

THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1980 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

NOTE. The survey estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraphs 16 to 19. Standard errors are shown in Table 1 and on page 4.

In January 1980 an estimated 6,079,100 persons were employed — a fall of 140,800 since December 1979. About two thirds of the decrease was accounted for by part-time workers (95,100, of whom 64,600 were married women).

Of the estimated 222,800 teenagers who had left school between the beginning of 1979 and the survey date, 106,200 were employed in January 1980 (76,000 in full-time jobs), 67,800 were unemployed and 48,700 were not in the labour force. See Table 4 for details.

At the time of the January survey an estimated 174,200 teenagers were reported to have left school in November or December 1979 (but see footnote to Table 4). Of these 74,900 were employed in January and 56,600 were unemployed.

Christmas and New Year holidays the December surveys commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and the January surveys commence a week later than usual. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

Scope

3. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except : members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the ILO.

5. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week :

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the monthly population survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Preliminary unemployment estimates have been issued in advance of this publication in *Unemployment, Australia, Preliminary Estimates* (6201.0).

The population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. Because of operational problems arising from the

6. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (a) 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;

or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

7. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.

8. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

9. *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. *Average (mean) duration* is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it. Medians are calculated from group data, linear interpolation being used within the group which contains the median.

10. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6.

11. The *labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

12. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

13. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'.

Revision of series

14. The survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months are based on population estimates derived from the 1976 Population Census, adjusted for under-enumeration, and were obtained by using a new sample and revised questionnaire. Estimates from August 1966, revised to the new basis, were published in the February 1979 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Comparability of series

15. When comparing labour force estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months with those for earlier periods it should be noted that with the introduction of monthly surveys the interviews are now conducted during a two-week period, whereas formerly the period was four weeks. The change of timing may affect the level of the figures for any month, but particularly for months during which the employment status of the population may be changing rapidly.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Since the survey estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ by chance from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. 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.

17. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in Table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other *monthly* movements should be determined by using Tables A and B on page 4. Further information on standard errors is contained in the Technical Note in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

18. *The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are subject to such high relative standard errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Estimates below the levels shown in Table A and percentages based on such estimates 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.

19. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below :

- (a) From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 226,900 unemployed males looking for full-time work in January 1980 has a standard

error of about 5,400. 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 be within the range 221,500 to 232,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will be within the range 216,100 to 237,700.

- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from December 1979 to January 1980 is an increase of 24,700. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the January 1980 estimate (226,900) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 4,500. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range 20,200 to 29,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 15,700 to 33,700.

Seasonal adjustment

20. Seasonally adjusted quarterly estimates of the labour force are shown in Table 1. Calculation of seasonally adjusted monthly figures will not be possible until results of monthly surveys for two or three years are available. The move to the higher level of unemployment since 1974 appears to have been

accompanied by shifts in the pattern of seasonal variation. For this reason the publication of seasonally adjusted quarterly figures of unemployment was suspended as from November 1977. The matter will be kept under review.

Related publications

21. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

Unemployment, Australia, Preliminary Estimates (6201.0)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

Job Vacancies (6231.0)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0)

Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

22. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *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. See paragraph 18 of explanatory notes.
- n.a. not available.
- .. not applicable.
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified.

23. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a)

Month	Unemployed											
	Employed	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force		Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
		Aged 15-19 years looking for first job	Total	Total			Original	Seasonally adjusted				Not in labour force
MALES												
1978												
December	3,923.7	40.4	219.9	21.6	241.6	4,165.3	n.a.	1,048.9	5,214.1	5.8	79.9	
1979												
January	3,869.2	42.4	235.2	14.8	250.0	4,119.3	n.a.	1,098.9	5,218.2	6.1	78.9	
February	3,893.6	33.0	229.5	12.3	241.8	4,135.4	4,101.4	1,091.9	5,227.3	5.8	79.1	
March	3,904.2	24.1	206.6	16.5	223.1	4,127.4	n.a.	1,111.3	5,238.6	5.4	78.8	
April	3,907.4	25.6	202.1	15.1	217.2	4,124.6	n.a.	1,120.6	5,245.2	5.3	78.6	
May	3,908.3	22.0	197.7	13.0	210.6	4,118.9	4,111.4	1,132.4	5,251.3	5.1	78.4	
June	3,909.6	19.7	192.8	13.2	206.0	4,115.6	n.a.	1,139.8	5,255.4	5.0	78.3	
July	3,910.8	18.1	188.2	13.4	201.6	4,112.4	n.a.	1,149.7	5,262.1	4.9	78.2	
August	3,904.5	20.0	182.8	13.3	196.1	4,100.7	4,121.1	1,167.9	5,268.6	4.8	77.8	
September	3,939.3	21.2	184.7	16.9	201.6	4,140.9	n.a.	1,134.7	5,275.7	4.9	78.5	
October	3,930.9	23.2	178.1	17.8	195.9	4,126.8	n.a.	1,157.2	5,284.1	4.7	78.1	
November	3,931.2	20.0	171.5	12.4	183.8	4,115.0	4,136.6	1,177.6	5,292.6	4.5	77.8	
December	3,992.3	38.5	202.2	22.0	224.2	4,216.4	n.a.	1,087.4	5,303.8	5.3	79.5	
1980												
January	3,937.6	41.2	226.9	15.4	242.3	4,179.9	n.a.	1,132.1	5,312.0	5.8	78.7	
Standard error of -												
January estimates	13.8	2.7	5.4	1.8	5.5	14.1	..	9.4	..	0.1	0.3	
December to January movement	9.7	2.6	4.5	2.0	4.6	9.8	..	7.1	..	0.1	0.2	
MARRIED WOMEN												
1978												
December	1,373.6	*	31.5	24.0	55.5	1,429.2	n.a.	2,006.7	3,435.9	3.9	41.6	
1979												
January	1,281.6	*	38.4	25.4	63.8	1,345.4	n.a.	2,101.9	3,447.4	4.7	39.0	
February	1,346.1	*	45.5	40.3	85.7	1,431.8	1,435.4	2,024.9	3,456.7	6.0	41.4	
March	1,364.7	*	48.2	36.6	84.8	1,449.5	n.a.	2,002.7	3,452.1	5.8	42.0	
April	1,358.5	*	45.4	38.1	83.5	1,442.0	n.a.	2,007.9	3,449.9	5.8	41.8	
May	1,356.3	*	40.0	32.2	72.2	1,428.5	1,425.0	2,035.9	3,464.4	5.1	41.2	
June	1,362.6	*	38.3	34.7	73.0	1,435.6	n.a.	2,009.4	3,445.0	5.1	41.7	
July	1,368.2	*	41.4	33.6	75.0	1,443.2	n.a.	2,004.3	3,447.5	5.2	41.9	
August	1,347.2	*	41.7	31.9	73.6	1,420.8	1,421.6	2,020.8	3,441.6	5.2	41.3	
September	1,374.8	*	46.8	37.4	84.3	1,459.1	n.a.	1,990.2	3,449.3	5.8	42.3	
October	1,392.7	*	45.1	39.0	84.1	1,476.8	n.a.	1,973.1	3,450.0	5.7	42.8	
November	1,408.5	*	41.8	34.7	76.5	1,485.0	1,484.6	1,980.7	3,465.7	5.1	42.8	
December	1,392.6	*	36.8	31.1	67.9	1,460.5	n.a.	2,011.1	3,471.5	4.6	42.1	
1980												
January	1,318.2	*	38.1	25.3	63.4	1,381.6	n.a.	2,102.7	3,484.3	4.6	39.7	
Standard error of -												
January estimates	9.9	..	2.6	2.2	3.2	10.1	..	11.5	..	0.2	0.3	
December to January movement	7.5	..	2.5	2.3	3.0	7.6	..	8.3	..	0.2	0.2	

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TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a) - continued

Month	Unemployed										
	Employed	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force			Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Aged 15-19 years looking for first job	Total			Original	Seasonally adjusted	Not in labour force			
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
ALL FEMALES											
1978											
December	2,173.8	47.1	153.9	45.8	199.7	2,373.5	n.a.	2,970.9	5,344.3	8.4	44.4
1979											
January	2,070.7	45.3	155.9	40.2	196.1	2,266.8	n.a.	3,081.1	5,347.9	8.7	42.4
February	2,125.4	36.1	152.2	59.9	212.1	2,337.5	2,326.4	3,019.6	5,357.1	9.1	43.6
March	2,157.4	30.8	146.9	54.9	201.8	2,359.2	n.a.	3,006.5	5,365.7	8.6	44.0
April	2,149.0	30.0	144.2	55.3	199.5	2,348.5	n.a.	3,027.2	5,375.7	8.5	43.7
May	2,135.0	28.9	137.5	48.5	186.0	2,321.0	2,315.3	3,061.3	5,382.3	8.0	43.1
June	2,148.0	27.2	130.7	52.6	183.3	2,331.3	n.a.	3,055.4	5,386.7	7.9	43.3
July	2,156.8	24.3	131.3	49.7	181.0	2,337.7	n.a.	3,056.2	5,394.0	7.7	43.3
August	2,136.9	25.2	130.1	47.5	177.7	2,314.6	2,323.7	3,086.4	5,401.0	7.7	42.9
September	2,178.8	27.7	138.3	56.6	194.9	2,373.7	n.a.	3,035.2	5,408.9	8.2	43.9
October	2,194.4	25.1	133.5	58.4	191.8	2,386.2	n.a.	3,031.3	5,417.5	8.0	44.0
November	2,219.4	22.7	125.1	51.7	176.8	2,396.2	2,404.9	3,030.2	5,426.4	7.4	44.2
December	2,227.7	45.6	151.6	51.1	202.7	2,430.4	n.a.	3,007.5	5,437.9	8.3	44.7
1980											
January	2,141.5	48.4	154.1	41.4	195.5	2,337.0	n.a.	3,109.3	5,446.3	8.4	42.9
Standard error of -											
January estimates	11.6	2.9	4.6	2.7	5.1	11.9	..	12.9	..	0.2	0.2
December to January movement	8.4	2.7	4.0	2.7	4.3	8.6	..	9.2	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1978											
December	6,097.5	87.5	373.8	67.4	441.2	6,538.7	n.a.	4,019.8	10,558.5	6.7	61.9
1979											
January	5,939.9	87.7	391.1	55.0	446.2	6,386.1	n.a.	4,180.0	10,566.1	7.0	60.4
February	6,018.9	69.1	381.7	72.3	453.9	6,472.9	6,427.9	4,111.5	10,584.4	7.0	61.2
March	6,061.6	54.9	353.5	71.4	425.0	6,486.6	n.a.	4,117.7	10,604.3	6.6	61.2
April	6,056.4	55.6	346.4	70.4	416.8	6,473.1	n.a.	4,147.8	10,621.0	6.4	60.9
May	6,043.3	51.0	335.1	61.4	396.6	6,439.9	6,426.9	4,193.6	10,633.5	6.2	60.6
June	6,057.6	46.9	323.6	65.8	389.3	6,446.9	n.a.	4,195.2	10,642.1	6.0	60.6
July	6,067.6	42.4	319.5	63.0	382.5	6,450.1	n.a.	4,205.9	10,656.1	5.9	60.5
August	6,041.5	45.2	312.9	60.8	373.8	6,415.3	6,444.5	4,254.3	10,669.6	5.8	60.1
September	6,118.1	48.8	323.0	73.5	396.5	6,514.6	n.a.	4,170.0	10,684.6	6.1	61.0
October	6,125.2	48.3	311.6	76.2	387.8	6,513.0	n.a.	4,188.5	10,701.5	6.0	60.9
November	6,150.6	42.7	296.5	64.1	360.6	6,511.2	6,541.4	4,207.8	10,719.0	5.5	60.7
December	6,219.9	84.0	353.7	73.1	426.9	6,646.8	n.a.	4,094.9	10,741.7	6.4	61.9
1980											
January	6,079.1	89.7	380.9	56.9	437.8	6,516.9	n.a.	4,241.4	10,758.3	6.7	60.6
Standard error of -											
January estimates	15.6	3.7	6.5	3.1	6.8	15.9	..	14.1	..	0.1	0.1
December to January movement	10.8	3.3	5.1	3.1	5.4	10.9	..	9.9	..	0.1	0.1

(a) Seasonally adjusted figures are available only at quarterly intervals. See paragraph 20. For information on standard errors see paragraphs 16 to 19 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS
STATES AND TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1980

State or Territory	Employed	Unemployed		Total - '000 -	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate - per cent -	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
MALES									
N.S.W.	1,388.8	75.8	5.3	81.1	1,469.9	404.3	1,874.2	5.5	78.4
Vic.	1,064.7	51.3	*	55.2	1,119.9	291.5	1,411.4	4.9	79.3
Qld	583.4	36.5	*	37.8	621.2	190.3	811.5	6.1	76.5
S.A.	351.4	25.0	*	27.2	378.6	103.0	481.6	7.2	78.6
W.A.	346.2	24.1	*	26.0	372.1	91.7	463.8	7.0	80.2
Tas.	111.7	7.6	*	8.1	119.8	32.7	152.4	6.7	78.6
N.T.	32.4	2.3	*	2.3	34.7	7.6	42.2	6.6	82.0
A.C.T.	59.1	4.3	*	4.7	63.8	11.0	74.9	7.4	85.3
<i>Australia</i>	<i>3,937.6</i>	<i>226.9</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>242.3</i>	<i>4,179.9</i>	<i>1,132.1</i>	<i>5,312.0</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>78.7</i>
FEMALES									
N.S.W.	749.2	48.2	14.6	62.8	812.0	1,127.2	1,939.1	7.7	41.9
Vic.	595.9	39.9	10.5	50.4	646.3	813.8	1,460.1	7.8	44.3
Qld	298.2	24.5	6.6	31.1	329.4	497.7	827.1	9.5	39.8
S.A.	195.6	16.8	3.9	20.7	216.4	281.9	498.2	9.6	43.4
W.A.	189.7	15.2	4.5	19.6	209.3	245.5	454.8	9.4	46.0
Tas.	58.0	5.2	*	6.2	64.2	91.1	155.3	9.6	41.3
N.T.	16.0	*	*	*	16.9	16.5	33.4	*	50.6
A.C.T.	39.0	3.4	*	3.7	42.7	35.7	78.3	8.6	54.4
<i>Australia</i>	<i>2,141.5</i>	<i>154.1</i>	<i>41.4</i>	<i>195.5</i>	<i>2,337.0</i>	<i>3,109.3</i>	<i>5,446.3</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>42.9</i>
PERSONS									
N.S.W.	2,137.9	124.0	19.9	143.9	2,281.8	1,531.5	3,813.3	6.3	59.8
Vic.	1,660.6	91.2	14.4	105.6	1,766.3	1,105.3	2,871.5	6.0	61.5
Qld	881.7	61.0	7.9	68.9	950.5	688.0	1,638.6	7.2	58.0
S.A.	547.0	41.8	6.1	47.9	594.9	384.9	979.8	8.0	60.7
W.A.	535.8	39.2	6.3	45.6	581.4	337.1	918.6	7.8	63.3
Tas.	169.7	12.8	*	14.2	183.9	123.8	307.7	7.7	59.8
N.T.	48.3	3.1	*	3.2	51.6	24.1	75.6	6.3	68.2
A.C.T.	98.1	7.7	*	8.4	106.5	46.7	153.2	7.9	69.5
<i>Australia</i>	<i>6,079.1</i>	<i>380.9</i>	<i>56.9</i>	<i>437.8</i>	<i>6,516.9</i>	<i>4,241.4</i>	<i>10,758.3</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>60.6</i>

TABLE 3. EMPLOYED PERSONS, JANUARY 1980

	Males	Married women	Other females (a)	All females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)					
All employed persons	3,937.6	1,318.2	823.3	2,141.5	6,079.1
Full-time workers	3,739.2	793.5	670.1	1,463.5	5,202.8
Part-time workers	198.4	524.7	153.2	678.0	876.4
Preferred not to work more hours	147.3	473.5	112.8	586.3	733.5
Preferred to work more hours	51.1	51.3	40.5	91.7	142.9
Were actively looking for full-time work	25.2	6.7	19.3	25.9	51.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (b)					
All employed persons	32.2	22.0	28.3	24.5	29.5
Full-time workers	33.2	28.9	31.7	30.2	32.4
Part-time workers	13.5	11.7	13.4	12.0	12.4

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (b) Averages have been calculated by using actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. All employed persons, including those who did not work during the survey week, have been included in the calculations. When recording hours worked, fractions of an hour are disregarded. This procedure results in a slight lowering of the average hours figures. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents and industrial disputes; and work stoppages due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND AGE, JANUARY 1980 ('000)

Age group (years)	Employed			Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total			
15-19	539.6	139.8	679.3	153.7	18.6	172.4	851.7	430.6	1,282.3
Left school –									
1979 to survey date (a)	76.0	30.2	106.2	64.2	*	67.8	174.0	48.7	222.8
November or December 1979 (a)	48.3	26.5	74.9	53.0	*	56.6	131.4	42.7	174.2
20-24	817.4	78.1	895.5	85.1	8.1	93.2	988.7	230.8	1,219.5
25 and over	3,845.8	658.5	4,504.3	142.1	30.1	172.2	4,676.5	3,579.9	8,256.5
Total	5,202.8	876.4	6,079.1	380.9	56.9	437.8	6,516.9	4,241.4	10,758.3

(a) As the 1980 school year did not commence until after the January survey, some replies to the question on school attendance necessarily reflected intentions at the time of the survey. For this reason estimates from the February survey, when available, should be used in lieu of estimates from the January survey.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, JANUARY 1980

	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK						
Total	226.9	154.1	380.9	5.7	9.5	6.8
Married	75.2	38.1	113.3	2.8	4.6	3.2
Not married (a)	151.6	116.0	267.6	12.3	14.8	13.2
Aged 15-19 years	75.0	78.7	153.7	19.8	25.1	22.2
Attending school	9.1	*	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Aged 20-24 years	50.8	34.2	85.1	9.4	9.5	9.4
Aged 25 years and over	101.0	41.1	142.1	3.3	4.4	3.6
Born in Australia	163.4	117.7	281.1	5.7	9.8	6.9
Born outside Australia	63.5	36.3	99.8	5.8	8.6	6.6
Arrived before 1971	41.6	20.8	62.4	4.9	6.9	5.4
1971 to 1978	15.9	12.1	28.0	7.2	11.5	8.6
1979 to survey date	5.9	*	9.3	21.5	*	22.7
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK						
Total	15.4	41.4	56.9	7.2	5.8	6.1
Aged 15-19 years	7.3	11.4	18.6	10.2	13.1	11.8
Attending school	4.8	6.0	10.8	11.8	14.9	13.4
Aged 20-24 years	*	5.4	8.1	*	9.0	9.4
Aged 25 years and over	5.5	24.6	30.1	4.7	4.3	4.4

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : STATE CAPITAL CITIES, JANUARY 1980

Capital city	Number ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total
Sydney	73.6	14.7	88.3	5.8	7.3	6.0
Melbourne	68.4	13.1	81.5	6.2	7.3	6.3
Brisbane	26.9	3.7	30.6	6.9	6.3	6.9
Adelaide	32.2	4.8	37.0	9.0	6.7	8.6
Perth	31.7	4.7	36.4	9.2	6.8	8.8
Hobart	6.0	*	6.7	8.9	*	8.6
Total	238.8	41.7	280.5	6.7	7.1	6.8

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JANUARY 1980

<i>Industry division or sub-division (a)</i>	<i>Number ('000)</i>	<i>Occupation group</i>	<i>Number ('000)</i>
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	241.9	Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	241.9
Agriculture and services to agriculture	13.2	Professional, technical, etc.	16.2
Manufacturing	62.2	Administrative, executive, and managerial	5.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	13.4	Clerical	25.7
Metal products	9.3	Sales	26.5
Other manufacturing	39.5	Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	16.5
Construction	30.7	Miners, quarrymen, etc.	*
Wholesale trade	11.2	Transport and communication	14.2
Retail trade	40.0	Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	105.5
Transport and storage	10.6	Service, sport and recreation	31.1
Finance, property and business services	10.7		
Community services	20.0		
Recreation, personal and other services	25.5		
Other industries	17.8		
Stood down (b)	5.5		
Other (c)	190.4		
Total	437.8		

(a) Classified according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification, 1978. (b) For definition, see paragraph 6(b) of the explanatory notes. (c) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JANUARY 1980

	<i>Persons</i>						
	<i>Looking for -</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (a)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Full-time work</i>	<i>Part-time work</i>	
NUMBER ('000)							
Duration of unemployment (weeks) -							
Under 2	16.4	10.5	11.4	21.9	27.7	10.6	38.3
2 and under 4	32.3	9.0	13.5	22.6	44.6	10.3	54.9
4 and under 8	57.1	9.5	36.1	45.6	88.1	14.7	102.8
8 and under 13	34.0	8.1	16.8	24.9	52.4	6.5	58.9
13 and under 26	31.8	5.8	16.2	22.0	50.6	7.2	53.8
26 and under 39	21.2	7.9	9.8	17.7	34.8		
39 and under 52	8.8	*	4.7	7.8	15.2	*	16.7
52 and over	40.6	9.4	23.6	33.0	67.6	6.1	73.7
Total	242.3	63.4	132.1	195.5	380.9	56.9	437.8
AVERAGE (MEAN) DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)							
All unemployed persons	25.6	23.1	26.2	25.2	26.8	16.4	25.4
Aged 15-19 years	16.9	*	19.7	19.9	19.5	10.3	18.5
Aged 20 years and over	30.1	23.1	38.4	29.7	31.7	19.4	29.9
MEDIAN DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks)							
All unemployed persons	10.3	9.6	9.5	9.5	10.9	6.1	9.9
Aged 15-19 years	7.8	*	7.9	7.9	8.4	6.0	7.9
Aged 20 years and over	11.9	9.6	14.9	11.2	12.8	6.1	11.7

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.