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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the November 1995 issue are: labour force, industrial disputes; housing finances, building approvals; price indexes; average weekly earnings; retail turnover; and new motor vehicle registrations.

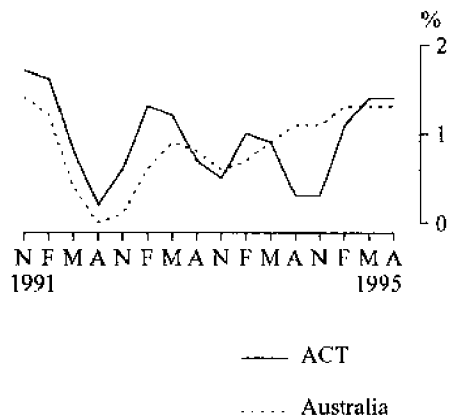
NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

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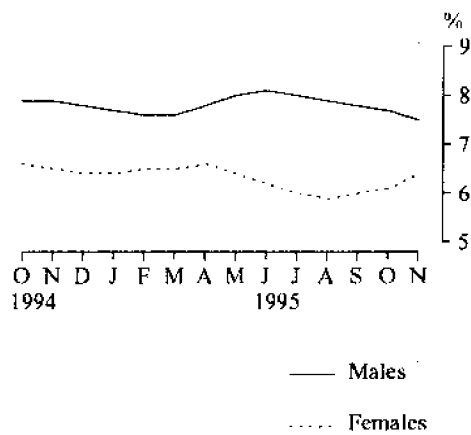
- Labour force The ACT had the lowest trend rate of unemployment of all the States and Territories with 7.0% of the ACT labour force looking for work in November 1995. Queensland had the highest unemployment rate with 9.8%, while the national average stood at 8.6% in the month. The trend number of people employed in the ACT increased in November 1995 to 160,200, an increase of 0.1%.
- Industrial disputes There were no working days lost due to industrial disputes in August 1995 for the ACT, and only 5 working days per 1,000 employees were lost in the ACT in the year ending August 1995. Nationally there were 43.3 days lost in the month and 86 days over the year.
- Housing finance The trend number of dwelling units financed in the ACT during September 1995 increased by 2.3% from August 1995. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in September 1995 was \$75.8 million, an increase of 1.6% on the previous month.
- Building approvals October 1995 produced the second consecutive month of increases in the trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT with 174 approvals, an increase of 3.4%. Nationally the trend total number of dwelling units approved fell by 2.2%.
- Average weekly earnings Trend estimates of average weekly earnings for the ACT continued the steady upward movement of the past two years. The average weekly earnings for August 1995 was \$626.10, an increase of 1.9% from the previous month. Nationally average weekly earnings increased by 0.6% to \$551.30.
- Retail turnover The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for October 1995 was \$183.8 million, a decrease of 0.2% from the previous month. The largest decrease in turnover for the ACT occurred within the hospitality and services industry (1.0%). National trend retail turnover increased by 7.6% over the last 12 months compared to 4.6% for the ACT.
- New motor vehicle registrations The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in October 1995 was 939, a fall of 2.4% from September 1995, but 0.3% higher than for October 1994. Nationally trend estimates in October 1995 were 1.8% lower than the previous month and 3.2% lower than the October 1994 figure.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

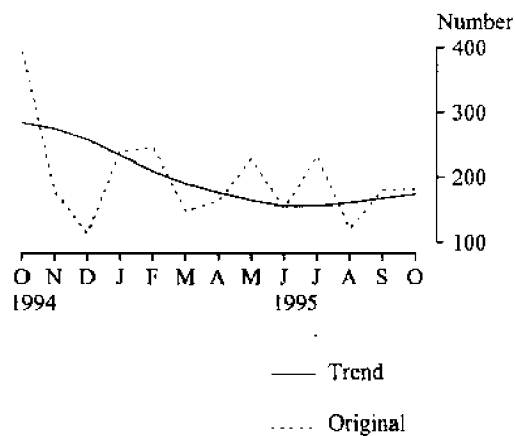
AVERAGE WEEKLY
EARNINGS — TREND, FULL
TIME ADULT
ORDINARY-TIME EARNINGS



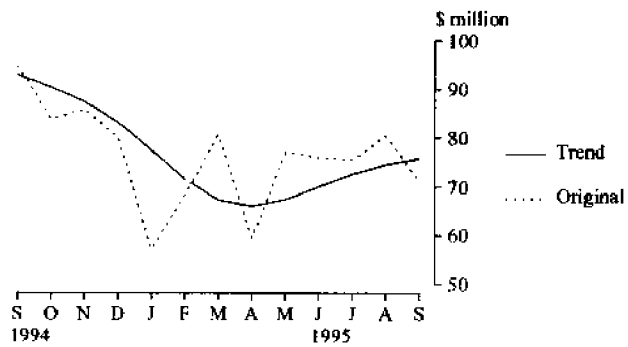
LABOUR FORCE — TREND
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



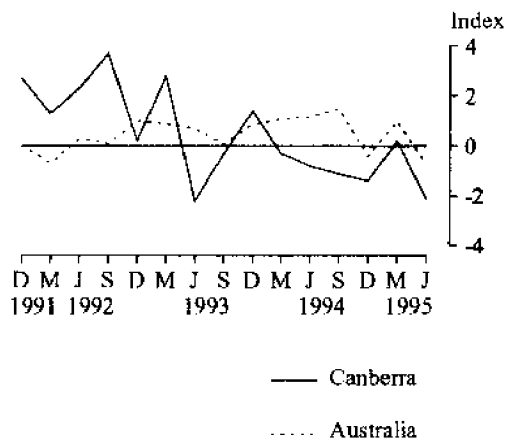
BUILDING APPROVALS
NUMBER OF DWELLING
UNITS APPROVED



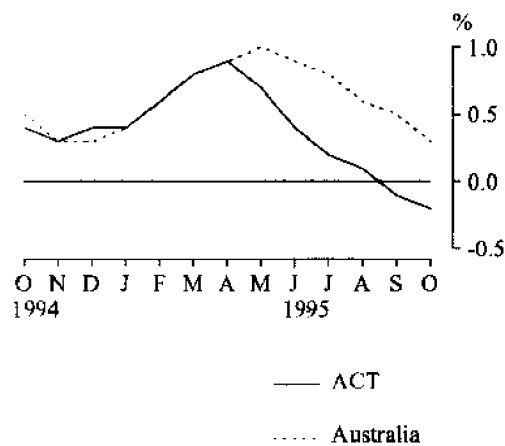
HOUSING FINANCE



ESTABLISHED HOUSE PRICE INDEX, PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



RETAIL TURNOVER — ALL GROUPS — TREND
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



1 AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, DECEMBER QUARTER
1995/SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1996 EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Australian Capital Territory</i> | <i>Australia</i> |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| | <i>%</i> | <i>%</i> |
| Short-term | | |
| Sept. qtr 1994–Dec. qtr 1994 | 1.1 | 3.6 |
| Dec. qtr 1994–Mar. qtr 1995 | -1.3 | -0.5 |
| Mar. qtr 1995–June qtr 1995 | 5.2 | 1.4 |
| June qtr 1995–Sept. qtr 1995 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Sept. qtr 1995–Dec. qtr 1995 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Medium-term | | |
| Sept. qtr 1994–Sept. qtr 1995 | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| Dec. qtr 1994–Dec. qtr 1995 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Mar. qtr 1995–Mar. qtr 1996 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| June qtr 1995–June qtr 1996 | -10.8 | 2.3 |
| Sept. qtr 1995–Sept. qtr 1996 | 3.1 | 3.4 |

| Indicator | Unit | Australian Capital Territory | | | Australia | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | | Latest figure | Change from | | Latest figure | Change from | |
| | | | Previous period | Same period previous year | | Previous period | Same period previous year |
| | | % | % | | % | % | |
| POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR | | | | | | | |
| POPULATION, March qtr 95 | '000s | 303.9 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 18 000.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Natural increase | no. | 841 | 6.7 | - 1.2 | 36 667 | 10.2 | 1.4 |
| Net migration | no. | 1 384 | - 325.0 | - 6 390.9 | 31 992 | 263.6 | 63.7 |
| Total increase | no. | 2 225 | 1 186.1 | 168.4 | 68 659 | 63.2 | 23.3 |
| LABOUR FORCE, November 95 | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Employed | '000s | 159.9 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 8 329.8 | 0.8 | 3.8 |
| Unemployed | '000s | 11.9 | 22.7 | 20.2 | 736.8 | - 0.3 | - 3.6 |
| Unemployment rate ¹ | % | 6.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 8.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Participation rate ¹ | % | 74.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 63.8 | - 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Long-term unemployed (October 95) | no. | 2 038 | - 7.6 | - 9.2 | 237 149 | 1.3 | - 15.0 |
| Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (October 95) ¹ | % | 21.0 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 32.1 | 1.4 | - 4.9 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Employed | '000s | 160.2 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 8 284.6 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| Unemployed | '000s | 12.0 | — | - 0.8 | 779.4 | 0.8 | - 3.4 |
| Unemployment rate ¹ | % | 7.0 | — | - 0.3 | 8.6 | 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| Participation rate ¹ | % | 74.5 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 63.8 | — | 0.7 |
| JOB VACANCIES, August 95 | '000s | 0.8 | - 35.2 | - 65.6 | 62.0 | 15.5 | - 9.8 |
| INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, August 95 | | | | | | | |
| Working days lost | '000s | — | - 100.0 | — | 43.3 | 19.0 | 12.5 |
| Days lost per '000 employees (year ended August 95) | no. | 5 | — | - 93.3 | 86.0 | 1.2 | 16.2 |
| BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | |
| HOUSING FINANCE, September 95 | | | | | | | |
| Secured commitments to individuals for | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Construction of dwellings | \$m | 6.9 | - 22.5 | - 44.8 | 506.9 | - 12.6 | - 30.1 |
| Purchase of new dwellings | \$m | 8.6 | - 11.3 | - 58.5 | 116.1 | - 7.8 | - 18.6 |
| Purchase of established dwellings | \$m | 37.8 | - 15.1 | - 28.3 | 2 791.2 | - 6.5 | - 2.7 |
| Total housing commitments | \$m | 71.0 | - 11.1 | - 24.8 | 3 474.1 | - 7.5 | - 8.9 |
| Seasonally adjusted series | | | | | | | |
| Total housing commitments | \$m | 70.8 | - 6.2 | - 23.0 | 3 631.1 | 10.2 | - 7.4 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling units financed | no. | 797 | 2.3 | - 17.6 | 37 787.0 | 1.6 | - 8.3 |
| Total housing commitments | \$m | 75.8 | 1.6 | - 18.2 | 3 604.1 | 1.1 | - 3.8 |
| BUILDING APPROVALS, October 95 | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling units | no. | 18.2 | 1.1 | - 53.8 | 10 348.0 | - 6.5 | - 33.5 |
| Value of new residential | \$m | 18.5 | - 1.1 | - 54.7 | 1 015.2 | - 5.9 | - 24.5 |
| Value of residential alterations and additions | \$m | 5.6 | 19.1 | - 20.0 | 196.8 | - 3.1 | - 20.6 |
| Value of non-residential | \$m | 17.1 | 18.8 | 48.7 | 1 162.5 | 34.4 | 31.2 |
| Value of total building | \$m | 41.2 | 8.7 | - 30.6 | 2 374.9 | 10.6 | - 4.2 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling units | no. | 174 | 3.6 | - 38.9 | 10 295.0 | - 2.2 | - 35.4 |
| BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, June qtr 95 | | | | | | | |
| New houses | no. | 314 | - 4.6 | - 14.7 | 24 591.0 | 1.1 | - 26.6 |
| Value of houses commenced | \$m | 35.9 | - 7.2 | - 17.1 | 2 486.8 | 4.8 | - 21.0 |
| Value of non-residential building commenced | \$m | 59.9 | 7.9 | 19.3 | 2 336.2 | - 18.3 | - 7.4 |
| Value of total commencements | \$m | 123.3 | - 5.4 | - 22.5 | 6 458.9 | - 5.7 | - 12.3 |
| PRICE INDEXES | | | | | | | |
| Established house price index, June qtr 95 | (1989-90 =100.0) | 128.1 | - 2.1 | - 4.3 | 112.4 | - 0.7 | 1.4 |
| PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING | | | | | | | |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, September qtr 95 | | | | | | | |
| | (1989-90 =100.0) | | | | | | |
| Food | | 117.2 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 115.4 | 1.5 | 4.5 |
| Housing | | 111.3 | 0.5 | 11.6 | 105.4 | 0.7 | 11.1 |
| Transportation | | 126.8 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 122.0 | 2.7 | 4.3 |
| All groups | | 119.1 | 1.3 | 5.8 | 117.6 | 1.2 | 5.1 |

For footnotes see end of table.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, DECEMBER 1995 — continued

| Indicator | Unit | Australian Capital Territory | | | Australia | | |
|--|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | | Latest figure | Change from | | Latest figure | Change from | |
| | | | Previous period | Same period previous year | | Previous period | Same period previous year |
| | | % | % | | % | % | |
| PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING — continued | | | | | | | |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, August 95 | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Males | \$ | 733.00 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 634.80 | 0.3 | 3.2 |
| Females | \$ | 511.30 | -1.0 | 2.1 | 429.50 | -0.1 | 1.9 |
| Total persons | \$ | 623.40 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 547.80 | -0.1 | 2.0 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Males | \$ | 731.40 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 658.30 | 0.8 | 3.6 |
| Females | \$ | 520.00 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 432.10 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| Total persons | \$ | 626.10 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 551.30 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| RETAIL TURNOVER, October 95 | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Food retailing | \$m | 75.4 | 2.7 | 7.4 | 3 997.1 | 3.2 | 10.2 |
| Department stores | \$m | 23.2 | 13.2 | — | 920.8 | 7.5 | -1.5 |
| Hospitality and services | \$m | 30.2 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 1 775.1 | 2.6 | 6.3 |
| All other retailing | \$m | 57.6 | 2.3 | -3.0 | 3 241.8 | 3.1 | 4.9 |
| Total | \$m | 186.4 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 9 934.8 | 3.4 | 6.6 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Food retailing | \$m | 74.7 | — | 10.3 | 3 987.23 | 0.7 | 10.8 |
| Department stores | \$m | 23.7 | -0.8 | 0.9 | 954.8 | -0.6 | 2.7 |
| Hospitality and services | \$m | 28.3 | -1.0 | 2.5 | 1 745.3 | 0.3 | 7.8 |
| All other retailing | \$m | 57.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 3 248.9 | 0.1 | 5.2 |
| Total | \$m | 183.8 | -0.2 | 4.6 | 9 936.2 | 0.3 | 7.6 |
| TOURISM AND TRANSPORT | | | | | | | |
| HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, March qtr 95 | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Room nights | '000s | 212.8 | -1.4 | 4.1 | 8 746.2 | -3.4 | 4.7 |
| Takings at current prices | \$m | 18.8 | 2.2 | 7.4 | 776.7 | -2.5 | 10.3 |
| Takings at 1989-90 prices | \$m | 16.2 | — | 3.2 | 676.7 | -4.2 | 6.0 |
| Room occupancy rate (June qtr 95) | % | 64.0 | -2.1 | 3.2 | 56.1 | -3.4 | 3.7 |
| Seasonally adjusted series | | | | | | | |
| Room nights | '000s | 218.9 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 8 919.2 | 0.8 | 4.7 |
| Takings at current prices | \$m | 19.4 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 787.6 | 2.6 | 10.3 |
| Takings at 1989-90 prices | \$m | 16.7 | 7.7 | 3.1 | 686.1 | 0.9 | 6.0 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Room nights | '000s | 215.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 8 936.2 | 1.4 | 5.0 |
| Takings at current prices | \$m | 19.0 | 3.3 | 6.7 | 787.7 | 2.8 | 10.9 |
| Takings at 1989-90 prices | \$m | 16.3 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 687.6 | 1.6 | 7.8 |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, October 95 | | | | | | | |
| Motor vehicles | no. | 935 | -12.2 | 3.9 | 53 460 | 8.5 | -1.6 |
| Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles | no. | 911 | -10.7 | -3.7 | 52 645 | 4.0 | -4.9 |
| Trend motor vehicles | no. | 939 | -2.4 | 0.3 | 50 614 | -1.8 | -3.2 |
| AGGREGATE INDICATORS | | | | | | | |
| STATE ACCOUNTS, June qtr 95 ² | | | | | | | |
| Original series | | | | | | | |
| Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices | \$m | 2 124 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 103 210 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Gross State product at current prices | \$m | 2 438 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 114 566 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices | \$m | 2 943 | 8.5 | -2.0 | 105 252 | 8.0 | 4.3 |
| Private final consumption expenditure | \$m | 1 342 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 71 313 | 4.8 | 7.7 |
| Private gross fixed capital expenditure | \$m | 205 | 1.5 | -34.7 | 19 115 | 10.2 | 1.4 |
| Trend series | | | | | | | |
| Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices | \$m | 2 064 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 104 172 | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| Gross State product at current prices | \$m | 2 391 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 115 612 | 1.3 | 5.6 |
| State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices | \$m | 2 872 | -0.7 | -1.9 | 104 151 | 0.5 | 4.1 |
| Private final consumption expenditure | \$m | 1 359 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 72 352 | 1.7 | 6.9 |
| Private gross fixed capital expenditure | \$m | 206 | -12.3 | -29.7 | 18 710 | -2.4 | 2.0 |

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.

² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| POPULATION | '000s | Mar. qtr 95 | 6 097.6 | 4 496.3 | 3 256.0 | 1 473.0 | 1 724.2 | 473.2 | 173.5 | 303.9 | 18 000.5 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed persons (trend) | '000s | Nov. 95 | 2 802.5 | 2 048.1 | 1 506.3 | 655.4 | 829.9 | 199.5 | 79.4 | 160.2 | 8 284.6 |
| Unemployment rate (trend) | % | Nov. 95 | 7.8 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 8.6 |
| STATE ACCOUNTS¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend) | \$m | June qtr 95 | 35 383 | 27 562 | 17 150 | 7 462 | 11 622 | 2 110 | 1 180 | 2 064 | 104 172 |
| Gross State product at current prices (trend) | \$m | June qtr 95 | 39 498 | 30 343 | 18 766 | 8 599 | 12 270 | 2 437 | 1 252 | 2 391 | 115 612 |
| BUILDING APPROVALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling units approved | no. | Oct. 95 | 3 544 | 2 002 | 2 502 | 519 | 1 265 | 225 | 109 | 182 | 10 348 |
| Dwelling units approved (trend) | no. | Oct. 95 | 3 528 | 1 958 | 2 398 | 599 | 1 346 | 227 | 102 | 174 | 10 295 |
| Value of non-residential building approved | \$m | Oct. 95 | 431.9 | 382.1 | 188.2 | 69.2 | 48.5 | 16.5 | 8.9 | 17.1 | 1 162.5 |
| Value of all buildings approved | \$m | Oct. 95 | 896.5 | 639.4 | 440.9 | 118.8 | 177.4 | 37.9 | 22.2 | 41.2 | 2 374.4 |
| ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value of engineering construction work done | \$m | June qtr 95 | 1 392.0 | 697.4 | 770.3 | 201.0 | 485.9 | 65.3 | 63.5 | 38.6 | 3 713.9 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult ordinary time (trend) | \$ | Aug. qtr 95 | 686.00 | 646.10 | 612.20 | 616.50 | 658.30 | 606.80 | 663.80 | 745.50 | 654.20 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail turnover (trend) | \$m | Oct. 95 | 3 534.5 | 2 247.3 | 1 813.4 | 774.9 | 1 027.3 | 236.4 | 118.4 | 183.8 | 9 936.2 |
| HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Room nights occupied (trend) | '000s | Mar. qtr 95 | 3 021.2 | 1 459.8 | 2 368.6 | 507.2 | 799.3 | 264.0 | 298.5 | 215.5 | 8 936.2 |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trend | no. | Oct. 95 | 17 889 | 11 926 | 9 629 | 3 381 | 5 053 | 1 176 | 612 | 939 | 50 614 |
| | | | Syd. | Melb. | Bris. | Adel. | Perth | Hob. | Dar. | Canb. | Aust. |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | | Sept. qtr 95 | 116.0 | 113.5 | 115.4 | 117.8 | 116.6 | 117.3 | 115.3 | 117.2 | 115.4 |
| Housing | | Sept. qtr 95 | 107.4 | 102.4 | 111.4 | 102.7 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 116.5 | 111.3 | 105.4 |
| Transportation | | Sept. qtr 95 | 121.1 | 122.4 | 120.1 | 124.4 | 123.4 | 119.4 | 119.0 | 126.8 | 122.0 |
| All Groups | | Sept. qtr 95 | 117.3 | 117.6 | 117.9 | 120.1 | 115.6 | 118.4 | 118.0 | 119.1 | 117.6 |
| Average retail prices (cents) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milk, carton, supermarket sales | 1 litre | Aug. qtr 95 | 108.0 | 113.0 | 111.0 | 110.0 | 112.0 | 120.0 | 100.0 | 109.0 | n.a. |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales | 680 g | Aug. qtr 95 | 179.0 | 160.0 | 171.0 | 139.0 | 163.0 | 156.0 | 185.0 | 185.0 | n.a. |
| Beef, rump steak | 1 kg | Aug. qtr 95 | 1 260.0 | 1 120.0 | 1 138.0 | 1 121.0 | 1 120.0 | 1 148.0 | 1 258.0 | 1 186.0 | n.a. |
| Chicken, frozen | 1 kg | Aug. qtr 95 | 295.0 | 321.0 | 294.0 | 323.0 | 324.0 | 346.0 | 359.0 | 302.0 | n.a. |
| Potatoes | 1 kg | Aug. qtr 95 | 98.0 | 137.0 | 106.0 | 87.0 | 121.0 | 71.0 | 123.0 | 110.0 | n.a. |
| Coffee, instant | 150 g jar | Aug. qtr 95 | 573.0 | 561.0 | 602.0 | 546.0 | 583.0 | 653.0 | 520.0 | 568.0 | n.a. |
| Scotch nip, public bar | 30 ml | Aug. qtr 95 | 306.0 | 260.0 | 242.0 | 316.0 | 357.0 | 211.0 | 296.0 | 274.0 | n.a. |
| Private motoring — petrol, leaded | 1 litre | Aug. qtr 95 | 70.6 | 71.1 | 63.8 | 72.0 | 75.4 | 75.4 | 76.4 | 75.0 | n.a. |
| Private motoring — petrol, unleaded | 1 litre | Aug. qtr 95 | 68.6 | 69.1 | 61.8 | 69.1 | 73.4 | 73.4 | 74.4 | 73.0 | n.a. |

¹ State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA — PERCENTAGE CHANGES

| Indicator | Latest period | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| POPULATION | Mar. qtr 95 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed persons (trend) | Nov. 95 | 0.3 | -0.1 | — | -0.1 | — | — | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Unemployment rate (trend) ¹ | Nov. 95 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| STATE ACCOUNTS² | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend) | June qtr 95 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Gross State product at current prices (trend) | June qtr 95 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| BUILDING APPROVALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling units approved | Oct. 95 | -8.4 | -6.4 | -0.9 | -12.3 | -10.3 | -10.7 | 69 | 1.1 | -6.5 |
| Dwelling units approved (trend) | Oct. 95 | -3.4 | -2.5 | -3.9 | 2.9 | -0.8 | 0.4 | -12.1 | 3.6 | -2.4 |
| Value of non-residential building approved | Oct. 95 | 69.0 | 68.0 | -15.5 | 122.5 | -38.6 | -11.3 | -43.3 | 18.8 | 34.4 |
| Value of all buildings approved | Oct. 95 | 18.8 | 30.4 | -10.1 | 34.7 | -18.4 | -7.1 | -19.6 | 8.7 | 10.6 |
| ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value of engineering construction work done | June qtr 95 | 27.8 | 17.6 | 15.1 | 27.9 | 30.1 | 29.3 | 26.7 | 12.2 | 23.1 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult ordinary time (trend) | Aug. qtr 95 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| RETAIL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail turnover (trend) | Oct. 95 | 0.7 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Room nights occupied (trend) | Mar. qtr 95 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | -3.2 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Sept. 95 | -1.3 | -1.4 | -3.4 | -1.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 | -3.2 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | Sept. qtr 95 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Housing | Sept. qtr 95 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Transportation | Sept. qtr 95 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 2.7 |
| All Groups | Sept. qtr 95 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Average retail prices (cents) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milk, carton, supermarket sales | Aug. qtr 95 | 0.9 | 1.8 | — | 5.8 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 1.0 | — | n.a. |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales | Aug. qtr 95 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 5.2 | -0.6 | — | 5.1 | n.a. |
| Beef, rump steak | Aug. qtr 95 | -0.6 | 4.9 | 0.7 | -1.6 | -1.9 | -0.6 | — | 3.0 | n.a. |
| Chicken, frozen | Aug. qtr 95 | -2.6 | 1.3 | 0.3 | -1.5 | -3.9 | -1.1 | 2.6 | 7.1 | n.a. |
| Potatoes | Aug. qtr 95 | -8.4 | 0.7 | -2.8 | -13.0 | -2.4 | -6.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | n.a. |
| Coffee, instant | Aug. qtr 95 | -1.7 | -3.4 | 4.9 | -4.5 | 4.9 | 2.7 | 1.2 | -4.2 | n.a. |
| Scotch nip, public bar | Aug. qtr 95 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.3 | -1.7 | -0.5 | 1.0 | 2.2 | n.a. |
| Private motoring — petrol, leaded | Aug. qtr 95 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | n.a. |
| Private motoring — petrol, unleaded | Aug. qtr 95 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 2.0 | — | 3.5 | 4.1 | 2.6 | 3.1 | n.a. |

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.

² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).



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