



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1984

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (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 ABSs monthly and quarterly publications.

3. 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, such as Easter and Australia Day.

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

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.50, \$4.20 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. 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 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1982-83—															
March	10,542		45.4	8,744	8,929	35,018	37,579	430	415	429	405	31.2	26.2	176	160
April	7,329		41.1	8,377	8,993	34,549	38,047	396	437	342	342	24.5	29.2	141	164
May	8,963	17,714	45.1	9,115	8,843	40,980	37,345	472	445	389	364	29.2	25.5	149	166
June	9,924		41.8	9,773	8,899	42,869	36,153	486	489	421	416	29.4	26.3	175	173
1983-84—															
July	9,959		42.6	10,358	8,975	45,022	35,560	524	500	410	376	31.7	29.6	200	198
August	1,084	16,203	44.5	9,849	8,740	40,387	33,830	526	491	419	406	34.1	30.2	233	204
September	1,060		37.5	9,083	9,002	38,180	36,139	509	540	450	447	33.0	29.9	249	205
October	9,707		43.3	9,143	9,316	38,608	39,912	525	544	433	418	30.4	28.6	223	187
November	10,315	20,094	40.9	8,800	9,278	35,308	38,246	488	523	446	424	34.5	30.5	246	201
December	7,217		30.2	8,741	9,388	30,234	36,769	513	512	434	442	25.9	29.4	213	210
January	6,606		32.1	8,492	9,344	28,801	34,867	521	495	244	367	12.3	38.4	100	257
February	10,260	n.y.a.	38.1	8,795	9,457	33,034	38,490	473	489	451	456	30.9	29.5	202	199
March	10,489		n.y.a.	9,290	9,516	34,865	37,844	535	513	471	439	37.9	33.3	208	198
April	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,788	9,464	33,051	36,446	468	495	408	406	26.7	31.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (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

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories(c) 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.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
March	3,128	2,855	986	826	11,419	10,432	r202	r187	r365.4	330	428	41,014	73.2		
April	2,602	2,616	845	892	11,222	12,456	170	186	370.1	277	447	22,400	70.6		
May	2,879	2,805	695	756	11,803	10,948	161	157	372.7	274	532	23,105	72.9	33,470	33,688
June	3,583	3,175	888	891	15,846	13,320	172	174	373.9	274	562	30,584	72.8		
1983-84—															
July	3,126	2,838	669	689	12,905	11,364	173	177	r375.8	346	543	41,698	80.6		
August	3,130	2,855	816	772	13,609	12,515	188	180	r375.9	508	495	81,293	81.5	33,787	33,613
September	3,794	3,191	856	867	14,529	13,302	187	171	r376.8	656	488	101,870	81.7		
October	2,943	2,560	903	843	12,750	11,210	180	169	r378.9	769	480	106,978	80.0		
November	2,948	3,069	1,170	859	13,656	12,696	171	165	r380.3	723	463	90,438	73.9	p33,528	p33,504
December	2,385	2,672	628	709	9,510	11,089	139	152	381.9	661	475	48,911	78.5		
January	869	2,361	565	984	5,337	14,019	p135	p155	p384.0	551	469	33,962	75.0		
February	2,603	2,541	1,085	934	12,899	12,986	r160	r159	p385.1	440	485	43,552	76.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	3,656	3,155	966	899	14,794	13,613	p161	p159	n.y.a.	378	495	47,363	73.9		
April	2,565	2,771	726	790	11,604	13,113	p143	p156	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) 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. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1982-83—							£	£	
March	1,763	1,840			209		-549	771	10,365
April	1,604	1,559			210		-549	1,535	11,404
May	2,042	1,773	4,307	4,194	213	115.8	-328	221	11,124
June	1,871	1,858			213		-706	514	10,748
1983-84—							£	£	
July	2,050	2,012			213		-510	626	10,868
August	1,959	2,014	4,488	4,357	213	p115.8	-742	1,103	11,169
September	1,864	1,850			211		-641	387	10,672
October	1,989	1,923	4,800	4,455	209		-561	1,824	11,621
November	2,086	1,916			208	p113.9	-382	877	12,009
December	2,021	1,786			207		-266	1,417	13,350
January	2,122	1,956	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p207		-392	231	12,796
February	2,009	2,012			p206	n.y.a.	-565	296	12,373
March	2,115	2,131			n.y.a.		-620	288	12,241
	2,026	1,650			n.y.a.		-95	10	12,217

(a) 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.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(f) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1982-83—																
March	3,473	3,525							43.5	40.1			13.5	11.8		3,991
April	3,364	3,477							31.4	34.2			10.8	11.5		3,960
May	3,417	3,416	5,064	5,210	3,380	3,386	1,635	1,752	38.0	36.3			11.9	11.2		4,004
June	3,315	3,460							39.3	36.2			11.7	9.9		4,011
1983-84—																
July	3,361	3,521							35.1	33.7			10.6	9.9		4,003
August	3,455	3,535	5,262	5,354	3,320	3,439	1,712	1,786	42.6	37.2			11.7	10.8		4,002
September	3,485	3,543							36.4	37.2			10.3	10.6		3,998
October	3,523	3,637							34.2	36.2			10.1	10.4		4,008
November	3,781	3,661	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.9	37.7			11.1	11.4		4,045
December	5,034	3,651							38.2	38.8			11.3	12.9		4,087
January	3,395	3,725							31.6	38.2			10.0	12.5		4,091
February	3,397	3,690	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	37.4	38.2			12.2	12.2		4,135
March	3,649	3,654							42.8	41.3			14.4	13.1		n.y.a.
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p34.7	p38.7			p11.6	p12.4		n.y.a.

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes 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) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: December 1987m; January 1984 \$177m; February 1984 \$194m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

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Month	Weekly earnings of employees (%)		Award rates of pay indexes(a), adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (b)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(c)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(d)
1982-83—													
February	345.00	230.30	184.7	1.14	124.7	118.9	113.9	124.1	125.5	126.4	125.8	157.4	109.8
March			184.8										
April			184.9										
May	347.30	231.80	184.9	1.19	127.3	124.2	117.8	126.0	127.1	126.4	128.5	161.1	112.0
June			185.2										
1983-84—													
July			185.3										
August	353.80	233.40	185.3	1.20	129.4	125.6	117.8	127.4	129.1	130.9	131.2	164.5	113.2
September			185.3										
October			193.2										
November	366.20	242.50	193.2	1.34	132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
December			193.3										
January			193.3										
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	193.5	n.y.a.	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			193.5										

(a) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982* (6312.0). (b) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see *August issue of Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (c) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (d) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total(a) \$m		Dwellings commenced(a) '000 units		Materials used in house building(b)		Materials used in building other than house building(c)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/d)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	New buildings and structures	Other new capital equipment	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—																	
February	837.6	948.6	9.6	10.8	273.2	2,026.3	2,011.8	24.0	25.7	417.7	411.2	141.2	141.8	844.3	969.7	2,422.4	2,794.6
March	809.6	743.3	11.4	9.9	153.7					421.0		423.8	423.8				
April	714.9	707.0	9.7	10.3	130.8					425.4		425.4	425.4	951.1	928.4	3,049.0	2,830.9
May	930.4	832.2	11.7	10.6	199.3	2,414.3	2,374.1	29.4	28.9	425.4		425.4	425.4				
June	877.7	781.5	11.2	10.2	217.7					427.7		427.7	427.7				
1983-84—																	
July	830.4	834.8	10.4	10.9	128.0					p430.1	p143.9						
August	1,014.5	953.0	12.4	11.7	186.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p433.1	p144.5	822.6	835.6	2,708.0	2,763.1		
September	978.1	952.2	12.5	12.3	156.3					p435.3	p145.6						
October	975.5	993.6	12.5	12.3	169.6					p438.3	p146.6						
November	992.7	917.4	12.9	11.9	217.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p441.8	p147.7	932.9	832.2	2,697.2	2,519.2		
December	888.3	943.7	12.0	13.2	185.2					p444.5	p148.2						
January	759.0	917.2	9.9	12.3	180.3					p447.4	p148.7						
February	956.7	1,038.2	12.8	13.7	145.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p452.5	p149.6	p782.9	p914.1	p2,312.5	p2,656.6		
March	1,128.7	1,086.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					p458.6	p150.5						

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

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 dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies (e) Other lenders (e) \$m					
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Banks \$m	\$m	\$m			
	1982-83—	28,681	28,612	31,305	30,644	23,242	23,579	28,134	509	222	120	14.60	
March	28,424	28,797	31,419	31,145	23,648	23,489	28,062	366	179	108	12.50	35.4	5,739
April	29,106	29,394	31,389	31,584	23,860	23,563	28,016	435	222	128	12.75		5,198
May													4,271
June	30,006	29,939	31,560	32,006	23,916	24,034	28,075	434	196	108	13.70		
1983-84—	30,352	30,470	31,432	32,189	24,010	23,878	28,207	395	182	98	13.45	483.9	3,354
July													4,091
August	31,034	31,098	31,373	31,890	23,980	24,001	28,191	488	217	110	13.55		2,952
September	31,528	31,661	31,629	31,902	24,256	24,215	28,271	448	211	118	12.60		3,399
October	31,822	31,934	31,923	31,847	24,928	24,603	28,203	474	236	117	12.00	446.0	4,182
November	32,091	32,189	32,234	31,906	25,231	25,135	28,333	570	314	142	11.00		3,626
December	32,991	32,829	32,234	31,906	25,231	25,135	28,333	570	314	142	11.00		4,420
January	33,181	33,009	32,958	32,504	25,648	25,566	28,247	483	274	122	12.05	n.y.a.	4,230
February	33,361	33,480	32,554	32,429	25,360	25,566	28,247	483	274	122	12.05		4,381
March	34,308	33,778	32,999	32,728	25,280	25,779	28,236	627	340	145	12.35		4,381
April	33,899	33,804	33,414	33,025	25,836	26,207	n.y.a.	600	368	154	12.70		n.y.a.
	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	33,744	33,443	26,588	26,408	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.35		

(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 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 is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

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Quarter	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
													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																			
1982-83—																				
December	44,828	40,671	2,632	1,379	42,196	39,292	26,734	25,233	7,543	7,208	6,468	6,083	3,423	3,334						
March	38,800	41,327	1,108	1,418	37,692	39,909	24,823	25,944	7,023	7,557	5,347	5,941	2,793	3,225						
June	40,643	41,721	692	1,390	39,951	40,331	25,827	26,119	7,728	7,388	5,235	5,906	3,992	3,426						
1983-84—																				
September	43,229	44,124	1,467	2,272	41,762	41,852	26,771	26,860	7,410	7,560	5,557	5,662	3,249	3,445						
December	50,845	45,711	4,309	2,133	46,536	43,578	29,256	27,671	8,085	7,719	6,413	6,033	3,415	3,330						
March	45,715	47,841	2,037	2,167	43,678	45,674	27,160	28,187	7,670	8,282	5,489	6,080	3,274	3,798						
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																				
1982-83—																				
December	33,664	30,286	2,522	1,481	31,142	28,805	20,261	19,107	5,314	5,134	4,823	4,538	2,418	2,356						
March	28,430	30,445	1,165	1,498	27,265	28,947	18,407	19,261	5,041	5,368	3,934	4,370	1,934	2,234						
June	29,081	30,086	857	1,467	28,224	28,599	18,780	18,964	5,450	5,207	4,454	4,217	2,737	2,350						
1983-84—																				
September	30,838	31,661	1,490	2,160	29,348	29,501	19,180	19,271	5,247	5,347	3,979	4,056	2,209	2,341						
December	36,116	32,137	3,909	2,104	32,207	30,033	20,572	19,436	5,435	5,257	4,529	4,262	2,259	2,204						
March	31,402	32,864	1,995	2,099	29,407	30,765	18,792	19,521	5,231	5,583	3,863	4,279	2,143	2,487						
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 unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income						
					Companies		Other													
					Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	1982-83—																			
December	7,092	7,134	6,228	6,143	5,062	4,231	10,254	8,214	24,257	22,983	1,619	13,079	5,558	33,397						
March	6,557	6,586	5,924	6,045	3,868	4,495	7,588	8,368	22,008	23,206	160	11,191	6,494	26,865						
June	6,852	6,913	6,204	6,136	4,720	4,982	7,105	8,368	22,990	22,766	-235	13,952	9,044	27,664						
1983-84—																				
September	7,401	7,238	6,526	6,575	5,568	5,550	9,388	9,832	22,900	23,030	485	12,463	5,208	30,640						
December	7,196	7,247	6,926	6,818	6,823	5,781	12,901	9,843	25,330	24,328	3,098	15,012	5,617	37,823						
March	7,683	7,746	7,032	7,084	5,966	6,789	9,761	10,475	23,810	24,485	946	12,716	7,071	30,401						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid 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 (b) ('000)					JOB VACANCIES ('000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons			
1982-83—															
March	4,379.3	4,352.1	2,665.0	2,616.6	7,044.3	6,968.7	411.6	226.2	96.0	434.6	299.3	733.9	17.5		
April	4,357.6	4,368.4	2,606.1	2,600.0	6,963.8	6,968.4	406.2	205.5	97.5	429.6	279.7	709.3			
May	4,362.7	4,368.1	2,630.7	2,623.9	6,993.3	6,992.0	412.8	214.7	93.0	435.3	285.2	720.5			
June	4,349.0	4,379.7	2,610.7	2,625.6	6,959.7	7,005.3	407.9	205.8	79.4	424.5	268.7	693.2			
1983-84—															
July	4,362.1	4,378.2	2,620.1	2,632.1	6,982.2	7,010.3	407.0	192.3	87.9	429.0	258.2	687.2	16.7		
August	4,333.3	4,369.6	2,594.6	2,621.2	6,927.9	6,990.8	409.5	197.9	79.5	429.7	257.1	686.8			
September	4,406.7	4,388.4	2,672.4	2,650.4	7,079.1	7,038.8	410.3	208.8	101.9	435.0	285.9	720.9			
October	4,359.3	4,379.8	2,630.0	2,634.6	6,989.3	7,014.4	384.5	183.0	85.6	400.8	252.3	653.1		19.1	
November	4,352.6	4,388.7	2,649.7	2,647.9	7,002.3	7,036.6	365.5	176.7	82.6	385.9	238.9	624.7			
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0			
January	4,402.1	4,386.9	2,569.9	2,656.5	6,972.0	7,043.4	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4	n.y.a.		
February	4,436.2	4,401.4	2,668.0	2,657.1	7,104.2	7,058.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2			
March	4,457.1	4,431.0	2,748.2	2,697.9	7,205.3	7,128.9	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0			
April	4,422.1	4,433.2	2,733.4	2,727.4	7,155.5	7,160.6	364.0	207.7	104.8	385.3	291.2	676.5			

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)

Month	Civilian employees								Defence Forces(a)		Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
1982—											
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	422.4	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	586.4	1,555.1
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	427.5	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	590.5	1,559.5
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.7	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	590.4	1,557.2
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	428.1	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	592.0	1,559.0
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.8	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	594.0	1,561.1
October	275.5	130.0	580.1	429.4	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.3	595.2	1,562.5
November	276.2	130.9	579.8	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.9	594.3	1,562.3
December	277.1	131.5	578.1	422.1	7.5	6.1	104.4	29.3	967.1	589.1	1,556.2
1983—											
January	276.4	130.8	579.2	410.1	7.6	6.3	104.7	29.2	968.0	576.4	1,544.4
February	276.7	131.2	582.2	423.9	7.6	6.4	105.7	30.0	972.2	591.5	1,563.7
March	276.1	131.4	585.2	429.0	7.7	6.3	105.8	30.3	974.8	597.1	1,571.8
April	276.9	132.5	585.5	431.5	7.7	6.5	107.3	30.5	977.4	601.1	1,578.4
May	276.7	133.0	586.0	428.7	7.8	6.6	108.0	30.8	978.5	599.1	1,577.5
June	276.7	132.5	586.6	434.0	7.7	6.5	107.1	31.1	978.1	604.1	1,582.2

(a) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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