALES									
One	7.7	10.8	15.2	11.5	21.5	25.1	10.2	46.2	148.2
Two	..	*	3.6	3.7	11.0	10.0	7.5	..	36.2
Three or more	..	..	*	*	4.2	4.0	3.0	..	12.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>19.0</i>	<i>16.8</i>	<i>36.7</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>20.7</i>	<i>46.2</i>	<i>197.3</i>
FEMALES									
One	10.2	12.8	15.0	12.2	26.0	29.7	8.0	34.6	148.7
Two	..	*	*	3.4	6.8	5.1	4.8	..	21.7
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	..	5.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>16.6</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>36.0</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>175.6</i>
PERSONS									
One	17.9	23.6	30.2	23.7	47.5	54.9	18.1	80.9	296.9
Two	..	*	4.5	7.1	17.8	15.1	12.3	..	57.9
Three or more	..	..	*	*	6.4	5.1	3.6	..	18.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>71.7</i>	<i>75.1</i>	<i>34.0</i>	<i>80.9</i>	<i>372.9</i>

See notes to Table 25.

TABLE 27. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS (b) BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, JULY 1979
(^{'000})

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)								Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52	52	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
One	11.2	15.3	18.6	15.5	32.2	32.7	11.2	47.0	183.7
Two	..	*	3.8	3.8	11.2	8.1	7.3	..	35.1
Three or more	..	..	*	*	3.1	3.4	*	..	11.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>20.9</i>	<i>47.0</i>	<i>230.1</i>
OTHER AREAS									
One	6.7	8.4	11.6	8.2	15.3	22.2	6.9	33.9	113.2
Two	..	*	*	3.3	6.6	7.0	5.0	..	22.8
Three or more	..	..	*	*	3.3	— 3.0 —		..	6.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>12.6</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>25.2</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>33.9</i>	<i>142.9</i>

See notes to Table 25.

TABLE 28. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN 1978 OR 1979 : DURATION OF LAST JOB BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Place of residence		Age group (years)				Total
	State capital cities	Other areas	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
Under 4 weeks	8.3	4.8	4.3	4.0	3.3	*	13.1
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	10.3	6.7	6.9	3.6	4.1	*	17.0
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	23.5	16.2	11.2	14.5	8.2	5.7	39.7
26 weeks and under 1 year	18.0	9.4	6.3	8.6	6.2	6.3	27.4
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>37.0</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>21.8</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>97.2</i>
1 year and under 2 years	11.3	4.8	*	3.8	5.0	5.3	16.1
2 years and under 5 years	11.8	6.0	*	4.1	6.6	5.7	17.8
5 years and over	9.2	5.3	*	*	3.8	9.7	14.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>92.4</i>	<i>53.1</i>	<i>32.2</i>	<i>39.6</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>36.6</i>	<i>145.5</i>
FEMALES							
Under 4 weeks	4.7	*	3.0	*	*	*	6.9
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	7.2	*	4.9	*	*	*	9.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	13.0	9.1	11.8	5.7	*	*	22.1
26 weeks and under 1 year	8.7	4.8	5.7	4.4	*	*	13.5
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>33.6</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>25.3</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>52.0</i>
1 year and under 2 years	8.9	6.0	4.5	4.2	3.7	*	14.9
2 years and under 5 years	9.0	4.0	*	5.1	*	3.2	13.0
5 years and over	4.0	*	*	*	*	3.2	6.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>55.4</i>	<i>31.3</i>	<i>32.0</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>86.7</i>
PERSONS							
Under 4 weeks	13.0	7.0	7.3	5.4	4.2	3.0	20.0
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	17.5	9.0	11.8	6.0	5.3	3.4	26.5
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	36.5	25.3	23.0	20.3	11.2	7.4	61.8
26 weeks and under 1 year	26.7	14.2	12.0	12.9	8.1	7.9	40.9
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>93.7</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>44.7</i>	<i>28.7</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>149.2</i>
1 year and under 2 years	20.1	10.8	6.5	7.9	8.7	7.8	31.0
2 years and under 5 years	20.8	10.1	3.6	9.2	9.1	8.9	30.8
5 years and over	13.1	8.0	*	*	6.2	12.9	21.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>147.7</i>	<i>84.4</i>	<i>64.2</i>	<i>63.9</i>	<i>52.8</i>	<i>51.3</i>	<i>232.2</i>

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 29. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979 : DURATION OF JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING BY AGE, JULY 1979 ('000)

Duration of last full-time job (a)	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
LOST LAST JOB, RETRENCHED OR JOB TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL							
Under 8 weeks	14.0	8.5	6.6	4.9	22.6	11.3	33.9
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	15.6	14.1	7.1	4.9	28.6	13.0	41.6
26 weeks and under 1 year	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.4	15.5	6.5	22.1
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>28.1</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>97.6</i>
1 year and under 2 years	3.4	3.2	3.7	5.9	9.8	6.4	16.2
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.7		4.7	*	7.1
3 years and under 5 years	3.5		3.1		3.7	*	6.5
5 years and over	*	*	*	6.8	6.7	*	8.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>42.8</i>	<i>34.9</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>30.8</i>	<i>91.7</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>135.6</i>
LEFT LAST JOB FOR OTHER REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	5.1	*	*	*	6.8	4.8	11.7
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	7.4	5.9	3.4	*	9.6	9.1	18.7
26 weeks and under 1 year	4.5	6.4	*	*	9.7	6.7	16.3
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>14.8</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>26.1</i>	<i>20.6</i>	<i>46.7</i>
1 year and under 2 years	3.1	4.7	4.6	*	6.2	8.1	14.3
2 years and under 3 years	*	*	4.1		4.6	*	7.5
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.3	3.6		*	4.9	7.1
5 years and over	*	*	4.1	4.5	6.0	4.7	10.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>44.9</i>	<i>41.2</i>	<i>86.2</i>
ALL REASONS							
Under 8 weeks	19.1	10.9	9.3	6.3	29.5	16.1	45.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	23.0	20.0	10.5	6.8	38.1	22.1	60.3
26 weeks and under 1 year	12.0	12.0	7.2	7.2	25.2	13.2	38.4
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>42.9</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>20.2</i>	<i>92.8</i>	<i>51.5</i>	<i>144.3</i>
1 year and under 2 years	6.5	7.9	8.3	7.8	16.0	14.5	30.5
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.4	4.3	4.5	9.3	5.3	14.6
3 years and under 5 years	*	5.7	3.5	3.1	5.9	7.7	13.6
5 years and over	*	*	5.4	11.3	12.7	6.2	18.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>64.2</i>	<i>62.0</i>	<i>48.6</i>	<i>46.9</i>	<i>136.7</i>	<i>85.1</i>	<i>221.8</i>

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 30. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979 : REASON FOR LEAVING, JULY 1979

Reason for leaving	Number ('000)			Per cent		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Retrenched/lost job	72.9	34.0	106.9	53.3	40.0	48.2
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	16.4	11.7	28.1	12.0	13.7	12.7
Own ill health or injury	7.0	5.1	12.1	5.2	6.0	5.5
Job was temporary or seasonal	18.8	9.8	28.7	13.8	11.6	12.9
Returned to studies	*	*	4.1	*	*	1.9
To marry/have children/look after family	*	6.5	7.4	*	7.6	3.3
Changed residence/spouse transferred	*	7.2	10.1	*	8.5	4.6
Travel/take a holiday	3.1	3.9	6.9	2.2	4.5	3.1
Other	12.5	4.9	17.4	9.2	5.7	7.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>136.7</i>	<i>85.1</i>	<i>221.8</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

TABLE 31. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1978 OR 1979 : GROSS WEEKLY PAY (a) IN LAST JOB BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND AGE, JULY 1979

Gross weekly pay in last full-time job (a)(\$)	Place of residence		Age group (years)				Total
	State capital cities	Other areas	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	4.4
60 and under 80	5.7	3.5	8.4	*	*	*	9.2
80 and under 100	5.7	*	4.9	*	*	*	8.3
100 and under 120	6.6	4.0	5.0	3.1	*	*	10.6
120 and under 140	9.9	7.3	3.8	5.2	4.6	3.6	17.2
140 and under 160	13.8	9.0	3.0	8.3	5.9	5.7	22.8
160 and under 180	13.8	6.1	*	6.5	4.7	6.0	19.9
180 and under 200	9.7	6.0	*	5.5	5.1	4.2	15.6
200 and under 250	10.4	7.7	*	3.7	7.2	6.4	18.1
250 and over	7.8	*	*	*	3.9	4.4	10.7
Total	86.6	50.0	32.2	38.0	33.9	32.6	136.7
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (b)	158.60	159.50	108.10	160.60	181.50	183.80	158.90
FEMALES							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
60 and under 80	6.8	4.8	8.6	*	*	*	11.6
80 and under 100	9.5	5.3	10.3	*	*	*	14.8
100 and under 120	8.4	4.8	6.0	3.8	*	*	13.3
120 and under 140	10.5	4.7	*	6.9	3.8	*	15.3
140 and under 180	11.9	7.5	*	8.1	4.2	5.4	19.4
180 and over	3.8	*	*	*	3.2	*	5.4
Total	54.7	30.4	32.0	24.1	14.7	14.4	85.1
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (b)	115.20	115.30	90.90	128.10	140.20	122.50	115.20
PERSONS							
-- '000 --							
Under 60	7.1	*	5.4	*	*	*	9.7
60 and under 80	12.4	8.3	17.0	*	*	*	20.7
80 and under 100	15.2	7.9	15.2	4.8	*	*	23.1
100 and under 120	15.1	8.8	11.0	6.9	*	3.0	23.9
120 and under 140	20.4	12.0	6.3	12.1	8.4	5.7	32.4
140 and under 160	21.5	13.9	3.8	14.0	8.5	9.1	35.4
160 and under 180	18.0	8.7	3.5	8.9	6.2	8.0	26.7
180 and under 200	10.7	6.7	*	5.7	6.3	4.4	17.4
200 and under 250	12.1	8.4	*	4.0	8.6	7.0	20.5
250 and over	8.9	3.0	*	*	4.3	4.6	11.9
Total	141.4	80.4	64.2	62.0	48.6	46.9	221.8
-- dollars --							
Mean gross weekly pay (b)	141.80	142.90	99.50	148.00	169.00	165.30	142.20

(a) Before tax or anything else was taken out. (b) Calculated from grouped income ranges.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the 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 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 the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included. 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 of dwellings was included in the survey. 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 if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows. The estimated number of males looking for work who were members of families was 154,100 (Table 1). From the table below it will be seen that the estimate has a

standard error of about 4,500 and 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 149,600 to 158,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it will fall within the range 145,100 to 163,100.

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 publication 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 ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
							— number —	Per cent of estimate
1,000						250		
1,500						300		
2,000				460	460	340		
2,500			630	510	510	380		
3,000			690	550	560	410	800	26.7
3,500	920	910	740	590	590	430	860	24.6
4,000	980	960	780	620	630	460	920	23.0
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	660	480	970	21.6
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	690	500	1,000	20.0
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	750	530	1,100	18.0
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	920	640	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,200	810	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,100	1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,600	1,500	5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	2,900		6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,300		7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900				9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400					11,000	0.6

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

