

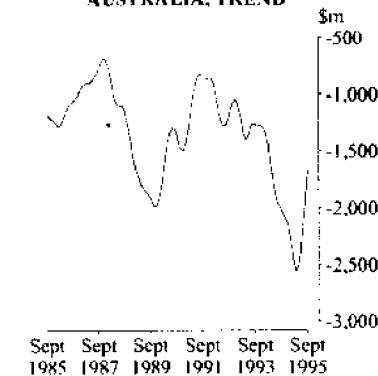
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QUEENSLAND

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NOVEMBER KEY POINTS

**BALANCE ON CURRENT ACCOUNT,
AUSTRALIA, TREND**



AUSTRALIA

CURRENT ACCOUNT

- Merchandise exports, in trend terms, increased by 14.9% from September 1994 to September 1995.
- Merchandise imports, in trend terms, increased by 7.0% from September 1994 to September 1995.
- Balance on goods and services, in trend terms, for September 1995 was a deficit of \$177m.
- Provisional trend estimate for the September current account was a deficit of \$1 667m.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA

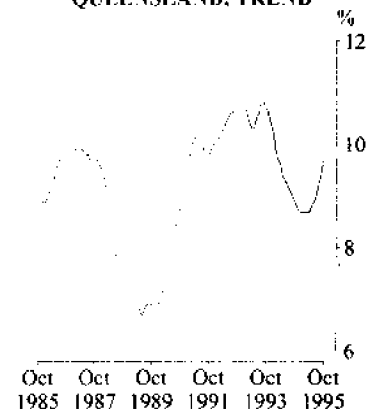
- Official investment was \$76 466m at the end of June quarter 1995, increasing 22.4% from June quarter 1994.
- Non-official investment was \$318 852m at the end of June quarter 1995, increasing 3.6% from June quarter 1994.
- Net foreign debt increased to \$180 484m at the end of June quarter 1995 from \$168 878m in March quarter 1995.

QUEENSLAND

LABOUR FORCE

- Unemployment rate in trend terms increased to 9.7% in October 1995.
- Unemployment rate for males in October 1995 was, in trend terms, 10.4%.
- Unemployment rate for females in October 1995 was, in trend terms, 8.6%.
- Total unemployed, in trend terms, increased from 142 400 in October 1994 to 160 600 in October 1995.
- Persons employed full-time, in trend terms, decreased in October 1995 but increased 2.5% from October 1994 to 1 138 300.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, PERSONS
QUEENSLAND, TREND**



INQUIRIES

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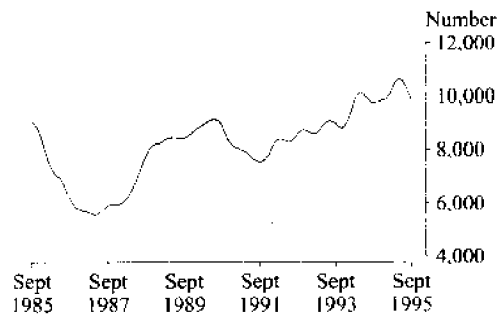
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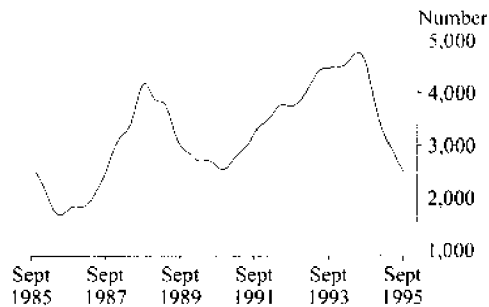
COMMENTARY

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, QUEENSLAND, TREND



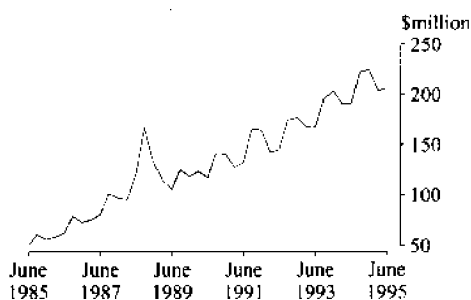
New motor vehicle registrations, in trend terms, have continued to decrease, falling to 9 830 after reaching a peak of 10 637 in May 1995. The September 1995 figure decreased by 2.7% from August 1995, but increased marginally from September 1994. Registrations of new passenger vehicles decreased to 7 753 in September 1995, a fall of 192 (2.4%) from August 1995.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVALS, QUEENSLAND, TREND



Total dwelling units approved, in trend terms, 2 496 in September 1995, represented a decrease of 3.9% from August 1995 and a decrease of 44.5% from September 1994. In original terms, the largest fall in approvals was for new other residential buildings with a decrease of 26.9% from August 1995 and 63.7% from September 1994. The value of dwelling units approved in original terms was \$244.5m for September 1995, a decrease of 10.7% from August 1995 and 43.2% from September 1994.

TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION, LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES, QUEENSLAND



Takings from accommodation at licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities for June 1995 totalled \$206.2m, increasing 8.3% from June 1994. The room occupancy rate of 59.8% in June 1995 was slightly lower than for June 1994. The number of rooms available increased by 2.7% and the room nights occupied increased by 1.5%, in the 12 months to June 1995.

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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 | | | | | | |
| June | 5 964 | 6 651 | -687 | -742 | -2 376 | n.a. |
| July | 6 030 | 6 575 | -545 | -565 | -2 160 | n.a. |
| August | 6 089 | 6 468 | -379 | -372 | -1 920 | n.a. |
| September | 6 129 | 6 334 | -205 | -177 | -1 677 | n.a. |

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----|----|----|----|------|
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| September | 14.9 | 7.0 | .. | .. | .. | n.a. |

ORIGINAL (\$ million)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | 5 693 | 6 217 | -524 | -824 | -2 531 | -1 707 |
| July | 6 236 | 7 190 | -954 | 1 005 | -2 488 | -1 483 |
| August | 6 066 | 6 955 | -889 | 1 041 | -2 422 | -1 381 |
| September | 6 200 | 6 120 | 80 | -288 | -1 819 | -1 531 |

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| September | 17.4 | 0.9 | .. | .. | .. | 2.3 |

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA¹

EXCHANGE RATE LEVELS²

| Quarter | Official \$m | Non-official \$m | Net foreign debt \$m | US/\$A | Yen/\$A | Trade-weighted index ¹ |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| September | 63 636 | 311 424 | 162 719 | 0.7389 | 73.22 | 53.4 |
| December | 72 632 | 294 456 | 164 017 | 0.7554 | 74.69 | 56.2 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 73 292 | 306 052 | 168 878 | 0.7486 | 72.09 | 50.7 |
| June | 76 466 | 318 852 | 180 484 | 0.7278 | 61.42 | 48.4 |

% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF PREVIOUS YEAR

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 9.9 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 5.8 | -5.4 | -2.7 |
| June | 22.4 | 3.6 | 10.6 | 0.4 | -17.9 | -8.7 |

¹ At end of period.

² Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.

¹ Base: May 1970=100.0.

MAJOR INDICATORS—Australia *continued*

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (at average 1989–90 prices)

| 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 | | | | | | | | |
| September | 61 190 | 17 286 | 18 435 | 4 669 | 22 330 | 21 553 | 99 242 | 102 612 |
| December | 61 939 | 17 361 | 18 616 | 4 782 | 22 364 | 22 399 | 100 268 | 103 362 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 62 570 | 17 731 | 18 313 | 4 982 | 22 413 | 22 932 | 100 860 | 103 870 |
| June | 63 035 | 18 129 | 17 856 | 5 131 | 22 424 | 23 249 | 101 048 | 104 172 |

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 4.3 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 10.3 | 1.0 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 2.8 |

ORIGINAL (\$ million)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1994 | | | | | | | | |
| September | 61 643 | 17 456 | 18 313 | 4 262 | 21 955 | 22 849 | 99 220 | 102 359 |
| December | 65 289 | 17 463 | 20 095 | 4 761 | 23 180 | 22 792 | 104 865 | 109 715 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 59 710 | 16 807 | 16 607 | 4 352 | 22 085 | 22 085 | 97 008 | 99 229 |
| June | 62 129 | 18 498 | 18 169 | 6 456 | 21 853 | 22 449 | 100 944 | 103 210 |

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 5.2 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 8.5 | -0.8 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 |

AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL ACCOUNTS¹

COMPOSITE LEADING INDICATOR²

COMPANY PROFITS

Gross domestic product – average

Deviation from long-term trend

| Quarter | \$m | % | \$m |
|-------------|---------|----|-------|
| TREND | | | |
| 1994 | | | |
| September | 102 559 | .. | 6 459 |
| December | 103 368 | .. | 6 386 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 104 053 | .. | 6 231 |
| June | 104 604 | .. | 6 151 |

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|----|------|
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 3.2 | .. | -1.3 |

ORIGINAL

| | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|-------|
| 1994 | | | |
| September | 102 602 | 1.15 | 7 121 |
| December | 109 514 | 0.87 | 7 653 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 99 118 | 0.25 | 5 082 |
| June | 103 555 | -0.47 | 5 316 |

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|----|-----|
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 4.1 | .. | 0.5 |

¹ At average 1989–90 prices.

² See explanatory note 6, page 12.

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 | | | | | | |
| September | 10 180 | 2 591 | 3 440 | 1 067 | 17 278 | 16 976 |
| December | 10 281 | 2 606 | 3 507 | 1 080 | 17 474 | 17 037 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 10 377 | 2 698 | 3 541 | 1 094 | 17 710 | 17 081 |
| June | 10 478 | 2 794 | 3 545 | 1 118 | 17 935 | 17 150 |
| TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | 4.1 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 2.1 |
| ORIGINAL (\$ million) | | | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| September | 10 279 | 2 650 | 3 569 | 969 | 17 467 | 17 233 |
| December | 10 877 | 2 628 | 3 696 | 1 111 | 18 312 | 16 843 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 9 840 | 2 515 | 3 300 | 913 | 16 568 | 17 086 |
| June | 10 271 | 2 807 | 3 502 | 1 363 | 17 943 | 17 228 |
| ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | 4.8 | 4.2 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 2.9 |

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....

| Quarter | Building and structures | Equipment, plant and machinery | Total |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| TREND (\$ million) | | | |
| 1994 | | | |
| September | 433 | 769 | 1 202 |
| December | 449 | 803 | 1 252 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 477 | 855 | 1 333 |
| June | 493 | 906 | 1 398 |
| TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | |
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 15.2 | 24.1 | 20.8 |
| ORIGINAL (\$ million) | | | |
| 1994 | | | |
| September | 431 | 769 | 1 201 |
| December | 495 | 812 | 1 307 |
| 1995 | | | |
| March | 437 | 773 | 1 210 |
| June | 486 | 1 023 | 1 509 |
| ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | |
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 25.5 | 37.9 | 33.6 |



MAJOR INDICATORS—Queensland *continued*

| Quarter | TOTAL BUSINESS NAMES REGISTERED ¹ | BANKRUPTCIES ² | INTERSTATE TRADE ³ | |
|---|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | No. | No. | Exports | Imports |
| | | | \$m | \$m |
| 1994 | | | | |
| September | 166 395 | 625 | 1 230 | 3 177 |
| December | 165 514 | 620 | 1 289 | 3 286 |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 168 988 | 746 | 1 361 | 3 052 |
| June | 171 843 | 762 | 1 447 | 2 982 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | |
| March | 8.6 | 11.2 | 21.7 | 14.0 |
| June | 6.8 | 24.1 | 28.9 | 1.9 |

FOREIGN TRADE.....

| Month | Exports | Imports |
|---|---------|---------|
| | \$m | \$m |
| 1995 | | |
| July | 1 360 | 643 |
| August | 1 278 | 678 |
| September | 1 321 | 666 |
| October | n.y.a. | 709 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | |
| 1995 | | |
| September | 18.0 | -3.6 |
| October | n.y.a. | 3.8 |

¹ Stock at end of period. Source: Queensland Department of Emergency Services.

² Source: Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

³ Source: Queensland Government Statistician.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

AUSTRALIA INDEXES OF MANUFACTURING GROSS PRODUCT¹

| Quarter | Food, beverages and tobacco | Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather | Chemicals, petroleum and coal | Metal products | Machinery and equipment | All groups |
|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| TREND | | | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| September | 121.3 | 79.5 | 115.2 | 109.0 | 122.0 | 115.0 |
| December | 121.4 | 79.1 | 116.3 | 110.0 | 124.6 | 116.2 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 119.7 | 81.3 | 116.5 | 109.5 | 126.5 | 116.6 |
| June | 118.0 | 84.1 | 116.2 | 108.6 | 127.0 | 116.7 |
| TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | -0.2 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 3.6 |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| September | 122.8 | 82.8 | 118.0 | 113.0 | 124.0 | 118.1 |
| December | 131.2 | 78.1 | 118.3 | 112.5 | 130.2 | 121.8 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 113.6 | 78.3 | 113.3 | 103.2 | 120.0 | 110.3 |
| June | 115.6 | 82.9 | 115.5 | 108.6 | 126.7 | 115.3 |
| ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | 1.8 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.2 |

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 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 41.0 | 2 188 | 59.4 | 204.0 | 17.8 | 919 | 57.3 | 62.1 |
| June | 41.3 | 2 236 | 59.8 | 206.2 | 18.2 | 817 | 49.3 | 48.8 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2.3 | 2.2 | .. | 7.0 | 9.2 | 6.5 | .. | 11.5 |
| June | 2.7 | 1.5 | .. | 8.3 | 9.4 | 6.4 | .. | 14.0 |

¹ At average 1989-90 prices. Base: 1989-90=100.0.



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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION *continued*

QUEENSLAND.....

MINERAL PRODUCTION.....

MINERAL
EXPLORATION

| Quarter | Black coal (saleable) ¹ | Copper | Gold | Total | \$ |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|------|
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 kg | \$m | |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| September | 24 826 | 65.4 | 7.6 | 1 376.0 | 45.0 |
| December | 22 768.0 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 53.7 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 23 126.0 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 32.4 |
| June | 23 629.3 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 44.9 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 15.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 7.3 |
| June | 10.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 21.4 |

QUEENSLAND.....

RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS²

| Month | \$m | Passenger vehicles | Total |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|--------|
| | | No. | No. |
| TREND | | | |
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 1 809.5 | 8 273 | 10 599 |
| July | 1 820.7 | 8 141 | 10 392 |
| August | 1 828.8 | 7 945 | 10 103 |
| September | 1 834.1 | 7 753 | 9 830 |

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | |
| August | 8.5 | 5.4 | 3.3 |
| September | 8.0 | 2.6 | 0.7 |

ORIGINAL

| | | | |
|-------------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1995 | | | |
| June | 1 773.2 | 7 115 | 9 555 |
| July | 1 742.6 | 10 256 | 13 234 |
| August | 1 797.7 | 7 511 | 9 124 |
| September | 1 804.3 | 7 522 | 9 450 |

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | |
| August | 8.5 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| September | 6.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 |

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 | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Month | Males | Females | Persons | Persons aged 15 to 19 years | Males | Females | Persons |
| July | 9.5 | 8.4 | 9.0 | n.a. | 75.2 | 55.4 | 65.2 |
| August | 9.8 | 8.4 | 9.2 | n.a. | 75.2 | 55.2 | 65.1 |
| September | 10.1 | 8.5 | 9.4 | n.a. | 75.2 | 54.9 | 65.0 |
| October | 10.4 | 8.6 | 9.7 | n.a. | 75.2 | 54.6 | 64.8 |

ORIGINAL

| 1995 | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Month | Males | Females | Persons | Persons aged 15 to 19 years | Males | Females | Persons |
| July | 9.0 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 21.0 | 74.9 | 55.3 | 65.0 |
| August | 8.9 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 20.6 | 74.4 | 54.4 | 64.3 |
| September | 9.4 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 20.8 | 75.8 | 55.4 | 65.5 |
| October | 9.8 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 20.9 | 74.8 | 54.4 | 64.5 |

EMPLOYED PERSONS..... UNEMPLOYED PERSONS... PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE

| Month | EMPLOYED PERSONS | | | UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | | | PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE |
|-------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Males | Females | Persons | |
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | |

TREND ('000)

| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Month | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| July | 764.0 | 379.8 | 1 143.8 | 89.9 | 59.8 | 150.0 | 1 661.9 | | |
| August | 762.1 | 380.3 | 1 142.4 | 93.1 | 59.9 | 153.0 | 1 662.6 | | |
| September | 760.5 | 380.4 | 1 140.9 | 96.5 | 60.2 | 156.7 | 1 663.3 | | |
| October | 758.6 | 379.7 | 1 138.3 | 99.7 | 60.9 | 160.6 | 1 663.4 | | |

TREND (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| Month | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| October | 0.8 | 6.2 | 15.2 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 20.8 | 1.8 | 12.8 | 4.1 |

ORIGINAL ('000)

| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Month | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| July | 766.2 | 380.1 | 1 146.3 | 85.3 | 54.3 | 139.7 | 1 656.9 | | |
| August | 760.6 | 369.4 | 1 130.0 | 83.8 | 58.2 | 141.9 | 1 642.2 | | |
| September | 769.0 | 381.0 | 1 150.0 | 90.8 | 59.1 | 149.9 | 1 676.7 | | |
| October | 759.9 | 375.7 | 1 135.6 | 92.9 | 56.5 | 149.4 | 1 655.7 | | |

ORIGINAL (% change from corresponding period of previous year)

| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| Month | Full-time | Part-time | Total | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| October | 0.4 | 4.5 | 11.3 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 25.8 | 5.8 | 17.4 | 3.9 |

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 |
|---|--------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1 480.8 |
| May | 16.8 | 184.8 | 127.7 | 309.5 | 76.2 | 80.3 | 50.5 | 148.3 | 63.2 | 102.4 | 129.5 | 208.3 | 1 497.5 |
| August | 19.0 | 184.7 | 125.6 | 310.1 | 74.8 | 87.4 | 39.8 | 144.1 | 68.1 | 112.2 | 128.0 | 206.5 | 1 500.3 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 39.7 | 5.6 | -11.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 15.8 | -4.6 | 12.8 | 48.7 | 13.7 | 1.1 | -1.1 | 4.6 |

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS.....

| Month | PRIVATE | | GOVERNMENT..... | | | |
|---|---------|--|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Total | | Commonwealth | State | Local | Total |
| | '000 | | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| September | 658.3 | | 43.5 | 190.6 | 33.1 | 267.2 |
| October | 704.4 | | 45.6 | 191.7 | 32.7 | 269.9 |
| November | 712.8 | | 45.8 | 195.3 | 32.7 | 273.7 |
| December | 719.1 | | 47.5 | 193.4 | 32.7 | 273.6 |
| % CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | | |
| December | 4.3 | | 4.9 | -2.7 | -1.9 | -1.4 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
(full-time adult ordinary time)

JOB VACANCIES

OVERTIME.....

| Quarter | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | JOB VACANCIES | OVERTIME..... |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Males | Females | | |
| | \$ | \$ | '000 | Average weekly hours per employee |
| | | | | Hours |
| 1994 | | | | |
| November | 623.30 | 526.10 | 9.4 | 1.25 |
| 1995 | | | | |
| February | 629.60 | 531.70 | 9.5 | 1.20 |
| May | 643.50 | 545.40 | 6.1 | 1.16 |
| August | 641.40 | 546.20 | 9.3 | 1.08 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 1995 | | | | |
| August | 5.1 | 3.0 | -27.3 | -17.6 |

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY—Queensland *continued*

ESTIMATED RESIDENT
POPULATION

POPULATION GROWTH DURING PERIOD.....

| Quarter | '000 | Natural increase No. | Net estimated migration | | Total No. |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | | interstate migration No. | overseas migration No. | |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| June | 3 169.1 | 6 380 | 10 751 | 459 | 19 003 |
| September | 3 215.6 | 5 584 | 10 379 | 3 483 | 19 446 |
| December | 3 232.9 | 5 906 | 10 888 | 563 | 17 357 |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 3 256.0 | 6 942 | 12 014 | 4 109 | 23 065 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | |
| March | 2.4 | 3.3 | -14.5 | 80.3 | 1.6 |

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AT 30 JUNE.....

| Year | Brisbane ¹ | Moreton ¹ | Wide Bay-Burnett ¹ | 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 INDEXES²

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS MOVEMENT

| Month | Working days lost '000 | FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES | | ARRIVALS | DEPARTURES |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| | | Males | Females | '000 | '000 |
| | | Index No. | Index No. | | |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| June | 9.3 | 143.0 | 146.5 | 118.4 | 111.9 |
| July | 19.3 | 143.1 | 146.7 | 137.5 | 114.0 |
| August | n.y.a. | 143.1 | 146.8 | 133.8 | 142.6 |
| September | n.y.a. | 143.1 | 146.8 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| 1995 | | | | | |
| July | .. | 1.4 | 2.0 | 21.8 | 15.2 |
| August | .. | 1.3 | 2.0 | 22.3 | 19.3 |
| September | .. | 1.3 | 1.9 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

¹ Statistical Division.

² Base: June 1985 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION—Queensland

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 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 2 005 | 2 832 | 2 150 | 1 110 | 3 260 | 288.4 | 398.3 | 706.4 |
| July | 1 944 | 2 710 | 1 986 | 593 | 2 579 | 232.0 | 147.9 | 408.1 |
| August | 1 891 | 2 598 | 2 102 | 799 | 2 901 | 273.7 | 290.8 | 587.1 |
| September | 1 843 | 2 496 | 1 933 | 584 | 2 517 | 244.5 | 222.8 | 490.3 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| September | -37.2 | -44.5 | -42.7 | -63.7 | -49.5 | -43.2 | 95.3 | -13.5 |

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 | | | | | | |
| September | 9 686 | 5 151 | 1 364 | 397.5 | 1 008.1 | 780.4 |
| December | 8 788 | 4 315 | 1 137 | 425.3 | 710.3 | 794.7 |
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| March | 6 295 | 2 700 | 820 | 653.5 | 643.8 | 669.5 |
| June | 6 280 | 2 947 | 871 | 632.6 | 706.1 | 770.3 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | |
| June | -32.0 | -32.8 | 26.3 | 49.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 |



PRICE INDEXES

AUSTRALIA

| Month | Articles produced by manufacturing industry ¹ | | | | | Materials used in manufacturing industry ² | | Export ³ | Import ³ | | |
|-------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|----------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
| | 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 | |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 125.3 | 112.9 | 128.0 | 122.5 | 118.7 | 120.6 | 147.1 | 129.2 | 135.4 | 100.3 | 121.4 |
| July | 125.1 | 114.2 | 128.6 | 122.5 | 118.7 | 121.1 | 147.1 | 127.1 | 134.0 | 100.6 | 121.0 |
| August | 125.2 | 113.5 | 124.6 | 122.2 | 118.7 | 121.0 | 144.7 | 125.7 | 132.3 | 98.6 | 118.2 |
| September | 125.4 | 111.3 | 118.9 | 122.2 | 118.7 | 120.5 | 143.9 | 124.3 | 131.1 | 96.4 | 116.5 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 3.5 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 8.9 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 2.9 |

BRISBANE

QUEENSLAND

| Quarter | Consumer price index ¹ | | | | Established house ³ | Prices received by farmers ⁴ | Prices paid by farmers ² | Farmers' terms of trade ⁵ |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Food | Housing | Transportation | All groups | | | | |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 111.0 | 104.0 | 115.4 | 113.7 | 140.0 | 109.9 | 120.7 | 91.0 |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.1 | 109.0 | 116.7 | 115.8 | 140.2 | 114.5 | 124.2 | 92.2 |
| June | 114.5 | 110.7 | 117.4 | 116.9 | 137.7 | 117.7 | 128.1 | 91.9 |
| September | 115.4 | 111.4 | 120.1 | 117.9 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 3.9 | 9.9 | 3.2 | 4.8 | -1.1 | 15.6 | 6.3 | 8.8 |
| September | 4.2 | 10.2 | 3.7 | 4.8 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

BRISBANE

Materials used in house building⁵ Materials used in building other than house⁶

| Month | All groups | Structural steel | Ready-mixed concrete | All groups |
|-------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1995 | | | | |
| June | 155.9 | 130.4 | 110.9 | 114.8 |
| July | 155.9 | 132.2 | 107.9 | 115.1 |
| August | 155.9 | 132.2 | 107.3 | 115.1 |
| September | 155.9 | 133.0 | 107.7 | 115.5 |

% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 1995 | | | | |
| September | 1.2 | 8.0 | -7.8 | 3.4 |

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

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QUEENSLAND—ALL BANKS¹..... QUEENSLAND—BUILDING SOCIETIES.....

DEPOSITS..... LOANS..... LENDING OPERATIONS.....

| Month | DEPOSITS | | | LOANS | | LENDING OPERATIONS | | | |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| | Term | Other ² | Total | Other lending ³ | | Loans advanced | Lending commitments unused | Receipts | Withdrawals |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 17 364 | 16 213 | 33 577 | 42 941 | 120.2 | 151.7 | 2 000.4 | 1 854.6 | |
| July | 17 507 | 16 609 | 34 116 | 43 691 | 97.4 | 142.9 | 2 070.2 | 2 026.3 | |
| August | 17 942 | 16 740 | 34 682 | 44 241 | 102.2 | 165.5 | 2 102.4 | 2 005.6 | |
| September | 18 991 | 16 749 | 35 740 | 46 917 | 125.2 | 156.1 | 1 888.7 | 1 830.9 | |

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% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|--|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 30.4 | -4.8 | 11.1 | 22.0 | 18.4 | 31.3 | 4.1 | -2.0 | |

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QUEENSLAND—FINANCE COMMITMENTS.....

PERSONAL..... COMMERCIAL..... LEASE

| Month | PERSONAL | | | | | COMMERCIAL | | | | LEASE |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|------------|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | All banks | Credit cooperatives | Finance companies | Other | Total | All banks | Finance companies | Other | Total | Total |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 338.7 | 39.6 | 108.9 | 14.2 | 501.4 | 941.5 | 154.3 | 274.6 | 1 370.4 | 153.9 |
| June | 350.5 | 40.2 | 98.3 | 65.3 | 554.3 | 1 543.2 | 189.9 | 252.2 | 1 985.2 | 202.3 |
| July | 374.5 | 33.7 | 89.8 | 11.1 | 509.1 | 1 054.7 | 144.4 | 176.7 | 1 375.9 | 128.4 |
| August | 363.2 | 34.6 | 100.6 | 14.6 | 513.0 | 994.1 | 168.5 | 198.0 | 1 360.6 | 125.3 |

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% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | 21.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 37.6 | 16.1 | 13.1 | 2.6 | 177.3 | -1.4 | 8.6 |

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QUEENSLAND—HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

AUSTRALIA—INTEREST RATES

| Month | QUEENSLAND—HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION | | | | AUSTRALIA—INTEREST RATES |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| | All banks | Permanent building societies | Other lenders | Total | Housing loans for owner occupation |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | % |
| 1995 | | | | | |
| May | 574.0 | 102.7 | 21.4 | 698.1 | 10.50 |
| June | 603.3 | 92.8 | 23.6 | 719.6 | 10.50 |
| July | 618.3 | 72.1 | 47.9 | 738.3 | 10.50 |
| August | 617.6 | 108.2 | 47.9 | 773.8 | 10.50 |

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% CHANGE (from corresponding period of previous year)

| | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-------|------|------|----|
| 1995 | | | | | |
| August | -9.1 | -19.3 | 93.1 | -7.7 | .. |

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



BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS

AUSTRALIA..... QUEENSLAND

TRADING PERFORMANCE..... INVESTMENT... EMPLOY- MENT OPERATING EXPENSES INTERNATIONAL TRADE SALES

Quarter Sales Selling prices Profit Capital Stocks Imports Exports

SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK—Expected aggregate change from the previous quarter (%)

| Quarter | Sales | Selling prices | Profit | Capital | Stocks | | | Imports | Exports | |
|-------------|-------|----------------|--------|---------|--------|------|------|---------|---------|------|
| 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 |
| September | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 5.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 2.6 | -1.3 | 3.6 |
| December | 2.1 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 1.2 |

MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK—Expected aggregate change from the corresponding quarter of the previous year (%)

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1995 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| June | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 7.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 3.6 |
| September | 3.4 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 2.8 |

AUSTRALIA.....

ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....

| Period | New buildings and structures | | Equipment, plant and machinery | Total |
|----------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------|
| | \$m | | \$m | \$m |
| 1993-94 | 8 156 | | 20 591 | 28 275 |
| 1994-95 | 8 966 | | 25 625 | 34 591 |

AUSTRALIA.....

EXPECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.....

| Period | New buildings and structures | | Equipment, plant and machinery | Total |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------|
| | \$m | | \$m | \$m |
| 6 months to Dec. 1995 | 5 627 | | 12 997 | 18 624 |
| 6 months to June 1996 | 4 607 | | 11 879 | 16 487 |
| 1995-96 | 10 235 | | 24 867 | 35 111 |

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.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

2 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.

3 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular components of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

| | |
|--------|------------------------|
| n.a. | not available |
| n.y.a. | not yet available |
| .. | not applicable |
| — | nil or rounded to zero |



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