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Care should be taken in the interpretation of month-to-month movements in the original and seasonally adjusted data - see paragraphs 15 and 21 to 26. Tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 10 include revisions to seasonally adjusted and trend data following the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors up to January 1988.

MAIN FEATURES

The February 1988 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of employed persons was 7,261,700, a decrease of 34,300 on the January estimate - entirely due to a fall in the number of part-time employed. Full-time employment remained steady at 5,833,600 following strong rises recorded in December and January. Decreasing female employment accounted for about 80 percent of the fall in the number of employed persons.

Trend estimates of employment show continued strong rates of growth.

The State trend estimates of employed persons (see graphs on page 2) show contrasting patterns with respect to growth in employment. Except for South Australia, all States have experienced marked growth in the number of employed persons since early 1986. For example, there has been continuing growth in New South Wales and, for the most part, in Western Australia in that time, whereas in Victoria and Queensland strong gains early in the period were followed by several months during 1987 when employment levels showed little change.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployed persons in February 1988 was 583,700, a decrease of 30,400 on the January estimate. Unemployment (seasonally adjusted) fell in all States except South Australia and Tasmania. Since the beginning of 1987 trend estimates of unemployed persons show a continuing pattern of decline, mainly attributable to a reduction in the number of males looking for full-time work.

There was a significant fall in the unemployment rate. The February 1988 (seasonally adjusted) estimate of the unemployment rate was 7.4%, down 0.4 percentage points from January 1988. In seasonally adjusted terms the estimate of the unemployment rate is the lowest since August 1982. In the States, there were significant decreases in the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Queensland (from 10.0% in January 1988 to 9.0% in February 1988) and for New South Wales (from 7.6% to 7.1%).

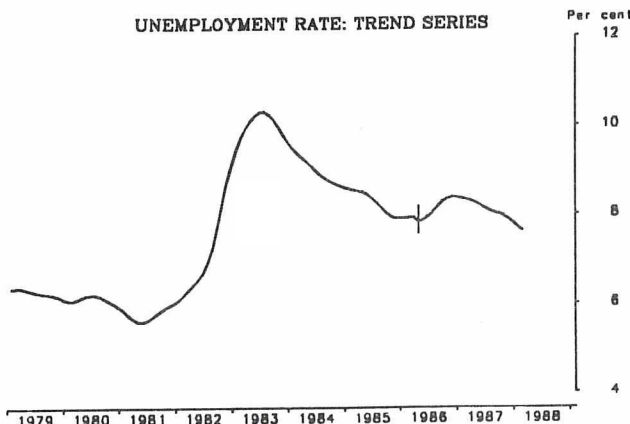
The national trend estimate of the unemployment rate has been falling since January 1987. New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland unemployment rate trend estimates have also shown this pattern. Trend estimates of the unemployment rate for the other States have remained relatively unchanged over the past six to eight months.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate for February 1988 was 62.2%, down 0.6 percentage points on the January 1988 estimate.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



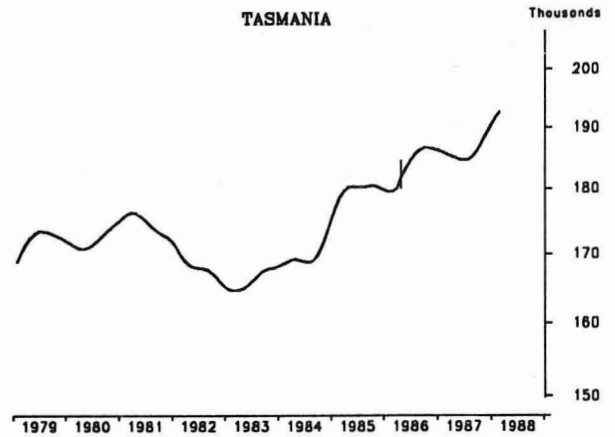
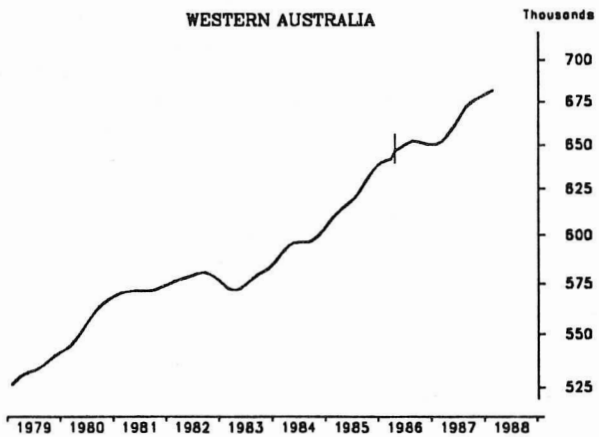
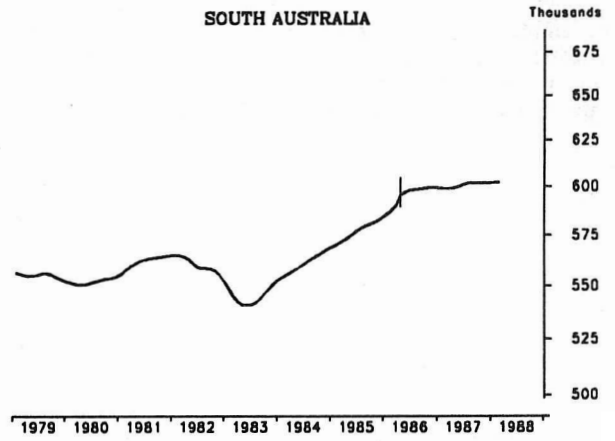
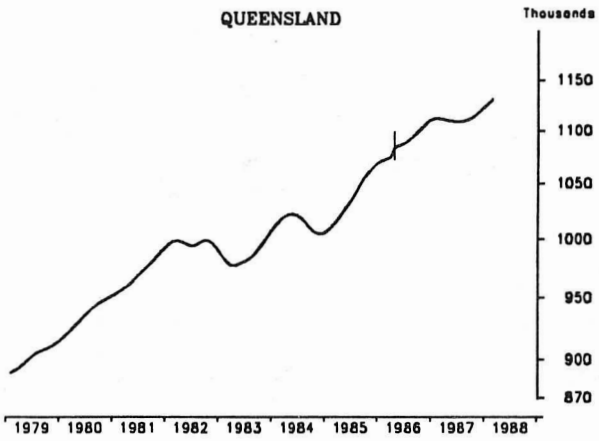
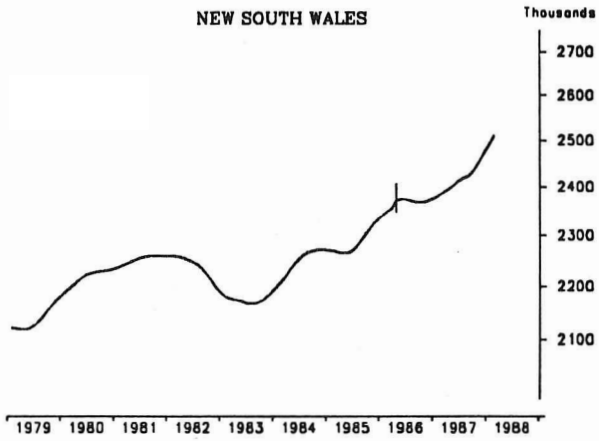
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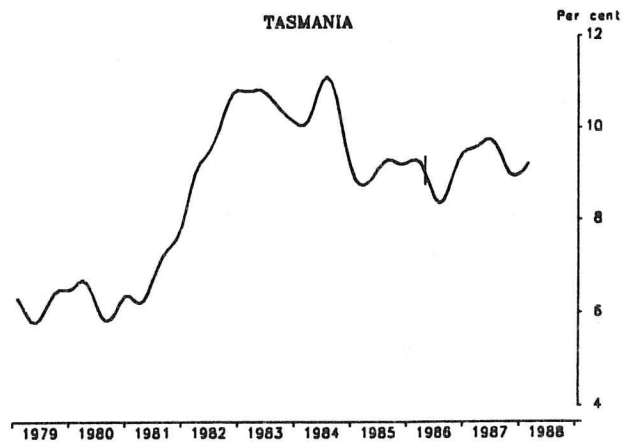
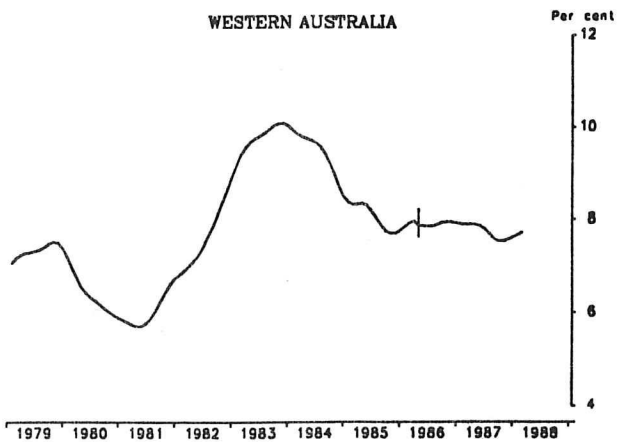
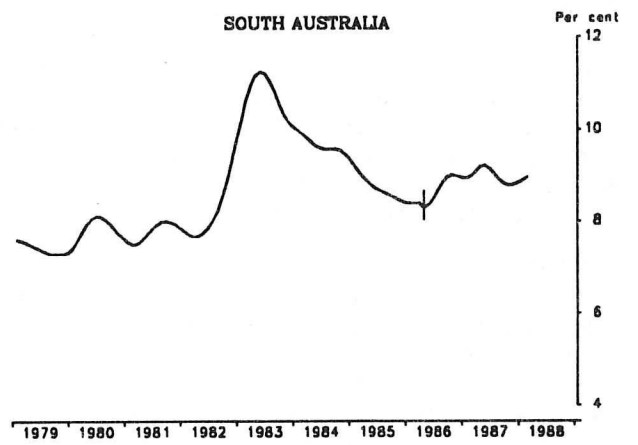
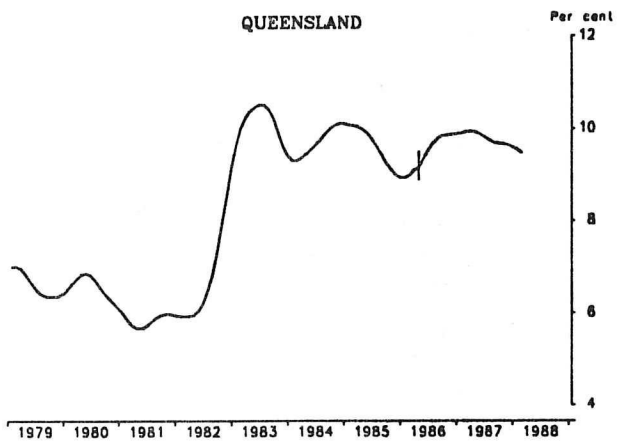
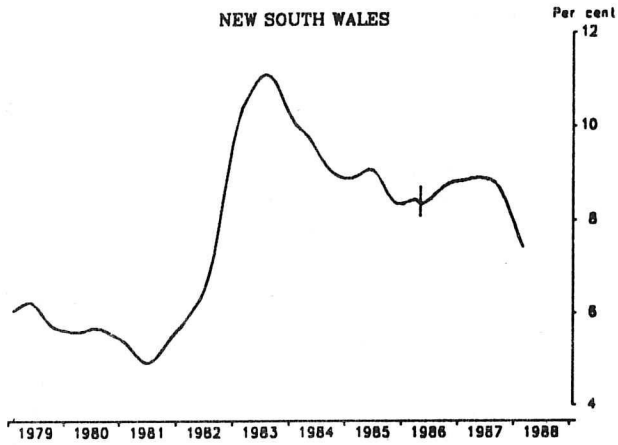
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Semi-logarithmic graphs (see paragraph 27)



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. 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 estimates 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 31,000 houses, flats, etc.) and a list sample of non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about three-fifths 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. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference 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.

Coverage

4. In the labour force survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. The coverage rules are, necessarily, a balance between theoretical and operational considerations. Nevertheless, the chance of a person being enumerated at two separate dwellings in the survey is considered to be negligible.

Definitions

5. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on the *actual activity* undertaken during the reference week (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.). The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Office (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

6. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the reference 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 one hour 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 reference 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 reference 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, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

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

8. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the reference 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 reference week and:

(i) were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the reference week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference 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 reference week (including the whole of the reference week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

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

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

11. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

12. 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.

13. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the reference week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed as defined above.

Revision of series

14. From April 1986, the definition of employed persons was changed to include persons who worked without pay between 1 and 14 hours per week in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers). For further information, see paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Explanatory Notes to the February 1987 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

Survey sample redesign

15. The LFS sample has been redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Population Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September 1987 to December 1987. For details, see *Information Paper - Labour Force Survey - Sample Design* (6269.0).

Reliability of the estimates

16. 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.

17. 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).

18. Very small estimates and percentages based on such estimates are not published but are indicated with a '*' because they are subject to high relative standard errors. Although estimates 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) An estimate of 300,000 unemployed males looking for full-time work has a standard error of about 6,600. 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 293,400 to 306,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the number will be within the range 286,800 to 313,200.

(b) On an estimate of movement of +28,300 in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from one month to the next (with the highest of the two monthly level estimates being 300,000) the standard error is about 5,200. 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 +23,100 to +33,500, and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range +17,900 to +38,700.

20. 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 and trend estimation

21. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 9. As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review were used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates contained in this bulletin. Information about the method of adjustment, and revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for all months from January 1982 will be published in an appendix to "The Labour Force, Australia, February 1988" (6203.0).

22. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

23. It is possible that the seasonality of employment, unemployment and labour force participation has been affected by the changed pattern of school holidays in some States. The impact of these changes on seasonally adjusted estimates of labour force characteristics cannot be assessed at this stage.

24. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. Revised trend series are published in Tables 3, 6 and 10.

25. While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller, and after three months have a negligible impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors.

26. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of*

'Trend' (1316.0), and *Time Series Decomposition - an Overview* (1317.0) for more detailed information on smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data.

Semi-logarithmic graphs

27. Graphs on page 2 have been drawn using a logarithmic vertical scale to facilitate comparisons of rates of growth in series of differing magnitude. Equal distances on the vertical scale (over equal time periods) indicate equal rates of growth for graphs on the same page.

Related publications

28. 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.

29. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

* subject to sampling variability too high for most prac-

tical uses. See the Technical Note in 6203.0 for more details.

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30. Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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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	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total					
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total							
- '000 -											
- per cent -											
MALES											
1987 -											
January	3,929.0	4,193.6	35.0	370.8	31.7	402.4	4,596.1	1,484.8	6,080.9	8.8	75.6
February	3,963.5	4,230.9	34.2	362.8	32.5	395.4	4,626.3	1,466.0	6,092.3	8.5	75.9
March	3,972.6	4,274.1	23.0	351.4	33.9	385.3	4,659.3	1,444.3	6,103.7	8.3	76.3
April	3,961.3	4,265.3	20.7	327.1	30.2	357.3	4,622.6	1,493.5	6,116.1	7.7	75.6
May	3,958.7	4,254.9	22.2	337.9	29.0	366.9	4,621.8	1,505.9	6,127.6	7.9	75.4
June	3,973.0	4,277.8	17.1	326.7	27.0	353.7	4,631.5	1,507.7	6,139.1	7.6	75.4
July	4,014.9	4,306.1	19.3	327.5	26.8	354.3	4,660.4	1,488.1	6,148.5	7.6	75.8
August	3,947.0	4,262.3	17.9	317.3	29.7	347.0	4,609.3	1,548.5	6,157.8	7.5	74.9
September	3,986.0	4,296.8	16.8	318.4	27.2	345.7	4,642.5	1,524.7	6,167.1	7.4	75.3
October	3,987.6	4,286.9	15.2	306.1	35.5	341.6	4,628.5	1,548.8	6,177.3	7.4	74.9
November	3,960.9	4,277.2	18.9	302.9	26.1	329.0	4,606.2	1,581.2	6,187.3	7.1	74.4
December	4,057.5	4,373.3	32.7	313.1	38.3	351.4	4,724.7	1,472.7	6,197.4	7.4	76.2
1988 -											
January	4,026.5	4,323.1	31.5	332.6	38.1	370.7	4,693.8	1,513.2	6,207.0	7.9	75.6
February	4,053.4	4,341.5	27.1	319.0	35.7	354.6	4,696.1	1,520.1	6,216.2	7.6	75.5
Standard error of -											
February 1988											
estimates	16.6	16.9	2.4	6.8	2.7	7.1	17.4	12.0	..	0.2	0.3
Jan 88 to Feb 88											
movements	13.7	14.1	2.2	5.4	2.4	5.6	14.5	9.5	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1987 -											
January	1,719.8	2,684.6	35.3	204.2	64.7	269.0	2,953.6	3,314.3	6,267.9	9.1	47.1
February	1,717.6	2,767.3	29.3	218.3	85.9	304.2	3,071.5	3,207.9	6,279.5	9.9	48.9
March	1,733.6	2,835.0	22.9	211.0	106.3	317.3	3,152.3	3,138.8	6,291.0	10.1	50.1
April	1,726.2	2,822.4	20.9	203.7	91.1	294.8	3,117.2	3,184.9	6,302.1	9.5	49.5
May	1,721.6	2,829.1	15.9	192.7	75.4	268.1	3,097.2	3,216.1	6,313.3	8.7	49.1
June	1,717.9	2,833.4	17.2	179.5	70.5	249.9	3,083.3	3,241.3	6,324.6	8.1	48.8
July	1,757.0	2,851.7	15.9	183.4	72.5	255.9	3,107.6	3,227.4	6,335.0	8.2	49.1
August	1,709.2	2,810.8	18.7	178.1	76.9	254.9	3,065.8	3,279.6	6,345.4	8.3	48.3
September	1,748.4	2,869.1	17.2	171.2	81.3	252.5	3,121.6	3,234.3	6,355.8	8.1	49.1
October	1,763.4	2,869.2	16.3	169.5	74.2	243.7	3,112.8	3,253.7	6,366.5	7.8	48.9
November	1,744.7	2,882.7	15.0	166.7	70.8	237.6	3,120.3	3,256.7	6,377.0	7.6	48.9
December	1,814.7	2,934.6	29.8	193.6	74.5	268.2	3,202.7	3,184.7	6,387.5	8.4	50.1
1988 -											
January	1,798.5	2,822.2	28.5	209.3	65.2	274.5	3,096.7	3,300.7	6,397.4	8.9	48.4
February	1,792.2	2,877.7	24.6	200.8	87.3	288.1	3,165.8	3,241.2	6,407.0	9.1	49.4
Standard error of -											
February 1988											
estimates	12.7	14.9	2.3	5.6	4.0	6.5	15.3	15.4	..	0.2	0.2
Jan 88 to Feb 88											
movements	10.1	12.1	2.2	4.5	3.3	5.1	12.5	12.7	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1987 -											
January	5,648.8	6,878.3	70.3	575.0	96.4	671.4	7,549.7	4,799.1	12,348.8	8.9	61.1
February	5,681.0	6,998.2	63.5	581.1	118.4	699.6	7,697.8	4,673.9	12,371.7	9.1	62.2
March	5,706.2	7,109.1	45.8	562.4	140.2	702.5	7,811.6	4,583.1	12,394.7	9.0	63.0
April	5,687.5	7,087.7	41.5	530.8	121.3	652.1	7,739.8	4,678.4	12,418.2	8.4	62.3
May	5,680.2	7,084.0	38.1	530.6	104.4	635.0	7,719.0	4,721.9	12,440.9	8.2	62.0
June	5,690.8	7,111.2	34.3	506.2	97.4	603.6	7,714.8	4,749.0	12,463.8	7.8	61.9
July	5,771.9	7,157.8	35.3	510.9	99.3	610.2	7,768.0	4,715.5	12,483.5	7.9	62.2
August	5,656.3	7,073.2	36.5	495.4	106.5	601.9	7,675.1	4,828.1	12,503.2	7.8	61.4
September	5,734.4	7,165.8	34.0	489.6	108.5	598.2	7,764.0	4,759.0	12,523.0	7.7	62.0
October	5,751.0	7,156.1	31.5	475.6	109.6	585.2	7,741.3	4,802.5	12,543.8	7.6	61.7
November	5,705.6	7,159.9	34.0	469.6	96.9	566.5	7,726.4	4,837.9	12,564.3	7.3	61.5
December	5,872.2	7,307.9	62.5	506.7	112.9	619.6	7,927.4	4,657.4	12,584.8	7.8	63.0
1988 -											
January	5,825.0	7,145.3	60.0	541.9	103.2	645.2	7,790.5	4,813.9	12,604.4	8.3	61.8
February	5,845.6	7,219.1	51.6	519.8	123.0	642.8	7,861.9	4,761.3	12,623.2	8.2	62.3
Standard error of -											
February 1988											
estimates	18.6	19.8	3.2	8.2	4.6	8.8	20.3	17.4	..	0.1	0.2
Jan 88 to Feb 88											
movements	15.8	17.1	2.8	6.5	3.7	6.9	17.6	14.7	..	0.1	0.1

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE: TREND SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Looking for full-time work					
				Total					
					- '000 -			- per cent -	
MALES									
1987 -									
January r	3,945.6	4,230.9	22.8	341.4	30.0	371.4	4,602.3	8.1	75.7
February r	3,951.6	4,239.6	23.3	340.2	30.1	370.3	4,609.8	8.0	75.7
March r	3,960.5	4,250.5	23.8	338.8	30.1	368.9	4,619.4	8.0	75.7
April r	3,970.2	4,262.6	24.1	337.2	30.0	367.2	4,629.8	7.9	75.7
May r	3,978.9	4,274.2	24.1	335.2	29.9	365.0	4,639.2	7.9	75.7
June r	3,984.3	4,282.5	23.7	332.9	30.0	362.9	4,645.4	7.8	75.7
July r	3,985.2	4,286.2	23.0	330.4	30.4	360.8	4,647.0	7.8	75.6
August r	3,983.5	4,286.8	22.3	327.7	30.9	358.7	4,645.4	7.7	75.4
September r	3,982.8	4,288.2	21.8	324.8	31.6	356.4	4,644.6	7.7	75.3
October r	3,986.1	4,293.4	21.4	321.5	32.2	353.7	4,647.1	7.6	75.2
November r	3,994.2	4,303.4	21.3	317.5	32.7	350.2	4,653.6	7.5	75.2
December r	4,006.1	4,317.5	21.1	312.7	33.3	346.0	4,663.5	7.4	75.2
1988 -									
January r	4,019.2	4,332.7	20.7	307.4	33.9	341.3	4,674.0	7.3	75.3
February	4,033.2	4,347.5	20.4	302.8	34.6	337.4	4,684.9	7.2	75.4
FEMALES									
1987 -									
January r	1,716.0	2,788.8	22.1	190.2	79.6	269.9	3,058.7	8.8	48.8
February r	1,717.7	2,796.7	21.8	190.8	79.7	270.5	3,067.2	8.8	48.8
March r	1,721.3	2,804.4	21.3	191.6	79.3	271.0	3,075.4	8.8	48.9
April r	1,725.8	2,812.3	20.7	192.4	78.5	270.8	3,083.2	8.8	48.9
May r	1,731.2	2,820.5	20.5	192.2	77.6	269.9	3,090.3	8.7	48.9
June r	1,735.9	2,827.9	20.6	191.2	77.1	268.3	3,096.2	8.7	49.0
July r	1,739.8	2,834.1	20.8	189.5	77.1	266.6	3,100.7	8.6	48.9
August r	1,744.0	2,840.7	21.0	188.1	77.6	265.6	3,106.3	8.6	49.0
September r	1,749.5	2,849.3	21.1	187.3	78.3	265.6	3,114.9	8.5	49.0
October r	1,756.8	2,860.9	20.9	187.1	78.9	266.0	3,126.9	8.5	49.1
November r	1,765.5	2,875.1	20.4	186.6	79.1	265.8	3,140.9	8.5	49.3
December r	1,774.8	2,890.3	19.8	185.8	79.4	265.2	3,155.5	8.4	49.4
1988 -									
January r	1,783.5	2,904.7	19.2	184.6	79.7	264.4	3,169.0	8.3	49.5
February	1,791.9	2,917.3	18.6	183.6	79.9	263.5	3,180.8	8.3	49.6
PERSONS									
1987 -									
January r	5,661.6	7,019.7	44.9	531.7	109.6	641.3	7,661.0	8.4	62.0
February r	5,669.3	7,036.2	45.2	531.0	109.8	640.8	7,677.0	8.3	62.1
March r	5,681.8	7,054.9	45.0	530.4	109.5	639.9	7,694.8	8.3	62.1
April r	5,696.0	7,074.9	44.8	529.5	108.5	638.0	7,713.0	8.3	62.1
May r	5,710.1	7,094.6	44.6	527.4	107.5	634.9	7,729.5	8.2	62.1
June r	5,720.2	7,110.4	44.2	524.2	107.0	631.2	7,741.6	8.2	62.1
July r	5,725.1	7,120.3	43.8	519.9	107.5	627.4	7,747.7	8.1	62.1
August r	5,727.5	7,127.4	43.3	515.8	108.5	624.3	7,751.8	8.1	62.0
September r	5,732.3	7,137.5	42.9	512.2	109.9	622.1	7,759.5	8.0	62.0
October r	5,742.9	7,154.3	42.4	508.6	111.0	619.6	7,774.0	8.0	62.0
November r	5,759.7	7,178.6	41.8	504.1	111.8	616.0	7,794.5	7.9	62.0
December r	5,780.9	7,207.8	40.9	498.5	112.7	611.2	7,819.0	7.8	62.1
1988 -									
January r	5,802.7	7,237.3	39.9	492.1	113.6	605.7	7,843.0	7.7	62.2
February	5,825.0	7,264.8	39.0	486.4	114.4	600.9	7,865.7	7.6	62.3

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				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total		Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total		Total
	- '000 -										
- per cent -											
MALES											
1987 -											
January	35.0	81.9	288.9	370.8	31.7	402.4	23.8	7.3	8.6	10.7	8.8
February	34.2	83.3	279.5	362.8	32.5	395.4	24.7	7.0	8.4	10.8	8.5
March	23.0	68.0	283.4	351.4	33.9	385.3	21.6	7.1	8.1	10.1	8.3
April	20.7	63.7	263.4	327.1	30.2	357.3	20.7	6.6	7.6	9.0	7.7
May	22.2	63.1	274.7	337.9	29.0	366.9	21.1	6.9	7.9	8.9	7.9
June	17.1	58.4	268.4	326.7	27.0	353.7	19.9	6.7	7.6	8.1	7.6
July	19.3	59.5	268.0	327.5	26.8	354.3	18.9	6.7	7.5	8.4	7.6
August	17.9	56.1	261.2	317.3	29.7	347.0	19.7	6.6	7.4	8.6	7.5
September	16.8	54.5	263.9	318.4	27.2	345.7	18.7	6.6	7.4	8.1	7.4
October	15.2	54.2	251.9	306.1	35.5	341.6	18.9	6.3	7.1	10.6	7.4
November	18.9	49.7	253.2	302.9	26.1	329.0	18.2	6.3	7.1	7.6	7.1
December	32.7	70.8	242.3	313.1	38.3	351.4	21.6	6.0	7.2	10.8	7.4
1988 -											
January	31.5	74.8	257.8	332.6	38.1	370.7	22.9	6.4	7.6	11.4	7.9
February	27.1	64.6	254.4	319.0	35.7	354.6	20.0	6.3	7.3	11.0	7.6
Standard error of - February 1988 estimates	2.4	3.5	6.2	6.8	2.7	7.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2
Jan 88 to Feb 88 movements	2.2	3.1	4.9	5.4	2.4	5.6	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
FEMALES											
1987 -											
January	35.3	73.2	131.0	204.2	64.7	269.0	26.9	7.9	10.6	6.3	9.1
February	29.3	74.1	144.2	218.3	85.9	304.2	27.9	8.6	11.3	7.6	9.9
March	22.9	63.7	147.2	211.0	106.3	317.3	25.5	8.7	10.8	8.8	10.1
April	20.9	59.2	144.5	203.7	91.1	294.8	24.2	8.6	10.6	7.7	9.5
May	15.9	52.1	140.6	192.7	75.4	268.1	22.5	8.4	10.1	6.4	8.7
June	17.2	56.3	123.2	179.5	70.5	249.9	24.6	7.4	9.5	5.9	8.1
July	15.9	53.1	130.3	183.4	72.5	255.9	22.5	7.6	9.5	6.2	8.2
August	18.7	50.5	127.6	178.1	76.9	254.9	23.3	7.6	9.4	6.5	8.3
September	17.2	47.6	123.6	171.2	81.3	252.5	21.3	7.3	8.9	6.8	8.1
October	16.3	48.3	121.2	169.5	74.2	243.7	21.9	7.1	8.8	6.3	7.8
November	15.0	46.3	120.4	166.7	70.8	237.6	21.3	7.1	8.7	5.9	7.6
December	29.8	67.4	126.2	193.6	74.5	268.2	25.9	7.2	9.6	6.2	8.4
1988 -											
January	28.5	69.0	140.3	209.3	65.2	274.5	26.4	8.0	10.4	6.0	8.9
February	24.6	59.0	141.9	200.8	87.3	288.1	24.3	8.1	10.1	7.4	9.1
Standard error of - February 1988 estimates	2.3	3.4	4.9	5.6	4.0	6.5	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Jan 88 to Feb 88 movements	2.2	3.0	3.9	4.5	3.3	5.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
PERSONS											
1987 -											
January	70.3	155.1	419.9	575.0	96.4	671.4	25.2	7.5	9.2	7.3	8.9
February	63.5	157.4	423.7	581.1	118.4	699.6	26.1	7.5	9.3	8.3	9.1
March	45.8	131.7	430.6	562.4	140.2	702.5	23.4	7.5	9.0	9.1	9.0
April	41.5	122.9	408.0	530.8	121.3	652.1	22.2	7.2	8.5	8.0	8.4
May	38.1	115.2	415.4	530.6	104.4	635.0	21.7	7.3	8.5	6.9	8.2
June	34.3	114.7	391.5	506.2	97.4	603.6	22.0	6.9	8.2	6.4	7.8
July	35.3	112.6	398.3	510.9	99.3	610.2	20.5	6.9	8.1	6.7	7.9
August	36.5	106.6	388.8	495.4	106.5	601.9	21.3	6.9	8.1	7.0	7.8
September	34.0	102.1	387.6	489.6	108.5	598.2	19.8	6.8	7.9	7.0	7.7
October	31.5	102.4	373.2	475.6	109.6	585.2	20.2	6.5	7.6	7.2	7.6
November	34.0	96.0	373.6	469.6	96.9	566.5	19.6	6.6	7.6	6.2	7.3
December	62.5	138.2	368.5	506.7	112.9	619.6	23.5	6.4	7.9	7.3	7.8
1988 -											
January	60.0	143.8	398.1	541.9	103.2	645.2	24.4	6.9	8.5	7.3	8.3
February	51.6	123.5	396.3	519.8	123.0	642.8	21.8	6.8	8.2	8.2	8.2
Standard error of - February 1988 estimates	3.2	4.6	7.4	8.2	4.6	8.8	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Jan 88 to Feb 88 movements	2.8	3.9	5.8	6.5	3.7	6.9	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Number looking for full-time work				Number looking for part- time work	Unemployment rate							
	Aged 15-19					Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work		Total	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total			Total	Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total		Total
MALES													
1987 -													
January r	22.6	61.9	280.9	342.8	27.1	369.9	19.8	7.1	8.0	8.6	8.1		
February r	24.3	70.2	261.6	331.8	33.5	365.3	22.2	6.6	7.7	10.5	7.9		
March r	21.0	66.8	274.9	341.6	29.5	371.1	21.5	6.9	7.9	9.1	8.0		
April r	24.0	66.8	265.8	332.6	29.8	362.4	21.7	6.6	7.7	9.4	7.8		
May r	28.2	67.5	272.4	339.9	29.3	369.2	22.6	6.8	7.9	9.1	8.0		
June r	21.7	64.6	269.9	334.5	29.1	363.7	21.3	6.7	7.7	8.8	7.8		
July r	23.8	63.1	271.0	334.1	32.2	366.4	19.8	6.7	7.7	9.8	7.8		
August r	21.7	62.0	257.8	319.8	31.1	350.9	20.6	6.4	7.4	8.9	7.5		
September r	20.7	59.8	260.7	320.5	26.0	346.6	19.8	6.5	7.5	7.9	7.5		
October r	20.4	62.3	264.3	326.5	39.8	366.4	20.4	6.6	7.6	12.0	7.9		
November r	23.1	59.0	263.9	322.9	30.5	353.4	20.0	6.6	7.5	9.0	7.6		
December r	21.9	58.8	254.3	313.1	31.9	345.0	19.4	6.3	7.2	9.2	7.4		
1988 -													
January r	20.3	56.5	251.3	307.8	32.7	340.5	19.0	6.2	7.1	9.2	7.2		
February	19.2	54.4	238.0	292.4	36.8	329.2	17.9	5.9	6.7	10.6	7.0		
FEMALES													
1987 -													
January r	23.2	58.1	128.1	186.2	81.3	267.5	23.5	7.7	9.8	7.0	8.7		
February r	21.2	60.0	128.5	188.5	79.0	267.5	24.4	7.8	9.9	6.8	8.7		
March r	21.0	59.4	133.3	192.6	83.9	276.5	24.5	8.0	10.1	7.2	9.0		
April r	22.1	60.4	137.2	197.7	80.4	278.1	24.7	8.2	10.3	6.9	9.0		
May r	18.6	54.8	137.5	192.4	74.5	266.9	23.5	8.1	10.0	6.4	8.6		
June r	20.6	59.3	125.9	185.3	72.3	257.6	25.2	7.5	9.7	6.2	8.3		
July r	20.3	58.7	135.9	194.5	75.6	270.2	24.0	8.0	10.0	6.5	8.7		
August r	22.5	57.6	131.8	189.4	86.0	275.5	25.3	7.8	9.8	7.2	8.8		
September r	20.8	54.4	126.8	181.2	75.8	257.0	23.5	7.5	9.4	6.4	8.3		
October r	21.4	56.6	131.5	188.0	77.8	265.9	24.0	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.5		
November r	19.3	54.6	131.2	185.8	78.8	264.5	23.4	7.7	9.6	6.6	8.5		
December r	21.4	56.4	132.2	188.5	78.2	266.8	23.3	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.4		
1988 -													
January r	18.7	54.7	137.1	191.8	81.8	273.6	23.0	7.8	9.7	6.7	8.5		
February	17.8	47.7	126.4	174.1	80.4	254.5	21.0	7.3	8.9	6.7	8.0		
PERSONS													
1987 -													
January r	45.8	120.0	409.0	529.1	108.4	637.4	21.5	7.3	8.6	7.4	8.3		
February r	45.5	130.3	390.1	520.4	112.5	632.8	23.2	6.9	8.4	7.6	8.2		
March r	42.0	126.1	408.1	534.3	113.4	647.6	22.8	7.2	8.6	7.6	8.4		
April r	46.1	127.2	403.1	530.3	110.2	640.5	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.3		
May r	46.8	122.3	410.0	532.3	103.8	636.1	23.0	7.2	8.5	7.0	8.2		
June r	42.2	123.9	395.9	519.8	101.5	621.3	23.0	6.9	8.3	6.8	8.0		
July r	44.1	121.8	406.9	528.7	107.9	636.6	21.6	7.1	8.4	7.2	8.2		
August r	44.2	119.6	389.6	509.2	117.2	626.4	22.6	6.8	8.2	7.6	8.1		
September r	41.5	114.2	387.5	501.8	101.8	603.6	21.4	6.8	8.1	6.7	7.8		
October r	41.8	118.8	395.7	514.6	117.6	632.2	22.0	6.9	8.2	7.8	8.1		
November r	42.4	113.6	395.1	508.7	109.2	617.9	21.5	6.9	8.2	7.2	8.0		
December r	43.3	115.1	386.5	501.6	110.1	611.8	21.2	6.7	8.0	7.2	7.8		
1988 -													
January r	39.0	111.2	388.4	499.6	114.5	614.1	20.8	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.8		
February	37.0	102.1	364.4	466.6	117.2	583.7	19.2	6.3	7.4	7.6	7.4		

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES

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	Total	Total	
	- '000 -						- per cent -					
MALES												
1987 -												
January r	22.8	66.3	275.2	341.4	30.0	371.4	21.2	6.9	8.0	9.5	8.1	
February r	23.3	66.8	273.4	340.2	30.1	370.3	21.4	6.9	7.9	9.5	8.0	
March r	23.8	67.1	271.7	338.8	30.1	368.9	21.7	6.8	7.9	9.4	8.0	
April r	24.1	66.9	270.3	337.2	30.0	367.2	21.7	6.8	7.8	9.3	7.9	
May r	24.1	66.2	269.0	335.2	29.9	365.0	21.6	6.7	7.8	9.2	7.9	
June r	23.7	65.0	268.0	332.9	30.0	362.9	21.2	6.7	7.7	9.1	7.8	
July r	23.0	63.6	266.8	330.4	30.4	360.8	20.8	6.7	7.7	9.2	7.8	
August r	22.3	62.4	265.4	327.7	30.9	358.7	20.5	6.6	7.6	9.3	7.7	
September r	21.8	61.4	263.5	324.8	31.6	356.4	20.2	6.6	7.5	9.4	7.7	
October r	21.4	60.3	261.2	321.5	32.2	353.7	20.0	6.5	7.5	9.5	7.6	
November r	21.3	59.3	258.2	317.5	32.7	350.2	19.7	6.4	7.4	9.6	7.5	
December r	21.1	58.1	254.6	312.7	33.3	346.0	19.4	6.3	7.2	9.7	7.4	
1988 -												
January r	20.7	56.9	250.5	307.4	33.9	341.3	19.0	6.2	7.1	9.8	7.3	
February	20.4	55.8	247.0	302.8	34.6	337.4	18.6	6.1	7.0	9.9	7.2	
FEMALES												
1987 -												
January r	22.1	58.9	131.4	190.2	79.6	269.9	23.8	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
February r	21.8	58.9	131.9	190.8	79.7	270.5	24.0	7.9	10.0	6.9	8.8	
March r	21.3	58.9	132.7	191.6	79.3	271.0	24.2	8.0	10.0	6.8	8.8	
April r	20.7	58.8	133.5	192.4	78.5	270.8	24.4	8.0	10.0	6.7	8.8	
May r	20.5	58.6	133.7	192.2	77.6	269.9	24.5	7.9	10.0	6.7	8.7	
June r	20.6	58.1	133.2	191.2	77.1	268.3	24.5	7.9	9.9	6.6	8.7	
July r	20.8	57.5	132.0	189.5	77.1	266.6	24.5	7.8	9.8	6.6	8.6	
August r	21.0	57.0	131.0	188.1	77.6	265.6	24.4	7.7	9.7	6.6	8.6	
September r	21.1	56.6	130.7	187.3	78.3	265.6	24.2	7.7	9.7	6.6	8.5	
October r	20.9	56.0	131.0	187.1	78.9	266.0	23.9	7.7	9.6	6.7	8.5	
November r	20.4	55.2	131.5	186.6	79.1	265.8	23.5	7.7	9.6	6.7	8.5	
December r	19.8	54.1	131.7	185.8	79.4	265.2	23.0	7.6	9.5	6.6	8.4	
1988 -												
January r	19.2	53.0	131.6	184.6	79.7	264.4	22.6	7.6	9.4	6.6	8.3	
February	18.6	51.9	131.7	183.6	79.9	263.5	22.1	7.6	9.3	6.6	8.3	
PERSONS												
1987 -												
January r	44.9	125.2	406.5	531.7	109.6	641.3	22.3	7.2	8.6	7.5	8.4	
February r	45.2	125.7	405.3	531.0	109.8	640.8	22.6	7.2	8.6	7.4	8.3	
March r	45.0	126.0	404.4	530.4	109.5	639.9	22.8	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.3	
April r	44.8	125.7	403.8	529.5	108.5	638.0	22.9	7.1	8.5	7.3	8.3	
May r	44.6	124.7	402.7	527.4	107.5	634.9	22.9	7.1	8.5	7.2	8.2	
June r	44.2	123.0	401.1	524.2	107.0	631.2	22.7	7.0	8.4	7.1	8.2	
July r	43.8	121.1	398.8	519.9	107.5	627.4	22.4	7.0	8.3	7.2	8.1	
August r	43.3	119.4	396.4	515.8	108.5	624.3	22.2	6.9	8.3	7.2	8.1	
September r	42.9	118.0	394.2	512.2	109.9	622.1	21.9	6.9	8.2	7.3	8.0	
October r	42.4	116.4	392.2	508.6	111.0	619.6	21.7	6.9	8.1	7.3	8.0	
November r	41.8	114.4	389.7	504.1	111.8	616.0	21.4	6.8	8.0	7.3	7.9	
December r	40.9	112.2	386.3	498.5	112.7	611.2	21.0	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.8	
1988 -												
January r	39.9	109.9	382.2	492.1	113.6	605.7	20.6	6.6	7.8	7.3	7.7	
February	39.0	107.8	378.7	486.4	114.4	600.9	20.1	6.6	7.7	7.4	7.6	

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19: FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, FEBRUARY 1988

	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
	- '000 -					- per cent -				
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	246.0	274.3	55.8	*	58.2	332.4	29.9	362.3	17.5	91.8
Females	176.0	210.4	51.8	*	54.5	264.9	50.0	314.9	20.6	84.1
Persons	421.9	484.7	107.6	5.0	112.6	597.3	79.9	677.2	18.9	88.2
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	10.1	26.9	*	6.9	10.7	37.6	25.4	63.1	28.4	59.7
Females	6.5	39.9	4.4	7.3	11.7	51.6	35.6	87.2	22.8	59.2
Persons	16.6	66.8	8.3	14.2	22.4	89.2	61.0	150.3	25.1	59.4
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	*	47.5	5.0	14.1	19.1	66.6	214.8	281.4	28.7	23.7
Females	*	67.0	*	17.7	20.4	87.4	193.5	280.9	23.3	31.1
Persons	*	114.5	7.6	31.8	39.5	153.9	408.4	562.3	25.6	27.4
TOTAL										
Males	258.1	348.7	64.6	23.4	87.9	436.6	270.1	706.8	20.1	61.8
Females	183.7	317.2	59.0	27.6	86.6	403.8	279.2	683.0	21.4	59.1
Persons	441.9	665.9	123.5	51.0	174.5	840.5	549.3	1,389.8	20.8	60.5

TABLE 8. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, FEBRUARY 1988

State or Territory	Employed		Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
	- '000 -					- per cent -				
MALES										
New South Wales	1,408.2	1,499.8	109.2	10.4	119.6	1,619.4	542.3	2,161.7	7.4	74.9
Victoria	1,084.7	1,160.4	61.4	10.3	71.7	1,232.1	391.5	1,623.7	5.8	75.9
Queensland	635.5	682.8	62.3	9.2	71.5	754.3	247.4	1,001.7	9.5	75.3
South Australia	325.2	353.9	34.4	*	36.3	390.2	145.0	535.2	9.3	72.9
Western Australia	385.2	413.4	33.2	*	35.4	448.7	122.9	571.6	7.9	78.5
Tasmania	108.8	116.5	11.6	*	12.3	128.8	41.4	170.2	9.5	75.7
Northern Territory	36.5	38.5	4.1	*	4.5	42.9	13.2	56.1	10.4	76.5
Australian Capital Territory	69.3	76.2	2.7	*	3.4	79.6	16.4	96.0	4.3	82.9
Australia	4,053.4	4,341.5	319.0	35.7	354.6	4,696.1	1,520.1	6,216.2	7.6	75.5
FEMALES										
New South Wales	652.1	1,000.2	66.1	27.5	93.7	1,093.9	1,140.3	2,234.2	8.6	49.0
Victoria	486.9	765.8	44.1	22.6	66.7	832.5	854.1	1,686.7	8.0	49.4
Queensland	260.0	440.5	38.1	16.9	55.0	495.6	529.3	1,024.9	11.1	48.4
South Australia	136.6	247.3	20.8	7.9	28.7	275.9	282.7	558.7	10.4	49.4
Western Australia	154.8	264.6	18.8	8.1	27.0	291.6	280.6	572.2	9.2	51.0
Tasmania	44.3	74.7	6.9	2.6	9.5	84.2	92.0	176.2	11.3	47.8
Northern Territory	16.2	23.4	2.4	*	3.4	26.8	24.4	51.2	12.5	52.4
Australian Capital Territory	41.5	61.0	3.5	*	4.3	65.3	37.7	103.0	6.5	63.4
Australia	1,792.2	2,877.7	200.8	87.3	288.1	3,165.8	3,241.2	6,407.0	9.1	49.4
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,060.2	2,500.0	175.4	37.9	213.3	2,713.3	1,682.6	4,395.9	7.9	61.7
Victoria	1,571.6	1,926.3	105.6	32.8	138.4	2,064.6	1,245.7	3,310.3	6.7	62.4
Queensland	895.5	1,123.3	100.4	26.1	126.5	1,249.9	776.7	2,026.6	10.1	61.7
South Australia	461.8	601.1	55.2	9.8	65.0	666.1	427.7	1,093.9	9.8	60.9
Western Australia	540.0	678.0	52.0	10.3	62.3	740.3	403.5	1,143.8	8.4	64.7
Tasmania	153.1	191.3	18.5	3.3	21.8	213.1	133.4	346.4	10.2	61.5
Northern Territory	52.7	61.9	6.5	*	7.8	69.7	37.6	107.3	11.2	65.0
Australian Capital Territory	110.7	137.2	6.2	1.5	7.7	144.9	54.1	199.0	5.3	72.8
Australia	5,845.6	7,219.1	519.8	123.0	642.8	7,861.9	4,761.3	12,623.2	8.2	62.3

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1987 -															
January r	1,441.3	142.1	1,583.4	9.0	74.9	935.8	93.7	1,029.5	9.1	47.1	2,377.1	235.8	2,612.9	9.0	60.7
February r	1,447.2	141.0	1,588.3	8.9	75.0	935.2	88.3	1,023.6	8.6	46.7	2,382.5	229.4	2,611.8	8.8	60.6
March r	1,449.6	137.2	1,586.8	8.6	74.8	944.2	95.8	1,040.0	9.2	47.4	2,393.8	233.0	2,626.8	8.9	60.8
April r	1,456.8	135.6	1,592.4	8.5	74.9	948.7	98.6	1,047.3	9.4	47.6	2,405.5	234.2	2,639.7	8.9	61.0
May r	1,447.9	135.6	1,583.5	8.6	74.3	951.1	99.2	1,050.3	9.4	47.7	2,399.0	234.7	2,633.8	8.9	60.8
June r	1,456.7	136.5	1,593.3	8.6	74.6	959.7	95.8	1,055.5	9.1	47.8	2,416.4	232.3	2,648.8	8.8	61.0
July r	1,463.5	144.3	1,607.8	9.0	75.2	965.7	99.8	1,065.5	9.4	48.2	2,429.2	244.0	2,673.2	9.1	61.5
August r	1,459.1	133.1	1,592.3	8.4	74.3	960.0	98.7	1,058.7	9.3	47.8	2,419.1	231.9	2,651.0	8.7	60.9
September r	1,468.0	134.3	1,602.2	8.4	74.7	967.8	91.6	1,059.3	8.6	47.8	2,435.7	225.8	2,661.6	8.5	61.0
October r	1,471.0	134.2	1,605.1	8.4	74.7	976.4	95.1	1,071.5	8.9	48.3	2,447.3	229.3	2,676.6	8.6	61.3
November r	1,476.2	127.1	1,603.3	7.9	74.5	962.9	98.4	1,061.3	9.3	47.7	2,439.1	225.5	2,664.6	8.5	60.9
December r	1,491.0	121.7	1,612.7	7.5	74.8	988.6	92.8	1,081.4	8.6	48.5	2,479.6	214.5	2,694.1	8.0	61.5
1988 -															
January r	1,506.1	119.4	1,625.5	7.3	75.3	1,018.7	86.8	1,105.5	7.9	49.5	2,524.8	206.2	2,731.0	7.6	62.2
February	1,501.4	111.2	1,612.6	6.9	74.6	1,009.2	81.1	1,090.3	7.4	48.8	2,510.6	192.3	2,702.9	7.1	61.5
VICTORIA															
1987 -															
January r	1,135.0	72.4	1,207.3	6.0	75.8	761.5	63.0	824.4	7.6	49.8	1,896.4	135.4	2,031.8	6.7	62.6
February r	1,138.7	70.7	1,209.4	5.8	75.8	762.6	63.8	826.4	7.7	49.8	1,901.3	134.5	2,035.8	6.6	62.6
March r	1,149.3	70.0	1,219.3	5.7	76.3	765.9	66.2	832.1	8.0	50.1	1,915.2	136.2	2,051.4	6.6	63.0
April r	1,148.7	71.5	1,220.2	5.9	76.2	773.1	63.3	836.4	7.6	50.3	1,921.8	134.7	2,056.6	6.6	63.0
May r	1,150.2	74.2	1,224.4	6.1	76.4	778.3	57.7	836.0	6.9	50.2	1,928.5	132.0	2,060.4	6.4	63.0
June r	1,159.6	69.7	1,229.3	5.7	76.5	774.3	52.5	826.9	6.4	49.6	1,933.9	122.2	2,056.1	5.9	62.8
July r	1,160.2	66.9	1,227.1	5.5	76.3	777.5	57.4	834.9	6.9	50.0	1,937.6	124.4	2,062.0	6.0	62.9
August r	1,157.8	68.0	1,225.8	5.5	76.1	782.9	64.6	847.5	7.6	50.7	1,940.7	132.6	2,073.3	6.4	63.1
September r	1,135.3	63.0	1,198.3	5.3	74.3	778.7	52.9	831.5	6.4	49.6	1,914.0	115.8	2,029.8	5.7	61.7
October r	1,146.0	71.2	1,217.1	5.8	75.4	779.1	56.6	835.6	6.8	49.8	1,925.1	127.7	2,052.8	6.2	62.3
November r	1,142.3	69.2	1,211.5	5.7	74.9	782.3	56.9	839.1	6.8	49.9	1,924.6	126.0	2,050.6	6.1	62.2
December r	1,156.8	68.3	1,225.1	5.6	75.6	785.3	58.8	844.2	7.0	50.2	1,942.1	127.1	2,069.2	6.1	62.7
1988 -															
January r	1,167.0	66.9	1,233.8	5.4	76.1	783.7	61.4	845.1	7.3	50.2	1,950.7	128.3	2,079.0	6.2	62.9
February	1,161.5	66.1	1,227.6	5.4	75.6	779.3	58.0	837.3	6.9	49.6	1,940.8	124.1	2,064.9	6.0	62.4
QUEENSLAND															
1987 -															
January r	674.2	69.6	743.7	9.4	76.3	436.9	49.6	486.5	10.2	48.8	1,111.1	119.2	1,230.3	9.7	62.4
February r	677.4	69.9	747.4	9.4	76.4	438.3	51.4	489.7	10.5	49.0	1,115.7	121.3	1,237.1	9.8	62.6
March r	675.4	73.7	749.2	9.8	76.4	434.2	51.9	486.1	10.7	48.5	1,109.7	125.6	1,235.3	10.2	62.3
April r	675.9	72.0	747.8	9.6	76.1	436.7	50.5	487.1	10.4	48.5	1,112.5	122.4	1,234.9	9.9	62.2
May r	676.8	72.4	749.2	9.7	76.1	430.8	50.1	480.9	10.4	47.8	1,107.5	122.6	1,230.1	10.0	61.8
June r	674.5	70.5	745.0	9.5	75.5	431.1	50.2	481.3	10.4	47.7	1,105.6	120.7	1,226.3	9.8	61.5
July r	679.8	69.0	748.9	9.2	75.8	434.2	48.9	483.1	10.1	47.8	1,114.0	117.9	1,231.9	9.6	61.6
August r	679.8	69.0	748.8	9.2	75.6	433.8	50.2	484.1	10.4	47.8	1,113.6	119.3	1,232.8	9.7	61.6
September r	676.2	68.5	744.7	9.2	75.1	432.4	51.6	484.0	10.7	47.7	1,108.6	120.1	1,228.7	9.8	61.2
October r	675.8	71.3	747.0	9.5	75.2	437.8	49.4	487.3	10.1	47.9	1,113.6	120.7	1,234.3	9.8	61.4
November r	676.1	70.5	746.5	9.4	75.0	440.0	45.9	485.9	9.4	47.7	1,116.0	116.4	1,232.4	9.4	61.2
December r	686.4	69.2	755.6	9.2	75.7	439.8	50.3	490.1	10.3	48.0	1,126.2	119.5	1,245.7	9.6	61.7
1988 -															
January r	683.7	68.4	752.0	9.1	75.2	444.6	57.1	501.7	11.4	49.1	1,128.3	125.4	1,253.8	10.0	62.0
February	687.9	65.1	753.0	8.6	75.2	446.3	47.6	493.9	9.6	48.2	1,134.2	112.7	1,246.9	9.0	61.5

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
January r	358.4	32.2	390.6	8.2	73.9	241.9	22.9	264.8	8.6	48.0	600.3	55.1	655.4	8.4	60.7
February r	352.4	36.8	389.3	9.5	73.6	243.9	23.9	267.8	8.9	48.5	596.3	60.8	657.1	9.3	60.8
March r	355.5	36.4	391.9	9.3	74.0	243.5	24.3	267.9	9.1	48.4	599.0	60.7	659.7	9.2	60.9
April r	358.0	34.2	392.2	8.7	74.0	243.1	27.4	270.5	10.1	48.9	601.1	61.6	662.7	9.3	61.1
May r	357.6	34.7	392.3	8.9	73.9	242.7	25.7	268.4	9.6	48.4	600.3	60.4	660.7	9.1	60.9
June r	357.3	34.6	391.8	8.8	73.7	244.3	24.9	269.2	9.3	48.5	601.5	59.5	661.0	9.0	60.9
July r	361.0	35.4	396.4	8.9	74.5	242.0	25.7	267.7	9.6	48.2	603.0	61.1	664.1	9.2	61.1
August r	360.7	34.6	395.3	8.7	74.3	241.8	27.6	269.4	10.3	48.5	602.6	62.2	664.8	9.4	61.1
September r	361.4	30.4	391.8	7.8	73.6	241.8	22.3	264.1	8.4	47.5	603.1	52.7	655.9	8.0	60.2
October r	359.7	33.4	393.1	8.5	73.7	243.0	25.0	268.0	9.3	48.1	602.7	58.4	661.1	8.8	60.7
November r	356.3	36.1	392.4	9.2	73.5	241.7	23.8	265.4	9.0	47.6	598.0	59.8	657.8	9.1	60.3
December r	358.6	33.7	392.3	8.6	73.4	244.9	24.1	269.1	9.0	48.2	603.5	57.8	661.3	8.7	60.6
1988 -															
January r	356.0	34.3	390.4	8.8	73.0	251.2	23.5	274.7	8.6	49.2	607.2	57.8	665.0	8.7	60.9
February	351.5	34.5	386.0	8.9	72.1	248.4	26.5	274.9	9.6	49.2	599.9	61.0	660.9	9.2	60.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
January r	386.4	33.0	419.5	7.9	75.9	259.9	23.1	282.9	8.2	51.2	646.3	56.1	702.4	8.0	63.6
February r	391.3	29.0	420.2	6.9	75.9	266.1	24.5	290.5	8.4	52.4	657.3	53.4	710.8	7.5	64.1
March r	394.2	31.0	425.2	7.3	76.6	260.1	25.8	285.9	9.0	51.4	654.3	56.8	711.1	8.0	64.0
April r	394.8	32.6	427.4	7.6	76.7	259.4	25.2	284.6	8.9	51.1	654.2	57.8	712.0	8.1	63.9
May r	396.0	32.3	428.3	7.5	76.7	258.0	23.6	281.6	8.4	50.4	654.1	55.8	709.9	7.9	63.5
June r	404.1	32.7	436.8	7.5	77.9	261.4	23.0	284.3	8.1	50.7	665.5	55.7	721.1	7.7	64.3
July r	411.8	32.9	444.7	7.4	79.2	261.1	24.1	285.2	8.4	50.7	672.9	57.0	729.9	7.8	64.9
August r	409.8	32.6	442.3	7.4	78.5	260.9	22.7	283.6	8.0	50.3	670.7	55.3	725.9	7.6	64.4
September r	408.4	30.7	439.1	7.0	77.8	265.4	22.3	287.7	7.8	50.9	673.8	53.0	726.8	7.3	64.3
October r	414.4	32.2	446.6	7.2	78.9	265.5	24.2	289.7	8.3	51.1	679.9	56.4	736.3	7.7	65.0
November r	409.7	31.0	440.7	7.0	77.7	266.4	23.4	289.8	8.1	51.0	676.1	54.4	730.6	7.5	64.4
December r	408.6	31.9	440.5	7.2	77.4	269.6	24.1	293.7	8.2	51.6	678.2	56.0	734.2	7.6	64.5
1988 -															
January r	409.5	31.0	440.5	7.0	77.3	271.8	27.1	298.9	9.1	52.4	681.3	58.1	739.4	7.9	64.8
February	414.2	32.8	447.0	7.3	78.2	268.9	23.8	292.7	8.1	51.2	683.1	56.7	739.7	7.7	64.7
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
January r	113.3	11.7	125.0	9.4	74.2	72.2	7.5	79.6	9.4	45.7	185.4	19.2	204.6	9.4	59.7
February r	115.1	11.5	126.5	9.1	75.0	71.5	8.1	79.5	10.1	45.6	186.5	19.5	206.0	9.5	60.0
March r	114.3	12.3	126.5	9.7	74.9	71.3	7.6	78.9	9.6	45.2	185.6	19.8	205.4	9.7	59.8
April r	114.7	10.9	125.7	8.7	74.3	71.7	7.7	79.4	9.7	45.4	186.4	18.6	205.0	9.1	59.6
May r	113.2	12.5	125.7	10.0	74.2	69.5	7.9	77.5	10.2	44.2	182.7	20.4	203.1	10.1	59.0
June r	114.3	11.8	126.1	9.3	74.4	71.2	8.6	79.9	10.8	45.6	185.5	20.4	205.9	9.9	59.7
July r	113.8	11.0	124.8	8.8	73.6	71.4	9.5	80.9	11.8	46.1	185.2	20.5	205.8	10.0	59.6
August r	114.1	11.1	125.2	8.9	73.8	72.3	8.0	80.3	9.9	45.7	186.4	19.1	205.5	9.3	59.5
September r	113.6	11.3	124.9	9.0	73.5	72.0	7.7	79.7	9.6	45.3	185.6	18.9	204.5	9.3	59.2
October r	114.5	10.7	125.2	8.5	73.7	71.9	6.8	78.6	8.6	44.7	186.4	17.4	203.8	8.6	59.0
November r	113.7	11.9	125.6	9.5	73.9	74.5	6.8	81.3	8.4	46.2	188.2	18.8	207.0	9.1	59.8
December r	116.5	11.2	127.7	8.8	75.1	76.6	7.4	84.0	8.8	47.7	193.1	18.6	211.7	8.8	61.2
1988 -															
January r	117.0	11.2	128.2	8.8	75.4	76.5	7.9	84.4	9.3	47.9	193.5	19.1	212.7	9.0	61.4
February	115.3	11.7	127.0	9.2	74.6	75.8	8.9	84.7	10.5	48.1	191.0	20.6	211.6	9.7	61.1

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1987 -															
January r	1,446.1	140.8	1,586.9	8.9	75.0	935.0	90.6	1,025.6	8.8	46.9	2,381.2	231.4	2,612.5	8.9	60.7
February r	1,447.4	140.0	1,587.4	8.8	74.9	939.2	92.3	1,031.5	8.9	47.1	2,386.6	232.3	2,619.0	8.9	60.8
March r	1,449.1	138.8	1,588.0	8.7	74.8	943.6	94.6	1,038.2	9.1	47.3	2,392.7	233.4	2,626.1	8.9	60.8
April r	1,451.3	137.8	1,589.1	8.7	74.7	948.1	96.7	1,044.7	9.3	47.5	2,399.4	234.5	2,633.8	8.9	60.9
May r	1,453.8	137.4	1,591.2	8.6	74.7	953.1	97.9	1,050.9	9.3	47.7	2,406.9	235.3	2,642.1	8.9	61.0
June r	1,456.3	137.5	1,593.8	8.6	74.6	957.6	98.2	1,055.7	9.3	47.9	2,413.9	235.7	2,649.6	8.9	61.0
July r	1,458.8	137.5	1,596.3	8.6	74.6	960.7	97.9	1,058.6	9.2	47.9	2,419.5	235.4	2,654.9	8.9	61.1
August r	1,462.1	136.7	1,598.8	8.6	74.7	963.2	97.4	1,060.6	9.2	47.9	2,425.3	234.1	2,659.4	8.8	61.1
September r	1,467.1	134.6	1,601.8	8.4	74.7	966.8	96.5	1,063.4	9.1	48.0	2,434.0	231.1	2,665.1	8.7	61.1
October r	1,473.8	131.2	1,605.0	8.2	74.7	972.8	95.3	1,068.0	8.9	48.1	2,446.6	226.4	2,673.0	8.5	61.2
November r	1,481.4	127.0	1,608.4	7.9	74.7	980.9	93.4	1,074.3	8.7	48.3	2,462.3	220.4	2,682.7	8.2	61.3
December r	1,489.2	122.8	1,612.0	7.6	74.8	990.3	91.0	1,081.3	8.4	48.5	2,479.5	213.8	2,693.3	7.9	61.4
1988 -															
January r	1,496.5	118.7	1,615.2	7.3	74.8	999.7	88.4	1,088.1	8.1	48.8	2,496.2	207.1	2,703.3	7.7	61.6
February	1,503.0	115.5	1,618.5	7.1	74.9	1,008.5	86.0	1,094.5	7.9	49.0	2,511.5	201.5	2,713.0	7.4	61.7
VICTORIA															
1987 -															
January r	1,135.9	73.1	1,209.0	6.0	75.9	759.6	64.8	824.4	7.9	49.8	1,895.5	137.9	2,033.4	6.8	62.6
February r	1,140.1	72.3	1,212.4	6.0	76.0	763.7	64.1	827.8	7.7	49.9	1,903.8	136.3	2,040.2	6.7	62.7
March r	1,145.3	71.8	1,217.1	5.9	76.2	767.7	62.8	830.5	7.6	50.0	1,913.0	134.6	2,047.6	6.6	62.9
April r	1,150.6	71.2	1,221.8	5.8	76.3	771.6	61.2	832.8	7.3	50.1	1,922.2	132.4	2,054.6	6.4	63.0
May r	1,154.3	70.4	1,224.7	5.7	76.4	774.8	59.6	834.3	7.1	50.1	1,929.1	130.0	2,059.1	6.3	63.0
June r	1,155.4	69.5	1,224.9	5.7	76.3	777.0	58.2	835.2	7.0	50.1	1,932.4	127.7	2,060.0	6.2	62.9
July r	1,153.8	68.6	1,222.3	5.6	76.0	778.5	57.2	835.7	6.8	50.0	1,932.2	125.8	2,058.0	6.1	62.8
August r	1,150.8	67.9	1,218.6	5.6	75.7	779.6	56.8	836.4	6.8	50.0	1,930.3	124.7	2,055.0	6.1	62.6
September r	1,148.3	67.6	1,215.9	5.6	75.4	780.4	57.0	837.5	6.8	50.0	1,928.7	124.6	2,053.3	6.1	62.4
October r	1,147.8	67.7	1,215.5	5.6	75.3	781.3	57.5	838.7	6.9	50.0	1,929.1	125.2	2,054.3	6.1	62.4
November r	1,149.7	67.9	1,217.7	5.6	75.3	782.0	57.8	839.8	6.9	50.0	1,931.7	125.8	2,057.5	6.1	62.4
December r	1,153.3	67.9	1,221.3	5.6	75.4	782.4	58.2	840.7	6.9	50.0	1,935.7	126.2	2,061.9	6.1	62.4
1988 -															
January r	1,157.5	67.7	1,225.2	5.5	75.5	782.6	58.7	841.2	7.0	49.9	1,940.0	126.4	2,066.4	6.1	62.5
February	1,161.6	67.3	1,229.0	5.5	75.7	782.4	59.0	841.3	7.0	49.9	1,944.0	126.3	2,070.3	6.1	62.5
QUEENSLAND															
1987 -															
January r	675.2	71.2	746.4	9.5	76.5	437.4	51.2	488.6	10.5	49.0	1,112.7	122.4	1,235.1	9.9	62.6
February r	675.8	71.7	747.5	9.6	76.5	436.9	51.1	488.0	10.5	48.8	1,112.7	122.8	1,235.5	9.9	62.5
March r	676.1	72.0	748.1	9.6	76.3	435.7	50.8	486.6	10.5	48.6	1,111.8	122.8	1,234.6	9.9	62.3
April r	676.3	71.8	748.2	9.6	76.2	434.3	50.6	484.9	10.4	48.3	1,110.7	122.4	1,233.1	9.9	62.1
May r	676.7	71.3	748.0	9.5	76.0	433.1	50.4	483.6	10.4	48.1	1,109.8	121.8	1,231.6	9.9	61.9
June r	677.0	70.7	747.6	9.5	75.8	432.5	50.2	482.7	10.4	47.9	1,109.5	120.9	1,230.4	9.8	61.7
July r	677.1	70.1	747.2	9.4	75.6	432.5	49.9	482.4	10.3	47.7	1,109.6	120.0	1,229.6	9.8	61.5
August r	677.1	69.7	746.8	9.3	75.4	433.3	49.6	483.0	10.3	47.7	1,110.5	119.3	1,229.8	9.7	61.4
September r	677.5	69.7	747.2	9.3	75.3	434.9	49.6	484.5	10.2	47.8	1,112.4	119.3	1,231.6	9.7	61.4
October r	678.4	69.7	748.1	9.3	75.3	436.9	49.8	486.7	10.2	47.9	1,115.3	119.4	1,234.7	9.7	61.4
November r	679.9	69.5	749.4	9.3	75.3	439.1	50.1	489.2	10.2	48.0	1,119.0	119.5	1,238.5	9.6	61.5
December r	681.9	68.9	750.8	9.2	75.3	441.3	50.4	491.7	10.3	48.2	1,123.2	119.3	1,242.5	9.6	61.6
1988 -															
January r	683.9	68.2	752.1	9.1	75.2	443.4	50.8	494.1	10.3	48.3	1,127.2	119.0	1,246.2	9.5	61.6
February	685.9	67.4	753.3	8.9	75.2	445.2	51.0	496.2	10.3	48.4	1,131.1	118.4	1,249.5	9.5	61.7

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES -- continued

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemp- loyment rate	Partici- pation rate
	- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -			- '000 -		- per cent -		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
January r	356.8	35.1	391.9	9.0	74.2	242.9	23.8	266.7	8.9	48.3	599.7	58.8	658.6	8.9	61.0
February r	356.2	35.0	391.2	9.0	74.0	243.3	24.1	267.4	9.0	48.4	599.4	59.1	658.6	9.0	60.9
March r	356.0	35.1	391.2	9.0	73.9	243.4	24.7	268.1	9.2	48.5	599.5	59.8	659.3	9.1	60.9
April r	356.5	35.2	391.8	9.0	73.9	243.3	25.4	268.8	9.5	48.5	599.9	60.6	660.5	9.2	60.9
May r	357.6	35.0	392.6	8.9	74.0	243.1	25.9	269.0	9.6	48.5	600.7	60.9	661.7	9.2	61.0
June r	358.9	34.6	393.5	8.8	74.0	242.8	25.9	268.8	9.7	48.5	601.7	60.5	662.2	9.1	61.0
July r	359.9	34.1	394.0	8.7	74.1	242.3	25.7	268.0	9.6	48.3	602.2	59.8	662.0	9.0	60.9
August r	360.4	33.7	394.1	8.6	74.0	242.0	25.2	267.2	9.4	48.1	602.3	58.9	661.3	8.9	60.8
September r	360.2	33.6	393.8	8.5	73.9	242.1	24.7	266.8	9.3	48.0	602.3	58.3	660.6	8.8	60.7
October r	359.5	33.7	393.1	8.6	73.7	242.8	24.3	267.2	9.1	48.0	602.3	58.0	660.3	8.8	60.6
November r	358.2	33.9	392.1	8.6	73.5	244.1	24.2	268.3	9.0	48.2	602.3	58.1	660.4	8.8	60.5
December r	356.8	34.1	391.0	8.7	73.2	245.6	24.2	269.9	9.0	48.4	602.5	58.4	660.9	8.8	60.5
1988 -															
January r	355.4	34.4	389.8	8.8	72.9	247.2	24.4	271.6	9.0	48.7	602.6	58.8	661.4	8.9	60.5
February	354.1	34.7	388.7	8.9	72.6	248.7	24.7	273.3	9.0	48.9	602.7	59.3	662.0	9.0	60.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
January r	389.8	31.9	421.7	7.6	76.3	260.4	24.0	284.4	8.4	51.5	650.3	55.8	706.1	7.9	63.6
February r	390.7	31.5	422.2	7.5	76.2	260.6	24.3	284.9	8.5	51.4	651.3	55.8	707.1	7.9	63.6
March r	392.7	31.5	424.2	7.4	76.4	260.5	24.6	285.1	8.6	51.3	653.2	56.1	709.3	7.9	63.8
April r	395.8	31.8	427.6	7.4	76.8	260.3	24.5	284.8	8.6	51.1	656.1	56.3	712.4	7.9	63.9
May r	399.6	32.1	431.7	7.4	77.3	260.1	24.2	284.3	8.5	50.9	659.7	56.3	716.1	7.9	64.1
June r	403.6	32.4	436.0	7.4	77.8	260.3	23.7	284.0	8.4	50.7	663.9	56.1	720.0	7.8	64.2
July r	407.1	32.5	439.6	7.4	78.2	260.9	23.3	284.2	8.2	50.5	668.0	55.7	723.8	7.7	64.4
August r	409.6	32.2	441.8	7.3	78.4	262.3	23.0	285.3	8.1	50.6	671.8	55.3	727.1	7.6	64.5
September r	410.7	31.9	442.6	7.2	78.4	264.0	23.2	287.2	8.1	50.8	674.8	55.0	729.8	7.5	64.6
October r	410.9	31.6	442.5	7.1	78.2	265.7	23.6	289.3	8.1	51.1	676.6	55.2	731.8	7.5	64.6
November r	410.7	31.5	442.2	7.1	77.9	267.3	24.0	291.3	8.2	51.3	678.0	55.6	733.6	7.6	64.6
December r	410.7	31.6	442.3	7.1	77.8	268.7	24.5	293.2	8.3	51.5	679.4	56.1	735.5	7.6	64.6
1988 -															
January r	410.9	31.7	442.6	7.2	77.6	269.9	24.8	294.7	8.4	51.6	680.7	56.6	737.3	7.7	64.6
February	411.4	31.9	443.3	7.2	77.5	270.7	25.2	295.9	8.5	51.7	682.1	57.1	739.1	7.7	64.6
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
January r	114.4	11.6	126.0	9.2	74.8	71.9	7.9	79.8	10.0	45.8	186.2	19.6	205.8	9.5	60.1
February r	114.3	11.8	126.1	9.3	74.7	71.6	7.8	79.4	9.9	45.5	185.9	19.6	205.5	9.5	59.9
March r	114.2	11.8	126.1	9.4	74.6	71.3	7.8	79.1	9.9	45.3	185.5	19.7	205.2	9.6	59.7
April r	114.2	11.8	126.0	9.4	74.5	71.1	8.0	79.1	10.1	45.2	185.2	19.8	205.0	9.7	59.6
May r	114.1	11.7	125.8	9.3	74.3	70.9	8.3	79.2	10.4	45.2	185.0	20.0	205.0	9.7	59.5
June r	113.9	11.5	125.5	9.2	74.1	70.9	8.4	79.4	10.6	45.3	184.9	20.0	204.8	9.7	59.4
July r	113.8	11.4	125.2	9.1	73.8	71.2	8.4	79.5	10.5	45.3	185.0	19.8	204.7	9.6	59.3
August r	113.8	11.2	125.1	9.0	73.7	71.7	8.1	79.7	10.1	45.4	185.5	19.3	204.8	9.4	59.3
September r	114.1	11.2	125.2	8.9	73.7	72.4	7.7	80.1	9.6	45.6	186.5	18.9	205.3	9.2	59.4
October r	114.5	11.2	125.7	8.9	74.0	73.3	7.4	80.7	9.2	45.9	187.8	18.6	206.4	9.0	59.7
November r	114.9	11.3	126.2	8.9	74.2	74.3	7.3	81.6	9.0	46.4	189.2	18.6	207.8	8.9	60.1
December r	115.4	11.4	126.8	9.0	74.5	75.2	7.5	82.6	9.0	46.9	190.6	18.8	209.4	9.0	60.5
1988 -															
January r	115.9	11.5	127.3	9.0	74.8	76.0	7.7	83.7	9.2	47.5	191.8	19.2	211.0	9.1	60.9
February	116.2	11.5	127.7	9.0	75.0	76.6	8.1	84.6	9.5	48.0	192.8	19.6	212.3	9.2	61.3

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, STATES AND TERRITORIES

State or Territory	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	
	Looking for first job	Total					Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	part-time work	Total
			- '000 -						- per cent -		
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1987 - February	25.4	56.5	160.5	217.0	36.8	253.8	28.7	8.2	10.0	7.9	9.7
1988 - January	22.4	50.1	138.4	188.5	30.4	219.0	24.8	6.8	8.4	6.8	8.1
February	19.0	41.8	133.6	175.4	37.9	213.3	21.5	6.5	7.8	7.9	7.9
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	2.1	2.9	4.7	5.2	2.8	5.6	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	1.8	2.5	3.7	4.2	2.2	4.4	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1987 - February	14.6	34.2	85.6	119.8	30.2	150.0	21.9	5.7	7.2	8.2	7.4
1988 - January	10.9	29.0	79.3	108.3	26.2	134.5	20.5	5.2	6.5	7.0	6.6
February	11.3	26.7	78.8	105.6	32.8	138.4	19.2	5.1	6.3	8.5	6.7
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	1.6	2.4	3.6	4.1	2.6	4.5	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	1.4	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.1	3.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1987 - February	9.9	30.6	81.2	111.8	24.5	136.2	29.5	9.1	11.2	9.9	11.0
1988 - January	13.4	28.0	80.8	108.9	21.9	130.8	28.3	9.0	10.9	9.2	10.6
February	8.1	22.7	77.7	100.4	26.1	126.5	24.4	8.6	10.1	10.3	10.1
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	1.2	1.8	3.0	3.3	2.0	3.6	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.3
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	1.3	1.6	2.4	2.7	1.6	2.9	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1987 - February	5.1	13.6	39.3	52.9	11.8	64.7	24.9	8.4	10.1	8.5	9.8
1988 - January	4.7	12.7	40.5	53.2	9.4	62.6	24.7	8.7	10.3	6.6	9.5
February	5.4	12.2	43.0	55.2	9.8	65.0	24.9	9.2	10.7	6.6	9.8
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.9	1.0	2.0	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1987 - February	4.1	13.8	35.5	49.3	9.6	58.9	24.5	7.0	8.7	6.6	8.3
1988 - January	4.0	14.0	38.2	52.2	8.9	61.1	21.7	7.3	8.9	6.1	8.3
February	3.8	11.8	40.2	52.0	10.3	62.3	19.5	7.6	8.8	6.9	8.4
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	0.7	1.1	1.8	2.0	1.1	2.1	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1987 - February	3.2	6.0	12.7	18.7	1.9	20.6	28.6	8.4	10.9	5.4	10.0
1988 - January	3.5	6.3	12.3	18.6	2.8	21.4	32.2	8.2	10.9	6.5	10.0
February	2.8	5.1	13.4	18.5	3.3	21.8	27.9	8.7	10.8	7.9	10.2
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	3.0	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
Jan 1987 to Feb 1988 movements	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1987 - February	*	*	3.3	4.5	*	5.3	*	5.7	7.0	*	7.1
1988 - January	*	*	4.3	5.8	*	7.3	*	8.2	10.2	*	10.9
February	*	*	5.4	6.5	*	7.8	*	9.8	11.0	*	11.2
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	8.5	1.2	1.2	3.6	1.1
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	8.6	1.1	1.1	3.4	1.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1987 - February	*	1.5	5.6	7.1	2.9	10.0	20.4	5.5	6.5	10.6	7.3
1988 - January	*	2.2	4.3	6.4	2.1	8.6	30.5	3.9	5.6	8.9	6.2
February	*	2.1	4.2	6.2	1.5	7.7	30.5	3.8	5.3	5.3	5.3
Standard error of -											
Feb 1988 estimates	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	5.8	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.4
Jan 1988 to Feb 1988 movements	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6	4.9	0.4	0.4	1.5	0.4

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