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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified, employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organizations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

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PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1954		1955				
	August	Sept.	May	June	July	August*	Sept.
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1366.9	1371.2	1398.5	1401.4	(a)1399.9	1401.3	1405.4
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (b)	30.2	30.0	30.8	30.8	(a)28.2	30.8	30.7
Other	126.5	126.6	129.9	130.0	130.0	130.4	130.0
State and Semi-Governmental	363.8	363.3	371.8	373.3	372.8	(a)372.0	371.9
Local Authorities	61.9	62.0	64.5	65.0	65.1	65.1	65.1
2. Total Governmental	582.4	581.9	597.0	599.1	(a)596.1	(a)598.3	597.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1949.3	1953.1	1995.5	2000.5	(a)1995.0	1999.6	2003.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Overseas and National							
Service Trainees in Camp) (c)	61.5	60.8	59.1	57.7	59.9	60.2	60.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	2010.8	2013.9	2054.6	2058.2	(a)2055.9	(a)2059.8	2063.2

FEMALES

1. In Private Employment	594.5	598.5	615.4	615.7	615.1	616.7	620.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (b)	6.5	6.5	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Other	36.1	36.0	36.9	37.3	37.8	37.9	37.6
State and Semi-Governmental	67.9	68.1	72.2	72.7	73.0	73.5	73.3
Local Authorities	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
2. Total Governmental	116.0	116.1	121.8	122.8	123.6	124.2	123.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	710.5	714.6	737.2	738.5	738.7	740.9	743.9
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and							
Overseas)	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees and							
Defence Forces	712.5	716.7	739.3	740.6	740.8	743.1	746.0

PERSONS

1. In Private Employment	1961.4	1969.7	2013.9	2017.1	(a)2015.0	2018.0	2025.6
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (b)	36.7	36.5	37.7	37.8	(a)35.2	37.8	37.7
Other	162.6	162.6	166.8	167.3	167.8	168.3	167.6
State and Semi-Governmental	431.7	431.4	444.0	446.0	445.8	(a)445.5	445.2
Local Authorities	67.4	67.5	70.3	70.8	70.9	70.9	70.9
2. Total Governmental	698.4	698.0	718.8	721.9	(a)719.7	(a)722.5	721.4
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2659.8	2667.7	2732.7	2739.0	(a)2734.7	(a)2740.5	2747.0
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Overseas and National							
Service Trainees in Camp) (c)	63.5	62.9	61.2	59.8	62.0	62.4	62.2
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	2723.3	2730.6	2793.9	2798.8	(a)2796.7	(a)2802.9	2809.2

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. (b) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (c) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but included non-enlisted personnel. * Revised.

1. GENERAL SUMMARYTABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a)1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a)2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	* 1401.3	565.0	594.5	* 616.7	1884.4	1961.4	* 2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	1405.4	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	2025.6
October	1330.4	1374.1		574.5	602.2		1904.9	1976.3	
November	1337.9	1381.2		582.7	610.5		1920.6	1991.7	
December	1340.9	1384.3		590.0	615.6		1930.9	1999.9	
January	1344.2	1382.4		587.0	608.0		1931.2	1990.4	
February	1348.8	1388.2		588.3	613.5		1937.1	2001.7	
March	1356.2	1393.9		593.7	616.2		1949.9	2010.1	
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a)596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a)719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a)598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a)722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1		111.8	116.5		679.2	697.6	
November	568.7	583.6		111.9	117.0		680.6	700.6	
December	569.9	584.7		111.3	116.3		681.2	701.0	
January	568.1	586.0		110.7	116.2		678.8	702.2	
February	571.6	589.2		113.0	119.3		684.6	708.5	
March	575.1	592.4		114.2	121.3		689.3	713.7	
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a)1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a)2734.7
August*	1886.2	1949.3	(a)1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a)2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.1	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.0
October	1897.8	1955.2		686.3	718.7		2584.1	2673.9	
November	1906.6	1964.8		694.6	727.5		2601.2	2692.3	
December	1910.8	1969.0		701.3	731.9		2612.1	2700.9	
January	1912.3	1968.4		697.7	724.2		2610.0	2692.6	
February	1920.4	1977.4		701.3	732.8		2621.7	2710.2	
March	1931.3	1986.3		707.9	737.5		2639.2	2723.8	
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised 1955-56.

TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5		2.0	2.1		64.5	62.6	
November	57.0	52.5		2.0	2.1		59.0	54.6	
December	52.5	50.1		2.0	2.0		54.5	52.1	
January	62.7	60.1		2.0	2.0		64.7	62.1	
February	62.3	60.1		2.0	2.1		64.3	62.2	
March	61.3	57.9		1.9	2.1		63.2	60.0	
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August*	1951.7	2010.8	(a)2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a)2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.2	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.2
October	1960.3	2015.7		688.3	720.8		2648.6	2736.5	
November	1963.6	2017.3		696.6	729.6		2660.2	2746.9	
December	1963.3	2019.1		703.3	733.9		2666.6	2753.0	
January	1975.0	2028.5		699.7	726.2		2674.7	2754.7	
February	1982.7	2037.5		703.3	734.9		2686.0	2772.4	
March	1992.6	2044.2		709.8	739.6		2702.4	2783.8	
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised 1955-56.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1953 Aug.	566.8	1,319.4	1,886.2	112.5	565.0	677.5	679.3	1,884.4	2,563.7	67.5
Sept.	566.7	1,323.6	1,890.3	112.4	569.1	681.5	679.1	1,892.7	2,571.8	64.8
Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	111.8	574.5	686.3	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	64.5
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
1954 Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug. (e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.7	1,405.4	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.6	2,747.0	62.2

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Overseas Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

* Revised.

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, SEPTEMBER, 1955

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P		
New South Wales	9.2	1.0	45.7	13.9	54.9	14.9	133.4	25.1	26.2	2.7	214.5	42.7	257.2
Victoria	16.0	5.0	34.2	10.6	50.2	15.6	95.3	22.2	12.6	1.4	158.1	39.2	197.3
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.5	4.4	17.7	4.6	53.8	7.3	17.8	0.9	89.3	12.8	102.1
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.0	2.8	15.3	3.4	37.9	8.8	2.9	0.3	56.1	12.5	68.6
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.1	9.0	2.2	37.4	6.3	3.4	0.3	49.8	8.8	58.6
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.1	4.3	1.2	14.1	3.6	2.2	0.2	20.6	5.0	25.6
Northern Terr.	0.1	—	2.2	0.5	2.3	0.5	—	—	—	—	2.3	0.5	2.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	6.9	2.2	7.0	2.2	—	—	—	—	7.0	2.2	9.2
Total, September	30.7	7.0	130.0	37.6	160.7	44.6	371.9	73.3	65.1	5.8	597.7	123.7	721.4
Total, August	30.8	7.0	130.4	37.9	161.2	44.9	(b)372.0	73.5	65.1	5.8	(b)598.3	124.2	(b)722.5

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	August 1955	Sept. 1955
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	*780.1	779.8
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	555.7	556.7
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	272.8	273.5
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	(b)177.6	179.3
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b)126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.9	136.6
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	63.7	63.3
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.9
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	(b)*1999.6	2003.1

FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	*294.5	295.9
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	226.7	227.0
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.0	90.4
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	60.8	61.4
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	43.7	43.9
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	21.3	21.4
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	*740.9	743.9

PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	*1074.6	1075.7
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	782.4	783.7
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	362.8	363.9
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	(b)238.4	240.7
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b)166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	179.6	180.5
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	85.0	84.7
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.7	11.8
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	(b)*2740.5	2747.0

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

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II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
(Thousands)

Industrial Group	August 1954	September 1954	June 1955	July 1955	August 1955	September 1955
MALES						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.5	26.4	26.9	26.9	27.1	26.9
Mining -						
Gold	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.2	9.3	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0
Coal	29.6	29.4	28.8	28.6	28.5	28.4
Other (including Quarries)	11.6	11.7	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.2
Total Mining and Quarrying	57.9	57.8	58.3	58.3	58.2	58.2
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	697.8	698.9	714.5	*712.2	716.2	717.4
Other (b)	60.8	60.9	62.7	62.4	*62.0	62.8
Total Manufacturing	758.6	759.8	777.2	*774.6	*778.2	780.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	91.1	91.3	91.9	92.5	92.6	93.8
Other (d)	112.9	113.2	119.9	119.6	117.5	116.4
Total Building and Construction	204.0	204.5	211.8	212.1	210.1	210.2
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	83.3	83.2	84.6	84.7	84.7	84.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	48.9	48.8	51.6	51.6	51.5	51.2
Rail and Air Transport	107.2	106.9	108.5	108.4	108.7	108.2
Communication	61.5	61.7	64.0	64.2	64.3	64.3
Total Transport, etc.	300.9	300.6	308.7	308.9	309.2	308.6
Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)						
	58.0	58.0	59.6	59.5	59.5	59.5
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	118.8	118.9	124.3	123.5	124.0	124.2
Primary Produce Agencies	22.6	23.7	23.2	22.5	22.8	24.5
Retail Trade	128.0	128.2	129.2	128.8	128.8	128.9
Total Commerce	269.4	270.8	276.7	274.8	275.6	277.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	97.7	97.9	99.2	99.3	99.6	99.5
Other						
Law and Order	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.6	25.8	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.1
Education	36.7	36.8	38.7	38.7	38.8	38.8
Other Professional	12.3	12.4	12.9	13.1	13.2	13.2
Entertainment, Sport	18.2	18.6	18.5	18.0	18.2	18.2
Personal Service (e)	52.0	52.2	54.3	54.1	54.1	54.4
Total Other	176.3	177.3	182.1	181.6	182.1	182.4
TOTAL:	1949.3	1953.1	2000.5	*1996.0	*1999.6	2003.1

FEMALES

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	220.7	222.0	225.3	224.4	225.6	226.9
Other (b)	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3
Total Manufacturing	227.8	229.0	232.5	231.7	232.9	234.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	8.4	8.4	8.9	9.1	9.0	9.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Rail and Air Transport	8.0	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3
Communication	17.9	18.0	18.7	18.7	18.8	18.8
Total Transport, etc.	36.7	36.9	38.4	38.6	38.6	38.6

* Affected by industrial disputes. For other notes see page 9.
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TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	August	September	June	July	August	September
	1954	1954	1955	1955	1955	1955

FEMALES (continued)

<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	35.0	35.1	38.1	38.1	38.2	38.2
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	37.6	38.1	39.2	39.5	39.8	40.2
Primary Produce Agencies	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.8
Retail Trade	114.9	115.9	121.6	121.7	121.3	122.1
<u>Total Commerce</u>	158.0	159.5	166.6	166.9	166.9	168.1
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	28.1	27.8	28.6	29.0	28.8	28.6
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.5
Religion and Social Welfare	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	70.9	71.2	73.5	73.9	74.2	74.5
Education	45.0	45.1	47.9	48.1	48.4	48.1
Other Professional	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9
Entertainment, Sport	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.8
Personal Service (e)	66.7	67.4	69.6	69.3	69.6	70.2
<u>Total Other</u>	219.0	220.4	228.1	228.2	229.3	230.0
<u>TOTAL</u>	710.5	714.6	738.5	738.7	740.9	743.9

PERSONS

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.6	27.1	27.1	27.3	27.1
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.5	9.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3
Coal	29.8	29.6	29.0	28.8	28.7	28.6
Other (including Quarries)	12.0	12.1	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.7
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	58.9	58.8	59.4	59.4	59.3	59.3
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	918.5	920.9	939.8	*936.6	941.8	944.3
Other (b)	67.9	67.9	69.9	69.7	* 69.3	70.1
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	986.4	988.8	1009.7	*1006.3	*1011.1	1014.4
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (privately employed) (c)	93.8	94.0	94.7	95.3	95.4	96.6
Other (d)	114.9	115.2	122.0	121.7	119.6	118.5
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	208.7	209.2	216.7	217.0	215.0	215.1
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	91.7	91.6	93.5	93.8	93.7	94.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.3	51.2	54.0	54.0	53.9	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	115.2	115.0	116.9	116.8	117.1	116.5
Communication	79.4	79.7	82.7	82.9	83.1	83.1
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	337.6	337.5	347.1	347.5	347.8	347.2
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	93.0	93.1	97.7	97.6	97.7	97.7
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	156.4	157.0	163.5	163.0	163.8	164.4
Primary Produce Agencies	28.1	29.2	29.0	28.2	28.6	30.3
Retail Trade	242.9	244.1	250.8	250.5	250.1	251.0
<u>Total Commerce</u>	427.4	430.3	443.3	441.7	442.5	445.7
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	125.8	125.7	127.8	128.3	128.4	128.1
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	29.2	29.2	29.8	29.7	29.8	29.8
Religion and Social Welfare	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	96.5	97.0	99.5	99.9	100.3	100.6
Education	81.7	81.9	86.6	86.8	87.2	86.9
Other Professional	21.9	22.0	22.7	23.0	23.1	23.1
Entertainment, Sport	27.0	27.6	27.3	26.6	26.9	27.0
Personal Service (e)	116.7	119.6	123.9	123.4	123.7	124.6
<u>Total Other</u>	395.3	397.7	410.2	409.8	411.4	412.4
<u>TOTAL</u>	2659.8	2667.7	2739.0	*2734.7	*2740.5	2747.0

* Affected by industrial disputes. For other notes see page 9.

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TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - SEPTEMBER, 1955

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded).
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.8	5.9	1.8	2.4	2.2	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	30.2	4.8	9.7	1.7	8.1	3.0	58.2
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	292.2	224.7	75.7	69.9	35.8	19.0	717.4
Other (b)	27.1	18.2	10.6	2.5	2.5	0.7	62.8
Total Manufacturing:	319.3	242.9	86.3	72.4	38.3	19.7	780.2
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	72.8	53.0	36.4	19.1	15.5	9.7	210.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.7	11.2	9.1	6.1	4.7	2.3	51.2
Rail and Air Transport	39.5	22.9	21.5	10.1	11.1	2.6	108.2
Other Transport and Communication	60.2	38.6	23.7	12.6	9.1	4.3	149.2
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.0	18.0	8.1	5.0	3.8	1.5	59.5
Retail Trade	50.6	37.1	15.5	12.1	9.7	3.6	128.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	50.9	42.2	21.3	14.8	14.7	4.5	148.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.6	28.2	11.7	7.8	7.4	3.7	99.5
Other Industries (g)	70.4	52.0	24.3	15.8	11.8	6.2	182.4
TOTAL MALES:	779.8	556.7	273.5	179.3	136.6	63.3	2003.1
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	98.0	88.2	14.3	16.1	6.2	4.2	226.9
Other (b)	1.0	2.3	2.8	0.1	0.9	-	7.3
Total Manufacturing:	99.0	90.5	17.1	16.2	7.1	4.2	234.2
Rail and Air Transport	3.8	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.3
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.4	9.1	4.4	2.6	1.4	1.2	30.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	16.9	10.6	4.4	3.1	2.2	0.9	38.2
Retail Trade	45.5	33.5	15.8	12.8	9.9	4.2	122.1
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.6	12.1	7.3	4.3	3.6	1.0	46.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.0	6.8	4.6	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.6
Other Industries (g)	90.7	62.4	35.5	20.0	17.3	8.8	236.2
TOTAL FEMALES:	295.9	227.0	90.4	61.4	43.9	21.4	743.9
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.7	5.9	5.9	1.8	2.4	2.2	27.1
Mining and Quarrying	30.5	4.9	10.0	1.8	8.3	3.1	59.3
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	944.3
Other (b)	28.1	20.5	13.4	2.6	3.4	0.7	70.1
Total Manufacturing:	418.3	333.4	103.4	88.6	45.4	23.9	1014.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.9	54.3	37.0	19.5	15.8	9.8	215.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.8	11.7	9.4	6.3	4.9	2.4	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	43.3	24.9	22.8	10.8	11.5	2.7	116.5
Other Transport and Communication	70.5	47.2	27.8	15.0	10.3	5.4	177.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	39.9	28.6	12.5	8.1	6.0	2.4	97.7
Retail Trade	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	251.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce	68.5	54.3	28.6	19.1	18.3	5.5	194.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.6	35.0	16.3	9.5	9.4	4.7	128.1
Other Industries (g)	158.6	112.9	58.9	35.3	28.6	14.8	412.4
TOTAL PERSONS:	1075.7	783.7	363.9	240.7	180.5	84.7	2747.0

For notes see page 9.

NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :**SIX STATES**

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 July	365,531	113,293	478,824	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.2
August	365,678	112,734	478,412	..	- 0.5	- 0.1
September	366,333	113,974	480,307	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
October	367,252	114,967	482,219	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
November	369,009	115,520	484,529	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
December	367,627	115,469	483,096	- 0.4	..	- 0.3
1955 January	367,215	116,923	484,138	- 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
February	371,325	119,330	490,655	+ 1.1	+ 2.1	+ 1.3
March	372,303	118,952	491,255	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	372,158	116,189	488,347	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.6
May	372,894	115,524	488,418	+ 0.2	- 0.6	..
June	375,438	115,824	491,262	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
July	375,922	115,058	490,980	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
August	376,382	115,406	491,788	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	377,305	116,689	493,994	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
October	378,322	117,111	495,433	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :**STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			August -	Sept. -
	Sept.	Oct.	August	Sept.	Oct.	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955
MALES							
New South Wales	145,154	145,348	149,547	149,656	149,777	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Victoria	109,883	110,932	112,428	112,988	113,824	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Queensland	41,001	40,336	42,275	42,286	42,246	..	- 0.1
South Australia	41,253	41,343	42,262	42,477	42,467	+ 0.5	-
West Australia	17,481	17,653	17,818	17,857	17,935	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Tasmania	11,561	11,640	12,052	12,041	12,073	- 0.1	+ 0.3
TOTAL	366,333	367,252	376,382	377,305	378,322	+ 0.2	+ 0.3

FEMALES

New South Wales	44,897	45,717	46,122	46,951	47,217	+ 1.8	+ 0.6
Victoria	43,945	44,251	44,301	44,663	44,824	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Queensland	8,904	8,617	8,735	8,741	8,714	- 0.1	- 0.3
South Australia	8,747	8,937	8,965	9,036	9,049	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
West Australia	3,987	4,020	3,577	3,618	3,655	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
Tasmania	3,494	3,425	3,706	3,680	3,652	- 0.7	- 0.8
TOTAL	113,974	114,967	115,406	116,689	117,111	+ 1.1	+ 0.4

PERSONS

New South Wales	190,051	191,065	195,669	196,607	196,994	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Victoria	153,828	155,183	156,729	157,651	158,648	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Queensland	49,905	48,953	51,010	51,027	50,960	..	- 0.1
South Australia	50,000	50,280	51,227	51,513	51,516	+ 0.6	-
West Australia	21,468	21,673	21,395	21,475	21,590	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Tasmania	15,055	15,065	15,758	15,721	15,725	- 0.2	-
TOTAL	480,307	482,219	491,788	493,994	495,433	+ 0.4	+ 0.3

TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 July	323,996	100,805	424,801	+ 0.3	..	+ 0.2
August	324,175	100,520	424,695	+ 0.1	- 0.3	..
September	324,952	101,777	426,729	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
October	325,210	102,455	427,665	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
November	326,611	103,068	429,679	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
December	326,859	102,366	429,225	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
1955 January	329,647	102,041	431,688	+ 0.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
February	331,397	102,474	433,871	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
March	332,479	102,747	435,226	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
April	332,931	102,605	435,536	+ 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
May	333,058	102,290	435,348	..	- 0.3	..
June	333,989	102,647	436,636	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
July	334,063	102,562	436,625	..	- 0.1	..
August	334,276	102,793	437,069	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
September	334,649	103,903	438,552	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	334,851	104,115	438,966	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			August -	Sept. -
	September	October	August	September	October	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955

MALES

New South Wales	135,508	135,585	139,594	139,742	139,912	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Victoria	99,631	99,528	102,392	102,296	102,441	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Queensland	25,649	25,603	26,369	26,569	26,449	+ 0.8	- 0.5
South Australia	38,580	38,680	39,509	39,707	39,641	+ 0.5	- 0.2
West Australia	15,595	15,734	16,080	16,017	16,058	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Tasmania	9,989	10,080	10,332	10,318	10,350	- 0.1	+ 0.3
TOTAL	324,952	325,210	334,276	334,649	334,851	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

FEMALES

New South Wales	40,753	41,347	41,760	42,435	42,653	+ 1.6	+ 0.5
Victoria	40,323	40,347	40,635	40,910	40,886	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Queensland	7,204	7,119	6,931	6,999	7,002	+ 1.0	-
South Australia	7,549	7,710	7,768	7,827	7,856	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
West Australia	3,163	3,165	2,777	2,809	2,833	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
Tasmania	2,785	2,767	2,922	2,923	2,885	..	- 1.3
TOTAL	101,777	102,455	102,793	103,903	104,115	+ 1.1	+ 0.2

PERSONS

New South Wales	176,261	176,932	181,354	182,177	182,565	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Victoria	139,954	139,875	143,027	143,206	143,327	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Queensland	32,853	32,722	33,300	33,568	33,451	+ 0.8	- 0.3
South Australia	46,129	46,390	47,277	47,534	47,497	+ 0.5	- 0.1
West Australia	18,758	18,899	18,857	18,826	18,891	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Tasmania	12,774	12,847	13,254	13,241	13,235	- 0.1	-
TOTAL	426,729	427,665	437,069	438,552	438,966	+ 0.3	+ 0.1

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

Industrial Group	INDUSTRIAL GROUPING				Percentage move-	
	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				ment in employment	
	Oct., 1954	August, 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	August - Sept., 1955	Sept. - Oct., 1955
MALES						
1. Building Materials	33,270	33,997	34,005	34,126	..	+ 0.4
2. Basic Metals	34,073	34,994	34,846	34,740	- 0.4	- 0.3
3. Transportation Equipment	55,792	59,179	59,583	59,769	+ 0.7	+ 0.3
4. Other Metal Manufactures	86,551	89,458	89,750	89,580	+ 0.3	- 0.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	16,313	17,399	17,504	17,574	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	34,005	32,212	32,089	32,084	- 0.4	-
7. Food	40,482	40,386	40,933	41,748	+ 1.4	+ 2.0
8. All Other	55,126	56,705	56,554	56,628	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Total - All Groups	355,612	364,330	365,264	366,249	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Total - Excluding Food	315,130	323,944	324,331	324,501	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	2,760	2,902	2,935	2,956	+ 1.1	+ 0.7
2. Basic Metals	1,304	1,328	1,313	1,319	- 1.1	-
3. Transportation Equipment	4,670	5,177	5,249	5,212	+ 1.4	- 0.7
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,510	19,024	19,683	20,094	+ 3.5	+ 2.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,105	4,181	4,272	4,254	+ 2.2	- 0.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	54,173	51,919	51,845	51,702	- 0.1	- 0.3
7. Food	11,854	11,829	12,029	12,229	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
8. All Other	15,166	15,340	15,683	15,693	+ 2.2	+ 0.1
Total - All Groups	111,542	111,700	113,009	113,459	+ 1.2	+ 0.4
Total - Excluding Food	99,688	99,871	100,980	101,230	+ 1.1	+ 0.2

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR**TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA**

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)

Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	March Quarter	2,362	2,405
1947-48	1,164	1,206	June "	2,377	2,427
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Sept. "	2,445	2,479
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
			1954 -		
1950-51	1,742	1,810	March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June "	2,477	2,534
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1954-55	2,572	2,658	1955 -		
			March Quarter	2,589	2,705
			June "	2,652	2,730

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for "Manufacturing" industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 16.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,836	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1952-53							
March Quarter	14,241	9,932	4,501	3,147	2,288	1,181	35,290
June "	15,456	10,828	4,837	3,401	2,413	1,248	38,183
1953-54							
September Quarter	15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560	1,218	38,944
December "	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672	1,296	41,334
March "	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June "	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
1954-55							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1952-53							
March Quarter	14.70	14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83	14.23
June "	15.84	15.86	13.55	14.86	14.31	14.52	15.28
1953-54							
September Quarter	16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45	15.55
December "	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23	16.33
March "	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June "	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
1954-55							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES
INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>31ST AUGUST, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	335	323	306	318	339	330	327
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	323	315	311	311	340	331	319
III. Food, Drink, etc.	320	328	300	319	328	329	319
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	313	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	367	367	344	355	391	374	365
VI. Other Manufacturing	321	315	296	318	324	328	317
VII. Building	367	351	336	338	356	344	355
VIII. Mining (c)	333	328	318	303	358	325	332
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	333	313	316	329	334	330
X. Other Land Transport	316	305	287	301	323	316	308
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	344	347	338	355	373	359
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	309	306	277	286	305	296	301
XIV. Miscellaneous	315	314	291	293	318	307	309
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	338	326	315	317	339	337	330
<u>30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	338	323	306	318	339	330	327
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	323	315	311	311	340	331	319
III. Food, Drink, etc.	321	328	300	322	328	333	320
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	313	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	369	367	344	355	391	374	365
VI. Other Manufacturing	323	315	296	319	324	328	317
VII. Building	367	351	336	339	356	344	355
VIII. Mining (c)	333	328	318	303	358	325	332
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	333	313	316	329	334	330
X. Other Land Transport	316	305	287	301	323	316	308
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	344	347	338	355	373	359
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	310	306	277	286	305	296	302
XIV. Miscellaneous	315	314	291	293	318	307	310
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	338	326	315	317	339	337	330

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include the value of keep, where supplied. (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

TABLE 19 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
31st March, 1954	346	337	319	327	352	341	339
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 20 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1955) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1954 November	1,270	501	916	61	114	113	1,978	997	2,975
December	1,182	480	1,228	64	136	73	2,184	979	3,163
1955 January	1,252	437	2,165	67	144	52	3,190	927	4,117
February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

VI. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Comparative figures for earlier years and explanations of terms used in this Section will be found in Chapter IV of Labour Report No. 42, 1953

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS -STATES

Quarter ended 30th September, 1955 (a)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>Number of Disputes</u>							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	16	3	2	2	-	-	23
III. Food, drink, etc.	1	1	10	2	1	1	16
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
V. Books, printing, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Other manufacturing	14	-	5	3	-	-	22
VII. Building	16	2	4	1	-	1	25
VIII. (i) Coal mining	227	-	12	-	1	-	240
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	6	1	2	-	-	-	9
X. Other land transport	7	-	-	-	-	1	8
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	17	-	45	1	2	10	75
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
<u>TOTAL:</u>	308	9	82	9	4	13	426

Workers Involved

I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	36	-	-	-	36
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	5,225	865	1,579	99	-	-	7,868
III. Food, drink, etc.	25	1,000	3,345	1,500	45	55	5,770
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	351	-	-	-	-	351
V. Books, printing, etc.	3,148	-	-	-	-	-	3,148
VI. Other manufacturing	8,993	-	694	319	-	-	10,006
VII. Building	1,886	197	291	513	-	47	2,950
VIII. (i) Coal mining	47,762	-	913	-	339	-	49,014
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	699	1,740	117	-	-	-	2,556
X. Other land transport	2,661	-	-	-	-	720	3,381
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	9,859	-	13,043	1,771	1,270	3,134	29,077
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
XIV. Miscellaneous	335	-	137	-	-	-	472
<u>TOTAL:</u>	82,093	4,153	20,155	4,102	1,654	3,956	116,129

Working Days Lost

I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	36	-	-	-	36
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	113,796	28,628	1,760	401	-	-	144,585
III. Food, drink, etc.	9,558	27,436	3,766	30,126	22	550	71,458
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	566	-	-	-	-	566
V. Books, printing, etc.	21,220	-	-	-	-	-	21,220
VI. Other manufacturing	58,189	19,656	3,107	8,420	-	-	89,372
VII. Building	13,609	312	870	1,383	-	117	16,435
VIII. (i) Coal mining	75,310	-	1,586	-	340	-	77,236
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	513	1,740	108	-	-	2,148	2,148
X. Other land transport	7,832	-	-	-	-	1,480	9,312
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	4,250	-	14,192	1,613	1,201	3,972	25,228
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
XIV. Miscellaneous	1,882	-	274	-	-	-	2,156
<u>TOTAL:</u>	309,159	78,338	25,699	41,943	1,563	8,267	465,113

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES

Quarter ended 30th September, 1955 (a)
(Continued)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
Estimated Loss in Wages (£)							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	110	-	-	-	110
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	333,716	83,915	5,448	1,164	-	-	424,243
III. Food, drink, etc.	25,863	81,000	12,410	86,470	75	2,000	207,818
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	1,555	-	-	-	-	1,555
V. Books, printing, etc.	82,120	-	-	-	-	-	82,120
VI. Other manufacturing	193,766	65,310	8,026	24,955	-	-	292,057
VII. Building	44,331	555	2,796	3,458	-	400	52,160
VIII. (i) Coal mining (ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	257,057	-	6,484	-	1,160	-	264,701
IX. Railway and tramway services	1,606	7,400	339	-	-	7,468	7,468
X. Other land transport	26,325	-	-	-	-	5,140	9,345
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	14,923	-	49,699	5,645	3,900	13,996	88,163
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
XIV. Miscellaneous	4,475	-	541	-	-	-	5,016
TOTAL:	994,182	239,735	85,853	121,692	5,135	29,004	1,476,221

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 22 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages £
		Directly	Indirectly (a)	Total		
1939	416	143,228	9,602	152,830	459,154	455,716
1940	350	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
1941	567	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
1942	602	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090
1943	785	288,028	8,075	296,103	990,151	1,153,506
1944	941	260,792	15,566	276,358	912,752	1,111,729
1945	945	299,641	16,297	315,938	2,119,641	2,567,444
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	2,290,147
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	1,898,085
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	2,299,114
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	2,611,536
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4,166,418
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2,256,028
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	3,439,850
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	3,337,437
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	3,021,211
1954 -						
Sept. Qtr.	447	117,909	5,132	123,041	247,976	805,357
Dec. "	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	338,887	1,166,249
1955 -						
Mar. Qtr. (b)	383	100,067	8,320	108,387	185,615	610,877
June " (b)	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	188,315	619,945
Sept. " (b)	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	465,113	1,476,221

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Subject to revision. * Revised.

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