

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1976

PRELIMINARY

MAIN FEATURES

The following figures refer only to civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service.

- In the two months to March 1976 employment increased by 42,200 persons (10,400 males and 31,900 females) but in seasonally adjusted terms there was little change.
- Private employment increased by 29,700 persons and government employment by 12,500 persons. However, in seasonally adjusted terms private employment increased by only 2,100 persons, while government employment decreased by 5,000 persons.
- Industries showing significant increases between January and March were: education (17,200), manufacturing (14,000), health (7,800) and finance, insurance, real estate and business services (3,700).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to wage and salary earners, not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers and the unemployed. Also excluded because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private households employing staff, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strikes or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources, such as special returns from government bodies and the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for nearly 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities), radio, television, police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made by telephoning Mr Joe Christensen on 52 6633 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
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Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1975 - February	1,100.8	834.4	405.3	276.0	246.8	90.6	23.6	51.0	3,028.6	3,017.7
March	1,101.4	834.5	405.5	277.6	247.5	90.4	23.5	51.4	3,031.8	3,019.8
1976 - February	1,075.8	824.3	404.4	276.8	248.0	88.9	24.7	52.1	2,994.9	2,984.2
March	1,075.6	824.8	406.6	277.4	248.4	89.1	24.6	52.3	2,998.6	2,986.7
FEMALES										
1975 - February	621.2	485.3	205.7	155.1	131.4	44.4	10.7	32.8	1,686.6	1,688.1
March	621.8	487.5	205.4	156.4	132.6	44.8	10.9	33.5	1,693.0	1,682.9
1976 - February	622.9	496.1	213.6	163.9	134.9	46.2	12.2	35.5	1,725.3	1,727.0
March	625.4	499.2	214.4	165.7	136.3	47.2	12.0	35.5	1,735.7	1,725.3
PERSONS										
1975 - February	1,722.0	1,319.8	611.0	431.1	378.2	135.0	34.3	83.8	4,715.2	4,705.3
March	1,723.2	1,322.0	610.9	433.9	380.1	135.3	34.5	84.9	4,734.8	4,706.4
1976 - February	1,698.7	1,320.4	618.0	440.7	382.9	135.1	36.9	87.6	4,720.2	4,710.6
March	1,701.0	1,324.0	621.0	443.1	384.7	136.3	36.6	87.8	4,734.2	4,715.8

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1976* (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly.

TABLE 2. - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)

Month	Government (a)					Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
	Private	Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1975 - February	2,130.8	275.9	515.2	106.7	897.7	3,028.6	65.5	3,094.1
March	2,126.0	276.8	518.0	111.0	905.8	3,031.8	65.5	3,097.3
1976 - February	2,093.3	277.1	522.2	102.3	901.6	2,994.9	65.7	3,060.6
March	2,097.7	276.0	523.0	101.9	900.9	2,998.6	65.4	3,064.0
FEMALES								
1975 - February	1,331.9	112.1	223.7	18.7	354.6	1,686.6	3.2	1,689.8
March	1,333.4	113.5	227.1	19.0	359.6	1,693.0	3.2	1,696.2
1976 - February	1,349.2	116.9	239.4	19.8	376.1	1,725.3	3.5	1,728.8
March	1,356.8	115.4	243.7	19.8	378.9	1,735.7	3.5	1,739.2
PERSONS								
1975 - February	3,462.8	388.1	738.9	125.5	1,252.4	4,715.2	68.7	4,783.9
March	3,459.4	390.2	745.1	130.0	1,265.4	4,734.8	68.8	4,793.6
1976 - February	3,442.5	394.0	761.6	122.1	1,277.7	4,720.2	69.2	4,789.4
March	3,454.4	391.4	766.7	121.7	1,279.8	4,734.2	68.9	4,803.1

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (5.6 thousand persons in June 1975) engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS: BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
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ASIC Division(a)	ASIC Industry (a)	MALES				FEMALES				PERSONS			
		1975		1976		1975		1976		1975		1976	
		Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
A (part)	Forestry, fishing and hunting	14.1	14.3	13.9	13.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	15.0	15.2	14.8	14.6
B	Mining	75.1	74.7	72.9	72.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	80.9	80.5	78.7	78.3
C	Manufacturing	907.8	903.8	891.3	893.8	315.6	312.9	315.8	317.2	1,223.4	1,216.7	1,207.1	1,211.0
	Food, beverages and tobacco	143.6	142.6	143.4	144.0	55.1	54.6	52.4	52.4	198.7	197.3	195.8	196.4
	Textiles	23.5	23.6	25.6	25.1	16.6	16.7	19.5	19.4	40.1	40.3	45.0	44.3
	Clothing and footwear	20.0	19.9	20.4	20.5	67.5	66.5	71.2	71.7	87.5	86.5	91.6	92.3
	Paper and paper products, printing	75.0	74.2	72.2	72.3	26.9	26.5	25.6	25.7	101.9	100.7	97.8	98.0
	Metal products, machinery and equipment												
	Basic metal products	87.4	86.6	82.6	83.0	7.8	7.6	6.9	7.0	95.2	94.2	89.6	89.9
	Fabricated metal products	89.5	89.2	86.1	86.6	21.9	21.6	21.8	22.0	111.4	110.8	107.9	108.6
	Transport equipment	133.5	133.6	133.2	133.8	16.2	16.0	16.3	17.0	149.7	149.6	149.8	150.7
	Other machinery and equipment	134.9	134.3	127.9	127.9	47.1	46.9	45.3	45.2	182.0	181.1	173.2	173.0
D	Electricity, gas and water	91.0	91.2	91.2	91.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	100.2	100.4	100.3	100.2
E	Construction	382.5	385.6	354.1	353.8	18.1	18.0	18.2	18.2	400.5	403.6	372.3	372.0
F	Wholesale and retail trade	545.0	546.2	551.0	552.3	402.5	403.4	406.4	408.9	947.5	948.6	957.4	961.3
	Wholesale trade	242.8	242.1	242.2	242.7	95.5	95.6	93.7	94.4	338.4	337.7	335.8	337.1
	Retail trade	302.2	304.1	308.8	309.6	307.0	307.8	312.8	314.5	609.2	611.9	621.6	624.1
	Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers	137.5	139.1	141.3	141.2	28.7	29.3	29.9	30.0	166.2	168.4	171.2	171.2
	Other retail trade	164.8	165.0	167.5	168.4	278.2	278.6	282.9	284.5	443.0	443.5	450.4	453.0
G	Transport and storage	220.8	219.7	215.5	214.7	36.7	36.7	36.2	36.3	257.5	256.3	251.7	251.0
	Road transport	84.5	84.5	82.0	81.9	14.0	14.0	13.5	13.5	98.4	98.4	95.5	95.5
H	Communication	73.2	73.0	71.9	71.6	29.9	29.9	29.8	29.1	103.1	102.8	101.7	101.7
I	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	199.3	199.1	195.8	196.6	180.9	180.9	181.8	182.9	380.2	380.1	377.6	379.5
J	Public administration and defence (c)	148.3	149.9	153.4	152.9	80.8	82.4	90.4	90.6	229.1	232.3	243.8	243.5
K	Community services	263.6	265.8	275.2	276.9	445.9	451.0	468.6	474.3	709.5	716.8	743.8	751.3
	Health	59.7	60.4	63.0	64.3	235.5	237.6	246.8	249.3	295.2	298.0	309.7	313.7
	Education, libraries, museums and art galleries	112.4	113.3	119.1	119.7	171.2	174.0	182.1	185.0	283.7	287.3	301.3	304.7
L	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (d)	107.8	108.5	108.7	108.5	160.4	162.0	162.1	162.4	268.2	270.5	270.9	270.8
	TOTAL	3,028.6	3,031.8	2,994.9	2,998.6	1,686.6	1,693.0	1,725.3	1,735.7	4,715.2	4,726.8	4,720.2	4,734.2

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification. Some Division totals include industries not specified separately. (b) Excludes ASIC Sub-divisions 01 (Agriculture) and 02 (Services to agriculture). (c) Excludes members of the permanent defence forces. (d) Excludes ASIC Sub-division 14 Private households employing staff.

TABLE 4. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Wholesale and retail trade
ORIGINAL							
1975 - January	3,015.9	1,662.8	4,678.7	3,455.3	1,223.4	1,225.6	946.0
February	3,028.6	1,686.6	4,715.2	3,462.8	1,252.4	1,223.4	947.5
March	3,031.8	1,693.0	4,724.8	3,459.4	1,265.4	1,216.7	949.6
April	†3,032.9	1,702.0	†4,734.9	3,465.3	†1,269.6	1,213.4	955.1
May	3,047.3	1,704.8	4,752.0	3,462.6	1,289.4	1,208.4	955.9
June	†3,043.5	1,709.2	†4,752.7	†3,457.1	1,295.5	1,204.8	955.7
July r	†3,028.5	1,712.4	†4,740.9	†3,445.1	1,295.8	1,202.7	955.3
August r	3,014.7	1,712.9	4,727.5	3,435.7	1,291.8	1,199.7	951.5
September r	3,007.6	1,717.8	4,725.4	3,439.7	1,285.6	1,200.3	954.8
October r	3,004.1	1,725.1	4,729.3	3,447.8	1,281.4	1,204.7	960.0
November r	3,000.3	1,732.7	4,732.9	3,454.9	1,278.0	1,207.3	965.6
December r	2,996.8	1,719.9	4,716.7	3,448.3	1,268.3	1,200.6	968.9
1976 - January r	2,988.2	1,703.8	4,692.0	3,424.7	1,267.3	1,197.0	955.1
February	2,994.9	1,725.3	4,720.2	3,442.5	1,277.7	1,207.1	957.4
March	2,998.6	1,735.7	4,734.2	3,454.4	1,279.8	1,211.0	961.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)							
1975 - January	3,018.5	1,685.6	4,705.0	3,467.7	1,234.5	1,230.7	950.8
February	3,017.7	1,688.1	4,705.3	3,455.8	1,248.1	1,219.3	951.8
March	3,019.8	1,682.9	4,706.4	3,444.6	1,256.4	1,210.5	950.4
April	†3,030.3	1,695.4	†4,727.7	3,460.6	†1,263.7	1,212.7	956.4
May	3,038.3	1,698.4	4,736.2	3,458.6	1,282.4	1,207.1	953.5
June	†3,043.0	1,704.8	†4,748.0	†3,460.2	1,290.0	1,203.6	954.9
July r	†3,036.7	1,715.8	†4,752.0	†3,464.3	1,293.9	1,206.6	962.5
August r	3,024.6	1,718.7	4,742.0	3,453.6	1,292.6	1,203.3	959.7
September r	3,019.7	1,721.3	4,741.3	3,448.3	1,289.7	1,203.7	960.8
October r	3,018.3	1,725.5	4,744.1	3,453.7	1,289.1	1,205.7	962.1
November r	2,995.7	1,723.8	4,715.4	3,430.4	1,284.3	1,200.5	952.8
December r	2,989.4	1,718.3	4,707.1	3,436.4	1,271.7	1,203.6	950.3
1976 - January r	2,990.0	1,725.3	4,715.9	3,437.3	1,275.8	1,202.2	960.1
February	2,984.2	1,727.0	4,710.6	3,435.7	1,273.3	1,203.1	961.8
March	2,986.7	1,725.3	4,715.8	3,439.4	1,270.8	1,204.9	962.0

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1976 (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly. r - revised. † Affected by industrial disputes.

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