

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

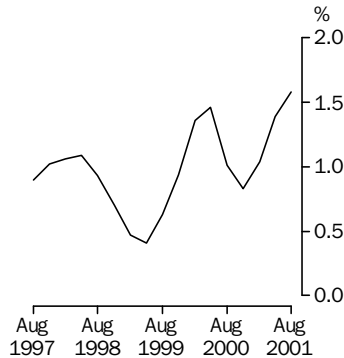
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AUGUST 2001 KEY FIGURES

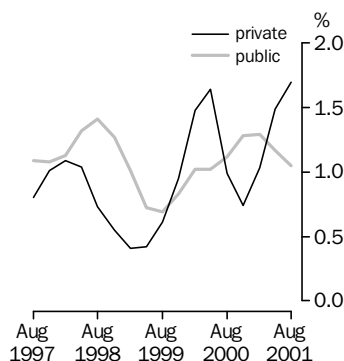
Full-time adult total earnings

Quarterly % change in trend estimates
All Sectors



Full-time adult total earnings

Quarterly % change in trend estimates
Private and Public



TREND ESTIMATES

	Aug 2001 \$	May 2001 to Aug 2001 % change	Aug 2000 to Aug 2001 % change
Australia			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	837.60	1.6	5.4
Full-time adult total earnings	873.40	1.6	4.9
All employees total earnings	673.30	1.4	4.6
Private sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	809.10	1.8	5.6
Full-time adult total earnings	846.90	1.7	5.1
Public sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	933.30	1.2	5.1
Full-time adult total earnings	962.00	1.1	4.9

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

	Aug 2001	May 2001 to Aug 2001 % change	Aug 2000 to Aug 2001 % change
Australia			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	838.20	1.4	5.0
Full-time adult total earnings	873.30	1.2	4.3
All employees total earnings	673.10	1.3	4.0
Private sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	810.00	1.5	5.2
Full-time adult total earnings	846.10	1.0	4.3
Public sector			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	931.70	0.9	4.8
Full-time adult total earnings	960.20	0.9	4.5

AUGUST 2001 KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Brad Pottinger on Perth 08 9360 5296 or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.
- Full-time adult ordinary time earnings for males and females rose by 5.1% and 5.8% respectively in the twelve months to August 2001.
- In the twelve months to August 2001, full-time adult total earnings for males and females rose by 4.7% and 5.2% respectively.
- Full-time adult ordinary time earnings for the private and public sectors rose by 5.6% and 5.1% respectively in the twelve months to August 2001.

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For effects of
compositional change
see paragraphs 10 & 11
of the Explanatory Notes.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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NOTES ON ESTIMATES

Movements in average weekly earnings can be affected by both changes in the level of earnings per employee and changes in the composition of the labour force. For example, changes in the proportions of full-time, part-time, casual and junior employees and variations in the distribution of occupations can affect movements in earnings series. Refer to paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

SAMPLING ERRORS

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings
SEE	Survey of Employment and Earnings

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Australia: **Trend**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	835.70	887.70	759.90	700.00	716.00	503.50	785.50	824.00	635.30
August	844.10	893.90	766.50	709.70	726.00	512.30	794.80	832.40	643.70
November	851.30	899.60	772.00	718.70	734.10	518.40	802.90	839.30	649.90
2001									
February	860.80	908.80	779.70	728.10	742.20	523.30	812.40	848.10	656.20
May	873.10	921.60	790.20	738.80	752.20	528.50	824.30	859.80	664.30
August	886.70	935.80	802.10	750.60	763.40	534.20	837.60	873.40	673.30
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.8
August	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.3
November	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.0
2001									
February	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.0
May	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.2
August	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	2.3	1.8	1.8	3.4	3.3	1.7	2.6	2.2	1.3
2000									
August	5.4	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.1	6.4	5.3	4.9	5.6
2001									
August	5.1	4.7	4.6	5.8	5.2	4.3	5.4	4.9	4.6

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Australia: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	835.40	887.70	760.40	699.20	715.90	505.10	784.60	822.90	636.50
August	846.80	898.60	770.10	711.70	729.20	514.70	797.90	837.40	647.30
November	850.50	896.00	769.00	718.40	732.60	513.90	802.40	836.70	645.80
2001									
February	856.60	904.60	777.70	726.80	741.10	527.90	808.70	844.60	657.00
May	876.20	926.40	792.30	738.50	752.20	525.10	826.30	862.60	664.50
August	886.60	934.10	801.90	751.90	764.30	535.20	838.20	873.30	673.10
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.6	1.5	1.4	2.3
August	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7
November	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.9	0.5	-0.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.2
2001									
February	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.7	0.8	0.9	1.7
May	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.5	-0.5	2.2	2.1	1.1
August	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	1.5	0.8	0.7	3.5	3.5	1.1	2.1	1.7	0.4
2000									
August	6.5	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.5	7.2	6.1	6.0	6.8
2001									
August	4.7	4.0	4.1	5.6	4.8	4.0	5.0	4.3	4.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Australia: **Original**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	832.80	884.90	757.70	697.90	714.50	504.80	782.60	821.50	634.70
August	848.30	899.30	769.60	710.90	728.50	514.10	798.10	836.80	646.80
November	850.10	898.70	769.50	719.00	734.00	512.20	802.50	838.90	644.80
2001									
February	858.30	904.20	780.50	728.40	741.80	530.50	810.60	844.50	660.30
May	873.30	923.40	789.40	737.10	750.60	524.70	824.10	861.00	662.60
August	888.30	934.90	801.40	751.10	763.70	534.70	838.50	872.70	672.60
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.5	2.1	1.0	1.3	1.5
August	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
November	0.2	-0.1	0.0	1.1	0.8	-0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.3
2001									
February	1.0	0.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	3.6	1.0	0.7	2.4
May	1.7	2.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	-1.1	1.7	2.0	0.3
August	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	1.5	0.9	0.7	3.5	3.6	1.2	2.1	1.7	0.4
2000									
August	6.6	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.5	7.3	6.2	6.0	6.8
2001									
August	4.7	4.0	4.1	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.1	4.3	4.0



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private Sector—Australia: **Trend**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	809.60	864.20	726.40	656.20	673.50	456.10	756.60	798.30	598.90
August	818.10	869.80	733.00	665.80	683.30	464.90	766.20	806.10	607.90
November	825.00	874.50	738.20	674.00	690.20	470.60	773.90	812.10	613.70
2001									
February	834.30	883.30	745.90	682.50	697.00	474.30	783.00	820.50	619.70
May	847.00	896.80	757.20	692.70	706.20	478.00	795.10	832.70	627.60
August	861.40	912.20	770.10	704.20	717.10	481.90	809.10	846.90	636.70
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.4	1.7	1.6	2.2
August	1.1	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.3	1.0	1.5
November	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.0
2001									
February	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.0
May	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.3
August	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.8	1.7	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	2.2	1.5	1.8	3.3	3.3	1.9	2.5	2.0	1.4
2000									
August	5.5	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.7	7.2	5.6	5.2	6.2
2001									
August	5.3	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.9	3.6	5.6	5.1	4.7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private Sector—Australia: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	809.70	864.70	727.50	655.00	672.90	458.00	755.50	797.80	600.40
August	821.40	875.20	737.40	667.80	687.20	466.90	769.60	811.40	612.00
November	824.70	871.00	735.10	674.30	688.30	466.00	774.30	810.00	609.60
2001									
February	828.30	876.90	741.90	680.80	696.00	480.00	777.70	814.80	619.60
May	851.00	903.50	761.10	691.90	705.30	473.60	797.70	837.40	628.40
August	861.40	910.00	769.20	706.30	718.90	483.10	810.00	846.10	636.30
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.6	1.8	2.8
August	1.4	1.2	1.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.9
November	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	1.0	0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.4
2001									
February	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	3.0	0.4	0.6	1.6
May	2.7	3.0	2.6	1.6	1.3	-1.3	2.6	2.8	1.4
August	1.2	0.7	1.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.0	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	1.1	0.3	0.5	3.3	3.5	1.3	1.8	1.3	0.3
2000									
August	6.8	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.3	8.3	6.6	6.5	7.7
2001									
August	4.9	4.0	4.3	5.8	4.6	3.5	5.2	4.3	4.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private Sector—Australia: **Original**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	806.70	860.70	724.40	653.20	671.00	457.80	753.30	794.70	598.60
August	823.80	877.00	737.70	667.50	687.00	467.40	770.90	812.70	612.50
November	823.70	873.70	736.10	675.40	690.90	464.70	773.80	812.20	609.00
2001									
February	829.90	876.40	743.60	681.90	695.60	480.90	779.30	814.50	621.50
May	847.90	899.30	757.90	690.00	703.30	473.50	795.30	834.00	626.60
August	864.00	912.00	769.60	705.90	718.60	483.60	811.30	847.60	637.00
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.6	2.7	1.1	1.4	2.1
August	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
November	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	1.2	0.6	-0.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.6
2001									
February	0.8	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	3.5	0.7	0.3	2.1
May	2.2	2.6	1.9	1.2	1.1	-1.6	2.1	2.4	0.8
August	1.9	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	1.2	0.4	0.6	3.3	3.5	1.2	1.9	1.3	0.3
2000									
August	6.8	6.5	6.2	5.8	6.3	8.2	6.6	6.6	7.7
2001									
August	4.9	4.0	4.3	5.8	4.6	3.5	5.3	4.3	4.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public Sector—Australia: Trend

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	934.20	976.80	906.20	808.20	820.90	661.40	877.70	907.00	774.10
August	945.50	988.20	916.40	817.70	830.80	667.70	887.90	917.20	781.10
November	956.80	1 000.20	926.50	829.30	842.90	676.10	899.10	929.00	789.70
2001									
February	968.80	1 012.30	935.70	841.60	855.10	685.90	911.00	941.00	799.10
May	980.50	1 023.50	943.60	853.50	866.60	695.70	922.50	952.00	807.70
August	991.80	1 034.50	951.70	864.40	876.70	705.10	933.30	962.00	815.90
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8
August	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.9
November	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1
2001									
February	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2
May	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
August	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	3.7	3.6	3.0	4.4	4.4	2.6	3.9	3.7	2.3
2000									
August	5.7	4.7	4.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	4.7	4.1	3.5
2001									
August	4.9	4.7	3.9	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.4

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public Sector—Australia: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	933.10	975.20	903.50	810.00	822.90	661.80	877.90	907.10	773.70
August	946.50	990.30	916.60	818.60	831.30	668.40	888.90	918.40	781.40
November	954.70	996.50	924.00	825.90	839.90	672.80	896.20	925.30	786.50
2001									
February	970.30	1 016.40	943.50	843.90	857.30	689.50	913.00	944.40	804.30
May	980.50	1 021.70	935.40	854.60	868.20	694.20	923.30	952.00	804.30
August	991.20	1 034.10	955.40	862.20	874.20	704.90	931.70	960.20	816.50
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	0.9	0.8	0.2	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.5
August	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.0
November	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
2001									
February	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.3
May	1.0	0.5	-0.9	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.0
August	1.1	1.2	2.1	0.9	0.7	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	3.8	3.5	2.8	4.6	4.7	2.5	3.9	3.8	2.1
2000									
August	5.9	5.1	4.8	3.5	3.3	2.9	4.8	4.2	3.7
2001									
August	4.7	4.4	4.2	5.3	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.5

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public Sector—Australia: **Original**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
DOLLARS									
2000									
May	931.80	976.80	903.40	809.40	822.90	661.10	876.80	907.70	772.40
August	944.20	986.20	911.40	816.10	829.10	662.30	886.20	915.10	775.10
November	955.80	998.70	921.40	826.30	840.00	670.40	897.20	926.90	784.00
2001									
February	973.10	1 016.80	951.70	846.80	859.60	699.10	916.00	945.70	814.70
May	978.90	1 023.30	935.30	853.80	868.00	693.30	921.90	952.50	802.80
August	988.80	1 029.80	949.90	859.60	872.00	698.60	929.00	956.70	809.90
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
May	0.5	0.9	-0.7	1.1	1.3	-0.7	0.7	1.0	-0.9
August	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.4
November	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
2001									
February	1.8	1.8	3.3	2.5	2.3	4.3	2.1	2.0	3.9
May	0.6	0.6	-1.7	0.8	1.0	-0.8	0.6	0.7	-1.5
August	1.0	0.6	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1999									
August	3.8	3.5	2.8	4.6	4.7	2.6	3.9	3.8	2.1
2000									
August	5.9	5.1	4.8	3.5	3.4	2.9	4.8	4.2	3.7
2001									
August	4.7	4.4	4.2	5.3	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.5	4.5

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Industry—Australia: **Original**

Industry	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
DOLLARS									
Mining	1 351.40	1 471.50	1 446.90	984.50	1 009.80	942.90	1 313.80	1 424.10	1 390.60
Manufacturing	799.20	867.70	826.50	637.60	668.80	583.50	763.00	823.20	762.70
Electricity, gas and water supply	1 085.70	1 186.90	1 164.40	900.10	925.30	830.10	1 058.60	1 148.80	1 105.90
Construction	788.60	853.80	787.20	637.80	648.40	453.00	772.80	832.30	727.80
Wholesale trade	838.50	865.40	807.20	734.20	741.70	616.10	807.90	829.10	741.20
Retail trade	642.70	688.40	497.30	571.50	584.00	315.50	618.90	653.50	401.30
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	675.10	689.50	445.70	603.50	611.30	342.50	649.00	661.10	393.40
Transport and storage	883.60	979.10	903.40	699.80	723.00	603.20	841.40	920.30	821.40
Communication services	998.60	1 032.80	988.20	882.00	893.90	741.70	965.80	993.70	903.50
Finance and insurance	1 254.90	1 270.40	1 199.50	815.50	830.60	709.30	1 028.40	1 043.70	915.00
Property and business services	1 037.20	1 058.00	912.90	757.40	763.10	595.50	919.20	933.70	756.10
Government administration and defence	946.00	971.70	920.00	830.10	840.00	696.60	897.30	916.30	810.00
Education	1 036.00	1 042.30	849.80	895.70	898.20	639.80	951.30	955.30	706.70
Health and community services	967.20	1 009.90	856.50	774.40	790.90	561.60	838.90	864.20	624.80
Cultural and recreational services	884.50	896.60	591.30	765.90	773.10	407.80	839.90	850.20	501.20
Personal and other services	873.40	915.60	781.00	705.50	722.00	458.70	814.10	847.20	614.60
All industries	888.30	934.90	801.40	751.10	763.70	534.70	838.50	872.70	672.60

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

Mining	0.5	1.9	2.4	0.8	2.2	4.9	0.3	1.7	2.5
Manufacturing	6.7	4.2	4.9	0.9	0.2	-0.1	5.4	3.3	3.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	8.8	9.7	8.9	7.1	7.4	6.7	8.8	9.7	8.9
Construction	1.8	0.6	-2.1	7.5	7.9	-7.5	3.7	2.9	-1.5
Wholesale trade	2.1	1.5	1.9	10.9	10.1	8.8	3.9	3.2	2.9
Retail trade	-0.3	1.9	5.0	1.3	-0.1	-3.3	0.6	1.7	0.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	7.1	6.5	-2.2	5.5	5.7	3.5	6.4	6.1	0.6
Transport and storage	4.6	5.4	4.8	0.1	-0.2	0.4	3.5	4.0	3.4
Communication services	3.3	2.4	2.0	8.1	7.4	2.5	4.7	3.9	2.2
Finance and insurance	5.7	4.5	4.6	12.6	9.2	14.3	9.3	7.2	11.0
Property and business services	9.1	6.5	8.2	7.8	6.6	8.0	8.2	6.1	7.2
Government administration and defence	4.9	4.6	3.6	6.0	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.7	3.8
Education	7.3	7.2	7.9	6.1	6.2	6.8	6.5	6.5	7.1
Health and community services	0.3	0.3	2.0	2.0	1.7	4.0	1.7	1.5	4.2
Cultural and recreational services	0.8	0.3	9.5	5.9	5.2	8.2	3.1	2.5	9.8
Personal and other services	1.7	1.4	-1.1	1.6	1.3	-4.1	1.2	0.9	-3.6
All industries	4.7	4.0	4.1	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.1	4.3	4.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States and Territories: **Trend**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2000									
May	888.70	945.20	806.70	722.40	741.00	536.60	825.40	867.50	676.30
August	896.30	949.80	813.90	730.70	749.30	545.20	833.50	873.80	685.10
November	901.20	953.30	818.70	739.50	756.60	550.40	840.40	879.40	690.90
2001									
February	912.00	964.20	826.70	750.90	766.10	554.20	851.90	890.30	697.00
May	930.60	982.90	839.80	764.90	778.80	558.60	869.00	907.00	706.00
August	953.20	1 005.30	856.90	780.40	793.30	564.30	889.10	926.60	717.60
VICTORIA									
2000									
May	802.10	852.70	740.30	708.20	724.20	502.30	768.70	806.90	625.10
August	809.00	856.50	741.30	716.50	732.60	511.50	775.90	812.30	630.70
November	814.40	859.50	740.40	723.90	739.20	518.50	782.20	816.90	633.80
2001									
February	823.70	868.40	746.90	730.80	745.30	522.00	791.00	824.70	638.60
May	837.20	883.00	760.80	738.50	752.90	524.80	802.20	836.60	646.90
August	854.10	901.10	777.80	747.70	762.30	527.00	815.60	851.10	656.30
QUEENSLAND									
2000									
May	774.70	825.90	708.00	655.30	666.90	482.50	730.90	767.60	602.40
August	786.40	834.60	719.50	666.10	678.40	490.00	743.90	779.50	612.80
November	796.90	842.70	730.10	674.80	687.80	495.50	754.40	788.70	621.50
2001									
February	803.30	850.00	737.00	686.10	699.10	502.40	762.00	796.70	628.00
May	808.80	858.20	741.90	699.90	711.90	510.20	769.80	805.90	633.10
August	814.80	867.60	746.30	714.70	725.30	518.20	779.30	817.50	637.40
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	776.70	834.20	713.10	654.70	676.20	468.20	731.60	775.50	590.70
August	793.00	848.50	727.40	667.90	689.70	480.20	746.70	789.90	604.20
November	807.10	860.80	742.10	679.80	699.60	488.90	760.50	802.10	616.10
2001									
February	817.30	869.80	752.80	690.60	707.50	494.60	772.00	811.70	624.80
May	824.90	876.10	762.10	702.30	717.80	500.80	782.00	820.20	633.20
August	831.40	880.60	771.90	715.20	729.60	509.20	791.60	828.20	642.80

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	870.50	918.00	768.10	678.40	688.40	443.30	801.70	835.90	603.70
August	878.30	927.20	777.80	689.70	700.50	451.50	812.20	847.70	615.10
November	885.90	937.20	787.70	696.40	707.90	456.10	820.40	857.70	623.50
2001									
February	894.90	946.00	795.40	700.30	711.90	459.90	827.20	864.70	629.70
May	903.10	951.70	800.20	706.00	717.40	466.00	834.30	870.20	635.90
August	909.10	954.80	803.00	714.00	725.20	472.20	841.10	875.20	641.30
TASMANIA									
2000									
May	782.20	818.90	689.10	644.70	662.30	431.00	735.20	765.00	557.90
August	786.60	825.20	687.80	650.30	667.90	428.50	739.30	770.40	553.50
November	785.50	823.00	680.30	660.20	676.20	435.30	740.70	770.70	553.10
2001									
February	785.20	819.20	677.50	675.10	689.70	450.70	745.40	772.70	562.00
May	788.60	821.00	683.90	691.90	706.70	466.30	754.70	780.70	575.50
August	792.60	825.70	695.50	707.80	723.90	478.80	764.60	791.40	589.60
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2000									
May	849.90	894.00	741.00	722.90	742.50	558.40	796.20	829.40	652.50
August	856.90	902.50	755.50	729.30	749.00	565.70	803.10	837.70	665.40
November	861.50	909.40	761.90	737.60	756.60	567.10	809.50	845.80	669.20
2001									
February	866.50	914.70	766.80	744.80	762.30	572.20	815.90	851.50	672.60
May	873.60	918.50	775.10	748.50	764.50	581.20	821.80	854.20	680.60
August	880.10	920.10	783.60	747.10	761.30	587.20	824.70	853.10	688.00
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2000									
May	982.00	1 004.30	882.70	827.20	835.70	625.30	911.40	927.90	743.60
August	997.30	1 017.40	897.50	837.20	845.30	640.20	922.00	936.60	755.70
November	1 009.80	1 026.40	910.50	846.30	854.40	656.00	930.90	943.00	767.40
2001									
February	1 014.30	1 030.50	914.10	852.20	859.60	659.90	936.10	948.00	771.50
May	1 016.10	1 034.70	913.00	860.40	866.70	657.10	942.90	956.40	772.40
August	1 016.80	1 039.70	907.70	869.60	874.80	650.60	951.00	966.70	770.50

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States and Territories: **Seasonally Adjusted**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2000									
May	888.90	943.80	803.30	721.60	740.60	534.90	824.90	866.30	673.50
August	900.00	956.60	819.50	730.40	751.60	547.90	835.90	878.90	690.10
November	903.70	952.20	817.90	743.90	758.70	547.90	844.00	879.80	689.10
2001									
February	899.50	951.20	822.30	743.90	759.10	557.60	840.90	878.80	695.80
May	936.10	992.50	838.50	767.10	782.30	553.80	873.90	915.40	704.00
August	956.00	1 004.50	861.40	782.70	794.30	567.10	891.30	925.80	720.60
VICTORIA									
2000									
May	798.50	850.80	744.30	706.40	723.20	505.30	766.00	805.70	628.50
August	816.00	864.30	747.80	723.80	740.40	514.20	782.10	819.40	635.60
November	809.80	852.60	732.50	714.80	729.30	512.40	775.80	809.80	626.80
2001									
February	822.70	866.50	742.70	738.10	752.70	529.60	793.90	825.80	640.50
May	836.10	884.40	766.00	734.00	748.20	520.10	799.80	836.00	646.50
August	856.70	902.00	776.60	748.50	763.30	527.50	817.10	852.00	656.80
QUEENSLAND									
2000									
May	769.50	822.50	705.00	651.80	663.80	485.00	723.80	761.00	601.90
August	795.10	845.90	725.70	672.10	683.20	493.20	753.50	791.40	617.50
November	792.00	831.20	724.10	674.00	687.70	488.90	751.10	781.10	615.30
2001									
February	803.90	854.00	742.40	678.70	692.10	505.80	760.10	797.20	632.20
May	811.10	860.30	740.40	706.70	718.50	510.50	772.10	807.60	634.00
August	812.10	863.80	745.00	713.30	723.60	516.40	778.20	815.90	634.20
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	773.40	833.90	705.30	653.50	678.60	463.50	728.90	775.90	585.40
August	790.60	848.50	729.20	670.50	696.10	485.60	745.90	791.70	606.70
November	815.90	861.00	748.00	679.70	693.80	487.70	765.40	800.60	619.00
2001									
February	810.20	870.20	749.50	690.20	709.80	497.10	768.30	812.80	624.30
May	828.30	877.90	759.90	700.40	716.00	494.20	783.40	820.70	628.60
August	831.60	878.50	775.90	717.50	730.60	514.70	792.00	827.10	647.80

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	875.40	920.60	765.90	678.80	688.50	448.90	804.10	836.60	605.50
August	873.80	920.90	777.80	688.30	699.90	451.80	810.00	844.90	617.40
November	885.10	940.00	789.00	699.20	709.60	454.80	821.40	859.90	622.50
2001									
February	896.40	948.00	794.00	703.60	717.00	459.70	828.50	867.70	627.70
May	904.90	951.50	804.00	694.80	704.40	464.90	831.40	865.30	638.90
August	906.60	953.50	799.80	723.30	735.40	474.40	843.20	878.10	640.10
TASMANIA									
2000									
May	790.20	826.20	692.30	647.10	664.30	431.20	743.20	770.90	560.10
August	787.00	827.70	691.80	650.40	667.60	426.50	740.20	772.90	554.30
November	782.80	821.90	680.10	657.40	676.60	429.60	738.60	770.20	548.40
2001									
February	783.20	816.30	670.60	673.90	684.90	456.20	738.90	765.80	560.50
May	790.90	818.80	681.60	695.40	709.80	466.30	762.10	783.70	578.60
August	792.00	830.00	703.10	706.50	725.00	478.30	761.70	793.10	589.30
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2000									
May	855.00	897.80	753.20	732.40	753.30	577.20	804.80	836.80	667.90
August	859.00	901.10	750.80	722.40	741.20	555.90	800.90	833.00	659.70
November	858.60	908.70	760.50	737.40	757.60	571.00	807.10	845.70	670.90
2001									
February	862.90	914.60	772.60	745.50	761.80	563.10	814.40	852.30	669.90
May	879.90	922.10	764.80	755.80	772.70	591.00	829.40	859.30	679.60
August	876.60	916.60	791.80	739.30	753.00	583.90	818.40	847.30	691.60
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2000									
May	982.10	1 005.60	890.70	829.70	837.60	628.40	911.70	930.30	749.90
August	991.90	1 014.70	892.90	837.30	844.40	637.10	919.60	934.50	751.80
November	1 017.00	1 030.00	908.00	851.10	860.60	653.10	937.80	948.70	764.80
2001									
February	1 015.80	1 032.30	923.30	846.10	853.40	674.30	932.50	943.20	781.70
May	1 009.30	1 027.30	909.40	861.40	866.80	647.30	938.70	953.30	765.40
August	1 021.80	1 045.70	905.20	872.10	878.10	650.80	957.10	972.60	771.20

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States and Territories: **Original**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2000									
May	885.70	939.90	801.40	720.70	739.30	536.50	822.20	862.70	673.00
August	901.30	957.10	819.80	729.20	751.10	547.40	836.60	879.60	689.80
November	903.80	955.90	817.90	743.30	758.50	545.10	843.60	881.90	687.20
2001									
February	901.40	951.10	824.10	746.70	761.10	559.40	843.30	879.80	698.60
May	932.70	988.40	836.50	766.20	780.90	555.40	871.10	911.60	703.50
August	957.30	1 005.00	861.60	781.30	793.70	566.60	892.00	926.60	720.30
VICTORIA									
2000									
May	799.10	850.10	739.60	706.00	722.60	504.80	765.90	804.70	626.30
August	813.10	861.40	741.80	724.10	740.40	513.80	781.60	818.60	632.30
November	808.70	857.00	737.80	716.20	732.70	509.80	776.20	813.30	627.60
2001									
February	826.20	865.60	748.00	736.60	749.90	533.10	794.00	824.00	645.20
May	836.50	883.60	761.10	733.40	747.30	519.60	799.60	834.90	644.10
August	853.80	899.10	770.50	749.10	763.60	527.40	816.80	851.30	653.60
QUEENSLAND									
2000									
May	769.50	822.30	709.90	650.30	662.30	485.90	725.40	763.00	603.90
August	795.10	848.10	728.50	670.40	682.70	495.30	751.20	789.80	622.10
November	787.70	829.70	716.10	676.50	690.50	485.10	749.40	781.70	608.20
2001									
February	808.20	853.40	742.30	679.40	691.40	506.50	762.50	796.00	632.50
May	811.00	859.90	745.70	705.10	716.90	511.40	773.80	809.80	636.20
August	812.40	866.40	747.90	711.60	723.00	518.60	775.80	814.30	639.00
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	770.40	831.30	705.00	651.40	677.20	462.60	726.80	774.80	585.90
August	791.60	846.00	724.80	667.70	692.60	484.00	745.50	788.90	603.60
November	814.90	866.00	748.30	681.40	698.00	488.30	766.40	805.00	618.50
2001									
February	813.80	870.60	754.70	693.60	710.60	499.30	770.10	812.40	627.70
May	824.80	875.00	759.10	698.00	714.20	493.00	780.90	819.30	628.90
August	832.60	875.90	771.20	714.50	727.10	513.00	791.70	824.30	644.50

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, States and Territories: **Original** *continued*

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2000									
May	872.20	920.90	765.10	677.80	688.70	446.90	803.00	838.20	605.50
August	878.70	922.70	778.40	687.20	697.70	451.50	811.50	843.70	615.50
November	887.80	942.50	788.50	695.20	705.70	450.80	820.70	860.00	620.10
2001									
February	891.60	943.10	794.40	709.90	722.90	466.10	828.80	867.00	632.00
May	901.80	952.00	803.30	693.80	704.70	462.70	830.40	867.00	638.90
August	911.60	955.30	800.50	722.00	733.00	474.20	844.80	876.90	638.20
TASMANIA									
2000									
May	788.10	828.20	695.80	643.40	659.10	428.00	737.20	768.80	558.10
August	784.20	819.60	677.60	645.40	660.90	422.90	736.50	765.10	547.40
November	784.60	824.70	683.20	663.40	685.10	431.00	741.30	774.80	549.50
2001									
February	786.20	819.50	678.00	676.90	688.80	462.00	745.80	771.20	568.40
May	788.70	820.90	685.20	691.30	704.10	462.90	755.90	781.50	576.60
August	789.20	821.90	688.50	701.10	717.70	474.10	758.10	785.20	581.90
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2000									
May	854.10	901.20	755.40	728.30	749.90	571.10	801.10	837.40	667.30
August	857.40	902.00	748.30	723.00	742.80	559.50	800.10	834.20	657.30
November	860.00	911.70	763.20	738.60	757.60	569.60	809.60	847.70	671.40
2001									
February	864.00	907.20	770.30	748.00	763.90	566.80	816.50	848.60	672.60
May	879.00	925.70	767.10	751.40	769.00	584.70	825.50	860.00	679.00
August	874.90	917.50	789.00	740.00	754.70	587.70	817.60	848.40	688.90
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2000									
May	979.80	1 003.70	884.70	826.20	835.80	620.30	911.80	929.40	742.90
August	992.10	1 011.10	889.00	832.20	840.20	632.00	917.30	931.20	746.90
November	1 018.20	1 035.20	909.30	856.00	865.40	660.70	939.10	952.40	769.50
2001									
February	1 017.00	1 032.90	932.40	850.10	854.90	681.10	933.50	943.90	789.60
May	1 007.00	1 025.20	903.40	857.60	864.60	638.50	938.80	952.30	758.00
August	1 021.80	1 041.90	900.90	866.80	873.80	645.50	954.70	969.10	766.10

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Quarterly Percentage Change—States and Territories: **Trend**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2001									
February	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.2	0.9
May	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.7	0.8	2.0	1.9	1.3
August	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3	2.2	1.6
VICTORIA									
2001									
February	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.8
May	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.3
August	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.4	1.7	1.7	1.5
QUEENSLAND									
2001									
February	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.1
May	0.7	1.0	0.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.0	1.2	0.8
August	0.7	1.1	0.6	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.4
May	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3
August	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0
May	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.0
August	0.7	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.8
TASMANIA									
2001									
February	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	2.3	2.0	3.5	0.6	0.3	1.6
May	0.4	0.2	0.9	2.5	2.5	3.4	1.3	1.0	2.4
August	0.5	0.6	1.7	2.3	2.4	2.7	1.3	1.4	2.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2001									
February	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
May	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.3	1.6	0.7	0.3	1.2
August	0.7	0.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.4	1.0	0.4	-0.1	1.1
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2001									
February	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
May	0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.8	-0.4	0.7	0.9	0.1
August	0.1	0.5	-0.6	1.1	0.9	-1.0	0.9	1.1	-0.2

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult time earnings	Full-time ordinary adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult time earnings	Full-time ordinary adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult time earnings	Full-time ordinary adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2001									
February	-0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	1.8	-0.4	-0.1	1.0
May	4.1	4.3	2.0	3.1	3.1	-0.7	3.9	4.2	1.2
August	2.1	1.2	2.7	2.0	1.5	2.4	2.0	1.1	2.4
VICTORIA									
2001									
February	1.6	1.6	1.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.0	2.2
May	1.6	2.1	3.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.8	0.8	1.2	0.9
August	2.5	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.0	1.4	2.2	1.9	1.6
QUEENSLAND									
2001									
February	1.5	2.7	2.5	0.7	0.6	3.5	1.2	2.1	2.7
May	0.9	0.7	-0.3	4.1	3.8	0.9	1.6	1.3	0.3
August	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	-0.7	1.1	0.2	1.5	2.3	1.9	0.4	1.5	0.8
May	2.2	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	-0.6	2.0	1.0	0.7
August	0.4	0.1	2.1	2.4	2.0	4.1	1.1	0.8	3.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8
May	1.0	0.4	1.3	-1.2	-1.7	1.1	0.4	-0.3	1.8
August	0.2	0.2	-0.5	4.1	4.4	2.0	1.4	1.5	0.2
TASMANIA									
2001									
February	0.1	-0.7	-1.4	2.5	1.2	6.2	0.0	-0.6	2.2
May	1.0	0.3	1.6	3.2	3.6	2.2	3.1	2.3	3.2
August	0.1	1.4	3.2	1.6	2.1	2.6	-0.1	1.2	1.8
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2001									
February	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.1	0.6	-1.4	0.9	0.8	-0.2
May	2.0	0.8	-1.0	1.4	1.4	5.0	1.8	0.8	1.5
August	-0.4	-0.6	3.5	-2.2	-2.6	-1.2	-1.3	-1.4	1.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2001									
February	-0.1	0.2	1.7	-0.6	-0.8	3.2	-0.6	-0.6	2.2
May	-0.6	-0.5	-1.5	1.8	1.6	-4.0	0.7	1.1	-2.1
August	1.2	1.8	-0.5	1.2	1.3	0.5	2.0	2.0	0.8

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Quarterly Percentage Change—States and Territories: **Original**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
2001									
February	-0.3	-0.5	0.8	0.5	0.3	2.6	0.0	-0.2	1.6
May	3.5	3.9	1.5	2.6	2.6	-0.7	3.3	3.6	0.7
August	2.6	1.7	3.0	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.4	1.6	2.4
VICTORIA									
2001									
February	2.2	1.0	1.4	2.8	2.3	4.6	2.3	1.3	2.8
May	1.3	2.1	1.8	-0.4	-0.3	-2.5	0.7	1.3	-0.2
August	2.1	1.8	1.2	2.1	2.2	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.5
QUEENSLAND									
2001									
February	2.6	2.9	3.7	0.4	0.1	4.4	1.8	1.8	4.0
May	0.3	0.8	0.5	3.8	3.7	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.6
August	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	-0.1	0.5	0.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	0.5	0.9	1.5
May	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	-1.2	1.4	0.8	0.2
August	0.9	0.1	1.6	2.4	1.8	4.1	1.4	0.6	2.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
2001									
February	0.4	0.1	0.7	2.1	2.4	3.4	1.0	0.8	1.9
May	1.1	0.9	1.1	-2.3	-2.5	-0.7	0.2	0.0	1.1
August	1.1	0.3	-0.4	4.1	4.0	2.5	1.7	1.1	-0.1
TASMANIA									
2001									
February	0.2	-0.6	-0.8	2.0	0.5	7.2	0.6	-0.5	3.4
May	0.3	0.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	0.2	1.4	1.3	1.5
August	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.4	1.9	2.4	0.3	0.5	0.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
2001									
February	0.5	-0.5	0.9	1.3	0.8	-0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2
May	1.7	2.0	-0.4	0.5	0.7	3.2	1.1	1.3	1.0
August	-0.5	-0.9	2.9	-1.5	-1.9	0.5	-1.0	-1.3	1.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
2001									
February	-0.1	-0.2	2.5	-0.7	-1.2	3.1	-0.6	-0.9	2.6
May	-1.0	-0.8	-3.1	0.9	1.1	-6.3	0.6	0.9	-4.0
August	1.5	1.6	-0.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.1

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Annual Percentage Change—States and Territories: **Trend**

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
NEW SOUTH WALES									
August									
1999	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.1	2.9	4.5	4.3	3.7
2000	5.9	4.9	4.9	3.2	3.7	7.6	4.9	4.4	6.6
2001	6.4	5.9	5.3	6.8	5.9	3.5	6.7	6.1	4.7
VICTORIA									
August									
1999	0.5	-0.2	1.0	4.8	4.9	2.8	1.8	1.3	0.9
2000	4.0	3.3	3.5	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.0	4.0
2001	5.6	5.2	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.0	5.1	4.8	4.1
QUEENSLAND									
August									
1999	1.2	0.4	-0.4	1.7	1.2	0.1	1.3	0.6	-0.5
2000	5.0	4.7	3.1	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	4.9
2001	3.6	4.0	3.7	7.3	6.9	5.7	4.8	4.9	4.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
August									
1999	1.2	1.1	2.4	0.7	1.8	-2.1	1.1	1.5	-0.1
2000	6.7	6.6	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.2
2001	4.8	3.8	6.1	7.1	5.8	6.0	6.0	4.9	6.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
August									
1999	2.3	1.3	-0.7	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.5	1.7	0.7
2000	6.1	5.0	5.8	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.5	5.6	6.7
2001	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.6	3.6	3.2	4.3
TASMANIA									
August									
1999	1.8	0.5	0.3	1.6	1.5	3.9	1.5	0.6	1.5
2000	5.2	5.2	2.6	4.1	4.7	0.2	4.8	5.0	1.1
2001	0.8	0.1	1.1	8.8	8.4	11.7	3.4	2.7	6.5
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
August									
1999	2.1	2.0	-0.9	3.8	4.0	-4.3	2.7	2.7	-1.8
2000	5.3	4.3	10.3	3.2	3.5	8.3	4.7	4.3	9.4
2001	2.7	2.0	3.7	2.4	1.6	3.8	2.7	1.8	3.4
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
August									
1999	0.0	-0.4	-3.3	2.7	2.7	-6.6	0.9	0.7	-5.9
2000	9.6	8.2	11.3	5.3	5.0	11.9	7.0	6.0	10.4
2001	2.0	2.2	1.1	3.9	3.5	1.6	3.1	3.2	2.0

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INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains estimates of average weekly earnings for August 2001 based on information obtained from a sample survey of employers.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 All wage and salary earners who received pay for the reference period are represented in the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings (AWE), except:

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

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

- casual employees who did not receive pay during the reference period;
- employees on leave without pay who did not receive pay during the reference period;
- employees on strike, or stood down, who did not receive pay during the reference period;
- directors who are not paid a salary;
- proprietors/partners of unincorporated businesses;
- self-employed persons such as subcontractors, owner/drivers, consultants ; and
- persons paid solely by commission without a retainer.

4 The sample for the AWE survey, like most ABS business surveys, is selected from the ABS Business Register which is primarily based on registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) Pay As You Go Withholding (PAYGW) scheme (and prior to 1 June 2000 the Group Employer (GE) scheme). The population is updated quarterly to take account of:

- new businesses;
- businesses which have ceased employing;
- changes in employment levels;
- changes in industry; and
- other general business changes.

The estimates include an allowance for the time it takes newly registered businesses to get on to the survey population.

5 Businesses which have ceased employing are identified when the ATO cancels their PAYGW registration (or previously their GE registration). In addition, from May 1999, businesses which did not remit under the GE scheme for the previous five quarters were removed from the frame. A similar process will be adopted to remove businesses which do not remit under the PAYGW scheme.

CHANGES TO ABS BUSINESS REGISTER

6 The introduction of The New Tax System has a number of significant implications for ABS business statistics. These are discussed in the information paper *ABS Statistics And The New Tax System* (ABS Cat. No. 1358.0). The replacement of the GE registration process by PAYGW registration resulted in a number of changes to the populations for most business surveys. These changes caused a greater than normal rotation of the businesses included in the AWE survey sample between February and May 2001.

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SURVEY DESIGN

7 A sample of approximately 4,700 employer units is selected from the ABS Business Register to ensure adequate State and industry representation. The sample is updated each quarter to reflect changes in the ABS register of businesses. These changes arise from the emergence of new businesses, takeovers and mergers, changes to industry classification, changes in the number of employees, and businesses which have ceased operations. Such updating of the register can contribute to changes in the estimates of average weekly earnings.

8 The statistical unit for the survey comprises all activities of an employer in a particular State or Territory. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the business in the State or Territory. The statistical units are stratified by State, sector, industry, employment size and an equal probability sample is selected from each stratum.

9 Since February 1992, survey data for a number of Commonwealth government and Australian Capital Territory government departments have been collected electronically. From November 1993, survey data for a number of Northern Territory government departments and agencies have also been collected electronically.

NOTES ON ESTIMATES

10 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. Changes in the averages may be affected not only by changes in the level of earnings of employees but also by changes in the overall composition of the wage and salary earner segment of the labour force.

11 There are several aspects which can contribute to compositional changes, including variations over time in the proportions of full-time, part-time, casual and junior employees; variations in the occupational distribution within and across industries; variations in the distribution of employment between industries; and variations in the proportion of male and female employees. Such effects may apply differently within different States and Territories, and over time.

ROUNDING

12 Estimates of average weekly earnings are rounded to the nearest 10 cents.

13 Percentage changes are calculated on the actual values and may differ from calculations based on rounded estimates.

COMPARABILITY OF RESULTS

14 It is important to recognise that whilst average employee earnings can be derived from the Survey of Employment and Earnings (SEE) published in *Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (Cat. no. 6248.0), these average earnings will not be comparable with those produced from the AWE survey. The SEE collects the sum of employee earnings paid in all pay periods ending in a calendar quarter, including payments to employees which are excluded from the scope of the AWE survey such as retrospective pay, pay in advance, leave loadings and severance, termination and redundancy payments.

15 Whilst the quarterly earnings produced by the SEE are affected by the varying number of pay periods from quarter to quarter, the AWE survey results are unaffected because of the selection of a specified pay period in the middle of a quarter. The SEE earnings data are also more subject to seasonal variations, particularly in the December and March quarters, due to the incidence of holidays taken in January being paid in advance and the earnings being reported in December quarter figures.

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HISTORICAL SERIES

16 The AWE series was introduced in August 1981 when it replaced the average weekly earnings series based principally on information from payroll tax returns. Revised estimates of average weekly earnings for the period August 1981 to November 1983 were included in *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, March Quarter 1984* (Cat. no. 6302.0) published on 12 July 1984. Users who need a measure of the movement in earnings for a period which spans both the payroll tax based and employer survey series should refer to Table 3 in that publication which presents both series linked to a common index base (August 1981 = 100.0).

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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

18 The series have been seasonally adjusted from September 1983 and the historical series can be made available on request. The seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The most recent review, using original estimates to November 2000, took place in time for inclusion in the February 2001 estimates.

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

TREND ESTIMATES

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

21 The trend estimates in this publication, obtained by dampening out the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series, are calculated using a centred 7-term Henderson moving average of the seasonally adjusted series. Estimates for the three most recent quarters cannot be calculated using this centred average method; instead an asymmetric average is used. This can lead to revisions in the trend estimates for the last three quarters when data become available for later quarters. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal adjustment factors.

22 If a series is highly volatile then the trend estimates will be subject to greater revision for the latest few quarters as new data become available. However, it is important to note that this does not make the trend series inferior to the seasonally adjusted or original series.

23 For more information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6345 or at timeseries@abs.gov.au.

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

- Picking Turning Points in the Economy (April 1991)
- Smarter Data Use (March 1992); and
- Direct Movement Estimator for the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings (August 1998)

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FURTHER INFORMATION

25 Background information about the average weekly earnings series is provided in *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (Cat. no. 6256.0) published 21 June 1984. Copies are available on request.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

26 The following publications contain related information and are available from ABS Bookshops:

- *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia 1941–1990* (Cat. no. 6350.0)
- *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia* (Cat. no. 6306.0)—issued biennially
- *Wage Cost Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6345.0)—issued quarterly
- *Job Vacancies, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0)—issued quarterly
- *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (Cat. no. 6256.0)
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28 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Details of additional data available are shown in Special Data Service on page 32 of this publication.

TECHNICAL NOTES

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 \$500.00 with a standard error of \$4.00, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given an estimate in the range \$496.00 to \$504.00 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range \$492.00 to \$508.00.

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 \$1.50 and the standard error on this estimate was \$1.00, then there would be about two chances in three that a full enumeration would have given a quarterly change estimate in the range +\$0.50 to +\$2.50 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would be in the range -\$0.50 to +\$3.50.

5 Quarterly movements in estimates of average weekly earnings are considered to be statistically significant where they exceed two standard errors.



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard Errors—States and Territories

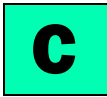
States and Territories	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
LEVEL (\$)									
New South Wales	15.90	16.30	15.70	10.90	11.10	10.40	12.20	12.50	11.40
Victoria	13.50	13.40	13.60	10.10	10.20	13.00	10.20	10.40	12.40
Queensland	11.90	12.70	15.10	9.10	9.40	9.90	8.60	9.40	11.30
South Australia	21.00	22.20	20.20	13.90	14.20	12.40	15.30	16.10	14.70
Western Australia	24.40	22.60	27.30	14.30	14.60	15.70	20.60	20.00	20.80
Tasmania	15.60	16.10	20.70	14.00	14.80	14.30	12.10	12.50	12.90
Northern Territory	18.10	19.20	18.10	9.80	10.00	11.60	12.20	12.90	12.10
Australian Capital Territory	19.40	19.50	22.70	15.40	15.30	22.90	12.50	12.50	20.70
Australia	7.50	7.50	7.60	5.20	5.30	5.50	5.80	5.80	5.90

QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)									
New South Wales	13.70	14.00	12.20	7.40	7.50	6.70	10.00	10.20	8.40
Victoria	9.20	9.60	9.30	8.00	8.30	5.80	7.40	7.70	6.40
Queensland	10.40	11.40	10.80	9.30	9.50	7.60	7.90	8.50	7.50
South Australia	12.20	12.40	12.90	8.20	8.80	9.30	9.00	9.20	9.90
Western Australia	18.40	23.30	24.50	11.10	11.20	8.80	14.70	18.00	15.80
Tasmania	8.50	9.70	12.90	7.70	7.80	13.20	6.30	7.10	8.00
Northern Territory	17.70	17.10	21.20	8.00	8.90	8.50	11.60	11.60	12.90
Australian Capital Territory	16.50	16.50	21.00	15.20	15.40	21.70	12.30	12.30	16.70
Australia	5.90	6.20	5.80	3.80	3.90	3.20	4.50	4.70	4.00



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard Errors—Sector

Sector	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
LEVEL (\$)									
Private sector	9.20	9.20	9.10	6.90	7.00	6.70	7.40	7.40	7.20
Public sector	4.90	4.80	5.60	4.90	5.10	4.30	4.20	4.30	4.90
All sectors	7.50	7.50	7.60	5.20	5.30	5.50	5.80	5.80	5.90
QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)									
Private sector	7.30	7.70	7.00	5.00	5.10	4.00	5.70	6.00	4.90
Public sector	2.40	2.50	2.40	4.50	4.60	1.30	3.10	3.30	1.60
All sectors	5.90	6.20	5.80	3.80	3.90	3.20	4.50	4.70	4.00



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Standard Errors—Industry

Industry	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All employees total earnings</i>
	LEVEL (\$)								
Mining	33.50	31.10	30.10	32.20	34.10	24.40	32.10	32.20	29.80
Manufacturing	11.70	13.40	13.20	11.30	12.80	13.20	10.70	12.30	13.00
Electricity, gas and water supply	10.20	9.70	12.50	6.40	6.30	7.20	9.40	9.00	10.70
Construction	24.90	26.10	26.20	35.10	36.40	30.10	22.80	24.00	24.70
Wholesale trade	29.20	29.60	28.90	26.10	26.10	23.90	25.30	25.50	23.80
Retail trade	12.50	21.50	18.00	10.70	11.10	10.20	9.70	15.60	13.70
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	22.70	22.30	17.60	15.20	14.70	13.70	17.10	16.60	13.60
Transport and storage	25.80	19.50	23.10	23.50	25.80	26.00	23.50	20.90	23.00
Communication services	11.30	13.10	14.30	6.80	7.00	12.40	8.20	9.60	11.50
Finance and insurance	47.40	47.20	46.40	16.10	15.80	15.90	30.70	30.50	27.40
Property and business services	34.70	33.80	31.90	21.00	21.10	19.30	24.50	24.20	24.20
Government administration and defence	10.70	10.30	11.00	4.60	4.70	9.10	7.10	6.80	9.20
Education	6.50	6.60	12.80	11.90	12.00	9.90	10.10	10.20	10.30
Health and community services	34.00	34.50	26.60	11.20	11.50	11.50	14.60	14.80	13.20
Cultural and recreational services	41.10	42.30	40.60	21.70	21.90	26.30	28.10	28.80	30.10
Personal and other services	31.20	33.50	32.90	22.70	24.00	22.00	27.00	29.10	24.10
All industries	7.50	7.50	7.60	5.20	5.30	5.50	5.80	5.80	5.90

QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)									
Mining	36.00	36.80	37.90	26.00	27.10	28.00	33.90	36.00	36.60
Manufacturing	7.10	8.80	9.00	8.80	10.50	12.80	6.20	7.90	8.20
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.40	10.90	12.10	4.50	4.50	5.60	10.30	9.90	10.70
Construction	18.10	21.80	22.40	43.30	44.50	31.60	18.40	21.90	21.70
Wholesale trade	21.40	21.70	20.60	19.50	19.20	18.90	17.10	17.20	16.00
Retail trade	8.60	10.60	9.40	5.60	5.80	4.50	6.40	8.00	6.00
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	16.80	17.70	13.80	14.50	14.20	12.00	11.80	12.00	11.00
Transport and storage	25.30	24.30	26.80	20.40	20.60	20.60	23.10	22.40	25.40
Communication services	7.50	9.40	10.00	6.30	6.50	11.60	5.90	7.40	10.10
Finance and insurance	46.00	45.80	43.40	10.70	10.70	10.70	28.60	28.50	24.60
Property and business services	29.80	31.30	29.50	14.80	14.80	12.80	20.60	21.60	19.60
Government administration and defence	4.20	4.20	4.40	2.30	2.40	4.10	2.80	2.90	3.20
Education	3.90	4.00	5.00	10.90	10.90	4.00	8.40	8.50	3.40
Health and community services	28.70	29.90	18.10	8.10	8.40	7.90	12.50	12.80	7.00
Cultural and recreational services	15.30	15.60	26.70	12.70	12.70	13.20	11.90	12.40	16.30
Personal and other services	30.60	32.50	27.90	22.90	23.90	13.40	25.70	27.60	12.50
All industries	5.90	6.20	5.80	3.80	3.90	3.20	4.50	4.70	4.00

SPECIAL DATA SERVICE

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. The variables are listed below.

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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 ANZSIC Sub-division (2-digit code) ANZSIC Group (3-digit code) ANZSIC Class (4-digit code)

G L O S S A R Y

Adult employees	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 2 and 3 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 date for the current survey is 17 August 2001.
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 overagreed 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 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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