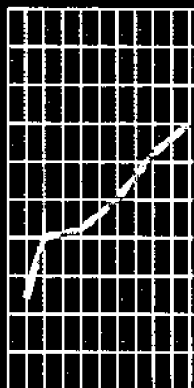


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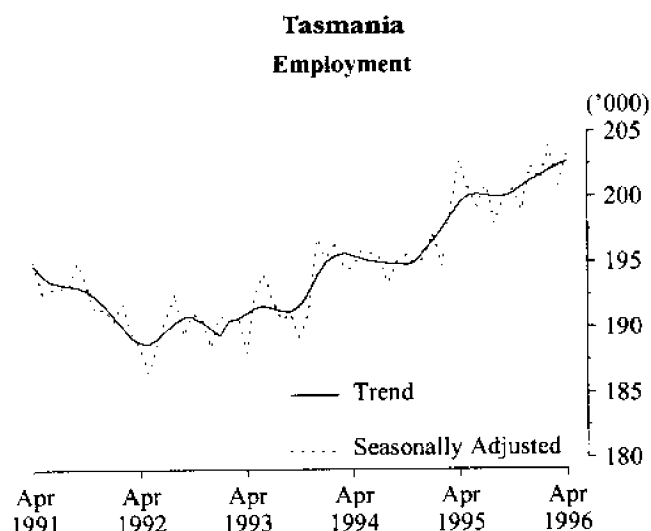
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MAIN FEATURES

EMPLOYMENT

States' trend series comparisons

The Australian and State *trend series* comparisons are given on page 25. There was an increase of 1.6% in Tasmania's employment over the year to April 1996. The largest percentage increase in employment was in New South Wales (1.7%). The next highest percentage increase in employment was in Victoria (1.1%), followed by Queensland (1.0%) and South Australia (1.0%). Western Australia had a decrease in employment of 0.1%.



Regional Tasmania's original series figures

In the Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions the estimate of *unadjusted* employment was the same in March 1995 and March 1996, 101,500. Employment in the Northern Statistical Division increased by 1,600 between March 1995 and March 1996 to 56,400. The estimate of employment in the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division was 43,700 in March 1996, a slight increase of 100 on the figure for March 1995. (See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Tasmania's trend series figures

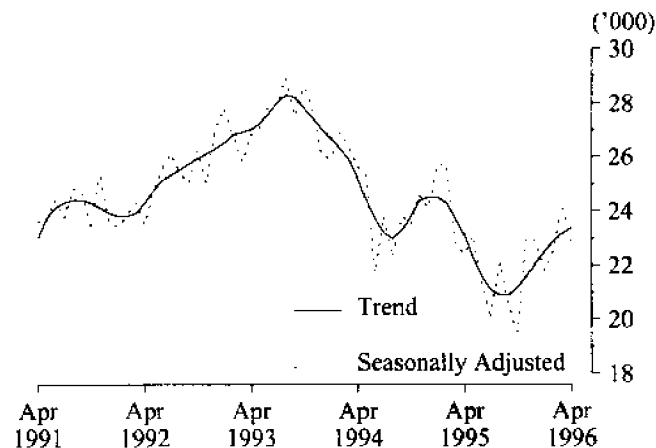
The Tasmanian provisional *trend series* estimate of 23,400 unemployed persons in April 1996 was an increase of 300 on the figure for April 1995 of 23,100. The provisional *trend series* estimate of the unemployment rate of 10.4% in April 1996 was the same level as that recorded in April 1995. (See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

THE LABOUR FORCE

Tasmania's trend series figures

In April 1996 there was an *unadjusted* estimate of 368,400 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 or more. There were an estimated 226,100 persons (based on *trend series* estimates) in the labour force. The estimate of the labour force participation rate in April 1996 was 61.4%, compared with 60.6% in April 1995.

Tasmania Unemployment



For males, the *trend series* estimate of the participation rate was 72.7%, compared with 71.3% for April 1995. For females, the *trend series* estimate of the participation rate was 50.5%, compared with 50.4% in April 1995. (See table 3, page 2.)

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

In March 1995 there were approximately 137,600 employed wage and salary earners in Tasmania. In March 1993 the figure was 147,100 employed wage and salary earners.

In February 1995 the Tasmanian public sector accounted for 31.7% of all employed wage and salary earners. Overall, the category Community services had the highest industry representation, 27.8%, compared with the equivalent figure of 24.9% recorded in February 1993. The next highest industry grouping was Wholesale trade and Retail trade (19.4%, compared with 20.8% in February 1993) and Manufacturing (15.2%, compared with 14.8% in February 1993).

In February 1995, women made up 45.5% of employed wage and salary earners. In February 1993, the equivalent figure was 44.8%.

AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES

The annual movement from March 1995 to March 1996 of weekly award rates of pay indexes for Tasmania rose by 1.3% for full-time adult females and by 1.2% for full-time adult males, for a combined annual increase of 1.2%. For Australia, the figures were 1.5% for females and 1.2% for males, for a combined annual increase of 1.3%.

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases over this 12-month period occurred in the Manufacturing industry (3.1%); and the Recreation, personal and other services industry (2.3%).

For the same period for full-time adult male employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases occurred in the Transport and storage industry (3.2%); Wholesale and retail trade industry (2.3%), and the Public administration and defence industry (2.3%).

The largest occupation increase over the same period for full-time adult female employees occurred in Tradespersons (3.7%); and Labourers and related workers (1.8%).

For full-time adult male employees the largest occupation increases over the period occurred in Salespersons and personal services workers (1.9%); and Plant and machine operators, and drivers (1.7%).

(See table 14, page 10.)

BUILDING MATERIALS PRICES

Prices for house building materials in Hobart fell by 0.2% during March 1996. This was the same as the national average. For the twelve months ending March 1996, prices in Hobart increased by 1.6%, which was the highest change for any State over that period. Falls were recorded in all other States except Perth, which rose by 0.9% over the twelve months, and the Australian index fell by 0.9% for the same period.

For materials used in other than house building, the price index in Hobart fell by 0.1%, during March 1996, but rose by 2.0% for the year ending March. This was the highest rise for any State over the 12-month period. The national index rose by 1.3% for the year.

Components which registered the most change in Hobart over the year to March were pre-cast concrete products (up 4.8%), structural steel (up 5.1%), paint and other coatings (up 5.9%), non-ferrous pipes and fittings (down 7.6%), and structural timber (down 6.9%).

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, March 1996, ABS catalogue number 6408.0, released on 8 May 1996, \$13.00

Price Index of Materials Used in Other Than House Building, March 1996, ABS catalogue number 6407.0, released on 8 May 1996, \$15.00

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index for Hobart rose by 0.8% during the March quarter 1996, taking the increase to 3.4% for the year ending March.

The Index for the weighted average of the eight capital cities increased by 0.4% for the March quarter, and 3.7% for the twelve-month period.

Sydney recorded the highest increase of any capital city for the twelve months ending March (up 4.7%), with Darwin and Canberra both on 3.9% for the same period. Melbourne had the lowest increase, with 2.9%.

Major components contributing to the national increase over the twelve months were cigarette and tobacco prices (up 22.2%), mortgage interest charges (up 5.6%), hospital and medical services (up 7.0%), vehicle insurance (up 10.6%) and beer (up 5.9%). Major price falls occurred in local government rates and charges (down 4.2%), fresh vegetables (down 14.7%) and video and sound equipment (down 8.0%).

For Hobart, over the twelve months ending March, major contributors to the change were also in the tobacco and alcohol group (up 7.1%), with health and personal care up by 6.6%, and housing costs up by 4.4%.

Consumer Price Index, March quarter 1996, ABS catalogue number 6401.0, released on 23 April 1996, \$13.50.

HOUSING FINANCE

The trend estimate, for the number of new secured housing finance commitments entered into in Tasmania in March 1996 was 901 dwellings, a decrease of 1.6% on the previous months figure of 916. The value of the March 1996 commitments was \$62.7 million, down 1.1% on the February value of \$63.4 million.

During the twelve months ended March 1996 the trend estimate for the number of Tasmanian dwelling commitments increased 3.9% from 867 to 901 dwellings. The value of these commitments rose 10.2% from \$56.9 million to \$62.7 million. However, Tasmania's rate of increase was below the national average. The total number of Australian dwelling commitments increased 15.0% from 34,068 to 39,164 dwellings and the value increased 16.6% from \$3,273.9 million to \$3,816.1 million.

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, ABS catalogue number 5609.0, released on 16 May 1996, \$14.00

BUILDING APPROVALS

There were 208 new dwelling units approved during June 1995 in Tasmania. This was a decrease of 17% on the number recorded for May 1995 and a 32% decrease on the number recorded for June 1994 (306).

For the twelve months ended June 1995 there were 3,172 new dwelling units approved, 24% below the 4,147 units recorded for the previous corresponding twelve months.

The latest monthly trend estimate for the number of dwelling units approved shows twenty consecutive months of decline.

The highest number of dwelling units approved in June 1995 was recorded by the City of Hobart with 34, followed by the City of Launceston with 26, the City of Glenorchy with 21 and the Municipality of Sorell with 18.

The highest number of dwelling units approved in 1994-95 was recorded by the City of Clarence with 280, followed by the City of Launceston with 273, the City of Hobart with 241 and the Municipality of Kingborough with 225.

The value of all building approved, at current prices, in June 1995 was \$33.8 million compared with \$37.4 million in May 1995 and \$38.0 million in June 1994.

(See table 27, page 20.)

RETAIL

The trend estimate for turnover of retail and service establishments for June 1995, in Tasmania, was \$236.9 million, an increase of more than 2% on the June 1994 figure of \$231.5 million. The trend growth for Tasmania has fallen to a weak 0.3% for June after recording moderate to strong growth of 0.5% or more since January this year.

The trend estimate of turnover for June 1995, for Australia (\$9,627 million), was over 7% higher than for June 1994. The trend estimate of retail turnover increased by a moderate 0.5 in June, the weakest monthly increase since January 1995.

Trend estimates for Department stores and the Clothing and soft good retailing group are showing falls in turnover. The Household good, Recreational good and Other retailing groups have recorded strong growth.

In original terms, the estimate of retail turnover in June 1995, for Tasmania, was \$226.6 million, over more than 4% higher than the figure recorded for June 1994.
(See table 35, page 24.)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

There were 1,214 new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in Tasmania during June 1995. This was more than 10% fewer than were recorded in May 1995 and more than 2% fewer than the figure for June 1994.
(See table 34, page 24.)

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POPULATION, TASMANIA

| | <i>Estimated resident population at end of period</i> | <i>Natural increase¹</i> | <i>Net estimated migration gain</i> | <i>Total population growth</i> | <i>Annual growth rate²</i> |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Year or quarter</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>'000</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Year ended 30 June | | | | | |
| 1992 | 469.7 | 3.2 | - 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.62 |
| 1993 | 471.4 | 3.2 | - 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.35 |
| 1994 | 472.5 | 3.1 | - 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.24 |
| 1995 p | 473.0 | 2.9 | - 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.12 |
| Quarter | | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| June | 472.5 | 0.7 | - 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.24 |
| September p | 472.8 | 0.6 | - 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.19 |
| December p | 472.8 | 0.8 | - 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.13 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March p | 473.2 | 0.9 | - 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.21 |
| June p | 473.0 | 0.6 | - 0.8 | - 0.2 | 0.12 |
| September p | 473.3 | 0.7 | - 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.11 |

¹ Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence).

² Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

(Source: unpublished ABS data.)

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTERED, TASMANIA

| <i>Year or quarter</i> | <i>Births</i> | | <i>Deaths</i> | | <i>Infant mortality¹</i> | | <i>Marriages</i> | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>No.</i> | <i>Rate²</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Rate²</i> | <i>Deaths</i> | <i>Rate³</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Rate²</i> |
| Year ended 31 December | | | | | | | | |
| 1991 | 6 857 | 14.69 | 3 666 | 7.86 | 59 | 8.6 | 3 069 | 6.58 |
| 1992 | 6 956 | 14.81 | 3 722 | 7.92 | 42 | 6.0 | 3 081 | 6.56 |
| 1993 | 6 804 | 14.43 | 3 618 | 7.67 | 37 | 5.4 | 3 055 | 6.48 |
| 1994 | 6 836 | 14.47 | 3 912 | 8.28 | 48 | 7.0 | 2 887 | 6.11 |
| 1995 p | 6 550 | 13.85 | 3 749 | 7.93 | 46 | 7.0 | 2 840 | 6.00 |
| Quarter | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 647 | .. | 887 | .. | 6 | 3.6 | 786 | .. |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 702 | .. | 881 | .. | 10 | 5.9 | 768 | .. |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | p 1 801 | .. | p 900 | .. | p 10 | p 5.6 | 1 067 | .. |
| June | p 1 606 | .. | p 960 | .. | p 15 | p 9.3 | 667 | .. |
| September | p 1 696 | .. | p 984 | .. | p 13 | p 7.1 | 307 | .. |
| December | p 1 447 | .. | P 905 | .. | p 8 | p 5.5 | 799 | .. |

¹ Registered deaths of children under one year of age.

² Rate per 1,000 of estimated mean population.

³ Rate per 1,000 live births.

(Source: unpublished ABS data.)

LABOUR FORCE STATUS, TASMANIA¹: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND SERIES

| Month | Seasonally adjusted series | | | | Trend series ² | | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
| | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| Males | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| April | 114.5 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 71.6 | 113.8 | 14.8 | 11.5 | 71.3 |
| May | 113.9 | 14.9 | 11.6 | 71.4 | 113.9 | 14.5 | 11.3 | 71.1 |
| June | 113.5 | 14.4 | 11.3 | 70.9 | 113.7 | 14.2 | 11.1 | 70.8 |
| July | 114.1 | 12.9 | 10.1 | 70.3 | 113.5 | 13.7 | 10.8 | 70.5 |
| August | 112.6 | 14.4 | 11.3 | 70.3 | 113.1 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 70.1 |
| September | 112.9 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 69.9 | 112.9 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 69.8 |
| October | 113.2 | 11.7 | 9.3 | 69.1 | 113.0 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 69.9 |
| November | 112.8 | 13.6 | 10.8 | 70.0 | 113.5 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 70.2 |
| December | 113.8 | 14.7 | 11.4 | 71.0 | 114.1 | 13.8 | 10.8 | 70.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 114.7 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 71.1 | 114.8 | 14.1 | 11.0 | 71.3 |
| February | 117.0 | 14.0 | 10.7 | 72.4 | 115.5 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 71.8 |
| March | 115.5 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 72.1 | 116.0 | 14.8 | 11.3 | 72.3 |
| April | 116.3 | 15.3 | 11.6 | 72.6 | 116.4 | 15.2 | 11.5 | 72.7 |
| Females | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| April | 87.9 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 51.3 | 85.7 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 50.4 |
| May | 85.9 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 50.4 | 86.2 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 50.4 |
| June | 85.9 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 49.7 | 86.5 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 50.3 |
| July | 86.5 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 50.2 | 86.6 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 50.3 |
| August | 86.2 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 50.3 | 86.8 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 50.5 |
| September | 87.5 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 50.7 | 87.1 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 50.7 |
| October | 87.9 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 51.2 | 87.3 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 51.0 |
| November | 86.7 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 51.4 | 87.4 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 51.1 |
| December | 88.2 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 51.5 | 87.2 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 51.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 50.4 | 86.9 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 50.9 |
| February | 86.9 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 50.9 | 86.6 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 50.8 |
| March | 85.3 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 50.4 | 86.4 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 50.6 |
| April | 87.0 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 50.5 | 86.3 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 50.5 |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| April | 202.4 | 22.5 | 10.0 | 61.3 | 199.5 | 23.1 | 10.4 | 60.6 |
| May | 199.8 | 23.1 | 10.4 | 60.7 | 200.1 | 22.3 | 10.0 | 60.6 |
| June | 199.4 | 21.4 | 9.7 | 60.1 | 200.2 | 21.6 | 9.7 | 60.4 |
| July | 200.6 | 20.1 | 9.1 | 60.1 | 200.1 | 21.1 | 9.5 | 60.2 |
| August | 198.8 | 22.1 | 10.0 | 60.1 | 200.0 | 20.9 | 9.5 | 60.1 |
| September | 200.4 | 20.5 | 9.3 | 60.1 | 200.0 | 20.9 | 9.5 | 60.1 |
| October | 201.0 | 19.5 | 8.9 | 60.0 | 200.3 | 21.2 | 9.6 | 60.3 |
| November | 199.6 | 23.0 | 10.3 | 60.5 | 200.8 | 21.6 | 9.7 | 60.5 |
| December | 201.9 | 22.9 | 10.2 | 61.1 | 201.3 | 22.1 | 9.9 | 60.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 201.2 | 21.8 | 9.8 | 60.6 | 201.7 | 22.5 | 10.1 | 60.9 |
| February | 203.9 | 22.5 | 9.9 | 61.5 | 202.1 | 22.9 | 10.2 | 61.1 |
| March | 200.8 | 24.2 | 10.7 | 61.1 | 202.4 | 23.2 | 10.3 | 61.3 |
| April | 203.2 | 22.9 | 10.1 | 61.4 | 202.7 | 23.4 | 10.4 | 61.4 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.² Trend series revised each month. Users should be aware that the latest observations may be revised substantially.
(Source: *Labour Force Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.)

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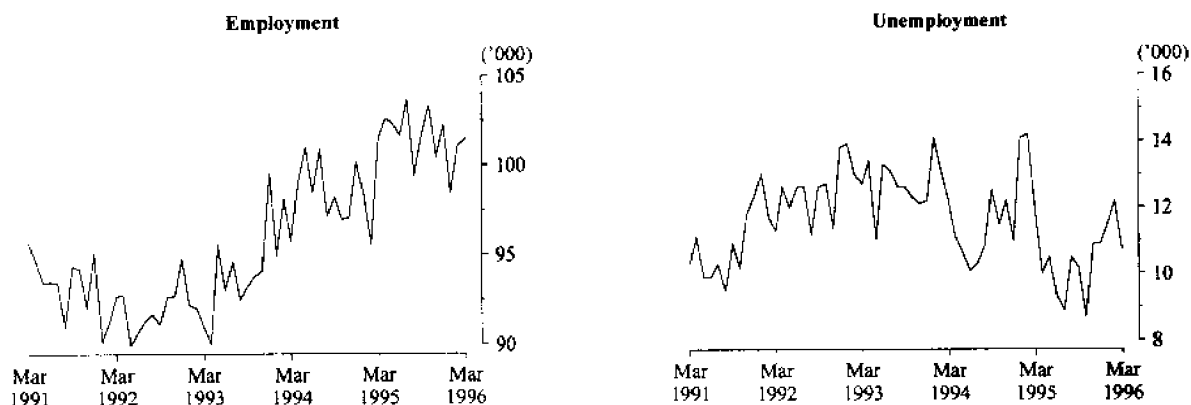
LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BY REGION AND TASMANIA, MALES^{1, 2}

| Month | | Total employed '000 | Total unemployed '000 | Unemployment rate % | Participation rate % |
|--|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hobart and Southern statistical divisions | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 52.2 | 7.9 | 13.2 | 68.8 |
| 1995 | March | 56.8 | 7.7 | 11.9 | 72.3 |
| 1996 | January | 55.6 | 7.5 | 11.9 | 71.3 |
| | February | 57.5 | 7.6 | 11.7 | 73.3 |
| | March | 57.3 | 6.9 | 10.8 | 72.0 |
| Northern statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 32.9 | 4.3 | 11.6 | 72.9 |
| 1995 | March | 32.5 | 3.3 | 9.3 | 70.6 |
| 1996 | January | 33.3 | 4.5 | 12.0 | 74.3 |
| | February | 33.7 | 3.8 | 10.2 | 74.2 |
| | March | 31.4 | 4.7 | 13.0 | 72.3 |
| Mersey-Lyell statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 25.9 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 75.8 |
| 1995 | March | 25.3 | 2.8 | 9.9 | 69.6 |
| 1996 | January | 26.1 | 3.6 | 12.2 | 71.6 |
| | February | 26.8 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 71.4 |
| | March | 27.3 | 2.9 | 9.7 | 71.9 |
| Tasmania | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 111.0 | 16.8 | 13.1 | 71.5 |
| 1995 | March | 114.7 | 13.8 | 10.7 | 71.2 |
| 1996 | January | 115.0 | 15.7 | 12.0 | 72.2 |
| | February | 117.9 | 14.4 | 10.9 | 73.1 |
| | March | 116.0 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 72.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using this data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) is published two months after the quarter.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions—Persons



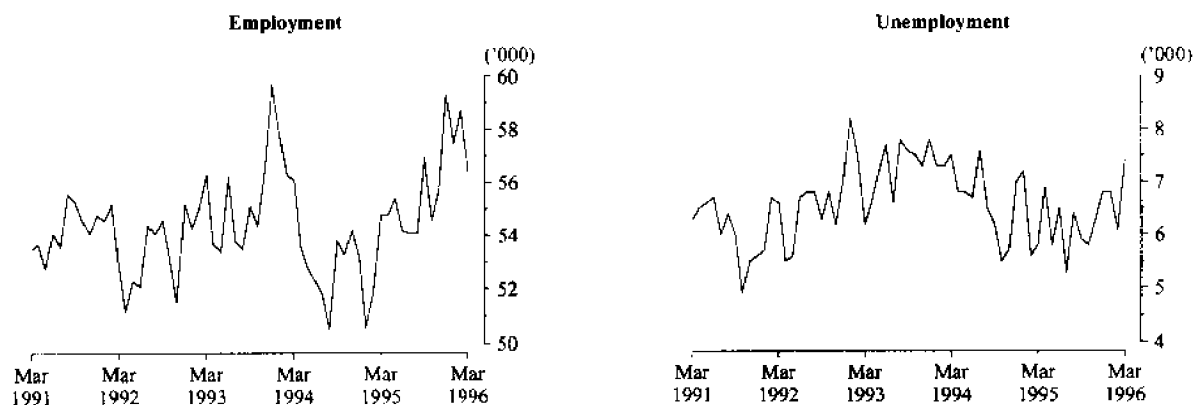
| Month | | Total employed '000 | Total unemployed '000 | Unemployment rate % | Participation rate % |
|--|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hobart and Southern statistical divisions | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 39.6 | 4.8 | 10.7 | 48.9 |
| 1995 | March | 44.6 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 52.2 |
| 1996 | January | 42.9 | 4.0 | 8.5 | 50.4 |
| | February | 43.6 | 4.6 | 9.5 | 51.9 |
| | March | 44.2 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 51.2 |
| Northern statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 23.6 | 1.9 | 7.5 | 47.0 |
| 1995 | March | 22.3 | 2.4 | 9.8 | 47.7 |
| 1996 | January | 24.2 | 2.3 | 8.5 | 49.8 |
| | February | 25.1 | 2.3 | 8.3 | 52.6 |
| | March | 25.1 | 2.7 | 9.7 | 53.9 |
| Mersey-Lyell statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 17.2 | 2.0 | 10.5 | 48.1 |
| 1995 | March | 18.2 | 2.0 | 10.1 | 49.0 |
| 1996 | January | 17.3 | 2.3 | 11.7 | 47.9 |
| | February | 16.6 | 2.3 | 12.4 | 44.7 |
| | March | 16.4 | 2.4 | 12.9 | 44.8 |
| Tasmania | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 80.4 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 48.2 |
| 1995 | March | 85.2 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 50.3 |
| 1996 | January | 84.4 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 49.7 |
| | February | 85.2 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 50.4 |
| | March | 85.7 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 50.5 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

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(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Northern Statistical Division—Persons



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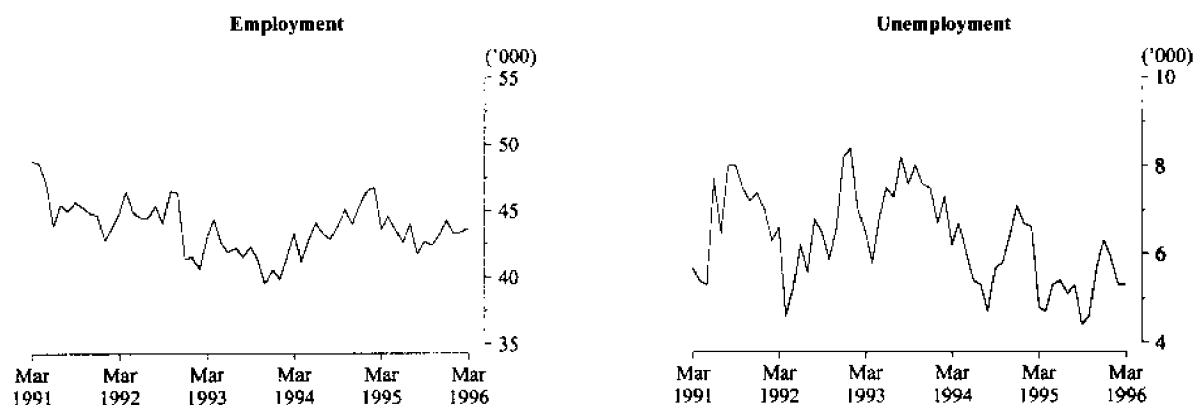
LABOUR FORCE STATUS, BY REGION AND TASMANIA, PERSONS^{1, 2}

| Month | | Total employed '000 | Total unemployed '000 | Unemployment rate % | Participation rate % |
|--|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hobart and Southern statistical divisions | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 91.9 | 12.7 | 12.1 | 58.7 |
| 1995 | March | 101.5 | 11.8 | 10.4 | 62.0 |
| 1996 | January | 98.5 | 11.5 | 10.4 | 60.6 |
| | February | 101.1 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 62.3 |
| | March | 101.5 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 61.3 |
| Northern statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 56.5 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 59.6 |
| 1995 | March | 54.8 | 5.8 | 9.5 | 59.0 |
| 1996 | January | 57.5 | 6.8 | 10.6 | 61.8 |
| | February | 58.7 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 63.2 |
| | March | 56.4 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 62.9 |
| Mersey-Lyell statistical division | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 43.1 | 6.5 | 13.2 | 62.0 |
| 1995 | March | 43.6 | 4.8 | 10.0 | 59.2 |
| 1996 | January | 43.3 | 5.9 | 12.0 | 59.8 |
| | February | 43.4 | 5.3 | 11.0 | 58.0 |
| | March | 43.7 | 5.3 | 10.9 | 58.4 |
| Tasmania | | | | | |
| 1993 | March | 191.4 | 25.4 | 11.7 | 59.7 |
| 1995 | March | 199.9 | 22.4 | 10.1 | 60.6 |
| 1996 | January | 199.4 | 24.2 | 10.8 | 60.8 |
| | February | 203.1 | 23.6 | 10.4 | 61.6 |
| | March | 201.6 | 23.4 | 10.4 | 61.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using this data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) is published two months after the quarter.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division—Persons



| Month | Employed | | Unemployed | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15-19 | Unemployment rate | Unemployment population ratio | Participation rate |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Full-time | Total | Looking for full-time work | Total | | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % |
| Attending neither school nor a tertiary institution full time | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 April | 7.2 | 10.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 13.2 | 1.4 | 14.6 | 24.3 | 21.9 | 90.2 |
| 1995 April | 6.7 | 10.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 12.7 | 1.2 | 13.9 | 19.7 | 18.0 | 91.3 |
| 1996 February | 7.5 | 9.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 13.3 | 1.1 | 14.4 | 27.4 | 25.7 | 92.6 |
| March | 7.0 | 9.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 13.1 | 1.2 | 14.3 | 24.8 | 23.1 | 91.6 |
| April | 8.0 | 10.8 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 14.3 | 18.3 | 16.8 | 92.5 |
| Attending school or a tertiary institution full time | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 April | .. | 4.5 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 6.1 | 14.0 | 20.1 | 27.9 | 8.5 | 30.3 |
| 1995 April | 0.2 | 6.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 12.6 | 20.1 | 17.3 | 6.5 | 37.3 |
| 1996 February | 0.6 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 10.7 | 19.6 | 15.7 | 7.1 | 45.4 |
| March | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 8.6 | 11.1 | 19.8 | 17.4 | 7.6 | 43.4 |
| April | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 7.7 | 12.1 | 19.8 | 18.2 | 7.1 | 38.9 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993 April | 7.2 | 14.4 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 19.3 | 15.4 | 34.7 | 25.2 | 14.1 | 55.6 |
| 1995 April | 7.0 | 16.4 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 20.2 | 13.8 | 34.0 | 18.9 | 11.2 | 59.5 |
| 1996 February | 8.1 | 17.2 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 22.3 | 11.8 | 34.0 | 22.8 | 15.0 | 65.5 |
| March | 7.1 | 17.0 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 21.7 | 12.3 | 34.1 | 21.7 | 13.8 | 63.8 |
| April | 8.1 | 17.0 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 20.9 | 13.2 | 34.1 | 18.5 | 11.4 | 61.3 |

¹ Persons aged 15-19 years.² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

| Occupation | February 1995 | February 1996 | | Proportion of total employed | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | February 1995 | February 1996 |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| Managers and administrators | 19.5 | 13.5 | 4.3 | 17.8 | 10.0 | 8.8 |
| Farmers and farm managers | 7.1 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 2.9 |
| Managing supervisors | 7.2 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 2.9 |
| Other | 5.2 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Professionals | 21.9 | 14.9 | 10.0 | 24.9 | 11.3 | 12.3 |
| Building and professional engineers | 2.2 | 2.0 | — | 2.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Health diagnosis and treatment practitioners | 3.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| School teachers | 6.4 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| Business professionals | 2.9 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 2.8 |
| Other | 6.9 | 5.7 | 3.7 | 9.4 | 3.6 | 4.6 |
| Para-professionals | 13.9 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| Engineering and building associates and technicians | 1.7 | 1.8 | — | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Registered nurses | 4.8 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Other | 7.4 | 4.9 | 1.1 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| Tradespersons | 28.3 | 26.9 | 2.8 | 29.7 | 14.6 | 14.6 |
| Metal fitting and machining tradespersons | 2.2 | 2.6 | — | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Electrical and electronics tradespersons | 4.5 | 5.0 | — | 5.0 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Building tradespersons | 6.9 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Other | 14.7 | 12.4 | 2.7 | 15.1 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| Clerks | 30.4 | 8.8 | 24.2 | 33.0 | 15.6 | 16.3 |
| Stenographers and typists | 4.0 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Receptionists, telephonists and messengers | 4.8 | 1.1 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| Other | 21.6 | 7.4 | 16.4 | 23.8 | 11.1 | 11.7 |
| Salespersons and personal service workers | 33.1 | 10.9 | 23.9 | 34.7 | 17.0 | 17.1 |
| Sales representatives | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Sales assistants | 15.0 | 5.5 | 12.4 | 17.9 | 7.7 | 8.8 |
| Other | 15.8 | 3.6 | 10.4 | 14.0 | 8.1 | 6.9 |
| Plant and machine operators, and drivers | 16.0 | 14.6 | 1.9 | 16.5 | 8.2 | 8.1 |
| Road and rail transport drivers | 7.0 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2.7 |
| Machine operators | 4.5 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Other | 4.5 | 5.9 | — | 5.9 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| Labourers and related workers | 31.2 | 21.2 | 12.1 | 33.3 | 16.1 | 16.4 |
| Trades assistants and factory hands | 4.8 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| Agricultural labourers and related workers | 7.0 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Cleaners | 6.3 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Construction and mining labourers | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Other | 10.0 | 7.6 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Total employed | 194.3 | 117.9 | 85.2 | 203.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SECTOR AND INDUSTRY, TASMANIA¹

| Industry | Number of employees ('000) February 1995 | | | | | Percentage distribution | |
|---|---|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| | Private | Public | Private and public | | Persons | February 1993 | February 1995 |
| | | | Males | Females | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | n.a. | 0.7 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Mining | 1.5 | — | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 20.3 | 0.1 | 15.4 | 4.9 | 20.4 | 14.8 | 15.2 |
| Electricity, gas and water, construction | 6.0 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 26.0 | — | 15.0 | 11.0 | 26.1 | 20.8 | 19.4 |
| Transport and storage | 3.6 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Communication | — | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Finance, property and business services | 10.1 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 8.1 |
| Public administration and defence | — | 10.5 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| Community services | 14.0 | 23.4 | 11.9 | 25.5 | 37.4 | 24.9 | 27.8 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 10.2 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 8.0 |
| Total all industries | 91.8 | 42.6 | 73.2 | 61.2 | 134.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia*, catalogue number 6248.0.
(Source: *Employed Wage and Salary Earners*, ABS catalogue number 6248.0.)

10 AVERAGE HOURS WORKED, TASMANIA

| Month | Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons ¹ | | | Average weekly overtime hours ² | | Percentage of employees working overtime ² |
|-------------|---|---------|---------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Per employee | Per employee working overtime | |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| February | 34.9 | 24.2 | 30.5 | 1.1 | 7.4 | 14.4 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| February | 37.5 | 26.0 | 32.7 | 1.1 | 6.6 | 15.8 |
| May | 39.6 | 27.8 | 34.5 | 0.9 | 5.9 | 14.5 |
| August | 40.9 | 29.6 | 36.0 | 0.8 | 5.7 | 14.4 |
| November | 39.7 | 26.5 | 33.9 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 14.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| February | 37.7 | 25.6 | 32.7 | 0.9 | 6.5 | 14.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *The Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6354.0.

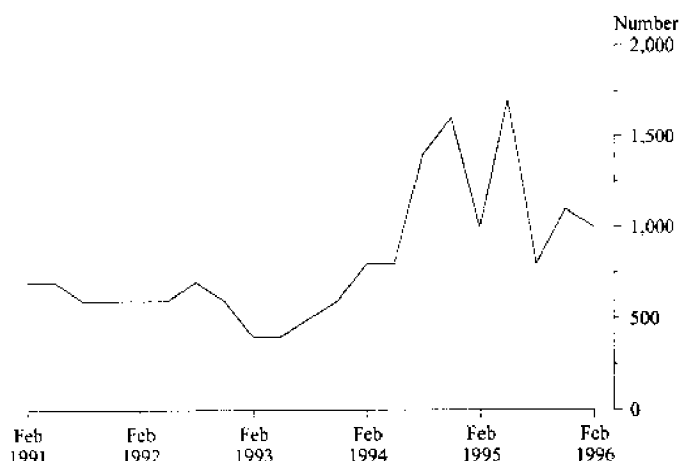
11 JOB VACANCIES, TASMANIA¹

| Period | Number | Rate ² % |
|-------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1993 | | |
| February | 400 | 0.3 |
| 1995 | | |
| February | 1 000 | 0.7 |
| May | 1 700 | 1.1 |
| August | 800 | 0.6 |
| November | 1 100 | 0.7 |
| 1996 | | |
| February | 1 000 | 0.6 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, catalogue number 6354.0.

² Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.

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Tasmania



12 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, TASMANIA¹

| Month | Working days lost | Twelve months ending | Working days lost per thousand employees |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1995 | | 1995 | |
| February | 300 | February | 31 |
| March | 500 | March | 34 |
| April | 100 | April | 30 |
| May | 200 | May | 31 |
| June | 700 | June | 35 |
| July | 800 | July | 38 |
| August | 100 | August | 33 |
| September | 100 | September | 30 |
| October | 0 | October | 30 |
| November | 100 | November | 30 |
| December | 200 | December | 22 |
| 1996 | | 1996 | |
| January | 800 | January | 24 |
| February | 100 | February | 23 |

Twelve months ended 1996

February 3 700

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES, TASMANIA^{1, 2} (\$)

| | | Males | | | Females | | | Persons | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Full-time adults | | All males | Full-time adults | | All females | Full-time adults | | All employees |
| Quarter | Survey reference period | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings |
| Original | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 17 February | 627.80 | 668.50 | 601.70 | 542.50 | 554.00 | 393.50 | 600.10 | 631.30 | 502.70 |
| June | 19 May | 635.70 | 678.60 | 608.80 | 546.50 | 556.90 | 385.60 | 606.40 | 638.60 | 500.70 |
| September | 18 August | 634.60 | 675.50 | 598.70 | 544.50 | 555.10 | 384.80 | 604.20 | 634.80 | 495.60 |
| December | 17 November | 647.90 | 687.90 | 615.50 | 556.10 | 569.00 | 403.20 | 617.30 | 648.20 | 513.80 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 16 February | 652.70 | 691.40 | 617.80 | 561.10 | 569.30 | 391.80 | 622.90 | 651.70 | 510.00 |
| Trend | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 17 February | 631.70 | 673.00 | 599.40 | 542.00 | 554.20 | 388.70 | 601.70 | 633.30 | 498.00 |
| June | 19 May | 633.80 | 675.10 | 603.90 | 546.40 | 557.40 | 389.10 | 604.80 | 636.40 | 500.50 |
| September | 18 August | 638.60 | 680.50 | 609.70 | 549.10 | 560.30 | 393.00 | 609.00 | 640.70 | 505.10 |
| December | 17 November | 644.90 | 687.80 | 616.30 | 552.50 | 565.10 | 399.80 | 614.40 | 646.70 | 511.30 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 16 February | 651.10 | 687.00 | 611.70 | 558.20 | 566.80 | 390.80 | 619.80 | 647.80 | 507.30 |
| ¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to <i>Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia</i> (Catalogue No. 6302.0). | | | | | | | | | | |
| ² Prior to September 1995 only the original series appeared in this table. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Source: <i>Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia</i> , ABS catalogue number 6302.0.) | | | | | | | | | | |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (Catalogue No. 6302.0).

² Prior to September 1995 only the original series appeared in this table.

(Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES, TASMANIA¹ (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)

| Industry | 1993 | 1995 | 1996 | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | March | March | January | February | March |
| Mining | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 | 137.7 |
| Manufacturing | 145.0 | 148.0 | 149.6 | 149.6 | 149.9 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 130.9 | 136.0 | 136.4 | 136.4 | 136.4 |
| Construction | 141.3 | 143.4 | 143.9 | 143.9 | 143.9 |
| Wholesale trade | 137.2 | 139.9 | 143.3 | 143.3 | 143.3 |
| Retail trade | 136.5 | 139.7 | 142.7 | 142.7 | 142.7 |
| Transport and storage | 137.9 | 139.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 | 143.1 |
| Communication | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 | 135.4 |
| Finance, property and business services | 137.4 | 137.5 | 139.5 | 139.5 | 139.5 |
| Public administration and defence | 135.2 | 150.2 | 153.4 | 153.4 | 153.4 |
| Community services | 140.2 | 143.7 | 144.6 | 144.6 | 144.6 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 146.0 | 150.3 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 |
| Total all industries | 139.1 | 143.1 | 144.8 | 144.8 | 144.8 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.

(Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES, TASMANIA

| Period | CPI, All groups Hobart | Price index of materials used in house building. All groups, Hobart | Price index of materials used in building other than house building. All groups, Hobart | Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (original series) | Weekly award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Percentage change from previous year | | | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| March | 2.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | .. | 0.9 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.6 | .. | 1.0 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| July | .. | 5.2 | 3.5 | .. | 1.4 |
| August | .. | 4.6 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 1.6 |
| September | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.5 | .. | 1.7 |
| October | .. | 3.6 | 3.7 | .. | 1.6 |
| November | .. | 3.8 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| December | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.0 | .. | 1.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | .. | 3.2 | 2.9 | .. | 1.4 |
| February | .. | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| March | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | .. | 1.2 |

(Sources:
Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0.
Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0.
Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.
Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.
Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS¹, HOBART

(Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Established house price index | | Project home price index | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Index | % change ² | Index | % change ² |
| 1992-93 | 116.6 | 4.1 | 114.1 | 3.6 |
| 1993-94 | 122.5 | 5.1 | 117.7 | 3.2 |
| 1994-95 | 129.0 | 5.3 | 121.3 | 3.1 |
| 1993 | | | | |
| December | 121.4 | 1.4 | 116.9 | 0.1 |
| 1994 | | | | |
| March | 123.0 | 1.3 | 117.8 | 0.8 |
| June | 126.0 | 2.4 | 119.4 | 1.4 |
| September | 128.2 | 1.7 | 120.1 | 0.6 |
| December | 128.2 | 0.0 | 120.5 | 0.3 |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 129.4 | 0.9 | 121.6 | 0.9 |
| June | 130.1 | 0.5 | 123.1 | 1.2 |
| September | 129.2 | - 0.7 | 123.5 | 0.3 |
| December | 129.1 | - 0.1 | 123.5 | 0.0 |

¹ Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

² Percentage change over previous period.

(Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART AND EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED^{1, 2}

(Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Period | Hobart | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | Food | Clothing | Housing ³ | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Tobacco and alcohol |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| September | 110.2 | 106.9 | 94.9 | 111.3 | 111.6 | 132.1 |
| December | 111.7 | 106.8 | 93.4 | 111.8 | 112.3 | 133.4 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| March | 112.6 | 106.4 | 93.3 | 112.2 | 111.9 | 134.3 |
| June | 112.2 | 106.4 | 94.2 | 112.4 | 112.8 | 134.8 |
| September | 113.9 | 106.6 | 94.8 | 112.8 | 113.9 | 137.2 |
| December | 113.3 | 105.3 | 97.6 | 113.9 | 115.0 | 139.1 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 115.4 | 105.0 | 102.7 | 114.9 | 115.1 | 140.3 |
| June | 116.1 | 106.1 | 104.5 | 115.4 | 117.2 | 143.1 |
| September | 117.3 | 105.9 | 106.0 | 116.5 | 119.4 | 144.3 |
| December | 117.1 | 105.6 | 106.5 | 117.5 | 120.1 | 145.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| March | 118.1 | 106.3 | 107.2 | 117.8 | 119.0 | 150.3 |

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART AND EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED^{1, 2} (continued)

(Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Period | Hobart | | | | Weighted average of eight capital cities ³ | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | Health and personal care | Recreation and education | All groups | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period |
| | | | Index | | | |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| September | 134.5 | 108.7 | 111.0 | + 1.5 | 109.8 | + 0.5 |
| December | 134.5 | 111.0 | 111.6 | + 0.5 | 110.0 | + 0.2 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| March | 137.5 | 109.7 | 111.9 | + 0.3 | 110.4 | + 0.4 |
| June | 137.9 | 111.3 | 112.4 | + 0.4 | 111.2 | + 0.7 |
| September | 138.7 | 111.7 | 113.3 | + 0.8 | 111.9 | + 0.6 |
| December | 138.7 | 113.0 | 114.2 | + 0.8 | 112.8 | + 0.8 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 140.4 | 115.4 | 116.1 | + 1.7 | 114.7 | + 1.7 |
| June | 141.0 | 114.0 | 117.1 | + 0.9 | 116.2 | + 1.3 |
| September | 146.7 | 113.3 | 118.4 | + 1.1 | 117.6 | + 1.2 |
| December | 146.9 | 115.8 | 119.2 | + 0.7 | 118.5 | + 0.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| March | 149.7 | 117.1 | 120.1 | + 0.8 | 119.0 | + 0.4 |

¹ Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *The Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

² The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989-90 = 100.0.

³ Series from and including March 1989 has been affected by the change in treatment of mortgage interest charges.
(Source: *Consumer Price Index*, ABS catalogue number 6401.0.)

18

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: HOBART

(Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Index numbers for selected major building materials | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Period | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Steel decking, cladding etc. | Structural steel |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| January | 124.1 | 118.0 | 117.0 | 122.5 | 107.5 | 116.0 |
| February | 124.1 | 118.0 | 117.1 | 122.5 | 108.3 | 116.0 |
| March | 125.6 | 118.0 | 116.9 | 122.5 | 107.5 | 116.0 |
| April | 125.8 | 118.0 | 117.0 | 122.5 | 107.1 | 116.0 |
| May | 125.8 | 118.0 | 118.3 | 122.5 | 107.5 | 117.0 |
| June | 125.8 | 118.1 | 118.0 | 122.5 | 107.5 | 119.6 |
| July | 124.9 | 118.1 | 117.1 | 130.3 | 110.7 | 119.6 |
| August | 122.0 | 118.1 | 117.0 | 130.3 | 110.7 | 119.6 |
| September | 122.1 | 123.2 | 116.7 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 119.6 |
| October | 119.7 | 123.2 | 117.2 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 120.9 |
| November | 120.1 | 123.2 | 116.3 | 130.3 | 111.0 | 120.9 |
| December | 120.1 | 123.3 | 114.5 | 130.4 | 111.0 | 121.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January p | 120.1 | 123.3 | 116.9 | 130.4 | 111.0 | 121.9 |
| February p | 116.9 | 123.3 | 115.9 | 128.4 | 112.1 | 121.9 |
| March p | 116.9 | 123.7 | 113.2 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 121.9 |

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: HOBART (continued)

(Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Index numbers for selected major building materials | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Period | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | Aluminium windows | Fabricated steel products | Builders' hardware | Sand & aggregate | Paint & other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes & fittings |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| January | 107.2 | 100.3 | 106.1 | 111.0 | 133.1 | 116.0 | 181.5 |
| February | 106.0 | 101.8 | 107.1 | 115.5 | 133.1 | 116.9 | 183.3 |
| March | 105.9 | 103.3 | 107.6 | 114.2 | 133.1 | 114.7 | 183.3 |
| April | 105.9 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 114.6 | 133.1 | 114.7 | 183.2 |
| May | 105.9 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 114.6 | 133.1 | 115.5 | 186.0 |
| June | 105.7 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 118.1 | 133.1 | 114.9 | 183.3 |
| July | 107.0 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 118.9 | 133.1 | 116.3 | 184.9 |
| August | 107.4 | 104.5 | 107.7 | 118.9 | 133.1 | 119.5 | 184.4 |
| September | 109.2 | 104.5 | 107.6 | 120.4 | 133.1 | 118.9 | 169.0 |
| October | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 120.7 | 133.1 | 118.9 | 169.1 |
| November | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 119.2 | 133.1 | 118.7 | 169.1 |
| December | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.4 | 169.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| January p | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.3 | 118.3 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.1 |
| February p | 109.2 | 104.5 | 108.1 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.4 |
| March p | 109.2 | 104.7 | 108.3 | 117.7 | 133.1 | 121.5 | 169.4 |

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: HOBART (continued)
 (Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Index numbers for special combinations of building materials | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Period | All electrical materials | | All mechanical services | | All plumbing materials | |
| | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| January | 110.7 | + 0.6 | 112.7 | + 0.4 | 127.5 | + 1.4 |
| February | 112.8 | + 1.9 | 113.4 | + 0.6 | 128.4 | + 0.7 |
| March | 113.1 | + 0.3 | 113.6 | + 0.2 | 128.3 | - 0.1 |
| April | 114.7 | + 1.4 | 114.4 | + 0.7 | 128.4 | + 0.1 |
| May | 115.2 | + 0.4 | 113.9 | - 0.4 | 128.9 | + 0.4 |
| June | 116.7 | + 1.3 | 114.0 | + 0.1 | 129.4 | + 0.4 |
| July | 117.9 | + 1.0 | 114.1 | + 0.1 | 129.7 | + 0.2 |
| August | 118.9 | + 0.8 | 114.0 | - 0.1 | 129.9 | + 0.2 |
| September | 118.9 | 0.0 | 113.3 | - 0.6 | 126.6 | 2.5 |
| October | 118.7 | - 0.2 | 115.2 | + 1.7 | 127.4 | + 0.6 |
| November | 118.7 | 0.0 | 114.7 | - 0.4 | 127.4 | 0.0 |
| December | 118.5 | - 0.2 | 114.8 | + 0.1 | 127.5 | + 0.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January p | 117.8 | - 0.6 | 114.8 | 0.0 | 127.5 | 0.0 |
| February p | 117.8 | 0.0 | 115.4 | + 0.5 | 127.6 | + 0.1 |
| March p | 118.6 | + 0.7 | 115.7 | + 0.3 | 127.6 | 0.0 |

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: HOBART (continued)
 (Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

| <i>Index numbers for special combinations of building materials</i> | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Period</i> | <i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i> | | <i>All groups</i> | |
| | <i>Index</i> | <i>% change over previous period</i> | <i>Index</i> | <i>% change over previous period</i> |
| 1995 | | | | |
| January | 112.4 | + 0.2 | 112.0 | + 0.2 |
| February | 112.7 | + 0.3 | 112.5 | + 0.4 |
| March | 113.0 | + 0.3 | 112.8 | + 0.3 |
| April | 113.6 | + 0.5 | 113.5 | + 0.6 |
| May | 114.1 | + 0.4 | 113.8 | + 0.3 |
| June | 114.6 | + 0.4 | 114.2 | + 0.4 |
| July | 115.1 | + 0.4 | 114.7 | + 0.4 |
| August | 115.3 | + 0.2 | 114.9 | + 0.2 |
| September | 115.5 | + 0.2 | 114.9 | 0.0 |
| October | 115.8 | + 0.3 | 115.5 | + 0.5 |
| November | 115.7 | - 0.1 | 115.3 | - 0.2 |
| December | 115.5 | - 0.2 | 115.1 | - 0.2 |
| 1996 | | | | |
| January p | 115.9 | + 0.3 | 115.3 | + 0.2 |
| February p | 115.6 | - 0.3 | 115.2 | - 0.1 |
| March p | 115.3 | - 0.3 | 115.1 | - 0.1 |

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

19 MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION, TASMANIA

| Year or month | Dairy products ¹ | | | Staff-hours worked ² | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Whole milk ⁴ | Factory butter ⁵ | Factory cheese | Textile manufacturing ⁶ | Vegetable preserving |
| | million litres | tonnes | tonnes | '000 | '000 |
| 1992-93 | 412.9 | 6 287 | 20 043 | 1 740 | 1 915 |
| 1993-94 | 447.3 | 7 846 | 22 461 | 1 575 | 2 002 |
| 1994-95 | 436.5 | 8 105 | 20 529 | 1 527 | 1 838 |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| February | 37.1 | 500 | 1 623 | 138 | 145 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| February | 36.1 | r 780 | r 1 449 | 124 | 150 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| December | 65.4 | 988 | r 3 554 | 104 | 126 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 56.4 | 1 137 | 2 223 | 72 | 130 |
| February | 48.7 | 1 175 | 1 912 | 116 | 163 |

19 MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF PRODUCTION, TASMANIA (continued)

| Year or month | Newsprint ⁷ | Refined zinc | Metal, refin. index ³ | Electricity | Gas |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | | million kW.h | '000 MJ |
| 1992-93 | 228.4 | 212.0 | 109.4 | 8 864 | 61 432 |
| 1993-94 | 208.9 | 193.8 | 105.5 | 8 855 | 55 767 |
| 1994-95 | 222.7 | 189.8 | 98.3 | 8 688 | 51 933 |
| 1993 | | | | | |
| February | 18.7 | 16.1 | 97.9 | 628 | 3 860 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| February | 20.2 | 11.6 | 83.8 | 597 | 3 052 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| December | 19.9 | 18.6 | 109.1 | 706 | 2 525 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 22.4 | 16.5 | 102.2 | 685 | 2 326 |
| February | 19.9 | 17.4 | 99.3 | 668 | 2 265 |

¹ Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

² Changing productivity per staff-hour makes these indicators unsatisfactory for long-term comparisons.

³ Metallurgical refining index (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0): Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 Manufacturing Census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.

⁴ Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.

⁵ Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.

⁶ Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.

⁷ Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING, TASMANIA: NUMBERS ('000)

| Year or month | Cattle | | | Sheep | Lambs | Pigs |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| | Bulls, bullocks and steers | Cows and heifers | Calves | | | |
| 1992-93 | 99.0 | 90.4 | 32.7 | 473.4 | 456.5 | 92.5 |
| 1993-94 | 101.8 | 85.2 | 23.2 | 526.1 | 437.8 | 95.8 |
| 1994-95 | 111.0 | 96.9 | 29.2 | 569.3 | 477.2 | 92.9 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| February | 7.6 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 60.4 | 38.1 | 6.6 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| February p | 9.5 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 58.6 | 37.1 | 7.0 |
| March p | 13.0 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 68.6 | 48.3 | 8.8 |
| April p | 9.5 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 46.3 | 41.1 | 7.2 |
| May p | 10.9 | 10.3 | 1.2 | 43.6 | 41.1 | 8.2 |
| June p | 10.5 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 42.8 | 44.8 | 8.6 |
| July p | 8.1 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 18.6 | 25.6 | 6.5 |
| August p | 5.0 | 4.8 | 14.0 | 18.2 | 27.3 | 7.3 |
| September p | 5.6 | 4.4 | 16.6 | 18.0 | 29.0 | 7.1 |
| October p | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 25.5 | 28.6 | 6.1 |
| November p | 8.8 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 36.5 | 34.9 | 6.9 |
| December p | 9.5 | 7.6 | 0.5 | 44.8 | 40.5 | 8.4 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January p | 11.2 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 43.6 | 38.9 | 6.1 |
| February p | 8.6 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 6.3 |

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

NOTE: Updated figures for tables 20, 21 and 22 are not available this month.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING, TASMANIA: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND SERIES¹

| Month | Seasonally adjusted | | | Trend series ² | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Cattle and calves | Sheep and lambs | Pigs | Cattle and calves | Sheep and lambs | Pigs |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| February | 15 958 | 78 128 | 7 508 | 17 290 | 75 433 | 8 021 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| February | 19 262 | 76 222 | 8 127 | 20 882 | 80 535 | 7 863 |
| March | 23 121 | 82 726 | 7 861 | 20 392 | 77 374 | 7 887 |
| April | 19 415 | 76 642 | 7 854 | 19 866 | 74 956 | 7 813 |
| May | 16 606 | 65 912 | 8 157 | 19 583 | 72 941 | 7 663 |
| June | 22 169 | 84 710 | 7 369 | 19 683 | 71 181 | 7 471 |
| July | 17 354 | 59 612 | 6 336 | 20 058 | 69 801 | 7 247 |
| August | 21 630 | 69 409 | 7 497 | 20 432 | 69 514 | 7 058 |
| September | 22 471 | 68 662 | 7 430 | 20 641 | 70 397 | 6 948 |
| October | 20 232 | 73 748 | 6 656 | 20 486 | 71 498 | 6 912 |
| November | 19 025 | 69 799 | 6 552 | 19 970 | 71 931 | 6 926 |
| December | 19 969 | 81 233 | 6 720 | 19 381 | 71 582 | 6 949 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January | 18 587 | 69 383 | 7 675 | 18 853 | 70 680 | 6 989 |
| February | 17 744 | 60 252 | 6 851 | 18 136 | 68 570 | 6 979 |

¹ This data has been revised to take account of the latest seasonal factor.

² Trend estimates may be revised as data for later months become available.

(Source: unpublished data.)

22

MEAT PRODUCTION, TASMANIA (tonnes)

| Year or month | Meat (carcass weight) | | | | | Total |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| | Beef | Veal | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat ¹ | |
| 1992-93 | 44 925 | 692 | 8 949 | 7 456 | 5 749 | 67 770 |
| 1993-94 | 47 458 | 515 | 9 992 | 7 047 | 6 019 | 71 031 |
| 1994-95 | 49 827 | 1 059 | 11 230 | 8 412 | 5 982 | 76 511 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| February | 3 784 | 1 | 1 208 | 586 | 411 | 5 990 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| February p | 4 547 | 8 | 1 130 | 615 | 464 | 6 763 |
| March p | 5 931 | 18 | 1 311 | 808 | 572 | 8 641 |
| April p | 4 370 | 36 | 884 | 689 | 464 | 6 444 |
| May p | 4 881 | 39 | 895 | 761 | 532 | 7 108 |
| June p | 4 864 | 38 | 877 | 829 | 553 | 7 161 |
| July p | 3 569 | 30 | 389 | 481 | 426 | 4 895 |
| August p | 2 312 | 353 | 378 | 514 | 475 | 4 031 |
| September p | 2 354 | 418 | 372 | 546 | 470 | 4 161 |
| October p | 3 151 | 141 | 529 | 540 | 399 | 4 761 |
| November p | 3 846 | 24 | 797 | 659 | 449 | 5 775 |
| December p | 4 145 | 17 | 983 | 764 | 546 | 6 456 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| January | 4 467 | 4 | 937 | 733 | 397 | 6 538 |
| February | 4 122 | 5 | 852 | 761 | 410 | 6 150 |

¹ Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

(Source: Livestock Products, Australia, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

23

PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED, TASMANIA ('000 tonnes)

| Year or quarter | Concentrate | | | | | | | Zinc |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------|-------------|-----------|------|-------|
| | Copper | Iron (pellets) | Iron pyrite | Lead | Lead-copper | Lead-zinc | Tin | |
| 1992-93 | 107.6 | 1 458.9 | 94.5 | 90.7 | 1.2 | 69.5 | 12.1 | 454.3 |
| 1993-94 | 128.1 | 1 565.9 | 87.9 | 93.4 | 0.0 | 57.5 | 13.4 | 316.5 |
| 1994-95 | 59.4 | 1 483.8 | 22.9 | 97.4 | 0.0 | 45.3 | 14.3 | 350.6 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 23.3 | 369.9 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 3.7 | 83.7 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 3.4 | 301.3 | 0.0 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 9.6 | 3.2 | 90.5 |
| June | 3.9 | 415.8 | 0.0 | 26.5 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 4.2 | 86.2 |
| September | 4.5 | 463.0 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 4.1 | 93.6 |
| December | 4.4 | 416.0 | 0.0 | 29.7 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 98.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 3.3 | 326.9 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 0.0 | 11.4 | 3.4 | 84.8 |

(Source: Tasmania—Development and Resources)

24

SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS: LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED, TASMANIA ('000 m³)

| Year or quarter | Tasmanian-grown logs delivered | | | | | Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced ¹ | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | Hardwoods | | Softwoods | | | Hardwoods | | Softwoods | | |
| | Eucalypts | Other hardwoods ² | Plantation ³ | Natives ⁴ | Total | Eucalypts | Other hardwoods ² | Plantation ³ | Natives ⁴ | Total |
| 1992-93 | 554.5 | 13.0 | 312.8 | 2.8 | 883.2 | 188.9 | 2.9 | 131.6 | 0.7 | 324.1 |
| 1993-94 | 584.3 | 15.3 | 299.2 | 1.5 | 900.4 | 203.5 | 3.1 | 141.0 | 0.5 | 348.0 |
| 1994-95 | 653.1 | 12.6 | 304.9 | 2.8 | 973.4 | 212.5 | 4.3 | 142.7 | 0.6 | 360.1 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 132.6 | 3.8 | 70.2 | 0.3 | 206.9 | 50.5 | 0.7 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 86.4 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 140.0 | 5.0 | 77.4 | 0.4 | 222.8 | 46.5 | 0.6 | 38.1 | 0.1 | 85.3 |
| June | 149.4 | 4.5 | 76.1 | 0.4 | 230.4 | 52.1 | 1.1 | 34.1 | 0.2 | 87.5 |
| September | 170.2 | 3.8 | 76.3 | 0.6 | 250.9 | 59.5 | 1.2 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 95.9 |
| December | 163.0 | 3.7 | 68.8 | 0.3 | 235.8 | 55.2 | 1.0 | 36.1 | 0.2 | 92.5 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 132.3 | 3.0 | 82.5 | 1.1 | 218.9 | 44.5 | 1.0 | 37.0 | 0.1 | 82.6 |
| June | 187.6 | 2.1 | 77.4 | 0.7 | 267.8 | 53.4 | 1.1 | 34.6 | 0.1 | 89.2 |
| September | 182.6 | 1.7 | 79.6 | 0.2 | 264.2 | 54.4 | 1.3 | 35.8 | 0.1 | 91.6 |
| December | 137.8 | 1.4 | 69.9 | 0.2 | 209.4 | 48.1 | 1.0 | 35.8 | 0.2 | 85.2 |

¹ Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

² Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

³ Radiata pine.

⁴ Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

25

CHIPPING AND GRINDING OF WOOD¹, TASMANIA

| Year or quarter | Producing locations (no.) ² | Materials used ('000 m ³) ³ | | Chipped and ground wood production ('000 tonnes green weight) |
|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|---|
| | | Logs delivered ⁴ | Sawmill offcuts | |
| 1992-93 | 31 | 3 350.6 | 295.8 | 3 565.8 |
| 1993-94 | 30 | 3 448.8 | 339.8 | 3 726.1 |
| 1994-95 | 31 | 4 064.1 | 394.2 | 4 343.1 |
| 1993 | | | | |
| December | 31 | 818.5 | 96.9 | 885.8 |
| 1994 | | | | |
| March | 31 | 818.3 | 71.3 | 868.3 |
| June | 30 | 841.6 | 83.3 | 944.0 |
| September | 30 | 939.8 | 86.3 | 991.3 |
| December | 31 | 1 065.8 | 92.0 | 1 115.4 |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 31 | 1 090.6 | 95.7 | 1 177.1 |
| June | 31 | 967.9 | 120.1 | 1 059.3 |
| September | 31 | 935.6 | 118.2 | 1 044.1 |
| December | 31 | 932.1 | 104.6 | 939.9 |

¹ Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.

² Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.

³ Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m³ per tonne.

⁴ Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

| Year or quarter | Sawmilling and plywood milling | | | Chipping and grinding ¹ | | | Total | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total |
| 1992-93 | 698.9 | 184.3 | 883.2 | 1 753.4 | 1 597.2 | 3 350.6 | 2 452.3 | 1 781.5 | 4 233.7 |
| 1993-94 | 696.5 | 203.9 | 900.4 | 1 697.0 | 1 751.8 | 3 448.8 | 2 393.5 | 1 955.7 | 4 349.2 |
| 1994-95 | 780.3 | 193.2 | 973.4 | 1 966.8 | 2 097.3 | 4 064.1 | 2 747.1 | 2 290.4 | 5 037.6 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 161.7 | 45.2 | 206.9 | 417.5 | 401.0 | 818.5 | 579.2 | 446.2 | 1 025.4 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 170.9 | 51.9 | 222.8 | 393.7 | 424.6 | 818.3 | 564.6 | 476.5 | 1 041.1 |
| June | 182.2 | 48.3 | 230.4 | 397.7 | 443.9 | 841.6 | 579.9 | 492.2 | 1 072.0 |
| September | 199.8 | 51.1 | 250.9 | 481.0 | 458.8 | 939.8 | 680.8 | 509.9 | 1 190.7 |
| December | 180.6 | 55.2 | 235.8 | 467.9 | 597.8 | 1 065.8 | 648.5 | 653.0 | 1 301.6 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 184.7 | 34.2 | 218.9 | 480.3 | 610.3 | 1 090.6 | 665.0 | 644.5 | 1 309.5 |
| June | 215.2 | 52.7 | 267.8 | 537.6 | 430.3 | 967.9 | 752.8 | 483.0 | 1 235.8 |
| September | 212.5 | 51.7 | 264.2 | 438.2 | 497.4 | 935.6 | 650.6 | 549.2 | 1 199.8 |
| December | 163.9 | 45.4 | 209.4 | 388.3 | 543.8 | 932.1 | 552.2 | 589.3 | 1 141.5 |

¹ Logs used are generally below sawmilling standard; includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

² Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania.
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

27

BUILDING APPROVALS, TASMANIA

| <i>New residential building</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Year or month</i> | <i>No. of houses</i> | <i>No. of other residential buildings³</i> | <i>Total no. of dwelling units</i> | <i>Value of total dwelling units</i> | <i>Conversions etc.</i> | <i>Value of alterations and additions¹ to residential building</i> | <i>Value of non-residential building²</i> | | <i>Total value of building</i> |
| | | | | | | | <i>Private</i> | <i>Total</i> | |
| | | | | \$'000 | no. | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 1992-93 | 2 956 | 1 138 | 4 094 | 275 262 | n.a. | 33 050 | 62 416 | 103 107 | 411 419 |
| 1993-94 | 3 113 | 1 034 | 4 147 | 301 963 | 11 | 39 522 | 81 251 | 145 922 | 487 407 |
| 1994-95 | 2 576 | 596 | 3 172 | 244 623 | 14 | 39 963 | 117 984 | 161 567 | 446 152 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 277 | 114 | 391 | 26 562 | 1 | 2 809 | 4 638 | 9 588 | 38 959 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 236 | 50 | 286 | 21 890 | 2 | 3 549 | 8 635 | 10 934 | 36 373 |
| December | 145 | 74 | 219 | 18 832 | --- | 2 643 | 13 277 | 13 597 | 35 072 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 135 | 92 | 227 | 23 749 | 1 | 3 199 | 18 028 | 42 277 | 69 225 |
| February | 172 | 25 | 197 | 16 763 | — | 3 839 | 7 054 | 13 327 | 33 929 |
| March | 138 | 27 | 165 | 13 759 | — | 2 846 | 9 481 | 12 509 | 29 113 |

¹ Valued at \$10,000 and over.

² Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.

³ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

(Source: *Building Approvals, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

28

DWELLING COMMENCEMENTS, TASMANIA

| <i>New residential building</i> | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>Year or month</i> | <i>No. of houses</i> | | | | | | <i>No. of other residential buildings¹</i> | <i>Total no. of dwelling units</i> |
| | <i>Double brick</i> | <i>Brick veneer</i> | <i>Fibre cement</i> | <i>Timber</i> | <i>Other and not stated</i> | <i>Total houses</i> | | |
| 1992-93 | 277 | 1 933 | 103 | 447 | 65 | 2 825 | 1 129 | 3 954 |
| 1993-94 | 306 | 2 120 | 103 | 441 | 79 | 3 049 | 973 | 4 022 |
| 1994-95 | 132 | 1 816 | 93 | 402 | 62 | 2 505 | 645 | 3 150 |
| 1993 | | | | | | | | |
| February | 27 | 134 | 7 | 36 | 4 | 208 | 50 | 258 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| February | 13 | 134 | 5 | 38 | 9 | 199 | 42 | 241 |
| November | 17 | 117 | 7 | 33 | 5 | 179 | 26 | 205 |
| December | 13 | 101 | 4 | 22 | 7 | 147 | 7 | 154 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 18 | 104 | 7 | 18 | 9 | 156 | 54 | 210 |
| February | 13 | 98 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 155 | 11 | 166 |

¹ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

(Source: *Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8741.6.)

29 BANKING STATISTICS, TASMANIA^{1, 2} (\$m)

| Month | Deposits | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Current bearing interest | Current – not bearing interest | Fixed | Investment savings accounts | Statement savings accounts |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 547 | 301 | 1 565 | 581 | 189 |
| April | 540 | 295 | 1 590 | 569 | 186 |
| May | 544 | 281 | 1 599 | 560 | 186 |
| June | 545 | 285 | 1 549 | 553 | 186 |
| July | 568 | 275 | 1 572 | 552 | 188 |
| August | 580 | 270 | 1 594 | 550 | 189 |
| September | 599 | 263 | 1 673 | 549 | 192 |
| October | 605 | 258 | 1 690 | 547 | 189 |
| November | 620 | 270 | 1 672 | 546 | 190 |
| December | 628 | 279 | 1 659 | 546 | 191 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 646 | 272 | 1 646 | 546 | 190 |
| February | 665 | 265 | 1 639 | 544 | 174 |
| March | 690 | 271 | 1 657 | 550 | 160 |

29 BANKING STATISTICS, TASMANIA^{1, 2} (\$m) (continued)

| Month | Deposits — continued | | | Loans ³ |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| | Passbook/School savings accounts | Other | Total | |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 209 | 152 | 3 544 | 4 098 |
| April | 204 | 146 | 3 531 | 4 115 |
| May | 203 | 132 | 3 505 | 4 131 |
| June | 199 | 132 | 3 449 | 4 166 |
| July | 198 | 128 | 3 480 | 4 231 |
| August | 194 | 130 | 3 507 | 4 276 |
| September | 191 | 131 | 3 596 | 4 304 |
| October | 189 | 132 | 3 609 | 4 298 |
| November | 185 | 129 | 3 612 | 4 349 |
| December | 177 | 127 | 3 607 | 4 374 |
| 1996 | | | | |
| January | 175 | 127 | 3 601 | 4 372 |
| February | 171 | 127 | 3 585 | 4 422 |
| March | 171 | 128 | 3 626 | 4 450 |

¹ Due to changes to the *Banking Act 1959* in December 1989, which removed the distinction between trading and savings banks, figures previously published in this table are no longer comparable with those shown above.

² Details are the averages of weekly figures for each month. The figures are derived from returns submitted by banks authorised under the *Banking Act* together with similar returns voluntarily submitted by the State banks; they exclude the Reserve Bank.

³ Excludes non-resident loans.

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

30 PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET, TASMANIA¹ (\$m)

| Year or quarter | New buildings and structures | Equipment, plant, and machinery | Total |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1992–93 | 104 | 342 | 446 |
| 1993–94 | 100 | 341 | 441 |
| 1994–95 | 133 | 503 | 636 |
| 1994 | | | |
| September | 28 | 76 | 103 |
| December | 19 | 129 | 147 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 46 | 129 | 175 |
| June | 41 | 170 | 211 |
| September | 51 | 95 | 146 |
| December | 45 | 93 | 138 |

¹ Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only—mining, manufacturing, finance, property and other selected industries.

(Source: *State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure*, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

31 PASSENGER ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, TASMANIA¹

| Period | Arrivals | | | | Cruise ships | | |
|-------------|------------|----------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | By air | | | | | | |
| | Interstate | Inter-national | By sea | Total | Total departures ² | Arrivals | Departures |
| 1992 | 652 092 | 4 428 | 114 969 | 771 489 | 761 109 | 4 608 | 4 608 |
| 1993 | 694 244 | 5 144 | 115 381 | 814 769 | 814 835 | 2 033 | 2 033 |
| 1994 | 745 508 | 4 166 | 128 644 | 878 318 | 880 936 | 6 592 | 6 592 |
| 1995 | 785 641 | 3 982 | 116 869 | 906 492 | 908 005 | 6 199 | 6 199 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | |
| December | 78 749 | 419 | 13 433 | 92 601 | 79 187 | — | — |
| 1995 | | | | | | | |
| October | 65 079 | 346 | 10 889 | 76 314 | 75 628 | — | — |
| November | 68 990 | 394 | 10 187 | 79 571 | 77 855 | 810 | 810 |
| December | 84 067 | 452 | 11 972 | 96 491 | 80 306 | 1 590 | 1 590 |

¹ The following persons are not included in these statistics: passengers under three years of age accompanied by an adult; passengers travelling on chartered flights with minor carriers; passengers travelling on private or VIP flights; and passengers from or departing for overseas other than direct flights to New Zealand.

² The proportion of departing passengers who were visitors was shown to be about 58% in the 1981 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 55% in the 1984 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, about 53% in the 1986 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, almost 65% in the 1990 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, and almost 60% in the 1994 survey.

(Source: Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation)

32 TOTAL PASSENGER ARRIVALS BY AIR AND SEA INTO TASMANIA

| Period | Original | Seasonally adjusted ¹ | Trend |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1994 | | | |
| December | 92 601 | 74 050 | 76 229 |
| 1995 | | | |
| October | 76 314 | 77 332 | 74 236 |
| November | 79 571 | 81 289 | 74 931 |
| December | 96 491 | 77 326 | 76 030 |

¹ There is an annual recalculation of seasonal adjustment factors to include the most recent year's arrivals. This occurs at the end of each financial year and may cause revisions to previously published seasonally adjusted and trend figures. A full time series of seasonally adjusted and trend series from January 1971 is available on request, telephone (002) 20 5870.

(Source: Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, ABS unpublished data.)

33 ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS, TASMANIA

Hotels, motels, etc. with facilities

| Period | Number of establishments | Guest rooms | Room nights | | Room occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Seasonally adjusted | Trend estimates | | |
| December quarter | | | | | | |
| 1993 | 179 | 5 342 | n.a. | n.a. | 54.0 | 18 661 |
| 1994 | 177 | 5 354 | | | 55.4 | 20 159 |
| 1995 | 180 | 5 503 | | | 57.0 | 22 090 |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 83 990 | 82 472 | 54.2 | 6 321 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 84 061 | 83 360 | 58.3 | 6 484 |
| December | 179 | 5 342 | 85 032 | 84 332 | 49.7 | 5 856 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 86 595 | 88 173 | 55.0 | 6 532 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 86 023 | 87 605 | 60.5 | 7 071 |
| December | 177 | 5 354 | 88 640 | 87 114 | 50.9 | 6 557 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 87 788 | 91 464 | 55.9 | 7 269 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 94 390 | 91 640 | 63.4 | 7 850 |
| December | 180 | 5 503 | 91 832 | 91 651 | 52.1 | 6 971 |

Holiday units

| | | Unit nights | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Number of establishments | Number of units | Seasonally adjusted | Trend estimates | Unit occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
| Period | | | | | | |
| December quarter | | | | | | |
| 1993 | 50 | 771 | n.a. | n.a. | 53.5 | 2 450 |
| 1994 | 52 | 816 | | | 57.0 | 3 036 |
| 1995 | 54 | 830 | | | 52.8 | 2 958 |
| 1993 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 12 436 | 12 156 | 56.6 | 849 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 11 823 | 12 247 | 53.1 | 782 |
| December | 50 | 771 | 12 428 | 12 432 | 50.8 | 819 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 13 592 | 13 568 | 58.4 | 1 017 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 14 120 | 13 859 | 59.9 | 999 |
| December | 52 | 816 | 13 618 | 14 134 | 52.8 | 1 020 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| October | n.a. | n.a. | 12 014 | 12 689 | 50.7 | 928 |
| November | n.a. | n.a. | 13 553 | 13 005 | 56.4 | 1 011 |
| December | 54 | 830 | 13 488 | 13 255 | 51.5 | 1 019 |

Caravan parks

| | | Number of establishments | Number of sites and cabins ¹ | Site occupancy rate % | Takings from accommodation \$'000 |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Period | | | | | |
| December quarter | | | | | |
| | 1993 | 68 | 6 425 | 30.1 | 1 589 |
| | 1994 | 75 | 6 953 | 30.4 | 1 818 |
| | 1995 | 72 | 6 440 | 33.2 | 1 923 |
| 1993 | October | n.a. | n.a. | 28.0 | 444 |
| | November | n.a. | n.a. | 28.7 | 484 |
| | December | 68 | 6 425 | 33.4 | 661 |
| 1994 | October | n.a. | n.a. | 27.9 | 525 |
| | November | n.a. | n.a. | 29.8 | 589 |
| | December | 75 | 6 953 | 33.6 | 704 |
| 1995 | October | n.a. | n.a. | 30.0 | 583 |
| | November | n.a. | n.a. | 32.4 | 616 |
| | December | 72 | 6 440 | 37.2 | 724 |

¹At end of quarter.

(Source: Tourist Accommodation, ABS catalogue number 8635.6.)

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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES, TASMANIA¹

| Year or month | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles ² | Total (excl. motor cycles) | Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses ³ | Motor cycles |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1993 | 10 019 | 2 478 | 12 497 | 1 507 | 440 |
| 1994 | 10 543 | 2 837 | 13 380 | 1 708 | 376 |
| 1995 | 10 919 | 2 874 | 13 793 | 1 952 | 393 |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| March | 729 | 238 | 967 | 13 | 32 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 879 | 218 | 1 097 | 1 | 57 |
| April | 593 | 226 | 819 | 1 | 24 |
| May | 973 | 383 | 1 356 | 6 | 30 |
| June | 846 | 368 | 1 214 | 16 | 25 |
| July | 772 | 257 | 1 029 | 65 | 21 |
| August | 1 061 | 208 | 1 269 | 245 | 28 |
| September | 1 076 | 184 | 1 260 | 373 | 36 |
| October | 1 072 | 208 | 1 280 | 301 | 35 |
| November | 702 | 151 | 853 | 62 | 32 |
| December | 1 489 | 245 | 1 734 | 842 | 37 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| January | 670 | 203 | 873 | 5 | 36 |
| February | 777 | 212 | 989 | 62 | 48 |
| March p | 764 | 195 | 959 | 3 | 33 |

¹ Includes State and Commonwealth Government-owned motor vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

² Comprises utilities, panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks and other truck-type vehicles (i.e. motor vehicles designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g. campervans, tow trucks, ambulances and hearses) and buses.

³ These figures are included in previous columns.

(Source: Motor Vehicle Registrations Australia, ABS catalogue number 9301.0. ABS unpublished data.)

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES, TASMANIA¹

| Period | Original \$m | Trend estimates ² | |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | \$m | % change from corresponding month of previous year |
| 1994 | | | |
| March | 233.6 | 231.4 | 6.6 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 232.7 | 234.2 | 1.2 |
| April | 229.7 | 236.1 | 2.0 |
| May | 229.0 | 237.1 | 2.4 |
| June | 226.6 | 237.3 | 2.5 |
| July | 225.3 | 237.1 | 2.5 |
| August | 230.5 | 236.9 | 2.6 |
| September | 222.3 | 237.4 | 3.1 |
| October | 236.0 | 238.6 | 4.1 |
| November | 251.6 | 240.4 | 5.1 |
| December | 320.5 | 242.4 | 5.8 |
| 1996 | | | |
| January | 240.5 | 244.3 | 6.2 |
| February | 233.5 | 245.8 | 5.9 |
| March | 241.3 | 247.3 | 5.6 |

¹ Survey has been re-designed—see Information Paper (8511.0).

² Trend estimates revised each month.

(Source: Retail Trade, Australia, ABS catalogue number 8501.0.)

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | Aust. ¹ |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population, September 1995 ('000) p | 6 135.0 | 4 511.1 | 3 297.9 | 1 474.7 | 1 740.1 | 473.3 | 18 114.4 |
| Proportion of Australian population, September 1995 (%) p | 33.9 | 24.9 | 18.2 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| Population growth rate, 12 months to September 1995 (%) p | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force | | | | | | | |
| Employment growth, 12 months to April 1996 (trend series) (%) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 0.9 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 1.1 |
| Females | 2.9 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | - 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Persons | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| Unemployment rate (trend series), April 1996 (%) | 8.1 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 10.4 | 8.6 |
| Unemployment growth, 12 months to April 1996 (trend series) (%) | 2.8 | 1.0 | 5.3 | - 3.5 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Participation rate (trend series), April 1996 (%) | 62.4 | 63.5 | 64.3 | 61.9 | 65.7 | 61.4 | 63.5 |
| Average weekly overtime worked per employee, February 1996 (hours) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Job vacancy rate, February 1996 (%) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to February 1996 (days per '000 employees) | 54 | 70 | 126 | 24 | 168 | 23 | 79 |
| Wages and Prices | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (trend series) February 1996 (\$) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 809.3 | 754.3 | 694.4 | 704.4 | 802.6 | 687.0 | 764.6 |
| Females | 626.9 | 597.6 | 565.7 | 567.1 | 584.7 | 566.8 | 600.5 |
| Persons | 742.9 | 702.2 | 647.5 | 660.1 | 724.7 | 647.8 | 706.6 |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, growth rate, 12 months to February 1996 (%) | 5.3 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 6.1 | 2.3 | 4.1 |
| Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to March quarter 1996 (%) | 4.7 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| Building | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of new residential dwelling units approved in 12 months ended March 1996, over the same period previous year | 21.9 | - 22.3 | - 38.5 | - 43.8 | 33.0 | - 25.1 | - 29.6 |
| Finance and Retail Trade | | | | | | | |
| % change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended December 1995, over the same period previous year | 9.4 | 15.8 | 19.0 | - 5.3 | 14.1 | 34.8 | 12.7 |
| % change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, March 1996 (change from corresponding month of the previous year) | 12.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 10.3 | 5.6 | 8.2 |
| Transport | | | | | | | |
| % change in number of new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered 12 months ended March 1996, over the same period previous year | - 1.0 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 1.3 | - 0.5 | 2.3 |
| Agriculture | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended January 1996 over the same period previous year | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | - 1.3 | 2.3 | - 10.7 | 5.1 | 1.5 | 10.4 | - 2.7 |
| Sheep and lambs | - 13.6 | - 12.3 | - 12.2 | - 20.1 | 10.7 | - 16.1 | - 13.9 |
| Tourism | | | | | | | |
| Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels etc. with facilities, December quarter 1995 (%) | 60.1 | 55.6 | 63.2 | 52.9 | 62.2 | 57.0 | 59.7 |
| Australian National and State Accounts | | | | | | | |
| % change in GSP (GDP), Constant Price | | | | | | | |
| Trend Series | | | | | | | |
| Sept qtr 1995 to Dec. qtr 1995 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Dec. qtr 1994 to Dec. qtr 1995 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | — | 3.3 |

¹ Australian totals include the ACT and NT.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains latest figures for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation and may be subject to revision in subsequent issues. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

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| n.y.a. | not yet available |
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