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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* (1304.0). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed in page 8.

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Symbols and other usages

- r - figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. - not available.
- n.y.a. - not yet available.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mū. kWh		Gas (c) mū. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1976-77 - June	7,517	6,772			r41.2	7,763	7,057		23,854	20,454	603	651	429	428	35.7	32.7	244	228	
1977-78 - July	6,954	6,556	26,462	r39.6	8,161	7,210	r25,724	r21,594	687	590	461	424	34.2	34.1	239	232			
August	6,630	6,951			r43.2	7,777	6,909	r25,177	r21,270	619	607	430	421	36.4	32.7	258	225		
September	6,901	6,679			r39.1	7,301	7,038	r22,510	r20,772	617	604	430	409	34.9	29.5	269	238		
October	7,085	6,548	24,285	r37.8	6,665	6,668	r19,350	r18,835	638	602	432	411	17.5	15.7	213	192			
November	7,533	6,546			r37.8	6,665	6,668	r19,353	r20,602	557	564	472	441	40.5	35.7	255	202		
December	5,329	r6,367			r28.9	6,715	7,232	r19,353	r21,393	594	574	413	422	29.4	34.6	199	218		
January	4,721	7,062	20,257	r22.6	6,544	7,290	r17,044	r21,534	669	650	428	413	422	29.4	34.6	199	218		
February	6,704	6,541			31.7	6,420	7,271	r18,049	r21,705	603	663	421	442	34.7	35.9	195	215		
March	6,101	7,000			33.7	7,098	7,462	19,941	21,700	675	657	423	424	37.2	35.8	205	200		
April	6,596	6,561			28.8	6,866	7,312	20,603	21,957	573	608	421	410	33.0	34.7	163	178		
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.2	7,676	7,245	23,417	21,802	706	684	432	421	3.0	32.5	169	164			
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			r8,070	r7,337	r25,888	r22,247	694	738	408	399	34.8	32.4	204	200			
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	8,493	7,487	27,336	23,054	627	628	397	371	38.0	37.3	232	228		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mū. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - June	3,889	3,655	444	488	11,609	247	230	205.0	218	441	22,920	75.3				
1977-78 - July	3,882	3,404	481	498	9,913	240	230	206.7	260	404	37,437	74.1				
August	3,524	3,143	569	539	12,022	242	233	207.6	392	405	72,878	77.9			18,942	18,868
September	3,779	3,113	560	556	11,927	254	243	209.4	544	442	93,844	77.3				
October	2,742	2,535	451	427	8,771	253	248	210.9	679	446	94,890	78.6				
November	3,297	3,090	730	579	12,350	257	254	211.6	676	433	85,721	78.0			19,083	19,161
December	2,856	3,226	496	569	9,811	213	237	212.4	624	428	49,080	73.2				
January	1,257	3,193	295	571	3,826	218	249	213.8	476	386	26,634	76.5				
February	3,050	3,080	568	493	9,748	219	233	215.6	421	464	32,553	74.5			r19,350	r19,329
March	3,109	2,881	648	550	9,757	242	242	217.1	372	458	38,516	68.6				
April	2,832	3,265	574	606	9,166	215	220	218.8	279	444	29,928	68.6				
May	3,151	2,883	569	512	10,472	256	235	220.0	r235	r438	29,590	68.8			19,682	19,702
June	r3,751	r3,213	567	542	r11,806	229	212	221.6	224	453	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
July	4,118	4,062	460	490	10,607	218	210	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
							All groups 1959-60=100	All groups excl. wool				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - June	979	944	939	967			214	241	-264	37	3,312	3,256
1977-78 - July	980	995	940	933			212	237	-343	42	3,053	3,008
August	1,088	1,022	1,011	906	2,412	1,858	210	237	-222	-163	2,701	2,729
September	1,010	974	877	877			210	236	-206	157	2,820	2,848
October	965	974	921	923			211	234	-150	221	3,000	3,016
November	1,115	1,070	951	902	2,559	1,800	208	231	8	-84	2,938	2,961
December	992	1,024	758	843s			209	233	-11	-57	2,879	2,891
January	1,015	1,046	986	935			210	235	-317	211	2,861	2,922
February	953	1,017	854	920	2,496	1,938	212	236	-77	118	2,948	2,926
March	952	998	967	945s			214	239	-362	729	3,262	3,245
April	1,010	1,008	1,036	1,026			215	240	-245	240	3,229	3,207
May	1,041	1,091	1,020	955	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	218	245	-303	264	3,182	3,145
June	1,124	1,083	988	1,024			222	249	-182	190	3,225	3,182
July	1,068	1,115	1,052	1,075			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-358	345	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales								Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (d) \$m			
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (a) \$m		Food & drink (a) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (a) \$m		Other (a)(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - June	(e) 1,787	(e) 1,850							40.5	38.1	13.3	12.1
1977-78 - July	1,777	1,866	2,602	2,656	1,933	1,990	952	992	38.1	37.9	12.2	11.6
August	1,842	1,871							40.1	37.0	11.9	10.8
September	1,868	1,901							34.5	35.1	10.2	10.4
October	1,907	1,929	2,959	2,761	2,404	2,062	1,208	1,028	34.0	33.7	10.5	10.4
November	2,018	1,943							36.6	35.4	10.6	10.2
December	2,646	1,971							35.2	36.5	10.3	10.9
January	1,795	1,965	2,759	2,818	1,774	2,081	967	1,040	30.1	36.0	8.4	10.2
February	1,769	1,999							33.6	36.9	9.8	11.2
March	1,949	1,990							34.9	34.1	10.5	10.7
April	1,910	2,020	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	37.1	37.8	11.2	11.1
May	2,119	2,058							40.3	35.6	12.8	11.1
June	1,991	2,044							38.1	36.9	13.4	12.5
July	1,948	2,063							37.7	37.0	12.0	11.4

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: March \$m140, April \$m140, May \$m158, June \$m146. (e) Provisional estimates. † Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

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Month		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100		Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)									
								All groups		Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1976-77 - June				509.7	2.4	2.5			212.9								
1977-78 - July				r509.3	2.4	2.5			214.9								
	August	204.10	204.40	r519.6	2.4	2.4	234.1	214.9	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1		
	September			r519.9	2.3	2.3		217.7									
	October			r520.0	2.3	2.2		219.8									
	November	212.50	205.00	r520.0	2.7	2.5	239.6	222.4	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6		
	December			r527.6	2.6	2.5		222.2									
	January			r527.6	2.1	2.6		221.7									
	February	205.10	213.00	r535.4	2.4	2.3	242.7	222.6	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9		
	March			r535.4	2.3	2.4		223.6									
	April			r535.4	2.3	2.4		224.4									
	May	215.50	215.00	r535.3	2.4	2.3	247.7	227.7	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0		
	June			r541.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		229.0									
	July			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		232.7									
								234.9									

(a) The composition of the groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1966 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

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Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1976-77 - June	553.0	455.4	11.8	10.4	116.9								242.6	238.9							
1977-78 - July	502.1	486.3	10.7	10.8	105.9								245.2	241.9							
August	526.1	532.2	11.4	10.9	111.0		1,596.0	r1,549.3	33.1	31.5			247.0	243.3		504.1	496.0	1,094.9	1,105.5		
September	509.8	497.4	10.7	10.3	117.5								248.0	244.7							
October	542.3	528.7	11.0	10.9	108.8								249.2	245.8							
November	554.2	529.4	11.4	10.6	126.5		1,483.0	r1,594.5	r27.6	r29.3			249.8	247.7		558.5	502.2	1,247.5	1,165.2		
December	492.6	535.4	9.9	10.8	129.0								251.0	249.4							
January	407.2	512.2	7.8	10.2	101.2								251.9	250.7							
February	434.9	495.0	8.7	9.8	88.1		1,475.4	1,499.7	26.4	27.0			251.9	250.7							
March	500.2	536.5	10.1	10.2	110.7								253.7	251.8		r410.9	r494.0	r1,088.3	r1,237.9		
April	518.9	520.6	10.0	10.1	129.9								255.1	252.9							
May	r562.3	r476.9	11.1	9.6	r113.7		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.7	29.8			256.7	254.6							
June	585.5	502.2	11.0	10.0	170.9								257.6	255.7		510.2	490.5	1,489.7	1,405.9		
July	468.6	445.4	9.4	9.2	81.3								258.5	257.8							
													259.3	258.9							

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks - Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Original
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original		
1976-77 - June	16,365	16,390	17,198	17,828	12,177	11,977	15,136	253	140	80	9.88		2,467	1,978
1977-78 - July	16,505	16,533	16,837	17,564	12,369	12,191	15,242	232	158	83	9.86	450.5	1,605	2,008
August	16,667	16,611	17,198	17,635	12,371	12,355	15,495	266	177	82	9.86		1,497	1,944
September	16,876	16,744	17,035	17,495	12,529	12,590	15,537	230	170	89	9.74		1,499	2,005
October	17,082	16,874	17,429	17,591	12,926	12,851	15,714	241	137	100	9.42	r416.2	1,531	1,983
November	17,103	16,979	17,728	17,794	12,964	13,085	16,003	308	147	100	9.27		2,191	2,057
December	17,248	17,171	17,860	17,549	12,970	13,153	16,329	210	129	83	9.26		1,603	2,004
January	17,380	17,341	18,056	17,452	12,857	12,920	16,340	245	122	73	8.99	r229.7	1,875	2,097
February	17,543	17,516	18,342	17,590	12,869	13,193	16,399	272	136	86	8.83		2,068	2,083
March	17,453	17,528	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,533	292	134	83	8.83		1,975	2,108
April	17,419	17,681	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,668	250	129	93	8.83	386.5	3,026	2,116
May	17,650	17,934	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,037	307	150	95	8.82		3,666	1,971
June	18,046	18,065	17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485	17,045	253	140	83	8.83		2,315	1,996
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8.83		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (\$614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	\$m		\$m		\$m		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES ¹														
1976-77 - March	19,826	20,932	1,187	1,091	18,639	19,841	11,611	12,168	3,138	3,760	2,809	3,104	1,587	1,821
June	20,565	21,374	517	1,121	20,048	20,253	12,460	12,491	3,567	3,443	3,155	3,020	2,184	1,897
1977-78 - September	21,921	21,918	924	998	20,997	20,920	12,739	12,864	3,542	3,594	3,159	3,149	1,706	1,855
December	24,067	22,128	1,646	1,011	22,421	21,117	13,939	13,182	3,862	3,697	3,369	3,214	2,007	1,892
March	21,622	22,889	887	992	20,735	21,897	12,937	13,540	3,598	3,850	2,963	3,282	1,758	2,026
June	22,670	23,590	577	1,027	22,032	22,363	14,013	14,048	4,125	3,983	3,667	3,500	2,239	1,944

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES ¹														
1976-77 - March	15,381	16,161	1,109	983	14,272	15,178	8,902	9,330	2,455	2,602	2,103	2,319	1,212	1,394
June	15,405	16,255	402	989	15,003	15,266	9,321	9,312	2,709	2,602	2,318	2,217	1,631	1,411
1977-78 - September	16,449	16,393	803	931	15,646	15,462	9,338	9,419	2,630	2,662	2,377	2,266	1,263	1,376
December	18,063	16,355	1,707	929	16,356	15,421	9,999	9,498	2,800	2,723	2,387	2,285	1,470	1,386
March	15,486	16,473	795	927	14,691	15,546	9,128	9,556	2,608	2,765	2,068	2,286	1,251	1,446
June	15,671	16,518	387	916	15,284	15,602	9,708	9,698	2,944	2,830	2,512	2,397	1,571	1,363

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
	\$m		\$m		Companies		Other		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1976-77 - March	3,498	3,580	3,240	3,321	2,050	2,519	4,206	4,334	11,008	11,550	612	16,294	3,262	13,644				
June	3,565	3,589	3,359	3,351	2,489	2,478	3,529	4,457	11,903	11,917	9	18,027	5,125	12,912				
1977-78 - September	3,629	3,497	3,438	3,443	2,603	2,601	4,643	4,504	12,215	12,254	367	18,063	2,792	15,639				
December	3,355	3,390	3,621	3,541	3,052	2,619	5,668	4,642	12,876	12,336	1,144	19,257	2,923	17,478				
March	3,583	3,664	3,266	3,350	2,323	2,791	4,448	4,797	12,246	12,743	380	18,163	3,434	15,109				
June	3,786	3,809	3,576	3,565	2,735	2,724	4,168	5,034	12,782	12,861	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for use of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000)

JOB VACANCIES ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Labour Force Survey (c)			Registered with CES (d) (for full-time work)	Unemployment benefit recipients (e)	Survey estimates (f)	Registered with CES (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total				
1976-77 - June										332.8	(g)250.3		19.1
1977-78 - July													
August	4,056.9	4,074.5	2,297.8	2,325.9	6,354.7	6,400.7	283.3	76.0	359.3	337.4	253.8		19.1
September										334.0	254.9	41.0	20.4
October										328.2	249.6		19.9
November	4,050.4	4,063.0	2,291.9	2,270.2	6,342.2	6,334.1	277.4	69.4	346.8	370.3	254.1		21.1
December										357.0	238.3	36.4	20.3
January										404.1	256.2		20.0
February										445.3	269.9		24.9
March	4,112.4	4,083.0	2,296.9	2,277.8	6,409.3	6,360.3	395.8	81.3	477.0	411.3	298.5	36.0	22.3
April	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0		(h)35.6	19.5
May	4,078.5		2,326.4		6,404.9		333.5	67.6	401.1	402.5			18.6
June	4,072.6	4,071.7	2,321.4	2,335.2	6,394.0	6,405.6	331.6	63.7	395.3	392.2	272.4	(i)32.2	17.9
July	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		330.5	61.8	392.3	393.8	286.1		17.2
	4,052.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		325.4	52.6	378.0	393.4	290.7		18.3

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Suspension of seasonally adjusted figures in this series is explained in The Labour Force, November 1977 (6203.0). (d) Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service at 1 Friday nearest the end of the month. (e) For reference dates see Employment and Unemployment (6213.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll employers conducted by the ABS at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see Job Vacancies, May 1978 (6213.0). (g) Estimates by the Department of Social Security. The number on benefit was previously available for this period. (h) Preliminary estimate. (i) Latest figure available as the survey has been terminated.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Original		Original		Original		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - May	2,983.2	2,971.8	1,749.3	1,745.0	4,732.6	4,716.8	3,270.3	3,263.1	1,462.3	1,453.7	1,162.3	1,160.5	969.4	967.9
June	2,979.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.5	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,262.5	3,258.9	1,463.8	1,455.2	1,156.2	1,155.8	968.9	968.7
1977-78 - July	2,968.9	2,967.6	1,748.8	1,747.4	4,717.7	4,715.0	3,251.0	3,255.9	1,466.8	1,459.1	1,148.3	1,148.3	967.2	969.5
August	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.5	3,254.4	1,470.5	1,466.7	1,147.4	1,149.3	965.2	969.4
September (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,756.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	3,245.3	1,470.8	1,471.2	1,145.2	1,145.3	965.1	967.9
October (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2	1,475.0	1,478.3	1,142.8	1,141.0	967.6	966.0
November	2,950.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,720.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9	1,144.2	1,141.7	974.4	966.8
December	2,969.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,732.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5	1,136.3	1,140.7	980.1	970.5
January	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,720.6	4,739.7	3,226.1	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8	1,132.7	1,139.5	964.3	970.1
February	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,490.6	1,138.6	1,137.3	964.7	969.2
March	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,229.5	3,223.7	1,494.4	1,489.3	1,135.6	1,128.2	965.0	964.3
April	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,768.1	1,762.5	4,724.1	4,711.4	3,226.2	3,219.8	1,497.9	1,491.6	1,130.9	1,125.9	965.3	963.8
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,769.2	1,764.8	4,721.1s	4,705.1	3,222.6	3,215.4	1,498.5	1,489.7	1,127.7	1,125.9	965.3	963.8
June (c)	2,743.8	2,933.9	1,770.8	1,768.1	4,714.5	4,702.0	3,216.0	3,212.5	1,498.5	1,489.5	1,123.2	1,122.7	965.8	965.7

(a) The estimates contained in the table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) For details of the methods used see Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978 (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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