



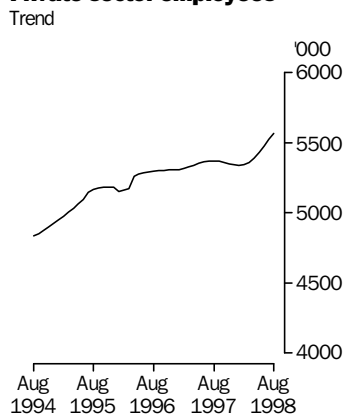
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

AUSTRALIA

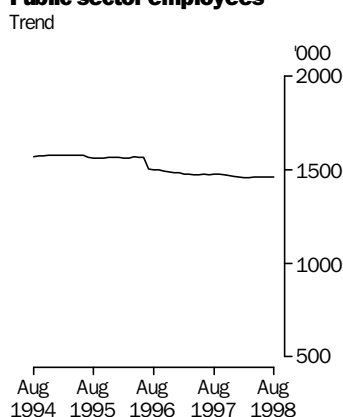
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SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1998 KEY FIGURES

Private sector employees



Public sector employees



ESTIMATES	August 1998 '000	% change May 1998 to August 1998	% change August 1997 to August 1998
Trend—employees			
Private sector	5 566.6	2.5	3.7
Public sector	1 460.6	-0.1	-1.0
Private and public sectors	7 027.2	1.9	2.7
Seasonally adjusted—employees			
Private sector	5 585.0	2.8	3.9
Public sector	1 451.0	-0.5	-1.8
Private and public sectors	7 036.0	2.1	2.7

	Sept Qtr 1998 \$m	% change June Qtr '98 to Sept Qtr '98	% change Sept Qtr '97 to Sept Qtr '98
Original—gross earnings			
Private sector	44 640.8	5.9	8.4
Public sector	15 285.5	2.8	6.2
Private and public sectors	59 926.3	5.1	7.8

SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1998 KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

PRIVATE SECTOR

- In the period August 1997 to August 1998, the number of employees increased by 3.7% to 5,566,600. The largest annual percentage increases were in Queensland (9.5%) and Western Australia (7.8%).
- In the same period the number of employees fell in Tasmania (7.0%) and the Northern Territory (2.9%).

PUBLIC SECTOR

- From August 1997 to August 1998 the number of employees decreased by 14,200 (1.0%) to 1,460,600.
- In the same period the number of State and Territory Government employees increased by 13,600 (1.3%), while the number of Commonwealth Government and local government employees fell by 24,300 (8.5%) and 3,500 (2.5%) respectively.

INDUSTRY

- In the year to August 1998 the number of employees in Finance and insurance increased by 12.7% to 292,000.
- In the same period, the number of employees decreased in Electricity, gas and water supply by 12.3% to 53,700.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Ken Clarke on Perth 08 9360 5141, or any ABS office shown on the back of this publication.

NOTES

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NOTES ON ESTIMATES

ADJUSTMENTS

The estimates in this publication have been adjusted for lags in processing new businesses to the ABS Business Register as well as some omissions (see paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes for more details).

PRIVATISATION

The privatisation of public financial and public trading enterprises has affected estimates at the sector level over recent years.

Mainly Commonwealth Government and State Government enterprises, principally engaged in Electricity, gas and water supply, Transport and storage and Finance and insurance, have been sold.



SAMPLING ERRORS

For information on sampling errors see the Technical Notes. Standard errors for the original estimates contained in this publication are in tables A and B of the Technical Notes.



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ASIC	Australian Standard Industrial Classification
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings
LFS	Labour Force Survey
SEE	Survey of Employment and Earnings
SISCA	Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia
n.a.	not available
*	subject to high relative standard error. See paragraph 3 of the Technical Notes.
—	nil or rounded to zero



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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Industry—Australia: **Trend & Seasonally Adjusted**

	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998
Industry	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
TREND						
Mining	83.5	82.0	80.1	78.5	78.3	77.4
Manufacturing	945.1	945.7	937.4	928.9	920.1	920.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	62.4	61.2	58.8	55.2	53.5	53.7
Construction	336.9	331.6	327.3	330.6	340.2	355.7
Wholesale trade	462.9	469.9	472.6	469.1	479.2	497.1
Retail trade	994.1	995.1	983.8	988.1	1 003.1	1 014.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	380.6	368.4	368.3	376.3	380.6	387.6
Transport and storage	297.3	291.1	281.9	273.6	276.5	280.5
Communication services	134.6	130.6	124.4	120.1	121.3	124.9
Finance and insurance	279.5	259.2	261.2	272.3	286.7	292.0
Property and business services	719.9	745.0	754.0	743.3	778.1	817.8
Government administration and defence	343.5	345.3	346.0	349.5	346.7	342.0
Education	590.8	595.7	604.8	606.8	605.1	608.2
Health and community services	772.0	778.8	777.6	774.7	786.5	796.0
Cultural and recreational services	169.2	178.9	181.4	174.7	180.4	186.1
Personal and other services	256.6	260.1	262.5	252.8	250.7	261.1
All industries(a)	6 826.9	6 844.1	6 818.9	6 802.7	6 893.4	7 027.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
Mining	84.5	81.8	80.9	77.7	79.0	77.2
Manufacturing	945.2	950.1	934.0	932.8	918.6	923.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	62.5	61.1	59.0	54.9	53.0	54.2
Construction	340.3	331.8	324.3	334.4	334.4	359.0
Wholesale trade	461.0	470.2	473.7	468.9	478.5	499.2
Retail trade	994.4	1 000.0	978.9	994.5	1 002.6	1 012.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	379.1	365.6	367.2	385.9	385.3	389.2
Transport and storage	293.3	290.2	284.2	273.8	276.8	284.4
Communication services	134.0	132.6	124.3	120.0	120.8	127.0
Finance and insurance	275.5	260.0	259.3	270.8	289.4	290.9
Property and business services	724.0	742.9	767.2	735.5	782.8	818.3
Government administration and defence	344.7	345.1	345.5	352.7	345.4	339.9
Education	592.6	593.7	609.2	611.6	594.8	606.5
Health and community services	772.1	777.2	780.5	774.3	792.0	795.8
Cultural and recreational services	166.4	183.8	181.8	176.8	186.0	183.1
Personal and other services	257.4	258.9	264.6	253.1	248.0	263.5
All industries(a)	6 833.4	6 853.8	6 821.0	6 820.5	6 891.8	7 036.0

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—States & Territories: **Trend**

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PRIVATE									
August 1991	1 599.6	1 238.7	693.0	393.9	389.2	108.1	46.2	60.8	4 529.6
August 1992	1 601.9	1 219.1	719.3	357.9	418.5	105.7	39.0	70.4	4 531.9
August 1993	1 613.0	1 194.9	755.7	373.3	452.9	119.0	39.7	69.0	4 617.4
August 1994	1 691.4	1 314.7	768.9	384.5	450.9	109.8	45.1	68.6	4 833.9
August 1995	1 807.8	1 366.8	881.2	400.2	497.8	105.9	42.1	66.2	5 168.1
August 1996	1 867.9	1 399.0	895.5	395.0	511.1	115.9	47.5	67.1	5 299.0
1997									
May	1 907.8	1 410.3	883.5	378.6	527.0	121.0	50.0	74.2	5 352.5
August	1 904.1	1 414.1	903.9	380.6	526.3	120.9	48.9	70.6	5 369.3
November	1 889.0	1 422.8	891.0	384.1	531.6	114.9	48.6	67.9	5 349.9
1998									
February	1 895.1	1 417.8	885.3	379.9	534.9	116.2	46.9	68.3	5 344.4
May	1 912.5	1 427.7	923.6	385.4	551.2	114.9	46.3	69.8	5 431.4
August	1 936.2	1 440.6	989.4	401.3	567.5	112.4	47.5	71.8	5 566.6
PUBLIC									
August 1991	556.6	437.7	268.8	148.2	159.2	49.2	21.7	73.9	1 715.4
August 1992	530.6	429.5	271.3	144.6	159.7	48.0	20.3	71.2	1 674.4
August 1993	526.6	396.1	276.6	141.7	160.8	47.1	20.3	74.5	1 643.6
August 1994	508.6	370.8	266.7	133.8	153.3	44.1	20.6	72.7	1 570.5
August 1995	514.4	352.5	274.5	126.8	154.8	44.9	21.8	74.5	1 564.3
August 1996	485.1	328.5	278.4	121.4	148.6	45.3	22.2	72.0	1 501.9
1997									
May	472.0	324.8	282.1	116.5	146.2	42.8	22.8	67.4	1 474.4
August	470.7	319.8	284.3	118.7	146.5	42.1	23.0	69.2	1 474.8
November	471.7	316.7	282.6	117.7	146.6	41.5	22.6	70.0	1 469.0
1998									
February	472.2	311.9	279.1	116.6	146.0	41.2	21.8	69.4	1 458.3
May	474.2	312.7	278.7	117.9	146.8	41.1	21.8	68.6	1 462.0
August	471.2	309.3	280.0	120.6	148.5	40.7	22.3	67.9	1 460.6
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC									
August 1991	2 156.2	1 676.4	961.9	542.1	548.4	157.3	68.0	134.7	6 245.0
August 1992	2 132.5	1 648.6	990.6	502.6	578.2	153.7	59.3	141.6	6 206.3
August 1993	2 139.6	1 591.0	1 032.3	515.0	613.7	166.1	60.0	143.5	6 261.0
August 1994	2 200.0	1 685.5	1 035.6	518.4	604.1	153.9	65.7	141.3	6 404.4
August 1995	2 322.3	1 719.3	1 155.7	527.0	652.6	150.8	64.0	140.6	6 732.4
August 1996	2 353.0	1 727.5	1 173.9	516.4	659.7	161.1	69.8	139.0	6 800.9
1997									
May	2 379.8	1 735.1	1 165.6	495.2	673.2	163.9	72.8	141.6	6 826.9
August	2 374.8	1 733.9	1 188.2	499.3	672.8	162.9	71.9	139.8	6 844.1
November	2 360.7	1 739.5	1 173.6	501.8	678.3	156.3	71.2	137.9	6 818.9
1998									
February	2 367.4	1 729.6	1 164.4	496.5	680.9	157.4	68.7	137.7	6 802.7
May	2 386.7	1 740.3	1 202.3	503.4	698.0	156.0	68.2	138.4	6 893.4
August	2 407.4	1 749.9	1 269.4	521.9	716.0	153.1	69.8	139.7	7 027.2

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Level of Government—States & Territories: **Trend**

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	133.2	103.4	48.9	30.3	25.8	9.0	4.3	53.5	408.3
August 1992	129.2	97.9	47.3	28.1	25.2	8.7	4.0	52.4	392.7
August 1993	119.8	92.3	46.6	26.2	23.4	7.9	3.8	54.4	374.4
August 1994	115.8	84.1	44.3	24.7	21.7	7.6	3.7	53.2	355.1
August 1995	105.5	84.1	44.9	24.3	22.2	7.7	4.0	54.9	347.5
August 1996	84.6	73.9	39.9	19.6	20.8	7.4	4.2	53.4	303.9
1997									
May	79.5	65.8	37.6	21.9	20.7	6.6	4.0	50.0	286.0
August	78.3	65.2	37.3	21.0	20.9	6.6	3.7	51.3	284.3
November	75.6	62.6	35.5	19.3	20.4	6.1	3.5	51.3	274.3
1998									
February	73.1	60.8	34.2	17.9	20.7	6.0	3.4	50.0	265.9
May	73.7	59.0	34.2	17.2	20.0	5.9	3.4	49.4	262.7
August	73.6	58.6	34.2	17.0	18.6	5.8	3.5	48.7	260.0
STATE GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	363.3	289.0	189.8	109.4	121.7	36.5	16.1	20.3	1 146.1
August 1992	343.6	287.1	192.3	107.3	122.6	35.2	15.1	18.8	1 122.0
August 1993	353.2	258.0	195.7	106.3	125.0	34.7	15.4	20.1	1 108.4
August 1994	340.1	241.7	189.2	100.2	118.3	32.6	15.6	19.5	1 057.2
August 1995	354.7	227.8	195.8	94.5	120.0	33.0	16.1	19.6	1 061.5
August 1996	353.1	218.7	204.1	93.9	115.1	33.5	16.1	18.6	1 053.0
1997									
May	348.4	219.0	206.7	86.8	112.2	32.1	16.1	17.4	1 038.8
August	348.7	223.4	209.4	89.7	112.4	31.5	16.1	17.9	1 048.9
November	351.9	221.9	210.2	90.3	113.0	31.3	16.1	18.7	1 053.4
1998									
February	354.5	217.0	209.2	90.7	112.3	31.5	16.3	19.4	1 050.9
May	356.0	221.1	209.3	92.6	113.9	31.5	16.4	19.3	1 060.1
August	353.1	220.5	209.9	95.4	116.7	31.2	16.5	19.3	1 062.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	60.1	45.3	30.1	8.5	11.6	n.a.	n.a.	—	161.0
August 1992	57.8	44.5	31.7	9.2	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	—	159.7
August 1993	53.6	45.8	34.3	9.2	12.3	n.a.	n.a.	—	160.8
August 1994	52.6	45.0	33.2	8.9	13.3	n.a.	n.a.	—	158.2
August 1995	54.3	40.6	33.8	8.0	12.6	n.a.	n.a.	—	155.3
August 1996	47.4	35.8	34.4	7.9	12.7	n.a.	n.a.	—	144.9
1997									
May	44.1	40.0	37.8	7.8	13.3	n.a.	n.a.	—	149.6
August	43.7	31.2	37.6	8.1	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	141.6
November	44.2	32.2	36.8	8.2	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	141.3
1998									
February	44.7	34.1	35.7	8.0	13.0	n.a.	n.a.	—	141.4
May	44.5	32.6	35.3	8.1	12.8	n.a.	n.a.	—	139.2
August	44.5	30.2	35.9	8.2	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	138.1

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—States & Territories: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Month	New South Wales '000	Victoria '000	Queensland '000	South Australia '000	Western Australia '000	Tasmania '000	Northern Territory '000	Australian Capital Territory '000	Australia '000
PRIVATE									
August 1991	1 600.1	1 233.8	694.2	394.1	387.4	109.3	46.7	60.5	4 526.0
August 1992	1 600.3	1 222.9	720.9	356.8	420.4	105.0	39.3	70.9	4 536.5
August 1993	1 611.0	1 196.3	757.1	376.0	451.9	118.5	39.5	68.2	4 618.4
August 1994	1 683.2	1 326.9	764.8	386.3	456.5	110.2	44.7	69.1	4 841.7
August 1995	1 817.7	1 358.8	878.3	397.8	497.1	105.3	42.1	70.3	5 167.4
August 1996	1 867.2	1 387.5	899.1	391.3	510.8	115.9	47.7	67.6	5 287.0
1997									
May	1 914.4	1 418.5	880.1	378.2	527.2	121.1	50.6	74.1	5 364.2
August	1 907.5	1 410.2	915.9	377.0	525.1	121.9	48.6	70.7	5 376.9
November	1 876.8	1 428.5	888.1	386.2	539.9	114.2	49.2	67.5	5 350.4
1998									
February	1 906.7	1 418.3	892.2	380.2	531.2	118.2	47.0	67.9	5 361.6
May	1 913.5	1 434.2	921.7	380.2	554.4	114.8	45.9	68.5	5 433.3
August	1 936.1	1 441.1	1 006.9	403.9	565.1	111.7	47.9	72.2	5 585.0
PUBLIC									
August 1991	570.1	447.8	277.5	151.7	162.7	51.2	22.2	75.5	1 758.5
August 1992	533.7	427.7	269.7	144.9	159.4	48.3	20.3	71.1	1 674.9
August 1993	528.3	397.2	275.6	141.9	163.6	46.9	20.4	74.4	1 648.1
August 1994	508.3	370.0	266.1	133.6	153.3	43.4	20.4	72.6	1 567.6
August 1995	515.3	350.4	274.8	126.0	152.8	45.0	21.9	74.7	1 561.0
August 1996	482.9	332.0	280.4	121.4	148.3	45.1	22.2	71.8	1 504.3
1997									
May	471.8	321.8	282.8	115.4	145.2	42.9	22.6	66.7	1 469.2
August	472.4	320.6	283.9	119.4	146.4	42.1	23.1	69.0	1 477.0
November	472.7	319.1	282.1	116.6	146.0	41.4	22.7	70.2	1 470.6
1998									
February	476.8	308.1	279.4	116.8	144.9	41.5	21.9	69.2	1 458.9
May	473.4	313.1	278.9	117.4	144.8	41.1	21.7	68.2	1 458.5
August	464.1	306.7	278.3	121.1	149.7	40.7	22.5	67.9	1 451.0
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC									
August 1991	2 170.2	1 681.5	971.7	545.8	550.1	160.5	68.8	136.0	6 284.5
August 1992	2 134.1	1 650.7	990.6	501.7	579.7	153.3	59.6	142.0	6 211.4
August 1993	2 139.3	1 593.5	1 032.7	518.0	615.5	165.3	59.9	142.6	6 266.5
August 1994	2 191.5	1 696.9	1 030.8	519.9	609.8	153.5	65.1	141.7	6 409.3
August 1995	2 333.0	1 709.2	1 153.1	523.8	649.9	150.3	64.0	145.0	6 728.4
August 1996	2 350.1	1 719.4	1 179.5	512.8	659.1	161.0	69.9	139.4	6 791.3
1997									
May	2 386.2	1 740.3	1 162.9	493.6	672.4	164.0	73.2	140.8	6 833.4
August	2 380.0	1 730.8	1 199.8	496.4	671.4	164.0	71.7	139.7	6 853.8
November	2 349.5	1 747.7	1 170.1	502.8	685.9	155.5	71.9	137.8	6 821.0
1998									
February	2 383.4	1 726.4	1 171.6	497.0	676.1	159.7	68.9	137.0	6 820.5
May	2 386.9	1 747.3	1 200.6	497.6	699.2	155.9	67.6	136.6	6 891.8
August	2 400.3	1 747.9	1 285.2	525.0	714.7	152.4	70.4	140.1	7 036.0

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Level of Government—States & Territories: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	147.4	114.6	56.2	34.1	29.8	10.0	5.0	55.0	452.2
August 1992	129.4	97.5	47.0	27.9	25.2	8.6	4.0	52.5	392.1
August 1993	119.6	92.5	46.7	26.2	23.5	7.8	3.8	54.4	374.4
August 1994	116.6	83.6	44.0	24.9	21.8	7.6	3.6	53.1	355.2
August 1995	104.3	83.2	44.6	24.2	20.4	7.7	4.0	55.1	343.5
August 1996	84.1	76.6	40.2	19.8	20.7	7.5	4.2	53.2	306.3
1997									
May	79.2	65.1	36.9	22.3	20.7	6.5	3.9	49.2	283.8
August	79.1	65.7	37.6	20.9	21.2	6.6	3.7	51.3	286.1
November	75.8	62.4	35.4	19.3	20.2	6.1	3.5	51.6	274.4
1998									
February	72.6	61.6	34.0	17.9	20.9	6.0	3.4	49.7	266.3
May	73.9	58.0	33.9	16.9	20.0	5.8	3.4	49.2	261.1
August	73.2	58.3	33.5	17.0	18.4	5.8	3.5	48.6	258.3
STATE GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	363.0	287.6	191.0	109.1	121.3	37.0	16.0	20.5	1 145.4
August 1992	346.5	285.9	191.1	107.8	122.3	35.4	15.1	18.6	1 122.8
August 1993	355.1	259.1	194.8	106.6	127.6	34.4	15.5	20.1	1 113.2
August 1994	339.1	241.5	188.8	99.8	117.9	31.8	15.5	19.5	1 054.0
August 1995	356.8	226.6	196.5	93.8	119.9	33.2	16.2	19.5	1 062.6
August 1996	351.5	219.2	205.6	93.8	114.8	33.2	16.0	18.6	1 052.7
1997									
May	348.7	217.6	207.6	85.5	111.3	32.2	16.1	17.5	1 036.5
August	349.7	223.5	208.8	90.4	112.0	31.4	16.1	17.7	1 049.5
November	352.8	224.5	209.7	89.0	112.6	31.2	16.0	18.7	1 054.5
1998									
February	359.2	212.1	209.7	91.1	110.8	31.9	16.4	19.4	1 050.6
May	355.1	223.3	209.9	92.2	112.0	31.5	16.3	19.0	1 059.4
August	346.3	217.9	208.3	95.9	117.9	31.3	16.6	19.2	1 053.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	59.8	45.6	30.3	8.5	11.6	n.a.	n.a.	—	160.8
August 1992	57.9	44.4	31.6	9.2	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	—	160.1
August 1993	53.6	45.7	34.1	9.1	12.5	n.a.	n.a.	—	160.5
August 1994	52.6	44.9	33.2	8.9	13.6	n.a.	n.a.	—	158.4
August 1995	54.2	40.6	33.8	8.0	12.5	n.a.	n.a.	—	154.9
August 1996	47.3	36.2	34.7	7.9	12.8	n.a.	n.a.	—	145.3
1997									
May	43.9	39.1	38.3	7.6	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	148.9
August	43.7	31.4	37.5	8.1	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	141.4
November	44.1	32.2	36.9	8.3	13.2	n.a.	n.a.	—	141.7
1998									
February	45.0	34.3	35.7	7.8	13.1	n.a.	n.a.	—	142.0
May	44.4	31.7	35.2	8.2	12.8	n.a.	n.a.	—	138.1
August	44.6	30.5	36.4	8.1	13.4	n.a.	n.a.	—	139.2

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Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
PRIVATE									
August 1991	1 595.5	1 237.8	687.5	392.6	386.5	108.7	48.2	60.8	4 517.7
August 1992	1 597.9	1 229.0	712.3	356.2	421.0	104.5	40.7	71.1	4 532.8
August 1993	1 610.5	1 204.6	746.5	375.8	454.4	118.0	40.9	68.4	4 618.9
August 1994	1 684.6	1 337.7	753.1	385.7	460.1	110.0	46.3	69.3	4 846.8
August 1995	1 820.9	1 370.9	864.1	396.5	501.6	105.3	43.7	70.7	5 173.8
August 1996	1 872.0	1 399.9	884.3	389.1	515.6	116.2	49.4	68.0	5 294.6
1997									
May	1 913.1	1 427.2	884.2	383.9	534.0	122.5	50.8	74.6	5 390.2
August	1 913.7	1 422.6	900.8	374.1	530.0	122.4	50.3	71.2	5 385.3
November	1 892.4	1 439.0	898.0	390.2	535.8	114.3	50.9	69.0	5 389.6
1998									
February	1 914.7	1 401.0	898.6	381.9	530.6	117.9	45.0	66.9	5 356.5
May	1 912.6	1 443.5	925.9	386.3	561.6	116.1	46.1	69.0	5 461.0
August	1 943.0	1 453.7	990.4	400.5	570.5	112.2	49.7	72.8	5 592.7
PUBLIC									
August 1991	573.7	451.8	278.1	151.9	162.8	52.5	22.1	75.6	1 768.3
August 1992	537.5	432.6	270.2	144.7	159.0	49.5	20.2	71.1	1 684.8
August 1993	532.6	402.4	276.2	141.4	162.7	48.0	20.4	74.4	1 658.0
August 1994	512.8	376.0	267.1	133.0	152.0	44.2	20.4	72.5	1 578.0
August 1995	520.6	356.7	276.3	125.4	151.2	45.8	21.9	74.5	1 572.6
August 1996	488.8	338.6	282.6	120.9	146.5	45.9	22.2	71.7	1 517.1
1997									
May	479.4	322.8	285.1	116.3	146.1	43.8	22.7	67.8	1 484.1
August	478.4	327.5	286.4	119.0	144.5	42.8	23.2	68.9	1 490.6
November	481.1	324.7	284.9	119.4	148.8	42.3	22.8	70.3	1 494.1
1998									
February	467.1	303.0	277.3	114.0	142.8	39.4	21.6	68.4	1 433.7
May	481.1	314.1	281.2	118.2	145.8	41.9	21.8	69.3	1 473.4
August	470.2	313.6	281.0	120.6	147.7	41.4	22.5	67.8	1 464.8
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC									
August 1991	2 169.2	1 689.6	965.5	544.5	549.4	161.2	70.2	136.4	6 286.0
August 1992	2 135.4	1 661.6	982.5	500.9	580.0	154.0	60.9	142.3	6 217.6
August 1993	2 143.0	1 607.0	1 022.7	517.2	617.0	165.9	61.3	142.8	6 276.9
August 1994	2 197.4	1 713.7	1 020.2	518.7	612.0	154.2	66.8	141.8	6 424.7
August 1995	2 341.5	1 727.6	1 140.4	521.9	652.8	151.2	65.6	145.2	6 746.3
August 1996	2 360.8	1 738.5	1 166.8	510.1	662.1	162.1	71.7	139.7	6 811.8
1997									
May	2 392.5	1 750.0	1 169.3	500.2	680.1	166.3	73.5	142.4	6 874.3
August	2 392.1	1 750.1	1 187.2	493.1	674.5	165.2	73.5	140.1	6 875.8
November	2 373.5	1 763.7	1 182.9	509.6	684.5	156.6	73.6	139.3	6 883.7
1998									
February	2 381.8	1 703.9	1 175.9	495.9	673.5	157.3	66.5	135.3	6 790.1
May	2 393.7	1 757.6	1 207.1	504.5	707.4	158.0	67.9	138.2	6 934.4
August	2 413.2	1 767.3	1 271.3	521.1	718.1	153.6	72.2	140.5	7 057.5

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Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	146.3	113.3	56.0	33.8	29.6	9.9	5.0	54.8	448.8
August 1992	128.3	96.0	46.7	27.7	25.0	8.6	4.0	52.3	388.5
August 1993	118.3	90.8	46.3	25.9	23.3	7.7	3.8	54.1	370.3
August 1994	115.1	82.1	43.5	24.6	21.7	7.5	3.6	52.8	350.9
August 1995	102.8	81.7	44.1	23.9	20.2	7.7	3.9	54.9	339.2
August 1996	82.8	75.4	39.8	19.5	20.6	7.6	4.1	52.9	302.5
1997									
May	79.9	66.3	37.2	22.7	21.2	6.5	4.0	50.1	287.7
August	77.8	64.6	37.3	20.6	21.0	6.6	3.6	51.1	282.6
November	75.3	62.4	35.2	19.2	19.9	6.0	3.5	51.3	272.9
1998									
February	73.4	61.6	34.3	18.0	20.8	6.1	3.5	49.6	267.3
May	74.6	59.1	34.1	17.3	20.5	5.8	3.4	50.0	264.7
August	72.0	57.3	33.2	16.7	18.2	5.8	3.4	48.4	255.2
STATE GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	367.7	292.6	191.8	109.6	121.7	38.5	15.8	20.8	1 158.5
August 1992	351.4	291.8	192.0	108.0	122.2	36.8	15.0	18.8	1 136.0
August 1993	360.6	265.4	195.9	106.5	127.0	35.7	15.4	20.3	1 126.8
August 1994	345.1	248.4	190.4	99.6	116.8	32.8	15.5	19.7	1 068.1
August 1995	363.6	233.8	198.5	93.5	118.6	34.1	16.1	19.7	1 077.8
August 1996	358.5	226.4	208.1	93.7	113.3	34.0	16.0	18.8	1 068.7
1997									
May	355.8	217.7	209.2	86.1	111.7	33.2	16.3	17.7	1 047.6
August	356.8	230.9	211.7	90.3	110.4	32.1	16.1	17.7	1 066.0
November	361.3	229.9	213.2	91.8	115.7	32.3	16.1	19.0	1 079.4
1998									
February	348.7	207.2	207.2	88.0	108.8	29.6	16.1	18.8	1 024.5
May	362.3	223.6	211.4	92.8	112.5	32.4	16.5	19.3	1 070.7
August	353.5	225.2	211.3	95.8	116.2	32.0	16.5	19.3	1 069.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT									
August 1991	59.7	45.9	30.2	8.4	11.5	4.0	1.2	—	161.0
August 1992	57.8	44.8	31.5	9.1	11.8	4.1	1.2	—	160.3
August 1993	53.6	46.2	34.0	9.0	12.4	4.5	1.2	—	160.9
August 1994	52.6	45.5	33.2	8.8	13.5	3.9	1.4	—	158.9
August 1995	54.2	41.2	33.7	8.0	12.4	4.0	1.9	—	155.5
August 1996	47.4	36.8	34.7	7.8	12.6	4.4	2.2	—	145.9
1997									
May	43.7	38.8	38.8	7.6	13.2	4.1	2.5	—	148.8
August	43.7	31.9	37.5	8.1	13.1	4.1	3.5	—	142.0
November	44.6	32.3	36.4	8.4	13.2	4.0	3.1	—	141.9
1998									
February	44.9	34.2	35.8	8.0	13.3	3.7	2.0	—	141.9
May	44.2	31.5	35.7	8.2	12.8	3.8	1.9	—	138.0
August	44.6	31.1	36.5	8.1	13.3	3.6	2.6	—	139.9

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Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
PRIVATE									
1992-93	43 640.1	31 889.9	17 985.9	8 629.3	11 312.4	2 567.8	946.9	1 542.5	118 514.8
1993-94	45 985.9	32 469.6	18 480.0	9 454.2	12 160.6	2 587.2	982.7	1 531.0	123 651.2
1994-95	48 387.2	37 024.5	20 264.0	9 367.2	12 400.5	2 558.5	1 113.9	1 603.0	132 718.7
1995-96	54 415.4	39 516.4	23 048.6	10 418.4	14 206.0	2 734.2	1 145.5	1 692.8	147 177.2
1996-97	59 789.0	42 652.8	24 871.0	10 295.1	15 317.7	3 073.1	1 457.8	1 726.9	159 183.4
1997-98	63 553.6	44 542.3	25 241.8	10 614.1	15 768.4	3 080.3	1 446.0	1 799.8	166 046.3
1997									
June	15 481.1	10 888.8	6 259.0	2 545.5	3 879.4	775.3	375.5	458.9	40 663.4
September	15 661.8	11 121.0	6 285.3	2 634.7	3 846.5	795.0	382.9	448.4	41 175.6
December	16 169.5	11 453.9	6 421.3	2 747.1	3 892.9	786.1	384.6	453.0	42 308.4
1998									
March	15 782.2	10 646.1	6 117.5	2 555.7	3 810.4	728.6	324.9	425.9	40 391.2
June	15 940.2	11 321.4	6 417.8	2 676.6	4 218.6	770.6	353.6	472.5	42 171.2
September	16 671.4	11 829.9	7 295.7	2 847.5	4 326.3	761.5	378.4	530.1	44 640.8
PUBLIC									
1992-93	17 613.4	14 322.4	8 453.9	4 592.5	4 994.2	1 454.0	709.2	2 621.9	54 761.5
1993-94	18 039.3	13 324.5	8 734.2	4 864.0	5 254.0	1 435.9	763.2	2 979.0	55 394.0
1994-95	18 666.8	12 698.8	8 907.6	4 553.4	5 158.5	1 412.6	788.3	2 976.2	55 162.2
1995-96	18 951.8	12 724.3	9 459.0	4 390.2	5 176.3	1 496.8	847.7	3 224.4	56 270.3
1996-97	18 817.8	12 160.4	10 160.7	4 406.9	5 282.5	1 551.5	902.4	3 304.6	56 586.8
1997-98	19 707.5	12 176.5	10 626.3	4 573.1	5 468.5	1 532.9	940.0	3 364.1	58 388.9
1997									
June	4 857.9	2 985.6	2 550.0	1 106.7	1 345.8	399.6	242.3	844.6	14 332.6
September	4 716.9	3 128.5	2 755.4	1 139.3	1 290.1	367.2	216.2	780.0	14 393.5
December	5 201.7	3 088.7	2 669.6	1 236.8	1 442.4	410.9	255.2	903.7	15 208.9
1998									
March	4 689.8	2 929.8	2 625.5	1 046.1	1 288.6	353.4	214.2	769.3	13 916.8
June	5 099.1	3 029.5	2 575.8	1 150.9	1 447.4	401.4	254.4	911.1	14 869.7
September	5 054.1	3 220.4	2 872.7	1 197.7	1 360.9	405.6	258.9	915.2	15 285.5
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC									
1992-93	61 253.4	46 212.3	26 439.8	13 221.8	16 306.6	4 021.7	1 656.2	4 164.4	173 276.3
1993-94	64 025.2	45 794.0	27 214.2	14 318.2	17 414.6	4 023.1	1 745.9	4 510.0	179 045.3
1994-95	67 054.0	49 723.2	29 171.6	13 920.6	17 559.0	3 971.1	1 902.2	4 579.3	187 880.9
1995-96	73 367.2	52 240.6	32 507.5	14 808.6	19 382.3	4 231.0	1 993.2	4 917.2	203 447.5
1996-97	78 606.8	54 813.2	35 031.7	14 702.0	20 600.2	4 624.6	2 360.2	5 031.6	215 770.2
1997-98	83 261.0	56 719.0	35 868.3	15 187.2	21 236.9	4 613.1	2 386.0	5 163.9	224 435.2
1997									
June	20 339.0	13 874.4	8 809.0	3 652.2	5 225.2	1 174.9	617.8	1 303.6	54 996.0
September	20 378.6	14 249.6	9 040.7	3 774.0	5 136.6	1 162.1	599.1	1 228.4	55 569.0
December	21 371.2	14 542.6	9 091.0	3 983.9	5 335.3	1 197.0	639.8	1 356.7	57 517.3
1998									
March	20 472.0	13 575.9	8 743.0	3 601.8	5 099.0	1 082.0	539.1	1 195.2	54 308.0
June	21 039.3	14 350.9	8 993.6	3 827.5	5 666.1	1 172.0	608.1	1 383.6	57 040.9
September	21 725.5	15 050.3	10 168.5	4 045.2	5 687.2	1 167.1	637.2	1 445.3	59 926.3

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<i>Period</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	Australia
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT									
1992-93	4 713.1	3 485.7	1 605.2	935.7	832.2	298.4	137.8	2 086.7	14 095.0
1993-94	4 620.0	3 473.2	1 675.0	954.7	843.1	286.7	143.1	2 298.8	14 294.7
1994-95	4 829.2	3 365.2	1 665.4	932.9	829.1	280.0	149.7	2 289.3	14 340.8
1995-96	4 263.5	3 499.0	1 703.4	990.0	863.6	300.3	160.5	2 519.2	14 299.5
1996-97	3 735.9	3 109.8	1 655.8	914.7	885.0	299.0	165.6	2 561.8	13 327.6
1997-98	3 852.8	2 983.9	1 666.6	944.3	923.8	279.1	154.1	2 570.1	13 374.7
1997									
June	984.8	791.7	439.3	272.4	238.2	75.1	42.4	651.9	3 495.8
September	926.5	711.0	404.0	239.3	217.8	68.5	36.9	604.3	3 208.3
December	1 023.5	787.3	440.9	296.3	238.4	71.7	40.6	687.8	3 586.5
1998									
March	863.3	674.1	369.3	182.1	213.1	63.8	34.0	583.5	2 983.2
June	1 039.5	811.5	452.4	226.7	254.5	75.1	42.6	694.5	3 596.7
September	1 007.4	809.9	470.6	228.0	237.9	77.2	42.5	689.1	3 562.5
STATE GOVERNMENT									
1992-93	11 288.4	9 799.5	5 995.5	3 416.4	3 871.8	1 041.3	543.2	535.2	36 491.3
1993-94	11 767.9	8 786.1	6 157.9	3 659.0	4 105.9	1 039.7	590.9	680.2	36 787.6
1994-95	12 164.3	8 225.8	6 276.4	3 390.3	4 004.3	1 026.2	609.0	686.9	36 383.3
1995-96	12 890.2	8 080.6	6 734.0	3 169.9	3 983.5	1 076.0	643.8	705.2	37 283.3
1996-97	13 520.9	8 046.3	7 359.6	3 250.2	4 035.0	1 122.7	690.7	742.8	38 768.3
1997-98	14 312.1	8 322.9	7 785.6	3 364.4	4 169.1	1 127.9	731.1	793.7	40 606.7
1997									
June	3 496.7	1 963.1	1 818.7	778.0	1 012.1	291.9	186.8	192.7	9 740.0
September	3 404.5	2 195.2	2 042.0	833.3	978.0	264.9	162.0	175.6	10 055.5
December	3 777.4	2 075.6	1 925.3	871.0	1 106.3	306.1	198.6	215.8	10 476.0
1998									
March	3 453.4	2 040.0	1 983.0	800.0	985.9	261.2	169.2	185.7	9 878.4
June	3 676.8	2 012.1	1 835.3	860.1	1 098.9	295.7	201.3	216.6	10 196.8
September	3 636.2	2 198.0	2 098.7	899.7	1 022.3	297.1	204.5	226.0	10 582.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT									
1992-93	1 611.8	1 037.2	853.1	240.4	290.2	114.3	28.2	—	4 175.3
1993-94	1 651.4	1 065.1	901.3	250.2	305.0	109.5	29.2	—	4 311.7
1994-95	1 673.4	1 107.7	965.7	230.2	325.1	106.4	29.6	—	4 438.1
1995-96	1 798.1	1 144.6	1 021.6	230.3	329.2	120.5	43.3	—	4 687.6
1996-97	1 560.9	1 004.3	1 145.3	242.0	362.5	129.9	46.1	—	4 491.0
1997-98	1 542.6	869.9	1 174.3	264.3	375.7	125.8	54.8	—	4 407.5
1997									
June	376.4	230.9	292.1	56.3	95.5	32.6	13.1	—	1 096.8
September	385.8	222.4	309.4	66.8	94.3	33.7	17.3	—	1 129.7
December	400.8	225.8	303.5	69.4	97.8	33.1	16.0	—	1 146.4
1998									
March	373.2	215.7	273.2	64.0	89.7	28.5	11.0	—	1 055.2
June	382.8	206.0	288.2	64.1	93.9	30.6	10.5	—	1 076.2
September	410.5	212.6	303.4	70.0	100.8	31.3	11.9	—	1 140.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Full-time & Part-time: **Original**

	AUG 1997.....		NOV 1997.....		FEB 1998.....		MAY 1998.....		AUG 1998.....	
	<i>Full-time Part-time</i>		<i>Full-time Part-time</i>		<i>Full-time Part-time</i>		<i>Full-time Part-time</i>		<i>Full-time Part-time</i>	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
INDUSTRY										
Mining	78.9	2.4	78.7	2.2	75.0	* 3.1	76.4	* 3.0	74.0	2.6
Manufacturing	854.0	92.7	842.9	99.1	838.3	98.5	821.6	101.2	821.1	98.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	57.6	2.9	56.4	2.4	52.7	2.3	51.6	2.4	51.3	2.3
Construction	295.5	35.0	286.8	36.2	301.5	33.8	305.7	36.9	318.4	39.0
Wholesale trade	408.3	66.8	399.5	75.9	388.2	78.7	388.9	90.7	411.7	92.8
Retail trade	484.1	511.0	480.1	516.5	477.3	514.7	483.2	512.7	499.2	509.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	160.3	208.6	163.6	215.7	167.2	212.3	153.4	223.5	162.0	230.5
Transport and storage	243.4	48.4	240.4	43.9	224.5	46.7	229.3	50.5	239.8	46.1
Communication services	117.1	13.4	111.7	12.4	108.5	12.3	108.6	13.1	112.0	12.9
Finance and insurance	208.2	53.4	212.3	50.6	216.9	49.9	232.0	55.2	232.9	59.6
Property and business services	537.7	208.5	526.4	223.0	533.2	217.1	540.5	246.1	573.8	248.4
Government administration and defence	288.7	56.9	289.9	58.2	292.2	58.5	286.4	57.9	283.6	56.8
Education	390.7	224.2	389.4	239.9	381.0	195.1	384.3	234.4	383.3	245.1
Health and community services	376.6	402.3	377.7	396.5	374.3	403.0	377.6	419.3	374.1	423.2
Cultural and recreational services	80.1	106.4	80.9	103.4	83.7	92.2	86.1	102.8	90.8	95.2
Personal and other services	179.5	77.8	190.6	75.2	175.3	76.4	178.7	74.8	181.0	80.8
All industries(a)	4 764.9	2 110.9	4 731.8	2 151.9	4 694.8	2 095.4	4 709.1	2 225.2	4 813.5	2 244.0
STATES AND TERRITORIES										
New South Wales	1 708.8	683.3	1 680.2	693.3	1 680.9	700.9	1 673.4	720.3	1 704.3	708.9
Victoria	1 206.3	543.8	1 206.7	556.9	1 181.6	522.4	1 186.7	570.8	1 193.2	574.1
Queensland	823.7	363.6	819.0	363.8	819.0	356.9	814.6	392.5	865.6	405.8
South Australia	327.2	165.9	327.7	181.9	326.1	169.7	326.4	178.1	336.9	184.3
Western Australia	440.8	233.7	446.5	238.0	441.7	231.8	461.3	246.2	465.4	252.7
Tasmania	106.0	59.1	101.6	55.0	98.7	58.6	99.2	58.9	95.5	58.1
Northern Territory	53.2	20.3	52.2	21.4	48.5	18.0	48.6	19.3	52.0	20.3
Australian Capital Territory	98.9	41.2	97.8	41.6	98.3	37.0	99.0	39.2	100.6	39.9
Australia	4 764.9	2 110.9	4 731.8	2 151.9	4 694.8	2 095.4	4 709.1	2 225.2	4 813.5	2 244.0

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry & fishing.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—Australia: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	84.5	79.1	78.9	76.1	77.6	74.8	1 396.6
Manufacturing	944.8	941.8	937.3	932.3	918.5	915.7	8 837.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	9.7	9.8	10.1	10.0	10.1	9.9	140.7
Construction	335.0	319.1	307.1	318.3	325.3	340.5	3 297.9
Wholesale trade	460.5	473.4	473.7	465.3	477.9	503.0	4 611.1
Retail trade	988.0	994.8	996.2	991.6	995.6	1 008.1	5 216.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	369.7	368.1	378.7	379.1	376.0	391.8	1 816.3
Transport and storage	229.0	225.5	225.6	214.8	222.7	230.5	2 271.1
Communication services	24.3	23.5	22.3	22.7	23.2	28.6	301.8
Finance and insurance	263.4	252.3	253.6	260.3	280.6	284.7	3 463.8
Property and business services	702.3	719.5	722.2	723.4	759.5	796.4	6 986.0
Education	183.2	177.7	182.0	178.2	182.2	190.8	1 351.1
Health and community services	471.6	467.5	462.9	468.4	482.0	485.9	3 046.8
Cultural and recreational services	146.6	162.5	160.1	151.3	163.5	160.1	886.9
Personal and other services	177.6	170.7	178.8	164.7	166.3	171.7	1 016.3
All industries	5 390.2	5 385.3	5 389.6	5 356.5	5 461.0	5 592.7	44 640.8
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.6	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.2	48.7
Manufacturing	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	50.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	54.0	50.7	48.6	45.0	43.9	43.7	648.8
Construction	13.5	11.3	15.9	17.0	17.3	16.9	203.5
Transport and storage	67.3	66.3	58.7	56.4	57.2	55.4	774.8
Communication services	110.7	106.9	101.9	98.1	98.5	96.2	1 419.6
Finance and insurance	10.0	9.2	9.4	6.5	6.6	7.8	104.9
Property and business services	25.5	26.7	27.2	26.9	27.0	25.8	314.3
Government administration and defence	343.8	345.6	348.1	350.7	344.3	340.4	3 757.0
Education	433.1	437.2	447.3	397.9	436.6	437.5	3 826.3
Health and community services	305.3	311.4	311.3	308.8	314.9	311.5	2 857.6
Cultural and recreational services	22.5	24.0	24.2	24.5	25.3	25.8	249.0
Personal and other services	85.3	86.5	87.0	87.1	87.3	90.1	979.1
All industries(a)	1 484.1	1 490.6	1 494.1	1 433.7	1 473.4	1 464.8	15 285.5
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.6	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.2	48.7
Mining	84.9	81.2	80.9	78.1	79.4	76.6	1 424.9
Manufacturing	949.3	946.7	942.0	936.7	922.7	919.9	8 887.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	63.7	60.4	58.8	55.0	54.0	53.6	789.5
Construction	348.4	330.4	323.0	335.4	342.6	357.4	3 501.3
Wholesale trade	462.0	475.0	475.4	466.9	479.5	504.5	4 628.8
Retail trade	988.3	995.1	996.5	992.0	995.9	1 008.5	5 218.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	370.5	368.9	379.3	379.6	376.9	392.5	1 820.5
Transport and storage	296.3	291.8	284.3	271.2	279.9	286.0	3 046.0
Communication services	134.9	130.5	124.1	120.8	121.7	124.9	1 721.5
Finance and insurance	273.4	261.5	262.9	266.8	287.2	292.5	3 568.6
Property and business services	727.8	746.2	749.4	750.3	786.6	822.2	7 300.3
Government administration and defence	343.8	345.6	348.1	350.7	344.3	340.4	3 757.0
Education	616.3	614.9	629.3	576.1	618.7	628.3	5 177.3
Health and community services	777.0	778.9	774.2	777.2	796.9	797.3	5 904.4
Cultural and recreational services	169.1	186.5	184.3	175.9	188.9	186.0	1 135.9
Personal and other services	262.9	257.2	265.8	251.8	253.5	261.8	1 995.4
All industries	6 874.3	6 875.8	6 883.7	6 790.1	6 934.4	7 057.5	59 926.3

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Level of Government—Australia: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	33.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	6.1
Construction	—	1.4	—	—	—	—	0.2
Transport and storage	8.8	8.3	7.7	6.5	7.5	7.2	126.2
Communication services	110.5	106.8	101.7	97.9	98.5	96.2	1 419.6
Finance and insurance	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.9	46.4
Property and business services	14.3	14.2	13.9	14.9	13.6	13.2	184.7
Government administration and defence	125.1	122.3	121.1	121.1	117.8	111.2	1 510.9
Education	9.3	7.0	7.3	5.9	6.2	6.3	59.3
Health and community services	3.8	3.9	3.1	3.5	3.2	2.8	20.3
Cultural and recreational services	5.3	8.0	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.6	94.9
Personal and other services	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.8	50.8
All industries(a)	287.7	282.6	272.9	267.3	264.7	255.2	3 562.5
STATE GOVERNMENT							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.7	46.2
Manufacturing	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	10.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	46.7	44.2	43.7	39.7	38.8	38.5	597.1
Construction	12.3	8.5	14.6	15.6	15.6	15.1	187.4
Transport and storage	57.1	56.6	49.7	48.7	48.4	46.9	634.3
Communication services	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	7.5	7.1	7.2	4.4	4.4	4.7	57.1
Property and business services	11.1	12.5	13.2	11.9	13.3	12.5	129.1
Government administration and defence	90.7	93.1	95.7	100.9	99.4	100.6	1 206.4
Education	418.0	429.9	439.9	389.4	430.1	430.9	3 765.7
Health and community services	300.1	307.3	308.0	305.0	311.4	308.3	2 834.8
Cultural and recreational services	15.4	15.2	15.7	16.2	16.6	17.5	150.4
Personal and other services	80.9	81.9	82.1	82.9	83.2	86.1	926.7
All industries(a)	1 047.6	1 066.0	1 079.4	1 024.5	1 070.7	1 069.7	10 582.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.3
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	6.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.7	5.9	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.7	45.7
Construction	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.8	15.8
Transport and storage	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	14.3
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4
Property and business services	—	—	* 0.1	—	* 0.1	* 0.1	* 0.5
Government administration and defence	128.0	130.1	131.4	128.7	127.1	128.6	1 039.6
Education	* 5.8	* 0.3	* 0.1	* 2.6	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 1.3
Health and community services	1.4	0.2	* 0.2	* 0.3	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 2.5
Cultural and recreational services	1.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	3.8
Personal and other services	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	* 1.6
All industries(a)	148.8	142.0	141.9	141.9	138.0	139.9	1 140.5

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—New South Wales: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	19.8	17.8	16.2	16.6	17.0	12.3	293.2
Manufacturing	296.1	301.6	292.5	286.2	284.7	277.5	2 844.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.4	18.8
Construction	115.4	105.1	101.7	108.1	103.0	100.5	912.1
Wholesale trade	194.5	199.0	198.2	198.1	193.1	195.8	1 979.9
Retail trade	334.1	337.3	334.5	351.3	350.4	353.8	1 926.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	142.9	135.0	133.8	142.7	133.0	133.9	641.7
Transport and storage	83.4	86.2	89.7	82.9	83.3	80.7	899.4
Communication services	13.8	14.0	13.7	14.4	11.9	* 17.7	201.1
Finance and insurance	109.9	101.9	101.9	104.0	115.0	120.1	1 637.3
Property and business services	282.3	301.4	294.2	294.2	293.5	316.1	3 025.0
Education	59.1	60.1	59.0	57.9	60.9	63.9	496.0
Health and community services	168.8	164.6	163.5	167.1	173.4	175.3	1 106.9
Cultural and recreational services	39.9	41.2	41.8	42.5	41.0	43.9	334.0
Personal and other services	51.5	46.9	50.0	47.4	51.3	50.0	355.8
All industries	1 913.1	1 913.7	1 892.4	1 914.7	1 912.6	1 943.0	16 671.4
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.2	1.9	20.5
Manufacturing	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	24.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	22.4	21.2	20.8	18.0	17.7	17.1	281.1
Construction	3.7	0.5	6.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	89.7
Transport and storage	25.2	25.0	18.9	18.5	19.8	19.4	289.4
Communication services	35.6	34.6	33.0	31.6	32.7	31.8	483.4
Finance and insurance	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.1	30.2
Property and business services	7.0	8.5	8.8	7.3	7.0	7.0	88.8
Government administration and defence	98.0	97.0	98.3	103.6	102.9	101.7	1 143.6
Education	135.9	131.6	135.7	121.8	134.5	131.2	1 163.4
Health and community services	103.6	109.0	108.5	107.9	108.7	103.9	972.6
Cultural and recreational services	10.4	11.2	10.9	11.2	10.9	11.5	108.5
Personal and other services	30.9	31.2	31.2	31.2	31.2	31.1	328.1
All industries(a)	479.4	478.4	481.1	467.1	481.1	470.2	5 054.1
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.2	1.9	20.5
Mining	19.8	19.4	17.9	18.3	18.5	13.7	318.9
Manufacturing	298.1	303.7	294.7	288.2	286.8	279.5	2 868.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	24.1	23.0	22.4	19.5	18.9	18.5	299.9
Construction	119.1	105.6	108.1	115.6	110.4	107.9	1 001.8
Wholesale trade	194.9	199.4	198.6	198.4	193.4	196.2	1 982.7
Retail trade	334.1	337.4	334.6	351.4	350.4	354.0	1 926.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	143.0	135.1	134.0	142.8	133.3	134.2	643.3
Transport and storage	108.6	111.3	108.6	101.5	103.1	100.1	1 188.8
Communication services	49.3	48.5	46.8	46.0	44.6	49.6	684.5
Finance and insurance	112.0	103.8	103.9	105.8	116.8	122.1	1 667.5
Property and business services	289.4	309.9	303.0	301.5	300.5	323.1	3 113.8
Government administration and defence	98.0	97.0	98.3	103.6	102.9	101.7	1 143.6
Education	195.0	191.7	194.7	179.7	195.4	195.1	1 659.4
Health and community services	272.4	273.5	272.0	275.0	282.1	279.2	2 079.5
Cultural and recreational services	50.3	52.4	52.7	53.7	51.9	55.4	442.5
Personal and other services	82.4	78.1	81.2	78.6	82.4	81.0	683.9
All industries	2 392.5	2 392.1	2 373.5	2 381.8	2 393.7	2 413.2	21 725.5

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—Victoria: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	4.6	5.1	6.4	6.7	7.3	5.9	92.7
Manufacturing	333.8	318.9	328.3	329.2	318.6	318.3	3 127.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.3	78.9
Construction	89.5	96.5	87.4	84.1	90.3	96.5	979.3
Wholesale trade	95.8	102.3	106.7	105.1	105.0	113.7	1 058.0
Retail trade	240.5	243.8	248.3	228.9	230.1	233.3	1 220.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	77.8	79.0	76.0	77.0	76.9	79.5	356.9
Transport and storage	66.7	67.1	62.7	63.3	63.9	64.1	627.0
Communication services	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3	46.5
Finance and insurance	67.0	65.3	67.2	67.6	72.8	67.3	931.4
Property and business services	186.8	177.4	186.0	183.5	206.1	202.4	1 725.0
Education	54.3	47.3	48.8	46.9	51.4	53.9	339.2
Health and community services	106.9	108.2	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.3	715.6
Cultural and recreational services	47.3	57.4	58.0	51.2	63.1	58.7	272.9
Personal and other services	45.3	43.4	47.7	39.4	35.8	43.1	258.2
All industries	1 427.2	1 422.6	1 439.0	1 401.0	1 443.5	1 453.7	11 829.9
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3	0.2	0.2	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 3.3
Manufacturing	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	16.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	5.3	4.3	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.3	58.0
Construction	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	29.8
Transport and storage	11.0	10.5	9.6	9.2	8.9	8.4	107.8
Communication services	35.1	33.7	32.0	30.6	30.2	29.6	429.8
Finance and insurance	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	23.6
Property and business services	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	60.3
Government administration and defence	66.3	63.9	64.9	65.6	61.8	60.0	613.4
Education	97.6	105.6	104.6	86.8	100.1	101.7	931.9
Health and community services	76.4	77.4	77.7	75.4	77.4	76.3	701.7
Cultural and recreational services	3.6	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.5	45.0
Personal and other services	17.1	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.5	18.1	193.0
All industries(a)	322.8	327.5	324.7	303.0	314.1	313.6	3 220.4
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3	0.2	0.2	* 0.4	* 0.4	* 0.3	* 3.3
Mining	4.6	5.1	6.4	6.7	7.3	5.9	92.7
Manufacturing	334.9	320.0	329.3	330.2	319.6	319.3	3 143.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.3	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.6	9.6	136.9
Construction	92.1	99.2	89.9	86.7	92.8	99.0	1 009.1
Wholesale trade	96.2	102.7	107.1	105.4	105.4	114.1	1 064.1
Retail trade	240.6	243.9	248.4	228.9	230.1	233.3	1 220.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	78.0	79.3	76.2	77.1	77.2	79.6	357.5
Transport and storage	77.7	77.6	72.3	72.5	72.8	72.6	734.8
Communication services	40.1	38.5	36.5	35.1	34.8	33.9	476.4
Finance and insurance	68.2	67.0	69.3	69.7	74.9	69.2	955.0
Property and business services	191.2	181.8	190.5	188.0	210.4	206.9	1 785.3
Government administration and defence	66.3	63.9	64.9	65.6	61.8	60.0	613.4
Education	152.0	152.9	153.5	133.7	151.5	155.6	1 271.1
Health and community services	183.3	185.6	183.0	183.3	189.1	183.6	1 417.3
Cultural and recreational services	50.8	61.5	61.9	55.2	67.6	63.2	318.0
Personal and other services	62.4	60.3	64.4	56.0	52.3	61.2	451.2
All industries	1 750.0	1 750.1	1 763.7	1 703.9	1 757.6	1 767.3	15 050.3

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—Queensland: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	23.3	19.6	18.7	17.7	17.1	20.2	429.1
Manufacturing	129.5	135.9	138.1	142.7	137.3	137.7	1 223.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	15.0
Construction	67.1	59.1	55.8	62.3	66.0	70.0	622.2
Wholesale trade	79.3	81.1	76.7	70.4	90.0	105.7	860.9
Retail trade	184.0	190.4	179.2	187.7	190.8	195.3	971.4
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	65.6	68.0	78.4	73.1	80.9	82.8	394.5
Transport and storage	35.4	33.1	32.6	28.9	32.2	38.2	309.5
Communication services	* 2.3	* 2.3	* 1.4	1.5	* 4.2	* 4.2	* 40.9
Finance and insurance	32.0	33.4	33.1	33.2	34.0	35.6	345.8
Property and business services	82.9	89.5	92.7	95.4	93.6	112.9	946.2
Education	34.2	33.8	37.3	36.8	33.3	35.5	253.5
Health and community services	86.1	87.4	86.1	83.7	82.1	88.7	555.1
Cultural and recreational services	28.8	31.8	32.6	30.0	29.0	27.0	126.7
Personal and other services	33.0	34.7	34.4	34.3	34.4	35.5	201.2
All industries	884.2	900.8	898.0	898.6	925.9	990.4	7 295.7
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	* 0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.7
Manufacturing	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.7	10.9	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.0	120.3
Construction	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	38.9
Transport and storage	19.6	19.3	19.4	19.3	19.5	19.3	268.0
Communication services	17.0	16.6	15.7	15.2	15.5	15.3	228.2
Finance and insurance	4.8	3.6	3.5	0.7	0.8	1.5	21.4
Property and business services	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	54.7
Government administration and defence	68.7	71.0	70.6	69.5	69.1	71.2	733.3
Education	84.9	87.8	88.6	84.7	87.4	86.8	725.2
Health and community services	49.9	49.0	48.6	49.2	49.3	48.4	459.2
Cultural and recreational services	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.4	20.6
Personal and other services	16.6	16.6	17.2	17.5	17.8	16.7	186.8
All industries(a)	285.1	286.4	284.9	277.3	281.2	281.0	2 872.7
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.5	* 0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.7
Mining	23.7	20.0	19.1	18.0	17.4	20.5	431.6
Manufacturing	130.2	136.6	138.7	143.3	138.0	138.3	1 229.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.5	11.7	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	135.4
Construction	71.1	63.2	59.6	66.0	69.9	73.9	661.1
Wholesale trade	79.7	81.6	77.2	70.9	90.5	106.1	866.4
Retail trade	184.1	190.5	179.3	187.7	190.9	195.5	971.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	65.8	68.0	78.4	73.1	80.9	82.9	394.9
Transport and storage	54.9	52.5	52.0	48.2	51.8	57.5	577.5
Communication services	19.3	19.0	17.2	16.7	19.7	19.5	269.1
Finance and insurance	36.7	37.0	36.6	34.0	34.7	37.2	367.3
Property and business services	87.3	93.7	96.8	99.7	98.0	117.4	1 000.9
Government administration and defence	68.7	71.0	70.6	69.5	69.1	71.2	733.3
Education	119.1	121.6	125.9	121.6	120.6	122.4	978.7
Health and community services	135.9	136.4	134.7	132.9	131.3	137.1	1 014.3
Cultural and recreational services	30.2	33.1	34.6	32.1	31.4	29.4	147.3
Personal and other services	49.6	51.3	51.6	51.8	52.2	52.2	388.0
All industries	1 169.3	1 187.2	1 182.9	1 175.9	1 207.1	1 271.3	10 168.5

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—South Australia: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.4	46.7
Manufacturing	88.4	88.3	85.3	81.3	84.0	84.8	742.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	13.8
Construction	17.6	16.0	17.7	17.3	14.7	15.7	119.4
Wholesale trade	31.2	36.7	35.9	35.9	32.6	35.5	278.7
Retail trade	73.2	67.6	75.1	74.2	71.9	70.5	346.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	23.0	23.4	25.5	23.3	24.5	25.4	99.1
Transport and storage	11.4	10.3	11.2	12.0	14.0	15.0	137.4
Communication services	* 0.7	* 0.7	* 0.7	* 0.5	* 0.6	* 0.7	* 4.6
Finance and insurance	20.8	19.2	19.4	19.3	20.7	24.2	221.8
Property and business services	35.4	36.1	40.6	40.5	41.6	49.2	434.1
Education	11.0	11.1	11.4	11.1	11.8	12.0	76.4
Health and community services	43.3	39.2	39.1	40.3	43.9	42.3	231.6
Cultural and recreational services	9.8	8.1	7.3	7.3	6.9	6.4	37.2
Personal and other services	14.9	13.6	16.3	14.4	14.9	14.1	58.6
All industries	383.9	374.1	390.2	381.9	386.3	400.5	2 847.5
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.1
Manufacturing	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	49.6
Construction	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	13.5
Transport and storage	4.3	4.4	3.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	34.1
Communication services	8.8	8.3	8.0	7.7	7.1	6.9	98.4
Finance and insurance	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	7.0
Property and business services	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	2.9	1.6	16.8
Government administration and defence	24.0	25.8	25.6	25.2	23.7	24.6	268.5
Education	34.1	34.0	35.6	31.9	34.4	35.5	323.4
Health and community services	29.0	29.8	30.3	30.2	32.7	34.3	283.4
Cultural and recreational services	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.0	17.8
Personal and other services	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.2	80.5
All industries(a)	116.3	119.0	119.4	114.0	118.2	120.6	1 197.7
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.1
Mining	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.4	46.7
Manufacturing	88.6	88.5	85.5	81.4	84.0	84.8	742.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	4.4	4.5	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.8	63.5
Construction	18.7	17.2	18.9	18.4	15.9	17.0	132.9
Wholesale trade	31.3	36.8	36.0	36.0	32.7	35.6	279.9
Retail trade	73.3	67.7	75.2	74.3	72.0	70.5	346.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	23.1	23.5	25.6	23.4	24.6	25.6	99.9
Transport and storage	15.6	14.7	14.9	14.7	16.6	17.7	171.5
Communication services	9.4	9.0	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.6	103.0
Finance and insurance	21.4	19.7	20.0	19.8	21.2	24.7	228.8
Property and business services	37.1	37.7	42.0	41.9	44.5	50.8	450.9
Government administration and defence	24.0	25.8	25.6	25.2	23.7	24.6	268.5
Education	45.1	45.1	46.9	43.0	46.1	47.5	399.9
Health and community services	72.3	69.1	69.4	70.5	76.6	76.5	514.9
Cultural and recreational services	11.3	9.8	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.4	54.9
Personal and other services	21.8	20.6	23.3	21.4	22.0	21.3	139.1
All industries	500.2	493.1	509.6	495.9	504.5	521.1	4 045.2

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—Western Australia: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	30.1	29.3	30.5	28.2	29.3	29.6	480.9
Manufacturing	67.3	68.7	65.1	65.3	66.2	69.8	647.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	11.6
Construction	32.3	29.3	33.1	35.7	41.2	46.3	555.3
Wholesale trade	45.5	39.6	42.1	40.1	41.0	37.0	305.5
Retail trade	108.2	105.8	110.4	102.6	103.7	105.3	481.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	36.9	38.8	41.5	40.4	38.4	49.0	220.6
Transport and storage	21.2	19.8	20.7	19.1	20.9	23.7	215.3
Communication services	1.0	* 1.0	* 1.2	1.2	1.2	* 1.2	* 5.6
Finance and insurance	24.1	23.4	22.7	27.2	29.2	29.3	258.0
Property and business services	82.9	84.7	79.2	82.0	96.2	84.4	610.5
Education	15.7	16.4	16.8	17.3	16.2	17.4	127.6
Health and community services	39.3	41.6	42.3	42.2	43.4	43.4	255.6
Cultural and recreational services	13.9	16.4	13.6	14.0	* 17.7	17.5	78.9
Personal and other services	15.2	14.7	15.9	14.9	16.5	15.8	71.8
All industries	534.0	530.0	535.8	530.6	561.6	570.5	4 326.3
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	13.4
Manufacturing	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	3.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.0	6.0	79.8
Construction	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	26.8
Transport and storage	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	2.6	36.4
Communication services	9.1	8.8	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.2	115.9
Finance and insurance	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	7.6
Property and business services	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.6	46.9
Government administration and defence	31.5	30.6	31.9	31.9	31.5	28.3	274.0
Education	48.0	46.9	50.5	44.6	48.2	50.4	371.9
Health and community services	28.6	28.5	28.5	28.9	29.0	31.1	263.2
Cultural and recreational services	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	14.9
Personal and other services	8.0	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.9	10.2	104.3
All industries(a)	146.1	144.5	148.8	142.8	145.8	147.7	1 360.9
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	13.4
Mining	30.1	29.3	30.5	28.2	29.3	29.6	480.9
Manufacturing	67.7	69.1	65.5	65.6	66.5	70.1	650.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.7	91.3
Construction	34.2	31.4	35.1	37.6	43.0	47.9	582.1
Wholesale trade	45.7	39.7	42.3	40.3	41.2	37.2	307.5
Retail trade	108.2	105.8	110.4	102.6	103.7	105.3	481.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	37.0	38.9	41.6	40.5	38.6	49.1	221.3
Transport and storage	25.2	23.6	24.4	22.7	24.4	26.4	251.7
Communication services	10.1	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.5	121.5
Finance and insurance	24.6	24.0	23.3	27.7	29.7	29.9	265.5
Property and business services	87.2	89.2	83.7	86.6	101.0	89.0	657.3
Government administration and defence	31.5	30.6	31.9	31.9	31.5	28.3	274.0
Education	63.7	63.3	67.3	61.8	64.4	67.8	499.5
Health and community services	67.9	70.2	70.8	71.1	72.4	74.5	518.7
Cultural and recreational services	15.3	18.3	15.5	15.9	19.6	19.3	93.8
Personal and other services	23.2	23.0	23.9	22.8	24.4	26.0	176.1
All industries	680.1	674.5	684.5	673.5	707.4	718.1	5 687.2

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Sector—Tasmania: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
PRIVATE							
Mining	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	18.8
Manufacturing	23.1	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.9	22.2	201.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.8
Construction	* 6.3	* 6.4	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.8	30.9
Wholesale trade	* 8.0	* 8.5	* 8.2	* 10.0	10.6	9.8	69.8
Retail trade	20.7	22.5	21.7	24.3	22.9	21.5	99.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	11.6	11.1	10.8	11.0	10.2	9.0	41.8
Transport and storage	5.8	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	43.5
Communication services	* 0.5	* 0.5	* 0.5	* 0.3	* 0.4	* 0.2	* 0.8
Finance and insurance	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	38.9
Property and business services	* 11.6	12.2	11.1	10.7	10.2	10.3	* 62.9
Education	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.0	21.1
Health and community services	14.0	14.4	14.6	15.3	15.6	16.0	97.2
Cultural and recreational services	2.6	* 2.9	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.7	14.8
Personal and other services	* 7.1	* 7.2	4.4	4.3	3.6	3.2	18.0
All industries	122.5	122.4	114.3	117.9	116.1	112.2	761.5
PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	6.5
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	25.1
Construction	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	4.6
Transport and storage	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	8.8
Communication services	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	30.5
Finance and insurance	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.8
Property and business services	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.6	6.4
Government administration and defence	9.3	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.2	99.1
Education	14.8	14.0	14.3	12.1	14.8	14.4	122.2
Health and community services	9.4	9.2	8.9	8.4	8.7	8.6	71.0
Cultural and recreational services	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	5.7
Personal and other services	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	22.0
All industries(a)	43.8	42.8	42.3	39.4	41.9	41.4	405.6
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	6.5
Mining	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	18.8
Manufacturing	23.2	21.8	21.6	21.2	22.0	22.3	202.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	26.9
Construction	* 6.5	* 6.6	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.0	35.6
Wholesale trade	* 8.0	* 8.6	* 8.2	* 10.1	10.6	9.8	69.8
Retail trade	20.7	22.5	21.7	24.3	22.9	21.5	99.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	11.6	11.1	10.8	11.0	10.2	9.0	41.8
Transport and storage	6.9	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.2	52.3
Communication services	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.2	31.3
Finance and insurance	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	41.7
Property and business services	12.3	12.9	11.9	11.4	10.6	10.9	69.3
Government administration and defence	9.3	10.0	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.2	99.1
Education	18.4	18.0	18.1	15.5	18.3	17.4	143.2
Health and community services	23.4	23.6	23.5	23.7	24.3	24.6	168.1
Cultural and recreational services	3.8	* 3.5	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.3	20.5
Personal and other services	* 9.0	* 9.0	6.3	6.2	5.5	5.2	40.0
All industries	166.3	165.2	156.6	157.3	158.0	153.6	1 167.1

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Industry—Territories: **Original**

Industry	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	February 1998	May 1998	August 1998	September Qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
NORTHERN TERRITORY							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
Mining	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	34.8
Manufacturing	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.8	30.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	10.5
Construction	3.2	3.0	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.6	35.4
Wholesale trade	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.2	20.3
Retail trade	9.5	10.8	11.8	9.6	10.2	11.8	77.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	5.0	5.6	4.9	4.4	4.8	5.1	29.2
Transport and storage	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.5	24.1
Communication services	* 1.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	11.3
Finance and insurance	* 1.8	* 1.8	1.7	* 1.7	* 1.6	1.0	8.3
Property and business services	7.8	6.1	* 6.0	4.5	4.9	6.6	54.1
Government administration and defence	8.5	9.3	8.6	7.8	7.7	8.3	86.7
Education	7.3	7.0	7.1	6.8	7.3	7.3	71.9
Health and community services	8.6	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.1	8.4	78.5
Cultural and recreational services	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	19.9
Personal and other services	5.3	5.4	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.5	43.7
All industries	73.5	73.5	73.6	66.5	67.9	72.2	637.2
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mining	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.4
Manufacturing	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.6	22.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	25.2
Construction	3.7	* 4.2	* 3.2	* 3.3	* 3.0	* 4.1	* 43.4
Wholesale trade	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	38.1
Retail trade	17.8	16.5	15.1	13.2	15.7	16.7	93.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	7.0	7.3	7.7	7.2	7.2	7.1	32.8
Transport and storage	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.0	45.3
Communication services	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	24.4
Finance and insurance	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4	34.5
Property and business services	15.5	14.9	15.4	16.8	16.6	17.5	168.6
Government administration and defence	37.6	38.1	38.6	37.5	38.2	37.0	538.3
Education	15.8	15.3	15.7	14.0	15.1	15.3	153.6
Health and community services	13.2	12.4	12.9	13.0	12.9	13.5	112.9
Cultural and recreational services	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.0	4.5	4.7	39.1
Personal and other services	9.2	9.5	8.6	8.7	8.2	8.3	73.3
All industries	142.4	140.1	139.3	135.3	138.2	140.5	1 445.3

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Private Sector—Employer Size(a): **Original**

	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES—AUGUST 1998				GROSS EARNINGS—SEPTEMBER QTR 1998			
	<i>Less than 20 employees</i>	<i>20 to 99 employees</i>	<i>100 or more employees</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Less than 20 employees</i>	<i>20 to 99 employees</i>	<i>100 or more employees</i>	<i>Total</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
INDUSTRY								
Mining	7.2	9.0	58.6	74.8	84.8	156.8	1 155.0	1 396.6
Manufacturing	222.9	201.8	491.0	915.7	1 481.9	1 839.9	5 516.0	8 837.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.5	0.9	8.5	9.9	4.6	12.4	123.7	140.7
Construction	207.3	56.7	76.6	340.5	1 513.9	676.6	1 107.4	3 297.9
Wholesale trade	193.3	191.2	118.4	503.0	1 550.3	1 843.6	1 217.2	4 611.1
Retail trade	415.8	141.9	450.5	1 008.1	2 150.7	827.4	2 238.5	5 216.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	149.3	134.9	107.5	391.8	553.2	676.4	586.7	1 816.3
Transport and storage	96.0	38.5	96.0	230.5	614.2	374.9	1 282.0	2 271.1
Communication services	* 13.2	2.3	* 13.1	28.6	* 103.4	* 31.6	166.8	301.8
Finance and insurance	37.3	35.6	211.8	284.7	331.2	527.5	2 605.1	3 463.8
Property and business services	405.2	143.7	247.5	796.4	3 257.9	1 532.5	2 195.6	6 986.0
Education	41.3	55.6	93.9	190.8	219.3	383.5	748.3	1 351.1
Health and community services	182.7	119.1	184.1	485.9	1 242.9	653.5	1 150.4	3 046.8
Cultural and recreational services	56.5	38.3	65.3	160.1	207.9	* 225.2	453.9	886.9
Personal and other services	90.1	39.4	42.2	171.7	435.5	235.5	345.3	1 016.3
All industries	2 118.6	1 209.1	2 265.0	5 592.7	13 751.6	9 997.3	20 891.9	44 640.8
STATES AND TERRITORIES								
New South Wales	714.2	420.4	808.4	1 943.0	5 055.0	3 710.8	7 905.5	16 671.4
Victoria	541.6	320.5	591.6	1 453.7	3 366.2	2 680.5	5 783.2	11 829.9
Queensland	398.1	184.1	408.2	990.4	2 507.6	1 435.9	3 352.3	7 295.7
South Australia	156.7	99.1	144.7	400.5	912.8	748.6	1 186.2	2 847.5
Western Australia	213.4	118.3	238.8	570.5	1 312.7	907.9	2 105.6	4 326.3
Tasmania	40.1	34.9	37.2	112.2	215.3	260.5	285.8	761.5
Northern Territory	21.3	15.0	13.4	49.7	146.7	118.7	113.0	378.4
Australian Capital Territory	33.3	16.8	22.7	72.8	235.4	134.5	160.2	530.1
Australia	2 118.6	1 209.1	2 265.0	5 592.7	13 751.6	9 997.3	20 891.9	44 640.8

(a) See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes, and the Glossary.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates from the quarterly Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) which was introduced in the September quarter 1983. The survey is designed to obtain, from employer units, information on numbers of wage and salary earners employed each month and their quarterly earnings. It replaced the civilian employees series, based principally on information obtained from payroll tax returns, which was discontinued after April 1980.

SCOPE

2 All wage and salary earners who received pay in any pay period ending within the quarter were represented in the survey, except:

- members of the Australian permanent defence forces;
- employees of businesses in the private sector primarily engaged in Agriculture, forestry and fishing;
- employees in private households employing staff;
- employees of overseas embassies, consulates, etc.;
- employees based outside Australia; and
- employees on workers' compensation who are not paid through the payroll.

3 An indicator of the number of wage and salary earners out of scope as at June 1998 is shown in the following list:

New South Wales	70,101
Victoria	43,907
Queensland	55,244
South Australia	26,266
Western Australia	24,882
Tasmania	8,667
Northern Territory	7,595
Australian Capital Territory	8,809
Australia	245,470

4 Estimates of the number of employees in private sector Agriculture, forestry and fishing and Private households employing staff were derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Data relating to the number of permanent defence force members are based upon information supplied to the ABS by the Department of Defence.

5 Also excluded are the following persons who are not regarded as employees for the purposes of this survey:

- directors who are not paid a salary;
- proprietors/partners of unincorporated businesses; and
- self-employed persons such as subcontractors, owner/drivers, consultants and persons paid solely by commission without a retainer.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND DESIGN

6 A sample of approximately 10,000 employer units is selected from the ABS Business Register to ensure adequate State and industry representation. Of these, approximately 7,500 are in the private sector and 2,500 are in the public sector. The survey is conducted by mail each quarter. However, data for a number of Commonwealth, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory government departments are collected electronically.

7 The statistical unit for the survey comprises all activities of an employer in a particular State or Territory. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the business in the State or Territory. See paragraphs 10–13 for more information on classification by industry.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SURVEY METHODOLOGY
AND DESIGN *continued*

8 Information on monthly number of employees and quarterly earnings is collected each quarter. For the first and last month of each quarter, only the total number of employees is collected; for the mid-month of each quarter, the number of full-time and part-time employees are collected. Up until May 1996 the number of male and female employees was also collected.

9 Public sector statistical units are stratified by State, industry and number of employees. Private sector units are further stratified by institutional sector classification. An equal probability sample is selected from each stratum.

SURVEY DESIGN CHANGES

10 From the March quarter 1997, the industrial classification used in the sample design of the SEE is the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification; for more details refer to *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0). It replaced the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) previously used.

11 A consequence of the introduction of ANZSIC is that in the March quarter 1997 there is a higher than normal proportion of newly selected units in the sample causing higher than normal standard errors on estimated December quarter 1996 to March quarter 1997 movements. Hence caution should be used when comparing movements between these two quarters with movements between previous and subsequent quarters.

12 For further information see paragraphs 10–15 of the Explanatory Notes in the March quarter 1997 issue of this publication.

HISTORICAL ANZSIC
ESTIMATES

13 Previously published ASIC industry estimates have been recompiled on an equivalent ANZSIC basis back to the September quarter 1983. The historical ANZSIC estimates to September 1994 were produced by developing a concordance between ASIC and ANZSIC. The ANZSIC estimates from the December quarter 1994 to the December quarter 1996 have been produced by recoding survey unit data from ASIC to ANZSIC. Due to the sample being designed on an ASIC basis from the September quarter 1983 to the December quarter 1996, ANZSIC estimates for this period are subject to higher than normal standard errors.

STANDARD INSTITUTIONAL
SECTOR CLASSIFICATION

14 Institutional units are classified by broad economic functions according to the Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia which is a key component of the general national accounting framework; for more details refer to *Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (SISCA), 1987* (Cat. no. 1218.0). Public sector data split by the SISCA classification are available on request.

EMPLOYER SIZE CLASSIFICATION

15 Data presented in table 20 show the distribution of employees in employer units over three size ranges. Over time, the composition of these categories will vary as some employer units migrate from one size group to another due to changes in the number of their employees.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

16 Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Notes.

COVERAGE

17 Adjustments are included in the estimates to allow for lags in processing new businesses to the ABS Business Register and the omission of some mainly small private sector businesses from the Business Register. These adjustments were introduced in the March quarter 1997 issue and were backcast to the introduction of the series in 1983. For more details refer to the March quarter 1997 issue or the *Information Paper: Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics, 1997* (Cat. no. 1357.0).

INTERPRETATION OF
ESTIMATES OF MOVEMENTS

18 Estimates of wage and salary earners are presented in this publication for the middle month of the quarter. Monthly data are available on request. The survey is conducted quarterly and the sample of employer units is updated each quarter to reflect changes in the Register, from which the sample is selected. These changes arise from the emergence of new businesses, takeovers and mergers, changes to industry classification, changes in the number of employees, and businesses which have ceased operations.

19 Estimates of movements are also affected by:

- changes in the reported number of employees of selected businesses ;
- the controlled rotation of the sample; and
- the privatisation of public trading and public financial enterprises.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

20 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation. This means that quarter-to-quarter movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

21 The seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The most recent review took place in time for inclusion in the March quarter 1998 estimates.

22 Details about the method of seasonal adjustment of these series are available on request.

TREND ESTIMATES

23 The ABS considers that trend estimates provide a more reliable guide to the underlying direction of the data, and are more suitable than either the seasonally adjusted or original estimates for most business decisions and policy advice.

24 The trend estimates in this publication, obtained by dampening out the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series, are calculated using a centred 13-term Henderson moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. Estimates for the six most recent months cannot be calculated using this centred average method; instead an asymmetric average is used. This can lead to revisions in the trend estimates for the last six months when data become available for later months. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors.

25 If a series is highly volatile then the trend estimates will be subject to greater revision for the latest few months as data become available. However, it is important to note that this does not make the trend series inferior to the seasonally adjusted or original series. In some cases the effect of the irregular component on overall movements will remain in the seasonally adjusted and the original estimates but not in the trend series.

26 For information about ABS procedures for deriving trend estimates and analysis of advantages of using them over alternative techniques for monitoring trends, refer to *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends, an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0), or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345.

27 Two feature articles which have appeared in the ABS monthly publication *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0) may also be of interest:

- Picking Turning Points in the Economy (April 1991); and
- Smarter Data Use (March 1992).

COMPARABILITY OF RESULTS WITH
THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

28 The monthly LFS collects data by interview from a sample of about 30,000 private and non-private dwellings, using trained interviewers. Self-employed persons are included in the LFS. The estimates are published in *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0) and *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no 6203.0). There are conceptual and methodological reasons for differences in the estimates produced by the two surveys. These are discussed in *Information Paper: Comparison of Employment Estimates from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey of Employment and Earnings* (Cat. no. 6263.0).

29 When making comparisons of the wage and salary earners components of the two surveys it must be borne in mind that the SEE draws its sample from the ABS Register while the LFS is a household survey. As discussed in paragraph 17 above, the Register is subject to some undercoverage of business units at any point in time. This can lead to undercoverage of samples of businesses selected from the Register. Estimates obtained from households are not similarly impacted.

30 Separate estimates of full-time and part-time employees are included in table 10. For definitions of these terms, see the Glossary. This table was first published in the June quarter 1987 issue of this publication. Information for previous quarters back to the September quarter 1983 is available on request. For the reasons outlined above in paragraph 29, it is difficult to compare estimates of full-time and part-time employees derived from the SEE with those produced from the LFS. In the LFS, a person who works more than 35 hours a week in total in two (or more) part-time jobs is classified as working full-time. However, in this situation, the SEE would show two part-time jobs as having been filled.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

COMPARABILITY OF RESULTS WITH THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY *continued* **31** The ABS considers that the Labour Force series provides the better indicator of overall employment movements at the Australian and State levels. The aggregate employment estimates in the quarterly National Accounts are based on that source. The SEE is the preferred source for industry and sector estimates of employees.

COMPARABILITY OF RESULTS WITH THE SURVEY OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS **32** The SEE collects total quarterly employee earnings primarily for use in estimating the gross domestic product component of the Australian National Accounts. While average employee earnings can be derived from these data, the results will not be comparable with those from the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) published in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6301.0) and *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (Cat. no. 6302.0). The SEE collects the sum of employee earnings for all pay periods ending in a quarter and the results will be affected by the varying number of pay periods from quarter to quarter, whereas the AWE relates to a specified pay period within a quarter and is not subject to such influences. In addition, certain types of payments within the scope of the SEE, such as retrospective pay, pay in advance, leave loadings and severance, termination and redundancy payments are specifically excluded from the AWE. The SEE earnings data are also subject to seasonal variations, particularly in the December and March quarters, due to the incidence of holidays taken in January being paid in advance and the earnings being reported in the December quarter figures.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS **33** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Information Paper: Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics, 1997 (Cat. no. 1357.0)—August 1997

Labour Force, Australia (Cat. no. 6203.0)—issued monthly

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6301.0)—issued quarterly

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0)—issued quarterly

Wage Cost Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6345.0)—issued quarterly

Labour Statistics, Australia (Cat. no. 6101.0)—issued irregularly

A Guide to Labour Statistics, 1986 (Cat. no. 6102.0)—issued 10 February 1986

Small Business in Australia, 1997 (Cat. no. 1321.0)—issued May 1998

Labour Force Projections, Australia, 1995–2011 (Cat. no. 6260.0)—issued 20 July 1994

Directory of Industrial Relations Statistics (Cat. no. 1134.0)—issued 21 August 1997.

34 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

35 In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, CD-ROM, computer printout or clerically extracted tabulation. Generally a charge is made for providing unpublished information. Details of additional data available are shown in Special Data Service on page 33 of this publication.

ROUNDING

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

TECHNICAL NOTES

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

1 As the estimates in this publication are based on information relating to a sample of employers rather than a full enumeration, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the estimates that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from all employers. This difference, called *sampling error*, should not be confused with inaccuracy that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents or in processing by the ABS. Such inaccuracy is referred to as *non-sampling error* and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. Efforts have been made to reduce non-sampling error by careful design of questionnaires, detailed checking of returns and quality control of processing.

2 The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results. One measure of sampling error is given by the *standard error* which indicates the degree to which an estimate may vary from the value that would have been obtained from a full enumeration (the 'true' figure). There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate differs from the true value by less than one standard error, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3 If the standard error of an estimate is large relative to the size of the estimate, the usefulness of that estimate is seriously impaired. For the tables in this publication, estimates with standard errors greater than 25% of the estimate have been labelled with an asterisk.

4 Standard errors of estimates of level, by industry and States and Territories, are shown in table A for the private sector and table B for the public sector and relate only to the middle month of the quarter. As the survey is conducted quarterly from a common sample of employer units, who report details of employees for each month of the quarter, standard errors on all estimates for employees in each month are of a similar magnitude.

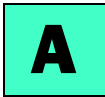
5 Standard errors of estimates of movements provide a measure of the reliability of changes in the level of an estimate. Tables A and B show standard errors of movements in the level of estimates of employees for the private and public sectors respectively between the middle months of the most recent two quarters.

6 An example of the use of standard error on levels is as follows. If the estimated number of wage and salary earners was 5,800,000 with a standard error of 34,000, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a figure in the range 5,766,000 to 5,834,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 5,732,000 to 5,868,000.

7 An example of the use of standard error on movements is as follows. If the estimated standard error for a quarterly change estimate of wage and salary earners was 15,000 and the quarterly change estimate between two quarters was 40,000 persons, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a quarterly change estimate in the range 25,000 to 55,000 persons and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range 10,000 to 70,000 persons.

8 Quarterly movements in estimates of wage and salary earners are considered to be statistically significant where they exceed two standard errors.

9 Standard errors for earnings are approximately the same relative size as standard errors for the number of employees. Detailed standard errors are available on request.



STANDARD ERRORS, Wage and Salary Earners—Private Sector

Industry	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
LEVEL									
Mining	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	2.2	—	0.1	—	2.6
Manufacturing	9.0	10.7	5.3	3.4	4.1	1.4	0.4	0.6	15.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Construction	17.3	13.0	9.3	3.5	6.8	0.7	0.7	1.5	24.6
Wholesale trade	26.5	10.1	15.1	5.0	5.1	2.4	0.3	0.5	32.9
Retail trade	24.1	12.5	16.9	5.9	7.2	3.2	1.3	2.3	33.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	12.1	9.2	9.3	2.6	8.3	1.4	0.5	0.7	19.7
Transport and storage	7.6	6.6	5.1	2.5	2.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	11.7
Communication services	5.3	0.4	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	—	0.1	6.1
Finance and insurance	10.3	5.3	2.9	3.6	6.9	0.5	0.1	0.3	14.2
Property and business services	19.2	21.2	14.3	7.8	15.7	2.1	1.2	2.7	36.4
Education	3.2	5.0	4.8	2.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	7.9
Health and community services	13.4	7.3	6.5	4.1	3.1	1.7	0.3	1.0	17.4
Cultural and recreational services	5.7	11.7	2.8	0.9	4.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	14.0
Personal and other services	5.2	7.2	4.5	3.0	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	10.7
All industries	51.1	37.7	32.5	14.1	23.5	5.4	2.3	4.2	76.3
QUARTERLY MOVEMENT									
Mining	2.1	0.9	1.0	0.2	1.5	—	0.1	—	2.9
Manufacturing	8.1	10.7	12.8	3.8	4.8	1.3	0.3	0.4	19.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Construction	7.5	6.7	6.0	2.0	4.3	0.3	0.6	1.7	12.7
Wholesale trade	7.0	6.4	9.2	2.0	2.7	0.9	0.2	0.2	13.6
Retail trade	7.3	6.2	5.6	3.5	4.8	1.5	0.8	1.5	12.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	7.6	4.4	5.0	1.8	6.9	0.9	0.3	0.5	12.4
Transport and storage	3.7	4.5	3.6	1.7	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	7.4
Communication services	4.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	—	4.4
Finance and insurance	5.9	2.3	1.3	3.5	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	7.4
Property and business services	10.4	9.5	13.0	4.1	10.2	0.6	1.0	1.8	22.1
Education	1.3	3.6	5.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	—	—	6.5
Health and community services	5.2	9.2	2.9	1.3	2.6	1.6	0.3	0.4	11.4
Cultural and recreational services	4.1	6.1	2.2	0.5	1.7	0.3	—	0.2	7.9
Personal and other services	2.9	4.1	1.7	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	5.5
All industries	22.8	23.0	23.9	8.5	15.6	3.0	1.6	3.0	44.0
ANNUAL MOVEMENT									
Mining	1.4	0.8	1.7	0.3	3.0	0.1	0.1	—	3.8
Manufacturing	11.1	11.2	7.6	5.0	5.2	1.8	0.4	0.4	19.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.2
Construction	17.4	17.1	8.0	3.9	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.8	26.5
Wholesale trade	11.1	8.8	11.0	5.1	3.9	1.6	0.3	0.3	19.0
Retail trade	23.6	17.5	19.5	6.5	7.5	2.9	1.6	2.7	36.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	10.6	8.0	8.9	3.0	7.1	1.7	0.9	0.9	17.7
Transport and storage	6.0	6.2	4.1	2.2	3.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	10.2
Communication services	4.7	0.5	3.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	—	0.1	5.7
Finance and insurance	10.5	5.1	2.2	3.5	3.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	12.7
Property and business services	24.4	21.0	14.8	5.5	8.4	2.7	1.1	2.0	36.9
Education	3.4	4.2	6.3	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	8.5
Health and community services	7.8	9.9	6.8	3.5	3.6	1.8	0.3	0.7	15.3
Cultural and recreational services	5.2	6.0	2.4	1.9	1.8	0.9	0.1	0.4	8.7
Personal and other services	4.4	4.0	4.9	2.4	1.8	2.8	0.6	0.7	8.7
All industries	45.8	39.3	32.8	13.7	17.4	6.4	2.6	4.1	72.2

STANDARD ERRORS, Wage and Salary Earners—Public Sector

Industry	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
LEVEL									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	0.2	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.3
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.3	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.3
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	0.1	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	0.4
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Property and business services	0.3	0.3	—	0.1	—	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
Government administration and defence	1.2	0.3	3.4	0.7	0.6	—	0.3	0.2	3.8
Education	0.1	5.0	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	5.0
Health and community services	0.1	0.7	0.1	1.9	0.2	—	0.1	—	2.1
Cultural and recreational services	0.1	0.1	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Personal and other services	—	0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.6
All industries(a)	1.3	5.1	3.5	2.0	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	6.6

QUARTERLY MOVEMENT

Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	—	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	0.4
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Property and business services	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5
Government administration and defence	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.5	0.2	—	0.2	0.3	1.8
Education	1.2	1.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.8
Health and community services	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.1	—	—	—	0.8
Cultural and recreational services	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Personal and other services	—	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.7
All industries(a)	1.2	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	2.9

ANNUAL MOVEMENT

Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.2	0.1	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	1.0
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transport and storage	0.1	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	0.4
Communication services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finance and insurance	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.1
Property and business services	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
Government administration and defence	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.7	0.5	—	0.3	0.2	2.2
Education	0.2	2.8	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	2.8
Health and community services	0.2	0.8	0.2	1.8	0.2	—	0.2	—	2.0
Cultural and recreational services	0.3	0.1	0.2	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.4
Personal and other services	—	0.7	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.7
All industries(a)	0.9	3.1	2.1	1.9	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.4	4.4

(a) Includes employees classified to Mining, Wholesale trade, Retail trade and Accommodation, cafes and restaurants.

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VARIABLES

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Employees	Persons (available by month) Full-time/Part-time (available by mid-month of quarter)
Gross earnings (available by quarter)	Gross wages and salaries Severance, termination and redundancy payments Fees paid to directors and office holders
Sector	Private sector Public Sector
Level of government	Commonwealth Government State Government Local government
Public institutional sector (SISCA)	Public trading enterprises Public financial enterprises General government
Sex	Males/Females (available for mid-month of quarter) until May 1996 only
Industry (ANZSIC classification)	ANZSIC Division (1-digit code—as shown in this publication) ANZSIC Sub-division (2-digit code) ANZSIC Group (3-digit code) ANZSIC Class (4-digit code)
Employer unit size (private sector only)	Any user specified range (e.g. Under 20 employees; 20–49 employees; 50–99 employees) Ranges can overlap and do not have to cover the complete range.

G L O S S A R Y

Commonwealth government employees	Employees of all departments, agencies and authorities created by or reporting to the Commonwealth Parliament. Those bodies run jointly by the Commonwealth Government and State Governments are classified to Commonwealth.
Employer size	To derive estimates of employer size, each of the approximately 7,500 private sector employer units is allocated a size classification based on the number of employees actually reported for the middle month of the quarter. The size classification reflects the size of a business in each State or Territory and not necessarily the size of a business Australia wide.
Employer units	Employer units are the statistical units which make up the population from which the sample was drawn (see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes).
Full-time employees	Permanent, temporary and casual employees who normally work the agreed or award hours for a full-time employee in their occupation and who received pay for any part of the reference period. If agreed or award hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they ordinarily work 35 hours or more per week.
General government enterprises	Public sector enterprises mainly engaged in the production of goods and services, outside the normal market mechanisms, providing these goods and services to the general public. The cost of operations is often financed from public revenues (e.g. government departments).
Gross earnings	Payments to employees before tax and other items (such as superannuation) are deducted. They comprise amounts paid from interstate or overseas; ordinary time and overtime earnings; overaward payments; penalty payments, shift and other remunerative allowances; commissions and retainers; bonuses and similar payments; payments under incentive or piecework; payments under profit-sharing schemes; leave loadings; annual and long service leave payments; sick leave payments; advance and retrospective payments; salaries and fees paid to company directors, members of boards, committees, commissions, councils, etc.; amounts paid to employees on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the payroll; and severance, termination and redundancy payments.
Industry	Industry is classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (see paragraphs 10–12 of the Explanatory Notes).
Institutional sector	Institutional sector is classified according to the Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (see paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Notes).
Local government employees	Employees of municipalities and shires and other local authorities created by or subject to the provisions of local government legislation, such as county councils in New South Wales.

GLOSSARY *continued*

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Number of employees	All wage and salary earners who received pay for any part of the relevant pay period. All permanent, temporary, casual, managerial and executive employees are included. Part-time and casual employees who may have received pay for only a few hours during the reference period are included. Employees on paid leave and those employees on workers' compensation who continue to be paid through the employer's payroll are also included. Casual employees who work on an irregular basis and who were not paid for the relevant pay period, employees on leave without pay, on strike or stood down without pay for the whole of the pay period are excluded.
Part-time employees	Permanent, temporary and casual employees who are not classified as full-time employees as defined.
Public financial enterprises	Public sector enterprises actively involved in financial market transactions such as borrowing and lending. Excluded are those public bodies whose funds flow directly to or from general government revenue.
Public sector employees	Administrative employees and all other employees of Commonwealth, State and local government businesses and financial undertakings engaged in services and activities such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, education, radio, television, police, public works, factories, marketing authorities, hospitals and welfare institutions.
Public trading enterprises	Public sector enterprises predominantly engaged in the production of goods and services with an intention of maximising profits and financial returns with most operating costs being derived from trading activities.
Reference period for earnings	All pay periods which end within the quarter.
Reference period for the number of employees	The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday in each month.
Sector	Public sector includes local government authorities and all government departments, agencies and authorities created by, or reporting to, the Commonwealth Parliament and State Parliaments. All remaining employees are classified as private sector.
State government employees	Employees of all State government departments and authorities created by, or reporting to, State Parliaments, including organisations for which the Commonwealth has assumed financial responsibility. Following self-government, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory administrations have been classified to State Governments. Employees of State Governments employed interstate are included in the estimates of the State in which they are based.

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