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 (b) Not available pending revision.

AUSTRALIA

TABLE A.I.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Including Part-time Relief Workers in actual employment or number equivalent thereto).
(See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No.9).

Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland (a)	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Six States (b)
<u>Average for year -</u>							
1936-37 ..	787,492	577,272	234,500	175,205	154,109	52,941	1,981,519
1937-38 ..	838,583	601,436	245,800	184,839	157,643	57,092	2,085,393
1938-39 ..	846,489	612,095	257,700	186,853	160,297	62,484	2,125,918
1939-40 ..	858,013	631,487	264,500	189,684	157,932	65,507	2,167,123
<u>1939-40 - Month -</u>							
July ..	842,937	607,736	262,800	186,694	158,835	60,910	2,119,912
August ..	841,242	608,632	268,300	187,559	157,234	61,540	2,124,507
September ..	847,235	611,377	269,400	188,435	156,961	61,728	2,135,136
October ..	858,319	626,371	271,300	187,520	157,896	62,695	2,164,101
November ..	863,986	636,679	271,700	188,521	159,078	63,935	2,183,899
December ..	882,291	643,314	270,000	193,310	160,627	66,338	2,215,880
January ..	858,475	632,690	268,100	189,139	158,300	68,548	2,175,252
February ..	866,057	637,714	263,400	189,473	157,920	67,950	2,182,514
March ..	872,824	642,605	258,200	190,582	159,143	70,102	2,193,456
April ..	857,971	647,759	254,700	192,631	156,726	68,432	2,178,219
May ..	842,975	643,403	254,900	190,980	155,875	68,457	2,156,590
June ..	861,836	639,240	260,400	189,310	155,220	65,450	2,171,456
<u>1940-41 - Month -</u>							
July ..	869,705	633,458	264,600	186,874	154,727	64,199	2,173,563
August ..	876,272	632,447	268,100	188,722	154,522	64,259	2,184,322
September ..	880,358	646,199	270,300	192,058	154,407	66,822	2,209,144
October ..	886,771	660,876	271,500	194,384	153,374	66,879	2,222,784
November ..	890,183	658,757	271,900	199,080	154,582	65,817	2,240,319
December ..	911,789	673,380	270,500	205,186	156,468	67,691	2,285,014
January ..	890,020	653,659	269,100	204,350	155,306	70,434	2,242,879
February ..	900,499	(c) 663,692	260,100	208,932	155,238	67,520	(c) 2,255,981
March ..	908,489	(c) 666,549	254,700	212,946	155,260	71,322	(c) 2,269,266

(a) Monthly figures are the average for the three months ended in the month indicated. (b) Estimates for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are revised. (c) The estimate for Victoria is based on a small sample and is subject to amendment when further data are obtained.

TABLE A.II.

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES (a).

(Base : 1928-29 = 100)

(See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No. 9).

Period	New South Wales	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aus-tralia	Wes-tern Aus-tralia	Tas-manian	Australian Index	
							Unad-justed	Divided by Index of Em- ployee Population
Number of Em- ployees in-								
1928-29 ..	174,120	149,266	43,436	35,376	19,799	9,984	431,981	-
Index for -								
1928-29 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0
1938-39 ..	127	130	119	119	112	132	125.9	111.6
1939-40 ..	(c) 131	(c) 137	(c) 122	(c) 123	(c) 110	(c) 140	(e) 131.0	(b)
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	
-1939-40 -								
July ..	126	129	122	118	109	129	125.4	(b)
August ..	127	130	125	119	108	128	126.3	(b)
September ..	128	132	126	119	109	128	127.4	(b)
October ..	131	135	128	120	110	133	130.5	(b)
November ..	133	138	126	120	111	138	132.2	(b)
December ..	134	138	121	124	112	140	132.5	(b)
January ..	132	137	113	124	110	144	130.7	(b)
February ..	133	140	115	125	111	149	132.6	(b)
March ..	135	142	119	127	112	148	134.5	(b)
April ..	(e) 133	143	118	130	111	151	(e) 134.0	(b)
May ..	(e) 129	141	123	127	111	149	(e) 132.3	(b)
June ..	(e) 133	139	126	124	110	147	(e) 133.4	(b)
	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	
-1940-41 -								
July ..	135	141	130	123	109	146	134.8	(b)
August ..	137	142	133	125	109	146	136.6	(b)
September ..	139	147	134	130	111	146	139.6	(b)
October ..	140	149	132	133	111	145	141.1	(b)
November ..	142	152	131	137	113	145	142.9	(b)
December ..	145	155	126	144	114	151	145.7	(b)
January ..	143	152	117	149	113	158	143.2	(b)
February ..	145	155	122	155	116	156	146.3	(b)
March ..	149	156	127	162	117	156	151.5	(b)

(a) Excluding Working Proprietors.

(b) Not available pending revision.

(c) Revised Figures.

(d) Estimates, subject to revision.

(e) Affected by stoppage in Coal Industry, New South Wales.

NOTE: The annual and monthly indexes to June, 1940 are derived from complete totals. The monthly indexes from July, 1940 are derived from actual totals from practically all factories in New South Wales from a complete record of munition factories in Victoria and South Australia plus a sample of other factories, and from a sample representing approximately 45% of factory employees in Queensland, 49% in Western Australia and 55% in Tasmania. The Australian index is a weighted average. The index for Victoria is based on a small sample and is subject to amendment when fuller data are obtained.

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The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables A.IV, A.V., A.VIII, A.IX. and A.X.

Table A.IV (Retail Employment).

March, 1941:- 132; 144; 116; 110; 110; 135; 130.3 (a).

(a) Not available.

A comparison of employment in retail stores in March, 1941 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States), with March, 1940, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +0.8; Victoria, +2.9; Queensland, +1.8; South Australia, nil; Western Australia, -5.2; Tasmania, -1.5; Australia, +1.3.

Table A.V.

March quarter not yet available.

Table A.VIII. (Trade Union Unemployment).

March Quarter, 1941:- 7.0; 3.2; 8.9; 3.9; 4.3; 3.6;
398; 514,379; 27,289; 5.3.

Table A.IX.

March Quarter, 1941:- 3.1; 2.9; 10.4; 3.6; 2.0; 4.4;
5.8; 8.1; 6.3; 6.6; 5.3.

Table A.X. (Registered Unemployed).

March, 1941:- 22,866; 3,765; 25,844; 2,719; 597; 2,385;
420; 58,596.

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TABLE A.XI.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHEME

SUMMARY AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1941.

State of Training	Service	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Canberra	Total
Completed training since Summary dated 28.2.41.		82	271	-	223	72	52	-	700
	ARMED SERVICES) R.A.A.F.	★ 40	98	-	-	-	-	-	138
	) 2nd A.I.F.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	) Perm. Army								
	MUNITIONS All Trades	101	219	5	60	-	10	-	395
	<u>Total:</u>	225	588	5	283	72	62	-	1,235
Completed training to date.		1,743	2,240	51	1,297	257	101	710	6,399
	ARMED SERVICES) R.A.A.F.	586	743	-	-	-	-	-	1,329
	) 2nd A.I.F.	87	32	10	10	24	4	-	167
	) Perm. Army								
	MUNITIONS All Trades	708	1,156	59	386	46	34	-	2,388
	<u>Total:</u>	3,124	4,170	120	1,693	327	139	710	10,283
Now in training		397	642	-	468	92	50	195	1,844
	ARMED SERVICES) R.A.A.F.	107	211	-	53	20	-	-	391
	) 2nd A.I.F.	8	-	20	-	-	-	-	28
	) Perm. Army								
	MUNITIONS All Trades	652	1,032	122	372	53	67	20	2,318
	<u>Total:</u>	1,164	1,885	142	893	165	117	215	4,581
Completed or now in training.		2,140	2,882	51	1,765	349	151	905	8,243
	ARMED SERVICES) R.A.A.F.	693	954	-	53	20	-	-	1,720
	) 2nd A.I.F.	95	32	30	10	24	4	-	195
	) Perm. Army								
	MUNITIONS All Trades	1,360	2,187	181	758	99	101	20	4,706
	<u>Total:</u>	4,288	6,055	262	2,586	492	256	925	14,864

★ 40 Radio Mechanics completed part-time course.

RE SOUTH WALES.

The following are the March figures of employment and unemployment for Tables N.I. to N.VII. These latest figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 11 of the Monthly Circular.

Table N.I.

March, 1941: 143,800; 21,599; 21,848; 239,732; 17,009; 6,441;
41,500; 82,654; 29,020; 29,523; 20,654; 8,251;
6,423; 646,610; 257,225; 903,835; 10,040; 4,654;
908,489.

Table N.II.

March, 1941: (a); 742,036; 21,599; 143,800; 903,835; 10,040;
4,654; 908,489.

(a) Not available.

Table N.III.

March, 1941: 17,009; 6,441; 52,511; 26,382; 29,523; 20,654;
220,710; 8,251; 8,817; 6,423; 23,765; 420,486;
742,036.

Table N.IV. P.(ii).

March, 1941: 2,775; 9,059; 82,732; 15,693; 4,071; 25,715;
32,887; 7,244; 14,475; 4,304; 4,704; 17,051;
220,710.

Table N.V.

March, 1941: 29,985; 103,212; 12,061; 21,599; 166,857; 1,646.

Table N.VI.

Totals for March, 1941. P.(iv). - REVENUE.

Total Governmental - = 91,193
Total Semi-Governmental = 6,724

Total Revenue: 97,917

Totals for March, 1941 (P.v.) - LOAN

Total Governmental = 7,758
Total Semi-Governmental = 4,684

Total Loan: 12,442

Commonwealth Defence Works under supervision of:

Works and Local Government Department = 643
Department of Main Roads .. = 1,396
Metropolitan W. S. & D. Board = 12
Hunter District Water Board = 10

Part-Time Workers - Cleaners and Others
normally employed for less than a
full working day = 2,200

Prince Henry Hospital = 653

GRAND TOTAL (State and Semi-Govern-
mental, excluding Relief Workers): 115,273

Totals for March, 1941 (P.vi) - Commonwealth Employees (Revenue and Loan)

Commonwealth Employees - Full-time = 29,735
 " " - Part-time = 250

Total Commonwealth Employees. 29,985

GRAND TOTAL (State, Commonwealth and Semi-Governmental - Excluding Relief workers): .. = 141,000(a)

(a) Excluding 6,904 Commonwealth and State Employees on war service.

Employees of Contractors on Construction Work (State Government only) .. = 1,646

Local Government Employees (Excluding Relief Workers and Employees of Private Contractors) .. = 21,599

Table N.VII.

March, 1941: 13,875; 540; 243; 1,222; 1,335; 191; 5,460;
 22,866; 18,212.

VICTORIA

Table V.I. (Total Employment).

March, 1941: 93,200; 232,900; 49,890; 3,992; 30,847; 410,829;
 255,720; 666,549 (a).

(a) Subject to revision.

Table V.II.

March, 1941: Not yet available.

Table V.III.

March, 1941: 1,784; 296; 200; 104; 120; 31; 17; 1,213, 3,765.

Table V.IV.

March, 1941: 33; 27; 51; 56; 13; 33; 66; 17; 1; 71; 10;
 45; 29; 1,384; 1,836.

QUEENSLAND

Table Q.I. (Total Employment).

March, 1941: 107,400; 264,900; 10,900; 383,200.

Table Q.II.

March, 1941. 5,936; 1,515; 7,451; 34,079; 5,229; 39,308; 588;
 12; 600; 11,006; 429; 11,435; 51,609; 7,185;
 58,794; 2,377.

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TABLE Q.V.

PERSONS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED AT CENTRAL LABOUR EXCHANGES (a)
(Persons on Live Register at end of Month)

MARCH, 1941.

Classified Occupations	Ayr	Brisbane	Bundaberg	Cairns	Charleville	Gympie	Innisfail	Ipswich	Longreach	MacKay	Maryborough	Rockhampton	Roma	Too-woomba	Townsville	Warwick	Total
Pastoral	3	48	2	3	12	4	-	2	9	7	2	18	7	47	105	9	278
Sugar Industry	428	28	415	263	-	2	320	2	-	402	6	12	-	3	84	-	1,965
Dairying	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	3	-	-	27
Fruit Industry	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8
General Agriculture	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	11
Agricultural and Pastoral	431	104	417	266	12	7	320	4	9	414	9	30	8	58	191	9	2,289
Building Trades (all classes)	7	479	16	32	-	19	22	37	-	49	16	55	8	56	99	4	899
Clerical and Professional	1	368	18	6	-	1	5	9	1	18	12	27	2	12	18	3	501
Clothing Manufacturing, Boots and Wearing Apparel	-	336	2	4	-	2	3	16	-	27	9	12	-	5	20	2	438
Domestic	6	284	12	32	-	5	5	12	10	15	9	25	4	13	21	7	460
Engine Driving	23	82	10	15	-	3	13	5	2	15	5	5	2	9	13	4	206
Engineering (all classes)	2	178	10	6	-	5	6	10	-	11	8	20	2	8	32	-	298
Food and Drink	5	284	11	35	4	5	20	13	-	9	2	40	1	22	44	7	502
Hygiene and Safety (Ambulance, Hospitals, etc.)	-	38	2	3	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	3	-	5	3	3	64
Labouring (all classes)	168	3,835	249	305	26	211	205	397	19	373	196	547	31	283	529	196	7,570
Manufacturing - not elsewhere specified	-	68	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	10	-	-	9	-	91
Meat Industry (Retail and Export), also Bacon Factories	3	155	4	5	-	7	2	3	-	9	1	151	1	5	384	-	730
Mining - Coal	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	16
Mining - Metalliferous	-	117	4	9	-	9	4	2	-	5	3	45	-	3	26	4	231
Miscellaneous	-	139	-	2	-	-	-	10	-	1	1	3	-	4	8	2	170
Printing - Including Newspapers	-	71	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	-	3	2	1	85
Shop Assistants	4	249	1	4	2	11	5	16	-	5	5	24	-	14	21	3	364
Storemen and Packers	-	176	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	14	-	2	15	1	213
Transportation (carrying, etc.)	4	193	13	49	1	15	21	17	-	24	9	37	2	22	33	3	443
TOTALS:	654	7,161	770	776	45	303	633	567	41	978	288	1,051	62	524	1,468	249	15,570

(a) Central Exchanges are merely the larger Centres throughout the State at which officers of the Labour Department itself are stationed. For total registrations, see Tables Q.III. and Q.IV.

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Table Q.III.

March, 1941: 7,161; 567; 1,051; 1,468; 15,597; 24,089; 1,755;
25,844.

Table Q.IV.

March, 1941: 3,817; 1,059; 439; 116; 799; 297; 342; 264; 26;
15,120; 83; 832; 18; 326; 165; 74; 248; 142;
622; 24,089; 1,755; 25,844.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Table S.I. (Total Employment).

March, 1941: 33,526; 57,167; 20,230; 866; 14,810; 126,599;
86,347; 212,946.

Table S.II.

March, 1941: 6,765; 2,460; 9,225; 21,318; 4,367; 25,685; 3,085;
140; 3,225; 2,983; 163; 3,146; 34,151; 7,130;
41,281; 2,312.

Table S.III.

March, 1941: 2,457; 53; 47; 7; 14; 31; 14; 96; 2,719.

Table S.IV.

March, 1941: 36; 119; 23; 2; 14; -; 151; -; 2,123; -; -;
1; -; 250; 2,719.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Table W.I. (Total Employment).

March, 1941: 26,884; 23,151; 12,070; 9,811; 10,644; 82,560;
72,700; 155,260;

Table W.II.

March, 1941: 4,556; 1,145; 5,701; 17,549; 3,266; 20,815; 951;
52; 1,003; 2,616; 191; 2,807; 25,672; 4,654;
30,326; 1,240.

Table W.III.

March, 1941: 440; 126; 30; -; 12; -; -; -; 482; 126; 608(a)

(a) Includes 11 men who also registered with the Department of Employment for relief work or sustenance. In Table A.X. these men are excluded from the Labour Exchange registrations.