



# **2004 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 2003 was 1,527,421, 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 was \$47,347m in 2002–03, which was 6.4% of Australia’s Gross Domestic Product. The principal items produced are agricultural and horticultural products (including wine), and machinery. The state has 42% of Australia’s vineyard area, and 31% of the barley area. Mineral resources and aquaculture are also significant elements of the economy.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA**

	%
Area	12.8
Population	7.7
Persons aged 65 years and over	8.9
Unemployed persons—seasonally adjusted	8.6
Labour force—seasonally adjusted	7.4
Industrial disputes, days lost	3.5
Manufacturing sales and service income	9.4
Merchandise imports	4.3
Merchandise exports	7.2
New motor vehicles registered	6.6
New dwellings commenced	6.0
Wheat, area for grain	17.2
Barley, area for grain	31.0
Vineyards	42.3
Wool receivals (taxable)	12.9
Gross value of agricultural commodities	13.1
Retail turnover	7.5



POPULATION

Estimated resident population		June 2002	June 2003
Males	no.	751 311	755 870
Females	no.	767 385	771 551
Persons	no.	1 518 696	1 527 421
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		2001	2002
Rate per 1,000 population			
Births	no.	11.4	11.6
Deaths	no.	7.8	7.9
Marriages	no.	4.9	4.8
Divorces	no.	3.0	nya
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	no.	4.6	5.1
Causes of death per 10,000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	16.9	15.6
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	21.8	21.8
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	7.3	7.3
Expectation of life		1999–2001	2000–2002
Males	years	77.0	77.3
Females	years	82.5	82.6
Health(a)		2001–02	2002–03
Hospitals (excl. Cwltb and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	81	80
Private (incl. day surgery facilities)	no.	55	57
Beds available (excl. day surgery facilities)	no.	6 617	6 479
Admissions	no.	537 195	554 414
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	3.7	3.5
Same day admissions	no.	264 731	285 520
(a) Source: Department of Human Services.			

SOCIAL

Law and order(a)		2001–02	2002–03
Police	no.	3 908	3 928
Prisoners at 30 June	no.	1 461	nya
Defendants initiated in Supreme and Intermediate Courts	no.	1 139	nya
(a) Source: South Australia Police.			

## **SOCIAL** *continued*

<b>Education</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Schools	no.	811	810
Teachers (full-time equivalent)	no.	16 948	16 847
Pupils (full-time)	no.	249 496	248 611
Students enrolled			
Universities(a)	no.	53 946	57 213
Publicly-funded vocational education and training programs(b)	no.	128 700	127 700
		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Household expenditure on education services	\$m	772	821

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

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

## **LABOUR**

<b>Labour force (November—seasonally adjusted)</b>		<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Employed persons	'000	696.8	709.5
Unemployed persons	'000	45.6	49.0
Unemployment rate	%	6.1	6.5
<b>Vacancies (August)</b>		<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Job vacancies	'000	7.8	6.4
Job vacancy rate	%	1.3	1.1
<b>Average weekly earnings (August)</b>		<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
All males	\$	765.50	773.80
All females	\$	543.20	504.50
All employees	\$	661.80	643.20
<b>Industrial disputes</b>		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Number of disputes	no.	42	32
Working days lost	'000	18.9	8.6

## **INTERNET ACTIVITY**

		<b>Mar qtr 2002</b>	<b>Mar qtr 2003</b>
Internet service providers	no.	74	57
Subscribers	'000	294	347
Data downloaded by subscribers	mill. Mbs	125	193

## **PRICES, Adelaide**

		<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Consumer Price Index(a)			
All groups		137.2	142.7
House price index(a)			
Established house		150.1	182.6
Project home		148.2	155.9
<b>Average retail prices (cents)</b>		<b>June 2002</b>	<b>June 2003</b>
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	150	157
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	209	221
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	650 g	247	268
Eggs (600 g carton)	dozen	314	308
Coffee, instant	150 g	577	557

(a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING**

		2000–01	2001–02
Gross value of			
Wheat for grain	\$m	1 069.3	1 309.6
Wool	\$m	257.2	321.6
Grapes	\$m	752.4	693.5
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	601.6	833.4
Total agriculture	\$m	4 417.4	5 205.8
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	4 162	4 778
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	2 320	2 782
Area of			
Establishments	'000 ha	57 264	53 505
Cereal crops	'000 ha	3 197	3 355
Vineyards	'000 ha	62.2	67.0
Livestock (at 30 June)		2001	2002
Cattle	'000	1 242	1 381
Sheep and lambs	'000	12 585	13 043
Pigs	'000	438	410
Livestock products		2001–02	2002–03
Beef and veal	t	86 161	88 704
Mutton and lamb	t	94 726	91 006
Pigmeat	t	48 329	64 146
Wool (taxable) receivals	t	83 144	64 573
Wild fisheries and aquaculture(a)		2000–01	2001–02
Catch	t	31 762	35 200
Value	\$m	494.5	491.9
Wine produced	'000 L	552 081	588 697
State forests		2002	2003
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	81 499	82 166
(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)		2001–02	2002–03
Copper	\$m	519.0	476.6
Uranium oxide	\$m	161.7	153.4
Opal (estimate)	\$m	35.5	35.9
Natural gas	\$m	365.3	346.0
Crude oil	\$m	104.4	144.7
LPG	\$m	103.3	115.9
Other condensates	\$m	96.0	88.1
Construction materials	\$m	90.3	99.7
Industrial materials	\$m	54.3	52.4
Total resources value	\$m	1 696.8	1 685.1
(a) Excludes Services to mining.			
(b) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.			

**CONSTRUCTION**

		2001–02	2002–03
Commenced			
New houses	no.	8 281	8 234
Total dwelling units	no.	9 991	10 308
Value of work done			
Residential building	\$m	1 259.2	1 566.2
Non-residential building	\$m	778.2	890.9
Engineering construction	\$m	1 417.4	1 762.6

## MANUFACTURING

		1999–2000	2000–01
Persons employed	'000	90.2	92.9
Wages and salaries(a)	\$m	3 501	3 577
Sales and service income	\$m	23 960	23 623
(a) Includes provision for employee entitlements.			

## RETAIL TRADE

		2001–02	2002–03
Retail turnover	\$m	12 091	13 090
Food retailing	\$m	5 108	5 469
Household good retailing	\$m	1 543	1 614
Hospitality and services	\$m	1 954	2 197

## MERCHANDISE TRADE

		2001–02	2002–03
Imports from			
European Union	\$m	981	1 049
Japan	\$m	1 028	1 083
Middle East	\$m	727	846
United States of America	\$m	730	756
Total imports	\$m	5 347	5 724
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	938	932
New Zealand	\$m	569	627
United States of America	\$m	1 598	1 403
Total exports	\$m	9 103	8 365
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	913	867
Fish and crustaceans	\$m	475	449
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	1 614	1 413
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	316	317
Wine	\$m	1 358	1 455
Wheat	\$m	1 155	776

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		Dec qtr 2001	Dec qtr 2002
Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments			
Number at 31 December		232	238
Guest rooms at 31 December	no.	10 536	11 029
Guest arrivals	'000	473.2	504.2
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	55 817	64 898

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more beds.

## TRANSPORT

		2001–02	2002–03
New motor vehicle sales	no.	50 756	56 610
Metropolitan passenger journeys— bus, tram and train(a)	mill.	44.1	45.2
(a) Source: Passenger Transport Board.			

## PUBLIC FINANCE

State Non-financial Public Sector		2001–02	2002–03
Net debt	\$m	3 317	2 696

PRIVATE FINANCE

Secured housing finance		2001-02	2002-03
Loans approved for			
Construction of dwellings	\$m	728	734
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	\$m	167	203
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	4 800	5 592
Total dwellings	no.	51 734	53 304
Other			
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	8 607	11 070
Personal finance commitments	\$m	3 841	4 697
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	3 113	4 015

STATE ACCOUNTS

		2001-02	2002-03
State Final Demand(a)	\$m	50 088	54 034
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	40 417	42 226
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	9 671	11 808
Gross State Product(a)	\$m	47 307	47 347
Per head of mean population	\$	31 411	31 270
Percentage of Australian total	%	6.6	6.4
Annual growth rate	%	3.4	0.1
Gross household disposable income (per head of mean population)	\$	22 625	22 394
(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 2001-02.			

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 2002 refer to the year ended 31 December 2002; those shown as, for example, 2002-03 refer to the year ended June 2003. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

\$m	— million dollars	incl.	— including
'000	— thousand	L	— litre
\$'000	— thousand dollars	mill.	— million
excl.	— excluding	no.	— number
g	— gram	nya	— not yet available
ha	— hectare	qtr	— quarter
Mbs	— Megabytes	t	— tonne

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