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The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. For a wider range of statistics reference should be made to the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* which is more comprehensive and covers a longer run of years but is not quite as up to date as the Digest. Where possible, series in the Digest are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1976*, issued by this Bureau in July 1976, which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for one hundred and eleven selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included there in are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of this Bureau.

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 some calendar irregularities, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of movable holidays, i.e. Easter and Australia Day. The adjustments made to each series are indicated in Appendix C of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1976*.

The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Symbols and other usages

p — preliminary. Subject to revision.

r — revised.

— — Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

PRODUCTION (a)

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (b) '000 tonnes		Lead (c) '000 tonnes		Electricity Mil. kWh		Gas (d) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (e) '000		Electric motors under one hp '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.
1974-75 - April	6,380	6,721	24,380	35.3	5,907	6,138	14,989	15,873	640	676	413	421	36.3	34.3	316	337		
May	6,646	5,929		35.4	6,482	6,164	16,353	15,390	664	669	460	431	43.2	39.3	300	300		
June	5,358	4,892		35.1	6,795	6,257	18,276	15,947	573	646	424	421	39.7	37.4	294	304		
1975-76 - July	4,846	4,157	25,429	36.5	7,028	6,089	19,157	15,613	593	571	439	415	41.4	36.6	325	279		
August	3,614	4,129		35.9	6,776	6,140	18,737	15,907	735	716	429	416	39.7	37.9	328	291		
September	4,691	4,355		36.1	6,274	6,070	17,109	16,165	696	676	450	428	42.1	37.1	324	293		
October	7,478	6,287	23,008	37.7	6,362	6,314	17,094	16,717	589	553	443	401	43.6	37.6	392	319		
November	6,118	6,276		34.0	5,940	6,387	15,418	16,636	663	643	449	417	35.9	36.0	382	320		
December	7,452	7,452		28.9	5,959	6,335	14,312	16,473	661	633	389	405	33.9	38.6	320	340		
January	5,512	5,512		20.8	5,769	6,374	13,260	16,517	672	671	255	353	13.0	31.8	171	337		
February	6,522	6,522		28.2	5,875	6,527	14,990	17,429	584	627	416	441	40.1	40.0	333	357		
March	6,346	6,346		33.2	6,359	6,462	15,975	17,058	706	680	438	418	44.7	39.5	379	365		
April					6,163	6,606	16,770	17,958	631	645	431	452	36.8	37.6	293	356		
May					6,861	6,612	19,793	18,628	733	750	454	430	44.2	41.7	299	301		

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

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towels and toweling) in '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blankets) (a) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth (a) '000 sq m		Boots, shoes and sandals (a) '000 pairs		Meat (a) '000 tonnes		Whole milk production all purposes (a) mil. 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 '000 kg	% of total received by brokers(b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1974-75 - April	2,775	3,058	455	425	7,449	2,463	199	191	359	543	37,610	76.7	37,610 33,637 26,697	76.7	14,015	14,059
May	3,816	3,193	572	571	8,890	2,389	201	177	303	544	33,637	76.0		76.0		
June	3,331	3,291	561	708	10,141	2,240	202	192	284	534	26,697	77.2		77.2		
1975-76 - July	3,572	3,353	632	570	10,435	2,870	229	201	363	530	42,903	76.0	42,903 64,730 95,245	76.0	14,304	14,195
August	4,694	3,759	613	640	10,074	2,828	186	186	530	547	64,730	79.0		79.0		
September	4,276	3,823	633	608	10,740	2,694	204	204	687	561	95,245	82.8		82.8		
October	4,940	4,070	819	712	11,062	3,202	222	205	838	562	99,403	79.2	99,403 88,322 68,700	79.2	14,517	14,469
November	3,878	3,725	718	638	9,750	2,630	191	205	825	559	88,322	79.3		79.3		
December	3,384	4,188	625	661	7,244	2,060	195	215	798	560	68,700	81.5		81.5		
January	4,479	3,492	378	643	4,998	1,244	183	210	640	532	35,604	77.3	35,604 36,292 35,155	77.3	15,158	15,275
February	4,038	4,118	722	687	10,054	2,570	205	220	468	498	36,292	76.8		76.8		
March	4,002	3,923	874	684	10,407	2,913	234	225	396	455	35,155	67.7		67.7		
April	3,669	3,952	582	645	8,633	2,340	221	237	297	453	29,933	65.4				
May	3,601	3,377	674	695	9,599		237	241								

(a) Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication Reference No. 3.54.

OVERSEAS TRADE

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Index of value of merchandise exports at constant prices 1966-67 = 100		Index of value of merchandise imports at constant prices 1966-67 = 100		Export price index		Official reserve assets (e) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	All groups 1959-60 = 100	All groups excl. wool 1959-60 = 100	Original	Seas. adj.
									Original	Original		
1974-75 - April	769	809	655	703	176	174	141	146	184	214	3,317	3,379
May	801	733	646	629					183	211	3,392	3,378
June	770	800	546	591					178	206	3,493	3,406
1975-76 - July	761	774	690	633	174	176	154	149	179	207	3,545	3,468
August	829	820	634	638					181	210	3,429	3,348
September	682	681	635	617					180	210	3,318	3,301
October	814	688	687	601	169	167	155	149	183	212	3,172	3,114
November	693	703	636	645					184	213	3,211	3,140
December	774	791	656	665					187	216	2,588	2,586
January	763	765	700	700	187	187	192	220	187	214	2,619	2,712
February	776	802	680	727					187	215	2,663	2,780
March	803	849	739	753					192	220	2,571	2,645
April	876	903	653	706							2,503	2,553
May	799	779	747	759							2,526	2,519

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales†								Instalment credit for retail sales finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding (c) \$m	New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000	
	All items except motor vehicles parts, petrol, etc. (a) \$m		Total groceries food & drink (a) \$m		Clothing, electrical, hardware and furniture (a) \$m		Other (a) (b) \$m			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1974-75 — April	1,387	1,432	1,885	1,941	1,593	1,578	736	783	2,082	51.6	51.3	11.2	10.4
May	1,479	1,422							2,092	42.7	38.0	11.1	10.0
June	1,348	1,439							2,097	38.2	40.2	10.3	10.3
1975-76 — July	1,419	1,466	1,957	2,006	1,560	1,612	773	811	2,120	43.3	39.4	11.7	10.5
August	1,427	1,469							2,140	39.4	38.9	10.7	10.6
September	1,444	1,495							2,156	34.0	33.7	9.9	9.8
October	1,575	1,513	2,269	2,133	1,916	1,642	975	834	2,181	39.6	35.1	11.2	9.7
November	1,568	1,536							2,208	31.7	32.7	9.3	9.6
December	2,017	1,550							2,245	32.9	35.0	8.4	9.1
January	1,487	1,552							2,265	30.1	34.9	8.6	10.4
February	1,407	1,560							2,278	33.4	37.6	9.0	10.6
March	1,552	1,617							2,309	44.8	40.7	12.8	11.5
April	1,557	1,609							2,357	40.4	42.3	11.6	12.3
May									42.4	39.2	12.7	11.8	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$m 22, March \$m 147, April \$m 44. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

(e) Replaces previously published series (C.A.D. 500, see footnote 220013).

¹ Based on the 1968-69 census of retail establishments.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)

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		All groups Original	Food (d) Original	Clothing Original	Housing Original	Household equipment and operation Original	Transportation Original	Tobacco and alcohol Original	Health and personal care (e) Original	Recreation (f) Original
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.									
1976-77 - April	198.70	198.30	500.2	2.3	2.3	229.6	206.9	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8
May			509.7	2.4	2.3		208.5							
June			509.7	2.4	2.5		212.9							
1977-78 - July	204.10	204.40	509.7	2.4	2.5	234.1	214.9	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1
August			519.5	2.4	2.4		217.7							
September			519.9	2.3	2.3		219.8							
October	212.50	205.00	519.9	2.3	2.2	239.6	222.4	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6
November			519.9	2.7	2.5		222.2							
December			527.5	2.6	2.5		221.7							
January	205.10	213.00	527.6	2.1	2.6	242.7	222.6	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9
February			535.4	2.4	2.3		223.6							
March			535.4	2.3	2.1		224.4							
April	205.10	213.00	535.3	2.3	2.4	247.7	227.7	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0
May			535.3	2.4	2.3		229.0							
June			535.3	2.3	2.3		232.7							

(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 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

										Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises					
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	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1976-77 - April	472.5	513.7	9.9	11.0	108.7	1,608.9	1,526.2	33.9	32.9	240.6	237.6	240.3	237.6	484.1	465.2	1,127.8	1,064.9
May	563.5	497.6	11.6	10.5	101.1												
June	553.0	455.4	11.8	10.4	116.9												
1977-78 - July	502.1	486.3	10.7	10.8	105.9	1,596.0	1,565.9	33.1	31.5	245.2	241.9	247.0	243.3	504.1	496.0	1,094.9	1,105.5
August	526.1	532.2	11.4	10.9	111.0												
September	509.8	497.4	10.7	10.3	117.5												
October	542.3	528.7	11.0	10.9	108.8	1,483.0	1,612.2	28.3	30.1	249.2	245.8	249.8	247.7	558.5	502.2	1,247.5	1,165.2
November	554.2	529.4	11.4	10.6	126.5												
December	492.6	535.4	9.9	10.8	129.0												
January	407.2	512.2	7.8	10.2	101.2	26.4	27.0	253.7	251.8	251.9	250.7	253.7	251.8	430.9	518.0	1,097.8	1,248.7
February	434.9	495.0	8.7	9.8	88.1												
March	500.2	536.5	10.1	10.2	110.7												
April	518.9	520.6	10.0	10.1	129.9	257.6	255.7	256.7	254.6	257.6	255.7	258.5	257.8				
May	565.1	479.3	11.1	9.6	116.5												
June																	

(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)			Commonwealth 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 - April	15,914	16,174	18,161	17,776	11,836	11,663	14,639	202	124	75	9.91	315.7	3,540	1,955
May	16,017	16,244	17,401	17,628	12,013	11,779	14,918	228	151	82	9.90		2,871	1,995
June	16,365	16,390	17,198	17,828	12,177	11,977	15,091	253	140	80	9.88		2,467	1,978
1977-78 - July	16,505	16,533	16,837	17,564	12,369	12,191	15,190	232	158	83	9.86	450.5	1,605	2,008
August	16,667	16,611	17,198	17,635	12,371	12,355	15,452	266	177	82	9.86		1,497	1,944
September	16,876	16,744	17,035	17,495	12,529	12,590	15,543	230	170	89	9.74		1,499	2,005
October	17,082	16,874	17,429	17,591	12,926	12,851	15,677	241	137	100	9.42	421.2	1,531	1,983
November	17,103	16,979	17,728	17,794	12,964	13,085	15,967	308	147	100	9.27		2,191	2,057
December	17,248	17,171	17,860	17,549	12,970	13,153	16,299	210	129	83	9.26		1,603	2,004
January	17,380	17,341	18,056	17,452	12,857	12,920	16,310	245	122	73	8.99	220.1	1,875	2,097
February	17,543	17,516	18,342	17,590	12,869	13,193	16,387	272	136	86	8.83		2,068	2,083
March	17,453	17,528	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,529	292	134	83	8.83		1,975	2,108
April	17,409	17,681	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,648	250	129	93	8.83	8.83	3,026	2,116
May	17,650	17,934	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,032	307	150	95	8.82		3,666	1,971
June			17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485								

(a) Includes 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* (5614.0). (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 \$m		Gross farm product \$m		Gross non-farm product \$m		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1976-77 - December	22,168	20,188	1,580	973	20,588	19,215	12,549	11,855	3,388	3,247	3,197	3,040	1,830	1,722
March	19,757	20,942	1,135	1,046	18,622	19,896	11,559	12,115	3,132	3,352	2,805	3,097	1,567	1,800
June	20,603	21,354	529	1,077	20,074	20,277	12,446	12,479	3,567	3,443	3,177	3,051	2,217	1,923
1977-78 - September	21,852	21,869	881	986	20,971	20,383	12,690	12,816	3,530	3,581	3,166	3,167	1,717	1,865
December	24,182	22,068	1,713	982	22,469	21,086	13,945	13,179	3,861	3,696	3,403	3,227	2,072	1,954
March	21,692	23,071	917	1,029	20,775	22,042	12,904	13,512	3,590	3,841	2,983	3,308	1,709	1,973

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES

1976-77 - December	17,691	16,009	1,660	997	16,031	15,012	9,878	9,376	2,666	2,595	2,487	2,376	1,440	1,355
March	15,285	16,104	1,140	993	14,145	15,111	8,883	9,309	2,450	2,597	2,088	2,299	1,195	1,377
June	15,485	16,305	378	981	15,107	15,324	9,325	9,315	2,709	2,603	2,317	2,218	1,653	1,430
1977-78 - September	16,469	16,416	806	936	15,663	15,480	9,311	9,394	2,622	2,654	2,262	2,262	1,268	1,381
December	18,102	16,325	1,752	926	16,350	15,399	10,004	9,499	2,800	2,722	2,389	2,278	1,511	1,426
March	15,639	16,719	779	916	14,860	15,803	9,131	9,584	2,600	2,757	2,061	2,280	1,215	1,405

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services \$m		Exports of goods and services \$m		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements \$m		Income of farm units, incorporated enterprises \$m		Other household income \$m	Less direct taxes, etc. (a) \$m	Household disposable income \$m
					Companies \$m		Other \$m								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1976-77 - December	3,083	3,111	3,249	3,170	2,960	2,480	5,028	4,081	11,868	11,265	1,050	17,475	2,565		15,960
March	3,502	3,584	3,238	3,320	2,030	2,568	4,126	4,259	11,131	11,677	612	16,294	3,262		13,644
June	3,573	3,597	3,358	3,351	2,499	2,479	3,556	4,431	11,968	11,986	9	18,027	5,125		12,912
1977-78 - September	3,631	3,500	3,451	3,456	2,654	2,650	4,574	4,455	12,237	12,276	367	18,063	2,792		15,639
December	3,361	3,396	3,624	3,544	3,150	2,661	5,749	4,607	12,900	12,357	1,144	19,257	2,923		17,478
March	3,620	3,701	3,290	3,374	2,471	3,046	4,442	4,793	12,291	12,787	380	18,163	3,434		15,109

(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 service 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)			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 - April	4,076.2	4,075.3	2,301.8	2,315.5	6,378.0	6,389.8	275.8	78.0	353.8	323.2		21.0
May										321.2	39.3	19.9
June										332.8	(g)250.3	19.1
1977-78 - July										337.4	253.8	19.1
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	334.0	254.9	20.4
September										328.2	249.6	19.9
October										370.3	254.1	21.1
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	357.0	238.3	20.3
December										404.1	256.2	20.0
January										445.3	269.9	24.9
February	4,112.4	4,083.0	2,296.9	2,277.8	6,409.3	6,360.3	395.8	81.3	477.0	431.3	298.5	22.3
March	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0	(h)356.6	19.5
April	4,078.5		2,326.4		6,404.9		333.5	67.6	401.1	402.5	283.3	18.6
May	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	17.9
June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		330.5	61.8	392.3	391.8	286.1	17.2

(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 Friday nearest the end of the month. (e) In reference dates see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0). (g) Estimates by the Department of Social Security. The number on benefit was previously unavailable for this period. (h) Preliminary estimate.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Total civilian employees '000							Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - March	2,994.7	2,987.2	1,749.7	1,745.8	4,744.5	4,733.0	3,288.9	3,282.6	1,455.5	1,450.4	1,177.5	1,172.7	970.3	971.7
April	2,987.7	2,980.8	1,750.9	1,745.8	4,738.6	4,736.6	3,278.9	3,273.0	1,459.8	1,453.6	1,169.2	1,166.8	971.2	970.8
May	2,983.2	2,971.8	1,749.3	1,745.0	4,732.6	4,716.8	3,270.2	3,263.1	1,462.3	1,453.7	1,162.3	1,160.5	969.9	967.9
June	2,979.9	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	1,155.1	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	3,255.7	1,466.8	1,459.1	1,148.3	1,150.1	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	1,754.6	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	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,760.1	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	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5	1,136.3	1,136.3	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	1,131.0	963.5	965.0
April	2,950.0	2,948.9	1,768.1	1,762.5	4,722.1	4,711.4	3,226.2	3,219.8	1,497.9	1,491.6	1,130.9	1,128.2	965.0	964.3
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,769.2	1,764.8	4,721.1	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

(a) The estimates contained in this 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) to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial dispute. (d) Revised.

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