

**POPULATION, LABOUR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT,
1985-95**

							Increase ('000)		Average Annual Growth Rate (%)	
							5MP	6MP	5MP	6MP
1985		1990		1995						
Population ('000)	15,864.0		18,010.2		20,262.7		2,146.2	2,252.5	2.5	2.4
Labour Force ('000)	6,039.1		7,046.5		8,114.0		1,007.4	1,067.5	3.1	2.9
Unemployment ('000)	414.5		425.5		361.7					
Unemployment Rate ¹ (%)	6.9		6.0		4.5					
Sector							New Jobs ('000)		Average Annual Growth Rate (%)	
							5MP	6MP	5MP	6MP
	('000)	(%)	('000)	(%)	('000)	(%)				
Agriculture & Forestry	1,759.6	31.3	1,837.6	27.8	1,821.9	23.5	78.0	-15.7	0.9	-0.2
Mining & Quarrying	44.4	0.8	39.1	0.6	40.7	0.5	-5.3	1.6	-2.5	0.8
Manufacturing	855.4	15.2	1,290.2	19.5	1,699.1	21.9	434.8	408.9	8.6	5.7
Construction	429.4	7.6	426.9	6.4	547.5	7.1	-2.5	120.6	-0.1	5.1
Non-Government Services ²	1,716.3	30.5	2,177.0	32.9	2,770.9	35.7	460.7	593.9	4.9	4.9
Government Services	819.5	14.6	850.2	12.8	872.2	11.3	30.7	22.0	0.7	0.5
Employment	5,624.6	100.0	6,621.0	100.0	7,752.3	100.0	996.4	1,131.3	3.3	3.2