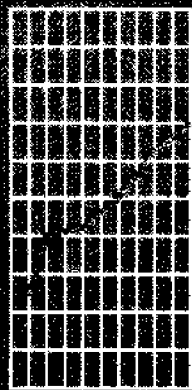


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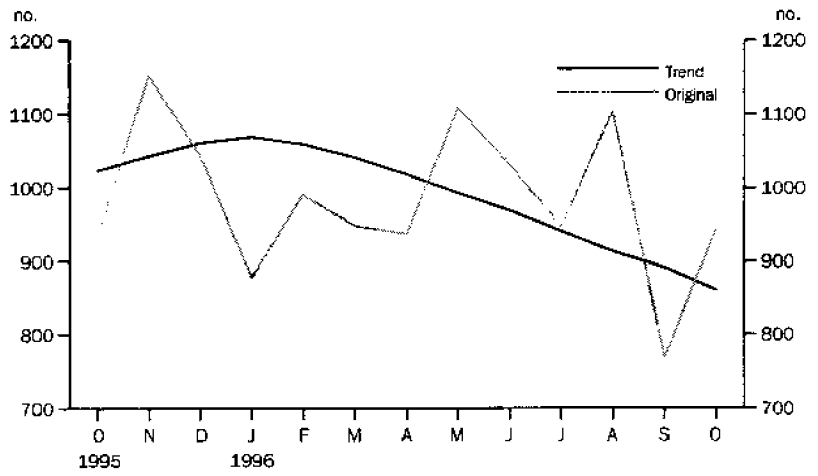
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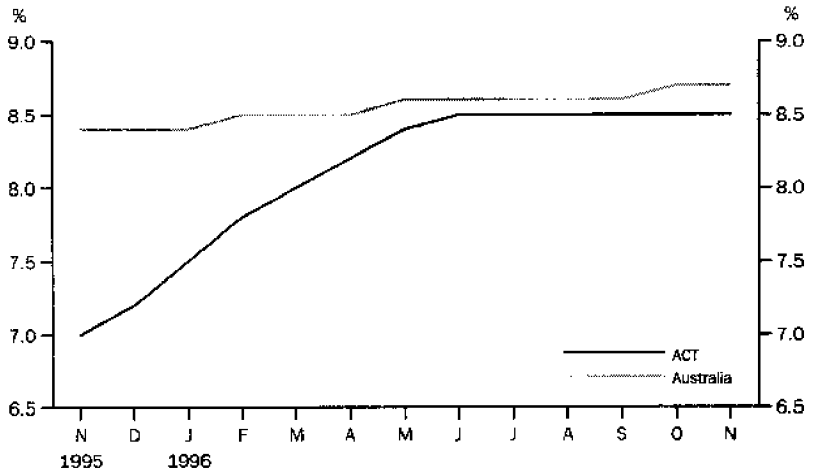
- Labour force** The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 13 months from a peak of 159,700 persons in October 1995 to 152,600 persons in November 1996. Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate increased from 7.0% to 8.5% and the trend participation rate decreased from 74.3% to 71.3%. The trend unemployment rate has stabilised at 8.5% for the last six months.
- Industrial disputes** In August 1996, there were 142 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 139 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally. For the ACT, this was the highest rate of working days lost per 1,000 employees since the 145 reported for the year ended June 1988.
- Housing and construction** The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT decreased by 4.6% to 124 dwelling units in October 1996. This compares to 229 dwelling units approved in October 1995. Nationally, the total number of dwelling units approved increased by 0.8% in October 1996.
- The trend number of dwelling units financed (includes refinancing) in the ACT during October 1996 increased to 870 dwellings (0.9%). Refinancing of existing dwellings comprised 24% of the total number of dwelling units financed in October 1996, which was down from 34% the previous month. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in October 1996 was \$85.2m, an increase of 0.6% on the previous month.
- Prices** The ACT had no change for the all groups CPI between the quarters June 1996 and September 1996. The ACT annual increase to September 1996 was 1.9% which compares to the weighted average of the eight capital cities of 2.1%.
- Retail turnover** The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for October 1996 was \$194.6 million, down on the previous month's figure of \$195.0m. National and ACT trend retail turnover have both decreased by 0.2% since the previous month.
- Motor vehicle registrations** The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in October 1996 was 860. The series has declined for each of the months since January 1996 which recorded 1,069 new vehicles registered. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations in October 1996 recorded its fifth consecutive monthly fall.
- Tourism — room occupancy rates** Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels and guest houses in the September quarter 1996 was 57.5%, down 6.0 percentage points on the June quarter 1996 and down 5.2 percentage points on the September quarter 1995. For 4 and 5 star hotels, motels and guest houses, the room occupancy rate fell to 65.2% in the September quarter 1996 compared with 74.8% in the September quarter 1995.
- 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 1996 was \$648.30, an increase of 1.0% from the previous quarter. Nationally average weekly earnings increased by 0.8% to \$569.20.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

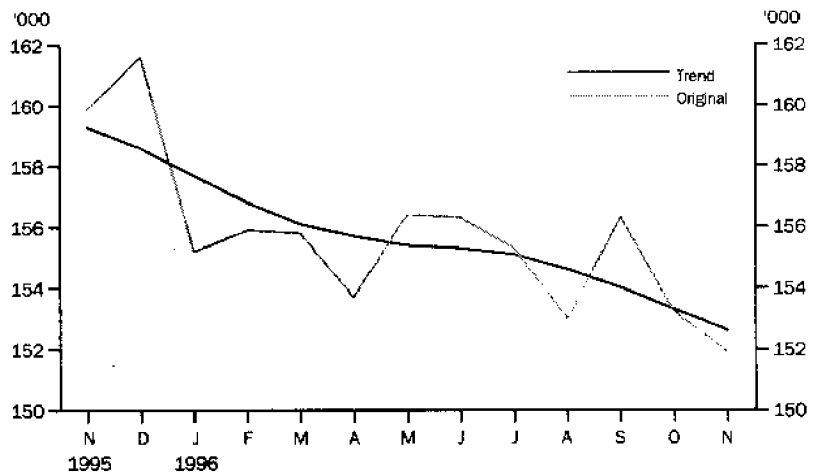
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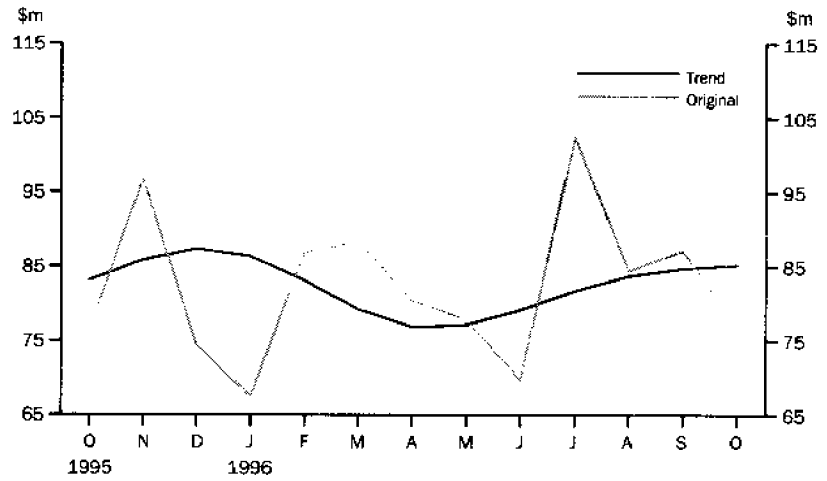
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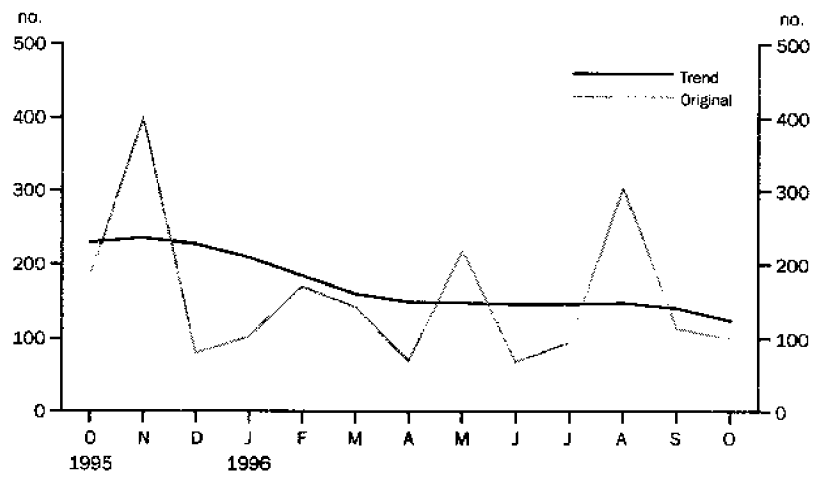
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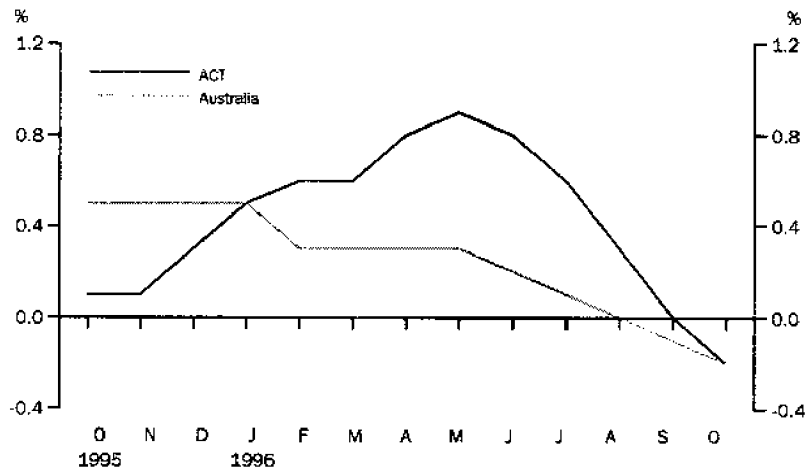
HOUSING FINANCE
COMMITMENTS



BUILDING APPROVALS —
DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



RETAIL TURNOVER —
TREND PERCENTAGE
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS
MONTH



Home ownership (that is, those who either own their home outright or are purchasing their home) was 64% of households in the ACT in 1994, which was the second lowest of all States and Territories. This compares with the national average of 70%, with Victoria (74%) recording the highest proportion and the Northern Territory (44%) with the lowest proportion of owner/purchaser households.

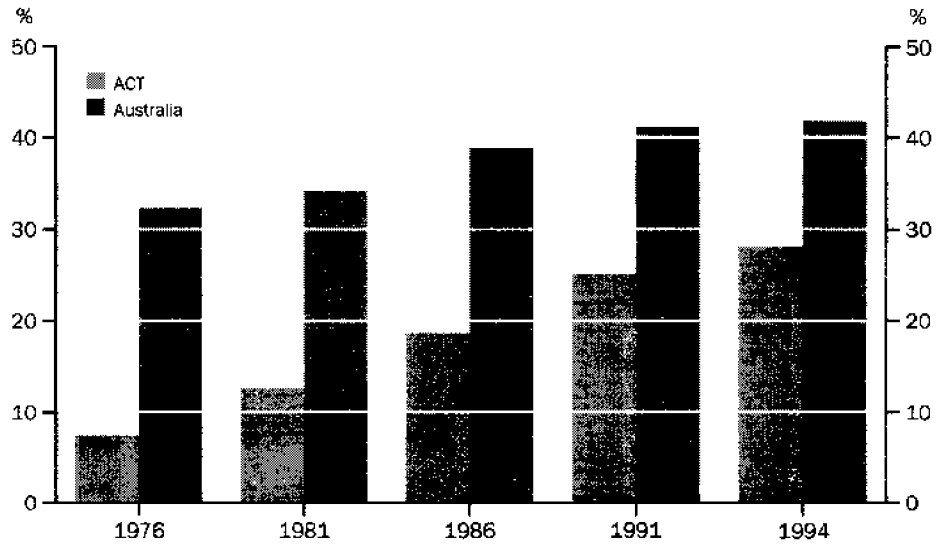
Nationally, the proportion of households which owned their home outright increased from 32% in 1976 to 42% in 1994. In the ACT this rose from 7% in 1976 to 28% in 1994. The proportion of Australian households which were still paying off their home decreased from 36% in 1976 to 28% in 1994. The ACT experienced a more substantial fall from 56% in 1976 to 36% in 1994. This was mainly the result of an increasing proportion of home purchasers who have paid off their mortgages.

The proportion of households which were renters in Australia increased slightly over the period, from 26% in 1976 to 28% in 1994. During the same period the ACT remained stable at 35%. The proportion of households renting privately in the ACT increased from 17% in 1976 to 22% in 1994. There was a corresponding fall in the number of households renting publicly-owned accommodation in the ACT, declining from 18% in 1976 to 13% in 1994. In 1994 the ACT (35%) had the second highest proportion, after the Northern Territory (53%), of households renting. Victoria (24%), recorded the lowest proportion of households renting in 1994.

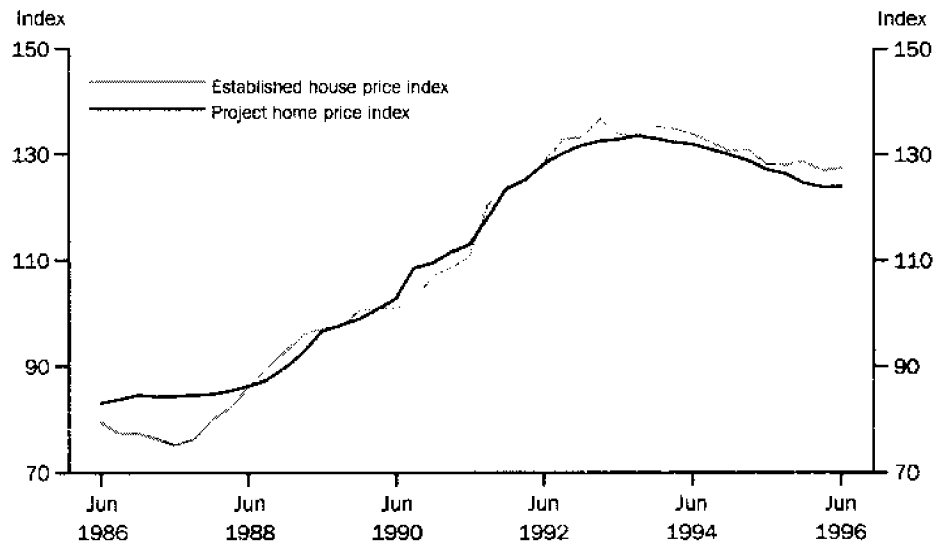
Established house prices in Canberra have fallen since 1993, as a result of reduced economic activity which in turn has affected population growth and hence demand for housing. From 1993 to 1996, median house prices for an established house in Canberra fell from \$158,300 to \$155,800 (down 1.6%). The only other Capital city to experience a decline was Adelaide with a fall from \$114,000 to \$108,800 (down 4.6%). Compared to Australia's seven Capital cities, Canberra's median house prices in 1996 was the third most expensive, with Sydney coming first (\$200,200) followed by Darwin (\$164,400). Hobart recorded the lowest median house price of \$108,000.

Housing costs as a percentage of average weekly household income remained relatively stable in Canberra over the 20 year period 1974-75 to 1993-94. In 1974-75, 10.4% of average weekly household income in Canberra was consumed on housing costs. By 1993-94 this had increased to 10.8%, placing Canberra the third lowest capital city in terms of housing costs as a percentage of average weekly household income, behind Adelaide (10.4%) and Hobart (10.6%). Darwin (13.4%) recorded the most expensive housing costs as a percentage of average weekly household income in 1993-94. Nationally the figure stood at 12.2%.

HOME OWNERSHIP, ACT AND AUSTRALIA



ESTABLISHED HOUSE AND PROJECT HOME PRICE INDEXES, CANBERRA



1**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, DECEMBER
QUARTER 1996/SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED
AGGREGATE CHANGE**

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Short-term		
Sept qtr 1995-Dec qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec qtr 1995-Mar qtr 1996	0.5	-0.2
Mar qtr 1996-June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3
June qtr 1996-Sept qtr 1996	0.4	1.6
Sept qtr 1996-Dec qtr 1996	-0.3	1.6
Medium-term		
Sept qtr 1995-Sept qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec qtr 1995-Dec qtr 1996	3.8	4.4
Mar qtr 1996-Mar qtr 1997	2.3	4.1
June qtr 1996-June qtr 1997	1.4	3.6
Sept qtr 1996-Sept qtr 1997	1.5	3.1

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Change from Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Change from Same period previous year
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, Mar qtr 96	'000	306.4	0.5	0.9	18 238.6	0.4	1.4
Natural increase	no.	740	-23.2	-12.3	34 715	12.9	-4.2
Net migration	no.	822	-188.7	-29.5	35 322	24.3	43.0
Total increase	no.	1 562	4 121.6	-22.3	70 037	18.4	15.0
LABOUR FORCE, Nov 96							
Original series							
Employed	'000	151.9	-0.8	-5.0	8 392.4	—	—
Unemployed	'000	12.7	-1.6	6.7	737.2	-3.6	0.1
Unemployment rate(a)	%	7.7	-0.1	0.8	8.1	-0.3	—
Participation rate(a)	%	70.4	-0.6	-3.9	63.2	-0.3	-0.6
Long-term unemployed (Oct 96)	no.	3 200	10.3	60.0	227 300	-4.3	-4.1
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (Oct 96)(a)	%	24.8	2.7	4.2	29.7	—	-2.4
Trend series							
Employed	'000	152.6	-0.5	-4.2	8 383.9	0.1	1.0
Unemployed	'000	14.3	—	18.2	797.2	0.3	4.3
Unemployment rate(a)	%	8.5	—	1.5	8.7	—	0.3
Participation rate(a)	%	71.3	-0.4	-2.8	63.6	—	-0.2
JOB VACANCIES, Aug 96	'000	0.5	150.0	66.7	55.3	26.0	5.3
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Aug 96							
Working days lost	'000	2.7	-65.4	—	119.2	-13.4	174.7
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended Aug 96)	no.	142.0	15.4	2 740.0	139.0	8.6	61.6
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION							
HOUSING FINANCE, Oct 96							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	8.4	15.1	13.5	556.2	12.5	12.9
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	5.3	-20.9	-45.9	211.2	1.9	14.2
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	44.9	2.0	6.9	2 457.1	9.0	10.0
Total housing commitments	\$m	77.0	-11.6	0.7	4 061.1	0.6	12.4
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	73.7	-18.4	-8.3	3 970.4	-4.0	6.7
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	870	0.9	2.1	41 317	1.7	8.7
Total housing commitments	\$m	85.2	0.6	2.5	4 080.3	1.7	11.9
BUILDING APPROVALS, Oct 96							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	100	-12.3	-45.1	11 817	18.0	15.4
Value of new residential	\$m	11.0	-15.4	-40.5	1 141.5	15.9	16.0
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	4.2	-6.7	-25.0	225.8	10.7	14.7
Value of non-residential	\$m	14.0	-71.4	-2.8	1 384.5	21.6	19.1
Value of total building	\$m	29.2	-56.1	-23.0	2 751.9	18.2	17.4
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	124	-4.6	-45.9	10 622	0.8	2.9
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, June qtr 96							
New houses	no.	342	57.6	5.9	20 975	9.9	-14.8
Value of houses commenced	\$m	35.9	46.5	-4.3	2 227.0	10.7	-10.5
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	147.9	126.5	145.7	2 647.0	-12.3	5.1
Value of total commencements	\$m	213.1	84.3	70.2	6 413.7	-2.3	-4.0
PRICE INDEXES							
Established house price index, Sept qtr 96	(1989-90=100.0)	127.2	-0.2	-0.6	114.0	0.4	1.2

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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							
(CPI, Sept qtr 96 1989-90=100.0)							
Food	(1989-90=100.0)	120.3	0.6	2.6	118.3	1.0	2.5
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	112.0	-0.4	0.6	106.1	-0.2	0.7
Transportation	(1989-90=100.0)	128.9	-0.8	1.7	123.4	-0.3	1.1
All groups	(1989-90=100.0)	121.4	—	1.9	120.1	0.3	2.1
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Aug 96							
Original series							
Males	\$	762.0	2.6	4.0	673.5	0.3	2.9
Females	\$	545.6	0.8	6.7	445.1	0.9	3.6
Total persons	\$	647.7	1.0	3.9	566.6	0.4	3.4
Trend series							
Males	\$	756.2	0.5	2.7	676.2	0.7	2.8
Females	\$	550.5	2.6	6.5	446.4	1.2	3.6
Total persons	\$	648.3	1.0	3.5	569.2	0.9	3.3
RETAIL TURNOVER, Oct 96							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	80.7	4.3	7.0	4 305.2	7.7	7.7
Department stores	\$m	23.4	15.3	0.9	963.2	15.5	4.6
Hospitality and services	\$m	31.9	4.9	5.6	1 738.0	5.5	-2.1
All other retailing	\$m	60.2	0.8	4.5	3 429.2	8.9	5.8
Total	\$m	196.2	4.5	5.3	10 435.6	8.4	5.1
Trend series							
Food retailing	'000	80.2	-0.4	7.8	4 215.7	0.4	5.5
Department stores	\$m	23.6	-0.8	-2.1	962.1	-0.5	—
Hospitality and services	\$m	30.6	0.3	8.1	1 689.2	-1.0	-3.5
All other retailing	%	60.2	—	4.2	3 359.6	-0.3	3.5
Total	'000	194.6	-0.2	5.4	10 226.6	-0.2	2.7
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, June qtr 96							
Original series							
Room nights	'000	215.9	8.9	3.2	8 788.8	-3.9	3.0
Takings at current prices	\$m	20.3	12.8	5.7	835.8	-4.3	10.5
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.7	12.1	1.8	697.0	-5.0	7.1
Room occupancy rate (June qtr 96)(a)	%	57.5	-6.0	-5.2	56.1	-2.9	—
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000	223.7	10.7	2.8	9 178.8	-0.2	3.0
Takings at current prices	\$m	20.7	15.0	5.1	888.4	1.8	10.6
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	17.1	14.8	2.4	740.9	1.1	7.1
Trend series							
Room nights	'000	214.7	2.8	-0.5	9 203.1	0.5	2.9
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.6	3.7	1.6	888.4	2.3	10.3
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.1	3.2	-1.8	739.9	1.6	6.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Oct 96							
Motor vehicles	no.	944	22.9	1.0	55 721	9.0	4.2
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	883	13.6	-6.0	51 182	-5.8	-1.8
Trend motor vehicles	no.	860	-3.4	-15.9	52 657	-1.3	3.3

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Change from	Latest figure	Previous period	Change from
				Same period previous year			Same period previous year
AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, June qtr 96(b)							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 183	7.1	2.4	107 516	2.5	4.3
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 630	8.2	5.3	122 332	3.2	6.5
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	3 073	6.9	0.1	109 714	7.7	3.5
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 410	5.4	4.1	76 344	3.6	6.2
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	192	9.1	7.3	20 256	16.2	3.5
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 164	0.2	4.0	109 367	0.7	4.2
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 604	1.4	6.9	124 235	1.4	6.8
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	3 004	-0.6	1.9	108 280	0.9	3.8
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 419	0.6	3.8	77 521	1.3	6.5
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	193	-2.5	2.1	19 524	1.5	2.3

(a) Change shown in terms of percentage points.

(b) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in *Australian National Accounts, State Accounts* (5242.0).

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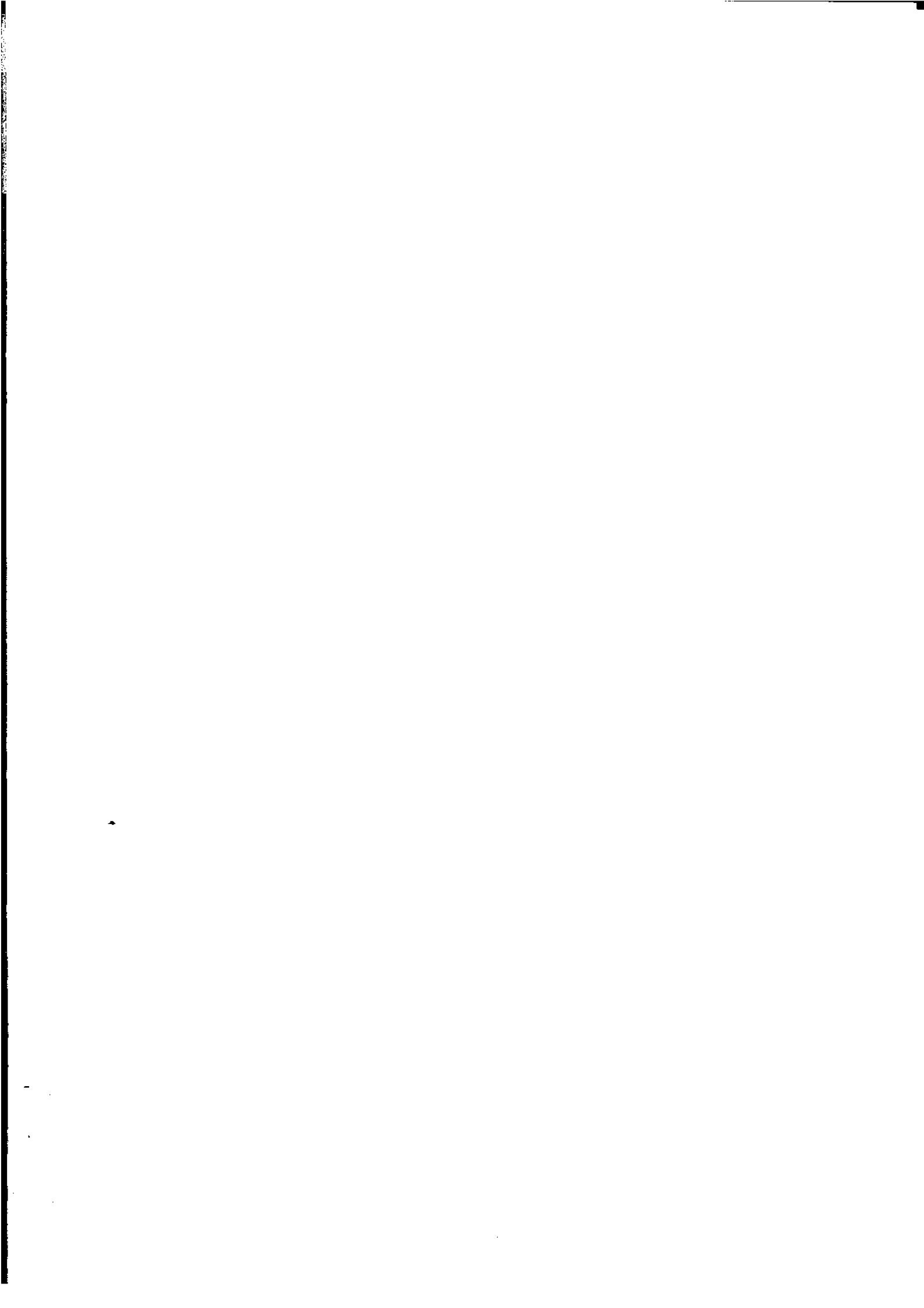
3 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION											
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons (trend)	'000	Mar Qtr 96p	6 173.0	4 533.3	3 339.0	1 477.7	1 755.5	473.2	177.5	306.4	18 238.6
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	Nov 96	7.8	9.5	9.6	9.6	7.6	10.4	4.5	8.5	8.7
STATE ACCOUNTS(a)											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	June Qtr 96	37 172	28 787	17 965	7 607	12 414	2 187	1 224	2 164	109 367
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	June Qtr 96	43 143	32 352	19 993	8 932	13 340	2 588	1 331	2 604	124 235
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved	no.	Oct 96	3 829	2 325	3 300	566	1 338	190	169	100	11 817
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	Oct 96	3 542	2 059	2 808	529	1 256	153	149	124	10 622
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	Oct 96	749.8	204.5	194.3	28.5	141.0	10.6	41.7	14.0	1 384.5
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	Oct 96	1 232.2	489.5	542.8	84.2	279.9	31.5	62.5	29.2	2 751.9
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	June qtr 96	1 435.8	650.8	792.3	225.7	856.2	66.2	47.7	39.9	4 114.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	Aug 96	713.4	664.8	629.1	636.0	691.7	635.3	678.2	780.7	677.9
RETAIL TRADE											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	Oct 96	3 690.4	2 339.2	1 873.3	759.8	1 014.7	242.7	111.9	194.6	10 226.6
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000	June qtr 96	3,148.7	1 509.1	2 421.4	527.9	828.9	260.3	292.1	214.7	9 203.1
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Trend	no.	Oct 96	18 092	12 900	10 054	3 206	5 763	1 238	544	860	52 657
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX											
Food	(1989-90=100.0)	Sept qtr 96	118.2	117.5	117.7	119.2	120.3	120.0	119.1	120.3	118.3
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	Sept qtr 96	110.4	99.6	112.4	103.5	101.0	107.4	121.7	112.0	106.1
Transportation	(1989-90=100.0)	Sept qtr 96	124.0	123.1	122.2	124.4	122.0	119.7	121.9	128.9	123.4
All Groups	(1989-90=100.0)	Sept qtr 96	120.2	119.6	120.6	122.2	118.3	121.1	121.6	121.4	120.1
Average retail prices (cents)											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Sept qtr 96	114	125	114	114	124	120	116	109	na
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	Sept qtr 96	195	192	193	154	184	167	194	182	na
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Sept qtr 96	1221	1107	1056	1123	1082	1074	1289	1048	na
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Sept qtr 96	307	352	342	369	346	397	383	322	na
Potatoes	1 kg	Sept qtr 96	86	94	90	67	120	78	109	83	na
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	Sept qtr 96	572	568	572	509	574	617	565	566	na
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Sept qtr 96	317	283	251	329	324	241	310	282	na
Private motoring petrol, leaded	1 litre	Sept qtr 96	72.8	73.6	66.4	73.6	74.6	76.2	79.4	76.2	na
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Sept qtr 96	70.7	71.5	62.2	71.3	72.5	74.1	77.4	74.0	na

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

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA — PERCENTAGE CHANGES

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Mar Qtr 96p	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.5	—	0.3	0.5	0.4
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	Nov 96	0.1	0.1	—	-0.1	—	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.1
Unemployment rate (trend)(a)	Nov 96	-0.1	0.2	—	—	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	—	—
STATE ACCOUNTS(b)										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	June Qtr 96	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.7	2.0	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.7
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	June Qtr 96	1.9	0.9	1.7	0.8	2.0	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.4
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	October 96	9.2	30.8	27.4	10.1	10.6	18.8	18.2	-12.3	18.0
Dwelling units approved (trend)	October 96	-1.0	1.0	1.0	3.9	2.6	-4.4	-2.6	-4.6	0.8
Value of non-residential building approved	October 96	60.1	16.9	-26.1	-51.8	53.4	2.9	88.7	-71.4	21.6
Value of all buildings approved	October 96	33.0	21.1	1.2	-25.6	27.7	24.0	68.5	-56.1	18.2
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction work done	June qtr 96	17.5	8.3	17.4	13.9	46.2	-15.3	13.0	33.9	19.9
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	August 96	1.4	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.0
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	October 96	-0.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	June qtr 96	—	0.8	0.6	1.4	1.2	-2.6	-0.5	2.8	0.5
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	October 96	-1.7	-0.2	-2.2	-2.6	0.3	-0.6	-3.7	-3.4	-1.3
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX										
Food	Sept qtr 96	0.4	1.8	-0.1	0.7	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.6	1.0
Housing	Sept qtr 96	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	—	-0.4	-0.2
Transportation	Sept qtr 96	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.7	-1.5	-0.1	2.2	-0.8	-0.3
All Groups	Sept qtr 96	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	—	0.3
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Sept qtr 96	0.9	3.3	—	0.9	3.3	—	0.9	2.8	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Sept qtr 96	0.5	10.3	1.6	9.2	2.2	9.9	2.1	-1.6	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	Sept qtr 96	-4.8	-0.8	-3.0	-3.9	-0.6	-8.8	1.4	-4.5	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Sept qtr 96	-7.0	1.1	10.0	6.0	4.5	6.7	0.3	6.6	n.a.
Potatoes	Sept qtr 96	3.6	-5.1	4.7	-4.3	6.2	1.3	-3.5	6.4	n.a.
→ Coffee, instant (jar)	Sept qtr 96	0.5	-0.2	-3.7	-3.6	0.5	-2.5	-5.5	-0.9	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Sept qtr 96	0.3	3.3	—	2.5	—	3.0	1.0	1.4	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	Sept qtr 96	-2.9	-0.7	0.2	-3.0	-2.4	-1.6	—	-3.2	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	Sept qtr 96	-3.2	-0.6	-3.0	-3.1	-2.4	-1.7	—	-3.3	n.a.



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