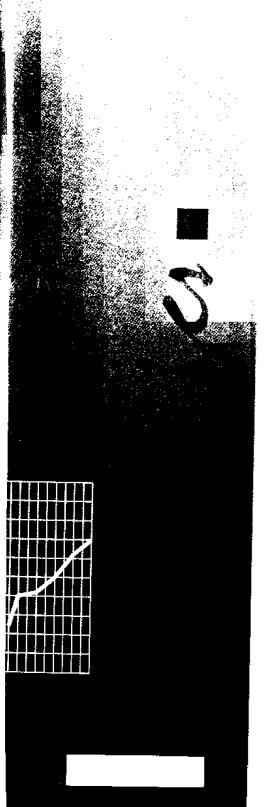


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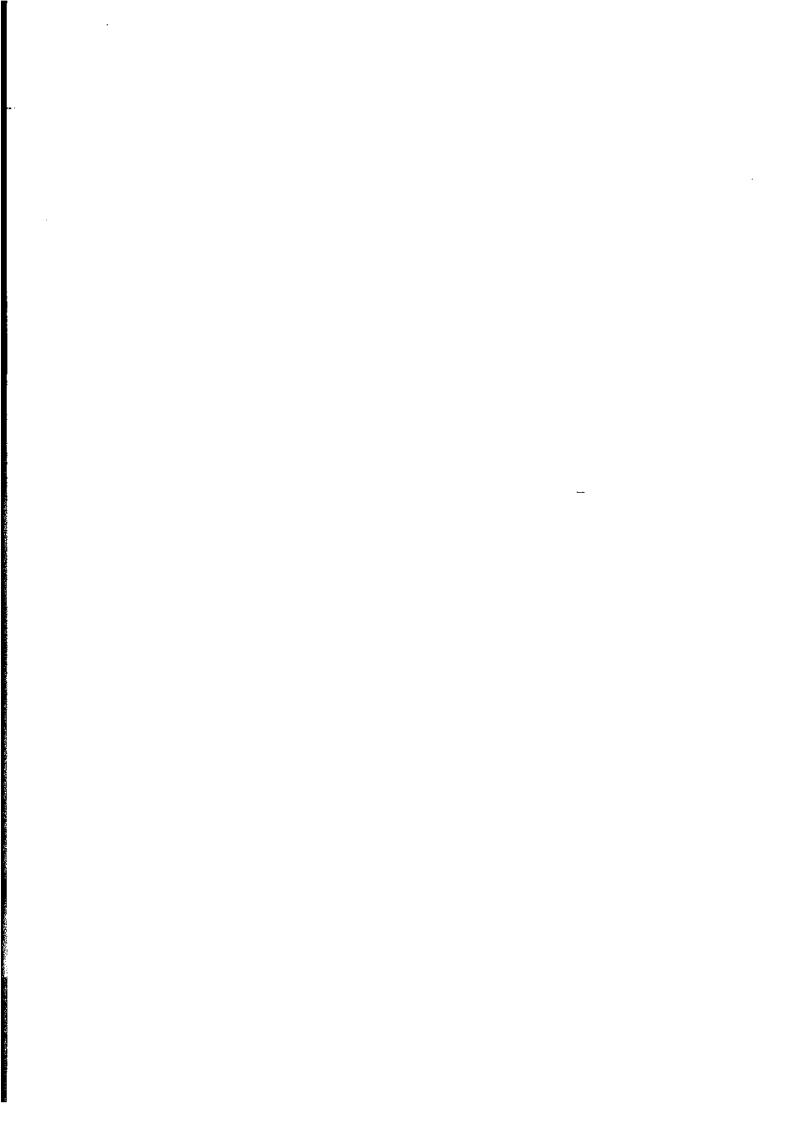


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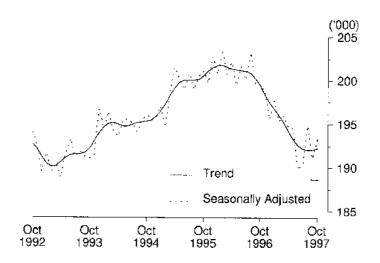
#### **MAIN FEATURES**

**EMPLOYMENT** 

State comparisons trend estimates

The Australian and State *trend* series comparisons are given on page 25. There was a decrease of 3.6% in Tasmania's employment over the year to October 1997. The largest percentage increase in employment was in Queensland (2.7%). Next followed Western Australia (2.4%), South Australia (0.8%) and Victoria (0.2%). New South Wales had a decrease in employment of 0.6%.

#### EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



Regional comparisons original terms

In the Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions the estimate of employment in *original* terms in September 1997 was 94,500, and compares with 100,100 in September 1996. The estimate of employment in the Northern Statistical Division in September 1997 was 53,700 and compares with 58,700 in September 1996. The estimate of employment in the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division was 43,500 in September 1997, and compares with 41,300 in September 1996. (See tables 3–8, pages 2–7.)

#### THE LABOUR FORCE

Trend estimates

There were an estimated 217,300 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in October 1997 and an estimated 369,800 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 58.8%. This compares with 60.4% in October 1996.

For males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 69.9%, compared with 71.1% for October 1996. For females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 48.0%, compared with 50.0% in October 1996.

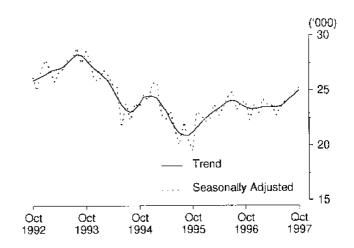
(See table 3, page 2.)

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates

The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for October 1997 was 25,000. This compares with 23,500 for October 1996. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate of 11.5% in October 1997 compares with 10.5% in October 1996. (See tables 3–8, pages 2–7.)

#### UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



#### AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES

Original terms

From June 1996 to June 1997, weekly award rates of pay indexes for Tasmania increased 1.1% for full-time adult female employees and 0.7% for full-time adult male employees, with a combined annual increase of 0.8%. For Australia, the figures were 1.9% for females and 1.2% for males, with a combined annual increase of 1.4%.

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases over the same twelve-month period occurred in the Transport and storage industry (6.9%); and the Recreational, 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 Recreation, personal and other services industry (1.9%); and the Transport and storage industry (1.6%).

The largest occupation increases over the same period for full-time adult female employees were for Para-professionals (2.6%); Tradespersons (1.2%); and Clerks (1.2%).

For full-time adult male employees the largest occupation increase over the period were for Clerks (0.9%); and Salespersons and personal service workers (0.9%).

(See table 15, page 11.)

## BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES

Original terms

The price index of materials used in house building in Hobart fell by 0.2% over the twelve months ending September 1997. All other capital cities recorded increases over the period, with Adelaide being the highest, at 2.3%. The weighted average of the capital cities increased by 1.5% over the same period.

The price index for materials used in building other than house building in Hobart increased by 0.6% over the year ending September 1997. All of the other State capitals recorded increases, with Brisbane being the highest at 2.0%. The index for the weighted average of the eight capital cities increased by 1.2% over the same period.

The components of this index that recorded the largest increases in Hobart over the year ending September 1997 were steel decking and cladding (up 5.9%), clay bricks (up 2.7%) and aluminium windows (up 2.3%). These rises were partly offset by falls in the prices of sand and aggregate (down 8.8%) and structural timber (down 5.1%). (See tables 15 and 18, pages 11 and 13.)

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Original terms

The Consumer Price Index (All Groups) for Hobart fell by 0.6% in the September quarter of 1997, and by 0.4% for the year ending September. This compared with a fall of 0.4% for the weighted average of the eight capital cities for the September quarter, and a fall of 0.3% for the year.

The only capital city to record an increase in the index for the year ending September 1997 was Brisbane with an increase of 0.1%. Capital cities recording the largest decrease were Adelaide (-0.8%) and Perth (-0.7%).

Major contributors to the annual decrease at the national level were mortgage interest charges (-26.4%), the price of video and sound equipment (-6.3%); the price of records, cassettes and tapes (-5.5%); the price of fresh vegetables (-4.7%); and the price of motor vehicles (-4.4%). These were partly offset by increases in fresh potatoes (39.8%); tea and coffee (9.9%); education fees (6.4%); vehicle insurance (6.1%); and privately owned dwelling rents (2.9%). (See tables 15 and 17, pages 11 and 12.)

#### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates

In September 1997, the *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of cattle and calves in Tasmania was 1.2% lower than the previous month. Over the same period, the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered remained virtually unchanged while the number of pigs slaughtered decreased by 1.5%.

In September 1997, the *trend* estimate of the number of cattle and calves slaughtered was 23,100, which was 11.9% above the number slaughtered in September 1996.

The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of sheep and lambs was 73,500 in September 1997, which was 29.2% above the number slaughtered in September 1996. This was the thirteenth successive monthly increase in the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in Tasmania, and 11.7% above the *trend* estimate for September 1995.

The *trend* estimate of 6,500 pigs slaughtered in September 1997 was 1.5% below the number slaughtered in September 1996, and 12.6% below the *trend* estimate for September 1995. (See table 21, page 16.)

#### BUILDING APPROVALS

#### Original terms

There were 149 dwelling units approved during September 1997 in Tasmania. This was 9.6% above the August 1997 figure, and a decrease of 6.9% on the number recorded for September 1996.

For the twelve months ended September 1997, there were 1,836 new dwelling units approved, 20.5% below the number recorded for the twelve months ended September 1996.

The value of new residential buildings approved, at current prices, in September 1997 was \$13.8 million, 25.6% above the August 1997 figure and 5.4% above the September 1996 figure.

The value of all building approved, at current prices, in September 1997 was \$30.1 million, 44.0% above the August 1997 figure and 18.5% above the September 1996 figure.

(See table 27, page 20.)

#### HOUSING FINANCE

#### Trend estimates

The *trend* estimate for the number of new secured housing finance commitments entered into in Tasmania in September 1997 was 799 dwellings, a slight increase on the previous month's figure of 798, but less than the September 1996 figure of 1,081.

The value of new commitments has risen steadily since March 1997 to the September 1997 figure of \$61.8 million. However, when compared to the September 1996 value, a fall of 14.2% is observed over the twelve-month period.

Nationally, the total number of Australian dwelling commitments increased 0.2% between August 1997 and September 1997; the value of these commitments increasing 1.2% over the same period. When examining the annual change in the number of housing commitments, an increase of 0.4% is observed between September 1996 to September 1997. The value of commitments rose 13.0% over the same period. (See table 28, page 20.)

## PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The net debt of the Tasmanian State Government (consolidated state general government and public trading enterprises) at 30 June 1997 was \$3,181 million. This is a decrease of 2.5% on the previous years figure of \$3,264 million, and has been caused by a reduction in gross debt, slightly offset by a fall in total cash, deposits and lending.

Tasmanian local government net debt increased 150% from the previous years figure, to \$85 million as at 30 June 1997. The main cause of the increase was the transfer of the Hobart Regional Water Board from the State to the local government sector, and the drawing down of cash reserves by the Hobart City Council for the construction of the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

Total Tasmanian Public Sector Debt (consolidated state and local government) at the 30 June 1997 was \$3,265 million, a reduction of 1% on the previous years figure of \$3,298 million. This has been caused by a fall in gross debt, offset by a decrease in the level of total cash, deposits and lending.

The level of unfunded employee entitlements being carried by the State and local sector has been steadily increasing and is currently valued at \$2,065 million. State government is responsible for \$2,043 million or 98.9% of these entitlements, while local government is responsible for only \$23 million or 1.1%, resulting from higher participation in fully funded superannuation schemes.

Source: Public Sector Financial Assets and Liabilities, Australia, 30 June 1997, ABS catalogue number 5513.0, released on 5 November 1997.

## GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

It is expected that the Tasmanian State Government will return a surplus adjusted for net advances of \$7 million in the 1997–98 financial year. This follows surpluses of \$72 million in 1996–97, \$59 million in 1995–96 and \$44 million in 1994–95. In the years immediately preceding 1994–95, the Tasmanian State Government experienced deficits of varying magnitudes.

Total outlays for Tasmanian consolidated State government for the 1997–98 financial year are estimated to be \$2,415 million, (up 1.6% on the previous year) comprising current outlays of \$2,145 million and capital outlays of \$270 million.

Examination of estimated outlays by purpose for 1997–98 show that the major areas of current spending are other purposes (including interest) \$492 million, education \$480 million, health \$380 million, general public services \$178 million, and public order and safety \$156 million. Major areas of capital spending include fuel and energy \$113 million, and transport and communications \$53 million.

Source: Government Financial Estimates, Australia, 1997–98, ABS catalogue number 5501.0, released on 14 November 1997.

## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Original terms

There were 1,503 new motor vehicle registrations (excluding motorcycles) in Tasmania during September 1997. This was 14.4% above the figure for August 1997 and 11.5% above the figure for September 1996.

Of the new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in September 1997 in Tasmania, 547 were vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses, compared with 270 registered by vehicle rental businesses in August 1997 and 448 in September 1996. (See table 34, page 24.)

#### RETAIL

Original terms

In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia during September 1997 was \$10,762.5 million, 7.2% above the figure recorded in September 1996. In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in September 1997, for Tasmania, was \$255.7 million, 10.5% above the figure recorded for September 1996.

Trend Estimates

The trend estimate of retail turnover in Australia during September 1997 was \$11,179.1 million, 5.2% higher than for September 1996. The trend estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania recorded for September 1997 was \$270.9 million, 6.6% higher than the September 1996 figure. (See table 35, page 24.)



POPULATION: Original

	Estimated resident population at end of period	Natural increase <sup>1</sup>	Net estimated migration gain	Total population growth	growth rate <sup>2</sup>	
Year or quarter	,000	,000	·000	'000	%	
Year ended 30 June			, <u> </u>		7	
1992	469.8	3.2	- 0.3	3.0	0.64	
1993	471.6	3.1	- 1.5	1.8	0.38	
1994	472.9	3.1	- 2.0	1.3	0.28	
1995	473.7	2.9	- 2.4	0.8	0.18	
1996 р	474.6	2.6	- 2,2	0.9	0.18	
Quarter						
<b>1995</b>						
December	474.2	0.5	- 0.6	0.1	0.18	
1996						
March	474.5	0.8	- <b>0.</b> 7	0.2	0.16	
June	474.6	0.6	- 0,4	0.1	0.18	
September p	474.7	0.6	·- 0.5	0.1	0.11	
December p	474.2	0.6	- 1.1	- 0.4	0.01	
1997						
March p	473.8	0.7	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 0.14	

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{2}$  Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence). Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year. (Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTERED: Original

	Births	Births		Deaths		Infant mortality <sup>1</sup>		95
ear or quarter	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths	Rate <sup>3</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>
Year ended 31 December								
1992	6 <b>956</b>	14.8	3 722	7.9	43	6.2	3 081	6.5
1993	6 804	14,4	3 618	7.7	37	5.4	3 055	6,5
1994	6 836	14.4	3 909	8.3	46	6.7	2 887	6.1
1995	6 558	13.8	3 739	7.9	36	5.5	2 840	6.0
1996 p	6 419	13.5	3 884	8.2	29	4.5	2 654	5.6
Quarter 1995								
December	1 446	44	906	**	9	6.2	799	•
1996								
March p	1 748	1.	979		10	5.7	858	
June p	1 524		969		6	3.9	789	
September p	1 603	**	1 034		8	5.0	349	
December p	1 544		902	• •	3	1.9	658	
1997								
March p	1 521		862		6	3.9	896	

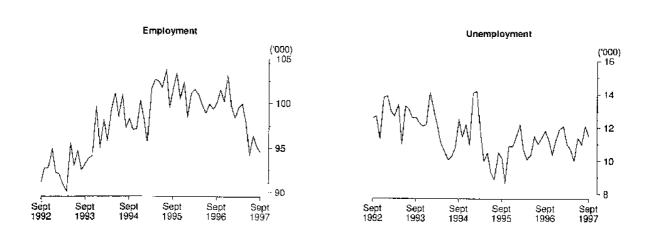
Registered deaths of children under one year of age.
Rate per 1,000 of estimated mean population.
Rate per 1,000 live births.
(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

	Seasonally a	djusted series			Trend Serie	Trend Series					
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy- ment rate	Participation rate			
Month	,000	,000	%	%	,000	.000	%	%			
				MALES							
1996											
October	<b>11</b> 4.4	14.2	11.1	70.9	115.1	14.0	10.9	71.1			
November	114.8	12.8	10.1	70.3	114.4	13.9	10.8	70.7			
December	113.0	14.7	11.5	70.3	113.7	14.0	10.9	70.3			
1997											
January	113.4	13.6	<b>1</b> 0.7	69.9	113.1	14.1	11.1	70.1			
February	112.1	14.7	11.6	69.8	112.7	14.2	11.2	69.9			
March	113.4	14.0	11.0	70.1	112.3	14.3	11.3	69.7			
	111.5	15.4	12.1	69.8	111.9	14.3	11.4	69.5			
April				69.2	111.6	14.3	11.3	69.3			
May	112.3	13.4	10.6								
June	110.6	13.7	11.0	68.4	111.6	14.2	11.3	69.2			
July	<b>11</b> 0.4	15.4	12.2	69.3	111.7	14.2	11.3	69.3			
August	113.1	14.0	11.0	69.9	112.0	14.3	11.3	69.5			
September	112.9	13.4	10.6	69.5	112.2	14,4	11.4	69.7			
October	112.5	15.6	12.2	70.4	112.6	14.5	11.4	69.9			
				FEMALES							
1996											
October	85.3	9.8	10.3	50.6	84.4	9.5	10.1	50.0			
November	84.0	9.4	10.1	49.8	84.1	9.4	10.1	49.8			
December	82.6	9.0	9.8	48.8	83.8	9.4	10.1	49.6			
1997											
January	84.5	9.3	9,9	49.9	83.6	9.3	10.0	49.5			
February	83.3	9.5	10.3	49.4	83.3	9.3	10.0	49.3			
-	82.6	9.7	10.5	49.2	82.9	9.2	10.0	49.0			
March			9.1	48.7	82.3	9.2	10.0	48.7			
April	83.3	8.3									
May	82.3	9.3	10.2	48.8	81.7	9.2	10.2	48.4			
June	79.4	9.8	<b>11</b> .0	47.5	81.0	9.4	10.4	48.1			
Ju <del>l</del> y	80.1	8.7	9.8	47.3	80.5	9.7	10.7	48.0			
August	81.8	10.2	11.0	48.9	80.1	9.9	11.0	47.9			
September	78.2	11.4	<b>12</b> .7	47.7	79.9	10.2	11.3	47.9			
October	80.8	9.7	10.7	48.1	79,7	10.4	11.6	48.0			
				TOTAL							
1996 October	199.6	24.0	10.7	60.6	199.5	23.5	10.5	60.4			
October			· ·	59.9	198.4	23.3	10.5	60.1			
November December	198.8 195.6	22.3 23.7	10.1 10.8	5 <b>9</b> .9 59.4	197.5	23.3	10.6	59.8			
1997	_										
January	197.8	22.9	10.4	59.8	196.8	23.4	10.6	59.6			
	195.4	24.2	11.0	59.5	196.0	23.5	10.7	59.4			
February March	195.4 196.0	23.7	10.8	59.5 59.5	195.2	23.5	10.7	59.2			
March				59.5 59.1	194.2	23.5	10.8	58.9			
April	194.7	23.6	10.8		193.3	23.5	10.8	58.7			
May	194.5	22.7	10.4	58.8							
June	18 <b>9</b> .9	23.5	11.0	57.8	192.6	23.6	10.9	58.5			
July	190.6	24.1	11.2	58.1	192.2	23.9	11.1	58.5			
August	194.9	24.2	11.0	59.2	192.1	24.3	11.2	5 <b>8</b> .5			
					192.1	24.6	11.4	58.6			
September	<b>191</b> .1	24.8	11.5	5 <b>8</b> .4			-L-1-1-1	VV-V			

		Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month	_	000	,000	%	%
		HOBART AND SOUTH	ERN STATISTICAL DIVISIO	NS	
1994	September	54.3	7.9	12.6	70.6
1 <b>9</b> 96	September	56.2	6.7	10.7	70.7
1997	July	53.9	6.9	11.3	67.3
	August	53.2	7.2	<b>1</b> 1.9	67.4
·	September	53.5	6.3	10.6	68.7
		NORTHERN S	TATISTICAL DIVISION		
1994	September	31.9	4.4	12.2	7 <b>1</b> .5
1996	September	34.5	3.9	10.2	74.5
1997	July	<b>31.</b> 7	4.2	11.6	70.1
	August	<b>32</b> .1	4.2	1. <b>1</b> .5	69.9
	September	33.0	4.4	11.7	69.2
		MERSEY-LYELL	STATISTICAL DIVISION		
L9 <b>9</b> 4	September	26.6	3.3	10.9	72.6
1996	September	24.5	3.9	13.6	69.5
L997	July	25.4	3.7	12.8 -	72.5
	August	25.3	2.5	9.1	69.4
	September	25.9	2.7	9.6	70.4
		TA	ASMANIA		
.994	September	112.8	15.5	12.1	71.3
996	September	115.2	14.5	11.2	71.5
997	July	111.1	14.2	11.7	69.2
	August	110.6	13.9	11.2	.68.5
	September	112.5	13.4	10.7	69.3

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force*, *Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
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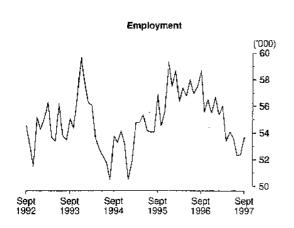
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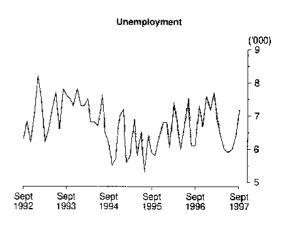


		Total employed	Tot <b>al</b> unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month		.000	'000	%	%
		HOBART AND SOUTH	ERN STATISTICAL DIVISIO	NS	····
1994	September	43.9	4.6	9.5	52.0
1996	September	44.0	5.0	10.3	52.1
1997	July	42.5	4.2	8.9	49.7
	August	41.9	4.9	10.5	50.2
	September	41.0	<b>5,</b> 2	11.3	51.2
		NORTHERN S	TATISTICAL DIVISION		
1994	September	21.9	1.7	7.3	45.5
1996	September	24.2	2.2	8.3	50.3
1997	July	20.6	1.8	8.2	42.9
	August	20.3	2.2	9.9	43.6
	September	20.6	2.8	12.0	43.6
		MERSEY-LYELL	STATISTICAL DIVISION		
1994	September	17.4	2.5	12.4	48.3
1996	September	16.8	2.0	10.9	45.9
1997	July	17,4	2.6	13.2	47.9
	August	18.0	2.5	12.2	48.0
	September	17.6	3.1	15.1	47.1
		T/	ASMANIA		
1994	September	83.2	8.8	9.6	49.4
1996	September	84.9	9.3	9.8	50.2
1997	July	80.5	8.6	9.7	47.4
	August	80.3	9.7	10.7	47.9
	September	79.2	11.2	12.3	48.1

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Northern Statistical Division—Persons: Original





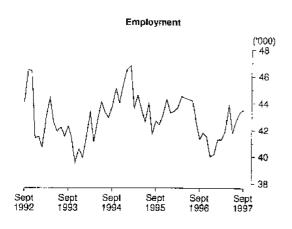
#### 6 LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, PERSONS1, 2: Original

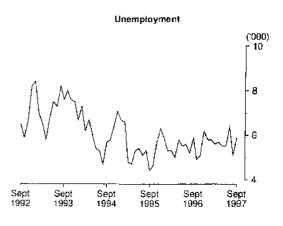
		Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month		·000	'000'	%	%
		HOBART AND SOUT	HERN STATISTICAL DIVISION	ONS	—·
1994	September	98.2	12.5	11.3	<b>61</b> .0
1996	September	100.1	11.8	10.5	61.1
1997	July	96.4	11.0	10.3	58.3
	August	95.2	12.1	11.3	58.6
	September	94.5	11.5	10.9	59.8
		NORTHERN	STATISTICAL DIVISION		
1994	September	53.8	6.2	10.3	58.4
1996	September	58.7	6.1	9.4	62.3
1997	July	52.3	6.0	10.3	56.4
	August	52.4	6.4	10.9	56.8
	September	53.7	7.2	11.8	56.5
		MERSEY-LYEL	L STATISTICAL DIVISION		
1994	September	43.9	<b>5.</b> 7	11.5	60.4
1996	September	41.3	5.9	12.5	57.6
1997	July	42.7	6.4	12.9	5 <b>9</b> .9
	August	43.3	5.1	10.5	58.3
	September	43.5	5.9	11.9	58.3
			TASMANIA		
1994	September	196.0	24.3	11.0	60.2
1996	September	200.1	23.8	10.6	60.7
1997	July	<b>1</b> 91.5	23.4	10.9	58.1
	August	<b>19</b> 0.9	23.6	11.0	58.0
	September	191.7	24.6	11.4	58.5

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

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 these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

### Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division---Persons: Original





		Employe	ed	Unemploye	ed						
		Full- time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total .	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15–19	Unem- ployment rate	Unem- ployment population ratio	Partici- pation rate
Month		,000	,000	,000	, <b>0</b> 00	.000	.000	'000	%	%	%
			ATTENI	DING NEITHER	SCHOOL	NOR A TER	TIARY INSTIT	UTION FULL T	IME		
1994	October	6.1	8.9	2.3	2.3	11.3	1.3	<b>12</b> .6	20.9	18.6	89.3
1996	October	6.9	8.4	1.8	1.9	10.3	1.7	12.1	18.2	15.6	85.5
1997	August September October	5.3 5.5 5.7	7.7 <b>8</b> .1 7.9	3.8 3.2 2.6	3.8 3.2 2.8	11.5 11.3 10.7	1.6 1.5 1.4	13.1 12.8 12.2	33.4 28.1 26.4	29.4 24.8 23.3	88.1 88.2 88.2
			Д	TTENDING SC	HOOL OR	A TERTIARY	INSTITUTION	FULL TIME			
1994	October	0.1	5.6	0.7	2.1	7.8	13.8	21.5	27.5	9.9	36.1
1996	October	0.3	6.3	0.2	2.1	8.4	13.8	22.1	25.0	9.5	37.8
1997	August September October	_ _ 0.1	4.9 5.4 6.4	0.2 0.9 0.7	1.9 1.9 1.9	6.7 7.3 8.3	14.6 14.4 14.0	21.4 21.7 22.3	27.5 26.2 23.3	8.7 8.8 8.7	31.4 33.8 37.3
						TOTAL	•				
1994	October	6.2	14.5	2.9	4.5	19.0	15.1	34.1	23.6	13.1	55.7
1996	October	7.3	14.7	2.0	4.0	18.2	15.5	34.2	21.3	11.6	54.6
1997	August September October	5.3 5.5 5.8	12.5 13.5 14.3	4.0 4.0 3.3	5.7 5.1 4.8	18.7 18.6 19.1	16.2 15.9 15.4	34.4 34.5 34.5	31.2 27.3 25.0	16.5 14.8 13.8	53.0 54.0 55.3

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Persons aged 15-19 years.  $^{2}$  For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to Labour Force, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6203.0. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

	August 1996	August 1	1997		Proportion of total employed	
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	August 1996	August 1997
Occupation	,000	,000	,000	'000	%	%
Managers and administrators	12.1	7.5	2.4	9.9	6.1	5.2
Generalist managers	1.5	1.4	0.2	1.5	0.8	8.0
Specialist managers	4.7	2.0	1.0	2.9	2.4	1.5
Farmers and farm managers	5.9	4.2	1.2	5.4	3.0	2.8
Professionals	28.5	15.7	15.4	31.2	14.3	16.3
Science, building and engineering						
professionals	2.6	2.8	0.4	3.3	1.3	1.7
Business and information professionals	5.8	5.1	<b>1</b> .4	6.5	2.9	3.4
Health professionals	6.7	1.4	5.3	6.7	3.4	3.5
Education professionals	7.5	2.6	6.7	9.3	3.8	4.9
Social, arts and miscellaneous						
professionals	6.0	3.8	1.6	5.4	2.8	2.8
Associate professionals	17.4	12.0	5.4	17.4	8.7	9.1
Science, engineering and related	<u> </u>		_			
associate professionals	2.5	1.8	0.5	2.3	1.3	1.2
Business and administration associate						
professionals	3.3	2.3	8.0	3.1	1.7	1.6
Managing supervisors (sales and service)	8.5	5.3	2.5	7.8	4.3	4.1
Other associate professionals	3.0	2.7	1.6	4.3	1.5	2.3
Fradespersons and related workers	27.2	25.6	2.5	28.1	13.6	14.7
Mechanical and fabrication engineering					_	_ ,,,
tradespersons	5.5	6.2	0.0	6.2	2.8	3.2
Automotive tradespersons	2.9	3.1	0.0	3.1	1.5	1.6
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	4.5	4.1	0.0	4.1	2.3	2.1
Construction Tradespersons	5.9	5.5	0.0	5.5	3.0	2.9
Other tradespersons and related workers	8.3	6.6	2.5	9.1	4.2	4.8
Advanced clerks and service workers	4.1	0.7	3.8	4.5	2.1	2.4
Secretaries and personal assistants	1.7	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	1.0
Other advanced clerical and service workers		0.7	1.8	2.5	1.2	1.3
ntermediate clerical, sales and						
service workers	39.9	11.7	27.1	38.8	20.0	20.3
Intermediate clerical workers	23.6	7.4	17.2	24.7	11.8	12.9
Intermediate sales and related workers	3.6	1.7	0.7	2.4	1.8	1.3
Intermediate service workers	12.7	2.6	9.2	11.8	6.4	6.2
ntermediate production and						
transport workers	21.5	17.1	1.4	18.5	10.8	0.7
Intermediate plant operators	6.8	5.6				9.7
Intermediate machine operators	3.0	1.0	0.0	5.6	3.4	2.9
Road and rail transport drivers	6.5	6.7	0.7	1.7	1.5	0.9
Other intermediate production and	0.5	0.7	0.3	7.0	3.3	3.5
transport workers	5.2	3.9	0.3	4.2	2.6	2.2
lementary clerical, sales and						
service workers	22.3	7.6	14.4	22.0	11.2	11.5
Elementary clerks	3.1	1.3	1.4	2.7		
Elementary sales workers	17.4	5.2	12.4		1.6	1,4
Elementary service workers	1.8	1.1	0.7	17.6 1.8	8.7 0.9	9.2 0.9
shourage and colored warkers	ne 2	407	7.0			
abourers and related workers Cleaners	<b>26.3</b> 5.7	12.7	7.9	20.5	13.2	10.7
		<b>1</b> .4	4.3	5.8	2.9	3.0
Factory labourers Other labourers and related workers	5.4 15.1	3.5	1.1	4.6	2.7	2.4
Other languists diff related wolvels	15.1	7.7	2.5	10.2	7.6	5.3
otal employed	199.3	110.6	80.3	190.9	100.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup> From August 1997, revisions to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) have resulted in changes to this table.
2 For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to Labour Force, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

	Employees, N	May 1997	Percentage distribution		
<i>Industry</i>	Private No. ('000)	Public No. ('000)	Private and public No. ('000)	May 1995	May 1997
Agriculture, forestry, & fishing	n.a.	0,6	0.6	n.a.	0.4
Mining	2.2		2.2	1.6	1.3
Manufacturing	23,1	0.1	23.2	14.5	14.0
Electricity, gas & water, construction	6.4	2.4	8.8	6.3	5.3
Wholesale & retail trade	28.7		28.7	18.6	17.3
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	11.6		11.6	6.7	7.0
Fransport & storage	5.8	1.1	6.9	3.7	4.1
Communication services	0.5	2.2	2.7	1.5	1.6
Finance, insurance, property &					
business services	16.9	0.9	17.8	9.5	10.7
Education	3.7	14.8	18.4	11.2	11.1
Government administration and defence	e —	9.3	9.3	6.9	5.6
Health and community services	14.0	9.4	23.4	14.3	14.1
Cultural, recreational, personal and		•	40.0	4 7	77
other services	9.7	3.1	12.8	4.7	7.7
Total all industries	122.5	43.8	166.3	100.0	100.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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: Original

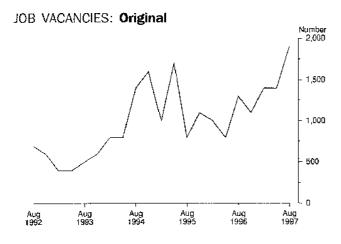
Month	Average w	Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons <sup>1</sup>			Average weekly overtime hours <sup>2</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Per employee	Per employee working overtime	working overtime	
1994							
August	39.4	26.9	34.1	1.0	6.5	15.6	
1996							
August	38.8	27.2	33.9	0.8	5.4	14.4	
November	38.7	26.8	33. <del>6</del>	8.0	6.2	12.7	
1997							
February	38.0	26.2	33.1	0.9	6.6	13.6	
May	39.4	27.8	34.4	8,0	5.9	13.3	
August	38.4	26.8	33.5	0.7	6.5	11.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6354.0.

JOB VACANCIES<sup>1</sup>: Original

	<del>_</del>					
Period	Number	Rate <sup>2</sup> %				
1994						
August	1 400	0.9				
1996						
August	1 300	8.0				
November	1 100	0.7				
1997						
February	1 400	1.0				
May	1 400	1.0				
August	1 900	1.4				

For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies* and *Overtime, Australia,* catalogue number 6354.0. Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.



## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES1: Original

	Working days lost	Twelve months ending	Working days lost per thousand employees
Month	'000		no.
1996		1996	
September	1.3	September	77
October	0.1	October	77
November	0.3	November	79
December	0.1	December	78
1997		1997	
January	0.0	January	73
February	0.0	February	73
March	0.0	March	73
April	0.0	April	7 <b>3</b>
May	1.4	May	81
June	0.0	June	79
July	3.7	July	75
August	0.0	August	43
_		<del></del>	

#### Twelve months ended 1997

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For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to  $\it Industrial Disputes, Australia$ , ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

		Full-time	adult males	All ,	Full-time	adult females		Full-time a	adult persons	All
	Survey reference period	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	males Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time eamings	Weekly total earnings	females Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	employees Weekly total earnings
Quarter		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	•			(	ORIGINAL					
1996										
June	17 May	663.40	702.80	621,90	570. <b>1</b> 0	583.20	389.30	631.90	662.40	503.30
September	16 August	666.90	699.20	624,30	556.30	567.40	387.70	629.10	654. <b>1</b> 0	506.50
December	15 November	688.50	728.50	643.00	574.20	584.90	393.70	649.90	680.00	517.70
1997										
March	21 February	705.80	742.10	658.80	584.30	594.80	407.80	664.40	691.90	533.10
June	<b>16</b> May	707.30	744.60	652.70	576.30	586.20	397.00	662.30	690.20	524.20
September	15 August	717.60	753.90	636.40	583.90		400.70	671.10	697.80	519.40
					TREND		·			
L996										
June	17 May	661.40	698.70	621.90	563.70	575.10	391.20	628.80	657.40	507.10
September	16 August	672.50	709.80	632.10	567.80	579.30	391.10	637.20	665.90	511.00
December	15 November	686.70	723.20	642.80	571.30	582.20	394.20	647.30	675.10	518.00
1997										
March	21 February	700.20	736.50	648.40	576,30	586.40	398.50	657.80	685.00	523.30
June	16 May	711.10	748.30	650.60	582.00		403.00	666.90	694.60	526,50
September	15 August	719.60	758.10	650.50	587.80		407.10	674.50	703.40	528.60

#### 14 WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES1: Original (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)

	1994	1996	1997		
Industry	June	June	April	May	June
Mining	137.7	150.9	150.9	150.9	150.9
Manufacturing	146.9	152.4	153.6	154.2	154.5
Electricity, gas and water	133.4	137.7	<b>1</b> 37.7	137.9	137.9
Construction	142.6	<b>1</b> 49.3	149.5	150.2	150.2
Wholesale trade	139.9	146.7	148.4	148.4	148.4
Retail trade	139.6	143.7	144.1	144.2	144.2
Fransport and storage	138.9	145.7	148.7	148.9	148.9
Communication	135.4	135.4	135.4	<b>13</b> 5.4	135.4
Finance, property and business					
services	137.8	140.5	140.6	140.7	140.7
Public administration and defence	148.3	157.9	<b>15</b> 8.6	<b>158</b> .6	158.6
Community services	140.8	148.4	149.1	149.5	149.5
Recreation, personal and other					
services	149.2	155.9	158.2	159.2	159.2
Total all industries	141.7	147.9	148.7	149.0	149.1

Period	CPI. All groups Hobart	Price index of materials used in house building. All groups, Hobart <sup>2</sup>	Price index of materials used in building other than house building. All groups, Hobart <sup>2</sup>	Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees
	PERCENTAGE	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEA	AR	
1994-95	3.1	4.0	1.9	2.7
1995-96	3.8	2.9	2.6	2.8
1996-97	1.5	-0.5	1.0	4.6
1995				
March	3.8	4.3	2.4	0.9
June	4.2	4.6	3.4	3.1
September	4.5	4.8	3.5	2.4
December	4.4	3.6	3.3	1.8
1996				
March	3.4	2.4	2.5	3.2
June	3.0	0.9	1.2	3.7
September	2.3	-0.2	0.9	3.0
December	1.8	-0.8	0.7	4.9
1997				
March	1.5	<b>-</b> 0.5	1.1	6.2
June	0.6	-0.4	1.3	4.2
September	-0.4	-0.2	0.6	6.7

(Sources: Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0; Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0, (quarterly from June 1997); Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0, (quarterly from June 1997); Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0)

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#### HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS1, HOBART: Original (Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0)

	Established h price index	ouse	Project home price index		
	Index	% change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% change <sup>2</sup>	
994-95	129.0	5.3	121.3	3.1	
995-96	129.8	0.6	123,4	1.7	
996–97	128.5	-1.0	123.3	-0.1	
995					
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	_	
996					
March	129.8	+0.5	123.3	-0.2	
June	131.2	+1.1	123.3	_	
September	130.2	-0.8	123.3		
December	128.5	-1.3	123.3		
997					
March	130.4	+1,5	123.3		
June	124.9	~4.2	123.3	_	

Weekly award rates of pay collection has been discontinued from June 1997.

Only quarterly data collected from June 1997. Earlier data has been re-compiled from monthly to quarterly.

March, June, September and December data relates to February, May, August and November survey dates as published in 6302.0.

Percentage change over previous period. (Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

	Hobart					
Perìod	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol
1995						
March	<b>11</b> 5.4	105.0	102.7	114.9	115.1	140.3
June	<b>11</b> 6.1	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	<b>119</b> .0	150.3
June	<b>118</b> .4	106.0	107.6	118.5	119.8	153.3
September	120.0	105.9	107.4	119.1	119.7	153.7
December	120.6	105.6	104.8	119.4	121.8	152.7
1.997						
March	120.7	105.7	101.9	120.1	122.8	153.1
June	121.0	105.3	98.4	120.1	121.7	153.5
September	121.0	104.8	97.7	119.7	122.2	153.6

	Hobart	Weighted ave eight capital e	~			
Period	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	Index, all groups	% change over previous period, all groups	Inde <del>x</del> -	% change over previous period
1995						
March	140.4	115.4	116.1	+1.7	114.7	+1.7
June	141.0	114.0	<b>11</b> 7, <b>1</b>	+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
June	150.5	116.0	120.6	+0.4	119.8	+0.7
September	<b>154.1</b>	115.1	121.1	+0.4	120.1	+0.3
December	154.8	116.8	121.3	+0.2	120.3	+0.2
1997						
March	159.4	120.5	121.9	+0.5	120.5	+0.2
June	162.6	119.2	121.3	-0.5	120.2	-0.2
September	153.0	119.2	120.6	-0.6	119.7	-0.4

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).
The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989–90 = 100:0.
(Source: Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401,0.)

	Index numbers for selected major building materials								
Period	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Steel decking, cladding etc.	Structural steel			
1994-95	124.5	116.8	117.8	122.2	107.7	116.4			
1995-96	119.0	122.6	115.2	129.5	111.5	121.4			
<b>199</b> 6–97	110.3	125.3	116.2	132.2	115.0	126.2			
1995									
March	124.6	118.0	117.0	122.5	107.8	<b>116</b> .0			
June	125.8	1.18.0	117.8	122.5	107.4	117.5			
September	<b>123.</b> 0	119.8	116.9	130.3	110.8	119.6			
December	120.0	123.2	116.0	130.3	111.0	121.2			
1996									
March	118.0	123.4	115.3	129.1	111.8	121.9			
June	115.0	124.0	112.7	128.4	112.3	123.0			
September	113.3	124.5	114.8	132.6	112.3	125.3			
December	109.9	125.2	116.0	132.6	112.2	126.0			
1997									
March	109.2	125.7	116.7	132.2	116.5	126.7			
June	108.9	125.7	117.4	131.2	118.8	126.8			
September	107.5	127.9	114.9	131.2	118.9	126.9			

	Index numbers :	Index numbers for selected major building materials							
Period	Reinforcing steel bar, fab- ric and mesh	Atuminium windows	Fabricated steel products	Builders' hardware	Sand & aggregate	Paint & other coatings	Non-ferrous pipes & fittings		
1994–95 1995–96 1996–97	106.7 108.9 110.7	101,2 104.5 105.9	106.7 108.9 113.3	112.8 118.3 117.2	133.0 133.1 132.7	116.0 120.1 126.6	172.7 172.9 165.2		
1995 March June September December	106.4 105.8 107.9 109.2	101.8 104.5 104.5 104.5	106.9 107.6 107.6 108.3	113.6 115.8 119.4 119.2	133.1 133.1 133.1 133.1	115.9 115.0 118.2 119.7	182.7 184.2 179.4 169.1		
<b>1996</b> March June September December	109.2 109.2 110.2 110.9	104.6 104.4 104.4 105.5	108.2 111.6 112.6 113.5	117.9 116.5 117.8 118.8	133.1 133.1 133.1 133.1	121.5 121.1 126.3 127.3	169.3 173.9 168.2 161.4		
<b>1997</b> March June September	110.9 110.9 110.9	106.8 106.8 106.8	113.4 113.5 114.0	117.1 115.2 115.3	134.5 129.9 121.4	127.4 125.5 124.6	164.1 167.2 168.5		

Index numbers in this table have been recompiled to reflect the change to a quarterly collection basis from June 1997.
(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: Original—continued

(Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

	All electr	ical materials	All mechan	ical services	All plumb	oing materials
Period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period
1994-95	110.8	+5.8	112.6	+2.7	124.6	+13.2
1995–96	118.6	+7.0	115.1	+2.2	127.7	+2.5
1996–97	117.4	-0.1	117.0	+1.7	122.8	-3.8
1995						
March	112.2	+3.1	113.2	+1.1	128.1	+3.5
June	115.5	+2.9	114.1	+0.8	<b>128</b> .9	+0.6
September	118.6	+2.7	113.8	-0.3	128.7	-0.2
December	118.6	vines.	114.9	+1.0	127.4	-1.0
1996						
March	118.1	-0.4	115.3	+0.3	127.6	+0.2
June	119.1	+0.8	116.2	+0.8	127.0	-0.5
September	115.7	-2.9	117.1	+0.8	126.3	-0.6
December	118.3	+2.2	116.8	-0.3	120.8	4.4
1997						
March	118.1	-0.2	116.8		121.4	+0.5
June	117.5	-0.5	117.1	+0.3	122.5	+0,9
September	117.6	+0.1	116.6	-0.4	122.8	+0.2

	All groups exclu materials and r	iding electrical mechanical services	All groups	-
Period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period
1994-95	112.7	+1.5	112.2	+1.9
1995-96	115.5	+2.5	115.1	+2.6
1996–97	116.8	+1.1	116.3	+1.0
1995				
March	112.7	+0.4	112.4	+0.7
June	114.1	+1.2	113.8	+1.2
September	115.3	+1,1	114.8	+0.9
December	<b>11</b> 5.7	+0.3	115.3	+0.4
1996				
March	115.6	-0.1	115.2	-0.1
June	115.3	-0.3	115.2	_
September	116.3	+0.9	115.8	+0.5
December	116.5	÷0.2	116.1	+0.3
1997				
March	117.0	+0.4	116.5	+0.3
June	117.3	+0,3	<b>1</b> 16. <b>7</b>	+0.2
September	117.1	-0.2	116.5	-0.2

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

	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	•		Staff-hours worke	ed	
	Whole milk <sup>2</sup>	Factory butter <sup>3</sup>	Factory cheese	Textile manufacturing <sup>4</sup>	Vegetable preserving	
ear or month	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	·000	,000	
1994–95	436.5	8 105	20 529	1 527	1 838	
L995–96	513.8	9 589	24 852	1 443	1 784	
996–97	529.4	10 869	r 25 398	1 349	1 534	
994						
July	10.2	335	551	148	153	
1996						
July	11,7	196	498	127	154	
.997						
May	27.6	893	r 905	115	138	
June	15.9	338	r 650	110	r <b>11</b> 1	
July	12.2	187	463	134	124	
	Newsprint <sup>5</sup>	Refii zinc	ned	Metal, refin. index <sup>6</sup>	Electricity	
	1000	'000	)		million	
ear or month	tonnes	tonn	es		kW.h	
994-95	222.7	189.	8	98.3	8 688	
L99596	242.9	207.	8	104.7 -	9 100	
.996-97	232.7	207.	7	116.1	9 543	
.994						
July	18.2	17.	7	103.4	810	
996						
July	21.0	17.	5	114.8	882	
997						
May	23.7	19.		<b>119</b> .0	841	
June	17.6	17.	7	117.8	848	
200		18.		117.6		

Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.
Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.
Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the

one plant.

Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.

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.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

		Cattle					
		Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Year or month		'000	'000	,000	'000	,000	,000
1994–95		111.2	96.7	28.8	569.3	477.2	92.9
1995–96		95.4	88.9	41.4	349.7	393.3	86.5
1996–97 ρ		110.1	98.3	43.7	397.9	374.4	79.2
1995							
September		5.4	4.6	16.4	17.1	27.7	7.2
1996							
September	р	6.4	5.2	16.8	14.0	25.4	6.3
October	p	7.6	6.4	6.1	19.8	25.2	5.9
November	p	9.4	8.0	0.6	32.3	27.1	5.7
December	p	12.3	8.9	0.2	42.0	28.2	7.0
1997							
January	р	12.8	8.1	0.1	47.5	42.8	6.8
February	p	10.6	8.8	0.1	47.4	35.6	6.2
March	p	10.1	8.1	0.4	43.5	35.0	6.6
Aprıl	р	10.3	11.0	1.6	47.6	35.2	6.8
May	р	9.7	12.7	1.7	37.0	42.7	7.9
June	р	7.5	10.7	1.0	32.1	30.7	6.3
July	P	8.6	9.9	1.9	31.7	<b>36.</b> 7	8.0
August	p	7.2	6.8	14.8	23.6	_22.9	6.0
September	p	5.6	5.3	18.7	19.5	24.0	5.8

#### 21 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: Seasonally adjusted and trend

	Seasonally ad	fjusted		Trend		
	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Aonth	,000	,000	(000	'000	,000	,000
L995		•				
September	18.5	64.0	7.4	19.3	65.8	7.4
1996						
September	22.1	57.1	6.8	20.6	56.9	6.4
October	20.2	55.6	6.2	20.9	58.3	6.3
November	20.4	60.5	5.8	21.2	60.9	6.3
December	22.8	<b>62.</b> 7	6.2	21.7	64.2	6.5
.997						
January	21.6	71.3	7.1	22.2	67.1	6.6
February	22.8	71.6	7.0	22.6	68.7	6.8
March	22.2	64.8	6.7	23.0	69.6	6.9
April	25.1	75.7	7.0	23.4	70.0	6.9
May	23.4	68.0	7.0	23.6	70.5	6.9
June	22.0	61.4	6.2	23.7	71.3	6.8
July	24.4	78.6	7.3	23.6	72.3	6.7
August	25.8	83.3	6.5	23.3	73.0	6.6
	20,3	64.3	6.2	23.1	73.5	6.5

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### MEAT PRODUCTION1: Original

		Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat <sup>2</sup>	Total
Year or monti	ר	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1994-95		49 907	977	11 230	8 412	5 982	76 509
1.995~96		45 377	<b>8</b> 75	7 414	7 407	5 634	66 707
1996-97 р		52 485	920	8 464	7 043	5 171	74 083
1995							
September		2 395	330	353	52 <b>1</b>	471	4 070
1996							
September	р	2 878	339	286	478	410	4 392
October	p	3 434	125	409	474	386	4 827
November	p	4 262	15	700	510	368	5 855
December	p	5 559	7	928	528	456	7 479
1997							
January	р	5 434	5	1 020	806	456	7 721
February	р	4 976	6	1 019	670	413	7 083
March	p	4 635	13	927	658	431	6 664
April	P	5 <b>39</b> 4	38	1 014	663	445	7 553
Maγ	p	5 524	40	774	804	516	7 <b>65</b> 9
June	р	4 479	22	669	578	409	6 157
July	p	4 530	43	664	691	457	6 385
August	p	3 614	<b>30</b> 3	4 <b>7</b> 7	429	382	5 204
August	p	2 690	382	394	451	365	4 281

#### PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED: Original

Year or quarter	Copper	lron (pellets)	Lead	L <b>ead</b> - zínc	Tin	Zinc	
Year or quarter	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1994–95	59.4	1 483.8	97.4	45.3	14.3	350.6	
1995-96	53.5	1 681.3	106.3	38.6	<b>16</b> .0	<b>361.</b> 5	
1996-97	99.7	809.4	101.4	38.0	16.3	356.9	
1996							
June	21.5	475.4	24,1	9.2	4.3	85.0	
September	26.0	439,3	30. <del>6</del>	10.3	3.9	88.6	
December	25.6	366.7	24.9	11.0	4.0	89.5	
1997							
March	24.0	3.3	22.9	10.2	3.9	85.6	
June	24.2	_	23.0	6.4	4.6	93.3	
September p	4.2		22.5	5.4	4.8	88.0	

	Tasmanian	n-grown logs (	delivered			Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced <sup>1</sup>				
	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts <sup>2</sup>	Plant- ation <sup>3</sup> softwoods	Native softwoods	<sup>4</sup> Total	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts <sup>2</sup>	Plant- ation <sup>3</sup> softwoods	Native softwoods <sup>4</sup>	Total
Year or quarter	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m³	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m
	<b></b>									
1994-95	653.1	12.6	304.9	2.8	973.4	212.5	4.3	142.7	0.6	360.1
1995-96	602.8	13.0			960.9	192.4	4.4	152.0	0.5	349.3
1996–97 p	496.7	16.1	357.2	1.2	871.3	165.9	4.0	160.3	0.5	330.7
1995										
Jun <del>e</del>	187.6	2.1	77.4	0.7	267.8	53.4	1.1	34.6	0.1	89.2
September	184.3	1.8	79.9	0.2	266.2	55.4	1.3	36.0	0.1	92,8
December	139.1	1.5	70.2	0.2	211.0	49.0	1.0	36.0	0.2	86.2
1996										
March	136.6	6.7	98.1	0.3	241.7	41.5	0.9	41.2	0.1	83.7
June	142.9	3.0	95.5	0.6	242.0	46.5	1.2	38.8	0.1	86.6
September	134.4	2.4	97.3 -		234.1	47.3	1.1	43.0	0.1	91.4
December	111.8	3.7	83.3	0.5	199.3	40.1	0.9	<b>4</b> 1.2	0.1	82.3
1997										
March	107.9	6.3	86.1	0.4	200.6	34.0	0.9	37.1	_	72.1
June	142.7	3.7			237.2	44.5	1.1	39.0	0.2	84.9

Radiata pine.
 Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.
 (Source: ABS unpublished data.)

25 CHIPPING AND GRINDING OF WOOD<sup>1</sup>: Original

		Materials used <sup>3</sup>			
	Producing locations <sup>2</sup>	Logs delivered <sup>4</sup>	Sawmill offcuts	Chipped and ground wood production	
Year or quarter	no.	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	(*000 tonnes green weight,	
1994– <b>9</b> 5	31	4 064.1	394.2	4 343.1	
1995-96	31	3 510.0	457.9	3 820.1	
19 <b>96</b> –97	27	3 207.4	433.2	3 609.3	
19 <del>9</del> 5					
June	31	967.9	120.1	1 059.3	
September	32	935.6	118.2	1 044.1	
December	31	932.1	104.6	939.9	
1996					
March	32	842.6	109.8	958.0	
June	31	799.6	125.3	878.1	
September	30	767.5	133.5	870.9	
December	30	805.1	r <b>11</b> 7.5	908.4	
1997					
March	28	759.7	87.0	829.2	
June	27	875.1	95.2	1 000.9	

Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.
Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.
Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m³ per tonno. Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

		Sawmilling and plywood milling			Chipping and grinding <sup>1</sup>			Total		
	Crown land <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total	Crown land <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total	Crown Iand <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total	
Year or quarter	<sup>E</sup> m 000'	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m³	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m³	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	
- <del></del> 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	
1995-96	773.5	187.4	960.9	1 579.6	1 930.4	3 510.0	2 353.1	2 117.8	4 470.9	
1996–97	725.0	146.3	871.3	1 627.4	1 580.0	3 207.4	2 352.4	1 726.2	4 078.7	
1995										
June	215.2	52.7	267.8	537.6	430.3	<b>96</b> 7.9	752.8	483.0	1 235.8	
September	214.1	52.2	266.2	438.2	497.4	935,6	652.2	549.6	1 201.9	
December	165.2	45.8	211.0	388.3	543.8	932.1	553.5	589.6	1 143.1	
1996										
March	202.3	39.4	241.7	405.3	437.3	842.6	607.6	476.7	1 084.3	
June	191.9	50.1	242.0	347.9	451.8	799.6	539.7	501.8	1 041.6	
September	194.2	39.9	234.1	403.5	<b>36</b> 4.0	767.5	597.8	403.9	1 001.7	
December	162.5	36.8	199.3	411.0	394.1	805.1	573.4	430.9	1 004.3	
1997										
March	170.1	30.5	200.6	375,7	383.9	759.7	545.8	414.5	960.3	
June	198.2	39.0	237.2	437.2	437.9	875.1	635.4	476.9	1 112.3	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania. (Source: ABS unpublished data.)

	New residual	dential			Value				
		,, 1 1.	Con-	Total	New	Alterations and additions <sup>2</sup>	Non-resident building <sup>3</sup>	ial	T-4-4
	Houses	Other <sup>1</sup>	versions etc.	dwelling units	dwelling units	to residential building	Priv <b>a</b> te	Total	Total of all building
Year or month	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1994–95 1995–96 1996–97	2 576 1 938 1 593	596 601 251	14 7 17	3 176 2 546 1 861	244 623 217 445 157 428	39 963 36 890 35 323	117 984 119 849 121 490	161 567 216 752 158 970	446 152 471 086 351 720
<b>1995</b> September	216	36	_	252	19 613	2 554	4 016	18 630	40 796
<b>1996</b> September	156	4	_	160	13 <b>09</b> 5	1 857	9 549	10 306	25 4 <b>1</b> 2
<b>1997</b> May June July August	121 104 109 121	25 13 56 14	1 1 —	147 118 165 136	12 768 9 464 14 289 10 987	2 723 2 523 3 695 3 481	16 913 13 294 5 761 4 944	18 091 13 619 7 807 6 444	33 582 25 606 25 790 20 913
September	131	18	_	149	13 803	2 845	3 806	13 474	30 122

#### 28 SECURED HOUSING COMMITMENTS<sup>1</sup>: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

	Total numb	er of dwellings <sup>2</sup>		Total value	of commitments	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend
Month	no.	no	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996						
July	1 032	1 012	1 069	<b>6</b> 6.1	64.7	68.0
August	1 163	1 175	1 088	77.2	79.6	71.2
September	1 067	1 098	1 081	68.8	70.4	72.0
October	1 117	1 155	1 040	75.9	80.8	70.0
November	909	924	972	60.7	61.5	65.8
December	787	845	900	54.4	57.6	61.1
1997						
January	742	81.0	846	49.5	5 <b>1</b> .6	57.6
February	778	793	817	56.1	56.9	55.9
March	814	799	r 809	59.2	57.9	r 55.8
April	933	881	r 810	64.0	5 <b>9</b> .4	r 56.6
May	943	873	r 810	63.6	58.1	r 57.6
June	756	718	r 804	54.6	55.3	r <b>58.</b> 4
July	786	767	r 799	57.7	57.1	r 59.3
August	801	814	r 798	60.7	6 <b>1</b> .7	r <b>60</b> .5
September	796	837	799	62.8	65.3	61.8

Commitment is a firm offer of nousing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Includes commitments to provide nousing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing. Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions. (Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia, ABS catalogue 5609.9.)

<sup>1</sup> New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).
2 Valued at \$10,000 and over.
3 Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.
(Source: Building Approvals, Tasmania, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

	Deposits				
	Current bearing interest	Current – bearing in:		investment savings accounts	Statement savings accounts
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996					
September	690	240	1 768	552	165
October	699	238	1 787	559	168
November	692	237	1 791	560	169
December	699	244	1 771	570	188
1997					
January	662	246	1 763	583	235
February	695	241	1 764	605	229
March	692	252	1 780	606	231
April	687	250	1 791	600	231
May	695	249	1 760	600	230
June	<b>6</b> 85	249	1 750	600	219
July	710	242	1 750	602	220
August	712	239	1 751	608	227
September	714	236	1 706	608	<b>2</b> 32
	Depos	its			
		ook/School (s accounts	Other	Total	Loans <sup>2</sup>
Month	\$m		\$m	\$m	<b>\$</b> m
1996	151		129	3 694	4 520
September	147		129	3 728	4 545
October November	140		132	3 722	4 513
December	134		133	3 739	4 533
1997					
January	127		129	3 745	4 466
February	1.23		103	3 759	4 493
March	122		103	3 786	4 694
April	121		102	3 781	4 412
May	119		101	3 754	4 423
June	117		100	3 719	4 500
July	114		94	3 733	4 559
August	114		98	3 748	4 590
September	112		95	3 704	<b>4 54</b> 7

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.

2 Excludes non-resident loans.

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

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## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET 1, 2: Original

	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant, and machinery	Total	
fear or quarter	\$m	<b>\$</b> m	\$m	
994–95	143	546	689	
1995-96	190	423	613	
996-97	129	559	688	
996				
September	34	118	151	
December	35	<b>1</b> 57	192	
997				
March	30	140	169	
June	31	144	<b>1</b> 75	

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

property and other selected industries.

Data revised back to June quarter 1987, See *Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics* (catalogue number 1357.0). (Source: *State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure*, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

	By air					Cruise ships	
Period	Interstate arrivals	International arrivals	By sea	Total	Total departures	Arrivals	Departures
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	811 784	3 982	116 869	932 635	931 278	6 199	6 199
1996	831 040	2 999	115 486	949 525	961 468	5 286	5 286
1996							
September	74 597	_	11 257	85 854	75 490	_	
1997							
January p	76 390	399	14 296	91 085	111 118	2 250	2 250
February p	69 018	383	11 718	81 119	76 323	2 350	2 350
March p	72 393	441	12 952	85 786	92 811	_	_
April p	66 932	331	11 820	79 083	86 079		
May p	55 569	_	8 680	64 249	76 312	_	_
June p	58 491	_	10 223	68 714	67 235	_	_
July p	53 633	_	6 512	60 145	67 778	_	
August p	57 543	_	10 346	67 889	70 <b>256</b>	_	
September p	70 562	_	13 566	84 128	79 1 <b>7</b> 3		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.
(Source: Tourism Tasmania.)

32 TOTAL PASSENGER ARRIVALS BY AIR AND SEA, TASMANIA: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Trend
1996			
September	85 854	77 846	79 938
1997			
January p	91 085	74 711	76 126
February p	81 119	76 <b>488</b>	76 431
March p	85 786	72 <b>8</b> 75	77 28 <b>1</b>
April p	79 083	84 263	78 399
May p	64 249	80 288	79 487
June p	68 714	80 569	80 342
July p	60 145	74 822	81 075
August p	<b>6</b> 7 889	86 108	81 705
September p	84 128	77 187	80 188

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 (03) 6222-5912.
(Source: Tourism Tasmania. ABS unpublished data.)

	Original		NOTELS, ETC. WIT	TI FACILITIES	Original		
Period	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	Guest rooms <sup>1</sup> no.	Seasonally adjusted <sup>2</sup> no.	Trend estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	Room occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000	
June quarter	<u> </u>			•			
1995	179	5 408	n.a.	n.a.	48.4	17 954	
1996	180	5 523			46.7	17 8 <b>1</b> 5	
1997	197	5 <b>63</b> 7			43.7	17 6 <b>9</b> 5	
1995							
April	n.a.	n.a.	84 018	88 003	55.6	7 028	
May	n.a.	n.a.	86 906	88 739	<b>48</b> .0	6 056	
June	179	5 408	91 664	89 500	4 <b>1</b> .6	4 870	
1996							
April	n,a,	n.a.	86 691	87 063	56.2	7 353	
May	n,a,	n.a.	84 991	86 355	45.7	5 766	
June	180	5 523	85 860	86 166	38.2	4 696	
1997							
April	n.a.	n.a.	83 410	83 489	54.1	7 349	
May	n.a.	n,a,	80 582	82 647	41.6	5 630	
June	197	5 637	82 246	82 067	35.7	4 715	
			HOLIDAY UNITS	5			
	Original		Unit_nights		Original		
		Units <sup>1</sup>	Seasonally	Trend	Unit	Takings from	
Period	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	no.	adjusted* no.	estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	occu <b>rpanc</b> y rate %	accommodation \$'000	
June quarter	•					·	
1995	54	830	n.a.	n.a.	43.6	2 343	
1996	55	846			43.3	2 374	
1997	58	876			43.3	2 545	
1995							
April	n.a.	n.a.	12 770	12 413	55.9	1 050	
May	n.a.	п.а.	11 987	12 370	38.7	685	
June	54	830	12 190	12 301	36.2	608	
1996							
April	n.a.	n.a.	13 376	12 387	57.6	1 090	
May	n.a.	n.a.	11 831	12 272	37.4	674	
June	55	846	<b>1</b> 2 <b>1</b> 14	12 210	35.2	611	
1997							
April	n.a.	n.a.	14 017	13 008	58.4	1 182	
May	n.a.	n.a.	12 897	12 785	39.4	754	
June	58	876	11 552	12 551	32.3	609	
	Oridinal		CARAVAN PARK	S	Original		
	Original	·	Site nights		Original ————————————————————————————————————	<del></del>	
	<u>-</u> 1	0.4 1	Seasonally	Trend 2	Site	Takings from	
Period	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	Sites and cabins <sup>1</sup> no.	<i>adjusted</i> ≦ no.	estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	occupancy rate %	accommodatio \$'000	
June quarter							
1995	75	6 625	n.a.	n.a.	30.3	1 523	
1996	73	6 479			30.5	1 575	
1997	73	6 490			31.5	1 720	
L995 April	n.a.	n.a.	67 6 <b>1</b> 4	65 527	35.0	700	
May	n.a.	n.a.	65 930	65 497	28.4	438	
June	75	6 625	64 876	65 293	<b>27</b> .7	385	
L <b>996</b> April	n.a.	n.a.	63 922	66 093	33. <del>9</del>	712	
May	n.a.	n.a.	64 597	66 164	29.4	467	
June	73	6 479	67 213	66 383	28.3	395	
. <b>997</b> April	n.a.	n.a.	71 946	69 434	35.0	753	
May	n.a.	л.а.	69 297	69 712	30.5	524	
June	73	6 490	67 804	69 835	29.2	442	
At end of quart	er. <sup>2</sup> Seasonally	adjusted and trenn action	mates are revised a	parially because of use	rly seasonal re-analysis.		

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles <sup>2</sup>	Total (excl. motor cycles)	Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses <sup>3</sup>	Motor cycles
Year or month	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1994	10 543	2 837	13 380	<b>1</b> 708	376
1995	10 919	2 874	13 79 <b>3</b>	1 952	393
1996	11 445	2 726	14 171	2 384	462
1995					
September	1 076	184	1 260	373	36
1996					
September	1 171	177	1 348	448	38
October	1 042	265	1 307	213	35
November	1 072	195	1 267	370	50
December	1 491	246	1 737	823	48
1997					
January	756	179	935	4	49
February	746	152	898		34
March	738	220	958	3 3	39
April	815	232	1 047	1	46
May	941	270	1 211	1 6	36
June	861	267	1 128	22	28
July	1 217	259	1 476	366	46
August	1 094	220	1 314	270	44
September p	1 339	164	1 503	547	44

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

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 nearses) and buses.

These figures are included in previous columns.

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

35 TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES 1, 2: Original and trend

		Trend estimates			
	Original		Change from corresponding mon of previous year		
Period	\$m	\$m	%		
1995					
September	235.9	251.9	3.6		
1996					
September	231.4	254.1	0.9		
October	258.4	255,1	0.9		
November	268.1	256.4	1.1		
December	337.5	257.6	1.2		
1997					
January	256,6	258.3	1.1		
February	233.8	258.8	1.0		
March	252.1	r 259.3	r 1.1		
April	254.6	r 260.3	r 1.6		
May	263.7	r <b>261</b> .9	r 2.5		
June	244.1	r 264.1	r 3.7		
July	259.4	r 266.4	r 4.9		
August	255.3	r 268.8	r 6.0		
September	255.7	270.9	6.6		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data revised back to 1982. See *Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics* (Catalogue number 1357.0). (Source: *Retail Trade, Australia, ABS catalogue number 8501.0.*)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust. <sup>1</sup>
Population							
Estimated resident population,							
	6 260.9	4 595.7	3 392.9	1 478.7	1 791.2	473.8	18 492.0
Proportion of Australian population,	33.9	24.9	18.3	8.0	9.7	2.6	100.0
March 1997 (%) p Population growth rate, 12 months	33.8	24.9	10.5	0.0	<b>3</b> , (	2.0	100.0
to March 1997 (%) p	1.2	1.0	2.1	0.4	1.9	-0.1	1.3
<b>Labour Force</b> Employment growth, 12 months lo							
October 1997 (trend series) (%)							
Males	-0.5	-0.1	1.5	2.2	3.2	-2.2	0.5
Females	-0.7	0.5	4.2	-0.9	1.4	-5.6	0.7
Persons	-0.6	0.2	2.7	8.0	2,4	-3.6	0.6
Unemployment rate (trend series),							<u> </u>
October 1997 (%)	8.0	8.8	9.4	9.7	6.8	11.5	8.5
Unemployment growth, 12 months	1 1	4.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	6.4	1 2
to October 1997 (trend series) (%)	1.1	-4.0	0.9	2.7	-9.9	0.4	-1.3
Participation rate (trend series), October 1997 (%)	61.2	62.9	64.9	61.9	66.0	58.8	63.0
Average weekly overtime worked per	01.2	02.0	Q-1.3	01.5	00.0	30.0	55.0
employee, August 1997 (hours)	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	10
Job vacancy rate, August 1997 (%)	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.0
Working days lost through industrial							
disputes, 12 months to August 1997							
(days per '000 employees)	59	5 <del>9</del>	93	13	82	43	62
Wages and Prices							
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult							
employees (trend series) August 1997 (\$)					_		
Males	834.3	806.0	762.9	759.0	832.3	758.1	807.9
Females	665.0	645.8	608.3	593.9	<b>613</b> .7	597.6	640.7
Persons	770.4	747.0	706.0	703.8	748.7	703.4	745.9
Average weekly total earnings, full-time							
adult employees, growth rate, 12 months	1.0	4.5	5,9	3.8	2.5	5.6	3.4
to August 1997 (%) Consumer price index, all groups, annual	1.8	4.5	5,9	3,5	2.0	3.0	5,4
growth to September quarter 1997 (%) <sup>2</sup>	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-0.3
<del>-</del>	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1		0.0
Building							
% change in the number of new residential dwelling units approved in 12 months							
ended September 1997, over the same							
period previous year	15.5	21.5	10.3	13.4	4.9	<b>-20.5</b>	13.8
' '	10.0	21.0	2070	20.1			
Finance and Retail Trade							
% change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended June 1997.							
over the same period previous year	8.3	11.3	29.5	37.6	-16.9	12.2	8.0
% change in trend estimates turnover	0.0	11.0	25,5	3110	4.0.0		0.0
of retail establishments, September 1997							
(change from corresponding month							
of the previous year)	3.7	7.5	5.4	4.5	5.3	6.6	5.2
Transport							
% change in number of new motor vehicles							
(excluding motorcycles) registered							
12 months ended September 1997,							
over the same period previous year	6.0	10.4	5.0	3.8	8.7	9.1	7.0
Agriculture							
% change in the number of livestock slaughte	ered						
12 months ended September 1997 over th	ne						
12 Holling Clided Ochieringer 1337 over a							
same period previous year		10.8	<b>1</b> 4.2	8.3	6.1	15.6	10.2
	7.0			12.0	5.2	10.8	6.2
same period previous year	7.0 -1.0	10.8	21.1				
same period previous year Cattle and calves			21.1	22.0			
same period previous year Cattle and calves Sheep and lambs	-1.0		21.1	11.0			
same period previous year Cattle and calves Sheep and lambs Fourism	-1.0		56.4	51.1	53.8	43.7	54.6
same period previous year Cattle and calves Sheep and lambs  Fourism Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels etc. with facilities, June quarter 1997(%)	-1.0 56.0	10.8			53.8	43.7	54.6
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