



Reference No. 6.45

ANNUAL LEAVE, AUGUST 1974

MAIN FEATURES

- Of the 4.8 million employed wage and salary earners in August 1974, 2.9 million (60 per cent) had taken some paid annual leave in the period August 1973 to July 1974. The remaining 40 per cent included persons who had not been employed long enough to qualify for leave and those who, although entitled to annual leave, had not taken any during the period.
- Of the total amount of annual leave taken during the period, 32 per cent was taken in January, 18.5 per cent in December, 9.1 per cent in May, and the remainder in other months.
- Of those employees who took leave 8 per cent took one week, 15 per cent two weeks, 39 per cent three weeks, 23 per cent four weeks and 14 per cent took five weeks or more.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In August 1974 a survey, based on the quarterly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the amount and timing of paid annual leave taken by wage and salary earners during the period August 1973 to July 1974. The results of a similar inquiry conducted in February 1969 were published in *Labour Force Experience During 1968* (Reference No. 6.26)

The population survey

2. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covered about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being carried out during a four-week period.

Scope

3. The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces, certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations, and persons who were patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc., for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling.

4. For the purposes of this survey, questions were asked of all employed wage and salary earners, except those persons whose main activity during the survey week was attendance at an educational institution, even though they may have done some work for an employer for pay or profit. Employers, self-employed persons and unpaid family helpers were excluded from the survey.

Definitions

5. Respondents were asked whether they had taken any paid annual leave or holidays in the period August 1973 to July 1974 and, if so, in which months the leave was taken. Long-service leave (furlough), absence from work on account of illness or injury, and leave without pay were not included.

6. In recording the amount of leave, separate periods of leave taken within a month were aggregated. Provision was not made in the survey for recording leave taken in more than three different months. It should be noted that persons who had not been in employment long enough to gain any annual leave entitlement have been included in the category "none" in Tables 1 and 2. This category also includes persons who were entitled to annual leave but had not taken any during the period August 1973 to July 1974.

NOTE. 1. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

2. * Estimates not published because they are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See page 9, paragraph 5.

TABLE 1. — EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a) IN AUGUST 1974:
NUMBER WHO TOOK PAID ANNUAL LEAVE IN THE PERIOD AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974
BY AMOUNT OF LEAVE TAKEN

<i>Amount of paid leave taken (weeks)</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
NUMBER OF PERSONS ('000)									
None	732.6	442.0	281.6	165.1	178.1	50.0	23.3	30.2	1,902.9
1	91.4	59.2	20.6	22.1	17.0	5.0	1.1	5.5	221.9
2	190.5	118.4	48.0	39.4	31.3	10.6	1.8	7.4	447.5
3	412.7	387.7	96.4	119.0	72.7	38.6	3.0	13.6	1,143.6
4	220.7	190.3	126.3	67.2	42.0	19.9	3.8	10.5	680.8
5	40.6	37.7	27.0	18.6	14.6	3.6	*	4.1	147.1
6	27.7	17.3	14.1	4.7	17.1	2.1	2.0	2.6	{ 86.6
7	8.0	7.5	5.9	*	4.7	3.5	*		
8 and over	43.3	47.0	26.8	9.3	3.9	3.3	3.7	2.4	139.8
Total	1,767.5	1,307.1	646.8	447.8	381.5	136.6	40.3	76.3	4,804.0
PER CENT OF TOTAL									
None	41.4	33.8	43.5	36.9	46.7	36.6	57.7	39.6	39.6
1	5.2	4.5	3.2	4.9	4.5	3.7	2.6	7.1	4.6
2	10.8	9.1	7.4	8.8	8.2	7.7	4.4	9.7	9.3
3	23.3	29.7	14.9	26.6	19.1	28.2	7.4	17.8	23.8
4	12.5	14.6	19.5	15.0	11.0	14.6	9.3	13.8	14.2
5	2.3	2.9	4.2	4.1	3.8	2.6	*	5.4	3.1
6	1.6	1.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	1.5	4.9	3.5	{ 1.8
7	0.5	0.6	0.9	*	1.2	2.5	*		
8 and over	2.4	3.7	4.2	2.1	1.0	2.4	9.2	3.2	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Non-institutional civilians aged 15 years and over. Excludes persons whose main activity was attendance at an educational institution. For definitions see page 1, paragraphs 3 and 4.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

TABLE 2. - EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a) IN AUGUST 1974:
NUMBER WHO TOOK PAID ANNUAL LEAVE IN THE PERIOD AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974
BY INDUSTRY (b) AND AMOUNT OF LEAVE TAKEN, AUSTRALIA

Industry (b)	Amount of paid leave taken (weeks)								Total
	None	1	2	3	4	5	6 and under 8	8 and over	
NUMBER OF PERSONS ('000)									
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc.	92.7	5.8	10.3	12.7	5.3	*	*	*	129.7
Mining and quarrying	28.1	*	5.2	11.3	16.2	4.7	*	*	71.0
Manufacturing	437.9	57.6	101.4	461.5	183.4	28.7	12.0	7.7	1,290.2
Electricity, gas and water	20.9	6.3	11.8	21.7	29.2	4.5	*	*	100.4
Construction	155.9	13.4	32.8	90.4	61.0	10.1	5.7	*	371.5
Wholesale and retail trade	412.9	54.2	97.7	239.6	73.7	8.4	7.2	*	896.6
Transport and storage	96.5	8.5	21.7	44.9	44.7	21.3	10.7	7.6	255.9
Communication	39.9	*	10.2	16.5	39.1	10.4	*	*	124.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	144.9	28.1	50.2	75.6	56.8	8.1	5.3	*	371.4
Public administration and defence	75.8	15.1	30.9	49.6	49.8	9.3	7.3	5.1	242.8
Community services	229.0	17.6	55.2	83.6	97.6	37.4	61.2	104.8	686.4
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	168.4	7.9	19.8	36.2	24.1	*	*	*	263.1
Total	1,902.9	221.9	447.5	1,143.6	680.8	147.1	120.5	139.8	4,804.0
PER CENT OF TOTAL									
Agriculture, forestry, fishing etc.	71.5	4.5	8.0	9.8	4.1	*	*	*	100.0
Mining and quarrying	39.6	*	7.4	15.9	22.8	6.7	*	*	100.0
Manufacturing	33.9	4.5	7.9	35.8	14.2	2.2	0.9	0.6	100.0
Electricity, gas and water	20.8	6.3	11.8	21.7	29.1	4.5	*	*	100.0
Construction	42.0	3.6	8.8	24.3	16.4	2.7	1.5	*	100.0
Wholesale and retail trade	46.0	6.0	10.9	26.7	8.2	0.9	0.8	*	100.0
Transport and storage	37.7	3.3	8.5	17.5	17.5	8.3	4.2	3.0	100.0
Communication	32.0	*	8.2	13.2	31.3	8.3	*	*	100.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	39.0	7.6	13.5	20.4	15.3	2.2	1.4	*	100.0
Public administration and defence	31.2	6.2	12.8	20.4	20.5	3.8	3.0	2.1	100.0
Community services	33.4	2.6	8.1	12.2	14.2	5.5	8.9	15.3	100.0
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	64.0	3.0	7.5	13.8	9.2	*	*	*	100.0
Total	39.6	4.6	9.3	23.8	14.2	3.1	2.5	2.9	100.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 1. (b) Industry in August 1974.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

TABLE 3. — PERIODS OF PAID LEAVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a)
IN EACH MONTH FROM AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974, AUSTRALIA

Month	Periods of paid leave				Total periods of paid leave taken		Total weeks of paid leave taken	
	One-week periods ('000)	Two-week periods ('000)	Three-week periods ('000)	Four-week periods ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of total	Number ('000)	Per cent of total
BY MALES								
1973 —								
August	41.9	44.0	22.0	17.1	125.0	3.8	264.3	3.9
September	40.8	35.8	27.2	13.1	117.0	3.5	246.6	3.6
October	24.1	27.4	30.3	14.7	96.5	2.9	228.4	3.3
November	28.1	25.6	25.6	15.3	94.6	2.8	217.3	3.2
December	585.4	204.8	57.9	25.6	873.6	26.3	1,270.9	18.6
1974 —								
January	150.6	460.9	200.4	127.9	939.7	28.3	2,185.0	31.9
February	54.6	64.3	57.3	29.3	205.6	6.2	472.4	6.9
March	41.9	49.0	44.9	27.5	163.3	4.9	384.6	5.6
April	57.8	53.1	36.7	25.3	172.9	5.2	375.3	5.5
May	72.5	112.6	48.4	36.1	269.6	8.1	587.2	8.6
June	42.4	37.3	31.7	27.2	138.7	4.2	321.2	4.7
July	48.9	33.2	26.6	23.6	132.3	4.0	289.5	4.2
Total	1,189.0	1,148.0	609.0	382.7	3,328.7	100.0	6,842.7	100.0
BY FEMALES								
1973 —								
August	22.1	24.2	9.2	6.4	61.8	4.1	123.5	4.0
September	25.9	18.3	10.6	6.0	60.7	4.1	118.0	3.8
October	9.7	14.2	12.6	5.7	42.2	2.8	98.7	3.2
November	12.5	11.4	13.2	*	40.6	2.7	88.8	2.9
December	232.8	113.6	21.0	10.8	378.1	25.3	566.1	18.3
1974 —								
January	58.0	172.8	76.2	89.7	396.7	26.5	991.1	32.0
February	27.9	27.9	28.3	12.1	96.1	6.4	216.8	7.0
March	18.2	23.3	23.0	9.5	74.0	4.9	171.7	5.5
April	21.6	25.3	17.0	8.4	72.2	4.8	156.6	5.1
May	35.5	83.8	22.2	10.8	152.3	10.2	313.1	10.1
June	19.6	20.6	13.0	7.1	60.3	4.0	128.1	4.1
July	24.5	16.3	12.3	7.8	60.9	4.1	125.3	4.0
Total	508.2	551.6	258.6	177.6	1,496.0	100.0	3,097.8	100.0
BY PERSONS								
1973 —								
August	64.0	68.1	31.2	23.5	186.8	3.9	387.8	3.9
September	66.7	54.0	37.8	19.1	177.6	3.7	364.6	3.7
October	33.8	41.7	42.9	20.3	138.7	2.9	327.1	3.3
November	40.7	36.9	38.7	18.8	135.2	2.8	306.1	3.1
December	818.2	318.4	78.9	36.4	1,251.8	26.0	1,837.0	18.5
1974 —								
January	208.5	633.7	276.6	217.6	1,336.5	27.7	3,176.2	32.0
February	82.6	92.2	85.6	41.4	301.7	6.3	689.2	6.9
March	60.1	72.3	68.0	37.0	237.3	4.9	556.4	5.6
April	79.4	78.3	53.7	33.7	245.1	5.1	531.8	5.4
May	108.8	196.4	70.6	46.9	421.9	8.8	900.3	9.1
June	62.0	57.9	44.7	34.3	199.0	4.1	449.3	4.5
July	73.4	49.5	39.0	31.4	193.2	4.0	414.8	4.2
Total	1,698.2	1,699.6	867.7	560.3	4,824.7	100.0	9,940.6	100.0

(a) Persons who were employed wage and salary earners in August 1974. See note (a) to Table 1.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

NOTE. The figures in this table relate to periods of leave taken and are, therefore, greater than the count of persons who took leave (shown in Table 1 and 2).

TABLE 4. — PERIODS OF PAID LEAVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a)
IN EACH MONTH FROM AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974
(000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
BY MALES									
1973 —									
August	49.2	22.3	30.4	10.7	7.7	1.6	1.1	2.0	125.0
September	40.2	31.0	12.6	16.8	9.9	3.3	1.3	*	117.0
October	33.0	24.1	15.0	9.7	9.9	2.7	*	*	96.5
November	36.7	22.7	14.7	8.8	7.7	1.6	1.3	*	94.6
December	281.4	301.5	101.1	93.5	54.4	24.1	3.5	14.3	873.6
1974 —									
January	302.4	326.8	102.2	99.9	61.7	30.7	3.2	12.8	939.7
February	72.1	53.0	21.7	17.7	24.7	11.6	2.6	2.2	205.6
March	61.2	43.9	20.7	14.9	12.4	6.1	1.6	2.6	163.3
April	65.2	45.7	24.7	17.9	10.5	4.0	1.5	3.5	172.9
May	97.9	73.4	42.4	27.7	17.2	5.0	2.2	3.8	269.6
June	48.0	34.6	23.5	12.9	10.8	4.5	1.7	2.8	138.7
July	49.5	32.0	19.7	14.2	9.8	3.6	1.9	1.6	132.3
Total	1,136.8	1,011.0	428.5	344.7	236.6	98.7	22.7	49.7	3,328.7
BY FEMALES									
1973 —									
August	22.6	10.9	16.9	6.8	3.0	*	*	*	61.8
September	23.7	15.3	5.0	9.9	3.8	*	*	*	60.7
October	17.7	8.7	6.6	4.3	2.7	*	*	*	42.2
November	14.5	8.8	7.6	4.0	3.6	*	*	*	40.6
December	127.6	148.2	34.0	30.0	19.5	10.1	2.0	6.8	378.1
1974 —									
January	131.3	155.8	33.7	32.7	23.8	12.5	2.1	4.9	396.7
February	33.5	23.1	7.4	9.0	13.2	7.3	*	*	96.1
March	29.2	18.2	9.5	6.8	6.4	2.1	*	*	74.0
April	27.6	17.7	10.0	7.2	5.1	1.6	*	2.3	72.2
May	57.7	48.6	15.9	15.0	7.8	2.1	1.4	3.9	152.3
June	19.1	17.7	9.1	6.1	3.6	2.2	*	2.1	60.3
July	23.8	13.4	8.4	6.8	4.7	1.6	*	*	60.9
Total	528.4	486.3	163.9	138.7	97.1	43.0	10.2	28.4	1,496.0
BY PERSONS									
1973 —									
August	71.9	33.2	47.3	17.5	10.7	2.0	1.7	2.6	186.8
September	63.9	46.3	17.6	26.8	13.7	4.4	1.5	3.5	177.6
October	50.7	32.8	21.6	14.0	12.6	3.7	1.4	*	138.7
November	51.3	31.5	22.3	12.8	11.3	2.8	1.7	*	135.2
December	409.0	449.7	135.1	123.5	73.9	34.1	5.5	21.1	1,251.8
1974 —									
January	433.7	482.5	135.9	132.6	85.5	43.2	5.3	17.8	1,336.5
February	105.6	76.1	29.0	26.7	38.0	18.8	3.6	3.9	301.7
March	90.4	62.1	30.2	21.7	18.8	8.2	1.9	4.1	237.3
April	92.7	63.4	34.6	25.1	15.6	5.5	2.2	5.9	245.1
May	155.6	122.0	58.2	42.7	25.0	7.1	3.6	7.7	421.9
June	67.1	52.3	32.6	18.9	14.3	6.7	2.2	4.9	199.0
July	73.3	45.4	28.1	21.0	14.5	5.2	2.4	3.3	193.2
Total	1,665.2	1,497.3	592.5	483.3	333.7	141.6	33.0	78.1	4,824.7

(a) See note (a) to Table 3.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

NOTE. See Note to Table 3.

TABLE 5. - WEEKS OF PAID LEAVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a)
IN EACH MONTH FROM AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974
(⁰⁰⁰)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
BY MALES									
1973 -									
August	101.0	43.3	74.0	20.2	16.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	264.3
September	81.2	62.1	31.4	35.5	22.0	7.5	3.1	3.9	246.6
October	73.4	58.9	38.5	21.2	25.1	7.2	*	*	228.4
November	87.0	47.4	38.7	19.0	16.6	4.4	2.6	*	217.3
December	406.4	401.6	194.2	124.6	81.2	30.6	7.9	*	1,270.9
1974 -									
January	691.4	744.1	249.7	225.4	155.9	76.0	10.6	31.9	2,185.0
February	166.1	126.5	51.8	39.3	49.9	27.4	6.8	4.6	472.4
March	139.4	103.4	52.4	35.2	29.3	15.2	4.6	5.1	384.6
April	144.1	92.3	59.0	36.1	22.9	9.1	3.6	8.3	375.3
May	203.3	158.2	108.9	57.4	36.4	10.7	5.4	7.0	587.2
June	109.3	80.2	56.8	28.2	25.1	10.3	5.6	5.7	321.2
July	104.2	68.8	48.5	29.6	21.7	8.7	4.8	3.2	289.5
Total	2,306.6	1,986.8	1,004.0	671.7	502.2	210.3	61.0	100.2	6,842.7
BY FEMALES									
1973 -									
August	40.2	24.4	38.1	11.3	6.1	*	*	*	123.5
September	44.8	29.8	13.5	16.6	7.4	*	*	*	118.0
October	38.5	20.2	16.1	10.8	7.5	*	*	*	98.7
November	31.5	19.1	19.7	7.4	6.9	*	*	*	88.8
December	198.4	198.1	67.9	42.3	29.5	13.1	4.6	12.3	566.1
1974 -									
January	321.5	377.6	94.4	77.2	65.3	35.5	6.7	12.9	991.1
February	81.2	50.0	19.3	19.7	23.8	17.0	*	*	216.8
March	67.0	41.4	23.3	15.9	14.5	5.1	*	*	171.7
April	58.4	37.9	21.6	15.0	11.8	3.6	*	6.0	156.6
May	112.6	99.1	37.3	31.4	16.6	5.1	3.2	7.9	313.1
June	38.8	38.9	20.9	11.9	7.7	4.6	*	4.0	128.1
July	43.0	28.9	21.4	12.8	10.3	3.6	*	*	125.3
Total	1,075.9	965.4	393.5	272.4	207.4	95.7	27.1	60.5	3,097.8
BY PERSONS									
1973 -									
August	141.2	67.7	112.1	31.5	22.4	4.3	4.8	3.8	387.8
September	125.9	91.9	44.9	52.1	29.4	9.7	4.2	6.6	364.6
October	111.9	79.2	54.6	32.1	32.6	9.4	3.9	*	327.1
November	118.4	66.5	58.4	26.4	23.5	7.1	3.4	*	306.1
December	604.7	599.6	262.1	166.9	110.7	43.7	12.5	36.7	1,837.0
1974 -									
January	1,012.9	1,121.7	344.1	302.6	221.2	111.5	17.3	44.8	3,176.2
February	247.3	176.5	71.1	59.0	73.8	44.3	9.0	8.2	689.2
March	206.4	144.8	75.8	51.1	43.8	20.4	5.3	8.9	556.4
April	202.5	130.3	80.6	51.0	34.7	12.7	5.8	14.3	531.8
May	315.8	257.2	146.2	88.7	53.0	15.8	8.6	14.9	900.3
June	148.1	119.1	77.7	40.1	32.8	14.9	7.0	9.6	449.3
July	147.2	97.7	70.0	42.4	31.9	12.3	6.3	7.0	414.8
Total	3,382.4	2,952.2	1,397.6	944.0	709.7	305.9	88.1	160.7	9,940.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 3.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

NOTE. See Note to Table 3.

TABLE 6. - WEEKS OF PAID LEAVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a)
IN EACH MONTH FROM AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974
(Per cent)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
BY MALES									
1973 -									
August	4.4	2.2	7.4	3.0	3.2	1.6	5.3	3.0	3.9
September	3.5	3.1	3.1	5.3	4.4	3.6	5.2	3.9	3.6
October	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.2	5.0	3.4	*	*	3.3
November	3.8	2.4	3.9	2.8	3.3	2.1	4.3	*	3.2
December	17.6	20.2	19.3	18.6	16.2	14.6	13.0	*	18.6
1974 -									
January	30.0	37.5	24.9	33.6	31.0	36.1	17.5	31.9	31.9
February	7.2	6.4	5.2	5.8	9.9	13.0	11.2	4.6	6.9
March	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.8	7.2	7.5	5.1	5.6
April	6.2	4.6	5.9	5.4	4.6	4.3	5.9	8.2	5.5
May	8.8	8.0	10.9	8.5	7.3	5.1	8.9	7.0	8.6
June	4.7	4.0	5.7	4.2	5.0	4.9	9.2	5.6	4.7
July	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.1	7.9	3.2	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
BY FEMALES									
1973 -									
August	3.7	2.5	9.7	4.2	3.0	*	*	*	4.0
September	4.2	3.1	3.4	6.1	3.6	*	*	*	3.8
October	3.6	2.1	4.1	4.0	3.6	*	*	*	3.2
November	2.9	2.0	5.0	2.7	3.3	*	*	*	2.9
December	18.4	20.5	17.2	15.5	14.2	13.7	16.8	20.4	18.3
1974 -									
January	29.9	39.1	24.0	28.3	31.5	37.1	24.5	21.4	32.0
February	7.5	5.2	4.9	7.2	11.5	17.7	*	*	7.0
March	6.2	4.3	5.9	5.8	7.0	5.4	*	*	5.5
April	5.4	3.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	3.8	*	9.9	5.1
May	10.5	10.3	9.5	11.5	8.0	5.3	11.8	13.1	10.1
June	3.6	4.0	5.3	4.4	3.7	4.8	*	6.6	4.1
July	4.0	3.0	5.4	4.7	4.9	3.8	*	*	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
BY PERSONS									
1973 -									
August	4.2	2.3	8.0	3.3	3.2	1.4	5.4	2.3	3.9
September	3.7	3.1	3.2	5.5	4.1	3.2	4.7	4.1	3.7
October	3.3	2.7	3.9	3.4	4.6	3.1	4.4	*	3.3
November	3.5	2.3	4.2	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.8	*	3.1
December	17.9	20.3	18.8	17.7	15.6	14.3	14.2	22.8	18.5
1974 -									
January	30.0	38.0	24.6	32.1	31.2	36.4	19.6	27.9	32.0
February	7.3	6.0	5.1	6.3	10.4	14.5	10.2	5.1	6.9
March	6.1	4.9	5.4	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.5	5.6
April	6.0	4.4	5.8	5.4	4.9	4.1	6.6	8.9	5.4
May	9.3	8.7	10.5	9.4	7.5	5.1	9.8	9.3	9.1
June	4.4	4.0	5.6	4.3	4.6	4.9	8.0	6.0	4.5
July	4.4	3.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	7.1	4.4	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 3.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

NOTE. See Note to Table 3.

**TABLE 7. - WEEKS OF PAID LEAVE TAKEN BY EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS (a)
IN EACH MONTH FROM AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974 : INDUSTRY (b), AUSTRALIA
(000)**

Industry (b)	1973					1974						
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July
BY MALES												
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc.	*	*	*	*	15.0	22.2	*	*	*	10.9	8.6	*
Mining and quarrying	*	6.2	3.7	4.5	34.7	40.0	7.2	9.1	9.2	11.9	6.5	7.6
Manufacturing	56.5	57.6	46.6	48.4	468.6	793.8	125.2	86.2	98.9	132.2	69.6	69.3
Electricity, gas and water	11.5	12.1	9.3	10.9	33.5	71.0	23.1	20.4	17.1	31.0	14.7	16.7
Construction	17.7	12.9	13.0	7.2	184.4	274.7	29.4	27.8	29.6	36.1	19.9	18.4
Wholesale and retail trade	35.7	38.5	36.3	34.8	130.4	258.5	75.1	64.2	53.2	85.1	47.3	37.5
Transport and storage	22.6	32.0	31.8	21.4	53.1	105.8	43.8	47.8	52.3	54.9	40.4	38.2
Communication	12.4	11.0	13.8	14.7	29.4	50.2	23.1	25.3	18.2	26.0	17.9	12.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	17.9	17.4	17.3	23.1	50.3	77.1	36.3	26.1	25.6	37.9	24.6	22.8
Public administration and defence	19.5	15.1	26.6	18.4	65.0	109.1	31.7	27.9	29.7	35.6	25.8	21.9
Community services	56.4	34.4	17.3	26.0	193.9	347.9	52.1	32.6	29.0	108.0	31.1	27.3
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	*	*	*	*	12.5	34.7	17.8	10.6	9.3	17.7	14.8	12.6
Total	264.3	246.6	228.4	217.3	1,270.9	2,185.0	472.4	384.6	375.3	587.2	321.2	289.5
BY FEMALES												
Manufacturing	11.1	10.6	*	*	172.1	290.3	21.9	17.3	21.4	27.9	14.9	12.0
Wholesale and retail trade	11.7	18.9	27.4	18.8	64.7	120.7	48.5	45.2	32.8	46.9	20.6	24.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	14.1	15.3	10.9	14.6	42.8	68.7	31.9	24.1	20.4	22.3	16.4	17.5
Public administration and defence	*	*	*	*	21.2	26.6	9.7	15.1	10.6	13.5	8.3	8.0
Community services	70.2	49.8	31.5	24.2	230.7	413.1	73.3	44.5	48.3	169.7	45.3	41.3
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	*	*	*	*	19.1	33.5	14.8	*	*	14.6	9.3	10.4
Other industries	*	*	10.8	*	15.5	38.3	16.8	17.2	16.0	18.1	13.3	11.2
Total	123.5	118.0	98.7	88.8	566.1	991.1	216.8	171.7	156.6	313.1	128.1	125.3
BY PERSONS												
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc.	*	*	*	*	15.4	23.9	*	*	*	11.5	9.4	6.9
Mining and quarrying	*	6.2	*	*	35.0	40.3	*	*	9.2	12.2	6.7	*
Manufacturing	67.7	68.1	54.8	56.0	640.6	1,084.0	147.1	103.5	120.3	160.1	84.5	81.3
Electricity, gas and water	11.5	12.4	*	12.1	34.4	75.4	24.1	22.7	18.5	32.1	14.8	12.9
Construction	18.1	13.8	13.2	7.7	190.2	284.1	31.9	30.0	30.8	37.5	20.2	23.2
Wholesale and retail trade	47.4	57.4	63.7	53.6	195.1	379.2	123.5	109.4	86.0	132.1	67.9	62.3
Transport and storage	24.0	34.7	36.1	25.0	58.0	117.7	49.2	56.0	59.4	64.1	45.3	42.4
Communication	15.3	15.5	19.6	17.3	32.6	60.8	30.8	29.4	23.7	31.5	24.8	16.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	32.1	32.7	28.2	37.7	93.1	145.8	68.2	50.2	46.0	60.1	41.0	40.3
Public administration and defence	25.6	22.2	31.7	25.0	86.3	135.7	41.4	43.0	40.3	49.1	34.1	29.8
Community services	126.7	84.2	48.7	50.2	424.6	761.0	125.4	77.1	77.3	277.7	76.4	68.6
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	9.6	12.2	13.9	10.8	31.5	68.2	32.6	18.9	16.4	32.3	24.0	23.0
Total	387.8	364.6	327.1	306.1	1,837.0	3,176.2	689.2	556.4	531.8	900.3	449.3	414.8

(a) See note (a) to Table 3. (b) Industry in August 1974.

* See page 9, paragraph 5.

NOTE. See Note to Table 3.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the quarterly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this statement are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaires and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample, and not the whole population, was enumerated. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figures that would have been obtained from a comparable complete enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this statement. A table of *standard errors* for general application to estimates from the revised sample is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate for any particular survey. An example of the use of the table is as follows: if an estimate obtained for Australia from the sample is 100,000 and the standard error is 3,000,

there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 97,000 to 103,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 94,000 and 106,000.

4. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerators can be obtained from the table below.

5. As the standard errors in the table below show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this statement estimates below the levels shown in the table below have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Number	per cent of estimate
1,000							200			
1,500							250			
2,000					400	250	250	350		
2,500				500	450	250	300	350		
3,000			600	500	450	300	300	350		
4,000	900	900	700	500	500	300	350	350	800	20.0
5,000	1,000	1,000	750	550	550	350	350	400	900	18.0
10,000	1,300	1,300	900	600	700	400	400	500	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	800	1,000	400	400	600	1,600	8.0
50,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	500	500	1,000	2,300	4.6
100,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,100	2,000	600			3,000	3.0
200,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	1,200	2,000				4,000	2.0
500,000	5,000	5,000	3,500	1,500	3,000				6,000	1.2
1,000,000	8,000	8,000							8,000	0.8
2,000,000									10,000	0.5

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see paragraph 5 above.

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