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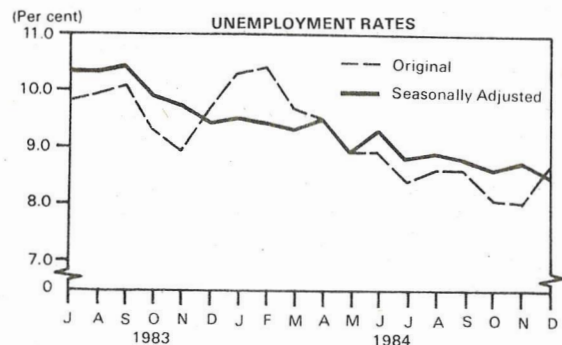
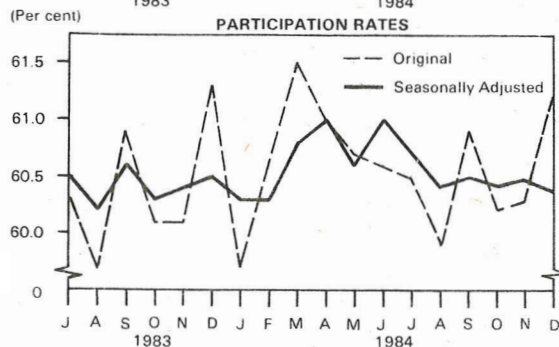
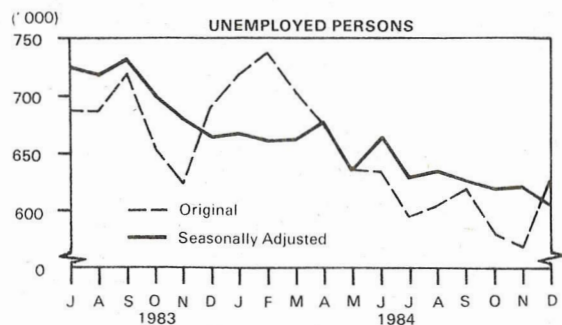
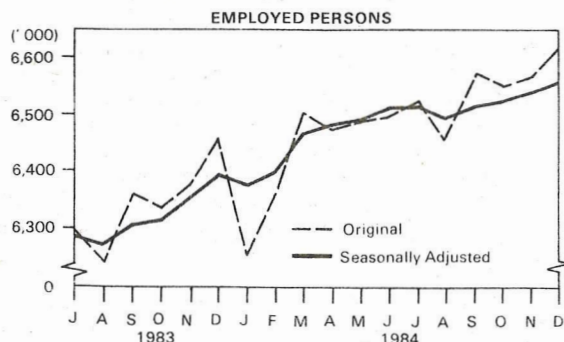
MAIN FEATURES

Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in these estimates. Survey estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 13 to 17. Attention is directed to paragraph 19 concerning interpretation of seasonally adjusted estimates.

Between November and December 1984 there was a fall of 19,800 in the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployed persons looking for full-time work, due almost entirely to a decrease of 18,900 in the number of unemployed persons aged 15 to 19 looking for their first full-time job. This fall may be partly explained by a late finish to the school year in some States, notably Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, which resulted in a smaller than usual number of 15 to 19 year-olds looking for their first job. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 8.7 per cent to 8.5 per cent while there was little change in the participation rate. The number of unemployed persons looking for part-time work, and the number of employed persons also showed little change.

In original terms, employment rose by 57,800, an increase of 87,200 in full-time employment being partly offset by a decrease of 29,400 in part-time employment. Unemployment rose by 55,500, with increases for both those looking for full-time work (38,600) and those looking for part-time work (16,900). The unemployment rate increased from 8.0 to 8.6 per cent and the participation rate from 60.3 to 61.2 per cent.

Over the last twelve months, employment has increased by 167,400 (full-time by 127,500) and unemployment has decreased by 63,200. The unemployment rate has fallen from 9.7 to 8.6 per cent while the participation rate at 61.2 per cent is little different from a year ago.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the monthly population survey. Estimates for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision. Revised figures for the current month and more detailed estimates will be published in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0)

THE POPULATION SURVEY

2. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 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 Christmas and New Year holidays, interviews for the December 1984 survey commenced on Monday 3 December. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

SCOPE

3. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except: members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas residents in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) 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, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

5. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 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.

6. Unemployed persons are those aged 15 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 full time for two weeks or more.

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

9. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

10. The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force

expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

11. Full-time workers are those who usually worked 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually worked 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.

12. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories "employed" or "unemployed".

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

13. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error. The sampling error is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all dwellings in the survey 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.

14. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in the tables. Standard errors of other estimates and other movements may be determined by using information in the Technical note in "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0).

15. Very small estimates are not published but are indicated with a "*" because they are subject to high relative standard errors. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

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

- (a) The estimate of 345,200 unemployed males looking for full-time work in December 1984 has a standard error of about 6,300. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 338,900 to 351,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 332,600 to 357,800.

- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from November to December 1984 is an increase of 23,800. The standard error of this monthly movement is about 5,100. 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 +18,700 to +28,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +13,600 to +34,000.

17. 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 respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

18. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2 and 5. The figures in these tables were revised in the February 1984 issue of this publication. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data, the latest review being in February 1984 which revised the monthly series back to February 1978. Information about the method of adjustment and seasonally adjusted figures for all months since February 1978 were published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1984" (6203.0).

19. The large increase in unemployment in 1982 and 1983 may have been accompanied by a change in the seasonal pattern. It would not be possible to quantify any such change adequately until some additional years' data are available. Particular care should therefore be exercised in interpreting current movements in these seasonally adjusted estimates.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20. Users may also wish to refer to "The Labour Force, Australia" (6203.0). This publication contains a detailed list of related publications which are available on request.

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TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate		
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Looking for full-time work							
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1983 -											
November	3,719.3	3,966.7	30.5	365.5	20.4	385.9	4,352.6	1,383.6	5,736.2	8.9	75.9
December	3,781.9	4,028.2	57.4	391.3	28.4	419.8	4,448.0	1,295.6	5,743.6	9.4	77.4
1984 -											
January	3,716.3	3,949.6	53.0	424.0	28.5	452.5	4,402.1	1,350.0	5,752.1	10.3	76.5
February	3,767.0	4,000.3	48.5	413.2	22.7	435.8	4,436.2	1,324.1	5,760.2	9.8	77.0
March	3,809.0	4,052.3	36.8	380.0	24.7	404.7	4,457.1	1,311.3	5,768.4	9.1	77.3
April	3,781.2	4,036.6	33.4	364.3	21.3	385.6	4,422.2	1,353.8	5,776.0	8.7	76.6
May	3,791.4	4,039.3	30.3	356.5	25.7	382.2	4,421.5	1,362.2	5,783.7	8.6	76.4
June	3,797.7	4,042.1	29.1	349.7	25.3	375.0	4,417.2	1,374.1	5,791.3	8.5	76.3
July	3,807.7	4,064.5	27.0	339.9	17.9	357.8	4,422.3	1,375.9	5,798.2	8.1	76.3
August	3,767.3	4,012.4	30.3	359.0	22.5	381.5	4,393.9	1,411.5	5,805.4	8.7	75.7
September	3,804.2	4,059.1	29.2	349.1	27.7	376.8	4,435.8	1,376.5	5,812.3	8.5	76.3
October	3,798.8	4,051.0	26.4	326.1	25.0	351.2	4,402.2	1,417.9	5,820.1	8.0	75.6
November	3,800.9	4,056.0	29.0	321.4	19.7	341.1	4,397.2	1,430.3	5,827.5	7.8	75.5
December	3,845.7	4,087.5	44.6	345.2	29.6	374.8	4,462.3	1,372.7	5,834.9	8.4	76.5
Standard error of -											
December 1984 estimates	13.7	14.0	2.8	6.3	2.3	6.5	14.3	10.0	..	0.1	0.2
Nov 84 to Dec 84 movements	9.6	9.8	2.6	5.1	2.3	5.2	10.0	7.5	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1983 -											
November	1,534.0	2,410.8	27.2	176.7	62.2	238.9	2,649.7	3,267.3	5,917.0	9.0	44.8
December	1,560.6	2,428.2	52.4	210.1	60.2	270.2	2,698.4	3,226.1	5,924.5	10.0	45.6
1984 -											
January	1,533.1	2,303.0	48.2	212.9	54.0	266.9	2,569.9	3,363.2	5,933.1	10.4	43.3
February	1,528.6	2,365.7	51.7	228.6	73.7	302.3	2,668.0	3,273.6	5,941.6	11.3	44.9
March	1,546.3	2,451.9	37.5	212.1	84.2	296.3	2,748.2	3,201.9	5,950.1	10.8	46.2
April	1,537.8	2,442.4	32.1	207.7	83.5	291.2	2,733.5	3,224.5	5,958.1	10.7	45.9
May	1,541.8	2,451.2	29.4	192.7	62.1	254.8	2,706.1	3,260.1	5,966.1	9.4	45.4
June	1,545.4	2,456.6	30.3	189.5	69.5	259.1	2,715.7	3,258.4	5,974.1	9.5	45.5
July	1,561.2	2,461.6	28.1	175.3	62.5	237.8	2,699.5	3,281.9	5,981.3	8.8	45.1
August	1,547.5	2,449.9	25.9	165.1	57.9	223.1	2,673.0	3,315.5	5,988.5	8.3	44.6
September	1,578.7	2,513.8	26.2	168.9	75.6	244.5	2,758.4	3,237.4	5,995.7	8.9	46.0
October	1,565.8	2,493.6	22.3	163.6	64.1	227.7	2,721.2	3,281.9	6,003.2	8.4	45.3
November	1,581.9	2,510.0	27.5	166.9	63.3	230.2	2,740.2	3,270.4	6,010.7	8.4	45.6
December	1,624.3	2,536.3	38.1	181.7	70.3	252.0	2,788.3	3,229.9	6,018.2	9.0	46.3
Standard error of -											
December 1984 estimates	10.6	12.2	2.6	4.9	3.4	5.6	12.5	13.1	..	0.2	0.2
Nov 84 to Dec 84 movements	7.8	8.7	2.5	4.2	3.1	4.6	8.9	9.3	..	0.2	0.1
PERSONS											
1983 -											
November	5,253.3	6,377.5	57.7	542.1	82.6	624.7	7,002.3	4,650.9	11,653.2	8.9	60.1
December	5,342.5	6,456.4	109.8	601.4	88.6	690.0	7,146.4	4,521.7	11,668.1	9.7	61.3
1984 -											
January	5,249.4	6,252.6	101.2	636.9	82.5	719.4	6,972.0	4,713.2	11,685.2	10.3	59.7
February	5,295.6	6,366.0	100.1	641.8	96.4	738.2	7,104.2	4,597.6	11,701.8	10.4	60.7
March	5,355.3	6,504.2	74.3	592.2	108.9	701.0	7,205.3	4,513.2	11,718.5	9.7	61.5
April	5,319.0	6,479.0	65.5	572.0	104.8	676.7	7,155.8	4,578.4	11,734.1	9.5	61.0
May	5,333.2	6,490.5	59.7	549.2	87.8	637.0	7,127.5	4,622.3	11,749.8	8.9	60.7
June	5,343.1	6,498.7	59.5	539.2	94.9	634.1	7,132.8	4,632.5	11,765.4	8.9	60.6
July	5,368.9	6,526.1	55.1	515.2	80.4	595.7	7,121.8	4,657.8	11,779.5	8.4	60.5
August	5,314.8	6,462.3	56.2	524.2	80.5	604.6	7,066.9	4,727.0	11,793.9	8.6	59.9
September	5,382.9	6,572.9	55.4	518.1	103.3	621.3	7,194.2	4,613.8	11,808.0	8.6	60.9
October	5,364.6	6,544.6	48.7	489.7	89.1	578.8	7,123.4	4,699.8	11,823.2	8.1	60.2
November	5,382.8	6,566.0	56.5	488.3	83.0	571.3	7,137.4	4,700.8	11,838.2	8.0	60.3
December	5,470.0	6,623.8	82.7	526.9	99.9	626.8	7,250.6	4,602.5	11,853.1	8.6	61.2
Standard error of -											
December 1984 estimates	15.2	16.0	3.6	7.3	3.9	7.7	16.4	14.5	..	0.1	0.1
Nov 84 to Dec 84 movements	10.5	10.9	3.2	5.7	3.4	6.0	11.1	10.1	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed				Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Looking for full-time work Total	Looking for part-time work Total	Total			
- '000 -									
- per cent -									
MALES									
1983 -									
November	3,732.8	3,974.6	35.7	389.8	24.3	414.1	4,388.7	9.4	76.5
December	3,749.2	3,995.5	33.7	381.9	21.9	403.8	4,399.3	9.2	76.6
1984 -									
January	3,729.2	3,980.1	32.5	379.5	27.3	406.8	4,386.9	9.3	76.3
February	3,753.1	4,003.8	34.6	375.0	22.6	397.6	4,401.4	9.0	76.4
March	3,800.3	4,039.3	36.2	369.1	22.6	391.7	4,431.0	8.8	76.8
April	3,788.2	4,038.6	42.5	373.0	21.7	394.7	4,433.3	8.9	76.8
May	3,800.2	4,042.8	38.1	360.1	23.8	384.0	4,426.8	8.7	76.5
June	3,806.9	4,047.9	43.6	370.0	30.3	400.3	4,448.2	9.0	76.8
July	3,802.2	4,063.7	38.5	353.6	18.4	371.9	4,435.6	8.4	76.5
August	3,796.1	4,035.5	42.6	370.7	24.5	395.2	4,430.7	8.9	76.3
September	3,782.7	4,036.2	34.7	352.1	27.4	379.6	4,415.8	8.6	76.0
October	3,801.5	4,046.1	29.7	345.9	27.1	373.0	4,419.1	8.4	75.9
November	3,814.1	4,063.4	33.9	342.4	23.4	365.7	4,429.2	8.3	76.0
December	3,812.7	4,054.6	26.1	338.8	22.9	361.7	4,416.3	8.2	75.7
FEMALES									
1983 -									
November	1,536.8	2,382.6	36.5	196.9	68.4	265.3	2,647.9	10.0	44.8
December	1,534.6	2,395.4	35.5	196.5	63.4	259.9	2,655.3	9.8	44.8
1984 -									
January	1,534.0	2,396.5	31.8	194.2	65.8	260.0	2,656.5	9.8	44.8
February	1,532.8	2,393.9	38.8	198.3	65.0	263.2	2,657.1	9.9	44.7
March	1,547.4	2,427.6	34.1	197.6	72.8	270.4	2,697.9	10.0	45.3
April	1,537.8	2,443.7	33.0	205.4	78.4	283.9	2,727.5	10.4	45.8
May	1,540.3	2,448.2	31.4	191.3	59.8	251.1	2,699.3	9.3	45.2
June	1,555.3	2,466.8	36.4	193.7	70.4	264.1	2,731.0	9.7	45.7
July	1,561.9	2,453.1	35.8	190.1	66.5	256.5	2,709.6	9.5	45.3
August	1,572.5	2,458.4	33.6	173.6	65.5	239.0	2,697.4	8.9	45.0
September	1,559.8	2,483.5	33.2	176.5	72.1	248.6	2,732.2	9.1	45.6
October	1,568.0	2,477.1	30.1	184.3	60.1	244.4	2,721.4	9.0	45.3
November	1,584.4	2,479.8	36.9	186.5	69.8	256.3	2,736.1	9.4	45.5
December	1,597.5	2,502.1	25.7	170.2	74.1	244.3	2,746.4	8.9	45.6
PERSONS									
1983 -									
November	5,269.6	6,357.2	72.2	586.7	92.7	679.4	7,036.6	9.7	60.4
December	5,283.8	6,390.9	69.2	578.4	85.3	663.7	7,054.6	9.4	60.5
1984 -									
January	5,263.2	6,376.6	64.3	573.7	93.1	666.8	7,043.4	9.5	60.3
February	5,285.9	6,397.7	73.4	573.2	87.6	660.8	7,058.5	9.4	60.3
March	5,347.7	6,466.9	70.2	566.7	95.3	662.1	7,128.9	9.3	60.8
April	5,326.0	6,482.3	75.6	578.5	100.1	678.6	7,160.9	9.5	61.0
May	5,340.5	6,491.1	69.5	551.4	83.6	635.0	7,126.1	8.9	60.6
June	5,362.2	6,514.7	80.0	563.7	100.8	664.4	7,179.2	9.3	61.0
July	5,364.2	6,516.8	74.3	543.6	84.8	628.5	7,145.2	8.8	60.7
August	5,368.6	6,493.9	76.2	544.3	89.9	634.2	7,128.1	8.9	60.4
September	5,342.5	6,519.7	67.9	528.7	99.5	628.2	7,147.9	8.8	60.5
October	5,369.5	6,523.2	59.8	530.1	87.2	617.3	7,140.5	8.6	60.4
November	5,398.6	6,543.2	70.8	528.9	93.1	622.0	7,165.2	8.7	60.5
December	5,410.1	6,556.7	51.9	509.1	96.9	606.0	7,162.7	8.5	60.4

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over	Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	Total
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
											- per cent -
MALES											
1983 -											
November	30.5	72.8	292.6	365.5	20.4	385.9	24.5	7.7	9.0	7.6	8.9
December	57.4	101.8	289.6	391.3	28.4	419.8	29.3	7.6	9.4	10.4	9.4
1984 -											
January	53.0	104.5	319.5	424.0	28.5	452.5	30.5	8.4	10.2	10.9	10.3
February	48.5	90.8	322.4	413.2	22.7	435.8	27.1	8.4	9.9	8.9	9.8
March	36.8	81.3	298.7	380.0	24.7	404.7	24.9	7.7	9.1	9.2	9.1
April	33.4	74.7	289.6	364.3	21.3	385.6	23.3	7.6	8.8	7.7	8.7
May	30.3	71.6	284.9	356.5	25.7	382.2	22.2	7.4	8.6	9.4	8.6
June	29.1	69.4	280.4	349.7	25.3	375.0	22.0	7.3	8.4	9.4	8.5
July	27.0	67.9	272.0	339.9	17.9	357.8	21.7	7.1	8.2	6.5	8.1
August	30.3	72.6	286.4	359.0	22.5	381.5	23.6	7.5	8.7	8.4	8.7
September	29.2	69.1	280.0	349.1	27.7	376.8	22.8	7.3	8.4	9.8	8.5
October	26.4	65.3	260.8	326.1	25.0	351.2	22.8	6.8	7.9	9.0	8.0
November	29.0	65.6	255.8	321.4	19.7	341.1	22.5	6.7	7.8	7.2	7.8
December	44.6	84.5	260.7	345.2	29.6	374.8	25.1	6.8	8.2	10.9	8.4
Standard error of -											
December 1984											
estimates	2.8	3.7	5.7	6.3	2.3	6.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1
Nov 84 to Dec 84											
movements	2.6	3.3	4.7	5.1	2.3	5.2	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1
FEMALES											
1983 -											
November	27.2	57.5	119.1	176.7	62.2	238.9	23.4	8.1	10.3	6.6	9.0
December	52.4	84.0	126.1	210.1	60.2	270.2	29.7	8.5	11.9	6.5	10.0
1984 -											
January	48.2	83.8	129.1	212.9	54.0	266.9	29.6	8.8	12.2	6.6	10.4
February	51.7	87.2	141.4	228.6	73.7	302.3	31.9	9.5	13.0	8.1	11.3
March	37.5	70.1	142.0	212.1	84.2	296.3	27.1	9.5	12.1	8.5	10.8
April	32.1	65.2	142.5	207.7	83.5	291.2	25.5	9.6	11.9	8.4	10.7
May	29.4	59.7	133.0	192.7	62.1	254.8	23.8	9.0	11.1	6.4	9.4
June	30.3	61.2	128.3	189.5	69.5	259.1	24.7	8.6	10.9	7.1	9.5
July	28.1	57.6	117.7	175.3	62.5	237.8	23.6	7.9	10.1	6.5	8.8
August	25.9	56.8	108.4	165.1	57.9	223.1	23.6	7.4	9.6	6.0	8.3
September	26.2	53.8	115.1	168.9	75.6	244.5	22.4	7.6	9.7	7.5	8.9
October	22.3	48.5	115.2	163.6	64.1	227.7	21.0	7.7	9.5	6.5	8.4
November	27.5	57.3	109.6	166.9	63.3	230.2	24.2	7.3	9.5	6.4	8.4
December	38.1	70.2	111.5	181.7	70.3	252.0	26.9	7.2	10.1	7.2	9.0
Standard error of -											
December 1984											
estimates	2.6	3.4	4.1	4.9	3.4	5.6	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nov 84 to Dec 84											
movements	2.5	3.1	3.6	4.2	3.1	4.6	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1983 -											
November	57.7	130.3	411.8	542.1	82.6	624.7	24.0	7.8	9.4	6.9	8.9
December	109.8	185.8	415.6	601.4	88.6	690.0	29.5	7.8	10.1	7.4	9.7
1984 -											
January	101.2	188.3	448.6	636.9	82.5	719.4	30.1	8.5	10.8	7.6	10.3
February	100.1	178.0	463.8	641.8	96.4	738.2	29.3	8.7	10.8	8.3	10.4
March	74.3	151.4	440.7	592.2	108.9	701.0	25.8	8.2	10.0	8.7	9.7
April	65.5	139.9	432.1	572.0	104.8	676.7	24.2	8.1	9.7	8.3	9.5
May	59.7	131.2	417.9	549.2	87.8	637.0	22.9	7.9	9.3	7.1	8.9
June	59.5	130.5	408.7	539.2	94.9	634.1	23.2	7.7	9.2	7.6	8.9
July	55.1	125.5	389.7	515.2	80.4	595.7	22.5	7.3	8.8	6.5	8.4
August	56.2	129.4	394.7	524.2	80.5	604.6	23.6	7.5	9.0	6.6	8.6
September	55.4	122.9	395.2	518.1	103.3	621.3	22.6	7.4	8.8	8.0	8.6
October	48.7	113.7	376.0	489.7	89.1	578.8	22.0	7.0	8.4	7.0	8.1
November	56.5	122.9	365.4	488.3	83.0	571.3	23.3	6.8	8.3	6.6	8.0
December	82.7	154.7	372.2	526.9	99.9	626.8	25.9	6.9	8.8	8.0	8.6
Standard error of -											
December 1984											
estimates	3.6	4.6	6.4	7.3	3.9	7.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Nov 84 to Dec 84											
movements	3.2	4.0	5.2	5.7	3.4	6.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Total	Unemployment rate				Total
	Aged 15-19			Total			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		
MALES											
1983 -											
November	35.7	80.4	309.4	389.8	24.3	414.1	25.1	8.1	9.5	9.1	9.4
December	33.7	77.7	304.2	381.9	21.9	403.8	24.7	8.0	9.2	8.2	9.2
1984 -											
January	32.5	77.8	301.7	379.5	27.3	406.8	25.1	7.9	9.2	9.8	9.3
February	34.6	75.1	299.9	375.0	22.6	397.6	24.2	7.9	9.1	8.3	9.0
March	36.2	84.5	284.7	369.1	22.6	391.7	26.3	7.4	8.9	8.6	8.8
April	42.5	85.5	287.5	373.0	21.7	394.7	26.1	7.5	9.0	8.0	8.9
May	38.1	75.8	284.3	360.1	23.8	384.0	23.7	7.4	8.7	8.9	8.7
June	43.6	79.7	290.3	370.0	30.3	400.3	24.3	7.5	8.9	11.2	9.0
July	38.5	75.4	278.1	353.6	18.4	371.9	23.4	7.3	8.5	6.6	8.4
August	42.6	83.7	287.0	370.7	24.5	395.2	25.4	7.5	8.9	9.3	8.9
September	34.7	75.5	276.7	352.1	27.4	379.6	24.1	7.2	8.5	9.8	8.6
October	29.7	73.0	272.9	345.9	27.1	373.0	23.8	7.1	8.3	10.0	8.4
November	33.9	72.3	270.1	342.4	23.4	365.7	23.1	7.0	8.2	8.6	8.3
December	26.1	64.5	274.4	338.8	22.9	361.7	21.0	7.1	8.2	8.6	8.2
FEMALES											
1983 -											
November	36.5	69.5	127.4	196.9	68.4	265.3	26.4	8.7	11.4	7.5	10.0
December	35.5	68.7	127.8	196.5	63.4	259.9	26.3	8.7	11.4	6.9	9.8
1984 -											
January	31.8	66.3	127.9	194.2	65.8	260.0	25.7	8.7	11.2	7.1	9.8
February	38.8	73.8	124.5	198.3	65.0	263.2	28.8	8.4	11.5	7.0	9.9
March	34.1	66.8	130.7	197.6	72.8	270.4	26.4	8.8	11.3	7.6	10.0
April	33.0	65.1	140.3	205.4	78.4	283.9	25.7	9.4	11.8	8.0	10.4
May	31.4	60.9	130.4	191.3	59.8	251.1	24.3	8.8	11.0	6.2	9.3
June	36.4	65.7	128.0	193.7	70.4	264.1	25.8	8.6	11.1	7.2	9.7
July	35.8	64.9	125.2	190.1	66.5	256.5	25.8	8.3	10.8	6.9	9.5
August	33.6	61.9	111.7	173.6	65.5	239.0	24.7	7.5	9.9	6.9	8.9
September	33.2	60.6	116.0	176.5	72.1	248.6	24.0	7.8	10.2	7.2	9.1
October	30.1	57.0	127.2	184.3	60.1	244.4	23.3	8.4	10.5	6.2	9.0
November	36.9	69.2	117.3	186.5	69.8	256.3	27.2	7.7	10.5	7.2	9.4
December	25.7	57.4	112.8	170.2	74.1	244.3	23.7	7.4	9.6	7.6	8.9
PERSONS											
1983 -											
November	72.2	149.9	436.8	586.7	92.7	679.4	25.7	8.3	10.0	7.9	9.7
December	69.2	146.4	432.0	578.4	85.3	663.7	25.5	8.2	9.9	7.2	9.4
1984 -											
January	64.3	144.1	429.6	573.7	93.1	666.8	25.4	8.2	9.8	7.7	9.5
February	73.4	148.8	424.4	573.2	87.6	660.8	26.3	8.0	9.8	7.3	9.4
March	70.2	151.3	415.4	566.7	95.3	662.1	26.4	7.8	9.6	7.8	9.3
April	75.6	150.7	427.8	578.5	100.1	678.6	25.9	8.0	9.8	8.0	9.5
May	69.5	136.7	414.7	551.4	83.6	635.0	23.9	7.8	9.4	6.8	8.9
June	80.0	145.3	418.3	563.7	100.8	664.4	25.0	7.8	9.5	8.0	9.3
July	74.3	140.3	403.3	543.6	84.8	628.5	24.5	7.6	9.2	6.9	8.8
August	76.2	145.6	398.7	544.3	89.9	634.2	25.1	7.5	9.2	7.4	8.9
September	67.9	136.0	392.6	528.7	99.5	628.2	24.1	7.4	9.0	7.8	8.8
October	59.8	130.0	400.1	530.1	87.2	617.3	23.6	7.5	9.0	7.0	8.6
November	70.8	141.5	387.4	528.9	93.1	622.0	24.9	7.2	8.9	7.5	8.7
December	51.9	121.9	387.2	509.1	96.9	606.0	22.2	7.2	8.6	7.8	8.5

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part-time work	Unemployment rate					
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over			Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		
	Looking for first job	Total	Total	Total		Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total
	- '000 -										
- per cent -											
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1983 - December	42.0	70.6	155.7	226.3	26.4	252.7	33.6	8.3	10.9	6.7	10.2
1984 - November	21.2	44.2	138.1	182.3	26.9	209.2	25.2	7.3	8.8	6.4	8.4
December	32.0	55.8	137.2	193.1	27.0	220.0	28.2	7.2	9.1	6.7	8.8
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	2.5	3.1	4.4	5.0	2.3	5.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	2.2	2.6	3.5	3.9	2.0	4.0	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1983 - December	25.0	39.7	101.2	141.0	27.1	168.1	25.9	7.1	9.0	8.4	8.9
1984 - November	14.3	27.1	77.9	105.1	20.9	126.0	21.2	5.5	6.8	6.2	6.7
December	17.6	34.6	79.8	114.4	32.1	146.5	23.4	5.5	7.2	9.4	7.6
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	1.8	2.4	3.2	3.6	2.3	4.0	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	1.7	2.0	2.6	2.9	2.0	3.1	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1983 - December	15.1	29.1	62.1	91.2	12.8	104.0	25.6	7.6	9.8	6.8	9.3
1984 - November	8.7	21.8	69.0	90.8	13.8	104.6	22.9	8.4	9.9	7.1	9.4
December	12.0	24.8	67.6	92.4	19.1	111.6	23.7	8.2	9.9	10.0	10.0
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	1.2	1.7	2.4	2.7	1.5	2.9	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	1.1	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.3	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1983 - December	8.6	15.8	39.9	55.7	8.9	64.7	28.0	8.9	11.0	7.4	10.3
1984 - November	5.8	12.7	33.1	45.8	7.8	53.6	24.7	7.3	9.1	6.2	8.5
December	8.2	15.6	38.9	54.5	8.7	63.2	27.4	8.6	10.7	6.7	9.9
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1983 - December	12.0	20.8	39.9	60.8	7.6	68.4	31.6	8.4	11.2	6.4	10.4
1984 - November	3.8	11.4	31.8	43.2	8.5	51.8	21.8	6.7	8.2	6.9	7.9
December	6.7	14.9	32.6	47.4	9.2	56.6	24.1	6.7	8.7	7.4	8.5
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.9	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1983 - December	4.8	6.6	10.6	17.3	2.7	19.9	33.0	7.7	10.9	8.0	10.4
1984 - November	1.9	4.2	10.7	14.9	2.6	17.5	26.2	7.7	9.7	7.2	9.2
December	4.4	6.0	10.2	16.3	1.7	18.0	32.4	7.3	10.3	4.8	9.3
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.8	2.9	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.4
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1983 - December	*	*	2.4	3.2	*	4.2	*	4.8	5.8	*	6.7
1984 - November	*	*	2.3	2.7	*	3.3	*	4.8	5.2	*	5.6
December	*	*	2.7	3.9	*	4.7	*	5.6	7.5	*	7.6
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.7	9.6	1.1	1.2	3.6	1.1
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	7.9	0.9	1.0	2.9	0.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1983 - December	*	2.3	3.7	6.0	2.1	8.2	32.5	4.0	6.0	11.1	6.8
1984 - November	*	*	2.6	3.5	*	5.3	*	2.8	3.6	*	4.5
December	*	*	3.1	4.9	*	6.1	*	3.3	4.8	*	4.9
Standard error of -											
Dec 1984 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	6.1	0.5	0.6	1.6	0.5
Nov 1984 to Dec 1984 movements	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	5.1	0.4	0.5	1.5	0.4

