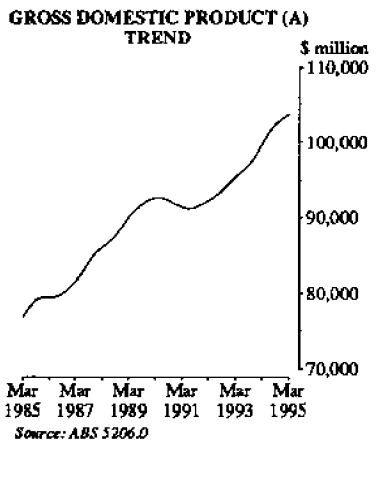


ECONOMIC INDICATORS QUEENSLAND

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JUNE KEY POINTS



AUSTRALIA

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (A)

- Gross Domestic product (A) in trend estimate terms increased \$559m, or 0.5%, from December quarter 1994 to March quarter 1995. GDP (A) in trend estimate terms has been increasing since June quarter 1991, increasing from \$91 218m in June quarter 1991 to \$103 798m in March quarter 1995.

FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE

- Private final consumption expenditure in trend terms for March quarter 1995 was \$62 500m, increasing marginally from December quarter 1994 and by 5.1% since March quarter 1994.

QUEENSLAND

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

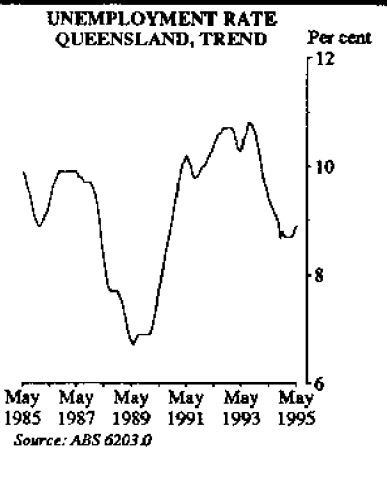
- Queensland's unemployment rate in trend estimate terms in May 1995 was 8.9%, up marginally from April 1995 but down from the May 1994 figure of 9.4%.

EMPLOYED PERSONS

- Employed persons in trend estimate terms continued to grow, reaching 1 512 500 persons for May 1995, a marginal increase from April 1995 and an increase of 6.3% from May 1994. The number of females employed full-time decreased 1.4% from April 1995 to May 1995 but increased 7.3% from May 1994.

STATE FINAL DEMAND

- State final demand in trend estimate terms for December quarter 1994 was \$17 176m, a marginal increase from September quarter 1994 and a 6.9% increase from December quarter 1993.



INQUIRIES

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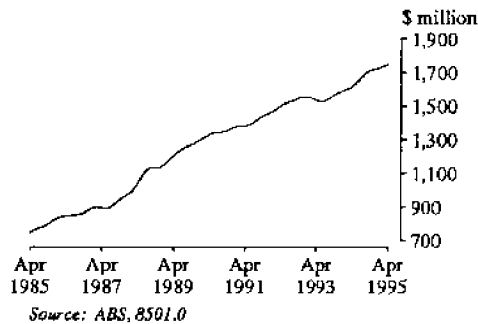
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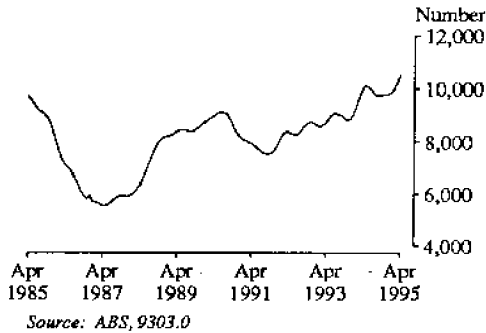
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RETAIL TURNOVER



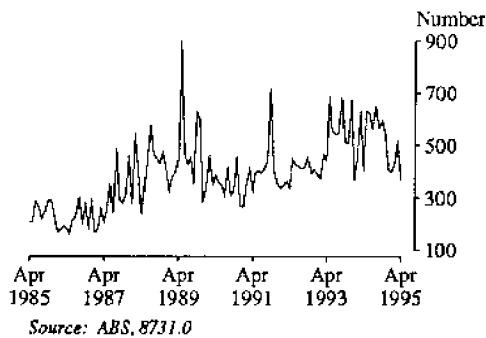
Queensland's retail turnover in trend estimate terms for April 1995 was \$1 753m, increasing marginally from March 1995 and 8.4% from April 1994. In the 5 years to April 1995, turnover of retail sales increased by 31.7%.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



New motor vehicle registrations in trend estimate terms continued the upward trend commenced in September 1994, increasing 275 from March 1995 to April 1995. New motor vehicle registrations increased by 5.0% in the 12 months to April 1995 and by 16.9% in the 5 years to April 1995. New vehicle registrations for passenger vehicles increased 2.3% from March 1995 to April 1995 and 5.9% from April 1994.

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL BUILDING APPROVED



Total value of all building approved for April 1995 decreased 27.3% from March 1995 and 8.0% from April 1994. The large decrease in total value of all building approved from March 1995 to April 1995 is due to a 56.6% decrease in the value of non-residential buildings approved. Value of dwelling units approved decreased by 10.8% from March 1995 to April 1995.



MAJOR INDICATORS—Australia

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.....

Month	Merchandise exports	Merchandise imports	Balance on merchandise trade	Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Net income and unrequited transfers
TREND (\$ million)						
1995						
January	5 540	6 240	-700	-803	-2 204	n.a.
February	5 634	6 337	-703	-814	-2 239	n.a.
March	5 732	6 431	-699	-817	-2 263	n.a.
April	5 813	6 507	-694	-816	-2 286	n.a.

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995						
April	8.4	18.3	n.a.

ORIGINAL (\$ million)

1995						
January	4 885	5 788	-903	-829	-2 335	-1 506
February	5 118	5 611	-493	-105	-1 471	-1 366
March	6 119	6 812	-693	-689	-2 167	-1 478
April	5 617	5 695	-78	-229	-1 624	-1 395

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995						
April	8.2	15.6	0.0

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA.....

EXCHANGE RATE LEVELS ¹.....

Quarter	Official \$m	Non-official \$m	Net foreign debt \$m	US\$/A\$	Yen/A\$	Trade-weighted index ²
1994						
June	62 463	307 799	163 237	0.7246	74.81	53.0
September	63 636	310 640	162 235	0.7389	73.22	53.4
December	71 558	294 308	163 218	0.7554	74.69	56.2
1995						
March	71 144	304 638	166 919	0.7486	72.09	50.7

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994						
December	11.1	-4.0	-5.1	13.4	3.2	10.6
1995						
March	6.7	-0.6	-0.6	5.8	-5.4	-2.7

¹ Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.

² Base: May 1970=100.0.



MAJOR INDICATORS—Australia *continued*

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS¹

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services	Gross non-farm product income based	Gross domestic product income based
	Private	Government	Private	Public				
TREND (\$ million)								
1994								
June	60 249	17 504	17 059	4 667	22 229	20 439	98 115	101 765
September	61 064	17 392	17 819	4 772	22 333	21 487	99 659	102 976
December	61 861	17 333	18 212	4 893	22 450	22 348	100 706	103 713
1995								
March	62 501	17 423	18 273	5 027	22 622	22 985	101 414	104 187

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995								
March	5.1	0.5	12.8	10.6	3.2	18.2	5.3	4.0

ORIGINAL (\$ million)

1994								
June	58 896	17 934	17 557	5 868	22 065	19 746	97 422	99 996
September	61 490	17 593	17 770	4 397	21 994	22 849	99 623	102 622
December	65 293	17 489	19 516	4 914	23 184	22 777	105 199	109 925
1995								
March	59 688	16 640	16 441	4 385	22 286	21 869	97 821	99 887

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995								
March	4.9	0.0	8.5	31.5	3.1	17.5	5.2	4.2

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS¹

Quarter	Gross domestic product average	Composite leading indicator ² ...	Company profits
	\$m	Deviation from long-term trend	\$m
TREND			
1994			
June	101 290	..	6 240
September	102 437	..	6 496
December	103 239	..	6 526
1995			
March	103 798	..	6 509

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995			
March	4.1	..	13.2

ORIGINAL

1994			
June	99 375	1.13	5 290
September	102 454	1.12	7 121
December	109 283	0.80	7 716
1995			
March	99 096	0.22	5 311

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995			
March	4.0	..	8.6

¹ At average 1989-90 prices.

² See explanatory note 6, page 17.



MAJOR INDICATORS—Queensland

Quarter	FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE.....		GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		STATE FINAL DEMAND	GROSS STATE PRODUCT—INCOME BASED
	Private	Government	Private	Public		
TREND (\$ million)						
1994						
March	9 833	2 600	3 068	1 009	16 510	16 395
June	9 955	2 633	3 218	1 040	16 846	16 746
September	10 064	2 609	3 324	1 064	17 061	17 001
December	10 164	2 568	3 362	1 082	17 176	17 167
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
1994						
September	4.8	5.2	14.0	10.0	6.9	7.4
December	4.8	2.1	13.6	10.6	6.3	6.8
ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1994						
March	9 416	2 430	3 469	149	15 464	16 355
June	9 705	2 675	3 165	1 269	16 814	16 687
September	10 051	2 680	3 490	959	17 180	17 231
December	10 781	2 649	3 553	1 102	18 085	16 994
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
1994						
September	5.9	2.9	17.2	11.3	7.8	9.7
December	4.4	4.5	12.3	7.4	6.0	5.4

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....

Quarter	Building and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
TREND (\$ million)			
1994			
March	399	680	1 079
June	428	734	1 161
September	432	770	1 202
December	430	776	1 206
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)			
1994			
December	19.5	20.4	20.1
ORIGINAL (\$ million)			
1994			
March	430	649	1 080
June	388	742	1 129
September	431	769	1 201
December	495	812	1 307
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)			
1994			
December	41.9	26.6	32.0



PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

AUSTRALIA—INDEXES OF MANUFACTURING GROSS PRODUCT

Quarter	Food, beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather	Chemicals, petroleum and coal	Metal products	Machinery and equipment	All groups
TREND						
1994						
June	118.2	83.7	113.3	106.3	119.4	112.5
September	121.1	79.9	115.2	108.9	121.7	114.9
December	121.4	79.2	116.6	110.7	124.6	116.5
1995						
March	119.6	80.8	117.2	111.1	127.8	117.3
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
1995						
March	4.8	-7.9	5.4	6.9	10.2	7.3
ORIGINAL						
1994						
June	113.6	82.0	113.0	104.5	121.6	110.7
September	122.8	82.8	118.0	113.0	124.0	118.1
December	131.2	78.1	118.6	112.8	130.4	122.0
1995						
March	113.3	79.5	113.4	104.9	119.6	110.9
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)						
1995						
March	3.1	-4.2	5.8	7.4	9.5	7.0

QUEENSLAND

SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION

LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS WITH FACILITIES

SELF CONTAINED UNITS, FLATS AND HOUSES

Quarter	Rooms available	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Takings from accommodation	Units available	Unit nights occupied	Unit occupancy rate	Takings from accommodation
	'000	'000	%	\$m	'000	'000	%	\$m
1994								
March	40.1	2 141	59.4	190.6	16.3	963	58.8	55.7
June	40.2	2 202	60.2	190.5	16.7	768	50.7	42.8
September	40.4	2 556	68.9	222.6	17.4	1 138	71.2	66.6
December	40.8	2 405	64.2	225.3	18.0	985	59.5	65.0
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR								
1994								
September	0.9	5.6	4.9	13.8	7.5	7.1	-0.1	15.9
December	1.6	4.1	2.6	10.8	8.6	9.2	0.7	20.2

At average 1989-90 prices. Base: 1989-90=100.0.

MAJOR INDICATORS—Queensland *continued*

Quarter	NEW BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATIONS ¹		BANKRUPTCIES		INTERSTATE TRADE.....	
	No.	No.	Exports	Imports	\$m	\$m
1994						
June	160 862	614	1 122	2 926		
September	166 395	613	1 230	3 177		
December	165 514	620	1 289	3 286		
1995						
March	n.y.a.	746	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR						
1994						
December	6.9	-0.8	5.8	6.8		
1995						
March	n.y.a.	11.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

Month	FOREIGN TRADE.....	
	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m
1995		
January	858	596
February	843	594
March	1 069	718
April	1 024	n.y.a.
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR		
1995		
March	18.7	10.7
April	6.0	n.y.a.

¹ Source: Department of Queensland Emergency Services.² Source: Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION *continued*

QUEENSLAND.....

Quarter	MINERAL PRODUCTION.....				MINERAL EXPLORATION
	<i>Black coal (saleable) ¹</i>	Copper	Gold	Total	
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 kg	\$m	\$m
1994					
June	21 441	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	37.0
September	24 898	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45.0
December	22 768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	53.7
1995					
March	23 126	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR					
1994					
December	4.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	35.6
1995					
March	15.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

QUEENSLAND.....

Month	RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER	NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS ²	
	\$m	Passenger vehicles	Total
		No.	No.
TREND			
1995			
January	1 730.0	7 697	9 866
February	1 737.7	7 803	10 009
March	1 746.1	7 978	10 254
April	1 753.0	8 158	10 529
TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)			
1995			
March	8.7	5.2	4.7
April	8.4	5.9	5.0
ORIGINAL			
1995			
January	1 693.2	5 944	7 354
February	1 519.2	7 004	8 868
March	1 692.6	7 540	9 602
April	1 665.3	8 348	10 755
ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)			
1995			
March	5.7	3.0	4.7
April	9.8	3.9	2.9

¹ Source: Queensland Coal Board.

² Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers.



LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.....

PARTICIPATION RATE.....

Month	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				PARTICIPATION RATE		
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons aged 15 to 19 years	Males	Females	Persons
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

TREND

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Persons aged 15 to 19 years	Males	Females	Persons
February	8.7	8.6	8.7	n.a.	74.7	54.9	64.7
March	8.8	8.6	8.7	n.a.	75.0	55.3	65.0
April	8.9	8.6	8.8	n.a.	75.2	55.6	65.3
May	9.0	8.7	8.9	n.a.	75.3	55.8	65.4

ORIGINAL

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Persons aged 15 to 19 years	Males	Females	Persons
February	9.6	10.0	9.7	23.4	75.0	55.4	65.1
March	9.4	9.9	9.6	21.6	75.2	56.2	65.6
April	9.2	8.2	8.8	20.9	75.3	56.1	65.6
May	10.0	8.6	9.4	25.0	75.0	55.5	65.2

EMPLOYED PERSONS.....

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.....

PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE

FULL-TIME..... PART-TIME..... TOTAL

Month	EMPLOYED PERSONS			UNEMPLOYED PERSONS			PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons

TREND ('000)

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
February	762.7	355.9	n.a.	n.a.	1 489.0	81.4	60.0	141.4	1 630.4
March	765.1	360.6	n.a.	n.a.	1 498.4	82.6	60.6	143.2	1 641.6
April	766.9	365.9	n.a.	n.a.	1 506.4	84.0	61.3	145.2	1 651.6
May	767.9	371.1	n.a.	n.a.	1 512.5	85.5	61.8	147.2	1 659.7

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
May	4.0	7.3	n.a.	n.a.	6.3	1.2	-1.9	-0.1	8.0

ORIGINAL ('000)

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
February	759.4	354.2	87.1	280.0	1 480.6	89.5	70.4	159.9	1 640.5
March	756.6	361.1	95.2	284.6	1 497.4	88.3	70.9	159.2	1 656.6
April	763.7	374.9	93.1	282.0	1 513.7	86.9	58.8	145.8	1 659.5
May	755.7	374.0	92.7	275.3	1 497.6	94.5	61.2	155.7	1 653.3

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

1995	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
May	2.9	8.8	3.1	7.8	5.2	11.3	1.4	5.9	5.3



LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland *continued*

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS.....

Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	Transport and storage	Finance and insurance	Property and business services	Government administration and defence	Education	Health and community services	Other	Total
1994													
May	17.3	176.4	130.8	312.5	72.0	71.9	45.4	123.5	54.2	99.5	118.9	200.8	1 423.2
August	13.6	174.9	142.6	300.9	77.0	75.5	41.7	127.8	45.8	98.7	126.5	208.7	1 433.7
November	13.2	180.9	142.7	306.7	76.1	79.5	44.1	134.8	50.7	96.9	127.7	218.1	1 471.5
1995													
February	19.2	177.1	138.5	299.0	77.3	81.2	50.6	139.0	58.6	97.2	128.8	214.3	1 480.6

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995													
February	-11.1	6.9	6.0	-2.2	6.9	16.7	5.0	18.5	1.9	-2.5	9.9	10.0	6.1

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS.....

PRIVATE

GOVERNMENT.....

Month	Total	Commonwealth	State	Local	Total
1994					
June	685.4	44.8	195.7	33.6	274.2
July	655.4	43.3	184.8	33.6	261.7
August	682.2	43.5	190.4	33.2	267.1
September	658.3	43.5	190.6	33.1	267.2

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994					
September	1.0	-5.6	-3.0	-1.5	-3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ...

JOB VACANCIES

OVERTIME.....

Quarter	Males		Females		Average weekly hours per employee
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1994					
May	616.90	516.00	6.1	1.29	
August	610.20	530.50	12.8	1.31	
November	623.30	526.10	9.4	1.25	
1995					
February	629.60	531.70	9.5	1.21	

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995					
February	2.3	3.1	48.9	25.3	

¹ Full-time adult ordinary time.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....

Quarter	'000	POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....			
		<i>Natural increase</i>	<i>Net estimated interstate migration</i>	<i>Net estimated overseas migration</i>	<i>Total</i>
		No.	No.	No.	No.
1994					
March	3 177.9	5 940	14 052	2 703	22 695
June	3 196.9	7 605	10 751	647	19 003
September	3 216.5	5 570	10 379	3 647	19 596
December	3 233.9	5 956	10 888	563	17 407

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994					
December	2.5	-2.3	-1.2	..	1.7

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AT 30 JUNE.....

Year	Brisbane ¹	Moreton ²	Wide Bay-Burnett ²	Far North ¹	Queensland
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1991	1 358.0	489.6	195.6	181.4	2 961.0
1992	1 387.3	510.4	201.5	185.5	3 032.8
1993	1 421.6	533.7	209.3	190.5	3 116.2
1994	1 454.8	558.8	216.1	195.8	3 196.9

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES ¹ SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

Month	Working days lost '000	FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES		ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
		Males	Females		
		Index No.	Index No.	'000	'000
1994					
December	18.8	142.2	144.8	129.7	122.8
1995					
January	5.3	142.2	144.8	130.2	120.5
February	n.y.a.	142.2	144.9	105.5	100.2
March	n.y.a.	142.2	145.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
April	n.y.a.	142.2	145.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995					
February	..	1.1	1.7	-0.4	6.2
March	..	0.7	1.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
April	..	0.6	1.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

Statistical Division.

² Base: June 1985 = 100.0.

BUILDING APPROVALS.....

TREND..... ORIGINAL.....

Month	New houses	Total dwelling units	New houses	New other residential buildings	Total dwelling units	Value of dwelling units approved	Value of non-residential buildings approved	Total value of all building approved
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995								
January	2 508	3 503	2 073	724	2 797	249.7	133.4	397.9
February	2 372	3 329	1 961	941	2 902	275.4	140.8	433.0
March	2 249	3 203	2 544	990	3 534	309.1	181.5	510.3
April	2 168	3 143	1 796	995	2 791	275.7	78.7	371.1

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995								
April	-29.1	-32.8	-32.4	-27.2	-30.6	-14.8	24.0	-8.0

DWELLING UNIT COMMENCEMENTS..... ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Quarter	New houses	New other residential buildings	Value of all dwelling units commenced	Value of non-residential buildings approved	Value of work commenced	Value of work done
	No.	No.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994						
June	9 229	4 396	1 182	421.9	700.0	758.2
September	9 686	5 151	1 364	397.5	1 008.1	780.4
December	8 787	4 330	1 139	411.4	690.8	783.9
1995						
March	6 252	2 638	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1994						
December	-3.9	-3.8	2	11.5	15.9	9.4
1995						
March	-22.4	-29.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

PRICE INDEXES

AUSTRALIA.....

Articles produced by manufacturing industry ¹..... Materials used in manufacturing industry ²: Export ³ Import ⁴

Month	Food, beverages and tobacco	Basic metal products	Petroleum and coal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products	All groups	Imported	Home produced	All materials	All groups	All groups
1995											
January	122.9	108.3	117.9	119.5	116.0	118.1	132.1	122.9	126.1	93.9	111.3
February	124.3	111.4	122.0	119.6	116.6	119.1	136.0	125.1	128.9	96.1	113.7
March	125.0	110.7	121.7	119.8	117.7	119.4	139.4	125.8	130.5	97.5	116.2
April	125.8	111.4	122.0	121.5	118.1	119.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995											
March	3.5	11.7	5.2	0.3	2.6	3.6	9.2	5.7	7.0	7.3	2.6
April	4.1	13.7	0.2	1.4	3.0	3.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

BRISBANE.....

QUEENSLAND.....

Consumer price index ⁵..... Established house ⁶ Prices received by farmers ⁴ Prices paid by farmers ⁴ Farmers' terms of trade ³

Quarter	Food	Housing	Transportation	All groups	Established house ⁶	Prices received by farmers ⁴	Prices paid by farmers ⁴	Farmers' terms of trade ³
1994								
June	110.2	100.7	113.8	111.5	139.3	101.6	120.5	84.3
September	110.7	101.1	115.8	112.5	139.3	109.3	120.6	90.7
December	111.0	104.0	115.4	113.7	140.0	109.6	120.7	90.8
1995								
March	114.1	109.0	116.7	115.8	140.2	114.7	124.3	92.2

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995								
March	2.6	8.9	4.2	4.5	0.6	13.2	3.3	9.5

BRISBANE.....

Materials used in house building ¹..... Materials used in building other than house ².....

Month	All groups	Structural steel	Ready-mixed concrete	All groups
1995				
January	155.3	128.5	115.0	112.9
February	156.3	129.1	114.4	113.6
March	156.0	129.3	114.0	113.9
April	156.5	129.3	113.1	114.0

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

1995				
April	2.2	5.0	-1.5	2.9

¹ Base: 1988-89=100.0. ² Base: 1984-85=100.0. ³ Base: 1989-90=100.0. ⁴ Base: 1987-88=100.0. ⁵ Base: 1985-86=100.0. ⁶ Base: 1979-80=100.0.

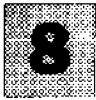
BANKING AND FINANCE

QUEENSLAND—ALL BANKS ¹				QUEENSLAND—BUILDING SOCIETIES.....				
DEPOSITS.....			LOANS.....	LENDING OPERATIONS.....				
	Term	Other ²	Total	Other lending ³	Loans advanced	Lending commitments unused	Receipts	Withdrawals
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994								
December	15 848	17 378	33 226	40 383	144.4	195.5	2 031.0	2 029.0
1995								
January	15 904	16 888	32 791	40 459	103.3	174.7	1 840.8	1 837.5
February	16 540	16 568	33 108	41 005	106.1	174.8	1 812.0	1 808.1
March	16 786	16 351	33 137	41 637	127.8	158.8	2 077.1	2 030.4
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR								
1995								
March	23.8	-3.4	8.7	19.8	-38.8	-32.3	13.6	18.8

QUEENSLAND—FINANCE COMMITMENTS.....										
PERSONAL.....					COMMERCIAL.....				LEASE	
	All banks	Credit cooperatives	Finance companies	Other	Total	All banks	Finance companies	Other	Total	Total
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994										
December	293.9	35.3	89.3	13.1	431.6	935.4	232.7	74.9	1 243.0	123.3
1995										
January	260.8	35.4	87.3	9.0	393.5	944.2	123.2	118.7	1 186.2	86.6
February	287.5	35.3	91.4	9.6	423.8	849.6	148.3	132.4	1 130.3	96.5
March	345.0	40.2	114.3	11.2	510.7	959.6	188.2	146.0	1 305.6	149.1
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR										
1995										
March	-0.8	0.4	14.0	17.0	2.6	-5.1	30.4	92.5	6.1	10.0

QUEENSLAND—HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION.....					AUSTRALIA—INTEREST RATES	
	All banks	Permanent building societies	Other lenders	Total	Housing loans for owner occupation	
Month	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	
1994						
December	588.4	100.5	14.7	703.6	10.50	
1995						
January	472.7	67.4	15.1	555.1	10.50	
February	538.6	84.9	19.5	643.0	10.50	
March	619.2	90.3	21.5	731.0	10.50	
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR						
1995						
March	-28.7	-47.9	-24.2	-31.7		

¹ Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.² including certificates of deposit.³ Excluding non-resident lending.



BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS

AUSTRALIA..... QUEENSLAND

Quarter	TRADING PERFORMANCE.....			INVESTMENT.....		EMPLOY- MENT	OPERATING EXPENSES	INTERNATIONAL TRADE ...		SALES
	Sales	Selling prices	Profit	Capital	Stocks			Imports	Exports	
SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK—EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER (%)										
1994										
December	2.3	0.6	10.6	7.7	—	0.5	1.3	0.9	2.2	3.6
1995										
March	-0.5	0.6	-7.7	1.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.6	-0.5
June	1.4	0.4	3.6	5.5	-0.3	0.1	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.0

MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK—EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE FROM THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR (%)										
1995										
June	3.3	1.5	11.7	2.8	1.4	0.3	2.1	2.8	2.6	3.6
September	4.1	2.1	20.9	15.7	0.6	1.1	2.4	4.1	5.2	3.6
December	3.3	1.8	15.1	1.0	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.3
1996										
March	3.0	1.7	4.6	3.7	0.5	0.8	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.1

AUSTRALIA.....

EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....

Period	New buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		Total
	\$m		\$m		\$m
Dec 1994–June 1995	4 466		10 484		14 950
1994–95	9 046		24 095		33 141

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains latest estimates 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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.. not applicable
— nil or rounded to zero





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