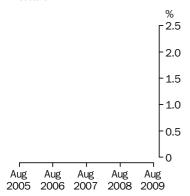
#### **AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS**

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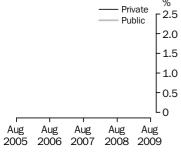
#### **Full-time adult total earnings**

Quarterly % change in trend estimates All Sectors



#### **Full-time adult total earnings**

Quarterly % change in trend estimates Private and Public (a)



(a) Break in series. See paragraph nn of the Explanatory Notes.

#### INQUIRIES

For further information about these and related statistics, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070 or Tony Carolan on Perth (08) 9360 5304.

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	Aug 2009 \$	May 2009 to Aug 2009 % change	Aug 2008 to Aug 2009 % change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Private & public sectors			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	_	_	_
Full-time adult total earnings	_	_	_
All employees total earnings	_	_	1
Private sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	_	-	A +
Full-time adult total earnings	_	7	_
Public sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		_	_
Full-time adult total earnings		_	_
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EST	IMAT	ES	
Private & public sectors			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	_	_	_
Full-time adult total earnings	_	_	_
All employees total earnings	_	_	_
Private sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	_	_	_
Full-time adult total earnings	_	_	_
Public sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	_	_	_
Full-time adult total earnings	_	_	_
Tail time addit total carrings			

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

#### KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

- Full-time adult ordinary time earnings rose by x.x% for males and x.x% for females in the twelve months to August 2009.
- In the twelve months to August 2009, full-time adult total earnings rose by x.x% for males and x.x% for females.

### NOTES

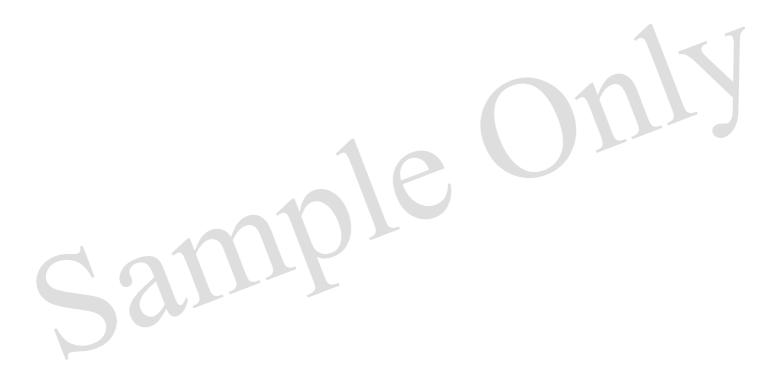
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#### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: Trend

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS	PERSONS			
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings		
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May											
August	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
November 2009	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
2008				E FROM PREVI	·	` ,					
May August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
November							_		_ 1		
2009											
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
May	_	_	_	_	_		1	1			
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	7/-		_		
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2007											
August <b>2008</b>	_	_	_	-			_	_	_		
August	_	_	_	_ \ \ - \	+	_	_	_	_		
2009											
2003											

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: Seasonally adjusted

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	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
	Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time	
Reference	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary		All employees	adult ordinary		All employees
Period	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings
				DOLLA	RS				
				50227					
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
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			CHANG	E FROM PREVI	OUS QUA	RTER (%)			
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		7
2009								-	
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
May	_	_	_	_	_			1	
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			_
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2007									
August	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_
2008									
August	_	_	_		+	_	_	_	_
2009									
August	_	_	<b>A Y</b>		_	_	_	_	_

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: Original

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time eamings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
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2008 May August November	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _
<b>2009</b> February May August	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	=	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)									
<b>2008</b> May August			_ _	_ _	_	_ _	_	<b>4</b> =	4
November 2009 February May	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _	-	145		+
August	_		FROM COR	RESPONDING	QUARTER (	OF PREVIOU	JS YEAR (%)		
<b>2007</b> August	_	_	_	_	O <sub>T</sub>	_	_	_	_
<b>2008</b> August	_	_	4			_	_	_	_
2009 August	_		_		_	_		_	_

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private sector: Trend

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
	IVIALES			FEIVIALES			PERSUNS		
	Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time	
Reference	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees
period	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings
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				DOLLA	RS				
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
			CHANGE	FROM PREVI	OUS QUAF	RTER (%)			
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		7
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	A =	\ <del>-</del>	_
May	_	_	_	_	_				_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			
								• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
		CHANGE I	FROM CORRE	SPONDING Q	UARTER O	F PREVIOUS	YEAR (%)		
2007									
August	_	_	_				_	_	_
2008					1				
August	_	_	_			_	_	_	_
2009									
August	_	7		1 }	_	_	_	_	_

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private sector: Seasonally adjusted

							55500110		
	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
	Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time	
Reference	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees
period	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings
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				DOLLA	RS				
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
• • • • • • • • •						• • • • • • • • •			
			CHANGE	FROM PREVI	OUS QUAF	RTER (%)			
2008					-				
May									
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
November	_		_	_		_	_		
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_				
May	_	_	_	_	_	_			
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			L
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		CHANGE	-ROM CORRE	SPONDING Q	UARIER O	F PREVIOUS	S YEAR (%)		
2007									
August	_	_	_		_		_	_	_
2008									
August	_	_			<i>/</i> -	_	_	_	_
2009									
August	_	-			_	_	_	_	_

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private sector: Original

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
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2008 May August November	_ _	_ _		_	_ _ _	_	_ _ _	_ _ _	_ _ _
February May						_			
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
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2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
August November	_	_	_	_ _	_	_	_		F
2009 February	_	_	_	_	_	_	146		
May	_	_	_	_	_	_			_  -
August	_	_	_	_	_	_		1	
• • • • • • • • •		CHANGE I	FROM CORRE	SPONDING Q	QUARTER O	F PREVIOUS	S YEAR (%)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
<b>2007</b> August	_	_	_	_	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	_	_	_	_
<b>2008</b> August	_		34	7 [		_	_	_	_
2009 August					_	_	_	_	_
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nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public sector: $\mathbf{Trend}$

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS			
	WINCEO			LWALLO			LINGONG			
	Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time		Full-time	Full-time		
Reference	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	adult ordinary	adult total	All employees	
period	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	time earnings	earnings	total earnings	
• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	
				DOLLA	RS					
2008										
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
2009										
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
			CHANGE	FROM PREVI	OUS QUAF	RTER (%)				
2008										
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
2009										
February	_	_	_	_	_		1	1	_	
May	_	_	_	_	_	_			_	
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			_  -	
				• • • • • • • • • • •						
		CHANGE I	ROM CORRI	ESPONDING Q	UARTER O	F PREVIOUS	S YEAR (%)			
2007										
August	_	_	_				_	_	_	
2008					1					
August	_	_	_			_	_	_	_	
2009										
August	_	7	J. F.	1 }	_	_	_	_	_	

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public sector: Seasonally adjusted

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS	PERSONS			
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings		
DOLLARS											
2008											
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
2009											
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
2008	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	CHANGE	FROM PREVI	OUS QUAF	RTER (%)	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •		
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		-		
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		- T-		
November <b>2009</b>	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
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May	_	_	_	_	_	_			_		
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			_  -		
• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	CHANGE F	ROM CORRE	SPONDING Q	UARTER O	F PREVIOUS	YEAR (%)				
2007											
August	_	_	_		_		_	_	_		
2008											
August <b>2009</b>	_	_		1-1		_	_	_	_		
August	_			1 }	_	_	_	_	_		

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public sector: Original

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total eamings
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<b>2008</b> May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2009									
February	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	CHANGE	FROM PREVIO	US QUART	ER (%)	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • •	• • • • • • •
2008									
May	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4 -	_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_			- 1-
November	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		-
2009 February	_	_	_	_	_		1		_
May	_	_	_	_	_	_			_
August	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	
			• • • • • • • • •						
	СН	ANGE FR	OM CORRES	SPONDING QUA	ARTER OF	PREVIOUS	YEAR (%)		
2007									
August	_	_			) –	_	_	_	_
<b>2008</b> August	_					_	_	_	_
	_					_	_	_	_
2009 August	7	_	IF	_	_	_	_	_	_
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nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Industry: Original

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
	Full-time			Full-time			Full-time		
	adult	Full-time	All	adult	Full-time	AII	adult	Full-time	All
	ordinary	adult	employees	ordinary	adult	employees	ordinary	adult	employees
	time	total	total	time	total	total	time	total	total
Industry	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings	earnings
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			DOLLA	RS					
Mining	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Manufacturing	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Construction	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Wholesale trade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Retail trade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Accommodation and food services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Transport, postal and warehousing	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Information media and telecommunications	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Financial and insurance services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Rental, hiring and real estate services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Professional, scientific and technical services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Administrative and support services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_/	_	
Public administration and safety	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Education and training	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Health care and social assistance	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	
Arts and recreation services	_	_	_	_		_			
Other services	_	_	_	_					
All industries	_	_	_	_		+			
CHANGE F	ком со	RRESPO	NDING QU	JARTER OF	PREVIO	US YEAR	(%)		
Mining	_	_		_		_	_	_	_
Manufacturing	_			1-	_	_	_	_	_
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	_				_	_	_	_	_
Construction	_ 4				_	_	_	_	_
Wholesale trade	-			_	_	_	_	_	_
Retail trade	_ \			_	_	_	_	_	_
Accommodation and food services			_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Transport, postal and warehousing			_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Information media and telecommunications			_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Financial and insurance services	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Rental, hiring and real estate services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Professional, scientific and technical services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Administrative and support services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Public administration and safety	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Education and training	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Health care and social assistance	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Arts and recreation services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
All industries	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_

nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States & territories: Trend

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
		•••••	••••••		•••••	•••••		••••••	••••••
Reference	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
period	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States & territories: $Trend\ \emph{continued}$

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Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings \$	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$		All employees total earnings \$
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### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States & territories: Seasonally adjusted

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Reference	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
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	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings \$	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings \$	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$		All employees total earnings \$
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## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States & territories: Original continued

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS		
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings \$	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings \$	Full-time adult total earnings \$	All employees total earnings \$
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### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Quarterly percentage change: **Trend**

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Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	adult total	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	
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### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Quarterly percentage change: Seasonally adjusted

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Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult o time ea			All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	
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# AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Quarterly Percentage Change: Original

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Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	
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### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Annual percentage change: Trend

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS			
Reference period	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total eamings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	
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## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard errors—States & territories

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS	PERSONS		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings		All employees total earnings	
States & territories	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
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New South Wales	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Victoria	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Queensland	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
South Australia	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Western Australia	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Tasmania	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Northern Territory	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Australian Capital Territory	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Australia	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
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Victoria	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Queensland	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_	
South Australia	_	_	_	_	_			_	_	
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Northern Territory	_	_	_	_	_	_				
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Australia	_	_	_		_		_	_	_	

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## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard errors—Sector

	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS	PERSONS					
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings				
Sector	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
LEVEL													
Private sector	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
Public sector	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
All sectors	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
QUARTERLY MOVEMENT													
Private sector	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
Public sector	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
All sectors	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
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# AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard errors—Industry

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	MALES			FEMALES			PERSONS				
	Full-time adult ordinary time	total	All employees total	Full-time adult ordinary time	total	All employees total	Full-time adult ordinary time	total	All employees total		
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Industry	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
LEVEL											
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Mining	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Manufacturing	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Construction	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Wholesale trade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Retail trade	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Accommodation and food services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Transport, postal and warehousing	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Information media and telecommunications	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Financial and insurance services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Rental, hiring and real estate services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
Professional, scientific and technical services	_	_	_	_	_	_					
Administrative and support services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_				
Public administration and safety Education and training	_	_	_	_	_	_					
Health care and social assistance											
Arts and recreation services									I		
Other services	_	_	_	_					- 1		
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All industries	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	_	_		
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Manufacturing											
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	$\sim 2$	X = Z									
Construction				_	_	_	_	_	_		
Wholesale trade			_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Retail trade			_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Accommodation and food services			_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Transport, postal and warehousing	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Information media and telecommunications	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Financial and insurance services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Rental, hiring and real estate services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Professional, scientific and technical services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Administrative and support services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Public administration and safety	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Education and training	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Health care and social assistance	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Arts and recreation services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Other services	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
All industries	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		

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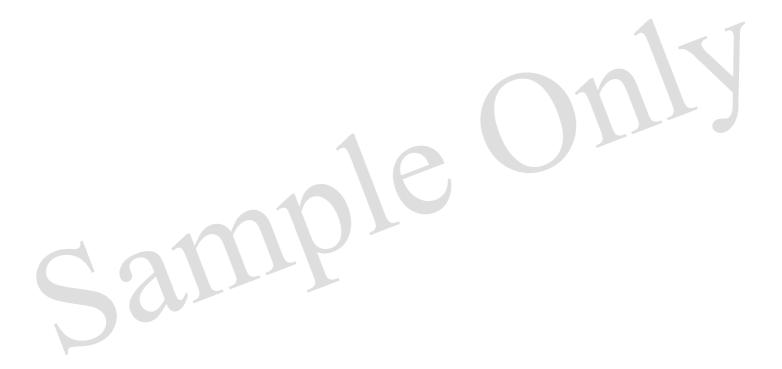
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#### APPENDIX ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

INTRODUCTION

As well as the statistics included in this publication, other data are available from the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings on request. These data can be produced for clients as customised reports.

VARIABLES

The following variables are available from this survey.

Note: The more variables included in any one tabulation the more likely it is that confidentiality provisions associated with the data will be invoked and some data suppressed.

Type of estimate

Original

Seasonally adjusted

Trend

Composition of earnings

Full-time adult ordinary time earnings

Full-time adult total earnings

All employees total earnings

States and territories

New South Wales

Victoria

Queensland

South Australia

Western Australia

Tasmania

Northern Territory

Australian Capital Territory

Sector

Private sector

Public sector

Sex

Males

Females

Persons

Industry (ANZSIC classification)

ANZSIC Division (1-digit code)—as shown in table 10



#### TECHNICAL NOTE SAMPLING ERROR

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

- **1** As the estimates in this publication are based on information relating to a sample of employers, they are subject to sampling variability. That is, they may differ from the estimates that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from all employers. This difference, called *sampling error*, should not be confused with inaccuracy that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents or in processing by the ABS. Such inaccuracy is referred to as *non-sampling error* and may occur in any enumeration whether it be a full count or a sample. Efforts have been made to reduce non-sampling error by careful design of questionnaires, detailed checking of returns and quality control of processing.
- **2** The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results. One measure of sampling error is given by the *standard error* which indicates the degree to which an estimate may vary from the value which would have been obtained from a full enumeration (the 'true value'). There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate differs from the true value by less than one standard error, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.
- **3** An example of the use of a standard error is as follows. If the estimated average earnings was \$x.x with a standard error of \$x.x, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given an estimate in the range \$x.x to \$x.x and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range \$x.x to \$x.x.
- **4** An example of the use of a standard error for a quarterly change estimate is as follows. If the estimate of quarterly change between two quarters was x.x and the standard error on this estimate was x.x, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a quarterly change estimate in the range +x.x to +x.x and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range -x.x to +x.x.
- **5** Quarterly movements in estimates of average weekly earnings are considered to be statistically significant where they exceed two standard errors.
- **6** Another measure of the sampling error is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.



#### GLOSSARY

Adult employees Adult

Adult employees are those employees 21 years of age or over and those employees who, although under 21 years of age, are paid at the full adult rate for their occupation.

Average weekly earnings

Average Weekly Earnings statistics represent average gross (before tax) earnings of employees and do not relate to average award rates nor to the earnings of the 'average person'. Estimates of average weekly earnings are derived by dividing estimates of weekly total earnings by estimates of number of employees.

**Employees** 

Employees refer to all wage and salary earners (as defined in paragraphs n and n of the Explanatory Notes) who received pay for any part of the reference period.

Full-time employees

Full-time employees are permanent, temporary and casual employees who normally work the agreed or award hours for a full-time employee in their occupation and received pay for any part of the reference period. If agreed or award hours do not apply, employees are regarded as full-time if they ordinarily work 35 hours or more per week.

Reference period

Reference period for the survey refers to the last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter. Where a pay period is fortnightly or monthly, etc., the employer is requested to report only one week's proportion. The reference period for the current survey is the week ending 21 August 2009.

Sector

Public sector includes all local government authorities and government departments, agencies and authorities created by, or reporting to the Commonwealth and state parliaments. All remaining employees are classified as private sector.

Weekly ordinary time earnings

Weekly ordinary time earnings refers to one week's earnings of employees for the reference period attributable to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It is calculated before taxation and any other deductions (e.g. superannuation, board and lodging) have been made. Included in ordinary time earnings are award, workplace and enterprise bargaining payments, and other agreed base rates of pay, over-award and over-agreed payments, penalty payments, shift and other allowances; commissions and retainers; bonuses and similar payments related to the reference period; payments under incentive or piecework; payments under profit sharing schemes normally paid each pay period; payment for leave taken during the reference period; all workers' compensation payments made through the payroll; and salary payments made to directors. Excluded are amounts salary sacrified, non-cash components of salary packages, overtime payments, retrospective pay, pay in advance, leave loadings, severance, termination and redundancy payments, and other payments not related to the reference period.

Weekly total earnings

Weekly total earnings of employees is equal to weekly ordinary time earnings plus weekly overtime earnings.

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