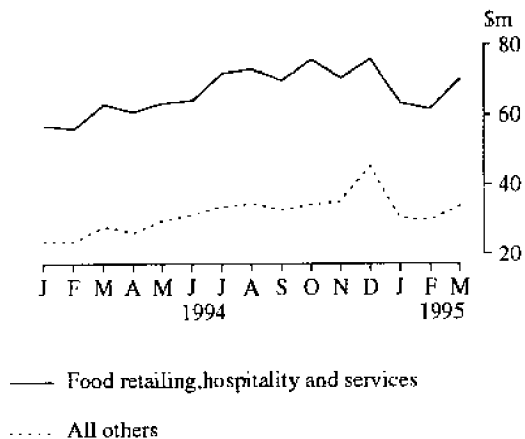


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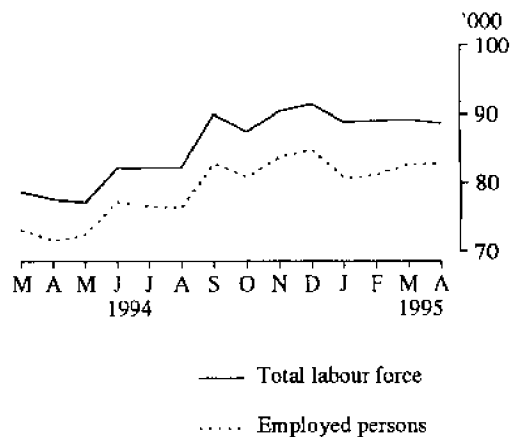
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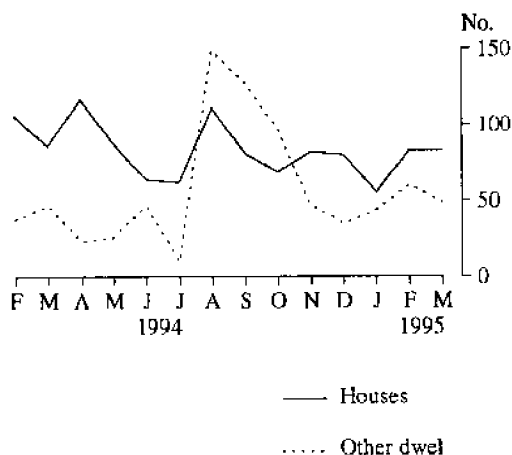
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NORTHERN TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, MAY 1995

Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia			
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>									
Employed	'000	Apr-95	82.9	0.2	15.9	8,230.6	0.8	5.0	
Unemployed	'000	Apr-95	5.9	-9.2	-1.7	743.0	-8.9	-15.9	
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Apr-95	6.6	-0.7	-1.1	8.3	-0.8	-1.8	
Participation rate (a)	%	Apr-95	72.4	-0.6	8.0	63.7	-0.1	1.0	
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>									
Males	\$	Feb 95	666.80	1.0	3.6	650.10	1.1	3.9	
Females	\$	Feb 95	468.10	2.8	6.4	430.60	1.3	3.3	
Total persons	\$	Feb 95	572.60	1.4	4.2	548.20	1.2	3.6	
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>									
Food & Hospitality & Services	\$m	Mar-95	70.1	13.8	11.8	5,457.8	10.6	6.9	
All other stores	\$m	Mar-95	33.9	13.8	21.9	3,788.0	13.0	1.2	
Total	\$m	Mar-95	104.0	13.8	14.9	9,245.8	11.6	4.5	
<b>PRICES</b>									
Consumer Price Index (1989-90=100.0)									
Food		Mar qtr-95	114.7	1.7	1.9	113.2	2.1	3.1	
Housing		Mar qtr-95	113.0	4.9	9.1	102.8	5.4	9.7	
Transport		Mar qtr-95	114.9	0.3	3.2	117.3	0.4	3.6	
All groups		Mar qtr-95	115.3	1.4	3.5	114.7	1.7	3.9	
Average Retail Prices									
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Mar qtr-95	208	2.5	4.0	..	..	..	
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Mar qtr-95	185	3.9	10.1	..	..	..	
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Mar qtr-95	99	0.0	5.3	..	..	..	
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Mar qtr-95	74.5	1.5	5.5	..	..	..	
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Mar qtr-95	1,226	-6.2	-0.6	..	..	..	
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b> no. of days lost									
OCCURRED	per '000 employees	Year ended	Jan-95	101	-1.9	225.8	76	0.0	-23.2
<b>BUILDING</b>									
Approvals									
New houses	no.	Mar-95	83	0.0	-3.5	9,131	12.5	-23.8	
Other residential	no.	Mar-95	49	-18.3	4.3	3,961	4.4	-12.5	
Total new residential building	\$m	Mar-95	14.3	-1.1	37.8	1,245.2	14.5	-14.9	
Total non-residential building	\$m	Mar-95	8.9	-71.3	-65.5	736.5	-18.7	23.4	
Value of all building approved	\$m	Mar-95	25.4	-47.1	-33.4	2,198.2	1.2	-2.9	
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Dec qtr-94	245	21.3	-6.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Dec qtr-94	91.1	16.2	4.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>									
Secured commitments to individuals									
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Mar-95	8.9	23.6	45.9	608.3	22.3	-26.3	
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Mar-95	2.0	11.1	12.5	183.3	12.8	27.7	
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Mar-95	23.3	-9.3	-14.0	2,309.7	12.6	-29.9	
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>									
Motor vehicles	no.	Feb-95	530	10.9	22.1	49,191	14.6	7.1	
Motor cycles	no.	Feb-95	31	72.2	-16.2	1,686	-9.1	4.5	
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>									
Imports	\$m	Apr-95	28.9	42.9	11.1	5,749.6	-15.0	14.2	
Exports (c)	\$m	Mar-95	72.7	-5.5	-16.0	5,915.4	19.8	9.7	
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>									
Hotel, Motels & Guest Houses									
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr-94	57.1	-13.9	6.2	59.0	0.6	3.5	
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Dec qtr-94	33.0	-10.2	3.5	35.8	-0.1	1.6	
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Dec qtr-94	23.5	-20.1	20.4	796.9	4.9	12.3	
<b>POPULATION</b>									
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Sep qtr-94p	171.4	0.2	0.7	17,896.7	0.3	1.1	

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