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It should be noted that figures shown for the latest year are subject to revision, and that some figures for earlier years have been revised.

7.1 Estimates of the civilian labour force and its main components, annual averages 1972-78

Year	Civilian population (15 years of age and over) '000	Civilian labour force (15 years of age and over)			Persons not in the labour force (15 years of age and over) '000	Participation rate %	Unemployment rate %
		Employed '000	Unemployed '000	Total labour force '000			
1972 ^r	15,186	8,344	553	8,897	6,289	58.6	6.2
1973 ^r	15,526	8,761	515	9,276	6,250	59.7	5.5
1974 ^r	15,924	9,125	514	9,639	6,285	60.5	5.3
1975 ^r	16,323	9,284	690	9,974	6,349	61.1	6.9
1976 ^r	16,707	9,479	727	10,206	6,500	61.1	7.1
1977	17,057	9,648	850	10,498	6,558	61.5	8.1
1978	17,381	9,972	911	10,882	6,499	62.6	8.4

7.2 Distribution of population in the labour force and non-labour force categories, by age and sex, 1972-78

Sex, age and year	Population '000	Labour force			Total '000	Not in labour force '000	Participation rate %	Unemployment rate %
		Employed '000	Unemployed '000	Total '000				
Male								
1972 ^r	7,479	5,460	337	5,797	1,682	77.5	5.8	
1973 ^r	7,642	5,678	295	5,973	1,669	78.2	4.9	
1974 ^r	7,834	5,870	293	6,163	1,671	78.7	4.8	
1975 ^r	8,026	5,903	391	6,294	1,732	78.4	6.2	
1976 ^r	8,209	5,965	404	6,369	1,840	77.6	6.3	
1977	8,378	6,031	474	6,505	1,873	77.6	7.3	
1978	8,531	6,148	502	6,650	1,881	77.9	7.6	
15-24 years								
1972 ^r	2,004	1,136	154	1,290	714	64.4	11.9	
1973 ^r	2,047	1,230	137	1,367	680	66.8	10.0	
1974 ^r	2,103	1,310	139	1,450	653	68.9	9.6	
1975 ^r	2,157	1,299	186	1,485	672	68.8	12.5	
1976 ^r	2,206	1,299	199	1,498	708	67.9	13.3	
1977	2,248	1,317	231	1,548	701	68.8	14.9	
1978	2,283	1,352	240	1,591	692	69.7	15.1	
25+ years								
1972 ^r	5,475	4,324	183	4,507	968	82.3	4.1	
1973 ^r	5,595	4,448	158	4,606	989	82.3	3.4	
1974 ^r	5,731	4,559	154	4,713	1,018	82.2	3.3	
1975 ^r	5,870	4,605	205	4,809	1,060	81.9	4.3	
1976 ^r	6,003	4,666	206	4,871	1,132	81.1	4.2	
1977	6,129	4,714	243	4,957	1,172	80.9	4.9	
1978	6,249	4,796	263	5,059	1,190	81.0	5.2	
Female								
1972 ^r	7,707	2,885	216	3,101	4,606	40.2	7.0	
1973 ^r	7,884	3,083	220	3,303	4,581	41.9	6.7	
1974 ^r	8,090	3,255	221	3,477	4,613	43.0	6.4	
1975 ^r	8,297	3,381	299	3,680	4,617	44.4	8.1	
1976 ^r	8,496	3,515	322	3,837	4,660	45.2	8.4	
1977	8,679	3,617	377	3,994	4,686	46.0	9.4	
1978	8,850	3,824	408	4,232	4,618	47.8	9.6	
15-24 years								
1972 ^r	1,992	934	99	1,032	960	51.8	9.6	
1973 ^r	2,033	1,000	101	1,102	931	54.2	9.2	
1974 ^r	2,087	1,064	104	1,168	919	56.0	8.9	
1975 ^r	2,141	1,077	139	1,217	924	56.8	11.4	
1976 ^r	2,188	1,094	150	1,244	944	56.8	12.1	
1977	2,222	1,100	176	1,277	945	57.5	13.8	
1978	2,247	1,141	184	1,324	923	58.9	13.9	
25+ years								
1972 ^r	5,715	1,951	117	2,068	3,647	36.2	5.7	
1973 ^r	5,851	2,083	119	2,202	3,649	37.6	5.4	
1974 ^r	6,003	2,192	117	2,308	3,695	38.5	5.1	
1975 ^r	6,156	2,304	160	2,463	3,693	40.0	6.5	
1976 ^r	6,308	2,421	172	2,593	3,715	41.1	6.6	
1977	6,457	2,517	200	2,717	3,740	42.1	7.4	
1978	6,603	2,683	225	2,908	3,695	44.0	7.7	