

2003 SOUTH AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE



South Australia has an area of 984,377 square kilometres (12.8% of the total Australian land mass), and is the driest of the Australian States and Territories. Water supplies are supplemented with water piped from the River Murray, the only major river in the State.

The population at 30 June 2001 was 1,502,397, less than 8% of the total Australian population. Most South Australians (73%) live in Adelaide, the capital city. South Australians have the highest median age at death of all States and Territories.

The Gross State Product of South Australia is \$41.6b per annum, which is 6.5% of Australia’s Gross Domestic Product. The principal items produced are agricultural/horticultural products (including wine), and machinery. The State has 43% of Australia’s vineyard area, and 33% of the barley area.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA

	%
Area	12.8
Population	7.7
Persons aged 65 years and over	9.1
Unemployment—trend	7.5
Labour force—trend	7.4
Industrial disputes, days lost	1.2
Manufacturing	
Persons employed	9.9
Sales and service income	9.0
Merchandise imports	4.5
Merchandise exports	6.9
New motor vehicles registered	6.3
Total new dwellings commenced	5.7
Wheat, area for grain	15.2
Barley, area for grain	32.6
Vineyards	42.8
Wool receivals (taxable)	14.3
Gross value of agricultural commodities	9.9
Retail turnover	7.4



POPULATION

Estimated resident population		30 June 2001	30 June 2002
Males	no.	747 262	751 753
Females	no.	764 466	768 489
Persons	no.	1 511 728	1 520 242
Census of population		1996	2001
Distribution (proportion of population)			
Adelaide Statistical Division	%	73.2	73.1
Other Statistical Divisions	%	26.8	26.9
Age groups (proportion of population)			
Under 15 years	%	20.7	19.6
15–64 years	%	65.5	65.9
65 years and over	%	13.9	14.4
Private dwellings			
Occupied	no.	555 834	584 042
Unoccupied	no.	61 373	61 902

DEMOGRAPHY

Vital statistics		2000	2001
Rate per 1,000 population			
Births	no.	11.9	11.4
Deaths	no.	7.9	7.8
Marriages	no.	5.5	4.9
Divorces	no.	2.7	3.0
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	no.	4.6	4.6
Causes of death per 10,000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	17.0	17.0
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	21.3	21.8
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	7.5	7.3
Expectation of life			
Males	years	76.6	77.0
Females	years	82.3	82.5
Health(a)		2000–01	2001–02
Hospitals (excl. Cwlth and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	80	81
Private (incl. day surgery facilities)	no.	52	55
Beds available (excl. day surgery facilities)	no.	6 675	6 617
Admissions	no.	520 200	537 195
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	3.8	3.7
Same day admissions	no.	251 357	264 731

(a) Source: Department of Human Services.

SOCIAL

Welfare services at 30 June(a)		2001	2002
Age pensions	no.	169 463	170 648
Disability support pensions	no.	59 942	62 977
Parenting payment (single)	no.	34 312	35 079
Newstart and Mature Age allowances	no.	53 963	50 692

(a) Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

SOCIAL *continued*

Law and order(a)		2000–01	2001–02
Police	no.	3 808	3 908
Prisoners at 30 June	no.	1 389	1 461
Defendants initiated in Supreme and Intermediate Courts	no.	1 042	n.y.a.
Education		2001	2002
Schools	no.	811	810
Teachers (full-time equivalent)	no.	16 948	16 847
Pupils (full-time)	no.	249 496	248 611
Students enrolled			
Universities(b)	no.	51 491	53 947
Publicly-funded vocational education and training programs(c)	no.	144 000	n.y.a.
		2000–01	2001–02
Household expenditure on education services	\$m	705	764

(a) Source: South Australia Police.

(b) Source: Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

(c) Source: National Centre for Vocational and Educational Research.

LABOUR

Labour force (February—trend)		2002	2003
Employed persons	'000	633.2	707.1
Unemployed persons	'000	51.1	45.1
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	6.0
Vacancies (November)		2001	2002
Job vacancies	'000	6.6	5.2
Job vacancy rate	%	1.2	0.9
Average weekly earnings (November)		2001	2002
All males	\$	772.10	781.10
All females	\$	506.00	527.20
All employees	\$	641.40	662.40
Industrial disputes		2000–01	2001–02
Number of disputes	no.	33	42
Working days lost	'000	4.3	18.9

PRICES, Adelaide

		2000–01	2001–02
Consumer Price Index(a)			
All groups		133.5	137.2
House price index(a)			
Established house		131.1	150.1
Project home		141.9	148.2
Average retail prices (cents)		Dec 2001	Dec 2002
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	149	154
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	178	215
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	650 g	241	267
Eggs, 55 g	dozen	317	250
Coffee, instant	150 g	581	559

(a) Base year: 1989–90 = 100.0.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

		1999–2000	2000–01
Gross value of			
Wheat for grain	\$m	534.7	1 069.3
Wool	\$m	204.1	257.2
Grapes	\$m	471.8	752.4
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	504.3	601.6
Total agriculture	\$m	2 999.7	4 417.4
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	2 586	4 162
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	1 409	2 320
Wool (taxable) receivals	'000 t	92	90
Area of			
Establishments	'000 ha	59 901	57 264
Cereal crops	'000 ha	2 853	3 197
Vineyards	'000 ha	59.8	62.2
Livestock (at 30 June)		2000	2001
Cattle	'000	1 184	1 242
Sheep and lambs	'000	13 759	12 585
Pigs	'000	438	438
Meat produced		2000–01	2001–02
Beef and veal	t	82 839	85 719
Mutton and lamb	t	97 997	96 307
Pigmeat	t	36 679	47 843
Wild fisheries and aquaculture(a)			
Catch	t	31 762	35 200
Value	\$m	494.5	491.9
Wine produced	'000 L	552 081	588 697
State forests			
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	81 262	81 499

(a) Source: SA Research and Development Institute.

MINING

		1999–2000	2000–01
Persons employed (at 30 June)(a)	no.	3 000	2 634
Wages and salaries	\$m	184.1	178.4
Value of mineral production(b)		2000–01	2001–02
Copper	\$m	702.9	519.0
Uranium oxide	\$m	227.7	161.7
Opal (estimate)	\$m	38.3	35.5
Natural gas	\$m	426.5	365.3
Crude oil	\$m	170.2	104.4
LPG	\$m	159.6	103.3
Other condensates	\$m	128.2	96.0
Construction materials	\$m	77.7	90.3
Industrial materials	\$m	48.6	54.3
Total mineral value	\$m	2 151.6	1 696.8

(a) Excludes Services to mining.

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.

CONSTRUCTION

		2000–01	2001–02
Commenced			
New houses	no.	5 391	8 281
Other dwellings	no.	1 166	1 711
Residential building	\$m	940.5	1 433.6
Non-residential building	\$m	729.6	761.9
Engineering construction	\$m	1 239.1	1 628.5

MANUFACTURING

		2000–01	2001–02
Persons employed	'000	92.9	n.y.a.
Wages and salaries(a)	\$m	3 577	n.y.a.
Sales and service income	\$m	23 623	n.y.a.
(a) Includes provision for employee entitlements.			

RETAIL TRADE

		2000–01	2001–02
Retail turnover	\$m	11 436	12 311
Food retailing	\$m	4 750	5 108
Department stores	\$m	1 120	1 179
Hospitality and services	\$m	2 079	1 954

MERCHANDISE TRADE

		2000–01	2001–02
Imports from			
European Union	\$m	826	981
Japan	\$m	1 020	1 028
Middle East	\$m	904	727
United States of America	\$m	675	730
Total imports	\$m	5 045	5 347
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	963	938
New Zealand	\$m	481	569
United States of America	\$m	1 355	1 598
Total exports	\$m	8 287	9 103
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	1 020	913
Wool, sheepskins	\$m	236	257
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	1 399	1 614
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	263	316
Wine	\$m	1 082	1 358
Wheat	\$m	768	1 155

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		Jun qtr 2001	Jun qtr 2002
Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments		234	236
Number at 30 June			
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	10 596	10 955
Guest arrivals	'000	432.3	439.6
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	52 096	52 923

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more beds.

TRANSPORT

		2000–01	2001–02
New motor vehicle sales	no.	50 379	50 756
Metropolitan passenger journeys— bus, tram and train(a)	million	42.6	44.1

(a) Source: Passenger Transport Board.

PUBLIC FINANCE

State Non-financial Public Sector		2000–01	2001–02
Net debt	\$m	3 223	3 317

PRIVATE FINANCE

Secured housing finance

2000–01 2001–02

Loans approved for

Construction of dwellings	\$m	481	728
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	\$m	121	167
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	4 063	4 800
Total dwellings	no.	46 804	51 734

Other

Commercial finance commitments	\$m	6 774	8 607
Personal finance commitments	\$m	3 374	3 841
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	2 650	2 797

STATE ACCOUNTS

2000–01 2001–02

State Final Demand(a)	\$m	46 658	49 464
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	38 023	39 812
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	8 634	9 651
Gross State Product(a)	\$m	44 119	45 765
Per head of mean population	\$	29 201	30 136
Percentage of Australian total	%	6.6	6.6
Annual growth rate	%	3.3	3.7
Gross household disposable income (per head of mean population)	\$	21 271	21 961

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 2000–01.

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\$b	— billion (thousand million) dollars	no.	— number
excl.	— excluding	n.y.a.	— not yet available
g	— gram	qtr	— quarter
ha	— hectare	'000	— thousand
incl.	— including	\$'000	— thousand dollars
L	— litre	t	— tonne
\$m	— million dollars		

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