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WESTERN
AUSTRALIA
AT A
GLANCE**



Western Australia had an estimated population of 1,909,751 in June 2001.

Although it has the largest land area of any Australian State or Territory, Western Australia accounts for less than 10% of Australia's population.

The State capital is Perth, founded on 12 August 1829. In June 2001 the estimated population of Perth was 1,400,507.

This brochure provides a snapshot of Western Australia; more detail can be found in the variety of publications released by the ABS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA

Area	units	Period	Western Australia	% of Australian total
Area	'000 sq km		2 526	32.9
Coastline	km		12 500	34.0
Demography				
Estimated resident population	'000	2001	1 909.7	9.8
Births registered	no.	2000	25 093	10.0
Deaths registered (including infant deaths)	no.	2000	10 668	8.3
Marriages registered	no.	2000	11 000	9.7
Divorces granted	no.	2000	5 276	10.6
Labour Force				
Employed persons	'000	2001	943.9	10.3
Unemployed persons	'000	2001	66.1	9.1
Agriculture				
Gross value of production	\$m	2000	4 741	15.7
Area of establishments	'000 ha	2000	105 557	23.1
Manufacturing				
Persons employed	'000	1999-00	73.2	8.0
Turnover	\$m	1999-00	18 652.0	8.2
International Trade				
Imports	\$m	2000-01	9 302	7.9
Exports	\$m	2000-01	30 862	25.8

POPULATIONS

Estimated resident population as at 30 June

		1999	2000	2001
Western Australia				
Males	'000	935.3	948.4	961.4
Females	'000	922.3	935.3	948.3
Persons	'000	1 857.6	1 883.7	1 909.7
Perth Statistical Division	'000	1 361.7	1 381.0	1 400.5
Rest of State	'000	495.9	502.7	509.2

CENSUS POPULATION

		1986	1991	1996
Age groups (proportion of population)				
Under 15 years	%	24.2	23.6	22.4
15–19 years	%	8.6	7.8	7.4
20–59 years	%	54.0	54.9	56.2
60–64 years	%	3.9	3.9	3.6
65 years and over	%	9.3	9.9	10.4
Birthplace (proportion of population)				
Australia	%	70.9	69.2	68.3
Europe —				
UK and Ireland	%	13.8	13.6	12.4
Italy	%	2.0	1.7	1.5
Other	%	4.3	4.2	2.4
Asia	%	3.6	4.7	4.1
New Zealand	%	1.8	2.2	2.3
Other	%	3.7	4.4	9.0
Major urban centres				
Albany	no.	16 316	18 826	20 493
Bunbury	no.	23 031	24 003	24 945
Geraldton	no.	21 726	24 361	25 243
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	no.	22 232	25 016	28 087
Mandurah	no.	14 699	23 343	35 945
Perth	no.	883 716	1 018 702	1 096 829
Port Hedland	no.	13 069	11 344	12 846

VITAL STATISTICS

		1998	1999	2000
Live Births registered	no.	24 717	24 849	25 093
Deaths registered	no.	10 664	10 877	10 668
Marriages registered	no.	10 705	10 197	11 000
Divorces granted	no.	5 268	5 301	5 276
Crude rate (per 1 000 mean ERP)				
Births		13.5	13.4	13.3
Deaths		5.8	5.9	5.7
Marriages		5.8	5.5	5.8
Divorces		2.9	2.8	2.8

EDUCATION

		1998	1999	2000
Students				
Government	no.	226 583	227 232	225 767
Non-government	no.	87 444	89 337	91 994
Schools				
Government	no.	764	765	766
Non-government	no.	264	273	277

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: Nov(a)

		1999	2000	2001
Males	\$	r 746.3	r 787.7	812.8
Females	\$	r 425.5	r 456.1	486.1
Persons	\$	r 581.5	r 623.5	651.5

(a) Total earnings, Trend

EMPLOYMENT — Nov(a)

		1999	2000	2001
Total labour force	'000	990.4	r 996.5	1 010.0
Employed persons	'000	921.9	r 937.5	943.9
Unemployed persons	'000	65.5	r 59.0	66.1
Unemployment rate	%	6.6	r 5.9	6.5

(a) Trend

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS

		1999	2000	2001
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	42.9	43.6	48.2
Mining	'000	30.7	33.7	29.0
Manufacturing	'000	94.6	92.7	87.6
Electricity, gas & water	'000	9.2	9.1	6.8
Construction	'000	75.8	82.6	81.6
Wholesale and retail trade	'000	194.5	175.4	195.6
Accommodation	'000	39.0	45.4	47.9
Transport and storage	'000	44.4	45.7	37.5
Communication	'000	12.5	13.6	11.3
Finance, insurance, property & business	'000	128.1	133.3	132.8
Government administration and defence	'000	38.1	37.9	36.4
Education	'000	65.4	68.7	70.4
Health and community services	'000	86.5	87.0	90.3
Culture, recreation & personal services	'000	64.7	60.6	75.1

STATE GOVERNMENT — Consolidated Public Sector Cashflow Statement

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Taxes received	\$m	2 993	2 987	3 244
Receipts from sales of goods and services	\$m	7 346	6 539	6 826
Grants and subsidies received	\$m	3 276	3 489	3 811
Other receipts	\$m	1 188	1 073	1 005
Total cash receipts from operating activities	\$m	14 803	14 089	14 886
Payments for goods and services	\$m	-11 189	-10 342	-11 053
Grants and subsidies paid	\$m	-1 213	-1 449	-1 584
Interest paid	\$m	-1 149	-864	-848
Other payments	\$m	-	-86	-83
Total cash payments for operating activities	\$m	-13 551	-12 740	-13 569
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$m	2 508	1 349	1 318
Purchases of new non-financial assets	\$m	-2 068	-1 850	-2 058
Sales of non-financial assets	\$m	2 547	489	547
Total net cash flows from investments in non-financial assets	\$m	479	-1 361	-1 511
Net cash flows from investments in financial assets	\$m	-261	-294	-30
Net advances received	\$m	-145	-20	-229
Net borrowing	\$m	-1 535	977	886
Distributions paid	\$m	-	2	-3
Other financing (net)	\$m	327	62	98
Net cash flows from financing activities	\$m	-1 353	1 021	752
Net increase/decrease in cash held	\$m	-117	-10	529
Surplus(+)/Deficit(-)	\$m	1 731	-10	-196

HOUSING FINANCE — Owner occupied

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Secured finance commitments to individuals for construction of dwellings	\$m	1 385.6	1 504.5	1 129.1
Purchase of —				
newly erected dwellings	\$m	215.1	240.6	187.4
established dwellings(a)	\$m	5 718.5	6 819.3	6 928.0
Alterations and additions (a) includes refinancing	\$m	287.1	323.2	329.5

AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES (cents)

<i>Perth, December quarter</i>	units	1999	2000	2001
Milk carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	146	142	157
Cheese, processed, sliced wrapped	500g	351	335	374
Butter	500g	199	205	215
Bread, white loaf, sliced(a)	650g	220	225	250
Rump steak	1kg	1 191	1 249	1 570
Silverside, corned	1kg	683	709	836
Lamb, leg	1kg	569	572	736
Chicken, frozen	1kg	353	363	403
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	395	374	392
Sausages	1kg	542	542	682
Potatoes	1kg	152	152	160
Tomatoes	1kg	298	313	329
Eggs	1 doz	281	299	355
Sugar, white	2kg	262	251	257
Tea bags	180g	334	373	361
Coffee, instant	150g jar	644	631	668
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	179	201	195

(a) 650g loaf in 2000, 680g loaf in 1998 and 1999.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

<i>Perth — Base: 1989-90 = 100.0</i>	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Food	128.0	129.7	134.7
Alcohol and tobacco	159.2	165.7	184.7
Clothing and footwear	105.3	104.2	110.9
Housing	90.5	94.7	101.3
Household furnishings, supplies & services	113.6	113.1	115.4
Health	155.3	152.6	157.0
Transportation	122.3	129.1	137.0
Communication	102.6	96.4	102.7
Recreation	117.0	117.8	121.8
Education	173.2	182.0	190.5
Miscellaneous	145.7	155.4	165.4
All groups	120.1	122.9	129.6

BUILDING

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
New residential buildings				
Approved	no.	r 20 439	r 22 721	14 593
Completed	no.	17 569	r 19 545	17 445
Value of new residential buildings				
Approved	\$m	r 2 211	r 2 687	1 841
Completed	\$m	1 893	r 2 232	2 203
Total value of buildings				
Approved	\$m	3 544	r 4 132	3 400
Completed	\$m	3 078	r 3 650	3 575

MINING (source ABARE)

Production		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Iron ore	'000 tonnes	146 221	r 154 809	170 628
Gold	kilograms	218 200	r 206 900	206 700
Diamonds	'000 carats	35 910	r 29 524	22 381
Crude oil	megalitres	15 493	r 17 925	18 812
Natural gas	gigalitres	18 336	r 18 588	18 641

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

		1997-98	1999-00	2000-01
Persons employed as at 30 June	'000	74.6	72.7	73.2
Turnover	\$m	17 499	r 17 823	18 652

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Imports	\$m	9 012	9 517	9 302
Exports	\$m	21 777	25 424	30 862
Exports to				
Japan	\$m	5 086	6 576	8 186
United Kingdom	\$m	1 420	1 065	1 320
Singapore	\$m	1 320	1 902	1 768
Imports from				
Japan	\$m	1 116	985	1 209
U.S.A.	\$m	1 655	1 587	1 383
United Kingdom	\$m	467	470	363
Major commodities exported				
Iron ore	\$m	3 797	3 765	4 840
Wool	\$m	409	468	519
Wheat	\$m	1 693	1 568	1 379
Gold bullion	\$m	4 069	3 008	3 166
Petroleum and petroleum products	\$m	1 672	3 751	5 176

AGRICULTURE

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Gross value of production				
Crops (incl. pasture & grasses)	\$m	2 416.0	2 870.1	3 324.8
Livestock slaughtering and other disposals	\$m	698.8	763.7	778.6
Livestock products	\$m	797.8	636.2	638.1
Total agriculture	\$m	3 912.6	4 270.0	4 741.5
Livestock at 31 March				
Cattle for				
Milk	'000	124	114	106
Meat	'000	1 848	1 817	2 059
Sheep and lambs	'000	27 476	26 378	26 109
Pigs	'000	303	277	276
Production				
Wheat for grain	'000 tonnes	7 725	8 170	9 004
Wool	'000 tonnes	154	153	153
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	102	105	96
Mutton and lamb	'000 tonnes	90	79	113
Pig meat	'000 tonnes	35	38	34

BUSINESS LOCATION COUNTS

		Oct 2000
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	24 324
Mining	no.	3 039
Manufacturing	no.	12 999
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	604
Construction	no.	34 889
Wholesale trade	no.	6 797
Retail trade	no.	21 161
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	no.	5 075
Transport and storage	no.	11 318
Communication services	no.	3 117
Finance and insurance	no.	14 095
Property and business services	no.	40 604
Government administration and defence	no.	883
Education	no.	2 906
Health and community services	no.	8 459
Cultural and recreational services	no.	5 311
Personal and other services	no.	17 048
Industry not stated	no.	1 216
Total, all industries	no.	213 845

TRANSPORT

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
New motor vehicles registrations				
Motor cars and station wagons	no.	66 574	54 697	63 132
Motor cycles	no.	3 160	3 210	3 621
Other	no.	13 197	12 285	10 889
Total	no.	82 931	70 192	77 642
Vehicles on register				
		Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Mar 2001
Motor cars and station wagons	no.	1 004 089	1 018 036	1 038 848
Motor cycles	no.	41 909	42 834	44 740
Other	no.	281 205	283 939	287 753
Total	no.	1 327 203	1 344 809	1 371 341

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

\$m	— million dollars	'000	— thousand
km	— kilometres	\$	— dollars
no.	— number	%	— per cent
r	— revised	g	— gram
ha	— hectares	kg	— kilogram
pkt	— packet		

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