

Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings, March 1984

(summary of final results)

Introduction

The Central Statistical Office carries out a Survey of Employment and Earnings in "large" establishments every year in March and September. The establishments covered are :

- (a) Agricultural establishments comprising -
 - (i) sugar cane plantations where 25 arpents or more are harvested ;
 - (ii) tea plantations of 5 arpents or more ;
 - (iii) all "flue-cured" tobacco establishments, irrespective of acreage ;
 - (iv) other agricultural establishments employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey.
- (b) Non-agricultural establishments comprising -
 - (i) all central and local government departments ;
 - (ii) those employing at least 10 persons on the day of the survey. Outdoor workers, i.e. piece-rate workers employed by the establishments but working in their own homes are excluded.

The annexed tables give a summary of the final results of the survey for March 1984. It will be recalled that preliminary results were published in the 7th issue of the "Economic Indicators".

The complete results will appear, as usual, in the report 'Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings in Large Establishments' which will be released in about a month's time.

Summary of results

These results are based on the returns of 83% of establishments which had responded by the 27th of July. This response rate covers about 97% of total employment in 'large' establishments.

Employment in 'large' establishments stood at 190,058 in March 1984 as compared to 189,256 in March 1983. Thus there has been an increase of about 800 in total employment as compared to March 1983. However, this hides a decrease of 2,700 among males and an increase of 3,500 among females.

The decrease in male employment is mainly the result of decreases of about

1,100 in 'Sugar' (due to mechanisation and persons retiring in the sugar estates) ; and

900 in 'Tea' (due mainly to TDA employees becoming small holders and falling out of the scope of the survey) .

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500 in 'Construction' ;

400 in 'Community, social and personal services' ;

300 in 'Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels' ;

300 in 'Development Works Corporation' ; and

100 in 'Electricity and water'

but increases of about 700 in 'Manufacturing' and 200 in 'Transport, storage and communication'.

On the other hand, the increase among females is due mainly to an increase of about 4,100 in 'Manufacturing', offset slightly by decreases of about 400 in 'Agriculture' and 200 in 'Community, social and personal services'.

N.B. The results of the Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings are very useful in studying long term trends, yet great care should be exercised when studying short term fluctuations, as they do not give a good indication of such fluctuations.

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Table I - Employment 1/ in large establishments by major industrial group and sex - March 1983, March 1984

Industrial Group	March 1983 ^{2/}			March 1984			Difference : March 1984 - March 1983		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	39,294	12,851	52,145	37,308	12,469	49,777	- 1,986	- 382	- 2,368
Sugar <u>2/</u>	34,241	11,841	46,082	33,190	11,438	44,628	- 1,051	- 403	- 1,454
Tea <u>3/</u>	3,947	666	4,613	3,001	642	3,643	- 946	- 24	- 970
Tobacco	85	154	239	99	164	263	14	10	24
Other	1,021	190	1,211	1,018	225	1,243	- 3	35	32
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	78	82	160	72	85	164	1	3	4
<u>Manufacturing</u>	15,597	21,327	36,924	16,308	25,408	41,716	711	4,081	4,792
<u>Electricity and water</u>	4,091	140	4,231	3,948	136	4,084	- 143	- 4	- 147
<u>Construction</u>	4,397	128	4,525	3,951	108	3,959	- 546	- 20	- 566
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	7,193	1,877	9,070	6,842	1,881	8,723	- 351	4	- 347
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u> <u>6/</u>	7,452	511	7,963	7,684	507	8,191	232	- 4	228
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	3,414	1,285	4,699	3,451	1,333	4,784	37	48	85
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	50,452	12,936	63,388	50,050	12,746	62,796	- 402	- 190	- 592
Government : (a) Central	40,421	9,390	49,811	40,247	9,291	49,538	- 174	- 99	- 273
(b) Local <u>4/</u>	4,757	508	5,265	4,730	487	5,217	- 27	- 21	- 48
Other	5,274	3,038	8,312	5,073	2,968	8,041	- 201	- 70	- 271
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	6,114	37	6,151	5,826	38	5,864	- 288	- 1	- 287
Grand Total <u>6/</u>	138,082	51,174	189,256	135,347	54,711	190,058	- 2,735	3,537	802

1/ as on last Thursday of the month 2/ including factories 3/ including factories and Tea Development Authority

4/ municipalities and district councils 5/ revised

6/ some employees of 'Docks and stevedoring' were reported as daily workers, absent on the day of the survey and were therefore excluded in the total employment figure in previous surveys. Moreover, it was found that they were actually regular employees on the monthly payroll and should therefore be included in the survey.

Table II - Employment in large establishments by major industrial group - (September 81 - March 84)

Industrial Group	E m p l o y m e n t					
	September 81	March 82	September 82	March 83 ^{5/}	September 83 ^{5/}	March 84
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	56,955	52,457	56,711	52,145	55,800	49,777
Sugar ^{1/}	50,066	46,457	49,864	46,082	49,132	44,628
Tea ^{2/}	4,611	4,747	4,728	4,613	4,281	3,643
Tobacco	1,253	275	934	239	1,069	263
Other	1,025	978	1,185	1,211	1,318	1,243
Other	147	147	152	160	165	164
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	37,178	38,329	36,884	36,924	38,110	41,716
<u>Manufacturing</u>	4,363	4,451	4,403	4,231	4,132	4,084
<u>Electricity and water</u>	6,300	5,659	5,619	4,525	4,436	3,959
<u>Construction</u>	8,999	9,129	8,996	9,070	8,831	8,723
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	8,207	8,147	7,929	7,963	7,968	8,191
<u>Transport, storage and communication^{3/}</u>	4,634	4,669	4,737	4,699	4,625	4,784
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	63,176	64,008	63,408	63,388	63,129	62,796
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	49,358	50,163	49,471	49,811	49,639	49,538
Government : (a) Central	5,547	5,536	5,577	5,265	5,276	5,217
(b) Local ^{4/}	8,271	8,309	8,360	8,312	8,214	8,041
Other	6,355	6,376	6,239	6,151	6,224	5,864
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	196,314	193,372	195,078	189,256	193,421	190,058
Grand Total ^{3/}						

^{2/} including factories and Tea Development Authority

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^{4/} municipalities and district councils

^{5/} revised

Table III - Average earnings in large establishments by major industrial group - (September 81 - March 84)

Industrial group	Average earnings					
	September 81	March 82	September 82	March 83	September 83	March 84
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,132</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>1,282</u>
<u>Sugar 1/</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,483</u>	<u>1,274</u>
<u>Tea 2/</u>	942	971	1,054	1,157	1,197	1,343
Tobacco	587	621	658	642	705	740
Other	1,485	1,552	1,500	1,521	1,523	1,511
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>771</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,076</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>2,136</u>	<u>1,959</u>	<u>2,277</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>2,551</u>	<u>2,392</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>1,485</u>	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,629</u>	<u>1,703</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>1,926</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication 3/</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>2,272</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>2,425</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>2,598</u>	<u>2,664</u>	<u>2,806</u>	<u>2,860</u>	<u>2,981</u>	<u>3,049</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>2,029</u>
Government: (a) Central	1,705	1,749	1,895	1,936	2,017	2,037
(b) Local 4/	1,428	1,433	1,522	1,550	1,640	1,666
Other	1,900	1,935	2,043	2,078	2,153	2,214
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>1,084</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,231</u>
<u>Grand Total 3/</u>	<u>1,421</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>1,565</u>	<u>1,531</u>	<u>1,671</u>	<u>1,637</u>

1/ including factories

2/ including factories and Tea Development Authority

3/ series revised since most of the employees of 'Docks and Stevedoring' were reported as daily rate workers when they were in fact monthly rate workers.

4/ municipalities and district councils