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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 Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (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 subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available
r figure or series revised since previous issue
n.y.a. not yet available

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 720 W '000 | |
|---------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1978-79 | December | 4,996 | 6,315 | | 25.5 | 6,886 | 7,487 | 19,795 | 23,094 | 641 | 635 | 407 | 421 | 32.0 | 38.8 | 238 | 252 | |
| | January | 4,565 | 6,285 | | 25.7 | 7,077 | 7,783 | 18,839 | 23,542 | 664 | 615 | 298 | 444 | 13.5 | 38.7 | 100 | 229 | |
| | February | 7,242 | 7,045 | 22,214 | 34.4 | 6,820 | 7,694 | 18,892 | 22,879 | 596 | 639 | 429 | 439 | 38.1 | 38.6 | 219 | 238 | |
| | March | 7,464 | 7,174 | | 37.0 | 7,426 | 7,653 | 20,823 | 23,090 | 638 | 616 | 478 | 452 | 41.3 | 37.8 | 277 | 259 | |
| | April | 5,709 | 6,807 | | 32.1 | 7,143 | 7,713 | 22,212 | 23,677 | 665 | 684 | 389 | 393 | 29.9 | 32.8 | 209 | 249 | |
| | May | 8,209 | 6,821 | 18,255 | 40.7 | 8,275 | 7,862 | 25,076 | 23,571 | 671 | 640 | 456 | 437 | 48.1 | 39.4 | 233 | 235 | |
| | June | 7,087 | 6,722 | | 34.5 | 8,240 | 7,550 | 26,884 | 23,334 | 637 | 662 | 457 | 453 | 43.0 | 43.3 | 241 | 246 | |
| 1979-80 | July | 6,513 | 6,190 | | 36.5 | 8,977 | 7,802 | 30,611 | 24,805 | 686 | 686 | 468 | 434 | 42.8 | 41.1 | 259 | 241 | |
| | August | 6,853 | 7,236 | 24,667 | 39.4 | 8,991 | 7,967 | 30,228 | 25,225 | 706 | 725 | 453 | 436 | 45.5 | 41.8 | 315 | 272 | |
| | September | 7,384 | 7,532 | | 33.5 | 8,026 | 7,925 | 26,762 | 24,731 | 705 | 727 | 456 | 442 | 40.2 | 36.3 | 344 | 301 | |
| | October | 8,353 | 7,346 | | 38.4 | 7,908 | 7,855 | 25,885 | 25,134 | 734 | 686 | 461 | 444 | 45.0 | 37.5 | 331 | 274 | |
| | November | 8,418 | 7,244 | n.y.a. | 32.9 | 7,511 | 7,973 | 23,328 | 25,529 | 674 | 711 | 476 | 437 | 42.4 | 37.0 | 349 | 294 | |
| | December | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | n.y.a. | 7,375 | 8,021 | 21,946 | 25,678 | 749 | 740 | 422 | 443 | 28.8 | 34.4 | 291 | 310 | |
| | January | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | n.y.a. | 7,345 | 8,099 | 21,433 | 26,782 | 763 | 718 | 298 | 440 | 11.1 | 30.7 | 115 | 254 | |

(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

STOCKS (a)

| Month | Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m | | Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m | | Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m | | Meat '000 tonnes | | Price index manufacturing Avison (b) | | Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres | | Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool | | Book value at end of quarter \$m | |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|--|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Total receipts tonnes | % of total received by brokers (c) | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| 1978-79 | December | 2,791 | 3,140 | 601 | 677 | 8,991 | 208 | 239 | 233.6 | 664 | 466 | 51,084 | 74.7 | | | |
| | January | 1,228 | 3,118 | 315 | 581 | 4,162 | 215 | 236 | 237.0 | 579 | 464 | 37,797 | 73.2 | | | |
| | February | 3,061 | 2,903 | 702 | 624 | 11,603 | 229 | 244 | 241.5 | 435 | 476 | 35,128 | 70.3 | 21,231 | 21,254 | |
| | March | 4,214 | 3,878 | 689 | 595 | 12,411 | 243 | 232 | 244.7 | 376 | 460 | 41,661 | 71.6 | | | |
| | April | 2,766 | 3,332 | 511 | 587 | 10,156 | 199 | 218 | 248.7 | 290 | 461 | 32,642 | 73.1 | | | |
| | May | 3,599 | 3,442 | 1617 | 1582 | 13,802 | 216 | 195 | 252.1 | 243 | 474 | 32,935 | 73.5 | 21,989 | 21,936 | |
| | June | 4,491 | 3,837 | 1598 | 1681 | 13,868 | 182 | 181 | 255.3 | 231 | 479 | 23,386 | 71.6 | | | |
| 1978-80 | July | 3,921 | 3,804 | 1711 | 1712 | 13,765 | 190 | 185 | 259.2 | 312 | 478 | 43,007 | 74.8 | | | |
| | August | 4,091 | 3,246 | 1755 | 1719 | 13,479 | 214 | 208 | 261.5 | 484 | 512 | 79,058 | 76.9 | 23,028 | 22,942 | |
| | September | 4,925 | 4,536 | 1719 | 1759 | 12,021 | 211 | 215 | 263.3 | 617 | 501 | 86,064 | 75.9 | | | |
| | October | 3,745 | 3,254 | 1885 | 1709 | 14,870 | 237 | 213 | 266.6 | 726 | 457 | 117,187 | 73.4 | | | |
| | November | 3,659 | 3,092 | 1989 | 1835 | 13,159 | 202 | 191 | 269.3 | 709 | 456 | 89,906 | 74.5 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | |
| | December | 13,544 | 14,479 | 1683 | 1796 | 19,514 | 1165 | 1187 | 272.2 | 633 | 443 | 48,549 | 75.1 | | | |
| | January | 1,630 | 4,192 | 435 | 790 | 5,927 | 181 | 191 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | |

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) 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. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

| Month | Total exports, value \$m | | Total imports, value \$m | | Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c) \$m | | Export price index (revised) (a) | Balance on current account \$m | Net apparent capital inflow \$m | Official reserve assets (b) \$m | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Exports | Imports | All groups 1974-75 = 100 | Original | Original | Original | Seas. adj. |
| | | | | | Seas. adj. | Seas. adj. | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1,088 | 1,163 | 1,034 | 1,160 | | | | | | | |
| January | 1,303 | 1,253 | 1,213 | 1,120 | | | 140 | -261 | 197 | 3,200 | 3,229 |
| February | 1,130 | 1,207 | 1,051 | 1,133 | 2,596 | 2,114 | 142 | -242 | 135 | 3,377 | 3,450 |
| March | 1,176 | 1,276 | 1,144 | 1,192 | | | 146 | -155 | 377 | 3,723 | 3,705 |
| April | 1,248 | 1,251 | 1,120 | 1,215 | | | 149 | -297 | 179 | 3,600 | 3,605 |
| May | 1,495 | 1,395 | 1,318 | 1,249 | 2,589 | 2,202 | 156 | -262 | 356 | 3,677 | 3,610 |
| June | 1,406 | 1,378 | 1,288 | 1,370 | | | 159 | -170 | 231 | 3,824 | 3,758 |
| | | | | | | | 161 | -200 | 226 | 3,885 | 3,824 |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,400 | 1,384 | 1,227 | 1,135 | | | 161 | -205 | 75 | 3,865 | 3,814 |
| August | 1,301 | 1,247 | 1,325 | 1,232 | 2,569 | 2,001 | 162 | -247 | 23 | 3,667 | 3,708 |
| September | 1,379 | 1,459 | 1,102 | 1,200 | | | 164 | 61 | -256 | 3,858 | 3,893 |
| October | 1,635 | 1,584 | 1,476 | 1,347 | | | 169 | -67 | -37 | 4,106 | 4,129 |
| November | 1,679 | 1,612 | 1,371 | 1,317 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 172 | -33 | 48 | 4,148 | 4,174 |
| December | 1,564 | 1,665 | 1,167 | 1,299 | | | n.y.a. | -21 | -136 | 4,614 | n.y.a. |
| January | 1,746 | 1,681 | 1,621 | 1,491 | | | n.y.a. | -311 | 534 | 6,386 | n.y.a. |

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 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. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

| Month | 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 business balances outstanding (e) \$m |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 2,891 | 2,178 | | | | | | | 35.2 | 38.4 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 3,027 |
| January | 2,038 | 2,183 | | | | | | | 31.0 | 35.7 | 7.7 | 9.1 | 3,027 |
| February | 1,945 | 2,202 | 3,149 | 3,217 | 1,932 | 2,242 | 1,075 | 1,147 | 35.4 | 38.6 | 9.4 | 10.7 | 3,021 |
| March | 2,174 | 2,220 | | | | | | | 38.9 | 37.7 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 3,017 |
| April | 2,087 | 2,223 | | | | | | | 36.4 | 38.0 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 3,016 |
| May | 2,337 | 2,251 | 3,216 | 3,291 | 2,259 | 2,237 | 1,089 | 1,164 | 45.4 | 40.1 | 10.7 | 9.3 | 3,029 |
| June | 2,140 | 2,220 | | | | | | | 40.2 | 39.8 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 3,034 |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,181 | 2,328 | | | | | | | 44.2 | 42.0 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 3,047 |
| August | 2,322 | 2,320 | 3,301 | 3,413 | 2,203 | 2,303 | 1,145 | 1,214 | 43.7 | 39.8 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 3,030 |
| September | 2,176 | 2,318 | | | | | | | 36.3 | 38.6 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 3,023 |
| October | 2,334 | 2,314 | | | | | | | 39.8 | 37.8 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 3,027 |
| November | 2,493 | 2,350 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 38.4 | 38.3 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 3,039 |
| December | 3,154 | 2,407 | | | | | | | 32.2 | 35.1 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 3,047 |
| January | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | | | | | 33.2 | 38.0 | 8.4 | 10.0 | n.y.a. |

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: October \$150m, November \$143m, December \$131m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

| Month | Average weekly earnings per employed male (mt) | | Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100 | Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c) | Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | All groups | Food (d) | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol | Health and personal care (e) | Recreation (f) |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | 569.6 | n.a. | | 245.3 | | | | | | | |
| January | | | 569.7 | n.a. | | 250.1 | | | | | | | |
| February | 222.80 | 231.00 | 569.8 | n.a. | 262.6 | 251.9 | 276.6 | 294.3 | 227.8 | 265.8 | 286.5 | 285.4 | 121.7 |
| March | | | 570.1 | n.a. | | 251.9 | | | | | | | |
| April | | | 570.4 | n.a. | | 259.6 | | | | | | | |
| May | 232.80 | 231.40 | 570.5 | n.a. | 269.6 | 263.3 | 284.8 | 299.9 | 230.5 | 274.1 | 290.4 | 289.3 | 124.0 |
| June | | | 588.3 | n.a. | | 267.4 | | | | | | | |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | 588.5 | 1.3 | | 272.6 | | | | | | | |
| August | 238.40 | 238.70 | 588.8 | 1.4 | 275.8 | 271.9 | 288.6 | 304.5 | 235.7 | 284.4 | 293.9 | 293.8 | 125.2 |
| September | | | 588.9 | 1.7 | | 271.5 | | | | | | | |
| October | | | 588.8 | 1.4 | | 275.1 | | | | | | | |
| November | 248.00 | 243.50 | n.y.a. | 1.5 | 284.1 | 276.2 | 292.9 | 311.3 | 240.7 | 294.7 | 297.5 | 335.3 | 129.4 |
| December | | | n.y.a. | 1.6 | | 281.2 | | | | | | | |
| January | | | n.y.a. | 1.2 | | 286.9 | | | | | | | |

(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 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 *Overtime, Australia* (6.3.30.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so 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, ETC.

| Month | Building approvals \$m | | Building approvals dwellings '000 units | | Government building approved \$m | Building commenced total \$m | | Dwellings commenced '000 units | | Price indexes (a) | | New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m) | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Materials used in house building | Materials used in building other than house building | New buildings and structures | | Other new capital equipment | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 460.1 | 519.6 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 70.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 439.1 | 535.6 | 8.1 | 10.5 | 104.4 | | | | | 264.6 | 264.4 | | | | |
| February | 560.8 | 642.6 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 114.8 | 1,753.2 | 1,826.0 | 30.8 | 31.3 | 270.9 | 268.3 | 452.6 | 555.7 | 1,448.5 | 1,661.2 |
| March | 582.4 | 567.8 | 11.9 | 11.2 | 108.0 | | | | | 273.7 | 275.0 | | | | |
| April | 507.2 | 536.9 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 81.9 | | | | | 277.2 | 277.3 | | | | |
| May | 667.5 | 573.0 | 13.6 | 11.7 | 115.7 | 1,800.1 | 1,710.9 | 32.4 | 31.4 | 278.7 | 278.6 | 575.5 | 556.5 | 1,873.4 | 1,731.3 |
| June | 651.7 | 589.7 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 122.6 | | | | | 280.2 | 279.3 | | | | |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 606.8 | 569.1 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 103.6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 611.5 | 629.2 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 88.5 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 32.6 | 31.1 | 283.6 | 285.2 | 531.9 | 524.0 | 1,531.1 | 1,559.7 |
| September | 625.9 | 656.1 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 126.9 | | | | | 287.6 | 288.5 | | | | |
| October | 620.0 | 556.5 | 12.9 | 11.7 | 63.3 | | | | | 290.6 | 290.2 | | | | |
| November | 1848.3 | 1798.5 | 13.0 | 12.4 | 131.5 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 30.6 | 32.7 | 293.4 | 292.2 | | | | |
| December | 559.3 | 622.0 | 9.8 | 10.7 | 112.4 | | | | | 295.0 | 293.8 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| January | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | | | | | 297.4 | 299.3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 301.6 | 304.9 | | | | |

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

| Month | Savings banks depositors' balances (a) | | Major trading banks (b) | | | | Finance companies balances outstanding (c) | Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d) | | | Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) | Listed companies new money raised | Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| | \$m | | \$m | | \$m | | \$m | Banks \$m | Permanent building societies \$m | Other lenders (e) \$m | per cent | \$m | \$m | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1978-79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 18,870 | 18,774 | 19,601 | 19,327 | 14,515 | 14,373 | 16,571 | 246 | 164 | 79 | 8.67 | | 1,776 | 2,270 |
| January | 19,056 | 19,005 | 20,046 | 19,431 | 14,366 | 14,501 | 16,586 | 334 | 172 | 80 | 8.72 | | 2,115 | 2,338 |
| February | 19,278 | 19,171 | 20,461 | 19,664 | 14,304 | 14,716 | 16,655 | 318 | 204 | 68 | 8.77 | 172.2 | 2,347 | 2,423 |
| March | 19,340 | 19,445 | 20,852 | 19,985 | 14,472 | 14,779 | 16,755 | 316 | 216 | 97 | 9.00 | | 2,227 | 2,383 |
| April | 19,229 | 19,559 | 20,653 | 20,102 | 14,950 | 14,927 | 16,858 | 276 | 176 | 87 | 9.61 | | 3,346 | 2,425 |
| May | 19,462 | 19,739 | 19,902 | 20,195 | 15,030 | 14,948 | 17,046 | 355 | 183 | 109 | 9.70 | 127.9 | 3,233 | 2,215 |
| June | 19,833 | 19,865 | 19,602 | 20,393 | 15,012 | 15,041 | 17,135 | 305 | 166 | 89 | 9.94 | | 2,623 | 2,342 |
| 1979-80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 19,927 | 19,952 | 19,550 | 20,456 | 15,252 | 15,213 | 17,453 | 303 | 165 | 91 | 9.94 | | 1,887 | 2,372 |
| August | 20,131 | 20,059 | 19,958 | 20,611 | 15,380 | 15,400 | 17,497 | 354 | 179 | 100 | 9.94 | 465.7 | 2,606 | 2,612 |
| September | 20,247 | 20,095 | 20,313 | 20,785 | 15,708 | 15,657 | 17,681 | 305 | 173 | 87 | 9.95 | | 1,883 | 2,508 |
| October | 20,364 | 20,159 | 20,995 | 21,027 | 16,215 | 15,829 | 17,846 | 356 | 209 | 96 | 9.94 | | 2,114 | 2,553 |
| November | 20,412 | 20,325 | 21,459 | 21,514 | 16,408 | 16,176 | 18,135 | 312 | 213 | 103 | 9.96 | n.y.a. | 2,746 | 2,591 |
| December | 20,575 | 20,486 | 22,150 | 21,840 | 16,612 | 16,448 | 18,266 | 245 | 162 | 93 | n.y.a. | | 1,892 | 2,443 |
| January | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 22,996 | 22,289 | 16,561 | 16,720 | n.y.a. | 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 *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series 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 | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------|
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Private | | Government | | Private | | Public | | |
| | | | | | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | |
| AT CURRENT PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | September | 23,900 | 24,472 | 1,017 | 1,510 | 22,883 | 22,962 | 14,377 | 14,492 | 4,061 | 4,094 | 3,360 | 3,366 | 1,814 | 1,965 |
| | December | 27,091 | 24,985 | 2,148 | 1,586 | 24,743 | 23,399 | 15,689 | 14,886 | 4,279 | 4,125 | 3,794 | 3,589 | 2,082 | 1,990 |
| | March | 25,366 | 25,989 | 2,162 | 1,706 | 23,204 | 24,283 | 14,763 | 15,465 | 3,950 | 4,219 | 3,348 | 3,717 | 1,793 | 2,093 |
| | June | 25,269 | 26,489 | 1,115 | 1,888 | 24,154 | 24,601 | 15,708 | 15,711 | 4,418 | 4,272 | 3,975 | 3,802 | 2,525 | 2,152 |
| 1979-80 | September | 27,000 | 27,307 | 1,441 | 1,814 | 25,559 | 25,493 | 16,062 | 16,216 | 4,277 | 4,311 | 3,567 | 3,570 | 1,960 | 2,124 |
| | December | 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. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | September | 16,438 | 17,006 | 719 | 1,282 | 15,769 | 15,724 | 9,748 | 9,817 | 2,839 | 2,862 | 2,272 | 2,268 | 1,252 | 1,361 |
| | December | 18,927 | 17,158 | 2,093 | 1,288 | 6,834 | 15,870 | 10,337 | 9,832 | 2,969 | 2,888 | 2,499 | 2,374 | 1,417 | 1,359 |
| | March | 17,114 | 17,320 | 1,806 | 1,226 | 15,298 | 16,094 | 9,525 | 9,983 | 2,670 | 2,819 | 2,152 | 2,382 | 1,183 | 1,390 |
| | June | 16,084 | 17,252 | 477 | 1,305 | 15,607 | 15,947 | 9,939 | 9,920 | 2,959 | 2,865 | 2,505 | 2,392 | 1,633 | 1,376 |
| 1979-80 | September | 17,106 | 17,369 | 802 | 1,214 | 16,304 | 16,155 | 9,915 | 9,997 | 2,776 | 2,798 | 2,197 | 2,191 | 1,232 | 1,340 |
| | December | 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. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| 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 | | |
| | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Companies | | Other | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Original | Original | | |
| 1978-79 | September | 4,056 | 3,958 | 3,561 | 3,618 | 2,668 | 2,665 | 5,109 | 5,377 | 13,484 | 13,643 | 492 | 19,944 | 2,813 | 17,624 |
| | December | 4,276 | 4,398 | 4,000 | 3,828 | 3,245 | 2,786 | 6,787 | 5,608 | 14,165 | 13,655 | 1,731 | 21,228 | 3,009 | 19,950 |
| | March | 4,315 | 4,318 | 4,246 | 4,416 | 2,322 | 2,775 | 6,061 | 5,882 | 13,842 | 14,290 | 1,561 | 20,488 | 3,768 | 18,281 |
| | June | 4,597 | 4,596 | 4,565 | 4,526 | 2,714 | 2,766 | 5,025 | 6,224 | 14,388 | 14,462 | 547 | 21,915 | 5,700 | 16,755 |
| 1979-80 | September | 4,659 | 4,550 | 4,775 | 4,849 | 2,976 | 2,972 | 6,035 | 6,154 | 14,855 | 14,875 | 877 | 22,078 | 3,283 | 19,628 |
| | December | 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. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable 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.

| | | CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000) | | | | | | UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000) | | | | | | JOB VACANCIES ('000) | |
|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | Males | | Females | | Persons | | Looking for full-time | | Looking for part-time work | | Total | | | Survey estimates (d) |
| Month | | Original | Seas. adj. (c) | Original | Seas. adj. (c) | Original | Seas. adj. (c) | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Persons | |
| 1978-79 | December | 4,165.3 | | 2,373.5 | | 6,538.7 | | 219.9 | 153.9 | 67.4 | | 241.6 | 199.7 | 441.2 | |
| | January | 4,119.3 | | 2,266.8 | | 6,386.1 | | 235.2 | 155.9 | 55.0 | | 250.0 | 196.1 | 446.2 | |
| | February | 4,135.4 | 4,101.4 | 2,337.5 | 2,326.4 | 6,472.9 | 6,427.9 | 229.5 | 152.2 | 72.3 | | 241.8 | 212.1 | 453.9 | n.a. |
| | March | 4,127.4 | | 2,359.2 | | 6,486.6 | | 206.6 | 146.9 | 71.4 | | 223.1 | 201.8 | 425.0 | |
| | April | 4,124.6 | | 2,348.5 | | 6,473.1 | | 202.1 | 144.2 | 70.4 | | 217.2 | 199.5 | 416.8 | |
| | May | 4,118.9 | 4,111.4 | 2,321.0 | 2,315.3 | 6,439.9 | 6,426.9 | 197.7 | 137.5 | 61.4 | | 210.6 | 186.0 | 396.6 | 34.3 |
| | June | 4,115.6 | | 2,331.3 | | 6,446.9 | | 192.8 | 130.7 | 65.8 | | 206.0 | 183.3 | 389.3 | |
| 1979-80 | July | 4,112.4 | | 2,337.7 | | 6,450.1 | | 188.2 | 131.3 | 63.0 | | 201.6 | 181.0 | 382.5 | |
| | August | 4,100.7 | 4,121.1 | 2,314.6 | 2,323.7 | 6,415.3 | 6,444.5 | 182.8 | 130.1 | 60.8 | | 196.1 | 177.7 | 373.8 | 33.0 |
| | September | 4,140.9 | | 2,373.7 | | 6,514.6 | | 184.7 | 138.3 | 73.5 | | 201.6 | 194.9 | 396.5 | |
| | October | 4,126.8 | | 2,386.2 | | 6,513.0 | | 175.1 | 133.5 | 76.2 | | 195.9 | 191.8 | 387.8 | |
| | November | 4,115.0 | 4,136.6 | 2,396.2 | 2,404.9 | 6,511.2 | 6,541.4 | 171.5 | 125.1 | 64.1 | | 183.8 | 176.8 | 360.6 | 34.3 |
| | December | 4,216.4 | | 2,430.4 | | 6,646.8 | | 202.2 | 151.6 | 73.1 | | 224.2 | 202.7 | 426.9 | |
| | January | n.y.a. | | n.y.a. | | n.y.a. | | 227.9 | 154.3 | 57.0 | | 243.5 | 195.7 | 439.2 | |

(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 *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) 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 *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

| | | CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000) | | | | | | Principal industries | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | Total civilian employees | | | | | | Private | | Government | | Manufacturing | | Wholesale and retail trade | |
| | | Males | | Females | | Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Month | | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. | Original | Seas. adj. |
| 1978-79 | December | 3,094.0 | 3,096.0 | 1,856.5 | 1,857.4 | 4,950.5 | 4,953.4 | 3,454.4 | 3,446.4 | 1,496.1 | 1,507.0 | 1,155.5 | 1,158.5 | 1,006.1 | 992.6 |
| | January | 3,087.4 | 3,095.7 | 1,835.5 | 1,858.5 | 4,923.0 | 4,954.2 | 3,432.2 | 3,447.5 | 1,490.8 | 1,506.7 | 1,153.0 | 1,158.2 | 992.0 | 996.2 |
| | February | 3,101.9 | 3,098.2 | 1,857.9 | 1,861.6 | 4,959.8 | 4,959.8 | 3,453.2 | 3,453.9 | 1,506.6 | 1,505.9 | 1,164.2 | 1,160.6 | 994.2 | 997.5 |
| | March | 3,110.3 | 3,100.9 | 1,869.1 | 1,865.3 | 4,979.4 | 4,966.2 | 3,467.4 | 3,458.2 | 1,512.0 | 1,508.0 | 1,170.0 | 1,163.1 | 997.1 | 999.0 |
| | April | 3,107.4 | 3,098.8 | 1,871.1 | 1,867.6 | 4,978.4 | 4,966.4 | 3,463.9 | 3,458.6 | 1,514.5 | 1,507.8 | 1,164.3 | 1,162.0 | 999.9 | 999.4 |
| | May | 3,111.9 | 3,102.1 | 1,874.8 | 1,871.9 | 4,986.7 | 4,974.0 | 3,471.0 | 3,465.3 | 1,515.7 | 1,508.7 | 1,166.1 | 1,164.6 | 1,001.5 | 1,000.9 |
| | June (b) | 3,105.2 | 3,100.1 | 1,875.8 | 1,874.9 | 4,981.0 | 4,975.0 | 3,465.9 | 3,466.1 | 1,515.1 | 1,508.9 | 1,164.5 | 1,165.6 | 997.6 | 998.6 |
| 1979-80 | July (b) | 3,097.8 | 3,098.0 | 1,882.2 | 1,881.2 | 4,980.0 | 4,979.2 | 3,463.8 | 3,469.4 | 1,516.2 | 1,509.8 | 1,163.4 | 1,166.5 | 997.6 | 1,000.2 |
| | August | 3,101.9 | 3,107.3 | 1,884.8 | 1,886.1 | 4,986.7 | 4,993.4 | 3,469.9 | 3,479.7 | 1,516.8 | 1,513.7 | 1,165.1 | 1,169.0 | 996.6 | 1,001.5 |
| | September | 3,104.1 | 3,113.0 | 1,892.6 | 1,892.6 | 4,996.7 | 5,005.6 | 3,479.8 | 3,488.0 | 1,516.8 | 1,517.6 | 1,167.5 | 1,170.3 | 1,002.9 | 1,006.9 |
| | October | 3,107.1 | 3,116.2 | 1,900.7 | 1,895.8 | 5,007.8 | 5,012.0 | 3,491.6 | 3,492.6 | 1,516.3 | 1,519.4 | 1,170.7 | 1,169.3 | 1,007.9 | 1,007.5 |
| | November | 3,107.4 | 3,108.8 | 1,871.1 | 1,867.6 | 4,978.4 | 4,966.4 | 3,463.9 | 3,458.6 | 1,514.5 | 1,507.8 | 1,164.3 | 1,162.0 | 999.9 | 999.4 |
| | December | 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. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| | January | 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. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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