



THE LABOUR FORCE, AUSTRALIA, APRIL 1988, PRELIMINARY

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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 16 and 23 to 27.

MAIN FEATURES

The April 1988 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of employed persons was 7,342,800 - an increase of 32,000 compared with the March 1988 estimate. The main components of this change were a rise in full-time employed males of 32,300; a fall in part-time employed males of 15,900; and a rise in part-time employed fe-

males of 15,200. Trend estimates of employment continue to show strong growth.

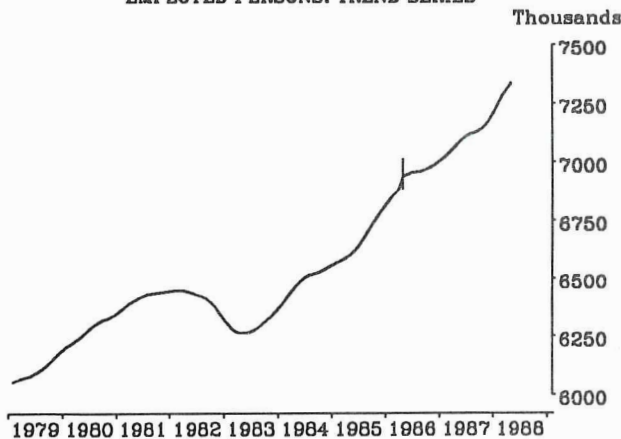
Trend estimates show the number of employed females aged 20 and over as growing strongly since early 1983, and a steady but lesser rate of growth for males in the same age group (see graphs page 2). For employed males aged 15-19, recent trend estimates of employment have shown increases, although levels are lower than those from 1979 to 1981. For the period since 1979, the estimate of employed females aged 15-19 was lowest in mid-1987, and levels have remained relatively unchanged in recent months.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployed persons for April 1988 was 628,600 an increase of 40,300 since March 1988. The number of males and females unemployed increased by 23,600 and 16,700 respectively between March and April 1988. Trend estimates of the number of unemployed persons show successive decreases since the beginning of 1987.

The April 1988 estimate (seasonally adjusted) of the unemployment rate was 7.9%, an increase of 0.5 percentage points from March 1988. However, the underlying trend is still one of decline. Trend estimates of the unemployment rate for 15-19 year-old males and females looking for full-time work continue to fall, with noticeable decreases in these rates occurring over the past 10 months (see graph page 3). The decline in trend estimates of full-time unemployment rates for males and females aged 20 and over has been more gradual.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of the participation rate for April 1988 was 62.9%, an increase of 0.4 percentage points on the March 1988 estimate. For the second time this year the female participation rate exceeded 50% in seasonally adjusted terms. For males, the trend estimates continue to increase.

EMPLOYED PERSONS: TREND SERIES



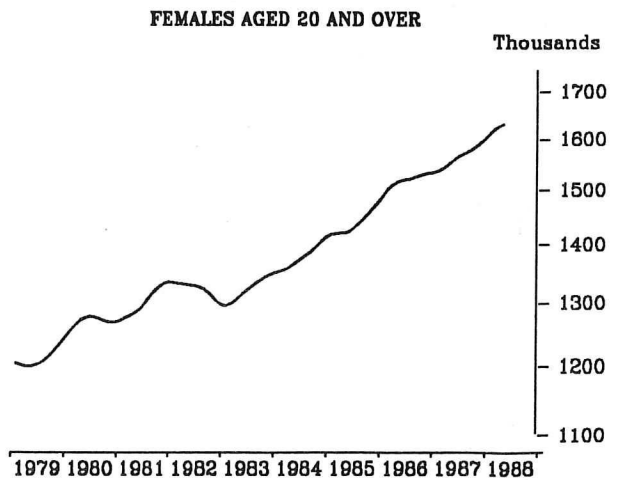
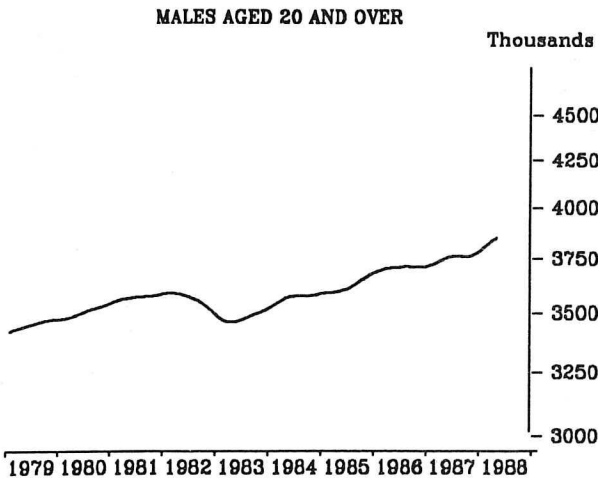
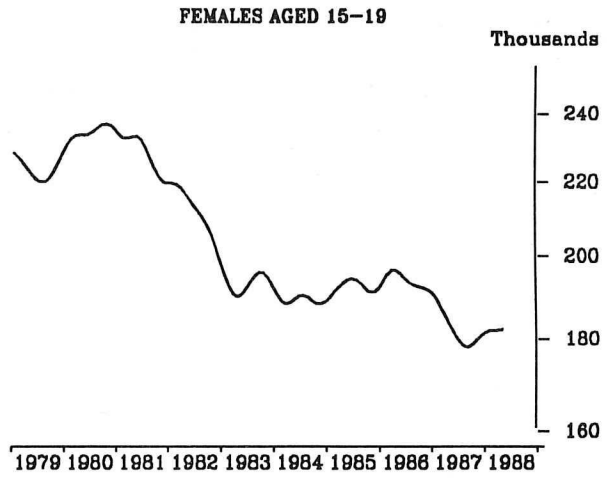
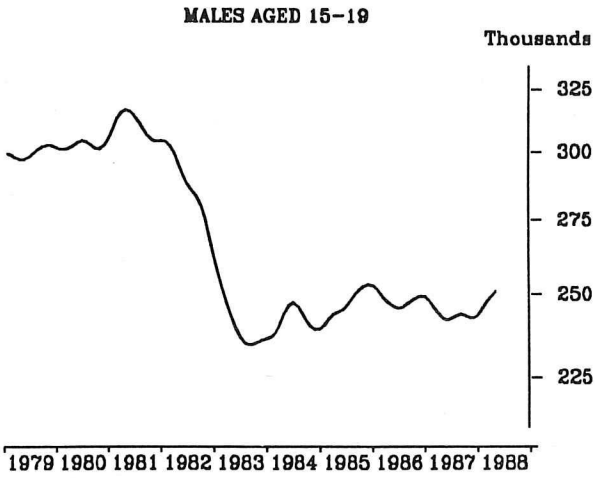
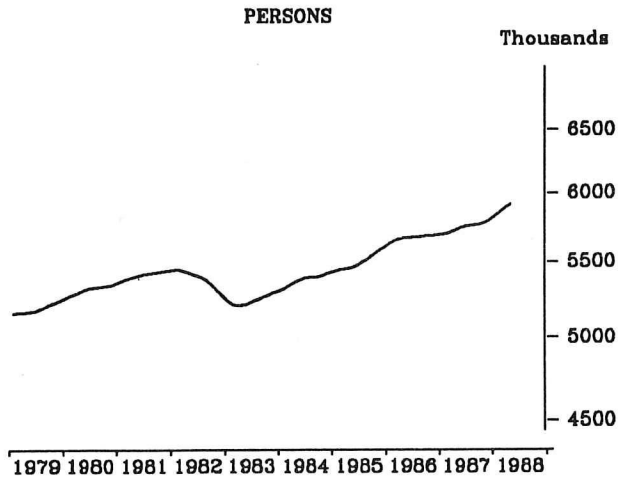
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND SERIES



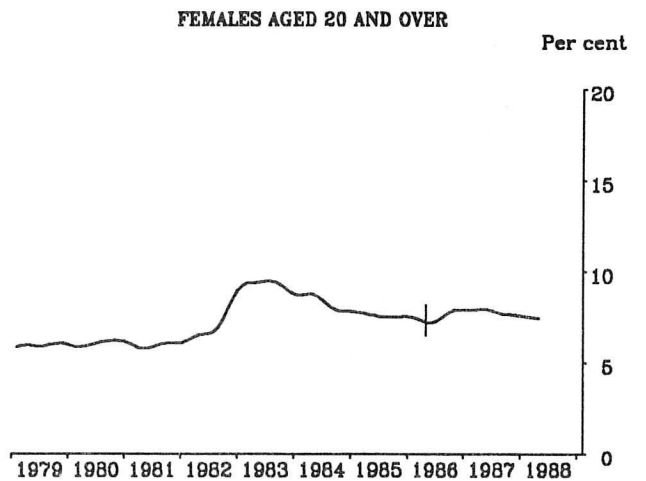
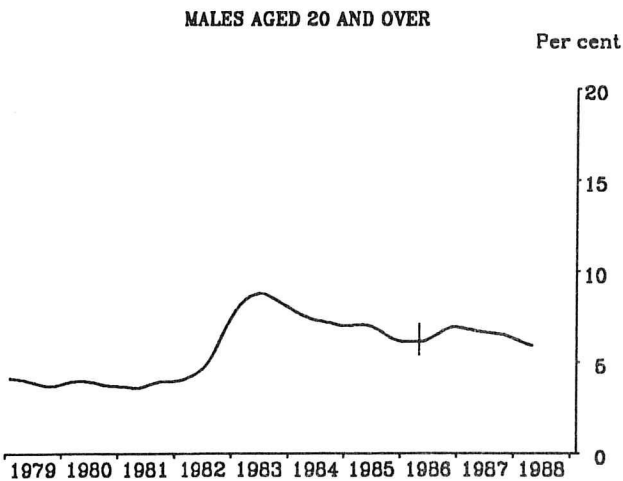
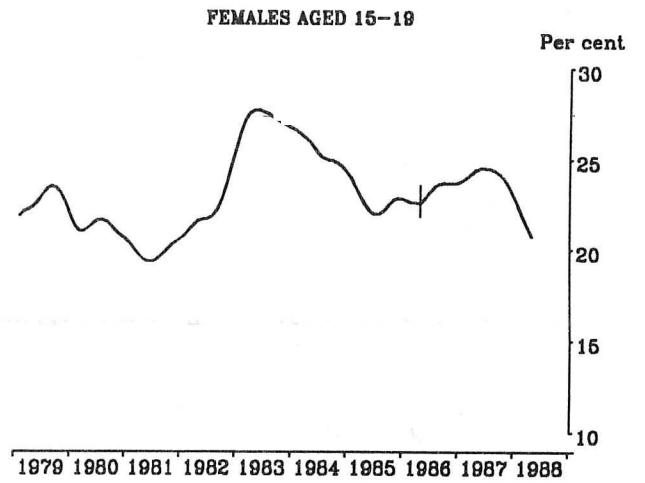
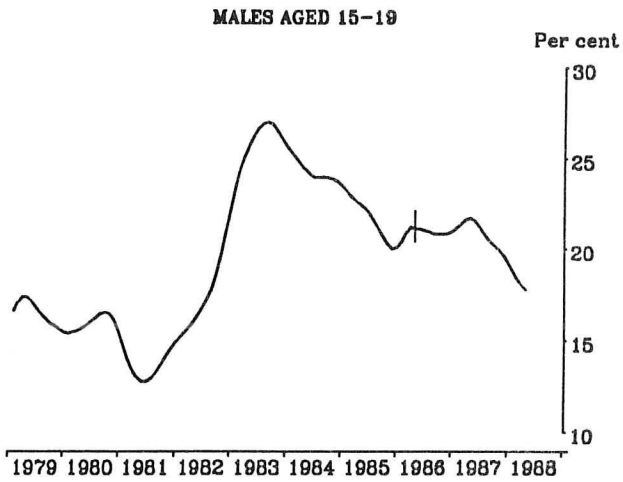
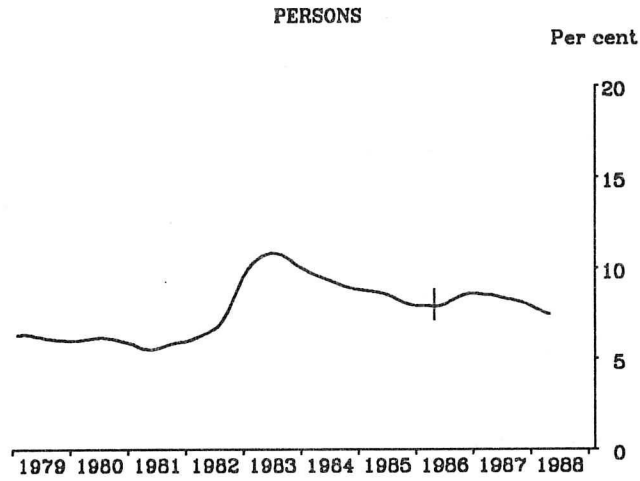
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PERSONS EMPLOYED FULL TIME: TREND SERIES

Semi-logarithmic graphs (see paragraph 28)



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK: TREND SERIES



Indicates break in series - see paragraph 15.

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.

Population benchmarks

14. New benchmarks based on the results of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing will be available in 1988 and are expected to be introduced by February 1989. They may result in labour force estimates being revised for the period July 1981 to February 1989. All estimates produced after February 1989 are expected to be based on the new benchmarks.

Revision of series

15. 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

16. 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).

Change in collection methodology

17. For the April to October 1988 surveys information will be collected by telephone interview where practicable, from approximately ten per cent of survey respondents. At the end of this period, consideration will be given to changing to telephone interviewing as the principal method of obtaining survey data.

Reliability of the estimates

18. 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.

19. 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).

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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

23. Seasonally adjusted series are published in Tables 2, 5 and 9. 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.

24. 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. Trend estimates are expected to be relatively unaffected by these changes.

25. 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. These are published in Tables 3, 6 and 10.

26. 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.

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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.

30. 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 practical uses. See the Technical Note in 6203.0 for more details.

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31. 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						
			Aged 15-19 looking for first job	Total							
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MALES											
1987 -											
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
March	4,072.1	4,396.8	19.0	302.3	41.5	343.9	4,740.7	1,484.8	6,225.4	7.3	76.2
April	4,075.6	4,394.9	18.6	302.4	46.7	349.0	4,744.0	1,493.4	6,237.4	7.4	76.1
Standard error of -											
April 1988 estimates	16.6	17.0	2.0	6.6	3.0	7.0	17.4	11.9	..	0.1	0.3
Mar 88 to Apr 88 movements	13.8	14.2	1.9	5.2	2.6	5.5	14.6	9.5	..	0.1	0.2
FEMALES											
1987 -											
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
March	1,812.3	2,969.3	21.4	190.7	107.8	298.4	3,267.8	3,148.9	6,416.7	9.1	50.9
April	1,799.1	2,959.0	17.7	189.1	104.7	293.9	3,252.8	3,175.7	6,428.5	9.0	50.6
Standard error of -											
April 1988 estimates	12.7	15.0	2.0	5.5	4.3	6.6	15.5	15.3	..	0.2	0.2
Mar 88 to Apr 88 movements	10.2	12.2	1.9	4.4	3.5	5.2	12.7	12.5	..	0.2	0.2
PERSONS											
1987 -											
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
March	5,884.5	7,366.1	40.4	493.0	149.3	642.3	8,008.5	4,633.6	12,642.1	8.0	63.3
April	5,874.7	7,353.9	36.3	491.5	151.4	642.9	7,996.8	4,669.1	12,665.9	8.0	63.1
Standard error of -											
April 1988 estimates	18.6	19.9	2.7	8.0	5.0	8.8	20.4	17.3	..	0.1	0.2
Mar 88 to Apr 88 movements	15.8	17.2	2.5	6.3	4.0	6.9	17.7	14.5	..	0.1	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				
	Aged 15-19		Aged 20 and over				Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Total	Total			Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total
	- '000 -						- per cent -				
MALES											
1987 -											
March	21.0	66.8	274.9	341.6	29.5	371.1	21.5	6.9	7.9	9.1	8.0
April	24.0	66.8	265.8	332.6	29.8	362.4	21.7	6.6	7.7	9.4	7.8
May	28.2	67.5	272.4	339.9	29.3	369.2	22.6	6.8	7.9	9.1	8.0
June	21.7	64.6	269.9	334.5	29.1	363.7	21.3	6.7	7.7	8.8	7.8
July	23.8	63.1	271.0	334.1	32.2	366.4	19.8	6.7	7.7	9.8	7.8
August	21.7	62.0	257.8	319.8	31.1	350.9	20.6	6.4	7.4	8.9	7.5
September	20.7	59.8	260.7	320.5	26.0	346.6	19.8	6.5	7.5	7.9	7.5
October	20.4	62.3	264.3	326.5	39.8	366.4	20.4	6.6	7.6	12.0	7.9
November	23.1	59.0	263.9	322.9	30.5	353.4	20.0	6.6	7.5	9.0	7.6
December	21.9	58.8	254.3	313.1	31.9	345.0	19.4	6.3	7.2	9.2	7.4
1988 -											
January	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
March	17.3	53.5	240.3	293.7	36.0	329.7	17.5	5.9	6.7	10.2	7.0
April	21.6	55.9	251.4	307.3	46.0	353.3	18.5	6.1	7.0	13.2	7.4
FEMALES											
1987 -											
March	21.0	59.4	133.3	192.6	83.9	276.5	24.5	8.0	10.1	7.2	9.0
April	22.1	60.4	137.2	197.7	80.4	278.1	24.7	8.2	10.3	6.9	9.0
May	18.6	54.8	137.5	192.4	74.5	266.9	23.5	8.1	10.0	6.4	8.6
June	20.6	59.3	125.9	185.3	72.3	257.6	25.2	7.5	9.7	6.2	8.3
July	20.3	58.7	135.9	194.5	75.6	270.2	24.0	8.0	10.0	6.5	8.7
August	22.5	57.6	131.8	189.4	86.0	275.5	25.3	7.8	9.8	7.2	8.8
September	20.8	54.4	126.8	181.2	75.8	257.0	23.5	7.5	9.4	6.4	8.3
October	21.4	56.6	131.5	188.0	77.8	265.9	24.0	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.5
November	19.3	54.6	131.2	185.8	78.8	264.5	23.4	7.7	9.6	6.6	8.5
December	21.4	56.4	132.2	188.5	78.2	266.8	23.3	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.4
1988 -											
January	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
March	19.7	48.1	125.7	173.8	84.8	258.6	21.8	7.2	8.8	7.0	8.1
April	18.7	47.4	135.5	182.9	92.4	275.3	20.1	7.8	9.2	7.4	8.5
PERSONS											
1987 -											
March	42.0	126.1	408.1	534.3	113.4	647.6	22.8	7.2	8.6	7.6	8.4
April	46.1	127.2	403.1	530.3	110.2	640.5	23.0	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.3
May	46.8	122.3	410.0	532.3	103.8	636.1	23.0	7.2	8.5	7.0	8.2
June	42.2	123.9	395.9	519.8	101.5	621.3	23.0	6.9	8.3	6.8	8.0
July	44.1	121.8	406.9	528.7	107.9	636.6	21.6	7.1	8.4	7.2	8.2
August	44.2	119.6	389.6	509.2	117.2	626.4	22.6	6.8	8.2	7.6	8.1
September	41.5	114.2	387.5	501.8	101.8	603.6	21.4	6.8	8.1	6.7	7.8
October	41.8	118.8	395.7	514.6	117.6	632.2	22.0	6.9	8.2	7.8	8.1
November	42.4	113.6	395.1	508.7	109.2	617.9	21.5	6.9	8.2	7.2	8.0
December	43.3	115.1	386.5	501.6	110.1	611.8	21.2	6.7	8.0	7.2	7.8
1988 -											
January	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
March	37.0	101.6	365.9	467.5	120.8	588.3	19.3	6.3	7.4	7.7	7.4
April	40.3	103.3	386.9	490.2	138.4	628.6	19.2	6.6	7.7	8.7	7.9

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						Total	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work	
	Looking for first job	Total	Aged 20 and over	Total				Aged 15-19	Aged 20 and over	Total	Total	Total
- '000 -												
MALES												
1987 -												
March	23.8	67.1	271.7	338.8	30.1	368.9	21.7	6.8	7.9	9.4	8.0	
April	24.1	66.9	270.3	337.2	30.0	367.2	21.7	6.8	7.8	9.3	7.9	
May	24.1	66.2	269.0	335.2	29.9	365.0	21.6	6.7	7.8	9.2	7.9	
June	23.7	65.0	268.0	332.9	30.0	362.9	21.2	6.7	7.7	9.1	7.8	
July	23.0	63.6	266.8	330.4	30.4	360.8	20.8	6.7	7.7	9.2	7.8	
August	22.3	62.4	265.4	327.7	30.9	358.7	20.5	6.6	7.6	9.3	7.7	
September	21.8	61.4	263.6	325.0	31.6	356.6	20.2	6.6	7.5	9.4	7.7	
October r	21.5	60.3	261.3	321.6	31.9	353.5	20.0	6.5	7.5	9.4	7.6	
November r	21.2	59.2	258.0	317.2	32.4	349.5	19.7	6.4	7.4	9.5	7.5	
December r	20.9	58.0	254.2	312.2	33.2	345.3	19.3	6.3	7.2	9.6	7.4	
1988 -												
January r	20.4	56.7	250.3	307.0	34.5	341.5	18.8	6.2	7.1	9.9	7.3	
February r	20.0	55.6	246.7	302.4	36.3	338.6	18.4	6.1	7.0	10.4	7.2	
March r	19.6	54.7	244.1	298.8	38.3	337.2	18.1	6.0	6.9	10.9	7.2	
April	19.4	54.0	242.3	296.4	39.9	336.3	17.8	6.0	6.8	11.3	7.1	
FEMALES												
1987 -												
March	21.3	58.9	132.7	191.6	79.3	271.0	24.2	8.0	10.0	6.8	8.8	
April	20.7	58.8	133.5	192.4	78.5	270.8	24.4	8.0	10.0	6.7	8.8	
May	20.5	58.6	133.7	192.2	77.6	269.9	24.5	7.9	10.0	6.7	8.7	
June	20.6	58.1	133.2	191.2	77.1	268.3	24.5	7.9	9.9	6.6	8.7	
July	20.8	57.5	132.0	189.5	77.1	266.6	24.5	7.8	9.8	6.6	8.6	
August	21.0	57.0	131.0	188.1	77.6	265.6	24.4	7.7	9.7	6.6	8.6	
September	21.1	56.7	130.8	187.5	78.2	265.7	24.2	7.7	9.7	6.6	8.5	
October r	20.9	56.2	131.0	187.2	78.5	265.8	23.9	7.7	9.6	6.6	8.5	
November r	20.5	55.3	131.3	186.7	78.8	265.4	23.5	7.6	9.6	6.6	8.5	
December r	19.9	54.0	131.3	185.4	79.4	264.8	23.0	7.6	9.5	6.6	8.4	
1988 -												
January r	19.4	52.5	131.2	183.7	80.9	264.6	22.5	7.6	9.3	6.7	8.3	
February r	19.0	50.7	131.0	181.7	83.0	264.7	21.9	7.5	9.2	6.8	8.3	
March r	18.8	49.0	130.9	179.9	85.4	265.3	21.3	7.5	9.1	7.0	8.3	
April	18.6	47.4	130.6	178.0	87.5	265.5	20.7	7.5	9.0	7.1	8.3	
PERSONS												
1987 -												
March	45.0	126.0	404.4	530.4	109.5	639.9	22.8	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.3	
April	44.8	125.7	403.8	529.5	108.5	638.0	22.9	7.1	8.5	7.3	8.3	
May	44.6	124.7	402.7	527.4	107.5	634.9	22.9	7.1	8.5	7.2	8.2	
June	44.2	123.0	401.1	524.2	107.0	631.2	22.7	7.0	8.4	7.1	8.2	
July	43.8	121.1	398.8	519.9	107.5	627.4	22.4	7.0	8.3	7.2	8.1	
August	43.3	119.4	396.4	515.8	108.5	624.3	22.2	6.9	8.3	7.2	8.1	
September	42.9	118.1	394.4	512.5	109.8	622.3	22.0	6.9	8.2	7.2	8.0	
October r	42.4	116.5	392.3	508.8	110.5	619.3	21.7	6.9	8.1	7.3	8.0	
November r	41.7	114.5	389.3	503.8	111.1	614.9	21.4	6.8	8.0	7.3	7.9	
December r	40.8	112.0	385.5	497.5	112.6	610.1	21.0	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.8	
1988 -												
January r	39.8	109.2	381.5	490.7	115.4	606.1	20.4	6.6	7.8	7.4	7.7	
February r	39.0	106.3	377.8	484.1	119.3	603.4	19.9	6.5	7.7	7.6	7.7	
March r	38.4	103.8	375.0	478.7	123.7	602.5	19.5	6.5	7.6	7.9	7.6	
April	37.9	101.5	372.9	474.4	127.4	601.8	19.1	6.4	7.5	8.1	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, APRIL 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	243.4	264.7	47.3	*	48.7	313.4	16.7	330.1	15.5	94.9
Females	186.0	223.2	41.2	*	43.9	267.1	31.3	298.4	16.4	89.5
Persons	429.4	487.9	88.6	4.0	92.6	580.4	48.0	628.4	16.0	92.4
ATTENDING A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
Males	4.0	22.1	*	8.9	10.5	32.7	41.9	74.6	32.2	43.8
Females	*	35.3	*	7.8	10.1	45.4	44.7	90.1	22.2	50.4
Persons	6.0	57.4	*	16.7	20.6	78.1	86.6	164.7	26.4	47.4
ATTENDING SCHOOL										
Males	*	64.2	4.5	14.6	19.1	83.3	220.7	303.9	22.9	27.4
Females	*	78.5	*	18.8	21.6	100.0	196.2	296.3	21.6	33.8
Persons	*	142.7	7.3	33.4	40.6	183.3	416.9	600.2	22.2	30.5
TOTAL										
Males	249.2	351.0	53.4	24.8	78.3	429.3	279.3	708.6	18.2	60.6
Females	189.5	336.9	46.3	29.2	75.5	412.5	272.2	684.7	18.3	60.2
Persons	438.7	688.0	99.8	54.1	153.8	841.8	551.5	1,393.3	18.3	60.4

TABLE 8. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, APRIL 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	1,411.3	1,511.9	109.6	16.5	126.1	1,638.0	529.8	2,167.8	7.7	75.6
Victoria	1,086.4	1,172.1	58.1	12.4	70.5	1,242.6	385.0	1,627.6	5.7	76.3
Queensland	650.9	706.1	57.2	7.3	64.4	770.5	236.7	1,007.2	8.4	76.5
South Australia	326.9	357.0	30.8	3.7	34.5	391.5	145.0	536.6	8.8	73.0
Western Australia	386.4	416.7	29.8	4.6	34.4	451.1	124.2	575.3	7.6	78.4
Tasmania	111.6	119.4	9.7	*	10.4	129.8	40.4	170.2	8.0	76.3
Northern Territory	34.0	36.5	4.9	*	5.6	42.1	13.8	55.9	13.4	75.4
Australian Capital Territory	68.1	75.3	2.2	*	3.1	78.4	18.5	96.9	3.9	80.9
Australia	4,075.6	4,394.9	302.4	46.7	349.0	4,744.0	1,493.4	6,237.4	7.4	76.1
FEMALES										
New South Wales	650.8	1,025.0	65.3	32.8	98.1	1,231.1	1,117.4	2,240.5	8.7	50.1
Victoria	485.4	787.0	40.0	31.5	71.6	858.6	831.6	1,690.1	8.3	50.8
Queensland	267.9	454.4	38.6	15.4	54.0	508.3	522.9	1,031.2	10.6	49.3
South Australia	138.6	255.5	15.5	9.8	25.3	280.8	279.3	560.1	9.0	50.1
Western Australia	155.0	270.1	19.0	8.7	27.7	297.8	277.9	575.7	9.3	51.7
Tasmania	42.4	77.8	6.0	3.8	9.8	87.5	88.6	176.2	11.2	49.7
Northern Territory	17.6	24.2	2.1	*	2.7	26.9	24.1	51.0	10.0	52.7
Australian Capital Territory	41.4	65.0	2.6	2.2	4.8	69.8	33.9	103.7	6.9	67.3
Australia	1,799.1	2,959.0	189.1	104.7	293.9	3,252.8	3,175.7	6,428.5	9.0	50.6
PERSONS										
New South Wales	2,062.2	2,536.9	174.9	49.3	224.2	2,761.1	1,647.2	4,408.3	8.1	62.6
Victoria	1,571.8	1,959.0	98.2	43.9	142.1	2,101.1	1,216.6	3,317.7	6.8	63.3
Queensland	918.8	1,160.5	95.7	22.6	118.4	1,278.8	759.6	2,038.4	9.3	62.7
South Australia	465.5	612.5	46.3	13.5	59.8	672.3	424.3	1,096.6	8.9	61.3
Western Australia	541.4	686.8	48.8	13.3	62.1	748.9	402.2	1,151.1	8.3	65.1
Tasmania	154.1	197.2	15.7	4.5	20.2	217.3	129.0	346.3	9.3	62.8
Northern Territory	51.5	60.7	7.1	*	8.3	69.0	37.9	106.9	12.1	64.6
Australian Capital Territory	109.5	140.3	4.9	3.0	7.9	148.2	52.4	200.6	5.3	73.9
Australia	5,874.7	7,353.9	491.5	151.4	642.9	7,996.8	4,669.1	12,665.9	8.0	63.1

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 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	1,509.5	117.7	1,627.1	7.2	75.2	1,019.9	83.5	1,103.4	7.6	49.3	2,529.4	201.2	2,730.6	7.4	62.0
April	1,506.9	128.3	1,635.3	7.8	75.4	1,027.7	93.1	1,120.9	8.3	50.0	2,534.7	221.5	2,756.1	8.0	62.5
VICTORIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	1,162.4	63.3	1,225.7	5.2	75.4	781.6	62.3	844.0	7.4	50.0	1,944.0	125.7	2,069.7	6.1	62.4
April	1,177.3	73.3	1,250.6	5.9	76.8	784.1	66.3	850.4	7.8	50.3	1,961.4	139.7	2,101.1	6.6	63.3
QUEENSLAND															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	699.7	62.6	762.3	8.2	75.9	444.9	50.7	495.7	10.2	48.3	1,144.6	113.4	1,258.0	9.0	61.9
April	708.1	63.4	771.5	8.2	76.6	453.7	51.1	504.9	10.1	49.0	1,161.8	114.5	1,276.3	9.0	62.6

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 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	357.4	33.0	390.4	8.5	72.9	253.3	23.8	277.0	8.6	49.5	610.6	56.8	667.4	8.5	61.0
April	355.3	36.4	391.7	9.3	73.0	252.3	25.6	277.9	9.2	49.6	607.6	62.0	669.6	9.3	61.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	415.7	31.6	447.2	7.1	78.0	274.1	25.1	299.2	8.4	52.2	689.8	56.7	746.5	7.6	65.1
April	415.9	35.0	450.9	7.8	78.4	269.1	25.9	295.0	8.8	51.2	685.0	60.9	745.9	8.2	64.8
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
March	116.7	12.0	128.7	9.3	75.6	76.0	9.2	85.2	10.8	48.3	192.7	21.2	214.0	9.9	61.7
April	117.9	11.2	129.1	8.7	75.9	77.1	9.1	86.3	10.6	49.0	195.0	20.3	215.4	9.4	62.2

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, STATES: TREND SERIES

Month	Males					Females					Persons				
	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -		- '000 -			- per cent -	
NEW SOUTH WALES															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	1,467.0	134.6	1,601.6	8.4	74.7	966.6	96.6	1,063.2	9.1	48.0	2,433.6	231.2	2,664.8	8.7	61.1
October r	1,473.6	130.9	1,604.5	8.2	74.7	972.1	95.2	1,067.3	8.9	48.1	2,445.8	226.1	2,671.8	8.5	61.2
November r	1,481.4	126.5	1,607.9	7.9	74.7	980.3	93.1	1,073.5	8.7	48.3	2,461.8	219.6	2,681.4	8.2	61.3
December r	1,489.5	122.7	1,612.2	7.6	74.8	990.7	90.8	1,081.4	8.4	48.5	2,480.2	213.4	2,693.6	7.9	61.4
1988 -															
January r	1,497.0	120.1	1,617.1	7.4	74.9	1,001.6	88.7	1,090.3	8.1	48.9	2,498.6	208.7	2,707.4	7.7	61.7
February r	1,503.1	118.7	1,621.8	7.3	75.0	1,011.8	87.1	1,098.9	7.9	49.2	2,515.0	205.7	2,720.7	7.6	61.9
March r	1,507.8	118.3	1,626.2	7.3	75.1	1,020.5	86.1	1,106.6	7.8	49.5	2,528.3	204.4	2,732.8	7.5	62.1
April	1,511.3	118.8	1,630.1	7.3	75.2	1,027.4	85.5	1,112.9	7.7	49.7	2,538.7	204.3	2,743.0	7.4	62.2
VICTORIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	1,148.2	67.6	1,215.8	5.6	75.4	779.6	56.9	837.4	6.8	50.0	1,928.7	124.5	2,053.2	6.1	62.4
October r	1,147.3	67.6	1,214.9	5.6	75.2	781.3	57.2	838.5	6.8	50.0	1,928.6	124.8	2,053.5	6.1	62.4
November r	1,149.0	67.7	1,216.7	5.6	75.2	782.0	57.6	839.6	6.9	50.0	1,931.0	125.3	2,056.3	6.1	62.4
December r	1,153.3	67.6	1,220.9	5.5	75.4	782.3	58.3	840.6	6.9	50.0	1,935.6	125.9	2,061.5	6.1	62.4
1988 -															
January r	1,158.8	67.4	1,226.2	5.5	75.6	782.4	59.5	841.9	7.1	50.0	1,941.2	126.9	2,068.1	6.1	62.5
February r	1,163.9	67.3	1,231.2	5.5	75.8	782.5	61.0	843.5	7.2	50.0	1,946.4	128.3	2,074.7	6.2	62.7
March r	1,168.4	67.6	1,236.0	5.5	76.0	782.6	62.5	845.1	7.4	50.0	1,951.0	130.1	2,081.1	6.3	62.8
April	1,171.6	67.6	1,239.2	5.5	76.1	782.6	63.7	846.2	7.5	50.1	1,954.2	131.3	2,085.5	6.3	62.9
QUEENSLAND															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	677.2	69.8	746.9	9.3	75.3	434.9	49.7	483.6	10.2	47.8	1,112.0	119.3	1,231.4	9.7	61.4
October r	677.5	69.9	747.4	9.3	75.2	436.7	49.7	486.5	10.2	47.9	1,114.3	119.6	1,233.9	9.7	61.4
November r	679.1	69.6	748.7	9.3	75.2	438.9	50.0	488.9	10.2	48.0	1,118.0	119.6	1,237.6	9.7	61.4
December r	682.2	68.7	751.0	9.2	75.3	441.2	50.4	491.6	10.3	48.2	1,123.4	119.2	1,242.5	9.6	61.6
1988 -															
January r	686.7	67.4	754.1	8.9	75.4	443.5	50.7	494.3	10.3	48.3	1,130.3	118.1	1,248.4	9.5	61.7
February r	691.9	65.9	757.7	8.7	75.6	445.9	51.0	496.9	10.3	48.5	1,137.7	116.9	1,254.6	9.3	61.9
March r	697.0	64.4	761.5	8.5	75.9	448.1	51.1	499.2	10.2	48.6	1,145.1	115.6	1,260.7	9.2	62.1
April	701.8	63.1	764.9	8.2	75.9	449.8	51.3	501.1	10.2	48.6	1,151.6	114.4	1,266.0	9.0	62.1

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 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	360.2	33.6	393.8	8.5	73.9	242.0	24.7	266.6	9.3	47.9	602.1	58.3	660.5	8.8	60.7
October r	359.4	33.7	393.1	8.6	73.7	242.6	24.3	266.9	9.1	47.9	602.0	58.0	659.9	8.8	60.6
November r	358.2	33.8	392.0	8.6	73.5	243.9	24.2	268.1	9.0	48.1	602.1	57.9	660.1	8.8	60.5
December r	356.9	34.1	391.0	8.7	73.2	245.9	24.2	270.0	9.0	48.4	602.8	58.2	661.0	8.8	60.5
1988 -															
January r	356.0	34.3	390.3	8.8	73.0	247.9	24.4	272.3	9.0	48.8	603.9	58.7	662.6	8.9	60.6
February r	355.3	34.5	389.8	8.9	72.8	249.9	24.7	274.6	9.0	49.1	605.2	59.2	664.4	8.9	60.7
March r	354.9	34.7	389.6	8.9	72.7	251.6	25.0	276.6	9.0	49.5	606.5	59.7	666.2	9.0	60.8
April	354.8	34.8	389.5	8.9	72.6	252.9	25.1	278.0	9.0	49.6	607.7	59.8	667.5	9.0	60.9
WESTERN AUSTRALIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	410.7	31.9	442.6	7.2	78.4	264.0	23.1	287.1	8.1	50.8	674.7	55.0	729.7	7.5	64.6
October r	410.9	31.6	442.4	7.1	78.2	265.7	23.5	289.3	8.1	51.1	676.6	55.1	731.7	7.5	64.6
November r	410.6	31.4	442.1	7.1	77.9	267.4	24.0	291.4	8.2	51.3	678.1	55.4	733.5	7.6	64.6
December r	410.8	31.5	442.3	7.1	77.8	268.9	24.5	293.4	8.3	51.5	679.7	56.0	735.7	7.6	64.6
1988 -															
January r	411.7	31.8	443.5	7.2	77.8	270.0	24.9	294.9	8.4	51.7	681.7	56.7	738.4	7.7	64.7
February r	412.8	32.3	445.1	7.3	77.9	270.8	25.2	296.0	8.5	51.7	683.6	57.5	741.1	7.8	64.8
March r	414.1	32.8	446.8	7.3	78.0	271.3	25.4	296.7	8.6	51.7	685.4	58.2	743.6	7.8	64.8
April	415.0	33.2	448.3	7.4	77.9	271.6	25.5	297.2	8.6	51.6	686.7	58.8	745.4	7.9	64.8
TASMANIA															
1987 -															
March	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	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	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	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	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	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	114.0	11.2	125.2	8.9	73.7	72.4	7.7	80.1	9.6	45.6	186.5	18.8	205.3	9.2	59.4
October r	114.4	11.2	125.6	8.9	73.9	73.4	7.3	80.7	9.1	45.9	187.8	18.5	206.3	9.0	59.7
November r	114.9	11.3	126.2	8.9	74.2	74.3	7.3	81.6	8.9	46.4	189.2	18.5	207.7	8.9	60.0
December r	115.4	11.4	126.8	9.0	74.6	75.2	7.5	82.7	9.1	47.0	190.6	18.9	209.5	9.0	60.5
1988 -															
January r	116.0	11.5	127.5	9.0	74.9	75.9	8.0	83.8	9.5	47.6	191.8	19.5	211.3	9.2	61.0
February r	116.5	11.6	128.0	9.0	75.2	76.4	8.5	84.8	10.0	48.1	192.8	20.0	212.9	9.4	61.4
March r	116.9	11.6	128.5	9.0	75.5	76.7	8.9	85.6	10.4	48.6	193.7	20.5	214.1	9.6	61.8
April	117.3	11.6	128.9	9.0	75.7	77.0	9.3	86.2	10.8	49.0	194.2	20.9	215.1	9.7	62.1

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	Total	Total
						- per cent -					
NEW SOUTH WALES -											
1987 - April	14.5	40.7	155.9	196.6	40.3	236.9	22.4	7.9	9.1	8.4	9.0
1988 - March	14.0	31.6	137.7	169.3	49.5	218.8	17.9	6.6	7.5	9.4	7.9
April	13.7	33.1	141.7	174.9	49.3	224.2	18.4	6.9	7.8	9.4	8.1
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	1.8	2.6	4.8	5.2	3.1	5.7	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	1.5	2.1	3.7	4.0	2.5	4.5	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
VICTORIA -											
1987 - April	10.1	23.0	83.4	106.4	30.5	136.9	16.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	6.7
1988 - March	8.6	21.8	80.4	102.2	36.9	139.1	16.1	5.2	6.1	8.8	6.6
April	9.4	20.2	78.0	98.2	43.9	142.1	14.7	5.1	5.9	10.2	6.8
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	1.5	2.1	3.6	3.9	2.9	4.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	1.3	1.8	2.8	3.1	2.3	3.5	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
QUEENSLAND -											
1987 - April	6.3	27.3	78.6	105.9	20.5	126.4	28.4	8.9	10.8	8.1	10.2
1988 - March	8.2	24.3	72.2	96.4	28.9	125.3	26.6	7.9	9.6	10.6	9.8
April	5.7	20.8	74.9	95.7	22.6	118.4	23.1	8.1	9.4	8.6	9.3
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	1.0	1.8	3.0	3.2	1.8	3.5	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	1.1	1.6	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -											
1987 - April	4.6	12.6	35.7	48.3	11.2	59.5	25.8	7.6	9.3	7.6	8.9
1988 - March	3.1	9.7	37.9	47.6	11.8	59.4	21.0	8.0	9.2	7.5	8.8
April	2.7	9.4	36.9	46.3	13.5	59.8	21.2	7.9	9.0	8.4	8.9
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.1	2.0	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.5	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -											
1987 - April	3.2	11.6	35.6	47.2	11.7	58.9	20.7	6.9	8.3	8.0	8.2
1988 - March	3.6	11.3	36.6	47.9	13.1	61.0	19.5	6.9	8.2	7.9	8.1
April	2.7	9.8	39.0	48.8	13.3	62.1	16.8	7.3	8.3	8.4	8.3
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	0.6	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.2	2.1	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2
TASMANIA -											
1987 - April	2.0	4.7	10.7	15.5	2.9	18.4	27.3	7.3	9.4	6.9	8.9
1988 - March	2.0	4.8	11.9	16.8	5.5	22.2	27.4	7.9	9.9	11.3	10.2
April	1.9	4.8	10.9	15.7	4.5	20.2	26.3	7.2	9.2	9.4	9.3
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.9	2.9	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.7	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3
NORTHERN TERRITORY -											
1987 - April	*	*	3.9	4.9	*	5.3	*	6.6	7.5	*	6.9
1988 - March	*	*	6.6	7.9	*	8.4	*	11.9	13.0	*	12.0
April	*	*	6.1	7.1	*	8.3	*	11.4	12.1	*	12.1
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	7.1	1.3	1.3	3.7	1.2
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.7	6.6	1.2	1.1	3.2	1.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY -											
1987 - April	*	1.9	4.2	6.1	3.6	9.8	27.6	4.2	5.7	12.3	7.1
1988 - March	*	*	3.6	4.9	3.2	8.1	*	3.3	4.2	9.8	5.4
April	*	*	4.2	4.9	3.0	7.9	*	3.9	4.3	8.9	5.3
Standard error of -											
Apr 1988 estimates	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	4.3	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.4
Mar 1988 to Apr 1988 movements	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	4.3	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.4

