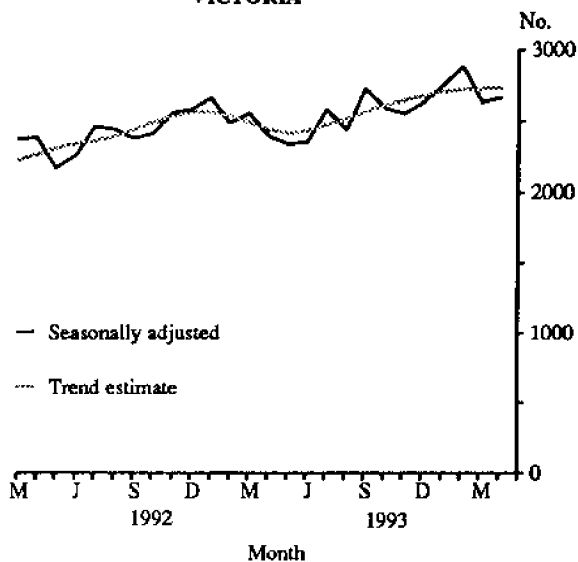


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**ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA,
MAY 1994**

MAIN FEATURES

**NUMBER OF NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
VICTORIA**

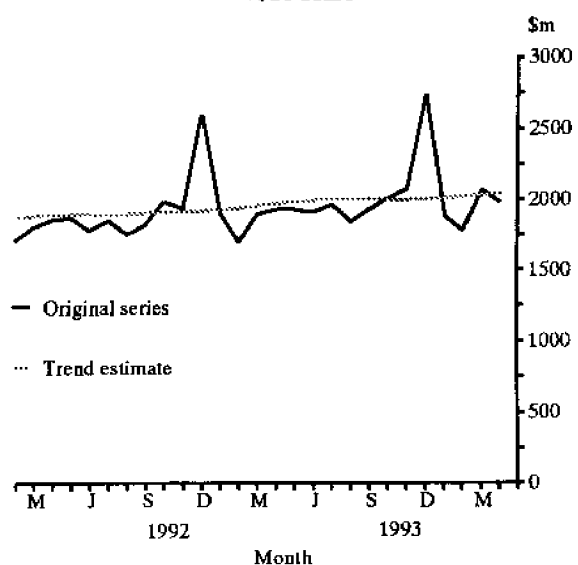


New dwelling units approved

Trend estimates of the number of dwelling units approved in Victoria in April 1994 showed a 0.3 per cent increase over March 1994 and a 12.1 per cent increase compared with April 1993.

After twenty consecutive monthly increases (peaking in January 1993), the trend estimate decreased over the four months to May 1993 before increasing steadily again to April 1994.

**TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
VICTORIA**



Retail trade

Trend estimates (at current prices) for Victorian retail trade turnover increased by 0.6 per cent in April 1994 over March 1994 and by 0.8 per cent compared with April 1993.

The increase in the trend estimate has remained constant at 0.6 per cent for February, March and April 1994.

Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months data become available.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA (a)

| Indicator | Reference period | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | Aust. (b) | Victoria |
|---|-----------------------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | as a percentage of |
| | | | | | | | | | Australia |
| Employed persons | '000 Apr 94 | 2,630.5 | 1,960.4 | 1,403.5 | 636.4 | 787.0 | 194.0 | 7,835.5 | 25.0 |
| *Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | |
| - trend series | per cent Apr 94 | 9.1 | 11.4 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 10.2 | .. |
| Average weekly total earnings | | | | | | | | | |
| - all employees (c) | \$ Feb qr 94 | 543.80 | 533.90 | 502.90 | 512.80 | 506.40 | 506.70 | 624.30 | .. |
| Consumer price index, all groups (c) | 1989-90=100 Mar qr 94 | 109.1 | 111.2 | 110.8 | 113.6 | 108.6 | 111.9 | 110.4 | .. |
| *New dwelling units approved | no. Apr 94 | 3,808 | 2,422 | 4,021 | 847 | 2,094 | 279 | 13,856 | 17.5 |
| Value of all buildings approved | \$m Apr 94 | 700.3 | 444.4 | 403.4 | 108.6 | 220.9 | 35.0 | 2,013.4 | 22.1 |
| Engineering construction | | | | | | | | | |
| - commenced, total | \$m Dec 93 | 819.2 | 456.9 | 604.7 | 176.8 | 307.3 | 35.3 | 2,518.1 | 18.1 |
| - yet to be done, total | \$m Dec 93 | 1,677.6 | 878.4 | 991.6 | 174.8 | 434.9 | 80.6 | 4,348.1 | 20.2 |
| Housing finance for owner occupation | \$m Mar 94 | 1,895.2 | 1,036.2 | 1,077.7 | 405.3 | 703.7 | 85.4 | 5,384.7 | 19.2 |
| Retail turnover - trend estimates | \$m Apr 94 | 3,000.4 | 2,041.7 | 1,529.1 | 647.3 | 874.3 | 212.6 | 8,587.1 | 23.8 |
| New motor vehicle registrations | | | | | | | | | |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. Mar 94 | 15,876 | 11,477 | 7,774 | 3,221 | 5,003 | 900.0 | 45,755 | 23.5 |
| Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities | \$'000 Dec qr 93 | 243,561 | 110,502 | 203,370 | 38,096 | 57,593 | 18,661 | 709,542 | 15.6 |
| Exports (excluding re-exports) | \$m Mar 94 | 1,284.8 | 1,068.0 | 854.3 | 364.9 | 1,438.8 | 136.3 | 5,331.2 | 20.0 |
| Imports | \$m Mar 94 | 2,588.8 | 1,890.0 | 647.5 | 251.5 | 433.5 | 24.6 | 5,855.0 | 32.3 |
| *Industrial disputes (12 months ended Feb 94) | | | | | | | | | |
| - working days lost per '000 employees | no. Feb 94 | 98 | 165 | 131 | 49 | 55 | 29 | 110 | .. |
| Electricity production | million kWh Jan 94 | 4,710 | 2,740 | 2,753 | 906.0 | 1,364 | 698 | 13,171 | 20.8 |
| *Actual private new capital expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| - seasonally adjusted | \$m Dec qr 1993 | 1,940 | 1,846 | 823 | 304 | 1,710 | 75 | 6,759 | 27.3 |

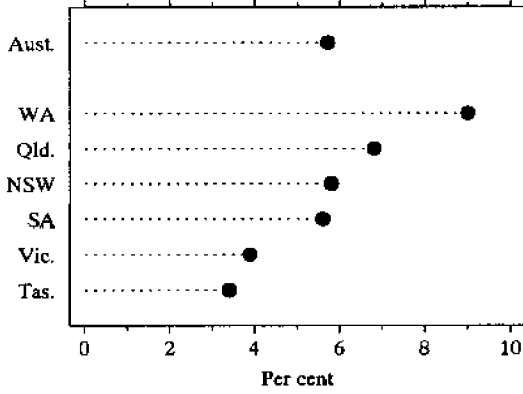
CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR (PER CENT)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| *Employed persons | '000 Apr 94 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 3.1 | .. |
| Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | |
| - trend series | per cent Apr 94 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Average weekly total earnings | | | | | | | | | |
| - all employees (c) | \$ Feb qr 94 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 7.4 | -0.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | .. |
| Consumer price index, all groups (c) | 1989-90=100 Mar qr 94 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.4 | .. |
| New dwelling units approved | no. Apr 94 | -0.5 | 5.3 | -8.1 | -15.3 | 19.2 | -18.9 | -2.1 | .. |
| Value of all buildings approved | \$m Apr 94 | 2.0 | 41.6 | -9.2 | -8.1 | -17.6 | -5.1 | 2.8 | .. |
| Engineering construction | | | | | | | | | |
| - commenced, total | \$m Dec 93 | 12.7 | -11.6 | 21.6 | 0.3 | -21.8 | -19.8 | 3.6 | .. |
| - yet to be done, total | \$m Dec 93 | -5.3 | -0.5 | 0.6 | -14.6 | -12.9 | -45.6 | -5.3 | .. |
| Housing finance for owner occupation | \$m Mar 94 | 34.2 | 28.2 | 39.1 | 58.6 | 56.0 | 41.4 | 37.8 | .. |
| *Retail turnover - trend estimates | \$m Apr 94 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 5.7 | .. |
| New motor vehicle registrations | | | | | | | | | |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. Mar 94 | -1.2 | 14.4 | -12.4 | 5.9 | 10.3 | -13.1 | 1.7 | .. |
| Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities | \$'000 Dec qr 93 | 9.4 | 3.8 | 15.2 | 5.6 | 10.8 | 9.4 | 10.0 | .. |
| Exports (excluding re-exports) | \$m Mar 94 | 13.4 | 14.8 | -6.3 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 22.7 | 9.8 | .. |
| Imports | \$m Mar 94 | 9.9 | 12.9 | 22.8 | -4.7 | -37.2 | 7.0 | 5.2 | .. |
| Industrial disputes (12 months ended Feb 94) | | | | | | | | | |
| - working days lost per '000 employees | no. Feb 94 | 10.1 | -55.5 | 72.4 | 75.0 | -38.9 | -89.6 | -30.8 | .. |
| Electricity production | million kWh Jan 94 | -6.0 | -8.9 | 7.7 | 22.8 | 3.6 | 6.4 | -0.9 | .. |
| Actual private new capital expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| - seasonally adjusted | \$m Dec qr 1993 | -19.5 | 30.3 | -20.4 | -27.3 | 26.8 | -39.5 | -1.5 | .. |

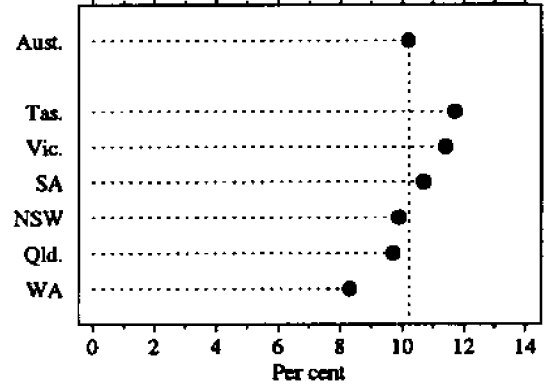
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VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA

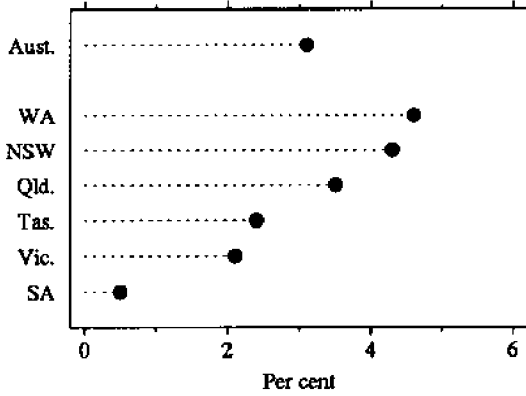
RETAIL TURNOVER
Trend estimates
Change over same period previous year
April 1994



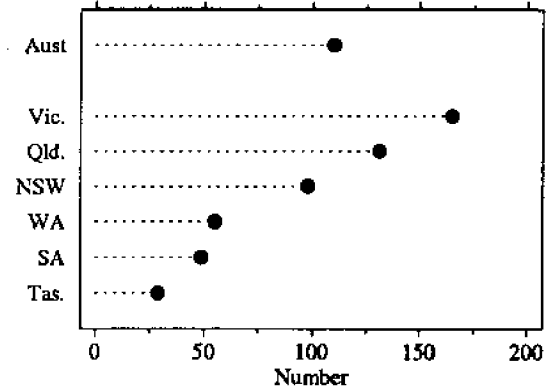
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Trend series
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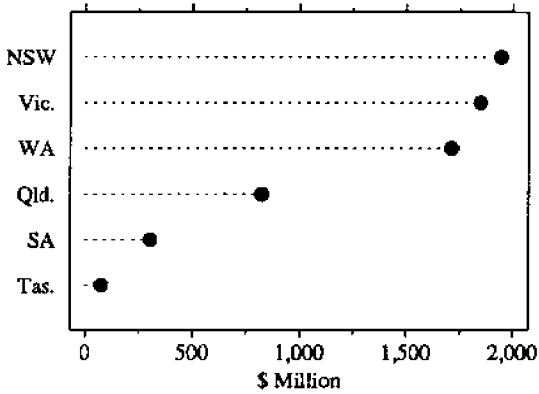
EMPLOYED PERSONS
Change over same period previous year
April 1994



INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Working days lost per '000 employees
For the twelve months ended February 1994



PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Seasonally adjusted
December 1993



NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED
April 1994

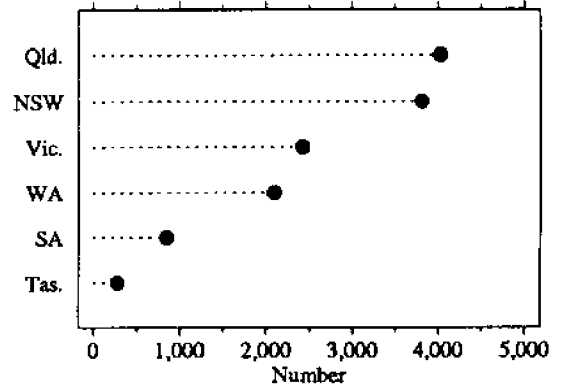


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| Indicator | | Reference period | Victoria | | | | Australia | | Victoria as a % of Australia | Source index (a) |
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| | | | Figures | | % Change | | Figures | % Change | | |
| | | | Latest period | Preceding period | Over preceding period | Over same period previous year | Latest period | Over preceding period | | |
| Population - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population | '000 | Sep 93 | 4,463.7 | 4,462.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 17,712.7 | 0.3 | 25.2 | 1 |
| Civilian population aged 15 years and over | '000 | Apr 94 | 3,521.9 | 4,729.2 | -25.5 | -0.3 | 13,902.2 | 0.1 | 25.3 | 2 |
| Labour force - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour force | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | '000 | Apr 94 | 2,207.6 | 2,228.1 | -0.9 | 0.7 | 8,718.7 | -0.8 | 25.3 | 2 |
| - seasonally adjusted | '000 | Apr 94 | 2,213.6 | 2,218.9 | -0.2 | 1.7 | 8,707.7 | -0.2 | 25.4 | 2 |
| - trend estimate | '000 | Apr 94 | 2,206.8 | 2,204.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 8,723.3 | 0.0 | 25.3 | 2 |
| Participation rate- seasonally adjusted | per cent | Apr 94 | 62.9 | 63.0 | .. | .. | 62.6 | .. | .. | 2 |
| *Unemployment rate | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | per cent | Apr 94 | 11.2 | 12.2 | .. | .. | 10.1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| - seasonally adjusted | per cent | Apr 94 | 11.2 | 11.7 | .. | .. | 10.1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| - trend estimate | per cent | Apr 94 | 11.4 | 11.5 | .. | .. | 10.2 | .. | .. | 2 |
| Employed persons by industry (e) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc (b) | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 100.0 | 103.6 | -3.5 | 0.5 | 485.5 | -6.3 | 20.6 | 13, 14 |
| Manufacturing | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 340.2 | 346.6 | -1.8 | -2.3 | 1110.6 | -1.0 | 30.6 | 13, 14 |
| Construction | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 119.1 | 118.8 | 0.3 | -2.2 | 557.9 | -0.1 | 21.3 | 13, 14 |
| Wholesale and retail | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 409.5 | 431.6 | -5.1 | -0.1 | 1624.4 | -1.2 | 25.2 | 13, 14 |
| Transport and storage | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 94.6 | 86.3 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 381.1 | 2.1 | 24.8 | 13, 14 |
| Finance, property and business services | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 239.0 | 227.6 | 5.0 | 9.7 | 914.3 | 3.7 | 26.1 | 13, 14 |
| Community services (c) | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 345.2 | 357.7 | -3.5 | 0.4 | 1453.1 | -3.2 | 23.8 | 13, 14 |
| Recreational, personal and other services | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 137.9 | 145.1 | -5.0 | -2.8 | 638.7 | -0.2 | 21.6 | 13, 14 |
| Other industries (d) | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 140.9 | 150.3 | -6.3 | -4.5 | 586.5 | -1.1 | 24.0 | 13, 14 |
| Total all industries | '000 | Feb qr 94 | 1,926.4 | 1,967.6 | -2.1 | 0.4 | 7,752.1 | -1.0 | 24.9 | 13, 14 |
| Job vacancies (e) - original series | '000 | Feb 94 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 14.1 | 54.8 | 45.9 | 20.2 | 24.6 | 3 |
| Overtime (e) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly hours per employee | hours | Feb 94 | 1.31 | 1.46 | -10.3 | 15.9 | 1.22 | -6.2 | .. | 3 |
| Employees working overtime | per cent | Feb 94 | 17.23 | 17.45 | -1.3 | 11.4 | 16.80 | -2.1 | .. | 3 |
| Average weekly employee earnings (e) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult- total | \$ | Feb qr 94 | 638.20 | 638.20 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 648.90 | 1.0 | .. | 4 |
| All employees - total | \$ | Feb qr 94 | 533.90 | 527.00 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 624.30 | 1.4 | .. | |
| Award rates of pay | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult employees | June 85=100 | Mar 94 | 142.2 | 142.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 141.2 | 0.2 | .. | 5 |
| Industrial disputes (12 months ended Feb 94) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Working days lost per '000 employees | no. | Feb 94 | 165 | 170 | -2.9 | -55.5 | 110 | 1.9 | .. | 6 |
| *Consumer price index (e) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All groups | 1989-90=100 | Mar qr 94 | 111.2 | 110.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 110.4 | 0.4 | .. | 7 |
| *Retail trade establishments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value of turnover | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | \$m | Apr 94 | 1,977.3 | 2,070.7 | -4.5 | 2.5 | 8,156.9 | -5.3 | 24.2 | 8 |
| - trend estimate | \$m | Apr 94 | 2,041.7 | 2,030.5 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 8,587.1 | 0.3 | 23.8 | 8 |
| - seasonally adjusted (1989-90 prices) | \$m | Mar qr 94 | 5,440.8 | 5,372.9 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 22,886.6 | 1.8 | 23.8 | 8 |
| *Overseas trade - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports | \$m | Mar 94 | 1,890.0 | 1,501.9 | 25.8 | 12.9 | 5,855.0 | 32.9 | 32.3 | 9 |
| Exports (exclude re-exports) | \$m | Mar 94 | 1068.0 | 940.5 | 13.6 | 14.8 | 5,331.2 | 15.5 | 20.0 | 10 |
| Tourism - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caravan parks - takings | '000 | Dec qr 93 | 19,096 | 15,301 | 24.8 | 5.1 | 108,504 | 4.0 | 17.6 | 23 |
| Licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Takings | '000 | Dec qr 93 | 110,502 | 100,636 | 9.8 | 3.8 | 709,542 | 5.6 | 15.6 | 23 |
| - Room occupancy rate | per cent | Dec qr 93 | 47.6 | 43.2 | .. | .. | 55.5 | .. | .. | 23 |

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| | | | Latest period | Preceding period | preceding period | Over same period previous year | Latest period | preceding period | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| *New motor vehicle registrations - | | | | | | | | | | |
| New motor vehicle registrations | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | no. | Mar 94 | 12,713 | 10,700 | 18.8 | 14.2 | 52,687 | 14.7 | 24.1 | 11 |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. | Mar 94 | 11,477 | 11,449 | 0.2 | 14.4 | 45,755 | -9.4 | 25.1 | 11 |
| - trend estimate | no. | Mar 94 | 11,622 | 11,435 | 1.6 | 12.9 | 48,713 | 1.2 | 23.9 | 11 |
| Cars and station wagons | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | no. | Mar 94 | 10,861 | 9,289 | 16.9 | 12.6 | 43,695 | 12.4 | 24.9 | 11, 12 |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. | Mar 94 | 9,785 | 9,919 | -1.4 | 12.4 | 37,921 | -11.3 | 25.8 | 11, 12 |
| Other motor vehicles (excludes motor cycles) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | no. | Mar 94 | 1,852 | 1,411 | 31.3 | 24.6 | 8,992 | 26.9 | 20.6 | 11, 12 |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. | Mar 94 | 1,692 | 1,530 | 10.6 | 27.4 | 7,835 | 1.1 | 21.6 | 11, 12 |
| Manufacturing - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Actual private new capital expenditure | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 738 | 618 | 19.4 | 36.7 | 1,987 | 11.2 | 37.1 | 15, 16 |
| Production - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whole milk | million litres | Jan 94 | 538 | 587 | -8.3 | 15.5 | 819 | -7.0 | 65.7 | 17, 18 |
| Butter | tonnes | Dec 93 | 15,679 | 16,188 | -3.1 | 2.8 | 17,925 | -2.9 | 87.5 | 19 |
| Cheese (incl. cheddar and non-cheddar) | tonnes | Dec 93 | 14,486 | 14,789 | -2.0 | 7.0 | 24,296 | -2.9 | 59.6 | 19 |
| Yarns | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Cotton | tonnes | Feb 94 | 1,363 | 608 | 124.2 | 35.6 | 2,549 | 61.0 | 53.5 | 17, 18 |
| - Woollen | tonnes | Jan 94 | 931 | 1,165 | -20.1 | 41.5 | 1,113 | -21.7 | 83.6 | 17, 18 |
| Woven fabric | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Cotton | '000 sq m | Feb 94 | 1,777 | 577 | 208.0 | 10.1 | 4,180 | 158.2 | 42.5 | 17, 18 |
| - Woollen (includes worsted wool) | '000 sq m | Feb 94 | 428 | 226 | 89.4 | 0.2 | 725 | 96.5 | 59.0 | 17, 18 |
| - Man-made fibres | '000 sq m | Feb 94 | 6,441 | 3,195 | 101.6 | 3.4 | 15,986 | 62.8 | 40.3 | 17, 18 |
| Textile floor coverings | '000 sq m | Feb 94 | 3,219 | 2,146 | 50.0 | 17.9 | 4,149 | 65.1 | 77.6 | 17, 18 |
| Clay bricks | million | Feb 94 | 24 | 11 | 118.2 | 0.0 | 150 | 53.1 | 16.0 | 17, 18 |
| Ready mixed concrete | '000 cu m | Feb 94 | 235 | 181 | 29.8 | 0.4 | 1,202 | 23.7 | 19.6 | 20 |
| Paints and other surface coatings | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Architectural and decorative paints | '000 litres | Nov 93 | 1,675 | 1,882 | -11.0 | 8.1 | 10,082 | -4.8 | 16.6 | 21 |
| Electricity - production | million kWh | Jan 94 | 2,740 | 3,224 | -15.0 | -8.9 | 13,171 | -2.1 | 20.8 | 22 |
| Gas - available for issue through mains | million Mj | Feb 94 | 11,230 | 8,456 | 32.8 | 7.8 | 40,478 | 1.3 | 27.7 | 22 |
| *Actual private new capital expenditure - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building and structures - original series | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment, plant and machinery | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 448 | 396 | 13.1 | 17.3 | 2,234 | 26.6 | 20.1 | 15 |
| - original series | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,511 | 1,298 | 16.4 | 34.3 | 5,043 | 9.7 | 30.0 | 15 |
| Total new capital expenditure | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,960 | 1,695 | 15.6 | 30.1 | 7,277 | 14.4 | 26.9 | 15 |
| - seasonally adjusted | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,846 | 1,675 | 10.2 | 30.3 | 6,759 | 4.1 | 27.3 | 15 |
| *Housing finance for owner occupation - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secured loans to individuals by type of lender | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Banks | | | | | | | | | | |
| - number of dwelling units financed | no. | Mar 94 | 12,696 | 11,168 | 13.7 | 32.5 | 54,233 | 18.3 | 23.4 | 24 |
| - value of loans secured | \$m | Mar 94 | 1014.4 | 857.9 | 18.2 | 31.8 | 4,993.1 | 21.7 | 20.3 | 24 |
| Total number of dwelling units financed | no. | Mar 94 | 13,023 | 11,779 | 10.6 | 29.0 | 58,803 | 17.6 | 22.1 | 24 |
| Total value of loans secured (f) | \$m | Mar 94 | 1036.2 | 905.6 | 14.4 | 28.2 | 5,384.7 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 24 |
| Loan purpose (g) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Established dwellings | \$m | Mar 94 | 781.0 | 676.5 | 15.4 | 25.3 | 3,932.1 | 20.7 | 19.9 | 24 |
| - Construction of dwellings | \$m | Mar 94 | 147.0 | 133.1 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 863.9 | 21.3 | 17.0 | 24 |
| - Newly erected dwellings | \$m | Mar 94 | 39.3 | 37.2 | 5.6 | 62.4 | 402.1 | 72.9 | 9.8 | 24 |
| Finance - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal finance commitments - total | \$m | Mar 94 | 552.7 | 435.9 | 26.8 | 40.2 | 2,492.1 | 18.6 | 22.2 | 30 |
| Commercial finance commitments - total | \$m | Mar 94 | 2,553.0 | 1,417.5 | 80.1 | 44.8 | 9,497.0 | 51.3 | 26.9 | 31 |
| Lease finance commitments - total | \$m | Mar 94 | 112.4 | 91.3 | 23.1 | 37.1 | 543.0 | 33.7 | 20.7 | 32 |

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| Indicator | Reference period | Victoria | | | | Australia | | | | Source index (a) |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Figures | | % Change | | Figures | | % Change | | |
| | | Latest period | Preceding period | Over preceding period | Over same period previous year | Latest period | Preceding period | Over preceding period | Victoria as a % of Australia | |
| Building Approvals - | | | | | | | | | | |
| *New residential dwelling units | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | no. | Apr 94 | 2,422 | 2,905 | -16.6 | 5.3 | 13,856 | -16.1 | 17.5 | 25, 26 |
| - seasonally adjusted | no. | Apr 94 | 2,667 | 2,636 | 1.2 | 11.4 | 15,297 | 2.5 | 17.4 | 25, 26 |
| - trend estimate | no. | Apr 94 | 2,733 | 2,726 | 0.3 | 12.1 | 15,264 | -0.2 | 17.9 | 25, 26 |
| Value of non-residential buildings | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | \$m | Apr 94 | 178.9 | 165.3 | 8.2 | 132.0 | 642.0 | 7.6 | 27.9 | 26.0 |
| Value of all buildings (f) | | | | | | | | | | |
| - original series | \$m | Apr 94 | 444.4 | 476.8 | -6.8 | 41.6 | 2013.4 | -11.0 | 22.1 | 26.0 |
| Building commencements - | | | | | | | | | | |
| New residential dwelling units, monthly | no. | Jan 94 | 2185.0 | 2,498 | -12.5 | 5.8 | | n.a. | .. | 27.0 |
| New residential dwelling units, quarterly | no. | Dec qr 1993 | 8308.0 | 7,487 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 44469.0 | -3.2 | 18.7 | 28.0 |
| Building Activity - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value of total building activity | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Commenced | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,405.8 | 1,269.5 | 10.7 | 20.6 | 6,573.2 | 4.3 | 21.4 | 28 |
| - Done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,332.0 | 1,286.7 | 3.5 | -0.4 | 6,709.5 | 3.7 | 19.9 | 28 |
| - Yet to be done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 1,364.4 | 1,273.2 | 7.2 | -2.7 | 7,944.6 | -0.3 | 17.2 | 28 |
| Engineering construction - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value of work by private sector | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Commenced | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 226.8 | 215.9 | 5.0 | -3.9 | 1,477.4 | -2.1 | 15.4 | 29 |
| - Done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 274.5 | 295.3 | -7.0 | 31.7 | 1,697.9 | 0.1 | 16.2 | 29 |
| - Yet to be done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 577.0 | 623.5 | -7.5 | 1.4 | 2,444.8 | -5.2 | 23.6 | 29 |
| Value of work by public sector | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Commenced | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 230.1 | 273.2 | -15.8 | -16.0 | 1,040.7 | -47.6 | 22.1 | 29 |
| - Done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 230.7 | 198.6 | 16.2 | -21.0 | 1,303.7 | 11.6 | 17.7 | 29 |
| - Yet to be done | \$m | Dec qr 1993 | 301.4 | 302.9 | -0.5 | 2.3 | 1,903.3 | -12.6 | 15.8 | 29 |

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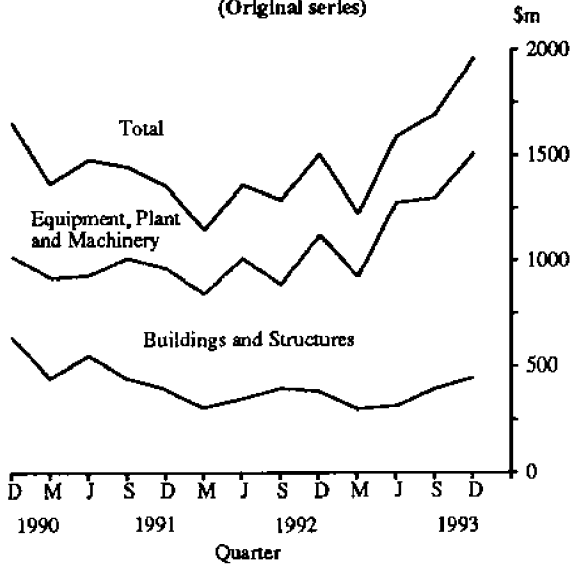
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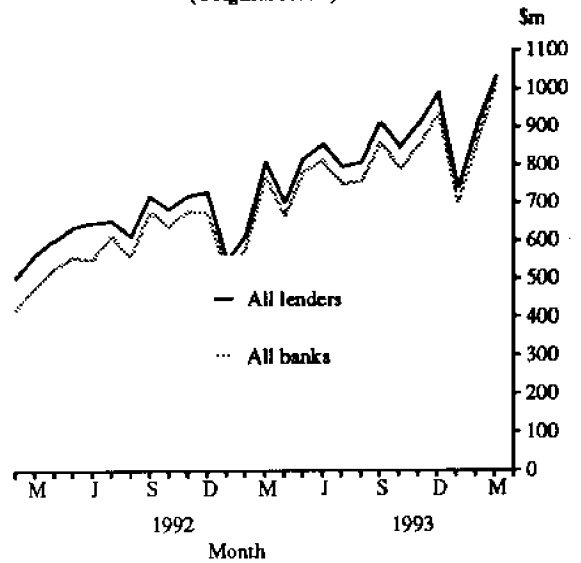
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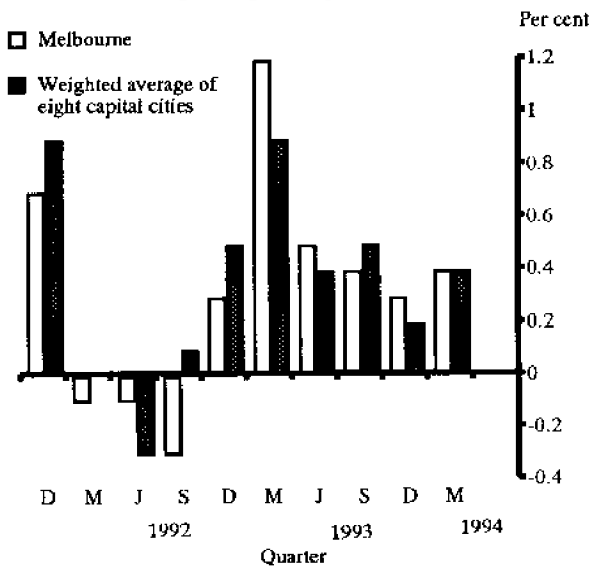
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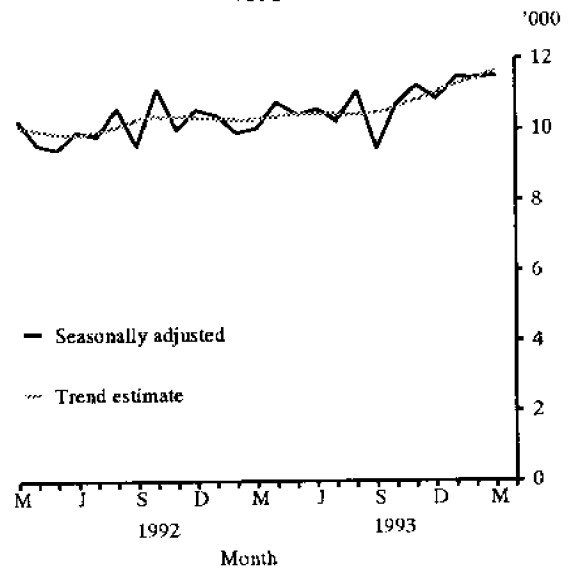
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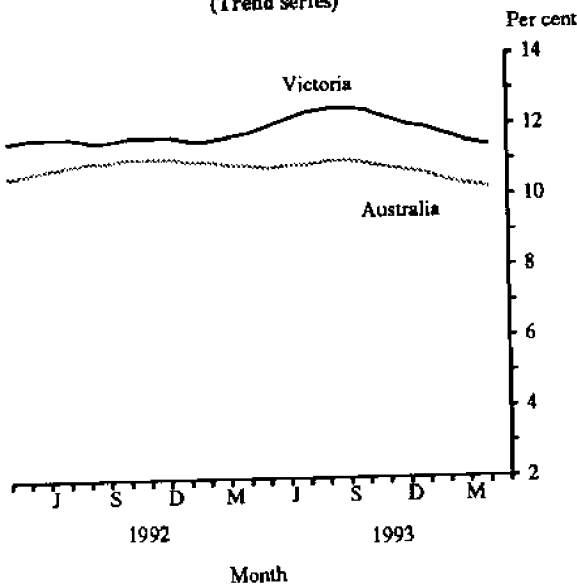
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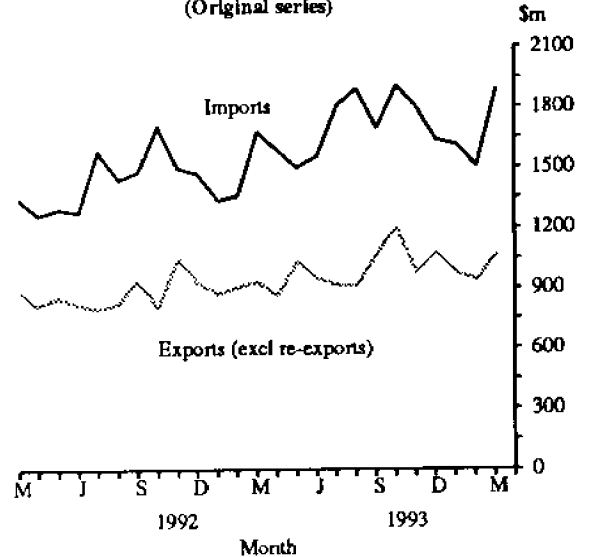
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| .. | not applicable |
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