



*South Australia*  
AT A GLANCE  
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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

<b>AREA</b>	: 984,377 square kilometres
<b>COASTLINE</b>	: 3,700 kilometres
<b>CAPITAL CITY</b>	: Adelaide (population 1.1 million)
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	: Mean summer 22.3°C; mean winter 11.8°C
<b>EMBLEMS</b>	
Floral	: Sturt's Desert Pea
Faunal	: Hairy-nosed or Plains Wombat
Gemstone	: Opal
State colours	: Red, Blue and Gold

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>%</b>
Area	12.81
Population	7.99
Age pensioners	9.62
Unemployment	9.30
Labour force	7.84
Industrial disputes, days lost	2.37
Manufacturing	
Persons employed	9.42
Turnover	9.12
Merchandise imports	4.32
Merchandise exports	6.35
New motor vehicles registered	6.50
Total new dwellings commenced	4.52
Wheat, area for grain	13.69
Barley, area for grain	31.88
Vineyards	42.65
Wool receivals (taxable)	13.09
Gross value of agricultural commodities	10.62
Retail turnover	7.31

## Population

<b>ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION</b>		<b>1997p</b>	
At 30 June:	Males	731 900	
	Females	747 900	
	Persons	1 479 800	
<b>CENSUS OF POPULATION</b>		<b>1991</b>	<b>1996</b>
Distribution (proportion of population)			
	Adelaide Statistical Division	% 73.1	73.2
	Other statistical divisions	% 26.9	26.8
Age groups (proportion of population)			
	Under 15	% 21.2	20.7
	15-64	% 66.1	65.5
	65 and over	% 12.7	13.9
Private dwellings			
	Occupied	no. 515 720	555 834
	Unoccupied	no. 53 534	61 373

## DEMOGRAPHY

<b>VITAL STATISTICS</b>		<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Rate per 1,000 population			
Births	no.	13.1	12.9
Deaths	no.	7.6	7.8
Marriages	no.	5.8	5.4
Divorces	no.	2.8	2.9
Rate per 1,000 live births			
Infant deaths	no.	5.8	4.9
Causes of death per 10,000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	18.3	18.4
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	28.7	20.7
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	8.3	8.2
Expectation of life (Australian)			
Males	years	75.0	75.2
Females	years	80.9	81.1

<b>HEALTH</b>		<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Hospitals (excl. Cwllth and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	82	81
Private	no.	46	49
Beds available	no.	7 270	7 184
Separations	no.	436 450	445 744
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	4.9	4.3
Same day separations	no.	152 562	161 052
Nursing homes	no.	154	150
Beds	no.	6 877	6 877

## Social

<b>WELFARE SERVICES at 30 June</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Age pensions	no.	156 957	161 709
Disability support pensions	no.	45 994	48 886
Widow pensions	no.	4 594	3 168
Sole parent pensions	no.	29 008	30 026
Job Search and Newstart allowances	no.	73 004	71 607
Repatriation benefits			
Disability pensions	no.	28 989	28 736
Service pensions	no.	34 223	33 088

<b>LAW AND ORDER</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Police	no.	3 586	3 548
Prisoners received	no.	4 431	4 389

<b>EDUCATION</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Schools	no.	845	837
Teachers	no.	16 110	16 391
Pupils	no.	246 205	247 940

Students enrolled		<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
Universities	no.	46 231	47 919
Technical and Further Education(a)	no.	94 987	99 434

(a) Includes community education providers and from 1996 private educational providers both publicly funded.

## LABOUR

<b>LABOUR FORCE (August)</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Employed persons	'000	656.0	664.5
Unemployed persons	'000	67.9	69.9
Unemployment rate	%	9.4	9.3
<b>VACANCIES (August)</b>			
Job vacancies	'000	5.0	4.8
Job vacancy rate	%	1.1	0.9
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (August)</b>			
All males	\$	628.50	651.00
All females	\$	403.60	420.00
All employees	\$	523.60	542.50
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Number of disputes	no.	22	35
Working days lost	'000	33.0	16.3

## CONSTRUCTION

<b>BUILDING</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Approvals			
New houses	no.	5 109	5 604
New other residential buildings	no.	802	630
Total building	\$m	1 154.6	1 212.8
Completions			
New houses	no.	5 566	4 624
New other residential buildings	no.	952	650
Total building	\$m	1 183.0	1 175.0

## PRIMARY PRODUCTION

<b>AGRICULTURE</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97p</b>
Gross value of			
Wheat for grain	\$m	724.1	585.3
Wool	\$m	323.4	282.7
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	422.5	407.9
Total agriculture	\$m	3 202.6	2 893.6
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	2 724	2 847
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	1 851	2 043
Wool (taxable) receivals	'000 t	88	90
Area of		<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Establishments	'000 ha	56 101	56 901
Cereals for grain	'000 ha	2 436	2 669
Vegetables	'000 ha	12.6	13.6
Orchards	'000 ha	18.1	18.4
Vineyards	'000 ha	32.6	35.5
<b>LIVESTOCK AT 31 MARCH</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997p</b>
Cattle	'000	1 219	1 207
Sheep and lambs	'000	13 576	14 002
Pigs	'000	412	374

## PRIMARY PRODUCTION CONTINUED

<b>STATE FORESTS</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	76 633	78 088
Log production	m <sup>3</sup>	1 204 494	1 190 667
<b>FISHERIES</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Value of production	\$'000	226 523	247 225
Live weight	t	29 364	31 045
<b>MINING ESTABLISHMENTS</b> (excl. construction material etc., mining)		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97p</b>
Establishments	no.	14	17
Persons employed	no.	2 006	1 830
Wages and salaries	\$m	104	102
Value added	\$m	801	800
<b>MINERAL PRODUCTION</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Copper	\$m	261.9	223.9
Uranium oxide	\$m	74.2	64.6
Opal	\$m	40.5	39.9
Condensates	\$m	74.9	81.5
Crude oil	\$m	97.5	112.3

## SECONDARY PRODUCTION

<b>PRODUCTION</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Meat produced			
Beef and veal	t	90 100	85 880
Mutton and lamb	t	93 335	93 106
Pigmeat	t	31 695	29 853
Chicken	t	37 691	38 907
Wine produced	'000 L	330 863	304 364
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>		<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96p</b>
Persons employed	'000	87.4	85.2
Wages and salaries	\$m	2 706	2 684
Turnover	\$m	17 661	17 913

## TRADE

<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Motels and licensed hotels			
Establishments at 30 June	no.	352	349
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	10 865	10 842
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	161 136	164 227
Caravan parks			
Establishments at 30 June	no.	213	216
Sites at 30 June	no.	24 375	24 439
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	29 637	30 611
Holiday flats, units, houses			
Letting entities at 30 June	no.	89	86
Flats, units etc. at 30 June	no.	1 451	1 477
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	12 844	14 615
Visitor hostels			
Establishments at 30 June	no.	47	55
Bed spaces	no.	2 219	2 645

## TRADE CONTINUED

<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Retail turnover	\$m	9 593	9 456
Food retailing	\$m	3 787	4 065
Department stores	\$m	1 139	1 121
Hospitality and services	\$m	1 762	1 648
<b>PRICES, Adelaide</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Consumer Price Index			
All groups	1989-90 = 100.0	121.2	122.3
House price index			
Established house	1989-90 = 100.0	108.3	108.2
Project home	1989-90 = 100.0	112.8	108.3
Wholesale price index of building materials			
All groups			
House building	1989-90 = 100.0	118.2	120.6
Other than house	1989-90 = 100.0	112.7	114.1
Average retail prices (cents)		<b>Sept. 1996</b>	<b>Sept. 1997</b>
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	114	122
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	139	144
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	680 g	154	161
Eggs, 55 g	doz.	239	239
Tea	250 g	168	182
<b>MERCHANDISE TRADE</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Imports from			
Japan	\$m	710	867
Saudi Arabia	\$m	320	296
United States of America	\$m	439	456
Total imports	\$m	3 114	3 413
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	673	612
New Zealand	\$m	377	382
USA	\$m	280	708
Total exports	\$m	4 499	5 013
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	611	542
Wool, sheepskins	\$m	240	261
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	249	656
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	245	182
Wine	\$m	318	398

## COMMUNICATION

<b>COMMUNICATION(a)</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Post Offices, Agencies	no.	415	411
Postal articles posted	million	317.6	317.6

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

## TRANSPORT

<b>TRANSPORT</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
New motor vehicles registered	no.	44 579	44 661
Passengers, public transport	'000	45 633	44 877
Adelaide Airport passengers	'000	3,433	n.y.a.

## Public Finance

<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Outlays	\$m	5 690	6 386
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	3 682	3 715
Interest payments	\$m	1 303	1 172
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	810	796
Revenue and grants	\$m	6 180	6 229
Taxes, fees and fines	\$m	2 100	2 234
Interest received	\$m	453	362
Commonwealth grants	\$m	2 887	2 820
Deficit	\$m	-742	-170
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS</b>			
Gross State Product (GSP)			
GSP at market prices	\$m	35 457	36 023
Per head of mean population	\$	24 096	24 398
Percentage of Australian total	%	7.3	7.1
Principal components		<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
Household income	\$m	27 152	28 903
Household disposable income	\$m	22 614	23 910
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	21 655	22 916

## PRIVATE FINANCE

<b>BANKING</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Depositors' balances at 30 June	\$m	15 719	16 566
<b>SECURED HOUSING FINANCE</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Loans approved by			
Banks	\$m	2 721	2 512
Other	\$m	502	632
Total dwellings	no.	38 707	36 661
<b>OTHER</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
Lease finance commitments	\$m	265.7	232.0
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	6 516.3	6 092.4
Personal finance commitments	\$m	2 215.1	2 469.2
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1 873	2 577

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