

TASMANIAN STATISTICAL INDICATORS

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INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains latest figures 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. 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.

4 While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series.

5 A number of ABS data series will reflect significant and subsequent impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. Further information can be found in *Information Paper: ABS Statistics and The New Tax System* (cat. no.1358.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

\$m	million dollars
na	not available
np	not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
nya	not yet available
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
p	preliminary figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
*	estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution
**	estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use.

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MAIN FEATURES

THE LABOUR FORCE

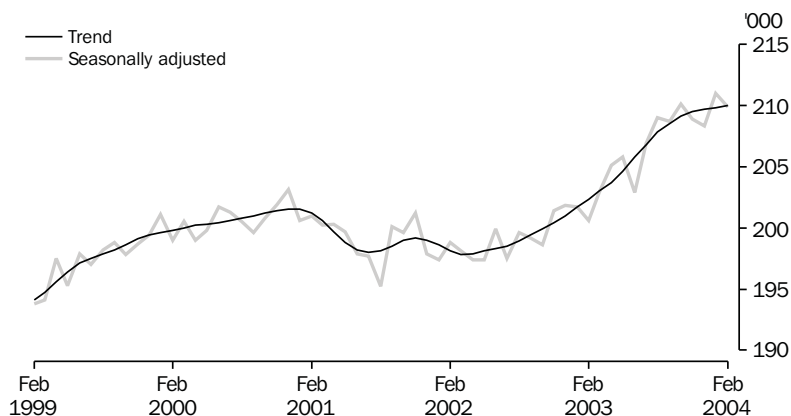
Trend estimates There were an estimated 225,500 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in February 2004 and an estimated 383,500 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 58.8%, the same as February 2003. The Australian labour force participation rate for February 2004 was 63.5%, compared to the February 2003 estimate of 64.0% — see table 36 and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

For Tasmanian males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 66.4% in February 2004, compared to the February 2003 estimate of 67.0%. For Tasmanian females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 51.6% in February 2004, compared to 51.1% in February 2003 — see table 3.

EMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the total number of employed persons in Tasmania in February 2004 was 210,000, compared to 202,300 in February 2003, an increase of 3.8%. Employment over the same period increased in New South Wales by 0.8%, Victoria by 0.7%, Queensland by 3.0%, South Australia by 0.3% and Western Australia by 1.3%. The increase in the national employment figure over the same period was 1.2% — see table 36 and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

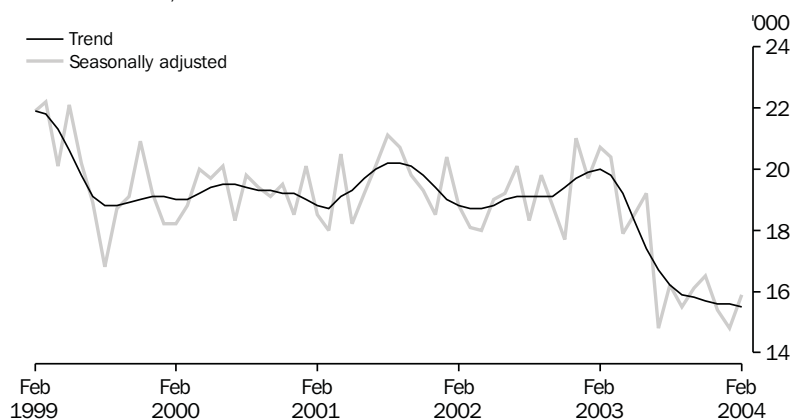
EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for February 2004 was 15,500 compared to 20,000 in February 2003. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate for February 2004 was 6.9%, a decrease from the February 2003 figure of 9.0%. The Australian *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate was 5.8% in February 2004 compared to 6.2% in February 2003 — see tables 3 and 36, and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA

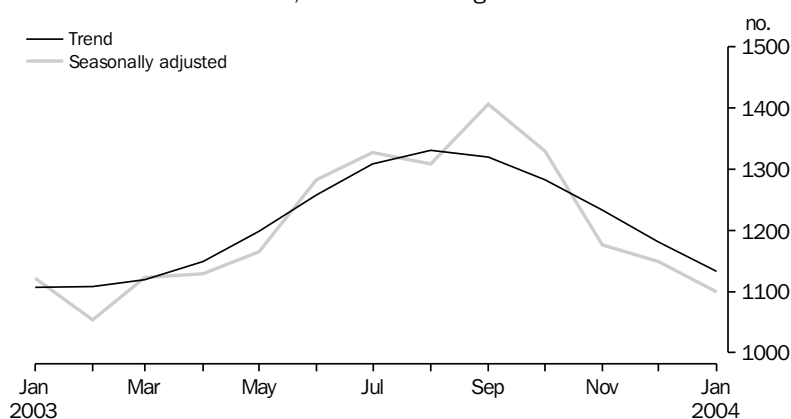


HOUSING FINANCE

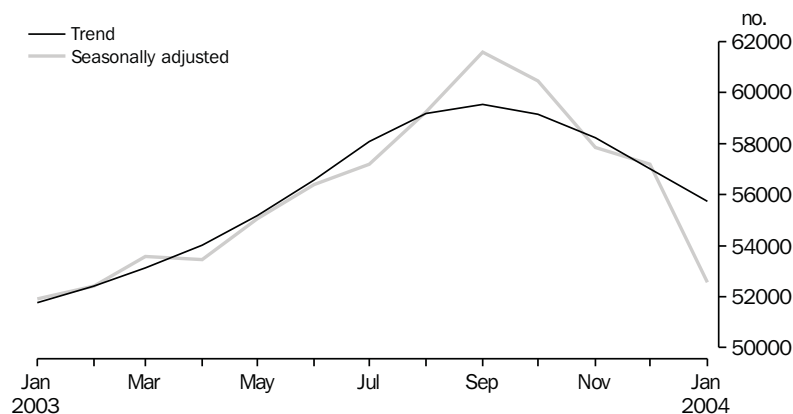
Trend estimates In *trend* terms, the number of housing finance commitments in Tasmania for January 2004 was 1,133, a decrease of 4.1% from the previous month. In the same period, the *trend* estimate for Australia decreased by 2.3%.

The Tasmanian *trend* estimate increased by 2.3% between January 2003 and January 2004, while the national *trend* estimate increased by 7.7%. The increases in the number of housing finance commitments over the same period for the other states and territories were New South Wales (8.0%), Victoria (3.1%), Queensland (8.1%), South Australia (11.0%), Western Australia (16.6%), Northern Territory (29.2%). The only state or territory to record a decrease was the Australian Capital Territory (14.8%) — see table 26 and *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0).

HOUSING FINANCE TASMANIA, Number of dwellings



HOUSING FINANCE AUSTRALIA, Number of dwellings



BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 198 dwelling units approved in Tasmania during January 2004, including 176 new houses. This compares to 229 dwelling units approved during December 2003, including 200 new houses. The number of dwelling units approved in January 2004 increased by 39.4% from the 142 approvals recorded in January 2003.

At current prices, the value of total building approved in Tasmania was \$45.9m in January 2004, which was 17.2% below the December 2003 figure of \$55.4m and 4.6% below the January 2003 figure of \$48.1m. Residential building contributed \$33.0m and non-residential building \$12.9m in January 2004 — see table 25 and *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0).

RETAIL

Trend estimates In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia for January 2004 was \$15,809.5m, an 8.8% increase from the January 2003 estimate of \$14,530.9m. In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania for January 2004 was \$337.1m, a 13.0% increase from the January 2003 estimate of \$298.3m — see table 32 and *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0).

SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES

Trend estimates In *trend* terms, there were 1,533 new motor vehicles sold in Tasmania in January 2004, compared to 1,580 sold in December 2003. The number of new motor vehicles sold in January 2004 increased by 20.1% from the January 2003 figure of 1,276. Passenger vehicles represented 58.8% of all new vehicles sold in Tasmania in January 2004. Nationally, the *trend* estimate of new motor vehicles sold in January 2004 was 76,437, an increase of 6.4% from the January 2003 figure of 71,871 — see table 31 and *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (Electronic Publication)* (cat. no. 9314.0).

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Original terms In original terms, the estimate of total capital expenditure at current prices for Australia in the December quarter 2003 was \$13,778m, an 8.0% increase from the September quarter estimate of \$12,755m. In original terms, the estimate of total capital expenditure at current prices for Tasmania in the December quarter 2003 was \$159m, a 0.6% decrease from the September quarter estimate of \$160m.

For Tasmania, the estimate for expenditure on buildings and structures increased by 17.6% from the September quarter to the December quarter 2003, and the estimate for expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 2.8%. The estimates of expenditure by the mining industry increased from \$5m to \$9m, and expenditure by the manufacturing industry and other selected industries each decreased in the December quarter 2003 — see table 27 and *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no 5625.0).

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates In January 2004, monthly movements of *trend* estimates showed only slight change in the three livestock slaughtering series: cattle and calves rose by 2.1%; sheep and lambs fell by 1.2%; and pigs fell by 0.4%.

The *trend* estimate for the number of cattle and calves slaughtered in January 2004 was 25,400, up by 12.9% on the estimate for January 2003 and up by 68.6% on the estimate for January 2002.

The *trend* estimate for the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in January 2004 was 68,800, up by 10.5% on the estimate for January 2003 and up by 38.3% on the estimate for January 2002.

The *trend* estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in January 2004 was 3,900, down by 7.5% on the estimate for January 2003 and down by 9.7% on the estimate for January 2002 — see table 21.

OVERSEAS TRADE

The value of Tasmania's exports for the month of January 2004 was \$168m, an increase of 8% on the month of December 2003. Australia's exports for January 2004 totalled \$7,902m.

Tasmania's major export destinations for the month of January 2004 were Japan (\$44.2m), Korea (\$23.5m) and Hong Kong (\$17.8m). Major commodity groups exported for the month were non-ferrous metals (\$50.1m), fish, crustaceans and molluscs (\$10.9m) and metallic ores and metal scrap (\$8.9m).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (All groups) for Hobart increased by 0.6% in the December quarter of 2003. Sydney recorded the largest increase (0.8%) while Melbourne recorded the lowest (0.2%). The weighted average of the eight capital cities increased by 0.5%.

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POPULATION — ORIGINAL

	<i>Estimated resident population</i>	<i>Natural increase(a)</i>	<i>Net estimated migration gain</i>	<i>Total population growth</i>	<i>Annual growth rate(b)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
2000-01	471.8	2.0	-2.0	0.4	0.08
2001-02	472.6	2.0	-1.2	0.8	0.17
2002-03	477.1	1.9	2.6	4.5	0.95
2001					
June qtr	471.8	0.4	-0.5	—	0.08
September qtr	471.8	0.4	-0.4	—	0.10
December qtr	472.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.16
2002					
March qtr	472.6	0.6	-0.2	0.4	0.16
June qtr p	472.6	0.5	-0.5	—	0.17
September qtr p	473.2	0.6	—	0.6	0.31
December qtr p	474.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.45
2003					
March qtr p	475.9	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.71
June qtr p	477.1	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.95

(a) Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual state of residence).

(b) Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)*.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS(a)(b)

	<i>Births</i>		<i>Deaths</i>		<i>Infant mortality(c)</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(d)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(e)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(f)</i>
2000-01	5 874	1.88	3 827	7.6	43	7.3
2001-02	5 871	1.91	3 849	7.4	30	5.1
2002-03	5 809	1.91	3 877	7.3	28	4.8
2001						
June qtr	1 402	..	983	..	10	7.1
September qtr	1 416	..	1 021	..	6	4.2
December qtr	1 507	..	964	..	4	2.7
2002						
March qtr	1 477	..	890	..	13	8.8
June qtr	1 471	..	974	..	7	4.8
September qtr	1 539	..	981	..	9	5.8
December qtr	1 440	..	1 108	..	7	4.9
2003						
March qtr	1 490	..	934	..	8	5.4
June qtr	1 340	..	854	..	4	3.0

(a) Usual residents of Tasmania.

(b) Marriages data is no longer released on a quarterly basis.

(c) Deaths of children under one year of age.

(d) Total fertility rate. The sum of age specific fertility rates (live births at each age of a mother per female population of that age). It represents the number of children a woman would bear during her lifetime if she experienced age-specific fertility rates at each age of her reproductive life.

(e) Standardised death rate. The overall death rate, per 1,000 persons, that would have prevailed in a standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population being studied. The standard population used in these calculations is all persons in the 1991 Australian population.

(f) Rate per 1,000 live births.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)*.

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a) — TREND AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Trend series(b)				Seasonally adjusted series(b)			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	%	%
MALES								
2003								
February	111.2	12.2	9.9	67.0	109.7	12.8	10.4	66.5
March	111.5	12.0	9.7	66.9	111.5	12.4	10.0	67.1
April	111.9	11.6	9.4	66.8	112.8	10.9	8.8	66.9
May	112.4	11.0	8.9	66.7	112.8	10.7	8.7	66.8
June	112.9	10.4	8.5	66.6	111.6	12.2	9.8	66.8
July	113.3	10.1	8.2	66.6	113.9	8.1	6.6	65.8
August	113.5	9.9	8.0	66.5	113.9	10.1	8.2	66.8
September	113.7	9.8	7.9	66.4	113.5	9.6	7.8	66.3
October	113.9	9.7	7.8	66.4	114.2	10.2	8.2	66.8
November	114.1	9.6	7.8	66.4	113.8	10.4	8.4	66.6
December	114.4	9.5	7.6	66.4	113.6	8.7	7.1	65.6
2004								
January	114.7	9.3	7.5	66.4	115.3	9.1	7.3	66.5
February	115.1	9.1	7.3	66.4	115.7	9.2	7.4	66.8
FEMALES								
2003								
February	91.1	7.8	7.9	51.1	90.9	7.9	8.0	51.0
March	91.5	7.7	7.8	51.2	91.4	8.0	8.0	51.3
April	91.9	7.6	7.6	51.2	92.3	7.0	7.1	51.2
May	92.3	7.3	7.3	51.3	93.0	7.8	7.7	51.9
June	92.9	7.0	7.0	51.3	91.3	7.0	7.1	50.6
July	93.6	6.6	6.6	51.4	93.0	6.7	6.7	51.2
August	94.3	6.3	6.3	51.6	95.1	6.1	6.0	51.9
September	94.9	6.1	6.1	51.7	95.2	5.9	5.8	51.8
October	95.2	6.1	6.0	51.8	95.9	5.9	5.8	52.1
November	95.3	6.1	6.0	51.8	95.1	6.2	6.1	51.7
December	95.3	6.2	6.1	51.8	94.7	6.6	6.6	51.7
2004								
January	95.1	6.3	6.2	51.7	95.8	5.7	5.6	51.7
February	94.9	6.4	6.3	51.6	94.2	6.7	6.7	51.4
PERSONS								
2003								
February	202.3	20.0	9.0	58.8	200.6	20.7	9.3	58.5
March	203.0	19.8	8.9	58.9	202.9	20.4	9.1	59.0
April	203.7	19.2	8.6	58.8	205.1	17.9	8.0	58.9
May	204.6	18.3	8.2	58.8	205.8	18.5	8.3	59.2
June	205.8	17.4	7.8	58.8	202.9	19.2	8.6	58.5
July	206.8	16.7	7.5	58.8	206.9	14.8	6.7	58.3
August	207.8	16.2	7.2	58.9	209.0	16.2	7.2	59.2
September	208.5	15.9	7.1	58.9	208.7	15.5	6.9	58.8
October	209.1	15.8	7.0	58.9	210.1	16.1	7.1	59.3
November	209.5	15.7	7.0	58.9	208.9	16.5	7.3	59.0
December	209.7	15.6	6.9	58.9	208.3	15.4	6.9	58.5
2004								
January	209.8	15.6	6.9	58.9	211.0	14.8	6.5	58.9
February	210.0	15.5	6.9	58.8	209.9	15.9	7.1	58.9

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are revised each month; see Notes on page 2. New seasonal factors based on the concurrent adjustment method have been incorporated.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — MALES(a)(b)

	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
January	53.0	6.4	10.7	66.1
2003				
January	54.6	5.7	9.4	66.3
November	54.5	5.2	8.8	64.9
December	56.5	3.9	6.5	65.6
2004				
January	56.9	4.9	8.0	67.0
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
January	32.1	3.9	10.8	70.0
2003				
January	32.3	4.5	12.2	70.8
November	32.4	3.5	9.6	68.3
December	32.3	3.0	8.5	67.3
2004				
January	33.4	3.1	8.4	69.3
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
January	25.8	2.7	9.3	69.3
2003				
January	25.0	2.9	10.5	67.6
November	27.2	1.5	5.2	68.6
December	27.0	1.9	6.6	69.2
2004				
January	25.9	1.9	6.9	66.3
TASMANIA				
2002				
January	111.0	12.9	10.4	67.9
2003				
January	111.9	13.1	10.5	67.9
November	114.1	10.2	8.2	66.7
December	115.9	8.9	7.1	66.8
2004				
January	116.2	9.9	7.9	67.5

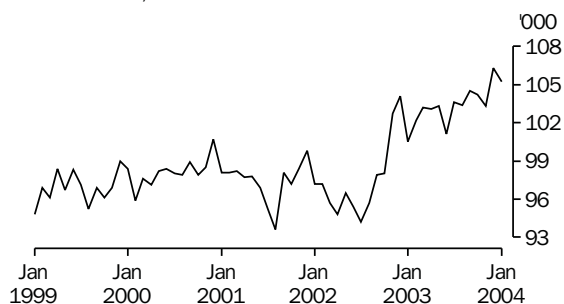
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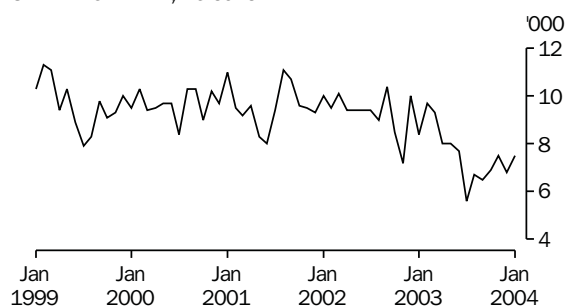
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Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — FEMALES(a)(b)

	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
January	44.1	3.7	7.7	50.3
2003				
January	46.0	2.7	5.5	50.7
November	48.9	2.3	4.5	52.7
December	49.9	2.9	5.4	54.2
2004				
January	48.2	2.6	5.1	52.2
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
January	23.8	2.9	11.0	49.4
2003				
January	25.9	3.2	10.9	53.3
November	27.7	2.0	6.9	53.8
December	27.8	2.5	8.2	54.8
2004				
January	27.7	1.9	6.5	53.5
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
January	17.6	2.1	10.6	46.2
2003				
January	17.3	1.8	9.4	44.6
November	18.4	1.5	7.4	45.7
December	19.1	1.4	7.0	47.3
2004				
January	18.3	1.1	5.8	44.7
TASMANIA				
2002				
January	85.5	8.7	9.2	49.1
2003				
January	89.2	7.7	7.9	50.1
November	94.9	5.8	5.8	51.4
December	96.8	6.8	6.6	52.8
2004				
January	94.3	5.7	5.7	50.9

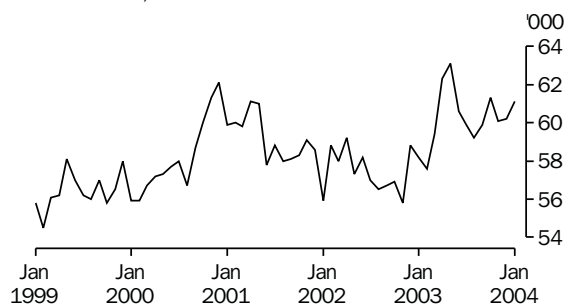
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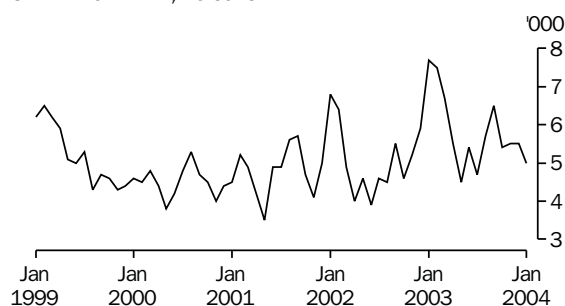
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Northern Statistical Division (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — PERSONS(a)(b)

	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
January	97.2	10.0	9.4	58.0
2003				
January	100.5	8.4	7.7	58.3
November	103.3	7.5	6.8	58.6
December	106.3	6.8	6.0	59.7
2004				
January	105.2	7.5	6.7	59.4
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
January	55.9	6.8	10.9	59.5
2003				
January	58.2	7.7	11.6	61.8
November	60.1	5.5	8.4	60.9
December	60.2	5.5	8.4	60.9
2004				
January	61.1	5.0	7.6	61.2
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
January	43.4	4.7	9.8	57.5
2003				
January	42.4	4.7	10.1	55.9
November	45.6	3.0	6.1	56.9
December	46.2	3.3	6.8	58.0
2004				
January	44.2	3.1	6.5	55.3
TASMANIA				
2002				
January	196.5	21.6	9.9	58.3
2003				
January	201.1	20.8	9.4	58.8
November	209.0	16.0	7.1	58.9
December	212.7	15.7	6.9	59.7
2004				
January	210.4	15.6	6.9	59.0

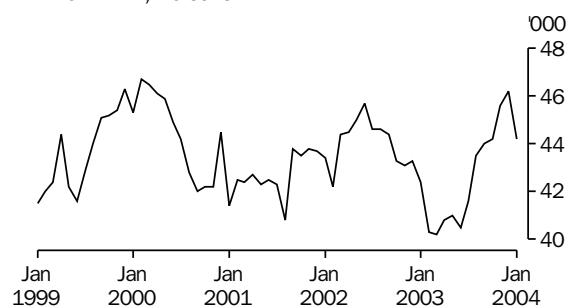
(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

(b) Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data.

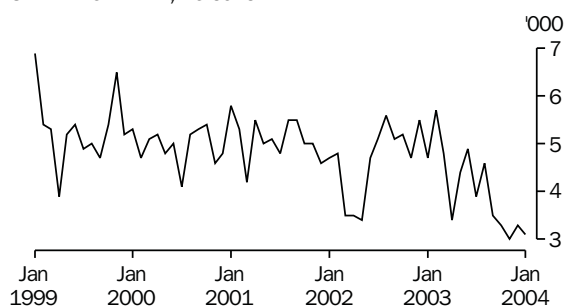
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Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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TEENAGE LABOUR MARKET(a)

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15–19</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Unemployment population ratio</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full time work</i>	<i>Total</i>						
	'000	'000	'000	'000						
ATTENDING NEITHER A SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL-TIME										
2002										
February	5.8	8.8	2.0	2.1	11.0	2.2	13.1	19.5	16.3	83.5
2003										
February	5.8	8.3	3.2	3.2	11.5	1.5	13.0	28.0	24.7	88.4
December	7.1	11.0	1.5	1.6	12.6	2.0	14.5	12.7	11.0	86.5
2004										
January	7.9	10.1	1.8	1.8	11.9	2.2	14.2	14.9	12.6	84.2
February	7.7	10.1	1.6	1.6	11.6	1.6	13.2	13.7	12.1	88.2
ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL-TIME										
2002										
February	*0.5	5.9	**0.4	2.3	8.3	12.5	20.8	28.4	11.3	39.7
2003										
February	**0.3	6.9	*0.8	2.5	9.3	11.8	21.1	26.4	11.7	44.2
December	*0.9	7.6	*0.8	1.2	8.9	10.9	19.8	13.9	6.2	44.8
2004										
January	1.4	8.2	*0.6	1.4	9.6	10.5	20.2	15.0	7.2	47.8
February	**0.4	7.2	*0.6	*0.9	8.1	13.0	21.2	11.3	4.4	38.4
TOTAL										
2002										
February	6.3	14.7	2.5	4.5	19.2	14.7	33.9	23.3	13.2	56.7
2003										
February	6.0	15.2	4.0	5.7	20.8	13.3	34.1	27.3	16.7	61.1
December	8.0	18.6	2.3	2.8	21.4	12.9	34.3	13.2	8.2	62.4
2004										
January	9.4	18.3	2.4	3.2	21.6	12.8	34.3	14.9	9.4	62.8
February	8.1	17.3	2.1	2.5	19.8	14.6	34.4	12.7	7.3	57.5

(a) Persons aged 15–19 years. For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0). Care should be exercised when using these series as some estimates are subject to high sampling variability.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Monthly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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ALL EMPLOYED PERSONS BY OCCUPATION(a)(b)

	November 2002		November 2003		Proportion of total employed	
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Nov 2002	Nov 2003
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Managers and administrators						
Generalist managers	2.7	3.0	**0.2	3.2	1.3	1.5
Specialist managers	5.4	4.5	1.4	5.8	2.7	2.8
Farmers and farm managers	7.6	4.0	1.6	5.5	3.8	2.6
<i>Total</i>	15.7	11.4	3.1	14.6	7.8	7.0
Professionals						
Science, building and engineering professionals	3.6	3.1	*0.7	3.8	1.8	1.8
Business and information professionals	5.9	4.2	2.6	6.7	2.9	3.2
Health professionals	8.1	1.8	6.6	8.4	4.0	4.0
Education professionals	9.9	2.5	6.3	8.7	4.9	4.2
Social, arts and miscellaneous professionals	5.8	3.5	2.9	6.5	2.9	3.1
<i>Total</i>	33.4	15.1	19.1	34.2	16.7	16.4
Associate professionals						
Science, engineering and related associate professionals	3.7	2.6	*0.9	3.6	1.8	1.7
Business and administration associate professionals	6.6	2.9	3.2	6.1	3.3	2.9
Managing supervisors (sales and service)	9.4	7.9	5.1	13.1	4.7	6.3
Health and welfare associate professionals	*1.0	**0.2	*1.1	1.4	0.5	0.7
Other associate professionals	3.2	2.0	*0.7	2.7	1.6	1.3
<i>Total</i>	23.9	15.7	11.2	26.9	11.9	12.9
Tradespersons and related workers						
Mechanical and fabrication engineering tradespersons	4.5	6.5	—	6.5	2.2	3.1
Automotive tradespersons	3.2	3.2	—	3.2	1.6	1.5
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	3.2	3.8	**0.3	4.1	1.6	2.0
Construction tradespersons	5.8	4.3	—	4.3	2.9	2.1
Food tradespersons	2.4	1.8	*0.5	2.3	1.2	1.1
Skilled agricultural and horticultural workers	2.3	2.3	**0.3	2.6	1.1	1.2
Other tradespersons and related workers	4.5	2.9	2.4	5.4	2.2	2.6
<i>Total</i>	25.7	24.7	3.5	28.2	12.8	13.5
Advanced clerical and service workers						
Secretaries and personal assistants	3.7	—	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.9
Other advanced clerical and service workers	2.9	*0.6	2.2	2.8	1.4	1.3
<i>Total</i>	6.6	*0.6	4.1	4.7	3.3	2.2
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers						
Intermediate clerical workers	19.1	4.9	16.6	21.5	9.5	10.3
Intermediate sales and related workers	3.7	1.8	*0.7	2.5	1.8	1.2
Intermediate service workers	10.8	2.7	12.3	15.0	5.4	7.2
<i>Total</i>	33.6	9.4	29.6	39.0	16.7	18.7
Intermediate production and transport workers						
Intermediate plant operators	5.1	5.1	**0.1	5.2	2.5	2.5
Intermediate machine operators	2.3	1.7	**0.3	2.0	1.1	1.0
Road and rail transport drivers	6.2	6.1	*0.8	6.9	3.1	3.3
Other intermediate production and transport workers	4.7	4.3	**0.4	4.7	2.3	2.2
<i>Total</i>	18.3	17.1	1.6	18.7	9.1	9.0
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers						
Elementary clerks	1.3	*0.5	*0.7	*1.1	0.6	0.5
Elementary sales workers	18.4	5.1	12.8	17.9	9.2	8.6
Elementary service workers	1.7	1.5	1.3	2.8	0.8	1.3
<i>Total</i>	21.4	7.1	14.8	21.9	10.7	10.5
Labourers and related workers						
Cleaners	6.1	1.4	4.7	6.1	3.0	2.9
Factory labourers	5.5	2.4	1.6	4.0	2.7	1.9
Other labourers and related workers	10.5	8.6	2.1	10.7	5.2	5.1
<i>Total</i>	22.0	12.4	8.3	20.8	11.0	10.0
Total employed	200.6	113.6	95.3	208.9	100.0	100.0

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO), Second edition.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY(a)(b)

	<i>Number of Employees</i>				
	<i>November 2002</i>	<i>February 2003</i>	<i>May 2003</i>	<i>August 2003</i>	<i>November 2003</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16.2	14.2	16.9	16.3	16.8
Mining	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.2
Manufacturing	22.0	22.7	22.8	20.9	21.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.3
Construction	11.6	12.1	12.3	13.0	11.9
Wholesale trade	9.3	9.9	9.0	8.4	7.7
Retail trade	31.3	32.6	35.2	34.5	34.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	8.8	11.0	11.3	10.6	11.2
Transport and storage	7.7	7.9	7.9	8.5	10.4
Communication services	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.0	2.6
Finance and insurance	5.2	6.6	5.8	5.1	5.2
Property and business services	14.8	16.1	15.2	15.4	15.5
Government administration and defence	12.1	11.8	11.8	12.2	11.6
Education	16.4	15.1	16.9	16.7	17.1
Health and community services	24.4	20.7	21.9	23.5	23.4
Cultural and recreational services	5.6	5.2	4.5	4.4	5.0
Personal and other services	8.2	7.5	8.8	8.7	10.0
Total all industries	200.6	199.1	206.6	205.4	208.9

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Small movements are subject to high sample variability and should be used with caution.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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AVERAGE HOURS WORKED

	<i>Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons(a)</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
2002			
August	38.4	27.1	33.3
November	39.0	27.0	33.7
2003			
February	38.0	25.8	32.5
May	40.4	27.2	34.4
August	38.3	27.5	33.4
November	38.6	27.4	33.5

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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JOB VACANCIES(a)(b)

	no.	rate(c)	Change from corresponding quarter of previous year
	'000	%	%
2002			
August	*2.2	*1.4	58.0
November	*2.1	*1.3	11.1
2003			
February	*2.1	*1.2	43.1
May	*2.0	*1.2	20.8
August	*1.9	*1.1	-14.3
November	1.6	np	-21.5

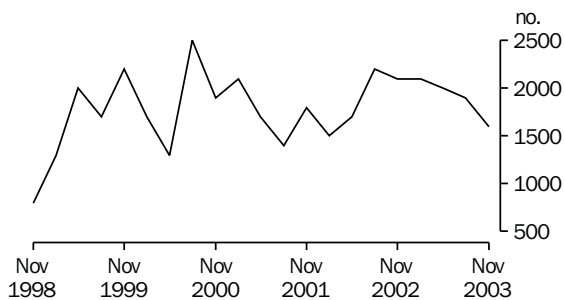
(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

(b) Care should be exercised in using these series as some estimates are subject to high sampling variability.

(c) Job vacancies expressed as a percentage of the number of employees plus job vacancies. From November 2003, the rate is no longer published.

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

JOB VACANCIES, TASMANIA



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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES(a)

	Working days lost	Twelve months ended	Working days lost per thousand employees
	'000		no.
2002			
November	0.1	November	19
December	1.2	December	20
2003			
January	—	January	20
February	—	February	20
March	—	March	10
April	—	April	10
May	—	May	10
June	—	June	9
July	—	July	9
August	—	August	8
September	—	September	8
October	0.5	October	10
November	0.1	November	10

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (cat. no. 6321.0).

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (cat. no. 6321.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES(a) — ORIGINAL AND TREND

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
ORIGINAL									
2002									
August	841.60	877.90	740.20	748.90	762.20	473.80	812.80	841.80	611.50
November	849.80	887.70	767.60	758.40	772.70	490.40	820.80	851.30	628.20
2003									
February	863.00	903.20	780.40	748.30	762.70	481.90	826.00	858.10	629.90
May	864.00	904.20	759.10	761.90	775.20	485.80	831.10	862.60	619.30
August	864.80	903.30	757.80	758.10	766.20	496.30	831.40	860.40	631.50
November	867.60	910.80	755.00	768.70	777.80	512.50	835.80	868.00	638.30
TREND(b)									
2002									
August	842.20	881.20	743.40	743.10	757.40	473.30	809.50	840.30	608.90
November	850.30	889.00	762.30	751.70	765.10	481.90	819.20	849.80	622.40
2003									
February	858.80	897.30	770.50	755.90	769.80	484.30	826.40	857.30	626.20
May	864.50	903.90	766.90	758.80	772.00	488.70	830.60	861.90	627.10
August	867.60	908.50	760.60	762.50	772.70	499.10	833.70	864.80	631.90
November	868.30	910.60	751.80	764.60	770.60	512.10	835.00	865.00	638.20

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

(b) ABS trend estimates for the most recent months are revised, see Notes on page 2.

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

	Index numbers				Percentage change	
	Mar qtr 2003	Jun qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2003	Dec qtr 2003	Jun qtr 2003 to Sep qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2003 to Dec qtr 2003
SELECTED INDUSTRIES(c)						
Manufacturing	116.3	117.6	118.1	119.8	0.4	1.4
Retail trade	115.0	115.6	117.1	117.8	1.3	0.6
Government administration and defence	115.2	115.2	117.3	118.4	1.8	0.9
Education	120.0	123.0	124.1	124.2	0.9	0.1
Health and community services	115.2	115.5	118.3	118.8	2.4	0.4
All industries(d)	116.6	117.4	119.0	120.0	1.4	0.8
SELECTED OCCUPATIONS						
Professionals	118.3	120.3	122.0	122.6	1.4	0.5
Associate professionals	117.0	117.1	118.9	120.5	1.5	1.3
Tradespersons & related workers	115.0	116.0	116.9	118.8	0.8	1.6
Intermediate clerical, sales & service workers	116.4	116.6	118.3	119.2	1.5	0.8
Intermediate production & transport workers	117.4	118.8	119.8	120.5	0.8	0.6
Elementary clerical, sales & service workers	116.0	116.8	118.9	119.6	1.8	0.6
Labourers & related workers	114.9	116.0	117.8	na	1.6	na
All occupations	116.6	117.4	119.0	120.0	1.4	0.8

(a) Base of each index: September quarter 1997 = 100.0.

(b) These indexes are a measure of quarterly changes in wage and salary costs for employee jobs. They are one of four sets of indexes that together comprise the Wage Cost Index. For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Wage Cost Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0).

(c) Industry is shown at the ANZSIC division level for selected divisions.

(d) Excludes Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Source: ABS data available on request; Wage Cost Index.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES(a), PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR — ORIGINAL

	CPI <i>all groups—Hobart</i>		Price index of materials <i>used in house building all groups—Hobart</i>		Price index of materials <i>used in building other than house building all groups—Hobart</i>		Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees(b)	
		%		%		%		%
2000-01		5.8		1.8		0.3		3.2
2001-02		2.0		1.9		1.7		4.6
2002-03		3.3		4.1		2.4		5.5
2001								
December		2.1		1.6		1.2		-4.4
2002								
March		2.3		1.8		1.2		6.1
June		2.7		2.3		2.2		5.2
September		3.5		3.4		2.7		7.2
December		3.1		3.9		2.7		5.2
2003								
March		3.6		4.7		2.1		4.9
June		2.8		4.5		2.1		4.9
September		2.6		4.0		2.0		2.2
December		2.9		3.8		1.9		nya

(a) See note 5 on page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS).

(b) March, June, September and December data relates to February, May, August and November survey dates as published in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

Source: ABS data available on request; *Producer Price Index* (cat. no. 6427.0); *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0); *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS(a)(b)

	Established house price index		Project home price index	
	Index	% change(c)	Index	% change(c)
2000-01	134.2	4.0	140.7	11.5
2001-02	140.1	4.4	145.1	3.1
2002-03	157.1	12.1	158.5	9.2
2001				
December	138.3	2.5	143.4	0.5
2002				
March	142.1	2.7	144.6	0.8
June	144.9	2.0	149.7	3.5
September	148.9	2.8	152.5	1.9
December	150.8	1.3	154.4	1.2
2003				
March	160.9	6.7	161.2	4.4
June	167.9	4.4	165.7	2.8
September	177.4	5.7	166.7	0.6
December	183.0	3.2	168.9	1.3

(a) Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

(c) Percentage change over previous period.

Source: *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0).

	<i>Hobart</i>					
	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>
2000						
December	132.0	112.9	105.8	124.6	130.4	181.6
2001						
March	134.3	110.7	106.9	125.6	131.4	185.4
June	136.0	112.2	107.2	126.6	134.6	188.6
September	135.7	109.3	107.4	127.3	131.5	189.4
December	138.2	113.9	107.8	126.9	130.4	189.5
2002						
March	140.4	110.9	109.0	127.6	131.3	191.5
June	141.1	113.3	110.3	127.4	135.9	193.0
September	142.0	107.4	112.4	127.7	134.9	195.5
December	143.0	108.3	113.0	127.8	136.3	196.3
2003						
March	146.0	104.3	115.2	127.5	139.0	198.9
June	146.5	110.1	116.9	128.8	134.3	203.3
September	146.4	103.3	118.3	128.4	136.7	206.5
December	147.7	106.8	119.3	128.1	136.3	208.9

	<i>Hobart</i>						<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>	
	<i>Health</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Index, all groups</i>	<i>% change over previous period, all groups</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>		
2000								
December	177.4	206.5	131.2	-0.1	131.3	0.3		
2001								
March	181.5	215.1	132.1	0.7	132.7	1.1		
June	181.4	215.1	133.4	1.0	133.8	0.8		
September	180.3	215.0	132.8	-0.4	134.2	0.3		
December	180.5	215.0	133.9	0.8	135.4	0.9		
2002								
March	185.8	221.9	135.2	1.0	136.6	0.9		
June	193.6	221.9	137.0	1.3	137.6	0.7		
September	193.4	222.7	137.5	0.4	138.5	0.7		
December	192.9	222.7	138.0	0.4	139.5	0.7		
2003								
March	200.7	233.2	140.0	1.4	141.3	1.3		
June	209.1	233.4	140.8	0.6	141.3	—		
September	207.8	233.6	141.1	0.2	142.1	0.6		
December	207.4	233.6	142.0	0.6	142.8	0.5		

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

(b) Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0).

(c) As a result introduction of the 14th Series Australian CPI there have been changes to some groups and restructuring of some others. See Appendix A2 of the September quarter issue 2000 of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0) for more information.

(d) See Note 5 on page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS) introduced on 1 July 2000.

Source: *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0).

Index numbers for selected major building materials

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Precast concrete products</i>	<i>Steel decking, cladding etc.</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>
2000-01	120.6	132.6	117.9	131.6	107.6	129.3
2001-02	123.0	137.0	122.7	131.6	104.4	130.2
2002-03	126.3	145.5	134.4	131.6	110.2	132.4
2001						
December	123.1	135.3	116.7	131.6	105.6	129.4
2002						
March	123.2	137.6	124.0	131.6	102.5	131.0
June	123.4	139.9	133.2	131.6	101.8	131.0
September	124.0	143.9	133.8	131.6	107.8	132.1
December	124.8	144.0	134.0	131.6	107.0	132.1
2003						
March	126.1	147.0	134.0	131.6	113.1	132.1
June	130.1	147.0	135.9	131.6	112.9	133.1
September	131.0	147.1	137.3	137.9	111.2	133.1
December	131.0	147.1	137.3	137.7	109.5	133.1

Index numbers for selected major building materials

	<i>Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>	<i>Fabricated steel products</i>	<i>Builders' hardware</i>	<i>Sand and aggregate</i>	<i>Paint and other coatings</i>	<i>Non-ferrous pipes and fittings</i>
2000-01	107.8	116.8	114.0	119.3	147.9	135.0	185.6
2001-02	107.9	120.3	114.9	123.4	148.7	137.6	180.9
2002-03	110.8	121.5	128.8	123.2	157.6	142.2	176.4
2001							
December	107.9	120.3	114.4	123.6	147.4	137.4	178.1
2002							
March	107.9	120.3	111.4	123.3	147.4	137.6	182.0
June	107.9	120.3	119.7	123.3	152.9	137.9	180.2
September	110.3	120.3	129.7	123.2	157.2	140.2	176.4
December	110.3	120.3	129.7	123.2	157.2	142.4	176.4
2003							
March	110.7	120.3	126.7	123.2	157.2	141.9	176.4
June	111.7	124.9	128.9	123.3	158.8	144.1	176.4
September	112.9	124.9	132.3	123.3	156.5	145.2	180.4
December	110.4	124.9	139.4	123.3	157.3	143.4	183.4

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	<i>All electrical materials</i>		<i>All mechanical services</i>		<i>All plumbing materials</i>	
	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>
2000-01	117.3	-0.3	118.2	-1.7	132.7	4.5
2001-02	118.5	1.0	120.9	2.3	132.4	-0.2
2002-03	117.9	-0.5	122.5	1.3	135.1	2.0
2001						
December	118.7	0.4	120.1	0.3	130.4	-1.1
2002						
March	119.5	0.7	121.8	1.4	133.4	2.3
June	117.7	-1.5	122.0	0.2	133.8	0.3
September	117.5	-0.2	122.1	0.1	135.0	0.9
December	117.6	0.1	122.5	0.3	135.3	0.2
2003						
March	117.8	0.2	122.6	0.1	134.8	-0.4
June	118.6	0.7	122.6	—	135.2	0.3
September	119.6	0.8	123.3	0.6	136.8	1.2
December	120.3	0.6	123.3	—	137.8	0.7
	<i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i>				<i>All groups</i>	
	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>		
2000-01	120.5	1.2	119.3	0.3		
2001-02	122.1	1.3	121.3	1.7		
2002-03	125.7	2.9	124.2	2.4		
2001						
December	121.2	—	120.5	0.2		
2002						
March	122.2	0.8	121.6	0.9		
June	123.8	1.3	122.8	1.0		
September	124.9	0.9	123.5	0.6		
December	125.1	0.2	123.7	0.2		
2003						
March	125.6	0.4	124.2	0.4		
June	127.2	1.3	125.4	1.0		
September	127.9	0.6	126.0	0.5		
December	128.0	0.1	126.1	0.1		

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

Source: ABS data available on request; Producer Price Index (cat. no. 6427.0).

	<i>Dairy products(a)</i>			<i>Staff hours worked</i>	
	<i>Whole milk(b)</i>	<i>Factory butter(c)</i>	<i>Factory cheese(d)</i>	<i>Textile manufacturing(e)</i>	<i>Vegetable preserving</i>
	<i>million litres</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
2000-01	589.7	5 949	32 355	938	1 037
2001-02	671.4	7 368	35 155	975	1 062
2002-03	585.4	na	31 632	1 022	1 344
2003					
January	63.4	na	3 615	70	97
February	48.1	na	3 208	85	134
March	42.4	na	3 337	87	131
April	34.9	na	2 251	78	136
May	31.8	na	2 113	96	164
June	20.0	na	1 651	73	125
July	14.6	na	na	90	126
August	26.2	na	na	84	129
September	54.3	na	na	77	84
October	78.0	na	na	87	112
November	81.2	na	na	72	120
December	70.5	na	na	63	128
2004					
January	63.1	na	na	51	68
		<i>Refined zinc</i>	<i>Metallurgical refining</i>		<i>Electricity</i>
		<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>Index(f)</i>		<i>million kW.h</i>
2000-01		233.1	138.4		10 150
2001-02		251.7	140.8		10 210
2002-03		253.4	144.1		10 460
2003					
January		21.1	146.7		..
February		19.9	132.8		..
March		22.2	148.0		(Mar qtr) 2 430
April		22.0	145.8		..
May		23.2	150.6		..
June		22.4	149.4		(Jun qtr) 2 700
July		20.3	146.0		..
August		19.6	141.7		..
September		22.0	144.5		(Sep qtr) 2 920
October		22.5	149.5		..
November		21.5	144.8		..
December		22.2	149.4		(Dec qtr) 2 430
2004					
January		19.8	146.3		..

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(b) Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.

(c) Includes butter equivalent of butter oil. From July 2002 the Australian Dairy Corporation advised that Factory butter production data are confidential.

(d) From July 2003 the Australian Dairy Corporation advised that factory cheese production data are confidential.

(e) Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.

(f) Metallurgical refining index (Base year: 1979-80 = 00.0). Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 manufacturing census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.

Source: ABS data available on request; Employees Hours Worked Survey; Monthly Production Survey; Manufacturing Survey.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING — ORIGINAL

	Cattle						Pigs
	Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Calves	Sheep	Lambs		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		
2000-01	90.2	94.2	49.7	364.7	416.1	57.6	
2001-02	80.6	79.4	44.6	275.8	426.4	53.1	
2002-03	79.9	112.9	41.2	388.3	374.0	47.7	
2002							
January	6.5	3.9	0.1	23.3	26.2	2.9	
2003							
January	8.4	11.6	0.3	45.2	35.9	4.0	
February	7.8	10.8	0.2	47.9	31.7	3.5	
March	7.0	11.5	0.5	55.5	28.1	3.6	
April	6.1	12.7	1.0	41.4	23.8	3.5	
May	7.6	13.5	1.1	47.5	34.0	4.3	
June	5.0	10.7	0.8	27.5	30.7	3.8	
July	4.0	10.9	1.4	30.4	39.5	4.0	
August	4.8	7.7	16.8	19.1	38.6	3.9	
September	4.3	7.0	15.5	21.8	27.3	3.7	
October	7.4	7.5	7.1	26.9	33.6	3.8	
November	9.3	7.5	1.3	37.5	29.9	3.4	
December	17.4	8.5	0.3	36.4	32.0	4.5	
2004							
January	10.7	9.2	0.2	40.1	39.6	3.7	

Source: ABS data available on request; Livestock Slaughtered.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(a) AND TREND(b)

	Seasonally adjusted			Trend		
	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
2002						
January	12.9	42.8	3.4	15.1	49.7	4.3
2003						
January	24.0	65.7	4.3	22.5	62.2	4.2
February	22.8	63.4	3.9	22.2	64.2	4.1
March	21.5	68.9	3.4	21.5	66.1	3.9
April	20.3	64.8	3.5	20.6	67.8	3.8
May	20.1	72.5	3.9	20.2	69.0	3.8
June	18.1	61.0	3.5	20.0	69.6	3.8
July	19.5	79.3	4.0	20.3	69.9	3.9
August	24.7	69.9	4.2	21.1	70.1	3.9
September	21.7	67.7	3.8	22.1	70.0	3.9
October	19.9	64.4	3.9	23.1	69.8	3.9
November	23.2	75.3	3.9	24.0	69.7	3.9
December	30.6	70.6	3.7	24.8	69.6	3.9
2004						
January	22.5	67.1	4.1	25.4	68.8	3.9

(a) Seasonally adjusted factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the review are used to compile revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates; see Notes page 2.

(b) ABS trend estimates for the most recent months are revised; see Notes page 2.

Source: ABS data available on request; Livestock Slaughtered.

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MEAT PRODUCTION(a)

	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pig meat(b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
2000-01	48 771	996	7 232	8 014	3 583	68 596
2001-02	43 923	899	5 416	8 466	3 159	61 863
2002-03	51 376	826	7 495	7 439	2 715	69 851
2002						
January	3 071	4	458	517	175	4 226
2003						
January	5 637	9	885	706	223	7 460
February	5 135	7	925	613	196	6 876
March	4 872	14	1 076	552	206	6 720
April	4 765	23	793	461	192	6 233
May	5 538	26	903	682	248	7 396
June	4 026	19	532	613	219	5 408
July	3 727	30	582	803	227	5 368
August	3 332	322	370	778	225	5 026
September	3 061	301	430	556	204	4 553
October	3 940	139	535	651	211	5 476
November	4 649	28	767	609	189	6 242
December	7 576	9	729	633	242	9 189
2004						
January	5 588	8	771	773	204	7 344

(a) Carcass weight.

(b) Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

Source: ABS data available on request; *Livestock Slaughtered*.

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PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED

	<i>Copper</i>	<i>Iron (pellets)</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Tin(a)</i>	<i>Zinc</i>
	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>
2000-01	105.4	2 027.3	40.6	14.7	143.2
2001-02	115.0	2 151.6	35.6	12.4	138.7
2002-03	108.1	2 142.3	42.2	8.5	141.9
2001					
December	30.9	554.1	8.4	3.6	37.9
2002					
March	28.0	533.5	9.9	2.7	33.3
June	23.6	576.3	8.5	3.0	32.4
September	34.5	513.1	9.7	3.7	39.0
December	25.4	516.3	9.2	1.7	31.4
2003					
March	25.6	578.7	12.4	2.4	35.0
June	22.7	534.2	10.8	0.8	36.5
September	22.9	560.8	9.2	—	34.0
December	29.2	582.3	11.2	—	38.5

(a) Tasmania's major tin producer, Renison Bell Ltd, ceased production in May 2003. It is currently inoperative.

Source: *Mineral Resources Tasmania, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources*.

SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS, LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED(a)

	Tasmanian-grown logs delivered					Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced(b)				
	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts(c)	Plant- ation(d)	Native soft- woods(e)	Total	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts(c)	Plant- ation(d)	Native soft- woods(e)	Total
		'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³			'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	
2000-01	468.5	24.8	369.9	2.6	865.8	157.9	6.3	174.1	0.2	338.6
2001-02	513.9	31.7	447.2	0.9	993.8	170.2	8.1	208.9	0.3	387.4
2002-03	525.0	25.9	509.8	2.5	1 063.2	163.3	6.7	228.0	0.5	398.5
2001										
December	115.0	8.9	94.3	0.1	218.4	37.8	2.2	48.4	0.1	88.3
2002										
March	116.2	10.3	121.6	0.3	248.5	41.6	2.7	53.6	0.1	97.9
June	152.8	6.9	115.4	0.3	275.4	48.7	1.4	56.0	0.1	106.2
September	143.4	5.4	122.3	0.2	271.3	44.7	1.4	58.8	0.1	105.0
December	142.6	5.3	143.6	1.0	292.5	41.3	1.8	55.9	0.1	99.1
2003										
March	113.8	8.1	124.8	0.5	247.1	36.5	1.6	56.5	0.1	94.6
June	125.2	7.1	119.2	0.8	252.3	40.9	1.9	56.9	0.2	99.8
September	157.2	4.9	133.2	0.2	295.4	46.4	1.7	64.4	—	112.5
December	153.7	5.3	125.0	0.3	284.4	43.7	0.8	60.1	—	104.6

(a) Separate data for logs delivered and sourced from Crown and Private land is available on request.

(b) Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

(c) Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

(d) Radiata pine.

(e) Includes Huon pine, Celery Top pine and King William pine.

Source: ABS data available on request, Forest Products Survey.

	Value(a)								
	Dwelling units				Non-residential buildings(b)				
	New houses	New other residential buildings(c)	Other dwelling units created (conversions etc.)(d)	Total dwelling units	New dwelling units	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(e)	Private	Total	Total of all building
no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
2000-01	1 108	80	10	1 198	127.5	43.1	95.2	152.5	323.0
2001-02	1 878	141	13	2 032	221.0	51.7	113.6	168.0	440.7
2002-03	1 964	164	17	2 145	261.9	62.8	148.1	201.2	526.0
2003									
January	138	2	2	142	18.5	5.4	18.6	24.1	48.1
February	146	4	2	152	18.3	5.1	9.5	17.0	40.4
March	177	7	1	185	23.2	5.7	15.5	17.4	46.3
April	146	23	4	173	22.5	3.9	9.7	20.5	46.8
May	186	62	3	251	26.8	6.4	15.4	16.0	49.2
June	167	21	1	189	26.9	6.3	15.3	27.6	60.8
July	223	60	1	284	55.3	6.7	8.5	16.3	78.3
August	231	8	8	247	32.6	7.3	10.1	13.0	52.9
September	224	12	15	251	32.6	9.0	6.6	6.6	48.2
October	218	12	8	238	31.5	7.9	13.1	18.1	57.5
November	244	81	—	325	37.3	7.7	18.3	19.4	64.3
December	200	29	—	229	32.7	6.7	15.9	16.0	55.4
2004									
January	176	22	—	198	28.1	4.9	9.8	12.9	45.9

(a) Value data from July 2000 reference month onward are recorded inclusive of GST.

(b) Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

(d) From alterations and additions to residential building, conversions of non-residential building to residential building etc.

(e) Valued at \$10,000 and over. Includes conversions and dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions or as part of the construction of non-residential building. See *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) or page 2 of this publication for more details.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0).

	Total number of dwellings(a)			Total value of commitments(b)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)	Trend(c)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)	Trend(c)
	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m
2003						
January	977	1 122	1 107	91	110	106
February	1 015	1 053	1 108	99	102	108
March	1 152	1 123	1 119	114	110	111
April	r 1 073	1 129	1 149	106	118	115
May	r 1 281	1 165	1 198	128	117	121
June	r 1 247	1 283	1 258	128	130	128
July	1 366	1 327	1 309	142	134	133
August	r 1 303	1 308	1 331	135	134	137
September	r 1 354	1 406	1 319	r 144	148	138
October	1 409	1 329	1 282	r 152	142	138
November	r 1 176	1 176	1 233	130	129	137
December	r 1 120	1 149	1 181	136	132	136
2004						
January	917	1 099	1 133	112	138	135

(a) Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) Commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Includes commitments to provide housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(c) New seasonal factors based on the concurrent adjustment method have been incorporated, resulting in revisions to all seasonally adjusted and trend series.

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0)*.

	Asset			Industry			
	<i>Buildings and structures</i>	<i>Equipment, plant and machinery</i>	<i>Total asset</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Total all industries</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2000-01	134	467	600	87	162	352	600
2001-02	445	518	963	57	154	752	963
2002-03	255	628	883	45	240	599	883
2001							
December	103	107	210	11	42	157	210
2002							
March	136	120	256	17	36	203	256
June	138	169	307	14	35	258	307
September	88	101	189	9	33	147	189
December	55	213	268	13	69	186	268
2003							
March	73	151	224	14	89	121	224
June	39	164	203	9	49	145	203
September	17	r 143	r 160	5	33	r 122	r 160
December	20	139	159	9	30	120	159

(a) Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only — mining, manufacturing, and other selected industries.

(b) Current prices.

(c) See *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no. 5625.0) or page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS) introduced on 1 July 2000.

Source: *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no. 5625.0).

ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a)

	<i>Establis- ments (b)</i>	<i>Guest rooms (b)</i>	<i>Bed spaces (b)</i>	<i>Persons employed (b)</i>	<i>Room nights occupied(b)</i>	<i>Room occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest nights (b)</i>	<i>Bed occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest arrivals (b)</i>	<i>Takings from accommodation (b)(c)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES										
2002										
June qtr	52	2 879	7 964	2 676	124.3	47.5	193.2	26.7	107.8	11 139
April	na	na	na	na	51.2	58.5	88.2	36.3	48.4	5 137
May	na	na	na	na	48.4	53.6	74.4	29.6	37.7	5 126
June	na	na	na	na	33.2	37.9	49.2	20.2	26.4	3 186
June qtr	54	2 916	8 113	2 453	132.8	50.0	211.9	28.7	112.6	13 450
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES										
2002										
June qtr	49	1 648	5 061	628	69.7	46.5	125.7	27.3	69.5	6 006
2003										
April	na	na	na	na	35.7	62.3	71.1	41.4	39.4	3 538
May	na	na	na	na	29.9	50.6	54.1	30.5	29.9	2 885
June	na	na	na	na	17.9	31.2	33.0	19.2	19.6	1 649
June qtr	57	1 910	5 727	987	83.5	48.0	158.2	30.4	88.9	8 072
SERVICED APARTMENTS										
2002										
June qtr	26	1 030	3 544	481	46.0	49.1	96.0	29.8	41.6	5 153
2003										
April	na	na	na	na	25.0	70.7	59.7	49.2	24.8	2 903
May	na	na	na	na	22.7	62.1	46.5	37.1	19.0	2 649
June	na	na	na	na	15.0	42.3	31.8	26.1	13.6	1 638
June qtr	33	1 179	4 049	582	62.7	58.4	138.0	37.5	57.4	7 191
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS										
2002										
June qtr	127	5 557	16 569	3 785	240.1	47.5	415.0	27.5	218.8	22 298
2003										
April	na	na	na	na	111.9	62.1	219.0	40.8	112.6	11 578
May	na	na	na	na	101.0	54.3	175.0	31.6	86.6	10 661
June	na	na	na	na	66.0	36.6	114.0	21.2	59.6	6 474
June qtr	144	6 005	17 889	4 022	279.0	51.0	508.1	31.2	258.8	28 712

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units. For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0).

(b) Break in time series between the March and June quarters 2003. See *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0) for details.

(c) 'Takings from accommodation' after 1 July 2000 are recorded inclusive of GST. See *Tourist accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0) or page 2 of this publication for more details.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0).

	<i>Cradle Mountain(b) (Lake Dove)</i>	<i>Lake St Clair(b) (Cynthia Bay)</i>	<i>Mt Field(c)</i>	<i>Freycinet(c)</i>	<i>Narawntapu(d) (Bakers Beach)</i>	<i>Mole Creek Karst(e) (Marakooopa Cave)</i>	<i>Maria Island(f) (Darlington)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
2000-01	168 700	111 800	138 700	163 600	34 300	26 788	12 820
2001-02	178 600	107 800	105 000	167 800	35 800	26 103	12 598
2002-03	209 000	134 500	116 400	193 700	38 900	28 648	13 337
2003							
February	22 700	18 000	13 400	23 100	4 000	2 676	1 366
March	24 900	18 500	13 800	23 400	4 200	2 632	1 576
April	26 600	16 400	13 300	20 500	3 900	2 837	1 344
May	11 400	6 700	7 700	10 500	1 800	1 652	886
June	8 900	3 700	4 600	7 500	1 700	1 428	489
July	10 200	3 800	4 600	7 600	1 300	929	280
August	8 700	2 800	4 900	7 100	1 600	809	187
September	13 900	6 700	6 900	10 100	2 100	2 077	527
October	17 200	10 500	9 200	15 100	2 500	2 062	774
November	19 500	13 200	12 200	19 800	4 000	2 439	1 174
December	26 000	15 400	14 900	23 000	6 000	4 858	1 585
2004							
January	34 600	23 000	20 200	26 000	7 000	4 572	2 192
February	nya	18 100	17 500	26 100	nya	nya	1 617

(a) For all parks except Narawntapu, the unit of measurement has changed from person entry to person visit. A 'person visit' occurs when a person enters a National Park for purposes of heritage or nature appreciation, or recreation. Repeat entries are not included. Measurement occurs at the designated sites in brackets.

(b) Estimated through a combination of traffic and visitor centre counts.

(c) Estimated through traffic and visitor centre counts and survey findings.

(d) Measured as a person entry, which occurs whenever a visitor enters a site, from a combination of traffic and visitor centre counts.

(e) Number of people taken on a guided tour.

(f) The sum of ferry arrivals. (Ferry off run 28/7/03 until 29/8/03).

Source: *Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage and the Arts.*

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TRACKS IN NATIONAL PARKS, WALKER REGISTRATIONS(a)

	Overland(b)	South Coast(c)	Freycinet(d)	Port Davey(c)	Frenchmans Cap
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
2000-01	7 273	915	3 002	208	753
2001-02	7 537	1 099	3 512	229	644
2002-03	8 154	970	3 143	167	826
2003					
February	1 388	189	331	22	156
March	1 182	118	276	15	91
April	1 173	91	279	16	115
May	135	12	34	4	33
June	59	4	73	1	14
July	71	2	60	-	11
August	28	-	25	-	4
September	141	r 6	68	-	5
October	212	11	66	1	24
November	p 699	r 78	252	13	31
December	p 1 264	rp 262	767	rp 53	127
2004					
January	p 1 382	p 278	786	p 49	132
February	p 1 150	nya	640	nya	nya

(a) Numbers include only walkers who registered and represented their intention.

(b) Sum of registrations at Cradle Mt and Lake St Clair.

(c) Sum of registrations to walk the length of the track in any direction, irrespective of starting point.

(d) All overnight walkers registered in the park.

Source: Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage and the Arts.

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Change from corresponding month of previous year
	no.	no.	no.	%
ORIGINAL				
2000-01	9 944	4 693	14 637	..
2001-02	9 467	5 295	14 762	..
2002-03	9 017	6 384	15 401	..
2003				
January	591	434	1 025	3.6
February	619	450	1 069	-1.9
March	723	495	1 218	11.4
April	631	546	1 177	6.7
May	743	711	1 454	8.3
June	821	728	1 549	19.7
July	802	605	1 407	19.8
August	1 059	530	1 589	21.2
September	1 129	510	1 639	32.3
October	1 295	713	2 008	66.9
November	1 170	547	1 717	22.8
December	1 180	680	1 860	17.4
2004				
January	697	496	1 193	16.4
TREND				
2000-01	9 890	4 693	14 581	..
2001-02	9 500	5 264	14 763	..
2002-03	9 337	6 377	15 712	..
2003				
January	758	518	1 276	-0.3
February	777	522	1 299	1.6
March	798	534	1 332	4.8
April	819	547	1 366	8.2
May	849	561	1 410	11.7
June	902	576	1 478	17.2
July	966	590	1 556	23.4
August	1 018	602	1 620	28.5
September	1 042	611	1 653	31.4
October	1 033	619	1 652	31.7
November	998	625	1 623	29.3
December	951	629	1 580	25.2
2004				
January	901	632	1 533	20.1

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries. VFACTS reports the numbers of new motor vehicle sales by dealers and direct sales by manufacturers throughout Australia.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles (cat. no. 9314.0.55.001).

							<i>Trend</i>	
	Original	Food retailing	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Hospitality and services	<i>Total(d)</i>	
							Change from corresponding period of previous year	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	
2000-01	3 222.4	1 401.0	158.9	479.8	180.8	377.9	3 230.0	6.0
2001-02	3 384.3	1 450.4	190.1	520.0	192.7	364.8	3 386.8	4.9
2002-03	3 582.2	1 469.6	199.7	580.3	187.0	400.7	3 595.5	6.2
2003								
January	299.5	122.1	16.6	47.3	15.3	32.6	298.3	5.4
February	270.6	122.2	16.7	47.9	15.1	32.7	299.3	4.8
March	296.8	122.7	16.7	48.8	15.0	33.2	301.2	4.7
April	298.6	123.5	16.7	50.1	15.3	34.1	304.5	5.1
May	307.4	124.8	16.7	51.5	15.9	35.4	309.1	6.2
June	287.7	126.4	16.8	53.0	16.8	36.7	314.6	7.7
July	309.9	128.3	16.7	54.4	17.8	37.8	320.0	9.4
August	307.0	130.2	16.7	55.4	18.6	38.4	324.8	10.7
September	309.8	132.1	16.7	56.0	19.0	38.6	328.7	11.8
October	337.0	133.8	16.8	56.3	19.1	38.6	331.7	12.4
November	344.3	135.3	16.9	56.4	19.0	38.4	334.1	12.8
December	433.6	136.6	17.1	56.5	18.8	38.2	336.2	13.1
2004								
January	341.6	137.3	17.3	56.4	18.4	37.8	337.1	13.0

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(b) ABS retail seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for earlier periods are revised each month. See *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0) for more details.

(c) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST. See *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0) and page 2 of this publication for more details. A break in the trend series occurred between June and July 2000 because of the impact of The New Tax System (TNTS) on retail turnover.

(d) Includes Department stores and Other retailing.

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0).

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Imports	Imports change over preceding period	Exports	Exports change over preceding period	Imports	Imports change over preceding period	Exports(b)	Exports change over preceding period
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
2000-01	524	19	2 435	10	118 317	7	119 539	23
2001-02	518	-1	2 388	-2	119 649	1	121 108	1
2002-03	763	47	2 453	3	133 129	11	115 479	-5
2003								
January	39	-7	198	-6	10 900	-10	8 927	-14
February	47	20	184	-7	10 226	-6	9 056	1
March	30	-35	221	21	10 786	5	9 868	9
April	52	71	205	-7	10 948	1	8 699	-12
May	32	-39	232	13	10 371	-5	8 972	3
June	35	9	162	-30	10 718	3	8 822	-2
July	52	49	182	12	10 604	-1	r 8 520	-3
August	47	-9	260	43	10 863	2	r 9 060	6
September	43	-7	168	-35	r 11 485	6	r 9 056	—
October	120	178	r 185	10	r 11 927	4	r 9 020	—
November	55	-54	r 183	-1	r 10 211	r -14	r 8 675	-4
December	42	-23	r 155	-15	r 10 998	8	r 9 221	r 6
2004								
January	37	-12	168	8	9 942	-9.6	7 902	-14

(a) It is difficult to get a complete picture of Tasmania's trade performance as imports recorded by the ABS include only goods imported directly into the state from overseas, and reported by the Australian Customs Service. Many of Tasmania's goods imported for direct consumption, or input into further processing industries, arrive via interstate ports, and are not included in this table.

(b) Includes re-exports.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade*.

	European Community			East Asia					Total all countries
	United States of America	United Kingdom	Total European Community	Japan	Korea	Taiwan	Hong Kong	ASEAN(a)	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
2000-01	229 841	37 169	154 043	573 314	183 972	214 042	252 793	390 642	2 435 416
2001-02	295 301	35 702	129 225	547 903	223 208	153 819	263 275	347 321	2 387 806
2002-03	230 809	39 119	215 837	588 373	247 487	149 217	326 211	303 612	2 453 415
2003									
January	15 865	2 233	4 036	53 432	21 321	9 564	36 113	26 049	197 626
February	17 035	1 749	15 230	43 546	26 884	9 995	21 792	17 837	183 614
March	17 017	11 159	26 642	46 931	17 118	10 050	36 933	27 312	221 326
April	21 282	2 102	16 556	50 082	19 832	14 815	22 998	34 999	204 879
May	12 961	2 770	68 150	49 557	16 736	10 509	13 829	23 879	231 732
June	9 449	1 196	6 522	48 338	10 015	8 553	30 289	15 366	162 155
July	30 546	1 887	4 197	47 024	21 087	9 471	19 021	17 178	182 327
August	91 496	1 650	5 063	44 650	15 996	12 299	32 222	26 846	260 083
September	9 177	5 441	14 030	39 379	r 16 386	13 309	21 859	r 17 290	r 168 387
October	r 14 212	1 124	7 375	r 46 159	r 18 676	r 12 987	r 23 769	r 19 310	r 184 917
November	r 7 340	2 620	4 670	r 53 539	r 22 099	r 9 146	r 25 579	r 22 696	r 182 855
December	r 8 607	1 083	r 7 394	r 45 415	r 4 318	r 12 165	r 22 173	r 22 128	r 154 926
2004									
January	11 097	1 118	5 509	44 197	23 523	13 795	17 755	15 619	167 962

(a) ASEAN member countries are: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade*.

	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Dairy product and eggs</i>	<i>Fish, crustaceans and molluscs</i>	<i>Vegetables and fruit</i>	<i>Wood and woodchips(a)</i>	<i>Textile fibres and wastes</i>	<i>Metallic ores and metal scrap</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2000-01	88 773	101 006	176 737	49 788	31 816	21 248	242 366
2001-02	75 541	114 682	174 885	60 759	43 788	23 797	188 273
2002-03	76 222	89 360	163 468	61 115	38 121	33 189	167 244
2003							
January	5 623	9 215	18 286	2 960	375	706	18 554
February	7 372	6 573	11 892	3 636	2 083	4 729	15 641
March	7 862	11 672	11 685	9 962	3 643	12 534	10 289
April	7 117	10 044	9 726	13 041	3 434	798	5 772
May	6 689	6 795	10 096	14 396	1 511	296	14 917
June	5 364	4 711	6 421	4 323	1 958	491	16 669
July	5 314	4 992	14 380	2 553	3 375	2 898	9 618
August	4 515	5 195	15 872	1 940	961	657	3 535
September	3 880	4 443	17 104	1 319	r 2 444	3 076	8 387
October	r 5 223	8 589	12 517	1 843	r 5 618	1 677	13 369
November	r 6 870	7 936	8 984	r 1 068	r 3 060	r 1 179	21 875
December	r 9 429	6 061	r 15 515	r 927	r 5 218	r 4 712	3 757
2004							
January	8 910	4 648	10 868	2 551	4 599	771	8 942

	<i>Paper and paperboard</i>	<i>Iron and steel</i>	<i>Non-ferrous metals</i>	<i>Road vehicles and transport equipment</i>	<i>Other and combined confidential items(b)</i>	<i>Total all commodity groups</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2000-01	3 444	4 209	793 286	107 374	815 368	2 435 416
2001-02	14 208	2 894	762 015	106 156	820 806	2 387 806
2002-03	26 893	2 911	751 109	132 056	911 726	2 453 415
2003						
January	2 288	149	66 796	106	72 569	197 626
February	2 823	237	51 561	260	76 808	183 614
March	3 347	211	64 981	8 190	76 950	221 326
April	3 760	244	64 288	609	86 046	204 879
May	3 618	47	47 881	56 501	68 985	231 732
June	2 780	236	49 140	822	69 241	162 155
July	2 178	198	66 332	99	70 389	182 327
August	2 015	150	77 432	77 747	70 067	260 083
September	2 086	291	r 49 240	310	r 75 807	r 168 387
October	2 193	3 137	r 58 704	564	71 481	r 184 917
November	r 1 880	246	r 61 797	431	r 67 529	r 182 855
December	r 2 463	r 442	r 35 833	145	r 70 423	r 154 926
2004						
January	2 962	3 136	50 055	943	69 576	167 962

(a) Hardwood woodchips exports are confidential for Tasmania from June 2000.

(b) Includes medical and pharmaceutical products from January 2002.

Source: ABS data available on request, International Trade.

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Population							
Estimated resident population, June 2003 ('000) p	6 686.6	4 917.4	3 796.8	1 527.4	1 952.3	477.1	19 881.5
Proportion of Australian population, June 2003 (%) p	33.6	24.7	19.1	7.7	9.8	2.4	100.0
Population growth rate, 12 months to June 2003 (%) p	0.8	1.2	2.3	0.6	1.4	0.9	1.2
Labour force							
Employment growth, February 2003 to February 2004 (trend series) (%)							
Males	1.7	2.3	3.6	1.4	2.8	3.5	2.3
Females	-0.3	-1.2	2.2	-1.0	-0.6	4.2	-0.1
Persons	0.8	0.7	3.0	0.3	1.3	3.8	1.2
Unemployment rate, February 2004 (trend series) (%)	5.4	5.7	6.2	6.8	5.7	6.9	5.8
Unemployment growth, February 2003 to February 2004 (trend series) (%)	-10.9	1.0	-11.8	11.3	-2.6	-22.5	-6.4
Participation rate, February 2004 (trend series) (%)	62.5	63.2	64.9	61.5	65.7	58.8	63.5
Job vacancies % change, December qtr 2002 to December qtr 2003	4.4	22.1	15.4	-22.6	22.8	-21.5	10.0
Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to November 2003 (days per '000 employees)	44	71	34	19	97	10	51
Wages and prices							
Average weekly full-time adult employees' total earnings (trend series) November 2003(\$)							
Males	1 100.60	1 072.90	996.00	953.30	1 076.80	910.60	1 058.80
Females	895.90	852.70	804.30	823.50	798.30	770.60	854.60
Persons	1 025.70	998.40	927.60	908.80	982.30	865.00	986.50
Average weekly full-time adult employees' total earnings, growth (trend), 12 months to November 2003 (%)	4.9	7.0	7.7	5.6	6.3	1.8	6.1
Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to December qtr 2003 (%) ^(b)	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.3	2.1	2.9	2.4
Building							
% change in the number of total dwelling units approved (original),							
— in the 12 months ended January 2004, over the same period previous year	-10.1	-3.1	3.7	-0.9	11.9	37.1	-1.4
— January 2003 to January 2004	-28.8	12.9	2.6	-11.8	-6.5	39.4	-5.8

For footnotes see end of table.

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Private investment and retail trade							
% change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended December 2003 over the same period previous year (original)	2.1	-0.1	5.6	13.8	35.4	-26.9	6.8
% change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, January 2004 (change from corresponding month of the previous year)	7.1	8.6	14.1	6.1	7.3	13.0	8.8
Transport							
% change in number of sales of new motor vehicles in the 12 months ended January 2004 over the same period previous year, (trend)	7.0	8.4	14.6	16.1	12.7	19.4	10.1
Agriculture							
% change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended January 2004 over the same period previous year (original)							
Cattle and calves	-22.6	0.6	-0.7	-26.9	-8.6	-1.1	-8.9
Sheep and lambs	-28.0	-18.6	-4.7	-23.4	-0.7	-1.8	-18.7
Tourism — room occupancy rates							
Hotels, motels and guest houses, and serviced apartments with facilities, June qtr 2003 (%)	55.4	53.4	57.4	52.4	54.3	51.0	55.3
Australian National and State Accounts							
% change in Domestic (State) Final Demand(c), Chain Volume measures (trend series)							
September qtr 2003 to December qtr 2003	1.2	0.9	3.1	0.6	1.8	2.1	1.7
December qtr 2002 to December qtr 2003	4.8	3.3	8.5	5.3	9.2	7.0	5.9

(a) Australian totals include the ACT and NT, with the exception of Agriculture, which excludes both.

(b) CPI applies to state capitals.

(c) Total of four types of expenditure: Private investment, Private consumption, Government investment, Government consumption.

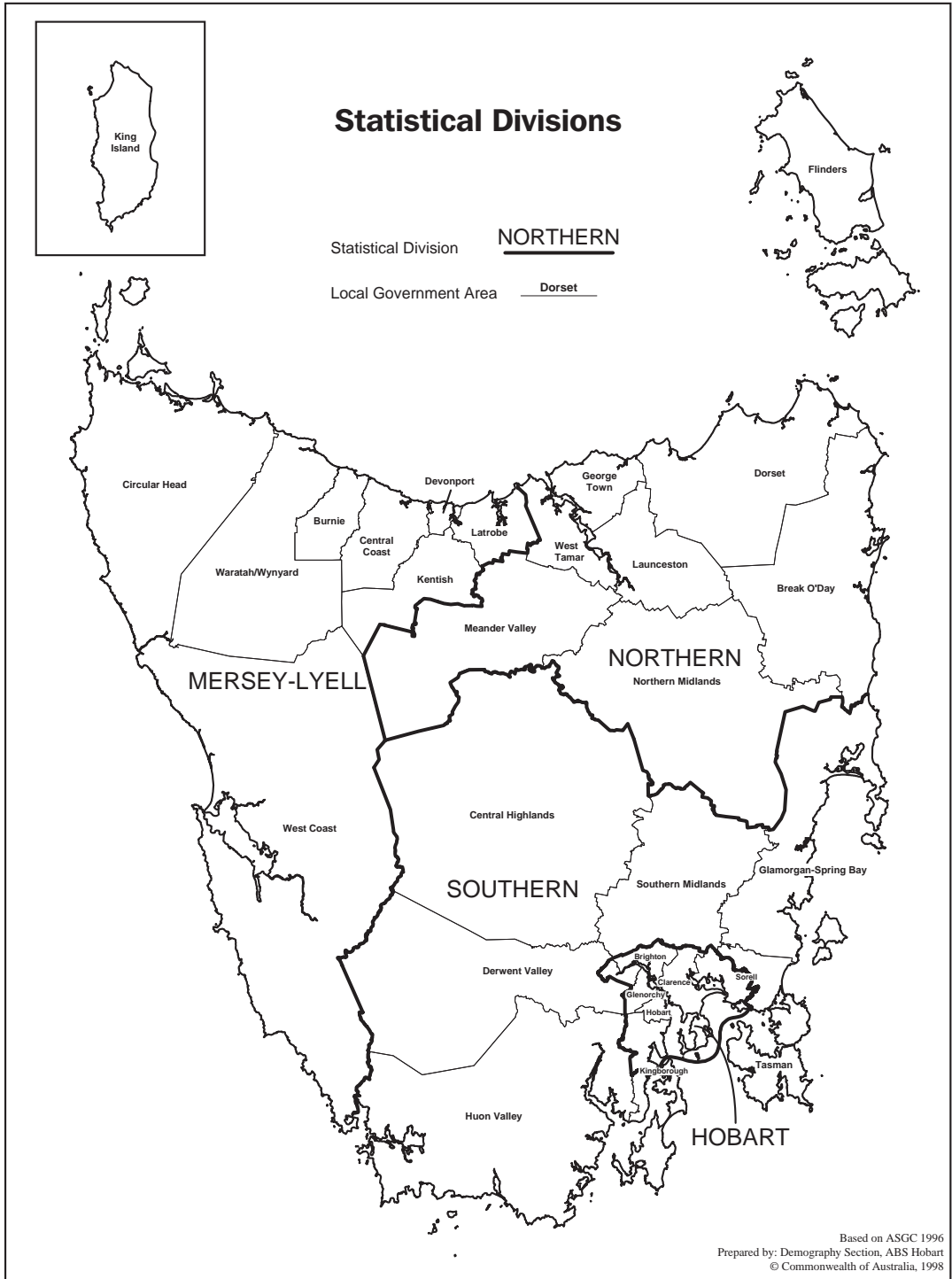
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Greater Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions</i>	<i>Northern Statistical Division</i>	<i>Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>
Area(a)	km ²	25 616	19 980	22 523	68 121
Population					
Estimated resident population, 30 June 2001	no.	231 854	133 115	106 826	471 795
Estimated resident population, 30 June 2002	no.	232 713	133 595	106 417	472 725
Births 2001(b)	no.	3 199	1 815	1 397	6 430
Deaths 2001(b)	no.	1 827	1 148	884	3 876
Labour force (original), January 2004					
Total employed	no.	105 200	61 100	44 200	210 400
Total unemployed	no.	7 500	5 000	3 100	15 600
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	7.6	6.5	6.9
Participation rate	%	59.4	61.2	55.3	59.0
Schools, 2002(c)					
Government	no.	98	58	58	214
Non-government	no.	33	17	16	66
Full-time students, 2002(c)					
Government	no.	28 454	18 091	14 963	61 508
Non-government	no.	11 981	4 946	3 915	20 842
All schools	no.	40 435	23 037	18 878	82 350
Educational qualification, 2001 Census(d)					
Postgraduate degree level	no.	3 016	940	386	4 342
Graduate diploma and Graduate certificate level	no.	2 374	850	525	3 749
Bachelor degree level	no.	16 171	7 052	3 821	27 044
Advanced diploma and diploma level	no.	9 613	4 785	3 429	17 827
Certificate level	no.	25 715	15 463	12 953	54 131
Agriculture					
Establishments with agricultural activity, 2001-02 season	no.	1 060	1 471	1 495	4 027
Total area of establishments	ha.	704 091	774 431	296 618	1 775 140
Crops, production, 2001-02 season					
Potatoes	tonnes	7 715	128 560	213 076	350 134
Onions	tonnes	—	18 022	44 942	62 975
Apples	tonnes	36 741	6 234	8 642	51 617
Barley	tonnes	8 765	16 065	1 608	26 438
Livestock, 2001-02 season					
Meat cattle	no.	60 255	169 631	201 886	431 771
Milk cattle	no.	4 389	79 489	103 182	187 060
Sheep and lambs	no.	1 452 094	1 753 403	174 135	3 379 632
Pigs	no.	1 331	13 277	3 177	17 785
Gross value of agricultural production, 2001-02	\$m	nya	nya	nya	903
Building, 2002-03					
Total dwelling units approved	no.	1 216	591	338	2 145
Value of total residential building approved	\$'000	187 915	85 014	51 817	324 746
Value of total building approved	\$'000	289 273	138 639	98 042	525 954
Dwellings, Census 2001					
Total dwellings	no.	102 374	59 307	46 364	208 046
Occupied private dwellings	no.	89 156	51 249	40 766	181 172
Fully owned	no.	35 777	21 570	17 984	75 331

(a) Source: Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

(b) Births and deaths are based on usual residence year of registration. Total Tasmania includes usual residence other than Tasmanian Statistical Divisions.

(c) Source: Tasmanian Department of Education and the Department of Education, Science and Training.

(d) From 2001 the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)* (cat. no. 1272.0) replaced the *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)* (cat. no. 1262.0). For further information see ASCED.



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