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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.

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 calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

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.y.a. - not yet available

— (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) break in continuity of series

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) Lead (b) '000 tonnes '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	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 April	6,396	6,398	19,257	28.8	6,866	7,235	20,963	22,514	573	617	421	412	33.0	34.4	165	182
May	8,249	8,864		32.2	7,376	7,725	26,768	22,514	706	670	432	411	139.1	32.6	189	189
June	6,116	5,529		36.1	6,070	7,355	26,123	22,761	694	731	408	403	34.8	32.6	205	200
1978-79 July	6,117	6,090	21,692	31.2	8,555	7,484	28,038	23,063	628	633	397	373	38.1	37.5	1240	1229
August	6,998	7,219		30.1	8,386	7,461	26,778	22,145	551	548	438	423	31.0	27.6	1246	1209
September	6,510	6,935		36.7	7,553	7,370	22,276	21,231	593	586	477	455	37.3	33.9	1289	1257
October	7,884	7,016	22,025	35.6	7,398	7,397	22,622	21,724	660	617	436	411	40.8	35.6	1267	1231
November	8,437	7,309		40.7	7,112	7,539	22,404	24,239	597	617	455	426	42.1	36.3	1286	1229
December	4,996	6,315		25.9	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,298	641	636	407	411	32.0	39.6	1238	1252
January	4,565	6,285	22,214	25.7	7,077	7,779	18,839	22,712	664	641	298	249	13.5	38.3	1100	1227
February	5,247	7,045		34.9	6,877	7,511	18,891	22,763	596	643	429	443	38.1	38.6	1219	1238
March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,479	7,511	20,823	23,000	638	606	478	462	41.3	37.8	1277	1263
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,146	8.1	22,112	23,726	665	718	389	392	29.9	32.5	1211	1256
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,244	8.4	24,984	23,614	671	640	456	430	48.1	39.0	1233	1227

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

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

		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 Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m.			
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.		
1977-78	April	12,861	13,235	602	628	9,181	219	227	218.8	1281	1449	130,238	167.9	119,666	16.9	119,633			
	May	13,184	12,953	589	532	10,454	236	235	220.0	1239	1451	129,564	168.9						
	June	13,582	13,173	587	672	11,790	233	221	221.6	1227	1462	120,974	162.0						
1978-79	July	3,992	3,899	606	646	10,975	224	219	223.3	309	482	28,849	71.1	120,146	71.1	120,081			
	August	3,762	3,386	710	649	11,353	240	230	224.3	453	478	72,992	76.1						
	September	4,314	3,534	662	657	10,729	235	231	227.0	607	490	88,205	76.5						
	October	3,898	3,581	825	754	12,205	259	243	229.7	753	483	107,519	78.0	120,551	74.4	120,658			
	November	3,655	3,418	831	669	11,795	258	248	231.5	724	468	90,754	76.0						
	December	2,777	3,111	642	747	8,882	208	239	233.6	665	463	51,317	74.4						
	January	1,216	2,962	345	615	4,105	215	236	237.0	579	462	37,315	74.2	21,259	71.2	21,253			
	February	3,111	2,910	756	680	11,484	229	244	241.5	434	480	34,719	71.2						
	March	4,359	3,979	743	644	12,248	243	232	244.7	375	457	42,407	71.0						
	April	2,766	3,298	545	621	10,184	199	218	248.9	289	454	32,229	73.9						
	May	3,455	3,243	664	593	13,613	214	195	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 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
					1974-75 prices (b)		All groups 1959-60=100					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78												
April	1,013	1,028	897	963	2,469	2,001	215	240	-250	246	3,229	3,172
May	1,042	1,022	1,020	976			218	245	-310	271	3,182	3,139
June	1,126	1,048	988	999			222	249	-185	193	3,225	3,183
1978-79												
July	1,073	1,086	1,068	1,031	2,240	2,044	222	249	-333	319	3,293	3,238
August	1,032	993	1,136	1,033			226	254	-356	246	3,315	3,353
September	934	938	981	1,050			230	259	-300	219	3,274	3,300
October	1,134	1,145	1,194	1,152	2,459	2,221	232	261	-370	270	3,328	3,356
November	1,206	1,144	1,206	1,152			233	263	-219	286	3,226	3,250
December	1,088	1,148	1,034	1,157			238	269	-274	210	3,200	3,219
January	1,308	1,315	1,213	1,157	2,629	2,114	245	279	-200	93	3,377	3,441
February	1,127	1,172	1,051	1,124			253	287	108	331	3,723	3,708
March	1,163	1,258	1,144	1,131			263	295	-282	164	3,600	3,602
April	1,240	1,253	1,120	1,235			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-254	137	3,677	3,620
May	1,504	1,447	1,318	1,251			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-251	314	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

INTERNAL TRADE													Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balance outstanding (e) \$m
Retail Sales (a)													
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1977-78													
April	r1,900	r2,012	2,826	2,910	r2,158	r2,137	r997	r1,062	37.1	36.7	11.2	11.1	2,928
May	1,108	r2,045							40.3	36.1	12.8	11.2	2,944
June	1,974	r2,036							38.1	36.9	13.4	11.8	2,954
1978-79													
July	r1,939	r2,062	r2,940	r3,011	2,064	2,128	r1,045	r1,093	38.2	37.7	12.2	11.4	2,943
August	r2,050	r2,085							44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	r2,956
September	r2,059	r2,115							41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967
October	2,091	2,124	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983
November	2,224	2,114							39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,001
December	2,891	2,184							35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027
January	2,049	2,194	3,168	3,207	1,944	2,248	1,071	1,129	31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,028
February	1,953	2,212							35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021
March	2,185	2,228							39.0	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,016
April	2,076	2,206							36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	n.y.a.
May	2,324	2,247							45.4	40.3	10.8	9.6	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: July \$m142, August \$m153, September \$m142, October \$m153.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month		Average weekly earnings per empl. ved male unit		Weekly wage rates index: adult males (c) 1954 = 100		Factory overtime (b) at lessor private factories		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)										
		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		All groups		Food		Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1977-78	April			536.2	2.3	2.4												
	May			536.3	2.4	2.3												
	June	216.30	215.80	534.7	2.5	2.6		247.7	229.0	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9		242.8	337.3	116.0	
1978-79	July			544.7	2.8	2.6												
	August	218.90	221.40	544.7	2.4	2.8		252.5	236.0	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2		245.3	350.2	117.6	
	September			546.8	2.7	2.7			238.8									
	October			546.8	2.8	2.7			247.6									
	November	228.20	222.00	547.0	3.1	2.9		258.2	244.0	214.8	290.5	224.2	259.7		287.5	281.9	119.5	
	December			556.8	3.0	3.0			245.4									
	January			569.1	2.4	3.1			259.1									
	February	223.10	221.40	569.1	3.0	2.9		262.6	251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8		286.5	285.4	121.7	
	March			569.4	3.1	2.9			251.9									
	April			569.4	3.8	3.0			259.6									
	May			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			263.3									

(a) The composition of 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: 30 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 1966 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in building other than house building		New capital expenditure by private enterprises	
	Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
1977-78	April	518.9	513.6	10.0	10.0	129.9					256.7	254.6		
	May	562.3	482.9	11.1	9.7	113.7	1,661.5	1,573.5	30.5	229.5	257.6	255.7	517.1	498.3
	June	585.5	504.7	11.0	9.9	170.9					258.5	257.8		1,548.1
1978-79	July	468.6	451.8	9.4	9.3	81.3					259.0	258.5		1,442.9
	August	573.1	589.9	10.4	9.9	120.1	1,672.9	1,623.1	29.1	27.6	260.2	259.4	523.3	511.8
	September	522.8	522.8	9.9	9.9	73.1					260.9	259.9		1,453.7
	October	582.5	545.4	11.1	10.6	105.7					262.0	260.9		1,471.0
	November	580.2	553.8	11.4	10.6	108.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	26.8	28.5	263.0	262.5	660.5	586.9
	December	460.1	516.1	9.8	11.1	70.6					264.6	264.4		1,665.8
	January	439.1	531.8	8.1	10.3	104.4					266.9	268.3		1,568.1
	February	550.0	628.9	9.8	11.0	114.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.6	31.5	270.9	273.4	466.9	572.6
	March	482.4	575.8	11.9	11.1	108.0					273.7	275.0		1,395.7
	April	507.2	527.3	10.2	11.0	81.9					277.2	277.3		1,595.5
	May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					278.7	278.6		

(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.	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		
1977-78 - April	17,409	17,701	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	r14,995	250	129	93	8.83	389.6	3,030	2,127
May	17,650	17,931	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	r15,369	307	150	95	8.82		3,672	1,982
June	18,046	18,081	17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485	r15,319	253	140	83	8.83		2,321	2,007
1978-79 - July	18,222	18,262	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	r15,635	256	149	80	8.83	r407.7	1,648	2,131
August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,870	13,962	13,962	r15,665	303	170	89	8.79		2,113	2,066
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,166	14,116	14,184	r15,847	290	164	80	8.79		1,633	2,161
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	15,988	300	177	93	8.69	r500.4	1,658	1,958
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	16,244	342	195	105	8.66		2,396	2,241
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	16,469	246	164	79	8.67		1,776	2,280
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	16,490	334	172	80	8.72	149.5	2,115	2,274
February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,479	14,889	16,554	318	204	68	8.77		2,347	2,384
March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,652	14,700	16,648	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,383
April	19,229	19,558	r20,653	r20,093	r15,134	r15,045	n.y.a.	276	176	87	9.61		3,346	2,425
May	19,462	19,758	19,903	20,130	15,216	15,022	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		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* (\$614.0). (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 fixed capital formation				Gross consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1977-78 - December	14,204	21,257	1,735	1,011	12,480	20,246	14,118	13,367	1,833	3,692	1,348	3,176	2,021	1,931		
March	21,776	22,948	405	1,015	20,871	19,431	13,028	13,673	3,615	3,301	1,924	3,244	1,783	2,067		
June	22,580	23,479	88	1,053	20,877	20,436	14,193	14,192	4,039	3,905	3,632	3,473	2,254	1,921		
1978-79 - September	21,995	21,717	995	1,452	19,833	21,085	14,405	14,519	4,070	4,103	3,507	3,517	1,818	1,969		
December	27,265	23,089	2,318	1,358	24,987	24,511	15,704	14,907	4,254	4,081	3,961	3,746	2,069	1,978		
March	25,374	26,170	2,060	1,707	23,277	24,467	16,764	15,466	3,939	4,208	3,451	3,833	1,772	2,067		
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																
1977-78 - December	18,120	16,368	1,782	951	16,338	15,418	10,122	9,610	2,779	2,705	2,371	2,267	1,446	1,388		
March	15,690	16,639	804	947	14,886	15,692	9,189	9,649	2,621	2,767	2,039	2,256	1,254	1,466		
June	15,792	16,639	387	934	15,405	15,705	9,822	9,804	2,881	2,789	2,486	2,370	1,572	1,324		
1978-79 - September	16,604	17,096	721	1,259	15,883	15,837	9,755	9,825	2,850	2,873	2,361	2,359	1,254	1,362		
December	19,101	17,319	2,086	1,280	17,015	16,039	10,340	9,839	2,944	2,864	2,619	2,498	1,408	1,351		
March	17,297	17,573	1,828	1,246	15,469	16,327	9,502	9,960	2,655	2,804	2,239	2,480	1,170	1,374		
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Income of farm-unincorporated enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements				Other household disposable income			
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1977-78 - December	3,375	3,463	3,638	3,485	3,014	2,574	5,641	4,545	13,184	12,739	1,172	19,499	2,934	17,736		
March	3,629	3,630	3,280	3,404	2,288	2,764	4,347	4,710	12,670	13,049	439	18,453	3,452	15,439		
June	3,800	3,791	3,592	3,562	2,715	2,691	4,055	4,934	13,170	13,275	111	19,980	5,202	14,889		
1978-79 - September	4,059	3,961	3,538	3,594	2,770	2,785	5,126	5,326	13,480	13,639	501	19,943	2,803	17,641		
December	4,294	4,416	3,965	3,795	3,459	2,945	6,776	5,581	14,172	13,662	1,728	21,222	3,001	19,949		
March	4,258	4,255	4,224	4,393	2,412	2,975	6,033	5,870	13,835	14,282	1,579	20,401	3,739	18,240		

(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 CFS (d) (for full-time work)	Unemployment benefit recipients (e)	Survey estimates (f)	Registered with CFS (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	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	4,053.8	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	n.a.	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
	November	4,051.4	4,063.2	2,307.4	2,307.4	6,358.8	6,369.5	308.8	60.9	369.7	399.2	278.8	n.a.	19.3
	December	4,165.3		2,266.8		6,432.1		373.8	67.4	441.2	451.5	311.3		18.0
	January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		391.1	55.0	446.2	493.5	341.9		24.9
	February	4,135.4	4,108.8	2,332.5	2,326.9	6,472.9	6,432.4	381.7	72.3	453.9	481.7	357.5	n.a.	24.9
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		353.5	71.4	425.0	447.7	334.4		21.4
	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		346.4	70.4	416.8	437.0	332.6		18.2
	May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	335.1	61.4	396.6	424.6	318.9		18.3

(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 firms nearest the end of the month. (e) For reference. Dates see *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll inspectors 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* (6271.0). 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.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - March	2,959.6	2,972.4	1,764.3	1,771.5	4,724.0	4,743.9	3,229.3	3,229.3	1,494.7	1,494.7	1,135.6	1,130.6	963.5	965.3
April	2,956.0	2,948.2	1,767.1	1,763.9	4,723.1	4,712.1	3,225.2	3,220.9	1,497.9	1,491.2	1,130.9	1,128.6	964.0	963.9
May	2,951.9	2,942.5	1,768.0	1,766.1	4,719.9	4,708.6	3,221.4	3,217.8	1,498.8	1,490.5	1,127.7	1,126.5	964.2	963.6
June (a)	2,943.8	2,937.3	1,769.6	1,769.4	4,713.3	4,704.0	3,214.9	3,215.6	1,498.5	1,491.1	1,123.6	1,124.2	964.3	964.8
1978-79 - July (a)	2,939.0	2,938.6	1,772.3	1,770.7	4,711.8	4,709.9	3,211.4	3,215.7	1,496.6	1,493.6	1,121.0	1,123.4	961.7	963.9
August	2,925.8	2,939.8	1,774.8	1,777.8	4,700.7	4,717.6	3,206.1	3,215.2	1,499.6	1,496.1	1,116.4	1,121.5	959.8	963.8
September (a)	2,934.9	2,944.5	1,774.9	1,772.8	4,709.4	4,715.1	3,210.1	3,216.7	1,498.5	1,495.9	1,110.2	1,121.5	961.9	964.8
October (a)	2,936.6	2,944.5	1,780.5	1,780.0	4,717.9	4,722.5	3,222.4	3,220.5	1,499.0	1,505.0	1,126.7	1,125.4	967.4	966.6
November (a)	2,946.9	2,950.0	1,785.2	1,785.4	4,732.1	4,730.6	3,242.0	3,240.5	1,500.7	1,505.1	1,131.9	1,129.0	975.8	968.7
December (a)	2,950.1	2,954.1	1,792.0	1,794.9	4,742.4	4,749.6	3,247.3	3,240.2	1,494.8	1,509.3	1,137.0	1,130.9	980.5	975.0
January	2,947.1	2,957.6	1,794.3	1,797.3	4,741.4	4,752.9	3,249.4	3,244.7	1,492.9	1,506.2	1,132.8	1,133.9	977.9	976.4
February	2,959.3	2,976.4	1,799.8	1,799.4	4,759.1	4,754.8	3,264.4	3,260.0	1,512.7	1,514.2	1,140.8	1,137.9	975.0	977.5
March	2,963.6	2,961.1	1,805.2	1,803.0	4,768.7	4,762.9	3,263.0	3,257.7	1,509.8	1,505.2	1,144.0	1,137.9	975.0	977.5
April	2,965.9	2,973.8	1,807.3	1,807.1	4,773.9	4,760.9	3,261.1	3,256.1	1,511.6	1,504.8	1,138.5	1,130.1	977.7	977.6

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on two methods established by analyzing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement are based on revised, for details of the methods used see *Seasonal - Adjusted Industries 1978* (1 308.0) to be released shortly. (c) Adjusted by industrial practice.

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