

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES MARCH 1972 (PRELIMINARY)

Reference No. 6.27

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the month of March 1972 and some previous periods. More information about these disputes will appear later in the detailed quarterly mimeograph "Industrial Disputes" (Reference No. 6.6).

2. The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may be estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppage of work (as defined).

3. Stoppages of work at different points of time and at different establishments due to the same cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes - in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

4. For statistics of industrial disputes for earlier periods see "Labour Report No. 55, 1970" (Reference No. 6.7).

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost (a) ('000)	Estimated loss in wages (a) (\$'000)
	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Beginning in month	Total (a)		
1970	..	2,738	..	1,367.4	2,393.7	30,883.3
1971	..	2,404	..	1,326.5	3,068.6	45,241.3
1971 - March	248	276	100.8	104.5	179.0	2,508.9
April	133	145	56.4	58.9	156.4	2,210.0
May	190	201	106.6	110.5	648.1	10,042.4
June	224	244	80.2	84.8	121.1	1,737.2
July	296	314	437.8	449.3	516.7	7,431.5
August	257	283	121.2	149.4	358.0	5,415.2
September	185	209	73.9	94.7	409.4	6,261.8
October	215	222	87.7	89.5	154.4	2,101.6
November	173	190	61.9	63.0	109.7	1,641.3
December	101	106	49.4	53.8	191.8	2,694.3
1972 - January (b)	125	125	38.3	38.3	53.8	773.7
February (b)	177	182	67.2	70.7	132.3	2,062.7
March (b)	153	167	56.6	63.4	116.9	1,881.2
Three months ended -						
March 1971	..	630	..	251.5	402.9	5,706.3
March 1972 (b)	..	455	..	162.1	303.0	4,717.6

(a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 3, above.

(b) Subject to revision - see paragraph 1, above.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA

WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

Period	Mining and quarrying		Manufacturing		Building and construction	Transport		Other industry groups	Total
	Coal mining	Other	Engineering etc. (b)	Other		Stevedoring	Other		
1970	178.4	76.5	625.9	464.0	642.6	148.3	120.1	137.9	2,393.7
1971	251.6	83.2	636.7	344.8	1,208.9	73.9	268.1	201.5	3,068.6
1971 - March	45.3	4.2	38.9	12.1	34.7	3.0	8.4	32.5	179.0
April	0.8	29.8	12.1	28.3	67.1	8.9	7.8	1.6	156.4
May	7.0	8.1	87.6	29.2	507.0	4.6	1.8	2.8	648.1
June	19.7	5.1	30.0	24.6	12.0	13.6	8.9	7.1	121.1
July	50.7	4.6	271.9	46.6	60.4	19.1	42.4	21.0	516.7
August	54.8	5.5	48.4	28.6	132.7	3.7	70.0	14.2	358.0
September	44.4	10.9	24.9	41.6	278.3	1.1	3.1	5.0	409.4
October	4.4	8.1	42.7	65.3	17.4	2.5	5.3	8.9	154.4
November	14.2	1.4	20.9	25.1	18.2	2.3	16.0	11.6	109.7
December	2.2	4.4	7.4	13.9	8.9	1.4	69.4	84.2	191.8
1972 - January (c)	2.0	7.1	10.0	21.0	2.1	0.7	0.2	10.7	53.8
February (c)	5.3	3.8	20.2	51.4	37.0	3.2	1.4	10.0	132.3
March (c)	2.1	15.5	22.5	18.9	11.2	2.5	8.8	35.5	110.9
Three months ended -									
March 1971	53.5	5.3	90.7	41.7	106.8	16.7	43.3	45.0	402.0
March 1972 (c)	9.3	26.4	52.7	91.3	50.4	6.3	10.3	56.2	303.0

- (a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 3, page 1.
 (b) Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. (c) Subject to revision - see paragraph 1, page 1.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
1970	1,392.6	510.8	179.2	93.1	141.1	32.2	2,393.7
1971	1,887.5	689.6	271.4	111.2	69.4	20.6	3,068.6
1971 - March	108.2	35.9	21.2	2.2	4.0	3.6	179.0
April	101.6	32.1	16.9	1.6	1.8	2.3	156.4
May	580.0	31.7	9.3	13.0	9.0	0.3	648.1
June	57.9	28.9	14.9	7.0	10.5	1.1	121.1
July	211.2	147.4	104.9	41.8	5.1	3.7	516.7
August	146.9	156.5	23.5	13.4	11.2	2.2	358.0
September	345.3	22.0	17.7	10.2	9.5	3.6	409.4
October	48.7	78.4	16.4	5.6	2.9	2.2	154.4
November	69.8	17.3	8.9	9.4	3.6	0.4	109.7
December	74.4	99.7	9.5	0.8	6.9	0.4	191.8
1972 - January (c)	18.0	22.6	5.8	0.4	6.5	0.5	53.8
February (c)	32.7	58.3	15.4	3.7	4.6	1.9	132.3
March (c)	55.2	22.2	20.0	0.3	16.1	2.6	116.9
Three months ended -							
March 1971	251.5	75.5	49.5	8.3	8.9	4.4	402.0
March 1972 (c)	105.9	103.1	41.2	4.4	27.3	4.9	303.0

- (a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period - see paragraph 3, page 1.
 (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T. (c) Subject to revision - see paragraph 1, page 1.

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