

Full-Time Adult Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings — August Quarter 2011



FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS (AWOTE) UP IN AUGUST QUARTER 2011

Main Features

In the August quarter 2011, trend full-time adult AWOTE in the ACT increased by 1.4%, from \$1,504.70 to \$1,525.30. Nationally, trend full-time adult AWOTE rose by 1.2%, from \$1,307 to \$1,322.60 in the quarter.

Year-on-year to the August quarter 2011, in original terms, AWOTE in the ACT increased by 3.6%. Nationally, it rose by 4.3% on an annual basis. In the August quarter 2011, trend AWOTE in the ACT was 15.3% above the national average level.

Commentary

In trend terms, AWOTE in the ACT recorded a 1.4% rise in the August quarter 2011, while nationally it increased by 1.2%.

In trend terms, in the August quarter 2011, male AWOTE in the ACT increased by 1.4%, while female AWOTE rose by 1.3%. Year-on-year to August 2011, in original terms, AWOTE rose by 3.1% for males and 4.1% for females.

In the August quarter 2011, in original terms, AWOTE in the ACT for the private sector increased by 4.8%, while for the public sector AWOTE increased by 0.5%. Year-on-year to the August quarter 2011, ACT AWOTE increased by 3.2% for the public sector, compared to a 4.8% rise for the private sector.

The ACT Wage Price Index (WPI) for the September quarter 2011 (released on 16 November 2011) rose by 1.3% in original terms. AWOTE and the WPI are not directly comparable — AWOTE measures average earnings, whereas the WPI measures wage costs for a "fixed basket" of jobs. Variations in the distribution of occupations and changes in the average hours worked can affect movements in the full-time adult AWOTE series.

State/Territory Comparisons

In the August quarter 2011, all jurisdictions recorded rises in trend AWOTE. Western Australia recorded the largest rise in AWOTE (up 2.8%), followed by the Northern Territory (up 1.8%), South Australia (up 1.6%) and the ACT (up 1.4%). Queensland recorded the smallest rise (up 0.6%).

Year-on-year to the August quarter 2011, all jurisdictions recorded a rise in AWOTE with the largest rise registered by Western Australia (up 8.5%), followed by the Northern Territory (up 7.5%) and Tasmania (up 6.3%). The smallest rise was recorded by Victoria (up 3.1%).

Definition

Average 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 have been made. 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.

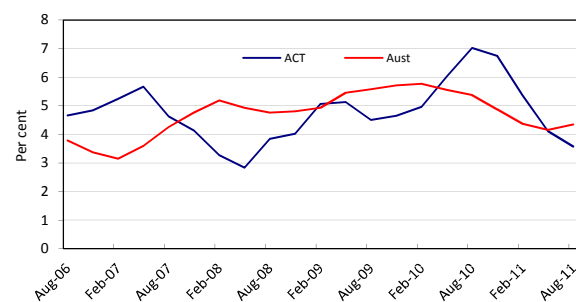
AWOTE — ACT & Australia August 2011

	Level	Change	
		Quarterly	Annual(a)
Original			
ACT	\$1,529.3	2.3%	3.6%
Australia	\$1,324.9	1.5%	4.3%
Seasonally adjusted			
ACT	\$1,529.1	1.6%	3.6%
Australia	\$1,322.9	1.2%	4.3%
Trend			
ACT	\$1,525.3	1.4%	3.7%
Australia	\$1,322.6	1.2%	4.3%

Source: ABS Cat. no. 6302.0

(a) Year-on-year

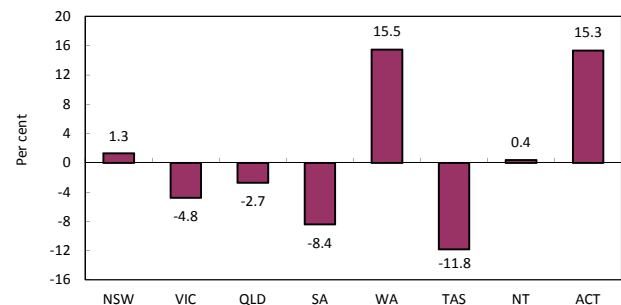
Annual(a) Growth in AWOTE — ACT & Australia



Source: ABS Cat. no. 6302.0

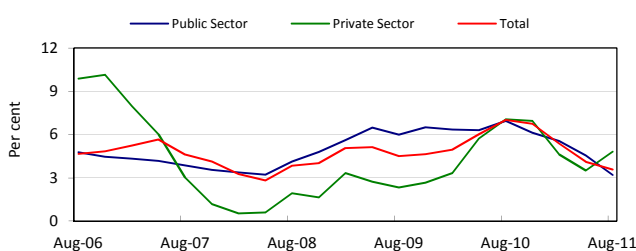
(a) Year-on-year — Original

AWOTE — State/Territory Aug-2011 Percentage Difference from the National Average



Source: ABS Cat. no. 6302.0

Annual(a) Growth in Private Sector and Public Sector AWOTE — ACT



Source: ABS Cat. no. 6302.0

(a) Year-on-year — Original

AWOTE — State/Territory Comparisons

State/Territory	Aug-11 Level (a)	Change	
		Quarterly(a)	Annual(b)
New South Wales	\$1,339.5	1.2%	4.1%
Victoria	\$1,259.4	0.6%	3.1%
Queensland	\$1,286.6	0.6%	4.2%
South Australia	\$1,211.0	1.6%	4.6%
Western Australia	\$1,527.3	2.8%	8.5%
Tasmania	\$1,165.9	1.2%	6.3%
Northern Territory	\$1,327.8	1.8%	7.5%
ACT	\$1,525.3	1.4%	3.6%
Australia	\$1,322.6	1.2%	4.3%

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(a) Trend

(b) Year-on-year Original