



### ANNUAL AND LONG-SERVICE LEAVE TAKEN, AUSTRALIA MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984, PRELIMINARY (Previously: Annual and Long-Service Leave (Preliminary))

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#### MAIN FEATURES

*Note: Survey estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraph 16 below.*

3,436,700 employed wage and salary earners (62.5 per cent) took one or more weeks of paid annual and/or long-service leave over the period May 1983 to April 1984.

19.9 per cent of employees had taken 4 weeks of paid annual and/or long-service leave over the same period.

The highest leave taking months were December and January where the proportions of employees taking paid annual and/or long-service leave were 27.0 per cent and 28.7 per cent respectively. The lowest leave taking months were June and July (3.7 per cent for both).

The average number of weeks for employees who took one or more weeks of annual and/or long-service leave varied according to age. The highest average of 4.4 weeks occurred in the 55 to 64 age group while the lowest of 3.1 occurred in the 15 to 19 age group.

Across industry divisions, the average number of weeks for employees who took one or more weeks of annual and/or long-service leave also varied. Community services recorded the highest average of 5.9 weeks and Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting division the lowest average of 3.0 weeks.

An estimated total of 13,872, 300 weeks of paid annual and/or long-service leave were taken by employees over the period May 1983 to April 1984.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

In association with the May 1984 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, employed wage and salary earners ('employees') aged 15 years and over were asked about the amount and timing of paid annual leave and long-service leave taken during the period May 1983 to April 1984 inclusive. Other types of leave, such as study or sabbatical leave, sick leave, maternity leave, etc., and unpaid leave, were not included.

2. During the two weeks beginning Monday 7 May 1984, specially trained interviewers asked the questions of those of the 71,000 respondents in the May labour force survey who fell within the scope of the survey.

3. Results of a similar survey, conducted in May 1979 have been published in *Annual and Long-Service Leave, Australia, May 1979* (6317.0). Surveys of annual leave, but not long-service leave, were previously conducted in August 1974 and February 1969. Results were published in *Annual Leave, August 1974* (6317.0) and *Labour Force Experience During 1968* (6206.0).

4. This publication contains only a summary of the results of the survey. Estimates shown are preliminary and may be revised. Further information, which will be published as soon as possible, is available on request.

##### Scope

5. This supplementary survey to the labour force survey included all civilian employees aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas residents in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces stationed in Australia;
- (d) persons permanently unable to work, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.;
- (e) for long-service leave, employees under 25 years of age.

##### Definitions

6. Definitions of the principal labour force classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

7. *Annual leave* (also commonly referred to as recreation leave, holiday leave, vacation leave) is a period (usually four weeks) of paid absence from work for leisure or recreational purposes to which an employee becomes entitled each year after a continuous period of service with one employer or in an industry, as specified in awards, etc.

8. *Long-service leave* (or furlough) is a period of paid absence from work to which an employee becomes entitled after a number of years of continuous service with one employer, or in an industry, the initial entitlement usually being three months after 10 or 15 years service, as specified in Federal or State legislation.

9. Payments in lieu of leave (e.g. to casual workers or on termination of employment) are not regarded as leave.

10. *Weeks taken.* The number of weeks of leave taken in any month was recorded as follows:

<i>Consecutive working days absent in any month</i>	<i>Recorded as weeks of leave taken</i>
0, 1 or 2	less than one
3-7	1
8-12	2
13-17	3
18-22	4
23 and over	5

(The category 'less than one' includes persons who did not take leave because their period of service with an employer or in one industry was not long enough to qualify them for an entitlement.)

In calculating the total amount of leave taken, separate periods of the same type of leave taken by individual respondents within each month were aggregated. When leave continued from one month into the next, the period of leave taken in each of the months was counted separately. The total amount taken for the period May 1983 to April 1984 is the sum of the amounts taken in each month, as defined above.

11. *Employees* are persons who were employed wage and salary earners at the time of the survey, regardless of their labour force status during the reference period, May 1983 to April 1984. Persons who were wage and salary earners during the reference period but not at the time of the survey, and who took paid annual or long-service leave during the reference period are excluded.

12. *Full-time/part-time status* relates to employed wage and salary earners who were working full-time or part-time in their current job at the time of the survey. No information is available about the full-time/part-time status of employees over the full reference period for the leave statistics. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours per week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

13. Persons are classified as *married* if they are reported as being married (including de facto) and their spouse was a usual resident of the household at the time of the survey. The *not married* category includes persons who have never married, or are separated, widowed or divorced; as well as those who, although reported as being married, did not have a spouse who usually lived in the household. For effects on estimates of marital status, see paragraph 15.

### Population benchmarks

14. Following the change in official population estimates to a place of usual residence basis after the 1981 Census the population benchmarks used in this survey are compiled according to place of usual residence. For an explanation of the new conceptual basis of population estimates see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

### Discontinuities in the series

15. Paragraph 13 outlines the definition of marital status now used in this survey. Consequently, estimates of marital status contained in this publication are not comparable with estimates published for this survey in previous years, which classified as married all respondents who reported that they were married or separated.

### Reliability of estimates

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. More information about this topic will be found in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). A table of estimated standard errors for this survey follows these notes. Estimates with a standard error of more than about 27 per cent have not been shown in this publication, as the degree of sampling variability would seriously detract from their value for most reasonable uses. Although figures for these small components can in some cases, be derived by subtraction they should not be regarded as reliable.
- (b) *Non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or 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.

### Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)—issued monthly

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

**Symbols and other usages**

- \* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 16.

19. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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**STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES**

<i>Size of estimate (persons)</i>	<i>Approximate standard error of estimates</i>		<i>Size of estimate (persons)</i>	<i>Approximate standard error of estimates</i>	
	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Per cent of estimate</i>		<i>Persons</i>	<i>Per cent of estimate</i>
3,000	800	26.7	100,000	3,900	3.9
4,000	920	23.0	200,000	5,100	2.6
5,000	1,000	20.0	300,000	6,000	2.0
10,000	1,400	14.0	500,000	7,200	1.4
20,000	2,000	10.0	1,000,000	9,100	0.9
50,000	2,900	5.8	2,000,000	11,000	0.6
			5,000,000	15,000	0.3



**TABLE 1. ALL EMPLOYEES(a): LEAVE STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984**  
( ' 000)

	Married			Not married			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Did not take any leave	526.5	518.3	1,044.8	508.2	432.6	940.8	1,034.7	950.9	1,985.6
Took annual leave only	1,528.3	641.9	2,170.2	658.0	526.5	1,184.5	2,186.3	1,168.4	3,354.7
Took long-service leave only	15.2	4.5	19.7	3.6	*	5.8	18.8	6.6	25.5
Took both types of leave	84.9	20.4	105.3	15.3	8.2	23.5	100.1	28.6	128.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,154.9</b>	<b>1,185.1</b>	<b>3,340.1</b>	<b>1,185.1</b>	<b>969.4</b>	<b>2,154.5</b>	<b>3,340.0</b>	<b>2,154.6</b>	<b>5,494.6</b>

(a) In May 1984.

**TABLE 2. ALL EMPLOYEES(a): NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID ANNUAL AND LONG-SERVICE LEAVE TAKEN AND SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS, MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984**

	Number of weeks									Average number of weeks taken per employee (b)
	Less than one	1	2	3	4	5-7	8 and over	One or more	Total	
	— ' 000 —									weeks
<b>Industry—</b>										
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	82.9	6.8	15.3	9.1	11.9	4.2	*	48.5	131.5	3.0
Mining	22.8	7.9	10.6	13.7	18.7	19.2	5.6	75.6	98.5	4.0
Manufacturing	328.1	50.8	122.7	183.6	302.1	91.4	18.0	768.7	1,096.8	3.6
Electricity, gas and water	28.7	8.5	24.8	24.7	36.7	20.1	6.6	121.4	150.0	3.9
Construction	124.5	14.6	39.9	32.3	49.9	16.9	*	156.3	280.8	3.3
Wholesale and retail trade	506.3	50.8	141.9	106.2	179.2	43.2	8.2	529.5	1,035.8	3.2
Transport and storage	100.3	12.1	31.6	29.9	66.8	52.9	13.5	206.9	307.2	4.3
Communication	31.9	4.8	14.4	11.9	46.8	21.1	3.8	102.9	134.8	4.0
Finance, property and business services	195.0	31.7	78.0	67.6	114.2	40.8	10.1	342.3	537.3	3.4
Public administration and defence	94.4	19.2	52.6	45.9	71.5	30.7	8.3	228.3	322.6	3.6
Community services	332.1	34.3	92.4	89.6	158.9	134.5	227.2	736.9	1,069.0	5.9
Recreation, personal and other services	210.9	14.0	30.2	19.3	38.3	14.8	*	119.5	330.3	3.3
<b>Occupation—</b>										
Professional and technical	241.5	43.1	95.5	92.5	135.2	103.0	206.0	675.2	916.7	5.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	98.3	24.9	61.6	46.7	70.0	26.9	7.3	237.3	335.6	3.3
Clerical	399.1	67.8	168.9	150.8	227.6	86.8	24.4	726.2	1,125.3	3.5
Sales	251.3	16.1	49.9	44.4	71.9	19.4	3.7	205.3	456.6	3.4
Farmers, fisher persons, timber-getters, etc.	102.9	8.9	19.7	11.6	19.0	4.7	*	66.7	169.7	3.1
Transport and communication	96.8	6.8	23.1	23.2	61.1	41.7	10.3	166.2	263.0	4.3
Tradesmen, production-process workers, labourers, n.e.c. and miners and quarry workers, etc.	565.8	71.6	188.8	223.7	418.4	142.7	33.1	1,078.3	1,644.1	3.6
Service, sport and recreation	302.3	16.5	46.9	40.6	91.7	64.8	20.8	281.3	583.6	4.2
<b>Males</b>	<b>1,078.5</b>	<b>162.1</b>	<b>429.9</b>	<b>419.2</b>	<b>747.1</b>	<b>332.8</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>2,261.5</b>	<b>3,340.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>979.4</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>224.5</b>	<b>214.5</b>	<b>347.8</b>	<b>157.1</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>1,175.2</b>	<b>2,154.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Marital status—</b>										
Married	1,090.0	155.1	405.2	417.4	713.6	337.4	221.3	2,250.0	3,340.1	4.1
Not married	967.9	100.4	249.2	216.3	381.2	152.5	87.0	1,186.6	2,154.5	3.8
<b>Age—</b>										
15-19 years(c)	398.3	22.5	50.9	38.5	73.4	14.7	*	202.0	600.3	3.1
20-24 years(c)	354.2	44.8	120.3	108.2	172.3	66.0	21.1	532.7	886.9	3.5
25-34 years	509.1	78.6	192.7	177.4	277.3	152.4	110.5	988.9	1,498.0	4.2
35-44 years	406.3	57.8	149.7	158.3	242.7	118.8	89.5	816.7	1,223.0	4.2
45-54 years	247.2	36.9	91.5	101.6	207.9	88.1	52.9	578.9	826.2	4.2
55-59 years	82.9	9.8	31.5	34.7	82.4	35.4	22.1	216.0	298.9	4.4
60-64 years	36.6	4.4	15.3	13.4	32.7	12.3	10.1	88.2	124.8	4.4
65 years and over	23.2	*	*	*	6.0	*	*	13.4	36.6	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,057.9</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>654.4</b>	<b>633.7</b>	<b>1,094.9</b>	<b>489.9</b>	<b>308.3</b>	<b>3,436.7</b>	<b>5,494.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>May 1978 to April 1979</b>	<b>1,855.3</b>	<b>217.1</b>	<b>543.5</b>	<b>588.5</b>	<b>1,160.2</b>	<b>431.2</b>	<b>276.1</b>	<b>3,216.6</b>	<b>5,071.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>

(a) In May 1984. (b) Excludes the category 'less than one'. (c) Persons under the age of 25 years were not asked questions about long-service leave.



**TABLE 3. ALL EMPLOYEES(a): MONTH IN WHICH PAID ANNUAL AND LONG-SERVICE LEAVE WAS TAKEN AND FAMILY STATUS, MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984 ('000)**

Month leave taken	Family status										Total
	Member of a family						Not a member of a family			Family status not determined	
	Spouse		Not married family head		Child of family head(b)	Other relative	Not living alone	Living alone			
	With children 0-14 present	Without children 0-14 present	With children 0-14 present	Without children 0-14 present							
<b>MALES</b>											
1983—											
May	88.9	48.9	*	*	8.4	*	10.9	10.4	14.5	187.1	
June	52.2	37.9	*	*	12.3	*	8.3	8.0	3.7	126.0	
July	45.0	44.8	*	*	12.9	*	9.7	10.0	3.9	127.8	
August	100.4	65.7	*	3.2	20.2	*	19.4	15.6	12.8	239.8	
September	146.9	86.4	*	*	19.6	*	18.6	16.2	15.3	309.0	
October	61.2	59.2	*	*	17.5	*	9.7	13.3	7.7	172.1	
November	64.4	58.4	*	*	19.0	*	11.1	13.6	5.2	175.5	
December	434.5	256.1	4.7	8.3	136.0	8.8	57.2	50.7	37.4	993.7	
1984—											
January	475.7	257.1	6.0	8.7	141.4	10.3	58.1	51.6	38.8	1,047.9	
February	99.9	84.7	*	*	35.4	*	17.4	16.4	6.6	265.3	
March	63.1	77.1	*	*	26.3	*	13.5	14.1	5.6	204.6	
April	139.6	111.0	*	3.0	44.1	4.7	22.9	21.5	13.3	362.1	
Did not take leave	297.6	210.7	6.0	9.4	293.2	15.4	97.7	55.8	48.8	1,034.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,234.1</b>	<b>857.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>605.5</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>238.8</b>	<b>184.6</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>3,340.0</b>	
<b>FEMALES</b>											
1983—											
May	34.7	45.2	3.5	4.7	14.2	*	12.6	10.7	7.9	134.1	
June	13.6	25.5	*	*	12.3	*	11.4	6.4	3.6	78.5	
July	10.4	28.8	*	*	11.7	*	10.6	8.4	*	77.0	
August	37.4	54.3	4.7	4.5	20.6	*	18.0	13.8	9.1	163.4	
September	48.5	66.4	7.2	8.0	23.9	*	23.4	15.7	9.4	204.2	
October	9.8	36.5	*	3.4	17.5	*	15.7	12.3	4.7	103.3	
November	9.7	33.9	*	3.5	15.9	*	12.3	12.4	4.7	95.4	
December	128.8	158.1	16.0	16.1	60.9	6.0	47.0	31.7	23.7	488.3	
1984—											
January	153.5	168.5	20.2	15.5	62.5	5.6	47.8	28.6	24.6	526.7	
February	24.2	52.7	*	5.3	31.7	*	18.2	12.5	7.0	156.1	
March	11.8	43.3	*	3.5	23.4	*	13.2	11.1	4.7	113.8	
April	30.9	59.6	5.0	4.6	28.9	*	21.0	20.7	6.5	178.4	
Did not take leave	307.7	187.9	34.3	20.7	230.2	14.6	67.4	34.6	53.6	950.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>562.2</b>	<b>577.1</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>431.0</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>2,154.6</b>	
<b>PERSONS</b>											
1983—											
May	123.6	94.1	4.4	7.5	22.7	*	23.4	21.1	22.5	321.2	
June	65.8	63.4	*	4.2	24.6	*	19.7	14.5	7.3	204.5	
July	55.4	73.6	*	*	24.6	*	20.3	18.3	6.0	204.8	
August	137.8	120.0	6.7	7.6	40.8	*	37.4	29.4	21.9	403.2	
September	195.5	152.8	9.0	11.2	43.5	*	42.0	31.9	24.7	513.3	
October	71.0	95.8	4.0	5.0	35.0	*	25.4	25.6	12.4	275.4	
November	74.2	92.3	*	5.2	34.9	*	23.4	26.0	9.9	270.8	
December	563.3	414.2	20.8	24.3	196.9	14.8	104.2	82.4	61.1	1,482.0	
1984—											
January	629.2	425.6	26.2	24.2	203.9	16.0	105.9	80.2	63.4	1,574.6	
February	124.1	137.4	4.0	7.6	67.1	3.2	35.6	28.9	13.5	421.3	
March	74.9	120.3	*	5.4	49.7	*	26.7	25.3	10.3	318.3	
April	170.6	170.6	7.0	7.6	73.0	5.9	43.9	42.2	19.9	540.6	
Did not take leave	605.3	398.6	40.3	30.0	523.4	30.0	165.1	90.4	102.4	1,985.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,796.3</b>	<b>1,434.8</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>1,036.6</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>432.9</b>	<b>311.4</b>	<b>240.4</b>	<b>5,494.6</b>	

(a) In May 1984. (b) Aged 15 years or more.

**TABLE 4. ALL EMPLOYEES(a): MONTH IN WHICH PAID ANNUAL AND LONG-SERVICE LEAVE WAS TAKEN AND AGE ('000)**

Month leave taken	May 1983 to April 1984								Total	May 1978 to April 1979
	Age (years)									
	15-19(b)	20-24(b)	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over		
<b>MALES</b>										
May	*	8.4	59.4	61.4	36.1	14.7	4.8	*	187.1	188.1
June	3.5	14.2	41.6	32.8	20.4	9.6	3.3	*	126.0	103.9
July	3.0	13.4	41.5	30.4	21.4	12.2	4.8	*	127.8	97.3
August	4.0	23.2	75.5	68.9	41.6	19.5	6.2	*	239.8	247.4
September	6.4	22.8	95.7	94.1	55.5	24.5	9.3	*	309.0	270.0
October	3.4	18.6	57.2	35.2	31.6	16.4	9.1	*	172.1	166.9
November	3.3	15.5	65.7	35.7	33.1	14.7	7.4	*	175.5	165.7
December	49.9	120.8	274.5	272.3	177.8	64.1	28.9	5.4	993.7	950.7
January	57.8	119.0	275.3	303.0	193.1	68.1	26.9	4.7	1,047.9	1,005.1
February	12.5	37.2	89.2	53.0	43.8	21.4	7.3	*	265.3	245.2
March	9.6	25.2	68.9	34.6	36.4	21.7	7.8	*	204.6	214.3
April	15.0	44.8	110.9	88.3	62.4	26.7	12.2	*	362.1	297.3
Did not take leave	193.5	182.1	267.9	178.1	126.7	46.5	24.3	15.5	1,034.7	1,037.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>305.9</b>	<b>466.2</b>	<b>942.1</b>	<b>750.0</b>	<b>538.3</b>	<b>216.3</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>3,340.0</b>	<b>3,209.6</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
May	4.1	17.5	44.9	35.7	21.3	8.0	*	*	134.1	140.3
June	4.6	17.4	26.4	15.3	10.8	*	*	*	78.5	50.7
July	3.6	17.0	26.5	13.3	11.9	3.4	*	*	77.0	51.6
August	7.8	23.7	54.9	38.7	28.3	6.5	3.4	*	163.4	164.9
September	7.8	33.4	67.1	50.5	31.7	8.4	5.2	*	204.2	169.3
October	6.7	27.4	29.1	17.0	14.8	4.8	3.1	*	103.3	83.0
November	5.7	25.8	27.8	15.0	12.0	6.4	*	*	95.4	78.8
December	25.5	83.0	139.4	128.4	81.8	20.7	7.7	*	488.3	459.0
January	29.7	84.9	146.8	148.7	85.5	22.2	7.0	*	526.7	500.6
February	14.3	42.0	46.7	24.8	19.7	6.7	*	*	156.1	130.0
March	14.5	32.4	30.7	14.1	14.6	5.4	*	*	113.8	102.0
April	13.9	42.5	57.7	31.8	22.3	6.6	3.1	*	178.4	121.8
Did not take leave	198.8	160.5	223.3	210.5	109.0	30.6	10.9	7.3	950.9	818.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>294.4</b>	<b>420.6</b>	<b>556.0</b>	<b>473.0</b>	<b>287.9</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>2,154.6</b>	<b>1,862.3</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>										
May	6.5	25.9	104.2	97.0	57.3	22.7	7.4	*	321.2	328.4
June	8.1	31.7	68.0	48.1	31.2	12.0	4.8	*	204.5	154.6
July	6.6	30.4	68.1	43.7	33.3	15.6	6.2	*	204.8	148.9
August	11.8	46.9	130.4	107.6	69.9	26.0	9.7	*	403.2	412.2
September	14.2	56.2	162.7	144.6	87.2	32.9	14.6	*	513.3	439.4
October	10.1	46.0	86.3	52.2	46.3	21.3	12.1	*	275.4	249.9
November	9.1	41.3	93.5	50.8	45.1	21.2	9.5	*	270.8	244.5
December	75.4	203.9	413.9	400.7	259.6	84.8	36.6	7.3	1,482.0	1,409.6
January	87.5	203.9	422.2	451.8	278.6	90.3	33.9	6.5	1,574.6	1,505.7
February	26.8	79.1	135.8	77.8	63.5	28.1	9.2	*	421.3	375.2
March	24.0	57.6	99.6	48.7	51.0	27.1	9.7	*	318.3	316.3
April	28.8	87.3	168.6	120.1	84.7	33.3	15.3	*	540.6	419.1
Did not take leave	392.3	342.7	491.3	388.6	235.7	77.1	35.1	22.9	1,985.6	1,855.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>600.3</b>	<b>886.9</b>	<b>1,498.0</b>	<b>1,223.0</b>	<b>826.2</b>	<b>298.9</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>5,494.6</b>	<b>5,071.9</b>

(a) In May 1984. (b) Persons under the age of 25 years were not asked questions about long-service leave.

**TABLE 5. TOTAL WEEKS OF PAID ANNUAL AND LONG-SERVICE LEAVE TAKEN  
BY EMPLOYEES: MONTH IN WHICH LEAVE TAKEN AND FULL-TIME AND  
PART-TIME STATUS(a), MAY 1983 TO APRIL 1984  
( ' 000 weeks)**

	<i>Males</i>			<i>Females</i>			<i>Persons</i>		
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>1983—</i>									
May	410.3	18.7	429.0	221.5	66.3	287.7	631.8	85.0	716.8
June	289.8	7.7	297.5	147.7	25.0	172.7	437.5	32.7	470.2
July	297.8	6.9	304.7	144.6	27.6	172.2	442.4	34.6	477.0
August	467.8	17.2	485.1	240.2	61.7	301.9	708.0	78.9	787.0
September	618.3	15.3	633.6	316.8	63.0	379.7	935.1	78.2	1,013.3
October	401.2	8.3	409.5	206.2	32.6	238.8	607.4	40.9	648.3
November	415.2	8.2	423.4	184.6	28.4	213.0	599.7	36.6	636.4
December	1,632.9	37.8	1,670.7	687.5	177.9	865.4	2,320.4	215.7	2,536.0
<i>1984—</i>									
January	2,492.8	62.4	2,555.2	1,082.7	298.1	1,380.8	3,575.6	360.5	3,936.1
February	594.2	12.6	606.8	286.6	49.7	336.3	880.8	62.4	943.2
March	460.8	7.3	468.1	223.2	35.3	258.6	684.1	42.6	726.7
April	645.6	12.8	658.4	287.8	35.2	323.0	933.4	48.0	981.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,726.7</b>	<b>215.3</b>	<b>8,942.0</b>	<b>4,029.5</b>	<b>900.8</b>	<b>4,930.2</b>	<b>12,756.2</b>	<b>1,116.1</b>	<b>13,872.3</b>

(a) Full-time and part-time status of current job. See paragraph 12 of Explanatory notes.



