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December 2003	736.26	38,286	0.51%	2.89%	3.37%	3.49%	3.34%	3.01%	3.05%	5.14%
September 2003	732.50	38,090	0.92%	2.80%	3.46%	3.64%	3.29%	3.12%	3.08%	5.14%
June 2003	725.82	37,743	0.44%	4.01%	3.42%	3.67%	3.20%	3.05%	2.94%	5.06%
March 2003	722.64	37,577	0.99%	3.12%	4.01%	3.62%	3.13%	3.14%	2.90%	5.04%
December 2002	715.58	37,210	0.43%	3.84%	3.80%	3.50%	3.04%	3.05%	2.82%	5.10%
September 2002	712.52	37,051	2.10%	4.13%	4.06%	3.46%	3.20%	3.14%	2.87%	5.13%
June 2002	697.87	36,289	-0.42%	2.85%	3.50%	2.93%	2.81%	2.69%	2.63%	5.02%
March 2002	700.80	36,442	1.70%	4.92%	3.88%	3.14%	3.14%	2.93%	2.70%	5.32%
December 2001	689.10	35,833	0.71%	3.75%	3.32%	2.78%	2.86%	2.81%	2.68%	5.46%
September 2001	684.27	35,582	0.84%	4.00%	3.13%	2.89%	2.89%	2.98%	2.67%	5.51%
June 2001	678.56	35,285	1.59%	4.16%	2.97%	2.80%	2.65%	2.89%	2.70%	5.72%
March 2001	667.95	34,733	0.57%	2.85%	2.26%	2.56%	2.44%	2.73%	2.59%	5.89%
December 2000	664.17	34,537	0.94%	2.89%	2.30%	2.56%	2.57%	2.85%	2.69%	6.24%
September 2000	657.97	34,214	1.00%	2.26%	2.33%	2.53%	2.73%	2.90%	2.71%	6.35%
June 2000	651.45	33,875	0.31%	1.80%	2.13%	2.16%	2.57%	2.71%	2.72%	6.58%
March 2000	649.46	33,772	0.61%	1.67%	2.42%	2.30%	2.70%	2.83%	2.77%	6.74%
December 1999	645.50	33,566	0.32%	1.70%	2.40%	2.46%	2.84%	2.85%	2.94%	6.97%
September 1999	643.42	33,458	0.54%	2.41%	2.66%	2.88%	3.06%	3.03%	3.10%	7.20%
June 1999	639.96	33,278	0.18%	2.46%	2.34%	2.83%	2.94%	2.90%	3.15%	7.40%
March 1999	638.79	33,217	0.64%	3.17%	2.61%	3.05%	3.12%	3.02%	3.17%	7.63%
December 1998	634.70	33,004	1.02%	3.09%	2.85%	3.22%	3.14%	3.08%	3.38%	7.83%
September 1998	628.29	32,671	0.59%	2.91%	3.12%	3.28%	3.18%	3.04%	3.38%	7.96%
June 1998	624.59	32,479	0.87%	2.22%	3.02%	3.10%	3.01%	2.83%	3.50%	8.10%
March 1998	619.19	32,198	0.58%	2.07%	3.00%	3.11%	2.98%	2.66%	3.70%	8.22%
December 1997	615.65	32,014	0.84%	2.60%	3.28%	3.16%	3.08%	2.58%	3.98%	8.37%
September 1997	610.51	31,747	-0.09%	3.33%	3.47%	3.28%	3.07%	2.60%	4.05%	8.47%
June 1997	611.05	31,775	0.72%	3.83%	3.55%	3.27%	2.98%	2.57%	4.32%	8.60%
March 1997	606.66	31,546	1.10%	3.93%	3.64%	3.28%	2.81%	2.47%	4.50%	8.74%
December 1996	600.07	31,204	1.56%	3.96%	3.44%	3.24%	2.57%	2.55%	4.74%	8.88%
September 1996	590.83	30,723	0.40%	3.61%	3.25%	2.98%	2.42%	2.37%	4.70%	8.98%
June 1996	588.50	30,602	0.82%	3.27%	2.99%	2.70%	2.25%	2.52%	4.88%	9.14%
March 1996	583.70	30,352	1.13%	3.34%	2.96%	2.44%	2.11%	2.45%	5.51%	9.28%
December 1995	577.20	30,014	1.22%	2.92%	2.89%	2.11%	2.20%	2.53%	6.21%	9.42%
September 1995	570.24	29,652	0.06%	2.88%	2.67%	2.03%	2.06%	2.53%	6.41%	9.50%
June 1995	569.87	29,633	0.89%	2.72%	2.41%	1.92%	2.33%	2.72%	6.48%	9.61%
March 1995	564.82	29,371	0.71%	2.58%	1.99%	1.71%	2.22%	2.70%	6.81%	9.73%
December 1994	560.83	29,163	1.19%	2.86%	1.71%	1.96%	2.44%	3.03%	7.14%	9.87%
September 1994	554.25	28,821	-0.10%	2.45%	1.61%	1.79%	2.44%	3.18%	7.06%	10.06%
June 1994	554.80	28,850	0.76%	2.11%	1.52%	2.21%	2.72%	3.40%	7.08%	10.36%
March 1994	550.60	28,631	0.98%	1.40%	1.27%	2.10%	2.73%	3.33%	7.19%	10.54%
December 1993	545.25	28,353	0.78%	0.58%	1.52%	2.30%	3.08%	3.68%	7.27%	10.68%
September 1993	541.01	28,133	-0.43%	0.77%	1.46%	2.43%	3.36%	3.72%	7.24%	10.81%
June 1993	543.35	28,254	0.06%	0.93%	2.26%	2.93%	3.73%	4.17%	7.23%	10.99%
March 1993	543.01	28,237	0.17%	1.14%	2.46%	3.18%	3.82%	4.75%	7.23%	11.19%
December 1992	542.10	28,189	0.98%	2.47%	3.17%	3.93%	4.47%	5.40%	7.44%	11.40%
September 1992	536.85	27,916	-0.27%	2.14%	3.27%	4.23%	4.47%	5.52%	7.43%	11.48%
June 1992	538.33	27,993	0.27%	3.60%	3.94%	4.68%	5.00%	6.10%	7.47%	11.57%
March 1992	536.87	27,917	1.48%	3.79%	4.21%	4.73%	5.67%	6.56%	8.00%	11.70%
December 1991	529.03	27,510	0.65%	3.87%	4.66%	5.15%	6.14%	6.98%	8.31%	11.80%
September 1991	525.59	27,331	1.15%	4.41%	5.29%	5.26%	6.38%	7.10%	8.43%	11.94%
June 1991	519.62	27,020	0.46%	4.28%	5.22%	5.47%	6.74%	7.29%	8.83%	12.05%
March 1991	517.25	26,897	1.56%	4.62%	5.21%	6.31%	7.26%	8.67%	9.30%	12.26%

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December 1990	509.32	26,485	1.18%	5.46%	5.79%	6.91%	7.78%	10.02%	9.91%	12.46%
September 1990	503.37	26,175	1.02%	6.18%	5.69%	7.04%	7.78%	10.43%	10.11%	12.63%
June 1990	498.30	25,912	0.79%	6.17%	6.07%	7.57%	8.05%	10.37%	10.60%	12.76%
March 1990	494.40	25,709	2.37%	5.79%	7.16%	8.16%	9.71%	11.09%	10.86%	12.92%
December 1989	482.96	25,114	1.88%	6.13%	7.64%	8.56%	11.19%	11.40%	11.15%	12.92%
September 1989	474.06	24,651	1.01%	5.19%	7.47%	8.31%	11.52%	11.10%	11.45%	12.90%
June 1989	469.34	24,406	0.43%	5.97%	8.28%	8.69%	11.45%	10.89%	11.83%	12.91%
March 1989	467.33	24,301	2.70%	8.55%	9.36%	11.04%	12.46%	11.18%	12.27%	
December 1988	455.06	23,663	0.97%	9.17%	9.79%	12.93%	12.76%	10.98%	12.46%	
September 1988	450.67	23,435	1.75%	9.80%	9.91%	13.72%	12.62%	10.88%	12.75%	
June 1988	442.91	23,031	2.87%	10.63%	10.08%	13.34%	12.15%	10.38%	12.91%	
March 1988	430.54	22,388	3.29%	10.17%	12.31%	13.80%	11.85%	9.77%	12.94%	
December 1987	416.82	21,675	1.56%	10.42%	14.86%	13.98%	11.44%	9.53%	12.94%	
September 1987	410.43	21,342	2.52%	10.01%	15.72%	13.58%	11.15%	9.37%	13.07%	
June 1987	400.34	20,818	2.45%	9.52%	14.71%	12.66%	10.32%	8.86%	13.06%	
March 1987	390.78	20,321	3.52%	14.49%	15.65%	12.42%	9.67%	9.47%	13.15%	
December 1986	377.50	19,630	1.19%	19.49%	15.80%	11.78%	9.31%	9.65%	13.18%	
September 1986	373.07	19,400	2.06%	21.73%	15.40%	11.53%	9.22%	9.78%	13.43%	
June 1986	365.53	19,008	7.10%	20.15%	14.27%	10.59%	8.69%	10.39%	13.57%	
March 1986	341.31	17,748	8.03%	16.82%	11.39%	8.11%	8.25%	9.93%	13.18%	
December 1985	315.93	16,428	3.08%	12.23%	8.12%	6.11%	7.32%	9.79%	12.72%	
September 1985	306.48	15,937	0.74%	9.41%	6.76%	5.34%	6.98%	9.79%	12.68%	
June 1985	304.23	15,820	4.13%	8.68%	6.10%	5.12%	8.07%	10.83%	12.84%	
March 1985	292.16	15,192	3.79%	6.21%	4.00%	5.53%	8.28%	10.63%	12.72%	
December 1984	281.49	14,637	0.49%	4.16%	3.17%	5.73%	9.19%	10.91%	12.68%	
September 1984	280.12	14,566	0.06%	4.17%	3.36%	6.19%	9.89%	11.81%	13.14%	
June 1984	279.94	14,557	1.77%	3.58%	3.39%	7.87%	11.37%	12.78%	13.73%	
March 1984	275.07	14,304	1.78%	1.83%	5.20%	8.97%	11.77%	13.37%	14.00%	
December 1983	270.26	14,054	0.51%	2.20%	6.52%	10.92%	12.66%	13.96%	14.21%	
September 1983	268.90	13,983	-0.51%	2.55%	7.21%	11.86%	13.80%	14.65%	14.50%	
June 1983	270.27	14,054	0.05%	3.20%	10.08%	14.10%	15.21%	15.49%	14.88%	
March 1983	270.13	14,047	2.15%	8.67%	12.73%	15.29%	16.45%	16.20%	15.29%	
December 1982	264.45	13,751	0.85%	11.03%	15.56%	16.38%	17.11%	16.46%	15.51%	
September 1982	262.21	13,635	0.13%	12.08%	16.83%	17.82%	17.90%	16.88%	15.67%	
June 1982	261.88	13,618	5.35%	17.42%	19.97%	19.52%	18.78%	17.42%	15.81%	
March 1982	248.57	12,926	4.36%	16.94%	18.75%	19.17%	18.17%	16.95%	15.51%	
December 1981	238.18	12,385	1.81%	20.28%	19.15%	19.21%	17.86%	16.82%	15.40%	
September 1981	233.95	12,165	4.90%	21.78%	20.80%	19.90%	18.12%	17.20%	15.56%	
June 1981	223.02	11,597	4.92%	22.57%	20.58%	19.23%	17.42%	16.84%	15.37%	
March 1981	212.57	11,054	7.35%	20.59%	20.30%	18.58%	16.96%	16.53%	15.31%	
December 1980	198.02	10,297	3.08%	18.04%	18.68%	17.06%	15.97%	15.73%	15.06%	
September 1980	192.11	9,990	5.58%	19.84%	18.97%	16.92%	16.08%	14.51%	15.21%	
June 1980	181.96	9,462	10.33%	18.62%	17.60%	15.75%	15.45%	14.60%	15.04%	
October 1979	164.92	8,576	9.15%	19.08%	16.21%	15.13%	15.03%	14.36%	14.62%	
April 1979	151.09	7,857	9.09%	16.06%	13.95%	14.26%	13.76%	14.76%	13.86%	

Notes

1. The national average wage index series has undergone a series of revisions in recent years.
2. Three series are shown. In 1998 the Statistics department incorporated wages from the education sector and provided a revised back dated series to 1987. Subsequently in 2000 the series was further revised creating a third series.
3. In the table above we have introduced an MCA series that combines the latest official series with the earlier series to generate a continuous series since 1969.
4. In 2003 the survey was rebased to reflect December, September, June and March quarter end dates. Previously the Survey was based on November, August, May and February surveys.

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