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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 Bodies, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated number of wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding rural and female private domestics) and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Bodies, 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. The present exemption limit of £120 per week was introduced in September, 1954.

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.

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 revisions 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 7 and 8. 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 hereof.

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

	1956		1957				
	April	May	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1424.3	1424.5	1415.4	1421.0	1423.8	1415.4	1417.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	31.3	31.6	28.7	28.6	28.5	28.4	28.4
Other	130.2	130.4	135.3	135.6	135.9	136.7	136.9
State and Semi-Governmental	374.2	376.1	372.7	374.8	374.7	375.7	378.0
Local Government Bodies	65.4	65.5	65.4	66.0	66.1	66.1	65.9
2. Total Governmental	601.1	603.6	602.1	605.0	605.2	606.9	609.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2025.4	2028.1	2017.5	2026.0	2029.0	2022.3	2026.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	58.9	58.6	57.2	57.7	55.1	48.0	46.8
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2084.3	2086.7	2074.7	2083.7	2084.1	2070.3	2073.1
FEMALES							
1. In Private Employment	631.0	630.9	630.6	635.3	637.4	632.7	631.9
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	7.3	7.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1
Other	38.7	38.8	39.3	39.5	39.6	39.5	39.5
State and Semi-Governmental	77.3	77.6	76.2	79.1	79.3	80.5	80.7
Local Government Bodies	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3
2. Total Governmental	129.3	129.7	128.1	131.2	131.4	132.4	132.6
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	760.3	760.6	758.7	766.5	768.8	765.1	764.5
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	762.2	762.6	760.6	768.3	770.6	767.0	766.4
PERSONS							
1. In Private Employment	2055.3	2055.4	2046.0	2056.3	2061.2	2048.1	2049.0
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	38.6	38.9	34.9	34.8	34.6	34.5	34.5
Other	168.9	169.2	174.6	175.1	175.5	176.2	176.4
State and Semi-Governmental	451.5	453.7	448.9	453.9	454.0	456.2	458.7
Local Government Bodies	71.4	71.5	71.8	72.4	72.5	72.4	72.2
2. Total Governmental	730.4	733.3	730.2	736.2	736.6	739.3	741.8
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2785.7	2788.7	2776.2	2792.5	2797.8	2787.4	2790.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.8	60.6	59.1	59.5	56.9	49.9	48.7
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2846.5	2849.3	2835.3	2852.0	2854.7	2837.3	2839.5

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel.

I. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	2021.9	709.1	738.7	757.6	2656.4	(a) 2734.7	2779.5
August	1949.3	1999.6	2020.0	710.5	740.9	756.3	2659.8	2740.5	2776.3
September	1953.1	2003.1	2020.1	714.6	743.9	757.0	2667.7	2747.0	2777.1
October	1955.2	2001.7	2018.1	718.7	747.8	759.3	2673.9	2749.5	2777.4
November	1964.8	2012.4	2027.3	727.5	756.1	765.5	2692.3	2768.5	2792.8
December	1969.0	2012.9	2022.6	731.9	758.2	763.8	2700.9	2771.1	2786.4
January	1968.1	(a) 1990.7	2017.5	724.2	752.2	758.7	2692.3	(a) 2742.9	2776.2
February	1977.4	2018.8	2026.0	732.8	759.4	766.5	2710.2	2778.2	2792.5
March	1986.2	2020.1	2029.0	737.5	762.2	768.8	2723.7	2782.3	2797.8
April	1990.8	2025.4	2022.3	736.0	760.3	765.1	2726.8	2785.7	2787.4
May	1995.4	2023.1	2026.3	737.2	760.6	764.5	2732.6	2788.7	2790.8
June	2000.5	2025.9		738.5	758.9		2739.0	2784.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 - DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	61.5	59.9	59.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	63.5	62.0	61.6
August	61.5	60.2	59.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	63.5	62.4	61.5
September	60.8	60.1	58.8	2.1	2.1	1.9	62.9	62.2	60.7
October	60.5	60.0	58.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	62.6	62.0	59.9
November	52.5	51.9	50.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	54.6	53.9	52.2
December	50.1	49.8	47.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	52.1	51.8	49.4
January	60.1	59.9	57.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	62.1	61.9	59.1
February	60.1	60.1	57.7	2.1	2.0	1.8	62.2	62.1	59.5
March	57.9	58.4	55.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	60.0	60.3	56.9
April	58.9	58.9	48.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	61.0	60.8	49.9
May	59.1	58.6	46.8	2.1	2.0	1.9	61.2	60.6	48.7
June	57.7	57.3		2.1	2.0		59.8	59.3	

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

TABLE 3 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES : AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	2008.8	(a) 2055.9	2081.5	711.1	740.8	759.6	2719.9	(a) 2796.7	2841.1
August	2010.8	2059.8	2079.6	712.5	743.1	758.2	2723.3	2802.9	2837.8
September	2013.9	2063.2	2078.9	716.7	746.0	758.9	2730.6	2809.2	2837.8
October	2015.7	2061.7	2076.1	720.8	749.8	761.2	2736.5	2811.5	2837.3
November	2017.3	2064.3	2077.6	729.6	758.1	767.4	2746.9	2822.4	2845.0
December	2019.1	2062.7	2070.1	733.9	760.2	765.7	2753.0	2822.9	2835.8
January	2028.2	(a) 2050.6	2074.7	726.2	754.2	760.6	2754.4	(a) 2804.8	2835.3
February	2037.5	2078.9	2083.7	734.9	761.4	768.3	2772.4	2840.3	2852.0
March	2044.1	2078.5	2084.1	739.6	764.1	770.6	2783.7	2842.6	2854.7
April	2049.7	2084.3	2070.3	738.1	762.2	767.0	2787.8	2846.5	2837.3
May	2054.5	2086.7	2073.1	739.3	762.6	766.4	2793.8	2849.3	2839.5
June	2058.2	2083.2		740.6	760.9		2798.8	2844.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Civilian Employees (excluding Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)											Defence Forces (b)
Month	Males			Females			Persons				
	Governmental Bodies (a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Bodies (a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Bodies (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	1,340.2	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	
1956 June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	59.3	
1955 April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	61.0	
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	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	
August	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4	
September	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	62.2	
October	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	62.0	
November	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	53.9	
December	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	51.8	
1956 Jan. (e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	61.9	
February	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	127.3	632.1	759.4	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	62.1	
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	128.7	633.5	762.2	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	60.3	
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8	
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6	
June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	59.3	
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	130.8	626.8	757.6	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	61.6	
August	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	130.6	625.7	756.3	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	61.5	
September	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	129.9	627.1	757.0	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	60.7	
October	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	129.3	630.0	759.3	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	59.9	
November	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	129.6	635.9	765.5	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	52.2	
December	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	128.4	635.4	763.8	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	49.4	
1957 January	602.1	1,415.4	2,017.5	128.1	630.6	758.7	730.2	2,046.0	2,776.2	59.1	
February	605.0	1,421.0	2,026.0	131.2	635.3	766.5	736.2	2,056.3	2,792.5	59.5	
March	605.2	1,423.8	2,029.0	131.4	637.4	768.8	736.6	2,061.2	2,797.8	56.9	
April	606.9	1,415.4	2,022.3	132.4	632.7	765.1	739.3	2,048.1	2,787.4	49.9	
May	609.2	1,417.1	2,026.3	132.6	631.9	764.5	741.8	2,049.0	2,790.8	48.7	

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Bodies (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 Oversea 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.

TABLE 5 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

STATES AND TERRITORIES

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

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

(Thousands)

State or Territory	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	June, 1956	April, 1957	May, 1957
MALES									
New South Wales	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	788.3	789.9
Victoria	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.2	564.3	564.9
Queensland	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	276.0	271.5	274.1
South Australia	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.5	183.1	183.3
Western Australia	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.5	134.6	134.1
Tasmania	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.4	66.1	65.7
Northern Territory	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.5
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.9	8.8
Australia:	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2025.9	2022.3	2026.3
FEMALES									
New South Wales	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.2	302.6	303.0
Victoria	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	234.8	233.8
Queensland	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.2	92.1	92.7
South Australia	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.9	63.9	63.1
Western Australia	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	44.5	44.7
Tasmania	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.8	22.9	22.9
Northern Territory	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2
Australia:	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	758.9	765.1	764.5
PERSONS									
New South Wales	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.0	1090.9	1092.9
Victoria	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	797.2	799.1	798.7
Queensland	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	367.2	363.6	366.8
South Australia	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.4	247.0	246.4
Western Australia	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.1	179.1	178.8
Tasmania	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.2	89.0	88.6
Northern Territory	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.6
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	12.1	12.0
Australia:	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2784.8	2787.4	2790.8

TABLE 6 - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, M A Y, 1957

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P		
New South Wales	8.8	1.0	47.3	14.3	56.1	15.3	133.9	26.9	26.7	2.9	216.7	45.1	261.8
Victoria	14.1	4.0	36.0	11.2	50.1	15.2	99.0	25.2	13.2	1.7	162.3	42.1	204.4
Queensland	1.1	0.2	17.1	4.6	18.2	4.8	54.5	8.0	17.3	0.9	90.0	13.7	103.7
South Australia	3.5	0.7	13.7	3.0	17.2	3.7	38.5	9.9	3.2	0.3	58.9	13.9	72.8
Western Australia	0.6	0.1	8.5	2.1	9.1	2.2	38.0	6.8	3.4	0.3	50.5	9.3	59.8
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.5	1.2	4.6	1.3	14.1	3.9	2.1	0.2	20.8	5.4	26.2
Northern Territory	0.1	—	2.6	0.7	2.7	0.7	—	—	—	—	2.7	0.7	3.4
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	7.2	2.4	7.3	2.4	—	—	—	—	7.3	2.4	9.7
Total : May, 1957	28.4	6.1	136.9	39.5	165.3	45.6	378.0	80.7	65.9	6.3	609.2	132.6	741.8
Total : April 1957	28.4	6.1	136.7	39.5	165.1	45.6	375.7	80.5	66.1	6.3	606.9	132.4	739.3

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

II. EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 7 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - N. A. Y., 1957

(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	8.1	5.5	5.2	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.3
Mining and Quarrying	28.9	4.6	10.0	1.6	7.8	3.0	56.5
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	297.7	225.0	74.3	69.0	35.0	20.6	721.6
Other (b)	27.3	19.2	10.7	2.6	2.4	0.7	64.2
Total Manufacturing:	325.0	244.2	85.0	71.6	37.4	21.3	785.8
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.8	50.7	35.2	20.6	14.3	8.9	207.8
Road Transport	35.7	22.0	14.4	7.2	4.5	2.5	86.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.7	11.2	9.4	5.9	5.2	2.6	51.2
Rail and Air Transport	38.3	22.9	22.3	9.9	10.9	2.6	107.3
Communication	26.4	18.3	9.8	6.1	4.6	2.1	67.6
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.9	19.3	8.5	5.4	4.0	1.5	63.9
Retail Trade	50.0	37.9	15.5	12.1	9.6	3.7	129.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.4	43.3	21.9	15.4	13.7	4.7	150.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.8	28.9	11.9	8.3	7.4	3.9	101.7
Other Industries (g)	72.9	56.1	25.0	17.4	12.3	6.8	192.4
TOTAL MALES:	789.9	564.9	274.1	183.3	134.1	65.7	2026.3
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.6	87.7	13.8	16.4	6.1	5.0	226.6
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.4
Total Manufacturing:	98.7	90.0	16.7	16.5	7.0	5.0	234.0
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.5
Other Transport (incl. Shipping, etc.)	4.3	3.8	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.3	11.9
Communication	7.5	5.6	2.7	1.8	1.0	1.0	19.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	19.2	12.6	4.9	3.5	2.3	1.0	43.5
Retail Trade	45.5	32.8	16.6	12.3	10.3	4.2	121.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.2	12.7	7.2	4.1	3.5	1.1	46.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.9	7.3	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	29.2
Other Industries (g)	94.8	66.9	37.0	21.5	17.7	9.2	249.0
TOTAL FEMALES:	303.0	233.8	92.7	63.1	44.7	22.9	764.5
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.2	5.6	5.2	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.5
Mining and Quarrying	29.2	4.7	10.4	1.7	8.0	3.1	57.7
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	395.3	312.7	88.1	85.4	41.1	25.6	948.2
Other (b)	28.4	21.5	13.6	2.7	3.3	0.7	71.6
Total Manufacturing:	423.7	334.2	101.7	88.1	44.4	26.3	1019.8
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	77.1	52.1	35.8	21.1	14.6	9.0	213.1
Road Transport	38.9	25.2	16.0	8.0	4.8	2.7	96.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.8	11.8	9.7	6.1	5.4	2.7	53.7
Rail and Air Transport	42.2	25.0	23.5	10.6	11.3	2.7	115.8
Communication	33.9	23.9	12.5	7.9	5.6	3.1	87.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	44.1	31.9	13.4	8.9	6.3	2.5	107.4
Retail Trade	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	251.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.6	56.0	29.1	19.5	17.2	5.8	197.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.7	36.2	16.4	10.0	9.4	4.9	130.9
Other Industries (g)	165.0	121.4	61.0	38.3	29.5	15.8	434.7
TOTAL PERSONS:	1092.9	798.7	366.8	246.4	178.8	88.6	2790.8

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 - 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	April, 1956	May, 1956	Feb., 1957	March, 1957	April, 1957	May, 1957
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.7	25.7	25.5	25.4	25.3
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.1	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Coal	26.7	26.7	25.7	25.6	25.5	25.4
Other (including Quarries)	12.6	12.7	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.6
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	56.8	57.1	56.5	56.6	56.4	56.5
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	723.9	723.1	720.3	722.6	720.4	721.6
Other (b)	63.8	63.9	64.1	64.2	64.1	64.2
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	787.7	787.0	784.4	786.8	784.5	785.8
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	97.7	99.5	96.6	96.2	92.3	93.4
Other (d)	114.0	114.5	114.1	114.4	114.1	114.4
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	211.7	214.0	210.7	210.6	206.4	207.8
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	86.6	86.5	86.2	86.5	86.4	86.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.1	51.5	51.4	51.5	51.5	51.2
Rail and Air Transport	108.9	109.0	106.6	106.4	106.6	107.3
Communication	64.3	64.4	66.8	67.0	67.4	67.6
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	310.9	311.4	311.0	311.4	311.9	312.8
<u>Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	61.5	61.6	63.5	63.7	63.8	63.9
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	127.7	126.9	125.8	126.0	125.6	125.4
Primary Produce Agencies	24.6	25.1	26.1	25.9	25.2	25.4
Retail Trade	130.1	130.1	129.7	129.1	128.8	129.3
<u>Total Commerce</u>	282.4	282.1	281.6	281.0	279.6	280.1
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	100.3	100.7	101.5	101.4	101.7	101.7
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.8	20.9	21.6	21.7	21.9	21.9
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.7	26.8	27.0	27.0	26.9	27.0
Education	40.6	40.6	41.6	42.1	42.7	43.1
Other Professional	14.3	14.3	14.8	15.1	15.0	15.0
Entertainment, Sport	18.3	18.4	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.1
Personal Service (e)	55.3	55.1	55.4	55.4	55.3	54.9
<u>Total Other</u>	187.4	187.5	191.1	192.0	192.6	192.4
TOTAL :	2025.4	2028.1	2026.0	2029.0	2022.3	2026.3
FEMALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	229.4	228.8	230.3	232.7	228.8	226.6
Other (b)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	236.8	236.2	237.7	240.1	236.2	234.0
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	9.5	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5
Communication	19.5	19.4	19.8	19.9	19.8	19.7
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	40.1	40.2	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.1

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TABLE 8 - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	April, 1956	May, 1956	Feb., 1957	March, 1957	April, 1957	May, 1957
FEMALES (Continued)						
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	41.9	41.8	43.8	43.8	43.5	43.5
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	40.7	40.7	40.8	41.0	40.6	40.7
Primary Produce Agencies	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1
Retail Trade	122.7	123.3	121.6	121.2	120.7	121.9
<u>Total Commerce</u>	169.4	170.0	168.6	168.4	167.5	168.7
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	28.8	29.0	29.2	29.2	29.1	29.2
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	76.7	77.3	78.5	78.5	78.9	79.5
Education	50.6	50.7	52.0	52.5	53.7	53.7
Other Professional	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.4
Entertainment, Sport	9.0	9.1	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3
Personal Service (e)	71.6	70.7	70.8	70.5	70.5	70.3
<u>Total Other</u>	236.9	236.9	240.3	240.3	241.9	242.3
TOTAL :	760.3	760.6	766.5	768.8	765.1	764.5
PERSONS						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.9	26.9	25.9	25.7	25.6	25.5
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.5	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Coal	26.9	26.9	25.9	25.8	25.7	25.6
Other (including Quarries)	13.1	13.2	13.7	13.9	13.9	14.1
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	58.0	58.3	57.7	57.8	57.6	57.7
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	953.3	951.9	950.6	955.3	949.2	948.2
Other (b)	71.2	71.3	71.5	71.6	71.5	71.6
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	1024.5	1023.2	1022.1	1026.9	1020.7	1019.8
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	100.5	102.3	99.5	99.1	95.1	96.3
Other (d)	116.2	116.8	116.5	116.8	116.5	116.8
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	216.7	219.1	216.0	215.9	211.6	213.1
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	96.1	96.1	95.5	95.8	95.8	96.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	53.6	54.0	53.9	54.0	54.0	53.7
Rail and Air Transport	117.5	117.7	115.2	115.0	115.2	115.8
Communication	83.8	83.8	86.6	86.9	87.2	87.3
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	351.0	351.6	351.2	351.7	352.2	352.9
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	103.4	103.4	107.3	107.5	107.3	107.4
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	168.4	167.6	166.6	167.0	166.2	166.1
Primary Produce Agencies	30.6	31.1	32.3	32.1	31.4	31.5
Retail Trade	252.8	253.4	251.3	250.3	249.5	251.2
<u>Total Commerce</u>	451.8	452.1	450.2	449.4	447.1	448.8
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	129.1	129.7	130.7	130.6	130.8	130.9
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	30.6	30.7	31.6	31.7	31.9	32.0
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	103.4	104.1	105.5	105.5	105.8	106.5
Education	91.2	91.3	93.6	94.6	96.4	96.8
Other Professional	24.5	24.6	25.3	25.6	25.5	25.4
Entertainment, Sport	27.3	27.5	28.8	28.6	28.7	28.4
Personal Service (e)	126.9	125.8	126.2	125.9	125.8	125.2
<u>Total Other</u>	424.3	424.4	431.4	432.3	434.5	434.7
TOTAL :	2785.7	2788.7	2792.5	2797.8	2787.4	2790.8

For notes see page 8.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published in the annual bulletin, Secondary Industries. 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 bodies, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public bodies 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 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. 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 9 - 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
1956 : April	377,871	117,874	495,745	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	377,527	116,874	494,401	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.3
June	375,438	115,930	491,368	- 0.6	- 0.8	- 0.6
July	374,389	115,047	489,436	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.4
August	372,283	114,505	486,788	- 0.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
September	372,045	114,819	486,864	- 0.1	+ 0.3	-
October	371,913	115,693	487,606	-	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
November	372,166	115,556	487,722	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
December	370,659	115,797	486,456	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
1957 : January	368,956	118,397	487,353	- 0.5	+ 2.2	+ 0.2
February	373,409	120,763	494,172	+ 1.2	+ 2.0	+ 1.4
March	374,710	121,452	496,162	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
April	373,127	118,180	491,307	- 0.4	- 2.7	- 1.0
May	*374,363	*116,265	*490,628	+ 0.3	- 1.6	- 0.1
June	374,892	115,170	490,062	+ 0.1	- 0.9	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 10 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES							
State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956		1957			April, '57- May, '57	May, '57- June, '57
	May	June	April	May	June		
MALES							
New South Wales	150,090	148,844	151,530	151,624	150,585	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Victoria	113,993	113,110	112,429	112,608	112,397	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Queensland	40,598	41,439	38,772	39,790	41,742	+ 2.6	+ 4.9
South Australia	42,120	41,456	39,932	39,889	39,763	- 0.1	- 0.3
Western Australia	17,945	17,859	17,560	17,529	17,551	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Tasmania	12,781	12,730	12,904	*12,923	12,854	*+ 0.1	- 0.5
TOTAL:	377,527	375,438	373,127	*374,363	374,892	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
FEMALES							
New South Wales	45,794	45,436	46,397	45,758	45,706	- 1.4	- 0.1
Victoria	45,361	44,814	45,890	45,047	44,496	- 1.8	- 1.2
Queensland	8,476	8,622	8,477	8,271	8,291	- 2.4	+ 0.2
South Australia	8,937	8,805	9,444	9,197	8,966	- 2.6	- 2.5
Western Australia	3,645	3,590	3,500	3,511	3,428	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Tasmania	4,661	4,663	4,472	*4,481	4,283	*+ 0.2	- 4.4
TOTAL:	116,874	115,930	118,180	*116,265	115,170	- 1.6	- 0.9
PERSONS							
New South Wales	195,884	194,280	197,927	197,382	196,291	- 0.3	- 0.6
Victoria	159,354	157,924	158,319	157,655	156,893	- 0.4	- 0.5
Queensland	49,074	50,061	47,249	48,061	50,033	+ 1.7	+ 4.1
South Australia	51,057	50,261	49,376	49,086	48,729	- 0.6	- 0.7
Western Australia	21,590	21,449	21,060	21,040	20,979	- 0.1	- 0.3
Tasmania	17,442	17,393	17,376	*17,404	17,137	*+ 0.2	- 1.5
TOTAL:	494,401	491,368	491,307	*490,628	490,062	- 0.1	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 11 - 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
1956 : April	326,847	100,968	427,815	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,697	100,608	426,305	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	323,122	99,999	423,121	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 0.7
July	321,073	99,406	420,479	- 0.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
August	319,850	99,200	419,050	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
September	319,789	99,930	419,719	-	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
October	319,137	100,402	419,539	- 0.2	+ 0.5	-
November	318,716	100,125	418,841	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
December	318,934	99,825	418,759	+ 0.1	- 0.3	-
1957 : January	320,155	99,760	419,915	+ 0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
February	322,047	100,396	422,443	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
March	322,811	100,750	423,561	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
April	322,282	100,493	422,775	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 0.2
May	322,356	99,934	422,290	-	- 0.6	- 0.1
June	322,019	99,464	421,483	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.2

TABLE 12 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories				Percentage movement in employment	
	1956		1957		April, '57- May, '57	May, '57- June, '57
	May	June	April	May	June	
MALES						
New South Wales	136,427	135,325	137,706	137,939	137,047	+ 0.2
Victoria	100,213	99,507	98,219	98,568	98,703	+ 0.4
Queensland	25,401	25,273	25,038	24,408	24,692	- 2.5
South Australia	37,591	37,013	35,440	35,514	35,517	+ 0.2
Western Australia	15,610	15,600	15,233	15,228	15,322	-
Tasmania	10,455	10,404	10,646	10,699	10,738	+ 0.5
TOTAL:	325,697	323,122	322,282	322,356	322,019	-
FEMALES						
New South Wales	40,139	39,970	40,348	40,035	40,061	- 0.8
Victoria	40,197	39,829	39,670	39,587	39,331	- 0.2
Queensland	6,865	6,835	6,725	6,628	6,589	- 1.4
South Australia	7,487	7,451	7,796	7,754	7,611	- 0.5
Western Australia	2,792	2,773	2,676	2,690	2,633	+ 0.5
Tasmania	3,128	3,141	3,278	3,240	3,239	- 1.2
TOTAL:	100,608	99,999	100,493	99,934	99,464	- 0.6
PERSONS						
New South Wales	176,566	175,295	178,054	177,974	177,108	-
Victoria	140,410	139,336	137,889	138,155	138,034	+ 0.2
Queensland	32,266	32,108	31,763	31,036	31,281	- 2.3
South Australia	45,078	44,464	43,236	43,268	43,128	+ 0.1
Western Australia	18,402	18,373	17,909	17,918	17,955	+ 0.1
Tasmania	13,583	13,545	13,924	13,939	13,977	+ 0.1
TOTAL:	426,305	423,121	422,775	422,290	421,483	- 0.1

TABLE 13 - EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES : FIVE MAINLAND STATES

Industrial Group	INDUSTRIAL GROUPING					
	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	June, 1956	April, 1957	May, 1957	June, 1957	April, 1957 - May, 1957	May, 1957 - June, 1957
MALES						
1. Building Materials	33,922	33,070	32,988	32,760	- 0.2	- 0.7
2. Basic Metals	38,576	40,867	41,053	41,156	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
3. Transportation Equipment	58,669	55,998	55,670	56,564	- 0.6	+ 1.6
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,078	83,102	83,548	82,842	+ 0.5	- 0.8
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,807	19,258	19,071	18,898	- 1.0	- 0.9
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,680	32,963	32,758	32,558	- 0.6	- 0.6
7. Food	49,990	48,587	49,783	50,757	+ 2.5	+ 2.0
8. All Other	45,986	46,378	46,569	46,503	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Total - All Groups	362,708	360,223	361,440	362,038	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Total - Excluding Food	312,718	311,636	311,657	311,281	-	- 0.1
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	3,022	2,924	2,900	2,830	- 0.8	- 2.4
2. Basic Metals	2,027	2,034	2,013	2,037	- 1.0	+ 1.2
3. Transportation Equipment	5,484	5,020	5,043	5,041	+ 0.5	-
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,465	19,056	19,140	19,199	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,301	4,240	4,187	4,142	- 1.2	- 1.1
6. Clothing and Textiles	51,570	51,427	50,974	50,488	- 0.9	- 1.0
7. Food	14,409	16,493	15,090	14,662	- 8.5	- 2.8
8. All Other	12,989	12,514	12,437	12,488	- 0.6	+ 0.4
Total - All Groups	111,267	113,708	111,784	110,887	- 1.7	- 0.8
Total - Excluding Food	96,858	97,215	96,694	96,225	- 0.5	- 0.5

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 - 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	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. Quarter	2,524	2,614
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1955		
1948-49	1,322	1,365	March "	2,589	2,732
1949-50	1,451	1,505	June "	2,652	2,758
			Sept. "	2,689	2,806
			Dec. "	2,731	2,849
1950-51	1,742	1,810	1956 -		
1951-52	2,145	2,213	March "	2,749	2,859
1952-53	2,350	2,394	June "	2,801	2,897
1953-54	2,462	2,511	Sept. "	2,863	2,968
			Dec. "	2,903	2,996
1954-55	2,572	2,685	1957 -		
1955-56	2,743	2,853	March "	2,910	2,983

(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 1955-56 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, 1956 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15 - 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 14.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	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
1955-56	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
<u>1954-55</u>							
December Quarter	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
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June "	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
<u>1956-57</u>							
September Quarter	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December "	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March "	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
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
1955-56	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
<u>1954-55</u>							
December Quarter	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
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June "	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
<u>1956-57</u>							
September Quarter	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December "	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March "	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67

(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 16 - AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables 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'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
31ST MARCH, 1957							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	360	335	326	329	354	341	344
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	342	329	355	323	355	344	338
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	348	320	335	343	357	343
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	325	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	396	386	373	367	405	386	388
VI. Other Manufacturing	349	334	318	330	342	351	339
VII. Building	394	379	362	350	373	365	379
VIII. Mining (c)	351	348	336	315	373	336	350
IX. Rail and Tram Services	372	358	345	328	347	363	358
X. Other Land Transport	348	319	313	310	343	327	331
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	362	363	360	361	361	362	362
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	331	324	297	296	320	314	320
XIV. Miscellaneous	346	336	311	305	334	327	333
All Groups (b)(f):	365	347	339	329	355	355	352

30TH JUNE, 1957

I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	363	346	324	340	357	352	350
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	349	338	353	334	358	354	344
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	355	319	348	347	363	346
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	341	344	352	352	358	338	344
V. Books, Printing, etc.	400	392	378	378	411	397	393
VI. Other Manufacturing	353	341	323	341	347	357	345
VII. Building	395	383	360	361	378	369	382
VIII. Mining (c)	357	352	341	332	372	347	355
IX. Rail and Tram Services	369	360	343	339	350	374	358
X. Other Land Transport	350	328	311	321	346	338	336
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	372	375	372	372	373	374	373
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	336	330	295	308	323	322	325
XIV. Miscellaneous	347	339	311	317	337	335	336
All Groups (b)(f):	367	353	340	342	358	364	356

- (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 value of keep, where supplied.
- (e) Not available.
- (f) For March and June, 1957, the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December, 1955 to March, and June, 1957, respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups", excluding XI and XII.

TABLE 17 - 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
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
" " 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365
30th September, 1956	379	372	350	349	380	369	370
31st December, 1956	388	372	356	349	385	369	375
31st March, 1957	385	372	356	349	387	369	374
30th June, 1957	388	379	357	362	390	378	379

(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 18 - 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 1947-195) 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
1956 June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
August	3,119	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	8,274	1,903	10,177
September	3,220	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	7,828	1,786	9,614
October	3,133	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7,665	1,880	9,545
November	3,324	3,085	821	771	1,666	92	7,805	1,954	9,759
December	4,365	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	11,141	2,136	13,277
1957 January	4,191	3,493	4,083	703	2,244	88	12,699	2,103	14,802
February	4,336	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	11,498	2,196	13,694
March	4,322	2,771	3,802	481	1,607	94	10,702	2,375	13,077
April	5,244	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	12,665	2,788	15,453
May	5,385	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	12,397	2,928	15,325
June	6,242	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	14,324	3,747	18,071

(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.