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WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES (DISTRIBUTION), AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1988 SUMMARY

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MAIN FEATURES

In August 1988 64 per cent of females and 34 per cent of males who were full-time employees had weekly earnings of less than \$400 from all jobs. Amongst part-time employees it was males who were clustered more heavily in the lower end of the earnings spectrum — 53 per cent earned less than \$120 per week compared with 35 per cent of females.

Table 1 shows the extent to which married employees on average earn more than not-married employees according to their full-time/ part-time employment status. For example, for male full-time employees mean weekly earnings for those married was \$518 and for those not married was \$397.

For employees whose main job was fulltime, mean weekly earnings from their main job varied with age and sex. For males the age group 15 to 19 years had the lowest mean weekly earnings of \$233, rising to \$542 for males aged 35 to 44 years and then gradually decreasing to \$458 for males aged 60 years and over. For females the peak (\$422) occurred in the

younger age group of 25 to 34 years.

Nearly 70 per cent of employees whose main job was part time were casuals, and their mean weekly earnings was \$148 compared to \$241 for permanent part time employees.

Male employees who worked in a second job had mean weekly earnings of \$106 from that job compared with \$93 for females.

Notes

(i) Caution should be exercised when comparing estimates in this publication with those included in the quarterly publication Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0). There are important differences in the purpose, scope and methodology of this household survey and the Average Weekly Earnings survey of employers. See paragraph 11 of Appendix B.

(ii) Survey estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraph 13 of Appendix B.

DIAGRAM 1. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUGUST 1988
(Source of data: Table 1)

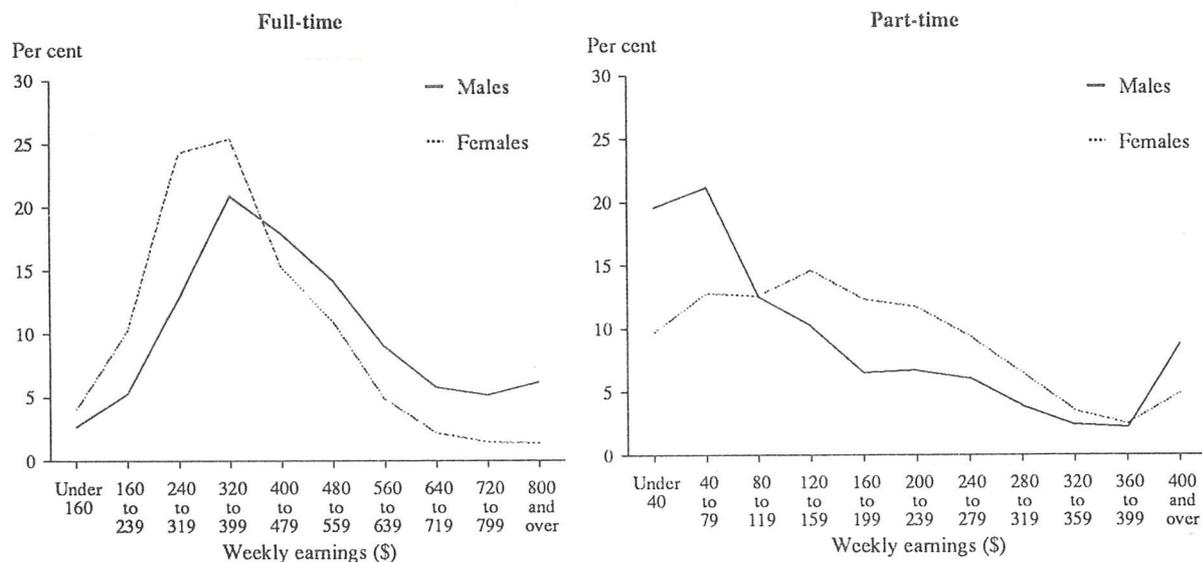


TABLE 1. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, WEEKLY EARNINGS
AND MARITAL STATUS, AUGUST 1988

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Married	Not-married	Total	Married	Not-married	Total	Married	Not-married	Total
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES									
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Weekly earnings (\$)--									
Under 160	21.0	69.0	89.9	19.5	45.1	64.6	40.4	114.1	154.5
160 and under 200	11.3	60.6	71.8	15.7	54.7	70.4	26.9	115.3	142.2
200 " 240	34.4	69.3	103.7	33.9	59.1	93.0	68.3	128.4	196.8
240 " 280	63.8	91.5	155.3	68.8	84.9	153.7	132.6	176.4	309.0
280 " 320	143.7	126.5	270.2	126.8	108.8	235.6	270.5	235.3	505.7
320 " 360	211.9	140.6	352.5	122.1	108.1	230.2	334.0	248.7	582.7
360 " 400	212.6	127.9	340.5	101.0	76.7	177.6	313.5	204.6	518.1
400 " 440	245.0	97.2	342.1	71.9	71.8	143.7	316.9	168.9	485.9
440 " 480	177.8	73.9	251.6	53.9	45.4	99.2	231.6	119.2	350.9
480 " 520	193.8	62.7	256.5	56.5	44.5	101.0	250.3	107.2	357.5
520 " 560	156.9	57.0	213.9	45.8	29.3	75.0	202.7	86.3	288.9
560 " 600	121.3	36.8	158.1	25.7	18.1	43.8	147.0	54.9	201.9
600 " 640	112.3	27.1	139.4	21.7	13.2	34.9	134.0	40.3	174.3
640 " 680	79.1	18.1	97.1	11.3	10.8	22.2	90.4	28.9	119.3
680 " 720	77.1	19.1	96.2	7.6	5.4	13.0	84.7	24.5	109.2
720 " 760	60.2	14.5	74.7	8.5	* 3.4	11.9	68.7	17.9	86.6
760 " 800	83.1	15.1	98.3	7.1	4.3	11.4	90.3	19.4	109.7
800 and over	172.1	33.7	205.8	10.4	11.5	22.0	182.6	45.2	227.8
Total	2,177.3	1,140.5	3,317.8	808.1	795.0	1,603.1	2,985.4	1,935.5	4,920.9
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	473	364	432	367	337	352	439	352	404
Mean weekly earnings	518	397	477	396	360	378	485	382	445
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES(a)									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings (\$)--									
Under 40	* 3.6	40.5	44.2	23.2	63.3	86.5	26.9	103.8	130.7
40 and under 80	6.0	41.9	47.9	61.1	61.5	122.6	67.1	103.4	170.5
80 " 120	6.5	21.6	28.2	86.4	34.4	120.8	93.0	56.0	149.0
120 " 160	6.7	16.3	23.0	105.8	33.2	139.0	112.5	49.4	162.0
160 " 200	5.2	9.4	14.6	96.1	21.5	117.6	101.3	30.9	132.3
200 " 240	6.8	8.2	15.1	94.4	17.6	112.0	101.3	25.8	127.1
240 " 280	6.8	6.9	13.7	71.2	18.6	89.7	78.0	25.4	103.4
280 " 320	4.5	4.4	8.9	51.8	10.3	62.1	56.3	14.7	71.0
320 " 360	* 3.4	* 2.0	5.4	27.8	5.7	33.4	31.2	7.7	38.9
360 " 400	* 2.3	* 2.6	4.9	21.5	* 2.7	24.2	23.8	5.3	29.2
400 and over	13.7	6.1	19.8	37.7	9.5	47.2	51.4	15.6	67.0
Total	65.7	160.0	225.7	677.0	278.3	955.3	742.7	438.3	1,181.0
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	228	78	110	186	97	163	188	89	155
Mean weekly earnings	273	123	167	207	131	185	212	128	181
TOTAL									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings (\$)--									
Under 160	43.8	189.3	233.1	296.0	237.5	533.5	339.8	426.8	766.7
160 and under 200	16.5	70.0	86.4	111.8	76.2	188.0	128.2	146.2	274.4
200 " 240	41.3	77.5	118.8	128.3	76.7	205.1	169.6	154.2	323.9
240 " 280	70.7	98.4	169.0	139.9	103.4	243.4	210.6	201.8	412.4
280 " 320	148.2	130.8	279.1	178.6	119.1	297.7	326.8	250.0	576.7
320 " 360	215.4	142.6	358.0	149.8	113.8	263.6	365.2	256.4	621.6
360 " 400	214.9	130.5	345.4	122.5	79.4	201.9	337.4	209.9	547.3
400 " 440	246.2	97.8	344.0	82.7	74.5	157.2	328.8	172.3	501.1
440 " 480	180.2	74.8	254.9	58.5	46.9	105.5	238.7	121.7	360.4
480 " 520	195.6	63.6	259.2	63.7	46.6	110.3	259.3	110.2	369.5
520 " 560	158.7	58.0	216.6	50.1	30.2	80.3	208.8	88.2	296.9
560 " 600	121.8	37.5	159.3	29.2	18.9	48.1	151.1	56.3	207.4
600 " 640	114.7	27.5	142.2	24.0	13.8	37.8	138.8	41.3	180.1
640 " 680	79.5	18.2	97.7	12.7	11.2	24.0	92.2	29.4	121.7
680 " 720	77.3	19.2	96.5	7.8	5.4	13.2	85.1	24.6	109.7
720 " 760	61.1	14.5	75.6	9.3	* 3.4	12.7	70.4	17.9	88.3
760 " 800	83.9	15.8	99.8	8.3	4.6	12.8	92.2	20.4	112.6
800 and over	173.4	34.4	207.8	11.8	11.6	23.5	185.2	46.1	231.3
Total	2,243.1	1,300.4	3,543.5	1,485.1	1,073.3	2,558.4	3,728.2	2,373.8	6,101.9
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	468	344	421	295	294	295	398	321	366
Mean weekly earnings	511	363	457	310	301	306	431	335	394

(a) As part-time employees are defined as those who usually work less than 35 hours and who did so in the survey week, these figures may include some school teachers, academic staff in universities, air crew, etc.

TABLE 2. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, WEEKLY EARNINGS, AND STATES AND TERRITORIES, AUGUST 1988

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Old	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES									
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Weekly earnings (\$)-									
Under 160	57.2	31.6	28.3	13.4	16.6	4.4	* 1.4	1.6	154.5
160 and under 200	42.2	39.3	27.2	11.0	14.6	4.8	* 1.5	1.6	142.2
200 " 240	68.2	51.8	34.5	16.2	16.0	5.6	* 1.0	3.5	196.8
240 " 280	96.6	87.8	54.8	26.2	29.3	8.1	2.1	4.1	309.0
280 " 320	169.6	131.4	91.1	44.0	45.6	13.5	3.8	6.8	505.7
320 " 360	202.9	166.8	86.1	54.1	46.4	15.7	4.1	6.7	582.7
360 " 400	177.5	144.0	84.1	42.4	39.1	14.7	6.0	10.3	518.1
400 " 440	176.6	129.2	76.4	36.1	43.7	11.8	5.4	6.7	485.9
440 " 480	130.4	92.5	49.1	27.1	31.8	9.1	3.4	7.5	350.9
480 " 520	127.5	98.1	56.6	26.6	30.7	8.8	2.9	6.3	357.5
520 " 560	109.6	74.2	36.0	21.2	28.0	7.8	4.5	7.6	288.9
560 " 600	69.2	56.6	28.4	15.4	19.0	5.2	* 1.6	6.5	201.9
600 " 640	61.7	47.1	22.4	14.7	16.7	5.1	2.0	4.6	174.3
640 " 680	42.9	29.7	16.5	9.4	11.6	3.3	* 1.6	4.4	119.3
680 " 720	41.2	31.5	12.9	6.4	9.9	2.0	* 1.0	4.2	109.2
720 " 760	30.1	21.7	11.8	5.2	8.7	2.6	1.9	4.7	86.6
760 " 800	48.7	26.8	9.9	6.4	9.8	2.2	2.0	3.8	109.7
800 and over	90.5	51.6	30.3	14.1	23.3	4.0	4.8	9.2	227.8
Total	1,742.5	1,311.7	756.2	390.0	440.7	128.7	51.1	100.1	4,920.9
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	413	401	387	388	412	390	443	488	404
Mean weekly earnings	454	440	425	428	452	431	497	522	445
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES(a)									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings (\$)-									
Under 40	35.9	30.1	29.3	11.5	15.9	4.5	* 0.2	3.2	130.7
40 and under 80	54.6	45.4	28.4	14.9	16.6	6.0	* 0.8	3.7	170.5
80 " 120	51.4	37.9	24.5	12.6	13.8	5.7	* 1.1	2.0	149.0
120 " 160	55.0	41.2	25.5	13.0	17.4	5.3	1.8	2.8	162.0
160 " 200	43.2	32.0	21.5	12.5	15.2	3.5	* 0.8	3.6	132.3
200 " 240	42.0	35.3	18.7	12.3	10.8	4.1	* 1.3	2.5	127.1
240 " 280	40.2	24.9	14.1	9.7	8.5	2.8	* 0.3	2.9	103.4
280 " 320	25.4	19.9	9.1	6.9	6.3	* 1.0	* 1.0	* 1.4	71.0
320 " 360	13.2	9.0	6.1	5.0	3.6	* 0.8	* 0.2	* 1.0	38.9
360 " 400	10.5	7.3	3.7	3.2	* 2.0	* 0.5	* 0.7	* 1.1	29.2
400 and over	23.9	22.8	7.1	4.7	5.4	* 1.0	* 0.8	* 1.3	67.0
Total	395.2	305.8	188.2	106.4	115.5	35.2	9.0	25.6	1,181.0
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	161	158	139	164	146	130	188	173	155
Mean weekly earnings	186	194	160	181	170	152	232	185	181
TOTAL									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings (\$)-									
Under 160	254.0	186.1	136.1	65.5	80.3	26.0	5.3	13.3	766.7
160 and under 200	85.4	71.3	48.7	23.5	29.8	8.3	2.3	5.2	274.4
200 " 240	110.1	87.1	53.3	28.5	26.8	9.6	2.3	6.1	323.9
240 " 280	136.7	112.7	68.8	35.8	37.8	11.0	2.5	7.1	412.4
280 " 320	195.0	151.3	100.3	50.9	51.9	14.4	4.8	8.2	576.7
320 " 360	216.2	175.7	92.2	59.2	50.0	16.4	4.2	7.7	621.6
360 " 400	188.0	151.3	87.8	45.6	41.2	15.2	6.7	11.4	547.3
400 " 440	181.2	136.1	78.0	37.0	44.6	12.0	5.6	6.7	501.1
440 " 480	133.6	94.9	51.0	27.6	32.9	9.3	3.4	7.8	360.4
480 " 520	132.9	101.3	58.0	27.3	31.2	8.9	3.0	6.8	369.5
520 " 560	111.9	76.9	36.9	22.3	28.6	7.9	4.5	7.9	296.9
560 " 600	71.3	57.9	28.9	16.1	19.7	5.4	* 1.6	6.5	207.4
600 " 640	63.6	50.0	22.6	14.9	17.1	5.1	2.0	4.7	180.1
640 " 680	44.2	30.2	16.5	9.5	12.0	3.3	* 1.6	4.4	121.7
680 " 720	41.2	31.8	12.9	6.6	9.9	2.1	* 1.0	4.2	109.7
720 " 760	30.7	22.7	11.8	5.2	8.7	2.6	1.9	4.7	88.3
760 " 800	50.4	27.6	9.9	6.4	10.0	2.2	2.3	3.8	112.6
800 and over	91.3	52.7	30.9	14.4	23.7	4.0	5.0	9.4	231.3
Total	2,137.7	1,617.5	944.4	496.3	556.2	163.9	60.2	125.7	6,101.9
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings	338	366	348	350	321	351	414	423	366
Mean weekly earnings	406	393	372	375	393	371	458	453	394

(a) As part-time employees are defined as those who usually work less than 35 hours and who did so in the survey week, these figures may include some school teachers, academic staff in universities, air crew, etc.

TABLE 3. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, WEEKLY EARNINGS
IN MAIN JOB AND INDUSTRY, AUGUST 1988

	Industry												Total
	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	Mining	Manufac- turing	Electricity, gas and water	Construc- tion	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Communi- cation	Finance, property and business services	Public administra- tion and defence	Community services	Recreation, personal and other services	
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB													
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Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-													
Under 160	4.8	* 0.8	4.4	* 0.0	* 2.8	10.6	* 1.7	* 0.0	4.8	* 0.6	10.6	5.4	46.5
160 and under 200	5.3	* 0.8	25.6	* 1.3	10.7	41.0	* 3.7	* 1.6	16.7	* 3.3	17.9	13.5	141.5
200 " 240	8.7	* 0.7	42.7	* 2.6	11.0	49.7	7.4	* 1.5	26.5	7.1	21.7	14.7	194.4
240 " 280	15.2	* 0.9	78.6	5.0	11.8	73.5	8.6	5.2	35.6	11.0	42.7	22.6	310.5
280 " 320	17.5	* 2.1	119.9	7.2	20.3	129.2	21.0	7.4	50.8	25.1	67.6	32.5	500.7
320 " 360	7.5	* 3.2	146.4	10.1	25.5	109.4	32.6	20.4	61.2	40.2	87.4	30.3	574.3
360 " 400	8.4	* 2.8	124.4	12.2	31.2	93.9	27.5	15.7	52.7	37.2	82.7	23.0	511.6
400 " 440	7.2	* 3.0	112.2	12.0	41.2	81.5	31.6	16.4	47.3	29.4	80.1	19.6	481.5
440 " 480	* 3.1	4.6	68.1	13.5	29.4	50.6	21.9	14.3	39.8	23.8	65.7	11.8	346.6
480 " 520	* 2.8	6.7	70.0	9.9	28.4	41.7	27.2	11.7	41.8	21.0	79.4	12.4	353.1
520 " 560	* 2.0	6.5	53.7	7.4	19.7	30.5	20.8	8.6	28.3	21.9	79.3	6.6	285.3
560 " 600	* 1.8	4.6	34.8	6.5	12.8	22.5	15.2	5.4	25.3	11.0	52.8	4.8	197.5
600 " 640	* 1.4	5.1	31.8	4.4	14.6	16.8	11.3	4.7	16.6	11.5	49.7	7.0	175.0
640 " 680	* 0.8	4.4	19.0	* 3.3	7.7	13.5	5.6	* 1.6	14.1	11.2	32.3	* 2.5	116.1
680 " 720	* 1.0	6.2	21.5	* 3.2	6.8	10.4	8.1	* 3.5	15.7	6.6	20.1	* 3.0	106.3
720 " 760	* 0.4	4.9	16.6	* 2.6	5.2	8.2	6.0	* 2.3	11.9	7.6	18.2	* 1.5	85.4
760 " 800	* 0.6	10.2	19.1	* 2.2	6.9	12.7	8.0	* 1.4	17.2	6.9	22.4	* 3.1	110.7
800 and over	* 2.2	20.6	34.3	6.8	11.3	26.4	15.9	* 2.8	39.3	15.3	36.3	5.6	216.8
Total	96.9	88.1	1,040.2	111.6	301.8	856.6	277.0	125.2	556.5	296.2	879.7	227.4	4,857.2
-dollars-													
Median weekly earnings in main job	299	660	387	452	432	353	443	425	416	425	450	343	404
Mean weekly earnings in main job	330	672	425	486	456	389	488	448	472	469	475	381	444

TABLE 3. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, WEEKLY EARNINGS
IN MAIN JOB AND INDUSTRY, AUGUST 1988 —continued

	Industry												Total
	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	Mining	Manufac- turing	Electricity, gas and water	Construc- tion	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Communi- cation	Finance, property and business services	Public administra- tion and defence	Community services	Recreation, personal and other services	
TOTAL(a)													
—'000—													
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)—													
Under 160	14.8	* 1.3	27.2	* 0.2	10.5	222.1	6.8	* 2.0	37.0	9.9	98.3	84.2	514.4
160 and under 200	9.8	* 0.9	33.4	* 1.8	13.4	76.9	6.4	* 2.6	31.2	6.6	56.3	35.9	275.2
200 " 240	12.0	* 0.8	54.8	* 2.9	16.1	80.9	9.3	* 2.3	45.6	9.6	64.9	29.5	328.7
240 " 280	17.7	* 1.2	88.5	5.0	14.1	87.8	10.7	5.6	45.4	12.9	88.1	37.6	414.6
280 " 320	18.0	* 2.1	130.0	7.5	22.3	142.1	23.2	8.5	58.6	26.1	99.7	43.1	581.3
320 " 360	11.3	* 3.2	153.0	10.3	26.8	117.0	34.3	20.8	66.0	41.3	105.2	35.5	624.6
360 " 400	9.0	* 2.8	127.4	12.5	32.6	97.1	28.0	15.9	56.3	37.7	98.1	25.9	543.1
400 " 440	7.9	* 3.0	114.7	12.0	42.2	83.1	32.4	16.4	50.9	29.4	86.9	21.0	499.9
440 " 480	* 3.5	4.6	69.0	13.5	30.0	52.3	22.1	14.3	41.3	24.2	70.8	12.2	357.8
480 " 520	* 2.9	6.7	71.1	9.9	30.9	42.1	27.4	11.7	43.0	21.6	87.2	12.7	367.2
520 " 560	* 2.5	6.5	54.1	7.4	20.4	30.9	21.2	8.6	28.5	22.1	83.2	6.8	292.3
560 " 600	* 2.1	4.7	34.8	6.5	13.6	22.7	15.4	5.4	25.8	11.0	54.7	5.2	201.9
600 " 640	* 1.9	5.1	32.3	4.4	14.8	17.2	11.3	4.7	17.4	12.0	50.7	7.2	179.0
640 " 680	* 0.8	4.4	19.0	* 3.3	7.7	13.8	5.6	* 1.6	14.4	11.2	34.5	* 2.7	119.0
680 " 720	* 1.0	6.2	21.5	* 3.2	7.0	10.6	8.2	* 3.5	16.0	6.9	20.4	* 3.4	107.9
720 " 760	* 0.4	5.0	16.9	* 2.6	5.2	8.4	6.0	* 2.3	12.4	7.9	18.8	* 1.5	87.5
760 " 800	* 0.6	10.6	19.1	* 2.2	6.9	12.7	8.0	* 1.4	17.5	6.9	23.5	* 3.1	112.6
800 and over	5.8	20.6	34.9	6.8	11.9	26.7	16.4	* 3.1	39.7	15.7	38.0	5.6	225.1
Total	131.8	89.9	1,127.6	113.6	334.2	1,232.8	299.0	132.7	673.9	322.5	1,238.4	405.4	6,101.9
—dollars—													
Median weekly earnings in main job	284	658	376	449	422	297	430	416	379	410	379	262	363
Mean weekly earnings in main job	318	666	409	482	437	308	469	434	426	454	402	281	391

(a) Includes part-time employees in main job and those whose status varied or was not known.

TABLE 4. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB AND OCCUPATION, AUGUST 1988

	Occupation								Total
	Managers and administrators	Professionals	Para-professionals	Tradespersons	Clerks	Salespersons and personal services workers	Plant and machine operators, and drivers	Labourers and related workers	
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB									
--'000--									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)--									
Under 160	6.9	* 2.4	* 1.6	6.4	6.0	8.7	* 1.8	12.8	46.5
160 and under 200	* 3.7	4.9	4.4	40.2	31.7	28.4	4.2	24.0	141.5
200 " 240	10.4	6.3	4.4	41.8	47.7	35.2	12.2	36.3	194.4
240 " 280	11.7	9.5	9.5	55.0	64.4	54.4	33.1	72.9	310.5
280 " 320	17.9	14.2	21.8	76.2	109.8	78.9	61.9	120.0	500.7
320 " 360	18.1	23.0	22.2	99.2	151.8	65.5	68.8	125.7	574.3
360 " 400	23.3	33.5	29.9	101.9	123.3	50.0	61.9	87.9	511.6
400 " 440	25.1	46.7	31.6	123.3	101.1	44.9	46.2	62.5	481.5
440 " 480	28.8	44.9	34.5	71.3	72.2	30.1	32.0	32.9	346.6
480 " 520	32.0	68.7	43.6	62.8	59.4	28.6	31.7	26.2	353.1
520 " 560	25.8	76.3	41.8	44.8	36.8	16.5	24.7	18.6	285.3
560 " 600	24.8	58.7	26.1	28.6	21.9	11.7	14.1	11.6	197.5
600 " 640	21.3	61.8	20.3	27.4	12.5	7.8	15.2	8.6	175.0
640 " 680	22.2	39.1	13.3	15.2	6.3	5.3	9.8	4.8	116.1
680 " 720	17.4	36.7	8.3	13.8	6.0	6.0	9.7	8.4	106.3
720 " 760	17.4	31.9	6.9	12.4	4.6	* 3.2	4.7	4.3	85.4
760 " 800	29.4	37.9	4.8	10.9	5.9	5.7	9.4	6.7	110.7
800 and over	55.8	69.7	17.8	19.7	8.8	11.9	20.5	12.6	216.8
Total	395.6	669.9	345.4	881.9	893.0	513.1	464.5	693.7	4,857.2
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings in main job	545	561	489	396	364	339	391	340	404
Mean weekly earnings in main job	583	596	502	411	380	374	442	364	444
TOTAL(a)									
--'000--									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)--									
Under 160	10.0	28.0	12.6	19.5	68.5	206.4	8.7	160.8	514.4
160 and under 200	5.3	12.2	14.1	44.0	65.3	70.9	8.9	54.5	275.2
200 " 240	13.4	15.0	14.1	46.6	88.0	72.6	18.0	61.2	328.7
240 " 280	12.4	22.3	20.4	58.9	91.8	77.3	36.7	94.8	414.6
280 " 320	19.6	24.7	31.2	79.7	131.3	96.6	64.6	133.6	581.3
320 " 360	18.9	31.1	27.4	102.1	165.6	75.0	70.9	133.7	624.6
360 " 400	23.4	39.5	33.8	102.4	133.3	54.4	62.8	93.5	543.1
400 " 440	26.0	51.9	34.2	125.3	104.7	46.1	47.0	64.6	499.9
440 " 480	29.0	48.1	37.0	72.1	74.3	30.8	32.5	34.1	357.8
480 " 520	32.5	72.2	48.4	63.4	61.6	29.3	32.2	27.6	367.2
520 " 560	26.0	79.3	42.3	45.7	37.4	17.3	25.6	18.7	292.3
560 " 600	24.8	60.7	26.1	29.2	22.1	12.5	14.6	11.7	201.9
600 " 640	21.3	62.5	20.6	28.1	14.0	8.2	15.5	8.9	179.0
640 " 680	22.5	41.1	13.8	15.2	6.3	5.4	9.8	4.8	119.0
680 " 720	17.6	36.9	8.3	13.8	6.4	6.3	9.9	8.9	107.9
720 " 760	17.7	32.7	7.4	12.6	4.9	* 3.2	4.7	4.3	87.5
760 " 800	29.4	38.8	5.1	10.9	6.4	5.7	9.6	6.7	112.6
800 and over	56.2	71.8	17.8	23.8	8.9	12.3	20.8	13.4	225.1
Total	412.4	781.8	421.8	931.6	1,151.3	904.6	499.6	998.8	6,101.9
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings in main job	535	537	457	390	337	255	382	299	363
Mean weekly earnings in main job	570	551	459	404	341	274	428	298	391

(a) Includes part-time employees in main job and those whose status varied or was not known.

TABLE 5. ALL EMPLOYEES: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB, WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB AND PERMANENT OR CASUAL EMPLOYEE, AUGUST 1988

	Permanent employees			Casual employees			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	17.6	12.0	29.6	10.6	6.4	16.9	28.1	18.4	46.5
160 and under 200	66.0	62.5	128.6	7.4	5.6	13.0	73.4	68.1	141.5
200 " 240	91.2	85.6	176.9	10.3	7.2	17.5	101.5	92.9	194.4
240 " 280	138.5	145.8	284.3	16.7	9.5	26.2	155.2	155.3	310.5
280 " 320	252.9	221.8	474.7	15.9	10.1	26.1	268.8	231.9	500.7
320 " 360	330.7	214.6	545.2	18.0	11.1	29.1	348.7	225.6	574.3
360 " 400	323.1	166.8	489.9	15.4	6.3	21.7	338.5	173.1	511.6
400 " 440	320.1	135.2	455.3	19.8	6.4	26.2	339.9	141.6	481.5
440 " 480	238.7	92.5	331.2	11.8	* 3.7	15.4	250.5	96.2	346.6
480 " 520	241.0	93.2	334.2	15.0	* 3.8	18.8	256.0	97.1	353.1
520 " 560	201.0	73.1	274.1	9.5	* 1.7	11.2	210.5	74.8	285.3
560 " 600	147.6	42.2	189.8	6.8	* 0.8	7.6	154.4	43.1	197.5
600 " 640	132.7	33.1	165.8	7.8	* 1.4	9.1	140.5	34.5	175.0
640 " 680	92.1	20.1	112.2	* 3.0	* 0.8	* 3.8	95.1	21.0	116.1
680 " 720	91.4	11.1	102.5	* 3.2	* 0.6	* 3.8	94.6	11.7	106.3
720 " 760	70.4	10.9	81.3	* 3.8	* 0.3	4.1	74.3	11.2	85.4
760 " 800	94.7	11.6	106.3	* 3.8	* 0.7	4.4	98.5	12.3	110.7
800 and over	183.7	17.1	200.8	13.8	* 2.2	16.0	197.5	19.3	216.8
Total	3,086.6	1,486.4	4,573.1	198.2	85.9	284.1	3,284.9	1,572.3	4,857.2
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	434	353	406	398	307	360	432	351	404
Mean weekly earnings in main job	478	380	446	445	328	409	476	377	444
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	7.0	36.9	44.0	108.4	285.5	393.9	115.5	322.4	437.9
160 and under 200	* 2.9	46.5	49.4	9.3	64.7	74.0	12.3	111.1	123.4
200 " 240	4.7	56.3	61.0	11.5	53.1	64.6	16.2	109.4	125.7
240 " 280	* 3.0	45.8	48.8	7.2	38.1	45.4	10.3	84.0	94.2
280 " 320	* 2.6	33.1	35.7	7.0	25.9	33.0	9.7	59.0	68.7
320 " 360	* 2.6	18.5	21.1	5.1	13.9	19.0	7.7	32.4	40.1
360 " 400	* 1.4	13.4	14.8	* 3.9	8.9	12.8	5.3	22.3	27.6
400 and over	7.8	22.9	30.8	8.7	15.8	24.5	16.6	38.7	55.3
Total	35.3	322.3	357.6	179.2	592.6	771.7	214.4	914.9	1,129.3
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	239	220	222	88	125	117	108	160	152
Mean weekly earnings in main job	276	237	241	138	151	148	160	181	177
TOTAL(a)									
--'000 --									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	25.7	50.9	76.6	127.5	310.4	437.8	153.1	361.3	514.4
160 and under 200	69.7	109.9	179.7	18.5	77.0	95.5	88.2	186.9	275.2
200 " 240	96.6	143.4	240.1	24.0	64.6	88.7	120.7	208.1	328.7
240 " 280	142.2	192.9	335.0	27.2	52.4	79.6	169.4	245.2	414.6
280 " 320	256.1	257.8	513.9	26.1	41.3	67.4	282.2	299.1	581.3
320 " 360	333.6	234.2	567.9	26.9	29.8	56.7	360.5	264.0	624.6
360 " 400	324.7	180.2	504.9	20.6	17.6	38.2	345.3	197.8	543.1
400 " 440	321.8	141.9	463.7	23.6	12.6	36.2	345.4	154.5	499.9
440 " 480	240.3	96.2	336.5	14.4	6.9	21.3	254.7	103.1	357.8
480 " 520	242.6	99.0	341.6	18.2	7.4	25.6	260.8	106.4	367.2
520 " 560	202.6	74.6	277.2	10.8	4.2	15.1	213.4	78.9	292.3
560 " 600	148.1	43.5	191.6	8.3	* 2.0	10.3	156.4	45.5	201.9
600 " 640	132.9	34.7	167.6	8.9	* 2.5	11.4	141.7	37.3	179.0
640 " 680	92.4	21.6	114.0	* 3.3	* 1.7	5.0	95.7	23.3	119.0
680 " 720	91.4	11.5	102.9	4.4	* 0.6	5.0	95.8	12.1	107.9
720 " 760	70.9	12.0	82.9	* 3.8	* 0.7	4.6	74.8	12.7	87.5
760 " 800	94.8	12.1	107.0	4.2	* 1.4	5.7	99.1	13.5	112.6
800 and over	184.7	17.9	202.6	18.8	* 3.8	22.6	203.5	21.7	225.1
Total	3,127.8	1,821.2	4,949.0	415.7	737.3	1,152.9	3,543.5	2,558.4	6,101.9
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	432	332	393	257	143	165	420	292	363
Mean weekly earnings in main job	475	354	431	303	177	223	455	303	391

(a) Includes employees in main job whose status varied or was not known.

TABLE 6. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN MAIN JOB: WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB AND AGE, AUGUST 1988

	Age group							Total	Total
	15 - 19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60 and over		
MALES									
- '000-									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	7.3	* 3.8	4.6	6.2	* 3.8	* 0.9	* 1.4	20.8	28.1
160 and under 200	48.5	7.9	6.3	4.3	4.0	* 1.1	* 1.3	25.0	73.4
200 " 240	44.0	19.3	13.4	9.6	10.2	* 3.1	* 1.9	57.6	101.5
240 " 280	30.5	42.1	31.0	20.6	18.4	6.6	5.8	124.6	155.2
280 " 320	18.8	71.0	79.9	41.6	34.4	14.6	8.5	250.0	268.8
320 " 360	13.3	68.4	103.9	73.4	50.2	23.5	15.9	335.4	348.7
360 " 400	7.4	61.9	102.8	78.5	51.1	21.3	15.4	331.1	338.5
400 " 440	4.9	48.6	112.0	87.1	55.3	21.5	10.4	335.0	339.9
440 " 480	* 1.5	32.4	87.2	67.0	41.5	13.1	7.9	249.0	250.5
480 " 520	* 0.5	17.6	99.6	74.2	44.5	14.6	5.0	255.5	256.0
520 " 560	* 1.2	15.7	77.1	70.9	30.8	10.5	4.2	209.3	210.5
560 " 600	* 0.5	9.2	54.5	54.6	24.7	7.7	* 3.3	153.8	154.4
600 " 640	* 0.5	8.6	41.7	54.7	24.3	7.3	* 3.5	140.0	140.5
640 " 680	* 0.0	4.8	28.8	35.1	18.6	5.3	* 2.4	95.1	95.1
680 " 720	* 0.3	4.0	32.3	33.7	20.4	* 2.1	* 1.8	94.3	94.6
720 " 760	* 0.6	* 3.7	21.7	31.2	12.8	* 2.4	* 1.8	73.6	74.3
760 " 800	* 0.2	* 3.1	23.8	38.2	26.3	* 3.8	* 3.1	98.2	98.5
800 and over	* 1.1	7.2	44.8	78.9	49.2	11.2	5.2	196.5	197.5
Total	222.7	434.4	969.4	864.5	522.4	171.8	99.5	3,062.1	3,284.9
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	213	360	452	501	471	425	397	446	432
Mean weekly earnings in main job	233	385	488	542	524	475	458	493	476
FEMALES									
- '000-									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	6.3	* 1.8	* 2.9	4.7	* 1.6	* 0.3	* 0.8	12.1	18.4
160 and under 200	40.4	10.8	7.6	4.1	* 3.9	* 1.1	* 0.3	27.7	68.1
200 " 240	37.5	19.4	10.2	15.8	7.6	* 1.7	* 0.7	55.4	92.9
240 " 280	30.9	42.8	24.6	28.7	21.5	4.3	* 2.6	124.5	155.3
280 " 320	13.0	73.9	58.1	47.4	30.0	8.5	* 1.0	218.9	231.9
320 " 360	7.9	62.4	61.3	48.8	32.6	8.5	4.0	217.7	225.6
360 " 400	* 2.7	40.3	56.1	42.2	23.5	5.6	* 2.6	170.4	173.1
400 " 440	* 1.8	34.0	47.0	31.6	20.7	4.0	* 2.5	139.8	141.6
440 " 480	* 0.3	19.7	38.9	19.0	14.7	* 2.9	* 0.7	95.8	96.2
480 " 520	* 0.5	12.0	44.3	25.3	11.0	* 2.0	* 2.0	96.5	97.1
520 " 560	* 0.0	4.7	32.7	19.8	13.2	* 3.1	* 1.3	74.8	74.8
560 " 600	* 0.0	* 3.0	16.5	17.2	5.3	* 0.9	* 0.0	43.1	43.1
600 " 640	* 0.2	* 2.7	11.4	13.3	5.6	* 1.0	* 0.3	34.3	34.5
640 " 680	* 0.2	* 1.2	7.1	6.3	4.5	* 1.0	* 0.7	20.8	21.0
680 and over	* 0.0	6.0	18.0	19.3	8.8	* 1.0	* 1.4	54.4	54.4
Total	172.0	339.4	438.6	348.6	206.2	46.1	21.4	1,400.3	1,572.3
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	210	331	397	379	367	353	374	367	351
Mean weekly earnings in main job	217	349	422	413	397	388	414	397	377
PERSONS									
- '000-									
Weekly earnings in main job (\$)-									
Under 160	13.6	5.6	7.5	10.9	5.5	* 1.2	* 2.2	33.0	46.5
160 and under 200	88.9	18.7	14.0	8.4	7.9	* 2.2	* 1.6	52.7	141.5
200 " 240	81.4	38.7	23.6	25.4	17.9	4.7	* 2.6	112.9	194.4
240 " 280	61.4	84.9	55.6	49.3	39.9	11.0	8.5	249.1	310.5
280 " 320	31.8	144.9	138.0	89.0	64.3	23.1	9.5	468.9	500.7
320 " 360	21.2	130.9	165.2	122.3	82.9	32.0	19.9	553.1	574.3
360 " 400	10.1	102.3	159.0	120.7	74.6	27.0	18.0	501.5	511.6
400 " 440	6.7	82.7	159.0	118.7	76.0	25.5	13.0	474.8	481.5
440 " 480	* 1.8	52.0	126.0	86.0	56.1	16.0	8.6	344.8	346.6
480 " 520	* 1.1	29.6	143.8	99.4	55.5	16.6	7.0	352.0	353.1
520 " 560	* 1.2	20.5	109.8	90.8	44.0	13.6	5.4	284.0	285.3
560 " 600	* 0.5	12.3	71.0	71.8	30.0	8.6	* 3.3	196.9	197.5
600 " 640	* 0.6	11.3	53.0	68.0	29.9	8.2	* 3.8	174.3	175.0
640 " 680	* 0.2	6.0	35.9	41.4	23.2	6.3	* 3.1	115.9	116.1
680 " 720	* 0.3	4.8	34.9	38.3	23.2	* 2.3	* 2.5	106.0	106.3
720 " 760	* 0.6	4.2	25.5	34.9	15.7	* 2.4	* 1.9	84.8	85.4
760 " 800	* 0.2	4.2	28.8	42.9	27.5	4.0	* 3.1	110.5	110.7
800 and over	* 1.1	10.8	51.4	85.2	51.0	11.7	5.7	215.7	216.8
Total	394.7	773.8	1,408.0	1,213.1	728.6	217.9	120.9	4,462.4	4,857.2
-dollars-									
Median weekly earnings in main job	211	346	434	464	436	410	394	419	404
Mean weekly earnings in main job	226	369	468	505	488	457	450	463	444

TABLE 7. EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED IN A SECOND JOB: WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MAIN JOB AND WEEKLY EARNINGS IN SECOND JOB, AUGUST 1988

	Weekly earnings in main job (\$)						Total	Median weekly earnings in main job	Mean weekly earnings in main job
	Under 120	120 and under 200	200 and under 280	280 and under 360	360 and under 480	480 and over			
MALES									
--'000--									
Weekly earnings in second job (\$)--								--dollars--	
Under 60	* 3.7	* 1.3	* 1.9	4.1	* 3.4	5.3	19.7	341	348
60 and under 120	* 1.0	* 1.9	* 2.8	* 3.1	5.5	7.3	21.7	411	416
120 and over	* 0.6	* 1.1	* 2.4	4.4	5.7	8.8	23.0	412	501
Total	5.4	4.3	7.2	11.6	14.6	21.4	64.5	389	425
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings in second job	32	77	97	87	101	107	93	..	..
Mean weekly earnings second job	53	103	92	107	114	120	106	..	..
FEMALES									
--'000--									
Weekly earnings in second job (\$)--								--dollars--	
Under 60	10.5	6.9	6.3	5.1	* 3.4	* 2.3	34.5	198	225
60 and under 120	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	* 2.4	* 2.1	23.9	241	260
120 and over	* 1.7	4.2	6.0	5.0	* 3.8	* 2.0	22.8	270	295
Total	17.1	15.9	17.0	15.0	9.6	6.5	81.2	235	255
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings in second job	45	69	92	80	85	81	72	..	..
Mean weekly earnings second job	58	88	105	106	110	92	92	..	..
PERSONS									
--'000--									
Weekly earnings in second job (\$)--								--dollars--	
Under 60	14.2	8.2	8.2	9.2	6.8	7.7	54.2	245	270
60 and under 120	5.9	6.7	7.6	8.1	7.9	9.4	45.6	304	334
120 and over	* 2.4	5.4	8.4	9.4	9.5	10.8	45.8	335	398
Total	22.6	20.3	24.2	26.6	24.2	27.9	145.7	297	330
--dollars--									
Median weekly earnings in second job	42	73	87	82	99	103	80	..	..
Mean weekly earnings second job	57	92	101	106	113	113	98	..	..

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY

Casual employees: employees who were ^{not} entitled to annual leave nor sick leave.

Employees: employed persons who worked for an employer for wages or salary or in their own business, either with or without employees if that business was a limited liability company.

Full-time employees (in all jobs): employees who usually worked 35 hours or more a week (in all jobs) and others who, although usually part-time employees, worked 35 hours or more during the reference week.

Full-time employees in main job: all employees for whom "full-time" was the response to the question 'Is your main job full-time or part-time?'

Main job: the job in which most hours were usually worked.

Mean weekly earnings: the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group by the number of employees in that group.

Median weekly earnings: the amount which divides the distribution of employees into two equal groups, one having earnings above and the other below that amount. Medians were calculated from grouped data, the class intervals in some cases being finer than those published in the tables. Linear interpolation was used within the class interval in which the median fell.

Part-time employees (in all jobs): employees who usually worked less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the reference week.

Part-time employees in main job: all employees for whom "part-time" was the response to the question 'Is your main job full-time or part-time?'

Permanent employees: employees who were entitled to annual leave or sick leave.

Second job: wage and salary earner jobs, other than the *main job* in which some hours were worked during the reference week. A person who held more than one job is classified to the industry and occupation of the main job. Service in the reserve defence forces is not regarded as a second job. Persons who by the nature of their employment worked for more than one employer, e.g. domestics, odd-job workers, baby-sitters, etc., are not counted as having a second job unless they also held another job of a different kind, nor are those who worked for more than one employer solely by reason of changing jobs during the reference week.

Weekly earnings: amount of 'last total pay' from wage and salary jobs prior to the interview (i.e. before taxation and other deductions had been made). For persons paid other than weekly, earnings were converted to a weekly equivalent. No adjustment was made for any back payment of wage increases or pre-payment of leave, etc.

APPENDIX B

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the August 1988 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Of the respondents to the labour force survey, those who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked about their weekly earnings.

Scope

3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to persons who were employed as wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job excluding persons on workers' compensation and persons who worked solely for payment in kind.

Coverage

4. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

5. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

6. Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview (i.e. the reference week) and to all jobs.

Results of the survey

7. The estimates in this publication refer to information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.

8. This publication contains only a summary of the results of the survey. A more detailed publication *Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution)* (6310.0) will be released as soon as possible. Tables of unpublished data may be purchased on request.

9. Results of similar surveys, conducted each August since 1975, have been published in *Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution)*, (6310.0).

10. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in August 1989.

Comparability of series

11. This survey was conducted primarily to obtain statistics on the distribution of earnings of employees classified by characteristics such as marital status, sex, age and whether the earnings came from the main job or any second job. Caution should be exercised when comparing the means (averages) in this publication with estimates of average weekly earnings included in the quarterly publication *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) which are compiled from a survey of employers. There are important differences in the scope of, and methodology used in, the two surveys. The quarterly survey of average weekly earnings excludes employees in the industries of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (ASIC Division A) and Private Households Employing Staff (ASIC Sub-division 94) both of which are included in the August household survey. Data from the quarterly survey of average weekly earnings are collected from employers who fill in a mailed questionnaire giving details of their employees' weekly earnings. For the August household survey, respondents are either interviewed personally at their dwelling or another adult member of their household responds on their behalf. The methodology used in this household survey is associated with sources of non-sample error not found in surveys of employers, which may also help explain the differences between the results of the two surveys.

Survey sample redesign

12. The labour force survey sample has been redesigned and reselected using information collected in the 1986 Population Census. The new sample was phased in over the period September 1987 to December 1987. For details see *Information Paper—Labour Force Survey—Sample design* (6269.0).

Reliability of the estimates

13. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from those which 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*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the estimate that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

14. The relative standard errors of estimates of mean and median weekly earnings are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number

of persons contributing to the estimate and then multiplying this estimate by the following relevant factors:

Mean weekly earnings	
—Part-time employees	1.0
—Full-time employees	0.7
—All employees	0.9
Median weekly earnings	
—Part-time employees	1.4
—Full-time employees	0.7
—All employees	1.0

15. As can be seen from the standard error table, *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 publication only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less and percentages based on such estimates are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates and percentages with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

16. 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, and errors made in coding and processing 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. In many cases the answer to the question on earnings for each member of the household was based on the knowledge of one person. Respondents were asked to indicate the amount of earnings in terms of ranges. (The earnings ranges used are generally those shown in Table 1.) It is considered that there may be some understatement in the estimates because of imperfect recall of minor or irregular sources of earnings. Other errors may be due to genuine misunderstanding.

Related publications

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

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (6302.0)—issued quarterly

Distribution and Composition of Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia (6306.0)—issued annually

1986 Income Distribution Survey, Australia, (6546.0)—issued irregularly

Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia, (6248.0)—issued quarterly

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, (6312.0)—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 following 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 13 above.

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

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Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
	—number—								Relative standard error (per cent)	
300						150				
400						170				
500				250		190		220		
600				270	290	210	280	240		
800			380	320	340	240	320	270	400	49.5
1,000			430	350	380	270	350	300	450	44.9
1,300	590	600	490	400	420	300	390	330	520	39.9
1,500	640	640	530	430	450	320	410	350	560	37.3
1,800	700	700	580	470	490	350	440	380	620	34.3
2,000	730	740	610	490	520	370	460	390	650	32.7
2,500	820	820	680	540	570	410	500	430	740	29.4
3,000	890	900	750	590	620	440	540	460	810	27.0
3,500	960	970	800	630	670	470	570	480	880	25.1
4,000	1,000	1,050	850	670	710	490	600	510	940	23.5
4,500	1,100	1,100	900	700	740	520	630	530	1,000	22.2
5,000	1,150	1,150	950	740	780	540	660	550	1,050	21.1
6,000	1,250	1,250	1,050	800	840	580	700	590	1,150	19.2
10,000	1,550	1,550	1,300	980	1,050	710	850	700	1,500	14.9
20,000	2,100	2,100	1,750	1,300	1,350	920	1,100	870	2,050	10.4
50,000	3,150	3,050	2,550	1,850	1,950	1,250	1,550	1,150	3,150	6.3
100,000	4,150	4,000	3,300	2,350	2,500	1,550	1,950	1,350	4,250	4.2
200,000	5,400	5,100	4,200	2,950	3,150	1,900		1,600	5,600	2.8
300,000	6,400	5,900	4,850	3,350	3,600	2,100			6,600	2.2
5,000,000	7,700	7,000	5,700	3,900	4,200				8,000	1.6
1,000,000	9,800	8,600	7,100	4,750	5,100				10,400	1.0
2,000,000	12,400	10,600	8,600	5,700	6,200				13,200	0.7
5,000,000	16,700	13,600							17,700	0.4
10,000,000									21,800	0.2

