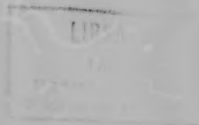


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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified, employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Bodies, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Bodies, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act, when originally introduced in 1941, required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "Wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revisions will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 9. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 8 and 9. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof.

TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

	1955		1956				1957
	Dec.	Jan.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<u>MALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1416.6	1395.4	1416.1	1416.5	1424.7	1420.1	1415.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	30.7	30.9	30.7	29.3	29.0	29.0	28.7
Other	131.1	131.6	131.8	132.2	133.6	133.6	135.3
State and Semi-Governmental	369.3	368.3	376.1	374.3	373.8	373.5	372.7
Local Government Bodies	65.2	64.5	65.4	65.8	66.2	66.4	65.4
2. Total Governmental	596.3	595.3	604.0	601.6	602.6	602.5	602.1
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2012.9	(c) 1990.7	2020.1	2018.1	2027.3	2022.6	2017.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National							
Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	49.8	59.9	58.8	58.0	50.3	47.5	57.2
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	2062.7	(c) 2050.6	2078.9	2076.1	2077.6	2070.1	2075.0
<u>FEMALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	634.2	628.3	627.1	630.0	635.9	635.4	630.6
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2
Other	37.5	38.1	39.1	39.1	39.5	38.7	39.3
State and Semi-Governmental	73.4	72.6	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.2	76.2
Local Government Bodies	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4
2. Total Governmental	124.0	123.9	129.9	129.3	129.6	128.4	128.1
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	758.2	752.2	757.0	759.3	765.5	763.8	758.7
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and							
Oversea)	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and							
Defence Forces	760.2	754.2	758.9	761.2	767.4	765.7	760.6
<u>PERSONS</u>							
1. In Private Employment	2050.8	2023.7	2043.2	2046.5	2060.6	2055.5	2046.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Bodies -							
Defence Group (a)	37.8	38.1	37.7	35.7	35.2	35.2	34.9
Other	168.6	169.7	170.9	171.3	173.1	172.3	174.6
State and Semi-Governmental	442.7	440.9	453.7	451.9	451.4	450.7	448.9
Local Government Bodies	71.2	70.5	71.6	72.0	72.5	72.7	71.8
2. Total Governmental	720.3	719.2	733.9	730.9	732.2	730.9	730.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2771.1	(c) 2742.9	2777.1	2777.4	2792.8	2786.4	2776.5
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Oversea and National							
Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	51.8	61.9	60.7	59.9	52.2	49.4	59.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	2822.9	(c) 2804.8	2837.8	2837.3	2845.0	2835.8	2835.6

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by Industrial Dispute.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	2021.9	709.1	738.7	757.6	2656.4	(a) 2734.7	2779.5
August	1949.3	1999.6	2020.0	710.5	740.9	756.3	2659.8	2740.5	2776.3
September	1953.1	2003.1	2020.1	714.6	743.9	757.0	2667.7	2747.0	2777.1
October	1955.2	2001.7	2018.1	718.7	747.8	759.3	2673.9	2749.5	2777.4
November	1964.8	2012.4	2027.3	727.5	756.1	765.5	2692.3	2768.5	2792.8
December	1969.0	2012.9	2022.6	731.9	758.2	763.8	2700.9	2771.1	2786.4
January	1968.1	(a) 1990.7	2017.8	724.2	752.2	758.7	2692.3	(a) 2742.9	2776.5
February	1977.4	2018.8		732.8	759.4		2710.2	2778.2	
March	1986.2	2020.1		737.5	762.2		2723.7	2782.3	
April	1990.8	2025.4		736.0	760.3		2726.8	2785.7	
May	1995.4	2028.1		737.2	760.6		2732.6	2788.7	
June	2000.5	2025.9		738.5	758.9		2739.0	2784.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp (a))

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	61.5	59.9	59.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	63.5	62.0	61.6
August	61.5	60.2	59.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	63.5	62.4	61.5
September	60.8	60.1	58.8	2.1	2.1	1.9	62.9	62.2	60.7
October	60.5	60.0	58.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	62.6	62.0	59.9
November	52.5	51.9	50.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	54.6	53.9	52.2
December	50.1	49.8	47.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	52.1	51.8	49.4
January	60.1	59.9	57.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	62.1	61.9	59.1
February	60.1	60.1		2.1	2.0		62.2	62.1	
March	57.3	58.4		2.1	1.9		60.0	60.3	
April	58.9	58.9		2.1	1.9		61.0	60.8	
May	59.1	58.6		2.1	2.0		61.2	60.6	
June	57.7	57.3		2.1	2.0		59.8	59.3	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	2008.8	(a) 2055.9	2081.5	711.1	740.8	759.6	2719.9	(a) 2796.7	2841.1
August	2010.8	2059.8	2079.6	712.5	743.1	758.2	2723.3	2802.9	2837.8
September	2013.9	2063.2	2078.9	716.7	746.0	758.9	2730.6	2809.2	2837.8
October	2015.7	2061.7	2076.1	720.8	749.8	761.2	2736.5	2811.5	2837.3
November	2017.3	2064.3	2077.6	729.6	758.1	767.4	2746.9	2822.4	2845.0
December	2019.1	2062.7	2070.1	733.9	760.2	765.7	2753.0	2822.9	2835.8
January	2028.2	(a) 2050.6	2075.0	726.2	754.2	760.6	2754.4	(a) 2804.8	2835.6
February	2037.5	2078.9		734.9	761.4		2772.4	2840.3	
March	2044.1	2078.5		739.6	764.1		2783.7	2842.6	
April	2049.7	2084.3		738.1	762.2		2787.8	2846.5	
May	2054.5	2086.7		739.3	762.6		2793.8	2849.3	
June	2058.2	2083.2		740.6	760.9		2798.8	2844.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Governmental Bodies (a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Bodies (a)	Private Employment	Total	Governmental Bodies (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	566.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1956 June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	59.3
1954 Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
March	592.3	1,393.9	1,986.2	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.6	2,010.1	2,723.7	60.0
April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	61.0
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	62.2
Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	62.0
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	53.9
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	61.9
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	127.3	632.1	759.4	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	62.1
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	128.7	633.5	762.2	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	60.3
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6
June	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	59.3
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	130.8	626.8	757.6	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	61.6
Aug.	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	130.6	625.7	756.3	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	61.5
Sept.	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	129.9	627.1	757.0	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	60.7
Oct.	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	129.3	630.0	759.3	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	59.9
Nov.	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	129.6	635.9	765.5	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	52.2
Dec.	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	128.4	635.4	763.8	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	49.4
1957 Jan.	602.1	1,415.7	2,017.8	128.1	630.6	758.7	730.2	2,046.3	2,776.5	59.1

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 5 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
(Thousands)

State or Territory	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	June, 1956	December, 1956	January, 1957
MALES									
New South Wales	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	791.6	789.7
Victoria	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.2	563.1	562.5
Queensland	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	276.0	272.0	268.8
South Australia	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.5	182.2	182.7
Western Australia	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.5	134.7	134.2
Tasmania	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.4	65.1	65.7
Northern Territory	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.4
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.7	8.8
Australia:	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2025.9	2022.6	2017.8
FEMALES									
New South Wales	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.2	304.7	301.3
Victoria	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	232.8	231.3
Queensland	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.2	92.0	91.3
South Australia	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.9	62.9	64.0
Western Australia	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	44.6	43.8
Tasmania	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.8	22.6	22.7
Northern Territory	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.2
Australia:	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	758.9	763.8	758.7
PERSONS									
New South Wales	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.0	1096.3	1091.0
Victoria	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	797.2	795.9	793.8
Queensland	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	367.2	364.0	360.1
South Australia	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.4	245.1	246.7
Western Australia	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.1	179.3	178.0
Tasmania	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.2	87.7	88.4
Northern Territory	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.5
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	11.7	12.0
Australia:	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2784.8	2786.4	2776.5

TABLE 6 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES, JANUARY, 1957

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	8.7	1.0	46.8	14.2	55.5	15.2	133.2	25.9	26.6	3.0	215.3	44.1	259.4
Victoria	14.5	4.1	35.7	11.2	50.2	15.3	96.8	24.0	13.0	1.7	160.0	41.0	201.0
Queensland	1.1	0.2	16.9	4.6	18.0	4.8	53.3	7.6	17.1	0.9	88.4	13.3	101.7
South Australia	3.5	0.7	13.2	2.9	16.7	3.6	38.1	9.4	3.1	0.3	57.9	13.3	71.2
Western Australia	0.6	0.1	8.4	2.1	9.0	2.2	37.6	5.7	3.5	0.3	50.1	8.2	58.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.5	1.2	4.6	1.3	13.7	3.6	2.1	0.2	20.4	5.1	25.5
Northern Territory	0.1	-	2.6	0.7	2.7	0.7	-	-	-	-	2.7	0.7	3.4
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	-	7.2	2.4	7.3	2.4	-	-	-	-	7.3	2.4	9.7
Total : January, 1957	28.7	6.2	135.3	39.3	164.0	45.5	372.7	76.2	65.4	6.4	602.1	128.1	730.2
Total : December, 1956	29.0	6.2	133.6	38.7	162.6	44.9	373.5	77.2	66.4	6.3	602.5	128.4	730.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF COMMONWEALTH BODIES, DECEMBER, 1956
PART 1 : Total full Time Staff engaged under Commonwealth Public Service Act
in Australia and Overseas

Body	Males	Females	Persons
A. SPECIAL SERVICES			
Postmaster General's	65,983	14,537	80,520
Works	10,871	660	11,531
Civil Aviation	4,556	387	4,943
Repatriation	4,660	3,401	8,061
Social Services	1,321	1,031	2,352
National Development			
War Service Homes	674	196	870
Special Services Sub-total	88,065	20,212	108,277
B. IMMIGRATION SERVICES			
Immigration	740	463	1,203
Migrant Centres	506	278	784
Health : Immigration Medical Services	35	116	151
Immigration Services Sub-total	1,281	857	2,138
C. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE			
Attorney General's	694	269	963
Customs and Excise	2,662	352	3,014
External Affairs	522	306	828
Health (excluding Immigration Medical Services)	827	618	1,445
Serum Laboratories	477	355	832
Interior	2,247	620	2,867
Meteorological Branch	532	59	591
News and Information Bureau	117	52	169
Electoral Branch	296	16	312
Labour and National Service	363	215	578
Employment Division	822	302	1,124
National Development (excluding War Service Homes)	158	55	213
Bureau of Mineral Resources	343	60	403
Primary Industry	885	105	990
Prime Minister's	111	79	190
Office of Education	98	79	177
Audit Office	432	24	456
Public Service Board	239	144	383
Typist - Training Schools	-	-	-
P.M.G. - A.B.C. Control Board	35	11	46
Shipping and Transport	622	81	703
Territories	145	63	208
Northern Territory Administration	545	172	717
Trade	431	181	612
Treasury	605	305	910
Bureau of Census and Statistics	411	237	648
Taxation	4,485	2,648	7,133
Other Administrative Sub-total	19,104	7,408	26,512
D. DEFENCE SERVICES			
Air	1,932	533	2,465
Army	4,039	801	4,840
Navy	1,626	664	2,290
Defence	347	291	638
Supply	3,101	960	4,061
Defence Production	2,940	792	3,732
Defence Services Sub-total	13,985	4,041	18,026
TOTAL : UNDER PUBLIC SERVICE ACT	122,435	32,518	154,953

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF COMMONWEALTH BODIES, DECEMBER, 1956 (Continued)

PART II : Staff Employed Outside Commonwealth Public Service Act

Body	Males	Females	Persons
(i) <u>By Departments shown below:-</u>			
Postmaster General's (Non-official Postmasters, etc.)	1,264	689	1,953
Shipping and Transport (Equipment Handling Pool, etc.)	444	40	484
Navy (Docks, Factories, etc.)	5,931	113	6,044
Supply (Factory, Long Range Weapons, etc.)	3,270	898	4,168
Defence Production (Munition Factories, etc.)	5,700	1,027	6,727
Other Departments	805	103	908
<u>Sub-Total (i)</u>	17,414	2,870	20,284
(ii) <u>By the undermentioned Bodies</u>			
Aluminium Production Commission	663	40	703
Australian Broadcasting Commission	1,243	846	2,089
Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority	270	80	350
Canberra Community Hospital	44	234	278
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	8,296	4,554	12,850
Commonwealth Hostels Ltd.	1,035	917	1,952
Commonwealth Railways	2,650	118	2,768
C.S.I.R.O.	2,727	970	3,697
Flax Commission	254	57	311
Joint Coal Board	97	47	144
Overseas Telecommunications Commission	807	115	922
Parliament	214	99	313
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority	2,212	251	2,463
Trans Australia Airlines	3,050	633	3,683
Other	469	283	752
<u>Sub-total (ii)</u>	24,031	9,244	33,275
GRAND TOTAL (Employees in Australia and Oversea)	163,880	44,632	208,512

NOTE: The total of 208,512 persons as at December, 1956 includes 1,976 personnel employed overseas and 46 absent on leave in defence forces. It excludes 989 part time employees. With these adjustments the total number of employees of Commonwealth Bodies in Australia agrees with that shown for December, 1956 in Table 6 above.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - JANUARY, 1957

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.1	5.5	5.3	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.5
Mining and Quarrying	29.1	4.7	9.9	1.6	7.7	3.1	56.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	296.0	223.7	69.7	69.6	34.8	21.2	715.0
Other (b)	27.6	19.1	10.7	2.6	2.4	0.7	64.4
Total Manufacturing:	323.6	242.8	80.4	72.2	37.2	21.9	779.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.8	51.0	35.5	20.1	14.1	8.6	209.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.9	11.3	9.2	5.9	5.0	2.6	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	38.2	22.1	21.9	9.9	11.3	2.6	106.5
Other Transport and Communication	61.6	39.7	24.2	13.0	9.1	4.5	152.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.5	18.9	8.5	5.3	4.0	1.5	62.8
Retail Trade	50.3	38.1	15.8	12.2	9.6	3.8	130.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.5	44.1	21.6	15.7	14.3	4.7	152.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.6	28.9	11.8	8.1	7.4	3.8	101.1
Other Industries (g)	72.5	55.4	24.7	16.9	12.1	6.5	190.0
TOTAL MALES:	789.7	562.5	268.8	182.7	134.2	65.7	2017.8
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.0	87.0	13.7	17.2	6.1	5.0	226.0
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.4
Total Manufacturing:	98.1	89.3	16.6	17.3	7.0	5.0	233.4
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.5
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.5	4.6	2.9	1.5	1.3	31.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	19.0	12.3	4.8	3.5	2.3	1.1	43.0
Retail Trade	45.8	33.0	16.3	12.8	10.3	4.3	122.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.1	12.5	7.2	4.1	3.5	1.0	46.5
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.0	7.3	4.4	1.8	2.0	1.0	29.1
Other Industries (g)	93.7	65.3	36.1	20.9	16.8	8.9	243.6
TOTAL FEMALES:	301.3	231.3	91.3	64.0	43.8	22.7	758.7
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.2	5.6	5.3	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.7
Mining and Quarrying	29.4	4.8	10.3	1.7	7.9	3.2	58.0
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	393.0	310.7	83.4	86.8	40.9	26.2	941.0
Other (b)	28.7	21.4	13.6	2.7	3.3	0.7	71.8
Total Manufacturing:	421.7	332.1	97.0	89.5	44.2	26.9	1012.8
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	79.1	52.3	36.1	20.6	14.4	8.7	214.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.0	11.9	9.5	6.1	5.2	2.7	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	42.1	24.2	23.2	10.6	11.7	2.7	115.0
Other Transport and Communication	72.2	48.6	28.5	15.7	10.4	5.7	182.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	43.5	31.2	13.3	8.8	6.3	2.6	105.8
Retail Trade	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	253.1
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.6	56.6	28.8	19.8	17.8	5.7	198.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.6	36.2	16.2	9.9	9.4	4.8	130.2
Other Industries (g)	163.5	119.2	59.8	37.2	28.4	13.2	427.0
TOTAL PERSONS:	1091.0	793.8	360.1	246.7	178.0	88.4	2776.5

For notes see page 10.

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

Industrial Group	(Thousands)					
	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Oct., 1956	Nov., 1956	Dec., 1956	Jan., 1957
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.6	25.5
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.3	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.9	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Coal	27.8	27.6	26.8	26.6	26.5	26.1
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.2	12.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.2	57.2	57.5	57.3	57.2	56.8
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	718.5	*718.9	716.9	719.3	715.3	715.0
Other (b)	62.9	63.6	64.2	64.1	64.0	64.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	781.4	*782.5	781.1	783.4	779.3	779.4
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	92.8	95.4	98.2	98.7	97.1	96.5
Other (d)	112.6	111.6	112.8	113.3	113.1	112.8
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	205.4	207.0	211.0	212.0	210.2	209.3
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	85.5	85.5	85.8	86.1	85.8	86.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	50.9	*30.3	51.7	51.4	51.1	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	107.8	107.7	108.4	108.0	107.4	106.5
Communication	64.8	65.0	65.3	66.2	65.9	66.9
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	309.0	*288.5	311.2	311.7	310.2	310.5
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.9	60.3	61.5	61.6	61.9	62.8
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	125.8	126.4	124.7	125.1	125.1	125.1
Primary Produce Agencies	26.6	25.9	26.0	27.4	27.1	27.1
Retail Trade	135.6	131.4	129.2	131.9	134.8	130.2
<u>Total Commerce</u>	288.0	283.7	279.9	284.4	287.0	282.4
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	100.1	100.3	100.5	100.7	100.9	101.1
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.4	20.5	21.3	21.3	21.4	21.5
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.5	26.6	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0
Education	39.0	37.8	41.1	41.1	40.8	40.3
Other Professional	13.5	13.8	14.6	14.3	14.3	14.5
Entertainment, Sport	18.1	18.3	20.1	20.7	19.4	19.4
Personal Service (e)	56.3	56.2	54.2	54.9	56.1	55.9
<u>Total Other</u>	185.2	184.6	189.5	190.5	190.3	190.0
TOTAL:	2012.9	*1990.7	2018.1	2027.3	2022.6	2017.8

FEMALES

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	227.6	226.7	227.1	227.4	224.8	226.0
Other (b)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	235.0	234.1	234.5	234.8	232.2	233.4
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.3	9.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5
Communication	19.0	19.3	19.7	20.2	19.5	19.8
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	39.1	39.5	40.1	40.7	39.9	40.2

For notes see page 10.

* Affected by Industrial Dispute.

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
AUSTRALIA (Continued)

Industrial Group	(Thousands)					
	Dec., 1955	Jan., 1956	Oct., 1956	Nov., 1956	Dec., 1956	Jan., 1957
FEMALES (Continued)						
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	38.8	40.0	41.6	41.7	41.7	43.0
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	40.5	40.5	40.2	40.2	40.2	40.3
Primary Produce Agencies	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2
Retail Trade	132.3	125.9	122.2	126.5	130.0	122.9
<u>Total Commerce</u>	178.6	172.1	168.5	172.8	176.3	169.4
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	28.5	28.5	29.2	29.0	28.9	29.1
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	74.7	74.9	78.6	78.6	77.8	77.8
Education	48.4	46.7	50.8	50.9	50.5	48.9
Other Professional	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5
Entertainment, Sport	9.0	9.2	10.0	10.5	9.4	9.5
Personal Service (e)	71.2	72.1	70.4	70.7	71.3	71.4
<u>Total Other</u>	232.0	231.8	238.9	239.9	238.2	237.0
<u>TOTAL:</u>	758.2	752.2	759.3	765.5	763.8	758.7

PERSONS

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.9	26.8	26.1	25.9	25.8	25.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Coal	28.0	27.8	27.0	26.8	26.7	26.3
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.7	12.7	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	58.3	58.3	58.7	58.5	58.4	58.0
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	946.1	*945.6	944.0	946.7	940.1	941.0
Other (b)	70.3	71.0	71.6	71.5	71.4	71.8
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	1016.4	*1016.6	1015.6	1018.2	1011.5	1012.8
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (privately employed) (c)	95.6	98.2	101.0	101.5	99.9	99.3
Other (d)	114.7	113.7	115.1	115.7	115.5	115.2
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	210.3	211.9	216.1	217.2	215.4	214.5
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	94.7	94.7	95.2	95.6	95.1	95.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	53.4	*32.8	54.2	53.9	53.6	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	116.2	116.2	116.9	116.5	116.0	115.0
Communication	83.8	84.3	85.0	86.4	85.4	86.7
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	348.1	*328.0	351.3	352.4	350.1	350.7
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	98.7	100.3	103.1	103.3	103.6	105.8
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	166.3	166.9	164.9	165.3	165.3	165.4
Primary Produce Agencies	32.4	31.6	32.1	33.5	33.2	33.3
Retail Trade	267.9	257.3	251.4	258.4	264.8	253.1
<u>Total Commerce</u>	466.6	455.8	448.4	457.2	463.3	451.8
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	128.6	128.8	129.7	129.7	129.8	130.2
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	30.0	30.2	31.1	31.2	31.2	31.4
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	101.2	101.5	105.4	105.4	104.7	104.8
Education	87.4	84.5	91.9	92.0	91.3	89.2
Other Professional	23.6	24.0	24.9	24.6	24.7	25.0
Entertainment, Sport	27.1	27.5	30.1	31.2	28.8	28.9
Personal Service (e)	127.5	128.3	124.6	125.6	127.4	127.3
<u>Total Other</u>	417.2	416.4	428.4	430.4	428.5	427.0
<u>TOTAL:</u>	2771.1	*2742.9	2777.4	2792.8	2786.4	2776.5

For notes see page 10.

* Affected by Industrial Dispute.

NOTES TO TABLES 8 AND 9

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further ".....the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact, the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 10 and 12 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 14. In continuation of the earlier practice, this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage, figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 January	375,100	116,507	491,607	-	-	-
February	377,558	120,611	498,169	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	377,013	120,289	497,302	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
April	377,871	117,874	495,745	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	377,527	116,874	494,401	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.3
June	375,438	115,930	491,368	- 0.6	- 0.8	- 0.6
July	374,429	115,047	489,476	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.4
August	372,320	114,505	486,825	- 0.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
September	372,082	114,819	486,901	- 0.1	+ 0.3	-
October	371,952	115,693	487,645	-	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
November	372,204	115,556	487,760	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
December	370,698	115,797	486,495	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
1957 January	*368,994	*118,424	*487,418	- 0.5	+ 2.3	+ 0.2
February	373,226	120,733	493,959	+ 1.1	+ 1.9	+ 1.3

(a) As the number of reporting factories in the collection varies from year to year, the figures in Tables 10 to 14 are not comparable with those published in previous Bulletins. The figures now published for 1956 have been adjusted to make them comparable with the 1957 collection. * Revised.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories Surveyed				Percentage movement in employment		
	1956		1957		Dec., 1956-	Jan., 1957-	
	February	November	December	January	February	Feb., 1957	
<u>MALES</u>							
New South Wales	150,611	149,050	149,169	150,690	151,671	+ 1.0	+ 0.7
Victoria	114,909	111,250	111,577	*111,834	112,424	+ 0.2	+ C.5
Queensland	37,665	41,541	39,279	* 35,178	38,014	-10.4	+ 8.1
South Australia	43,032	40,008	40,175	40,523	40,517	+ 0.9	-
Western Australia	18,710	17,755	17,707	17,623	17,691	- 0.5	+ 0.4
Tasmania	12,631	12,600	12,791	* 13,146	12,909	* + 2.8	- 1.8
TOTAL:	377,558	372,204	370,698	*368,994	373,226	- 0.5	+ 1.1
<u>FEMALES</u>							
New South Wales	47,225	45,752	45,749	45,957	46,646	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Victoria	47,104	44,852	44,841	* 45,072	46,682	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Queensland	8,520	8,621	8,489	* 8,350	8,747	*- 1.6	+ 4.8
South Australia	9,856	8,602	8,863	10,908	10,700	+23.1	- 1.9
Western Australia	3,696	3,663	3,659	3,600	3,622	- 1.6	+ 0.6
Tasmania	4,210	4,066	4,196	* 4,537	4,336	*+ 8.7	- 4.4
TOTAL:	120,611	115,556	115,797	*118,424	120,733	+ 2.3	+ 1.9
<u>PERSONS</u>							
New South Wales	197,836	194,802	194,918	196,647	198,317	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
Victoria	162,013	156,102	156,418	*156,906	159,106	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Queensland	46,185	50,162	47,768	* 43,528	46,761	- 8.9	+ 7.4
South Australia	52,888	48,610	49,038	51,431	51,217	+ 4.9	- 0.4
Western Australia	22,406	21,418	21,366	21,223	21,313	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Tasmania	16,841	16,666	16,987	* 17,683	17,245	*+ 4.1	- 2.5
TOTAL:	498,169	487,760	486,495	*487,418	493,959	+ 0.2	+ 1.3

(a) See note to Table 10. * Revised.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 January	326,073	99,561	425,634	-	-	-
February	325,977	100,845	426,822	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,978	101,336	427,314	-	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
April	326,847	100,968	427,815	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,697	100,608	426,305	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	323,122	99,999	423,121	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 0.7
July	321,073	99,406	420,479	- 0.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
August	319,850	99,200	419,050	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
September	319,789	99,930	419,719	-	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
October	319,137	100,402	419,539	- 0.2	+ 0.5	-
November	318,716	100,125	418,841	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
December	318,934	99,825	418,759	+ 0.1	- 0.3	-
1957 January	*320,155	* 99,787	*419,942	+ 0.4	*	+ 0.3
February	321,917	100,426	422,343	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.6

* Revised.

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956			1957		Dec., 1956-	Jan., 57-
	February	November	December	January	February	Jan., 1957	Feb., 57
MALES							
New South Wales	136,113	135,478	135,529	136,784	137,677	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
Victoria	99,667	96,651	96,964	*97,206	97,607	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Queensland	25,568	25,298	25,116	*24,994	25,138	- 0.5	+ 0.6
South Australia	38,205	35,630	35,697	35,599	35,707	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Western Australia	16,181	15,186	15,139	15,118	15,278	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Tasmania	10,243	10,473	10,489	10,454	10,510	- 0.3	+ 0.5
TOTAL:	325,977	318,716	318,934	*320,155	321,917	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
FEMALES							
New South Wales	40,333	40,019	39,800	39,882	40,233	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Victoria	40,125	39,878	39,799	*39,493	39,639	*- 0.8	+ 0.4
Queensland	6,800	6,979	6,908	* 6,880	6,830	*- 0.4	- 0.7
South Australia	7,761	7,273	7,329	7,567	7,772	+ 3.2	+ 2.7
Western Australia	2,810	2,795	2,773	2,737	2,749	- 1.3	+ 0.4
Tasmania	3,016	3,181	3,216	3,228	3,203	+ 0.4	- 0.8
TOTAL:	100,845	100,125	99,825	*99,787	100,426	*	+ 0.6
PERSONS							
New South Wales	176,446	175,497	175,329	176,666	177,910	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
Victoria	139,792	136,529	136,763	*136,699	137,246	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Queensland	32,368	32,277	32,024	* 31,874	31,968	- 0.5	+ 0.3
South Australia	45,966	42,903	43,026	43,166	43,479	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Western Australia	18,291	17,981	17,912	17,855	18,027	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Tasmania	13,259	13,654	13,705	13,682	13,713	- 0.2	+ 0.2
TOTAL:	426,822	418,841	418,759	*419,942	422,343	+ 0.3	+ 0.6

(a) See note to Table 10.

* Revised.

TABLE 14 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Feb., 1956	Dec., 1956	Jan., 1957	Feb., 1957	Dec., 1956- Jan., 1957	Jan., 1957- Feb., 1957
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,411	33,396	33,248	33,406	- 0.4	+ 0.5
2. Basic Metals	37,491	39,518	40,158	40,853	+ 1.6	+ 1.7
3. Transportation Equipment	61,064	55,941	56,180	56,199	+ 0.4	-
4. Other Metal Manufactures	85,116	81,635	81,662	82,349	-	+ 0.8
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	19,065	18,691	18,956	19,191	+ 1.4	+ 1.2
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,604	32,876	* 33,032	33,010	+ 0.5	- 0.1
7. Food	49,193	49,462	46,147	48,910	- 6.7	+ 6.0
8. All Other	45,983	46,388	* 46,465	46,399	*+ 0.2	- 0.1
Total - All Groups	364,927	357,907	*355,848	360,317	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Total - Excluding Food	315,734	308,445	*309,701	311,407	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	3,076	2,999	2,970	2,956	- 1.0	- 0.5
2. Basic Metals	2,009	2,049	2,076	2,086	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
3. Transportation Equipment	5,582	5,093	5,024	4,961	- 1.4	- 1.3
4. Other Metal Manufactures	18,208	17,953	18,294	18,822	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,316	4,279	4,240	4,259	- 0.9	+ 0.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	51,536	51,326	* 51,295	51,484	- 0.1	+ 0.4
7. Food	18,572	14,992	17,328	19,174	+15.6	+10.7
8. All Other	13,102	12,910	12,660	12,655	- 1.9	-
Total - All Groups	116,401	111,601	*113,887	116,397	+ 2.0	+ 2.2
Total - Excluding Food	97,829	96,609	* 96,559	97,223	- 0.1	+ 0.7

(a) See note to Table 10. * Revised.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Sept. Quarter	2,522	2,635
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Dec. "	2,524	2,614
1948-49	1,322	1,365	1955 -		
1949-50	1,451	1,505	March "	2,589	2,732
			June "	2,652	2,758
1950-51	1,742	1,810	Sept. "	2,689	2,798
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Dec. "	2,731	2,841
1952-53	2,350	2,394	1956 -		
1953-54	2,462	2,511	March "	2,749	2,851
			June "	2,801	2,889
1954-55	2,572	2,685	Sept. "	2,863	2,959
1955-56	2,743	2,845	Dec. "	2,903	(c)

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Not available.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1955 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 15.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1954-55							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
1955-56							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June "	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57							
September Quarter	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December "	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1954-55							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.47	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June "	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57							
September Quarter	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December "	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.
(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	356	335	321	329	349	341	341
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	339	329	351	323	350	344	336
III. Food, Drink, etc.	343	346	315	335	339	357	338
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	325	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	392	386	371	367	402	386	386
VI. Other Manufacturing	344	333	313	330	338	351	336
VII. Building	388	374	357	350	367	365	375
VIII. Mining (c)	348	348	329	315	364	336	346
IX. Rail and Tram Services	362	358	339	328	341	363	353
X. Other Land Transport	340	319	309	310	338	327	327
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	358	359	355	357	357	358	357
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	326	324	291	296	315	314	317
XIV. Miscellaneous	339	336	304	305	329	327	330
<u>All Groups (b)(f)</u>	359	346	334	329	349	355	348
<u>31ST DECEMBER, 1956.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	363	335	326	329	353	341	345
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	344	329	355	323	354	344	338
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	348	320	335	342	357	343
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	328	326	332	332	337	324	328
V. Books, Printing, etc.	399	386	373	367	404	386	389
VI. Other Manufacturing	350	334	316	330	341	351	339
VII. Building	398	374	362	350	371	365	379
VIII. Mining (c)	353	348	* 336	315	368	336	* 350
IX. Rail and Tram Services	376	358	345	328	345	363	359
X. Other Land Transport	352	319	313	310	342	327	333
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	363	363	360	361	361	362	362
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	331	324	297	296	319	314	321
XIV. Miscellaneous	350	336	311	305	333	327	* 335
<u>All Groups (b)(f)</u>	367	347	* 339	329	353	355	353

- (a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.
- (b) Weighted average.
- (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry.
- (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.
- (e) Not available.
- (f) For September and December, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to September and December respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups", Excluding XI and XII.
- * Revised.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S. A.	W. A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365
30th September, 1956	379	372	350	349	380	369	370
31st December, 1956	388	372	* 356	349	385	369	375

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

* Revised.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 19 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S. A. (c)	W. A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1956 March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336
June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
July	3,073	2,515	909	494	2,082	91	7,239	1,925	9,164
August	3,119	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	8,274	1,903	10,177
September	3,220	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	7,828	1,786	9,614
October	3,133	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7,665	1,880	9,545
November	3,324	3,085	821	771	1,666	92	7,805	1,954	9,759
December	4,365	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	11,141	2,136	13,277
1957 January	*4,191	3,493	4,083	703	2,244	88	*12,699	*2,103	*14,802
February	4,336	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	11,498	2,196	13,694

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit. * Revised.

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