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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
..	not applicable
0, 0.0	nil, or rounded to zero

ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

INFORMATION

All data are original, unless otherwise stated. More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information, the series presented in the statistical and state summaries provides a reference to the Publication Source Index which is at the end of this publication.

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OVERVIEW

The most recent economic indicator data for South Australia are provided below. Unless otherwise stated the data in the analysis are presented in trend terms.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The value of South Australian merchandise exports in original terms for the month of April was \$477.6m. This is a decrease of \$79.0m (-14.2%) on the value for March exports and an increase of \$95.3m (24.9%) on April 1999.

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in original terms for South Australia was \$332.0m in April. This is a decrease of \$46.0m (-12.2%) on the value for March imports and an increase of \$17.1m (5.4%) on April 1999.

CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Retail turnover has been slowly falling over the past five months. However, the level in April (\$890.1m) is 3.6% higher than that recorded 12 months ago.

New motor vehicle registrations fell for both passenger and other vehicles in April, resulting in an overall fall of 3.5%. Registrations have also fallen 13.7% over the 12 month period to April 2000. In original terms there were 2,900 new motor vehicle registrations for the month.

Private new capital expenditure increased 5.8% in the March quarter to \$621.0m and is 11.9% higher than the March quarter 1999. Expenditure rose on buildings (16.4%) and equipment (2.6%) on the previous quarter. In original terms private new capital expenditure for the quarter was \$602.0m.

PRODUCTION

The number of private sector houses approved decreased 4.6% in April to 743 dwellings. However, this is 34.8% higher than the number recorded in April 1999. The strong growth in total dwelling units approved during 1999 has halted with a sharp decline over the last three months. For April, total dwelling units approved declined by 4.5% to 885 dwellings. This is 32.1% higher than the level 12 months ago.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide increased by 0.9% to 126.8 in the March quarter of 2000, and by 3.3% over the level of twelve months previously. The main contributors to the recent quarterly growth were Transportation (up 2.4%) and Tobacco and alcohol (up 2.1%).

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

The number of employed persons in South Australia for May (675,000) is 2.3% higher than the level of twelve months ago (660,000).

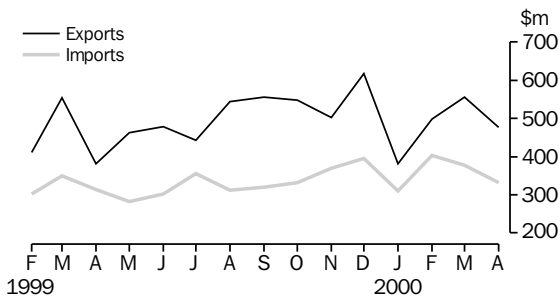
The unemployment rate for South Australia was 8.4% (62,200 persons) in May, slightly lower than the 8.5% recorded in May 1999.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

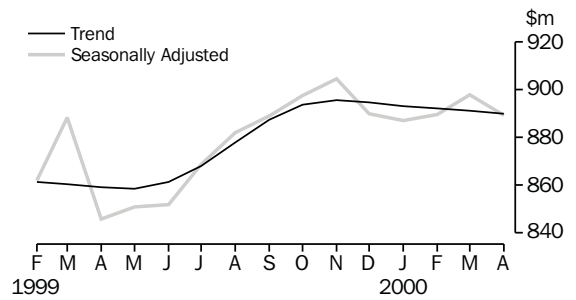
The value of secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) decreased for the fifth consecutive month, down 3.0% to \$350.0m in April. However, this is still 19.5% above April 1999.

SELECTED FEATURES

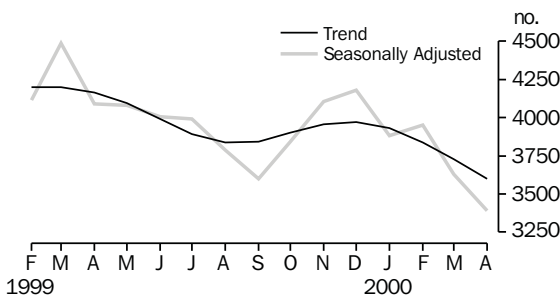
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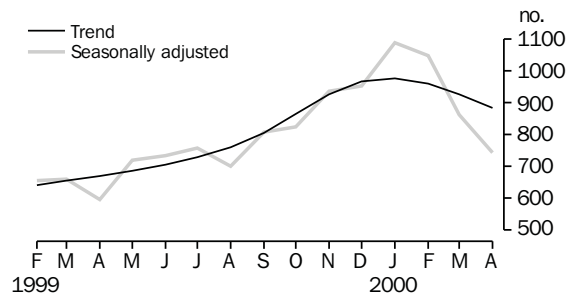
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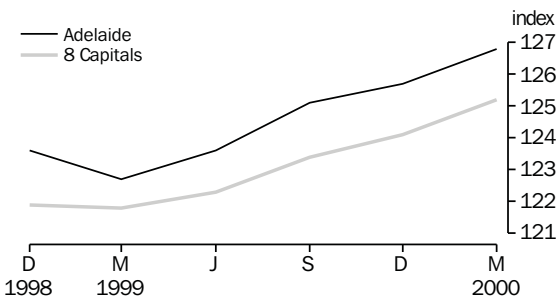
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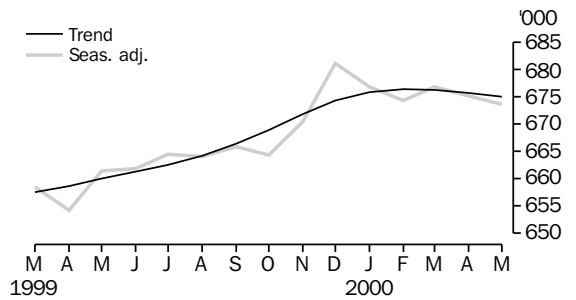
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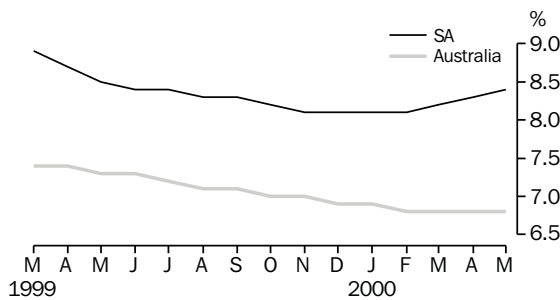
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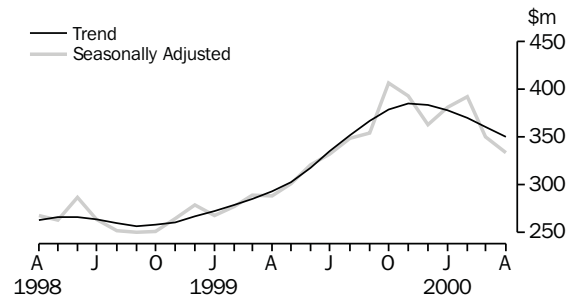
EMPLOYED PERSONS



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	11 208	2.2	8.6	161 863	1.9	6.4	6.9	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	10 872	1.5	7.0	158 303	1.5	5.7	6.9	(1)
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	6 673	1.7	5.5	93 382	1.5	5.7	7.1	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	6 479	1.3	3.9	91 069	1.1	4.5	7.1	(1)
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	1 776	2.2	13.7	31 084	2.4	5.5	5.7	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	1 738	1.9	13.4	30 844	2.2	6.3	5.6	(1)
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	5 038	0.6	3.3	77 055	1.9	6.1	6.5	(1)
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Apr 00	477.6	-14.2	24.9	7 886.0	-5.4	29.8	6.1	(2)
Imports (\$m)	Apr 00	332.0	-12.2	5.4	7 971.1	-17.5	3.1	4.2	(2)
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Apr 00	853.0	-3.8	3.5	11 585.8	-3.3	1.5	7.4	(3)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Apr 00	890.1	-0.1	3.6	12 131.7	-0.1	2.2	7.3	(3)
1997-98 chain volume measures (\$m)	Mar 00	2 417.9	-15.9	2.0	33 093.9	-15.8	2.8	7.3	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations									
Original (no.)	Apr 00	2 900	-27.4	-24.0	50 440	-25.5	-15.9	5.7	(4)
Trend (no.)	Apr 00	3 597	-3.5	-13.7	61 925	-1.0	-5.6	5.8	(4)
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	602	13.6	19.2	9 690	-9.7	-7.1	6.2	(5)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 00	621	5.8	11.9	10 725	2.0	-3.4	5.8	(5)
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	1998-99	2 277	-28.7	-28.7	44 607	-3.5	-3.5	5.1	(5)
Takings, licensed hotels, motels, guest houses and apartments with facilities (\$m)									
	Dec qtr 99	51.0	15.9	2.4	1 112.4	3.2	6.6	4.6	(6)
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Apr 00	643	-34.0	13.2	11 420	-22.1	-8.9	5.6	(7)
Trend (no.)	Apr 00	885	-4.5	32.1	13 747	-4.1	4.3	6.4	(7)
Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Dec qtr 99	2 274	5.0	15.7	40 831	-4.3	9.7	5.6	(8a)
Value of non-residential building approvals (\$m)									
	Apr 00	58.7	-0.5	156.6	936.1	3.0	14.5	6.3	(7)
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	410.6	1.9	2.6	8 741.3	-6.6	4.4	4.7	(8)
Work done (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	415.1	-3.8	6.3	9 608.8	0.5	2.1	4.3	(8)
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	435.7	0.9	30.7	12 482.2	-2.9	-4.0	3.5	(8)
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)									
	Dec qtr 99	294.2	-21.3	17.7	4 827.3	5.6	1.5	6.1	(9)
Manufacturing production									
Red meat (tonnes)	Mar qtr 99	53 370	14.4	13.3	735 570	-1.0	-0.9	7.3	(11)
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)									
	Mar qtr 00	3.8	-43.3	-50.0	136.7	-22.7	-18.3	2.8	(12)

Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices(a)									
CPI—All groups (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	126.8	0.9	3.3	125.2	0.9	2.8	..	(13)
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	127.5	1.2	1.9	123.8	1.9	3.6	..	(14)
Price index of materials used in building other than houses (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	116.3	0.8	0.6	116.4	0.9	1.0	..	(15)
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	123.6	1.3	8.7	143.9	1.8	9.6	..	(16)
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	130.0	2.6	10.3	122.4	1.5	7.6	..	(16)
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Dec qtr 99	1 495.8	0.1	0.4	19 080.8	0.3	1.2	7.8	(17)
Short-term overseas visitor arrivals (no.)	Mar 00	12 370	8.5	45.0	411 860	-5.2	5.9	3.0	(21)
Short-term resident departures (no.)	Mar 00	11 400	28.1	-10.6	263 080	24.2	-2.2	4.3	(21)
Labour force									
Original ('000)	May 00	733.2	-0.5	1.6	9 659.4	0.0	2.7	7.6	(18)
Trend ('000)	May 00	737.2	0.0	2.2	9 669.8	0.2	2.5	7.6	(18)
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	May 00	670.0	-0.9	1.8	9 016.5	0.1	3.4	7.4	(18)
Trend ('000)	May 00	675.0	-0.1	2.3	9 015.4	0.2	3.1	7.5	(18)
Participation rate									
Original(b) (%)	May 00	60.9	-0.3	0.6	63.6	-0.1	0.7	..	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	May 00	61.2	-0.1	0.9	63.7	0.1	0.7	..	(18)
Unemployment rate									
Original(b) (%)	May 00	8.6	0.4	-0.2	6.7	-0.1	-0.6	..	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	May 00	8.4	0.1	-0.1	6.8	0.0	-0.5	..	(18)
Job vacancies ('000)	Feb 00	5.6	-11.1	7.7	112.7	9.2	36.1	5.0	(19)
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	Mar 00	6.3	215.0	250.0	56.3	-11.5	23.5	11.2	(20)
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	Feb 00	723.00	2.5	3.3	775.00	1.5	4.1	..	(22)
Trend (\$)	Feb 00	717.80	1.2	2.4	772.00	1.2	3.6	..	(22)
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)(c) (index no.)	Mar 00	107.4	0.6	2.7	107.7	0.7	2.8	..	(23)
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance(d) (\$m)	Apr 00	309.0	-25.9	2.7	5 236.0	-24.6	-12.1	5.9	(24)
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Apr 00	243.7	-22.6	-3.3	3 926.6	-19.3	0.0	6.2	(25)
Commercial (\$m)	Apr 00	571.1	-14.0	-21.5	14 339.3	-1.2	32.9	4.0	(25)
Lease (\$m)	Apr 00	17.6	43.1	-46.3	430.8	-21.3	-42.1	4.1	(25)
Interest rates									
Banks new housing loans(b) (%)	May 00	..	..	..	7.80	0.25	1.30	..	(26)
Bank loans—small, medium business(b)(e) (%)	May 00	..	..	..	8.85	0.30	1.40	..	(26)
Bank loans—large business(b) (%)	May 00	..	..	..	9.30	0.30	1.35	..	(26)

(a) Base year of each index 1989-90=100.

(b) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

(c) Base year of index Sep 1997=100.

(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.

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STATE SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Source index
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI—All groups(a) (index no.)	Mar qtr 00	125.8	124.7	125.5	126.8	123.1	125.3	124.4	124.9	(13)
Participation rate trend (%)	May 00	62.9	63.2	65.2	61.2	66.7	58.8	68.3	72.7	(18)
Unemployment rate trend (%)	May 00	5.8	6.9	8.0	8.4	6.6	9.2	5.0	5.5	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	Feb 00	810.90	758.50	716.00	717.80	785.60	719.30	782.20	882.40	(22)

SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)

State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (\$'000)	Mar qtr 00	8.5	8.2	7.8	7.3	8.2	6.7	10.0	15.9	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (\$)	Apr 00	619.0	581.1	606.1	570.3	645.7	572.9	653.1	748.1	(3)
Current prices trend (\$)	Apr 00	645.1	610.3	643.2	595.1	676.9	585.0	685.5	767.4	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (no. per '000 population)	Apr 00	3.3	3.5	3.3	2.4	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.6	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (\$)	Mar qtr 99	597.5	577.5	583.4	415.2	633.5	210.7	772.0	356.7	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (no. per '000 population)	Apr 00	0.521	0.686	0.699	0.430	0.734	0.217	0.427	0.418	(7)
Trend (no. per '000 population)	Apr 00	0.597	0.878	0.796	0.592	0.898	0.302	0.551	0.691	(7)
Secured housing finance(c) (\$)	Apr 00	343.3	247.2	208.2	206.6	313.3	129.8	247.0	340.6	(24)

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (%)	Mar qtr 00	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.5	0.0	0.3	-1.8	2.2	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (%)	Apr 00	-2.8	-5.2	-2.5	-3.8	-2.8	-1.3	1.3	0.9	(3)
Current prices trend (%)	Apr 00	-0.1	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (%)	Apr 00	-1.3	-2.5	2.5	-3.5	-1.3	0.5	-2.6	-1.2	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (%)	Mar qtr 99	6.3	-1.5	10.3	5.8	-9.0	-4.8	-23.9	20.7	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (%)	Apr 00	-10.8	-31.1	-17.5	-34.0	-22.2	-38.2	-5.7	-24.0	(7)
Trend (%)	Apr 00	-3.5	-2.8	-3.0	-4.5	-6.4	-8.7	-12.7	0.1	(7)
CPI—All groups (%)	Mar qtr 00	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.0	(13)
Participation rate trend(d) (%)	May 00	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	(18)
Unemployment rate trend(d) (%)	May 00	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (%)	Feb 00	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.7	-2.2	(22)
Secured housing finance (%)	Apr 00	-22.1	-24.6	-29.4	-25.9	-28.0	-16.4	-26.2	-22.6	(24)

(a) Base year of index 1989-90 = 100.

(b) The latest quarterly estimate of Australian resident population has been used to calculate ratios for subsequent periods.

(c) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(d) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	Final consumption expenditure			Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product	Compensation of employees
	Households	General government	Private	Public	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)								
1996-97	22 996	7 439	5 755	1 444		37 634	36 967	18 139
1997-98	24 390	7 907	6 705	1 310		40 312	39 652	18 905
1998-99	25 534	8 017	6 173	1 374		41 098	40 573	19 284
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)								
1998-99								
December	6 306	2 114	1 512	345		10 278	n.a.	4 797
March	6 327	2 116	1 528	355		10 325	n.a.	4 875
June	6 369	2 125	1 588	383		10 465	n.a.	4 943
1999-00								
September	6 456	2 177	1 670	406		10 705	n.a.	4 980
December	6 562	2 253	1 737	415		10 965	n.a.	5 006
March	6 673	2 315	1 776	410		11 208	n.a.	5 038

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)

Period	Final consumption expenditure			Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product
	Households	General government	Private	Public	Public		
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1996-97	23 248	7 513	5 824	1 439		38 020	37 264
1997-98	24 390	7 907	6 714	1 309		40 320	39 652
1998-99	25 200	7 841	6 066	1 386		40 493	40 493
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
1998-99							
December	6 237	2 070	1 477	348		10 132	n.a.
March	6 236	2 061	1 503	361		10 161	n.a.
June	6 255	2 064	1 571	394		10 283	n.a.
1999-00							
September	6 316	2 109	1 649	422		10 492	n.a.
December	6 397	2 173	1 705	435		10 708	n.a.
March	6 479	2 209	1 738	432		10 872	n.a.

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1996-97.

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations(b)</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Fish and crustaceans</i>	<i>Road vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	182 478	745 227	397 949	260 974	378 923	542 204	191 093	655 881	286 458	5 009 345
1997-98	218 252	762 415	564 083	287 824	401 749	574 407	236 353	479 396	237 824	4 986 705
1998-99	198 541	890 233	693 728	212 226	385 167	543 675	252 592	651 949	154 425	5 332 765
1998-99										
November	23 420	34 771	40 014	23 410	33 813	44 046	15 738	76 332	8 740	402 170
December	21 990	118 841	48 409	21 800	39 439	46 039	18 732	72 038	22 904	517 569
January	12 512	139 418	39 131	10 991	20 713	32 232	20 641	17 334	3 544	376 791
February	19 308	65 133	50 984	18 309	29 483	47 209	20 912	23 346	8 932	410 687
March	17 378	103 564	66 841	16 754	29 519	58 757	18 415	102 037	11 714	553 810
April	12 617	60 434	56 286	10 319	41 314	39 915	20 369	26 728	4 080	382 320
May	16 087	42 140	69 509	20 656	34 714	57 271	20 328	28 067	19 003	461 901
June	13 274	49 128	77 522	13 202	29 477	50 927	17 824	90 638	14 832	478 816
1999-00										
July	11 764	32 723	56 428	10 288	29 602	53 204	30 310	41 016	16 088	441 950
August	7 777	39 196	78 607	12 680	27 065	61 879	81 050	97 193	2 428	543 370
September	10 284	56 982	95 099	15 114	37 265	57 003	57 030	59 781	17 842	556 517
October	12 408	56 446	91 599	16 327	29 985	69 728	28 318	65 627	28 792	546 956
November	13 487	11 497	50 448	16 631	31 162	70 076	26 161	141 558	3 439	502 029
December	12 091	75 733	47 958	13 568	26 945	71 545	21 104	179 287	19 102	618 079
January	11 676	44 462	43 426	9 949	20 510	49 340	24 759	24 514	17 151	381 258
February	15 413	46 718	58 709	14 350	26 925	77 392	19 371	44 842	26 572	499 320
March	16 112	45 838	79 439	14 473	30 624	74 410	21 405	80 430	26 155	556 596
April	14 205	53 947	78 313	13 197	25 937	69 069	27 908	21 853	27 074	477 628

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(b) The latest 12 months of bulk barley exports data—as included in the Cereals and cereal preparations group—are confidential. Bulk barley details are only included in the data for earlier periods.

Source: Unpublished data, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COUNTRIES

Period	European Union					East Asia				
	United States of America	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Union	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	707 871	563 409	304 645	641 308	382 103	611 870	244 917	234 547	615 943	2 030 435
1997-98	632 203	389 766	424 251	849 932	354 698	612 475	331 489	239 652	491 573	2 023 385
1998-99	705 166	640 412	476 340	928 468	385 979	625 530	302 776	219 536	432 730	1 898 837
1998-99										
November	85 490	33 540	23 911	43 607	29 400	33 475	39 460	19 539	41 004	163 881
December	72 375	108 902	31 536	82 608	31 220	52 344	17 915	25 466	39 024	172 897
January	25 730	91 222	27 983	62 250	20 730	26 002	31 133	16 119	19 791	114 037
February	33 065	39 031	32 558	78 213	29 348	52 745	20 986	21 834	35 769	157 442
March	83 983	87 010	48 802	96 079	33 829	62 499	29 294	17 954	47 444	189 083
April	45 095	34 532	36 364	73 442	29 851	33 779	17 751	15 279	41 873	133 758
May	50 172	41 235	44 124	95 851	31 605	73 576	29 447	16 125	35 990	189 921
June	98 299	38 031	49 708	80 488	47 036	54 060	22 775	13 782	47 319	159 292
1999-00										
July	54 593	31 570	39 127	80 383	39 266	72 253	16 859	15 394	27 998	162 944
August	87 288	50 910	58 622	101 012	46 388	104 011	18 156	13 326	36 480	202 371
September	57 055	41 511	73 174	112 056	44 227	94 402	31 426	22 587	43 854	214 622
October	46 383	80 029	78 330	117 681	49 617	62 459	32 529	25 385	40 020	203 079
November	101 454	82 481	33 828	67 501	40 219	36 313	31 053	22 591	46 758	169 785
December	147 939	130 968	36 575	76 383	37 376	40 148	14 457	27 195	40 711	171 092
January	39 773	53 129	30 102	63 379	22 005	37 506	20 084	29 054	25 167	142 526
February	55 855	71 510	42 617	73 030	44 831	48 221	41 265	20 231	38 645	206 490
March	131 280	24 349	53 245	85 448	37 833	64 495	43 127	26 232	41 609	214 145
April	66 776	66 430	58 011	98 336	19 180	61 118	20 806	20 168	39 615	184 363

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN(a)

Period	Manufacturing								Total
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing(b)	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	1 067 084	202 162	981 918	290 361	569 679	1 140 136	226 780	531 226	5 009 345
1997-98	1 188 938	137 851	1 205 265	292 175	615 344	994 597	262 815	289 719	4 986 705
1998-99	1 313 176	73 125	1 282 013	285 053	581 372	1 172 827	264 973	360 226	5 332 765
1998-99									
November	67 563	14 644	90 065	19 311	48 123	123 238	20 329	18 896	402 170
December	151 283	7 760	104 117	32 699	51 955	120 478	22 841	26 435	517 569
January	164 950	1 112	78 750	13 057	33 004	46 344	18 209	21 366	376 791
February	121 576	9 484	102 252	19 255	49 565	63 078	21 822	23 655	410 687
March	151 531	511	114 334	23 276	63 539	145 445	30 604	24 571	553 810
April	84 375	7 741	105 733	14 469	41 171	79 437	26 041	23 354	382 320
May	86 206	8 781	122 596	30 879	61 320	72 831	24 787	54 501	461 901
June	74 256	3 320	122 939	26 617	54 826	132 292	19 834	44 733	478 816
1999-00									
July	63 729	7 380	120 642	26 813	54 441	84 369	19 700	64 876	441 950
August	67 671	9 096	118 366	14 845	63 726	139 117	23 206	107 342	543 370
September	74 415	1 155	168 993	30 754	60 553	115 328	20 174	85 146	556 517
October	85 540	19 297	143 971	40 142	71 232	110 858	24 368	51 548	546 956
November	41 532	7 771	96 617	16 152	72 647	186 099	22 701	58 511	502 029
December	102 230	23 130	87 043	34 314	75 511	220 608	20 718	54 524	618 079
January	81 352	1 897	92 059	26 226	50 560	54 357	17 884	56 923	381 258
February	69 556	20 910	110 707	39 201	81 094	87 672	21 172	69 007	499 320
March	91 057	1 155	136 028	40 049	77 143	126 777	22 396	61 991	556 596
April	77 799	20 118	137 287	39 680	71 587	61 456	19 469	50 232	477 628

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(b) The latest 12 months of bulk barley exports data—as included in the Agriculture, forestry and fishing group—are confidential. Bulk barley details are only included in the data for earlier periods.

Source: Unpublished data, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Road vehicle parts and accessories</i>	<i>Other manufactured goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	136 695	505 633	225 187	79 708	223 259	868 346	538 690	695 238	3 413 043
1997-98	148 771	445 218	274 741	93 815	280 562	1 061 260	772 203	739 266	3 940 198
1998-99	162 784	271 492	281 097	96 052	264 732	917 879	812 096	765 643	3 716 152
1998-99									
November	15 327	36 487	23 598	7 876	21 420	75 548	70 427	71 943	334 583
December	13 026	16 970	18 804	6 467	19 204	75 018	64 460	59 286	283 700
January	12 745	17 413	35 290	6 819	21 549	79 714	58 788	59 244	306 685
February	11 547	31 555	29 787	7 365	19 645	64 860	68 686	56 383	302 155
March	16 139	26 963	29 953	7 757	23 301	71 981	77 956	79 638	348 969
April	12 634	25 605	34 572	8 490	22 564	67 602	73 535	57 729	314 900
May	9 387	27 892	24 936	8 295	18 148	75 202	49 320	55 967	283 113
June	12 748	22 304	15 461	7 490	19 168	72 618	67 354	71 583	301 272
1999-00									
July	14 835	58 324	16 552	8 454	19 097	82 015	78 647	64 793	355 421
August	12 100	27 827	14 014	8 245	19 964	80 979	72 125	65 350	311 678
September	15 546	92	17 923	8 064	20 812	104 051	68 466	73 988	320 308
October	16 262	42 269	14 472	7 989	19 249	81 573	71 316	69 205	332 726
November	19 706	81 584	18 593	7 803	20 635	75 748	59 410	73 479	369 554
December	15 031	73 789	25 809	6 376	22 494	120 678	49 074	69 845	395 238
January	11 042	40 216	27 862	6 948	20 703	71 575	56 368	61 689	309 333
February	13 633	36 561	17 204	7 363	22 140	148 992	62 560	74 495	403 860
March	10 537	23 786	37 932	8 792	24 639	100 647	77 585	73 811	378 051
April	8 677	48 803	24 555	9 829	23 748	78 919	63 183	59 831	332 004

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Source: *Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.*

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, BY INDUSTRY—TREND

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998–99								
February	387.0	91.8	48.2	83.4	29.6	82.6	139.4	861.4
March	386.3	91.7	49.1	83.2	29.8	82.8	141.2	860.5
April	375.1	91.5	50.1	83.2	29.9	83.1	142.8	859.2
May	374.1	91.3	50.9	83.7	29.9	83.7	143.8	858.7
June	373.9	91.3	51.5	85.2	29.9	84.6	144.8	861.3
1999–00								
July	375.2	91.7	52.2	87.3	30.2	86.0	146.0	868.1
August	377.3	92.4	52.9	89.5	30.8	87.8	147.6	877.8
September	378.9	93.0	53.6	91.1	31.3	89.7	149.9	887.3
October	379.1	93.2	53.7	92.1	31.6	91.4	152.8	893.7
November	378.0	92.9	53.0	92.3	31.5	92.5	155.4	895.6
December	377.2	92.4	51.7	92.3	31.0	93.0	157.2	894.7
January	377.5	92.0	50.1	92.3	30.4	93.1	157.8	893.2
February	379.0	91.8	48.5	92.6	29.6	93.0	157.5	892.1
March	381.3	91.7	47.0	93.0	28.9	92.8	156.5	891.2
April	383.9	91.7	45.8	93.4	28.4	92.3	154.9	890.1

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
1998–99									
February	3 355	568	3 923	3 507	607	4 114	3 594	603	4 197
March	4 165	644	4 809	3 927	562	4 489	3 600	598	4 198
April	3 256	559	3 815	3 488	601	4 089	3 564	603	4 167
May	3 294	672	3 966	3 459	619	4 078	3 476	620	4 096
June	3 838	856	4 694	3 386	621	4 007	3 347	646	3 993
1999–00									
July	3 429	689	4 118	3 274	718	3 992	3 222	671	3 893
August	3 149	702	3 851	3 047	741	3 788	3 148	689	3 837
September	3 120	531	3 651	3 039	559	3 598	3 149	695	3 844
October	2 983	676	3 659	3 027	797	3 824	3 210	690	3 900
November	3 656	679	4 335	3 423	684	4 107	3 278	676	3 954
December	3 729	694	4 423	3 553	627	4 180	3 314	657	3 971
January	2 462	464	2 926	3 265	617	3 882	3 292	639	3 931
February	3 269	599	3 868	3 315	635	3 950	3 218	620	3 838
March	3 289	705	3 994	3 007	622	3 629	3 121	605	3 726
April	2 400	500	2 900	2 825	564	3 389	3 017	580	3 597

Source: New Motor Vehicles Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0) and unpublished data.

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1996-97	489	840	1 251	2 580	595	1 985
1997-98	1 366	820	1 006	3 192	792	2 400
1998-99	508	776	992	2 277	529	1 747
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1998-99						
December	150	248	266	664	171	493
March	98	187	220	505	97	407
June	136	188	180	504	103	401
1999-00						
September	71	163	391	625	125	500
December	50	232	249	530	117	413
March	55	208	340	602	157	445
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1998-99						
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	584	144	440
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	555	117	438
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	551	106	445
1999-00						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	565	113	452
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	587	134	453
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	621	156	465

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Hotels with facilities				Motels and guesthouses				Serviced apartments			
	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
1997-98												
December	61	3 855	61.3	22 156	151	5 225	57.9	19 960	17	626	67.3	3 269
March	59	3 808	60.1	20 851	149	5 181	57.4	19 247	19	726	67.6	3 913
June	61	4 048	53.6	19 048	147	5 136	52.8	17 773	19	750	59.4	3 551
1998-99												
September	61	4 048	57.2	21 068	146	5 112	51.7	17 805	19	740	56.3	3 667
December	61	4 053	63.0	24 954	146	5 135	58.1	19 990	22	888	66.0	4 884
March	61	4 053	59.6	22 181	145	5 119	55.3	18 793	22	888	65.8	4 516
June	62	4 095	58.6	22 362	146	5 189	51.5	18 140	22	889	54.1	3 947
1999-00												
September	62	3 988	58.0	20 959	146	5 175	50.7	17 812	23	1 084	60.2	5 265
December	62	4 090	61.6	24 619	146	5 166	55.1	19 928	26	1 207	61.5	6 462

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0).

Period	Houses		Total dwelling units		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
	no.	no.	no.	no.					
ANNUAL									
1996-97	5 512	5 608	6 148	6 264	515.5	116.6	632.1	580.7	1 212.8
1997-98	6 187	6 380	6 997	7 215	630.2	127.8	758.0	602.2	1 360.1
1998-99	6 568	6 777	7 697	7 928	775.6	144.0	919.6	670.9	1 590.5
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
April	487	497	558	568	56.6	10.8	67.4	22.7	90.1
May	601	631	653	683	69.1	11.4	80.9	57.4	138.3
June	652	673	814	845	72.3	16.5	88.8	31.7	120.5
1999-00									
July	615	620	837	842	101.8	14.1	115.9	31.7	147.6
August	663	669	765	771	76.4	15.5	91.9	37.5	129.4
September	731	772	866	907	88.5	15.9	104.3	49.2	153.5
October	667	681	777	794	79.6	14.0	93.7	31.6	125.2
November	892	904	981	993	101.4	15.5	116.9	36.2	153.1
December	736	736	842	842	85.8	13.4	99.2	129.5	228.8
January	649	649	712	712	69.7	11.4	81.1	18.5	99.6
February	836	838	1 071	1 073	111.8	18.7	130.5	43.3	173.9
March	807	809	972	974	99.7	15.8	115.5	59.0	174.5
April	561	565	635	643	64.9	11.8	76.7	58.7	135.3
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
April	551	569	651	670	67.0	13.2	80.1	47.1	127.2
May	559	576	670	687	69.8	13.6	83.4	41.0	124.4
June	572	588	691	706	72.5	14.0	86.5	34.3	120.8
1999-00									
July	592	608	714	729	75.1	14.2	89.3	31.9	121.2
August	626	643	744	760	77.9	14.2	92.1	35.2	127.3
September	680	698	789	806	81.4	14.1	95.5	43.1	138.6
October	746	763	850	866	86.0	14.2	100.2	52.3	152.4
November	802	817	912	926	90.7	14.5	105.1	59.4	164.6
December	832	843	957	967	94.5	14.9	109.4	62.6	172.0
January	831	837	971	977	96.8	15.3	112.0	61.9	173.9
February	810	812	957	961	97.1	15.4	112.5	59.3	171.8
March	779	778	924	927	96.2	15.3	111.5	56.8	168.3
April	743	741	882	885	94.5	15.1	109.6	54.5	164.1

Source: Building Approvals, South Australia (Cat. no. 8731.4); Unpublished data.

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	New houses		Total dwelling units(a)		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Non-residential building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	Total building
	no.	no.	no.	no.			\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	5 057	5 112	5 727	5 789	496.3	116.9	423.4	568.7	1 181.9
1997-98	5 628	5 823	6 437	6 653	614.7	134.5	426.4	550.7	1 299.9
1998-98	6 091	6 296	7 186	7 416	771.3	139.7	400.1	623.7	1 534.7
1997-98									
December	1 531	1 588	1 841	1 906	179.8	33.8	139.2	174.1	387.7
March	1 409	1 436	1 617	1 648	150.1	38.7	68.1	95.2	284.0
June	1 334	1 397	1 490	1 558	152.9	30.4	134.5	169.1	352.4
1998-99									
September	1 563	1 610	1 927	1 980	184.7	35.0	89.5	131.1	350.7
December	1 644	1 699	1 891	1 965	231.1	34.3	94.6	134.8	400.2
March	1 293	1 326	1 612	1 645	171.6	32.7	145.6	235.5	439.8
June	1 591	1 661	1 756	1 826	183.9	37.8	71.0	122.9	344.6
1999-00									
September	1 752	1 792	2 116	2 166	251.2	42.6	84.1	109.3	403.1
December	1 909	1 969	2 211	2 274	245.7	44.0	86.7	120.8	410.6

(a) Includes conversions.

Source: *Building Activity, South Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.4).

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE AND COMPLETED DURING PERIOD

Period	New houses		New residential building			Non-residential building		Total building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Total residential building	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE										
1996-97	433.9	438.9	485.2	490.4	122.3	612.7	444.2	663.3	1 049.8	1 275.9
1997-98	522.9	535.7	590.4	605.4	131.6	737.0	538.9	685.0	1 259.3	1 422.0
1998-99	599.4	614.6	720.8	737.7	147.7	885.4	417.1	571.6	1 283.8	1 457.0
1997-98										
December	134.0	137.7	152.3	157.1	36.2	193.3	157.7	197.7	345.2	391.0
March	130.5	132.8	147.4	149.9	31.4	181.3	119.1	149.2	297.7	330.4
June	135.9	139.4	154.5	158.5	31.2	189.7	112.3	151.5	297.9	341.1
1998-99										
September	150.9	155.8	175.8	180.9	39.8	220.7	135.5	162.9	350.5	383.6
December	151.4	155.1	185.6	189.9	40.3	230.1	121.5	160.4	347.0	390.6
March	142.4	144.9	169.5	172.5	33.2	205.7	87.5	131.1	290.1	336.8
June	154.7	158.9	189.9	194.4	34.4	228.9	72.6	117.2	296.2	346.1
1999-00										
September	166.8	171.9	212.6	218.4	41.3	259.8	116.7	171.5	369.4	431.3
December	184.2	188.8	223.3	228.2	45.9	274.0	96.8	141.1	365.1	415.1
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK COMPLETED										
1996-97	408.9	414.1	461.8	467.1	123.6	590.7	328.2	584.3	911.8	1 175.0
1997-98	504.1	514.7	561.8	574.7	125.0	699.7	571.2	744.0	1 256.3	1 443.7
1998-99	600.6	614.8	700.0	715.2	153.2	868.4	505.3	639.4	1 356.8	1 507.8
1997-98										
December	148.3	151.6	168.9	172.8	39.2	212.1	310.5	369.2	517.7	581.2
March	112.2	114.5	126.4	129.3	26.9	156.3	81.7	124.3	235.0	280.5
June	125.3	128.1	136.0	139.8	24.6	164.4	110.1	148.0	270.6	312.5
1998-99										
September	148.1	152.4	161.1	165.8	36.1	201.9	68.2	106.7	264.9	308.6
December	168.4	174.1	190.2	196.1	49.3	245.4	174.9	203.3	414.1	448.7
March	145.1	147.6	180.1	183.0	36.7	219.7	161.3	207.4	377.8	427.1
June	139.0	140.7	168.6	170.3	31.0	201.4	101.0	122.0	300.0	323.3
1999-00										
September	148.9	154.7	170.2	177.7	38.5	216.2	67.9	104.1	275.4	320.2
December	187.5	191.9	218.3	223.0	45.2	268.2	117.7	154.9	380.5	423.1

Source: Building Activity, South Australia (Cat. no. 8752.4).

<i>Period</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Coal(a)</i>	<i>Sawn timber(b)</i>
	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m MJ</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m³</i>
1996-97	29 842	85 478	51 778	34 890	76 495	2 633 820	333 691
1997-98	28 489	80 924	58 554	38 224	78 441	2 815 870	361 257
1998-99	30 864	62 266	48 029	44 173	86 228	2 686 069	374 590
1997-98							
March	6 731	21 110	20 144	10 561	18 098	718 990	89 540
June	7 923	18 786	10 752	11 106	19 404	733 804	96 223
1998-99							
September	6 782	15 160	10 348	10 738	23 573	748 575	95 339
December	7 269	17 609	15 737	10 997	19 718	671 040	94 578
March	8 031	14 780	14 029	10 101	19 343	826 095	88 282
June	8 782	14 717	7 915	12 337	23 594	440 359	96 391
1999-00							
September	7 294	17 107	5 654	11 492	22 162	783 227	111 075
December	7 504	18 401	8 714	11 944	20 992	684 296	93 802
March	8 245	21 743	8 810	14 475	21 790	n.y.a.	112 949

(a) Data supplied by Flinders Power Pty Ltd.

(b) From Australian softwood logs only.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0); Unpublished data, Manufacturing Production.*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transport- ation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1996-97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
1997-98	122.7	105.7	90.7	113.7	122.1	169.3	165.4	124.7	121.6
1998-99	127.7	105.0	92.0	113.3	121.6	171.8	164.2	127.5	123.2
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1998-99									
December	128.2	105.4	91.9	113.9	121.3	171.4	170.9	126.5	123.6
March	128.0	103.7	92.2	112.3	120.9	171.8	156.6	128.6	122.7
June	128.8	105.7	92.8	113.2	122.4	173.3	157.5	128.9	123.6
1999-00									
September	129.7	104.8	95.0	112.5	127.8	174.4	157.6	129.8	125.1
December	130.4	102.5	96.9	112.7	127.4	177.8	157.1	129.8	125.7
March	131.2	101.9	97.9	112.9	130.4	181.6	159.6	129.4	126.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1998-99									
December	5.1	-0.8	1.9	0.3	-0.8	1.5	4.1	2.3	2.0
March	4.1	-1.3	2.6	-1.2	-0.2	0.6	-6.7	2.5	0.8
June	4.1	-0.2	2.8	-0.6	0.5	1.6	-7.9	2.2	1.0
1999-00									
September	3.0	-0.5	4.2	-1.1	4.9	2.2	-8.3	3.1	1.7
December	1.7	-2.8	5.4	-1.1	5.0	3.7	-8.1	2.6	1.7
March	2.5	-1.7	6.2	0.5	7.9	5.7	1.9	0.6	3.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1998-99									
December	1.8	0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.5	0.5
March	-0.2	-1.6	0.3	-1.4	-0.3	0.2	-8.4	1.7	-0.7
June	0.6	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.7
1999-00									
September	0.7	-0.9	2.4	-0.6	4.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.2
December	0.5	-2.2	2.0	0.2	-0.3	1.9	-0.3	0.0	0.5
March	0.6	-0.6	1.0	0.2	2.4	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.9

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0).

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Net migration			Total increase	Population at end of period
	Natural increase	Interstate	Overseas(a)		
1996-97	6 951	-4 628	3 104	5 427	1 479 680
1997-98	6 602	-3 254	3 390	7 638	1 486 418
1998-99	6 593	-2 869	2 932	6 656	1 493 074
March	2 074	-591	1 291	2 744	1 485 206
June	1 471	-810	551	1 212	1 486 418
1998-99					
September	1 188	-422	778	1 544	1 487 962
December	1 775	-901	707	1 581	1 489 543
March	1 917	-682	1 149	2 384	1 491 927
June	1 713	-864	298	1 147	1 493 074
1999-00					
September	1 515	-600	784	1 699	1 494 773
December	1 540	-1 291	808	1 057	1 495 830

(a) Includes category jumping.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations			
	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
1996-97	18 576	11 625	8 003	4 362
1997-98	18 330	11 728	7 988	4 113
1998-99	18 277	11 684	8 033	4 201
1997-98				
March	4 599	2 525	2 405	1 016
June	4 479	3 008	1 824	1 005
1998-99				
September	4 648	3 460	1 294	1 053
December	4 545	2 770	2 499	1 085
March	4 490	2 573	2 471	929
June	4 594	2 881	1 769	1 134
1999-00				
September	4 722	3 207	1 259	1 058
December	4 139	2 599	2 737	1 190

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0).

Period	Employed full-time		Employed part-time		Total employed		Unemployed		Labour force	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
1997-98	317.5	145.9	48.8	136.4	366.3	282.3	42.1	28.8	408.4	311.0
1998-99	319.4	148.1	49.2	136.2	368.6	284.3	40.2	26.6	408.8	310.9
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1998-99										
March	322.9	147.4	48.0	141.1	370.8	288.5	38.6	27.7	409.4	316.2
April	316.4	149.2	50.9	138.6	367.4	287.8	35.2	24.0	402.5	311.8
May	318.6	152.9	53.7	132.8	372.3	285.7	36.6	27.2	408.9	312.9
June	319.3	146.3	55.9	141.8	375.3	288.1	31.0	25.0	406.3	313.1
1999-00										
July	320.3	152.1	53.7	137.4	374.0	289.5	30.7	23.6	404.7	313.1
August	315.4	151.1	56.0	137.4	371.3	288.5	36.5	24.5	407.9	313.0
September	317.6	150.9	56.6	144.0	374.2	294.9	34.1	26.4	408.3	321.3
October	313.7	153.7	59.4	138.8	373.1	292.5	37.4	25.0	410.5	317.5
November	317.5	153.7	55.0	146.7	372.5	300.4	34.4	21.5	406.8	321.9
December	326.8	160.3	59.7	145.3	386.6	305.6	35.0	24.2	421.6	329.8
January	317.4	147.6	56.7	144.4	374.1	292.1	36.8	24.9	410.9	317.0
February	328.4	154.9	52.6	136.7	381.0	291.5	38.1	30.4	419.2	322.0
March	327.6	152.5	55.8	141.7	383.4	294.2	33.0	26.8	416.3	321.0
April	325.6	149.9	56.9	143.9	382.5	293.9	35.2	25.4	417.7	319.3
May	323.3	148.0	55.8	142.8	379.1	290.9	38.3	24.9	417.4	315.8
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1998-99										
March	320.9	149.1	49.8	137.6	370.7	286.7	38.0	25.8	408.7	312.5
April	321.3	150.0	50.3	137.1	371.6	287.1	36.7	25.8	408.3	312.9
May	320.9	150.8	51.5	136.8	372.4	287.6	35.5	25.8	407.9	313.4
June	319.7	151.3	53.2	137.0	372.9	288.3	34.9	25.8	407.8	314.1
1999-00										
July	318.2	151.8	55.0	137.5	373.2	289.3	34.6	25.8	407.8	315.1
August	316.8	152.3	56.5	138.6	373.3	290.9	34.7	25.7	408.0	316.6
September	315.8	152.6	57.7	140.2	373.5	292.8	34.9	25.3	408.4	318.1
October	315.8	152.8	58.3	142.1	374.1	294.9	35.1	24.9	409.2	319.8
November	316.9	152.9	58.5	143.5	375.3	296.4	35.0	24.6	410.4	321.0
December	319.3	152.8	57.9	144.3	377.2	297.1	34.8	24.6	412.0	321.7
January	322.1	152.4	57.0	144.4	379.1	296.8	34.7	24.8	413.8	321.6
February	324.9	151.9	55.8	143.9	380.7	295.8	34.8	25.1	415.5	320.9
March	327.1	151.3	54.7	143.2	381.8	294.5	35.2	25.4	417.0	319.9
April	328.7	150.6	53.9	142.7	382.6	293.3	35.7	25.6	418.3	318.9
May	329.7	149.9	53.3	142.0	383.0	291.9	36.4	25.8	419.4	317.7

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES(a)

Period	Civilian population			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
1997-98	583.9	604.5	23.2	10.3	9.2	9.8	70.8	51.5	61.0
1998-99	583.2	609.8	21.7	9.8	8.6	9.3	70.1	51.0	60.3
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
March	584.2	610.9	21.8	9.4	8.8	9.1	70.1	51.8	60.7
April	584.6	611.3	17.9	8.7	7.7	8.3	68.9	51.0	59.7
May	585.0	611.6	24.8	8.9	8.7	8.8	69.9	51.2	60.3
June	585.3	611.9	21.6	7.6	8.0	7.8	69.4	51.2	60.1
1999-00									
July	585.7	612.3	21.4	7.6	7.5	7.6	69.1	51.1	59.9
August	586.0	612.6	22.1	9.0	7.8	8.5	69.6	51.1	60.1
September	586.4	613.0	20.6	8.4	8.2	8.3	69.6	52.4	60.8
October	586.8	613.3	21.1	9.1	7.9	8.6	70.0	51.8	60.7
November	587.1	613.6	22.1	8.5	6.7	7.7	69.3	52.5	60.7
December	587.5	613.8	20.0	8.3	7.3	7.9	71.8	53.7	62.5
January	587.8	614.0	21.8	9.0	7.8	8.5	69.9	51.6	60.6
February	588.1	614.2	23.3	9.1	9.5	9.3	71.3	52.4	61.6
March	588.4	614.4	22.0	7.9	8.4	8.1	70.8	52.3	61.3
April	588.8	614.7	19.3	8.4	8.0	8.2	70.9	51.9	61.2
May	589.2	614.9	19.4	9.2	7.9	8.6	70.8	51.4	60.9
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.3	8.3	8.9	70.0	51.2	60.4
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.0	8.2	8.7	69.8	51.2	60.3
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	8.2	8.5	69.7	51.2	60.3
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.3	60.3
1999-00									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.6	51.5	60.4
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.1	8.3	69.6	51.7	60.4
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.0	8.3	69.7	51.9	60.6
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	7.8	8.2	69.7	52.1	60.7
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	7.7	8.2	69.9	52.3	60.9
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	7.6	8.1	70.1	52.4	61.1
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	7.7	8.1	70.4	52.4	61.2
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	7.8	8.1	70.6	52.2	61.2
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	7.9	8.2	70.9	52.1	61.3
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.0	8.3	71.0	51.9	61.3
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	8.1	8.4	71.2	51.7	61.2

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	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
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1996-97	678.20	735.10	636.90	575.10	589.40	408.70	644.30	687.20	529.80
1997-98	705.60	755.05	646.28	606.05	619.33	438.50	670.53	707.20	545.70
1998-99	741.20	797.55	678.28	627.93	647.28	464.35	699.13	741.70	575.23
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ per week)									
1998-99									
20 November	745.20	811.60	679.00	631.50	652.90	471.50	702.50	752.00	580.30
19 February	739.90	796.20	677.40	632.00	651.90	466.50	699.60	742.30	574.90
21 May	742.20	796.80	686.30	624.70	648.00	457.30	699.70	742.90	576.10
1999-00									
20 August	742.70	792.00	669.30	631.20	655.70	451.20	702.00	742.20	560.40
19 November	745.30	805.60	697.40	638.70	663.40	453.80	705.70	752.70	572.80
18 February	768.60	821.20	708.30	645.30	656.80	461.30	723.00	760.30	584.50
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ per week)									
1998-99									
20 November	741.50	798.70	677.80	628.40	646.30	468.10	699.00	741.70	577.50
19 February	743.30	801.00	679.30	628.60	649.60	465.30	701.00	745.00	576.40
21 May	740.70	796.50	677.30	629.00	653.20	458.10	699.90	743.80	570.10
1999-00									
20 August	743.50	797.90	683.40	632.60	656.70	454.40	702.70	745.90	569.40
19 November	751.20	805.10	694.20	637.70	658.50	455.10	709.30	751.30	573.90
18 February	760.70	813.70	705.30	642.90	657.90	457.70	717.80	757.20	580.00

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a)

Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend	
	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998-99						
February	3 019	274	3 045	277	3 050	279
March	3 718	344	3 134	289	3 107	285
April	3 162	290	3 138	288	3 166	293
May	3 237	301	3 226	301	3 238	303
June	3 592	342	3 335	321	3 341	318
1999-00						
July	3 397	319	3 502	332	3 474	335
August	3 419	331	3 561	349	3 616	352
September	3 545	349	3 573	354	3 753	367
October	3 708	370	4 106	407	3 863	379
November	4 310	422	4 038	393	3 914	385
December	3 924	390	3 786	363	3 898	384
January	3 154	313	3 806	381	3 831	378
February	3 976	398	3 904	392	3 737	370
March	4 236	417	3 572	350	3 637	361
April	3 099	309	3 368	334	3 521	350

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	Commercial finance commitments			Personal finance commitments			Total lease finance commitments
	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total commercial finance commitments	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total personal finance commitments	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1998-99							
February	288.2	199.0	487.3	122.3	133.2	255.5	19.3
March	489.8	390.3	880.1	147.2	174.1	321.3	24.6
April	268.6	459.1	727.7	113.0	138.9	251.9	32.8
May	272.4	202.3	474.7	120.9	131.5	252.5	39.3
June	356.6	382.2	738.9	135.0	140.7	275.7	40.6
1999-00							
July	253.4	261.8	515.2	122.6	132.1	254.7	23.4
August	412.9	255.3	668.3	124.3	127.6	251.9	26.6
September	265.9	206.5	472.4	126.6	140.0	266.6	19.8
October	325.5	209.8	535.3	125.0	128.0	253.0	14.7
November	289.4	221.8	511.2	128.9	151.3	280.2	12.7
December	380.7	296.0	676.8	124.7	143.8	268.5	13.4
January	272.3	134.7	407.1	122.6	94.8	217.4	10.2
February	301.4	201.0	502.4	138.4	120.8	259.2	18.0
March	423.5	240.7	664.2	155.3	159.3	314.7	12.3
April	394.7	176.4	571.1	108.2	135.6	243.7	17.6

Source: *Unpublished data, PC Ausstats*.

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