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ECONOMIC INDICATORS, QUEENSLAND, JANUARY 1995

MAIN FEATURES

- Australia's current account balance decreased to -\$2,246m in November 1994 from -\$1,816m in October 1994. Over the 12 months ending November 1994, exports increased 5.1% to \$5,723m and imports increased 17.0% to \$6,674m. Queensland's imports reached \$663.0m in November 1994, just over half the value of the exports from Queensland of \$1,170.0m during the same month.
- Dwelling units approved in Queensland have decreased over the 12 months ending November 1994 with new houses approved falling 1.1% to 3,015 and new other residential buildings decreasing 20.3% to 1,382. Approvals increased, however, between October 1994 and November 1994 with new house approvals and new other residential building approvals increasing 2.9% and 10.6%, respectively. The value of all building approved increased 6.8% over the year ending November 1994 but decreased 8.4% from October 1994 to November 1994.
- In trend estimate terms, retail trade turnover in Queensland continues to show steady growth, reaching \$1,722.1m in November 1994. This was an increase of 9.4% over the year ending November 1994 and an increase of 0.5% from October 1994 to November 1994. Short-term accommodation in Queensland showed considerable growth over the year ending September 1994 with the takings from licenced hotels, motels, etc. with facilities increasing 13.8% to \$222.6m and the takings from self-contained units, flats and houses increasing 15.9% to \$66.6m over the same period.
- Queensland's unemployment rate in trend estimate terms fell to 8.7% in December 1994 with the total unemployed continuing to decrease, falling to 140,600. The civilian population of Queensland aged 15 years and over reached 2.5 million persons in December 1994. The total number of employed people increased by 0.3% during December 1994 even though the number of full-time employed persons decreased by 200 persons in this month.
- The number of persons employed increased in most industries with personal and other services showing the greatest increase of 32.6% to 63,500 persons over the year ending November 1994. Education, agriculture, forestry and fishing and retail trade were the only industries to report a decline in the number of employed persons, decreasing 6.9%, 2.2% and 0.5%, respectively, over the same period.
- The Australian indexes of manufacturing production showed growth with the total manufacturing index increasing 12.3% over the year ending September 1994 and increasing 4.4% over the quarter ending September 1994. The price indexes of articles produced by the manufacturing industry in Australia have also shown growth with the all groups index increasing 0.8% over the 12 months ending October 1994 and increasing 0.4% during October 1994.

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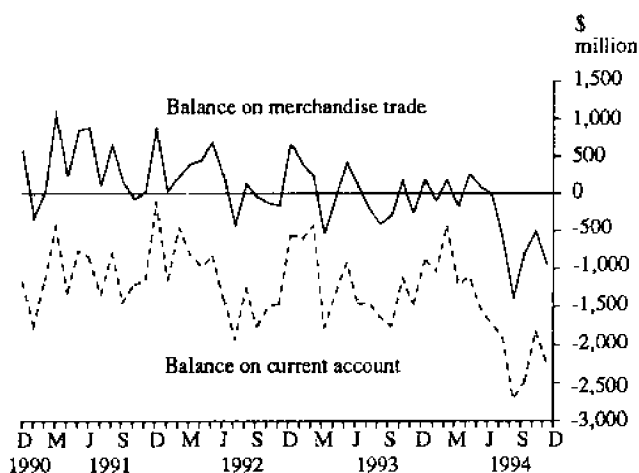
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS

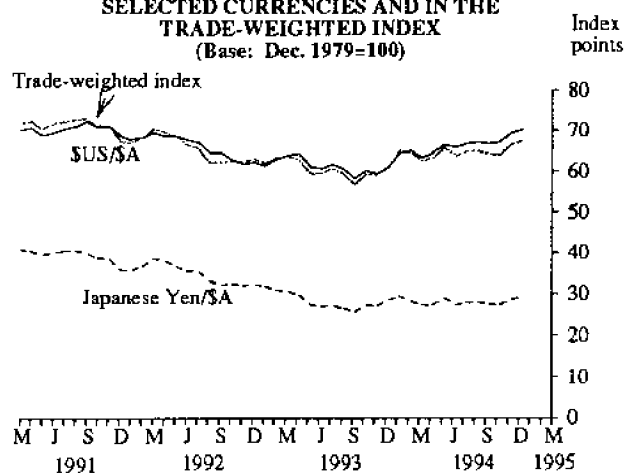
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	1994						
Balance of payments, Australia							%
Exports	\$m November	5,723	5,759	5,288	5,275	5,443	+5.1
Imports	\$m November	6,674	6,264	6,071	6,672	5,702	+17.0
Balance on merchandise trade	\$m November	-951	-505	-783	-1,397	-259	..
Balance on goods and services	\$m November	-1,010	-596	-1,220	-1,612	-181	..
Net income and unrequited transfers	\$m November	-1,236	-1,220	-1,262	-1,099	-1,289	..
Balance on current account	\$m November	-2,246	-1,816	-2,482	-2,711	-1,470	..
Trade and foreign investment							
Foreign trade, Queensland							
Imports	\$m November	663.0	682.5	690.9	645.7	645.8	+2.7
Exports	\$m October	1,170.0	1,117.4	1,158.8	1,248.1	1,249.2	-6.3
Foreign investment in Australia							
Official	\$m Sept. qtr	1,690	-2,497	2,501	4,585	2,297	..
Non-official	\$m Sept. qtr	1,191	4,422	5,552	816	3,466	..
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No. October	92.7	91.0	90.0	90.6	93.4	-0.7
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	Index No. October	113.4	113.2	113.2	113.7	118.9	-4.6
National accounts, Australia, (current prices, trend)							
Final consumption expenditure							
Private	\$m Sept. qtr	68,718	67,712	66,678	65,652	64,747	+6.1
Government	\$m Sept. qtr	19,699	19,675	19,415	19,031	18,837	+4.6
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m Sept. qtr	23,911	22,774	21,667	20,768	20,254	+18.1
Exports of goods and services	\$m Sept. qtr	20,700	20,627	20,560	20,461	20,131	+2.8
Imports of goods and services	\$m Sept. qtr	22,584	21,650	20,998	20,778	20,622	+9.5
Gross Domestic Product (Income)	\$m Sept. qtr	112,075	109,645	107,271	105,345	104,104	+7.7
State accounts, Queensland, (current prices, trend)							
Final consumption expenditure	\$m Sept. qtr	14,351	14,129	13,878	13,592	13,398	+7.1
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m Sept. qtr	4,898	4,527	4,152	3,930	3,897	+25.7
State final demand	\$m Sept. qtr	19,249	18,656	18,030	17,522	17,295	+11.3
Gross State Product (Income)	\$m Sept. qtr	18,262	17,850	17,435	17,084	16,820	+8.6
Exchange rate levels at end of period (a)							
US/\$A	December	0.7768	0.7674	0.7422	0.7393	0.6771	+14.7
Yen/\$A	December	77.56	75.93	72.25	72.88	75.80	+2.3
Trade-weighted index of value of \$A (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)	December	56.2	55.5	53.1	53.4	50.8	+10.6

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



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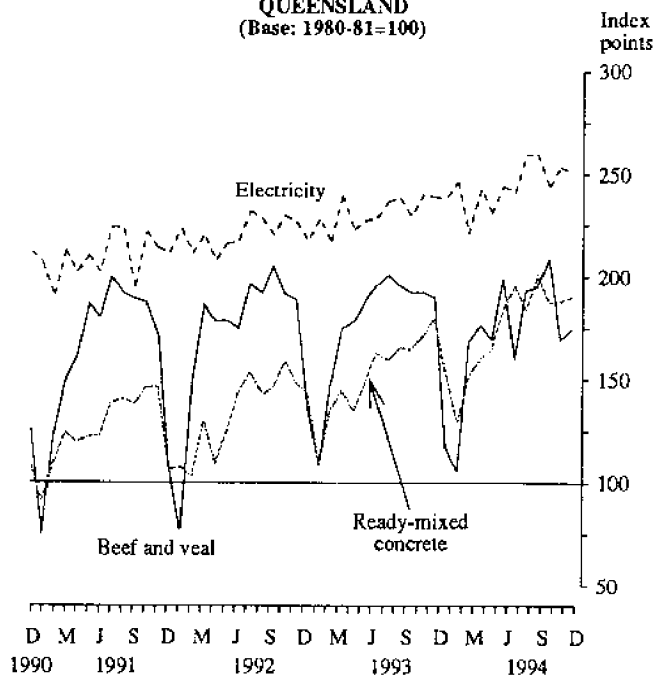


PRODUCTION

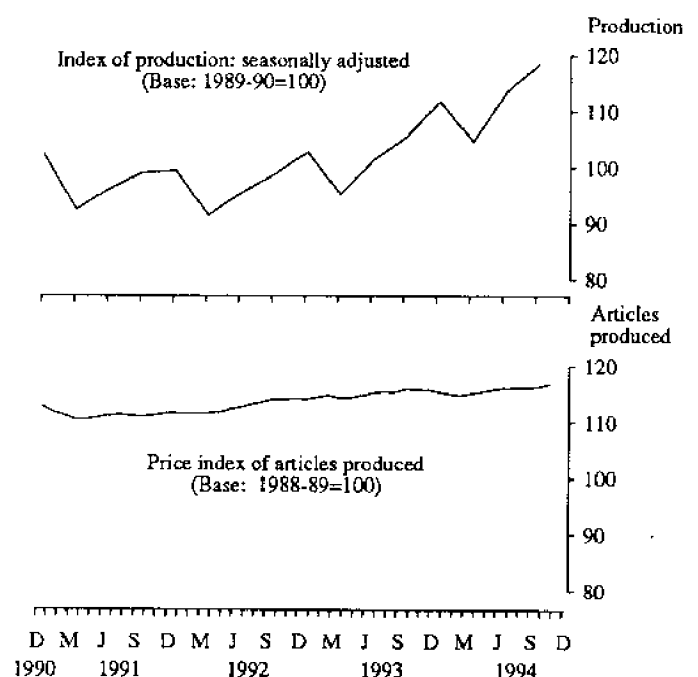
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1994								
Selected production statistics, <i>Queensland</i>								
Black coal (saleable) (a)	'000 tonnes	Sept. qtr	24,898	21,441	20,066	21,726	22,372	+11.3
Log timber processed (b)	'000 cu m	Sept. qtr	506.1	397.7	462.0	418.2	454.5	+11.4
Clay bricks	'000	November	33,915	32,359	33,319	33,623	30,586	+10.9
Electricity generated	m kWh	November	2,810.2	2,834.0	2,727.9	2,900.8	2,668.9	+5.3
Beef and veal (c)	'000 tonnes	November	63.2	61.3	75.5	70.8	68.8	-8.1
Wheaten flour	tonnes	November	20,765	19,294	20,184	20,837	18,723	+10.9
Ready-mixed concrete	'000 cu m	November	451.1	445.3	444.1	477.0	408.7	+10.4
Quarterly index of manufacturing production, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	Sept. qtr	130.5	122.3	118.2	127.4	117.4	+11.2
Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Index No.	Sept. qtr	117.9	118.7	111.3	114.8	111.7	+5.6
Basic metal products	Index No.	Sept. qtr	114.4	112.5	103.7	114.1	107.7	+6.2
Transport equipment	Index No.	Sept. qtr	123.3	127.9	100.7	101.1	103.1	+19.6
Total manufacturing	Index No.	Sept. qtr	118.5	113.5	104.6	111.8	105.5	+12.3
Price indexes of articles produced by manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1988-89 = 100.0)								
Food, beverages and tobacco	Index No.	October	121.5	121.2	120.4	120.5	120.6	+0.7
Basic metal products	Index No.	October	104.0	102.1	100.9	101.1	99.9	+4.1
Transport equipment	Index No.	October	120.3	120.2	120.6	120.7	118.8	+1.3
Other machinery and equipment	Index No.	October	110.9	110.5	110.1	110.0	109.9	+0.9
All groups	Index No.	October	116.8	116.3	116.2	116.2	115.9	+0.8
Price indexes of materials used in manufacturing industry, <i>Australia</i> (Base: 1984-85 = 100.0)								
Imported	Index No.	October	133.6	132.1	132.2	131.1	135.8	-1.6
Home produced	Index No.	October	120.6	120.7	122.1	121.9	123.2	-2.1
All materials	Index No.	October	125.1	124.6	125.6	125.1	127.6	-2.0

(a) Source: Queensland Coal Board. Periods vary: March and September quarters, 12 weeks; June and December quarters, 14 weeks. (b) Source: Queensland Forestry Service. (c) Including livestock slaughtered on holdings.

INDEX OF VOLUME PRODUCED: SELECTED PRODUCTS, QUEENSLAND (Base: 1980-81=100)



INDEXES OF MANUFACTURING, AUSTRALIA

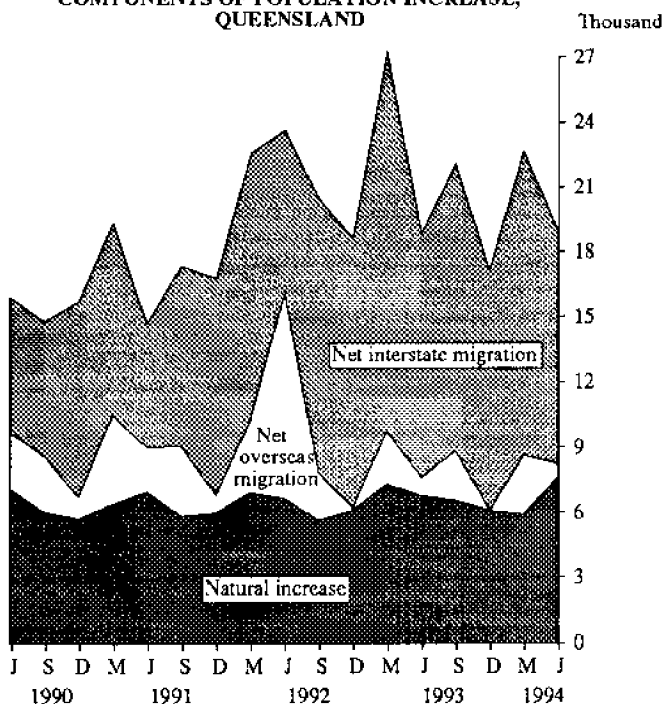


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

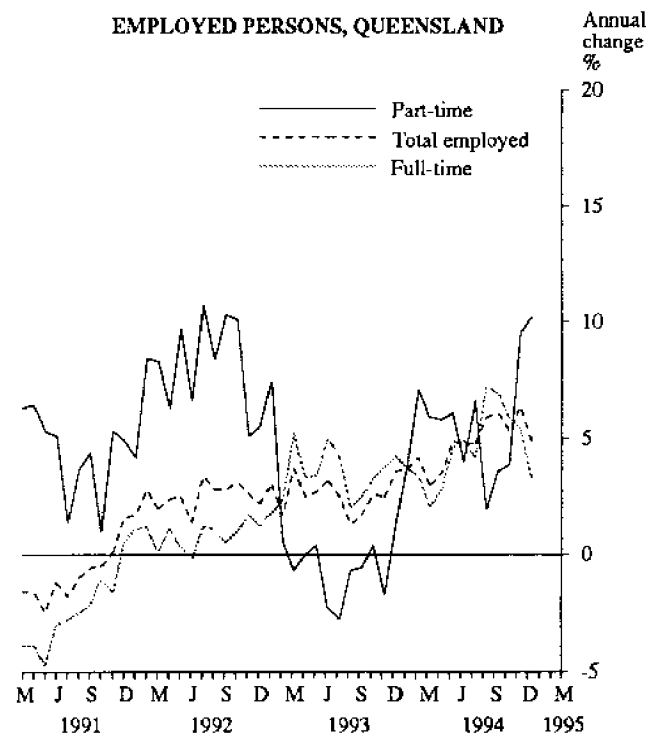
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Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	1994 June qtr	3,196.9	3,177.9	3,155.2	3,138.1	3,116.0	% +2.6
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	No.	June qtr	7,605	5,940	6,095	6,551	6,783	+12.1
Net estimated interstate migration	No.	June qtr	10,751	14,052	11,019	13,244	11,229	-4.3
Net estimated overseas migration	No.	June qtr	647	2,703	—	2,309	-813	..
Total	No.	June qtr	19,003	22,695	17,114	22,104	17,199	+10.5
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	'000	October	121.3	111.5	109.4	110.0	105.3	+15.2
Departures	'000	October	111.4	112.0	119.6	96.1	90.3	+23.4
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	December	2,505.8	2,499.8	2,493.8	2,487.8	2,435.8	+2.9
Persons in the labour force	'000	December	1,621.8	1,605.0	1,594.0	1,610.8	1,576.2	+2.9
<i>Employed persons</i>								
Full-time	'000	December	1,487.3	1,471.5	1,466.7	1,470.7	1,417.5	+4.9
Males	'000	December	766.2	756.1	757.0	758.7	733.9	+4.4
Females	'000	December	359.3	358.3	359.4	357.2	355.2	+1.2
Part-time	'000	December	89.5	84.4	88.6	84.9	81.4	+10.0
Males	'000	December	272.3	272.6	261.7	269.9	247.0	+10.2
Females	'000	December	134.5	133.5	127.3	140.1	158.7	-15.2
Males	'000	December	77.7	77.0	73.9	78.1	92.4	-15.9
Females	'000	December	56.8	56.6	53.4	62.0	66.3	-14.3
<i>Unemployed persons</i>								
Males	%	December	8.3	8.4	8.0	8.5	10.2	..
Females	%	December	8.3	8.2	7.9	9.0	9.9	..
Persons	%	December	8.3	8.3	8.0	8.7	10.1	..
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	%	December	20.2	17.9	16.7	21.3	24.8	..

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COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND

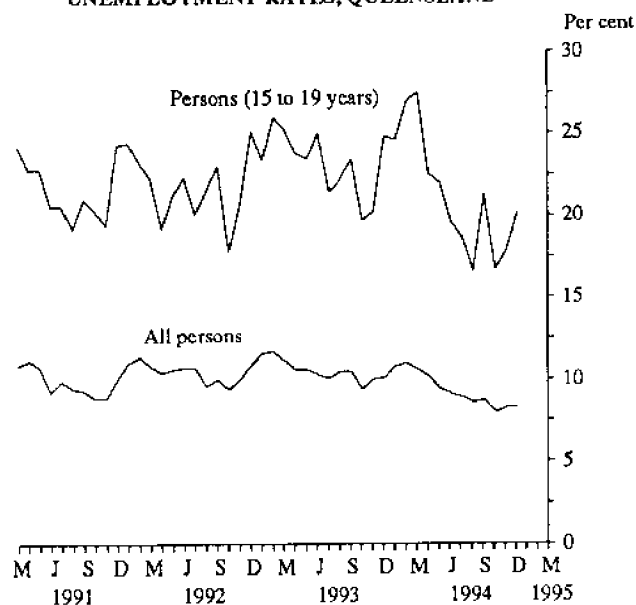


LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND—continued

Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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	1994						
Labour participation rate							%
Males	% December	75.2	74.1	74.5	74.8	75.3	..
Females	% December	54.4	54.5	53.6	54.9	54.3	..
Persons	% December	64.7	64.2	63.9	64.8	64.7	..
Industry of employed persons (a) (b)							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000 November	85.3	85.9	83.2	78.7	87.2	-2.2
Mining	'000 November	13.2	13.6	17.3	17.3	16.2	-18.5
Manufacturing	'000 November	180.9	174.9	176.4	165.7	169.5	+6.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000 November	14.0	16.0	14.0	12.5	13.8	+1.4
Construction	'000 November	142.7	142.6	130.8	130.6	125.2	+14.0
Wholesale trade	'000 November	88.1	83.8	85.5	83.4	84.8	+3.9
Retail trade	'000 November	218.6	217.1	227.0	222.4	219.6	-0.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000 November	76.1	77.0	72.0	72.3	67.6	+12.6
Transport and storage	'000 November	79.5	75.5	71.9	69.6	71.1	+11.8
Communication services	'000 November	22.0	21.4	19.7	22.3	17.9	+22.9
Finance and insurance	'000 November	44.1	41.7	45.4	48.2	44.0	+0.2
Property and business services	'000 November	134.8	127.8	123.5	117.3	108.1	+24.7
Government administration and defence	'000 November	50.7	45.8	54.2	57.5	65.2	-22.2
Education	'000 November	96.9	98.7	99.5	99.7	104.1	-6.9
Health and community services	'000 November	127.7	126.5	118.9	117.2	113.8	+12.2
Cultural and recreational services	'000 November	33.3	29.8	33.3	30.8	27.4	+21.5
Personal and other services	'000 November	63.5	55.7	50.3	50.4	47.9	+32.6
Total	'000 November	1,471.5	1,433.7	1,423.2	1,396.0	1,383.5	+6.4
Employed wage and salary earners							
Private	'000 June	687.7	685.6	679.7	694.0	660.5	+4.1
Government	'000 June	275.9	271.1	273.1	271.5	282.1	-2.2
Commonwealth	'000 June	44.8	44.7	45.1	44.9	46.8	-4.3
State	'000 June	197.5	192.7	194.6	192.9	199.8	-1.2
Local	'000 June	33.5	33.7	33.4	33.7	35.5	-5.6
Job vacancies (a)	'000 November	9.4	12.8	6.1	6.4	6.3	+49.5
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No. November	1.25	1.31	1.29	0.97	1.26	-1.1
Industrial disputes: Working days lost	'000 September	3.8	12.8	2.9	17.9	32.9	..

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. (b) New classification (ANZSIC) replaced previous classification (ASIC) in August 1994. .. not applicable

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND

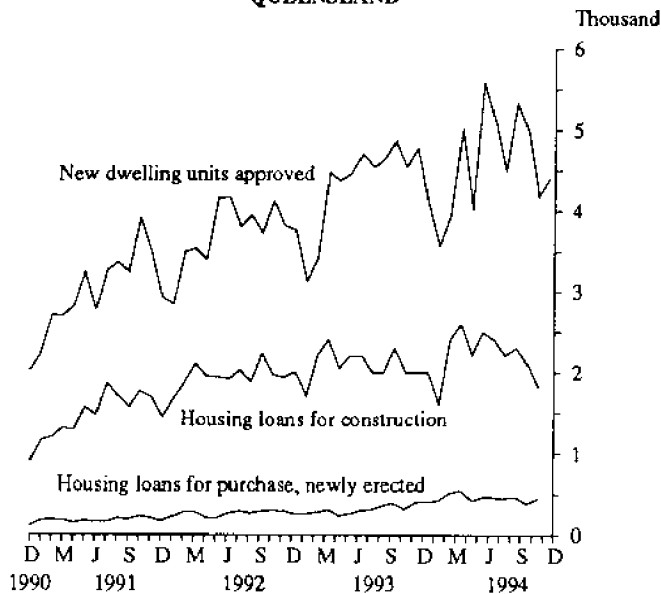


BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

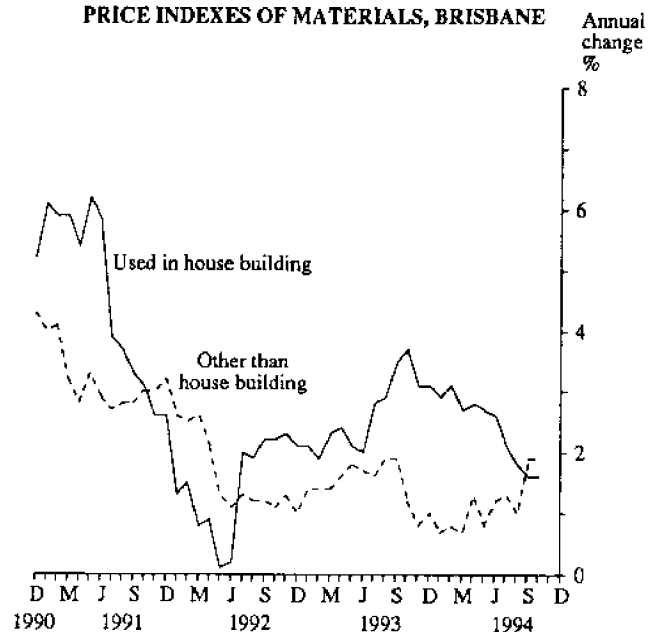
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1994								
Selected building statistics, Queensland								
Value of all building approved	\$m	November	543.3	593.2	566.7	645.3	508.9	+6.8
Dwelling units approved								
New houses	No.	November	3,015	2,931	3,375	3,410	3,047	-1.1
New other residential buildings	No.	November	1,382	1,250	1,611	1,927	1,733	-20.3
Total dwelling units	No.	November	4,397	4,181	4,986	5,337	4,780	-8.0
Total dwelling units (trend estimate)	No.	November	4,214	4,359	4,494	4,629	4,485	-6.0
Dwelling units commenced								
New houses	No.	Sept. qtr	9,684	9,229	8,054	9,140	9,329	+3.8
New other residential buildings	No.	Sept. qtr	5,110	4,386	3,720	4,500	4,728	+8.1
Value of all building commenced	\$m	Sept. qtr	1,816.7	1,659.9	1,576.1	1,552.8	1,516.9	+19.8
Housing finance for owner occupation								
All banks	\$m	October	605.7	646.1	679.5	658.2	592.2	+2.3
Permanent building societies	\$m	October	109.0	121.9	134.2	106.8	108.3	+0.7
Other lenders	\$m	October	16.6	15.5	24.8	19.2	17.7	-6.1
Total	\$m	October	731.4	783.5	838.5	784.2	718.2	+1.8
Interest rates on new housing loans:								
All banks (a)	%	November	9.55	9.50	9.50	8.75	8.75	..
Price indexes, Brisbane								
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)								
All groups	Index No.	October	154.8	154.0	153.5	153.5	152.4	+1.6
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Ready-mixed concrete	Index No.	October	116.9	116.8	116.4	115.6	114.1	+2.5
Structural steel	Index No.	October	123.1	123.1	122.5	122.5	115.6	+6.5
All groups	Index No.	October	111.9	111.7	111.1	111.1	109.8	+1.9

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. not applicable

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

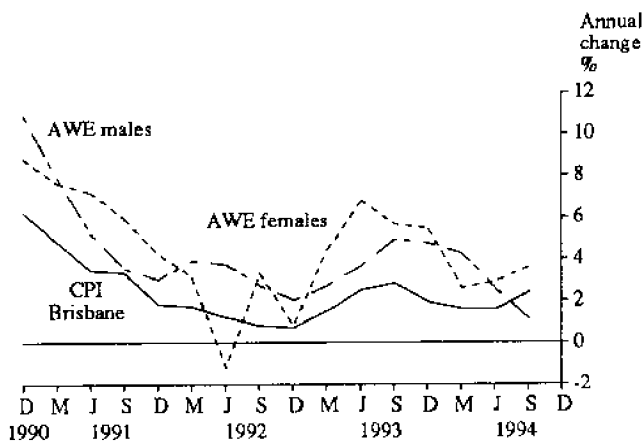


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

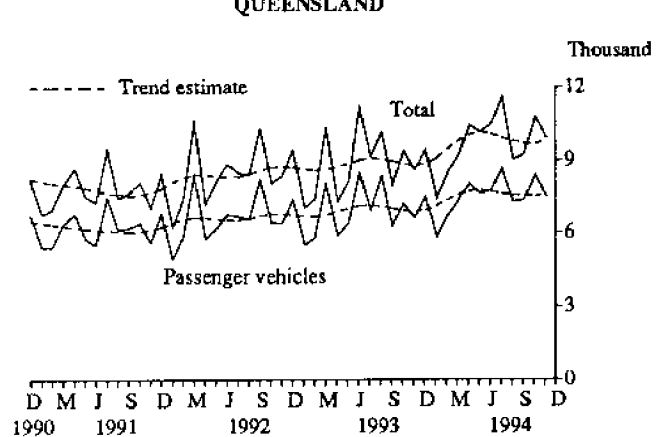
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	1994						%	
Consumer Price Index, Brisbane (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)								
Food	Index No.	Sept. qtr	110.7	110.2	111.2	110.1	109.4	+1.2
Housing	Index No.	Sept. qtr	101.1	100.7	100.1	99.8	100.4	+0.7
Transportation	Index No.	Sept. qtr	115.8	113.8	112.0	112.3	111.8	+3.6
All groups (a)	Index No.	Sept. qtr	112.5	111.5	110.8	110.2	109.9	+2.4
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), Queensland (b)								
Males	\$	August	610.20	616.90	615.60	613.50	603.40	+1.1
Females	\$	August	530.50	516.00	515.80	509.70	511.90	+3.6
Index of weekly award rates of pay, Queensland (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)								
Full-time adult employees								
Males	Index No.	October	141.8	141.8	141.7	141.7	139.9	+1.3
Females	Index No.	October	143.7	143.6	143.6	143.6	141.1	+1.8
Retail trade, Queensland								
Current prices								
Original series	\$m	November	1,762.0	1,733.8	1,695.4	1,656.3	1,614.4	+9.1
Trend estimate	\$m	November	1,722.1	1,713.9	1,700.5	1,684.5	1,574.0	+9.4
Short-term accommodation, Queensland								
Licensed hotels, motels, etc. with facilities (c)								
Rooms available	'000	Sept. qtr	40.4	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.0	+0.9
Room nights occupied	'000	Sept. qtr	2,555.5	2,201.9	2,140.8	2,310.7	2,419.4	+5.6
Room occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	68.9	60.2	59.4	62.6	65.7	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	222.6	190.5	190.6	203.4	195.5	+13.8
Self-contained units, flats and houses								
Units available	'000	Sept. qtr	17.4	16.7	16.3	16.6	16.2	+7.5
Unit nights occupied	'000	Sept. qtr	1,138.0	768.0	862.9	902.0	1,062.7	+7.1
Unit occupancy rate	%	Sept. qtr	71.2	50.7	58.8	59.1	71.3	..
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Sept. qtr	66.6	42.8	55.7	54.1	57.5	+15.9
New motor vehicle registrations, Queensland								
Passenger vehicles (d)								
Total (e)	No.	November	7,462	8,375	7,352	7,294	6,608	+12.9
Seasonally adjusted	No.	November	9,910	10,762	9,230	9,032	8,585	+15.4
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	November	7,424	8,462	6,957	6,986	7,037	+5.5
Total (e)	No.	November	9,769	10,724	8,993	8,706	8,990	+8.7
Trend estimate								
Passenger vehicles (d)	No.	November	7,612	7,499	7,508	7,537	6,870	+10.8
Total (e)	No.	November	9,786	9,632	9,674	9,759	8,788	+11.4

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. Collected February, May, August and November. (c) From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection. (d) Formerly 'Cars and station wagons'. (e) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers. .. not applicable

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Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year	
			One period ago	Two periods ago	Three periods ago			
	1994						%	
All banks (a)								
Total deposits	\$m	October	32,735	32,158	31,321	30,991	29,388	+11.4
Term deposits (b)	\$m	October	15,400	14,562	14,054	13,839	13,244	+16.3
Other deposits	\$m	October	17,335	17,596	17,267	17,152	16,144	+7.4
Other lending (c)	\$m	October	39,080	38,457	38,257	37,711	32,708	+19.5
Building societies								
Lending operations								
Loans advanced	\$m	October	144.3	153.4	156.1	149.2	132.1	+9.2
Lending commitments unused	\$m	October	215.1	227.0	238.0	232.3	190.8	+12.7
Borrowing operations								
Receipts	\$m	October	1,850.4	1,815.2	1,919.4	2,014.0	1,629.7	+13.5
Withdrawals	\$m	October	1,812.1	1,869.0	1,841.4	1,933.0	1,574.0	+15.1
Personal finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	October	261.7	280.3	297.9	298.7	266.8	-1.9
Credit cooperatives	\$m	October	34.4	36.1	34.5	35.2	31.0	+10.8
Finance companies	\$m	October	89.9	87.9	96.3	78.1	82.1	+9.5
Other	\$m	October	17.1	11.9	10.6	8.1	14.6	+17.3
Total	\$m	October	403.2	416.1	439.3	420.1	394.5	+2.2
Commercial finance commitments								
All banks	\$m	October	841.2	770.5	1,144.2	938.0	761.5	+10.5
Finance companies	\$m	October	172.3	136.5	164.2	191.1	108.9	+58.2
Other	\$m	October	65.2	88.7	71.4	98.0	57.5	+13.3
Total	\$m	October	1,078.7	995.6	1,379.9	1,227.1	927.9	+16.2
Lease finance commitments	\$m	October	119.2	109.9	115.3	151.5	89.6	+33.0

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Including certificates of deposit. (c) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

