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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1970

The figures in the table below are derived from particulars of employment and of wages and salaries recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. The figures relate to civilians only. Average weekly earnings have been calculated in terms of male units i.e. total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees. This proportion is derived from the estimated ratio of female to male earnings in Australia. As it was not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States the same ratio has been used in each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures shown.

The quarterly figures shown in money terms are affected by seasonal influences. Special payments, including prepayment for holiday periods, tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters may be affected by the changing incidence of pay-days. Allowance for these influences has been made in the calculation of the two "seasonally adjusted" indexes shown.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

	N.S.W. (b) \$	Vic. \$	Qld \$	S.A. (c) \$	W.A. \$	Tas. \$	Aust. \$	Seasonally adjusted indexes (d)	
								All industries	Manufacturing (e)
1968-69	71.60	71.20	62.60	64.30	67.20	64.10	68.90	211.7	208.7
1969-70	77.40	77.00	68.40	69.90	74.90	70.00	75.00	229.5	224.7
1968 Sept. qtr	68.40	68.50	60.50	62.50	64.70	60.50	66.30	203.3	201.8
Dec. "	74.30	73.30	64.70	65.90	68.50	66.90	71.30	209.7	207.9
1969 Mar. "	69.60	69.50	60.10	63.10	65.60	62.20	67.20	215.7	212.9
June "	73.80	73.70	64.30	65.60	69.40	67.00	71.40	218.2	214.0
Sept. "	74.90	75.00	66.60	67.70	72.00	67.20	72.80	221.7	218.7
Dec. "	80.60	80.00	71.40	72.30	76.60	72.60	77.50	223.6	220.6
1970 Mar. "	73.50	73.10	64.70	67.40	71.60	65.40	71.30	234.0	228.4
June "	80.10	79.90	70.70	72.10	77.00	73.30	77.80	237.2	230.9
Sept. "	81.60	81.10	72.60	74.20	79.20	73.10	79.20	240.3	(f)

(a) Includes, in addition to award rates of pay, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, payments made in advance or retrospectively during the period specified, etc. See explanatory notes above. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Base of each index is year 1953-54=100. The index numbers shown do not give, at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in "All industries" and "Manufacturing". There has been no change in the basis of seasonal adjustment of these series. They have not yet been adjusted by the programs used for other Bureau series, as described in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1970" (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 20 June 1970. (e) Figures are interim estimates based on pay-roll tax returns and are subject to revision. (f) Not available

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