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Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* (1304.0). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed in page 8.

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Symbols and other usages

- r = figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. = not available
- n.y.a. = not yet available

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	6,901	6,679	24,285	22.6	39.1	7,301	7,038	22,510	20,772	617	604	430	409	34.9	29.5	269	238	
October	7,085	6,548			37.8	6,665	6,668	19,350	18,835	638	602	432	411	17.5	15.7	213	192	
November	7,533	6,546			41.1	6,692	7,085	19,353	20,602	557	564	472	441	40.5	35.7	255	202	
December	5,339	6,367			28.9	6,715	7,232	18,255	21,394	594	574	413	422	29.4	34.6	199	218	
January	4,721	7,062	20,257	31.7	22.6	6,544	7,290	17,044	21,534	669	650	278	412	13.1	38.2	87	179	
February	6,704	6,541			31.7	6,420	7,271	18,049	21,705	603	663	421	442	34.7	35.9	195	215	
March	6,101	7,000			33.7	7,098	7,462	19,941	21,700	675	657	423	424	37.2	35.8	201	219	
April	6,596	6,561			28.8	6,866	7,312	20,603	21,957	573	608	421	410	33.0	34.7	163	178	
May	8,249	6,953	19,257	32.2	7.676	7,265	23,417	21,802	706	684	432	421	39.0	32.5	169	164		
June	6,116	5,510			36.1	8,070	7,337	25,888	22,247	694	738	408	399	34.8	32.4	204	200	
1978-79 - July	6,167	5,826	n.y.a.	35.2	8,555	7,541	27,472	23,169	628	628	397	371	38.1	37.4	232	228		
August	6,998	7,490			40.6	8,410	7,520	26,776	22,575	551	544	438	426	31.0	27.2	237	200	
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	7,518	7,267	22,886	21,164	593	577	477	457	137.3	133.7	279	254	
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	7,385	7,364	22,574	21,729	660	618	436	410	40.7	36.0	250	219	

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

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufact-uring Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes 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 tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	7,748	3,088	560	556	11,927	255	244	209.4	544	44.2	94,001	77.2	19,060	19,128	19,316	19,295
October	2,748	2,541	451	427	18,772	254	249	210.9	682	44.8	95,052	78.4				
November	3,311	3,103	730	579	12,350	237	254	211.6	676	43.3	85,887	77.8				
December	2,856	3,226	496	571	8,911	213	237	212.4	605	41.6	49,175	73.0				
January	1,257	3,193	395	569	3,826	218	249	213.8	478	38.7	26,687	76.4	r19,673	r19,692	20,110	20,036
February	3,070	5,100	568	493	9,748	219	233	215.6	420	46.4	32,630	74.3				
March	3,125	2,896	648	550	9,802	242	242	217.1	372	45.7	38,618	68.4				
April	2,867	3,282	590	623	9,198	215	220	218.8	778	44.4	30,005	68.5				
May	3,115	2,896	569	512	10,472	251	230	220.0	236	43.8	29,567	68.6	20,916	70.9	20,110	20,036
June	3,546	3,037	567	654	11,809	229	215	221.6	224	45.2	20,916	62.1				
1978-79 - July	3,992	3,938	r592	r632	r10,989	218	210	223.3	295	45.9	28,915	70.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	3,762	3,394	r696	r652	r11,370	234	223	224.3	447	40.9	76,432	75.3				
September	4,314	3,555	r645	r650	r10,747	232	228	227.0	587	47.6	98,117	78.8				
October	3,833	3,525	657	586	11,964	259	247	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 56/0-0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b) Exports Imports		Export price index All groups 1959-60=100		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	1,011	974	877	877	2,559	1,800	210	236	2	157	2,820	2,844
October	966	974	921	923			211	234	-151	222	3,000	3,029
November	1,115	1,071	951	902			208	231	7	-83	2,938	2,962
December	993	1,025	758	843			209	233	-10	-58	2,879	2,898
January	1,013	1,043	986	935	2,496	1,938	210	235	-328	223	2,861	2,927
February	953	1,017	854	920			212	236	-85	126	2,948	2,939
March	952	1,008	965	943			214	239	-368	735	3,262	3,265
April	1,010	1,036	897	1,027			215	240	-251	246	3,229	3,172
May	1,042	993	1,020	955	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	218	245	-306	267	3,182	3,139
June	1,123	1,081	988	1,024			222	247	-191	199	3,225	3,183
1978-79 - July	1,072	1,123	1,051	1,024	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	222	249	-345	331	3,293	3,238
August	1,027	950	1,123	992			226	253	-349	239	3,315	3,353
September	942	935	946	1,007			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-289	204	3,274	3,300
October	1,130	1,135	1,176	1,132			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-368	270	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales †										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (d) \$m			
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (a) \$m		Food & drink (a) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (a) \$m		Other (a)(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				Other new motor vehicles registered (c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	1,868	1,901	2,959	2,761	2,404	2,062	1,208	1,028	34.5	35.1	10.2	10.4	2,827	
October	1,907	1,929							34.0	33.7	10.5	10.4	2,848	
November	2,018	1,943							36.6	35.4	10.6	10.2	2,875	
December	2,646	1,971							35.2	36.5	10.3	10.9	2,910	
January	1,787	1,956	2,759	2,818	1,774	2,081	967	1,040	30.1	36.0	8.4	10.4	2,922	
February	1,765	1,995							33.6	36.9	9.8	11.2	2,912	
March	1,948	1,989							34.9	34.1	10.3	10.7	2,917	
April	1,912	2,022							37.1	37.8	11.2	11.1	2,928	
May	2,120	2,060	2,826	2,915	2,189	2,167	1,003	1,069	40.3	35.6	12.8	11.1	2,944	
June	1,986	2,038							38.1	36.9	13.4	12.5	2,954	
1978-79 - July	1,948	2,063	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.2	37.4	12.2	11.5	2,961	
August	2,059	2,084							44.5	40.6	10.9	10.1	2,975	
September	2,066	2,120							41.6	43.6	9.8	10.3	2,987	
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							38.8	38.1	9.9	9.7	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: June \$m146, July \$m144, August \$m154, September \$m144. † Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

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		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)									
								All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)	
		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original		
1977-78	September	212.50	205.00	519.9	2.3	2.3	239.6	219.8	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6		
	October			520.0	2.3	2.2										222.4	
	November			520.0	2.7	2.5										222.2	
	December			527.6	2.6	2.5										221.7	
	January			527.6	2.1	2.6										222.6	
	February			535.4	2.4	2.3										223.6	
1978-79	March	216.30	215.80	535.4	2.3	2.1	247.7	224.4	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0		
	April			535.4	2.3	2.4										227.7	
	May			535.3	2.4	2.3										229.0	
	June			542.1	2.5	2.6											
	July			542.1	2.5	2.6										234.9	
	August			542.1	2.4	2.5										236.0	
1978-79	September	218.90	220.40	n.y.a.	2.7	2.7	252.5	238.8	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6		
	October			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	242.6											

(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			
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.
Month	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	509.8	497.4	10.7	10.3	117.5	1,483.0	1,594.5	27.6	29.3	248.0	244.7	554.3	498.4	1,257.1	1,174.1		
	542.3	528.7	11.0	10.9	108.8					249.2	245.8						
	554.2	529.4	11.4	10.6	126.5					249.8	247.7						
	492.6	535.4	9.9	10.8	129.0					251.0	249.4						
	407.2	512.2	7.8	10.2	101.2					251.9	250.7						
	434.9	495.0	8.7	9.8	88.1					253.7	251.8						
March	500.2	536.5	10.1	10.2	110.7	1,464.6	1,488.7	r27.5	r28.1	255.1	252.9	397.8	478.3	1,107.1	1,259.3		
April	518.9	520.6	10.0	10.1	129.9					256.7	254.6						
May	562.3	476.9	11.1	9.6	113.7					257.5	256.7						
June	565.5	502.2	11.0	10.0	170.9					258.3	257.8						
July	465.6	445.4	9.4	9.2	81.3					259.0	256.5						
August	573.1	591.7	10.4	10.0	120.1					260.2	259.4						
September	522.8	530.7	9.9	10.0	72.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	29.2	27.7	260.9	259.9	516.8	508.3	1,456.3	1,470.3		
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					262.0	260.9						

(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)			Common- wealth 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.	Original	Seas. adj.	Advances			Banks	Permanent building societies	Other lenders (e)				
					Original	Seas. adj.							Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - September	16,876	16,744	17,035	17,495	12,529	12,590	15,537	230	170	89	9.74	416.2	1,503	2,015
October	17,082	16,874	17,429	17,591	12,926	12,851	15,714	241	137	100	9.42		1,534	1,982
November	17,103	16,979	17,728	17,794	12,964	13,085	16,003	308	147	100	9.27		2,195	2,067
December	17,248	17,171	17,860	17,549	12,970	13,153	16,329	210	129	83	9.26		1,608	2,015
January	17,380	17,341	18,056	17,452	12,857	12,920	16,340	245	122	73	8.99	223.7	1,877	2,105
February	17,543	17,516	18,342	17,590	12,869	13,193	16,399	272	136	86	8.83		2,071	2,093
March	17,453	17,528	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,533	292	134	83	8.83		1,980	2,119
April	17,409	17,681	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,668	250	129	93	8.83		3,030	2,127
May	17,650	17,934	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,037	307	150	95	8.82	389.6	3,672	1,982
June	18,046	18,065	17,593	18,796	13,626	13,485	17,066	253	140	83	8.83		2,321	2,007
1978-79 - July	18,222	18,268	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	17,296	256	149	80	8.83	396.9	1,648	2,131
August	18,381	18,358	18,255	18,870	13,962	13,962	17,299	303	170	89	8.79		2,113	2,066
September	18,537	18,388	18,600	19,166	14,116	14,184	17,549	290	164	80	8.79		1,633	2,161
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	18,952	19,197	14,516	14,333	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8.69		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes 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		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	\$m		\$m		\$m		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	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 - June	20,561	21,369	517	1,121	20,044	20,248	12,462	12,493	3,567	3,443	3,155	3,020	2,184	1,897
1977-78 - September	21,934	21,938	924	1,003	21,010	20,935	12,744	12,869	3,548	3,600	3,154	3,144	1,706	1,854
December	24,061	22,129	1,646	1,016	22,415	21,113	13,966	13,210	3,852	3,688	3,352	3,194	2,007	1,890
March	21,631	22,907	887	997	20,744	21,910	12,953	13,555	3,633	3,887	2,927	3,241	1,758	2,017
June	22,601	23,388	597	1,032	22,004	22,356	14,007	14,040	4,059	3,920	3,637	3,468	2,239	1,945
1978-79 - September	23,937	24,249	972	1,326	22,965	22,923	14,363	14,499	3,988	4,046	3,497	3,497	1,807	1,964

AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1976-77 - June	15,325	16,173	403	990	14,922	15,183	9,321	9,312	2,708	2,602	2,316	2,215	1,617	1,399
1977-78 - September	16,445	16,389	807	936	15,638	15,453	9,343	9,424	2,633	2,665	2,271	2,260	1,242	1,354
December	18,053	16,339	1,709	930	16,344	15,409	10,017	9,519	2,793	2,715	2,373	2,273	1,438	1,355
March	15,493	16,483	790	925	14,779	15,558	9,138	9,564	2,633	2,792	2,040	2,253	1,238	1,425
June	15,802	16,652	388	918	15,414	15,734	9,702	9,690	2,894	2,782	2,489	2,373	1,564	1,352
1978-79 - September	16,592	16,799	709	1,078	15,883	15,721	9,730	9,811	2,791	2,825	2,361	2,356	1,249	1,362

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm units, incorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	\$m		\$m		Companies		Other		\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1976-77 - June	3,575	3,597	3,360	3,352	2,486	2,475	3,528	4,455	11,903	11,917	26	17,925	5,138	12,814
1977-78 - September	3,640	3,508	3,440	3,446	2,608	2,606	4,651	4,519	12,215	12,254	418	18,041	2,789	15,670
December	3,362	3,396	3,624	3,544	3,038	2,606	5,676	4,656	12,876	12,336	1,095	19,209	2,922	17,381
March	3,615	3,696	3,277	3,363	2,328	2,797	4,452	4,809	12,246	12,743	418	18,119	3,439	15,098
June	3,801	3,823	3,569	3,558	2,736	2,725	4,168	5,020	12,792	12,871	111	19,737	5,165	14,663
1978-79 - September	3,989	3,844	3,549	3,553	2,902	2,903	5,242	5,365	13,054	13,139	481	19,597	2,787	17,290

(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)			Registered with CES (d) (for full-time work)	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				
1977-78 - September										328.2	249.6		19.9
October										370.3	254.1		21.1
November	4,050.4	4,061.0	2,291.9	2,283.8	6,342.2	6,343.7	277.4	69.4	346.8	357.0	238.3	36.4	20.3
December										404.1	256.2		20.0
January										445.3	269.9		24.9
February	4,112.4	4,086.0	2,296.9	2,285.9	6,409.3	6,368.7	395.8	81.3	477.0	431.3	298.5	36.0	22.3
March	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0	280.2	36.3	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	4,064.3	2,321.4	2,321.7	6,394.0	6,386.4	331.6	63.7	395.3	392.2	272.4	32.2	17.9
June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		330.5	61.8	392.3	393.8	286.1		17.2
1978-79 - July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		325.4	52.6	378.0	393.4	290.7		18.3
August	4,055.5	4,077.7	2,311.5	2,329.5	6,365.3	6,410.8	332.6	63.1	395.7	388.6	285.4		18.1
September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		324.8	59.7	384.5	382.7	284.6		19.2
October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		305.9	61.6	367.5	380.2	279.9		20.7

(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) For reference dates see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0). As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies have been terminated as from May 1978.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Month	Total civilian employees '000					Private/Government '000 persons					Principal industries '000 persons				
	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.			
1977-78 - 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	965.4	
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	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	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	1,140.7	980.1	970.5	
January	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	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	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,767.1	1,761.5	4,723.1	4,710.4	3,225.2	3,218.8	1,497.9	1,494.6	1,128.2	1,125.2	964.0	963.3	
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,768.0	1,763.7	4,719.9	4,704.0	3,221.4	3,214.3	1,498.5	1,489.7	1,127.7	1,125.9	964.2	962.7	
June (c)	2,943.8	2,933.9	1,769.6	1,766.9	4,713.4	4,700.8	3,214.9	3,211.3	1,498.5	1,489.5	1,123.6	1,123.1	964.3	964.2	
1978-79 - July (c)	2,939.6	2,937.8	1,772.3	1,770.6	4,711.8	4,708.2	3,211.4	3,215.9	1,500.4	1,492.3	1,121.7	1,123.5	961.7	963.7	
August	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,772.0	4,707.7	4,711.5	3,208.1	3,215.9	1,499.6	1,495.6	1,119.4	1,121.4	959.8	963.9	
September (c)	2,934.9	2,941.4	1,774.5	1,772.1	4,709.4	4,713.5	3,210.9	3,214.8	1,498.5	1,498.7	1,120.2	1,120.3	961.9	964.4	

(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* (1 308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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