

# AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

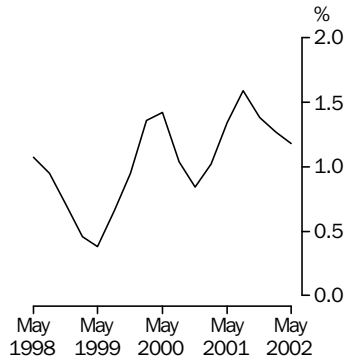
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## MAY 2002 KEY FIGURES

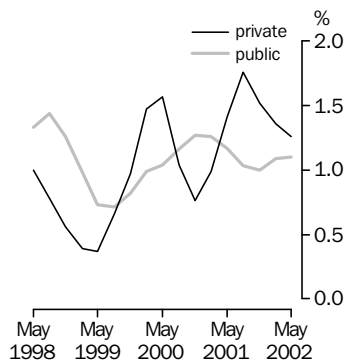
### Full-time adult total earnings

Quarterly % change in trend estimates  
All Sectors



### Full-time adult total earnings

Quarterly % change in trend estimates  
Private and Public



### TREND ESTIMATES

	May 2002 \$	Feb 2002 to May 2002 % change	May 2001 to May 2002 % change
<b>Australia</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	868.50	1.1	5.4
Full-time adult total earnings	906.80	1.2	5.5
All employees total earnings	689.00	0.7	3.7
<b>Private sector</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	841.40	1.1	5.8
Full-time adult total earnings	882.20	1.3	6.0
<b>Public sector</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	962.70	1.1	4.3
Full-time adult total earnings	992.60	1.1	4.3

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

<b>Australia</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	867.60	0.8	5.2
Full-time adult total earnings	905.30	0.7	5.2
All employees total earnings	688.40	0.5	3.7
<b>Private sector</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	839.80	0.7	5.4
Full-time adult total earnings	880.10	0.6	5.5
<b>Public sector</b>			
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	964.10	1.4	4.4
Full-time adult total earnings	993.10	1.2	4.3

## MAY 2002 KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- Full-time adult ordinary time earnings rose by 5.4% for both males and females in the twelve months to May 2002.
- In the twelve months to May 2002, full-time adult total earnings rose by 5.8% for males and by 5.1% for females.
- Full-time adult ordinary time earnings for the private and public sectors rose by 5.8% and 4.3% respectively in the twelve months to May 2002.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Colin Fallows on Perth 08 9360 5304 or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

### REFERENCE PERIOD

### EXPECTED RELEASE DATE

August 2002

14 November 2002

November 2002

20 February 2003

## NOTES ON ESTIMATES

### COMPOSITIONAL EFFECTS

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.

## CHANGES IN FUTURE ISSUES

In April 2000, the ABS released an information paper *ABS Statistics and The New Tax System* (Cat. no. 1358.0) which foreshadowed statistical infrastructure changes designed to allow better use of data available from the taxation system to improve efficiency, coverage and sample design in the compilation of ABS economic series. A further information paper *Improvements in ABS Economic Statistics [Arising from The New Tax System]* (Cat. no. 1372.0) was released on 6 May 2002. That paper described the forthcoming changes in more detail and provided information about the treatment of statistical impacts of the changes, across ABS economic series. These changes will impact on statistical series from July 2002.

This publication presents the last release of estimates from the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings compiled on the old basis.

Estimates for August 2002 onwards will be compiled on the new basis. The key statistical series from this collection are rate estimates, where one collection-based estimate is divided by another. Because the numerator and the denominator are likely to be affected in a similar fashion, the effect on the outcome should be minimised.

To enable comparisons over time, the August 2002 edition of this publication will either include estimates of the impact of the infrastructure changes on statistical series, or contain historical series that have been adjusted to ensure consistency with data from August 2002 onwards. Until data are fully analysed to determine the size of the impacts of the infrastructure changes, a decision cannot be made as to which method will be used. The quality of movement estimates from May 2002 to August 2002 will be affected by the infrastructure changes but the impact is not expected to be significant.

## 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.

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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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	860.90	908.70	779.70	728.20	742.30	523.80	812.50	848.00	656.40
May	873.00	920.70	789.90	738.80	752.00	528.10	824.10	859.30	664.20
August	886.50	934.70	801.50	750.00	762.80	532.40	837.30	872.90	672.10
November	898.50	947.80	811.50	760.20	772.60	536.00	848.90	885.00	678.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	909.50	960.90	820.60	769.50	781.80	539.20	859.00	896.20	683.90
May	920.30	974.00	829.10	778.30	790.40	540.80	868.50	906.80	689.00
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0
May	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.3	1.2
August	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.2
November	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.4	0.9
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.8
May	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.5
<b>2001</b>									
May	4.5	3.8	4.0	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.6
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.4	5.8	5.0	5.4	5.1	2.4	5.4	5.5	3.7

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, 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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	858.50	906.50	778.90	727.10	741.60	528.90	810.30	846.00	657.70
May	874.90	924.00	791.20	738.70	752.10	524.00	825.00	860.70	664.00
August	886.80	935.10	801.40	751.40	764.10	534.60	838.40	874.30	672.90
November	897.50	944.40	811.30	759.00	770.80	534.30	848.00	882.40	677.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	910.90	964.50	821.80	770.80	783.70	541.70	860.40	899.20	685.00
May	919.50	972.50	828.00	777.80	789.50	539.20	867.60	905.30	688.40
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	2.8	1.0	1.2	1.9
May	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.4	-0.9	1.8	1.7	1.0
August	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.3
November	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.9	0.7
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.5	2.1	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.1
May	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9
<b>2001</b>									
May	4.8	4.3	4.2	5.6	5.1	3.9	5.3	4.8	4.4
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.1	5.3	4.7	5.3	5.0	2.9	5.2	5.2	3.7

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									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	898.00	947.70	811.50	759.70	772.80	531.70	848.70	885.40	676.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	910.50	961.80	823.30	772.10	783.80	543.10	860.50	897.50	687.60
May	918.00	972.10	826.10	775.90	787.80	540.10	866.80	905.70	686.90
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2	-0.5	1.2	1.5	0.6
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.7
May	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	-0.6	0.7	0.9	-0.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.9
<b>2001</b>									
May	4.9	4.3	4.2	5.6	5.1	3.9	5.3	4.8	4.4
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.1	5.3	4.7	5.3	5.0	2.9	5.2	5.2	3.7

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## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private sector—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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	834.40	883.40	745.80	682.60	697.10	474.80	783.10	820.30	619.80
May	846.80	895.80	756.80	692.60	705.90	477.60	795.00	831.90	627.50
August	861.10	910.60	769.50	704.00	716.80	480.50	809.10	846.60	635.80
November	873.70	924.30	779.90	714.70	726.90	483.50	821.40	859.50	642.10
<b>2002</b>									
February	884.90	938.00	789.00	724.00	736.10	486.40	831.80	871.20	647.50
May	895.60	951.80	797.20	732.50	744.40	488.00	841.40	882.20	652.10
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.0
May	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.6	1.5	1.4	1.2
August	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.6	1.8	1.8	1.3
November	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.6	1.5	1.5	1.0
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.8
May	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.3	0.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	5.1	4.6	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.9
<b>2001</b>									
May	4.6	3.7	4.2	5.5	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.8
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.8	5.4	2.2	5.8	6.0	3.9

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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	831.20	879.90	743.90	681.20	696.40	480.40	780.00	817.20	620.60
May	849.30	900.40	759.00	692.10	705.60	473.20	796.40	834.20	627.60
August	861.30	910.50	769.10	705.60	718.60	482.20	809.90	847.80	635.80
November	872.50	920.40	779.80	713.40	724.70	482.20	820.60	856.70	642.30
<b>2002</b>									
February	887.20	942.50	790.70	725.80	738.70	488.50	833.80	875.00	648.40
May	894.00	949.70	795.50	731.40	743.00	486.70	839.80	880.10	651.00
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	2.9	0.8	1.0	1.7
May	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.3	-1.5	2.1	2.1	1.1
August	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.3
November	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.0	1.3	1.0	1.0
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.7	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.6	2.1	0.9
May	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	-0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	4.0	3.5	3.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.1	3.9	4.0
<b>2001</b>									
May	5.1	4.4	4.6	5.6	4.8	3.4	5.6	4.9	4.6
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.3	2.8	5.4	5.5	3.7



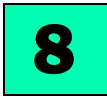
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Private sector, Australia: **Original**

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									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	872.50	923.90	780.70	714.50	727.90	479.90	821.10	860.10	641.00
<b>2002</b>									
February	885.50	938.40	790.10	726.60	737.80	489.00	832.80	871.90	649.20
May	892.70	948.80	794.50	729.10	740.50	487.00	838.70	880.00	650.20
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	-0.8	1.2	1.5	0.6
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.3
May	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.7	0.9	0.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	4.1	3.6	3.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.1
<b>2001</b>									
May	5.1	4.5	4.6	5.6	4.8	3.4	5.6	5.0	4.7
<b>2002</b>									
May	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.3	2.9	5.5	5.5	3.8



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public sector, 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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	968.40	1 011.90	935.50	841.80	855.30	686.30	910.90	940.80	799.30
May	980.80	1 023.60	943.40	853.20	866.30	695.30	922.50	951.80	807.20
August	992.80	1 035.40	952.60	862.30	875.00	703.00	932.70	961.60	814.60
November	1 003.90	1 047.00	962.70	870.40	883.10	709.80	942.10	971.20	822.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 015.00	1 059.10	972.30	879.60	892.40	716.80	952.20	981.80	830.40
May	1 025.90	1 070.60	979.80	889.50	902.30	723.10	962.70	992.60	837.20
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2
May	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0
August	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
November	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
May	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	5.4	4.4	4.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	4.3	3.6	3.2
<b>2001</b>									
May	5.0	4.8	4.1	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.3
<b>2002</b>									
May	4.6	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.7



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Public 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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	969.40	1 014.80	941.70	843.20	856.40	688.80	912.20	943.00	803.70
May	980.70	1 022.80	936.60	854.20	867.70	694.90	923.10	952.10	804.30
August	991.70	1 034.40	955.40	862.30	874.60	704.00	932.10	960.80	816.10
November	1 006.70	1 048.10	962.10	869.20	881.90	706.90	943.00	971.00	820.10
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 012.00	1 058.70	973.90	879.40	892.60	720.40	950.50	981.70	833.30
May	1 027.30	1 070.70	978.80	890.50	903.00	721.30	964.10	993.10	835.70
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.1
May	1.2	0.8	-0.5	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.1
August	1.1	1.1	2.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.5
November	1.5	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.5
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.9	0.8	1.1	1.6
May	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.1	1.4	1.2	0.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	5.3	4.3	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.2	4.4	3.8	3.2
<b>2001</b>									
May	5.1	4.8	3.6	5.5	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.0
<b>2002</b>									
May	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.9

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									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	1 007.60	1 050.20	958.80	868.70	881.10	703.30	943.40	972.00	816.60
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 016.10	1 060.90	984.40	883.20	895.90	731.20	954.60	984.60	844.80
May	1 025.40	1 071.00	977.30	890.10	903.20	719.60	962.80	993.40	834.20
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	1.9	2.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.5	1.6	0.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.8	1.0	2.7	1.7	1.7	4.0	1.2	1.3	3.4
May	0.9	0.9	-0.7	0.8	0.8	-1.6	0.9	0.9	-1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>2000</b>									
May	5.3	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.1	4.4	3.7	3.2
<b>2001</b>									
May	5.1	4.8	3.5	5.5	5.5	4.9	5.1	4.9	3.9
<b>2002</b>									
May	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.3	3.9

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	1 439.70	1 593.50	1 563.20	1 063.90	1 088.60	1 001.80	1 404.00	1 545.50	1 504.00
Manufacturing	834.20	923.10	873.50	661.30	694.80	583.10	796.60	873.40	796.10
Electricity, gas and water supply	1 105.40	1 207.10	1 184.60	932.60	951.30	851.60	1 079.10	1 168.20	1 123.70
Construction	806.00	912.20	858.20	608.10	618.80	494.00	783.60	878.90	797.60
Wholesale trade	864.50	898.70	842.20	739.50	745.90	631.30	830.30	856.90	774.90
Retail trade	652.90	681.10	477.60	611.60	620.90	331.90	638.30	659.80	401.50
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	703.50	717.10	467.10	607.20	620.40	351.00	665.30	678.70	403.70
Transport and storage	886.10	975.30	904.40	707.90	726.80	592.30	846.00	919.50	817.40
Communication services	1 048.40	1 095.60	1 021.50	911.70	925.10	738.50	1 009.40	1 046.90	922.10
Finance and insurance	1 277.80	1 287.20	1 218.30	832.40	841.40	696.70	1 051.70	1 061.00	915.10
Property and business services	1 082.20	1 104.90	941.50	793.70	798.40	596.50	962.40	977.70	772.00
Government administration and defence	973.20	1 003.20	935.40	863.10	875.10	717.00	926.90	949.30	827.80
Education	1 050.60	1 056.10	854.90	919.70	921.40	652.30	971.30	974.50	716.60
Health and community services	976.40	1 020.90	824.50	807.60	825.90	557.70	865.20	892.40	614.50
Cultural and recreational services	936.00	949.40	667.30	786.70	794.50	396.70	880.10	891.50	522.10
Personal and other services	939.30	990.70	834.30	753.30	773.70	515.50	874.30	914.80	676.60
<b>All industries</b>	<b>918.00</b>	<b>972.10</b>	<b>826.10</b>	<b>775.90</b>	<b>787.80</b>	<b>540.10</b>	<b>866.80</b>	<b>905.70</b>	<b>686.90</b>

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

Mining	3.9	6.3	5.8	10.2	9.6	11.2	4.5	6.7	6.5
Manufacturing	6.9	7.9	6.9	3.8	3.6	0.6	6.3	7.2	5.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.4	4.6	4.1	5.3	5.2	4.7
Construction	8.7	11.7	13.9	7.0	6.9	4.2	9.0	11.8	12.9
Wholesale trade	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.1	4.9	3.5	3.7	4.8
Retail trade	2.5	0.4	-0.5	6.6	4.9	5.2	3.7	1.7	2.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	4.5	4.7	4.7	0.9	1.9	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.3
Transport and storage	0.7	0.6	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.5
Communication services	6.0	6.9	4.0	7.0	6.7	-0.3	6.5	7.1	2.8
Finance and insurance	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.8	5.6	2.3	6.1	5.9	4.2
Property and business services	8.0	6.9	5.5	9.4	9.0	4.9	8.1	7.2	4.5
Government administration and defence	3.8	3.6	2.6	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.3	4.1	3.2
Education	2.6	2.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.4
Health and community services	1.7	1.6	-2.1	3.3	3.4	0.3	2.9	2.9	-0.4
Cultural and recreational services	9.0	8.1	14.2	5.3	4.9	-2.4	7.7	6.9	5.1
Personal and other services	5.9	4.9	5.7	9.4	9.4	13.8	6.8	6.0	9.2
<b>All industries</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>

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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	912.10	964.60	826.80	750.80	766.00	554.20	851.80	890.30	697.20
May	931.50	982.90	840.90	765.10	778.80	558.60	869.90	907.40	706.50
August	951.00	1 001.30	856.20	780.40	793.20	564.60	888.10	924.60	717.40
November	961.60	1 011.50	864.00	791.60	804.10	569.10	898.70	934.80	723.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	966.80	1 018.00	866.40	798.70	811.80	571.30	904.50	941.40	724.40
May	971.70	1 024.80	866.30	804.60	818.30	571.30	910.00	948.50	723.10
VICTORIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	823.50	868.40	747.00	730.40	744.90	522.50	790.60	824.40	638.60
May	836.10	880.30	758.30	738.20	752.50	524.80	801.00	834.80	645.90
August	852.70	898.40	773.50	748.20	762.50	525.70	815.60	850.50	654.80
November	872.20	921.20	792.00	761.40	775.20	528.40	834.10	870.70	665.90
<b>2002</b>									
February	894.20	946.80	814.10	778.40	791.60	533.40	855.20	894.00	679.30
May	917.10	972.20	837.80	795.40	807.90	538.00	876.20	917.20	692.50
QUEENSLAND									
<b>2001</b>									
February	801.80	848.50	735.80	687.70	700.40	502.80	761.90	796.60	627.80
May	809.00	858.20	741.90	699.00	711.10	509.30	769.60	806.10	632.90
August	821.30	871.80	753.70	709.20	720.70	515.00	781.10	817.70	639.80
November	832.60	882.30	763.90	715.80	727.00	518.70	790.70	825.90	645.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	842.40	891.80	769.30	721.40	732.40	522.00	798.20	833.30	648.90
May	850.20	899.00	769.20	727.40	738.00	524.20	803.90	839.40	649.80
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	819.00	870.60	754.50	690.50	707.30	495.50	773.00	812.10	625.90
May	825.60	875.30	763.70	702.90	717.70	502.10	782.40	819.70	634.70
August	828.70	879.10	768.40	716.90	730.30	505.50	790.10	827.80	639.50
November	829.80	885.60	771.20	728.20	741.20	504.60	795.70	837.20	641.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	830.10	894.50	775.00	736.50	750.00	502.90	799.50	847.20	642.80
May	831.10	903.80	780.70	742.60	756.80	501.70	803.00	856.70	645.60

Reference period	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	894.30	945.50	795.30	703.70	716.10	459.00	826.90	864.20	629.40
May	902.20	951.40	799.50	712.80	725.50	465.60	834.70	870.70	635.10
August	910.90	958.00	806.30	722.50	734.70	477.00	843.40	878.20	644.70
November	920.10	969.00	816.90	729.90	740.90	489.00	852.20	887.80	656.00
<b>2002</b>									
February	928.10	981.50	828.20	734.80	744.40	498.10	859.60	897.20	666.20
May	934.80	993.60	838.40	738.30	746.40	503.20	865.60	905.70	673.50
TASMANIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	784.10	818.20	676.40	675.50	690.40	452.10	745.30	772.60	562.40
May	787.60	820.10	684.90	692.30	707.20	466.20	754.00	780.20	575.90
August	796.90	830.70	699.40	704.70	720.20	469.50	764.70	792.10	584.50
November	809.60	845.70	708.70	711.20	727.40	463.30	774.80	803.90	584.00
<b>2002</b>									
February	822.40	859.80	711.50	716.20	732.50	455.70	784.30	814.30	580.20
May	834.00	871.80	711.00	721.00	737.50	449.50	793.70	823.60	576.30
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
February	866.10	914.10	766.90	745.30	762.70	572.90	816.10	851.50	673.60
May	873.40	918.20	776.60	747.50	763.30	580.70	820.90	853.30	681.40
August	881.60	923.50	781.80	744.20	759.00	585.10	823.20	853.50	685.00
November	889.60	932.70	782.10	745.90	760.00	583.60	827.60	858.50	683.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	898.00	944.60	780.10	753.80	767.40	577.40	835.20	867.60	678.20
May	906.50	957.00	777.70	765.50	778.50	570.60	844.70	878.40	672.80
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1 016.50	1 032.50	918.70	854.10	861.20	662.40	937.90	949.90	774.60
May	1 015.70	1 034.30	912.20	860.00	866.30	655.90	942.80	956.10	771.40
August	1 011.40	1 033.20	887.20	863.00	869.50	639.90	945.70	960.80	755.70
November	1 010.40	1 034.70	863.20	865.80	873.20	633.30	947.90	964.60	743.50
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 011.00	1 037.50	850.70	869.60	877.40	638.50	948.80	967.20	740.70
May	1 012.40	1 041.30	846.40	875.40	882.90	649.40	949.90	969.70	743.90

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									
<b>2001</b>									
February	902.10	954.90	823.60	744.30	760.20	555.60	842.40	880.70	696.00
May	934.50	988.80	839.30	766.60	781.40	556.10	873.30	913.60	704.70
August	955.20	1 004.10	859.40	782.90	794.40	565.70	891.10	926.00	719.30
November	964.60	1 011.70	868.00	791.30	803.30	569.20	900.90	935.50	725.60
<b>2002</b>									
February	961.10	1 015.40	863.20	799.90	814.10	574.10	900.80	939.40	724.50
May	974.80	1 026.50	866.20	803.10	816.00	568.30	911.60	949.40	720.90
VICTORIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	822.30	868.00	745.60	738.30	752.80	530.80	794.10	826.70	642.20
May	837.90	882.50	762.40	734.90	749.30	519.60	800.20	835.50	644.70
August	855.00	901.10	775.70	749.10	763.70	526.10	816.50	851.90	655.70
November	865.50	909.50	782.40	758.60	771.90	529.80	829.10	862.60	663.70
<b>2002</b>									
February	898.60	959.10	821.30	779.70	793.40	530.30	860.10	902.30	679.80
May	917.10	967.60	837.10	796.50	808.80	540.80	875.00	914.40	694.30
QUEENSLAND									
<b>2001</b>									
February	804.50	854.50	742.00	680.90	694.20	505.20	760.80	797.20	632.50
May	808.40	857.20	739.00	705.50	716.90	509.60	770.80	808.30	632.70
August	818.00	869.90	746.20	710.40	722.20	514.40	778.60	816.40	634.70
November	836.50	884.10	772.90	709.90	720.30	517.90	792.90	825.60	648.90
<b>2002</b>									
February	843.40	894.10	772.80	726.80	739.00	524.80	800.40	836.20	652.50
May	847.20	895.80	760.70	725.30	735.20	521.80	800.40	836.60	644.10
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	812.90	870.70	751.00	690.30	708.90	496.40	769.40	812.90	624.20
May	827.60	877.50	762.70	702.00	717.30	497.00	783.40	820.70	631.40
August	831.40	878.70	774.10	716.70	729.10	511.80	791.30	826.80	646.20
November	826.80	879.40	768.60	730.00	742.20	506.20	794.50	833.70	640.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	830.50	900.80	769.70	738.20	752.90	494.90	800.90	852.90	635.80
May	832.00	901.90	787.30	739.60	753.30	508.10	802.00	853.40	652.60



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>
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	895.40	948.20	795.00	703.60	716.60	459.70	828.40	866.60	628.70
May	902.50	951.00	803.40	695.40	705.00	465.40	832.20	866.90	637.90
August	908.50	955.40	799.90	723.90	735.90	474.60	843.30	878.40	640.70
November	920.80	968.20	816.90	734.30	746.00	489.20	854.50	890.10	654.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	931.40	984.80	834.20	730.20	739.00	504.90	858.90	895.40	674.80
May	931.20	991.40	833.60	740.00	748.60	497.10	864.90	906.40	667.40
TASMANIA									
<b>2001</b>									
February	784.00	818.30	673.50	674.90	687.20	453.70	743.30	770.30	560.60
May	789.80	818.40	681.90	693.90	708.40	465.00	757.70	780.60	576.80
August	793.00	830.50	701.50	706.30	724.40	475.80	762.50	793.20	587.90
November	809.20	843.50	715.60	711.40	726.10	462.40	774.80	802.30	586.30
<b>2002</b>									
February	828.10	866.80	707.40	714.30	730.30	450.10	786.40	817.60	574.90
May	829.10	866.70	710.40	722.60	740.00	453.70	791.80	821.30	579.10
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
February	864.60	915.00	770.10	745.60	762.10	566.60	815.60	852.90	671.10
May	877.80	920.90	768.00	753.30	769.60	585.70	825.90	856.60	680.10
August	877.80	918.30	790.00	741.10	755.70	585.20	819.90	849.10	689.20
November	891.20	934.80	785.20	740.80	754.60	581.40	825.90	857.20	683.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	897.80	943.50	770.50	754.90	768.90	583.40	835.80	868.50	676.80
May	906.50	958.20	784.30	768.70	781.40	564.40	846.10	879.60	672.80
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
February	1 015.20	1 031.80	923.20	848.20	855.20	671.30	933.00	945.80	779.80
May	1 011.70	1 030.10	907.60	861.20	866.60	649.00	940.50	953.50	765.40
August	1 017.40	1 040.20	905.90	869.90	876.70	648.00	953.60	969.30	769.30
November	1 003.60	1 027.80	840.10	856.90	864.10	622.20	940.90	956.40	728.70
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 013.20	1 038.90	848.90	872.20	881.10	633.60	951.50	971.10	736.50
May	1 014.20	1 043.80	861.30	877.70	884.20	662.10	950.80	969.90	756.90

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									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	965.10	1 015.20	868.10	790.80	803.70	564.80	901.50	938.10	723.10
<b>2002</b>									
February	960.10	1 011.10	863.70	802.50	814.90	578.30	901.60	938.30	727.20
May	973.10	1 026.20	863.20	802.70	815.60	567.40	909.30	947.40	719.60
VICTORIA									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	864.00	912.90	786.40	762.00	777.20	526.40	829.30	866.80	663.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	903.00	956.20	823.50	777.90	790.30	532.20	860.00	899.20	682.50
May	915.40	969.10	836.10	794.60	806.30	541.00	874.40	913.80	694.10
QUEENSLAND									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	835.80	886.20	763.50	710.60	722.40	510.00	790.80	827.30	640.80
<b>2002</b>									
February	847.20	892.90	773.20	725.30	735.90	526.20	802.20	835.00	652.40
May	850.00	898.70	767.70	724.70	735.20	523.70	803.70	838.20	647.80
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	827.80	884.90	772.10	733.00	745.80	506.00	796.10	838.40	641.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	831.00	900.50	773.20	741.80	754.60	497.90	801.50	852.20	639.20
May	829.40	899.40	783.50	735.10	749.80	503.80	799.40	851.80	649.90

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									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	922.10	972.50	816.90	731.60	742.80	485.80	854.70	891.20	652.30
<b>2002</b>									
February	927.30	979.30	833.40	736.70	745.60	511.90	859.20	895.80	678.20
May	930.80	992.60	833.60	738.30	748.20	494.20	863.00	906.60	668.60
TASMANIA									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	812.00	848.80	720.60	717.40	735.80	457.30	778.70	809.00	584.20
<b>2002</b>									
February	830.50	867.80	711.90	716.10	731.60	458.60	788.80	818.20	582.80
May	828.00	869.40	713.90	720.10	735.70	451.80	790.00	822.40	579.10
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	893.90	938.80	786.80	741.40	754.60	579.90	827.80	859.00	683.40
<b>2002</b>									
February	896.90	935.40	770.80	757.40	770.70	583.30	836.60	864.10	678.20
May	908.00	963.20	783.20	766.80	780.90	563.60	846.00	883.10	671.80
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
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
November	1 002.40	1 030.00	840.50	861.90	869.50	625.50	941.20	960.10	729.60
<b>2002</b>									
February	1 014.90	1 040.20	857.30	874.00	880.60	642.90	951.90	968.90	745.70
May	1 009.30	1 038.70	857.60	874.00	882.20	651.30	949.00	968.90	749.80

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									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2
May	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.7	-0.2
VICTORIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.3	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.7	0.5	2.3	2.4	1.7
<b>2002</b>									
February	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.1	0.9	2.5	2.7	2.0
May	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.2	2.1	0.9	2.5	2.6	1.9
QUEENSLAND									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.4	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.9
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6
May	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	0.1	0.7	0.4	1.6	1.5	-0.2	0.7	1.1	0.3
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.1	1.2	-0.3	0.5	1.2	0.3
May	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	-0.2	0.4	1.1	0.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.8	2.5	1.0	1.1	1.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.9	0.9	1.1	1.6
May	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.1
TASMANIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.6	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.0	-1.3	1.3	1.5	-0.1
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.6	1.7	0.4	0.7	0.7	-1.7	1.2	1.3	-0.6
May	1.4	1.4	-0.1	0.7	0.7	-1.3	1.2	1.1	-0.7
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
November	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.6	-0.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.9	1.3	-0.3	1.1	1.0	-1.1	0.9	1.1	-0.8
May	1.0	1.3	-0.3	1.5	1.5	-1.2	1.1	1.2	-0.8
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
November	-0.1	0.1	-2.7	0.3	0.4	-1.0	0.2	0.4	-1.6
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.1	0.3	-1.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.3	-0.4
May	0.1	0.4	-0.5	0.7	0.6	1.7	0.1	0.3	0.4

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
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.9
<b>2002</b>									
February	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.0	0.4	-0.1
May	1.4	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	-1.0	1.2	1.1	-0.5
<b>VICTORIA</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.5	1.3	1.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	3.8	5.5	5.0	2.8	2.8	0.1	3.7	4.6	2.4
May	2.1	0.9	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.1
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.3	1.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	1.8	1.1	2.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.8	1.1	0.0	2.4	2.6	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.5
May	0.5	0.2	-1.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-1.3
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	-0.5	0.1	-0.7	1.9	1.8	-1.1	0.4	0.8	-0.9
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.4	2.4	0.1	1.1	1.4	-2.2	0.8	2.3	-0.7
May	0.2	0.1	2.3	0.2	0.1	2.7	0.1	0.1	2.7
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.4	1.3	2.1	1.4	1.4	3.1	1.3	1.3	2.1
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.2	1.7	2.1	-0.6	-0.9	3.2	0.5	0.6	3.2
May	0.0	0.7	-0.1	1.3	1.3	-1.5	0.7	1.2	-1.1
<b>TASMANIA</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.0	1.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	-2.8	1.6	1.1	-0.3
<b>2002</b>									
February	2.3	2.8	-1.1	0.4	0.6	-2.6	1.5	1.9	-2.0
May	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.7
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.5	1.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.7	0.9	-0.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.7	0.9	-1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	1.2	1.3	-1.0
May	1.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	-3.3	1.2	1.3	-0.6
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
November	-1.4	-1.2	-7.3	-1.5	-1.4	-4.0	-1.3	-1.3	-5.3
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.1	1.5	1.1
May	0.1	0.5	1.5	0.6	0.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.8

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									
<b>2001</b>									
November	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	-0.3	1.1	1.2	0.4
<b>2002</b>									
February	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	1.5	1.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
May	1.4	1.5	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.9	0.9	1.0	-1.1
VICTORIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.7	1.8	-0.2	1.5	1.8	1.5
<b>2002</b>									
February	4.5	4.7	4.7	2.1	1.7	1.1	3.7	3.7	2.9
May	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
QUEENSLAND									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.9	2.3	2.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	1.9	1.6	0.3
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.4	0.8	1.3	2.1	1.9	3.2	1.4	0.9	1.8
May	0.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	-0.6	1.0	0.1	2.6	2.6	-1.4	0.6	1.7	-0.5
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.4	1.8	0.1	1.2	1.2	-1.6	0.7	1.6	-0.3
May	-0.2	-0.1	1.3	-0.9	-0.6	1.2	-0.3	0.0	1.7
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.2	1.6	2.2
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.4	5.4	0.5	0.5	4.0
May	0.4	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	-3.5	0.4	1.2	-1.4
TASMANIA									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.9	3.3	4.7	2.3	2.5	-3.5	2.7	3.0	0.4
<b>2002</b>									
February	2.3	2.2	-1.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	1.3	1.1	-0.2
May	-0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	-1.5	0.2	0.5	-0.6
NORTHERN TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
November	2.2	2.3	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-1.3	1.2	1.2	-0.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	0.3	-0.4	-2.0	2.2	2.1	0.6	1.1	0.6	-0.8
May	1.2	3.0	1.6	1.2	1.3	-3.4	1.1	2.2	-0.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY									
<b>2001</b>									
November	-1.9	-1.1	-6.7	-0.6	-0.5	-3.1	-1.4	-0.9	-4.8
<b>2002</b>									
February	1.3	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.3	2.8	1.1	0.9	2.2
May	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.3	-0.3	0.0	0.6

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
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	6.1	5.3	5.1	2.4	2.9	6.1	4.7	4.3	5.3
2001	4.9	4.1	4.2	5.9	5.1	4.1	5.4	4.6	4.6
2002	4.3	4.3	3.0	5.2	5.1	2.3	4.6	4.5	2.3
<b>VICTORIA</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	3.5	2.9	3.7	5.7	5.7	4.0	4.3	3.9	3.5
2001	4.2	3.3	2.5	4.2	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.5	3.4
2002	9.7	10.4	10.5	7.7	7.4	2.5	9.4	9.9	7.2
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	3.9	4.0	0.9	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.2	4.4	2.7
2001	4.4	3.9	4.8	6.7	6.7	5.7	5.3	5.0	5.1
2002	5.1	4.8	3.7	4.1	3.8	2.9	4.5	4.1	2.7
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.1	3.5	2.2	4.5	4.3	3.5
2001	6.3	4.9	7.0	7.3	6.1	7.2	6.9	5.7	7.3
2002	0.7	3.2	2.2	5.6	5.5	-0.1	2.6	4.5	1.7
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	6.0	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.5	5.4	6.6	5.3	5.3
2001	3.7	3.6	4.1	5.0	5.4	5.0	4.1	4.1	5.2
2002	3.6	4.4	4.9	3.6	2.9	8.1	3.7	4.0	6.1
<b>TASMANIA</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	5.4	4.5	2.5	4.2	4.9	2.4	4.9	4.5	2.9
2001	0.7	0.1	-0.6	7.4	6.8	8.4	2.7	2.0	3.3
2002	5.9	6.3	3.8	4.1	4.3	-3.6	5.3	5.6	0.1
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	5.8	4.6	10.1	2.8	3.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	7.6
2001	2.8	2.7	4.8	3.5	2.9	4.2	3.2	2.9	4.4
2002	3.8	4.2	0.1	2.4	2.0	-1.7	2.9	2.9	-1.3
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>									
<b>May</b>									
2000	10.7	8.8	11.4	5.9	5.5	9.9	8.1	6.7	9.4
2001	3.4	3.0	3.4	4.0	3.7	4.9	3.4	3.0	3.8
2002	-0.3	0.7	-7.2	1.8	1.9	-1.0	0.8	1.4	-3.6

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains estimates of average weekly earnings for May 2002 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* (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.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### 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.

### HISTORICAL SERIES

**14** 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).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**15** 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.

**16** 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 2001, took place in time for inclusion in the February 2002 estimates.

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

### TREND ESTIMATES

**18** 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.

**19** 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.

**20** 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.

**21** 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>.

**22** 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).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**24** 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, Australia* (Cat. no. 6256.0)
- *Occasional Paper No 1986/1: Statistics on Wages, Earnings, Income and Labour Costs – A Guide to Their Concepts, Measurement and Usage*
- *Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods 2001* (Cat. no. 6102.0)
- *Wage and Salary Earners, Public Sector, Australia* (Cat. no. 6248.0)—issued quarterly
- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0)—issued monthly
- *Labour Force Projections, Australia 1999–2016* (Cat. no. 6260.0)
- *Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia* (Cat. no. 6310.0)—issued annually

**25** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS web site, <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> also issues daily a Release Advice which details products to be released in the week ahead. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or the ABS web site.

### ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**26** 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.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings
GE	Group Employer
PAYGW	Pay As You Go Withholding

## 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

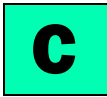
States and territories	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All males total earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Full-time adult total earnings</i>	<i>All females total earnings</i>	<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	18.40	18.90	19.30	10.90	11.10	11.10	13.90	14.30	13.90
Victoria	20.10	19.60	18.20	11.30	11.50	20.20	14.60	14.60	18.90
Queensland	13.90	15.50	15.50	9.70	9.80	8.70	10.30	11.70	10.60
South Australia	14.10	24.00	29.30	10.00	10.30	13.50	11.10	19.60	22.80
Western Australia	22.50	22.80	29.80	18.70	18.90	15.00	18.70	19.10	23.10
Tasmania	17.80	17.50	19.50	11.40	12.20	19.50	12.50	12.30	17.60
Northern Territory	21.40	23.90	25.00	12.30	12.80	24.90	15.10	16.80	21.90
Australian Capital Territory	32.10	26.20	42.40	15.30	14.60	19.90	21.70	18.20	25.30
<b>Australia</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>7.40</b>

QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)									
New South Wales	9.50	10.20	9.30	6.20	6.20	6.20	7.00	7.40	7.00
Victoria	15.10	15.60	13.90	9.80	10.00	8.70	11.60	12.10	9.90
Queensland	14.40	14.60	13.20	8.50	8.30	8.30	11.10	11.30	8.90
South Australia	26.00	18.70	19.00	9.50	9.70	10.10	18.10	14.10	13.30
Western Australia	10.30	11.10	10.30	6.10	6.10	6.90	7.30	8.00	7.40
Tasmania	14.40	13.80	12.30	11.10	11.60	12.40	10.50	10.40	11.70
Northern Territory	11.40	13.00	15.40	7.80	8.10	24.90	7.90	8.90	19.30
Australian Capital Territory	25.70	23.90	19.20	8.70	8.40	9.60	15.30	14.00	11.30
<b>Australia</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.00</b>



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	10.80	11.00	10.90	7.20	7.30	7.70	8.50	8.80	9.00
Public sector	4.50	4.30	6.50	1.90	1.90	4.20	3.00	2.90	5.00
<b>All sectors</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>7.40</b>
	QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)								
Private sector	7.50	7.60	6.70	4.80	4.80	4.30	5.80	5.90	4.90
Public sector	2.20	2.30	2.90	6.70	6.90	2.70	4.00	4.20	2.70
<b>All sectors</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.00</b>



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	57.00	56.30	53.60	43.00	42.40	37.80	54.20	56.30	52.20
Manufacturing	15.00	15.60	16.50	12.70	13.60	16.70	13.20	14.60	17.20
Electricity, gas and water supply	16.40	13.40	14.40	6.70	6.70	7.70	14.70	12.20	12.60
Construction	24.10	32.10	34.60	28.00	28.90	24.60	22.80	31.50	33.00
Wholesale trade	28.60	28.40	27.50	25.40	25.40	29.10	25.10	24.90	24.10
Retail trade	13.30	14.10	15.30	13.40	13.60	12.70	10.90	11.60	14.30
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	28.10	28.40	21.60	16.10	15.40	17.70	21.00	21.30	15.30
Transport and storage	25.20	21.10	23.80	28.80	31.40	30.60	19.90	19.00	24.70
Communication services	10.30	10.60	18.20	8.10	8.20	22.90	7.50	7.60	17.80
Finance and insurance	38.20	38.10	38.00	12.00	12.00	12.90	23.70	23.60	21.80
Property and business services	50.90	50.50	40.40	23.00	23.20	21.80	34.50	34.50	30.60
Government administration and defence	13.20	12.20	14.70	5.50	5.20	10.80	8.90	8.20	11.90
Education	8.90	9.10	16.10	5.00	5.00	12.80	5.80	5.90	12.50
Health and community services	37.30	38.40	29.30	12.00	12.40	15.20	16.80	17.30	15.90
Cultural and recreational services	34.40	34.20	35.00	24.00	24.30	27.90	26.40	26.50	26.30
Personal and other services	20.20	21.80	27.00	17.10	18.00	22.40	14.90	15.90	23.50
<b>All industries</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>7.40</b>

QUARTERLY MOVEMENT (\$)									
Mining	27.20	26.00	26.30	22.60	23.00	21.10	25.60	24.30	24.30
Manufacturing	9.90	11.50	10.90	9.80	9.90	11.20	9.00	10.30	9.60
Electricity, gas and water supply	9.50	7.70	7.80	5.90	7.40	7.10	8.30	6.90	6.60
Construction	26.20	22.20	23.50	8.50	9.10	14.30	23.40	20.50	20.80
Wholesale trade	20.40	20.70	19.00	18.70	19.10	13.70	18.90	19.30	16.10
Retail trade	10.30	11.50	9.50	7.10	6.70	5.30	7.30	8.10	6.40
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	14.10	12.20	10.50	9.20	8.30	11.40	9.60	8.80	9.50
Transport and storage	12.80	11.80	17.80	10.60	11.50	12.10	10.90	10.70	15.50
Communication services	6.30	6.70	7.50	4.60	4.40	22.10	4.10	4.30	12.80
Finance and insurance	17.50	17.50	20.30	8.10	8.20	13.90	10.70	10.70	15.80
Property and business services	35.60	35.30	28.70	14.50	14.60	16.40	23.60	23.60	20.10
Government administration and defence	6.30	6.10	6.90	2.90	2.80	5.70	4.10	4.00	5.60
Education	3.90	3.90	6.80	14.70	14.70	11.30	10.60	10.70	9.60
Health and community services	8.80	9.30	18.90	7.70	7.90	6.40	6.80	7.20	6.90
Cultural and recreational services	42.80	44.80	27.10	10.80	10.90	14.90	24.30	25.40	16.20
Personal and other services	7.50	8.80	15.60	9.80	10.30	15.10	6.80	7.90	13.40
<b>All industries</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>4.00</b>

## 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.

### HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER

Firstly, determine the variables (see following) that you require estimates for. A covering letter indicating these requirements and the intended uses of the data requested should be addressed to:

Labour Employer Surveys Section  
Australian Bureau of Statistics  
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PERTH WA 6842

### CONTACT OFFICER

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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

<b>Adult employees</b>	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.
<b>Average Weekly Earnings</b>	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.
<b>Employees</b>	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.
<b>Full-time employees</b>	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.
<b>Reference period</b>	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 May 2002.
<b>Sector</b>	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.
<b>Weekly ordinary time earnings</b>	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.
<b>Weekly total earnings</b>	Weekly total earnings of employees is equal to weekly ordinary time earnings plus weekly overtime earnings.





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