



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1981

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendices 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 Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). 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) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- not applicable
- 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) tonnes | Lead (b) '000 tonnes | Electricity mil. kWh | | Gas (c) mil. megajoules | | Raw steel ¹ '000 tonnes | | Cement ² '000 tonnes | | Motor vehicles (d) '000 | | Electric motors under 200 '000 | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1976-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 7 202 | 7 065 | | 35.6 | 7 224 | 3 008 | 24 503 | 37 345 | 636 | 615 | 449 | 44 | 37.6 | 31.9 | 283 | 273 | |
| April | 8 311 | 8 062 | | 36.4 | 8 524 | 3 079 | 25 905 | 37 667 | 520 | 564 | 448 | 45.1 | 36.4 | 29.0 | 248 | 278 | |
| May | 8 209 | 5 480 | 24 388 | 36.6 | 8 270 | 7 886 | 30 605 | 29 235 | 488 | 466 | 481 | 48.5 | 35.7 | 30.6 | 267 | 293 | |
| June | 8 174 | 7 871 | | 35.2 | 8 707 | 8 029 | 34 984 | 29 853 | 576 | 602 | 457 | 45.5 | 29.8 | 29.5 | 284 | 288 | |
| 1980-81 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 6 637 | 6 491 | | 31.7 | 9 486 | 8 188 | 37 060 | 29 478 | 736 | 744 | 477 | 44.1 | 35.4 | 35.1 | 330 | 298 | |
| August | 5 004 | 4 464 | 28 707 | 32.8 | 8 973 | 8 042 | 34 502 | 28 767 | 685 | 698 | 483 | 46.6 | 29.6 | 29.1 | 321 | 287 | |
| September | 8 612 | 7 707 | | 32.0 | 8 231 | 8 048 | 31 793 | 29 371 | 614 | 592 | 428 | 41.2 | 31.0 | 28.7 | 351 | 293 | |
| October | 10 127 | 8 360 | | 30.9 | 8 206 | 8 183 | 29 275 | 28 705 | 629 | 601 | 465 | 43.7 | 35.1 | 29.0 | 303 | 327 | |
| November | 8 178 | 8 136 | 24 090 | 33.1 | 7 027 | 8 540 | 27 930 | 30 718 | 635 | 688 | 489 | 46.5 | 37.0 | 29.4 | 346 | 294 | |
| December | 6 649 | 6 077 | | 31.0 | 7 490 | 8 589 | 28 248 | 29 197 | 653 | 626 | 429 | 46.1 | 28.4 | 32.0 | 316 | 304 | |
| January | 6 249 | 6 664 | | 22.8 | 8 834 | 8 610 | 27 897 | 35 036 | 728 | 671 | 312 | 46.1 | 12.8 | 39.0 | 117 | 285 | |
| February | 8 781 | 8 437 | 8 530 | 23.8 | 7 521 | 8 479 | 27 424 | 33 625 | 634 | 695 | 410 | 41.7 | 32.2 | 32.3 | 291 | 313 | |
| March | 9 327 | 8 728 | | 23.1 | 8 326 | 8 616 | 32 491 | 36 057 | 691 | 669 | 538 | 52.3 | 32.4 | 29.7 | 305 | 287 | |
| April | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | | n.s.a. | 7 910 | 8 467 | 32 162 | 34 490 | 678 | 732 | 538 | 54.1 | p20.3 | n.s.a. | 285 | 318 | |

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metals 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 (text) (tweelling) '000 sq m | | Woollen and worsted woven cloth (text) (blanketing) '000 sq m | | Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m | Meat '000 tonnes | | Price index manufacturing divisions ¹ | Whole milk intake by factories (a) mil. litres | | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool | | Book value at end of quarter \$m | | |
|-----------|---|------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--|---|------------|--|--|--|------------|--|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | Original | Seas. adj. | | Original | Seas. adj. | Total receipts '000 tonnes | % of total received by brokers (d) | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 3 207 | 3 385 | 900 | 825 | 12 216 | 168 | 156 | 285.4 | 336 | 426 | 37 910 | 69.6 | | | |
| April | 2 900 | 3 421 | 775 | 779 | 10 629 | 205 | 221 | 286.0 | 237 | 376 | 38 332 | 73.7 | | | |
| May | 3 509 | 3 120 | 673 | 732 | 13 158 | 201 | 194 | 287.2 | 210 | 419 | 30 388 | 73.6 | 26 089 | 26 071 | |
| June | 3 543 | 3 240 | 513 | 610 | 13 311 | 167 | 171 | 289.2 | 220 | 455 | 23 544 | 68.8 | (1)26 315 | (1)26 297 | |
| 1980-81 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4 599 | 4 133 | 839 | 757 | 14 278 | 208 | 209 | 292.6 | 294 | 446 | 41 010 | 74.9 | | | |
| August | 3 769 | 3 154 | 683 | 703 | 13 026 | 197 | 195 | 296.5 | 446 | 465 | 72 055 | (e)80.7 | 27 639 | 27 543 | |
| September | 3 715 | 3 364 | 771 | 734 | 13 057 | 214 | 205 | 299.3 | 581 | 443 | 102 447 | 82.4 | | | |
| October | 4 338 | 3 520 | 1 032 | 848 | 13 724 | 233 | 214 | 300.4 | 681 | 428 | 103 574 | 80.7 | | | |
| November | 3 509 | 3 235 | 697 | 874 | 12 047 | 187 | 175 | 302.0 | 658 | 435 | 79 198 | 79.0 | 27 929 | 28 032 | |
| December | 2 966 | 3 589 | 775 | 780 | 9 719 | 182 | 195 | 304.2 | 603 | 416 | 58 234 | 76.4 | | | |
| January | 1 447 | 3 160 | 516 | 1 045 | 4 333 | 168 | 179 | 305.9 | 488 | 408 | 34 284 | 81.3 | | | |
| February | 3 703 | 3 986 | 957 | 862 | 11 463 | 171 | 174 | 309.1 | 375 | 410 | 35 103 | 76.3 | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | |
| March | 3 837 | 4 049 | 895 | 767 | 12 755 | 185 | 171 | 310.8 | 329 | 415 | 44 012 | 75.9 | | | |
| April | 3 938 | 4 652 | 746 | 779 | p11 156 | p186 | 202 | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | | | |

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629. (b) This index is on a "net division" basis and relates to concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC/Division C (for sale or transfer outside the Division) or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Menbers of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia has increased its membership from August 1980, resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers. (e) Comparability differences due to sample revision details of this revision. (f) See September Quarter issue of 5629.0 for further

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

| Month | Value of total exports \$m | Value of total imports \$m | Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a) \$m | | Export price index (b) All groups 1974-75 = 100 | Balance on current account \$m | Net apparent capital inflow \$m | Official reserve assets (c) \$m |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | | Exports | Imports | | | | |
| | | | Seas. adj. | Seas. adj. | | | | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1,613 | 1,332 | | | 185 | 34 | -51 | 5,627 |
| April | 1,617 | 1,277 | | | 183 | 102 | 21 | 5,225 |
| May | 1,537 | 1,473 | 2,804 | 2,071 | 182 | 280 | 544 | 5,271 |
| June | 1,803 | 1,394 | | | 179 | 59 | 78 | 5,681 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,681 | 1,592 | | | 180 | 263 | 201 | 5,933 |
| August | 1,489 | 1,463 | 2,563 | 2,267 | 182 | 396 | 183 | 5,533 |
| September | 1,403 | 1,617 | | | 184 | 517 | 329 | 5,718 |
| October | 1,671 | 1,734 | | | 185 | 574 | 1,027 | 6,094 |
| November | 1,599 | 1,325 | 2,550 | 2,269 | 185 | 147 | 270 | 5,981 |
| December | 1,588 | 1,536 | | | 185 | 193 | 79 | 5,430 |
| January | 1,670 | 1,406 | | | 186 | 251 | 544 | 5,586 |
| February | 1,578 | 1,613 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 186 | 442 | 395 | 5,172 |
| March | 1,474 | 1,595 | | | 185 | 723 | 766 | 5,153 |
| April | 1,666 | 1,704 | | | n.y.a. | 439 | 990 | n.y.a. |

(a) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0

(b) Introduced in July 1979. For further details see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0

(c) 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|------------|--|------------|--------------------|------------|--|------------|---|------------|---|
| | All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.(b) \$m | | Food and drink(b) \$m | | Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture(b) \$m | | Other(b)(c) \$m | | New motor cars and station wagons registered '000 | | Other new motor vehicles registered(d) '000 | | Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(e) \$m |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2,370 | 2,514 | | | | | | | 37.0 | 37.0 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 3,032 |
| April | 2,399 | 2,495 | | | | | | | 36.3 | 35.7 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 3,020 |
| May | 2,686 | 2,527 | 3,668 | 3,743 | 2,541 | 2,516 | 1,255 | 1,342 | 37.7 | 35.2 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 3,018 |
| June | 2,399 | 2,572 | | | | | | | 36.5 | 36.9 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 3,011 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,552 | 2,645 | | | | | | | 43.2 | 37.7 | 11.9 | 10.1 | 3,007 |
| August | 2,552 | 2,637 | 3,814 | 3,919 | 2,549 | 2,637 | 1,331 | 1,402 | 39.3 | 38.2 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 3,005 |
| September | 2,501 | 2,603 | | | | | | | 37.5 | 37.9 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 3,001 |
| October | 2,735 | 2,653 | | | | | | | 40.2 | 38.4 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 3,028 |
| November | 2,747 | 2,728 | 4,327 | 4,027 | 3,207 | 2,738 | 1,699 | 1,429 | 36.4 | 38.3 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 3,017 |
| December | 2,751 | 2,792 | | | | | | | 39.9 | 40.8 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 3,027 |
| January | 2,630 | 2,782 | | | | | | | 31.8 | 38.1 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 3,073 |
| February | 2,470 | 2,796 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 35.8 | 38.9 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 3,085 |
| March | 2,682 | 2,849 | | | | | | | 38.7 | 37.7 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 3,104 |
| April | 2,716 | 2,807 | | | | | | | 37.2 | 36.8 | 11.7 | 11.9 | n.y.a. |

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments: shops, stores, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses

(b) Excludes Northern Territories and Australian Capital Territory

(c) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: January \$136m, February \$147m, March \$156m

(d) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(e) Comprises light commercial (type

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| Month | Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$ | | Weekly wage rates index, adult males (h) 1954 = 100 | Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c) | Consumer price index, six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|------------|---|--|--|----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | | | All groups | Food (d) | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care (e) | Recreation (f) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | 627.4 | 1.4 | | 291.4 | | | | | | | |
| April | | | 628.3 | 1.4 | | 293.4 | | | | | | | |
| May | 258.20 | 258.90 | 629.2 | 1.4 | 298.4 | 303.7 | 324.5 | 253.4 | 310.3 | 307.9 | 348.8 | 136.2 | |
| June | | | 629.3 | 1.3 | | 298.9 | | | | | | | |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | 656.7 | 1.4 | | 300.3 | | | | | | | |
| August | 268.90 | 268.70 | 657.2 | 1.4 | 304.0 | 302.5 | | | | | | | |
| September | | | 659.2 | 1.4 | | 304.4 | | | | | | | |
| October | | | 661.0 | 1.4 | | 307.4 | | | | | | | |
| November | 289.10 | 277.70 | 661.2 | 1.6 | 310.1 | 314.4 | | | | | | | |
| December | | | 661.3 | 1.5 | | 310.5 | 314.1 | 341.7 | 267.9 | 317.1 | 317.2 | 358.9 | 140.6 |
| January | | | 684.9 | 1.2 | | 317.8 | | | | | | | |
| February | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | 684.9 | 1.4 | 317.7 | 316.2 | 317.5 | 348.9 | 275.3 | 328.7 | 324.0 | 364.7 | 144.5 |
| March | | | 685.3 | 1.5 | | 316.8 | | | | | | | |
| April | | | n.s.a. | 1.4 | | 317.7 | | | | | | | |

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 633.0. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers under-derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| Month | Building approvals \$m | | Building approvals dwellings 1000 units | | Government building approved \$m | Building commenced total \$m | | Dwellings commenced total 1000 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 house building (h) | Materials used in building other than house building (i) | New buildings and structures | | Other new capital equipment | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1976-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 701.0 | 702.8 | 13.3 | 12.7 | 89.4 | | | | | 114.4 | 103.9 | | | | | |
| April | 654.0 | 677.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 73.9 | | | | | 117.2 | 104.4 | | | | | |
| May | 730.4 | 664.0 | 13.0 | 12.4 | 119.2 | 2,129.1 | 2,030.7 | 34.1 | 32.9 | 120.0 | 104.8 | 697.3 | 674.0 | 2,001.1 | 1,807.1 | |
| June | 771.1 | 692.5 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 103.1 | | | | | 125.2 | 106.6 | | | | | |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 760.9 | 711.1 | 13.2 | 12.1 | 72.6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 762.4 | 830.6 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 101.9 | 2,470.0 | n.s.a. | 38.4 | 37.0 | 129.9 | 108.1 | | | | | |
| September | 767.3 | 717.0 | 13.0 | 12.4 | 123.0 | | | | | 137.7 | 110.5 | 755.0 | 756.6 | 2,125.9 | 2,201.7 | |
| October | 823.0 | 766.0 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 73.6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 730.8 | 767.7 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 107.2 | | | | | 139.5 | 111.0 | | | | | |
| December | 763.7 | 767.4 | 12.5 | 12.7 | 112.3 | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | 34.5 | 36.7 | 139.6 | 111.4 | 924.4 | 804.3 | 2,377.1 | 2,254.9 | |
| January | 625.2 | 706.5 | 10.4 | 14.1 | 95.8 | | | | | 140.6 | 111.8 | | | | | |
| February | 714.7 | 806.6 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 94.9 | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | 141.0 | 112.9 | | | | | |
| March | 875.6 | 836.1 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 101.7 | | | | | 148.1 | 114.2 | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | |
| April | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | n.s.a. | | | | | 151.2 | 115.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 152.9 | 115.8 | | | | | |

(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 number 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capitals index, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) The previous index, calculated on reference base 1966-67 = 100.0, has been replaced by a revised index calculated on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0. For further details of this revision, see February 1981 issue of 6407.0.

FINANCE

| Month | Savings banks— depositors'— balances (c) \$m | | Major trading banks (b) | | | | Finance companies balances outstanding (d) \$m | | Housing finance for owner-occupation value of loans approved (a) | | | Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent | Listed companies new monies raised \$m | Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m | |
|-----------|---|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|---|------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|---|--|---------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Deposits \$m | | Advances \$m | | Original | Seas. adj. | Permanent building societies \$m | Other lenders (e) \$m | 11.20 | | | 11.40 | 664.5 |
| | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | | | | | | Banks \$m | 11.54 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 20,849 | 20,985 | 23,399 | 22,408 | 16,836 | 17,136 | 18,682 | 330 | 240 | 106 | 11.20 | | | 2,719 | 2,895 |
| April | 20,845 | 21,175 | 23,087 | 22,326 | 17,280 | 17,271 | 18,802 | 345 | 214 | 98 | 11.40 | | | 3,967 | 2,757 |
| May | 20,846 | 21,130 | 22,436 | 22,950 | 17,613 | 17,516 | 19,000 | 334 | 244 | 111 | 11.54 | | | 3,711 | 2,667 |
| June | 21,261 | 21,270 | 22,680 | 23,519 | 17,514 | 17,620 | 19,259 | 295 | 209 | 104 | 11.50 | | | 2,800 | 2,711 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 21,351 | 21,344 | 23,010 | 23,966 | 17,864 | 17,833 | 19,604 | 332 | 252 | 108 | 11.34 | | | 2,267 | 2,841 |
| August | 21,592 | 21,518 | 23,278 | 24,205 | 17,901 | 17,938 | 19,809 | 305 | 232 | 109 | 11.50 | 608.2 | | 2,861 | 2,865 |
| September | 21,771 | 21,663 | 23,630 | 24,264 | 17,811 | 17,775 | 20,175 | 302 | 262 | 106 | 11.50 | | | 2,157 | 2,941 |
| October | 22,098 | 21,808 | 24,288 | 24,411 | 18,273 | 17,915 | 20,483 | 358 | 263 | 130 | 11.58 | | | 2,487 | 3,005 |
| November | 22,210 | 22,180 | 24,555 | 24,617 | 18,356 | 18,083 | 20,951 | 317 | 248 | 126 | 12.42 | 1,204.0 | | 3,050 | 3,020 |
| December | 22,699 | 22,621 | 25,127 | 24,570 | 18,638 | 18,434 | 21,313 | 327 | 229 | 122 | 12.85 | | | 2,513 | 3,189 |
| January | 22,705 | 22,623 | 25,292 | 24,611 | 18,606 | 18,753 | 21,562 | 320 | 197 | 98 | 13.10 | | | 2,841 | 3,216 |
| February | 22,959 | 22,837 | 25,564 | 24,520 | 18,595 | 19,022 | 21,816 | 359 | 181 | 119 | 13.12 | n.y.a. | | 3,056 | 3,056 |
| March | 22,833 | 22,960 | 26,156 | 25,043 | 18,811 | 19,143 | 22,085 | 374 | 189 | 141 | 13.10 | | | 3,252 | 3,519.9 |
| April | 22,552 | 22,913 | 26,219 | 25,356 | 19,457 | 19,449 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes external territories. (d) 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 9814.0. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

| Quarter | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 26,874 | 27,234 | 1,443 | 1,848 | 25,431 | 25,386 | 16,370 | 16,561 | 4,360 | 4,429 | 3,756 | 3,799 | 1,972 | 2,163 |
| December | 30,900 | 28,031 | 3,374 | 1,929 | 27,526 | 26,102 | 17,865 | 16,939 | 4,705 | 4,534 | 4,113 | 3,907 | 2,333 | 2,260 |
| March | 27,860 | 29,004 | 1,668 | 1,820 | 26,192 | 27,184 | 16,975 | 17,662 | 4,502 | 4,767 | 3,735 | 4,130 | 2,076 | 2,368 |
| June | 28,403 | 29,861 | 1,002 | 1,861 | 27,401 | 28,000 | 17,925 | 18,015 | 5,082 | 4,914 | 4,567 | 4,335 | 2,699 | 2,287 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 30,924 | 31,062 | 1,647 | 1,870 | 29,277 | 29,192 | 18,484 | 18,649 | 5,017 | 5,097 | 4,815 | 4,879 | 2,213 | 2,422 |
| December | 35,558 | 32,162 | 3,188 | 1,813 | 32,370 | 30,349 | 20,435 | 19,333 | 5,753 | 5,551 | 5,393 | 5,103 | 2,584 | 2,503 |
| AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 16,938 | 17,233 | 725 | 1,112 | 16,213 | 16,121 | 10,040 | 10,160 | 2,828 | 2,881 | 2,305 | 2,327 | 1,230 | 1,348 |
| December | 19,610 | 17,430 | 2,374 | 1,140 | 17,236 | 16,290 | 10,773 | 10,201 | 3,004 | 2,902 | 2,468 | 2,344 | 1,418 | 1,373 |
| March | 16,652 | 17,416 | 1,024 | 1,132 | 15,628 | 16,284 | 9,932 | 10,344 | 2,791 | 2,959 | 2,166 | 2,395 | 1,206 | 1,372 |
| June | 16,451 | 17,578 | 411 | 1,121 | 16,040 | 16,457 | 10,275 | 10,323 | 3,100 | 2,980 | 2,578 | 2,451 | 1,533 | 1,303 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 17,647 | 17,828 | 752 | 1,043 | 16,895 | 16,785 | 10,362 | 10,455 | 2,948 | 3,005 | 2,640 | 2,671 | 1,217 | 1,331 |
| December | 20,165 | 17,964 | 1,947 | 968 | 18,218 | 16,996 | 11,259 | 10,639 | 3,246 | 3,137 | 2,893 | 2,737 | 1,396 | 1,353 |
| 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. | | | | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 4,571 | 4,534 | 4,739 | 4,852 | 3,013 | 3,004 | 5,850 | 6,057 | 14,784 | 14,820 | 816 | 6,911 | 3,162 | 19,349 |
| December | 4,979 | 5,001 | 5,627 | 5,462 | 3,727 | 3,183 | 8,242 | 6,333 | 15,640 | 15,128 | 2,658 | 8,011 | 3,487 | 22,822 |
| March | 5,347 | 5,296 | 5,542 | 5,647 | 2,821 | 3,258 | 5,862 | 6,295 | 15,333 | 15,703 | 1,014 | 6,878 | 4,289 | 18,936 |
| June | 5,187 | 5,274 | 5,495 | 5,436 | 3,464 | 3,623 | 5,272 | 6,531 | 16,009 | 16,183 | 351 | 8,482 | 6,262 | 18,580 |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 5,881 | 5,847 | 5,331 | 5,469 | 3,627 | 3,611 | 6,614 | 6,620 | 16,962 | 16,975 | 986 | 7,680 | 3,519 | 22,109 |
| December | 5,892 | 5,894 | 5,693 | 5,509 | 4,655 | 4,032 | 8,547 | 6,659 | 18,359 | 17,363 | 2,408 | 9,117 | 4,035 | 25,849 |

(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 services 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 (c) ('000) |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | Persons | | Looking for full-time work | | Looking for part-time work | Total | | | Survey estimates (d) |
| | Original | Seas. adj.(c) | Original | Seas. adj.(c) | Original | Seas. adj.(c) | Males | Females | | Males | Females | Persons | |
| 1979-80— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 4,182.6 | n.a. | 2,473.0 | n.a. | 6,655.6 | n.a. | 196.3 | 142.8 | 73.3 | 211.5 | 200.9 | 412.4 | ... |
| April | 4,156.6 | n.a. | 2,440.0 | n.a. | 6,596.5 | n.a. | 192.9 | 146.3 | 65.3 | 206.9 | 197.5 | 404.5 | ... |
| May | 4,201.1 | 4,193.6 | 2,450.3 | 2,443.5 | 6,651.4 | 6,637.5 | 201.0 | 141.6 | 71.0 | 219.9 | 193.7 | 413.6 | 29.8 |
| June | 4,179.2 | n.a. | 2,459.6 | n.a. | 6,638.8 | n.a. | 193.1 | 144.7 | 68.3 | 208.9 | 197.1 | 406.1 | ... |
| 1980-81— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,189.5 | n.a. | 2,475.9 | n.a. | 6,665.4 | n.a. | 190.0 | 134.8 | 60.6 | 205.3 | 180.0 | 385.4 | ... |
| August | 4,180.0 | 4,200.3 | 2,459.0 | 2,468.1 | 6,639.0 | 6,668.0 | 193.3 | 139.4 | 59.7 | 209.1 | 183.2 | 392.3 | 30.1 |
| September | 4,221.1 | n.a. | 2,509.7 | n.a. | 6,730.8 | n.a. | 197.9 | 137.6 | 70.0 | 211.1 | 194.4 | 405.5 | ... |
| October | 4,195.6 | n.a. | 2,466.1 | n.a. | 6,661.7 | n.a. | 180.1 | 127.0 | 68.6 | 194.8 | 180.9 | 375.7 | ... |
| November | 4,189.6 | 4,211.4 | 2,476.0 | 2,478.4 | 6,665.5 | 6,693.5 | 171.4 | 131.1 | 54.3 | 182.8 | 174.1 | 357.0 | 34.3 |
| December | 4,306.7 | n.a. | 2,514.9 | n.a. | 6,821.5 | n.a. | 206.1 | 151.2 | 74.6 | 226.2 | 205.8 | 432.0 | ... |
| January | 4,251.6 | n.a. | 2,397.8 | n.a. | 6,649.4 | n.a. | 218.2 | 158.7 | 53.4 | 233.9 | 196.5 | 430.4 | ... |
| February | 4,271.4 | 4,236.8 | 2,473.4 | 2,461.9 | 6,744.8 | 6,696.6 | 203.6 | 154.7 | 65.8 | 220.0 | 204.1 | 424.1 | 33.0 |
| March | 4,278.9 | n.a. | 2,521.0 | n.a. | 6,799.9 | n.a. | 185.8 | 144.9 | 79.2 | 203.2 | 206.6 | 409.9 | ... |
| April | 4,256.2 | n.a. | 2,509.2 | n.a. | 6,765.4 | n.a. | 172.2 | 135.6 | 69.6 | 188.5 | 189.0 | 377.5 | ... |

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

(b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of 6231 0. (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November.

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