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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			
1996	896 075	885 793	1 781 868
1997 p	911 537	900 552	1 812 089
1998 p	930 025	917 778	1 847 803
Quarters			
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
Sep 98 p	926 331	914 112	1 840 443
Dec 98 p	930 025	917 778	1 847 803

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

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1998 was 1,847,803, an increase of 7,360 in the December quarter and 35,714 since 31 December 1997. The annual growth rate during the calendar year 1998 was 2.0% compared with a rate of 1.7% 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				
1996	13 980	12 334	5 683	31 997
1997 p	13 690	11 239	5 292	30 221
1998 p	14 041	17 799	3 874	35 714
Quarters				
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
Sep 98 p	3 348	4 520	1 176	9 044
Dec 98 p	3 375	3 853	132	7 360

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

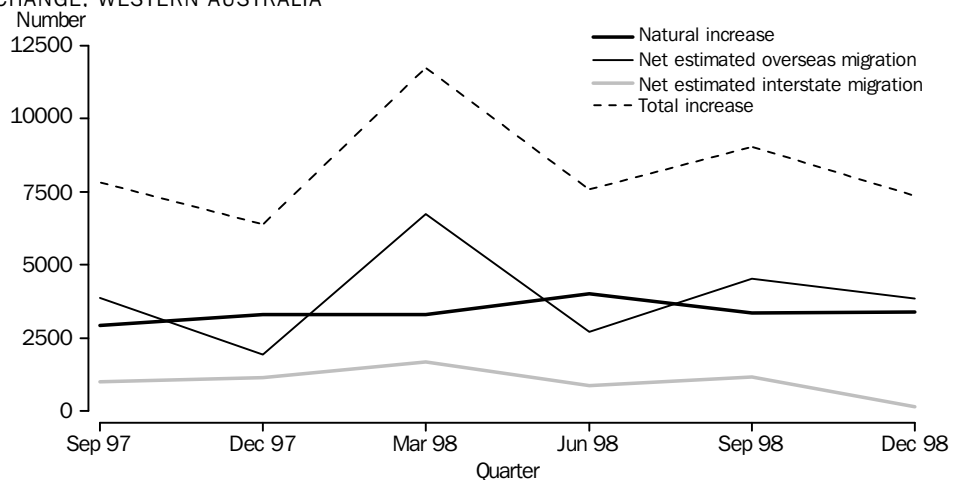
Source: ABS Catalogue No. 3101.0 (Table 2).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the December quarter 1998, the population increased by 7,360 compared with an increase of 9,044 in the previous quarter. Natural increase was up less than 1% on the September quarter 1998. However, this was more than offset by falls of 89% and 15% in net estimated interstate and overseas migration, respectively.

For the year ended 31 December 1998, the increase of 35,714 was 18% higher than the increase in the previous 12 months.

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	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					
1996	24 905	145	10 925	10 294	4 959
1997 p	24 600	125	10 910	10 456	5 046
1998 p	24 708	115	10 667	10 949	5 268
Quarters					
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
Sep 98 p	6 328	34	2 980	1 552	1 463
Dec 98 p	6 132	26	2 757	3 688	1 373

(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 December quarter 1998 fell by 196 or 3.1% on the previous quarter and was only 10 or 0.2% more than the number in the same quarter of 1997.

Infant deaths numbered 26 in the December quarter 1998, 8 fewer than in the September quarter 1998, and 16 fewer than in the December quarter of the previous year.

Total deaths fell by 223 or 7.5% from the September quarter 1998, and were 62 or 2.2% lower than the number in the December quarter 1997.

The number of marriages in the December quarter 1998 increased by 137.6% (or 2,136) from the previous quarter, and was 4.4% higher than in the same quarter of 1997.

The number of divorces decreased slightly from 1,463 in the September quarter to 1,373 in the December quarter 1998, a decrease of 6.2%. The number was 4.0% higher than in the December 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					
1996	14.1	5.8	6.2	5.8	2.8
1997 p	13.7	5.1	6.1	5.8	2.8
1998 p	13.5	4.7	5.8	6.0	2.9
Quarters					
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
Sep 98 p	13.8	5.4	6.5	3.4	3.2
Dec 98 p	13.3	4.2	6.0	8.0	3.0

(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 December quarter 1998, the infant mortality rate decreased to 4.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

The crude birth rate, crude death rate and crude divorce rate were all lower than in the September quarter 1998, but the crude marriage rate was considerably higher than in the previous quarter.

In the December quarter 1998, the crude marriage rate and crude divorce rate were marginally higher than in the same quarter of the previous year, and the crude birth rate and crude death rate were 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						
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
Jan 99	1 050	44 650	33 950	680	2 090	82 420
Feb 99	910	26 370	41 510	540	2 580	71 910
Mar 99	880	26 070	38 100	580	660	66 290
Apr 99	910	28 620	32 390	450	900	63 260

	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						
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
Jan 99	510	30 710	46 890	1 220	430	79 760
Feb 99	280	26 330	33 360	720	330	61 020
Mar 99	410	32 730	37 620	780	340	71 870
Apr 99	400	25 230	36 300	770	340	63 020

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTR0001. 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 63,260 overseas arrivals in April 1999 was 3,030 lower than in the previous month and 990 lower than in April 1998.

In April 1999, 28,620 Western Australian residents returned from short-term overseas visits, a increase of 9.8% on March 1999. In April 1999, 32,390 overseas visitors arrived in Western Australia for short-term visits. This was a decrease of 15.0% on March 1999.

There were 450 residents returning to Western Australia in April 1999, after a long-term stay overseas. This was an decrease of 22.4% on the previous month. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors numbered 900 in April 1999. This was a increase of 240 over the previous month, and an increase of 160 on April 1998 figures.

Total departures of residents and visitors numbered 63,020 in April 1999, a decrease of 14.0% on the previous month and an decrease of 10.9% on April 1998.

The 25,230 short-term departures of Western Australian residents in April 1999 represented an decrease of 29.7% on March 1999, and a decrease of 21.4% on April 1998.

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	361 180
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						
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
Jan 99	1 530	8 880	4 200	2 290	3 000	33 950
Feb 99	1 670	10 670	2 420	3 500	6 100	41 510
Mar 99	2 610	10 010	1 970	3 580	5 710	38 100
Apr 99	3 060	7 150	2 050	2 520	4 760	32 380

(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 32,380 short-term overseas visitor arrivals in April 1999 represented a decrease of 17.6% on March 1999.

Short-term visitor arrivals from Indonesia increased by 80 on March 1999, and decreased by 200 on April 1998 and represented 6.3% of all short-term visitor arrivals.

Short-term visitor arrivals from the UK and Ireland decreased by 39.9% on March 1999, and increased by 13.5% on April 1998 and represented 22.1% 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									
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
Jan 99	550	3 430	2 110	1 600	880	1 250	170	380	14 160
Feb 99	520	5 170	780	2 530	1 940	3 230	170	480	19 490
Mar 99	560	4 240	1 030	2 990	1 360	4 030	370	460	19 510
Apr 99	940	2 760	750	1 930	1 910	3 040	1 350	250	16 210

(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 16,210 short-term overseas visitors arrived by air for holidays in Western Australia in April 1999, a decrease of 20.4% on March 1999. Singapore represented 18.8% of these holiday makers into the state.

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						
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
Jan 99	2 480	1 600	8 150	2 200	4 670	30 720
Feb 99	2 570	2 940	6 600	2 000	3 440	26 330
Mar 99	3 250	3 920	6 660	2 590	4 970	32 730
Apr 99	2 420	3 060	5 650	2 510	2 480	25 220

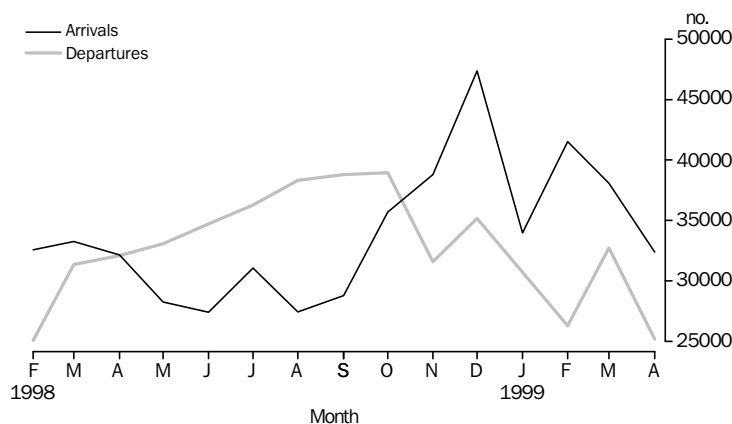
(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Source: ABS Unpublished Overseas Arrivals and Departures Table PMTR0013.

Analysis of table 2.4

In April 1999, 25,220 Western Australian residents departed for short-term periods overseas, a decrease of 29.8% on March 1999, and a 21.4% decrease on April 1998. Short-term departures of residents to Malaysia increased by 16.2% from the month of April 1998.

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								
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
Jan 99	1 000	560	6 760	1 300	2 690	1 520	460	17 200
Feb 99	1 060	1 290	5 590	990	1 830	1 340	350	14 600
Mar 99	1 670	1 200	5 520	1 750	3 250	1 700	580	18 350
Apr 99	1 270	1 350	4 800	1 550	1 260	1 590	720	14 270

(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 14,270 short-term departures by air of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in April 1999. This was 28.6% less than in March 1999 and 22.0% less than in April 1998.

In April 1999, 1,350 Western Australians departed for holidays in United Kingdom, an increase of 11.1% over the previous month.

Indonesia continues to be the favoured holiday destination for Western Australians, with 33.6% of all short-term departures of residents by air in April 1999.

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....

	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Guest rooms</i>	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Room occupancy rates</i>	<i>Guest arrivals</i>	<i>Takings from accommodation</i>
	Number	Number	Persons	%	'000	\$'000
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
Jan 99				54	212	27 913
Feb 99				57	187	26 346
Mar 99	304	17 517	9 962	56	198	28 527

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					
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
Apr 99	447.5	513.9	39.4	7.1	76.0
May 99	440.5	508.6	36.0	6.6	74.7
June 99	442.6	507.9	38.7	7.1	74.9
Females					
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
Apr 99	201.1	382.3	32.6	7.9	56.9
May 99	199.7	384.6	26.1	6.4	56.3
June 99	206.9	393.1	23.3	5.6	57.0
Persons					
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
Apr 99	648.6	896.2	72.0	7.4	66.5
May 99	640.2	893.2	62.1	6.5	65.5
June 99	649.5	901.0	61.9	6.4	65.9

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 6202.0.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.4 percent in June 1999.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed decreased by 200 to 61,900, while the number of employed persons rose by 7,800 to 901,000.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for June 1999 increased to 65.9 percent 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					
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	446.9	509.0	41.9	7.6	76.4
Dec 98	446.7	509.8	41.5	7.5	76.3
Jan 99	446.5	510.2	41.0	7.4	76.1
Feb 99	446.0	510.5	40.1	7.3	75.9
Mar 99	445.4	510.7	39.1	7.1	75.7
Apr 99	444.6	510.6	38.3	7.0	75.4
May 99	443.7	510.3	37.7	6.9	75.2
June 99	442.8	509.8	37.2	6.8	74.9
Females					
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	386.2	26.2	6.4	57.2
Nov 98	202.6	385.4	26.4	6.4	57.0
Dec 98	202.3	384.3	27.0	6.6	56.8
Jan 99	201.6	383.4	27.7	6.7	56.7
Feb 99	200.8	383.1	28.3	6.9	56.6
Mar 99	200.3	383.4	28.5	6.9	56.6
Apr 99	200.4	384.5	28.2	6.8	56.6
May 99	201.0	385.9	27.6	6.7	56.7
June 99	201.8	387.4	26.8	6.5	56.7
Persons					
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	894.3	68.4	7.1	66.8
Nov 98	649.5	894.3	68.3	7.1	66.7
Dec 98	649.0	894.0	68.5	7.1	66.5
Jan 99	648.1	893.6	68.6	7.1	66.4
Feb 99	646.9	893.6	68.3	7.1	66.3
Mar 99	645.7	894.1	67.6	7.0	66.2
Apr 99	644.9	895.1	66.6	6.9	66.0
May 99	644.7	896.2	65.3	6.8	65.9
June 99	644.6	897.2	64.0	6.7	65.8

(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 to 6.7% in June 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			
21 Nov 97	781.00	839.50	722.00
20 Feb 98	790.60	852.00	734.20
15 May 98	803.30	866.30	742.30
21 Aug 98	810.60	872.90	740.70
20 Nov 98	808.60	869.80	734.00
19 Feb 99	799.20	860.10	724.50
Females			
21 Nov 97	603.50	615.10	415.50
20 Feb 98	609.70	621.80	411.70
15 May 98	617.00	629.70	409.30
21 Aug 98	625.20	637.90	411.10
20 Nov 98	632.50	644.80	414.90
19 Feb 99	639.60	651.60	419.10
Persons			
21 Nov 97	714.20	755.00	564.50
20 Feb 98	723.90	767.10	568.70
15 May 98	736.20	781.20	572.40
21 Aug 98	744.60	789.40	573.10
20 Nov 98	746.50	790.40	572.10
19 Feb 99	743.40	786.70	569.90

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					
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	3.5	0.0	3.5	4.4
May 98	6	4.1	0.0	4.1	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
Feb 99	12	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.8
Mar 99	14.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	3.4
Apr 99	6.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	2.6

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
	Aug 1997	Nov 1997	Feb 1998	May 1998	Aug 1998	Nov 1998	Dec qtr 1998
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
Industry							
Mining	29.3	30.5	28.2	29.3	29.6	27.2	471.8
Manufacturing	69.1	65.5	65.6	66.5	70.1	70.9	686.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.3	80.9
Construction	31.4	35.1	37.6	43.0	47.9	45.7	530.2
Wholesale trade	39.7	42.3	40.3	41.2	37.2	35.8	343.0
Retail trade	105.8	110.4	102.6	103.7	105.3	102.6	471.5
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	38.9	41.6	40.5	38.6	49.1	51.7	231.2
Transport and storage	23.6	24.4	22.7	24.4	26.4	29.5	276.0
Communication services	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.5	8.9	98.0
Finance & insurance	24.0	23.3	27.7	29.7	29.9	29.4	283.6
Property & business services	89.2	83.7	86.6	101.0	89.0	84.7	642.0
Government administration and defence	30.6	31.9	31.9	31.5	28.3	29.3	272.1
Education	63.3	67.3	61.8	64.4	67.8	64.0	570.0
Health & community services	70.2	70.8	71.1	72.4	74.5	75.6	540.5
Cultural & recreational services	18.3	15.5	15.9	19.6	19.3	15.8	92.3
Personal & other services	23.0	23.9	22.8	24.4	26.0	28.2	199.2
All industries (a)	674.5	684.5	673.5	707.4	718.1	707.2	5 802.7
Sector							
Private	530.0	535.8	530.6	561.6	570.5	561.8	4 373.8
Public	144.5	148.8	142.8	145.8	147.7	145.4	1 428.9

	Aug 1998.....			Nov 1998.....		
	Full-time	Part-time	Persons	Full-time	Part-time	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Industry						
Mining	28.6	* 1.0	29.6	26.2	* 1.0	27.2
Manufacturing	64.3	* 5.9	70.1	64.9	* 5.9	70.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.5	0.2	6.7	6.1	0.2	6.3
Construction	44.8	* 3.1	47.9	41.6	* 4.0	45.7
Wholesale trade	27.2	* 10.0	37.2	26.3	* 9.5	35.8
Retail trade	46.4	58.9	105.3	44.3	58.3	102.6
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	* 19.4	29.7	49.1	* 22.8	28.9	51.7
Transport and storage	21.7	* 4.6	26.4	23.6	* 5.9	29.5
Communication services	7.9	1.6	9.5	7.5	1.4	8.9
Finance & insurance	21.6	* 8.4	29.9	22.7	* 6.7	29.4
Property & business services	52.6	* 36.5	89.0	48.9	* 35.8	84.7
Government administration and defence	22.9	5.4	28.3	23.5	5.8	29.3
Education	40.7	27.0	67.8	38.8	25.2	64.0
Health & community services	35.9	38.6	74.5	34.9	40.7	75.6
Cultural & recreational services	6.5	* 12.8	19.3	6.9	* 8.9	15.8
Personal & other services	16.9	9.2	26.0	17.6	10.6	28.2
All industries (a)	465.4	252.7	718.1	458.3	248.9	707.2
Sector						
Private	361.0	209.4	570.5	354.7	207.1	561.8
Public	104.3	43.4	147.7	103.5	41.9	145.4

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

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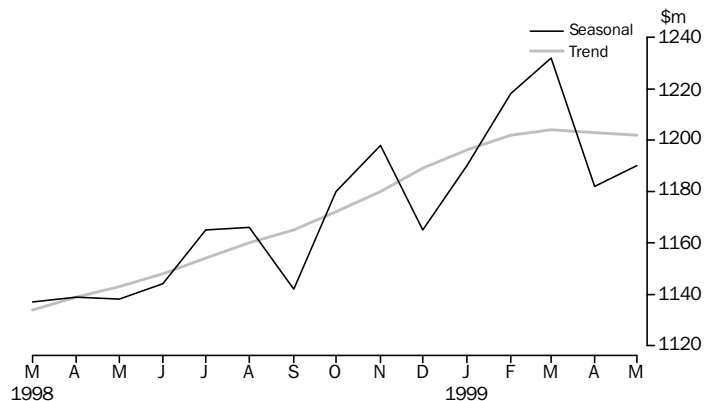
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Mar 98	475.8	83.4	48.1	176.8	51.9
Apr 98	488.5	101.7	48.7	r 171.7	54.7
May 98	497.4	100.5	52.2	r 172.3	54.4
Jun 98	465.8	92.0	49.3	r 180.5	53.4
Jul 98	r 511.1	106.7	54.0	r 159.8	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
Mar 99	536.2	92.3	53.3	171.0	62.9
Apr 99	523.2	90.5	56.0	160.5	55.9
May 99	502.3	110.4	64.2	179.1	58.2

	Hospitality and services	Other	Total	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Mar 98	153.2	88.5	1 077.7	1 136.8	1 134.2
Apr 98	148.7	87.0	r 1 100.9	1 138.7	1 138.5
May 98	152.5	90.4	r 1 119.8	1 137.8	1 142.9
Jun 98	139.6	88.4	r 1 069.1	1 144.1	1 148.1
Jul 98	156.3	93.3	r 1 142.1	1 165.4	1 153.9
Aug 98	161.1	91.1	1 108.2	1 165.8	1 159.7
Sep 98	161.2	98.6	1 116.6	1 142.4	1 165.1
Oct 98	184.4	107.8	1 230.7	1 180.4	1 171.8
Nov 98	171.8	111.7	1 201.5	1 198.0	1 180.2
Dec 98	197.6	155.3	1 542.6	1 164.8	1 189.1
Jan 99	169.3	101.7	1 173.9	1 190.1	1 196.8
Feb 99	160.5	94.6	1 083.4	1 217.8	1 201.7
Mar 99	165.4	103.5	1 184.7	1 232.0	1 203.7
Apr 99	161.0	93.0	1 140.1	1 181.9	1 203.4
May 99	156.2	92.7	1 162.9	1 190.0	1 201.9

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MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER



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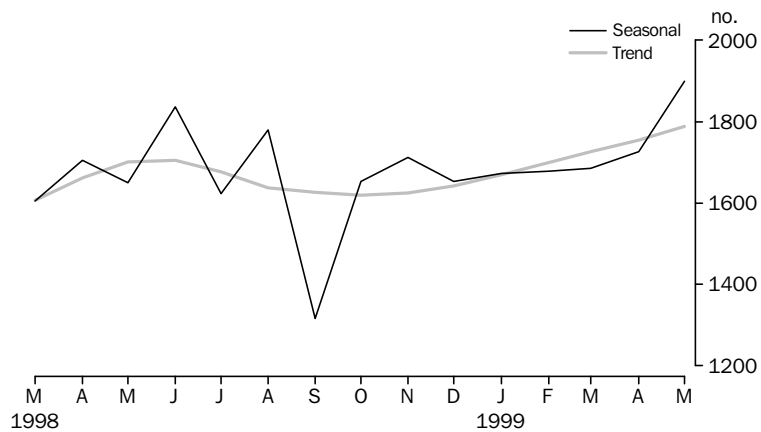
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

	NEW HOUSES.....		NEW OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....		TOTAL (a).....	
	Dwelling Units		Dwelling Units		Dwelling Units	
	No.	Value \$m	No.	Value \$m	No.	Value \$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						
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
Mar 99	1 606	176.3	237	19.1	1 921	308.1
Apr 99	r 1 424	r 154.5	r 189	r 20.4	r 1 625	r 261.6
May 99	1 630	177.0	306	26.7	1 941	282.7

(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			
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
Mar 99	81.6	5.1	86.6
Apr 99	62.1	6.2	68.3
May 99	48.5	12.7	61.2

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			
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
Mar 99	116.0	120.8	106.2

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				
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
Mar 99	113.9	107.9	116.3	124.8

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					
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
Mar 99	105.0	131.4	113.3	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	196.0	252.1	448.1	5.6	2 717.4	1 856.5	550.0
Quarters							
Dec 97	58.7	64.1	122.9	1.3	820.7	527.2	128.8
Mar 98	46.0	76.5	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
Mar 99	45.0	58.4	103.4	1.3	551.6	454.2	127.7

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					
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
Mar 99	25 181	86	11 357	8 640	8 209

(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).....		
	<i>Bales</i>	<i>Tonnes</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Gross Value</i>	<i>Gross Weight</i>
	'000		'000	\$'000	'000t
Financial Years					
1995-96	931 048	165 979	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
1996-97	909 768	160 021	3 747.5	136 613	188.4
1997-98 p	699 492	153 884	3 266.0	130 798	167.0
Quarters					
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	41 572	1 187.2	44 067	r 62.0
Mar 99 p	198 065	40 200	r 1 120.9	r 40 845	58.1

(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	186 658	9 676	16 766
1996-97	5 557	16 738	204 257	15 974	16 713
1997-98	5 709	17 203	230 201	17 561 p	r 17707 p
Quarters					
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	1 596	4 127	n.p.	3 149 p	3 068 p
Mar 99	1 580	n.y.a.	55 033	3 114 p	4 443 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.	691.7
1997-98	117.1	459.3	3.8	31.4	2.1	660.4
Quarters						
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	154.0
Dec 98	24.2	102.0	0.9	12.4	0.3	157.3
Mar 99	20.9	67.2	1.1	2.7	0.2	101.2

(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	28 544	240.5	2 220	134	43 046
Quarters						
Dec 97 p	41 052	7 038	63.1	536	33	13 317
Mar 98 p	39 465	7 175	60.8	565	33	9 573
Jun 98 p	36 050	7 183	57.5	582	36	9 733
Sep 98 p	35 458	6 982	54.7	592	38	12 481
Dec 98 p	36 181	7 416	58.6	482	37	9 056
Mar 99 p	33 158	7 723	52.0	538	24	7 109

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

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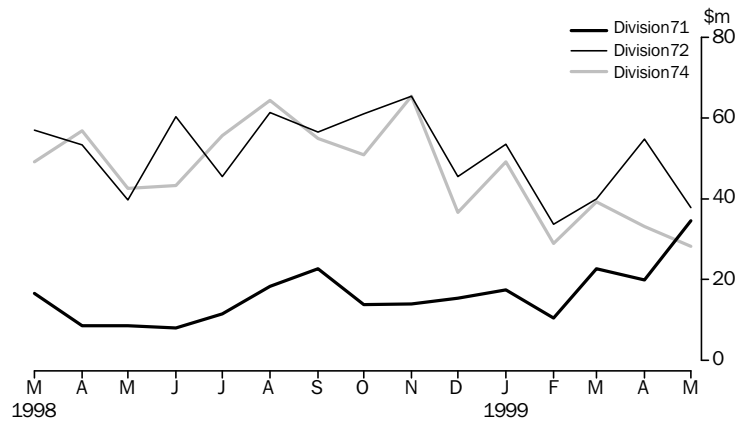
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	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					
Mar 98	51.7	16.6	57.0	49.1	91.3
Apr 98	49.8	8.5	53.1	56.9	84.7
May 98	57.0	8.5	39.7	42.5	86.5
Jun 98	60.7	8.1	60.2	43.2	95.0
Jul 98	66.2	11.5	45.4	55.6	81.9
Aug 98	80.3	18.4	61.4	64.4	88.3
Sep 98	65.1	22.6	56.4	55.0	69.2
Oct 98	57.0	13.9	61.1	51.0	94.8
Nov 98	64.6	14.0	65.4	65.3	70.8
Dec 98	52.4	15.4	45.6	36.6	78.3
Jan 99	57.5	17.4	53.6	49.1	91.0
Feb 99	59.7	10.5	33.8	29.0	80.5
Mar 99	46.9	22.6	40.0	39.3	88.0
Apr 99	89.0	19.9	54.8	33.1	99.1
May 99	82.9	34.5	37.8	28.2	79.0

Source: ABS FASTTRACCS Service.

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



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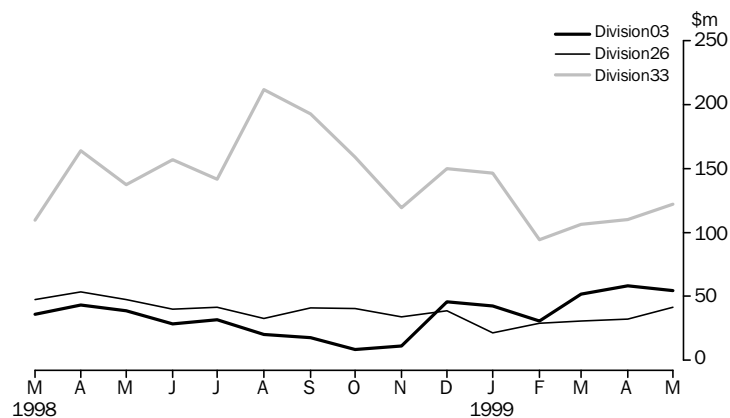
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	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					
Mar 98	36.3	125.4	47.7	334.9	109.8
Apr 98	43.3	183.8	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	361.5	159.2
Nov 98	11.0	113.2	33.8	367.8	119.4
Dec 98	45.7	159.8	39.1	396.5	149.7
Jan 99	42.8	194.3	21.3	341.1	146.7
Feb 99	30.8	160.9	29.0	324.0	94.4
Mar 99	51.7	167.9	30.5	354.7	106.2
Apr 99	58.3	119.4	32.4	299.7	110.2
May 99	54.6	97.0	41.3	297.7	122.1

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	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	2 295	81 456	3 103	63 131	2 104
Months							
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	171
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
Mar 99	6 115	1 072	208	7 395	260	5 751	170
Apr 99	4 858	677	136	5 671	237	4 366	143
May 99	5 130	878	197	6 205	223	4 873	140

(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						
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	5 596	978	1 114	6 378	6 710
Oct 98	5 448	5 398	1 067	1 095	6 515	6 493
Nov 98	5 436	5 291	1 007	1 094	6 443	6 384
Dec 98	5 941	5 289	1 119	1 100	7 060	6 389
Jan 99	4 414	5 336	988	1 103	5 402	6 440
Feb 99	5 011	5 381	1 093	1 093	6 104	6 474
Mar 99	6 115	5 413	1 280	1 069	7 395	6 482
Apr 99	4 858	5 428	813	1 038	5 671	6 466
May 99	5 130	5 429	1 075	1 009	6 205	6 438

(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.....	
	Mining \$m	Manufacturing \$m	Other selected industries \$m	Original \$m	Seasonally adjusted \$m
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					
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	511	1 639	1 488
Mar 99	909	331	420	1 660	1 762

Source: ABS Catalogue No. 5646.0.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Dec qtr 98 p	'000	18 871.8	1 847.8	0.4	1 812.1	2.0
Natural increase	Dec qtr 98 p	No.	31 389	3 375	0.8	3 303	2.2
Tourism							
<i>Hotels, motels etc and serviced apartments</i>							
Guest arrivals	Mar qtr 99	'000	7 598	596	-8.3	564	5.7
Guest rooms available	Mar qtr 99	No.	183 861	17 517	1.2	16 596	5.5
Room occupancy rates	Mar qtr 99	%	58	56	-3.3	58	-4.6
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Apr 99	No.	334 100	32 390	-15.0	32 150	14.5
Long-term arrivals	Apr 99	No.	8 030	900	36.4	740	8.2
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Apr 99	No.	244 300	25 230	-29.7	32 090	4.3
Long-term departures	Apr 99	No.	7 060	770	-1.3	770	14.7
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Jun 99	'000	8 742.3	897.2	0.1	887.6	1.1
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Trend	Jun 99	'000	692.1	64.0	-2.0	67.9	-5.7
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Jun 99	%	63.0	65.8	-0.2	66.8	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Jun 99	%	7.3	6.7	-0.1	7.1	-5.6
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
<i>Trend</i>							
Males	Feb 99	\$	845.70	860.10	-1.1	852.00	1.0
Females	Feb 99	\$	681.80	651.60	1.1	621.80	4.8
Persons	Feb 99	\$	785.20	786.70	-0.5	767.70	2.5
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	May 99	\$m	11 872.3	1 162.9	2.0	1 119.8	3.8
Trend	May 99	\$m	12 271.0	1 201.9	-0.1	1 142.9	5.2
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	May 99	No	13 633	1 941	19.4	1 794	8.2
Value of all building	May 99	\$m	2 788.3	282.7	8.1	318.3	-11.2
<i>House Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Mar qtr 99	Index No.	119.5	116.0	-0.3	115.7	0.3
Established houses	Mar qtr 99	Index No.	131.3	120.8	2.3	113.7	6.2
Project homes	Mar qtr 99	Index No.	113.8	106.2	0.4	102.5	3.6
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Mar qtr 99	\$m	98.0	67.2	-34.1	100.0	-32.8
Other minerals	Mar qtr 99	\$m	67.9	34.0	-38.5	42.0	-19.0
Overseas Trade							
Imports	May 99	\$m	7 761.4	629.9	-0.5	763.0	-13.2
Exports	May 99	\$m	6 975.3	1 547.3	-9.4	2 005.7	-22.6
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	May 99	No.	53 038	5 130	5.6	6 144	-16.5
Trend	May 99	No.	55 114	5 429	0.0	6 003	-9.6
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	May 99	No.	63 900	6 205	9.4	7 456	-16.8
Trend	May 99	No.	65 154	6 438	-0.4	7 203	-10.6
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Mar qtr 99	\$m	10 552	1 660	1.2	2 191	-24.2
Seasonally adjusted	Mar qtr 99	\$m	11 924	1 762	18.3	2 353	-25.1

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