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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	no.	no.	no.
Financial Years			
1995–96	887 577	877 679	1 765 256
1996–97	904 382	893 488	1 797 870
1997–98 p	921 613	909 786	1 831 399
Calendar Years			
1995	879 564	869 755	1 749 319
1996	896 075	885 793	1 781 868
1997 p	911 537	900 552	1 812 089
Quarters			
Mar 97	901 491	890 790	1 792 281
Jun 97	904 382	893 488	1 797 870
Sep 97 p	908 282	897 414	1 805 696
Dec 97 p	911 537	900 552	1 812 089
Mar 98 p	917 629	906 190	1 823 819
Jun 98 p	921 613	909 786	1 831 399

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0 (Table 4).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1998 was 1,831,399, an increase of 7,580 in the June quarter and 33,529 since 30 June 1997. The annual growth rate during the financial year 1997–98 was 1.9% compared with a rate of 1.8% for the previous twelve months.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	no.	no.	no.	no.
Financial Years				
1995–96	13 953	12 339	4 066	31 469
1996–97	14 158	12 267	6 189	32 614
1997–98 p	13 556	15 247	4 726	33 529
Calendar Years				
1995	14 414	13 048	4 513	31 975
1996	13 980	12 334	5 683	31 997
1997 p	13 690	11 239	5 292	30 221
Quarters				
Mar 97	3 923	4 305	2 185	10 413
Jun 97	3 529	113	947	5 589
Sep 97 p	2 935	3 884	1 007	7 826
Dec 97 p	3 303	1 937	1 153	6 393
Mar 98 p	3 315	6 729	1 686	11 730
Jun 98 p	4 003	2 697	880	7 580

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'.

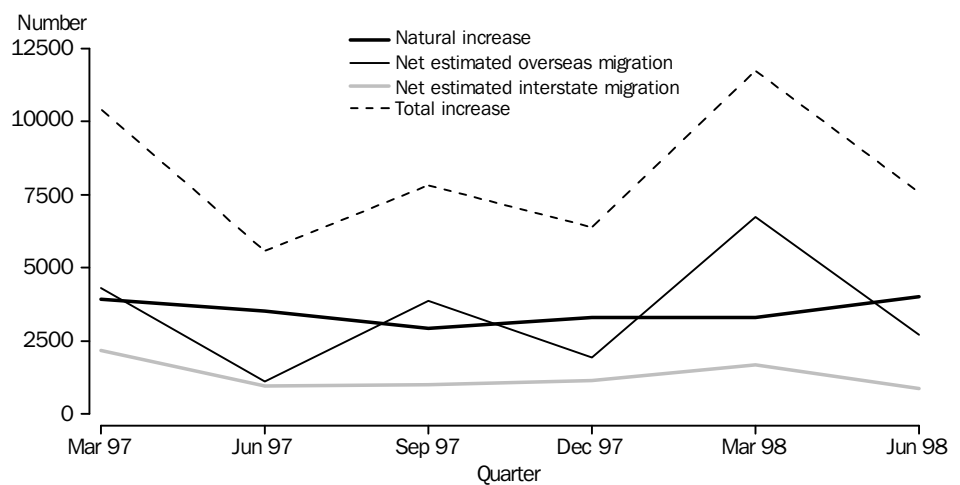
Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0 (Table 2).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the June quarter 1998, the population increased by 7,580 compared with an increase of 11,730 in the previous quarter. Natural increase was up 21% on the March quarter 1998. However, this was more than offset by falls of 60% and 48% in net estimated overseas and interstate migration, respectively.

In the financial year 1997–98, the population increased by 33,529 compared with an increase of 32,614 in the previous year.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0.

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births (a)	Infant Deaths (a)	Total Deaths (a)	Marriages	Divorces
Financial Years					
1995-96	24 614	140	10 661	r 10 178	5 195
1996-97	24 744	133	10 586	10 372	4 931
1997-98 p	24 534	125	10 978	10 699	5 112
Calendar years					
1995	24 817	133	10 403	10 404	5 040
1996	24 905	145	10 925	10 294	4 959
1997 p	24 600	125	10 910	10 456	5 046
Quarters					
Mar 97	6 282	27	2 359	2 904	1 233
Jun 97	6 032	28	2 503	2 562	1 133
Sep 97 p	6 164	28	3 229	1 458	1 360
Dec 97 p	6 122	42	2 819	3 532	1 320
Mar 98 p	5 737	32	2 422	2 968	1 219
Jun 98 p	6 511	23	2 508	2 741	1 213

(a) NOTE: With the exception of preliminary data estimates of births and deaths are included by State or Territory of usual residence and year of occurrence. For preliminary estimates births and deaths are included by State or Territory of usual residence and year of registration.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0 (Tables 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of live births in the June quarter 1998 increased by 774 or 13.5% on the previous quarter and was 479 or 7.9% more than the number in the same quarter of 1997.

Infant deaths in the June quarter 1998 decreased by 9 or 28.1% from the March quarter 1998, and were 17.9% lower than in the June quarter of the previous year.

Total deaths increased by 86 or 3.6% from the March quarter 1998, and were only 5 or 0.2% higher than the number in the June quarter 1997.

The number of marriages in the June quarter 1998 decreased by 7.6% (or 227) from the previous quarter, but was 7.0% higher than in the same quarter of 1997.

The number of divorces decreased slightly from 1,219 in the March quarter to 1,213 in the June quarter 1998, a decrease of 0.5%. The number was 7.0% higher than in the June quarter 1997.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Mortality(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1995–96	14.1	5.7	6.1	5.8	3.0
1996–97	13.9	5.4	5.9	5.8	2.8
1997–98 p	13.5	5.1	6.1	5.9	2.8
Calendar years					
1995	14.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	2.9
1996	14.1	5.8	6.2	5.8	2.8
1997 p	13.7	5.1	6.1	5.8	2.8
Quarters					
Mar 97	14.1	4.3	5.3	6.5	2.8
Jun 97	13.4	4.6	5.6	5.7	2.5
Sep 97 p	13.7	4.5	7.2	3.2	3.0
Dec 97 p	13.5	6.9	6.2	7.8	2.9
Mar 98 p	12.6	5.6	5.3	6.5	2.7
Jun 98 p	14.3	3.5	5.5	6.0	2.7

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per 1,000 estimated resident population at 31 December and 30 June, respectively. For quarters, the rate is per 1,000 of the average of the previous and current quarterly populations.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

In the June quarter 1998, the infant mortality rate decreased to 3.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. This was 23.9% lower than the rate of 4.6 in the same quarter of the previous year.

The crude birth rate and crude death rate were both higher than in the March quarter 1998, but the crude marriage rate was lower and the crude divorce rate remained the same as in the previous quarter.

In comparison to the same quarter of the previous year, the crude birth rate, crude marriage rate and crude divorce rate were all higher, and the crude death rate was marginally lower.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....			LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....		Total Arrivals
	Permanent Arrivals	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	
Financial Years						
1995-96	11 320	308 100	361 190	8 600	10 170	699 380
1996-97	10 520	334 750	397 610	8 880	11 650	763 410
1997-98	9 750	379 660	402 400	9 340	12 880	814 000
Months						
Oct 97	790	43 460	37 810	720	860	83 630
Nov 97	950	28 170	37 840	890	620	68 470
Dec 97	810	19 980	49 380	1 440	590	72 190
Jan 98	900	39 640	34 480	960	1 740	77 720
Feb 98	820	26 380	32 550	680	2 990	63 420
Mar 98	810	27 750	33 270	660	610	63 110
Apr 98	780	29 340	32 150	750	740	63 750
May 98	730	29 430	28 280	600	580	59 610
Jun 98	950	31 540	27 400	730	700	61 330
Jul 98	920	39 030	31 070	600	1 950	73 560
Aug 98	830	38 230	27 450	420	790	67 720
Sep 98	870	32 500	28 810	540	790	63 520
Oct 98	860	49 620	35 710	590	1 010	87 790
Nov 98	810	33 300	38 800	740	640	74 290
Dec 98	920	23 510	47 400	1 140	640	73 610

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES.....			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....		Total Departures
	Permanent Departures	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	
Financial Years						
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 290
1996-97	3 610	339 990	389 530	8 080	6 180	747 390
1997-98	4 000	387 490	402 850	8 500	7 450	810 300
Months						
Oct 97	230	30 750	31 790	530	400	63 700
Nov 97	320	28 280	37 280	580	730	67 180
Dec 97	300	33 360	40 570	710	1 520	76 460
Jan 98	450	25 380	45 410	1 160	570	72 960
Feb 98	330	25 080	30 840	690	410	57 360
Mar 98	320	31 390	32 990	680	560	65 930
Apr 98	370	32 090	37 100	770	450	70 760
May 98	350	33 080	32 590	730	460	67 200
Jun 98	420	34 750	29 120	650	780	65 720
Jul 98	280	36 280	26 890	660	590	64 690
Aug 98	290	38 300	29 190	810	320	68 900
Sep 98	250	38 790	26 410	580	360	66 390
Oct 98	270	38 950	32 090	620	330	72 260
Nov 98	310	31 580	34 830	630	400	67 750
Dec 98	330	35 170	45 150	780	700	82 130

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTRO001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

The total of 73,610 overseas arrivals in December 1998 was 680 lower than in the previous month and 1,420 higher than in December 1997.

In December 1998, 23,510 Western Australian residents returned from short-term overseas visits, a decrease of 29.4% on November 1998. In December 1998, 47,400 overseas visitors arrived in Western Australia for short-term visits. This was an increase of 22.2% on November 1998.

There were 1140 residents returning to Western Australia in December 1998, after a long-term stay overseas. This was an increase of 54.1% on the previous month. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors numbered 640 in December 1998. This was the same as in the previous month, and an increase of 50 on December 1997 figures.

Total departures of residents and visitors numbered 82,130 in December 1998, an increase of 21.2% on the previous month and an increase of 7.4% on December 1997.

The 35,170 short-term departures of Western Australian residents in December 1998 represented an increase of 11.4% on November 1998, and an increase of 5.4% on December 1997.

2.2 SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....					Total(b)
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	
Financial Years						
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 270	30 120	64 690	361 880
1996-97	26 420	69 460	51 600	33 930	63 950	397 610
1997-98	26 410	81 390	34 380	32 620	73 140	402 400
Months						
Oct 97	3 320	8 240	3 290	2 480	6 240	37 810
Nov 97	2 350	8 840	2 670	2 650	6 920	37 840
Dec 97	2 520	12 330	3 300	3 260	8 650	49 380
Jan 98	1 420	8 350	3 790	2 930	3 900	34 480
Feb 98	1 150	9 630	2 160	2 910	3 660	32 550
Mar 98	2 010	8 900	970	3 200	6 000	33 280
Apr 98	2 150	6 300	2 250	2 060	7 630	32 150
May 98	2 470	3 820	2 470	2 010	6 400	28 280
Jun 98	2 110	3 540	1 770	1 290	10 110	27 400
Jul 98	3 120	4 040	2 900	3 360	4 080	31 070
Aug 98	1 930	4 010	1 930	4 570	4 310	27 450
Sep 98	2 850	5 460	1 670	2 470	4 100	28 820
Oct 98	2 100	7 070	2 600	2 730	5 490	35 710
Nov 98	1 910	12 680	1 740	3 080	5 150	38 810
Dec 98	3 190	12 430	2 600	3 630	7 440	47 400

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTR0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

The total of 47,400 short-term overseas visitor arrivals in December 1998 represented an increase of 22.1% on November 1998.

Short-term visitor arrivals from Japan increased by 17.9% on November 1998, and by 11.3% on December 1997 and represented 7.6% of all short-term visitor arrivals.

Short-term visitor arrivals from the UK and Ireland decreased by 2.0% on November 1998, and increased by 0.8% on December 1997 and represented 26.2% of all short-term visitor arrivals.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, FOR HOLIDAY

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....								Total(a)
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	
Financial Years									
1995-96	6 790	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
1996-97	6 670	24 050	33 870	27 870	23 600	45 350	10 230	2 590	215 820
1997-98	7 830	27 660	19 580	26 650	23 920	50 470	5 880	3 520	205 550
Months									
Oct 97	970	2 870	1 600	2 160	3 170	4 180	370	180	19 380
Nov 97	710	2 920	1 780	2 160	2 260	5 260	160	460	20 080
Dec 97	450	3 960	2 580	2 880	2 560	7 110	2 060	220	27 340
Jan 98	470	3 070	2 200	2 580	1 460	2 460	110	330	16 725
Feb 98	220	3 610	470	2 520	700	1 200	810	140	12 880
Mar 98	410	2 740	500	2 690	990	3 660	110	570	15 320
Apr 98	800	2 220	1 340	1 610	1 710	5 230	770	250	16 560
May 98	720	1 280	1 170	1 360	2 480	4 530	230	290	13 900
Jun 98	710	1 160	1 080	1 110	1 110	8 040	160	330	15 780
Jul 98	800	1 700	920	2 150	900	1 480	170	170	11 570
Aug 98	300	1 130	630	2 770	1 150	2 600	270	260	11 620
Sep 98	940	1 710	580	1 500	1 300	2 290	340	210	11 550
Oct 98	620	2 520	1 310	1 730	1 160	3 630	410	270	16 860
Nov 98	470	4 820	890	2 460	1 110	3 890	200	350	19 030
Dec 98	890	3 770	1 760	2 870	1 300	5 890	660	390	24 000

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

A total of 24,000 short-term overseas visitors arrived by air for holidays in Western Australia in December 1998, an increase of 26.1% on November 1998. Over a fifth of these holiday makers were from Singapore.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS (a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
1996-97	26 580	50 320	89 030	23 620	26 770	339 990
1997-98	30 360	54 190	103 090	25 820	34 520	387 490
Months						
Oct 97	2 470	3 190	10 870	1 840	2 260	30 750
Nov 97	1 950	2 840	8 100	2 060	2 660	28 280
Dec 97	5 380	4 550	6 530	2 340	2 310	33 360
Jan 98	2 630	2 260	6 060	1 990	2 590	25 380
Feb 98	2 720	2 420	6 980	2 100	2 700	25 080
Mar 98	2 590	4 370	8 780	1 880	3 940	31 390
Apr 98	3 390	4 490	6 690	2 160	2 590	32 090
May 98	1 470	6 460	6 920	1 520	2 790	33 080
Jun 98	1 530	6 230	7 960	2 350	3 210	34 750
Jul 98	2 420	5 100	10 700	2 640	2 880	36 280
Aug 98	1 460	6 330	11 350	2 380	3 260	38 300
Sep 98	3 110	4 400	12 740	2 310	2 980	38 790
Oct 98	2 350	4 730	13 020	2 970	3 370	38 950
Nov 98	2 340	3 460	9 810	2 110	3 320	31 580
Dec 98	4 250	4 270	8 310	2 500	2 260	35 170

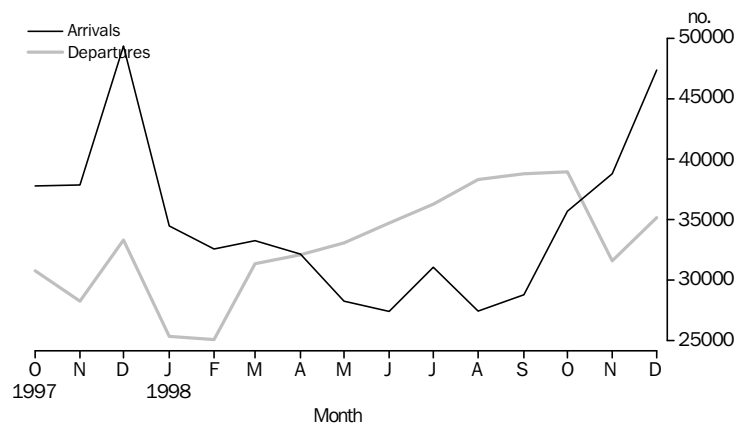
(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTR0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

In December 1998, 35,170 Western Australian residents departed for short-term periods overseas, an increase of 11.4% on November 1998, and a 5.4% increase on December 1997. Short-term departures of residents to Indonesia decreased by 15.3% on the previous month.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS



Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTR0013.

2.5 SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
1996-97	10 860	23 760	72 640	10 660	13 480	9 790	9 540	186 540
1997-98	12 500	25 910	85 760	12 820	19 560	18 320	11 440	222 180
Months								
Oct 97	1 260	1 700	9 720	840	1 280	1 980	960	19 410
Nov 97	970	1 120	6 270	920	1 140	1 220	550	14 380
Dec 97	1 800	1 860	5 330	1 420	1 500	1 170	770	17 810
Jan 98	1 050	520	4 990	610	1 460	600	600	12 400
Feb 98	1 010	1 180	5 550	930	1 850	1 040	570	13 920
Mar 98	1 080	1 990	7 020	980	2 180	1 300	690	17 300
Apr 98	1 340	1 820	5 510	1 370	1 670	2 400	910	18 300
May 98	490	3 010	5 530	720	1 500	3 020	1 070	18 650
Jun 98	350	3 300	6 320	1 220	1 490	2 090	1 250	19 940
Jul 98	1 060	2 430	8 810	1 520	1 420	3 040	1 080	22 640
Aug 98	720	2 880	9 140	1 340	1 920	2 540	480	22 050
Sep 98	1 570	1 550	10 650	1 070	1 690	2 430	930	22 920
Oct 98	1 010	1 640	11 460	1 800	1 950	2 880	850	24 390
Nov 98	430	1 000	8 610	1 050	1 320	970	480	16 530
Dec 98	1 180	1 570	6 970	1 350	950	970	1 270	18 300

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 18,300 short-term departures by air of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in December 1998. This was 10.7% more than in November 1998 and 2.8% more than in December 1997.

In December 1998, 950 Western Australians departed for holidays in Singapore, a decrease of 28.0% over the previous month.

With 38.1% of all short-term departures of residents by air in December 1998, Indonesia continues to be the favoured holiday destination for Western Australians.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.6 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS....

	Establishments	Guest rooms	Employment	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Takings from accommodation
	Number	Number	Persons	%	'000	\$'000
Months						
Jan 98				59	201	29 620
Feb 98				57	172	25 017
Mar 98	294	16 596	9 685	59	191	28 190
Apr 98				56	203	26 415
May 98				57	188	28 348
Jun 98	293	16 643	9 678	50	168	23 029
Jul 98				57	209	28 897
Aug 98				59	215	30 078
Sep 98	298	17 015	9 950	63	234	29 762
Oct 98				62	233	31 370
Nov 98				59	204	29 153
Dec 98	300	17 317	9 961	52	213	26 597

Source: ABS Product No. 8635.5.40.001. (The December quarter 1997 issue of *Tourist Accommodation, Western Australia*, ABS Catalogue No. 8635.5, was the final issue of this publication).

Note: The scope of the ABS quarterly Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA) has changed since the December quarter 1997. Some units will have been reclassified and as a result, data will not be strictly comparable with previously published data for particular accommodation types.

From the March quarter 1998, only those in-scope establishments with 15 or more rooms or units are covered by the survey.

From the March quarter 1998, survey results are aggregated to Tourism Regions as defined by relevant State and Territory Tourist Commissions or equivalent organisations.

From the March quarter 1998, the data quoted above for Establishments, Guest rooms and Employment are quarterly.

As part of the future collection strategy of the STA, significant caravan parks, visitor hostels and remaining holiday flats, units and houses will be surveyed triennially, commencing with a year 2000 reference year.

For more information regarding the changes to the STA and the data available from this collection, please refer to the ABS publication Catalogue No. 8635.0.

For more information relating to Tourist Accommodation, please contact Pam Prince on 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	<i>Employed full-time</i>	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Jan 98	448.0	504.8	38.1	7.0	76.6
Feb 98	444.2	503.4	36.8	6.8	76.1
Mar 98	445.8	503.1	38.2	7.1	76.2
Apr 98	446.1	505.4	37.2	6.9	76.2
May 98	446.5	507.0	38.3	7.0	76.4
Jun 98	446.0	504.8	44.8	8.2	76.9
Jul 98	446.2	502.4	42.6	7.8	76.1
Aug 98	447.4	504.7	41.4	7.6	76.2
Sep 98	447.3	509.8	41.5	7.5	76.7
Oct 98	446.9	509.0	41.9	7.6	76.6
Nov 98	445.8	507.6	41.7	7.6	76.2
Dec 98	447.6	510.4	42.8	7.7	76.6
Jan 99	446.8	510.4	40.9	7.4	76.2
Feb 99	444.7	508.0	40.9	7.5	75.7
Mar 99	446.2	512.2	37.3	6.8	75.6
Females					
Jan 98	201.2	367.8	28.4	7.2	55.8
Feb 98	195.9	370.5	28.4	7.1	56.1
Mar 98	201.6	371.0	28.0	7.0	56.0
Apr 98	197.3	375.2	28.3	7.0	56.5
May 98	200.1	379.0	27.9	6.9	56.9
Jun 98	204.4	384.9	24.6	6.0	57.2
Jul 98	202.7	387.2	27.3	6.6	57.8
Aug 98	204.4	384.8	25.5	6.2	57.1
Sep 98	197.9	386.1	28.5	6.9	57.6
Oct 98	201.9	386.8	25.3	6.1	57.2
Nov 98	203.0	385.3	26.4	6.4	57.0
Dec 98	205.2	385.2	26.3	6.4	56.9
Jan 99	203.8	382.9	26.5	6.5	56.5
Feb 99	200.0	382.1	28.9	7.0	56.6
Mar 99	195.3	383.3	28.5	6.9	56.6
Persons					
Jan 98	649.1	872.7	66.5	7.1	66.2
Feb 98	640.1	873.9	65.2	6.9	66.1
Mar 98	647.3	874.1	66.1	7.0	66.1
Apr 98	643.5	880.6	65.5	6.9	66.4
May 98	646.6	886.0	66.2	7.0	66.7
Jun 98	650.4	889.7	69.4	7.2	67.0
Jul 98	648.9	889.6	69.9	7.3	66.9
Aug 98	651.8	889.6	66.9	7.0	66.6
Sep 98	645.3	895.9	70.0	7.2	67.2
Oct 98	648.8	895.8	67.3	7.0	66.8
Nov 98	648.7	892.9	68.1	7.1	66.6
Dec 98	652.8	895.6	69.1	7.2	66.7
Jan 99	650.5	893.3	67.4	7.0	66.3
Feb 99	644.7	890.1	69.8	7.3	66.1
Mar 99	641.5	895.6	65.8	6.8	66.1

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 6202.0.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points to 6.8% in March 1999.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed fell by 4,000 to 65,800, and the number of employed persons rose by 5,500 to 895,600.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for March 1999 was stable at 66.1 percentage points and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2 LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend (a)

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Jan 98	446.1	504.3	37.3	6.9	76.5
Feb 98	446.2	504.6	37.5	6.9	76.4
Mar 98	446.1	504.7	38.1	7.0	76.4
Apr 98	446.0	504.6	39.0	7.2	76.3
May 98	446.1	504.6	40.0	7.4	76.3
Jun 98	446.3	504.9	41.1	7.5	76.4
Jul 98	446.6	505.4	41.9	7.7	76.4
Aug 98	446.9	506.1	42.3	7.7	76.5
Sep 98	446.9	507.1	42.4	7.7	76.5
Oct 98	446.9	508.1	42.2	7.7	76.5
Nov 98	446.8	509.0	41.8	7.6	76.4
Dec 98	446.5	509.5	41.5	7.5	76.3
Jan 99	446.3	509.9	40.9	7.4	76.1
Feb 99	446.0	510.2	40.3	7.3	75.9
Mar 99	445.8	510.4	39.5	7.2	75.7
Females					
Jan 98	197.2	367.2	28.2	7.1	55.7
Feb 98	197.8	369.3	28.4	7.1	55.9
Mar 98	198.9	372.4	28.2	7.0	56.2
Apr 98	200.2	376.1	27.7	6.9	56.6
May 98	201.2	379.7	27.2	6.7	56.9
Jun 98	201.8	382.7	26.8	6.5	57.2
Jul 98	202.1	385.0	26.5	6.4	57.4
Aug 98	202.3	386.3	26.4	6.4	57.4
Sep 98	202.5	386.6	26.3	6.4	57.4
Oct 98	202.7	386.1	26.3	6.4	57.2
Nov 98	202.7	385.3	26.5	6.4	57.0
Dec 98	202.4	384.5	26.8	6.5	56.8
Jan 99	201.8	383.8	27.2	6.6	56.7
Feb 99	200.7	383.2	27.7	6.7	56.6
Mar 99	199.7	382.6	28.0	6.8	56.5
Persons					
Jan 98	643.3	871.5	65.5	7.0	66.0
Feb 98	644.1	873.9	65.8	7.0	66.1
Mar 98	645.0	877.1	66.2	7.0	66.3
Apr 98	646.2	880.7	66.6	7.0	66.4
May 98	647.3	884.3	67.2	7.1	66.6
Jun 98	648.2	887.6	67.9	7.1	66.8
Jul 98	648.7	890.3	68.4	7.1	66.9
Aug 98	649.1	892.5	68.6	7.1	66.9
Sep 98	649.4	893.7	68.6	7.1	66.9
Oct 98	649.6	894.2	68.5	7.1	66.8
Nov 98	649.4	894.3	68.4	7.1	66.7
Dec 98	649.0	894.1	68.3	7.1	66.5
Jan 99	648.0	893.7	68.1	7.1	66.4
Feb 99	646.7	893.4	67.9	7.1	66.2
Mar 99	645.5	893.0	67.6	7.0	66.1

(a) Trend estimates for the previous months have been revised.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 6202.0.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point to 7.0% in March 1999.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Information Inquiries on (08) 9360 5140.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES: Trend

	FULL TIME ADULTS.....		ALL PERSONS
	<i>Ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Total earnings</i>	<i>Total earnings</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Males			
16 Aug 97	771.60	829.50	711.70
21 Nov 97	780.90	839.00	721.20
20 Feb 98	790.40	851.80	734.30
15 May 98	801.00	864.50	741.80
21 Aug 98	811.70	874.10	741.40
20 Nov 98	821.20	880.20	736.60
Females			
16 Aug 97	598.70	610.00	419.60
21 Nov 97	603.60	615.10	415.70
20 Feb 98	609.40	621.50	411.50
15 May 98	617.20	629.90	409.80
21 Aug 98	625.50	638.20	411.00
20 Nov 98	632.00	644.50	413.00
Persons			
16 Aug 97	706.80	747.20	563.80
21 Nov 97	714.10	754.70	564.20
20 Feb 98	723.50	766.80	568.50
15 May 98	734.70	779.90	572.30
21 Aug 98	745.70	790.40	573.40
20 Nov 98	755.00	797.50	572.50

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 6302.0.

3.4 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

	<i>Number of Disputes</i>	<i>Directly</i>	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Working days lost</i>
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar Year					
1996	54	36.2	0.0	36.2	47.3
1997	71	30.9	0.9	31.7	60.1
1998	78	28.6	0.1	28.8	61.2
Months					
Nov 97	13	1.8	0.0	1.8	3.4
Dec 97	9	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4
Jan 98	6	0.8	0.0	0.8	2.3
Feb 98	6	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.1
Mar 98	5	2.1	0.0	2.1	4.2
Apr 98	6	r 3.5	0.0	r 3.5	r 4.4
May 98	r 6	r 4.1	0.0	r 4.1	r 2.3
Jun 98	9	4.0	0.0	4.0	5.8
Jul 98	3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5
Aug 98	10	7.0	0.0	7.0	11.7
Sep 98	10	4.1	0.0	4.1	13.2
Oct 98	12	3.3	0.0	3.3	5.3
Nov 98	18	5.1	0.0	5.1	5.7
Dec 98	8	1.7	0.0	1.7	4.4
Jan 99	n.p.	0.6	0.0	0.6	1.2

Source: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished Data.

Note: The waterfront dispute which commenced on 7 April 1998 has been excluded from the industrial disputes statistics in this publication, because the industrial action that took place did not constitute an 'industrial dispute' as defined by the ABS for purposes of collecting and compiling these statistics.

In ABS industrial disputes statistics, an industrial dispute is defined as a withdrawal from work by a group of employees (i.e. a strike), or a refusal by an employer or a number of employers to permit some or all of their employees to work (i.e. a lockout), each withdrawal or refusal being made in order to enforce a demand, to resist a demand, or to express a grievance. That is, the statistics cover employee strikes and employer lockouts, but do not cover other action due to labour disputes. (See *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, cat no. 6321.0 Explanatory Notes and Glossary for more details.)

3.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY-SECTOR

	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....							GROSS EARNINGS
	May 1997	Aug 1997	Nov 1997	Feb 1998	May 1998	Aug 1998	Sept qtr 1998	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m	
Industry								
Mining	30.1	29.3	30.5	28.2	29.3	29.6	480.9	
Manufacturing	67.7	69.1	65.5	65.6	66.5	70.1	650.7	
Electricity, gas and water supply	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.7	91.3	
Construction	34.2	31.4	35.1	37.6	43.0	47.9	582.1	
Wholesale trade	45.7	39.7	42.3	40.3	41.2	37.2	307.5	
Retail trade	108.2	105.8	110.4	102.6	103.7	105.3	481.8	
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	37.0	38.9	41.6	40.5	38.6	49.1	221.3	
Transport and storage	25.2	23.6	24.4	22.7	24.4	26.4	251.7	
Communication services	10.1	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.5	121.5	
Finance & insurance	24.6	24.0	23.3	27.7	29.7	29.9	265.5	
Property & business services	87.2	89.2	83.7	86.6	101.0	89.0	657.3	
Government administration and defence	31.5	30.6	31.9	31.9	31.5	28.3	274.0	
Education	63.7	63.3	67.3	61.8	64.4	67.8	499.5	
Health & community services	67.9	70.2	70.8	71.1	72.4	74.5	518.7	
Cultural & recreational services	15.3	18.3	15.5	15.9	19.6	19.3	93.8	
Personal & other services	23.2	23.0	23.9	22.8	24.4	26.0	176.1	
All industries (a)	680.1	674.5	684.5	673.5	707.4	718.1	5 687.2	
Sector								
Private	534.0	530.0	535.8	530.6	561.6	570.5	4 326.3	
Public	146.1	144.5	148.8	142.8	145.8	147.7	1 360.9	

	May 1998.....			Aug 1998.....		
	Full-time	Part-time	Persons	Full-time	Part-time	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Industry						
Mining	28.0	* 1.4	29.3	28.6	* 1.0	29.6
Manufacturing	60.5	* 6.0	66.5	64.3	* 5.9	70.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.3	0.2	6.5	6.5	0.2	6.7
Construction	39.8	* 3.2	43.0	44.8	* 3.1	47.9
Wholesale trade	29.7	* 11.5	41.2	27.2	* 10.0	37.2
Retail trade	43.1	60.6	103.7	46.4	58.9	105.3
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	16.8	21.7	38.6	* 19.4	29.7	49.1
Transport and storage	21.3	* 3.1	24.4	21.7	* 4.6	26.4
Communication services	8.0	1.6	9.6	7.9	1.6	9.5
Finance & insurance	21.5	* 8.3	29.7	21.6	* 8.4	29.9
Property & business services	63.0	* 38.0	101.0	52.6	* 36.5	89.0
Government administration and defence	25.5	6.0	31.5	22.9	5.4	28.3
Education	39.0	25.4	64.4	40.7	27.0	67.8
Health & community services	34.6	37.8	72.4	35.9	38.6	74.5
Cultural & recreational services	6.2	* 13.4	19.6	6.5	* 12.8	19.3
Personal & other services	16.5	7.9	24.4	16.9	9.2	26.0
All industries (a)	461.3	246.2	707.4	465.4	252.7	718.1
Sector						
Private	356.5	205.1	561.6	361.0	209.4	570.5
Public	104.8	41.0	145.8	104.3	43.4	147.7

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

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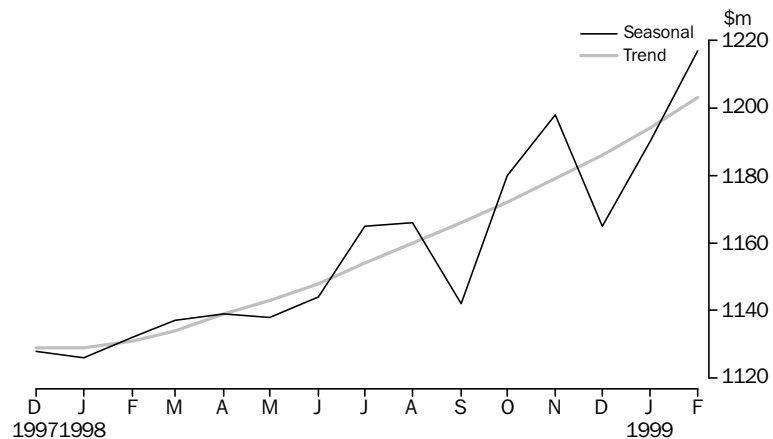
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Dec 97	546.4	188.3	70.6	227.9	86.5
Jan 98	503.8	87.6	54.0	184.5	56.4
Feb 98	451.5	72.9	42.6	156.5	52.1
Mar 98	475.8	83.4	48.1	176.8	51.9
Apr 98	488.5	101.7	48.7	171.9	54.7
May 98	497.4	100.5	52.2	172.5	54.4
Jun 98	465.8	92.0	49.3	180.8	53.4
Jul 98	511.0	106.7	54.0	159.7	60.9
Aug 98	506.3	90.6	48.5	153.1	57.6
Sep 98	505.7	92.3	49.9	150.5	58.5
Oct 98	536.8	108.9	55.7	175.1	62.0
Nov 98	510.0	116.0	56.1	172.1	63.8
Dec 98	605.6	195.2	74.8	219.7	94.4
Jan 99	535.3	92.7	56.0	161.1	57.8
Feb 99	490.1	75.0	45.6	159.7	57.9

	Hospitality and services	Other	Total	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Dec 97	193.1	151.7	1 464.4	1 127.8	1 128.6
Jan 98	155.0	96.4	1 137.8	1 126.0	1 129.3
Feb 98	145.0	87.0	1 007.6	1 132.3	1 130.9
Mar 98	153.2	88.5	1 077.7	1 136.8	1 134.3
Apr 98	148.7	87.0	1 101.1	1 139.0	1 138.6
May 98	152.5	90.4	1 120.0	1 138.0	1 143.0
Jun 98	139.6	88.4	1 069.3	1 144.3	1 148.2
Jul 98	156.3	93.3	1 142.0	1 165.3	1 154.0
Aug 98	161.1	91.1	1 108.2	1 165.8	1 159.8
Sep 98	161.2	98.6	1 116.6	1 142.4	1 165.7
Oct 98	184.4	107.8	1 230.7	1 180.4	1 171.9
Nov 98	171.8	111.7	1 201.5	1 198.0	1 178.6
Dec 98	197.6	155.3	1 542.6	1 164.8	1 186.3
Jan 99	169.3	101.7	1 173.9	1 190.1	1 194.2
Feb 99	160.5	93.7	1 082.6	1 216.9	1 203.1

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MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER



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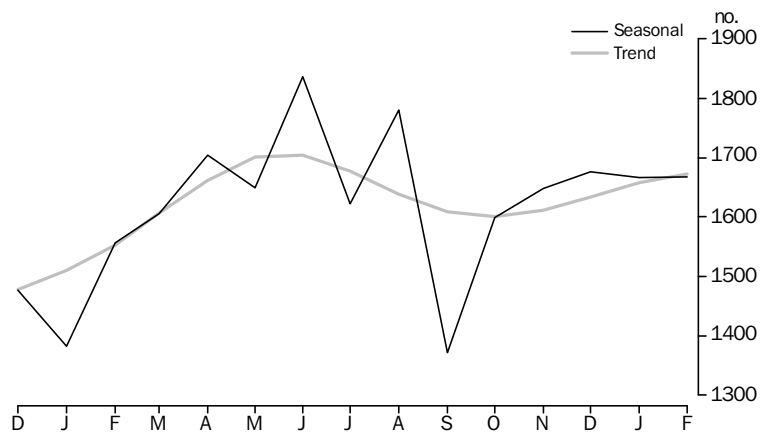
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	NEW HOUSES.....		NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....		TOTAL (a).....	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1995-96	12 212	1 148.3	3 527	272.4	15 854	2 386.7
1996-97	13 632	1 348.9	2 013	175.8	15 742	2 901.8
1997-98	15 828	1 634.2	2 526	222.0	18 460	2 943.8
Months						
Dec 97	1 214	123.4	171	11.7	1 412	221.6
Jan 98	976	105.1	178	17.2	1 155	193.7
Feb 98	1 162	120.2	278	18.6	1 441	224.4
Mar 98	1 363	143.7	380	29.1	1 747	251.4
Apr 98	1 376	144.1	196	19.1	1 576	218.0
May 98	1 504	151.9	288	43.6	1 794	318.3
Jun 98	1 831	183.3	218	18.4	2 054	286.7
Jul 98	1 548	163.2	151	16.3	1 707	282.8
Aug 98	1 483	155.7	248	32.8	1 735	256.1
Sep 98	1 256	134.4	150	15.1	1 413	229.9
Oct 98	1 461	160.6	169	15.2	1 634	288.1
Nov 98	1 401	149.5	229	28.5	1 649	272.4
Dec 98	1 391	155.4	231	24.7	1 641	270.8
Jan 99	1 148	127.4	157	20.9	1 307	365.0
Feb 99	1 290	140.7	253	28.9	1 547	344.0

(a) Includes alterations, additions, conversions and non-residential buildings.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 8731.5.

TOTAL DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



Source: ABS Catalogue No. 8731.5.

5.2

VALUE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years			
1995-96	692.1	111.0	803.1
1996-97	773.9	430.0	1204.5
1997-98	706.7	193.3	899.8
Months			
Dec 97	57.3	13.0	70.3
Jan 98	46.3	11.3	57.6
Feb 98	59.8	9.3	69.1
Mar 98	60.2	2.3	62.4
Apr 98	33.7	8.6	42.3
May 98	74.6	31.5	106.1
Jun 98	62.4	8.8	71.1
Jul 98	65.5	20.3	85.9
Aug 98	39.9	11.4	51.3
Sep 98	60.8	3.0	63.8
Oct 98	78.0	14.4	92.4
Nov 98	64.0	13.0	77.0
Dec 98	54.4	17.1	71.5
Jan 99	163.8	33.3	197.1
Feb 99	121.3	34.9	156.3

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 8731.5.

For more information regarding Building Approvals, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	<i>Materials used in house building</i>	<i>Established homes</i>	<i>Project homes</i>
Financial Years			
1995-96	114.8	108.2	101.6
1996-97	115.3	109.2	101.3
1997-98	115.9	113.3	102.2
Quarters			
Sep 97	116.0	112.2	101.3
Dec 97	115.8	112.8	101.4
Mar 98	115.7	113.7	102.5
Jun 98	115.9	114.4	103.6
Sep 98	116.1	115.4	104.9
Dec 98	116.3	118.1	105.8

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: ABS Catalogue Nos. 6408.0 and 6416.0.

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING: PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	<i>All groups</i>	<i>All Electrical materials</i>	<i>All Mechanical services</i>	<i>All Plumbing materials</i>
Financial Years				
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
1996-97	114.6	110.6	113.3	119.2
1997-98	114.6	109.3	113.4	124.6
Quarters				
Sep 97	115.3	111.0	113.1	124.7
Dec 97	114.8	109.9	113.3	124.9
Mar 98	114.2	107.2	113.2	124.6
Jun 98	114.2	109.2	113.8	124.1
Sep 98	114.2	107.9	115.0	124.0
Dec 98	114.2	107.4	116.6	124.0

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>
Financial Years					
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
1996-97	106.6	124.1	120.1	113.9	117.0
1997-98	106.8	127.8	117.4	116.5	117.9
Quarters					
Sep 97	107.2	127.4	118.8	116.1	118.8
Dec 97	107.4	127.4	117.2	116.1	118.8
Mar 98	106.4	127.6	116.8	116.7	117.0
Jun 98	106.1	128.8	116.8	116.9	117.0
Sep 98	106.5	131.4	115.9	117.6	117.0
Dec 98	104.6	131.4	115.0	117.4	113.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 6407.0.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Peter Hodgson on (08) 9360 5922.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1995-96	218.0	181.9	399.9	3.2	2 833.3	1 594.0	562.8
1996-97	192.3	214.5	406.8	5.6	2 635.2	2 081.2	550.2
1997-98	198.5	249.6	448.1	5.6	2 717.4	1 856.5	550.0
Quarters							
Sep 97	46.0	55.0	101.0	1.3	631.8	528.0	136.8
Dec 97	58.7	64.1	122.9	1.3	820.7	527.2	128.8
Mar 98	48.5	74.0	122.5	1.7	738.6	377.3	136.4
Jun 98	45.3	56.4	101.7	1.3	526.3	423.9	147.9
Sep 98	44.6	59.7	104.3	1.5	380.5	469.7	144.0
Dec 98	65.2	62.9	128.1	1.5	476.3	590.0	133.3

Note: From June 1998, the collection frequency of this information changed from monthly to quarterly.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 7215.0.

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pig meat
Financial Years					
1995-96	94 859	213	57 428	28 139	35 341
1996-97	91 369	319	52 164	35 701	38 837
1997-98	102 482	312	56 442	33 581	35 499
Quarters					
Sep 97	23 388	76	13 267	9 387	9 025
Dec 97	28 991	74	17 362	9 513	8 189
Mar 98	27 546	89	15 029	6 868	8 433
Jun 98	22 557	73	10 785	7 814	9 852
Sep 98	24 477	90	7 620	8 661	9 542
Dec 98	32 072	102	10 155	11 185	8 474

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Note: From June 1998, the collection frequency of this information changed from monthly to quarterly.

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

	RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS(a)		EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP (b).....		
	Bales '000	Tonnes	Quantity '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial Years					
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
1996-97	909 768	160 020	3 747.5	136 613	188.5
1997-98 p	699 492	153 883	3 266.0	130 797	167.0
Quarters					
Sep 97 p	205 354	45 291	r 635.4	25 026	32.0
Dec 97 p	198 369	44 340	891.7	35 627	47.3
Mar 98 p	195 422	41 001	880.8	34 558	45.0
Jun 98 p	100 347	23 253	858.1	35 587	42.7
Sep 98 p	191 427	39 785	854.2	32 928	43.9
Dec 98 p	191 210	41 559	r 1 186.7	r 44 046	r 62.2

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers.

(b) Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

Note: From June 1998, the collection frequency of this information changed from monthly to quarterly.

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6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1995-96	5 897	17 422	r 186 658	9 676	16 766
1996-97	5 557	r 16 738	r 204 257	15 974	16 713
1997-98	5 709	17 203	230 201	17 561 p	18 004 p
Quarters					
Sep 97	1 417	4 271	56 580	4 589 p	4 633 p
Dec 97	1 528	4 155	58 095	4 465 p	4 676 p
Mar 98	1 405	4 608	57 285	3 975 p	4 432 p
Jun 98	1 359	4 169	58 241	4 533 p	4 263 p
Sep 98	1 249	4 259	n.p.	4 619 p	4 822 p
Dec 98	r 1580	4 127	n.p.	3 149 p	3 068 p

(a) Source: Department of Minerals and Energy.

(b) Available for issue through mains.

(c) Includes condensate.

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics.

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS.....			NON-METALLIC MINERALS.....		Total minerals
	Base metals(a)	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Financial Years						
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
1996-97	88.1	531.7	n.a.	38.6	n.a.	r 691.7
1997-98	117.1	459.3	3.8	31.4	2.1	660.4
Quarters						
Sep 97	28.1	138.2	0.5	8.3	0.1	182.7
Dec 97	31.4	109.6	0.5	9.5	1.2	162.3
Mar 98	24.7	100.0	0.2	6.0	0.4	142.0
Jun 98	32.9	111.5	2.6	7.6	0.4	173.4
Sep 98	30.3	86.1	0.8	10.4	0.3	r 154.0
Dec 98	24.2	102.0	0.9	12.4	0.3	157.3

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 8412.0.

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Ilmenite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1995-96	143 489	28 250	206.5	1 871	105	42 566
1996-97	150 711	27 466	227.0	1 910	115	37 120
1997-98 p	155 485	28 673	240.5	r 2181	r 133	43 046
Quarters						
Sep 97 p	38 917	7 148	59.0	538	33	10 423
Dec 97 p	41 052	7 038	63.1	536	33	13 317
Mar 98 p	39 465	7 175	60.8	556	33	9 573
Jun 98 p	36 050	7 312	57.5	543	36	9 733
Sep 98 p	35 458	7 195	r 55.0	563	r 37	r 12 480
Dec 98 p	37 932	7 220	60.5	541	37	9 056

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

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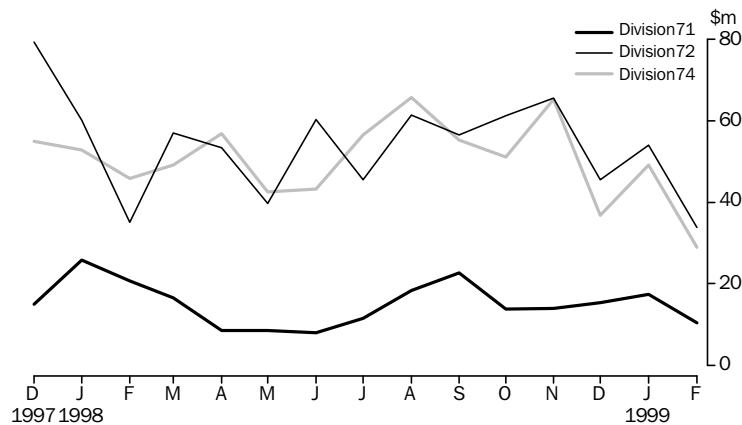
7.1

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33	71	72	74	78
	<i>Petroleum, petroleum products, etc</i>	<i>Power generating machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Machinery specialised for particular industries</i>	<i>General industrial machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Road vehicles</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1995-96	769.1	356.1	510.0	346.1	794.3
1996-97	1 043.6	309.8	696.8	420.9	811.7
1997-98	800.1	208.0	618.8	596.7	1 051.9
Months					
Dec 97	91.4	15.0	79.4	55.0	94.1
Jan 98	54.1	25.9	60.1	52.9	87.9
Feb 98	59.3	20.8	35.0	45.8	74.9
Mar 98	51.7	16.6	57.0	49.2	91.2
Apr 98	49.8	8.5	53.3	56.9	84.7
May 98	57.0	8.5	39.7	42.5	86.5
Jun 98	60.7	8.1	60.4	43.2	94.8
Jul 98	66.2	11.5	45.5	56.5	81.9
Aug 98	80.3	18.4	61.4	64.4	88.4
Sep 98	65.1	22.6	56.5	55.1	69.1
Oct 98	57.0	13.9	61.2	51.1	94.8
Nov 98	64.3	14.0	65.5	65.3	70.8
Dec 98	52.4	15.4	45.5	36.9	78.2
Jan 99	57.5	17.4	54.1	49.2	90.9
Feb 99	59.7	10.5	33.9	29.0	81.2

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

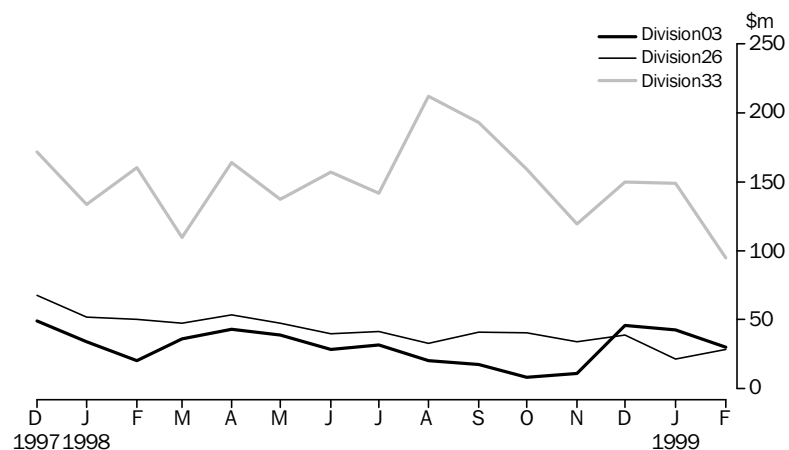
7.2

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03	04	26	28	33
	<i>Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)</i>	<i>Metalliferous ores and metal scrap</i>	<i>Petroleum, petroleum products etc.</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1995-96	364.6	1 874.8	695.3	3 219.0	1 589.0
1996-97	371.3	1 667.6	646.5	3 614.6	1 942.8
1997-98	337.2	1 651.0	655.3	4 219.1	2 046.8
Months					
Nov 97	17.8	116.7	80.2	368.8	175.1
Dec 97	49.1	196.4	67.5	399.1	171.5
Jan 98	34.0	211.5	51.7	308.4	133.6
Feb 98	20.3	146.2	50.1	319.7	160.4
Mar 98	36.3	108.9	47.7	334.9	109.8
Apr 98	43.3	153.0	53.7	364.6	164.1
May 98	38.8	136.4	47.3	381.3	137.2
Jun 98	28.5	170.7	39.9	375.2	156.8
July 98	31.8	118.5	41.4	362.9	141.5
Aug 98	20.4	197.0	32.7	406.7	211.7
Sep 98	17.7	149.1	40.8	435.2	192.6
Oct 98	8.2	130.3	40.4	365.5	159.2
Nov 98	11.0	113.2	33.8	369.7	119.4
Dec 98	45.7	159.8	39.1	396.9	149.7
Jan 99	42.8	194.3	21.3	341.7	148.8
Feb 99	30.1	160.8	28.4	327.5	95.1

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

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8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....					PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....	
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters
Financial Years							
1995-96	51 319	10 838	2 324	64 481	2 441	51 514	1 648
1996-97	56 984	10 828	2 207	70 019	2 692	54 721	1 837
1997-98	67 675	11 486	2 296	81 456	3 103	63 131	2 104
Months							
Dec 97	5 844	946	187	6 977	300	5 356	180
Jan 98	4 860	845	158	5 862	232	4 436	168
Feb 98	5 143	956	191	6 290	258	4 763	166
Mar 98	5 745	1 017	197	6 959	241	5 305	148
Apr 98	5 059	929	202	6 190	290	4 783	200
May 98	6 144	1 108	204	7 456	233	5 768	152
Jun 98	7 362	1 380	235	8 977	234	6 902	173
Jul 98	6 064	937	238	7 239	264	5 702	173
Aug 98	5 417	783	186	6 386	277	5 147	180
Sep 98	5 400	790	188	6 378	263	5 062	172
Oct 98	5 448	866	201	6 515	281	5 132	185
Nov 98	5 436	821	186	6 443	343	5 079	280
Dec 98	5 941	928	191	7 060	349	5 504	247
Jan 99	4 414	832	156	5 402	216	4 108	150
Feb 99	5 011	908	185	6 104	253	4 762	177

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Source: Unpublished New Motor Vehicle Registrations (9303.5.40.001).

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS (a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend	Original	Trend	Original	Trend
Months						
Dec 97	5 844	5 520	1 133	1 136	6 977	6 656
Jan 98	4 860	5 481	1 002	1 149	5 862	6 630
Feb 98	5 143	5 515	1 147	1 162	6 290	6 677
Mar 98	5 745	5 648	1 214	1 178	6 959	6 825
Apr 98	5 059	5 841	1 131	1 191	6 190	7 033
May 98	6 144	6 003	1 312	1 199	7 456	7 203
Jun 98	7 362	6 053	1 615	1 196	8 977	7 249
Jul 98	6 064	5 987	1 175	1 177	7 239	7 163
Aug 98	5 417	5 820	969	1 147	6 386	6 967
Sep 98	5 400	5 613	978	1 116	6 378	6 728
Oct 98	5 448	5 433	1 067	1 094	6 515	6 527
Nov 98	5 436	5 316	1 007	1 087	6 443	6 403
Dec 98	5 941	5 244	1 119	1 092	7 060	6 336
Jan 99	4 414	5 195	988	1 102	5 402	6 297
Feb 99	5 011	5 158	1 093	1 118	6 104	6 276

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Source: Unpublished New Motor Vehicle Registrations (9303.5.40.001).

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
Financial Years					
1995-96	4 285	1 046	2 575	7 907	7 899
1996-97	4 158	625	1 834	6 617	6 627
1997-98	5 759	1 049	1 954	8 761	8 746
Quarters					
Sep 97	1 190	194	426	1 810	1 966
Dec 97	1 489	337	552	2 377	2 161
Mar 98	1 473	240	479	2 191	2 353
Jun 98	1 607	278	498	2 383	2 266
Sep 98	1 188	421	614	2 223	2 438
Dec 98	824	304	512	1 640	1 489

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 5646.0.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Current Australian figure</i>	<i>Current figure</i>	<i>Change from last period (%)</i>	<i>Figure one year ago</i>	<i>Change from one year ago(%)</i>
Population							
Estimated resident population	Jun qtr 98 p	'000	18 751.0	1 831.4	0.4	1 797.9	1.9
Natural increase	Jun qtr 98 p	No.	31 830	4 003	20.8	3 529	13.4
Tourism							
<i>Hotels, motels etc and serviced apartments</i>							
Guest arrivals	Dec qtr 98	'000	7 974	650	-1.2	n.a.	n.a.
Guest rooms available	Dec qtr 98	No.	182 061	17 317	1.8	16 526	4.8
Room occupancy rates	Dec qtr 98	%	59	58	-3.3	59	-1.7
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Dec 98	No.	457 600	47 400	22.2	49 380	-4.0
Long-term arrivals	Dec 98	No.	5 890	640	0.0	590	8.5
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Dec 98	No.	318 000	35 170	11.4	33 360	5.4
Long-term departures	Dec 98	No.	6 660	780	23.8	710	9.9
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Mar 99	'000	8 700.8	893.0	0.0	877.1	1.8
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Trend	Mar 99	'000	693.6	67.6	-0.4	66.2	2.1
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Mar 99	%	62.9	66.1	-0.1	66.3	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Mar 99	%	7.4	7.0	-0.1	7.0	0.0
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
<i>Trend</i>							
Males	Nov 98	\$	847.2	880.2	0.7	839.0	4.9
Females	Nov 98	\$	675.6	644.5	1.0	615.1	4.8
Persons	Nov 98	\$	783.9	797.5	0.9	754.7	5.7
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Feb 99	\$m	10 671.5	1 082.6	-7.8	1 007.6	7.4
Trend	Feb 99	\$m	12 030.1	1 203.1	1.4	1 130.9	6.4
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Feb 99	No	9 868.0	1 547.0	18.4	1 441.0	7.4
Value of all building	Feb 99	\$m	2 775.5	344.0	-5.8	224.4	53.3
<i>House Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Dec qtr 98	Index No.	119.7	116.3	0.2	115.8	0.4
Established houses	Dec qtr 98	Index No.	129.0	118.1	2.3	112.8	4.7
Project homes	Dec qtr 98	Index No.	112.3	105.8	0.9	101.4	4.3
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Dec qtr 98	\$m	139.8	102.0	18.5	109.6	-6.9
Other minerals	Dec qtr 98	\$m	99.8	55.3	-3.0	52.7	4.9
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Feb 99	\$m	7 117.2	595.4	-20.6	695.0	-14.3
Exports	Feb 99	\$m	6 259.6	1 449.3	-13.8	1 823.1	-20.5
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Feb 99	No.	50 775	5 011	13.5	5 143	-2.6
Trend	Feb 99	No.	54 398	5 158	-0.1	5 515	-6.5
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Feb 99	No.	60 332	6 104	13.0	6 290	-3.0
Trend	Feb 99	No.	65 280	6 276	0.4	6 677	-6.0
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Dec qtr 98	\$m	11 998	1 640	-26.2	2 377	-31.0
Seasonally adjusted	Dec qtr 98	\$m	11 060	1 489	-38.9	2 161	-31.1

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