## INCOME, EARNINGS AND HOURS

INCOME DISTRIBUTION, 1973-74

In November 1974 a survey based on the quarterly population survey (see page 13), was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the distribution of individual and family income within Australia. Results of the survey appear in Income Distribution 1973-74; Part 1 (Reference No. 17.6) and Part 2 (Reference No. 17.8). Part 1 relates to individuals and Part 2 to farmilies. Some further tables, e.g. on income units, are available on request.

Questions were asked in respect of each person aged 15 years or over in the sample on the amount of income received in the year ended 30 June 1974 from each of the following sources : (1) money wages or salary (gross income); (2) own business, trade or profession (net income); (3) share in partnership (net income); (4) government social service benefits; (5) superannuation or annuity; (6) interest, dividends, rent, etc.; (7) other sources, e.g. trust or will, maintenance or alimony.

The following points should be kept in mind in interpreting the results:
(i) For the purposes of the survey, income was defined to include (a) all income received while living in Australia, including income received from an overseas source and (b) all income received from an Australian source while living overseas.
(ii) A person included in the survey in November 1974 who had lived outside Australia for the whole of 1973.74 was not asked the income questions. A person who had arrived in Australia towards the end of the reference year would have been recorded as receiving little or no income in Australia.
(iii) The income received by a family or a person does not necessarily reflect the standard of living of that family or person. For example, although alimony and maintenance payments were counted as income, gifts or donations such as might by made by relatives who were not members of the household were not included, even though such gifts or donations may have been the sole means of support. No account was taken of the possible run-down of assets accumulated in the past.
(iv) Some individuals may have received no income in 1973-74; they may, for example, have been at school or university. In such cases individual income would have been recorded as nil.
(v) For couples who had married in the period July to November 1974, family income would have been recorded, where applicable, as the sum of the two individual incomes.
(vi) Family income does not include amounts received by persons who were members of the family during all or part of the year 1973-74 if these persons had died during or after the financial year or no longer resided with the family at the time of the survey.

## Definitions

Eamed income is income from wages or salary, income from own business, trade or profession and income from a share in a partnership, or the sum of any of these components. Recipients of earned income are referred to as "income earners" as distinct from the all-inclusive term "income recipients", which refers to persons who received income from any source.

Family income is the sum of the incomes received from all sources by all members of the family for whom particulars of income were obtained.

Median income is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below it. Linear interpolation was used within the class interval in which the median fell.

Mean (or average) income is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group by the number of units in that group.

A family was generally defined to consist of two or more persons living in the same household, including the head of the family and spouse, if any, and any person or persons having any of the following relationships to the head or spouse:
(i) son or daughter of any age, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own.
(ii) brother or sister 15 years of age or over, if unmarried and not accompanied by children of his or her own
(iii) grandchild, if unmarried and not accompanied by either of his or her parents, nor by children of his or her own.
(iv) ancestor, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of his or her own; or
(v) any child under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the child was related to some person in a second family in the household.

Where the spouse of the person interviewed was in the defence forces or in an institution his or her income for the year 1973-74 was included in family income and he or she was counted as a family member.

The following points should be noted in relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph: (i) the term 'relationship' includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption; (ii) the marriage relationship includes legal and de facto relationships; and (iii) widowed and divorced persons are considered to be not married. A family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife.

Full-year, full-time workers are those who had worked in Australia for a least 50 weeks during the year 1973-74 and had been engaged mostly in full-time work, defined as work occupying 35 hours or more per week. A person who had worked for 26 weeks full-time and for 24 weeks part-time would have been classified as a full-time worker; however, it should be noted that most persons who work for a full year engage in either full-time or part-time work, but not in both.

Post-school qualifications comprise degrees and post-graduate diplomas from Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education (shown as degree level), tertiary qualifications other than degrees and post-graduate diplomas (shown as non-degree tertiary level), technician level, trade level and other qualifications. Apart from degrees and post-graduate diplomas, the levels were determined as follows:

Non-degree tertiary is a level relating to qualifications obtained following substantial advanced study beyond matriculation, conferred by institutions and professional associations, e.g. Associate of Australian Society of Accountants, Diploma in Business Studies, Teaching Certificate, Diploma of Engineering.

Technician is a level which requires theoretical knowledge, as well as practical skills, e.g.
wool-classing or nursing. Certificates issued by technical colleges following periods of 4 or 5 years part-time study after passing intermediate or final secondary school examinations are classified as 'technician'.

Trade is formal recognition of competence in a skilled manual occupation which is usually obtained through an apprenticeship and satisfactory progress in part-time studies concurrently with practical training (e.g. plumber, fitter, compositor, carpenter, hairdresser).

Other refers to those qualifications which could not be classified to any of the above levels. Most of these relate to short specialised courses in such fields as typewriting and shorthand, farm book-keeping, dressmaking and automotive maintenance.

The rise in incomes since the year 1973.74 has been considerable. However, the findings of the survey with regard to dispersion and relativity between different sources, different age groups and groups with different qualifications are still valuable. As a measure of the rise, average weekly earnings per employed male unit (a series which refers only to employees and which is published quarterly in a mimeographed statement, (Reference No. 6.18) may be used as a rough guide. Average weekly earnings were $\$ 118.30$ in 1973.74 and $\$ 191.90$ (seasonally adjusted) in March quarter 1977 an increase of 62.2 per cent.

The fotlowing table of standard errors applies to the estimates from this survey. Estimates less than 4,000 are not shown in the tables. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable. Standard errors of the estimates for families are not available, but they will generally be slightly lower than those for individuals for estimates of the same size.

APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

| Size of estimate (Persons) | Approximate standard error of estimates |  | Size of estimate (Persons) | Approximare standard error of estimates |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Persons | Per cent of estimate |  | Persons | Per cent of estimate |
| 4,000 | 1,100 | 27.3 | 100,000 | 6,100 | 6.1 |
| 8,000 | 1,600 | 20.0 | 200,000 | 8,800 | 4.4 |
| 10,000 | 1,800 | 17.8 | 500,000 | 14,500 | 2.9 |
| 20,000 | 2,600 | 13.0 | 1,000,000 | 21,000 | 2.1 |
| 50,000 | 4,250 | 8.5 | 2,000,000 | 28,000 | 1.4 |



(a) For definitions see pages 59.60 . (b) From all sources. (c) These estimates include married couple families whose principal source of
income was the maximum age pension. - Less than 4,000. See page 60 .



| Total income (b)(\$)- |  |  | Number ('000) |  |  | Total income (b)(\$)- |  | Cumulative per cent of full-year, full-time workers |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Males | Females | Persons |  |  | Males | Females | Persons |
| Under 1,200 (c) |  |  | 38.6 | 24.2 | 62.8 | Under | 1,200 (c) | 1.2 | 2.2 | 1.4 |
| 1,200 | and under | 1,400 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 20.6 | " | 1,400 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 1.9 |
| 1,400 | " " | 1,600 | 11.4 | 10.6 | 21.9 | " | 1,600 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 2.4 |
| 1,600 | " " | 1,800 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 19.4 | " | 1,800 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 2.8 |
| 1,800 | " " | 2,000 | 13.0 | 15.1 | 28.2 | " | 2,000 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| 2,000 | " $\cdot$ | 2,500 | 60.4 | 64.4 | 124.8 |  | 2,500 | 4.4 | 12.2 | 6.3 |
| 2,500 | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 3,000 | 78.8 | 83.7 | 162.5 | " | 3,000 | 6.8 | 19.8 | 10.0 |
| 3,000 | " " | 3,500 | 104.8 | 129.4 | 234.2 | " | 3,500 | 9.9 | 31.6 | 15.3 |
| 3,500 | " " | 4,000 | 130.7 | 160.8 | 291.4 | " | 4,000 | 13.9 | 46.2 | 22.0 |
| 4,000 | " " | 4,500 | 224.4 | 150.1 | 374.5 | " | 4,500 | 20.7 | 59.8 | 30.5 |
| 4,500 | " " | 5,000 | 254.9 | 111.8 | 366.7 | " | 5,000 | 28.5 | 70.0 | 38.9 |
| 5,000 | " " | 5,500 | 354.2 | 112.4 | 466.7 | " | 5,500 | 39.2 | 80.2 | 49.5 |
| 5,500 | " " | 6,000 | 264.2 | 50.1 | 314.3 | " | 6,000 | 47.3 | 84.8 | 56.6 |
| 6,000 | " " | 6,500 | 321.5 | 43.7 | 365.2 | " | 6.500 | 57.0 | 88.7 | 65.0 |
| 6,500 | " " | 7,000 | 226.8 | 24.3 | 251.1 | " | 7,000 | 63.9 | 91.0 | 70.7 |
| 7,000 | " " | 7,500 | 213.2 | 22.7 | 235.9 | " | 7,500 | 70.4 | 93.0 | 76.1 |
| 7,500 | " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | 8,000 | 160.2 | 15.6 | 175.8 | " | 8,000 | 75.3 | 94.4 | 80.1 |
| 8,000 | " " | 8.500 | 150.7 | 16.5 | 167.2 | " | 8,500 | 79.8 | 95.9 | 83.9 |
| 8,500 | $\cdots$ | 9,000 | 103.0 | 10.6 | 113.7 | " | 9,000 | 83.0 | 96.9 | 86.4 |
| 9,000 | " $\quad$ | 9,500 | 85.2 | 6.7 | 91.9 | " | 9,500 | 85.5 | 97.5 | 88.5 |
| 9,500 | " " | 10,000 | 60.7 | * | 64.0 |  | 10,000 | 87.4 | 97.8 | 90.0 |
| 10,000 | " " | 11,000 | 133.1 | 10.4 | 143.5 |  | 11,000 | 91.4 | 98.8 | 93.3 |
| 11,000 | " " | 12,000 | 55.0 |  | 58.4 |  | 12,000 | 93.1 | 99.1 | 94.6 |
| 12,000 | " " | 13,000 | 57.4 | 6.2 | 60.2 |  | 13,000 | 94.9 | 99.3 | 96.0 |
| 13,000 | " " | 15,000 | 52.9 | $\} 5.7$ | 55.9 |  | 15,000 | 96.5 | 99.6 | 97.2 |
| 15,000 | " " | 17,000 | 45.5 | $\int 5.7$ | 48.2 |  | 17,000 | 97.8 | 99.8 | 98.3 |
| 17,000 | " " | 19,000 | 19.5 | * | 20.5 |  | 19,000 | 98.4 | 99.9 | 98.8 |
| 19,000 | " " | 21,000 | 17.1 | * | 17.5 |  | 21,000 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 99.2 |
| 21,000 | " " | 23,000 | 7.9 | * | 7.9 |  | 23,000 | 99.2 | 100.0 | 99.4 |
| 23,000 | " " | 25,000 | 7.1 | * | 7.1 |  | 25,000 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 99.5 |
| 25,000 | " " | 30,000 | 8.1 | * | 8.5 |  | 30,000 | 99.7 | 100.0 | 99.7 |
| 30,000 | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 35,000 | 4.8 | * | 4.8 | " | 35,000 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 99.8 |
| 35,000 and over |  |  | 6.6 | * | 6.7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 3,292.4 | 1,099.8 | 4,392.1 | Total |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) For definitions seepages $59-60$.(b) From all sources. (c) Includes persons whose earned income for 1973-74 was nil or who made a loss.

FULL-YEAR, FULL-TIME WORKERS : EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, AGE AND MEAN INCOME (a), 1973.74 (b)
(\$)

| Educational attainment | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15.24 | 25.34 | 35.44 | 45.54 | 55 and over |  |
| MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With post-school qualifications - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degree | 6,780 | 10,890 | 13,240 | 14,640 | 14,040 | 12,120 |
| Non-degree tertiary | 5,920 | 8,650 | 10,330 | 9,890 | 9,930 | 9,510 |
| Technician level | 5,970 | 7,700 | 8,970 | 9,510 | 8,340 | 8,320 |
| Trade level | 5,770 | 6,810 | 6,920 | 6,830 | 6,140 | 6,620 |
| Other (c) | 5,790 | 7,810 | 7,400 | 9,430 | 7,280 | 7,940 |
| Without post-school qualifications - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Matriculation, n.e.i. | 5,030 | 7,730 | 8,530 | 9,540 | 7,760 | 7.380 |
| Left school at - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 or over | 4,590 | 6,700 | 8,200 | 7,180 | 7,820 | 6,230 |
| 16 | 4,190 | 6,560 | 7,140 | 7,980 | 7,040 | 6,030 |
| 14 or 15 | 4,240 | 6,130 | 6,340 | 6,610 | 6,070 | 5,970 |
| 13 or under | 4,860 | 5,610 | 5,770 | 5,950 | 5,820 | 5,790 |

FEMALES


PERSONS

| With post-school qualifications - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Degree | 6,470 | 10,450 | 12,710 | 13,750 | 13,200 | 11,370 |
| Non-degree tertiary | 5,470 | 7,970 | 9,620 | 9,140 | 8,970 | 8,540 |
| Technician level | 4,760 | 7,300 | 8,350 | 8,660 | 7,280 | 7,390 |
| Trade level | 5,580 | 6,760 | 6,850 | 6,750 | 6,140 | 6,540 |
| Other (c) | 3,990 | 6,430 | 6,350 | 8,020 | 6,640 | 6,190 |
| Without post-school qualifications - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Matriculation, n.e.i. | 4,720 | 7,430 | 7,980 | 8,260 | 7,360 | 6,730 |
| Left school at - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 or over | 4,280 | 6,420 | 7,140 | 6,550 | 6,870 | 5,660 |
| 16 | 3,990 | 5,920 | 6,220 | 7,140 | 6,510 | 5,350 |
| 14 or 15 | 3,820 | 5,670 | 5,760 | 5,890 | 5,790 | 5,410 |
| 13 or under | 4.500 | 5,070 | 5,310 | 5,490 | 5,610 | 5,370 |

(a) Total income from all sources. Includes persons whose earned income for 1973-74 was nil or who made a loss. (See explanatory notes, page. (b) For definitions see pages $59-60$. (c) Some qualifications could not be classified to any of the levels shown. Most of these relate to short specialised courses in such fields as typewtiting and shorthand, farm book-keeping; dressmaking and automotive maintenance.

* Based on a figure less than 4,000 . See page 60.


## WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES (DISTRIBUTION)

In August 1976 a sample survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the weekly earnings of wage and salary earners ("employees").

A similar survey was conducted in August 1975. That survey obtained details of weekly earnings from all jobs whereas the 1976 survey obtained earnings in the main and other jobs separately. In this publication the table on pages 67 and 68 contains details of earnings aggregated for all jobs, while the other tables show earnings in the main job. Only the contents of the first table are therefore directly comparable with information published from the 1975 survey. Hours of work collected in 1976 were hours paid for in the main job whereas in 1975 hours actually worked at all jobs were collected.

The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over who were employed as wage or salary earners in their main job, except members of the permanent defence forces, persons on workers' compensation, certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, and persons who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc., and for whom, for the purposes of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling.

## Interpretation of results

Since the estimates are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. The standard errors given on page 16 are applicable to this survey. In addition, the estimates are subject to errors of response and reporting. In many cases the answer to the question on earnings was based on the knowledge of one person (generally the housewife). It is considered that there may be some understatement in the estimates because of imperfect recall of minor or irregular sources of earnings. Other errors may be due to genuine misunderstanding.

Other points which should be kept in mind in interpreting the results of this survey are as follows:
(i) In making comparisons of earnings between groups of employees it must be remembered that there will be differences arising from the different age and occupation structures of these groups. This is particularly important, for example, when interpreting results in the tables on pages 70.71 .
(ii) Because employers and self-employed persons were excluded from the survey the results should not be taken as representative of the earnings of all employed persons. In particular, earnings of employees in some occupation groups shown on page 71 may not reflect the earnings of all persons in those occupations.

## Definitions

Weekly earnings refers to gross weekly wages and salaries (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made). For persons paid other than weekly, earnings were converted to a weekly equivalent.

Median weekly earnings is the amount which divides the distribution of individuals into two equal groups, one having earnings above and the other below that amount. Mean weekly earnings is the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group by the number of units in that group.

The main job is the job at which most hours were worked during the survey week. The second job includes all remaining jobs.

Hours paid for refers to the number of hours for which an employee was paid and not necessarily to the number of hours actually worked (e.g., an employee on paid leave for the week was asked to report the number of hours for which he was paid).

Full-time employees are those who usually worked 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time employees, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time employees are those who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour were disregarded.

For the purposes of the survey persons were classified as having a second job if, during the survey week, they:
(a) worked in a second job or held a second job from which they were temporarily absent; and
(b) were employed as a wage or salary earner in both of their jobs. Service in the reserve defence forces was not regarded as a second job. Persons who by the nature of their employment worked for more than one employer, e.g. domestics, odd-job men, baby-sitters, etc., were not counted as multiple jobhclders unless they also held another job of a different kind; nor were those who worked for more than one employer solely by reason of changing jobs during the survey week.

Further details were published in the mimeographed bulletin Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution), August 1976 (Reference No. 6.51).

ALL EMPLOYEES : WEEKLY EARNINGS FROM ALL JOBS, AGE AND
FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS, AUGUST 1976 (a)


PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

| Weekly earnings (\$) - | - '000 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 20 | 23.3 | 9.6 | 32.9 | 28.0 | 44.8 | 72.8 | 51.3 | 54.4 | 105.8 |
| 20 and under 40 | 8.3 | 12.6 | 21.0 | 11.4 | 69.0 | 80.3 | 19.7 | 81.6 | 101.3 |
| 40 " " 60 | \} 4.9 \{ | 14.4 | 18.1 | 4.7 | 85.9 | 90.6 | 8.5 | 100.2 | 108.7 |
| 60 " $\quad 80$ | $\int^{4.9}\{$ | 7.5 | 8.7 | 5.1 | 103.2 | 106.8 | 4.8 | 110.7 | 115.5 |
| $80 \cdots \quad 3100$ | * | 7.1 | 8.3 | \} 5.1 | 79.4 | 80.8 |  | 86.5 | 89.2 |
| 100 " $\quad 110$ | * |  |  | * | 34.9 | 35.3 | \} 4.1 | 38.2 | 39.1 |
| 110 " " 120 | * | 4.9 | 5.8 | * | 20.9 | 21.1 |  | 22.5 | 23.0 |
| 120 " " 130 | * |  |  |  | 16.3 | 16.7 | , | 17.9 | 18.5 |
| 130 " $\quad 140$ | * | . | $\}^{4.0}$ | * | 10.8 | 10.8 | * | 12.8 | 13.0 |
| $140{ }^{*} ">150$ | * | 5.6 | 7 | * | 6.0 | 6.3 | * | 7.4 | 7.7 |
| 150 " " 160 | * | 5. |  | * | 4.2 | 4.2 | * | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| 160 " ${ }^{\text {\% }} 170$ | * |  | ] | * | 5.4 | 5.4 | * | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 170 and over | * | 20.8 | 21.0 | * | 17.9 | 17.9 | * | 38.7 | 39.0 |
| Total | 39.3 | 85.7 | 125.0 | 50.4 | 498.6 | 549.0 | 89.7 | 584.4 | 674.1 |
| - dollars- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median earnings | 17 | 77 | 49 | 18 | 70 | 66 | 17 | 70 | 64 |
| Mean earnings | 27 | 109 | 83 | 28 | 74 | 70 | 27 | 79 | 72 |

For foolnotes see next page.

ALL EMPLOYEES : WEEKLY EARNINGS FROM ALL JOBS, AGE AND
FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS, AUGUST 1976 (a) - continued

|  |  |  | Males |  |  | Females |  |  | Persons |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Aged 15-19 years | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aged } 20 \\ \text { years } \\ \text { and over } \end{gathered}$ | Tosal | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aged } 15-19 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aged } 20 \\ & \text { years } \\ & \text { and over } \end{aligned}$ | Total | Aged 15-19 years | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aged } 20 \\ \text { years } \\ \text { and over } \end{gathered}$ | Total |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - '000 - | . |  |  |  |
| Weekly earnings (\$) - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 20 |  |  | 24.7 | 13.7 | 38.4 | 28.7 | 50.0 | 78.7 | 53.4 | 63.8 | 117.1 |
| 20 and under |  | 40 | 11.9 | 17.9 | 29.8 | 13.7 | 74.4 | 88.1 | 25.6 | 92.3 | 117.9 |
| 40 " | " | 60 | 33.2 | 22.9 | 56.1 | 24.9 | 93.6 | 118.6 | 58.1 | 116.6 | 174.7 |
| 60 " | $"$ | 80 | 71.8 | 30.0 | 101.8 | 71.8 | 122.7 | 194.6 | 143.7 | 152.7 | 296.4 |
| 80 " | " | 100 | 60.8 | 48.2 | 109.0 | 64.8 | 132.3 | 197.1 | 125.7 | 180.5 | 306.1 |
| 100 " | " | 110 | 31.0 | 88.4 | 119.4 | 30.5 | 131.7 | 162.2 | 61.5 | 220.1 | 281.6 |
| 110 " | " | 120 | 19.8 | 112.2 | 132.0 | 16.1 | 145.9 | 162.0 | 35.8 | 258.1 | 294.0 |
| 120 " | $"$ | 130 | 20.7 | 211.0 | 231.7 | 7.6 | 156.7 | 164.4 | 28.4 | 367.7 | 396.1 |
| 130 " | " | 140 | 11.9 | 250.7 | 262.6 | \}6.7 $\{$ | 128.8 | 132.7 | 15.8 | 379.6 | 395.3 |
| 140 " | " | 150 | 6.6 | 249.8 | 256.4 | $\int 6.7$ [ | 106.3 | 109.1 | 9.4 | 356.1 | 365.5 |
| 150 " | " | 160 | 4.8 | 261.3 | 266.0 | - | 89.7 | 90.6 | 5.7 | 350.9 | 356.6 |
| 160 " | " |  | $\} 6.1\{$ | 230.2 | 233.4 | * | 59.9 | 60.5 | \} 7.15 | 290.1 | 293.9 |
| 170 " | $\cdots$ | 180 | $\int 6.1$ ! | 186.3 | 189.3 | * | 43.1 | 43.5 | $\} 7.12$ | 229.4 | 232.7 |
| 180190 | " | $190$ |  | 158.8 | 160.1 | * | 33.8 | 34.2 |  | 192.6 | 194.3 |
|  | " | $200$ |  | 127.2 | 128.4 | * | 25.1 | 25.3 | 4.5 | 152.3 | 153.7 |
| 200 " | ', | 220 |  | 208.0 | 208.1 | * | 35.4 | 35.8 |  | 243.4 | 243.9 |
| 220 " | " |  |  | 133.9 | 134.6 | * | 22.3 | - 22.5 | $]$ [ | 156.2 | 157.0 |
| 240 " | " | 260 |  | 112.4 | 112.5 | * | 10.2 | 10.4 | , | 122.6 | 122.8 |
| 260 " | " | 280 | , | 74.0 | 74.0 | * | 8.0 | 8.2 | * | 82.1 | 82.3 |
|  | " |  | \} 4.1 | 60.5 | 60.9 | * | 4.9 | 4.9 | * | 65.4 | 65.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 300 " \\ & 350 \\ & 400 \end{aligned}$ | " | 350 |  | 83.0 | 83.1 | * | 5.9 | 5.9 | * | 88.9 | 89.0 |
|  | " | 400 | - | 41.6 | 41.6 | * | * | * | $\Gamma^{*}$ | 43.9 | 43.9 |
|  | " |  | , | 25.1 | 25.3 | * |  |  | $\int^{*}$ | 27.1 | 27.4 |
| 450 and over |  |  | J | 33.8 | 33.8 | * |  |  | [ | 35.6 | 36.6 |
| Total |  |  | 307.4 | 2,781.0 | 3,088.4 | 268.5 | 1,488.0 | 1,756.4 | 575.9 | 4,269.0 | 4,844.9 |
| Median carnings <br> Mean earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  | - doll |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 84 | 164 | 158 | 79 | 119 | 112 | 81 | 149 | 141 |
|  |  |  | 85 | 180 | 171 | 76 | 120 | 112 | 81 | 159 | 150 |

(a) For definitions see page 66 .

* Less thar 4,000. See pages 14 and 15.


[^0]* Less than 4,000. See pages 14 and 15.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES : NUMBER, MEAN WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB, BIRTHPLACE AND OCCUPATION, AUGUST 1976 (a)

| Occupation | Males. |  |  | Females |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ('000) | Per cent of total | $\qquad$ weekly earning (\$) | Number ('coo) | Per cent of total | Mean weekly earnings (\$) |
| BORN IN AUSTRALIA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 253.2 | 11.8 | 237 | 176.0 | 19.9 | 170 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 179.1 | 8.3 | 242 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 180 |
| Oerical | 253.5 | 11.8 | 169 | 383.7 | 43.3 | 127 |
| Sales | 133.8 | 6.2 | 159 | 90.5 | 10.2 | 104 |
| Farm workers, etc. | 95.8 | 4.5 | 127 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 99 |
| Transport and communication | 173.2 | 8.1 | 171 | 26.8 | 3.0 | 124 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 955.5 | 44.5 | 152 | 93.4 | 10.5 | 111 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 102.6 | 4.8 | 164 | 100.8 | 11.4 | 115 |
| Total | 2.146.9 | 100.0 | 173 | 886.6 | 100.0 | 131 |
| BORN IN MAIN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES (c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 53.1 | 15.0 | 240 | 30.8 | 20.9 | 176 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 33.1 | 9.4 | 246 | * | * | * |
| Clerical | 33.6 | 9.5 | 171 | 61.9 | 42.0 | 138 |
| Sales | 21.2 | 6.0 | 175 | 11.6 | 7.9 | 118 |
| Farm workers, etc. | 7.1 | 2.0 | 137 | * | * | * |
| Transport and communication | 21.7 | 6.2 | 183 | * | * | * |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 162.3 | 46.0 | 169 | 20.0 | 13.5 | 118 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 20.9 | 5.9 | 167 | 17.1 | 11.6 | 116 |
| Total | 353.0 | 100.0 | 188 | 147.3 | 100.0 | 140 |
| BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Germany, Federal Republic of Clerical | * | * | * | 4.2 | 38.4 | 153 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 14.5 | 53.0 | 167 | * | * | * |
| Total | 27.3 | 100.0 | 191 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Greece - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labousers, n.e.c. (b) | 30.2 | 69.5 | 151 | 11.8 | 63.5 |  |
| Total | 43.4 | 100.0 | 152 | 18.6 | 100.0 | 114 |
| Italy - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clerical | * | * | * | 5.9 | 19.9 | 115 |
| Transport and communication | 4.4 | 5.1 | 142 | * | * | * |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 67.8 | 77.7 | 151 | 15.9 | 53.3 | 110 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 4.1 | 4.7 | 138 | 5.3 | 17.8 | 114 |
| Total | 87.2 | 100.0 | 152 | 29.8 | 100.0 | 111 |
| Yugoslavia - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 43.6 | 80.2 | 152 | 16.5 | 62.0 | 119 |
| Service, sport and recreation |  |  |  | 5.6 | 21.2 | 123 |
| Total | 54.4 | 100.0 | 155 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 122 |
| Other countries - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 31.5 | 12.5 | 234 | 53.8 | 15.8 | 192 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 13.7 | 5.5 | 249 |  | * | * |
| Clerical | 23.8 | 9.5 | 176 | 27.7 | 31.6 | 134 |
| Sales | 9.7 | 3.9 | 164 | * | * | * |
| Transport and communication | 13.2 | 5.2 | 160 | * | * | * |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 141.2 | 56.2 | 159 | 29.3 | 33.9 | 116 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 15.0 | 6.0 | 144 | 11.6 | 13.2 | 121 |
| Total | 251.3 | 100.0 | 174 | 87.7 | 100.0 | 136 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, technical, etc. | 348.0 | 11.7 | 237 | 224.2 | 18.6 | 172 |
| Administrative, executive and managerial | 230.2 | 7.8 | 242 | 16.9 | 1.4 | 185 |
| Clerical | 319.6 | 10.8 | 169 | 487.0 | 40.3 | 129 |
| Sales | 170.9 | 5.8 | 161 | 108.3 | 9.0 | 106 |
| Farm workers, etc. | 108.6 | 3.7 | 128 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 100 |
| Transport and communication | 220.5 | 7.4 | 171 | 29.8 | 2.5 | 125 |
| Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (b) | 1,415.0 | 47.7 | 155 | 189.3 | 15.7 | 113 |
| Service, sport and recreation | 150.6 | 5.1 | 161 | 146.4 | 12.1 | 116 |
| Total | 2,963.4 | 100.0 | 174 | 1,207.4 | 100.0 | 131 |

(a) For definitions see page 66. (b) Includes miners and quarrymen. (c) Includes U.K., Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zeatand.

* Less than 4,000. See pages 14 and 15 .

NOTE. See page 66 regarding interpretation of the figures in this table.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES : WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB AND MARITAL STATUS, AUGUST 1976 (a)

(a) For definitions see page 66. (b) Includes de facto relationships. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced.

- Less than 4,000. See page 14 and 15 .


## EARNINGS AND HOURS

Since 1960 a number of statistical surveys of wages and hours of work in Australia have been undertaken to obtain information on wage rates, actual weekly earnings (averages, distribution and composition) and hours of work. Detailed survey results have been published in mimeographed bulletins and in the Labour Report. A brief summary of the main features of these surveys up to the year 1975 was given in Labour Statistics 1975.

Sample surveys of employers, designed to provide statistics of average weekly and hourly earnings and hours of work, have been conducted in October each year over a long period. In 1974 an additional annual survey was introduced. Carried out in May each year, these surveys provide statistics on the distribution and composition of earnings as well as averages. Information concerning the surveys conducted in May and October 1976 is given in the following pages.

Surveys of Earmings and Hours of Employees Distribution and Composition (May Surveys)

General. These surveys represent an approach that is different from that of other surveys of earnings and hours, in that employers selected are asked to supply details for only a sample of their employees. Individual employees are randomly selected by the employers in accordance with instructions supplied by the ABS. The 1976 survey was conducted in respect of the pay-period which included 24 May 1976. Details of earlier surveys were published in Earnings and Hours of Employees, Distribution and Composition (Reference Nos.6.47 and 6.52)

Mainly because of differences in sample design, the survey results are not directly comparable with those of other series such as the October surveys Earnings and Hours of Employees (Reference No. 6.40), the May 1971 Survey of Weekly Earnings (Size Distribution) (Reference No. 6.30) and the quarterly series Average Weekly Earnings (Reference No. 6.18).

Scope. The survey included most civilian wage and salary earners. Excluded were employees in agriculture, employees in private households employing staff, waterside workers employed on a casual basis and persons employed by private employers (other than hospitals) not subject to payroll tax. At the time of the surveys, payroll tax was payable by employers paying more than $\$ 400$ a week in wages and salaries (other than certain Australian Government bodies, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Australian and State Payroll Tax Acts).

Coverage. The estimates obtained were based on details from a sample of employees in: (i) all Australian and State Government departments and authorities, and (ii) separate stratified random samples of local government authorities, non-government hospitals (exempt from payroll tax) and most private employers subject to payroll tax.

Reliability of the estimates. As the survey was conducted from samples of employers and employees (see above), the resultant estimates are subject to sampling variability, that is, variations which might occur by chance because only samples were taken. The extent of the detail published has been determined after considering estimated measures of sampling variability. For more details on the reliability of the estimates see the Technical Note contained in the bulletin Earnings and Hours of Employees, Distribution and Composition, May 1976 (Reference No. 6.52).

## Definitions.

(i) Employees refer to male and female employees who received pay for the specified pay-period. They exclude working proprietors, partners, directors and employees who did not receive any pay for the specified pay-period (e.g. employees who had left their place of employment, were on leave without pay. on workers compensation, etc.).
(ii) Specified pay-period refers to the pay-period whichincluded 24 May 1976. In general where an establishment was closed down for part or the whole of the specified pay-period, or operations were seriously curtailed by an industrial dispute, breakdown, fire, etc., the employer was asked to supply survey particulars for the previous normal pay-period.
(iii) Full.time employees are employees who received pay for the specified pay-period and whose standard (or rostered) weekly hours of work (see (v) below) for that pay-period were at least 30 hours. Included are full-time employees on short-time, full-time employees who began or ceased work during the pay-period and full-time employees on paid annual leave, paid sick leave and paid holidays. Some employees (e.g. air crews, teachers, university lecturers), although paid for a weekly attendance of less than 30 hours, were classified as full-time.
(iv) For private employees, non-managerial employees were defined to include foremen or
supervisory employees, leading hands, apprentices, trainees or cadets, clerical and office staff as well as ordinary wages employees. They exclude managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff who, for the private sector, were not further defined. For government employees, managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff were generally defined as those employees who (i) were ineligible to receive payment for overtime, or (ii) although subject to payment for overtime, were in charge of a significant number of employees in a separate establishment (or establishments).
(v) Standard (or rostered) weekly hours refers to the number of hours constituting a full week's work for the specified pay-period.
(vi) Weekly hours paid for refers to the hours for which payment was made. It comprises ordinary time hours (see below) and overtime hours which are those in excess of ordinary time hours. Weekly hours paid for were not reported for managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff.
(vii) Ordinary time hours refers to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It includes stand-by or reporting time which are part of standard hours, and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave and long service leave taken during the specified pay-period.
(viii) Weekly earmings refers to gross earnings before taxation and other deductions have been made. It comprises overtime earnings, which refers to payment for overtime hours as defined above, and ordinary time earnings, as defined below. It includes one week's proportion of payments made other than on a weekly basis, e.g. salary paid fortnightly or monthly and paid annual or other leave taken during the specified
pay-period. Pay in advance, retrospective pay and annual or periodical bonuses, etc. are excluded.
(ix) Ordinary time earnings refers to that part of weekly earnings which is attributable to ordinary time hours, as defined in (vii) above. It comprises payment by measured result, award or agreed base rate of pay and other earnings (excluding overtime).
(x) Award or agreed base rate of pay refers to the award, etc. rate of pay for ordinary time hours paid for and includes all allowances (other than overtime) specified in the award, etc.
(xi) Other pay refers to ordinary time earnings not included in award or agreed base rate of pay as defined above. It includes payments by measured result (e.g. payments for piecework, task bonuses, commissions, etc.), attendance and good timekeeping bonuses, profit-sharing and any other forms of over-award, etc. pay.
(xii) Median earnings is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having earnings above the median and the other having earnings below it. Medians were calculated from grouped data, linear interpolation being used within the class interval in which the median fell.
(xiii) Mean (or average) earnings is the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group (e.g. full-time employees) by the number of employees in that group. In calculating the means it was assumed that observations were spaced evenly across class intervals, the mid-point of each interval being used in calculating group aggregates.

| Males |  |  | Females |  |  | Persons |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number ('000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total | Number ('000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total | Number ('000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total |







- dollars -
150.40
159.80


FULL TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES PAID FOR A FULL WEEK (a) : WEEKLY EARNINGS, MAY 1976

|  | Males |  |  | Females |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ('000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total | Number , (000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total |
| AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly earnings (\$) - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 100 | 18.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 17.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 100 and under 110 |  |  |  | 53.8 | 6.4. | 8.5 |
| 110 " " 120 | 46.3 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 78.0 | 9.2 | 17.7 |
| 120 " " 130 | 128.7 | 6.7 | 10.1 | 142.0 | 16.8 | 34.5 |
| 130 " " 140 | 168.9 | 8.8 | 19.0 | 151.2 | 17.9 | 52.4 |
| 140 " " 150 | 193.4 | 10.1 | 29.1 | 110.3 | 13.0 | 65.4 |
| 150 " " 160 | 196.8 | 10.3 | 39.4 | 74.5 | 8.8 | 74.2 |
| 160 " " 170 | 186.3 | 9.8 | 49.1 | 52.1 | 6.2 | 80.4 |
| 170 " " 180 | 168.0 | 8.8 | 57.9 | 46.9 | 5.5 | 86.0 |
| 180 " " 190 | 141.8 | 7.4 | 65.3 | 34.1 | 4.0 | 90.0 |
| 190 " " 200 | 114.2 | 6.0 | 71.3 | 19.9 | 2.4 | 92.3 |
| 200 " " 220 | 180.2 | 9.4 | 80.8 | 29.2 | 3.5 | 95.8 |
| 220 " " 240 | 118.1 | 6.2 | 86.9 | 17.9 | 2.1 | 97.9 |
| 240 " " 260 | 82.3 | 4.3 | 91.2 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 98.8 |
| 260 " " 280 | 56.0 | 2.9 | 94.2 |  |  |  |
| 280 " " 300 | 43.0 | 2.3 | 96.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 43.7 |  |  | - 9.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 |
| $350 ">400$ | 13.4 | 0.7 | 99.4 |  |  |  |
| 400 and over | . 11.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 ] |  |  |  |
| Total | 1,910.5 | 100.0 | -• | 845.3 | 100.0 | $\cdots$ |
| - dollars - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median earnings | 171.00 | . | . | 138.70 | . | $\cdots$ |
| Mean earnings | 183.30 | $\because$ | . | 146.40 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |

## AGED UNDER 21 YEARS

| Weekly earnings (\$) - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under |  |  | 16.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 60 an | nder | 70 | 19.9 | 9.5 | 17.2 | 26.7 | 12.3 | 16.8 |
| 70 " | " | 80 | 21.3 | 10.2 | 27.4 | 23.1 | 10.6 | 27.4 |
| 80 " | " | 90 | 19.2 | 9.2 | 36.6 | 34.0 | 15.7 | 43.2 |
| 90 " | " | 100 | 23.4 | 11.2 | 47.8 | 30.9 | 14.2 | 57.4 |
| 100 " | " | 110 | 22.8 | 10.9 | 58.7 | 29.0 | 13.4 | 70.7 |
| 110 " | " | 120 | 22.2 | 10.6 | 69.3 | 25.2 | 11.6 | 82.4 |
| 120 " | $\cdots$ | 140 | 33.9 | 16.2 | 85.5 | 24.8 | 11.4 | 93.8 |
| 140 " | " | 160 | 15.7 | 7.5 | 93.0 | 13.5 | 6.2 | 100.0 |
| 160 " | " | 180 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 96.3 \} |  | 6.2 | 100.0 |
| 180 an | over |  | 7.7 | 3.7 | 100.0 \} |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 209.1 | 100.0 | . | 216.8 | 100.0 | .. |
| - dollars - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median earnings |  |  | 102.00 | .. | . | 94.80 | . | .. |
| Mean earnings |  |  | 105.70 | . | $\ldots$ | 97.00 | . | . |

(a) Refers to employees whose ordinary time hours paid for were at least equal to their standard (or rostered) hours of work.

FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES : WEEKLY EARNINGS, MAY 1976

|  | Males |  |  | Females |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number ('000) | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & (\prime 000) \end{aligned}$ | Per cent of total | Cumulative per cent of total |
| AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly earnings (\$)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 60 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 60 and under 80 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| 80 " " 90 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 10.7 | 1.2 | 3.0 |
| $90 \times \cdots 100$ | 11.7 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 15.9 | 1.8 | 4.8 |
| 100 " " 110 | 23.3 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 61.1 | 6.8 | 11.6 |
| 110 " " 120 | 58.1 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 84.4 | 9.4 | 21.0 |
| 120 " " 130 | 139.7 | 6.8 | 12.6 | 145.8 | 16.2 | 37.2 |
| 130 " " 140 | 181.0 | 8.8 | 21.4 | 154.5 | 17.2 | 54.5 |
| 140 " " 150 | 203.3 | 9.9 | 31.3 | 113.1 | 12.6 | 67.1 |
| 150 " " 160 | 206.4 | 10.1 | 41.4 | 75.4 | 8.4 | 75.5 |
| 160 " " 170 | 193.1 | 9.4 | 50.8 | 52.6 | 5.9 | 81.3 |
| 170 " " 180 | 173.8 | 8.5 | 59.3 | 47.4 | 5.3 | 86.6 |
| 180 " " 190 | 146.2 | 7.2 | 66.5 | 34.6 | 3.9 | 90.5 |
| 190 " " $200^{\circ}$ | 117.9 | 5.8 | 72.2 | 20.3 | 2.3 | 92.7 |
| 200 " " 220 | 186.4 | 9.1 | 81.3 | 29.4 | 3.3 | 96.0 |
| 220 " " 240 | 122.3 | 6.0 | 87.3 | 18.0 | 2.0 | 98.0 |
| 240 " " 260 | 85.3 | 4.2 | 91.5 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 98.9 |
| 260 " " 280 | 58.0 | 2.8 | 94.3 ] |  |  |  |
| 280 " " 300 | 44.4 | 2.2 | 96.5 |  |  |  |
| 300 " " 350 | 46.0 | 2.2 | 98.7 | 9.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 |
| 350 " " 400 | 14.2 | 0.7 | 99.4 |  |  |  |
| 400 and over | 11.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 |  |  |  |
| Total | 2,046.8 | 100.0 | -• | 897.4 | 100.0 | .. |
| - dollars - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median earnings Mean earnings | 169.10 | . | . | 137.40 | .. | . |
|  | 180.60 | . | $\cdots$ | 143.70 | . | . |
| AGED UNDER 21 YEARS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly earnings (\$)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 50 | 5.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 50 and under 60 | 14.9 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 3.7 | 6.2 |
| 60 " $\quad 70$ | 21.6 | 9.5 | 18.2 | 28.1 | 12.3 | 18.5 |
| 70 " " 80 | 23.2 | 10.2 | 28.4 | 25.0 | 11.0 | 29.5 |
| 80 " " 90 | 20.4 | 9.0 | 37.4 | 35.4 | 15.5 | 45.0 |
| $90 \times 100$ | 25.2 | 11.1 | 48.5 | 31.5 | 13.8 | 58.8 |
| 100 " " 110 | 24.9 | 10.9 | 59.4 | 29.4 | 12.9 | 71.6 |
| 110 " " 120 | 24.1 | 10.6 | 70.0 | 25.5 | 11.2 | 82.8 |
| 120 " " 140 | 35.8 | 15.7 | 85.8 | 25.6 | 11.2 | 94.0 |
| 140 " " 160 | 16.7 | 7.4 | 93.1 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 97.4 |
| $160 \geqslant \quad 180$ | $7.1$ | $3.1$ | $96.2\}$ | 5.8 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| 180 and over | 8.6 | 3.8 | $100.0\}$ |  |  | 100.0 |
| Total | 227.6 | 100.0 | -• | 228.4 | 100.0 | -• |
| - dollars - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median earnings | 101.10 | $\cdots$ | . | 93.60 | . | . |
| Mean earnings | 104.90 | . | . | 95.70 | $\cdots$ | . |

## FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER, INDUSTRIES

 AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PAID FOR, MAY 1976| Industry | Males |  |  | Females |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Overtime | Ordinary time | Total | Overtime | Ordinary time | Total |
| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food, beverages and tobacco | 3.5 | 38.8 | 42.3 | 1.1 | 37.6 | 38.7 |
| Textiles; clothing and footwear | 3.2 | 39.1 | 42.4 | 0.6 | 37.7 | 38.3 |
| Paper, printing, etc. | 2.7 | 39.3 | 42.0 | * | 38.6 | 39.5 |
| Chemical, petroleum and coal products | 2.8 | 38.4 | 41.2 | 0.8 | 38.3 | 39.2 |
| Metal products, machinery and equipment - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic metal products | 3.6 | 39.0 | 42.6 | * | 38.6 | 39.4 |
| Fabricated metal products; other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transport equipment | 2.5 | 38.2 | 40.7 | 1.4 | 37.7 | 39.2 |
| Total mesal products, etc. | 3.1 | 38.8 | 41.9 | 1.0 | 38.2 | 39.2 |
| Other | 4.1 | 39.1 | 43.1 | * | 38.2 | 39.0 |
| Total manufacturing | 3.3 | 38.9 | 42.2 | 0.9 | 38.0 | 38.9 |
| Non-manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining | 6.6 | 37.2 | 43.8 | * | 36.7 | 37.5 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 1.7 | 39.0 | 40.7 | * | 37.3 | 38.0 |
| Construction | 2.8 | 39.1 | 41.8 | * | 36.9 | 37.3 |
| Wholesale trade | 1.8 | 38.7 | 40.5 | 0.5 | 37.6 | 38.1 |
| Retail trade | 1.7 | 39.7 | 41.4 | 0.4 | 38.9 | 39.3 |
| Transport and storage; communication | 3.0 | 38.5 | 41.5 | 0.6 | 37.2 | 37.7 |
| Finance, business services | 0.7 | 38.6 | 39.4 | * | 37.4 | 37.6 |
| Public administration and defence; community services | 0.9 | 38.1 | 39.0 | 0.3 | 37.2 | 37.5 |
| Other | 2.5 | 39.4 | 41.9 | * | 37.3 | 38.3 |
| Total non-manufacturing | 2.1 | 38.6 | 40.8 | 0.4 | 37.5 | 37.9 |
| Total all industries | 2.5 | 38.7 | 41.2 | 0.5 | 37.6 | 38.2 |

- Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER, INDUSTRIES,
COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, MAY 1976

| Industry | Males |  |  |  | Females |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ordinary time |  |  |  | Overtime | Ordinary time |  | Total |
|  | Overtione | A ward or agreed base rate of pay (a) | Other pay (a) | Total |  | A ward or agreed base rate of pay (a) | Other pay (a) |  |
| Manufacturing - * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food, beverages and to bacco | 20.50 | 133.40 | 15.50 | 169.50 | 5.30 | 119.30 | * | 129.80 |
| Textiles; clothing and footwear | 16.70 | 129.50 | 16.00 | 162.20 | 2.70 | 104.90 | * | 120.20 |
| Paper, printing, etc. | 17.40 | 152.80 | 14.70 | 184.80 | * | 125.80 | 6.10 | 136.80 |
| Chemical, petroleum and coal products | 18.60 | 158.50 | 10.40 | 187.60 | 4.60 | 130.80 | * | 140.70 |
| Metal products, machinery and equipment - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic metal products | 21.70 | 142.40 | 21.70 | 185.80 | * | 132.00 | * | 147.70 |
| Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc. | 18.80 | 129.80 | 20.00 | 168.50 | 4.20 | 113.40 | 9.30 | 126.90 |
| Transport equipment | 16.00 | 142.70 | * | 167.10 | 7.80 | 120.30 | * | 135.10 |
| Total metal products, etc. | 18.50 | 136.60 | 16.80 | 171.80 | 4.90 | 116.30 | 9.00 | 130.20 |
| Other | 23.60 | 132.60 | 13.90 | 170.00 | 3.80 | 113.80 | 5.50 | 123.20 |
| Total manufacturing | 19.50 | 137.60 | 15.50 | 172.60 | 4.20 | 114.80 | 8.50 | /27.60 |
| Non-manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining | 48.80 | 169.50 | 33.00 | 251.20 | * | 137.00 | * | 149.90 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 11.90 | 175.00 | * | 190.60 | * | 155.70 | * | 160.50 |
| Construction | 18.50 | 156.90 | 5.40 | 180.80 | * | 134.00 | * | 139.80 |
| Wholesale trade | 10.40 | 140.30 | 13.30 | 164.00 | 2.70 | 127.50 | ${ }^{*}$ | 135.60 |
| Retail trade | 8.70 | 130.80 | 15.30 | 154.80 | 2.10 | 124.20 | 3.40 | 129.70 |
| Transport and storage; communication | 19.90 | 169.00 | * | 191.60 | 3.30 | 144.30 | * | 149.30 |
| Finance, basiness services | 4.80 | 161.60 | * | 176.10 | * | 138.90 | * | 143.80 |
| Public administration and defence; community services | 6.40 | 189.50 | 1.30 | 197.20 | * | 160.40 | * | 162.90 |
| Other | 14.10 | 144.10 | 4.60 | 162.70 | * | 126.60 | * | 133.30 |
| Total non-manufacturing | 13.90 | 163.70 | 7.10 | 184.70 | 2.30 | 145.60 | 2.10 | 149.90 |
| Total all industries | 15.80 | 154.80 | 10.00 | 180.60 | 2.80 | 137.10 | 3.90 | 143.70 |

(a) See definitions, page 73.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

|  | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qid | S.A. | W. A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime | 16.20 | 16.10 | 15.00 | 12.40 | 20.20 | 11.20 | * | 9.90 | 15.80 |
| Ordinary time - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Award or agreed base rate of pay (a) | 154.70 | 153.90 | 155.10 | 151.90 | 153.60 | 154.50 | 172.50 | 187.70 | 154.80 |
| Other pay (a) | 11.50 | 10.70 | 7.30 | 8.70 | 8.80 | * | * | * | 10.00 |
| Total | 182.40 | 180.70 | 177.30 | 172.90 | 182.60 | 174.10 | 206.70 | 200.80 | 180.60 |
| Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime | 2.90 | 2.90 | * | 2.80 | * | * | * | * | 2.80 |
| Ordinary time - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A ward or agreed base rate of pay (a) Other pay (a) | $\begin{array}{r} 135.40 \\ 4.10 \end{array}$ | 134.70 | 140.30 | 137.90 | $\begin{array}{r} 139.10 \\ 1.30 \end{array}$ | 145.70 | 159.00 | 155.10 | $\begin{array}{r} 137.10 \\ 3.90 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 142.40 | 142.90 | 144.50 | 144.60 | 142.80 | 150.10 | 165.00 | 159.40 | 143.70 |
| AGED UNDER 21 YEARS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime | 5.50 | 4.90 | 6.80 | 5.30 | * | * | * | * | 5.90 |
| Ordinary time - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Award or agreed base rate of pay (a) | 95.50 | 95.40 | 96.50 | 91.10 | 92.90 | 97.80 | 102.70 | 109.10 | 95.30 |
| Other pay (a) | 4.20 | 4.20 | 2.60 | (b) | * | * | + | * | 3.70 |
| Total | 105.10 | 104.50 | 105.90 | 99.30 | 106.30 | 105.20 | 112.40 | 121.60 | 104,90 |
| Females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime | 1.60 | 1.80 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1.60 |
| Ordinary time - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Award or agreed base rate of pay (a) | 93.20 | 94.70 | 89.00 | 92.30 | 88.10 | 86.40 | 97.60 | 112.10 | 92.40 |
| Other pay (a) | 2.30 | 2.00 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1.60 |
| Total | 97.10 | 98.50 | 90.70 | 95.30 | 90.50 | 88.70 | 100.30 | 115.70 | 95.70 |

(a) See definitions, page 73.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.


## Surveys of Weekly Earnings and Hours (October Surveys)

Surveys covering most private employers subject to payroll tax were conducted in October of each year from 1962 to 1971, with the exception of 1965 . From 1972 the coverage was extended, the principal change being the inclusion of government employees. The following pages contain some results for private and government employees combined obtained from a survey of weekly earnings and hours which was conducted in respect of the last pay-period in October 1976. Separate estimates for employees in the private and government sectors, in addition to the estimates for these two sectors combined, were published in Earnings and Hours of Employees, October 1976 (Reference No. 6.40 ).

Content. The survey obtained data for the calculation of average weekly earnings, average weekly hours paid for, and average hourly earnings for the selected pay-period. In addition, information on overtime and ordinary time earnings and hours was obtained for full-time non-managerial employees. The estimates of average overtime earnings and average overtime hours paid for,
shown in the tables on pages 84-86, do not relate only to those employees who worked overtime, but are averages for all employees in the specified category, including those who did not work overtime.

In general, where an establishment was closed down for part or whole of the last pay-period in October, or operations were seriously curtailed by an industrial dispute, breakdown, fire, etc., the employer was asked to supply particulars of wages and hours for the previous normal pay-period.

Coverage. All wage and salary earners were represented except members of the defence forces, employees in agriculture, employees in private households employing staff, waterside workers employed on a casual basis and employees of private employers (other than hospitals) not subject to payroll tax. At the time of the selection of the sample payroll tax was payable by employers in the States paying more than $\$ 800$ a week in wages and salaries ( $\$ 400$ a week in the Territories). In general, Australian Government bodies, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations are specifically exempted under the Australian and State Payroll Tax Acts.

Survey design. Australian and State Government bodies were completely enumerated; for other employers separate stratified random samples of private employers, non-government hospitals not subject to payroll tax, and local government authorities were used.

Although the sample for the survey was not designed to provide estimates of the numbers of employees represented, it has been calculated that the 1976 survey was representative of approximately $2,687,000$ male and $1,398,000$ female wage and salary earners, comprising $1,779,000$ males and $1,000,000$ females in private employment and 908,000 males and 398,000 females in government employment.

Reliability of the estimates. As parts of the survey were conducted from samples of employers (see above), the resultant estimates are subject to sampling variability, that is, variations which might occur by chance because only samples of employers were surveyed. The extent of the detail published has been determined after considering estimated measures of sampling variability. For more details of the reliability of the estimates see the Technical Note contained in Earnings and Hours of Employees, October 1976 (Reference No. 6.40).

Industry classification. The industry classification used was the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition) 1969, Vol. 1. Details of the ASIC industries used in the surveys and shown in the tables on pages 83 and 84 , are contained in the bulletins (Reference No. 6.40). This classification differs from that used for earlier surveys, which was the industry classification used fot the 1966 and 1961 Population Censuses. Consequently estimates by industry are not directly comparable with those obtained from earlier surveys.

Comparability of results. In addition to affecting the results of each sample survey, sampling variability also affects comparison between each year's results.

Results for October 1974 and later surveys are on the same basis as those for the October 1972 and October 1973 except for industry details. Results for private employees published in the October 1972 and earlier bulletins with Reference No. 6.1 are not directly comparable with details published in the October 1972 and later bulletins with Reference No. 6.40. A more detailed note on the comparability of results and on the differences between the industry clasifications is given in Earnings and Hours of Employees, October 1974 (Reference No. 6.40).

Definitions. The following definitions refer to terms used in the survey and in the tables in this section:

Employees refer to male and female employees who received pay for the last pay-period in October.

Private employees are employees of private employers subject to payroll tax and employees of non-government hospitals not subject to payroll tax.

Government employees are civilian employees of Australian and State Government departments, authorities and semi-government bodies, and of local government authorities.

Aduits include all employees 21 years of age and over and those employees who, although under 21 years of age, were paid at the adult rate for their occupation.

Juniors are those employees under 21 years of age who were not paid at the adult rate for their occupations.

Full-time employees are those employees who ordinarily worked 30 hours or more a week and who received pay for the last pay-period in October. Included are full-time employees on short-time, full-time employees who began or ceased work during the pay-period, and full-time employees on paid annual leave, paid sick leave, long service leave and paid holidays taken during the specified pay-period. Some employees (e.g. aircrew, teachers, university lecturers), although paid for a weekly attendance of less than 30 hours, were classified as full-time if they worked the normal scheduled hours for a full week.

Part-time employees are those employees who ordinarily work less than 30 hours a week and who received pay for the last pay-period in October. Employees on short-time who normally work 30 hours or more a week were classified as full-time employees.

In the private sector, non-managerial employees were defined to include minor supervisory employees, leading hands, clerical and office staff as well as ordinary wage employees. They exclude managerial, executive. professional and higher supervisory staff who, for private employees, were not further defined. In the government sector, managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff were generally defined as those employees (i) who were ineligible to receive payment for overtime, or (ii) who, although subject to payment for overtime, were in charge of a significant number of employees in a separate establishment (or establishments). For some occupations in government employment, such as school teachers and doctors, there is no general payment for overtime. In these cases, managerial, etc. staff were determined according to the degree of supervision exercised or in relation to the pay structure of associated administrative employees.

Weekly earnings refers to gross earnings for the last pay-period in October before taxation and other deductions have been made. It includes overtime earnings, ordinary time earnings, shift allowances, penalty rates, commission and similar payments; and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave, long
service leave and paid holidays taken during the specified pay-period. It includes one week's proportion of payments made other than on a weekly basis, e.g. salary paid fortnightly or monthly; paid annual or other leave taken during the specified pay-period; periodical payments under incentive, piecework, profit sharing, etc. schemes; commissions; annual or periodical bonuses, etc. Retrospective payments are excluded.

Overtime earnings refers to that part of gross weekly earnings (as defined above) attributable to hours paid for in excess of award, standard or agreed hours of work. Overtime earnings were not reported for managerial, etc. staff. The figures of average overtime earnings shown in the tables on pages $84-86$, do not relate only to those employees who worked overtime but are averages for all employees in the specified category whether or not they worked overtime.

Ordinary time earnings refers to that part of gross weekly earnings (as defined above) attributable to award, standard or agreed hours of work. Included in relation to these hours are shift allowances, penalty rates, commissions, bonuses and incentive payments, and one week's proportion of payments for annual and other leave taken during the specified pay-period.

Weekly man-hours pald for refers to the hours for which payment was made. It includes overtime hours, ordinary
time hours, paid stand-by or reporting time; and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave, long service leave and paid holidays taken during the specified pay-period. For employees paid other than weekly, hours were converted to a weekly basis. For employees who began or ceased work, or were absent without pay for any reason during the specified week, only the man-hours actually paid for are included. Where agreed hours of work are less than award hours, hours were based on agreed hours. Hours of work were not reported for managerial, etc. staff.

Overtime hours refers to hours in excess of award, standard or agreed hours of work.

Ordinary time hours refers to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It includes stand-by or reporting time which are part of standard hours of work, and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave and long service leave taken during the specified pay-period.

NOTE. The estimates of average weekly earnings contained herein are rounded to the nearest ten cents, those of average weekly hours paid for to the first decimal place, and those of average hourly earnings to the nearest cent. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS: FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES (a), INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER 1976 (b)

(a) Total (private and government) employees. (b) Last pay-period in October 1976. For definitions and explanatory notes etc. see pages 80-82.

AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME AND ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS AND HOURS (a) : FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES (b), INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER 1976 (c)

| ' . | Monufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Metal products, machinery and equipment |  |  |  | Other | Total manufact. uring |
|  | Food. beverages and tobacco | Textiles; clothing and footwear | Paper, printing, etc. | Chemical, petroleum and coal products | Basic metal products | Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc. | Transport equip. ment | Total |  |  |
| ADULT MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime earnings (a)(\$) | 24.70 | 17.50 | 17.40 | 18.10 | 23.70 | 18.90 | 16.60 | 19.20 | 20.10 | 20.00 |
| Ordinary time earnings (a) (\$) | 152.60 | 145.80 | 174.20 | 178.00 | 172.90 | 155.80 | 159.30 | 160.50 | 150.40 | 158.80 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 177.30 | 163.20 | 191.50 | 196.10 | 196.60 | 174.60 | 175.90 | 179.70 | 170.50 | 178.80 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 38.0 | 38.6 | 38.6 | 37.9 | 37.7 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.2 | 38.1 | 38.2 |
| Total hours | 41.9 | 41.8 | 41.1 | 40.5 | 41.2 | 41.4 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 41.5 | 41.3 |
| JUNIOR MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime earnings (a) (\$) | 9.00 | - | 5.60 | 2.60 | 4.80 | 4.90 | 3.30 | 4.50 | 4.40 | 5.10 |
| Ordinary time earnings (a) (\$) | 89.10 | 89.50 | 100.10 | 105.60 | 104.10 | 88.90 | 93.80 | 93.00 | 86.90 | 91.90 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 98.10 | 93.90 | 105.70 | 108.20 | 108.90 | 93.80 | 97.10 | 97.50 | 91.30 | 97.00 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 2.3 | * | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 38.0 | 38.6 | 39.1 | 38.9 | 37.7 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 38.4 | 38.4 |
| Total hours | 40.3 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 39.6 | 39.6 |


|  | Non-manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mining | Electricity, gas and water | Construction | Wholesale rrade | Retail trade | Transport and storage; commun. ication! | Finance, business services | Public administration, etc. | Other | Total non-manufacturing | Total all industries |
| ADULT MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime earnings (a) (\$) | 47.70 | 12.80 | 16.60 | 12.80 | 9.30 | 20.50 | 5.10 | 7.30 | 13.80 | 14.40 | 16.30 |
| Ordinary time earnings (a) (\$) | 206.00 | 187.90 | 167.90 | 158.60 | 150.40 | 177.80 | 181.10 | 198.40 | 160.40 | 177.80 | 171.30 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 253.70 | 200.70 | 184.50 | 171.40 | 159.70 | 198.30 | 186.20 | 205.70 | 174.20 | 192.20 | 187.60 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 6.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 35.5 | 38.6 | 38.2 | 38.6 | 39.4 | 38.5 | 38.6 | 37.7 | 39.0 | 38.3 | 38.2 |
| Total hours | 41.5 | 40.4 | 40.6 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 39.3 | 38.7 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 40.7 |
| JUNIOR MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overtime earnings (a) (\$) | 16.20 | 3.30 | 2.90 | 4.30 | 4.40 | 6.20 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 6.90 | 3.90 | 4.30 |
| Ordinary time earnings (a) (\$) | 122.90 | 109.80 | 108.70 | 92.50 | 86.10 | 98.50 | 105.00 | 108.00 | 96.40 | 98.30 | 96.20 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 139.10 | 113.10 | 111.70 | 96.80 | 90.50 | 104.60 | 106.50 | 109.60 | 103.20 | 102.30 | 100.50 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 36.8 | 38.2 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 38.4 | 39.0 | 37.5 | 38.9 | 38.8 | 38.7 |
| Total hours | 39.8 | 39.0 | 39.6 | 40.3 | 40.7 | 39.8 | 39.3 | 37.8 | 40.7 | 39.8 | 39.7 |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  | Non-manufacturing |  |  |  |  | Total all industries |  |  |


| ADULT FEMALES |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overtime earnings (a) (\$) | 5.20 | 3.00 | 3.60 |
| Ordinary time earnings (a) (\$) | 127.40 | 155.60 | 148.20 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 132.60 | 158.60 | 151.70 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 37.8 | 37.8 | 37.8 |
| Total hours | 38.8 | 38.3 | 38.4 |
| JUNIOR FEMALES |  |  |  |
| Overtime earnings (a) (\$) | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Ordinaty time earnings (a) (\$) | 87.90 | 97.40 | 96.20 |
| Total earnings (\$) | 89.40 | 98.90 | 97.70 |
| Overtime hours (a) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Ordinary time hours (a) | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.4 |
| Total hours | 38.9 | 38.8 | 38.8 |

(a) Averages for all employees represented in the survey (See page 82). (b) Total (private and government) employees. (c) Last pay-period in October 1976. For definitions and explanatory notes, etc. see pages 80-82.

[^1]
## AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME AND ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS (a) : FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES (b), INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER 1976 (c)

(\$)

|  | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | $\boldsymbol{W}$. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME EARNINGS (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adult males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metal products, machinery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and equipment | 18.20 | 21.00 | 18.20 | 18.00 | 21.90 | 13.40 | 17.20 | 8.20 | 19.20 |
| Other | 20.10 | 21.90 | 23.90 | 15.30 | 23.20 | 13.20 | 32.90 | 20.40 | 20.70 |
| Total manufacturing | 19.10 | 21.50 | 21.70 | 16.90 | 22.60 | 13.30 | 27.60 | 17.00 | 20.00 |
| Non-manufacturing | 14.80 | 13.40 | 13.50 | 9.70 | 21.00 | 12.60 | 27.40 | 10.50 | 14.40 |
| Total all industries | 16.30 | 16.80 | 15.60 | 12.50 | 21.40 | 12.80 | 27.40 | 11.00 | 16.30 |
| Junior males | 4.10 | 4.60 | 4.30 | 3.80 | 4.90 | 3.50 | 10.50 | * | 4.30 |
| Adult females | 4.10 | 3.70 | 2.50 | 3.10 | 3.10 | 3.00 | 3.80 | 2.50 | 3.60 |
| Junior females | 1.60 | 1.40 | 1.00 | 1.80 | 1.40 | 2.10 | 2.40 | * | 1.50 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS (a)

| Adult males <br> Manufacturing - <br> Metal products, machinery | 161.20 | 162.20 | 156.60 | 156.90 | 156.20 | 171.70 | 155.80 | 165.00 | 160.50 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| and equipment | 157.60 | 158.40 | 156.50 | 157.60 | 148.20 | 156.40 | 160.30 | 172.90 | 157.10 |  |
| Other | 159.50 | 160.20 | 156.50 | 157.10 | 151.70 | 161.10 | 158.80 | 170.70 | 158.80 |  |
| Total manufacturing | 178.80 | 179.10 | 174.80 | 172.20 | 174.60 | 174.20 | 182.40 | 206.00 | 177.80 |  |
| Norrmanufacturing | 172.00 | 171.30 | 170.10 | 166.30 | 169.00 | 170.10 | 181.20 | 203.40 | 171.30 |  |
| Total all industries | 96.10 | 97.60 | 96.50 | 93.80 | 93.50 | 97.70 | 100.00 | 102.50 | 96.20 |  |
| Junior males | 147.30 | 147.40 | 148.80 | 148.00 | 146.40 | 152.10 | 160.00 | 166.90 | 148.20 |  |
|  | 98.40 | 99.10 | 91.60 | 94.80 | 93.10 | 91.10 | 101.80 | 98.20 | 96.20 |  |
| Adult females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Junior females |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL EARNINGS (a)

| Adult males <br> Manufacturing - <br> Metal products, machinery | 179.40 | 183.30 | 174.80 | 174.80 | 178.00 | 185.10 | 173.00 | 173.10 | 179.70 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| and equipment | 177.60 | 180.30 | 180.40 | 172.90 | 171.40 | 169.60 | 193.30 | 193.20 | 177.90 |
| Other | 178.60 | 181.70 | 178.20 | 174.00 | 174.30 | 174.30 | 186.40 | 187.70 | 178.80 |
| $\quad$ Total manufacturing | 193.60 | 192.50 | 188.30 | 181.90 | 195.60 | 186.80 | 209.80 | 216.50 | 192.20 |
| Non-manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total all industries | 188.40 | 188.10 | 185.70 | 178.80 | 190.40 | 182.90 | 208.70 | 214.30 | 187.60 |
| Junior mates | 100.20 | 102.20 | 100.80 | 97.60 | 98.40 | 101.20 | 110.40 | 106.60 | 100.50 |
|  | 151.40 | 151.10 | 151.30 | 151.10 | 149.50 | 155.10 | 163.90 | 169.50 | 151.70 |
| Adult females | 100.00 | 100.60 | 92.60 | 96.70 | 94.50 | 93.20 | 104.20 | 99.60 | 97.70 |

[^2] October 1976. For definitions and explanatory notes, etc. see pages 80-82.

* Subject to sampling variability too bigh for most practical uses.


## AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME AND ORDINARY TIME HOURS (a) : FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES (b) INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER 1976 (c)

|  | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS PAID FOR (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME HOURS PAID FOR (a)

| Adult males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metal products, machinery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and equipment | 38.0 | 38.3 | 37.9 | 38.4 | 38.1 | 39.5 | 38.0 | 37.6 | 38.2 |
| Other | 37.8 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 38.0 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 38.9 | 38.2 |
| Total manufacturing | 37.9 | 38.3 | 38.2 | 38.3 | 38.1 | 38.9 | 38.4 | 38.5 | 38.2 |
| Non-manufacturing | 38.1 | 38.5 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 37.3 | 38.1 | 38.3 |
| Total all industries | 38.1 | 38.4 | 38.0 | 38.5 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 37.4 | 38.1 | 38.2 |
| Junior males | 38.6 | 38.7 | 38.5 | 38.8 | 38.6 | 39.0 | 39.2 | 39.1 | 38.7 |
| Adult females | 37.5 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 38.0 | 38.2 | 37.9 | 37.1 | 37.0 | 37.8 |
| Junior females | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 37.9 | 38.4 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL HOURS PAID FOR (a)

| Adult males |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metal products, machinery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and equipment | 40.9 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 40.8 | 38.6 | 41.1 |
| Other | 41.0 | 41.9 | 42.0 | 40.8 | 41.8 | 40.8 | 43.7 | 42.2 | 41.5 |
| Total manufacturing | 40.9 | 41.8 | 41.5 | 41.0 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 42.7 | 41.2 | 41.3 |
| Non-manufacturing | 40.2 | 40.4 | 39.9 | 40.2 | 41.4 | 40.2 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 40.3 |
| Total all industries | 40.5 | 41.0 | 40.3 | 40.5 | 41.4 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 39.8 | 40.7 |
| Junior males | 39.6 | 39.8 | 39.6 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 39.7 |
| Adult females | 38.2 | 38.7 | 38.4 | 38.6 | 38.8 | 38.4 | 37.8 | 37.5 | 38.4 |
| Junior females | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 39.4 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.8 |

(a) Averages for all employees represented in the survey (See page 82). (b) Total (private and government) employees. (c) Last pay-period in October 1976. For definitions and explanatory notes, etc. see pages 80-82.

[^3]AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, ALL EMPLOYEES (a), OCTOBER 1976 (b)
(\$)

|  | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | $\boldsymbol{W} . \boldsymbol{A}$. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Males | 189.40 | 191.50 | 183.60 | 177.70 | 186.90 | 181.70 | 208.60 | 233.50 | 188.60 |
| Adults | 196.80 | 199.00 | 192.90 | 186.50 | 195.50 | 189.70 | 214.90 | 240.90 | 196.60 |
| Juniors | 90.70 | 90.50 | 93.70 | 88.20 | 89.50 | 97.20 | 98.00 | 89.10 | 91.00 |
| Full-fime employees | 196.70 | 198.30 | 188.50 | 183.40 | 194.60 | 188.30 | 213.70 | 240.20 | 195.30 |
| Adults | 203.40 | 204.60 | 197.10 | 191.10 | 202.50 | 196.30 | 218.90 | 245.90 | 202.40 |
| Juniors | 100.20 | 102.20 | 100.80 | 97.60 | 98.40 | 101.20 | 110.40 | 106.60 | 100.50 |
| Females | 129.00 | 129.70 | 121.30 | 122.70 | 118.90 | 118.20 | 149.20 | 152.10 | 127.20 |
| Adults | 135.80 | 137.00 | 132.20 | 131.10 | 126.40 | 125.20 | 155.10 | 159.00 | 134.90 |
| Juniors | 84.70 | 87.00 | 83.20 | 85.70 | 81.80 | 87.50 | 83.30 | 81.80 | 85.00 |
| Full-time employees | 147.00 | 146.10 | 138.10 | 141.60 | 141.40 | 142.30 | 161.10 | 167.10 | 145.20 |
| Adults | 154.50 | 154.30 | 153.30 | 153.80 | 152.60 | 158.00 | 165.50 | 173.80 | 154.70 |
| Juniors | 100.00 | 100.60 | 92.60 | 96.70 | 94.50 | 93.20 | 104.20 | 99.60 | 97.70 |
| Persons | 168.60 | 170.30 | 163.70 | 158.60 | 163.60 | 160.60 | 189.10 | 201.80 | 167.60 |
| Adults | 176.80 | 178.90 | 175.50 | 168.60 | 173.30 | 169.90 | 195.70 | 210.00 | 176.70 |
| Juniors | 87.70 | 88.70 | 88.20 | 86.90 | 85.50 | 92.20 | 91.70 | 85.20 | 87.90 |
| Full-time employees | 181.80 | 182.50 | 174.60 | 171.30 | 179.30 | 176.20 | 197.80 | 214.70 | 180.40 |
| Adults | 189.50 | 190.50 | 186.70 | 181.50 | 189.50 | 187.60 | 203.00 | 221.60 | 189.40 |
| Juniors | 100.10 | 101.30 | 96.60 | 97.10 | 96.40 | 97.10 | 108.00 | 102.80 | 99.10 |

(a) Total (private and government) employees, including managerial, executive, etc., staff. (b) Last pay-period in October 1976.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS, PART-TIME EMPLOYEES (a), OCTOBER 1976 (b)

|  | Adult males | Junior males | Adult females |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Manufacturing | Nonmanu. facturing | Total all industries | Junior females |
| Average weekly earnings (\$) | 63.80 | 23.60 | 71.50 | 72.60 | 72.40 | 23.20 |
| A verage weekly hours paid for | 13.1 | 9.0 | 19.6 | 17.0 | 17.2 | 8.7 |
| Average hourly earnings ( $\$$ ) | 4.87 | 2.62 | 3.65 | 4.28 | 4.21 | 2.66 |

(a) Total (private and government) employees. Part-time employees are those who normally work less than 30 hours a week. (b) Last pay-period in October 1976. For definitions and explanatory notes, etc. see pages 80-82.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT

This section contains estimates of average weekly earnings per employed male unit (see below), approximating the average earnings of civilian male employees. Earnings figures for Australia are shown for each quarter from March quarter 1971 to December quarter 1976 and for States and Territories for each quarter from March quarter 1974. Financial year averages are also shown for the period 1966-67 to 1975-76. Estimates of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult male non-managerial employees are shown for Australia for each quarter from March quarter 1974.

All estimates from September quarter 1971 have been revised, as a result of the incorporation of a revised series of employment estimates, changes to the ratio of female to male average earnings and some amendments to the allowance made for earnings from second jobs. The seasonally adjusted series have also been reanalysed.

Current estimates are published in Average Weekly Earnings (Reference No. 6.18).

## Definitions of earnings

The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages shown in the tables on pages 89 and 90 comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, bonuses and allowances, commissions, directors' fees and payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Earnings of part-time as well as full-time employees, and juniors as well as adults, are included.

Earnings figures used in calculating the averages shown in the second table on page 90 comprise earnings as defined in the previous paragraph, with the exception of overtime earnings and the earnings of juniors, part-time employees and managerial, executive, etc. staff.

| Quarter | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | $W \cdot A$. | Tas | $N . T$. | A.C.T. | Australia (a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 - March | 62 | 62 | 58 | 58 | 55 | 60 | 60 | 59 | 61 |
| June | 62 | 62 | 59 | 60 | 57 | 62 | 60 | 59 | 61 |
| September | 63 | 63 | 60 | 62 | 58 | 63 | 60 | 60 | 62 |
| December | 63 | 64 | 61 | 63 | 58 | 63 | 61 | 60 | 63 |
| 1975 - March | 64 | 65 | 63 | 63 | 59 | 64 | 62 | 60 | 64 |
| June | 64 | 66 | 64 | 64 | 59 | 64 | 63 | 61 | 64 |
| September | 65 | 67 | 65 | 64 | 60 | 65 | 64 | 61 | 65 |
| December | 65 | 67 | 65 | 64 | 61 | 65 | 64 | 61 | 65 |
| 1976 - March | 65 | 67 | 65 | 65 | 62 | 65 | 64 | 62 | 65 |
| June | 66 | 67 | 65 | 65 | 62 | 65 | 63 | 63 | 66 |
| September | 67 | 67 | 65 | 66 | 62 | 64 | 62 | 63 | 66 |
| December | 67 | 67 | 66 | 66 | 62 | 64 | 62 | 64 | 66 |

(a) Weighted average of the State and Territory ratios.

As the number of male units used in calculating Australian average weekly earnings is the sum of the estimates for the States and Territories, a separate ratio for Australia is not used. Approximate weighted averages of the State and Territory ratios are shown in the table. Changes in ratios may be necessary from one quarter to the next to reflect, for example, the extension of equal

## Method of estimation

For industries other than agriculture and private domestic service, particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. These returns account for approximately 90 per cent of wage and salary earners in these industries, as published monthly in the bulletin Employment and Unemployment (Reference No. 6.4). Estimates are made for the unrecorded balance in terms of both numbers and earnings. The level of average earnings estimated for the unrecorded sector is approximately 80 per cent of the level shown by the direct returns. For agriculture and private domestic service, employment and earnings are estimated from other sources and are included in the calculations.

For employees reported on more than one payroll, all reported wage and salary earnings are included in calculation of the averages.

## Male units

Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately from the sources used for this series; average weekly earnings have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings. Different ratios of female to male average earnings are used for individual States, based on information from annual surveys of weekly earnings and hours and other sources. Ratios used during the period March quarter 1974 to December quarter 1976 are shown in the following table.

## Seasonally adjusted estimates

Quarterly figures are affected by seasonal influences. For example, special payments, including prepayment for holiday periods, tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures are affected by the varying numbers of pay-days in different quarters (with the exception of Australian Government pay-days in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, for which special adjustments have been made in the original series). Allowance for these variations, and for recurring seasonal influences, has been made in
calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates for all series shown in the tables.

The seasonal adjustment factors were derived from a series from which the influence of major changes in awards and determinations and estimates of the effects of pay-day variations had first been removed. While the seasonally adjusted series retain the effect of the major award, etc. changes, the pay-day effect is excluded. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in Seasonally Adjusted Indicators (Reference No. 1.10).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

| Quarter | $\begin{gathered} \text { Original } \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | Seasonally adjusted (b) \$ | Quarterly change (c) \% | Annual change (d) \% | Quarter | Original \$ | Seasonally adjusted (b) \$ | Quarterly change (c) \% | Annual change (d) \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1971 - |  |  |  |  | 1974 - |  |  |  |  |
| March | 82.00 | 86.80 | +5.6 | +12.6 | March | 113.30 | 119.30 | + 3.4 | +17.0 |
| June | 89.80 | 88.90 | +2.4 | +12.7 | June | 128.70 | 127.30 | + 6.7 | +18.9 |
| September | 90.50 | 90.80 | +2.1 | +12.8 | September | 138.40 | 140.50 | +10.4 | +25.0 |
| December | 96.50 | 92.10 | +1.4 | +12.0 | December | 154.40 | 147.70 | + 5.1 | +28.0 |
| 1972 - |  |  |  |  | 1975 - |  |  |  |  |
| March | 89.50 | 93.20 | +1.2 | + 7.4 | March | 143.80 | 151.50 | + 2.6 | +27.0 |
| June | 97.20 | 96.00 | +3.0 | + 8.0 | June | 156.40 | 154.70 | + 2.1 | +21.5 |
| September | 97.10 | 98.30 | +2.4 | +8.3 | September | 157.60 | 159.40 | + 3.0 | +13.5 |
| December | 104.40 | 100.50 | +2.2 | + 9.1 | December | 175.70 | 166.90 | + 4.7 | +13.0 |
| 1973- |  |  |  |  | 1976 - |  |  |  |  |
| March | 97.40 | 102.00 | +1.5 | + 9.4 | March | 165.30 | 171.10 | + 2.5 | +12.9 |
| June | 108.20 | 107.10 | +5.0 | +11.6 | June | 179.80 | 178.80 | + 4.5 | +15.6 |
| September | 110.60 | 112.40 | +4.9 | +14.3 | September | 184.80 | 184.90 | + 3.4 | +16.0 |
| December | 120.40 | 115.40 | +2.7 | +14.8 | December | 195.50 | 187.40 | + 1.4 | +12.3 |

(a) See "Male units" on page 88. (b) See "Seasonally adjusted estimates" above. (c) Percentage change over previous quarter in the seasonally adjusted series. (d) Percentage change over same quarter of previous year in the seasonally adjusted series.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a) : STATES AND TERRITORIES


Original Series

| 1974- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar. qtr | 117.10 | 112.90 | 108.90 | 106.10 | 111.10 | 101.60 | 136.30 | 145.50 | 113.30 |
| June qir | 132.10 | 128.30 | 124.00 | 120.80 | 125.30 | 120.60 | 137.50 | 156.90 | 128.70 |
| Sept. qtr | 141.50 | 139.10 | 133.00 | 129.80 | 135.10 | 127.30 | 159.20 | 174.00 | 138.40 |
| Dec. qtr | 158.70 | 155.20 | 150.00 | 141.80 | 147.40 | 146.70 | 160.80 | 182.70 | 154.40 |
| 1975 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. qtr | 147.30 | 142.80 | 136.50 | 137.40 | 143.90 | 135.30 | 172.20 | 189.40 | 143.80 |
| Juneqtr | 160.70 | 154.20 | 150.40 | 145.30 | 156.00 | 151.40 | 181.60 | 191.10 | 156.40 |
| Sept. qtr | 160.60 | 157.70 | 150.80 | 148.10 | 159.00 | 150.30 | 186.30 | 200.50 | 157.60 |
| Dec. qtr | 178.20 | 178.00 | 169.90 | 163.70 | 173.70 | 164.70 | 188.70 | 205.20 | 175.70 |
| 1976 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. qtr | 168.50 | 165.50 | 158.20 | 154.40 | 164.80 | 151.20 | 185.50 | 208.30 | 165.30 |
| June qit | 183.60 | 180.70 | 175.00 | 167.60 | 178.80 | 165.10 | 199.60 | 221.90 | 179.80 |
| Sept. qtr | 187.30 | 183.00 | 182.00 | 175.00 | 184.00 | 175.60 | 209.30 | 230.00 | 184.80 |
| Dec. qtr | 197.90 | 197.40 | 189.80 | 182.80 | 194.50 | 188.70 | 220.00 | 243.90 | 195.50 |

Seasonally Adjusted Series (c)

| 1974 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar. qtr | 122.80 | 118.90 | 114.60 | 110.30 | 115.50 | 108.10 | 135.90 | 150.00 | 119.30 |
| June qtr | 130.90 | 128.10 | 123.60 | 120.20 | 124.10 | 119.00 | 142.30 | 157.80 | 127.30 |
| Sept. qts | 144.10 | 140.40 | 134.50 | 130.30 | 135.40 | 130.70 | 155.50 | 174.40 | 140.50 |
| Dec. qtr | 151.60 | 148.20 | 142.90 | 138.20 | 144.40 | 138.00 | 159.10 | 180.40 | 147.70 |
| 1975 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. qtr | 154.80 | 149.50 | 144.50 | 141.80 | 149.40 | 144.40 | 170.30 | 193.10 | 151.50 |
| June qtr | 159.10 | 154.60 | 148.80 | 145.70 | 154.30 | 148.90 | 184.30 | 190.60 | 154.70 |
| Sept qtr | 163.00 | 159.00 | 153.30 | 148.40 | 160.20 | 152.20 | 185.40 | 197.10 | 159.40 |
| Dec. qtr | 168.80 | 168.20 | 160.60 | 157.20 | 168.20 | 154.80 | 188.90 | 205.30 | 166.90 |
| 1976 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar. qtr | 173.80 | 170.60 | 164.90 | 158.00 | 169.30 | 156.30 | 187.90 | 214.60 | 171.10 |
| June qtr | 183.20 | 182.50 | 174.20 | 168.00 | 177.30 | 165.90 | 199.60 | 216.30 | 178.80 |
| Sept. qtr | 187.00 | 182.80 | 183.00 | 173.60 | 182.80 | 177.20 | 208.60 | 233.10 | 184.90 |
| Dec. qtr | 190.20 | 187.90 | 179.60 | 177.60 | 189.10 | 178.80 | 213.40 | 238.50 | 187.40 |

(a) See "Male units" on page ' 88 . (b) Original series estimates for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter. Estimates for periods prior to $1974-75$ are not available. (c) See "Seasonally adjusted estimates" on page 89.

AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, FULL-TIME ADULT MALE NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES (a)

| Quarter | $\underset{\$}{\text { Original }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Seasonally } \\ \text { adjusted }(b) \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Annual } \\ \text { change (c) } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1974 - |  |  |  |
| March | 98.00 | 103.50 | 16.3 |
| June | 113.00 | 111.50 | 18.6 |
| September | 121.00 | 123.00 | 25.5 |
| December | 137.50 | 131.50 | 30.8 |
| 1975- |  |  |  |
| March | 130.50 | 137.00 | 32.4 |
| June | 142.50 | 141.00 | 26.5 |
| September | 144.50 | 146.50 | 19.1 |
| December | 160.00 | 152.00 | 15.6 |
| 1976 - |  |  |  |
| March | 150.00 | 155.50 | 13.5 |
| June | 164.50 | 163.50 | 16.0 |
| September | 169.00 | 169.00 | 15.4 |
| December | 179.00 | 171.50 | 12.8 |

(a) See "Definitions of eaming" on page 88. Figures have been rounded to the nearest $\mathbf{5 0}$ cents. (b) See "Seasonally adjusted estimates" on page 89. (c) Percentage change over same quarter of previous year in the seasonally adjusted series.

## PRESCRIBED RATES OF WAGE AND HOURS OF WORK

## Wage rates indexes

This section contains particulars of weighted average minimum weekly and hourly wage rates, and weighted average prescribed weekly hours of work, for adult males and adult females for Australia and each State, together with index numbers with base: year 1954=100. In this issue the figures shown are those operative in the months of 1976.

The wage rates used in the compilation of the indexes are the lowest rates for a fu!l week's work (excluding overtime) prescribed for particular occupations. In the majority of cases the rates are prescribed in awards or determinations of Federal or State industrial authorities or in collective agreements registered with them. Rates prescribed in unregistered collective agreements are used where these are dominant in the particular industries to which they refer.

The Wage Rates Indexes are based on the occupation structure existing in 1954. Weights for each industry and each occupation were derived from two sample surveys made in that year. The first was the Survey of Awards in April 1954, which showed the number of employees covered by individual awards, determinations and collective agreements, and provided employee weights for each industry as well as a basis for the Survey of Award Occupations made in November 1954. This second survey showed the number of employees in each occupation within selected awards, etc. in the various industries, thereby providing occupation weights. Revised indexes based on more up to date weighting patterns are being developed.

The minimum wage rates used in the indexes are for representative occupations within each industry. They have been derived entirely from representative awards, determinations and collective agreements in force at the end of each period commencing with March 1939 for adult males and March 1951 for adult females. The current index for adult males includes rates for 3,415 award designations prescribed in 501 awards, determinations and collective agreements. As some of these designations are operative within more than one industry, or in more than one State, the total number of individual award occupations is 2,313 . For adult females the corresponding numbers are 1,100 award designations, 187 awards, etc. and 515 individual award occupations. By use of the industry and occupation weights derived from the surveys described above, these rates were combined to give weighted averages for each industry group for each State and Australia. Because of coverage difficulties the rural industry is not included in the indexes. A list of the major awards used in the
compilation of the wage rates index for adult males, together with explanatory notes, was shown in the July 1974 and August 1974 issue of the Wage Rates and Earnings bulletin (Reference No. 6.16). The industry weighting pattern of the indexes was shown in Labour Statistics 19.75 (page 80).

Because the indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries", those awards, etc. which reiate solely or mainly to salary earners are excluded. Thus awards relating to employees in the Finance and Property industry group (banking, insurance, etc.) are excluded as are awards relating to occupations such as engineers, scientists, architects, teachers, nurses, etc. and to administrative employees in government services. Some awards that specify annual rates of pay for certain occupations mainly in government employment (for example, mail officers, postal officers, drivers, linemen, telecommunications technicians, clerks and clerical assistants, office machine operators, typists, telephonists, etc.) are included.

The rates for particular occupations used in the indexes are prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements as set out in the second paragraph on this page. Relevant rates of prescribed minimum wages for adult males and adult femaies (see page 100) are used when applicable. For some occupations general loadings of various kinds are included. Loadings, etc. that are not applicable to all workers in a specified award occupation (for example, those payable because of length of service; working in wet, dirty or confined places; excess fares incurred due to location of building site) are not included in the wage rates indexes. Annual leave loadings, prescribed in many awards, etc., are not included in the wage rates indexes. The ten per cent additions to minimum wage rates for adult males first prescribed in some Western Australian State awards in October 1970 are included in the wage rates. The weekly rates used in the index for occupations specified in the National Building Trades Construction Award include the weekly base rate of pay, the special allowance and the industry allowance.

In recent years the award rates of pay for some government employees have been based on actual rates of pay for employees in the private sector, which include over-award payments, loadings, etc. Thus award rates of pay for government employees in certain occupations will be higher than those for private employees in comparable occupations. This may affect the relative levels of the weighted average minimum wage rates in industry groups which have a large component of government employees (for example, the Communication group).

The indexes are designed to measure trends in wage rates in current awards, etc. excluding the effects of changes in the relative importance of industries, awards and occupations. The weighted average wage rates shown in the tables in this section are therefore indexes expressed in money terms, and do not purport to be actual current averages. 'Similarly, neither these weighted average wage rates nor the corresponding index numbers measure the relative levels of average current wage rates as between States or industries.

Since 1954 the industrial structure in Australia has undergone changes which are likely to have had some effects on the representativeness of the regimen of the indexes. These effects are mitigated because occupations in new or expanding industries are often covered by existing awards and the wage rates for new occupations usually conform very closely to those for existing occupations. Also, where an entirely new award has been made and the number of employees affected has warranted such action, occupations from the new award have been introduced into the indexes. These latter cases have not been' of great significance. Nevertheless, as noted on page 91, a revision of the index is under way.

Weekly wage rates for adult males cannot be compared directly with the average weekly carnings per employed male unit series shown on pages 88 to 90 , because the latter includes the actual earnings of all wage earners and salaried employees (whether adult or junior, full-time or part-time, casual, etc.) in all industries. The figures of earnings are quarterly averages and include, in addition to wages and salaries at award, etc. rates, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, and payments made in advance or retrospectively during the periods specified. The series on page 90 , while confined to earnings of full-time adult male wage and salary earners excluding managers, etc., still includes all earnings other than overtime eamings. It therefore cannot be compared directly with weekly wage rates. They also reflect changes in the importance of different industries and occupations. Certain of these differences also apply to the average weekly earnings figures shown on page 73.

Wage rates and index numbers for adult males are available as at the end of each quarter from March 1939 to December 1956 and as at the end of each month from

January 1957. Particulars for adult females have been compiled quarterly from March 1951 to June 1967 and monthly from July 1967. For details of wage rates and index numbers from 1939 reference should be made to the following bulletins.

Minimun Wage Rates, March 1939 to June 1965 (Reference No. 6.17)
Wage Rates Indexes, June 1965 to June 1968 (Reference No. 6.21)
Wage Rates Indexes, June 1968 to June 1972 (Reference No. 6.33)
Wage Rates and Earnings, June 1976 (Reference No. 6.16) for final figures July 1972 to June 1975.

This publication contains figures for 1976. More recent figures may be obtained from the monthly bulletins Wage Rates and Earnings and the monthly statements Wage Rates and Earnings (Preliminary) (Reference No. 6.37).

In some cases, when awards, etc. are varied, the new wage rates are made retrospective. Also there is generally an unavoidable, and sometimes considerable delay in the receipt of notification of changes in wage rates in respect of the occupations included in the indexes. Because of these delays, etc., figures for February 1976 and subsequent months are subject to revision. As such revisions are made they are published in the normal monthly tables of this bulletin. Considerations of space preclude the publication herein of revised figures for each industry group in each State but these are available on request.

## Distribution of Weekly Wage Rates

The table on page 99 shows the distribution of weekly wage rates included in the wage rates indexes, the weighted averages and medians of the indexes, and the percentage of index weights for wage rates equal to the various minimum wages. The figures relate to wage rates used in the compilation of the wage rates indexes, the scope and coverage of which are fully explained and defined in the notes above. The median divides a distribution into two equal groups, one group having rates equal to or above the median and the other having rates equal to or below it,each group having 50 per cent of the relevant weights. Medians were calculated from ungrouped data.

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements: and index numbers of wage rates.

| End of - | N.S.W. | $V i c$. | Qld | $S . A$ | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADULT MALES : WAGE RATES (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 119.08 | 117.32 | 121.58 | 115.13 | 113.99 | 117.71 | 118.18 |
| February | 126.62 | 124.68 | 129.37 | 122.72 | 121.67 | 125.05 | 125.71 |
| March | 126.63 | 124.71 | 129.64 | 122.76 | 121.73 | 125.05 | 125.76 |
| April | 126.69 | 124.74 | 129.73 | 123.09 | 121.83 | 125.07 | 125.85 |
| May | 130.37 | 128.35 | 133.57 | 126.73 | 125.37 | 128.72 | 129.51 |
| June | 130.46 | 128.58 | 133.61 | 126.79 | 125.43 | 128.75 | 129.63 |
| July | 130.50 | 128.62 , | 133.61 | 126.80 | 125.54 | 128.76 | 129.66 |
| August | 133.09 | 131.17 | 136.12 | 129.36 | 128.51 | 131.30 | 132.25 |
| September | 133.11 | 131.17 | 136.12 | 129.37 | 128.57 | 131.30 | 132.27 |
| October | 133.09 | 131.17 | 136.12 | 129.37 | 128.64 | 131.30 | 132.26 |
| November | 135.81 | 133.97 | 139.14 | 132.16 | 131.00 | 134.10 | 135.03 |
| December | 135.85 | 133.97 | 139.14 | 132.17 | 131.00 | 134.10 | 135.05 |

ADULT MALES : INDEX NUMBERS
(Base : Weighted average weekly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ )

| January | 421.6 | 415.4 | 430.5 | 407.6 | 403.6 | 416.8 | 418.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 448.3 | 441.5 | 458.1 | 434.5 | 430.8 | 442.8 | 445.1 |
| March | 448.4 | 441.6 | 459.0 | 434.7 | 431.0 | 442.8 | 445.3 |
| April | 448.6 | 441.7 | 459.4 | 435.8 | 431.4 | 442.8 | 445.6 |
| May | 461.6 | 454.5 | 473.0 | 448.7 | 443.9 | 455.8 | 458.6 |
| June | 461.9 | 455.3 | 473.1 | 448.9 | 444.1 | 455.9 | 459.0 |
| July | 462.1 | 455.4 | 473.1 | 449.0 | 444.5 | 455.9 | 459.1 |
| August | 471.2 | 464.4 | 482.0 | 458.0 | 455.0 | 464.9 | 468.3 |
| September | 471.3 | 464.4 | 482.0 | 458.1 | 455.2 | 464.9 | 468.3 |
| October | 471.2 | 464.4 | 482.0 | 458.1 | 455.5 | 464.9 | 468.3 |
| November | 480.9 | 474.4 | 492.7 | 468.0 | 463.8 | 474.8 | 478.1 |
| December | 481.0 | 474.4 | 492.7 | 468.0 | 463.8 | 474.8 | 478.2 |

ADULT FEMALES: WAGE RATES (\$)

| January | 109.29 | 109.20 | 110.22 | 103.49 | 104.94 | 105.56 | 108.63 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February | 116.23 | 116.17 | 118.13 | 113.15 | 111.19 | 112.33 | 115.84 |
| March | 116.23 | 116.24 | 118.13 | 113.41 | $1[1.58$ | 112.33 | 115.90 |
| April | 116.44 | 116.49 | 118.32 | 116.35 | 111.75 | 112.44 | 116.32 |
| May | 120.16 | 119.90 | 121.85 | 119.84 | 114.90 | 115.98 | 119.87 |
| June | 120.16 | 119.90 | 122.04 | 119.84 | 115.30 | 115.98 | 119.91 |
| July | 120.16 | 119.90 | 122.04 | 119.84 | 116.09 | 115.98 | 119.95 |
| August | 122.71 | 122.42 | 124.51 | 122.35 | 118.31 | 118.49 | 122.45 |
| September | 122.71 | 122.42 | 124.51 | 122.35 | 118.32 | 118.49 | 122.45 |
| October | 122.71 | 122.42 | 124.51 | 122.35 | 118.69 | 118.49 | 122.47 |
| November | 125.39 | 125.09 | 127.61 | 125.04 | 120.96 | 121.10 | 125.17 |
| December | 125.39 | 125.09 | 127.61 | 125.11 | 120.96 | 121.10 | 125.18 |

ADULT FEMALES : INDEX NUMBERS
(Base: Weighted average weekly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ )

| January | 549.0 | 548.5 | 553.6 | 519.8 | 527.1 | 530.2 | 545.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 583.8 | 583.6 | 593.4 | 568.4 | 558.5 | 564.2 | 581.9 |
| March | 583.8 | 583.9 | 593.4 | 569.7 | 560.5 | 564.2 | 582,2 |
| April | 584.9 | 585.2 | 594.4 | 584.4 | 561.3 | 564.8 | 584.3 |
| May | 603.6 | 602.3 | 612.1 | 602.0 | 577.2 | 582.6 | 602.1 |
| June | 603.6 | 602.3 | 613.0 | 602.0 | 579.2 | 582.6 | 602.3 |
| July | 603.6 | 602.3 | 613.0 | 602.0 | 583.2 | 582.6 | 602.5 |
| August | 616.4 | 614.9 | 625.4 | 614.6 | 594.3 | 595.2 | 615.1 |
| September | 616.4 | 614.9 | 625.4 | 614.6 | 594.3 | 595.2 | 615.1 |
| October | 616.4 | 614.9 | 625.4 | 614.6 | 596.2 | 595.2 | 615.2 |
| November | 629.8 | 628.3 | 641.0 | 628.1 | 607.6 | 608.3 | 628.8 |
| December | 629.8 | 628.3 | 641.0 | 628.4 | 607.6 | 608.3 | 628.8 |

(a) See page 92. For males excludes rural industry: for females also excludes mining and quarrying and building and construction. Figures for February 1976 and subsequent months are subject 10 revision.
WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 1976 (a)
Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements; and index numbers of wage rates.

| End of - | Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Railway services | Road and air transport | Shipping and steve. doring (c) | Comm. unication | Wholesale and retail trade | Public authority (n.e.i) and community and business services | Amuse. ment, hotels, personal service, etc. | All industry groups (d) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mining and quarrying (b) | Engrneering. metals, vehicles. etc. | Textiles, clothing and footwear | Food, drink and tobacco | Saw. milling, furntture, etc. | Paper, printing, etc. | Other manufacturing | All manu. facturing groups | Building and construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WAGE RATES (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 147.08 | 110.62 | 108.41 | 114.95 | 111.91 | 119.20 | 113.07 | 112.11 | 128.12 | 108.96 | 116.57 | 144.87 | 141.67 | 117.71 | 120.20 | 108.96 | 118.18 |
| February | 156.72 | 117.70 | 115.36 | 122.64 | 119.02 | 126.90 | 120.22 | 119.31 | 135.51 | 115.93 | 124.18 | 154.14 | 150.98 | 125.51 | 127.76 | 116.15 | 125.71 |
| March | 156.77 | 117.70 | 115.36 | 122.64 | 119.04 | 126.90 | 120.23 | 119.32 | 135.73 | 115.93 | 124.18 | 154.14 | 150.98 | 125.59 | 128.09 | 116.27 | 125.76 |
| April | 156.88 | 117.80 | 115.57 | 122.87 | 119.23 | 126.92 | 120.28 | 119.44 | 135.73 | 115.93 | 124.20 | 154.21 | 150.98 | 125.69 | 128.21 | 116.41 | 125.85 |
| May | 160.98 | 121.29 | 119.01 | 126.42 | 122.68 | 130.78 | 123.87 | 122.97 | 139.83 | 119.34 | 127.79 | 157.97 | 154.81 | 129.42 | 131.91 | 119.74 | 129.51 |
| June | 161.62 | 121.37 | 119.03 | 126.50 | 122.68 | 130.78 | 124.08 | 123.06 | 140.19 | 119.38 | 127.79 | 157.97 | 154.81 | 129.42 | 131.91 | 119.86 | 129.63 |
| July | 162.02 | 121.39 | 119.03 | 126.64 | 122.68 | 130.79 | 124.09 | 123.09 | 140.19 | 119.38 | 127.79 | 157.98 | 154.81 | 129.46 | 131.91 | 119.86 | 129.66 |
| August | 164.84 | 123.98 | 121.55 | 129.16 | 125.41 | 133.35 | 126.68 | 125.67 | 142.79 | 121.88 | 130.33 | 160.54 | 157.40 | 132.02 | 134.92 | 122.28 | 132.25 |
| September | 165.11 | 123.99 | 121.55 | 129.16 | 125.41 | 133.35 | 126.68 | 125.68 | 142.80 | 121.88 | 130.36 | 160.54 | 157.40 | 132.02 | 134.93 | 122.28 | 132.27 |
| October | 164.84 | 123.99 | 121.55 | 129.16 | 125.41 | 133.35 | 126.69 | 125.68 | 142.80 | 121.88 | 130.36 | 160.54 | 157.40 | 132.02 | 134.93 | 122.39 | 132.26 |
| November | 167.86 | 126.70 | 124.22 | 132.03 | 128.05 | 136.23 | 129.45 | 128.42 | 145.19 | 124.37 | 133.25 | 163.98 | 160.86 | 134.96 | 137.82 | 124.99 | 135.03 |
| Dccember | 168.26 | 126.70 | 124.22 | 132.03 | 128.05 | 136.23 | 129.45 | 128.42 | 145.19 | 124.37 | 133.25 | 163.98 | 160.86 | 134.96 | 137.82 | 124.99 | 135.05 |
| INDEX NUMBERS(Base : Weighted average weekly wage rate, Australta, year $1954=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J anuary | 520.8 | 391.7 | 383.9 | 407.0 | 396.3 | 422.1 | 400.4 | 397.0 | 453.7 | 385.8 | 412.8 | 513.0 | 501.6 | 416.8 | 425.6 | 385.8 | 418.4 |
| February | 554.9 | 416.7 | 408.5 | 434.2 | 421.4 | 449.3 | 425.7 | 422.5 | 479.8 | 410.5 | 439.7 | 545.8 | 534.6 | 444.4 | 452.4 | 411.3 | 445.1 |
| March | 555.1 | 416.8 | 408.5 | 434.2 | 421.5 | 449.3 | 425.7 | 422.5 | 480.6 | 410.5 | 439.7 | 545.8 | 534.6 | 444.7 | 453.5 | 411.7 | 445.3 |
| April | 555.5 | 417.1 | 409.2 | 435.1 | 422.2 | 449.4 | 425.9 | 422.9 | 480.6 | 410.5 | 439.8 | 546.0 | 534.6 | 445.0 | 454.0 | 412.2 | 445.6 |
| May | 570.0 | 429.5 | 421.4 | 447.6 | 434.4 | 463.1 | 438.6 | 435.4 | 495.1 | 422.6 | 452.5 | 559.3 | 548.3 | 458.3 | 467.1 | 424.0 | 458.6 |
| June | 572.3 | 429.8 | 421.5 | 447.9 | 434.4 | 463.1 | 439.3 | 435.7 | 496.4 | 422.7 | 452.5 | 559.3 | 548.2 | 458.3 | 467.1 | 424.4 | 459.0 |
| July | 573.7 | 429.8 | 421.5 | 448.4 | 434.4 | 463.1 | 439.4 | 435.8 | 496.4 | 422.7 | 452.5 | 559.4 | 548.2 | 458.4 | 467.1 | 424.4 | 459.1 |
| August | 583.7 | 439.0 | 430.4 | 457.3 | 444.0 | 472.2 | 448.5 | 445.0 | 505.6 | 431.6 | 461.5 | 568.5 | 557.3 | 467.5 | 477.7 | 433.0 | 468.3 |
| September | 584.6 | 439.0 | 430.4 | 457.3 | 444.0 | 472.2 | 448.5 | 445.0 | 505.6 | 431.6 | 461.6 | 568.5 | 557.3 | 467.5 | 477.8 | 433.0 | 468.3 |
| October | 583.7 | 439.0 | 430.4 | 457.3 | 444.0 | 472.2 | 448.6 | 445.0 | 505.6 | 431.6 | 461.6 | 568.5 | 557.3 | 467.5 | 477.8 | 433.4 | 468.3 |
| November | 594.4 | 448.6 | 439.9 | 467.5 | 453.4 | 482.4 | 458.4 | 454.7 | 514.1 | 440.4 | 471.8 | 580.6 | 569.6 | 477.9 | 488.0 | 442.6 | 478.1 |
| December | 595.8 | 448.6 | 439.9 | 467.5 | 453.4 | 482.4 | 458.4 | 454.7 | 514.1 | 440.4 | 471.8 | 580.6 | 569.6 | 477.9 | 488.0 | 442.6 | 478.2 |

WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 1976 (a)
Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements; and index numbers of wage rates.

| End of - | Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  | Whole- <br> sole <br> and <br> retail <br> trade | Public authority (ne.i.) and community and business services | Amusement. hotels, personal service, etc. | All industry groups (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. | Textiles, clothing and foorwear | Food, drink and tobacco | Other manufacturing | All mantfacturing groups | Transport and communicotion |  |  |  |  |
| WAGE RATES (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 106.85 | 101.11 | 107.45 | 107.04 | 104.25 | 112.49 | 115.21 | 113.80 | 105.10 | 108.63 |
| February | 114.07 | 107.64 | 114.79 | 114.09 | 111.12 | 119.74 | 123.37 | 120.99 | 111.49 | 115.84 |
| March | 114.07 | 107.64 | 114.79 | 114.09 | 111.12 | 119.74 | 123.45 | 121.19 | 111.68 | 115.90 |
| April | 114.68 | 108.27 | 115.23 | 114.36 | 111.65 | 120.24 | 123.84 , | 121.28 | 111.96 | 116.32 |
| May | 118.08 | 111.53 | 118.66 | 117.79 | 114.99 | 123.95 | 127.84 | 124.82 | 115.24 | 119.87 |
| June | 118.08 | 111.62 | 118.66 | 117.79 | 115.03 | 123.95 | 127.84 | 124.82 | 115.43 | 119.91 |
| July | 118.14 | 111.63 | 118.71 | 117.83 | 115.06 | 123.98 | 127.95 | 124.82 | 115.43 | 119.95 |
| August | 120.64 | 114.13 | 121.22 | 120.28 | 117.55 | 126.68 | 130.49 | 127.32 | 117.82 | 122.45 |
| September | 120.64 | 114.13 | 121.22 | 120.28 | 117.55 | 126.68 | 130.49 | 127.33 | 117.82 | 122.45 |
| October | 120.64 | 114.13 | 121.22 | 120.28 | 117.55 | 126.68 | 130.49 | 127.33 | 118.00 | 122.47 |
| November | 123.29 | 116.62 | 123.99 | 123.00 | 120.16 | 129.45 | 133.43 | 130.08 | 120.43 | 125.17 |
| December | 123.29 | 116.62 | 124.07 | 123.00 | 120.17 | 129.45 | 133.43 | 130.08 | 120.43 | 125.18 |

INDEX NUMBERS
(Base: Weighted average weekly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ )

| January | 536.7 | 507.9 | 539.8 | 537.7 | 523.6 | 565.1 | 578.7 | 571.6 | 527.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February | 573.0 | 540.7 | 576.6 | 573.1 | 558.2 | 601.4 | 619.7 | 607.8 | 560.0 |
| March | 573.0 | 540.7 | 576.6 | 573.1 | 558.2 | 601.4 | 620.1 | 608.8 | 561.0 |
| April | 576.1 | 543.9 | 578.8 | 574.4 | 560.8 | 604.0 | 622.1 | 609.2 | 562.4 |
| May | 593.1 | 560.2 | 596.1 | 591.7 | 577.6 | 622.6 | 642.2 | 627.0 | 578.9 |
| June | 593.1 | 560.7 | 596.1 | 591.7 | 577.8 | 622.6 | 642.2 | 627.0 | 579.8 |
| July | 593.4 | 560.7 | 596.3 | 591.9 | 578.0 | 622.8 | 642.7 | 627.0 | 579.8 |
| August | 606.0 | 573.3 | 608.9 | 604.2 | 590.5 | 636.3 | 655.5 | 639.5 | 591.8 |
| September | 606.0 | 573.3 | 608.9 | 604.2 | 590.5 | 636.3 | 655.5 | 639.6 | 591.8 |
| October | 606.0 | 573.3 | 608.9 | 604.2 | 590.5 | 636.3 | 655.5 | 639.6 | 592.7 |
| November | 619.3 | 585.8 | 622.8 | 617.8 | 603.6 | 650.3 | 670.2 | 653.4 | 604.9 |
| December | 619.3 | 585.8 | 623.2 | 617.8 | 603.6 | 650.3 | 670.2 | 653.4 | 604.9 |

(a) See page 92. Figures for February 1976 and subsequent months are subject to revision. (b) Exciudes rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, ALL GROUPS (a), 1976
Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

| End of - | $N . S . W$. | Vic. | Qld | S. $A$. | W. A. | Tas. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAGE RATES (Cents) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 297.69 | 292.04 | 303.31 | 286.00 | 283.68 | 290.94 | 294.63 |
| February | 316.81 | 310.62 | 323.02 | 305.08 | 303.10 | 309.16 | 313.67 |
| March | 316.82 | 310.70 | 323.71 | 305.19 | 303.26 | 309.16 | 313.81 |
| April | 317.00 | 310.78 | 323.94 | 306.04 | 303.51 | 309.20 | 314.03 |
| May | 326.24 | 319.79 | 333.60 | 315.15 | 312.38 | 318.30 | 323.22 |
| June | 326.48 | 320.40 | 333.69 | 315.30 | 312.55 | 318.38 | 323.52 |
| July | 326.57 | 320.49 | 333.69 | 315.33 | 312.83 | 318.38 | 323.61 |
| August | 333.09 | 326.88 | 340.01 | 321.74 | 320.30 | 324.76 | 330.12 |
| September | 333.15 | 326.88 | 340.01 | 321.78 | 320.47 | 324.76 | 330.15 |
| October | 333.09 | 326.88 | 340.01 | 321.76 | 320.65 | 324.76 | 330.14 |
| November | 339.90 | 333.85 | 347.54 | 328.71 | 326.50 | 331.66 | 337.05 |
| December | 339.99 | 333.85 | 347.54 | 328.74 | 326.50 | 331.66 | 337.08 |

INDEX NUMBERS
(Base: Weighted average hourly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ )

(a) See page 92. Excludes rural industry, and shipping and stevedoring. The former is not included in the Wage Rates Indexes and for the latter definite particulars for the computation of hourly wage rates are not available. Figures for February 1976 and subsequent months are subject to revision.
HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 1976 (a)
Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates

| End of - | Manujacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Railuay services | Road and air transport | Communication | Whotesale and retail trade | Public authority (n.e.i.) <br> and commun. ity and business services | Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc. | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { industry } \\ \text { groups (c) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mining and quarrying (b) | Engineering. metals, vehicles, etc. | Textiles, clothing and <br> footwear | Food, drink robacco and obacco | Sow. milling, furniture, efc. | Paper, printing, etc. | - Other manu. facturing | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { manu. } \\ \text { facturing } \\ \text { groups } \end{gathered}$ | Building and construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WAGE RATES (cents) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 396.89 | 276.56 | 271.03 | 287.51 | 279.79 | 298.38 | 282.79 | 280.33 | 320.31 | 272.47 | 291.43 | 357.30 | 294.27 | 306.24 | 272.40 | 294.63 |
| February | 422.91 | 294.38 | 288.39 | 306.73 | 297.54 | 317.67 | 300.67 | 298.41 | 338.78 | 289.88 | 310.45 | 388.61 | 313.77 | 325.50 | 290.37 | 313.67 |
| March | 423.04 | 294.38 | 288.41 | 306.74 | 297.60 | 317.67 | 300.69 | 298.42 | 339.32 | 289.88 | 310.45 | 388.61 | 313.97 | 326.34 | 290.67 | 313.81 |
| April | 423.33 | 294.65 | 288.92 | 307.33 | 298.08 | 317.72 | 300.82 | 298.72 | 339.32 | 289.88 | 310.49 | 388.61 | 314.21 | 326.63 | 291.02 | 314.03 |
| May | 434.39 | 303.36 | 297.53 | 316.20 | 306.71 | 327.37 | 309.79 | 307.54 | 349.58 | 298.42 | 319.48 | 398.46 | 323.56 | 336.08 | 299.34 | 323.22 |
| June | 436.12 | 303.57 | 297.57 | 316.40 | 306.71 | 327.37 | 310.31 | 307.77 | 350.49 | 298.53 | 319.48 | 398.46 | 323.56 | 336.08 | 299.64 | 323.52 |
| July | 437.21 | 303.61 | 297.59 | 316.74 | 306.71 | 327.41 | 310.34 | 307.85 | 350.49 | 298.53 | 319.48 | 398.46 | 323.64 | 336.08 | 299.64 | 323.61 |
| August | 444.81 | 310.08 | 303:87 | 323.06 | 313.52 | 333.80 | 316.81 | 314.31 | 356.98 | 304.78 | 325.82 | 405.12 | 330.06 | 343.75 | 305.70 | 330.12 |
| September | 445.53 | 310.13 | 303.87 | 323.06 | 313.52 | 333.80 | 316.81 | 314.33 | 357.00 | 304.78 | 325.89 | 405.12 | 330.06 | 343.76 | 305.70 | 330.15 |
| October | 444.81 | 310.11 | 303.87 | 323.06 | 313.52 | 333.80 | 316.86 | 314.33 | 357.01 | 304.78 | 325.89 | 405.12 | 330.06 | 343.76 | 305.99 | 330.14 |
| November | 452.96 | 316.89 | 310.56 | 330.22 | 320.12 | 341.02 | 323.76 | 321.19 | 362.98 | 310.98 | 333.13 | 414.02 | 337.41 | 351.13 | 312.47 | 337.05 |
| December | 454.05 | 316.91 | 310.56 | 330.22 | 320.12 | 341.02 | 323.76 | 321.20 | 362.98 | 310.98 | 333.13 | 414.02 | 337.41 | 351.13 | 312.47 | 337.08 |
| INDEX NUMBERS(Base : Weighted average hourly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 561.0 | 390.9- | 383.1 | 406.4 | 395.5 | 421.7 | 399.7 | 396.2 | 452.7 | 385.1 | 411.9 | 505.0 | 415.9 | 432.8 | 385.0 |  |
| February | 597.7 | 416.1 | 407.6 | 433.5 | 420.6 | 449.0 | 425.0 | 421.8 | 478.8 | 409.7 | 438.8 | 549.3 | 443.5 | 460.1 | 410.4 | 443.4 |
| March | 597.9 | 416.1 | 407.6 | 433.5 | 420.6 | 449.0 | 425.0 | 421.8 | 479.6 | 409.7 | 438.8 | 549.3 | 443.8 | 461.3 | 410.8 | 443.5 |
| April | 598.3 | 416.5 | 408.4 | 434.4 | 421.3 | 449.1 | 425.2 | 422.2 | 479.6 | 409.7 | 438.9 | 549.3 | 444.1 | 461.7 | 411.3 | 443.9 |
| May June | 614.0 616.4 | 428.8 429.1 | 420.5 420.6 | 446.9 447.2 | 433.5 433.5 | 462.7 462.7 | 437.9 438.6 | 434.7 435.0 | 494.1 495.4 | 421.8 42.9 | 451.6 4516 | 563.2 563.2 | 457.3 | 475.0 | 423.1 | 456.8 |
| June | 616.4 618.0 | 429.1 | 420.6 420.6 | 4477.2 | 433.5 433.5 | 462.7 462.8 | 438.6 438.6 | 435.0 | 495.4 | 421.9 421.9 | 451.6 451.6 | 563.2 563.2 | 457.3 457.4 | 475.0 | 423.5 | 457.3 |
| August | 628.7 | 438.3 | 429.5 | 456.6 | 443.1 | 471.8 | 447.8 | 444.3 | 504.6 | 430.8 | 460.5 | 563.2 572.6 | 456.5 | 475.0 485.9 | 423.5 | 457.4 466.6 |
| September | 629.7 | 438.3 | 429.5 | 456.6 | 443.1 | 471.8 | 447.8 | 444.3 | 504.6 | 430.8 | 460.6 | 572.6 | 466.5 | 485.9 | 432.1 | 466.6 |
| October | 628.7 | 438.3 | 429.5 | 456.6 | 443.1 | 471.8 | 447.9 | 444.3 | 504.6 | 430.8 | 460.6 | 572.6 | 466.5 | 485.9 | 432.5 | 466.6 |
| November | 640.2 | 447.9 | 438.9 | 466.7 | 452.5 | 482.0 | 457.6 | 454.0 | 513.1 | 439.6 | 470.8 | 585.2 | 476.9 | 496.3 | 441.7 | 476.4 |
| December | 641.8 | 447.9 | 438.9 | 466.7 | 452.5 | 482.0 | 457.6 | 454.0 | 513.1 | 439.6 | 470.8 | 585.2 | 476.9 | 496.3 | 441.7 | 476.4 |

(a) See page 92. Figures tor February 1976 and subsequent months are subject to revision. (b) For mining, wage rates used are those prescribed for the principal
mining centres and inciude lead bonuses, etc. (c) Excludes rural industry and shipping and stevedoring. The former is not included in the Wage Rates Indexes and for the latter definite particulars for the computation of hourly wage rates are not available.

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

| End of - | N.S.W. | Vic. | QId | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAGE RATES (Cents) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 276.51 | 274.31 | 271.63 | 260.23 | 263.79 | 266.39 | 273.83 |
| February | 294.06 | 291.84 | 297.54 | 284.55 | 279.48 | 283.48 | 292.00 |
| March | 294.06 | 291.99 | 297.54 | 285.19 | 280.46 | 283.48 | 292.15 |
| April | 294.59 | 292.64 | 298.04 | 292.58 | 280.89 | 283.77 | 293.21 |
| May | 304.02 | 301.21 | 306.92 | 301.37 | 288.82 | 292.68 | 302.16 |
| June | 304.02 | 301.21 | 307.40 | 301.37 | 289.82 | 292.68 | 302.26 |
| July | 304.02 | 301.21 | 307.40 | 301.37 | 291.82 | 292.68 | 302.36 |
| $r$ ugust | 310.45 | 307.52 | 313.62 | 307.68 | 297.38 | 299.04 | 308.68 |
| September | 310.45 | 307.52 | 313.62 | 307.68 | 297.41 | 299.04 | 308.68 |
| October | 310.45 | 307.52 | 313.62 | 307.68 | 298.35 | 299.04 | 308.73 |
| November | 317.23 | 314.23 | 321.43 | 314.43 | 304.06 | 305.62 | 315.53 |
| December | 317.23 | 314.23 | 321.43 | 314.60 | 304.06 | 305.62 | 315.55 |

INDEX NUMBERS
(Base : Weighted average hourly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ )

| January | 551.2 | 546.8 | 553.4 | 518.7 | 528.8 | 531.0 | 545.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| February | 51.2 | 581.7 | 59.1 | 567.2 | 557.1 | 565.0 | 582.0 |
| March | 586.1 | 582.0 | 593.1 | 568.5 | 559.0 | 565.0 | 582.3 |
| April | 587.2 | 583.3 | 594.1 | 583.2 | 559.9 | 565.6 | 584.4 |
| May | 606.0 | 600.4 | 611.8 | 600.7 | 575.7 | 583.4 | 602.3 |
| June | 606.0 | 600.4 | 612.7 | 600.7 | 57.7 | 583.4 | 602.5 |
| July | 606.0 | 600.4 | 612.7 | 600.7 | 581.7 | 583.4 | 602.7 |
| August | 618.8 | 613.0 | 625.1 | 613.3 | 592.7 | 596.0 | 615.3 |
| September | 618.8 | 613.0 | 625.1 | 613.3 | 59.8 | 596.0 | 615.3 |
| October | 618.8 | 613.0 | 625.1 | 613.3 | 594.7 | 596.0 | 615.4 |
| November | 632.3 | 626.3 | 640.7 | 626.7 | 606.1 | 609.2 | 628.9 |
| December | 632.3 | 626.3 | 640.7 | 627.1 | 606.1 | 609.2 | 629.0 |

(a) See page 92 . Excludes rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction. Figures for February 1976 and subsequent months are subject to revision.

HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 1976 (a)
Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

| End of- | Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  | Wholesale and retail trade | Public authority (n.e.i.) <br> and <br> commun- <br> ity and <br> business services | Amuse. ment, hotels personal service, etc. | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { industry } \\ \text { groups } \end{gathered},$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Engin. eering, metals, vehicles, etc. | Textiles, clothing and footwear | Food, drink and robacco | $\begin{gathered} \text { Other } \\ \text { manu- } \\ \text { facturing } \end{gathered}$ |  | Transport and communication unication |  |  |  |  |
| WAGE RATES (Cents) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 267.51 | 252.89 | 268.64 | 268.45 | 260.92 | 296.73 | 289.33 | 292.36 | 264.89 | 273.83 |
| February | 285.60 | 269.22 | 286.98 | 286.14 | 278.12 | 315.83 | 309.83 | 310.84 | 281.00 | 292.00 |
| March | 285.60 | 269.22 | 286.98 | 286.14 | 278.12 | 315.83 | 310.01 | 311.35 | 281.48 | 292.15 |
| April | 287.13 | 270.80 | 288.09 | 286.80 | 279.44 | 317.17 | 311.00 | 311.57 | 282.18 | 293.21 |
| May | 295.64 | 278.96 | 296.66 | 295.41 | 287.81 | 326.94 | 321.05 | 320.68 | 290.43 | 302.16 |
| June | 295.64 | 279.19 | 296.66 | 295.41 | 287.92 | 326.94 | 321.05 | 320.68 | 290.92 | 302.26 |
| July | 295.77 | 279.20 | 296.77 | 295.51 | 287.98 | 327.03 | 321.31 | 320.68 | 290.92 | 302.36 |
| August | 302.03 | 285.46 | 303.04 | 301.66 | 294.22 | 334.15 | 327.69 | 327.10 | 296.93 | 308.68 |
| September | 302.03 | 285.46 | 303.04 | 301.66 | 294.22 | 334.15 | 327.69 | 327.11 | 296.93 | 308.68 |
| October | 302.03 | 285.46 | 303.04 | 301.66 | 294.22 | 334.15 | 327.69 | 327.11 | 297.39 | 308.73 |
| November | 308.69 | 291.69 | 309.97 | 308.47 | 300.75 | 341.47 | 335.08 | 334.18 | 303.51 | 315.53 |
| December | 308.69 | 291.69 | 310.16 | 308.47 | 300.77 | 341.47 | 335.08 | 334.18 | 303.51 | 315.55 |
| INDEX NUMBERS <br> (Base : Weighted average hourly wage rate, Australia, year $1954=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 533.2 | 504.1 | 535.4 | 535.1 | 520.1 | 591.4 | 576.7 | 582.7 | 528.0 | 545.8 |
| February | 569.3 | 536.6 | 572.0 | 570.3 | 554.4 | 629.5 | 617.6 | 619.6 | 560.1 | 582.0 |
| March | 569.3 | 536.6 | 572.0 | 570.3 | 554.4 | 629.5 | 617.9 | 620.6 | 561.0 | 582.3 |
| April | 572.3 | 539.8 | 574.2 | 571.7 | 557.0 | 632.2 | 619.9 | 621.0 | 562.4 | 584.4 |
| May | 589.3 | 556.0 | 591.3 | 588.8 | 573.7 | 651.7 | 639.9 | 639.2 | 578.9 | 602.3 |
| June | 589.3 | 556.5 | 591.3 | 588.8 | 573.9 | 651.7 | 639.9 | 639.2 | 579.9 | 602.5 |
| July | 589.5 | 556.5 | 591.5 | 589.0 | 574.0 | 651.8 | 640.4 | 639.2 | 579.9 | 602.7 |
| August | 602.0 | 569.0 | 604.0 | 601.3 | 586.4 | 666.0 | 653.2 | 652.0 | 591.9 | 615.3 |
| September | 602.0 | 569.0 | 604.0 | 601.3 | 586.4 | 666.0 | 653.2 | 652.0 | 591.9 | 615.3 |
| October November | 602.0 615.3 | 569.0 581.4 | 604.0 617.8 | 601.3 614.9 | 586.4 599.5 | 668.0 | 653.2 | 652.0 | 592.8 | 615.4 |
| Novernber December | 615.3 615.3 | 581.4 581.4 | 617.8 618.2 | 614.9 614.9 | 599.5 599.5 | 680.6 680.6 | 667.9 667.9 | 666.1 666.1 | 605.0 605.0 | 628.9 629.0 |

## PRESCRIBED WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK, DECEMBER 1976

Indexes of weighted average weekly hours of work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards,
determinations and collective agreements.

| Industry group | N.S.W. | Vic. | Q1d | $S . A$. | W. A, | Tas. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADULT MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining and quarrying | 35.75 | 40.00 | 37.88 | 40.00 | 38.16 | 39.12 | 37.06 |
| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ergineering, metals, vehicles, etc. | 39.99 | 39.97 | 39.98 | 40.00 | 39.97 | 40.60 | 39.98 |
| Textiles, clothing and footwear | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Food, drink and tobacco | 39.94 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.98 |
| Sawmilling, furniture, etc. | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Paper, printing, etc. | 40.00 | 39.94 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.21 | 40.00 | 39.95 |
| Other manufacturing | 40.00 | 39.96 | 40.00 | 39.91 | 40.09 | 39.97 | 39.98 |
| All manufacturing groups | 39.99 | 39.98 | 39.99 | 39.98 | 39.97 | 40.00 | 39.98 |
| Building and construction | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Railway services | 40.00 | 39.96 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.99 |
| Road and air transport | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Communication | 38.98 | 38.83 | 38.83 | 38.38 | 38.83 | 38.78 | 38.85 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Public authority (n.e.i.) and community and business services | 39.23 | 38.93 | 39.52 | 39.23 | 39.58 | 39.39 | 39.25 |
| Amusement, hoteis, personal service, etc. | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| All industry groups (a) | 39.74 | 39.92 | 39.84 | 39.92 | 39.80 | 39.89 | 39.83 |

ADULT FEMALES

| Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc. | 39.97 | 39.87 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.94 |
| Textiles, clothing and footwear | 39.95 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.98 |
| Food, drink and tobacco | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Other manufacturing | 39.79 | 39.94 | 40.00 | 39.86 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.87 |
| All manufacturing groups | 39.92 | 39.97 | 40.00 | 39.97 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.95 |
| Transport and communication | 38.04 | 37.94 | 37.81 | 37.84 | 37.87 | 36.28 | 37.91 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 39.55, | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 39.82 |
| Public authority (n.e.i.) and community and business services | 38.49 | 39.25 | 39.24 | 39.19 | 39.44 | 37.67 | 38.92 |
| Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc. | 39.40 | 39.94 | 39.91 | 39.85 | 39.92 | 39.88 | 39.68 |
| All industry groups (b) | 39.53 | 39.81 | 39.70 | 39.77 | 39.78 | 39.63 | 39.67 |

(a) Excludes rural industry and shipping and stevedoring. The former is not inciuded in the Wage Rates Indexes and for the later definite particulars of prescribed hours of work are not available. (b) Excludes rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

Weekly wage rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements.

|  | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | $S$ A. | W. $A$, | Tas. | Aust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADULT MALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly wage rates (\$) - | Proportion of index weights in each weekly wage rates group (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 99.99 | . | Pror | , | 兂 | 8.0 |  | 0.6 |
| 100.00 to 104.99 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| 105.00 to 109.99 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 5.7 |
| 110.00 to 114.99 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 1.2 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 6.4 |
| 115.00 to 119.99 | 7.7 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 14.8 | 9.3 |
| 120.00 to 124.99 | 9.8 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 8.4 |
| 125.00 to 129.99 | 8.6 | 19.2 | 20.5 | 16.9 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 13.7 |
| 130.00 to 134.99 | 18.7 | 15.8 | 7.4 | 19.3 | 16.9 | 18.8 | 16.3 |
| 135.00 to 139.99 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 11.7 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 9.1 | 8.0 |
| 140.00 to 144.99 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 5.9 |
| 145.00 to 149.99 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 17.7 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| 150.00 to 159.99 | 8.6 | 4.7 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 6.9 |
| 160.00 to 169.99 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 12.3 | 8.6 | 3.0 | 11.5 | 6.4 |
| 170.00 to 179.99 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 3.2 |
| 180.00 to 189.99 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| 190.00 to 199.99 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 200.0 and over | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Weighted average (mean)(\$) Median (\$) (b) | 135.35 130.90 | 133.94 129.90 | 138.93 135.00 | 132.05 129.80 | 130.45 131.40 | 133.99 130.80 | 134.77 13090 |
| Median (\$) (b) | 130.90 | 129.90 | 135.00 | 129.80 | 131.40 | 130.80 | 130.90 |

Proportion of weekly rates equal to the minimum wage (per cent)

| Federal awards, etc. State awards, etc. All awards, etc. | 4.7 2.1 | 0.3 $*$ 0.2 | 2.4 1.8 | 0.2 2.4 0.8 | 9.1 8.0 | 0.4 0.4 0.4 | 0.1 3.7 1.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADULT FEMALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly wage rates (\$) - | Proportion of index weights in each weekly wage rates group (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 95.00 | $\ldots$ | Pror | . . | . | 0.6 |  | * |
| 95.00 to 99.99 | . | . | . . | . | 1.5 | . | 0.1 |
| 100.00 to 104.99 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 15.5 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| 105.00 to 109.99 | 11.9 | 18.0 | 7.6 | 13.0 | 7.6 | 23.0 | 13.5 |
| 110.00 to 114.99 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 10.9 | 4.6 |
| 115.00 to 119.99 | 26.3 | 26.8 | 21.1 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 21.4 | 24.4 |
| 120.00 to 124.99 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 10.3 | 6.7 | 2.7 | 7.9 | 5.6 |
| 125.00 to 129.99 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 21.8 | 8.2 | 22.3 | 5.4 | 10.6 |
| 130.00 to 134.99 | 15.0 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 32.2 | 25.2 | 25.0 | 14.5 |
| 135.00 to 139.99 | 18.7 | 0.8 | 23.7 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 11.7 |
| 140.00 to 144.99 | 7.3 | 12.9 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 8.0 |
| 145.00 to 149.99 | 0.5 | 10.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 3.9 |
| i50.00 and over | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Weighted average (mean) (\$) | $125.35$ | $125.08$ | $126.39$ | 125.01 | 120.74 | 121.08 | 125.01 |
| Median (\$) (b) | 123.80 | 118.70 | 127.90 | 129.50 | 124.70 | 118.90 | 123.30 |

Proportion of weekly rates equal to the minimum wage (per cent)

| Federal awards, etc. | 0.5 | 1.8 | $\ldots$ | 1.0 | 2.2 | 1.0 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| State awads, etc. | 1.1 | $\ldots$ | 4.1 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 1.3 |
| All awards, etc. | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.2 |

(a) See explanatory notes on page 92. Figures in this table may not agree with corresponding averages for November 1976 shown in other tables of this Section which include later revised figures.

## BASIC WAGES, MINIMUM WAGES, AND INCREASES IN TOTAL AWARD WAGES

The tables in this section give details of basic wages, minimum wages and increases in award total wages operative in 1976. Figures for earlier periods are published in Labour Statistics 1975 and in the monthly bulletin Wage Rates and Earnings (Reference No. 6.16).

STATE BASIC WAGES : WEEKLY RATES (\$)

| State | Date operative | Adult males | Adult females | State | Date operative | Adult males | Adult females |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N.S.W. | (a) 22 November 1976 | 59.90 | 50.60 | South Australia | -• | (b) | (b) |
| Victoria | - | (b) | (b) | Western Australia | (a) 31 May 1974 | 48.50 | 43.50 |
| Queensland (c) | 22 November 1976 | 65.60 | 51.70 | Tasmania | (a) 22 November 1976 | 62.90 | 62.90 |

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Basic wage rates no longer operate. (c)

Rates shown are operative in the Southern Division - Eastern Distract (including Brisbane). District allowances are added for other areas Southern Division (Western Districi) \$1.05, Mackay Division 90c, Northern Division (Eastern District) \$1.05, and Northern Division (Western District) $\mathbf{\$ 3 . 2 5}$ a week. For adult female basic wages the allowances are $\mathbf{7 5}$ per cent of these amounts.

MINIMUM WAGE : WEEKLY RATES (\$) - ADULT MALES AND ADULT FEMALES, FEDERAL AWARDS

| Date operattye (a) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | "Six Capital Cities' | Canberra | Darwin (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 197518 September | 83.60 | 82.80 | 81.10 | 82.40 | 82.90 | 83.50 | 82.90 | 83.10 | 85.80 |
| 1976-15 February | 89.00 | 88.10 | 86.30 | 87.70 | 88.20 | 88.80 | 88.20 | 88.40 | 91.30 |
| 1 April | 94.00 | 93.10 | 91.30 | 92.70 | 93.20 | 93.80 | 93.20 | 93.40 | 96.30 |
| 15 May | 96.80 | 95.90 | 94.00 | 95.50 | 96.00 | 96.60 | 96.00 | 96.20 | 99.20 |
| 15 August | 99.30 | 98.40 | 96.50 | 98.00 | 98.50 | 99.10 | -8.50 | 98.70 | 101.70 |
| 22 November | 101.50 | 100.60 | 98.60 | 100.20 | 100.70 | 101.30 | 100.70 | 100.90 | 103.90 |

(a) Rates are operative from the begtnning of the first pay-period commencing on of after the date shown. (b) Rates shown for Darwin are applicable in the Northern Territory north of the 20 th parallel of south latitude. Rates for the Northern Territory south of this parallel are $\$ 1.60$ a week less.

MINIMUM WAGE : WEEKLY RATES (\$) - STATE AWARDS

| State | Date operative | Aduht males | Adult females | State | Date operative | Adult males | Adult females |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N.S.W. | (a) 22 November 1976 | 101.50 | 101.50 | South Australia | (a) 22 November 1976 | 100.20 | 100.20 |
| Victoria | (a) 22 November 1976 | 100.60 | 100.60 | Western Australia | (a) 15 November 1976 | 99.80 | 97.00 |
| Queensland (b) | 22 November 1976 | 101.10 | 101.10 | Tasmania | (a) 22 November 1976 | 102.30 | 102.30 |

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) See footnote (c) to first table on this page.

GENERAL INCREASES IN AWARD TOTAL WAGES - ADULT MALES AND ADULT FEMALES

| Federal awards |  | Victorian Wages Board determinationt |  | South Australian State awards |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date opentive (a) | Increase | Date operative (a) | Increase | Date operative (a) | Increase |
| 1976-15 February | 6.4 per cent | 1976-15 February | 6.4 per cent | 1976-15 February | 6.4 per cent |
| 15 May | (b) 3.0 per cent | 15 May | (b) 3.0 per cent | $15 \text { May }$ | (b)3.0 per cent |
| 15 August | (c) 1.5 per cent | 15 August | (c) 1.5 per cent | 15 August | (c) 1.5 per cent |
| 22 November | 2.2 per cent | 22 November | 2.2 per cent | 22 November | 2.2 per cent |

(a) Operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Increase 3 per cent up to a maximum of $\$ 3.80$ a week. (c) $\$ 2.50$ for wage rates $u p$ to $\$ 166$ per week. 1.5 per cent for wage rates over $\$ 166$ per week.

## AWARD RATES OF PAY AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK, PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS

The rates of pay and hours of work in the tables in this section have been taken from awards, determinations and collective agreements of industrial tribunals and in some cases from unregistered collective agreements operative at 31 December 1976. The occupations shown are a sample of those appearing in the six-monthly publication Award Rates of Pay and Prescribed Hours of Work - Adult Males and Adult Females - State Capital Cities (Reference No. 6.15). Rates shown are those payable in the capital cities except for those in primary production and coal mining and shipping.

The rates of pay quoted are those which had been notified by 30 April 1977 and may be subject to revision due to retrospective adjustments to awards, etc.

For some occupations more than one wage rate is quoted, indicating that there are different classes or grades of work or that different rates are payable according to locality. Where only two rates are specified,
they are shown in the form $\$ 132.70$ and $\$ 136.00$. In other cases the rates are shown in the form $\$ 132.10$ $\$ 143.90$, indicating that, in addition to the two rates specified, certain intermediate rates are also prescribed.

The weekly rates shown are generally those prescribed in awards, etc. for a full week's work (excluding overtime). Where it is not possible to quote such rates, hourly or daily rates are shown. Prescribed rates of minimum wage for adult males and adult females (see page 100) are used where applicable. For most occupations the hours constituting a full week's work (excluding overtime) are 40, where the weekly hours prescribed differ from 40 they are shown in footnotes to the tables.

The wage rates and hours of work shown in these tables have been compiled for statistical purposes only, and any inquiries regarding specific rates prescribed for particular occupations should be addressed to the appropriate industrial tribunal.

AWARD RATES OF PAY AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK, ADULT MALES, STATE CAPITAL CITIES, 31 DECEMBER 1976 (\$)

| Industry and occupation | New <br> South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | Soush Australia | Westem Australia | Tasmania |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primary Production - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fruit picker | (a) 112.60 | (a) 112.60 | 101.10 | (a) 112.60 |  | (a)112.60 |
| General station hand (b) | (a) 115.20 | (a)115.20 | (c)118.25 | (a)115.20 | (a) 115.20 | (a) 115.20 |
| Shearet per 100 flock sheep (d) | 53.55 | 53.55 | 53.94 | 53.55 | 53.55 | 53.55 |
| Shed hand (d) | 157.40 | 157.40 | 191.20 | 157.40 | 157.40 | 157.40 |
| Coal Mining (e) - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labourer | (f) 134.50 | $\cdots$ | (f) 164.70-166.50 |  | (f) 122.87 | (f)133.00 |
| Machme miner | (1)150.50 | . | (f)147.10-149.00 | (g) $166.05-175.80$ | (f)145.65 | (0)150.30 |
|  | Sydney | Melboume | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
| Engineering etc. - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boilermaker | 130.90 | 129.90 | 144.58 | 129.30 | 149.10 | 130.80 |
| Fitter and/or turner | 130.90 | 129.90 | 144.58 | 129.30 | 149.10 | 130.80 |
| Labourer | 103.90 | 102.70 | 117.03 | 102.20 | 102.80 | 114.10 |
| Machinist, 2nd class | 118.10 | 117.00 | 117.20 | 116.30 | 116.40 | 118.00 |
| Process worker | 109.90 | 108.80 | 108.80 | 108.40 | 108.90 | 109.80 |
| Storeman | 115.90 | 114.90 | 115.00 | 113.40 | 113.90 | 115.80 |
| Welder, 1 st class | 130.90 | 129.90 | 145.64 | 129.30 | 149.40 | 130.80 |
| Textiles, Footwear - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Footwear manufacturing | $115.90 \quad 28.40$ | 115.90-128.40 | 115.90-128.40 | 115.90-128.40 | 115.90-128.40 | 115.90-128.40 |
| Labourer, woollen mills | 111.20 | 111.20 | 111.20 | 111.20 | 111.20 | 111.20 |
| Food Manufacturing - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bread carter | 139.00 | 128.90 | 135.32 | 135.40 | 126.40k131.10 | 132.20-144.10 |
| Bread doughmaker | 145.00 | 157.20 | 138.25 | 138.70 | 154.70 | 159.50 |
| General hand - butter, cheese and milk processing | 125.20 | 120.40 | 122.08 | 127.60 | 127.40 | 115.80 |
| General hand - jam fruit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slaughterman (beel) | (h) | 144.60 | 159.40 | 165.90 | 146.20 | 171.80 |
| Slaughterman (mution) | (h) | 144.60 | 159.40 | 149.00 | 146.20 | 165.00 |
| Furniture Making - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cabinet maker | 140.50 | 129.30 | 145.99 | 128.90 | 148.90 | 130.30 |
| Wood machinist | 140.50 | 111.80-129.30 | 145.99 | 111.40-128.90 | 126.40\&148.90 | 112.60-130.30 |

(a) ' 44 hours. (b) Without keep. (c) No limitation of hours prescribed. (d) Shearers' and wool pressers' hours are 40 a week; shed hands' hours are the same as shearers", with such additional time as may be necessary to finish picking up fleeces, etc. Should the time engaged picking up, etc. exceed 30 minutes a day all time thereafter is paid as overtime. Rates shown are "not found" rates. "Found" rates are $\$ 25$. 85 a week less, except in Queensland, where they are $\$ 39.53$ a week less. (e) An additional amount for attendance allowance is payable for each full fortnightly pay-period worked. (f) 35 hours. (g) Open cut mining (dragline and shovel operator). (h) Piece work rates.

AWARD RATES OF PAY AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK, ADULT MALES, 31 DECEMBER 1976 - continued

| Industry and occupation | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sawmilling and Timber Yards |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benchman, No. 1 | 135.80 | 134.90 | 140.74 | 134.20 | 134.90 | 135.70 |
| Circular sawyer | 119.60\&123.70 | 118.60\&122.50 | . 6 | 118.108121.90 | 116.00\&122.50 | 119.50, 123.30 |
| Log yardman | 135.80 | 134.90 | 131.67 | 134.20 | 104.20 | 135.70 |
| General Printing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machine compositor | 143.40 | 142.30 | 140.00 | 141.90 | 142.40 | 143.30 |
| Machine operator | 136.80 | 135.70 | 133.30 | 135.30 | 135.80 | 136.60 |
| Newspaper Printing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machine compositor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Day work | 148.40 | 187.75 | 184.07 | 180.70 | 182.80 | 180.70 |
| Night work | (a)166.03 | (a)215.45 | (b) 215.13 | (a)211.30 | (c) 212.53 | (a)211.30 |
| Machinist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Day work * | 116.708141.00 | 178.10 | (b)177.51\&184.07 | 175.00\&178.30 | (a)169.90 | 175.00\&178.30 |
| Night work | (a)134.33\& 158.63 | (a)205.80 | (b)208.57\&215.13 | (a)205.60\&208.90 | (c)199.63 | (a)205.60\%208.90 |
| Other Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brickmaking labourer | . 124.60 | 128.20 | 122.21 | 122.10 | 124.40 | 126.30 |
| General factory employee |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity linesman | 143.30\&152.20 | 130.80\&145.70 | 147.69 | 137.70\&151.00 | 138.70\&146.40 | 122.70-135.70 |
| Moulder, cement goods | 130.40 | 128.50\&130.40 | 129.74 | 100.90 | 118.40 | 128.70 |
| Building (d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bricklayer | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 169.72 | 191.80 |
| Builder's labourer, skilled | 177.30-186.30 | 177.20 | 177.20 | 177.30-186.30 | 161.06 | 177.20 |
| Carpenter | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 170.36 | 191.80 |
| Painter | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 169.13 | 191.80 |
| Plumber | 204.05 | 211.60 | 169.30 | (e) 187.80 | 173.63 | 161.80 |
| Roof tiler | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 191.80 | 139.10 | 191.80 |
| Railway Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fettler, labourer, etc. | 110.60-113.00 | 110.10 | 133.17 | 121.45 | 97.40 | 114.40 |
| Locomotive engine driver | 146.75-155.95 | 145.00-154.10 | 168.63-174.46 | 145.05-153.95 | 149.60-151.80 | 149.85-158.95 |
| Porter | 108.30-115.20 | 107.80-114.70 | 131.12\&134.80 | 108.30-123.35 | 99.80-103.80 | 112.05-130.70 |
| Guard | 123.35-134.55 | 122.00-133.80 | 153.81-162.50 | 123.35-134.55 | 111.90-120.70 | 125.80-135.80 |
| Road Transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motor mechanic | 130.90 | 129.90 | 144.58 | 129.30 | 149.10 | 130.80 |
| Motor truck driver |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truck 1.2 tonnes or less | ( $) 146.40$ | 128.80 | (g) 132.44 | 128.20 | (g)128.90 | 129.80 |
| Truck over 1.2 to 3 tonnes | (h) 150.10 | 131.30 | (i) 134.58 | 130.40 | (i)131.40 | 132.10 |
| Truck over 3 to 6 tonnes | (j)151.20-155:00 | 133.50 | (k)136.87 | 132.80 | (k) 133.60 | 134.80 |
| Bus driver, one-man operator (1) | 136.95 | 131.10 | 141.73\&143.73 | 134.50 | 133.45 | 134.80 |
| Shipping and Stevedoring |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Able seamen, cargo vessels (m) | 197.00-201.10 | 197.00-201.10 | 197.00-201.10 | 197.00-201.10 | 197.00-201.10 | 197.00-201.10 |
| Wharf labourer, permanent | 167.10 | 167.10 | 167.10 | 167.10 | 167.10 | ( n ) 151.00 |
| Communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mail officer | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 |
| Lineman, grade 1 | 131.30-141.10 | 131.30-141.10 | 131.30-141.10 | 131.30-141.10 | 131.30-141.10 | 131.30-141.10 |
| Telecommnications tradesman | 156.00 | 156.00 | 156.00 | 156.00 | 156.00 | 156.00 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail butcher | 132.60 | 136.10 | 133.80 | 135.60 | 136.10 | 148.40 |
| Commercial traveller (v) | 156.60 | 146.20 | 144.30 | 140.80 | 145.50 | 125.80-142.90 |
| Clerk, retail stores | 134.90 | 146.12 | 139.28 | 133.60-170.50 | 136.20 | 106.60-134.90 |
| Shop assistant | 134.60 | 132.47 | 129.39 | 132.77 | 133.90 | 106.60-134.90 |
| Storeman, retail stores | 131.40 | 126.60 | 129.39 | 122.60 | 130.20 | 123.00 |

(a) 38 hours. (b) 39 hours. (c) 36 hours. (d) The rates shown for Sydney, Melbourno, Adelaide and Hobart are weekly equivalents of hourly fates. They include allowances for excess fares and travelling time, sick leave, statutory holidays, following the job, etc. (e) Weekly, rates prescribed for a full week's work (excluding overtime). (f) Manufacturers gross vehicle weight up to $6,500 \mathrm{lb}$. (g) Truck 25 cwt or less. (h) Manufacturers gross vehicle over
 6 tonnes. (1) Government operated services only. (m) 8 hours a day. Rates include keep and accommodation valued at $\$ 7.24$ a week. ( n ) Weekly equivalant of guaranteed usage for four week period, for average weekly hours of 20 or more. (v) Local or city.

AWARD RATES OF PAY AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK, ADULT MALES, 31 DECEMBER 1976 - continued

| Industry and occupation | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public Authority (N.E.I.) and Community and Business Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Public Service (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clerk, Class 1, 21 years | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 | 136.70 |
| Clerical assistant | 122.60-163.60 | 122.60-163.60 | 122.60-163.60 | 122.60-163.60 | 122.60-163.60 | 122.60-163.60 |
| Fireman | 153.40-186.45 | 154.08-173.07 | 138.87-187.11 | (b)119.90-139.30 | 170.40-191.00 | (c)148.00-187.69 |
| Hospital cook | 141.80\&146.40 | 129.90-156.50 | 141.50 | 120.80-128.40 | 148.10-165.60 | 139.70-153.90 |
| Clerk, 21 years, private offices | 124.80 | 143.50 | 128.20 | 133.60 | 126.60 | 107.20 |
| Graduate engineer | 169.90-229.20 | 169.90-229.20 | 169.90-229.20 | 169.90-229.20 | 169.90-229.20 | 169.90-229.20 |
| Hotels, Personal Service, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hotel barman (d) | 122.70 | 121.60 | 119.30 | 119.80.125.30 | 109.80 | 121.20 |
| General hand, laundrus | 12460 | 117.60 | 120.59 | 124.90 | 115.70 | 118.40 |
| Cook, restaurant (d) | 125.70 | 125.60 | 123.13 | 125.70 | 109.20 | 121.90 |
| Waiter, restaurant (d) | 117.00 | 117.10 | 118.97 | 117.30 | 105.30 | 116.20 |
| Lift attendant | 125.10 | 128.40 | 118.15 | 122.30 | 115.90 | 126.80 |
| Office cleaner (day) | 124.70 | 125.30 | 118.27 | 121.80 | 118.60 | 126.80 |

AWARD RATES OF PAY AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK, ADULT FEMALES, 31 DECEMBER 1976

| Industry and occupation | Sydney | Melbourne | Brishane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Process worker, engincering | 109.90 | 108.80 | 106.40 | 108.30 | 103.80 | 109.80 |
| Dry cleaning presser | 122.70 | 122.70 | 122.70 | 122.70 | 122.70 | 122.70 |
| Footwear manufacturing | 115.90 | 115.90 | 115.90 | 115.90 | 115.90 | 115.90 |
| Dressmaking machinist | 118.40 | 118.40 | 118:40 | 118.40 | 118.40 | 118.40 |
| Knitting mill machinist | 116.70 | 116.70 | 116.68 | 116.70 | 116.70 | 116.70 |
| General hand - jam, fruit and vegetable preserving | 120.50 | 120.50 | 122.78 | 120.50 | 103.40 | 120.50 |
| Bedding machinist | 108.80 | 115.00 | 103.18 | 114.60 | 97.00 | 115.80 |
| General hand, printing | 112.40 | 111.30 | 108.90 | 110.70 | 111.40 | 112.30 |
| Transport and Communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Air hostess (e) | 102.10-138.40 | 102.10-138.40 | 102.10-138.40 | 102.10-138.40 | 102.10-138.40 | 102.10-138.40 |
| Telephonist | (f) 128.56 | (f)128.56 | (f) 128.56 | (f) 128.56 | (g)128.56 | (g)128.56 |
| Bus conductress (h) | 111.208116 .30 | 115.30 |  | .. | 115.50 |  |
| Retail Trade |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clerk | 144.50-179.40 | 144.50-179.40 | 144.50-179.40 | 144.50-179.40 | 144.50-179.40 | 144.50-179.40 |
| Shop assistant | 134.60 | 132.47 | 129.39 | 132.77 | 133.90 | 106.06-134.90 |
| Public Authority (N.E.I.) and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community and Business Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian Public Service (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accounting machinist, grade l | 129.80 | 129.80 | 129.80 | 129.80 | 129.80 | 129.80 |
| Typist | 129.82 | 129.82 | 129.82 | 129.82 | 129.82 | 129.82 |
| Hospitals (d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cook | 141.80\&146.40 | 129.90-156.50 | 141.50\&149.95 | 146.90-151.40 | 148.10-165.60 | 139.10-153.90 |
| Kitchenmaid | 127.60 | 127.30 | 127.77 | 137.90 | 128.30 | 131.90 |
| Nurse (qualified), 1st year | 156.10 | 159.50 | 153.66 | 142.30 | 169.40 | 152.20 |
| Nursing aide | 124.10-141.40 | 131.60\&143.24 | 132.93-149.90 | 121.60-127.60 | 125.10 | 138.60-141.80 |
| Clerk, 21 years, private offices | 124.80 | 143.50 | 128.20 | 133.60 | 126.60 | 106.60 |
| Typist, private offices | 124.80 | 143.50 | 128.20 | 133.60 | 126.60 | 106.60 |
| Hotels, Personal Service, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Office cleaner, day | 122.90\&123.90 | 125.30 | 118.27 | (i)121.80 | 112.60 | 126.80 |
| Hairdresser | 137.40 | 143.77 | 127.59 | 130.70 | 126.80 | 141.40 |
| Barmaid, hotels (d) | 122.70 | 121.60 | 119.30 | 119.80-125.30 | 109.80 | 119.70 |
| Waitress, restaurant (d) | 118.80 | 117.80 | 115.30 | 1:7.30 | 106.30 | 116.00 |
| Cook, restaurant (d) | 129.10 | 125.60 | 123.13 | 122.30 | 106.80 | 121.90 |

[^4]
[^0]:    (a) For definitions see page 66. (b) Aged 60 years and over.

[^1]:    * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

[^2]:    (a) Averages for all employees represented in the survey (See page 82). (b) Total (private and government) employees. (c) Last pay-period in

[^3]:    * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

[^4]:    (a) $363 / 4$ hours, (b) 42 hours. (c) Rate priscribed for 40 hours in four shifts. Firemen also paid for 42 hours in three shifts. (d) Rates of pay represent the weekly cash payment, where board and loading is not provided. (e) Duty hours shall not exceed - (i) 11 in any one day; (ii) 48 in any one week; (iii) 80 in any two weeks. (f) 34 hours in main exchange, 36 hours in suburban exchanges. (g) 36 hours. (h) Government operated services only. (i) 38 hours.

