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INTRODUCTION

The figures contained herein 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 Monthly Pay-Roll Tax Returns lodged by all employers (other than Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions and public hospitals) paying more than £20 per week in wages.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" 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.

Figures for recent months are subject to revision. (See also note (a) on page 7).

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PREFATORY NOTES

1.

1. Publication of this Monthly Bulletin of Employment Statistics has been delayed pending investigation as to the reliability of the trends which the figures indicate. The figures are now published as reasonably reliable estimates with qualifications indicated below:-

Further investigation 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, 2 and 3. Some revision will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 4 and 5. Tables showing employment by various classes of Factory have been discontinued for the present. Action is being taken to establish estimates of current monthly employment in factories by direct collection.

2. Owing to the time incidence of call-ups for short periods of National Service training since August, 1951, and in a lesser degree to enlistments in the permanent and/or overseas forces, time aspects of the changes in numbers of total Civilian Employees cannot be understood unless considered in conjunction with changes in numbers in defence forces or undergoing National Service training. Relevant figures are as follows:-

MALES (Thousands)

(Excluding employees in Rural Industries)

	1951					
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1. In Private Employment	1342.0	1343.1	1344.9	1350.5	1359.9	1353.7
In Governmental Employment -						
Commonwealth	161.2	159.7	154.9	153.3	152.9	152.7
State and Semi-Governmental	347.5	347.4	346.0	344.0	344.4	347.4
Local	62.1	61.7	61.2	61.3	61.9	62.1
2. Total Governmental	570.8	568.8	562.1	558.6	559.2	562.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1912.8	1911.9	1907.0	1909.1	1919.1	1915.9
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp)	46.8	56.1	57.0	57.5	50.0	50.7
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	1959.6	1968.0	1964.0	1966.6	1969.1	1966.6

FEMALES (Thousands)

(Excluding employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1951					
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1. In Private Employment	605.3	607.4	608.3	609.3	611.4	608.7
In Governmental Employment -						
Commonwealth	48.7	48.1	45.9	45.5	45.5	44.8
State and Semi-Governmental	61.4	61.8	61.7	61.9	62.2	62.1
Local	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
2. Total Governmental	114.9	114.7	112.4	112.3	112.6	111.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	720.2	722.1	720.7	721.6	724.0	720.6
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp)	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	721.0	723.0	721.7	722.7	725.2	721.8

TABLE I : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : 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)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Governmental Authorities(a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Authorities(a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental 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
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	536.5	1,368.6	1,907.1
1945 June(b)	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	586.9	1,786.0	2,374.9
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
1950 June	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	107.6	580.6	688.2	661.1	1,935.8	2,546.9
1951 July	570.8	1,342.0	1,912.8	114.9	605.3	720.2	685.7	1,947.3	2,633.0
Aug.	568.8	1,343.1	1,911.9	114.7	607.4	722.1	683.5	1,950.5	2,634.0
Sept.	562.1	1,344.9	1,907.0	112.4	608.3	720.7	674.5	1,953.2	2,627.7
Oct.	558.6	1,350.5	1,909.1	112.3	609.3	721.6	670.9	1,959.8	2,630.7
Nov.	559.2	1,359.9	1,919.1	112.6	611.4	724.0	671.8	1,971.3	2,643.1
Dec.	562.2	1,353.7	1,915.9	111.9	608.7	720.6	674.1	1,962.4	2,636.5

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, DECEMBER, 1951STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)		State & Semi-Governmental(a)		Local Government(a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales	53.7	16.1	128.8	22.8	25.7	2.3	208.2	41.2	249.4
Victoria	46.9	15.9	89.0	18.6	11.6	1.1	147.5	35.6	183.1
Queensland	17.6	4.6	51.0	6.3	17.1	0.8	85.7	11.7	97.4
South Australia	13.9	3.1	33.9	6.7	2.7	0.3	50.5	10.1	60.6
Western Australia	8.4	2.0	31.5	4.9	2.9	0.3	42.8	7.2	50.0
Tasmania	3.6	1.0	13.2	2.8	2.1	0.2	18.9	4.0	22.9
Northern Territory	2.4	0.4	-	-	-	-	2.4	0.4	2.8
Aust. Cap. Territory	6.2	1.7	-	-	-	-	6.2	1.7	7.9
Total Dec., 1951	152.7	44.8	347.4	62.1	62.1	5.0	562.2	111.9	674.1
Total Nov., 1951	152.9	45.5	344.4	62.2	61.9	4.9	559.2	112.6	671.8

(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, migration hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(b) From June, 1945 onwards, all figures of private and total employment are estimates subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947.

(c) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute which commenced on 27th June, and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

TABLE 3 : 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	July 1939	June 1946	June 1947	June 1948	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	Nov. 1951	Dec. 1951
MALES									
New South Wales	529.9	618.5	671.8	702.3	721.4	740.8	758.2	765.0	764.6
Victoria	357.5	417.9	452.6	473.3	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.3	525.2
Queensland	172.8	192.4	220.2	232.6	239.8	250.4	259.3	260.1	255.9
South Australia	106.7	129.6	140.9	149.0	155.0	165.7	170.0	169.9	170.2
Western Australia	82.9	93.9	103.9	109.2	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.6	126.7
Tasmania	37.4	46.9	51.1	54.5	57.4	58.4	60.2	60.9	61.0
Northern Territory	2.1	2.8	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5
Aust. Cap. Territory	3.8	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.2	7.7	8.1	7.8	7.8
Australia	1293.1	1506.5	1649.4	1730.9	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1919.1	1915.9

FEMALES

New South Wales	168.0	242.3	252.1	261.9	269.9	278.5	290.9	295.2	293.4
Victoria	142.9	183.7	190.5	196.7	202.5	210.0	219.6	220.2	218.4
Queensland	53.2	71.2	74.5	77.9	80.1	83.1	86.1	87.0	86.6
South Australia	34.0	45.8	48.0	50.1	52.2	54.3	57.0	57.1	57.2
Western Australia	26.2	34.5	35.6	37.0	37.8	39.9	41.6	41.5	41.7
Tasmania	11.6	16.6	16.9	18.0	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1
Northern Territory	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Aust. Cap. Territory	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4
Australia	437.1	596.0	619.6	644.0	664.1	688.2	718.8	724.0	720.6

PERSONS

New South Wales	697.9	860.8	923.0	964.2	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1060.2	1058.0
Victoria	500.4	601.6	643.1	670.0	691.8	720.7	745.4	744.5	743.6
Queensland	226.0	263.6	294.7	301.5	319.9	333.5	345.4	347.1	342.5
South Australia	140.7	175.4	188.9	199.1	207.2	220.0	227.0	227.0	227.4
Western Australia	109.1	128.4	139.5	146.2	150.6	160.4	166.9	168.1	168.4
Tasmania	49.0	63.5	68.0	72.5	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.7	81.1
Northern Territory	2.3	3.1	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3
Aust. Cap. Territory	4.3	6.1	7.1	7.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.2
Australia	1730.2	2102.5	2269.0	2374.9	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2643.1	2636.5

(a) Figures for June, 1949 were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute which commenced on 27th June and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

Note: From June, 1945 onwards, the figures above are estimates subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947.

TABLE 4 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
STATES - DECEMBER, 1951 (a)

(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. (b)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	9.5	6.1	6.3	1.6	2.1	2.2	28.0
Mining and Quarrying	30.1	4.9	8.4	1.5	0.3	2.7	56.1
Manufacturing, etc.- Factories (c)	283.8	208.2	66.9	64.8	32.5	17.9	674.1
Other (d)	25.5	17.2	10.0	2.2	2.4	0.4	58.8
Total Manufacturing:	309.3	225.4	76.9	67.0	34.9	18.3	732.9
Building and Construction	74.9	51.2	35.1	19.6	15.4	11.0	210.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.3	12.0	8.9	5.9	3.8	1.8	49.8
Rail and Air Transport	38.4	20.9	21.1	9.9	9.7	2.4	102.7
Other Transport and Communication	57.6	35.8	22.3	12.2	8.5	4.1	141.2
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	21.8	16.4	7.5	4.5	3.5	1.4	55.2
Retail Trade	53.2	37.3	16.1	12.3	9.4	3.6	132.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	49.6	39.0	18.6	13.6	12.8	4.1	138.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	35.8	27.6	11.4	7.0	7.2	3.6	96.1
Other Industries (e)	67.1	48.6	23.3	14.9	11.1	5.8	172.5
TOTAL MALES:	764.6	525.2	255.9	170.2	126.7	61.0	1915.9
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc.- Factories (c)	100.1	86.7	14.3	17.1	6.6	4.1	228.9
Other (d)	0.8	2.1	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	6.9
Total Manufacturing:	100.9	88.8	17.2	17.2	7.5	4.1	235.8
Rail and Air Transport	3.7	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.5
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	12.5	9.5	4.2	2.6	1.4	1.2	31.4
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	14.2	9.1	3.5	2.3	1.7	0.8	31.9
Retail Trade	48.7	33.5	16.5	12.0	9.7	4.0	124.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	16.7	10.9	6.0	3.7	3.2	0.8	41.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.4	6.6	4.2	1.3	1.9	0.9	26.6
Other Industries (e)	86.3	57.9	33.4	17.4	15.9	8.2	220.4
TOTAL FEMALES:	293.4	218.4	86.6	57.2	41.7	20.1	720.6
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	9.5	6.2	6.3	1.6	2.1	2.2	28.2
Mining and Quarrying	30.4	5.0	8.6	1.6	0.4	2.8	57.0
Manufacturing, etc.- Factories (c)	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	903.0
Other (d)	26.3	19.3	12.9	2.3	3.3	0.4	65.7
Total Manufacturing:	410.2	314.2	94.1	84.2	42.4	22.4	968.7
Building and Construction	76.6	52.3	35.6	20.0	15.6	11.1	214.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.4	12.5	9.2	6.2	3.9	1.9	52.2
Rail and Air Transport	42.1	23.0	22.4	10.6	10.1	2.5	111.2
Other Transport and Communication	69.0	44.8	26.2	14.5	9.8	5.2	170.2
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	36.0	25.5	11.3	6.8	5.2	2.2	87.1
Retail Trade	101.9	70.8	32.5	24.2	19.1	7.6	256.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	66.3	49.9	24.6	17.6	16.0	4.9	179.6
Public Authority Activity n.e.i.	46.2	34.2	15.6	8.3	9.1	4.5	122.7
Other Industries (e)	151.4	105.2	56.0	31.8	26.7	13.8	387.8
TOTAL PERSONS:	1058.0	743.6	342.5	227.4	168.4	81.1	2636.5

For Notes see page 7.

TABLE 5 : 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	July, 1939	May, 1949 (a) (f)	June, 1950(a)	June, 1951(a)	Nov. 1951(a)	Dec. 1951(a)
MALES						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	24.1	28.5	28.5	28.2	28.1	28.0
Mining - Gold	15.4	8.6	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.2
Silver, Lead	6.4	7.8	8.4	9.3	9.4	9.3
Coal	22.1	26.4	26.9	27.6	28.1	28.1
Other (inc. Quarries)	8.3	9.5	9.7	10.4	10.6	10.5
Total Mining and Quarrying:	52.2	52.3	53.9	55.8	56.3	56.1
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	391.5	635.9	659.0	674.7	678.8	674.1
Other (d)	64.6	56.7	57.4	58.3	58.6	58.8
Total Manufacturing:	456.1	692.6	716.4	733.0	737.4	732.9
Building and Construction -						
Building (Privately Employed) (g)	149.7	90.4	93.0	99.1	103.1	101.2
Other (h)		90.5	104.2	113.6	109.6	109.7
Total Building & Construction	149.7	180.9	197.2	212.7	212.7	210.9
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport	50.2	84.2	85.9	86.2	85.8	85.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	35.0	46.0	48.4	48.6	49.8	49.8
Rail and Air Transport	73.0	99.1	100.9	100.9	101.5	102.7
Communication	27.7	52.4	57.6	59.0	55.4	55.4
Total Transport, etc.:	185.9	281.7	292.8	294.7	292.5	293.7
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	47.1	51.3	52.9	54.3	54.9	55.2
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	212.6	97.9	104.1	111.8	114.8	113.9
Primary Produce Agencies		20.7	21.0	21.8	24.6	24.4
Retail Trade		125.6	127.1	129.7	130.0	132.2
Total Commerce:	212.6	244.2	252.2	263.3	269.4	270.5
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	31.8	87.3	93.6	97.3	95.9	96.1
Other -						
Law and Order	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.8	19.0	19.0
Religion and Social Welfare	10.2	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	17.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8
Education	22.1	29.7	30.7	31.9	32.1	32.0
Other Professional	11.5	11.6	11.9	12.2	12.1	12.2
Entertainment, Sport	17.4	18.4	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.3
Personal Service (i)	37.0	54.4	55.9	54.6	54.3	54.8
Total, Other:	133.6	168.3	171.2	171.7	171.9	172.5
TOTAL.	1,293.1	1,787.1	1,858.7	1,911.5	1,919.1	1,915.9
FEMALES						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (c)	148.2	215.6	223.8	234.4	233.5	228.9
Other (d)	20.8	6.3	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9
Total Manufacturing:	169.0	221.9	230.4	241.1	240.3	235.8
Building and Construction	1.2	3.1	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.0
Transport and Communication -						
Road Transport	1.5	7.3	7.9	8.4	8.8	9.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Rail and Air Transport	2.5	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.4	8.5
Communication	7.4	19.5	20.7	21.2	20.5	20.0
Total Transport, etc.:	12.6	37.0	38.8	40.1	40.1	39.9

TABLE 5 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	July, 1939	May, 1949 (a) (f)	June, 1950(a)	June, 1951(a)	Nov. 1951(a)	Dec. 1951(a)
FEMALES (Continued)						
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance) -</u>	13.5	26.0	28.1	31.2	31.9	31.9
<u>Commerce - Wholesale Trade</u>	101.4 {	29.3	31.8	34.9	36.4	35.9
Primary Produce Agencies		4.5	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.4
Retail Trade		111.1	113.3	119.1	122.0	124.7
<u>Total, Commerce:</u>	101.4	144.9	150.0	159.2	163.9	166.0
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	10.0	24.8	25.5	27.7	26.5	26.6
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	4.0	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.6
Religion and Social Welfare	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9
Health Services	34.0	62.0	65.0	67.4	67.8	67.3
Education	32.0	37.7	39.1	39.7	40.4	40.2
Other Professional	5.0	8.7	8.8	9.3	9.5	9.5
Entertainment, Sport	4.0	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.8	8.9
Personal Service (i)	43.0	71.3	72.8	72.1	72.2	71.9
<u>Total, Other:</u>	129.0	205.6	211.2	214.7	216.2	215.3
<u>TOTAL:</u>	437.1	664.1	688.2	718.8	724.0	720.6
PERSONS						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping -</u>	24.2	28.6	28.7	28.4	28.3	28.2
<u>Mining - Gold</u>	15.5	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.4
Silver, Lead	6.5	7.9	8.6	9.5	9.6	9.5
Coal	22.2	26.6	27.0	27.8	28.3	28.3
Other (inc. Quarries)	8.3	9.7	9.9	10.7	10.9	10.8
<u>Total, Mining and Quarrying:</u>	52.5	53.0	54.6	56.6	57.2	57.0
<u>Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)</u>	539.7	851.5	882.8	909.1	912.3	903.0
Other (d)	85.4	63.0	64.0	65.0	65.4	65.7
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	625.1	914.5	946.8	974.1	977.7	968.7
<u>Building and Construction -</u>						
Building (Privately Employed) (g)	150.9 {	93.1	95.8	101.5	105.7	103.8
Other (h)		90.9	104.7	115.0	111.0	111.1
<u>Total Building and Construction:</u>	150.9	184.0	200.5	216.5	216.7	214.9
<u>Transport and Communication -</u>						
Road Transport	51.7	91.5	93.8	94.6	94.6	94.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	36.2	48.2	50.6	50.9	52.2	52.2
Rail and Air Transport	75.5	107.1	108.9	109.1	109.9	111.2
Communication	35.1	71.9	78.3	80.2	75.9	75.4
<u>Total Transport, etc.:</u>	198.5	318.7	331.6	334.8	332.6	333.6
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	60.6	77.3	81.0	86.0	86.8	87.1
<u>Commerce - Wholesale Trade</u>	314.0 {	127.2	135.9	146.7	151.2	149.8
Primary Produce Agencies		25.2	25.9	27.0	30.1	29.8
Retail Trade		236.7	240.4	249.8	252.0	256.9
<u>Total Commerce:</u>	314.0	389.1	402.2	422.5	433.3	436.5
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	41.8	112.1	119.3	125.0	122.4	122.7
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	21.6	26.2	26.6	27.3	27.6	27.6
Religion and Social Welfare	17.2	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.3	20.3
Health Services	51.8	86.7	89.8	92.2	92.6	92.1
Education	54.1	67.4	69.8	71.6	72.5	72.2
Other Professional	16.5	20.3	20.7	21.5	21.6	21.7
Entertainment, Sport	21.4	27.2	26.4	26.7	27.0	27.2
Personal Service (i)	80.0	125.7	128.7	126.7	126.5	126.7
<u>Total, Other:</u>	262.6	373.9	382.4	386.4	388.1	387.8
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1,730.2	2,451.2	2,546.9	2,636.3	2,643.1	2,636.5

For Notes see Page 7.

NOTES TO TABLES 4 and 5.

(a) All figures for the months subsequent to May, 1945, are subject to revision on the basis of results of the Census of 30th June, 1947, (except for Factories, for which figures to June, 1948 are final).

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Production Bulletin, Part I, "Secondary Industries". In this connection, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed, or in which power other than hand is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.

(d) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (c) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".

(e) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc. and Personal Service, (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestic). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

(f) Figures for June, 1949 were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute, which commenced on 27th June and ended 15th August, 1949, and figures for May have therefore been substituted for purposes of annual comparison.

(g) Includes employees of private employers contracting to public authorities.

(h) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc. and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.

(i) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestic).

TABLE 6 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index-numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1000)
(Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries	Manufacturing		All Industries	Manufacturing
1943-44	1028	1048	1949 - March Quarter	1345	1395
1944-45	1013	1018	June Quarter	1365	1404
1945-46	1000	1000	Sept. Quarter	1362(b)	1396(b)
1946-47	1035	1056	Dec. Quarter	1434	1499
1947-48	1159	1206	1950 - March Quarter	1485	1536
1948-49	1321	1365	June Quarter	1521	1588
1949-50	1451	1505	Sept. Quarter	1580	1655
			Dec. Quarter	1658	1734
			1951 - March Quarter	1622	1884
			April (Month)	1879(c)	1941
			May (Month)	1974(c)	2069

(a) Including Salaries.

(b) Coal Stoppage.

(c) Subject to revision.

Note: The two series in the above table are not comparable horizontally. Further explanation to this table is shown on page 6.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and other data, 100 females being taken as equivalent to 45 male units.

The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1943-44 to 1949-50 is based on average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax Returns.

TABLE 7 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES, 31st DECEMBER, 1951(a)

Index-numbers (Base : Weighted Average for Australia for three years ended June, 1939 = 100)

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 all classified occupations within that group. The results for each State and for each industrial group throughout the States are weighted averages.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.(b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	277	266	243	261	266	265	265
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	272	261	250	257	274	267	264
III. Food, Drink, etc.	272	275	245	265	266	268	267
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	268	270	277	277	280	268	271
V. Books, Printing, etc.	315	308	281	294	304	304	306
VI. Other Manufacturing	273	264	243	266	269	268	266
VII. Building	298	286	269	278	286	277	288
VIII. Mining (c)	283	270	259	263	(d)297	269	278
IX. Rail and Tram Services	274	266	248	256	267	264	265
X. Other Land Transport	272	255	241	252	257	258	260
XI. Shipping, etc. (e)	301	306	307	303	303	304	303
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(f)	314	302	323	305	311	302	311
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. (f)	261	251	227	239	248	246	250
XIV. Miscellaneous	269	261	236	244	256	254	259
All Groups (b)	284	274	269	269	280	276	277

- (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 prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.
- (d) Excludes district allowances in the gold-mining industry.
- (e) Average rates of wage on which index-numbers are based are for occupations other than masters, officers and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.
- (f) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

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