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The aim of this publication is to provide users with a range of the latest statistics available at the end of each month of issue. Consequently, the dates and periods shown are not always the same for each table, but are in each case the latest figures available at that time.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.

TREND ESTIMATE

Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Charts showing trends in the Selected Features section have been updated to include revisions resulting from the series annual seasonal reanalysis.

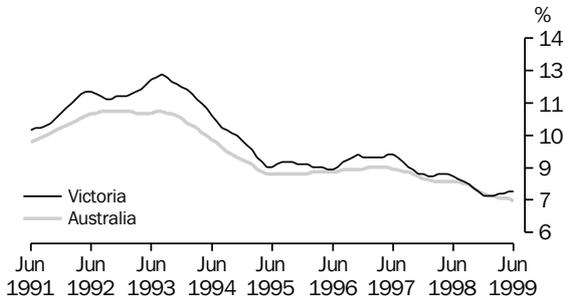
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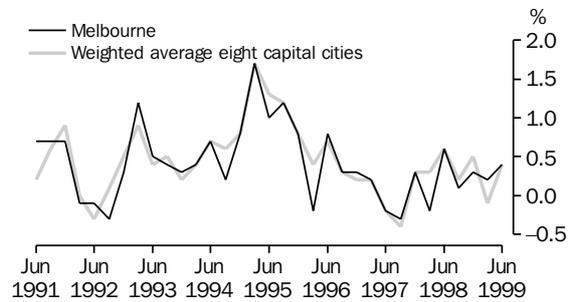
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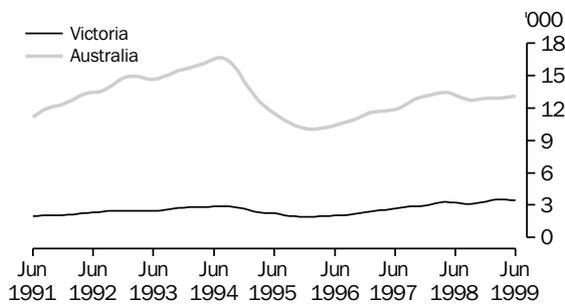
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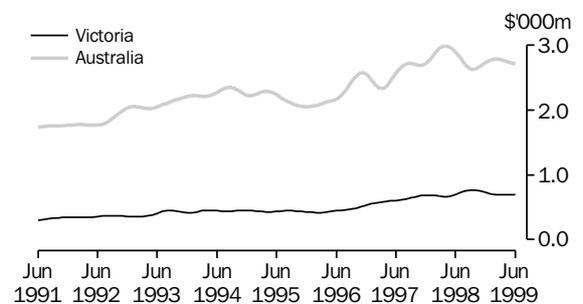
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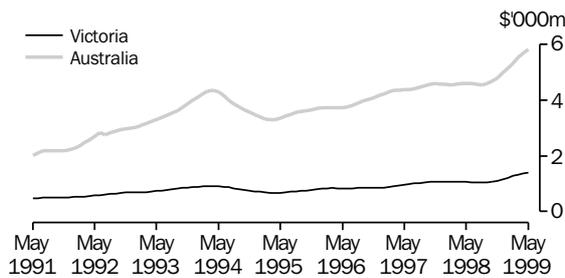
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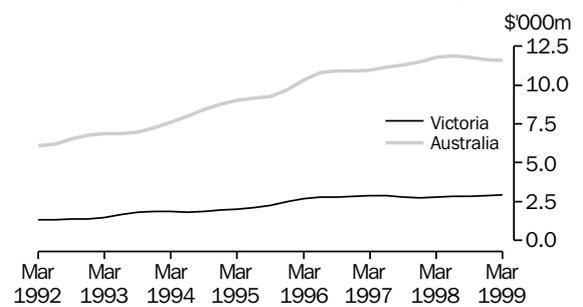
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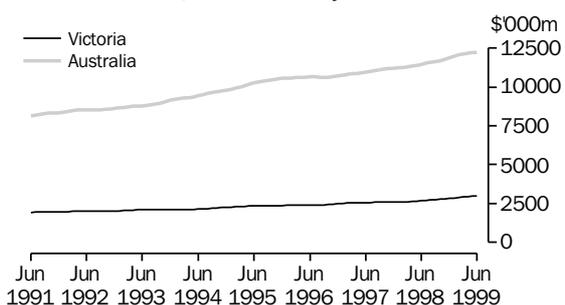
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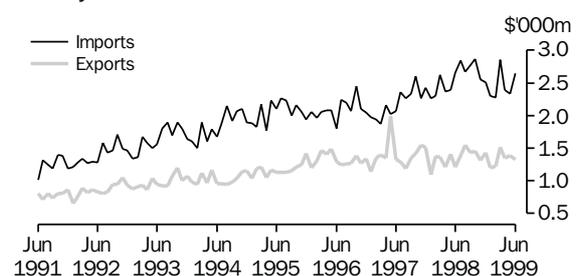
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98 p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	28.8	55.7	3 371.3
1997						
March qtr	2 271.6	2 327.0	4 598.6	7.5	15.1	..
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr p	2 282.1	2 336.7	4 618.7	6.4	13.5	..
December qtr p	2 286.8	2 342.1	4 628.9	7.7	10.2	..
1998						
March qtr p	2 298.0	2 352.1	4 650.1	7.8	21.2	..
June qtr p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	6.9	10.8	..
September qtr p	2 310.9	2 364.1	4 674.9	6.4	14.1	..
December qtr p	2 318.0	2 371.8	4 689.8	6.6	14.8	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98 p	61 146	32 320	25 957	11 916	13.21	6.98	5.61	2.57	4.82
1997									
March qtr	14 941	7 472	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997 p	61 180	32 736	25 456	12 463	13.28	7.11	5.53	2.71	5.08
1998									
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 825	7 918	6 071	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 550	9 131	3 913	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 193	8 614	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998 p	60 623	32 932	26 375	12 307	13.00	7.07	5.66	2.64	4.85

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES										
1998										
March	1 059.9	1 211.6	97.6	19.4	116.9	1 328.5	476.3	1 804.8	8.8	73.6
April	1 065.0	1 217.8	90.3	18.4	108.7	1 326.5	480.4	1 806.9	8.2	73.4
May	1 064.0	1 222.6	93.8	16.1	109.9	1 332.6	476.3	1 808.9	8.3	73.7
June	1 052.4	1 218.1	92.6	12.4	105.0	1 323.2	487.8	1 810.9	7.9	73.1
July	1 059.9	1 217.4	89.3	13.7	103.0	1 320.5	492.4	1 812.8	7.8	72.8
August	1 050.0	1 206.8	87.4	16.5	103.9	1 310.8	504.0	1 814.8	7.9	72.2
September	1 073.4	1 236.2	88.0	18.5	106.5	1 342.7	474.0	1 816.7	7.9	73.9
October	1 062.5	1 218.4	81.4	17.5	98.9	1 317.3	501.9	1 819.2	7.5	72.4
November	1 056.5	1 218.9	83.3	13.9	97.2	1 316.1	505.5	1 821.6	7.4	72.3
December	1 076.5	1 237.3	80.7	19.3	100.0	1 337.3	486.8	1 824.1	7.5	73.3
1999										
January	1 061.1	1 219.8	89.0	17.0	106.0	1 325.9	500.4	1 826.2	8.0	72.6
February	1 085.5	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4
March	1 083.1	1 238.3	81.9	17.1	99.0	1 337.4	493.2	1 830.5	7.4	73.1
April	1 065.9	1 229.7	91.6	19.7	111.3	1 341.0	491.9	1 832.9	8.3	73.2
May	1 065.2	1 220.4	88.8	21.9	110.7	1 331.1	504.2	1 835.3	8.3	72.5
June	1 072.6	1 248.4	87.4	11.5	98.8	1 347.2	490.4	1 837.7	7.3	73.3
FEMALES										
1998										
March	521.8	929.6	61.2	32.8	94.0	1 023.5	863.0	1 886.5	9.2	53.5
April	533.1	941.7	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 028.0	860.5	1 888.5	8.4	54.3
May	524.2	939.0	55.2	24.5	79.6	1 018.6	871.8	1 890.4	7.8	54.4
June	524.3	945.7	53.1	30.8	83.9	1 029.6	862.8	1 892.3	8.1	53.9
July	536.9	944.8	54.0	29.0	83.0	1 027.8	866.5	1 894.3	8.1	54.4
August	537.9	954.2	50.4	31.0	81.4	1 035.7	860.6	1 896.3	7.9	54.3
September	535.2	957.8	58.2	32.0	90.2	1 048.0	850.2	1 898.2	8.6	54.6
October	530.6	942.7	47.3	27.1	74.4	1 017.2	883.4	1 900.6	7.3	55.2
November	520.1	941.0	49.8	27.2	77.0	1 017.9	885.0	1 902.9	7.6	53.5
December	543.7	954.0	48.4	27.0	75.4	1 029.4	875.9	1 905.3	7.3	54.0
1999										
January	533.9	915.4	52.2	24.0	76.2	991.6	915.7	1 907.2	7.7	52.0
February	531.6	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2
March	525.8	936.6	48.1	32.2	80.3	1 016.9	894.3	1 911.2	7.9	53.2
April	520.0	936.8	45.6	28.2	73.8	1 010.6	902.9	1 913.5	7.3	52.8
May	520.3	940.0	43.5	28.0	71.5	1 011.5	904.4	1 915.9	7.1	52.8
June	523.6	951.8	44.5	25.1	69.6	1 021.4	896.8	1 918.2	6.8	53.2
PERSONS										
1998										
March	1 581.7	2 141.2	158.7	52.2	210.9	2 352.1	1 339.3	3 691.4	9.0	63.7
April	1 598.1	2 159.5	147.7	47.3	195.0	2 354.5	1 340.8	3 695.3	8.3	63.7
May	1 588.2	2 161.6	149.0	40.6	189.6	2 351.2	1 348.1	3 699.3	8.1	63.6
June	1 576.7	2 163.8	145.7	43.2	188.9	2 352.7	1 350.5	3 703.2	8.0	63.5
July	1 596.8	2 162.2	143.3	42.7	186.0	2 348.3	1 358.9	3 707.1	7.9	63.3
August	1 587.9	2 161.1	137.8	47.5	185.4	2 346.4	1 364.6	3 711.0	7.9	63.2
September	1 608.6	2 194.1	146.2	50.4	196.6	2 390.7	1 324.2	3 714.9	8.2	64.4
October	1 593.0	2 161.1	128.7	44.6	173.3	2 334.5	1 385.3	3 719.7	7.4	62.8
November	1 576.6	2 159.8	133.1	41.1	174.2	2 334.1	1 390.5	3 724.5	7.5	62.7
December	1 620.2	2 191.3	129.2	46.3	175.4	2 366.7	1 362.6	3 729.4	7.4	63.5
1999										
January	1 595.0	2 135.2	141.2	41.0	182.2	2 317.4	1 416.1	3 733.5	7.9	62.1
February	1 617.1	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1
March	1 609.0	2 175.0	130.0	49.3	179.3	2 354.3	1 387.5	3 741.8	7.6	62.9
April	1 585.9	2 166.6	137.3	47.8	185.1	2 351.6	1 394.8	3 746.5	7.9	62.8
May	1 582.8	2 160.3	132.3	49.9	182.2	2 342.6	1 408.6	3 751.2	7.8	62.4
June	1 596.2	2 200.2	131.9	36.6	168.4	2 368.6	1 387.3	3 755.9	7.1	63.1

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

	Nov 1997	Feb 1998	May 1998	Aug 1998	Nov 1998	Feb 1999	May 1999
Industry division	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	55.3	67.3	61.7	52.0	51.8	57.9	58.6
Mining	*3.3	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2	5.3	*3.8	*3.1
Manufacturing	251.2	248.3	243.4	247.1	244.3	259.0	241.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	10.0	11.7	12.7	13.8	12.0	13.4	14.4
Construction	116.5	122.1	128.9	127.2	132.1	125.7	130.1
Wholesale trade	88.4	92.7	104.9	99.2	85.8	86.5	81.6
Retail trade	158.5	160.2	151.2	152.4	165.1	170.1	166.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	37.7	32.2	39.8	41.2	39.9	42.4	41.7
Transport and storage	73.7	83.4	79.3	72.6	75.6	78.5	72.0
Communication services	22.5	22.2	22.3	25.1	26.4	28.5	27.8
Finance and insurance	46.5	42.6	40.3	43.9	50.4	45.4	43.4
Property and business services	131.7	131.1	135.6	149.7	148.4	138.3	154.3
Government administration and defence	38.4	37.5	36.2	35.9	31.4	28.6	28.8
Education	53.1	49.4	50.1	41.4	38.4	40.4	45.4
Health and community services	39.9	36.7	40.3	38.4	45.0	46.6	42.3
Cultural and recreational services	28.4	28.5	26.6	25.6	26.5	25.1	27.3
Personal and other services	42.8	38.5	45.7	39.3	40.3	41.2	41.5
Total	1 197.9	1 207.2	1 222.6	1 206.8	1 218.9	1 231.2	1 220.4
FEMALES							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	30.7	35.1	31.7	26.5	25.3	28.8	26.8
Mining	*0.4	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8	*0.2	*0.0	*0.3
Manufacturing	107.7	95.5	98.4	95.3	91.4	98.3	98.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.0	*2.6	*3.0	*3.7	*2.5	*2.7	*3.9
Construction	15.9	16.6	13.7	17.6	18.2	16.5	17.2
Wholesale trade	41.6	39.7	40.8	46.7	40.6	40.2	42.8
Retail trade	159.0	161.5	157.5	156.5	161.5	167.6	168.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	48.0	46.6	49.2	49.2	49.9	43.8	44.6
Transport and storage	18.9	20.0	18.3	16.3	19.7	22.1	22.2
Communication services	16.0	14.3	12.5	13.9	13.2	10.9	14.0
Finance and insurance	42.2	40.7	48.4	54.9	51.2	45.1	37.3
Property and business services	102.2	106.0	108.9	108.4	112.1	108.0	108.9
Government administration and defence	42.1	34.2	35.8	40.2	40.5	38.2	38.7
Education	89.6	86.4	96.1	94.8	93.3	84.0	101.1
Health and community services	149.8	158.6	160.9	158.0	155.4	155.4	144.3
Cultural and recreational services	25.3	21.8	26.2	28.4	28.2	26.2	32.6
Personal and other services	35.1	38.0	37.2	42.8	37.8	41.5	38.7
Total	926.5	917.9	939.0	954.2	941.0	929.5	940.0
PERSONS							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	86.0	102.4	93.4	78.5	77.1	86.6	85.3
Mining	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1	5.6	*3.8	*3.4
Manufacturing	358.9	343.8	341.8	342.4	335.8	357.4	340.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.9	14.3	15.7	17.6	14.5	16.2	18.3
Construction	132.4	138.7	142.5	144.8	150.3	142.2	147.3
Wholesale trade	130.0	132.4	145.7	145.9	126.4	126.7	124.4
Retail trade	317.6	321.7	308.7	308.9	326.6	337.6	334.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	85.8	78.8	89.1	90.4	89.8	86.3	86.3
Transport and storage	92.6	103.4	97.6	88.9	95.3	100.6	94.2
Communication services	38.5	36.5	34.8	39.0	39.6	39.4	41.9
Finance and insurance	88.8	83.3	88.7	98.7	101.6	90.5	80.7
Property and business services	233.9	237.0	244.5	258.1	260.5	246.3	263.3
Government administration and defence	80.4	71.7	72.0	76.1	72.0	66.8	67.5
Education	142.8	135.7	146.2	136.2	131.7	124.4	146.5
Health and community services	189.7	195.2	201.3	196.4	200.4	202.0	186.6
Cultural and recreational services	53.7	50.2	52.8	54.0	54.6	51.4	60.0
Personal and other services	78.0	76.5	82.9	82.1	78.0	82.8	80.2
Total	2 124.4	2 125.1	2 161.6	2 161.1	2 159.8	2 160.8	2 160.3

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons '000	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate %
		Manufacturing '000	Other '000	Public '000	Private '000	
1997						
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00
August	17.6	0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7	0.84
November	26.9	*1.2	*25.7	1.9	25.0	1.30
1999						
February	12.5	*1.0	*11.5	*2.4	10.2	0.61
May	17.6	*1.9	*15.7	2.5	15.1	0.90

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly); Unpublished data, Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved		Manufacturing '000	Construction '000	Education, health, community services '000	Working days lost	
	Beginning in period no.	Total no.	Beginning in period '000	Total '000				Other industries '000	Total '000
1998									
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	—	0.4	18.3
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
August	14	15	12.3	12.5	0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8
October	11	12	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.0	—	1.4	3.8
November	15	16	12.7	12.8	3.9	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.4
December	19	21	3.1	4.6	2.8	1.4	—	1.3	5.5
1999									
January	5	8	1.3	1.7	2.6	0.5	—	1.2	4.3
February	r 17	r 20	2.5	3.7	r 1.4	1.5	—	1.7	r 4.7
March	29	32	3.6	4.2	7.3	1.0	—	1.3	9.6
April	14	20	13.9	14.7	7.1	13.0	—	1.8	21.9

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1997									
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40
1999									
February	769.20	823.70	710.90	658.10	673.20	474.40	729.00	769.20	600.30

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Melbourne										
Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
1996-97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1997-98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3
1998-99	125.1	108.1	86.7	115.1	120.8	166.9	161.1	129.6	120.9	121.8
1998										
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9
1999										
March qtr	125.8	107.5	87.3	114.7	119.9	167.6	155.7	131.0	121.0	121.8
June qtr	126.7	107.8	87.5	115.1	121.6	169.1	156.6	129.8	121.5	122.3

Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

1998-1999							
Group	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Weighted average of six state capital cities—Jun qtr 1999
House building							
All groups	115.3	117.1	118.0	118.1	117.7	117.4	119.2
Other than house building							
Structural timber	110.1	115.6	116.2	117.7	116.6	112.0	123.8
Clay bricks	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.6	119.6	119.3	120.6
Ready mix concrete	111.5	111.4	112.9	113.5	112.5	113.2	105.7
Precast concrete products	110.3	115.7	123.9	122.6	126.6	122.7	124.0
Steel decking and cladding	109.2	109.4	108.0	108.3	108.1	107.2	114.1
Structural steel	104.2	104.9	104.9	104.8	104.9	105.0	113.6
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.7	100.8	99.5	99.9	99.1	98.5	108.8
Aluminium windows	100.6	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.1	101.6	111.1
Fabricated steel products	116.7	120.0	124.7	124.6	124.6	125.1	118.1
Builders' hardware	116.5	119.6	122.7	122.2	122.9	124.4	124.9
Sand and aggregate	115.9	116.3	120.5	119.6	121.3	121.3	122.0
Carpet	101.6	102.6	100.1	99.9	99.6	98.8	101.5
Paint and other coatings	145.8	144.7	153.8	155.0	154.9	156.6	144.8
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	111.5	113.0	111.2	111.8	111.8	111.8	126.8
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	110.0	111.0	112.3	112.3	112.2	112.5	114.6
All electrical materials	112.0	109.8	112.4	111.8	114.3	114.8	119.7
All mechanical services	115.0	114.9	118.2	118.4	118.9	119.2	118.1
All plumbing materials	120.1	122.8	122.8	123.0	122.7	122.5	125.9
All groups	110.9	111.4	113.2	113.2	113.3	113.7	115.4

Base of each index: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 335.5
1996-97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 397.2
1997-98	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.7	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998					
March	159.4	21.2	365.5	506.8	134.0
April	163.5	34.7	267.0	548.7	140.3
May	141.2	41.5	184.2	479.3	144.0
June	147.4	64.3	204.5	482.9	149.6
July	156.6	103.2	220.3	582.7	157.1
August	122.6	164.1	190.5	538.7	134.6
September	141.8	168.9	216.3	623.5	135.4
October	160.6	83.6	275.9	581.6	131.1
November	159.9	21.3	291.4	595.9	129.7
December	161.0	10.1	252.3	606.8	143.3
1999					
January	155.6	5.9	256.9	554.6	102.8
February	161.4	6.0	296.0	538.1	111.0
March	146.1	15.0	314.3	574.7	132.9
April	128.3	24.5	263.9	510.4	126.6
May	134.3	43.8	262.6	466.3	135.2
June	137.1	72.1	245.2	545.8	133.1

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1995-96	348 649	12 010	50 910	110 173	96 195
1996-97	373 819	14 293	55 545	111 403	99 226
1997-98	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 504
1998					
March	35 112	453	6 995	9 348	9 588
April	34 470	724	4 840	10 317	10 135
May	30 113	831	3 517	9 111	10 383
June	31 257	1 315	3 903	9 101	11 038
July	34 735	1 978	4 330	11 183	11 560
August	27 301	3 230	3 785	10 331	9 732
September	31 706	3 311	4 397	11 989	9 923
October	36 345	1 667	5 756	11 364	9 713
November	36 593	479	5 951	11 795	9 268
December	36 318	251	5 173	10 452	9 751
1999					
January	35 430	149	5 200	10 571	7 449
February	38 184	153	5 815	10 339	8 035
March	33 412	332	6 217	11 110	9 635
April	30 360	497	5 104	9 786	9 527
May	30 429	878	5 121	9 085	10 164
June	30 499	1 405	4 932	10 757	9 824

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

Period	New dwelling units(a)							Non-residential building(b)				
	Private sector		Public sector		Total(c)		Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Private sector		Total all building	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m			no.	\$m		\$m
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION												
1995-96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5	
1996-97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2	
1997-98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8	
1998												
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1	77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0	
April	2 480	296.4	55	3.7	2 535	300.0	47	66.1	172.9	254.2	620.3	
May	2 246	267.7	122	9.3	2 368	277.0	224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5	
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7	64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7	
July	2 226	257.1	45	3.0	2 271	260.1	134	62.7	142.1	162.2	485.0	
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5	192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2	
September	2 335	282.5	33	2.3	2 368	284.9	77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.7	
October	2 287	300.5	74	5.0	2 361	305.5	51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.4	
November	2 282	287.0	57	3.7	2 339	290.7	351	76.2	179.5	236.0	602.9	
December	2 524	302.7	54	5.7	2 578	308.4	145	60.5	107.1	133.7	502.6	
1999												
January	1 708	210.4	125	8.8	1 833	219.1	22	41.6	87.9	153.8	414.5	
February	2 785	353.4	51	3.1	2 826	356.5	229	73.7	109.3	206.7	636.9	
March	2 554	326.1	37	4.0	2 591	330.1	103	75.3	159.7	226.8	632.3	
April	2 417	281.9	52	3.4	2 499	285.3	160	72.3	126.8	157.4	515.0	
May	2 642	337.1	37	2.4	2 679	339.5	48	63.0	174.4	202.0	604.5	
June	2 449	320.8	45	4.0	2 494	324.8	43	69.2	108.4	125.1	519.1	
TOTAL VICTORIA												
1995-96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3	
1996-97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2	
1997-98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8	
1998												
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0	84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6	
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0	49	77.9	201.2	302.7	751.5	
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6	255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7	
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0	66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3	
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3	138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9	
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9	196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0	
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2	85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0	
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3	55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4	
November	2 991	362.4	91	6.5	3 082	368.9	357	90.5	204.2	267.9	727.2	
December	3 081	361.1	61	6.3	3 142	367.4	159	70.2	136.2	177.4	614.9	
1999												
January	2 297	274.0	155	10.9	2 452	284.9	23	52.4	111.6	184.6	521.8	
February	3 469	431.8	83	5.5	3 552	437.4	232	86.9	129.8	255.7	780.0	
March	3 467	425.2	61	5.5	3 528	430.7	109	90.5	188.4	275.0	796.3	
April	3 196	365.7	57	3.8	3 253	369.5	163	85.7	146.3	183.9	639.0	
May	3 516	436.2	42	3.1	3 558	439.3	52	74.4	202.3	241.6	755.4	
June	3 214	408.5	51	4.6	3 265	413.2	47	83.4	156.3	183.2	679.8	

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1995-96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997-98	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
1997								
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	6 034	11 512	5 242	1 938	1 924	4 806	1 220
June qtr	7 807	7 165	12 368	6 239	1 747	1 894	5 148	1 561
September qtr	7 526	7 362	12 740	6 951	1 706	2 000	5 404	1 700
December qtr r	6 873	7 399	13 127	6 995	2 375	1 682	5 175	1 906
1999								
March qtr	7 071	6 445	13 967	5 550	2 461	2 119	5 829	1 446

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						Total
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1995-96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330.0	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
1996-97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
1997-98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4
1997									
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4
1998									
March qtr	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0
June qtr	1 083.5	251.9	259.4	45.0	119.2	79.4	67.7	225.2	2 131.3
September qtr	1 126.0	221.9	111.3	54.9	102.5	132.6	26.7	225.3	2 001.3
December qtr r	1 066.4	291.0	137.8	79.9	136.2	175.6	95.1	429.7	2 411.7
1999									
March qtr	1 035.0	223.5	71.2	64.0	98.3	97.0	39.1	184.6	1 812.7
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1995-96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
1997-98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
1997									
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6
1998									
March qtr	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5
June qtr	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
September qtr	2 426.8	412.1	461.0	124.2	237.1	420.3	210.4	1 464.6	5 756.6
December qtr r	2 430.6	450.5	427.2	134.7	253.1	489.2	257.4	1 566.8	6 009.6
1999									
March qtr	2 677.2	485.5	399.3	139.5	212.3	523.4	242.2	1 475.6	6 154.8
COMPLETED									
1995-96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
1997-98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4
1997									
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1
1998									
March qtr	681.2	227.7	99.6	61.9	85.6	131.1	96.8	201.6	1 585.7
June qtr	870.5	216.7	67.4	67.2	91.8	67.6	32.4	198.6	1 612.1
September qtr	997.9	236.8	88.8	77.0	108.3	33.2	103.7	247.0	1 892.7
December qtr r	1 080.2	259.6	179.9	70.0	139.6	107.3	51.6	340.7	2 229.1
1999									
March qtr	816.5	202.2	100.1	62.5	148.6	67.2	56.1	295.7	1 748.9

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1997-98	833	3 401	6 810	11 044	2 859	8 186
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr	212	965	1 822	2 998	765	2 233
September qtr	319	723	1 834	2 876	861	2 015
December qtr	288	779	1 906	2 973	820	2 153
1999						
March qtr	321	653	1 693	2 667	886	1 781
EXPECTED						
1998-99	1 340	3 362	7 060	11 761	3 460	8 301
1999-2000	631	3 008	4 587	8 227	1 754	6 473

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities						Type of lender			
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998										
March	220.0	446.7	161.1	91.2	505.5	1 424.6	1 773.0	3 197.7	2 508.2	689.5
April	75.1	418.1	121.5	90.5	744.2	1 449.3	2 033.0	3 482.4	2 496.7	985.6
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8	615.4
June	100.3	628.8	140.0	115.5	1 154.9	2 139.5	1 440.2	3 579.8	3 085.4	494.4
July	112.8	527.1	156.0	100.2	1 112.3	2 008.4	2 243.1	4 251.5	3 570.6	680.9
August	87.4	391.1	113.9	169.3	451.3	1 212.9	2 182.6	3 395.5	2 912.4	483.1
September	113.1	461.6	185.7	78.8	714.5	1 553.6	1 488.9	3 042.5	2 438.7	603.8
October	85.2	461.3	181.2	91.0	441.0	1 259.8	2 389.8	3 649.6	2 889.9	759.7
November	184.9	456.8	182.7	148.7	1 031.2	2 004.4	1 394.7	3 399.1	2 857.4	541.7
December	68.8	477.2	208.3	269.3	956.5	1 980.1	2 742.8	4 722.9	3 681.9	1 041.1
1999										
January	38.8	358.9	138.8	51.2	461.8	1 049.5	1 220.7	2 270.3	2 102.2	168.0
February	90.4	384.5	176.4	74.5	852.9	1 578.6	2 593.6	4 172.2	3 081.1	1 091.2
March	110.5	477.6	190.6	329.7	1 220.7	2 329.2	2 467.0	4 796.2	3 984.1	812.2
April	82.5	467.9	171.1	79.0	501.9	1 302.4	1 361.9	2 664.3	2 104.1	560.2
May	183.6	504.7	157.0	39.4	771.3	1 655.9	1 547.6	3 203.5	2 790.7	412.8

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998						
March	10 197	1 080	9 846	1 035	10 029	1 057
April	9 780	1 011	9 875	1 035	10 025	1 058
May	9 986	1 063	10 019	1 062	9 977	1 056
June	11 123	1 183	10 355	1 098	9 887	1 053
July	10 629	1 155	9 819	1 067	9 756	1 046
August	9 249	1 013	9 311	1 014	9 637	1 043
September	9 637	1 041	9 418	1 021	9 553	1 048
October	9 649	1 060	9 438	1 046	9 540	1 066
November	9 513	1 109	10 027	1 129	r 9 654	1 103
December	9 860	1 160	9 646	1 145	r 9 898	1 156
1999						
January	8 095	983	10 361	1 247	r 10 209	1 216
February	9 727	1 154	9 892	1 198	r 10 523	r 1 273
March	12 455	1 520	11 335	1 377	r 10 825	r 1 324
April	11 089	1 355	11 482	1 417	r 11 093	r 1 368
May	10 940	1 393	11 034	1 369	11 294	1 401

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
April	1 079.1	245.8	189.2	288.6	139.6	282.5	340.2	2 564.9
May	1 093.9	238.2	198.6	304.9	137.6	272.2	344.5	2 589.7
June	1 054.9	211.0	183.6	298.0	135.8	265.5	324.3	2 472.9
July	1 144.1	254.5	200.4	312.9	151.8	285.5	348.5	2 697.8
August	1 118.3	212.7	180.8	303.6	161.5	284.5	357.3	2 618.6
September	1 113.8	227.9	184.4	319.7	167.9	289.3	356.8	2 659.9
October	1 201.4	251.6	193.4	339.5	166.8	316.7	372.5	2 842.0
November	1 158.7	284.8	210.9	323.9	176.9	326.1	367.9	2 849.2
December	1 357.4	498.8	313.1	432.2	260.1	432.2	419.0	3 712.9
1999								
January	1 210.5	224.5	187.8	329.5	167.8	276.4	386.5	2 783.1
February	1 104.6	185.9	166.5	299.9	147.5	272.0	368.7	2 545.1
March	1 219.1	233.5	214.1	317.3	164.0	331.8	413.3	2 893.0
April	1 172.9	236.6	225.7	320.4	157.4	314.1	429.8	2 856.8
May	1 181.8	253.5	227.9	333.7	157.3	302.6	433.7	2 890.6
June	1 140.1	220.4	229.7	328.8	161.0	317.0	427.5	2 824.5

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(A)

Section	1997-98		12 months ending June 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	r 3 665	1 313	3 947
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	134	166
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	1 866	585	1 401
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	783	938	1 147	799
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	108	107
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	915	3 247	973
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 311	2 369	4 471	2 429
7 Machinery and transport equipment	12 438	2 969	13 490	2 905
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 008	978	5 344	1 039
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.	1 397	r 1 968	1 175	2 767
Total	28 851	r 15 938	31 014	16 533

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttraccs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996-97		1997-98		12 months ending June 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	242	66	243	91	239	102
Brazil	125	81	134	76	118	48
Canada	394	123	390	122	392	125
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	2 537	668
Fiji	119	236	133	245	180	240
Finland	169	8	193	12	188	9
France	711	162	631	168	619	132
Germany	1 923	280	2 116	268	2 341	408
Hong Kong	267	812	338	1 073	431	898
India	231	239	256	188	261	193
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	1 076	225
Italy	832	320	963	396	1 038	287
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	r 1 686	4 134	1 701
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	882	1 039	847	870
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	873	429
Mexico	64	52	80	77	103	90
Netherlands	237	39	254	81	292	115
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	1 552	1 333	1 651
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	87	44
Papua New Guinea	232	269	163	235	64	188
Philippines	108	372	135	388	157	388
Saudi Arabia	203	168	107	r 268	107	510
Singapore	468	893	492	989	510	1 084
South Africa	100	292	147	272	125	216
Sweden	502	65	585	41	598	25
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	335	34
Taiwan	792	696	852	657	905	919
Thailand	335	412	400	341	523	343
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	453	1 840	1 170
United States of America	5 944	958	7 027	1 603	6 890	1 467
Other and unknown	1 359	1 710	1 645	r 2 040	1 871	1 954
Total	25 093	16 306	28 851	r 15 938	31 014	16 533

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	25 093	16 306	-8 787	78 998	78 932	-66
1997-98	28 851	15 938	-12 913	90 684	87 769	-2 915
1998-99	31 014	16 533	-14 481	97 623	86 000	-11 623
1998						
April	2 367	1 212	-1 155	7 446	7 198	-248
May	2 391	1 402	-989	7 657	7 943	286
June	2 657	1 209	-1 448	8 466	7 732	-734
July	2 841	1 379	-1 462	8 905	7 471	-1 434
August	2 669	1 541	-1 128	8 145	7 748	-397
September	2 772	1 430	-1 342	8 544	7 601	-943
October	2 871	1 448	-1 423	9 002	7 811	-1 191
November	2 552	1 314	-1 238	8 535	7 288	-1 247
December	2 505	1 433	-1 072	7 820	7 896	76
1999						
January	2 300	1 200	-1 100	7 231	6 302	-929
February	2 275	1 220	-1 055	7 114	6 240	-874
March	2 855	1 508	-1 347	8 700	7 326	-1 374
April	2 393	1 346	-1 047	7 732	6 422	-1 310
May	2 332	1 384	-948	7 753	6 973	-780
June	2 650	1 328	-1 322	8 142	6 921	-1 221

Source: Overseas Trade: Fastraccs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1997							
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207
1999							
March	686	30 160	83 420	1 680.8	62.0	21 129	195 573

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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