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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1970

NOTE. The series of average weekly earnings for the period September quarter 1966 to December quarter 1970 are being revised, to allow for the inclusion of the revised employment estimates published during 1970 and to incorporate a number of improvements in the method of estimation. The revised series, which are expected to be at somewhat higher levels than those now published, will be issued as soon as possible. In the meantime, in order to provide an indication of recent movements in average earnings, the estimates for December quarter 1970 have been calculated on the same basis as for earlier periods.

The figures, which relate to civilians only, are derived from particulars of employment and wages and salaries recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. They have been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees, this proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male earnings in Australia. Quarterly figures in money terms are affected by seasonal influences. Special payments, including prepayment for holiday periods, tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters may be affected by the changing incidence of pay-days. Allowance for these influences has been made in the calculation of the two "seasonally adjusted" indexes.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

Period	N.S.W. (b) \$	Vic. \$	Qld \$	S.A. (c) \$	W.A. \$	Tas. \$	Aust. \$	Seasonally adjusted indexes (d)	
								All industries	Manufacturing (e)
1968-69	71.60	71.20	62.60	64.30	67.20	64.10	68.90	211.7	208.7
1969-70	77.40	77.00	68.40	69.90	74.90	70.00	75.00	229.5	224.7
1968 Dec. qtr	74.30	73.30	64.70	65.90	68.50	66.90	71.30	209.7	207.9
1969 Mar. "	69.60	69.50	60.10	63.10	65.60	62.20	67.20	215.7	212.9
June "	73.80	73.70	64.30	65.60	69.40	67.00	71.40	218.2	214.0
Sept. "	74.90	75.00	66.60	67.70	72.00	67.20	72.80	221.7	218.7
Dec. "	80.60	80.00	71.40	72.30	76.60	72.60	r78.00	r225.0	220.6
1970 Mar. "	73.50	73.10	64.70	67.40	71.60	65.40	71.30	234.0	228.4
June "	80.40	79.90	70.70	72.10	77.00	73.30	77.80	237.2	230.9
Sept. "	81.60	81.10	72.60	74.20	79.20	73.10	79.20	240.3	(f)
Dec. "	87.80	86.50	78.20	78.40	84.80	79.00	84.80	245.1	(f)

(a) In addition to award rates of pay, includes earnings of salaried employees, over-time earnings, over-award and bonus payments, payments made in advance or retrospectively during the period specified, etc. See explanatory notes above. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Base of each index is year 1953-54=100. The index numbers shown do not give, at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in "All industries" and "Manufacturing". These series have not yet been adjusted by the programs used for other Bureau series, as described in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1970" (Reference No. 1.10). (e) Interim estimates based on pay-roll tax returns. (f) Not available. r - revised.

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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 63 9111 extension 2347 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics. Reference No. 6.18