



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JUNE 1982

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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 ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (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 ABS 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 preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

r figure or series revised since previous issue
p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

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

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
May	9,494	8,760	21,286	35.6	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,440		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,898		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318
August	8,754	8,161	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,327	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273
October	10,223	8,537		37.5	8,572	8,650	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	385	338
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,150	8,704	33,480	36,731	510	533	519	489	40.6	37.0	311	265
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,168	8,728	32,445	37,607	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	267	246
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,845	30,702	38,215	631	586	351	518	12.3	37.1	164	397
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	r7,003	r9,005	30,373	37,259	497	527	467	469	34.4	34.7	r287	r312
March	11,026	9,588		43.8	r8,606	r8,769	31,414	34,563	661	643	519	499	43.4	38.9	r319	r300
April	8,254	9,048		36.1	r8,070	r8,673	r31,251	r33,663	601	611	523	515	32.6	35.4	270	320
May	10,099	9,319	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r8,753	r8,456	r40,386	r38,004	655	639	555	535	39.9	35.9	r191	r218
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,577	8,784	42,950	36,703	592	633	497	497	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	241	235

(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

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d) Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes	% of total brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	199	200	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	r29,639	r29,659
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	739	689	13,386	191	182	317.5	262	394	36,102	79.2		
August	4,252	3,959	750	822	12,287	168	173	319.8	414	421	67,982	82.3	r30,548	r30,497
September	3,986	3,446	898	809	12,083	190	171	321.2	570	427	105,627	83.4		
October	4,857	3,997	892	774	11,185	205	182	322.6	692	443	106,676	82.2		
November	3,237	3,153	1,004	856	11,711	169	168	324.0	669	434	86,230	77.8	r31,242	r31,220
December	3,232	3,800	818	809	9,514	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.2		
January	1,551	3,561	418	833	4,224	179	195	327.6	503	431	33,652	79.0		
February	3,497	3,693	702	623	10,434	195	218	332.6	388	429	37,399	76.1		
March	r3,839	r3,856	727	584	r12,661	221	207	335.9	339	424	45,453	75.7	32,200	32,256
April	3,489	3,851	524	583	r9,863	197	208	p338.1	281	453	38,488	78.3		
May	r3,483	r3,538	419	498	10,764	r207	r206	p340.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
June	3,121	2,782	505	517	n.y.a.	212	217	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) 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. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	-424	618	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-572	683	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,496	r1,921			186	-913	520	4,996
August	1,689	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	-546	278	4,696
September	1,498	1,846			186	-751	270	4,495
October	1,552	r2,007			185	-929	755	4,527
November	1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	-669	498	4,156
December	1,422	1,624			184	-599	780	4,360
January	1,554	r1,751			185	-687	280	3,912
February	1,685	1,931	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186	698	738	3,942
March	1,716	r2,158			187	-983	1,409	4,065
April	1,814	1,895			p189	r-855	r2,033	5,204
May	1,816	2,227	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p193	r-752	r1,940	6,301
June	1,847	2,028			n.y.a.	-716	958	

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)												Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(g) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1980-81—													
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0	11.9	11.5	3,333
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8	13.5	11.8	3,372
1981-82—													
July	2,880	2,922							45.1	39.5	14.2	11.9	3,422
August	2,852	2,990	4,293	4,387	2,909	3,013	1,468	1,542	39.7	38.4	12.0	12.4	3,437
September	2,937	3,041							37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5	3,481
October	3,057	3,011							35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6	3,531
November	3,053	3,026	r4,831	r4,506	r3,597	r3,074	r1,904	r1,602	37.5	39.0	11.3	11.8	3,577
December	4,222	3,120							41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1	3,634
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0	3,652
February	2,741	3,134	44,978	4,625	2,718	3,156	1,488	1,609	33.4	36.2	11.6	12.4	3,676
March	3,084	3,163							44.1	41.3	15.3	14.0	3,723
April	(c)3,159	(c)3,235							38.0	39.3	12.1	12.7	3,758
May	(c)3,237	(c)3,207	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	40.6	12.8	12.3	3,819
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p44.2	p41.2	p15.0	p12.9	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$156m; March \$181m; April \$173m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (%) (a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100.0 (d)							
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care
	1980-81—											
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	103.4	102.8	103.3	103.8	103.1	105.2	102.5	101.8
June			713.6									
1981-82—												
July			715.6									
August	286.60	194.70	718.5	1.46	105.5	106.4	104.1	106.4	105.5	105.3	105.7	102.9
September			723.0									
October			726.0									
November	1298.60	1196.90	736.6	1.57	109.9	108.1	106.9	109.7	109.2	110.0	107.6	128.2
December			757.5									
January			763.8									
February			767.7	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2
March	p316.50	p207.00	770.8									100.0
April			773.7									
May			774.6	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.0	115.9	116.0	114.7	112.9	134.5
June			n.y.a.									101.2

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) 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 details see August issue of *Overrime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building (b)	Materials used in building other than house building (c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment		
	1980-81—															
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	355.1	116.7	1,066.4	1,024.6	2,782.0	2,578.7	
June	970.0	953.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8					
1981-82—																
July	959.4	913.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0					
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5	
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6					
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3					
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	71.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	3,062.5	2,925.0	
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8					
January	717.3	953.2	9.4	12.1	132.0					376.3	125.0					
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	383.1	127.6	1,057.1	1,271.9	2,502.5	2,855.8	
March	970.1	889.1	12.2	10.8	87.1					389.5	129.8					
April	766.2	791.4	10.3	10.7	80.6					392.8	131.0					
May	877.5	830.6	10.3	10.0	104.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p398.5	p133.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p398.5	p133.8					

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 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	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			State consolidated revenue funds \$m	Original
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Seas. adj.			
1980-81—														
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,803	19,626	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	
June	23,218	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,665	19,779	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		3,653	
1981-82—														
July	23,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,136	(g)20,081	24,034	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,043	20,081	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,443	20,422	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,869	20,567	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,699	
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	25,678	20,822	20,623	25,394	308	174	110	14.50	818.5	3,752	
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,080	20,864	25,770	316	164	102	14.50		2,779	
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,161	21,308	25,768	305	147	87	14.65		3,570	
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,074	21,484	26,042	322	165	93	14.95	396.6	3,506	
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,486	21,838	26,378	379	195	112	15.20		3,862	
April	24,242	24,643	29,278	28,708	22,348	22,300	26,709	282	147	97	15.60		5,427	
May	24,550	24,836	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	27,164	309	130	102	16.40	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	29,445	30,273	22,120	22,254	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 3614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedure.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure				
							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															
1980-81—															
December	36.061	32,513	3,225	1,859	32,836	30,654	20,528	19,416	5,808	5,603	5,408	5,144	2,566	2,490	
March	31,263	33,120	1,383	1,655	29,880	31,465	19,041	19,944	5,339	5,663	4,993	5,562	2,157	2,447	
June	32,828	34,394	953	1,739	31,875	32,655	20,325	20,481	5,977	5,786	6,228	5,849	2,982	2,561	
1981-82—															
September	35,434	35,738	1,451	1,980	33,983	33,758	21,045	21,142	6,046	6,117	6,170	6,267	2,586	2,808	
December	40,745	36,585	3,746	1,832	36,999	34,753	23,065	21,818	6,493	6,255	7,585	7,209	2,145	2,077	
March	35,282	37,354	1,365	1,817	33,917	35,537	21,362	22,384	5,766	6,125	5,847	6,522	2,513	2,848	
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES															
1980-81—															
December	33,057	29,714	2,854	1,630	30,203	28,084	18,978	17,983	5,201	5,030	4,952	4,702	2,328	2,257	
March	28,222	29,959	1,323	1,591	26,899	28,368	17,231	18,060	4,754	5,029	4,464	4,984	1,906	2,166	
June	28,946	30,255	965	1,660	27,981	28,595	18,073	18,178	5,132	4,962	5,437	5,113	2,559	2,202	
1981-82—															
September	30,443	30,909	1,415	1,903	29,028	29,006	18,346	18,422	5,077	5,142	5,275	5,353	2,164	2,352	
December	34,527	30,688	3,654	1,886	30,873	28,802	19,558	18,525	5,207	5,028	6,406	6,078	1,738	1,683	
March	28,809	30,674	1,503	1,961	27,306	28,713	17,780	18,643	4,654	4,931	4,740	5,299	1,984	2,249	

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income	
					Companies		Other								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1980-81—															
December	6,090	6,061	5,707	5,530	4,862	4,194	8,886	6,762	18,457	17,508	2,396	9,375	4,078	26,150	
March	6,149	6,142	5,383	5,472	3,688	4,154	6,107	6,749	17,295	18,121	617	7,579	5,066	20,426	
June	6,489	6,617	5,775	5,707	3,989	4,225	5,743	6,880	18,703	18,945	200	9,595	7,428	21,070	
1981-82—															
September	6,943	6,868	5,470	5,633	4,477	4,472	7,098	7,472	19,644	19,437	677	8,775	4,523	24,573	
December	6,836	6,790	5,422	5,243	5,002	4,309	9,899	7,372	21,179	20,257	2,831	10,509	4,605	29,914	
March	7,271	7,263	5,750	5,841	3,286	3,725	6,776	7,643	20,321	21,177	537	8,713	6,246	23,325	

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid 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.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)						JOB VACANCIES ('000)	
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1980-81—														
May	4,257.1	4,261.4	2,495.6	2,499.1	6,752.7	6,755.3	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7	
June	4,244.3	4,258.0	2,484.9	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2		
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8		
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7	
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,844.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1		
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4		
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.7	171.5	371.9	36.7	
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3		
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6		
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	33.7	
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	158.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.7		
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.2	153.1	72.8	227.2	209.0	436.2		
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	219.8	152.8	77.3	239.8	210.0	449.9	25.3	
June	4,294.1	4,308.4	2,532.4	2,541.1	6,826.5	6,845.3	p215.1	p150.4	p81.0	p238.8	p207.9	p446.6		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Full-time labour force survey estimates. (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 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
('000)

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total		Persons			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females				
1981—														
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6	
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6	
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9	
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0	
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	28.0	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9	
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1	
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7	
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0	
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5	
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4	
1982—														
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.3	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5	
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3	
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9	
April	275.6	128.7	579.6	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.2	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2	

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (5202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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