



LIFE INSURANCE, AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 1981

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of new policies issued in October 1981 was 49,158, a decrease of 14,145 from September 1981 and 1,756 from October 1980.

The total sum insured under new policies issued in October 1981 was \$2,857.3 million, a decrease of \$417.6 million from September 1981 but an increase of \$530.3 million over October 1980.

The total value of premiums received during October 1981 was \$198.8 million, a decrease of \$33.6 million compared with September 1981 but an increase of \$26.5 million over October 1980.

Payments on claims, surrenders, annuities and cash bonuses amounted to \$158.0 million in October 1981, up \$8.9 million over September 1981 and up \$33.9 million over October 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The information in this publication

has been compiled from returns supplied to the Life Insurance Commissioner by life insurance businesses registered under the Life Insurance Act 1945 and returns supplied voluntarily by the State Government Insurance Offices. Copies of these returns are made available to the Bureau for aggregation and publication.

Areas covered

2. State or Territory refers to the State or Territory where the policy is registered, and is not necessarily the State or Territory of residence of the insured person.

3. State details of new policies issued, policies discontinued or reduced and new loans paid over during the financial year 1980-81 and policies existing at 30 June 1981 were published in Tables 9 and 10 of the June 1981 issue of this publication. Table 11 of the same issue contained details of premiums received and claims, surrenders, etc. paid over in Australia in 1980-81. Similar details for the calendar year 1980 were published in the December 1980 publication.

Time of recording

4. Details of new policies issued and policies discontinued or reduced are shown in the period during which they were recorded in life insurance companies' registers maintained in each State and Territory. For monthly statistics in particular, such periods may be subsequent to those during which the policies were actually written or matured, surrendered, etc.

Treatment of particular items and classes of business

5. In accordance with the Life Insurance Act 1945, businesses are required to maintain separate registers for Ordinary, Industrial and Superannuation classes of insurance business. With the consent of the Life Insurance Commissioner, however, transfers between registers can occur. As the significance of industrial insurance has been declining, and as more businesses have been transferring to the Ordinary registers only a few businesses now maintain registers of industrial insurance. In order to preserve the confidentiality of these businesses' operations it has become necessary to combine the details of ordinary and industrial businesses in this publication.

6. Policies discontinued or reduced includes policies matured, surrendered or forfeited. In addition, this item includes transfers to and from registers within and between States and Territories and between Australia and overseas and revaluations of sums insured under existing policies. These transfers and revaluations may result in either negative or positive changes to values in the policies discontinued item.

7. Policies existing at end of each period are estimated from the details of new policies issued and policies discontinued or reduced supplied on monthly returns in conjunction with the annual details of new policies issues and policies discontinued or reduced as

reported by the companies.

8. Annuities, re-insurance of risks of the companies, bonus additions, benefits (other than the basic sum insured) attaching to family income policies, benefits payable on death by accident or specified sickness, and continuous disability benefits are excluded.

9. A policy insuring more than one life, i.e. a blanket policy, is treated as one policy in the figures shown for Number of policies when the policy is issued or discontinued. Variations in the number of lives covered under a blanket policy have no effect on the figures shown for number of policies. However, any increases in sums insured or in annual premiums are included in the figures shown for Sum insured and Annual premiums for new policies issued. Similarly, decreases are reflected in the figures shown for sum insured and annual premiums for policies discontinued or reduced. Blanket policies are frequently used for superannuation business.

Revisions

10. This publication incorporates revisions made to previous statistics in this series.

Related publications

11. Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications which are available on request :

Life Insurance, Australia, 1979
(5622.0)

General Insurance, Australia,
1978-79 and 1979-80 (5620.0)

Housing Finance for Owner
Occupation, Australia (5609.0) -
issued monthly.

12. Users are also referred to the annual reports of the Insurance Commissioner and the Life Insurance Commissioner which contain, in addition to statistical information, considerable descriptive material.

13. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero

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TABLE 1. ORDINARY, INDUSTRIAL AND SUPERANNUATION BUSINESS COMBINED

	NEW POLICIES ISSUED			POLICIES DISCONTINUED OR REDUCED			POLICIES EXISTING AT END OF PERIOD		
	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)
AUSTRALIA									
1978-79	591799	22275.7	329.2	806524	10796.8	218.3	7488368	98896.8	1764.4
1979-80	577530	26964.1	388.4	833765	13641.9	233.9	7637533	112117.5	1912.2
1980-81	586416	31006.7	464.7	811538	19544.7	260.3	7407419	127579.1	2126.1
1980-									
SEPTMBER	54326	2541.1	39.1	75595	1259.9	22.2	7574999	115639.7	1963.2
OCTOBER	50914	2327.0	36.8	67497	1254.6	20.8	7562420	116701.4	1980.8
NOVEMBER	52545	2865.3	46.1	67397	1465.9	21.0	7551578	118100.2	2004.7
DECEMBER	48230	3179.1	46.7	79315	1493.1	21.3	7520493	119746.8	2038.0
1981-									
JANUARY	29997	1597.7	22.2	64985	1111.3	17.7	7495505	120272.6	2034.3
FEBRUARY	32780	2239.7	36.3	66829	1152.3	19.3	7478456	121360.1	2051.4
MARCH	50700	2554.4	41.1	69570	1397.8	23.1	7459625	122586.5	2069.0
APRIL	46737	2861.4	37.8	64628	1152.2	21.1	7439735	124115.6	2085.6
MAY	43788	2515.7	36.0	69196	1487.1	21.3	7419329	125424.5	2100.3
JUNE	62218	3466.7	51.9	74129	1312.4	25.8	7407419	127479.1	2126.1
JULY	59678	3305.7	64.1	68638	1421.8	17.5	7395409	129464.0	2172.7
AUGUST	54277	2973.4	42.8	73935	1541.2	15.6	7376687	130966.8	2179.0
SEPTEMBER	63303	3274.9	56.2	73279	1220.6	23.5	7365671	132950.2	2212.1
OCTOBER	49158	2857.3	49.8	65364	1337.7	20.9	7358465	134472.2	2240.9
STATES - OCTOBER 1981									
N.S.W.	10813	333.4	3.5	16669	217.0	3.7	1775977	17389.6	251.3
VIC.	17960	703.5	9.3	17119	315.0	5.9	1789476	33036.6	574.9
QLD	7580	309.9	4.5	9667	159.0	2.5	1294279	17241.8	291.7
S.A.	3842	130.0	2.1	6826	193.8	1.7	746078	9103.3	167.6
W.A.	3880	154.7	2.7	6713	136.4	2.5	661986	9599.3	157.7
TAS.	1246	46.0	1.1	2009	84.2	0.6	197549	2646.6	50.3
N.T.	250	10.4	0.2	186	8.5	-	26386	476.9	7.4
A.C.T.	10587	1174.4	26.4	6176	756.9	4.8	866762	44983.1	740.0

TABLE 2. ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS

	NEW POLICIES ISSUED			POLICIES DISCONTINUED OR REDUCED			POLICIES EXISTING AT END OF PERIOD		
	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)
AUSTRALIA									
1978-79	4 97301	1 2752.5	122.8	7 17227	5 059.8	97.6	7 182233	6 1958.4	897.1
1979-80	4 73587	1 4498.4	129.9	7 57805	8 375.4	188.6	6 898515	6 8877.3	919.1
1980-81	4 53312	1 3918.3	129.2	7 39717	8 729.4	189.0	6 574110	7 3274.8	938.1
1980-									
SEPTEMBER	4 1480	1 252.7	11.7	6 9956	7 15.8	9.4	6 825045	6 9772.7	928.6
OCTOBER	3 7259	1 250.5	10.7	5 9804	7 27.2	9.1	6 803300	7 0305.5	930.7
NOVEMBER	3 6029	1 242.0	10.7	5 7552	7 22.1	8.6	6 781677	7 0425.6	932.3
DECEMBER	3 2258	1 159.1	10.8	7 2447	8 15.9	7.9	6 741488	7 1177.5	934.2
1981-									
JANUARY	2 1369	786.3	6.5	4 9220	614.3	7.8	6 713677	7 1349.6	932.7
FEBRUARY	2 7789	949.8	8.9	5 1706	737.8	8.6	6 689718	7 1560.8	933.8
MARCH	3 5787	1 158.7	11.3	6 3718	789.3	9.9	6 661715	7 1938.9	938.3
APRIL	3 0869	1 098.3	10.4	5 6629	660.8	9.1	6 635955	7 2368.5	935.4
MAY	3 2979	1 089.6	10.6	6 4018	839.5	10.9	6 604916	7 2518.8	935.3
JUNE	3 6618	1 358.6	13.6	6 7424	702.9	10.6	6 574110	7 3274.8	938.1
JULY	3 2746	1 154.9	12.5	6 1308	838.7	9.8	6 545548	7 3601.0	941.8
AUGUST	3 6337	1 208.8	11.6	6 4366	774.6	11.7	6 516579	7 4029.9	941.6
SEPTEMBER	4 5097	1 157.3	12.7	6 5876	753.9	10.1	6 495858	7 4443.3	944.3
OCTOBER	3 3776	1 167.5	10.9	5 8650	914.6	11.3	6 478976	7 4596.5	943.9
STATES - OCTOBER 1981									
N.S.W.	9363	267.9	2.5	14923	196.8	3.3	1 683210	1 4431.8	208.3
VIC.	8581	384.6	2.9	15806	248.5	3.8	1 649933	1 8473.6	248.2
QLD	6061	198.8	2.1	9112	125.7	1.6	1 193071	1 2603.7	164.6
S.A.	3991	78.1	0.8	6563	89.3	1.2	885565	5969.0	87.0
W.A.	2789	44.3	1.0	5852	91.9	1.2	578693	6743.2	85.5
T.S.	981	25.1	0.4	1848	17.1	0.5	179703	1721.7	25.0
N.C.T.	218	6.6	0.1	170	2.5	-	24818	197.1	5.3
A.C.T.	2462	289.1	1.1	4341	135.6	0.5	683983	14316.4	128.0

TABLE 3. SUPERANNUATION BUSINESS

	NEW POLICIES ISSUED			POLICIES DISCONTINUED OR REVISED			POLICIES EXISTING AT END OF PERIOD		
	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)	NUMBER OF POLICIES	SUM INSURED (\$'M)	ANNUAL PREMIUMS (\$'M)
AUSTRALIA									
1978-79	94698	9572.8	286.4	87397	4727.8	128.7	786135	36467.6	857.3
1979-80	103943	12470.7	259.5	76060	5266.5	125.3	734018	46940.2	993.1
1980-81	171104	17088.4	346.5	71613	6824.3	141.3	833309	54404.3	1148.0
1980-									
SEPTEMBER	12846	1288.4	37.4	5629	544.1	12.8	749954	45867.8	1034.6
OCTOBER	13655	1066.5	26.1	4489	537.4	10.9	759178	46395.9	1058.1
NOVEMBER	16516	1623.3	35.4	5735	744.4	12.4	769901	47274.6	1072.4
DECEMBER	15972	2318.8	36.7	6868	675.2	13.4	779005	48508.5	1095.8
1981-									
JANUARY	8628	811.4	15.7	5765	497.0	9.9	781868	48923.8	1101.6
FEBRUARY	11993	1298.7	27.4	5123	414.5	10.7	788738	49799.3	1118.4
MARCH	14993	1395.7	29.8	5820	527.5	11.2	797911	50567.6	1134.7
APRIL	13868	1771.1	27.4	7909	491.4	12.0	803780	51947.1	1149.2
MAY	15809	1426.1	25.4	5176	567.6	10.9	814413	52805.7	1165.0
JUNE	75601	2108.1	38.3	6785	689.5	15.2	833309	54304.3	1198.0
JULY	23882	2142.2	51.5	7338	583.5	8.5	849851	55867.8	1239.9
AUGUST	17876	1768.5	30.4	7669	751.6	21.9	860868	56466.1	1274.4
SEPTEMBER	19206	2107.6	43.5	7453	465.7	13.4	870971	58586.9	1267.8
OCTOBER	15382	1689.8	38.9	6714	416.1	9.6	879489	59788.7	1297.0
STATES - OCTOBER 1981									
N.S.W.	1459	65.5	1.0	1745	21.8	0.4	92767	2957.8	43.8
VIC.	2379	398.9	6.4	1315	74.5	2.9	139543	14163.0	326.7
QLD	1519	182.1	2.4	555	33.3	0.9	101208	4638.1	127.1
S.A.	841	59.9	1.3	263	14.5	0.5	60463	3134.3	80.6
W.A.	1171	77.4	1.7	861	84.5	1.3	83295	3216.1	72.2
TAS.	265	20.9	0.7	174	5.1	0.1	17846	924.9	25.3
N.T.	32	3.8	0.1	16	1.1	-	1568	79.8	2.1
A.C.T.	7725	965.3	25.3	1834	221.3	3.5	382799	38666.7	628.0

TABLE A. NEW LOANS (EXCLUDING ADVANCES OF PREMIUMS) PAID OVER
(1980)

	ON MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE (A)				ON POLICIES (B)	OTHER LOANS (C)			TOTAL LOANS
	RURAL	HOUSING	OTHER	TOTAL		TO BUILDING OR HOUSING SOCIETIES	OTHER	TOTAL	
AUSTRALIA									
1978-79	6494	81881	93552	171577	61347	564	41870	41589	274459
1979-80	11514	98847	113484	219147	70696	6497	76177	82874	368627
1980-81	18776	198791	128477	256044	83739	17215	93886	196301	446043
1980-									
SEPTEMBER	979	7958	8108	17029	5648	787	7744	8533	31210
OCTOBER	1073	8945	11290	21108	6704	777	16632	17409	45471
NOVEMBER	578	9513	11002	27055	5202	670	2469	3099	28196
DECEMBER	2795	10878	17017	30190	12015	512	14749	14901	57106
1981-									
JANUARY	100	7786	4842	12648	4034	3320	5280	8520	25204
FEBRUARY	608	7965	9810	18255	6260	1292	4856	6148	30663
MARCH	6575	9225	9893	25693	7676	1972	5343	7315	40684
APRIL	1895	8444	8222	18611	7434	880	5687	6567	32612
MAY	1570	9798	11095	22463	7670	750	12187	13137	43270
JUNE	1542	11875	9193	21810	7768	1210	13524	14734	44304
JULY	1444	12114	8141	21699	8589	995	4674	5669	35957
AUGUST	375	10740	12153	23274	6926	710	4991	10701	48912
SEPTEMBER	375	13055	19229	32659	6563	808	10854	11462	50884
OCTOBER	1713	9778	12744	22935	6754	680	74476	75156	54845
STATES - OCTOBER 1981									
N.S.W.	490	4019	7969	12459	1484	-	2438	2438	16372
VIC.	-	2394	2524	4927	1653	-	71599	71599	28189
QLD	-	1724	498	1877	995	688	199	829	3651
S.A.	-	460	-	460	412	-	150	150	1022
W.A.	723	807	861	2491	646	-	137	137	3274
TAS.	-	172	300	472	279	-	1	1	752
N.T.	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	45
A.C.T.	-	92	208	300	1239	-	-	-	1530

(A) STATE OR TERRITORY WHERE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. (B) STATE OR TERRITORY WHERE POLICY IS REGISTERED. (C) STATE OF RESIDENCE OF BORROWER.

TABLE 5. RATES OF INTEREST OF NEW LOANS(A)
(PER CENT PER ANNUM)

	ON MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE			
	RURAL	HOUSING	OTHER	ON POLICIES
1980-				
SEPTEMBER	11.50 - 14.00	11.00 - 14.00	12.00 - 14.00	10.50 - 12.50
OCTOBER	11.50 - 14.00	11.00 - 14.00	12.00 - 14.00	10.50 - 12.50
NOVEMBER	11.00 - 14.00	11.00 - 14.00	12.00 - 14.00	10.50 - 12.50
DECEMBER	11.50 - 14.00	11.00 - 14.00	12.00 - 14.00	10.50 - 12.50
1981-				
JANUARY	11.50 - 15.00	11.00 - 15.00	12.00 - 15.00	10.50 - 12.50
FEBRUARY	11.50 - 15.00	11.00 - 15.00	12.00 - 15.00	10.50 - 12.50
MARCH	11.50 - 15.00	11.00 - 15.00	12.00 - 15.00	10.50 - 12.50
APRIL	11.50 - 15.00	11.00 - 15.00	12.00 - 15.00	10.50 - 12.50
MAY	13.00 - 15.50	11.00 - 15.75	12.00 - 15.50	10.50 - 13.00
JUNE	14.00 - 15.50	12.00 - 15.75	13.00 - 16.00	10.50 - 13.00
JULY	14.00 - 17.00	12.00 - 16.00	13.00 - 17.00	10.50 - 13.00
AUGUST	14.00 - 17.00	12.00 - 17.00	13.50 - 17.00	10.50 - 14.00
SEPTEMBER	14.00 - 17.00	12.00 - 17.00	13.50 - 17.00	10.50 - 14.00
OCTOBER	14.00 - 17.00	12.00 - 17.00	13.50 - 17.00	10.50 - 14.50

(A) RANGE OF INTEREST RATES QUOTED RELATE TO RATES ACTUALLY CHARGED BY COMPANIES WHICH ADVANCED LOANS DURING THE MONTH.

TABLE 6. PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, SURRENDERS, ETC., PAID
(\$'000)

	PREMIUMS RECEIVED (A)			CLAIMS, SURRENDERS, ETC., PAID		
	ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS	SUPER- ANNUATION BUSINESS	TOTAL	ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS	SUPER- ANNUATION BUSINESS	TOTAL
	1978-79	919787	886873	1806660	695578	899391
1979-80	954157	1055387	2009544	746284	671429	1417713
1980-81	1030601	1209171	2239772	801667	691691	1493358
1980-						
SEPTEMBER	83667	99784	183451	68085	56789	124874
OCTOBER	79624	92667	172291	66917	57224	124141
NOVEMBER	83135	85973	169108	57120	61133	118253
DECEMBER	95690	125060	220750	64899	70818	135717
1981-						
JANUARY	72933	87738	160671	47295	44017	91312
FEBRUARY	79517	95831	175348	57622	46997	104619
MARCH	89036	95615	184651	68928	54918	123846
APRIL	78378	113079	191457	61167	53299	114466
MAY	87784	96329	184113	71440	44438	115878
JUNE	103776	120888	224664	90484	59672	150156
JULY	104761	140249	245010	85349	101147	186496
AUGUST	87292	101311	188603	77638	66839	144477
SEPTEMBER	101748	130618	232366	81688	67565	149253
OCTOBER	84967	113810	198777	74138	83891	158029

(A) INCLUDES CONSIDERATIONS FOR ANNUITIES, OCTOBER 1981 - \$2,433,861

TABLE 7. CLAIMS, SURRENDERS, ETC., PAID BY TYPE OF BUSINESS
(\$'000)

	OCTOBER 1981		
	ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS	SUPERANNUATION BUSINESS	TOTAL
CLAIMS	37729	28555	66284
SURRENDERS	53830	54576	108406
ANNUITIES	125	286	411
BONUSES PAID IN CASH	2754	474	3228
TOTAL	74138	83891	158029

TABLE A. SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HELD IN AUSTRALIA BY
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES(A)
(1984)

	AT END OF-				
	SEPT 1980	DEC 1980	MAR 1981	JUNE 1981	SEPT 1981
SELECTED ASSETS					
FIXED ASSETS-					
PROPERTY	3396.6	3527.7	3582.8	3686.4	3753.0
FURNITURE	52.2	42.0	38.1	43.5	43.5
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	3358.8	3569.7	3620.9	3729.9	3796.5
LOANS(EXCLUDING ADVANCES OF PREMIUMS)-					
ON MORTGAGE-					
RURAL	66.8	67.8	67.7	74.4	74.7
HOUSING	493.6	497.1	505.9	509.4	523.9
OTHER	688.7	692.1	710.7	706.5	718.0
ON POLICIES	315.1	329.0	324.4	332.9	332.4
TO CONTROLLED COMPANIES	90.3	100.3	105.3	103.4	110.4
TO BUILDING OR HOUSING SOCIETIES	8.9	4.8	8.1	8.2	8.2
OTHER	59.8	87.8	85.1	85.6	83.5
TOTAL LOANS	1719.2	1769.3	1802.2	1820.4	1851.1
INVESTMENTS-					
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	2968.9	3095.8	3075.2	3124.9	3214.4
LOCAL AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	1274.6	1342.6	1373.6	1433.4	1444.5
DEBENTURES	805.6	794.2	794.5	765.6	749.5
SECURED OR UNSECURED NOTES	200.2	224.2	265.9	260.7	276.0
PREFERENCE SHARES	68.6	68.4	66.3	62.9	63.1
ORDINARY SHARES	2940.4	3221.4	3267.4	3409.5	3521.8
HOLDINGS IN CONTROLLED COMPANIES	150.4	167.1	172.2	240.0	203.9
OTHER	115.9	174.2	213.7	231.8	197.2
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	8516.7	9092.9	9219.8	9527.8	9712.4
CASH-					
ON DEPOSIT-					
SAVINGS	1.1	5.6	8.8	2.6	1.1
OTHER	319.6	109.6	295.2	250.0	366.5
ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AND IN HAND	110.9	92.0	105.8	127.3	139.7
TOTAL CASH	431.6	207.2	362.0	379.9	509.5
TOTAL SELECTED ASSETS	14026.3	14639.1	15009.9	15458.0	15869.5
SELECTED LIABILITIES					
BANK OVERDRAFT	133.2	124.5	156.0	47.8	208.2
DEPOSITS	69.3	143.2	181.2	73.1	132.5

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