



2000 SOUTH AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE



South Australia has an area of 984,377 square kilometres (12.8% of the total Australian land mass), and is the driest of the Australian States and Territories. Water supplies are supplemented with water piped from the River Murray, the only major river in the State.

The population at 30 June 1999 was 1,493,074, less than 8% of the total Australian population. Most South Australians (73%) live in Adelaide, the capital city. South Australians have the highest median age at death of all States and Territories.

The Gross State Product of South Australia is \$40.5b per annum, which is 6.8% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product. The principal items produced are agricultural/horticultural products (including wine), and machinery. The State has 44% of Australia's vineyard area, and 29% of the barley area. Mineral resources and aquaculture are also significant elements of the economy.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA

	%
Area	12.81
Population	7.87
Persons aged 65 years and over	11.95
Unemployment	9.53
Labour force	7.70
Industrial disputes, days lost	2.09
Manufacturing	
Persons employed	9.08
Turnover	9.23
Merchandise imports	3.80
Merchandise exports	5.78
New motor vehicles registered	5.81
Total new dwellings commenced	5.12
Wheat, area for grain	13.78
Barley, area for grain	28.88
Vineyards	43.95
Wool receivables (taxable)	12.96
Gross value of agricultural commodities	11.52
Retail turnover	7.96

POPULATION

		30 June 1998	30 June 1999
Estimated resident population			
Males	no.	736 530	738 325
Females	no.	753 013	754 749
Persons	no.	1 489 543	1 493 074
Census of population		1991	1996
Distribution (proportion of population)			
Adelaide Statistical Division	%	73.1	73.2
Other statistical divisions	%	26.9	26.8
Age groups (proportion of population)			
Under 15 years	%	21.2	20.7
15–64 years	%	66.1	65.5
65 years and over	%	12.7	13.9
Private dwellings			
Occupied	no.	515 720	555 834
Unoccupied	no.	53 534	61 373

DEMOGRAPHY

Vital statistics		1997	1998
Rate per 1 000 population			
Births	no.	12.4	12.3
Deaths	no.	7.9	7.9
Marriages	no.	5.4	5.4
Divorces	no.	2.8	2.8
Rate per 1 000 live births			
Infant deaths	no.	3.8	4.0
Causes of death per 10 000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	18.1	18.3
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	20.8	20.5
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	7.8	7.2
Expectation of life (Australian)			
Males	years	75.7	76.0
Females	years	81.5	81.6
Health(a)		1997-98	1998-99
Hospitals (excl. CwIth and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	81	81
Private (incl. day surgery facilities)	no.	53	49
Beds available	no.	7 077	6 992
Separations	no.	478 173	486 321
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	4.0	3.9
Same day separations	no.	203 074	218 073

(a) Source: Department of Human Services.

SOCIAL

Welfare services at 30 June(a)		1998	1999
Age pensions	no.	161 392	163 845
Disability support pensions	no.	51 922	54 950
Parenting payment (single)	no.	30 889	31 720
Newstart and Mature age allowances	no.	68 945	65 440
Law and order(b)		1997-98	1998-99
Police	no.	3 630	3 544
Prisoners received	no.	4 214	4 465
Criminal matters lodged in courts	no.	1 269	1 280
Education		1998	1999
Schools	no.	827	824
Teachers	no.	16 611	16 753
Pupils	no.	249 460	250 222
Students enrolled			
Universities(c)	no.	48 041	49 037
Technical and further education(d)	no.	149 200	n.y.a.
Household expenditure on education services	\$m	567	608

(a) Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

(b) Source: Department of Justice.

(c) Source: Commonwealth Department of Education, Training, and Youth Affairs, *Higher Education Student Statistics*.

(d) Source: National Centre for Vocational and Educational Research.

LABOUR

Labour force (February)		1999	2000
Employed persons	'000	656.8	672.6
Unemployed persons	'000	68.9	68.6
Unemployment rate	%	9.5	9.3
Vacancies (February)		1999	2000
Job vacancies	'000	5.6	5.2
Job vacancy rate	%	1.1	1.0
Average weekly earnings (November)		1998	1999
All males	\$	679.0	697.4
All females	\$	471.5	453.8
All employees	\$	580.3	572.8
Industrial disputes		1997-98	1998-99
Number of disputes	no.	27	42
Working days lost	'000	16.1	15.0

AGRICULTURE

		1997-98	1998-99p
Gross value of			
Wheat for grain	\$m	542.2	734.2
Wool	\$m	309.5	228.1
Grapes	\$m	473.9	519.7
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	459.7	442.8
Total agriculture	\$m	3 164.1	3 341.5
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	2 689	3 222
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	2 027	2 169
Wool (taxable) receivals	'000 t	90	88
Area of		1996-97	1997-98
Establishments	'000 ha	56 219	57 516
Cereal crops	'000 ha	2 887	2 676
Vineyards	'000 ha	38.5	43.6
Livestock at 31 March		1998	1999p
Cattle	'000	1 213	1 164
Sheep and lambs	'000	13 136	13 297
Pigs	'000	424	399

STATE FORESTS

		1997-98	1998-99
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	78 868	79 615

SECONDARY PRODUCTION

		1997-98	1998-99
Meat produced			
Beef and veal	t	81 320	62 266
Mutton and lamb	t	96 778	92 201
Pigmeat	t	26 384	30 864
Wine produced	'000 L	380 845	405 661

CONSTRUCTION

		1997-98	1998-99
Commenced			
New houses	no.	5 823	6 296
Other dwellings	no.	830	1 119
Residential building	\$m	749.2	911.0
Non-residential building	\$m	550.7	624.3
Engineering construction	\$m	1 048.8	1 145.8

MINING

Mining establishments(a)		1997-98	1998-99p
Establishments	no.	16	14
Persons employed (at 30 June)	no.	1 859	1 750
Wages and salaries	\$m	98	114
Value added	\$m	872	793
Value of mineral production(b)		1997-98	1998-99
Copper	\$m	206.7	191.6
Uranium oxide	\$m	101.4	83.6
Opal (estimate)	\$m	38.9	38.0
Natural gas	\$m	379.2	415.6
Crude oil	\$m	94.0	81.3
LPG	\$m	84.3	94.1
Other Condensates	\$m	67.2	70.6
Construction materials	\$m	82.7	80.8
Industrial materials	\$m	110.0	52.1
Total mineral value	\$m	1 234.8	1 221.2

(a) Comprised of Coal mining, Oil and gas extraction, and Metal ore mining.
Excludes Services to mining and Other mining.

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.

MANUFACTURING

		1997-98	1998-99
Persons employed	'000	86.6	83.7
Wages and salaries(a)	\$m	2 997.0	3 041.0
Turnover	\$m	19 664.1	19 869.0

(a) Includes provision for employee entitlements.

RETAIL TRADE

		1997-98	1998-99
Retail turnover	\$m	10 051	10 302
Food retailing	\$m	4 454	4 648
Department stores	\$m	1 074	1 104
Hospitality and services	\$m	1 503	1 566

PRICES, Adelaide

		1997-98	1998-99
Consumer Price Index(a)			
All groups		121.6	123.2
House price index(a)			
Established house		112.1	114.1
Project home		113.1	117.0
Average retail prices (cents)		Dec 1998	Dec 1999
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	132	141
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	172	148
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	680 g	167	219
Eggs, 55 g	dozen	245	265
Coffee, instant	150g	563	568

(a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

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MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1997-98	1998-99
Imports from			
European Union	\$m	892	909
Japan	\$m	863	831
United States of America	\$m	649	542
Total imports	\$m	3 942	3 716
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	612	626
New Zealand	\$m	355	389
United States of America	\$m	632	705
Total exports	\$m	4 984	5 336
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	574	544
Wool, sheepskins	\$m	288	212
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	479	652
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	218	199
Wine	\$m	564	694

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		June qtr 1998	June qtr 1999
Total establishments			
Number at 30 June		227	230
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	9 934	10 173
Guest arrivals	'000	404.2	434.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	40 372	44 449

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more beds.

TRANSPORT

		1997-98	1998-99
New motor vehicles registered	no.	50 860	51 104
Metropolitan passenger journeys			
—bus, tram and train(a)	million	44.0	41.6
Adelaide Airport passengers(b)	'000	3 937	n.y.a.

(a) Source: Passenger Transport Board.

(b) Source: Commonwealth Department of Transport.

PRIVATE FINANCE

		1997-98	1998-99
Secured housing finance			
Loans approved for			
Construction of dwellings	\$m	403	553
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	\$m	96	107
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	1 876	2 117
Total dwellings	no.	37 379	41 423
Other			
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	6 487	5 252
Personal finance commitments	\$m	2 998	3 322
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	3 192	2 277

PUBLIC FINANCE

State Consolidated Public Sector		1997-98	1998-99p
Operating statement			
Revenues	\$m	n.a.	10 762
Expenses	\$m	n.a.	10 904
Net operating result	\$m	n.a.	-142
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	701	674
Net debt	\$m	5 969	5 973
Unfunded superannuation and employee liabilities	\$m	4 950	4 938
Net worth	\$m	n.a.	10 616

STATE ACCOUNTS

		1997-98	1998-99p
State Final Demand(a)	\$m	40 320	40 493
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	32 297	33 041
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	8 023	7 452
Gross State Product(a)	\$m	39 652	40 493
Per head of mean population	\$	26 730	27 169
Percentage of Australian total	%	7.0	6.8
Annual growth rate	%	6.4	2.1
Gross household disposable income (per head of mean population)	\$	18 836	19 231

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 1997-98.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1999 refer to the year ended 31 December 1999; those shown as, for example 1998-99 refer to the year ended June 1999. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

g	— gramme	p	— preliminary data
ha	— hectare	t	— tonnes
L	— litre	\$b	— billion dollars (thousand million)
n.a.	— not available	\$m	— million dollars
n.y.a.	— not yet available	'000	— thousand

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