

**DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA
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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil kWh		Gas (c) mil megajoules		Iron and steel in ingots or other primary forms (d)(e) '000 tonne		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (f) '000		Electric motors '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (g) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.		
1988-89—																
July		42.4	12,634	11,467	50,403	40,816			556	537	26.0	23.4	252	246	1987-88— June 25	10,111
August		41.3	12,772	11,679	50,045	42,763			604	581	31.4	26.7	286	259	1988-89— July 23	12,058
September	24,665	40.8	11,764	11,772	44,375	41,312			610	574	30.8	27.2	294	253	August 20	16,997
October		39.7	11,956	12,116	41,667	40,782			584	547	30.1	26.7	249	216	September 17	16,347
November		40.5	11,646	12,226	40,734	43,849			613	578	34.1	29.1	302	253	October 15	13,333
December	22,085	44.9	11,750	12,355	37,989	44,387			594	581	23.8	26.9	240	248	November 12	13,908
January		35.6	11,485	12,307	36,416	44,770			603	7.9	26.6	1.31	272	December 10	14,843	
February		38.8	11,198	12,400	35,720	42,898			586	600	27.2	28.5	285	295	January 14	10,859
March	24,517	40.7	12,265	12,444	39,661	42,346			608	26.6	26.0	2.46	233	February 11	14,896	
April		42.2	11,704	12,428	38,991	42,856			529	537	27.3	29.0	230	260	March 11	15,783
May		46.6	12,419	11,992	43,550	40,399			595	585	31.3	27.7	289	283	April 8	12,958
June	26,460	46.0	13,259	12,374	54,747	48,042			595	592	32.6	30.3	273	260	May 6	13,614
															June 3	14,376
1989-90—																
July		43.9	13,908	12,232	56,830	46,204	595	637	618	30.1	27.1	2.40	242	July 1	14,090	
August		n.y.a.	13,814	12,631	56,867	48,489	586	635	603	32.7	26.9	2.69	236	July 29	15,767	
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13,096	13,150	48,846	45,461	n.y.a.	647	611	32.3	30.2	2.66	242	August 26	15,559	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for use through mains includes natural gas. (d) Includes ingots, puddled bars, slabs, blocks or lumps and steel in molten state. (e) Data not available prior to July 1989. (f) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (g) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufacturing divisions(b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factors(c) 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.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Total receipts received by brokers(d)	% of total receipts received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas adj.
1988-89—																
July	3,869	3,142	847	867	15,890	14,545	509.6	166	16.5	341	505	56,656	85.0			
August	3,568	3,136	932	836	17,365	15,070	513.8	200	19.5	494	514	105,658	85.0			
September	3,637	3,073	888	864	17,031	15,253	517.2	213	21.1	670	518	120,956	85.3	49,913	49,717	
October	3,045	2,926	894	857	15,659	14,555	519.7	197	19.2	786	511	131,164	85.0			
November	3,030	3,009	995	797	18,273	16,446	520.3	219	20.7	738	506	103,468	83.7			
December	2,304	2,866	677	861	13,875	16,161	521.0	178	20.0	693	515	63,134	84.2	50,651	50,610	
January	951	3,382	498	822	7,394	23,571	523.7	161	18.1	614	525	50,961	87.3			
February	2,832	2,890	797	730	16,872	16,215	520.0	188	19.5	475	530	66,451	87.6			
March	3,033	2,821	832	748	16,753	15,575	532.6	192	18.2	430	540	59,572	85.2	51,924	51,742	
April	2,994	3,009	665	707	14,635	15,480	536.1	177	17.7	373	571	47,336	83.8			
May	3,638	3,127	795	729	18,006	16,744	543.1	199	18.6	351	576	46,634	85.9			
June	3,342	2,963	827	839	18,471	15,773	545.4	196	19.9	307	538	41,987	83.3	p52,962	p53,431	
1989-90—																
July	r3,572	r3,042	r744	r797	r16,261	r15,316	p548.5	200	r210	351	521	r79,240	r86.9			
August	3,074	2,617	823	718	16,081	13,915	n.y.a.	215	212	p485	p505	p121,058	p86.7			
September	4,000	3,412	806	695	16,118	14,642	n.y.a.	p212	p208	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (b) This index is on a 'net divisions' basis and relates to enterprises only to enterprises 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) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a)(b) \$m	Value of total imports (a)(b) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1988-89—									
July	3,177	3,635			280		684	-1,461	20,226
August	3,531	3,822			279		577	-1,376	20,176
September	3,449	3,270			280		292	-1,048	20,628
October	3,476	3,782	8,553	9,269	277	152.5	968	-1,747	20,118
November	3,627	4,304			276		659	-1,487	19,499
December	3,693	3,268	8,647	-10,183	271		134	-1,048	19,772
January	3,518	4,467			270	149.9	625	-1,659	18,990
February	3,541	3,886			280		340	-1,292	20,888
March	3,433	3,757	8,646	-11,127	284		641	-1,774	19,509
April	3,062	4,004			293	147.9	262	-1,348	20,245
May	4,045	4,663			300		987	-2,033	20,223
June	4,006	4,192	8,891	-11,452	301		652	-1,793	20,410
1989-90—									
July	4,070	4,165			p304		947	-1,812	20,765
August	3,857	5,049			p299		1,677	-2,512	20,705
September	n.y.a.	4,237	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	849	-1,776	20,841

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Total exports and imports for periods from 1 July 1987 includes exports and imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. See Appendix A, of the January issue of *Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) and *Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0). (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

RETAIL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m												
	Total												
	Current prices			Average 1984-85 prices				Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered (000)		Other new motor vehicles registered (000)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1988-89—													
July	5,848	6,105	6,118			1,610	1,666	673	744	32.3	32.8	7.9	7.5
August	5,878	6,069	6,156			1,654	1,682	640	753	37.1	33.7	9.1	8.6
September	6,101	6,229	6,198	13,654	14,075	1,700	1,702	711	763	40.5	39.2	9.6	9.7
October	6,187	6,289	6,248			1,706	1,723	718	770	36.4	38.2	9.6	10.1
November	6,504	6,254	6,309			1,759	1,747	856	775	42.2	40.8	10.8	11.0
December	8,787	6,331	6,375	16,251	14,310	2,085	1,768	1,545	714	39.4	39.3	10.0	11.3
January	6,133	6,540	6,436			1,726	1,786	621	768	27.5	33.8	7.9	10.1
February	5,680	6,451	6,489			1,674	1,799	543	762	34.9	38.7	10.2	11.2
March	6,461	6,590	6,543	13,688	14,648	1,895	1,810	707	759	41.5	40.1	11.5	11.4
April	6,215	6,599	6,601			1,762	1,821	686	761	34.1	36.4	9.9	9.8
May	6,502	6,490	6,661			1,782	1,834	752	768	40.2	36.3	12.5	10.8
June	6,547	6,851	6,721	14,145	14,642	1,818	1,849	774	777	41.8	38.9	12.3	10.5
1989-90—													
July	6,444	6,826	6,771			1,810	1,864	704	786	40.0	41.1	10.0	9.4
August	6,599	6,724	6,794			1,892	1,679	712	795	42.1	38.0	12.6	12.1
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p43.0	p42.5	p12.2	p12.7

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
	1988 89—													
July			470.90	114.6	1.33									
August	486.20	319.60		114.8		182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6	158.1
September				117.3										
October				117.7										
November	505.20	328.70	484.90	117.8	1.48	186.2	177.9	176.0	199.7	181.8	191.7	206.0	181.5	161.9
December				118.0										
January				118.3										
February	511.60	334.80	492.30	118.4	1.41	188.0	180.5	175.9	197.7	183.1	193.6	210.1	191.1	163.2
March				120.6										
April				121.0										
May p	519.10	339.00	501.10	121.1	1.46	192.6	186.2	180.8	208.1	185.0	198.2	214.6	192.1	165.0
June				121.2										
1989 90—														
July			n.y.a.	121.3	1.48	197.0	190.8	181.2	219.3	187.8	202.5	219.6	194.1	166.6
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	121.3										
September				n.y.a.										

(a) 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 \$ m		Dwellings commenced (000 units)		Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)		Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m					
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.		Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
	1988 89—																
July	2,272.1	2,346.8	15.0	15.3	160.5					120.5	207.0						
August	2,313.1	1,979.4	17.9	16.2	179.9					121.5	208.1						
September	2,336.4	2,316.8	16.9	16.4	190.7	6,884.5	6,578.8	44.9	42.6	122.4	209.4	2,242	2,272	3,675	3,848		
October	2,100.2	2,153.4	15.6	15.3	203.1					123.6	211.3						
November	2,491.3	2,283.9	17.3	15.5	216.4					124.8	213.4						
December	2,248.1	2,428.4	13.9	15.3	530.8	7,311.2	7,259.4	46.5	45.2	125.5	214.3	2,730	2,384	4,767	4,461		
January	2,290.4	2,699.4	12.5	15.5	262.4					126.5	215.8						
February	2,070.0	2,496.3	14.5	15.7	259.3					127.3	216.5						
March	2,659.4	2,718.8	15.4	15.9	357.2	7,459.6	7,879.3	40.4	43.2	128.8	218.2	2,263	2,630	4,074	4,534		
April	2,432.4	2,472.4	14.8	15.5	321.1					129.9	220.0						
May	3,024.2	2,626.2	17.2	15.5	365.4					130.7	222.0						
June	2,584.4	2,458.2	15.4	14.8	369.2	8,372.7	8,373.8	43.2	44.1	131.3	222.6	2,978	2,952	4,844	4,481		
1989 90—																	
July	2,040.9	2,084.8	12.0	12.1	227.0					131.8	224.2						
August	2,280.5	1,943.1	13.3	11.8	234.2					132.6	225.5						
September	2,309.4	2,411.1	12.4	12.4	460.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent
	Original	Seas adj	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m	
			Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj				
1988-89—										
July	63,240	62,263	48,943	48,896	48,998	48,657	1,458	339	82	12.05
August	64,581	63,650	48,354	49,062	49,734	50,054	1,682	322	96	12.30
September	65,277	64,754	49,151	49,626	50,720	51,188	1,458	336	88	12.90
October	64,818	64,548	52,086	52,213	52,834	52,506	1,475	300	93	13.05
November	65,711	65,853	53,413	53,499	53,660	53,976	1,904	333	99	13.30
December	67,628	67,134	55,652	55,364	54,365	54,084	1,485	241	102	13.85
January	n.a.	n.a.	55,782	56,154	n.a.	n.a.	1,319	183	84	14.65
February	n.a.	n.a.	57,504	57,924	n.a.	n.a.	1,523	213	97	15.05
March	n.a.	n.a.	59,503	58,575	n.a.	n.a.	1,614	190	107	15.15
April	n.a.	n.a.	60,816	59,718	n.a.	n.a.	1,346	160	96	14.85
May	n.a.	n.a.	60,637	60,633	n.a.	n.a.	1,649	165	143	15.70
June	n.a.	n.a.	60,728	62,506	n.a.	n.a.	1,059	144	128	15.40
1989-90—										
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	976	107	127.0	15.10
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,089	138	141	14.80
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.80

(a) Excludes external term loans. (b) Includes external term loans. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non- rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

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														
1987-88—														
March qtr	71,979	75,412	2,429	3,205	69,550	72,207	42,024	43,680	12,920	13,634	12,727	14,014	3,910	4,526
June qtr	75,326	77,815	1,821	2,924	73,505	74,891	43,781	44,588	13,819	13,422	15,783	15,343	4,476	3,597
1988-89—														
September qtr	79,889	79,314	2,672	3,348	77,217	75,960	45,633	45,693	13,722	13,800	15,462	15,260	3,759	4,269
December qtr	89,037	82,254	6,085	3,219	82,952	79,035	49,930	47,022	14,462	14,056	17,638	16,798	4,825	4,582
March qtr	81,337	85,795	2,269	3,159	79,068	82,636	46,566	48,678	13,470	14,222	16,045	17,684	3,952	4,563
June qtr	85,333	87,970	1,853	2,978	83,480	84,992	49,202	50,037	15,440	14,995	18,450	17,968	5,589	4,641
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1987-88—														
March qtr	57,491	60,143	1,475	2,106	56,016	58,037	33,119	34,426	10,778	11,424	9,839	10,838	3,106	3,598
June qtr	58,807	60,638	1,165	1,906	57,642	58,732	33,894	34,494	11,515	11,107	11,977	11,620	3,529	2,830
1988-89—														
September qtr	60,255	60,360	1,394	2,050	58,861	58,310	34,730	34,740	11,184	11,307	11,457	11,335	2,951	3,355
December qtr	66,949	61,471	4,285	2,092	62,664	59,379	37,345	35,205	11,643	11,291	13,093	12,453	3,763	3,571
March qtr	59,407	62,605	1,426	2,112	57,981	60,493	34,403	35,984	10,823	11,475	11,820	13,073	2,976	3,442
June qtr	60,986	62,991	1,226	2,157	59,760	60,834	35,635	36,221	12,187	11,760	13,467	13,040	4,159	3,448

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)				
							Private corporate		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Total household income	Less direct taxes etc.	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original
1987-88—															
March qtr	13,331	13,880	13,394	13,463	36,246	37,109	10,716	11,916	16,166	17,761	36,225	56,559	12,064	44,495	
June qtr	13,099	13,370	12,946	12,877	38,083	38,046	11,890	12,400	15,966	18,062	38,068	59,931	15,914	44,017	
1988-89—															
September qtr	14,279	13,702	12,726	13,055	39,096	38,770	13,228	12,882	18,548	18,370	39,082	60,906	12,252	48,744	
December qtr	15,169	14,839	13,508	13,221	41,873	40,429	15,082	13,546	22,906	19,024	41,852	69,024	11,781	57,243	
March qtr	15,003	15,642	13,397	13,478	40,766	42,259	12,696	14,092	17,747	19,560	40,745	62,702	13,381	49,321	
June qtr	16,294	16,652	14,393	14,327	43,344	43,274	13,808	14,364	17,835	20,040	43,336	67,977	18,482	49,495	

(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 debts interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(c)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1988—													
July	5 933.6	5 926.1	7 383.1	7 379.5	431.5	446.3	518.8	541.0	6.6	6.8	61.8	61.9	65.8
August	5 874.6	5 945.8	7 353.4	7 422.2	445.4	458.6	538.7	563.0	6.8	7.1	61.6	62.3	
September	5 981.0	5 972.0	7 503.2	7 465.8	438.7	448.6	554.6	559.1	6.9	7.0	62.8	62.5	
October	6 016.3	6 006.4	7 477.3	7 465.0	406.0	438.5	507.9	548.4	6.4	6.8	62.1	62.3	
November	5 992.6	6 003.6	7 508.7	7 483.6	391.3	425.3	488.4	537.1	6.1	6.7	62.1	62.3	
December	6 103.3	6 026.8	7 622.9	7 531.2	442.4	436.4	563.3	556.1	6.9	6.9	63.4	62.7	
1989—													
January	6 015.3	6 025.4	7 424.9	7 573.0	472.2	437.5	592.4	565.6	7.4	6.9	62.0	63.0	72.5
February	6 076.8	6 058.2	7 569.7	7 617.8	471.6	432.1	598.1	551.4	7.3	6.7	63.1	63.1	
March	6 081.4	6 049.6	7 638.3	7 569.9	416.6	397.5	546.3	501.5	6.7	6.2	63.1	62.2	
April	6 113.5	6 122.8	7 683.2	7 662.9	389.8	386.9	516.1	497.3	6.3	6.1	63.1	62.8	
May	6 122.5	6 138.2	7 729.3	7 721.2	402.8	402.4	518.5	516.3	6.3	6.3	63.4	63.3	
June	6 125.3	6 160.1	7 720.5	7 723.2	378.2	384.1	477.4	489.3	5.8	6.0	62.9	63.0	
July	6 172.2	6 164.6	7 751.8	7 749.0	380.6	393.8	483.4	506.5	5.9	6.1	63.1	63.2	64.3
August	6 108.9	6 184.0	7 727.6	7 800.0	370.1	381.5	469.4	492.3	5.7	5.9	62.7	63.4	
September	6 181.1	6 172.0	7 854.4	7 813.8	382.5	391.4	501.3	505.4	6.0	6.1	63.8	63.5	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. (b) Estimates from December 1987 onwards are based on 1986 census benchmarks. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

('000 persons)

Month	Australia												Total Public and Private	
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	NT	ACT	Private	Commonwealth	Public		Total		
										State(b)	Local			
1988—														
April	2 099.0	1 640.6	820.0	491.0	518.7	148.7	52.0	125.0	4 169.9	430.4	1 148.7	155.0	1 734.0	5 903.9
May	2 115.6	1 652.4	843.1	492.7	521.8	149.5	53.0	126.4	4 209.9	432.9	1 155.9	155.7	1 744.6	5 954.5
June	2 109.1	1 646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4 198.9	431.7	1 152.6	155.5	1 739.8	5 938.7
July	2 063.6	1 662.9	871.7	482.0	509.5	149.0	56.9	125.5	4 202.0	426.6	1 137.6	154.8	1 719.1	5 921.1
August	2 089.7	1 685.0	883.9	487.6	512.8	151.3	58.0	126.0	4 225.8	427.3	1 155.8	155.8	1 738.4	5 946.3
September (c)	2 115.8	1 701.6	894.9	492.4	519.5	152.3	57.9	125.4	4 260.6	489.1	1 155.2	155.0	1 799.3	6 059.9
October	2 108.7	1 696.4	894.1	487.7	515.3	150.9	56.0	126.0	4 244.4	426.7	1 148.5	155.5	1 730.7	6 035.1
November	2 123.2	1 713.4	898.0	491.9	517.4	152.4	55.7	126.8	4 245.7	427.8	1 148.4	156.8	1 733.1	6 078.8
December	2 127.0	1 729.9	886.5	492.3	521.6	154.3	55.7	126.2	4 269.2	424.6	1 141.9	157.8	1 724.3	6 093.5
1989—														
January	2 085.0	1 688.3	904.0	488.6	507.0	149.7	53.9	118.9	4 341.5	419.5	1 080.4	153.9	1 653.7	5 905.3
February	2 118.8	1 715.3	927.7	497.7	518.5	150.2	54.6	120.7	4 418.0	422.2	1 107.2	156.2	1 685.5	6 103.5
March	2 131.2	1 730.3	936.2	499.8	529.2	151.5	55.1	122.4	4 434.2	424.3	1 117.8	156.4	1 718.5	6 152.7
April	2 126.5	1 701.0	937.2	511.9	525.5	149.8	56.4	124.1	4 410.5	419.8	1 146.1	155.9	1 721.8	6 132.3
May	2 127.4	1 710.9	943.2	512.9	534.3	151.7	57.6	124.4	4 422.8	420.8	1 152.0	156.8	1 729.6	6 152.4
June	2 128.1	1 707.3	938.4	512.2	534.2	149.6	57.7	123.3	4 408.5	420.5	1 154.8	157.0	1 732.3	6 140.8

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15 000 private sector employers and 2 500 public sector employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence force. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government. (c) Total Public and Commonwealth values include temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.

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