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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 Authorities, 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 Authorities, 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 revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. 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. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1954		1955				
	Oct.	Nov.	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1374.1	1381.2	(b)1399.9	1401.3	1405.4	1406.5	1416.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	29.9	29.9	(c)28.2	30.8	30.7	30.7	30.7
Other	126.7	127.4	130.0	130.4	130.0	130.1	131.1
State and Semi-Governmental	362.3	363.8	372.8	(a)372.0	371.9	369.7	368.5
Local Authorities	62.2	62.5	65.1	65.1	65.1	64.7	65.1
2. Total Governmental	581.1	583.6	(c)596.1	(c)598.3	597.7	595.2	595.4
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1955.2	1964.8	(c)1996.0	(c)1999.6	2003.1	2001.7	2012.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.5	52.5	59.9	60.2	60.1	60.0	51.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2015.7	2017.3	(c)2055.9	(c)2059.8	2063.2	2061.7	2064.0

FEEMALES

1. In Private Employment	602.2	610.5	615.1	616.7	620.2	623.8	631.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1
Other	36.4	36.7	37.8	37.9	37.6	37.5	38.4
State and Semi-Governmental	68.1	68.3	73.0	73.5	73.3	73.5	73.5
Local Authorities	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9
2. Total Governmental	116.5	117.0	123.6	124.2	123.7	124.0	124.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	718.7	727.5	738.7	740.9	743.9	747.8	756.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	720.8	729.6	740.8	743.1	746.0	749.8	758.1

PERSONS

1. In Private Employment	1976.3	1991.7	(c)2015.0	2018.0	2025.6	2030.3	2047.9
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	36.4	36.4	(c)35.2	37.8	37.7	37.8	37.8
Other	163.1	164.1	167.8	168.3	167.6	167.6	169.5
State and Semi-Governmental	430.4	432.1	445.8	(c)445.5	445.2	443.2	442.0
Local Authorities	67.7	68.0	70.9	70.9	70.9	70.6	71.0
2. Total Governmental	697.6	700.6	(c)719.7	(c)722.5	721.4	719.2	720.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2673.9	2692.3	(c)2734.7	(c)2740.5	2747.0	2749.5	2768.2
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	62.6	54.6	62.0	62.4	62.2	62.0	53.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2736.5	2746.9	(c)2796.7	(c)2802.9	2809.2	2811.5	2822.1

(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 disputes.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a)1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a)2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	1401.3	565.0	594.5	616.7	1884.4	1961.4	2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	1405.4	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	2025.6
October	1330.4	1374.1	1406.5	574.5	602.2	623.8	1904.9	1976.3	2030.3
November	1337.9	1381.2	1416.7	582.7	610.5	631.2	1920.6	1991.7	2047.9
December	1340.9	1384.3		590.0	615.6		1930.9	1999.9	
January	1344.2	1382.4		587.0	608.0		1931.2	1990.4	
February	1348.8	1388.2		588.3	613.5		1937.1	2001.7	
March	1356.2	1393.9		593.7	616.2		1949.9	2010.1	
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a)596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a)719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a)598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a)722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1	595.2	111.8	116.5	124.0	679.2	697.6	719.2
November	568.7	583.6	595.4	111.9	117.0	124.9	680.6	700.6	720.3
December	569.9	584.7		111.3	116.3		681.2	701.0	
January	568.1	586.0		110.7	116.2		678.8	702.2	
February	571.6	589.2		113.0	119.3		684.6	708.5	
March	575.1	592.4		114.2	121.3		689.3	713.7	
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a)1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a)2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	(a)1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a)2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.1	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.0
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.7	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.5
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.1	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.2
December	1910.8	1969.0		701.3	731.9		2612.1	2700.9	
January	1912.3	1968.4		697.7	724.2		2610.0	2692.6	
February	1920.4	1977.4		701.3	732.8		2621.7	2710.2	
March	1931.3	1986.3		707.9	737.5		2639.2	2723.8	
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1		2.0	2.0		54.5	52.1	
January	62.7	60.1		2.0	2.0		64.7	62.1	
February	62.3	60.1		2.0	2.1		64.3	62.2	
March	61.3	57.9		1.9	2.1		63.2	60.0	
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

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

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

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

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	(a)2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a)2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.2	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.2
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.7	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.5
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.0	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.1
December	1963.3	2019.1		703.3	733.9		2666.6	2753.0	
January	1975.0	2028.5		699.7	726.2		2674.7	2754.7	
February	1982.7	2037.5		703.3	734.9		2686.0	2772.4	
March	1992.6	2044.2		709.8	739.6		2702.4	2783.8	
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 6 : 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			
		Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (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	556.2	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	1,351.4	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
1953	Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	111.8	574.5	686.3	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	64.5
	Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
	Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
	Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
	Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
	Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
	Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
	May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
	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
	July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
	Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
	Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
1954	Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
	Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
	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
	Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	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
	Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
	Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
	May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	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. (e)	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.	597.7	1,405.4	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.6	2,747.0	62.2
1955	Oct.	595.2	1,406.5	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.3	2,749.5	62.0
	Nov.	595.4	1,416.7	2,012.1	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,047.9	2,768.2	53.9

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (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 Overseas 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 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, NOVEMBER, 1955.**STATES AND TERRITORIES**

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.3	1.1	46.0	14.1	55.3	15.2	132.2	25.2	26.5	2.8	214.0	43.2	257.2
Victoria	15.9	5.0	34.4	11.1	50.3	16.1	95.0	22.3	12.6	1.4	137.9	39.8	197.7
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.7	4.5	17.9	4.7	53.7	7.2	17.4	0.9	89.0	12.8	101.8
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.2	2.9	15.5	3.5	37.4	8.9	2.9	0.3	55.8	12.7	68.5
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.4	2.0	9.1	2.1	36.9	6.3	3.5	0.3	49.5	8.7	58.2
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.3	1.1	4.4	1.2	13.3	3.6	2.2	0.2	19.9	5.0	24.9
Northern Terr.	0.1	—	2.2	0.5	2.3	0.5	—	—	—	—	2.3	0.5	2.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	6.9	2.2	7.0	2.2	—	—	—	—	7.0	2.2	9.2
Total, November	30.7	7.1	131.1	38.4	161.8	45.5	368.5	73.5	85.1	5.9	595.4	124.9	720.3
Total, October	30.7	7.1	130.1	37.5	160.8	44.6	369.7	73.5	84.7	5.9	595.2	124.0	719.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(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)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	Oct. 1955	Nov. 1955
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	779.4	784.1
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	557.0	559.9
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	273.1	273.9
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	179.3	180.2
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b)126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	136.3	137.0
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	62.9	63.3
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.8
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2001.7	2012.1

FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	297.7	301.5
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	228.3	230.7
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.6	91.1
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	61.9	62.6
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	43.9	44.4
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	21.5	21.8
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	747.8	756.1

PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1077.1	1085.6
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	785.3	790.6
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	363.7	365.0
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	241.2	242.8
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b)166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.2	181.4
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	84.4	85.1
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.7	11.7
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2749.5	2768.2

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
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)
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	Oct., 1954	Nov., 1954	August, 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.2	26.3	27.1	26.9	26.7	26.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Coal	29.2	29.2	28.5	28.4	28.1	28.1
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.7	11.7	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.2
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.6	57.7	58.2	58.2	57.6	57.7
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	700.6	703.6	716.2	717.4	718.7	722.4
Other (b)	60.9	61.0	* 62.0	62.8	62.8	62.9
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	761.5	764.6	*778.2	780.2	781.5	785.3
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	90.7	90.0	92.6	93.8	93.7	94.6
Other (d)	113.1	113.4	117.5	116.4	114.6	113.5
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	203.8	203.4	210.1	210.2	208.3	208.1
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	82.4	82.6	84.7	84.9	84.8	85.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	49.3	49.5	51.5	51.2	50.0	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	106.7	107.0	108.7	108.2	107.6	107.2
Communication	62.0	62.4	64.3	64.3	64.5	65.0
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	300.4	301.5	309.2	308.6	306.9	308.6
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	57.8	58.0	59.5	59.5	59.4	59.4
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	119.7	120.7	124.0	124.2	124.2	125.0
Primary Produce Agencies	25.0	25.0	22.8	24.5	25.6	26.1
Retail Trade	128.2	131.7	128.8	128.9	129.5	131.9
<u>Total Commerce</u>	272.9	277.4	275.6	277.6	279.3	283.0
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	97.6	97.8	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.7
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.4
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.8	25.8	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.4
Education	36.8	37.1	38.8	38.8	38.8	38.8
Other Professional	12.2	12.3	13.2	13.2	13.1	13.4
Entertainment, Sport	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.1	18.1
Personal Service (e)	52.9	53.2	54.1	54.4	54.7	55.1
<u>Total Other</u>	177.4	178.1	182.1	182.4	182.5	183.6
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1955.2	1964.8	*1999.6	2003.1	2001.7	2012.1

FEMALES

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	223.4	224.6	225.6	226.9	228.7	228.8
Other (b)	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	230.4	231.6	232.9	234.2	236.0	236.1
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.4	8.5	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.4
Communication	18.7	18.8	18.8	18.8	19.0	19.9
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	37.5	37.7	38.6	38.6	39.0	40.0

* Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 9.

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

AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Oct., 1954	Nov., 1954	August, 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955
FEMALES (continued)						
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	35.0	35.3	38.2	38.2	38.4	38.5
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	38.1	38.3	39.8	40.2	40.2	40.3
Primary Produce Agencies	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Retail Trade	117.7	123.8	121.3	122.1	123.3	128.8
Total Commerce	161.3	167.7	166.9	168.1	169.3	174.9
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	27.6	27.7	28.8	28.6	28.3	28.4
Other -						
Law and Order	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6
Religion and Social Welfare	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	71.3	71.5	74.2	74.6	74.7	75.1
Education	45.2	45.2	48.4	48.1	48.2	48.2
Other Professional	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.1
Entertainment, Sport	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8
Personal Service (e)	68.0	68.5	69.6	70.1	70.5	71.2
Total Other	221.1	221.6	229.3	230.0	230.6	232.0
TOTAL	718.7	727.5	740.9	743.9	747.8	756.1

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.4	26.5	27.3	27.1	26.9	26.9
Mining -						
Gold	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.5	9.6	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3
Coal	29.5	29.4	28.7	28.6	28.3	28.3
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.1	12.1	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.6	58.7	59.3	59.3	58.7	58.8
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	924.0	928.2	941.8	944.3	947.4	951.2
Other (b)	67.9	68.0	* 69.3	70.1	70.1	70.2
Total Manufacturing	991.9	996.2	* 1011.1	1014.4	1017.5	1021.4
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	93.3	92.6	95.4	96.6	96.5	97.4
Other (d)	115.1	115.5	119.6	118.5	116.7	115.6
Total Building and Construction	208.4	208.1	215.0	215.1	213.2	213.0
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	90.8	91.1	93.7	94.0	93.9	94.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.7	51.9	53.9	53.6	52.5	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	114.7	115.0	117.1	116.5	116.0	115.6
Communication	80.7	81.2	83.1	83.1	83.5	84.9
Total Transport, etc.	337.9	339.2	347.8	347.2	345.9	348.6
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	92.8	93.3	97.7	97.7	97.8	97.9
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	157.8	159.0	163.8	164.4	164.4	165.3
Primary Produce Agencies	30.5	30.6	28.6	30.3	31.4	31.9
Retail Trade	245.9	255.5	250.1	251.0	252.8	260.7
Total Commerce	434.2	445.1	442.5	445.7	448.6	457.9
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	125.2	125.5	128.4	128.1	127.8	128.1
Other -						
Law and Order	29.2	29.2	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0
Religion and Social Welfare	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	97.1	97.3	100.3	100.7	100.8	101.5
Education	82.0	82.3	87.2	86.9	87.0	87.0
Other Professional	21.8	21.9	23.1	23.1	23.0	23.5
Entertainment, Sport	27.2	27.0	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9
Personal Service (e)	120.9	121.7	123.7	124.5	125.2	126.3
Total Other	398.5	399.7	411.4	412.4	413.1	415.6
TOTAL	2673.9	2692.3	* 2740.5	2747.0	2749.5	2768.2

* Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - NOVEMBER, 1955.

(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	8.5	5.8	5.9	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	29.9	4.9	9.6	1.7	8.0	3.0	57.7
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	294.4	226.6	76.0	70.1	36.1	19.2	722.4
Other (b)	27.1	18.3	10.5	2.6	2.5	0.6	62.9
Total Manufacturing:	321.5	244.9	86.5	72.7	38.6	19.8	785.3
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	72.8	52.7	35.7	19.0	15.2	9.2	208.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.5	11.4	9.1	5.9	4.8	2.3	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	39.2	22.3	21.5	10.0	11.1	2.6	107.2
Other Transport and Communication	60.6	38.8	24.0	12.7	9.1	4.4	150.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	22.9	18.0	8.1	5.0	3.8	1.5	59.4
Retail Trade	52.3	37.8	15.8	12.3	9.7	3.7	131.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.5	42.7	21.7	15.3	15.0	4.6	151.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.5	28.3	11.8	7.8	7.4	3.8	99.7
Other Industries (g)	70.9	52.3	24.2	16.0	12.0	6.3	183.6
TOTAL MALES:	784.1	559.9	273.9	180.2	137.0	63.3	2012.1
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	98.9	89.0	14.2	16.3	6.1	4.3	228.8
Other (b)	1.0	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.3
Total Manufacturing:	99.9	91.3	17.1	16.4	7.0	4.3	236.1
Rail and Air Transport	3.8	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.4
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.9	9.6	4.5	2.7	1.5	1.2	31.6
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	17.0	10.7	4.4	3.2	2.2	0.9	38.5
Retail Trade	48.3	35.2	16.7	13.4	10.3	4.4	128.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.0	12.2	7.1	4.2	3.6	1.0	46.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.9	6.9	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.4
Other Industries (g)	91.7	62.7	35.5	20.3	17.4	8.9	238.2
TOTAL FEMALES:	301.5	230.7	91.1	62.6	44.4	21.8	756.1
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.9	5.9	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	30.2	5.0	9.9	1.8	8.2	3.1	58.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	951.2
Other (b)	28.1	20.6	13.4	2.7	3.4	0.6	70.2
Total Manufacturing:	421.4	336.2	103.6	89.1	45.6	24.1	1021.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.9	54.0	36.3	19.4	15.5	9.3	213.0
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.6	12.0	9.4	6.1	5.0	2.4	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	43.0	24.4	22.8	10.7	11.5	2.7	115.6
Other Transport and Communication	71.4	47.8	28.2	15.2	10.4	5.5	179.4
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	39.9	28.7	12.5	8.2	6.0	2.4	97.9
Retail Trade	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	260.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.5	54.9	28.8	19.5	18.6	5.6	197.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.4	35.2	16.3	9.5	9.4	4.8	128.1
Other Industries (g)	160.1	113.5	58.8	35.8	28.9	15.0	415.6
TOTAL PERSONS:	1085.6	790.6	365.0	242.8	181.4	85.1	2768.2

For notes see page 9.

NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (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 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. 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 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 October	367,252	114,967	482,219	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
November	369,009	115,520	484,529	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
December	367,627	115,469	483,096	- 0.4	..	- 0.3
1955 January	367,215	116,923	484,138	- 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
February	371,325	119,330	490,655	+ 1.1	+ 2.1	+ 1.3
March	372,303	118,952	491,255	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	372,158	116,189	488,347	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.6
May	372,894	115,524	488,418	+ 0.2	- 0.6	..
June	375,438	115,824	491,262	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
July	375,922	115,058	490,980	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
August	376,382	115,406	491,788	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	377,305	116,689	493,994	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
October	*378,323	*117,138	*495,461	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	*378,922	*116,870	*495,792	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	377,534	117,667	495,201	- 0.4	+ 0.7	- 0.1

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Oct. -	Nov. -
	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955
MALES							
New South Wales	146,504	146,570	149,698	*150,284	150,986	* + 0.4	+ 0.5
Victoria	111,504	111,960	*113,904	*114,172	114,013	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Queensland	40,403	37,912	42,246	41,849	39,303	- 0.9	- 6.1
South Australia	41,220	41,430	42,467	42,440	42,552	- 0.1	+ 0.3
West Australia	17,723	17,796	17,935	18,017	18,224	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Tasmania	11,655	11,959	12,073	12,160	12,456	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
TOTAL	369,009	367,627	*378,323	*378,922	377,534	+ 0.1	- 0.4

FEMALES

New South Wales	46,084	46,134	47,227	47,133	47,238	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Victoria	44,647	44,559	*44,841	*44,866	44,629	..	- 0.5
Queensland	8,542	8,341	8,714	8,481	8,271	- 2.7	- 2.5
South Australia	8,804	8,962	9,049	9,003	9,830	- 0.5	+ 9.2
West Australia	3,988	3,970	3,655	3,672	3,669	+ 0.5	..
Tasmania	3,455	3,503	3,652	3,715	4,030	+ 1.7	+ 8.5
TOTAL	115,520	115,469	*117,138	*116,870	117,667	- 0.2	+ 0.7

PERSONS

New South Wales	192,588	192,704	196,925	*197,417	198,224	* + 0.2	+ 0.3
Victoria	156,151	156,519	*158,745	*159,038	158,642	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Queensland	48,945	46,253	50,960	50,330	47,574	- 1.2	- 5.5
South Australia	50,024	50,392	51,516	51,443	52,382	- 0.1	+ 1.8
West Australia	21,711	21,766	21,590	21,689	21,893	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Tasmania	15,110	15,462	15,725	15,875	16,486	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
TOTAL	484,529	483,096	495,461	495,792	495,201	+ 0.1	- 0.1

* Revised.

**TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, 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
1954 October	325,210	102,455	427,665	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
November	326,611	103,068	429,679	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
December	326,859	102,366	429,225	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
1955 January	329,647	102,041	431,688	+ 0.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
February	331,397	102,474	433,871	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
March	332,479	102,747	435,226	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
April	332,931	102,605	435,536	+ 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
May	333,058	102,290	435,348	..	- 0.3	..
June	333,989	102,647	436,636	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
July	334,063	102,562	436,625	..	- 0.1	..
August	334,276	102,793	437,069	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
September	334,649	103,903	438,552	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	334,772	104,125	438,897	..	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
November	*335,585	103,946	*439,531	* + 0.2	- 0.2	* + 0.1
December	336,025	103,406	439,431	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1

* Revised.

**TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Oct. -	Nov. -
	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955
MALES							
New South Wales	136,581	136,372	139,833	*140,613	141,157	* + 0.6	+ 0.4
Victoria	99,820	100,254	102,441	102,511	102,395	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Queensland	25,748	25,565	26,449	26,339	26,281	- 0.4	- 0.2
South Australia	38,568	38,675	39,641	39,689	39,551	+ 0.1	- 0.3
West Australia	15,815	15,874	16,058	16,057	16,256	..	+ 1.2
Tasmania	10,079	10,119	10,350	10,376	10,385	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
TOTAL	326,611	326,859	334,772	*335,585	336,025	* + 0.2	+ 0.1
FEMALES							
New South Wales	41,675	41,254	42,663	42,530	42,250	- 0.3	- 0.7
Victoria	40,698	40,573	40,886	40,841	40,679	- 0.1	- 0.4
Queensland	7,061	7,038	7,002	6,904	6,829	- 1.4	- 1.1
South Australia	7,681	7,655	7,856	7,896	7,869	+ 0.5	- 0.3
West Australia	3,137	3,120	2,833	2,844	2,841	+ 0.4	..
Tasmania	2,816	2,726	2,885	2,931	2,938	+ 1.6	+ 0.2
TOTAL	103,068	102,366	104,125	103,946	103,406	- 0.2	- 0.5
PERSONS							
New South Wales	178,256	177,626	182,496	*183,143	183,407	* + 0.4	+ 0.1
Victoria	140,518	140,827	143,327	143,352	143,074	..	- 0.2
Queensland	32,809	32,603	33,451	33,243	33,110	- 0.6	- 0.4
South Australia	46,249	46,330	47,497	47,585	47,420	+ 0.2	- 0.3
West Australia	18,952	18,994	18,891	18,901	19,097	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Tasmania	12,895	12,845	13,235	13,307	13,323	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
TOTAL	429,679	429,225	438,897	*439,531	439,431	* + 0.1	- 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Dec., 1954	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955	Oct. - Nov., 1955	Nov. - Dec., 1955
MALES						
1. Building Materials	33,531	34,047	34,156	34,299	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
2. Basic Metals	34,449	34,740	*35,100	35,430	* + 1.0	+ 0.9
3. Transportation Equipment	55,335	59,769	59,890	59,801	+ 0.2	- 0.1
4. Other Metal Manufactures	86,872	89,580	89,363	89,170	- 0.2	- 0.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	16,753	17,574	17,633	17,635	+ 0.3	..
6. Clothing and Textiles	33,784	32,084	32,314	32,306	+ 0.7	..
7. Food	38,928	*41,828	*41,553	39,438	- 0.7	- 5.1
8. All Other	56,016	56,628	56,753	56,999	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Total - All Groups	355,668	*366,250	*366,762	365,078	* + 0.1	- 0.5
Total - Excluding Food	316,740	324,422	*325,209	325,640	* + 0.2	+ 0.1

FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,772	2,966	3,032	3,035	+ 2.2	..
2. Basic Metals	1,334	1,319	1,314	1,323	- 0.4	+ 0.6
3. Transportation Equipment	4,830	5,212	5,301	5,313	+ 1.7	+ 0.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,617	20,094	19,819	19,687	- 1.4	- 0.7
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,066	4,254	4,274	4,235	+ 0.5	- 0.9
6. Clothing and Textiles	53,780	51,702	51,572	51,315	- 0.3	- 0.5
7. Food	12,326	*12,246	*12,140	13,169	- 0.9	+ 8.5
8. All Other	15,241	15,693	15,703	15,560	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Total - All Groups	111,966	*113,486	*113,155	113,637	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Total - Excluding Food	99,640	101,240	101,015	100,468	- 0.2	- 0.5

* Revised

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : 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	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	June Quarter	2,377	2,427
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Sept. "	2,445	2,479
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
1949-50	1,451	1,505	1954 -		
			March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1950-51	1,742	1,810	June "	2,477	2,534
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1953-54	2,462	2,511	1955 -		
1954-55	2,572	2,658	March Quarter	2,589	2,705
			June "	2,652	2,730
			Sept. "	2,689	2,767

(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.

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 1953-54 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, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

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>31ST OCTOBER, 1955.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	338	323	308	318	339	330	328
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	323	315	313	311	340	331	319
III. Food, Drink, etc.	321	328	302	322	328	333	320
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	313	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	369	367	354	355	391	374	367
VI. Other Manufacturing	324	315	298	319	324	328	318
VII. Building	368	351	339	339	356	344	355
VIII. Mining (c)	333	328	319	303	358	325	332
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	333	315	316	329	334	330
X. Other Land Transport	316	305	289	301	328	316	309
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	344	348	343	345	345	346	345
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	344	349	338	358	373	360
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	310	306	279	286	305	296	302
XIV. Miscellaneous	317	314	293	293	318	307	311
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	339	327	317	317	340	337	331
<u>30TH NOVEMBER, 1955.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	314	311	340	331	321
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	302	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	318	298	319	324	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	346	331	317	317	340	337	334

(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) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

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
31st March, 1954	346	337	319	327	352	341	339
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	346	351	331	336	370	350	350

(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.

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 1947-1955) 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
1955 January	1,252	437	2,165	67	144	52	3,190	927	4,117
February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245

(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.