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ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, AUGUST 1994

MAIN FEATURES

- Key indicators of economic activity in Queensland signal a continuation of growth in most sectors. Figures are considerably stronger than the corresponding period one year ago with demand for credit, trend estimate new motor vehicle registrations, retail trade, construction and employment all increasing significantly.
- The all groups Brisbane Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.6% from March quarter 1994 to June quarter 1994, resulting in an annual increase (June quarter 1993 on June quarter 1994) of 1.6%. Contributing most to this annual increase was recreation and education (up 4.6%). All other components of the CPI contributed to the annual increase except clothing (down 1.9%).
- Queensland labour market indicators continue to show signs of improvement with a continuing steady decline in unemployment rates. The July 1994 trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Queensland was 9.1%, down from 9.2% in June 1994. This compared to the Australian trend estimate of the unemployment rate of 9.7% for July 1994. Persons employed in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, continued to grow steadily and increased by 4,300 persons to 1.43 million persons over the period June 1994 to July 1994.
- The trend estimate for total dwelling unit approvals in Queensland recorded their fifth consecutive monthly increase with an increase of 2.4% from May 1994 to June 1994, and an increase of 9.1% for the 12 months ending June 1994. Both new houses and new other residential buildings contributed to this growth, with the latter growing more strongly over the 12 months ending June 1994.
- Demand for credit in Queensland is continuing to remain strong. In the twelve months from May 1993 to May 1994 total housing finance for owner occupation increased 35.0%. Over the same period, personal finance commitments increased 24.9% and commercial and lease finance commitments increased 34.8% and 50.2%, respectively.
- The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland increased 1.0% from May 1994 to June 1994 and 13.3% over the year ended June 1994. This was largely due to the strong increase in registrations of commercial vehicles. The June 1994 figure of 10,258 new motor vehicle registrations was the highest trend estimate since the beginning of the series in January 1960.
- The latest national business expectations survey shows that over the September quarter 1994, businesses are expecting to raise their prices by 0.4%, increase capital expenditure by 2.5%, increase sales by 1.9% and full time employment is expected to decrease by 0.1%.

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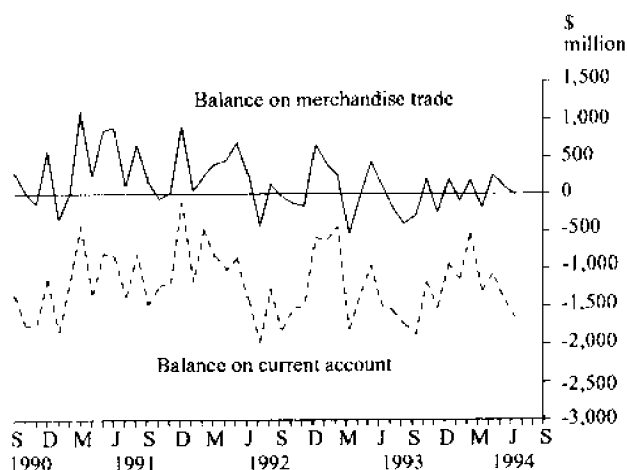
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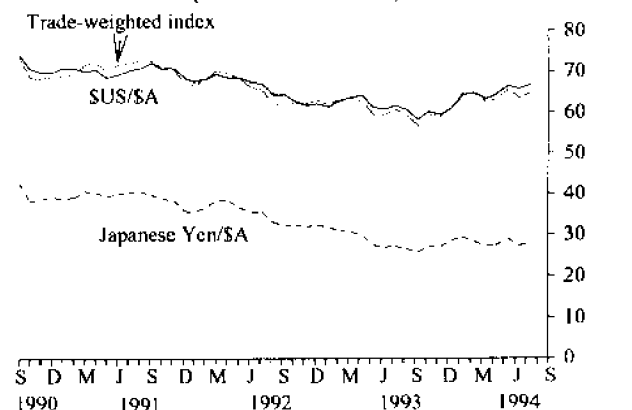
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		1994						%
Balance of payments, Australia								
Exports	\$m	June	5,223	5,741	5,166	5,612	5,065	+3.1
Imports	\$m	June	5,226	5,640	4,924	5,792	4,963	+5.3
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m	June	-3	101	242	-180	102	..
Balance on goods and services	\$m	June	243	88	150	-179	-259	..
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m	June	1,414	1,323	1,219	1,125	1,248	..
Balance on current account	\$m	June	-1,657	-1,411	-1,069	-1,304	-1,507	..
Trade and foreign investment								
Foreign trade, <i>Queensland</i>								
Imports	\$m	June	562.1	592.8	520.7	648.4	605.2	-7.1
Exports	\$m	June	915.7	1,026.7	946.5	871.4	995.6	8.0
Foreign investment in <i>Australia</i>								
Official	\$m	March qtr	2,474	4,314	2,297	5,461	-945	..
Non-official	\$m	March qtr	5,492	560	3,173	3,961	1,031	..
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No.	May	89.6	89.8	90.9	89.4	91.3	1.9
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No.	May	113.3	113.1	113.3	112.9	113.8	0.4
National accounts, <i>Australia</i> , (current prices, trend)								
Final consumption expenditure								
Private	\$m	March qtr	67,189	66,122	65,124	64,314	63,720	+5.4
Government	\$m	March qtr	19,402	18,998	18,792	18,778	18,714	+3.7
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	March qtr	20,521	20,223	20,010	20,017	20,050	+2.3
Exports of goods and services	\$m	March qtr	20,190	20,059	19,733	19,312	18,919	+6.7
Imports of goods and services	\$m	March qtr	20,466	20,523	20,313	19,896	19,483	+5.0
Gross Domestic Product (Income)	\$m	March qtr	108,350	106,731	105,164	103,649	102,180	+6.0
State accounts, <i>Queensland</i> , (current prices, trend)								
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	March qtr	14,006	13,732	13,502	13,338	13,223	+5.9
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	March qtr	3,956	3,898	3,846	3,821	3,809	+3.9
State final demand	\$m	March qtr	17,961	17,630	17,349	17,159	17,032	+5.5
Gross State Product (Income)	\$m	March qtr	17,567	17,210	16,858	16,628	16,491	+6.5
Exchange rate levels at end of period (a)								
\$US/\$A		July	0.7393	0.7291	0.7361	0.7124	0.6834	+8.2
Yen/\$A		July	73.86	72.20	76.85	72.20	72.41	+2.0
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)		July	53.9	53.0	54.6	52.6	50.6	+6.5

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



MOVEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR AGAINST SELECTED CURRENCIES AND IN THE TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX (Base: Dec. 1979=100)

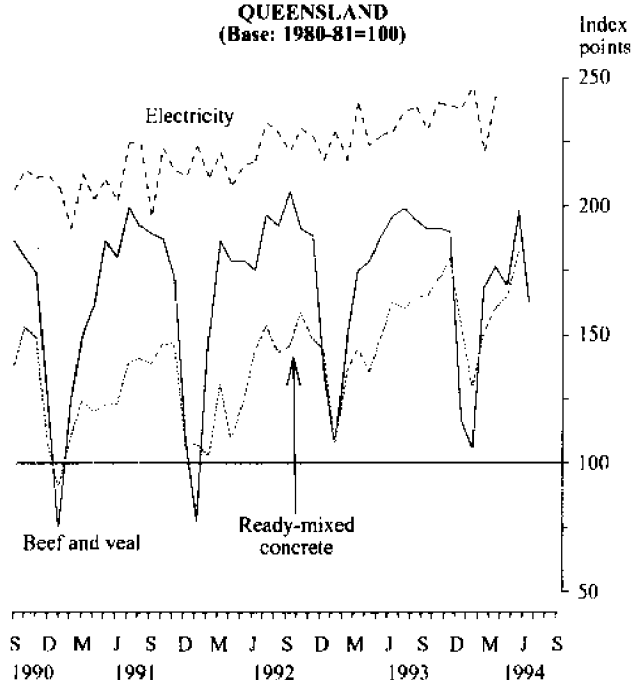


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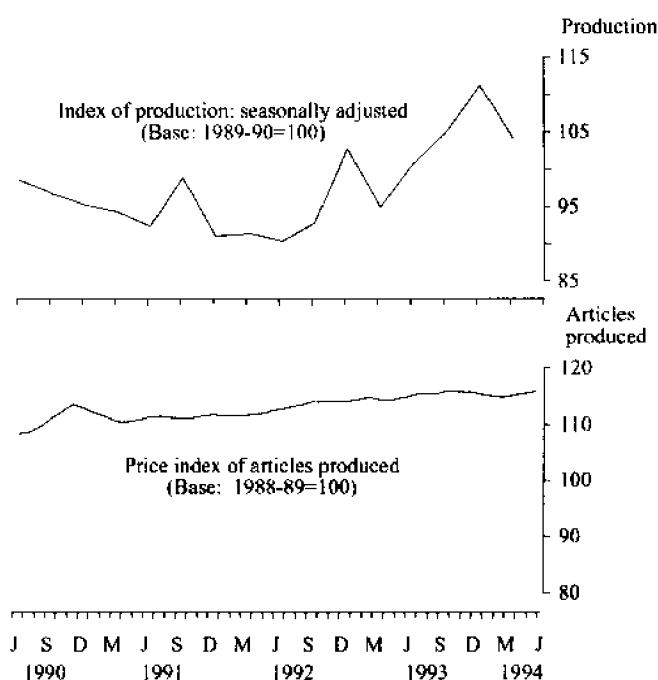
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Selected production statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	March qtr	20,081	21,763	22,408	20,162	21,955	8.5
Log timber processed (b)	'000 cu m	March qtr	454.2	418.2	454.5	410.2	371.4	+22.3
Electricity generated	m kWh	March	2,713.3	2,471.8	2,753.3	2,662.0	2,676.7	+1.4
Wheaten flour	tonnes	April	16,550	21,040	17,420	17,062	15,021	+10.2
Clay bricks	'000	May	27,114	26,960	30,109	28,810	27,068	+0.2
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	May	433.6	391.4	380.2	359.0	353.7	+22.6
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	June	58.9	71.9	61.3	63.9	71.0	-17.0
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	March qtr	111.0	123.3	116.0	112.8	106.6	+4.1
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	March qtr	113.4	115.6	111.8	103.7	104.8	+8.2
Basic metal products	Index No.	March qtr	110.2	119.8	111.2	109.5	99.1	+11.2
Transport equipment	Index No.	March qtr	102.5	101.6	104.0	96.9	83.4	+22.9
Total manufacturing	Index No.	March qtr	104.1	111.2	105.1	100.8	94.9	+9.7
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1988-89 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	May	120.8	120.9	120.8	119.7	116.8	+3.4
Basic metal products	Index No.	May	99.1	98.0	99.1	99.1	99.0	+0.1
Transport equipment	Index No.	May	119.9	119.8	119.4	119.4	117.7	+1.9
Other machinery and equipment	Index No.	May	109.7	109.8	109.8	109.9	109.7	---
All groups	Index No.	May	115.8	115.5	115.2	114.8	114.7	+1.0
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	May	129.4	127.0	127.7	128.8	130.7	-1.0
Home produced	Index No.	May	119.8	118.9	119.0	118.0	122.5	2.2
All materials	Index No.	May	123.2	121.7	122.0	121.7	125.3	1.7

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March and September quarters, 12 weeks; June and December quarters, 14 weeks. (b) Source: Queensland Forestry Service.

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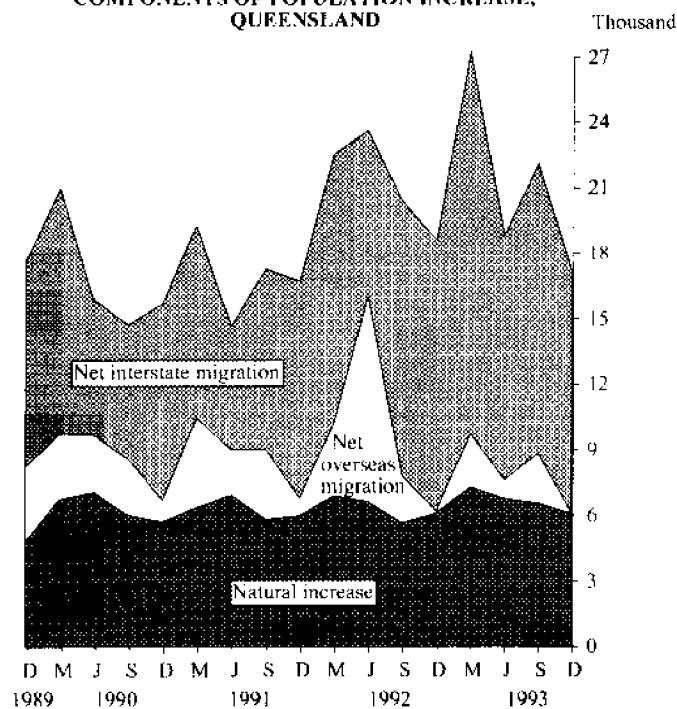
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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				1993				
Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	Dec. qtr	3,155.4	3,138.3	3,116.2	3,099.0	3,071.7	+2.7
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	No.	Dec. qtr	6,095	6,551	6,775	7,314	6,104	0.1
Net estimated interstate migration	No.	Dec. qtr	11,019	13,244	11,229	17,545	12,396	-11.1
Net estimated overseas migration	No.	Dec. qtr		2,309	832	2,439	113	+100.0
Total	No.	Dec. qtr	17,114	22,104	17,172	27,298	18,387	-6.9
1994								
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	'000	May	92.7	91.6	100.9	105.9	90.0	+3.0
Departures	'000	May	93.4	92.0	99.8	94.3	93.8	0.5
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	July	2,475.9	2,470.0	2,464.3	2,458.7	2,408.9	+2.8
Persons in the labour force	'000	July	1,575.4	1,574.7	1,570.2	1,562.3	1,523.6	+3.4
Employed persons	'000	July	1,435.7	1,431.2	1,423.2	1,403.5	1,370.0	+4.8
Full-time								
Males	'000	July	746.8	744.9	734.3	723.2	718.6	+3.9
Females	'000	July	349.8	353.2	343.6	339.0	333.4	+4.9
Part-time								
Males	'000	July	87.0	86.3	89.9	88.0	84.2	+3.3
Females	'000	July	252.0	246.9	255.4	253.2	233.7	+7.8
Unemployed persons	'000	July	139.7	143.5	147.0	158.8	153.6	-9.0
Males	'000	July	79.7	82.2	84.9	94.0	88.7	10.1
Females	'000	July	59.9	61.3	62.1	64.8	64.9	7.7
Unemployment rate								
Males	%	July	8.7	9.0	9.3	10.4	10.0	..
Females	%	July	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.9	10.3	..
Persons	%	July	8.9	9.1	9.4	10.2	10.1	..
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	%	July	18.7	19.6	22.0	22.5	21.5	..

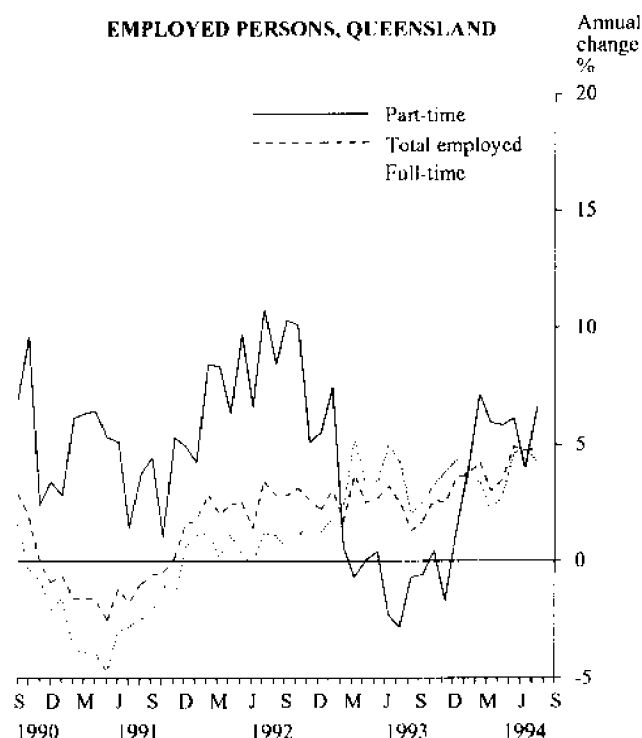
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COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND



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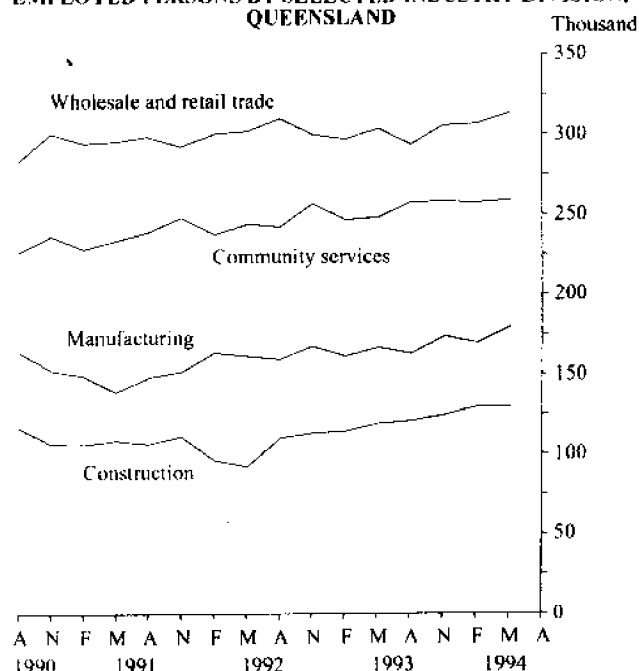
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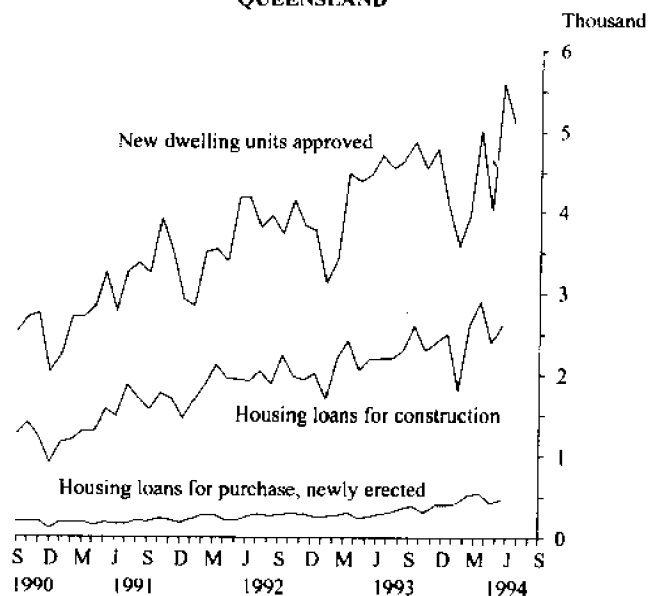


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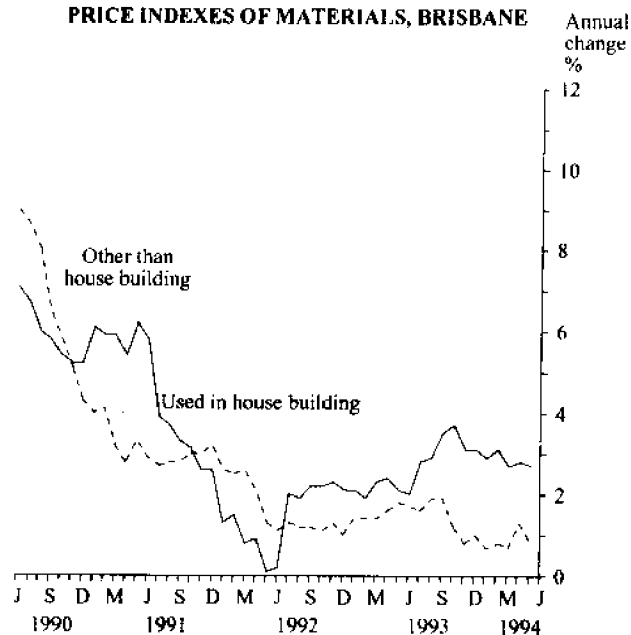
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Selected building statistics, Queensland								
Value of all building approved	\$m	June	625.1	632.7	403.4	632.0	554.5	+12.7
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	June	3,093	3,610	2,655	3,365	2,995	+3.3
New other residential buildings	No.	June	2,024	1,981	1,366	1,652	1,712	+18.2
Total dwelling units	No.	June	5,117	5,591	4,021	5,017	4,707	+8.7
Total dwelling units (trend estimate)	No.	June	4,913	4,796	4,677	4,567	4,504	+9.1
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses	No.	March qtr	8,095	9,140	9,329	8,629	7,497	+8.0
New other residential buildings	No.	March qtr	3,723	4,500	4,728	4,463	2,909	+28.0
Value of all building commenced	\$m	March qtr	1,645.0	1,552.8	1,516.9	1,631.5	1,393.5	+18.0
Housing finance for owner occupation								
All banks	\$m	May	745.4	649.5	876.0	754.7	539.6	+38.1
Permanent building societies	\$m	May	145.9	125.2	173.4	166.0	113.8	+28.3
Other lenders	\$m	May	23.8	24.7	28.3	20.7	24.6	3.1
Total	\$m	May	915.2	799.5	1,077.7	941.5	678.0	+35.0
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
All banks (a)	%	June	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.50	..
Price indexes, Brisbane								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	May	153.0	153.2	152.4	152.8	149.0	+2.7
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	May	115.0	114.8	114.8	114.7	117.2	1.9
Structural steel	Index No.	May	123.2	123.2	119.5	119.2	114.8	+7.3
All groups	Index No.	May	110.5	110.8	110.2	110.2	109.6	+0.8

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NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

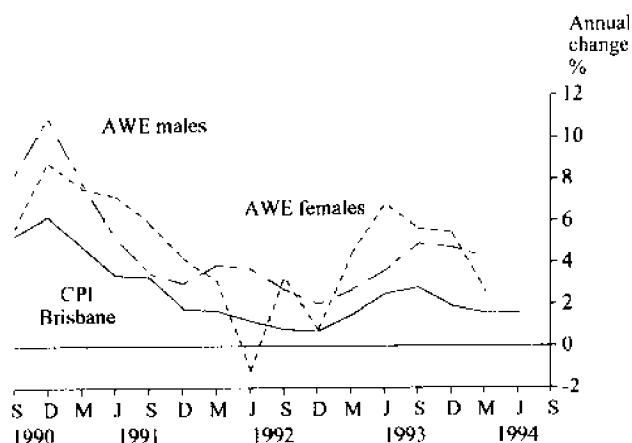


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

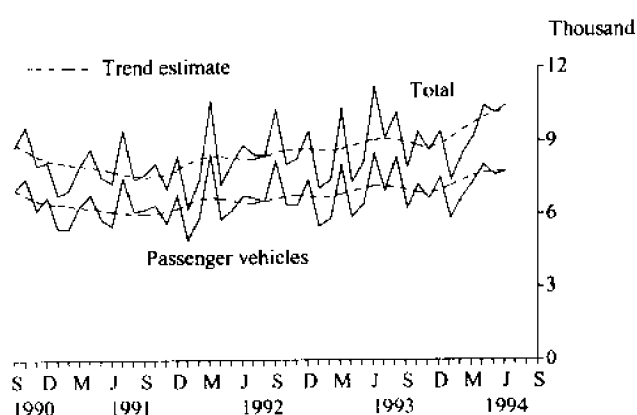
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Housing	Index No.	June qtr	100.7	100.1	99.8	100.4	100.5	+0.2
Transportation	Index No.	June qtr	113.8	112.0	112.3	111.8	111.4	+2.2
All groups (a)	Index No.	June qtr	111.5	110.8	110.2	109.9	109.7	+1.6
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), <i>Queensland</i> (b)								
Males	\$	February	615.60	613.50	603.40	601.90	590.80	+4.2
Females	\$	February	515.80	509.70	511.90	501.40	502.90	+2.6
Index of weekly award rates of pay, <i>Queensland</i> (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)								
Full-time adult employees								
Males	Index No.	May	141.2	141.2	141.1	140.5	139.1	+1.5
Females	Index No.	May	142.9	142.9	142.8	141.8	140.2	+2.0
Retail trade, <i>Queensland</i>								
Current prices								
Original series	\$m	June	1,507.5	1,451.2	1,430.8	1,505.2	1,379.7	+9.3
Trend estimate	\$m	June	1,527.5	1,523.9	1,519.2	1,513.8	1,431.6	+6.7
Short-term accommodation, <i>Queensland</i>								
Licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities (c)								
Rooms available	'000	March qtr	40.1	40.1	40.0	40.0	39.9	+0.3
Room nights occupied	'000	March qtr	2,141	2,311	2,419	2,076	2,013	+6.3
Room occupancy rate	%	March qtr	59.4	62.6	65.7	57.1	56.0	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	March qtr	190.6	203.4	195.5	167.3	167.0	+14.1
Self-contained units, flats and houses								
Units available	'000	March qtr	16.3	16.6	16.2	15.8	15.8	+3.3
Unit nights occupied	'000	March qtr	863	902	1,063	727	811	+6.4
Unit occupancy rate	%	March qtr	58.8	59.1	71.3	50.5	57.0	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	March qtr	55.7	54.1	57.5	38.2	49.5	+12.6
New motor vehicle registrations, <i>Queensland</i>								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	June	7,742	7,594	8,032	7,318	8,532	9.3
Total (e)	No.	June	10,476	10,149	10,447	9,167	11,234	-6.7
Seasonally adjusted								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	June	6,986	7,756	9,327	6,239	7,646	-8.6
Total (e)	No.	June	9,269	10,212	12,451	7,774	9,942	-6.8
Trend estimate								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	June	7,757	7,739	7,675	7,564	7,137	+8.7
Total (e)	No.	June	10,258	10,154	9,979	9,744	9,057	+13.3

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (c) From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection. (d) Formerly 'Cars and station wagons'. (e) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. .. not applicable

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND



BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

Indicator	Figures for preceding three periods							Percentage change over year
		Latest period	Latest figure	One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago	Figure one year ago	
		1994						%
All banks (a)								
Total deposits	\$m	May	30,006	30,125	30,492	30,155	27,314	+9.9
Term deposits (b)	\$m	May	13,419	13,453	13,562	13,613	12,322	+8.9
Other deposits	\$m	May	16,587	16,672	16,930	16,542	14,992	+10.6
Other lending (c)	\$m	May	35,984	35,596	35,055	34,592	29,854	+20.5
Building societies								
Lending operations								
Loans advanced	\$m	May	178.7	153.9	208.9	156.6	122.7	+45.6
Lending commitments unused	\$m	May	244.1	239.3	234.7	238.1	189.0	+29.2
Borrowing operations								
Receipts	\$m	May	1,615.1	1,542.2	1,828.7	1,704.5	1,400.2	+15.3
Withdrawals	\$m	May	1,529.2	1,493.3	1,708.5	1,651.3	1,379.8	+10.8
Personal finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	May	286.0	240.8	340.6	286.2	231.2	+23.7
Credit cooperatives	\$m	May	34.3	32.4	40.0	34.7	27.4	+25.3
Finance companies	\$m	May	93.2	88.7	100.3	83.0	70.2	+32.7
Other	\$m	May	9.9	8.2	9.6	8.1	10.1	-1.8
Total	\$m	May	423.4	370.1	490.5	412.0	338.9	+24.9
Commercial finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	May	911.3	789.5	1,010.7	789.0	693.7	+31.4
Finance companies	\$m	May	152.4	127.7	144.2	145.3	110.9	+37.5
Other	\$m	May	73.8	63.1	75.8	60.1	39.5	+86.9
Total	\$m	May	1,137.5	980.3	1,230.8	994.5	844.1	+34.8
Lease finance commitments	\$m	May	143.9	125.0	136.0	97.8	95.8	+50.2

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Including certificates of deposit. (c) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

