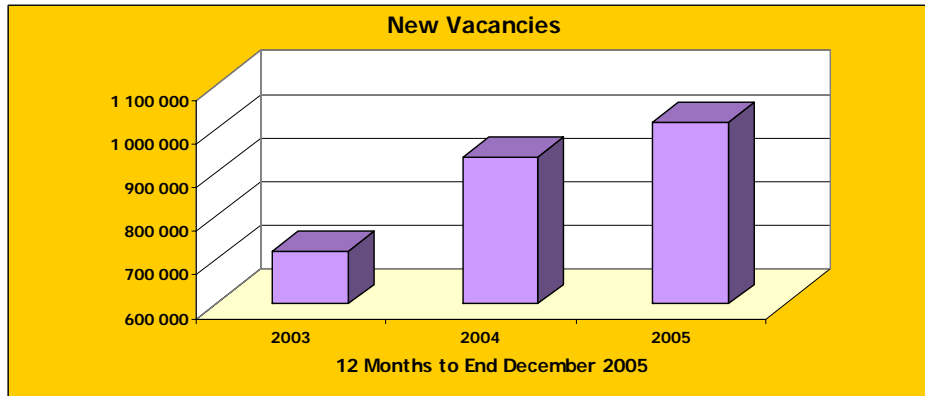
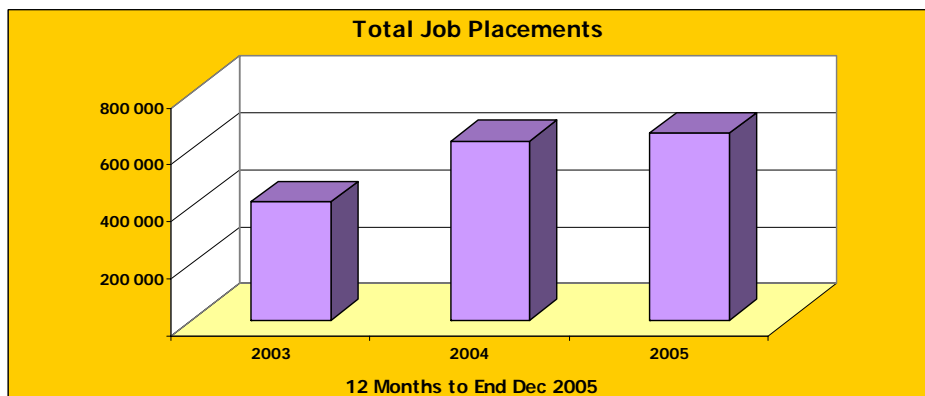




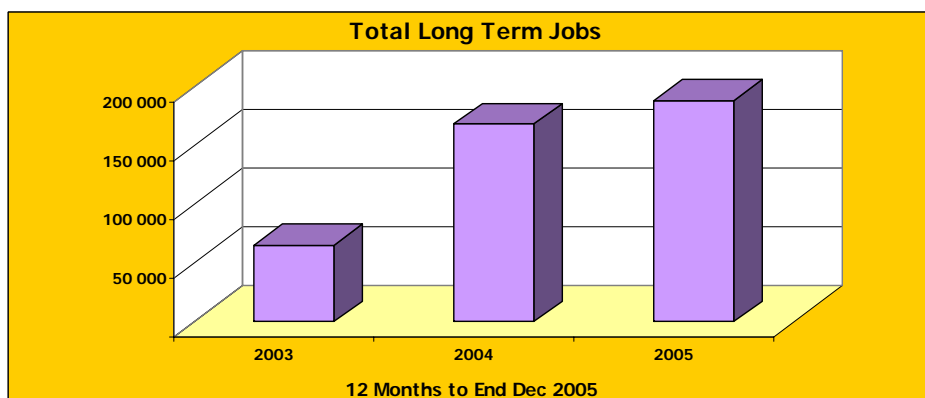
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- In the year to end December 2005, over 1 015 400 new vacancies were lodged on the national vacancy database - an increase of 8per cent on the previous 12 months and a new annual record.
- Almost 58 900 new vacancies were lodged in the month of December 2005, which is the best December on record.



- In the year to end December 2005, a total of over 657 200 job placements were recorded by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations, an increase of 4 per cent on the previous 12 months.
- Almost 41 400 job placements were recorded in the month of December 2005.

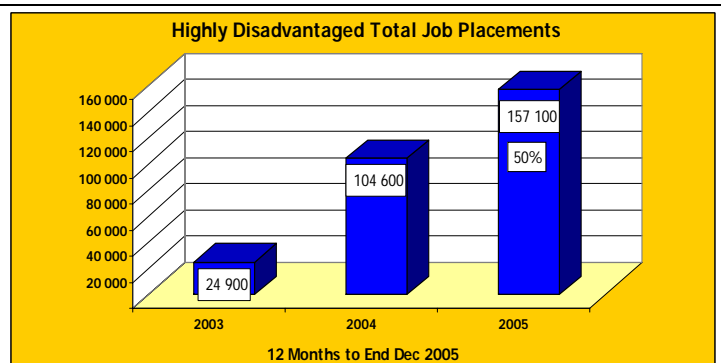
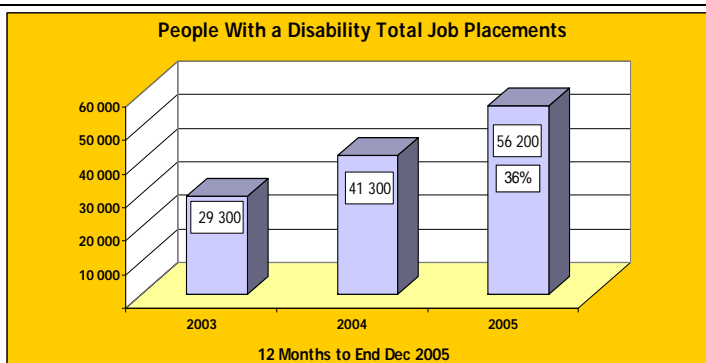
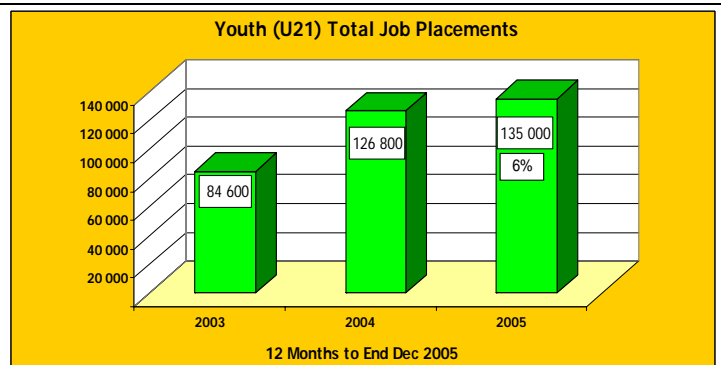
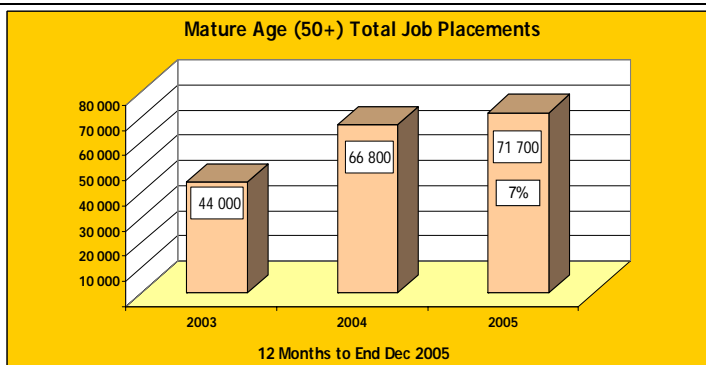
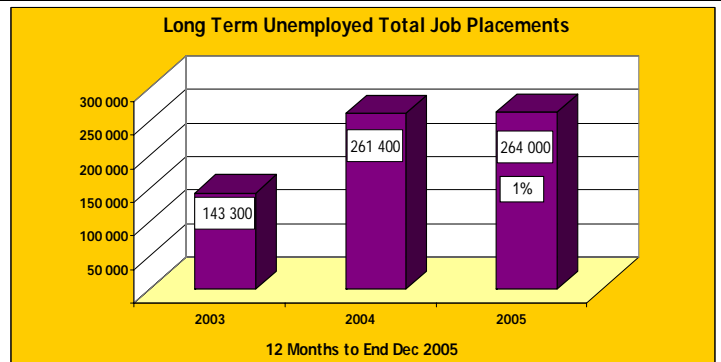
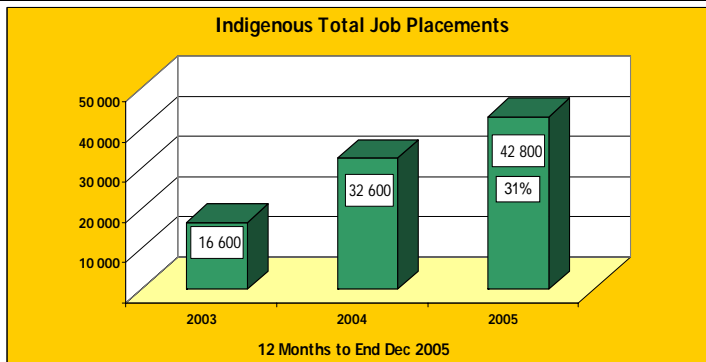
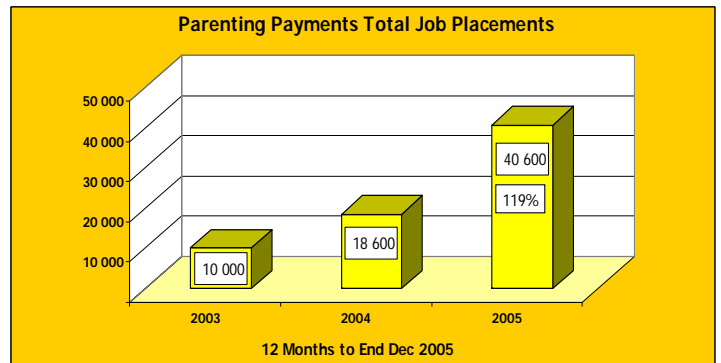
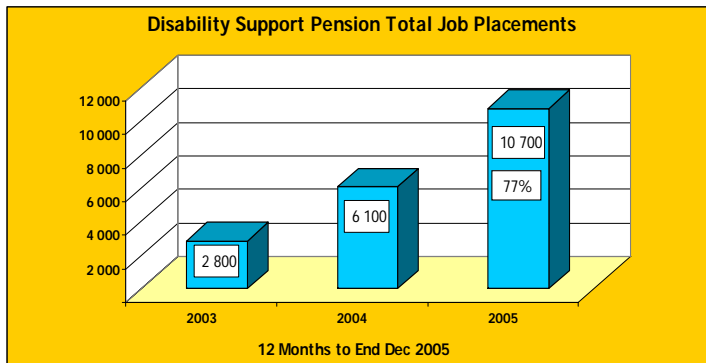


- In the year to end December 2005, over 188 600 long term (13 week) jobs were achieved for disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months. This is an increase of 12 per cent on the previous 12 months.
- Over 18 300 long term jobs were achieved in the month of December 2005.

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Record Job Placements for Disadvantaged Job Seekers

The *Job Network Performance Profile* (JNPP) continues to show a record number of job placements following implementation of the *Active Participation Model* on 1 July 2003. These new records have not been isolated to any particular client group – employment outcomes have increased significantly for even the most highly disadvantaged job seekers, as shown in the figures below.



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- Unemployed people are assisted by 107 Job Network members and hundreds of licensed Job Placement Organisations operating from more than 2 700 sites across Australia.
- From 1 July 2003, Job Network services were refined through implementation of the *Active Participation Model*.
 - These improvements mean that, for the duration of their unemployment, job seekers have a single Job Network member who works closely with them to help them find a job. Job seekers receive more intensive assistance the longer they are unemployed.
 - Under the new arrangements, two main forms of assistance are provided for job seekers - Job Search Support and Intensive Support. Job Search Support is aimed at placing unemployed people directly into jobs. Intensive Support provides training and other forms of assistance specifically tailored to meet the individual's needs, to help disadvantaged job seekers and those unemployed for more than three months find and keep a job.
 - A new dedicated Job Seeker Account has been established so that Job Network members may, for example, pay for eligible job seekers to undertake training courses, cover their travel expenses when they attend interviews, or purchase uniforms and equipment when they are needed for the person to take up a job.
 - The new Job Placement Organisations harness the strengths of the commercial recruitment sector to bring more vacancies to job seekers. Job seekers can access vacancies at no cost on the Job Search jobs database, through the internet or at one of the nearly 3 000 kiosks located in Job Network sites and Centrelink offices throughout Australia.
- The Job Network Performance Profile (see page 1) shows weekly numbers for three key indicators:
 - new vacancies lodged on Job Search by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations;
 - the total job placements providers record for job seekers, including those that may become long term job outcomes at a later stage; and
 - long term job outcomes achieved for Intensive Support participants.

Following the transition phase between the previous Job Network arrangements and the *Active Participation Model*, in which new sites were established and improved services for job seekers introduced, performance has reached record levels. New records continue to be set each month.

- Long term job outcomes reflect the completion of a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks employment by job seekers receiving Intensive Support – that is, job seekers identified as Highly Disadvantaged and those unemployed for more than three months. In addition to the 188 600 long term jobs recorded in the year to December 2005, over 6 900 job seekers assisted through the Intensive Support service gained education outcomes (the completion of approved semester courses).