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Bi-annual Survey of Employment and Earnings, September 1983

Introduction

The annexed tables give the final results of the Survey on Employment and Earnings in large^{1/} establishments carried out by the Central Statistical Office in September 1983. It will be recalled that the preliminary results of this survey were published in the first issue of the 'Economic Indicators'. The tables give a summary of the results. However, 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

Employment in establishments covered by the survey in September 1983 is estimated at 193,174. The final results which are based on the returns of 84% of establishments covered, representing 97% of employment, show a decrease of 1,573 as compared to September 1982. There was a decrease of 2,233 among males but an increase of 660 among females.

The changes in employment by sex and by industrial groups are shown in table I.

Male employment went down between September 1982 and September 1983 as a result of decreases of about

- 1,200 in 'Construction',
- 350 in 'Agriculture and Fishing',
- 300 in 'Local Government',
- 250 in 'Electricity and Water',
- 200 in 'Wholesale and retail trade' and
- 100 in 'Business Services';

and a slight increase of about 150 in 'Transport, Storage and Communication'.

On the other hand, female employment rose by 650. The rise is mainly accounted for by an increase of about 1,150 in the Manufacturing industries, offset partly by a decrease of about 500 in 'Agriculture'.

^{1/} large establishments are defined as :-

- (a) Agricultural establishments comprising
 - (i) Sugar cane plantations where 25 arpents or more were 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. It is to be noted that "outdoor" workers are excluded; these are piece-workers who although employed by an establishment are working in their own homes.

N.B. : It is reminded that although 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 - September 1982, September 1983

Industrial Group	September 1982 ^{2/}			September 1983			Difference : September 1983 - September 1982		
	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes	Males	Females	Both sexes
	Agriculture and fishing	42,152	14,559	56,711	41,812	14,076	55,888	- 340	- 483
Sugar ^{2/}	36,705	13,159	49,864	36,521	12,611	49,132	- 184	- 548	- 732
Tea ^{3/}	4,068	660	4,728	3,894	502	4,396	- 174	- 158	- 332
Tobacco	377	557	934	426	643	1,069	49	86	135
Other	1,002	183	1,185	971	320	1,291	- 31	137	106
Mining and quarrying	71	81	152	82	83	165	11	2	13
Manufacturing	15,489	21,395	36,884	15,502	22,552	38,054	13	1,157	1,170
Electricity and water	4,251	152	4,403	3,994	139	4,133	- 257	- 13	- 270
Construction	2,476	143	2,619	4,306	130	4,436	- 1,170	- 13	- 1,183
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	7,141	1,852	8,996	6,931	1,875	8,806	- 210	20	- 190
Transport, storage and communication	7,090	508	7,598	7,223	501	7,724	133	- 7	126
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	3,469	1,268	4,737	3,340	1,275	4,615	- 129	7	- 122
Community, social and personal services	50,527	12,881	63,408	50,259	12,870	63,129	- 268	- 11	- 279
Government : (a) Central	40,177	9,294	49,471	40,230	9,409	49,639	53	115	168
(b) Local ^{4/}	5,073	504	5,577	4,772	504	5,276	- 301	-	- 301
Other	5,277	3,083	8,360	5,257	2,957	8,214	- 20	- 126	- 146
Activities not elsewhere specified	6,202	37	6,239	6,186	38	6,224	- 16	1	- 15
Grand Total	141,868	52,879	194,747	139,635	53,539	193,174	- 2,233	660	- 1,573

^{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

Table II - Employment in large establishments by major industrial group - (March 81 - September 83)

Industrial Group	E m p l o y m e n t					
	March 81	September 81	March 82	September 82 ^{1/}	March 83 ^{4/}	September 83
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>	<u>53,456</u>	<u>56,955</u>	<u>52,457</u>	<u>56,711</u>	<u>52,376</u>	<u>55,888</u>
Sugar ^{1/}	47,271	50,066	46,457	49,864	46,163	49,132
Tea ^{2/}	4,582	4,611	4,747	4,728	4,790	4,396
Tobacco	729	1,253	275	934	239	1,069
Other	874	1,025	978	1,185	1,184	1,291
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>165</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>36,889</u>	<u>37,178</u>	<u>38,329</u>	<u>36,884</u>	<u>36,867</u>	<u>38,054</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>4,430</u>	<u>4,363</u>	<u>4,451</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>4,133</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>7,257</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>5,659</u>	<u>5,619</u>	<u>4,525</u>	<u>4,436</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>9,122</u>	<u>8,999</u>	<u>9,129</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>9,044</u>	<u>8,806</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	<u>7,842</u>	<u>7,937</u>	<u>7,842</u>	<u>7,598</u>	<u>7,634</u>	<u>7,724</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>4,576</u>	<u>4,634</u>	<u>4,669</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>4,689</u>	<u>4,615</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>62,822</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>63,408</u>	<u>63,388</u>	<u>63,129</u>
Government :						
(a) Central	49,029	49,358	50,163	49,471	49,811	49,639
(b) Local ^{3/}	5,522	5,547	5,536	5,577	5,265	5,276
Other	8,271	8,271	8,309	8,360	8,312	8,214
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>6,913</u>	<u>6,355</u>	<u>6,376</u>	<u>6,239</u>	<u>6,151</u>	<u>6,224</u>
Grand Total	193,454	196,044	193,067	194,747	189,065	193,174

^{3/} municipalities and district councils

^{4/} revised

^{1/} including factories

^{2/} including factories and Tea Development Authority

Table III - Average earnings in large establishments by major industrial group - (March 81 - September 83).

Industrial group	Average earnings					
	March 81	September 81	March 82	September 82	March 83	September 83
<u>Agriculture and fishing</u>						
<u>Sugar</u> 1/	<u>889</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,132</u>	<u>1,447</u>
<u>Tea</u> 2/	<u>890</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,483</u>
<u>Tobacco</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>1,054</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>1,197</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>621</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>705</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1,485</u>	<u>1,552</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,521</u>	<u>1,523</u>
<u>Mining and quarrying</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>780</u>
<u>Manufacturing</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1,069</u>
<u>Electricity and water</u>	<u>1,754</u>	<u>2,136</u>	<u>1,959</u>	<u>2,277</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>2,551</u>
<u>Construction</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,485</u>	<u>1,535</u>	<u>1,629</u>
<u>Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>1,893</u>
<u>Transport, storage and communication</u>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>2,382</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>2,486</u>	<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,746</u>
<u>Financing, insurance, real estate and business services</u>	<u>2,389</u>	<u>2,598</u>	<u>2,664</u>	<u>2,806</u>	<u>2,860</u>	<u>2,981</u>
<u>Community, social and personal services</u>	<u>1,507</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>2,004</u>
Government : (a) Central	<u>1,492</u>	<u>1,705</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>1,936</u>	<u>2,017</u>
(b) Local 3/	<u>1,346</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,522</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,640</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>1,703</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>2,043</u>	<u>2,078</u>	<u>2,153</u>
<u>Activities not elsewhere specified</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>1,084</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,229</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>1,227</u>	<u>1,430</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>1,541</u>	<u>1,684</u>

1/ including factories
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 3/ municipalities and district councils