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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 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.

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 subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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| p | preliminary-figure or series subject to revision |
| r | figure or series revised since previous issue |
| n.a. | not available |
| n.y.a. | not yet available |

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

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PRODUCTION

		Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity ml. kWh		Gas (c) ml. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original		Original		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	January	4,565	6,285	22,214		25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229	
	February	7,242	7,045			34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238	
	March	7,464	7,174			37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259	
	April	5,709	6,807			32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249	
	May	8,209	6,821			40.7	7,821	7,848	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235	
	June	7,087	6,722			34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246	
1979-80	July	6,513	6,190	24,667		36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241	
	August	6,853	7,236			39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272	
	September	7,384	7,532			33.5	8,026	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301	
	October	8,353	7,346			38.4	7,911	7,858	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	331	274	
	November	8,418	7,244		n.y.a.		32.9	7,510	7,972	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294
	December	5,344	n.y.a.			28.1	7,381	8,028	22,930	25,660	749	740	422	443	28.8	34.4	291	310	
	January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	7,360	8,118	21,433	26,782	763	718	309	456	11.1	30.7	115	254	
	February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,379	8,006	22,581	26,407	658	674	474	463	34.6	34.2	272	290	

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

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

EXPORTS - CONTINUED												STOCKS (a)				
Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
January	1,216	1,087	315	581	4,162	215	236	237.0	579	464	37,797	73.2				
February	1,027	1,871	702	624	11,603	229	244	241.5	435	476	35,128	70.3			21,231	21,254
March	1,264	1,924	689	595	12,411	243	232	244.7	376	460	41,661	71.6				
April	2,766	3,332	511	587	10,156	199	218	248.7	290	461	32,642	73.1				
May	3,399	3,442	617	582	13,802	216	195	252.1	243	474	32,935	73.5			21,989	21,936
June	4,491	3,837	598	681	13,868	182	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6				
1978-80																
July	3,921	3,804	711	712	13,765	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8				
August	4,091	3,246	755	719	13,479	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9			23,028	22,942
September	4,925	4,536	719	750	12,021	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,064	75.9				
October	3,745	3,254	885	709	14,870	237	213	266.6	726	457	117,187	73.4				
November	3,659	3,092	989	835	13,159	202	191	269.3	709	456	89,906	74.5			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	3,544	4,479	683	796	9,514	165	187	272.2	633	443	148,522	75.1				
January	1,630	4,192	435	790	15,895	181	191	276.4	530	432	(d)21,448	69.9				
February	3,476	3,083	912	779	11,662	177	175	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (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) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Affected by major industrial dispute.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b) \$m		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
					Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1978-79											
January	1,303	1,253	1,213	1,120			142	-242	135	3,377	3,450
February	1,130	1,207	1,051	1,133	2,596	2,114	146	-155	377	3,723	3,705
March	1,176	1,276	1,144	1,192			149	-297	179	3,600	3,605
April	1,248	1,251	1,120	1,215			156	-262	356	3,677	3,610
May	1,495	1,395	1,318	1,249	2,589	2,202	159	-170	231	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370			161	-200	226	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,400	1,384	1,227	1,135			161	-205	75	3,865	3,814
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232	2,569	2,001	162	-247	23	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			164	61	-256	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347			169	-67	-37	4,106	4,129
November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	172	-33	48	4,148	4,174
December	1,562	1,663	1,167	1,299			174	-21	-136	4,614	4,634
January	1,746	1,681	1,621	1,492			n.y.a.	-295	1518	6,386	6,453
February	1,632	1,674	1,445	1,511	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-134	291	6,495	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0. (c) 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.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales (a)														New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.										
1978-79	January	2,038	2,183	3,149	3,217	1,932	2,242	1,075	1,147	31.0	35.7	7.7	9.1	3,027				
February	1,945	2,202	35.4							38.6	9.4	10.7	3,021					
March	2,174	2,220	38.9							37.7	9.5	9.3	3,017					
April	2,087	2,223	36.4							38.0	8.7	9.2	3,016					
May	2,337	2,251	45.4							40.1	10.7	9.3	3,029					
June	2,140	2,220	40.2	39.8	9.7	9.1	3,034											
1979-80	July	r2,164	r2,310	3,301	3,413	2,203	2,303	1,145	1,214	44.2	42.0	10.4	9.3	3,047				
August	r2,302	r2,300	41.7							39.8	9.7	9.1	3,030					
September	r2,164	r2,305	36.3							38.6	8.8	9.6	3,023					
October	2,334	2,314	39.8							37.7	10.9	10.1	3,027					
November	2,493	2,350	38.4							38.3	10.0	10.1	3,039					
December	3,154	2,407	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.2	35.1	7.4	8.0	3,047					
January	2,311	2,472							33.2	38.0	8.4	10.0	3,044					
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36.4	38.2	9.7	10.6	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) Comprised light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: November \$143m, December \$131m, January \$132m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
					Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1978-79													
January	222.80	231.00	571.3	n.a.	262.6	250.1	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7
February			571.4	n.a.		251.9							
March			571.7	n.a.		251.9							
April	232.80	231.40	572.3	n.a.	269.6	259.6	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
May			572.6	n.a.		263.3							
June			590.6	n.a.		267.4							
1979-80													
July	238.40	238.70	591.3	1.3	275.8	272.6	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
August			591.6	1.4		270.9							
September			591.9	1.3		271.5							
October	248.00	243.50	592.0	1.4	284.1	275.1	292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4
November			595.4	1.5		276.2							
December			595.7	1.6		281.2							
January			n.y.a.	1.2		286.9							
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.4	n.y.a.	288.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(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) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (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 *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (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* publications 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		Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building Original	Materials used in building other than house building Original	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
													Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
January	419.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4						266.9	268.3				
February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	r31.7		270.9	273.4	452.6	555.7	1,448.5	1,661.2
March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0						273.7	275.0				
April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9						277.2	277.3				
May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	r31.3		278.7	278.6	575.5	556.5	1,873.4	1,731.3
June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6						280.2	279.3				
1979-80																
July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6						283.6	285.2				
August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	1,876.2	1,791.7	r32.7	r31.0		287.6	288.5	531.9	524.0	1,531.1	1,559.7
September	625.9	656.1	11.6	r11.8	126.9						290.6	290.2				
October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3						293.4	292.2				
November	848.3	798.5	13.0	12.4	131.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.6	32.7		295.0	293.8	p663.5	p583.6	p1,705.2	p1,602.1
December	559.3	622.0	9.8	10.7	112.4						297.4	299.3				
January	568.5	694.8	10.1	12.9	116.5						301.6	304.9				
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		308.9	311.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(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	
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79														
January	19,056	19,005	20,046	19,431	14,366	14,501	16,586	334	172	80	8.72	172.2	2,115	2,338
February	19,278	19,171	20,461	19,664	14,304	14,716	16,655	318	204	68	8.77		2,347	2,423
March	19,340	19,445	20,852	19,985	14,472	14,779	16,755	316	216	97	9.00		2,227	2,383
April	19,229	19,559	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61	127.9	3,346	2,425
May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	183	109	9.70		3,233	2,215
June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94		2,623	2,342
1979-80														
July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94	1497.2	1,887	2,372
August	20,131	20,059	19,958	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94		2,606	2,612
September	20,247	20,095	20,313	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95		1,883	2,508
October	20,364	20,159	20,993	21,025	16,216	15,830	17,846	356	208	96	9.94	844.0	2,114	2,553
November	20,412	20,325	21,459	21,514	16,408	16,176	18,135	312	213	103	9.96		2,746	2,591
December	20,575	20,486	22,150	21,840	16,612	16,448	18,274	245	162	93	9.97		1,892	2,443
January	20,774	20,720	22,996	22,288	16,564	16,723	18,339	342	182	94	10.38		2,629	2,808.1
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	23,235	22,333	16,558	17,033	n.y.a.	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* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter		Final consumption expenditure										Gross fixed capital expenditure							
		Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		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																			
1978-79	September	23,900	24,472	1,017	1,510	22,883	22,962	14,377	14,492	4,061	4,094	3,360	3,366	1,814	1,965				
	December	27,091	24,985	2,348	1,586	24,743	23,399	15,689	14,806	4,279	4,125	3,794	3,589	2,082	1,990				
	March	25,366	25,989	2,162	1,706	23,204	24,283	14,763	15,465	3,950	4,219	3,348	3,717	1,793	2,093				
	June	25,269	26,489	1,115	1,888	24,154	24,601	15,708	15,711	4,418	4,272	3,975	3,802	2,525	2,152				
1979-80	September	27,000	27,307	1,441	1,814	25,559	25,493	16,062	16,216	4,277	4,311	3,567	3,570	1,960	2,124				
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																			
1978-79	September	16,488	17,006	719	1,282	15,769	15,724	9,748	9,817	2,839	2,862	2,272	2,268	1,252	1,361				
	December	18,927	17,158	2,093	1,288	16,834	15,870	10,337	9,832	2,969	2,888	2,490	2,374	1,417	1,359				
	March	17,114	17,320	1,806	1,226	15,308	16,094	9,525	9,983	2,670	2,819	2,152	2,382	1,183	1,390				
	June	16,084	17,252	477	1,305	15,607	15,947	9,939	9,920	2,959	2,865	2,505	2,392	1,633	1,376				
1979-80	September	17,106	17,369	802	1,214	16,304	16,155	9,915	9,997	2,776	2,798	2,197	2,191	1,232	1,340				
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																			
Quarter		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises										Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
		Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original		
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1978-79	September	4,056	3,958	3,561	3,618	2,668	2,665	5,109	5,377	13,484	13,643	492	19,944	2,813	17,624				
	December	4,276	4,398	4,000	3,828	3,245	2,786	6,787	5,608	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,228	3,009	19,950				
	March	4,313	4,318	4,246	4,416	2,322	2,775	6,061	5,882	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,488	3,768	18,281				
	June	4,597	4,596	4,565	4,526	2,714	2,766	5,025	6,224	14,388	14,462	542	21,915	5,700	16,756				
1979-80	September	4,658	4,550	4,775	4,849	2,976	2,972	6,035	6,154	14,855	14,875	832	22,078	3,283	19,628				
	December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(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 (b) ('000)					JOB VACANCIES ('000)
		Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)				
Month		Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons					
1978-79	January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2	n.a.				
	February	4,135.4	4,101.4	2,337.5	2,326.4	6,472.9	6,427.9	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9					
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0					
	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8					
	May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6					
	June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3					
1979-80	July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5	33.0				
	August	4,100.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8					
	September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5					
	October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8					
	November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6					
	December	4,216.4		2,430.4		6,546.8		202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9	34.3				
	January	4,179.9		2,337.0		6,516.9		226.9	154.1	75.9	242.3	195.5	437.8					
	February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	213.8	159.6	68.9	229.1	213.3	442.4		37.8			

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) 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 notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)													
Total civilian employees								Principal industries					
Month	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.
1978-79													
January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.5	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,153.0	1,158.2	992.0
February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.9	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.2	1,160.6	994.2
March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	1,163.1	997.1
April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0
May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5
June (b)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6
1979-80													
July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6
August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,479.7	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6
September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9
October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9
November	3,112.3	3,115.1	1,908.3	1,896.2	5,020.7	5,011.3	3,503.4	3,490.7	1,517.3	1,520.6	1,168.8	1,165.9	1,019.5
December	3,110.4	3,112.4	1,901.2	1,901.9	5,011.6	5,014.3	3,497.9	3,489.5	1,513.6	1,524.8	1,163.1	1,166.0	1,021.7
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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