

# TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL  
TERRITORY

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## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	Sep Qtr 96	Sep Qtr 97	change
<b>Hotels, motels and guest houses</b>			
Rooms available (no.)	3 734	3 874	3.7 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	57.5	56.3	-1.2 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	18 173	19 020	4.7 %
<b>Holiday flats, units and houses</b>			
Units, etc. available (no.)	831	701	-15.6 %
Unit occupancy rate (%)	60.5	69.3	8.8 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	4 282	4 118	-3.8 %
<b>Caravan parks</b>			
Sites, cabins, etc. available (no.)	1 060	1 034	-2.5 %
Site occupancy rate (%)	36.3	36.6	0.3 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	642	676	5.3 %

## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

### LITTLE OVERALL CHANGE IN CAPACITY

- The combined capacity of hotels, motels and guest houses and holiday flats, units and houses at 4,575 rooms and units etc. increased by 0.2% over the year to September 1997. The increase reflected the opening of one new motel in December quarter 1996. Two establishments previously included in the holiday flats, units and houses category were reclassified to the motel category during the year.
- One establishment ceased its caravan park operations during the year.

### VARIABILITY IN OCCUPANCY RATE MOVEMENTS

- The room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses fell by 1.2 percentage points to 56.3%, in September quarter 1997 compared with September quarter 1996. This compared with an increase of 8.8 percentage points to 69.3% in the occupancy rate for holiday flats, units and houses. For these two accommodation types combined, demand in terms of room or unit nights occupied rose by 0.7%.
- The site occupancy rate for caravan parks rose marginally to 36.6%.

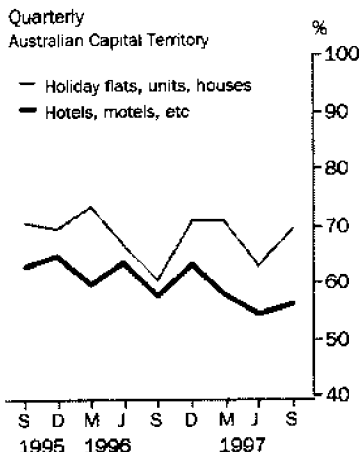
### TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

- Takings from accommodation rose by 3.0% for the combined total of hotels, motels and guest houses and holiday flats, units and houses in September quarter 1997 compared with September quarter 1996.
- For caravan parks, accommodation takings rose by 5.3%.

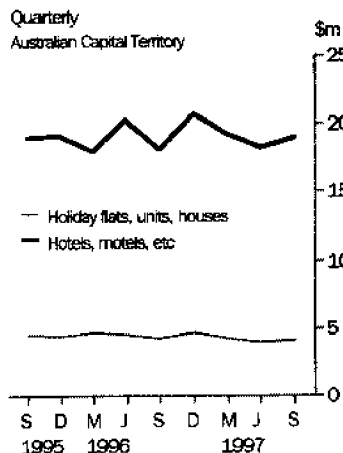


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### Occupancy rates



### Accommodation takings



## INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Geoff Broadby on 07 3222 6154, or any ABS Office.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE (Quarter)

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December 1997

27 February 1998

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## CHANGES TO THE SURVEY AND CESSATION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

As a result of budget cuts to the ABS, the Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA) will be significantly cut back from the March quarter 1998. The State and Territory *Tourist Accommodation* publications (Catalogue Nos. 8635.1 to 8635.8) will be discontinued because of the changes to the Survey of Tourist Accommodation which will be implemented from the March quarter 1998. The December quarter 1997 issues will be the last. There will also be changes to the publication *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (Catalogue No. 8635.0) which will no longer contain data on caravan parks, holiday flats, units and houses and visitor hostels. However, it will include serviced apartments as a separate category and will contain State and some regional data.

The ABS has consulted with a number of interested users to determine the future form of the STA. As a result, the future collection strategy for the STA will consist of three major components.

The first component of the STA strategy is an ongoing quarterly survey with a scope of hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities in most rooms, and serviced apartments. Establishments with fewer than 15 rooms or units will be excluded. The first release of this data will be in *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0) in June 1998 representing data for the March quarter of that year. This publication will contain some regional data as well as data for States, Territories and Australia. Further small geographic area data may be available on request. A charge may be made for this information.

The second component of the strategy is a triennial limited scope collection of significant caravan parks, visitor hostels and remaining holiday flats, units and houses, commencing with a year 2000 reference year.

The third STA component is the compilation and dissemination of annual accommodation counts of number of establishments and capacity data in respect of the current scope of the STA which is:

- hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities with 5 or more rooms,
- holiday flats, units and houses which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least 5 flats, units or houses for short term letting,
- caravan parks, and
- visitor hostels.

The counts are expected to be published in the December quarter issue of *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (Catalogue No. 8634.0).

If you have any queries about the content of these publications, please contact Debra McDonald on telephone: 07-3222-6118, fax: 07-3222-6284 or Internet: [debra.mcdonald@abs.gov.au](mailto:debra.mcdonald@abs.gov.au). For any queries about your subscriptions, please call the Subscription Services Freecall hotline on 1300 366 323.

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TABLE 1 — SUMMARY OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	September 1996	September 1997
<b>LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES</b>									
Establishments	no.	15	15	15	15	15	15	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	1,767	1,766	1,765	1,765	1,765	1,764	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	4,753	4,745	4,764	4,611	4,564	4,622	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	1,653	1,526	1,604	1,544	1,500	1,550	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	112,986	95,669	107,653	99,320	94,030	94,102	411,602	395,105
Room occupancy rate	per cent	70.3	58.9	66.3	62.5	58.5	58.0	65.2	61.3
Guest nights	no.	179,383	134,895	164,567	156,572	137,880	141,995	619,665	601,014
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	41.5	30.9	37.5	37.7	33.2	33.4	37.0	35.5
Guest arrivals	no.	101,193	79,377	94,297	78,455	73,296	80,106	347,702	326,154
Average length of stay	days	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	12,909	10,831	12,354	11,395	11,038	10,970	45,934	45,756
<b>MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES</b>									
Establishments	no.	30	30	32	33	33	33	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	1,966	1,968	2,043	2,129	2,110	2,110	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	6,391	6,429	6,658	7,164	6,989	7,044	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	651	725	750	729	732	732	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	102,882	101,904	113,326	104,086	97,991	106,674	416,141	422,077
Room occupancy rate	per cent	57.5	56.3	60.3	54.3	51.0	55.0	58.0	55.1
Guest nights	no.	186,191	184,327	217,207	188,403	174,707	211,683	743,747	792,000
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	32.0	31.2	35.5	29.2	27.5	32.7	32.1	31.2
Guest arrivals	no.	98,334	95,596	108,632	94,199	86,679	103,110	376,856	392,620
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	7,411	7,342	8,363	7,841	7,272	8,050	29,693	31,526
<b>TOTAL HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES</b>									
Establishments	no.	45	45	47	48	48	48	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	3,733	3,734	3,808	3,894	3,875	3,874	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	11,144	11,174	11,422	11,775	11,553	11,666	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	2,304	2,251	2,354	2,273	2,232	2,282	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	215,868	197,573	220,979	203,406	192,021	200,776	827,743	817,182
Room occupancy rate	per cent	63.5	57.5	63.1	58.0	54.5	56.3	61.3	58.0
Guest nights	no.	365,574	319,222	381,774	344,975	312,587	353,678	1,363,412	1,393,014
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	36.0	31.1	36.3	32.6	29.7	33.0	34.1	32.9
Guest arrivals	no.	199,527	174,973	202,929	172,654	159,975	183,216	724,558	718,774
Average length of stay	days	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	20,321	18,173	20,717	19,236	18,310	19,020	75,627	77,283

TABLE 2 — SUMMARY OF HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	September 1996	September 1997
Letting entities	no.	18	18	17	16	16	16	..	..
Flats, units and houses									
Single bedroom	no.	226	236	231	235	236	235	..	..
Multiple bedroom	no.	572	595	552	460	460	466	..	..
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>798</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>783</i>	<i>695</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Bed spaces	no.	3,084	3,173	2,963	2,584	2,550	2,573	..	..
Employment (persons)(a)	no.	158	145	141	134	145	150	..	..
Unit nights occupied	no.	48,535	46,241	51,098	44,280	39,712	44,712	195,221	179,802
Unit occupancy rate	per cent	66.8	60.5	70.9	70.8	62.7	69.3	67.4	68.5
Unit lettings	no.	8,897	8,767	8,603	7,124	6,400	7,346	33,570	29,473
Average length of stay	days	5.5	5.3	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.1
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	4,551	4,282	4,657	4,259	3,998	4,118	17,820	17,032

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 3 — SUMMARY OF CARAVAN PARKS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		June 1996	September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	September 1996	September 1997
TOTAL CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	no.	5	5	5	5	4	4	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	no.	130	62	62	62	57	63	..	..
Other powered sites	no.	494	485	485	485	458	458	..	..
Unpowered sites	no.	419	419	419	419	417	419	..	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	31	94	94	94	94	94	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>1,026</i>	<i>1,034</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	268	268	265	262	252	251	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	—	—	—	—	1	—	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	47	36	37	34	59	44	..	..
Site nights occupied	no.	36,874	35,429	41,176	39,363	32,077	34,783	149,655	147,399
Site occupancy rate	per cent	39.0	36.3	42.2	41.3	34.4	36.6	39.8	38.6
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	677	642	927	819	601	676	2,739	3,024

TABLE 4 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING,  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading			Total
			1, 2 and ungraded	3	4 and 5	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT						
<i>September quarter 1996—</i>						
Establishments	15	30	13	23	9	45
Guest Rooms	1,766	1,968	528	1,943	1,263	3,734
Bed Spaces	4,745	6,429	1,853	5,916	3,405	11,174
Employment (persons)	1,526	725	171	829	1,251	2,251
<i>September quarter 1997—</i>						
Establishments	15	33	14	24	10	48
Guest Rooms	1,764	2,110	658	2,023	1,193	3,874
Bed Spaces	4,622	7,044	2,420	5,847	3,399	11,666
Employment (persons)	1,550	732	217	1,022	1,043	2,282
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>95,669</i>	<i>101,904</i>	<i>21,853</i>	<i>99,967</i>	<i>75,753</i>	<i>197,573</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	29,529	32,931	9,226	31,337	21,897	62,460
August	29,193	31,576	9,435	29,448	21,886	60,769
September	35,380	42,167	12,825	39,277	25,445	77,547
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>94,102</i>	<i>106,674</i>	<i>31,486</i>	<i>100,062</i>	<i>69,228</i>	<i>200,776</i>
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>58.9</i>	<i>56.3</i>	<i>45.0</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>65.2</i>	<i>57.5</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	54.0	50.3	45.2	50.0	59.2	52.0
August	53.4	48.3	46.3	47.0	59.2	50.6
September	66.9	66.6	65.0	64.7	71.1	66.7
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>58.0</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>52.0</i>	<i>53.8</i>	<i>63.1</i>	<i>56.3</i>
GUEST NIGHTS						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>134,895</i>	<i>184,327</i>	<i>48,116</i>	<i>167,067</i>	<i>104,039</i>	<i>319,222</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	45,899	64,829	20,224	54,596	35,908	110,728
August	41,746	61,205	20,530	47,965	34,456	102,951
September	54,350	85,649	29,494	68,556	41,949	139,999
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>141,995</i>	<i>211,683</i>	<i>70,248</i>	<i>171,117</i>	<i>112,313</i>	<i>353,678</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>31.2</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>31.1</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	32.0	29.7	27.0	30.1	34.1	30.6
August	29.1	28.0	27.4	26.5	32.7	28.5
September	39.2	40.5	40.6	39.1	41.1	40.0
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>33.4</i>	<i>32.7</i>	<i>31.6</i>	<i>31.8</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>33.0</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>79,377</i>	<i>95,596</i>	<i>23,050</i>	<i>88,569</i>	<i>63,354</i>	<i>174,973</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	25,604	30,208	7,931	28,078	19,803	55,812
August	24,664	31,475	9,370	26,336	20,433	56,139
September	29,838	41,427	13,309	34,591	23,365	71,265
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>80,106</i>	<i>103,110</i>	<i>30,610</i>	<i>89,005</i>	<i>63,601</i>	<i>183,216</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.8</i>
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)						
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	<i>10,831</i>	<i>7,342</i>	<i>1,395</i>	<i>7,468</i>	<i>9,311</i>	<i>18,173</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
July	3,383	2,473	712	2,562	2,582	5,856
August	3,439	2,375	735	2,435	2,645	5,814
September	4,148	3,202	928	3,321	3,101	7,350
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	<i>10,970</i>	<i>8,050</i>	<i>2,374</i>	<i>8,318</i>	<i>8,328</i>	<i>19,020</i>

TABLE 5 — HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

	<i>Flats, units and houses</i>				<i>Bed spaces</i>	<i>Employment (persons) (a)</i>	<i>Unit nights occupied</i>	<i>Unit occupancy rate (%)</i>	<i>Unit lettings</i>	<i>Average length of stay (days)</i>	<i>Takings from accommodation (\$'000)</i>
	<i>Letting entities</i>	<i>Single bedroom</i>	<i>Multiple bedroom</i>	<i>Total</i>							
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	18	236	595	831	3,173	145	46,241	60.5	8,767	5.3	4,282
<i>1997</i>											
<i>July</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,992	69.0	2,282	6.6	1,357
<i>August</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,584	62.5	2,096	6.5	1,238
<i>September</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,136	76.7	2,968	5.4	1,523
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	16	235	466	701	2,573	150	44,712	69.3	7,346	6.1	4,118

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 6 — CARAVAN PARKS, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

	<i>Establishments and Capacity</i>					<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>Sites occupied by long-term guests</i>	<i>Other sites permanently reserved</i>	<i>Employment (persons)</i>	<i>Site nights occupied</i>	<i>Site occupancy rate (%)</i>	<i>Takings from accommodation (\$'000)</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>On-site powered vans</i>	<i>Other sites</i>	<i>Unpowered sites</i>	<i>Cabins, flats etc.</i>							
<i>September quarter 1996</i>	5	62	485	419	94	1,060	268	—	36	35,429	36.3	642
<i>1997--</i>												
<i>July</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,011	34.4	216
<i>August</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,578	29.9	166
<i>September</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,194	45.8	294
<i>September quarter 1997</i>	4	63	458	419	94	1,034	251	—	44	34,783	36.6	676

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains data for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) from a quarterly survey of tourist accommodation establishments.

### SCOPE

**2** Tourist accommodation establishments currently included in the survey comprise two groups:

- Establishments which provide predominantly short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) to the general public. These include:
  - *Hotels, motels and guest houses, with facilities* being hotels licensed to operate a public bar and motels, private hotels and guest houses all of which provide a bath (or shower) and toilet in most guest rooms and have breakfast available for guests. NOTE: 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.
  - *Holiday flats, units and houses* (excluding establishments predominantly operated on a time share basis) which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least five flats, units or houses for short-term letting. They are mainly self-contained in terms of cooking, bath (or shower) and toilet facilities and do not have breakfast available for guests. Data for holiday flats, units and houses include short-term owner occupation as well as paying guest occupation.
  - *Visitor hostels* which provide accommodation to visitors on a bed basis (rather than by the room). This category does not include establishments providing charity type accommodation (e.g. Salvation Army hostels) nor hotels, motels and guest houses without in-room facilities which provide accommodation on a per room basis. NOTE: Details for ACT Visitor hostels are included with data for this establishment type in the South Eastern Statistical Division within New South Wales (NSW) and are released in the publication *Tourist Accommodation, New South Wales* (8635.1).
  - *Caravan parks* which provide either predominantly short-term (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) or predominantly long-term (i.e. for periods of 2 months or more) accommodation to the general public and which provide powered sites for caravans and toilet, shower and laundry facilities for guests.

**3** Data collected and published for each type of establishment (other than holiday flats, units and houses) include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

**4** Establishments which provide more than one type of accommodation (e.g. a motel with attached caravan park) are treated as two or more separate establishments. However, self-contained units, flats, cabins, etc. attached to hotels, motels or to caravan parks are included in the capacity for those establishments and not treated as separate holiday flat, unit or house establishments.

### UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

**5** The ABS may make available on request certain unpublished tourist accommodation statistics. A charge may be made for this information.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**6** Publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. Tourist accommodation statistics for past quarters are available on request. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Directory of Tourism Statistics* (1130.0) (irregular: latest issue; 1997)
- *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3401.0) (issued monthly)
- *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (8634.0) (issued quarterly)
- *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0) (issued quarterly)

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**7** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Release Advice* (1105.0) on Tuesdays and Fridays which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both the *Catalogue* and *Release Advice* are available from any ABS office.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

**8** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between totals and the sums of the component items.

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

.. not applicable  
— nil or rounded to zero  
n.a. not available  
n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable  
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## G L O S S A R Y

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<b>Average length of stay</b>	<p>Average length of stay is expressed in numbers of days and calculated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ for hotels, motels and guest houses, by dividing <i>Guest nights</i> by <i>Guest arrivals</i> and</li> <li>▪ for holiday flats, units and houses, by dividing <i>Unit nights occupied</i> by <i>Unit lettings</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Bed spaces</b>	Three-quarter beds are counted as one bed space; double beds as two bed spaces. Cots are excluded.
<b>Capacity</b>	Capacity in terms of <i>Guest rooms</i> , <i>Bed spaces</i> , <i>Holiday units</i> or <i>Caravan park sites</i> , etc. is the maximum number available to accommodate paying guests during the survey period. Capacity closed temporarily for seasonal reasons is included.
<b>Caravan park capacity</b>	The total number of <i>On-site vans</i> , <i>Other powered sites</i> , <i>Unpowered sites</i> and <i>Cabins</i> , etc.
<b>Employment</b>	The number of persons working at accommodation establishments at the end of the survey period (including working proprietors and those working on other than accommodation activities).
<b>Establishments</b>	For hotels, motels and guest houses, caravan parks and visitor hostels, the number of establishments within the scope of the survey which operated for any part of the survey period, or which closed temporarily for the quarter for seasonal reasons.
<b>Guest arrivals</b>	The total number of paying guests counted only on the first night they stayed at the accommodation establishment.
<b>Letting entities</b>	For holiday flats, units and houses, the number of owners, managers or real estate agents within the scope of the survey who operated for any part of the survey period.
<b>Occupancy</b>	<p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Room nights</i>, <i>Unit nights</i> or <i>Site nights occupied</i> refers to the total number of nights each guest room, holiday unit or caravan park site, etc. was occupied during the survey period.</p> <p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Guest nights</i> refers to the total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period.</p>
<b>Occupancy rates</b>	<p><i>Occupancy rates</i> represent occupancy expressed as a percentage of total capacity available during the survey period, e.g.</p> $\text{Room occupancy rate (\%)} \text{ for the period} = \frac{\text{Room nights occupied}}{(\text{Guest rooms}) \times (\text{No. of days in the period})} \times 100$ <p>providing that, for establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, the denominator of the above expression includes only operating periods.</p>
<b>Other sites permanently reserved</b>	The total number of powered and unpowered sites, on-site vans and cabins, etc. continuously let for 2 months or more by the end of the survey period to tenants who occupy the sites only on a casual or sporadic basis. Separate data for this item are available only from September quarter 1992.

## GLOSSARY

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- Room nights available** The number of guest rooms available multiplied by the number of days for which they were available during the survey period. For establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, operating periods only are included.
- Sites occupied by long-term guests** The total number of sites, etc. occupied at the end of the survey period by guests who have stayed continuously for 2 months or more.
- Star grading** The grading of hotels and motels with facilities based on the classification system used by members of the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). The gradings are allocated according to a points system based on the amenities and facilities available to guests. Details of the grading scheme are contained in the RACV-RAASA members' publication *Accommodation Australia*, or the individual tour guides produced by members of the AAA. For the purpose of classifying establishments to a star grading in this publication, 'half' star gradings are ignored (e.g. a two and a half star grading has been shown as two star).
- Takings from accommodation** Revenue received from the provision of accommodation. Takings from meals are excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month generally represent the takings received during that month. Where payments are received in advance of, or after, the provision of accommodation to guests, the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month. Rental and storage fees paid to caravan parks for the keeping of private vans in parks are included in the takings of the month they are received.
- Unit lettings** The total number of times a holiday flat, unit or house was occupied by a new tenant, counted only on the first night it was occupied by the new tenant.





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