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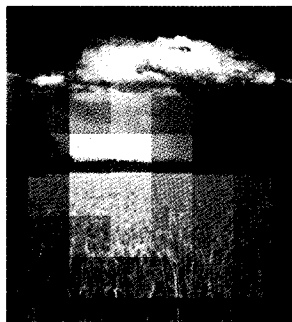
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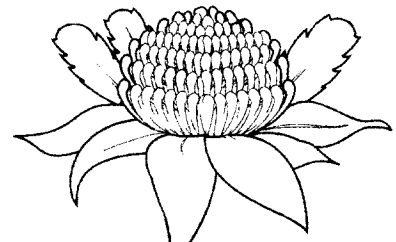


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NEW SOUTH WALES  
at a glance

## NEW SOUTH WALES RELATIVE TO AUSTRALIA

Area	Period	Per cent
Population	June 1996	33.9
Employed persons	August 1997	33.9
Higher education students	March 1997	31.0
Industrial disputes, working days lost	Year ended Oct. 1997	33.9
Dwellings completed	1996-97	33.5
Motor vehicles, number on the register	October 1996	30.7
Motor vehicles, new registrations	1996-97	34.3
<b>Agricultural production</b>		
Gross value of production	Year ended 31 March 1996	25.8
Wheat for grain, quantity	Year ended 31 March 1997p	36.6
Rice produced, quantity	"	99.4
Seed cotton produced, quantity	"	72.2
Wool receipts, Brokers and dealers	Year ended 30 June 1997	28.5
Cattle for meat production	Year ended 31 March 1997	24.4
Cattle for milk production	"	12.9
Sheep and lambs	"	35.3
Pigs	"	29.7
<b>Manufacturing turnover</b>		
Food, beverages and tobacco mfg	1995-96	30.2
Textile, clothing, footwear and leather mfg	"	32.7
Wood and paper product mfg	"	31.3
Printing, publishing and recorded media	"	44.3
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated product mfg	"	37.6
Non-metallic mineral product mfg	"	31.6
Metal product mfg	"	36.8
Machinery and equipment mfg	"	26.8
Other manufacturing	"	32.6
Overseas exports	1996-97	23.6
Overseas imports	"	43.3
Retail turnover	Year ended Dec. 1997	35.6
Secured housing finance committed to individuals (value)	Year ended June 1997	40.0

## BANKS AND OTHER PRIVATE FINANCE

	1995	1996	1997	
All banks, at 30 June				
Deposits repayable in Australia,	\$m	255 230	283 777	315 385
Finance companies, at 30 June				
Lease receivables	"	2 240.8	2 313.7	2 498.3
Total loan outstandings	"	6 921.5	7 587.5	7 553.4
Building societies, at 30 June				
Loan outstandings	"	2 316.2	2 922.0	3 233.0
Borrowings including withdrawable share capital	"	3 429.0	3 813.8	4 236.0
Credit co-operatives, at 30 June				
Loan outstandings	"	4 934.5	5 403.7	5 679.7
Borrowing	"	5 419.2	5 997.4	6 475.8

## POPULATION

		1994	1995	1996
Estimated resident population, 30 June	'000	6 049.2	6 112.2	6 204.7
Males	"	3 006.6	3 037.2	3 081.0
Females	"	3 042.6	3 075.0	3 123.7
<b>Age groups (proportion of population)</b>				
0-4 years	%	7.2	7.1	7.1
5-14 years	"	14.1	14.1	14.1
15-19 years	"	7.0	6.8	6.8
20-64 years	"	59.3	59.5	59.4
65 years or more	"	12.4	12.5	12.6

## VITAL STATISTICS

		1994	1995	1996
Births	No.	87 977	87 849	86 595
Rate (a)	"	14.5	14.4	14.0
Deaths	"	44 763	44 773	45 141
Rate (a)	"	7.4	7.3	7.3
Marriages	"	38 814	37 828	35 716
Rate (a)	"	6.4	6.2	5.8
Divorces	"	13 999	14 945	15 984
Rate (a)	"	2.3	2.4	2.6

(a) Per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June.

## HEALTH

		1994	1995	1996
Hospitals and nursing homes, 30 June				
Public	No.	242	n.a.	n.a.
Private	"	552	551	543
Total beds, 30 June				
Public	"	21 849	21 550	21 243
Private	"	32 651	33 246	33 090

## BUILDING

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
New residential buildings approved	'000	52.8	41.7	45.9
New residential buildings commenced	"	51.5	40.3	41.7
New residential buildings completed	"	47.4	45.4	40.0
Houses	%	61.9	57.4	58.3
Other residential buildings	"	38.1	42.7	41.7
Value of all building completed	\$m	8 976.4	10 287.2	9 345.6
New residential buildings	"	4 777.6	5 073.0	4 497.2
Alterations and additions to residential buildings	"	1 081.7	1 323.5	1 071.3
Loans approved to individuals for housing	"	16 558.7	17 130.0	21 200.4

## EDUCATION

		1995	1996	1997
Schools (a)	No.	3 055	3 053	3 068
Government	"	2 190	2 186	2 186
Non-government	"	865	867	882
Teachers (full-time equivalent)	'000	68.5	69.0	69.8
School students (a) (full-time)	'000	1 055.9	1 065.3	1 074.2
Primary	%	57.4	57.4	57.2
Secondary	"	42.6	42.6	42.8
Government	"	71.5	71.3	71.0
Non-government	"	28.5	28.7	29.0
Higher education students, at 31 March	No.	185 995	195 240	204 524
TAFE, enrolments	"	411 643	417 873	n.y.a.

(a) 1994 figures at July, 1995 and 1996 figures at August.

## LABOUR

		1995	1996	1997
Labour force status (August survey)				
Civilian population aged 15 and over	'000	4 806.3	4 878.1	4 942.9
Not in the labour force	"	1 828.2	1 859.5	1 964.5
Total labour force	"	2 978.1	3 018.6	2 978.4
Employed persons	"	2 751.5	2 780.5	2 750.5
Unemployed persons	"	226.6	238.1	228.0
Unemployment rate	%	7.6	7.9	7.7
Males	"	7.9	8.5	7.9
Females	"	7.2	7.0	7.3
Participation rate	"	62.0	61.9	60.3
Males	"	72.2	72.4	70.2
Females	"	52.1	51.7	50.7
Average Weekly Earnings, (May survey)				
All males total earnings	\$	682.40	707.60	708.5
Full-time adult male total earnings	"	779.10	817.80	824.4
All females total earnings	"	451.20	472.40	481.8
Full-time adult female total earnings	"	610.10	635.40	659.0
All employees total earnings	"	573.20	600.20	599.6
Full-time adults total earnings	"	715.60	751.80	762.0

## ROAD TRAFFIC

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Road transport				
New motor vehicles registered	'000	234.7	228.0	235.4
Passenger vehicles	"	193.4	188.7	196.5
Motor cycles	"	6.2	6.7	6.8
Motor vehicles on the register at 30 June (a)	"	3 332.5	3 448.9	n.y.a.
Passenger vehicles	"	2 684.8	2 775.7	n.y.a.
Motor cycles	"	75.8	77.9	n.y.a.
Drivers' and riders' licences at 30 June	"	4 141.2	4 216.2	4 319.6

(a) 1995-96 figures at 31 October 1996.

## AGRICULTURE

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Area of establishments at 31 March	'000 ha	60 300	61 017	61 065
Number of establishments at 31 March	No.	42 288	42 498	42 787
Growing wheat	"	7 827	9 968	12 051
With sheep and lambs	"	19 623	19 937	19 590
With milk cattle	"	2 462	2 510	2 317
With meat cattle	"	28 115	28 323	28 489
Production				
Wheat for grain	'000 tonnes	875	4 508	8 368
Wool receivals, brokers and dealers	"	224	210	244
Whole milk	mill. L	1 087	1 114	1 192
Beef and veal	'000 tonnes	488	474	486
Mutton and lamb	"	203	184	176
Livestock at 31 March				
Milk cattle	'000	370	371	394
Meat cattle	"	5 867	6 019	6 126
Sheep and lambs	"	42 874	41 090	42 406
Pigs	"	791	710	729

## MINING AND ENERGY

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96p
Metal ore mining, employment	persons	1 985	2 155	2 199
Metal ore mining, turnover	\$m	465.5	603.9	666.1
Coal, employment	persons	13 529	12 714	13 310
Coal, turnover	\$m	4 355.8	3 985.4	4 142.1
Black coal production	'000 tonnes	101 958	107 781	113 089
Electricity generated	mill. kWh	57 792	60 016	62 047
Gas (available for issue through mains)	mill. MJ	97 318	104 881	104 141

## MANUFACTURING

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Employment, 30 June (a)	'000	305.7	306.5	297.3
Wages and salaries (b)	\$m	9 916	10 362	10 213
Turnover	\$m	62 429	64 794	65 551

(a) includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

## OUTPUT OF SELECTED PRODUCTS

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Butter	tonnes	4 581	5 196	4 802
Cheese	tonnes	16 373	18 288	21 490
Flour (other than self-raising)	'000 tonnes	700	757	850
Confectionery	tonnes	41 350	39 738	39 013
Beef and veal	tonnes	487 860	474 482	486 346
Clay bricks	million	746	635	630
Hardwood woodchips	'000 tonnes	909	798	620
Plastics in primary form	'000 tonnes	341	361	346

## RETAIL TRADE

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Turnover of retail establishments				
Food retailing	\$m	14 993.2	16 800.1	17 434.1
Department stores	"	3 879.8	4 043.8	3 969.1
Clothing and soft good retailing	"	3 043.1	3 293.0	3 374.7
Household good retailing	"	5 154.6	5 346.9	5 459.3
Recreational good retailing	"	2 109.5	2 367.5	2 607.3
Other retailing	"	4 017.2	4 401.6	4 537.4
Hospitality and services	"	8 600.3	9 397.1	8 913.1

NOTE: The data contained in this table have been adjusted. See publication 8501.0 Retail Trade, Australia - July 1997, paragraphs 16 to 22 of the Explanatory Notes for further details.

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Hotels and motels, etc. with facilities, 30 June	No.	1 726	1 743	1 740
Takings from accommodation	\$m	1 079	1 217	1 291
Number of guest rooms, 30 June	No.	57 074	57 920	57 877
Caravan parks, establishments, 30 June (a)	"	480	520	496
Capacity, total caravan sites, cabins, flats, etc. (a)	"	65 142	69 137	66 699

(a) Short term.

## PRICE INDEXES

		1995	1996	1997
Consumer Price Index, Sydney, June, change from previous year				
All groups	%	4.9	3.9	0.3
Food	"	4.2	3.2	3.2
Clothing	"	0.9	0.7	-0.1
Housing	"	11.2	3.2	-7.5
Household equipment and operation	"	2.4	2.0	1.3
Transportation	"	3.6	6.3	0.3
Tobacco and alcohol	"	8.8	10.4	0.6
Health and personal care	"	4.3	4.5	7.0
Recreation and education	"	2.7	1.2	1.3
Retail Prices, selected items, Sydney, June				
Milk, carton, supermarket sales, 1 litre	cents	108	113	115
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket, 680g	"	179	194	201
Rump steak, 1kg	"	1 260	1 283	1 205
Potatoes, 1kg	"	98	83	121
Eggs, 55g, 1 doz	"	218	262	277
Margarine, poly-unsaturated, 500g	"	164	163	169
Petrol, super grade, 1 litre	"	70.6	75.0	75.9
Beer, full strength, unchilled 24x375ml bottles	"	2 516	2 653	2 673
Price index of building materials, Sydney				
All groups, change from previous year, June				
Used in house building	%	3.0	0.1	0.9
Used in building other than house building	"	3.2	0.8	1.2

## PUBLIC FINANCE

		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
State Government				
Current outlay	\$m	20 527	20 858	22 079
Final consumption expenditure	"	13 210	13 925	15 018
Capital outlays	"	3 831	4 137	3 468
Expenditure on new fixed assets	"	4 713	4 354	4 292
Revenue	"	23 028	23 406	25 419
Taxes, fees and fines	"	10 534	11 230	12 313
Grants received	"	8 918	9 261	9 356
Other revenue	"	3 577	2 915	3 750
Financing transactions	"	1 330	1 589	78
Local Government				
Current outlay	\$m	1 714	2 048	2 112
Final consumption expenditure	"	1 515	1 860	1 918
Capital outlays	"	854	8 945	950
Expenditure on new fixed assets	"	970	1 037	1 071
Revenue	"	2 831	11 249	3 333
Taxes, fees and fines	"	1 736	1 982	2 046
Grants received	"	595	8 664	664
Other revenue	"	500	604	623
Financing transactions	"	-263	-257	-272

## PRIVATE FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Total expenditure	\$m	94 012	99 445	107 059
Food	"	12 802	13 770	15 431
Cigarettes and tobacco	"	1 785	1 865	2 195
Alcoholic drinks	"	3 845	4 034	4 383
Clothing, fabrics and footwear	"	4 784	4 921	5 338
Household durables	"	5 846	6 413	6 760
Health	"	7 016	7 365	7 724
Dwelling rent	"	18 741	19 424	20 653
Gas, electricity and fuel	"	1 748	1 788	1 776
Travel and communication	"	14 084	15 396	16 254
All other goods	"	6 229	6 604	7 452
All other services	"	17 132	17 865	19 093

### Symbols

n.y.a. Not yet available  
p Preliminary